



# **SPECIAL COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES**

**DATE:** Tuesday, 13 October 2009

**TIME:** 2.30pm

**VENUE:** Council Chambers

### **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

Freeman of the Municipality  
Cr Kevin Forbes AM

**Rob Stewart**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

2.35 pm The Presiding member declared the meeting open.

**2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)**Members Present:

Cr K Clements	Deputy Shire President - Town Ward
Cr A Budrikis	Kendenup Ward
Cr B Hollingworth	Town Ward
Cr S Grylls	Rocky Gully/West Ward
Cr J Mark	Town Ward
Cr J Moir	South Ward
Cr D Nye-Chart	East Ward
Cr M Skinner	East Ward

Apologies

Cr K Forbes AM	Shire President - Rocky Gully/West Ward
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In Attendance

Mr Rob Stewart	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Dominic Le Cerf	Manager Works and Services

### **3 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES & OFFICERS**

#### **3.1 EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS**

##### **3.1.1 FREEMAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY – CR KEVIN FORBES AM**

**File No:** N11366  
**Attachments:** [Citation](#)  
**Responsible Officer:** Rob Stewart  
Chief Executive Officer  
**Author:** Rob Stewart  
Chief Executive Officer  
**Proposed Meeting Date:** 13 October 2009

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#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to place a recommendation before the Council to grant Cr Kevin Forbes AM the status of Freeman of the Municipality.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Cr Forbes AM has served the Shire of Plantagenet for 18 years. He was Deputy Shire President from 1994 – 1997 and Shire President from 1997 to 2009. It is fitting that some suitable recognition be made for his service to the district. The citation of his service is attached.

He was granted membership of the Order of Australia in June 2008.

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

The Title of Freeman of the Municipality has no legal status under the present Local Government Act. In the previous Local Government Act Section 591A empowered a Council by resolution passed by an absolute majority, to confer upon any person the title of 'Honorary Freeman of the Municipality'. The conferring of that title upon a person did not grant to them any right or privilege other than that of permitting the grantee to designate themselves by the title so conferred.

#### **CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive Officer and Councillors have discussed the conferring of this honour on Cr Forbes.

The statutory implications have been discussed with the Department of Local Government and advice has been received that a Council is free to make such an appointment pursuant to its general competence powers.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

No honorarium or other financial consideration applies to the conferring of Freeman of the Municipality.

Other Freemen of the Municipality are:

Eva Mildred Gorman  
William Thomas Stephen Frost  
John Dudley Adams  
Joan Golda Cameron

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications for this report.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

There are no strategic implications for this report.

**OFFICER COMMENT**

The recommendation to appoint Cr Kevin Forbes AM as 'Freeman of the Municipality' is supported.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority is sufficient for this matter, however, it would be fitting to record in the minutes that the resolution was passed unanimously.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/COUNCIL DECISION**

Moved Cr B Hollingworth, seconded Cr J Mark:

**That the title of 'Honorary Freeman of the Municipality' be conferred upon Cr Kevin Forbes AM for outstanding service to the District of the Shire of Plantagenet and authority be granted for the common seal of the Shire to be affixed to the award.**

**CARRIED 8/0**

**NO. 272/09**

**CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT**

**4 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

2.36 pm The Presiding member declared the meeting closed.

**CONFIRMED: CHAIRPERSON** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_