

Special Meeting of Council

held at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Wednesday 30 October 2019 commencing at 7:00pm.

Minutes

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Nillumbik Shire Council

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Nillumbik Shire Council

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of Nillumbik Shire Council held
Wednesday 30 October 2019. The meeting commenced at 7:01pm.**

Councillors present:

Cr Grant Brooker	Blue Lake Ward
Cr Karen Egan	Bunjil Ward
Cr John Dumaresq	Edendale Ward
Cr Peter Perkins	Ellis Ward
Cr Jane Ashton	Sugarloaf Ward
Cr Bruce Ranken	Swipers Gully Ward
Cr Peter Clarke	Wingrove Ward

Officers in attendance:

Hjalmar Philipp	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Vince Lombardi	Chief Financial Officer
Blaga Naumoski	Executive Manager Governance and Legal Services
Jeremy Livingston	Executive Manager Business Transformation and Performance
Heath Gillett	Manager Recreation and Leisure
Kelly Reaburn	Head of Communications and Marketing
Katia Croce	Governance Lead
Alena Spry	Governance Officer

1. Welcome

2. Reconciliation statement

The reconciliation statement was read by the Acting Chief Executive Officer.

3. Apologies

Nil

4. Presentation

A presentation was made to the outgoing Mayor, Cr Karen Egan and Deputy Mayor, Cr Bruce Ranken acknowledging and thanking them for their contribution during the past 12 months.

The outgoing Mayor, Cr Karen Egan addressed the meeting and made the following speech:

“It has actually been a great honour over the past year, to serve to meet the volunteers and unique skills of people that make up our diverse community in the Shire.

To undertake this role you need the support of many.

Thank you to my fellow Councillors and their continued support, and while we don't always agree on certain issues, the one thing we all have in common is that we all strive for the best for our communities in the Shire.

Particular thanks to my Deputy Mayor, Cr Bruce Ranken for his unwavering backing and assistance over the past year and also to my fellow rural Councillor, Cr Jane Ashton who has worked meticulously and diligently with me over the time.

Also a small shout out to our abutting Councillors, and our local state and federal MPs.

Thank you to all staff and the EMT led by our CEO, Carl Cowie and at the moment our Acting CEO, Hjalmar Philipp as it is they who do all the heavy lifting in all we achieve as a collective in the Shire. Without them, we would complete very little.

And last, but by no means least, a huge thank you to my family, friends and most particularly Seanna and Michelle who put up with my constant absences and missed calls. You fill the gaps for me and make sure I stay the course.

Each year brings its own unique challenges and our Annual Report sets out our successes.

From the perspectives of the –

- Bushfire Mitigation Strategy
- Health and Wellbeing Plan
- Our continued progress on the GWMP
- Our continued focus on keeping rates low
- Customer service
- Advocacy at elections

And the openings of the–

- Eltham Adventure Playground
- Wattle Glen Pavilion extension
- Research Pavilion just opened last Monday
- Civic Drive Playground, and many many more;

Our Councillors have worked hard to achieve an amazing amount in this past year.

While the next Chair of the team is uncertain, we continue to work for our community in our final year of term. Thank you very much everybody.”

The outgoing Deputy Mayor, Cr Bruce Ranken addressed the meeting and made the following speech:

“The last 12 months have certainly been an eye opener. It has been terrific working with the Councillors for the last 12 months and certainly the officers as well. I think we have achieved some tremendous goals over the last 12 months.

I think the next 12 months will certainly be an ambitious 12 months as we lead up to the election for Council. I think we have certainly got some good runs on the board, so to speak, with the opening of the many sporting facilities and really pushed through in the arts.

I think the officers have certainly helped this Council in pushing through a large number of the strategies and policies as well, and we look forward to the next 12 months.

I take the opportunity to certainly thank my fellow Councillors and the officers again, and certainly the Mayor, Cr Karen Egan. Thank you.”

5. Appointment of temporary Chairperson

The Acting Chief Executive Officer called for a motion to appoint a temporary Chairperson.

1. Cr Bruce Ranken nominated Cr Peter Clarke as temporary Chairperson. This was seconded by Cr Karen Egan.
2. Cr Peter Perkins nominated Cr John Dumaresq as temporary Chairperson. This was seconded by Cr Grant Brooker.

The Acting Chief Executive Officer outlined the process for the appointment of a temporary Chairperson and requested each of the Councillors to vote by a show of hands.

The results of the vote were as follows:

- Cr Peter Clarke – Four votes
- Cr John Dumaresq – Three votes

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr Peter Clarke
SECONDED: Cr Bruce Ranken

That Cr Peter Clarke be nominated as temporary Chairperson.

CARRIED

Cr Peter Clarke assumed the Chair as temporary Chairperson.

6. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Nil

7. Election of Mayor

The temporary Chairperson, Cr Peter Clarke called for nominations for the Office of Mayor.

1. Cr Grant Brooker nominated Cr Peter Clarke for the Office of Mayor.
Cr Peter Clarke did not accept the nomination.
2. Cr Peter Perkins nominated himself for the Office of Mayor. This was seconded by Cr John Dumaresq.
3. Cr Jane Ashton nominated Cr Karen Egan for the Office of Mayor. This was seconded by Cr Bruce Ranken.

Cr Karen Egan accepted the nomination.

The temporary Chairperson, Cr Peter Clarke outlined the process for the Election of Mayor and requested each of the Councillors to vote by a show of hands.

The results of the vote were as follows:

- Cr Karen Egan – Four votes
- Cr Peter Perkins – Three votes

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr Jane Ashton
SECONDED: Cr Bruce Ranken

That Cr Karen Egan be elected Mayor of Nillumbik Shire Council for the 2019/2020 Council year.

CARRIED

The temporary Chairperson, Cr Peter Clarke declared Cr Karen Egan duly elected to the Office of Mayor of Nillumbik Shire Council for the 2019/2020 Council year.

Following the Election of Mayor, the Acting Chief Executive Officer presented Cr Karen Egan with the Mayoral Chains.

The temporary Chairperson, Cr Peter Clarke vacated the Chair and the Mayor, Cr Karen Egan assumed the Chair.

8. Election of Deputy Mayor

The Mayor, Cr Karen Egan called for nominations for the Office of Deputy Mayor.

1. Cr Bruce Ranken nominated Cr Peter Clarke for the Office of Deputy Mayor. This was seconded by Cr Jane Ashton.

Cr Peter Clarke accepted the nomination.

2. Cr Grant Brooker nominated Cr Peter Perkins for the Office of Deputy Mayor. This was seconded by Cr John Dumaresq.

Cr Peter Perkins accepted the nomination.

The Mayor, Cr Karen Egan outlined the process for the Election of Deputy Mayor and requested each of the Councillors to vote by a show of hands.

The results of the vote were as follows:

- Cr Peter Clarke – Four votes
- Cr Peter Perkins – Three votes

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr Bruce Ranken
SECONDED: Cr Jane Ashton

That Cr Peter Clarke be elected Deputy Mayor of Nillumbik Shire Council for the 2019/2020 Council year.

CARRIED

The Mayor, Cr Karen Egan declared Cr Peter Clarke duly elected to the Office of Deputy Mayor of Nillumbik Shire Council for the 2019/2020 Council year.

9. Appointment of Special Committee

Council, in accordance with section 86 of the *Local Government Act 1989* may establish one or more special committees and delegate to the committee certain of its functions, duties or powers. Council currently has one Special Committee established under section 86; the Future Nillumbik Committee.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr Peter Clarke

SECONDED: Cr Bruce Ranken

That Council:

1. Appoints all Councillors to the Future Nillumbik Committee for the 2019/2020 Council year.
2. Assigns a Councillor to each portfolio for the 2019/2020 Council year listed below:

Portfolio	Councillor appointed
Community Services	Cr Grant Brooker
Economic Development and Marketing	Cr Karen Egan
Environment and Sustainability	Cr Jane Ashton
Finance and Governance	Cr Bruce Ranken
Infrastructure	Cr John Dumaresq
Planning	Cr Peter Clarke
Social Infrastructure	Cr Peter Perkins

CARRIED

10. Council and Committee meeting schedule for 2020

It is recommended the arrangements for the 2020 meeting cycle be as follows:

- Meetings occur on Tuesday nights throughout the year unless otherwise notified.
- The Future Nillumbik Committee will commence at 7.00pm, usually on the second Tuesday of the each month.
- Ordinary Council meetings will commence at 7.00pm, usually on the fourth Tuesday of each month.
- Unless otherwise notified, meetings will be held at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough.
- At least one week of each school holidays has been left free of meetings.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr Peter Clarke
SECONDED: Cr Jane Ashton

That Council adopts and advertises the Council and Special Committee meeting schedule for the 2020 Council year as listed below:

Future Nillumbik Committee meetings	Ordinary Council meetings
	28 January 2020
11 February 2020	25 February 2020
10 March 2020	24 March 2020
14 April 2020	28 April 2020
12 May 2020	26 May 2020
9 June 2020	23 June 2020
14 July 2020	28 July 2020
11 August 2020	25 August 2020
8 September 2020	15 September 2020

CARRIED

11. Councillor appointments to advisory committees

Council has a range of advisory committees which provide an important mechanism for consultation with the community and key stakeholders. Advisory committees provide advice to Council but do not make formal decisions.

Council appoints Councillors as representatives on its advisory committees and reviews these appointments annually.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr Peter Clarke

SECONDED: Cr Bruce Ranken

That Council appoints Councillors as listed below as its representatives on advisory committees for the 2019/2020 Council year:

Advisory Committee	Councillor(s) appointed
Arts Advisory Committee	Cr Karen Egan
Audit Committee	Cr Peter Clarke Cr Bruce Ranken
CEO Employment Matters Committee	All Councillors
Economic Development Advisory Committee	Cr Karen Egan (Chair) Cr Bruce Ranken (Deputy) Cr John Dumaresq
Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee	Cr Jane Ashton Cr Grant Brooker (Deputy)
Health and Wellbeing Plan Advisory Committee	Cr Grant Brooker (Cr Jane Ashton alternate)
Inclusion Advisory Committee	Cr Grant Brooker (Chair) Cr Peter Perkins
Living and Learning Advisory Committee	Cr Grant Brooker
Municipal Emergency Management Planning Advisory Committee	Cr Peter Perkins (Chair) Cr John Dumaresq (Deputy)
Panton Hill Bushland Reserves System User Group Advisory Committee	Cr Jane Ashton
Positive Ageing Advisory Committee	Cr Grant Brooker
Recreational Trails Advisory Committee	Cr John Dumaresq (Chair) Cr Jane Ashton Cr Bruce Ranken

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. Councillor appointments to external organisations

Council is a member or participant in a range of external organisations at a local, regional or sector level.

Councillors are appointed to represent Council as delegates to those organisations. In some cases, an alternate is also appointed who can attend if the primary Councillor is not available.

Recommendation

That Council appoints Councillors as listed below as its delegates to external organisations for the 2019/2020 Council year:

External Organisation	Councillor(s) appointed
Diamond Creek Traders' Association	
Eltham Chamber of Commerce and Industry	
Hurstbridge Traders' Association	
Interface Councils group	
Metropolitan Transport Forum	
Metropolitan Waste Management Group	
Municipal Association of Victoria	
Nillumbik Tourism Association	
Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action	
Northern Metro Region Councils group	
Yarra Plenty Regional Library Board	

Motion

MOVED: Cr Peter Clarke

SECONDED: Cr Jane Ashton

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Eltham Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Cr Peter Clarke Cr John Dumaresq Cr Bruce Ranken
Hurstbridge Traders' Association	Cr Karen Egan

Interface Councils group	Cr Karen Egan (Cr Peter Clarke alternate)
Metropolitan Transport Forum	Cr John Dumaresq
Metropolitan Waste Management Group	Cr John Dumaresq (Cr Peter Perkins alternate)
Municipal Association of Victoria	Cr Peter Perkins (Cr Jane Ashton alternate)
Nillumbik Tourism Association	Cr Karen Egan Cr Bruce Ranken
Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action	Cr Jane Ashton (Cr Grant Brooker alternate)
Northern Metro Region Councils group Northern Council Alliance	Cr Karen Egan (Cr Peter Clarke alternate)
Victorian Local Governance Association	Cr Karen Egan (Cr Bruce Ranken alternate)
Yarra Plenty Regional Library Board	Cr Karen Egan Cr Peter Clarke (Proxy Executive Manager Community Services)

CARRIED

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr Peter Clarke

SECONDED: Cr Jane Ashton

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Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action	Cr Jane Ashton (Cr Grant Brooker alternate)
Northern Council Alliance	Cr Karen Egan (Cr Peter Clarke alternate)
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Yarra Plenty Regional Library Board	Cr Karen Egan Cr Peter Clarke (Proxy Executive Manager Community Services)

CARRIED

13. Address by the incoming Mayor

The Mayor, Cr Karen Egan addressed the meeting and made the following speech:

“It is a great honour to continue to serve our community as Mayor for the second term. I know there are others keen to serve, but I’m keen to use all the skills available from all Councillors, to the benefit of our community.

The majority here tonight have seen continuity as an advantage in achieving good governance, however I’m sure we’ll all continue in the best interests of the entire community. And I thank you for the freedom to have differing opinions as I know we all want the same great outcomes for our residents.

I thank my family and friends for their future support in the coming months, as I can’t do this without you.

Although this is a shorter term given elections commencing September 2020, there is no doubt that our community is passionate about the unique environment that is Nillumbik.

In the 2019/2020 year, we will need to focus on environmental climate change concerns of Nillumbik, whilst completing the balance of our Council Plan.

The challenges will include –

- Completion of the GWMP & Bushfire Mitigation Strategy, although complete, we have some actions in there that we need to get on to.
- The goal of establishing a solar farm at the Plenty tip site
- Reviewing our climate change action plan
- Improving our recycling processes and reduction in e-waste
- The Conservation Futures Project

- Caring for our local environment grants
- Pest animal control, in particularly deer
- Review of protections for tree canopy in urban areas
- Improvements to parks and landscapes;

To name but a few, along with good economic management.

So my pledge is to redouble our efforts to improve the Nillumbik environmental areas in the Shire, and I look forward to the completion of our very ambitious Council Plan, which is about three-quarters done, so we're heading on a good line. So thank you very much everybody and thank you very much everybody in the gallery for coming tonight."

The Mayor, Cr Karen Egan invited the gallery to join Councillors and officers for refreshments at the conclusion of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 7:25pm.

Confirmed: _____

Cr Karen Egan, Mayor