



# **MAYORAL MINUTES 22 OCTOBER 2024**

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# MAYORAL MINUTES

**MAYORAL MINUTE**

**ITEM NO. 1**

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW COUNCIL**

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**THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1) Welcome and congratulate the new Council.
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**BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this report is to welcome and congratulate the new Council following the recent Local Government election.

Everyone's hard work over the past few months to secure their place on Council is acknowledged and sets the foundations for the opportunity to work closely with both our new and returning Councillors for this term.

Just like our community, our new Council is made up of a diverse group of individuals with unique opinions and ideas and, while we might not always agree, it's important we find ways to work together and focus on delivering meaningful outcomes for the people of Port Stephens.

The heart of our job is to serve our community, so we need to focus our energy on making decisions that we know are important to them.

Improvements to our roads, housing affordability, community input into decision making, and protection of our natural environment remain key priorities for our newly elected Councillors and our community.

With a few new faces in the Chamber, our community is encouraged to find out who their local Councillors are – they've put their hand up to represent you and are here to help wherever they can.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.

**MAYORAL MINUTE**

**ITEM NO. 2**

**FILE NO: 24/285149  
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**MAYOR'S DIARY**

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**THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1) Note the Mayoral appointments for the period 3 to 22 October 2024.
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**BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the Mayoral appointments for the period 3 to 22 October 2024.

This Mayoral Minute aims to inform the Council and community of the key engagements of the Mayor for the preceding period. This is an initiative I wanted to introduce this term to provide a clear record of the engagements undertaken through the Mayoral office.

**Thursday 3 October**

- Newcastle Airport Topping Out Ceremony. Invitation from Newcastle Airport to attend the signing and placing of the final beam onto the new International Terminal and to celebrate the significance and opportunities this new terminal expansion will bring to our region.

**Friday 4 October**

- Mayoral Induction commenced with General Manager, Tim Crosdale.

**Tuesday 8 October**

- Mayor and Councillor Induction.

**Wednesday 9 October**

- Mayor and Councillor Induction.

**Thursday 10 October - Community Meetings**

- COPS Y (Caring for our Port Stephens Youth) - Invited to attend and hear an update on the work COPS Y is doing in the Port Stephens community.
- TRRA (Tomaree Residents and Ratepayers Association) – AGM. Invited to attend and present to TRRA and provide an overview of the election results and Ward representation.

**Friday 11 October - Community Event**

- 'Where's Your Head At' at King Park, Raymond Terrace. Invited to officially open this event which was held to highlight Mental Health Month. Approximately 35 local community services attended along with market stalls, interactive activities and entertainment.

**Tuesday 15 October – Community Meetings**

- Sister Cities representatives to discuss delegation from Kushiro and signing of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sister Wetland Affiliation.
- Mayor and Councillor Induction.

**Wednesday 16 October**

- Chair – Tomaree Lodge Community Engagement Committee inaugural meeting.

**Thursday 17 October**

- Mayor and Councillor Induction.

**Saturday 19 October – Community Events**

- Culturally Informed Cool Burn Demonstration - Mallabula – This event will demonstrate the benefits of 'culturally informed cool burns' and how they improve Koala habitats, re-establish appropriate fire regimes and reduce the risk and impact of wildfires.
- Karuah Oyster & Timber Festival – Karuah – This is an annual festival that features an oyster eating competition, wood chopping events, market stalls and the great Karuah duck race.

**Sunday 20 October – Community Meeting**

- Fingal Bay Community Association (FBCA) AGM. Presentation to FBCA with an update on Council 'works' in Fingal Bay, answered questions from the community and introduced newly elected East Ward Councillors.

**Monday 21 October – Mayor's Office**

- Meeting with Hunter Joint Organisation (HJO) – introduction to Director and Advocacy & Government Relations Lead.
- Meeting with Tim Crakanthorp MP to provide an update on Port Stephens Council works and projects within the Newcastle Electorate.

**Tuesday 22 October – Mayor's Office**

- Meetings with community.
- Meetings with General Manager and Executive Team.
- Oath of Office and Council meeting.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.