

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE YARRIAMBIACK  
SHIRE COUNCIL HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE 34 LYLE STREET  
WARRACKNABEAL AT 9.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY 13 JULY 2016**

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**1 WELCOME**

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today and pay our respect to both past and present elders.

**3 PRAYER**

*Almighty God, without whom no Council can stand nor anything prosper we ask that you be present and guide us in our deliberations today. We pray that we will be fair in our judgements and wise in our actions and that decisions will be made with goodwill and a clear conscience for the betterment and welfare of the people of Yarriambiack Shire.*

*Amen*

**4 PRESENT**

Crs R Kingston, Cr T Grange, A McLean, Cr K Zanker, Cr L Woods, Cr H Ballentine, Cr G Massey, Ray Campling (Chief Executive Officer), James Magee (Director Infrastructure & Planning) and Bernardine Schilling (Executive Assistant)

**5 APOLOGIES**

**6 REPORTS FOR DECISION**

**6.1 Councillor Code of Conduct**

Council expressed their respect with a minute silence for the passing of past Mayor and Councillor, Mr Stewart Petering.

## **6.1 Councillor Code of Conduct – Prepared by Ray Campling**

### **Background/Rationale**

Recent changes to the *Local Government Act 1989* require the Yarriambiack Shire Council to review and make amendments to its Code of Conduct and to call a special meeting solely for the purpose of reviewing the Code.

At this meeting Council must approve any amendments and adopt its Code of Conduct. Persons elected to be a Councillor must read the Code and make a declaration in writing to be witnessed by the Chief Executive Officer stating that they will abide by the Code.

The principal amendment to the Council's existing Code of Conduct is to include an internal resolution procedure to provide for an arbiter to hear and determine on allegations that a Councillor has contravened the Code.

Previously Councillors were able to elect to go straight to a Councillor Conduct Panel and the inclusion of an internal dispute resolution procedure aims to provide a fairer and more expeditious process to manage and resolve disputes between Councillors.

Another requirement of the amended Act is the appointment of a Principal Conduct Officer. The Chief Executive Officer has appointed Bernardine Schilling, Executive Assistant as the Principal Conduct Officer and she will assist Council in the implementation and conduct of the internal dispute resolution procedure.

Council will again review its Code of Conduct within the period of 4 months after its general election on 22 October 2016.

### **Recommendation**

#### **That Council:-**

Adopt the Code of Conduct and that each Councillor agrees to make a written declaration before the Chief Executive Officer stating that they will abide by the Code.

**Moved Cr T Grange seconded Cr H Ballentine that Council adopt the Code of Conduct and that each Councillor agrees to make a written declaration before the Chief Executive Officer stating that they will abide by the Code.**

**Carried**

YARRIAMIACK SHIRE COUNCIL

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**7 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, 27 July 2016 at 9:30am at Warracknabeal.

**8 CLOSE 9:45am**

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**Mayor**