

# Agenda

## Special Council Meeting

**Monday 24 March, 2025**  
At 5.30pm

Council Chambers, 39 Bannister Road, Boddington

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**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING**

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Wilman People as the Traditional Custodians of the land we are meeting on today, and pay respect to Elders past and present, as well as the continuation of cultural, spiritual, and educational practices of Aboriginal people.

Councillors, to ensure clarity and effective communication during this Council Meeting, I kindly remind you to switch on your microphones when called upon to speak. This meeting will be recorded.

**2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**2.1 Attendance**

**2.2 Apologies**

**2.3 Leave of Absence**

Nil

**3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Public question time is limited to a total of fifteen minutes of duration. Each speaker is limited to two questions and two minutes duration to speak.

Questions asked at a Special Meeting of Council are to relate to the purpose for which the meeting has been called.

**5. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS**

**6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

## 6.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### 6.1.1 Election of Shire President

File Reference:	2.050
Applicant:	Not Applicable
Previous Item:	Nil
Author:	Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple Majority
Attachments:	Nil

#### Summary

Council is required to hold an election to fill the vacant office of Shire President, following the resignation of Cr Ventris from this position.

#### Background

Shire President, Cr Garry Ventris tendered his resignation in writing to the CEO effective 17 March 2025, meeting the requirements of section 2.31 of the Local Government Act 1995 (the Act).

As a result of the resignation, Council is now required to undertake the election of a new President.

#### Comment

The process for electing a new Shire President is as follows:

- The Deputy Shire President will preside over the meeting until a new Shire President is elected.
- Nominations must be submitted in writing to the CEO either prior to or during the meeting.
- The CEO will conduct the election via a secret ballot.
- Votes will be counted as per Schedule 4.1 of the Act, and the CEO will declare the elected candidate.

As Council cannot function without a Shire President, it is essential that this process be undertaken in a timely and compliant manner.

#### Consultation

Nil

#### Strategic Implications

Aspiration	Performance
Outcome 12	Visionary Leadership and Responsible Governance
Objective 12.1	Maintain a high standard of leadership, corporate governance and customer service

#### Legislative Implications

## Local Government Act 1995

Section 2.31, 2.34, and Schedule 2.3 – Resignation of a Shire President and procedures for filling the vacancy.

Section 2.11(1) – The requirement for Council to elect a new Shire President at the first meeting after an extraordinary vacancy occurs.

Schedule 4.1 – Voting process and declaration of results.

### Policy Implications

Nil

### Financial Implications

Nil

### Economic Implications

Nil

### Social Implications

Nil

### Environmental and Climate Change Implications

Nil

### Risk Considerations

Risk Statement and Consequence	Non-compliance with legislation – addressed by adhering to the Local Government Act 1995. Governance instability – a timely election ensures continuous leadership.
Risk Rating (prior to treatment or control)	Moderate
Principal Risk Theme	Reputational, Compliance
Risk Action Plan (controls or treatment proposed)	No further actions proposed.

**An election is to be held to fill the role of Shire President. The CEO will, in accordance with the Local Government Act, conduct the election.**

7. **CLOSURE OF MEETING**