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AARON VAN EGMOND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
10 NOVEMBER 2015

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

We would like to acknowledge we are meeting on Jaara people country, of which members and elders of the Dja Dja Wurrung community and their forebears have been custodians for many centuries.

On this land, the Jaara people have performed age old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal.

We acknowledge their living culture and their unique role in the life of this region.

2. OPENING OF MEETING: WELCOME BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
MR AARON VAN EGMOND

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR KATE REDWOOD AM, COUNCILLOR NEIL NEWITT, COUNCILLOR GREG MAY, COUNCILLOR BILL MCCLENAGHAN, COUNCILLOR PIERRE NICLAS, COUNCILLOR SEBASTIAN KLEIN

IN ATTENDANCE: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AARON VAN EGMOND, GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES GRANT SCHUSTER, GENERAL MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE BRUCE LUCAS, GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY SERVICES KATHLEEN BRANNIGAN

The Statutory Meeting of Council has been called to conduct the business associated with the terms of office for the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor, the election of the Hepburn Shire Council Mayor and the Deputy Mayor for 2015/16.

The Ordinary Meeting of Council for the month of November will be held on **Tuesday 17 November 2015**. Any normal Council business and public question time will be conducted at that time.

3. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

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“WE THE COUNCILLORS OF HEPBURN SHIRE
DECLARE THAT WE WILL UNDERTAKE ON EVERY OCCASION
TO CARRY OUT OUR DUTIES IN THE BEST INTERESTS
OF THE COMMUNITY
AND THAT OUR CONDUCT SHALL MAINTAIN THE STANDARDS
OF THE CODE OF GOOD GOVERNANCE
SO THAT WE MAY FAITHFULLY REPRESENT
AND UPHOLD THE TRUST PLACED IN THIS COUNCIL BY THE
PEOPLE OF HEPBURN SHIRE”

4. APOLOGIES

Councillor Don Henderson

5. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Under section 79C of the *Local Government Act 1989*, a Councillor does not have a Conflict of Interest if the matter relates to the election of the Mayor.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUTGOING MAYOR FOR 2014/15

6.1. OUTGOING MAYOR'S REPORT 2014/15

It has been a big year for Hepburn Shire Council, and a very busy year for me as Mayor.

The collective body that comprises councillors, council administration, members of appointed bodies and volunteers, has much to be proud of – a council that is progressive, and aspirational, but has its 'feet on the ground'.

Someone said that success is a journey not a destination, and I think we can say that Hepburn Shire Council is travelling along the winding road of success pretty well - mending the pot holes as we go!

I'll now run through some of the highlights of the last 12 months – as I see them. (go to the very readable annual report for the standard version, and of course this includes Council's excellent financial performance).

1. The raising permanently of the Aboriginal flag over the Shire's Daylesford town hall is the standout achievement. All credit to Michelle Collett for managing this complex project. The warm regard that we have established with the elders of the Dja Dja Wurrung, Graeme Atkinson, Rickie Nelson, Rod Conway and Fay Carter, through this event will assist the next step – the development of a Hepburn Reconciliation Action Plan –
2. Vic Park – the new community facility is on its way – the slab is down and the works are on time and on budget. As this was the project that I stood for election to deliver, I am more than happy, and as I speak to people in the queue at the supermarket or on the street, I know that they are too. Well done Adam McSwain. Thank you councillors for your support.
3. Public Art. Councillor Niclas and I well remember our first meeting with the arts community. Many were angry and shouted at us that Council had ignored them. We now have a public art policy, a Public Art Panel, chaired by Susan Walker AM, with an exceptional membership of local artists. We have recently launched the first work in a series of Council funded works – Jason Waterhouse's 'Cottage', and have called for expressions of interest for a work to be located in Calembeen Park Creswick. Thank you Kate Gerritson. The next step is for Council to establish a collection of representative works of artist of this Shire. We have an extraordinary arts community and should acknowledge them in this way.
4. Waste Management and Social Enterprises. Well we certainly found out what residents thought about the proposal for extended kerbside collection of waste and recyclables! It says much for the nimbleness of this Council that we ended up

with arrangements that seem to suit everyone. Overall the continuous improvement in waste management is reflected in the drop in the Waste Management and Recycling charge per ratepayer – down by \$30 in 2015. Amazing! However the introduction from July of extended recycling at the three transfer stations is the exciting part of waste management. It is wonderful to have a future use for polystyrene, bubble wrap, bits of electrical goods, green waste and more. And we look forward to the new jobs that may emerge as we figure out new uses for the stuff that currently still goes to landfill. Thank you Infrastructure Team.

5. Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens. Getting Andrew Laidlaw to do the masterplan has been a masterstroke. His work, still subject to community input, is inspirational and could give the gardens a unique place in Australia's great gardens for the next hundred years. Apart from his creative and appealing ideas for the gardens (consistent with their heritage and botanic values) his ideas for signature plants to connect the gardens with the town is a winner, and will I hope break the past deadlock about streetscape. Well done Bruce Lucas.
6. Mobile Phone Reception. As we are all too aware this Shire has around 25% of its area with no mobile phone coverage – a major concern for public safety (particularly in fire risk season) and for general convenience in daily life, for business and for tourists. By compiling the data on black holes and a coordinated lobbying exercise, we were successful in having 6 new mobile phone towers approved and funded by the Federal Government. (this was a high number compared with other rural councils). These are of course subject to planning permits. This outcome involved getting the support from the Central Highlands Mayors and CEOs group, Telstra, state and federal parliamentarians, the Emergency Services Commissioner, and our CEO and I went to Canberra to lobby the Minister for Emergency Services. Currently Telstra is consulting with residents in the priority locations regarding the towers.
7. Rebuild of Daylesford Secondary College. We joined with the school community to lobby for funds to rebuild Daylesford Secondary College and were delighted that the need to rebuild the school has been recognised by the State Government, and funded. The persistence of a parent, Kathleen Murray should be recognised. Planning work is proceeding and we look forward to the modern pleasant buildings that will result. While the priority is clearly the delivery of best education and learning for our young people, the link with the general prosperity of the community cannot be overlooked. Families look to live and work in areas that offer high quality schools. The economic development and growth of this area will only happen if the schooling is recognisably good.

- Ah the schools.... we work with them on lots of projects. How could I forget Words in Winter, fundraising for the Dharma School, being dunked at the Creswick Primary Fair and the presentation of books at all schools in the Shire.
8. Hubs and Streetscapes. As we all know this Shire is 20 years old – created from bits and pieces of pre-existing local government authorities. We inherited some 200 buildings – with varying degrees of usefulness. We also inherited large maintenance responsibilities. The model that this council has worked towards is to bring together key services and programs under one roof in each of the main population centres. Hubs. This approach delivers efficiencies both to run and to maintain, and also convenience for residents using Council services. So, the Warehouse Clunes provides library, museum, and administration, plus meeting spaces to be used by the community. In Creswick we now have the retrofitted building that houses the library and the administration offices. Streetscape works at both these localities are funded, planned and soon to be delivered. In Trentham, the Mechanics Institute has been the focus for continuing debate and slow progress. We continue to seek funds and community support. Kathleen Brannigan gets the stamina award for this. The Hepburn Hub has been the major project for consultation and development over the last 12 months. This project will create new and much needed Council offices, a bigger modern library, the restoration of the historic Daylesford town hall, an upgraded pool, and a range of community meeting spaces. It will be a remarkable and excellent achievement in terms of cutting edge urban design, progressive energy systems, delivery of OH&S compliance and disability access. It will breathe life into the Town Hall for decades to come, and of course it will be something that the residents of the Shire will be very proud of. The detailed designs have been completed and Council will advertise soon regarding its intention to issue a planning permit.
9. Communication was an aspect of Council's work that I identified in my speech 12 months ago that required work. Well, over this time we have worked hard on ways that we engage with our communities. This is a bit like trying to run up the down escalator – you never quite get to the top! In the last 12 months we have
- Upgraded Council's website
 - Launched Council's facebook page
 - Issued 2 Shire newsletters
 - Provided a fortnightly page in the Advocate
 - Produced the most readable annual report I have encountered.
 - Well done Maria Abate, Council's communication officer.
 - We are also improving our customer service arrangements both front of house and the back of house systems. Last month Council approved the

unified customer service location at Duke Street Daylesford. Of course customer service in Creswick and Clunes will continue from their hubs.

- You may think we don't do enough - I'm not sure that it is possible to ever do enough!

10. Representing Community Concerns. Part of our role in local government is to advocate on behalf of our community on issues of concern. In the last 12 months such issues have included:

- Family violence – we have moved to set up a White Ribbon Committee
- Disability Access – we have reviewed our policies and compliance and are working with business on increasing access
- Refugee and Asylum concerns – we have endorsed SHEV and written to the Prime Minister
- Public Safety and Break Ins – we lobbied successfully for an additional vehicle for the police and applied for funds for CCTV
- Daylesford community playground – the masterplan was endorsed and work is proceeding.
- Each of these issues has been taken to Council for endorsement of an appropriate way forward.

11. Governance and the proper and legal running of council affairs. This covers the proper running of public council meetings, the compliance with financial requirements, the support for the independent Audit and Risk Committee and a raft of other matters that our highly regulated council must comply with. Well done Grant Schuster and team for making this appear easy. It isn't!

- As you know, the Mayor puts in quite a bit of effort engaging with state and federal parliamentarians and I am glad to say that the relationships with our state and federal colleagues are strong and reciprocally helpful.
- Our involvement with regional bodies is also strong. We have good working relationships with our neighbouring local government colleagues and with the instrumentalities such as Telstra, VicRoads, and the various water bodies.
- In this Shire there is an extraordinary number of very active community organisations. It has been a pleasure to accept invitations from many to attend functions that they have held. I want to extend my appreciation for the hard work that so many volunteers do that contributes to the fabric of our society here in Hepburn, and thank them for all that they do.

And so, at the end of my term...my regrets? Not many, I have ticked off most of the items on my to-do list. (Yes I do have one. I have lists for everything!)

Where do I see the Council going? Yes, of course we continue to implement the Council plan, but with one eye on what comes after. I would like to see the Council supporting and promoting this Shire as a centre for excellence in education, the environment, the arts, and sustainable small scale economic development.

- I do want to take this opportunity to thank many people who have contributed to what has been achieved in the last 12 months.

Firstly, my councillor colleagues. Thank you for your hard work during the year, and for your support of me in my role as Mayor – I believe that I have also supported you. Nothing is achieved alone, and it is through our efforts as a team, both as a Council and with the administration that it has been possible to achieve so much. In particular, I thank Cr Neil Newitt, Deputy Mayor, who has been a great team mate for me in what can be a rather lonely role.

The CEO, Aaron van Egmond. He works incredibly hard, is consistently sane, and is able to tell the Mayor that her latest harebrained idea won't work! As an administrator Aaron has turned this Council around in three years from basket case to local government success story. (Note we are one of the few rural councils that is not overly bothered by the rate capping. We have been doing that ourselves for 3 years)

The administration generally. You provide the same range of programs and services as councils ten times the size of Hepburn Shire Council – that is amazing!

Maria Abate and Michelle Collett (forget not Tracye Sutton and Paulette Pleasance)

– I have very much appreciated your support. You have provided me with unfailing professional advice on a day to day basis and for the big Council events:

Australia Day in the Daylesford Town Hall

International Women's Day with Catherine McGregor as keynote speaker

ANZAC Day and the 100th celebration of Gallipoli

The Aboriginal Flag Raising with the Dja Dja Wurrung elders

Citizenship Ceremony (August)

The celebration of 150th for Hepburn Springs Reserve and

The Slatey Creek bridge opening

I thank also the governance team led by Grant Schuster and of course remember Mary Dancuk – a stickler for doing things right and unfailingly helpful.

There are also many people in the wider community who have been extremely helpful whether it be through wise advice or preparedness to do things. Many of you are here tonight. Thank you for all you do for this community.

My partner, Neville Oddie, has been unfailingly patient and helpful and always interested in Council issues. I'm looking forward to having more time for our various farming projects. There has been too little time this year for the big issues in our lives – the new farm, the wind farm, the book on native grasses, and of course, the big one, my first grand child.

In completing my time as Mayor I want to leave a legacy – a gift to the Council. As I said earlier, I believe Council should extend its recognition of the arts by creating its own selective collection representing artists who live in the Shire. We need a policy, and could give the Public Art Panel another job of advising Council regarding acquisitions and their care. In the mean time I am donating this work by Petrus Spronk. Petrus is internationally recognised for his work which is proudly owned and displayed in major galleries including the National Gallery of Victoria. Apart from his enormous artistic standing, Petrus also works tirelessly in the community supporting young people through programs like VCAL and in running Clayspace. I would hope that Petrus's splendid ceramic pot will be the first work in Council's collection, to be displayed in each of Council's hubs.

I look forward to completing my term as Birch Ward Councillor and I pass on the mayoral medallion to the incoming Mayor.

Councillor Kate Redwood presented the Chief Executive Officer with a ceramic bowl by Petros Spronk.

RECOMMENDATION

6.1.1. That Council receives and notes the outgoing Mayor's report for 2014/15.

MOTION

6.1.1. *That Council receives and notes the outgoing Mayor's report for 2014/15.*

Moved: Councillor Sebastian Klein

Seconded: Councillor Pierre Niclas

Carried.

6.2. VOTE OF THANKS TO OUTGOING MAYOR

Councillor Greg May, Councillor Neil Newitt, Councillor Sebastian Klein, Councillor Pierre Niclas, Councillor Bill McClenaghan and the Chief Executive Officer Aaron van Egmond expressed their thanks and appreciation to the outgoing Mayor for her term of office.

7. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON TO CONDUCT ELECTION OF MAYOR

Section 72 of the *Local Government Act 1989* specifies that the office of Mayor became vacant at 6:00am today, the day of election. Consequently, the Chief Executive Officer will conduct the appointment of a temporary Chairperson to chair the meeting until the Mayor is elected.

The Hepburn Shire Council Local Law No 1 Meeting Procedures section 15.2.2 states:

'At any meeting to elect the Mayor, any Councillor may be appointed as a temporary Chairperson to deal with:

- a) the fixing of the allowances for the Mayor and Councillors under section 74 of the Act, when such allowances need to be fixed;
- b) the receipt of nominations for the election of Mayor; and
- c) the election of Mayor'.

The Chief Executive Officer will call for nominations to act as temporary Chairperson.

Following the election of the Mayor, the incoming Mayor shall assume the Chair to deal with the remaining matters before the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

7.1. That Council appoints Councillor _____ to fulfil the position of temporary Chairperson until the Mayor is elected.

MOTION

7.1. *That Council appoints Councillor Kate Redwood AM to fulfil the position of temporary Chairperson until the Mayor is elected.*

Moved: Councillor Sebastian Klein

Seconded: Councillor Neil Newitt

Carried.

8. TERM OF MAYOR

Section 71 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1989* states that:

Before a Mayor is elected under this section, the Council *may* resolve to elect a Mayor for a term of two years.

As there is only one remaining year before the next general election this is not able to be applied. Therefore, Council will elect the Mayor for a term of one year.

9. ELECTION OF MAYOR

9.1. ELECTION OF MAYOR 2015/16

The Office of Mayor is currently vacant. Any Councillor is eligible for election to the office of Mayor.

The *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) section 71 (1) states that Councillors must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor at a meeting of the Council that is open to the public. In accordance with the Act, the Mayor is to be elected after the fourth Saturday in October but not later than 30 November in each year.

The Act section 90 (1) (ca) states that voting at a meeting that is open to members of the public must not be in secret. Voting at Council Meetings is by show of hands.

Nominations are to be called. When the Mayor is elected and given his or her incoming speech, he or she will assume the Chair.

The aims of the position of Mayor are:

- To provide leadership in pursuing the objectives of the Council Plan and other strategic priorities of Council; and
- To be the ceremonial head at official civic and community functions.

The role of the Mayor includes:

- Liaising closely with the Chief Executive Officer to ensure effective relationships between Council and administration in pursuing Council goals;
- Creating and maintaining political stability;
- Embodying the community's democratic leadership and providing a symbol of democracy to the community;
- Leading, co-ordinating and providing guidance for the Council and Councillors;
- Chairing Council meetings to ensure adequate Council discussions and community debate on key issues and providing leadership and direction;
- Speaking publicly about local government's role and developments in the community; and
- Representing the municipality at key ceremonial occasions and in political forums.

Nominations received:

1. Councillor Neil Newitt

Nominated by: Councillor Sebastian Klein
and accepted by Councillor Neil Newitt

Seconded: Councillor Greg May

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

9.1.1. Pursuant to the provisions of section 71 of the Local Government Act 1989 elects _____ as Mayor of Hepburn Shire Council for 2015/16.

9.1.2. Notes that the term of office of the Mayor shall expire at 6:00am on the day of the general election in 2016.

MOTION

That Council:

9.1.1. Pursuant to the provisions of section 71 of the Local Government Act 1989 elects Councillor Neil Newitt as Mayor of Hepburn Shire Council for 2015/16.

9.1.2. Notes that the term of office of the Mayor shall expire at 6:00am on the day of the general election in 2016.

Moved: Councillor Sebastian Klein

Seconded: Councillor Pierre Niclas

Carried.

9.2. PRESENTATION OF MAYORAL MEDALLION

The Chief Executive Officer presented Mayor Neil Newitt with the Mayoral Medallion.

9.3. CONGRATULATORY REMARKS TO MAYOR

Councillor Kate Redwood AM, Councillor Sebastian Klein, Councillor Greg May, Councillor Pierre Niclas, Councillor Bill McClenaghan and the Chief Executive Officer offered their congratulations to the Mayor.

9.4. INCOMING MAYORAL SPEECH

The Mayor's speech provides the opportunity for the elected Mayor to make a short speech speaking to the appointment and highlighting key priorities for the forthcoming Mayoral year.

Mayor Neil Newitt

Eight years ago I chose to make Clunes my home. I live there, I work there - I am part of the community.

What *matters* to the community, *matters* to me. What's important to you, is important to council.

The council plan adopted early in its term was informed by what is important to the community. Council has worked to this for the past three years and it is my commitment as Mayor to continue to deliver on this plan for my term and this councils remaining time in office.

People choose to live here.

We are central to the 3 largest population bases outside of Melbourne. Apart from the advantages this delivers us in terms of visitors and tourism, increasingly people are choosing to make one of our villages their homes. It is their desire to live in these villages - they want veggie patches - chooks - space. they are attracted to our community spirit, joining those that have lived here for many years.

We need to build communities that nurture our young people.

We must protect and preserve our rural amenity - our Sense of Place. Where we live is just as important as where we work. We have committed to Streetscape projects for our major villages (concentrating on our main streets) , but just as importantly, we must also strive to retain the amenity of where we live - our residential streets and areas *matter to us as much as our business strips.*

We need to be open for business.

During the next year this council will deliver a new economic strategy. Sustainable economic development is crucial for the future of our towns and villages. We need to support our main street businesses, our agriculture, our tourism. We need to respond to the growth of arts and creative businesses and of those that are embracing new technology to do business.

We need to find areas within our towns for low impact, semi industrial enterprise, for those that not only want to live here but do business here. We need to ensure Planning, and Economic Development are aligned and work together to attract and facilitate business. Failure to do so mean we will lose business to those towns that can.

We need to be open to new ideas. We need to listen more closely.

Council is progressing in its implementation of better "customer service" systems. Not just a way to lodge work requests, but another way to hear ideas from the community. New and expanded services centres (hubs) now exist in Clunes and Creswick. Trentham and Daylesford will follow when their "hubs" are realised.

On that, we need to keep chasing the big projects - looking for external funding to help council deliver those infrastructure projects wanted by community but not able to be funded purely through rates.

However, we must maintain our historic buildings. They are part of our heritage and valued by our residents. They are part of our character, *they matter to us*.

We need to think big, but still deliver our core business.

As important as new projects are, we must also continue to improve on council's core business - the "roads, rates, and rubbish" of Local Government. As our villages grow, we need to be focussed on better roads in our towns. There are streets within our towns that urgently need upgrading in response to the increased traffic that new homes and developments are attracting.

Let's now make a real commitment to better roads.

Additionally, with the new customer service facilities, we need to not just acknowledge requests, but see that timelines are met to deliver basic responses as promised. We have a network of over 1400-kms of road to maintain *but what matters* is we must be able to isolate and fix those problems (such as potholes) not just within the specified time but continue to find ways to bring down those timelines.

This council has kept rate rises to 4 per cent during its term - one of the lowest in the State. This calls on us as a council to continue to find ways to work smarter and more collaboratively across all levels of community and government to *make everything we do matter*.

We need to support our Volunteers. We need to remember people choose to volunteer for their community. Whether it is with council, at events, for schools or the environment - volunteers are there because they are wanting to help others. They work for the community - not for us.

Events are important to us. Across the shire our communities host a wide range of diverse and entertaining events - enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. Council needs to continue to assist these events to grow and be sustainable.

I travel extensively throughout Victoria in my role as a photo-journalist. I have the chance to talk to people in other Shires across this State.

All want similar things from their councils.

What this council delivers - how it responds to concerns - how it communicates - its future direction - is up to us as councillors, on behalf of our communities.

I would like to offer some very sincere 'thank you's' –

- To the communities of Clunes and Smeaton and the people of Cameron Ward for electing me as their ward representative and allowing me the honour of being part of the Hepburn Shire Council.

- To my family of course – Linda, Alice and Harry - for their ongoing love and support
- To my fellow Councillors for honouring me with the position of Mayor and of course to Kate for her wonderful leadership over the past 12 months and tremendous personal support.

As Mayor my commitment is to building stronger, resilient, vibrant communities.

That's what matters.

I will continue to *make it matter* for all of us in the Hepburn Shire.

RECOMMENDATION

9.4.1. That Council receives and notes the Mayor's inaugural speech.

MOTION

9.4.1. *That Council receives and notes the Mayor's inaugural speech.*

Moved: Councillor Greg May
Seconded: Councillor Pierre Niclas
Carried.

The Mayor took the Chair.

10. DEPUTY MAYOR

Council may elect a Deputy Mayor.

The aims of the position of Deputy Mayor are:

- To assist the Mayor to carry out his or her day to day duties as and when required; and
- To carry out the functions of Mayor in his or her absence.

Council has an obligation under section 73 (3) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) to appoint a Councillor as an Acting Mayor in the instance that there is a vacancy in the Office of the Mayor or the Mayor is otherwise absent.

Councils often elect and appoint a Deputy Mayor to serve this purpose under section 73 (3) of the Act after they have elected the Mayor. In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor will become the Acting Mayor and in accordance with section 73 (4) of the Act 'may perform any function or exercise any power conferred on the Mayor'. For example, it will be the role of the Deputy Mayor to chair any meetings of Council in the absence of the Mayor.

In the instance where Council resolves not to appoint a Deputy Mayor and there is an absence of the Mayor, the Council will need to appoint an Acting Mayor in accordance with section 73 (3) of the Act.

RECOMMENDATION

10.1.1. That Council resolves to elect a Deputy Mayor for a term of one year.

MOTION

10.1.1. That Council resolves to elect a Deputy Mayor for a term of one year.

Moved: Councillor Sebastian Klein

Seconded: Councillor Greg May

Carried.

11. ELECTION OF A DEPUTY MAYOR

11.1. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2015/16

Local Law No 1 Meeting Procedures, section 15.3 provides that to elect a Deputy Mayor, the provisions for election of the Mayor will apply to the election of the Deputy Mayor with all necessary adaptations.

Nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor to be called.

Nominations received:

1. Councillor Pierre Niclas

Nominated by: Councillor Kate Redwood AM
and accepted by Councillor Pierre Niclas

Seconded: Councillor Sebastian Klein

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1.1.1. Pursuant to the provisions of Council's Local Law No 1 – Meeting Procedures, section 15.3 elects Councillor _____ as Deputy Mayor of Hepburn Shire Council for 2015/16.

1.1.2. Notes that the term of office of the Deputy Mayor shall expire at 6:00am on the day of the general election in 2016.

MOTION

That Council

11.1.1. Pursuant to the provisions of Council's Local Law No 1 – Meeting Procedures, section 15.3 elects Councillor Pierre Niclas as Deputy Mayor of Hepburn Shire Council for 2015/16.

11.1.2. Notes that the term of office of the Deputy Mayor shall expire at 6:00am on the day of the general election in 2016.

Moved: Councillor Kate Redwood AM

Seconded: Councillor Sebastian Klein

Carried.

11.2. INCOMING DEPUTY MAYOR'S SPEECH

Councillor Pierre Niclas

The Deputy Mayor gave personal congratulations to Mayor.

- Acknowledgment of new Mayors vision.
- The challenge. That being the last year all Councillors remained focused on delivery of the original Council budget and on delivery of good governance.
- My commitment to helping to deliver that vision.

Deputy Mayor's acceptance speech.

It is a great privilege to be in this council and I'm humbled to be elected as Deputy Mayor.

This Council has demonstrated its determination to be one that delivers real wins for its communities. As Cr. Redwood AM has mentioned, the projects landed and those still to come will ensure this Council will remain strong and financially viable through the "rates capping period"

I would like to restate;

- My continued commitment to delivering Councils 4 year plan in full.
- My continued commitment to delivering existing announced key projects.
- The role out of the various town Streetscape upgrade plans.
- My continued & unwavering support for the Trentham and Hepburn Hubs.
- My continued commitment to ensure local businesses have a voice in this Councils chamber. And that we continue to support our Tourism industry, one so important to the success of our Shire.
- My continued commitment to promoting and encouraging each towns individuality in line with that towns majority residents wishes.
- My continued commitment to work in a collegiate and productive manner with any and every Councillor seeking the same working balance.
- My continuing support of our CEO and the great work he and his team are delivering to this Shire.
- My continued commitment to speak out against bullying and family violence of any kind and in any area of life.

Finally I would like to restate my full support of Neil in his new role as Mayor and my commitment to work closely with him to see his vision of a Council of high standards and values delivered in full, for the remaining life of this Council.

It's a great honour to be Deputy Mayor and I intend to complete this charge to the very best of my ability.

RECOMMENDATION

11.2.1. That Council receives and notes the Deputy Mayor's inaugural speech.

MOTION

11.2.1. *That Council receives and notes the Deputy Mayor's inaugural speech.*

Moved: Councillor Kate Redwood AM

Seconded: Councillor Sebastian Klein

Carried.

12. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Mayor closed the meeting at 6:51pm and invited guests to join Councillors for refreshments.
