



# MINUTES

## Council Meeting

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**9:00 AM Monday 23 December 2024**

**VENUE:**  
**Golden Plains Civic Centre**  
**Council Chambers**  
**2 Pope Street, Bannockburn**

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING  
6:00 PM Tuesday 25 February 2025

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**MINUTES OF GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE GOLDEN PLAINS CIVIC CENTRE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2 POPE STREET,  
BANNOCKBURN  
ON MONDAY, 23 DECEMBER 2024 AT 9:00 AM**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Sarah Hayden, Cr Helena Kirby, Cr Owen Sharkey, Cr Brett Cunningham, Cr Emma Robbins

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Shane Walden (CEO), Emma Wheatland (Acting Director Community, Planning & Growth), Molly Willmott (Coordinator Governance & Risk)

## **1 OPENING DECLARATION**

We the Councillors of Golden Plains Shire declare that we will undertake, on every occasion, to carry out our duties in the best interest 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 Golden Plains Shire.

## **2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Golden Plains Shire spans the Traditional lands of the Wadawurrung and Eastern Maar Peoples. Council acknowledges them as the Traditional Owners and Custodians and pays its respects to both Wadawurrung and Eastern Maar Elders past, present and emerging. Council extends that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People who are part of Golden Plains Shire.

## **3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr Des Phelan

## **4 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

## **5 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION**

### **5.1 COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2025**

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Cr Emma Robbins

Seconded: Cr Owen Sharkey

That Council adopts the following schedule for the 2025 Scheduled Council Meetings and Audit & Risk Committee Meetings.

#### **Council Meetings (Scheduled)**

<b>Meeting Day</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>
Tuesday	25 February 2025	6:00pm	Bannockburn
Tuesday	25 March 2025	6:00pm	Smythesdale
Tuesday	1 April 2025 (Budget Submissions)	6:00pm	Bannockburn

Tuesday	22 April 2025	6:00pm	Bannockburn
Tuesday	27 May 2025	6:00pm	Smythesdale
Tuesday	24 June 2025	6:00pm	Bannockburn
Tuesday	22 July 2025	6:00pm	Smythesdale
Tuesday	26 August 2025	6:00pm	Bannockburn
Tuesday	23 September 2025	6:00pm	Smythesdale
Tuesday	28 October 2025	6:00pm	Bannockburn
Tuesday	11 November 2025 (Mayoral Election) (Note: Remembrance Day)	6:00pm	Bannockburn
Tuesday	25 November 2025	6:00pm	Smythesdale
Tuesday	16 December 2025 (Note: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday due to Christmas)	6:00pm	Bannockburn

#### Audit & Risk Committee Meetings

Meeting Day	Meeting Date	Time	Place
Tuesday	11 February 2025	9:00am	Bannockburn
Tuesday	13 May 2025	9:00am	Bannockburn
Tuesday	9 September 2025	9:00am	Bannockburn
Tuesday	11 November 2025	9:00am	Bannockburn

**An amendment to the motion was moved**

#### AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION

Moved: Cr Helena Kirby

Seconded: Nil

That the proposed Council Meetings scheduled to be held on 25 March 2025 and 25 November 2025 in Smythesdale, be held in Linton.

**The amendment to the motion was not seconded and therefore lapsed**

**The original motion was put and carried**

**A division was called**

In Favour: Crs Brett Cunningham, Emma Robbins, Owen Sharkey, Sarah Hayden

Against: Cr Helena Kirby

**CARRIED 4/1**

**The Meeting closed at 9:16am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the scheduled Meeting of the Golden Plains Shire Council held on 25 February 2025.**

Signed by:  


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**CHAIRPERSON**