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## AGENDA AND BUSINESS PAPERS

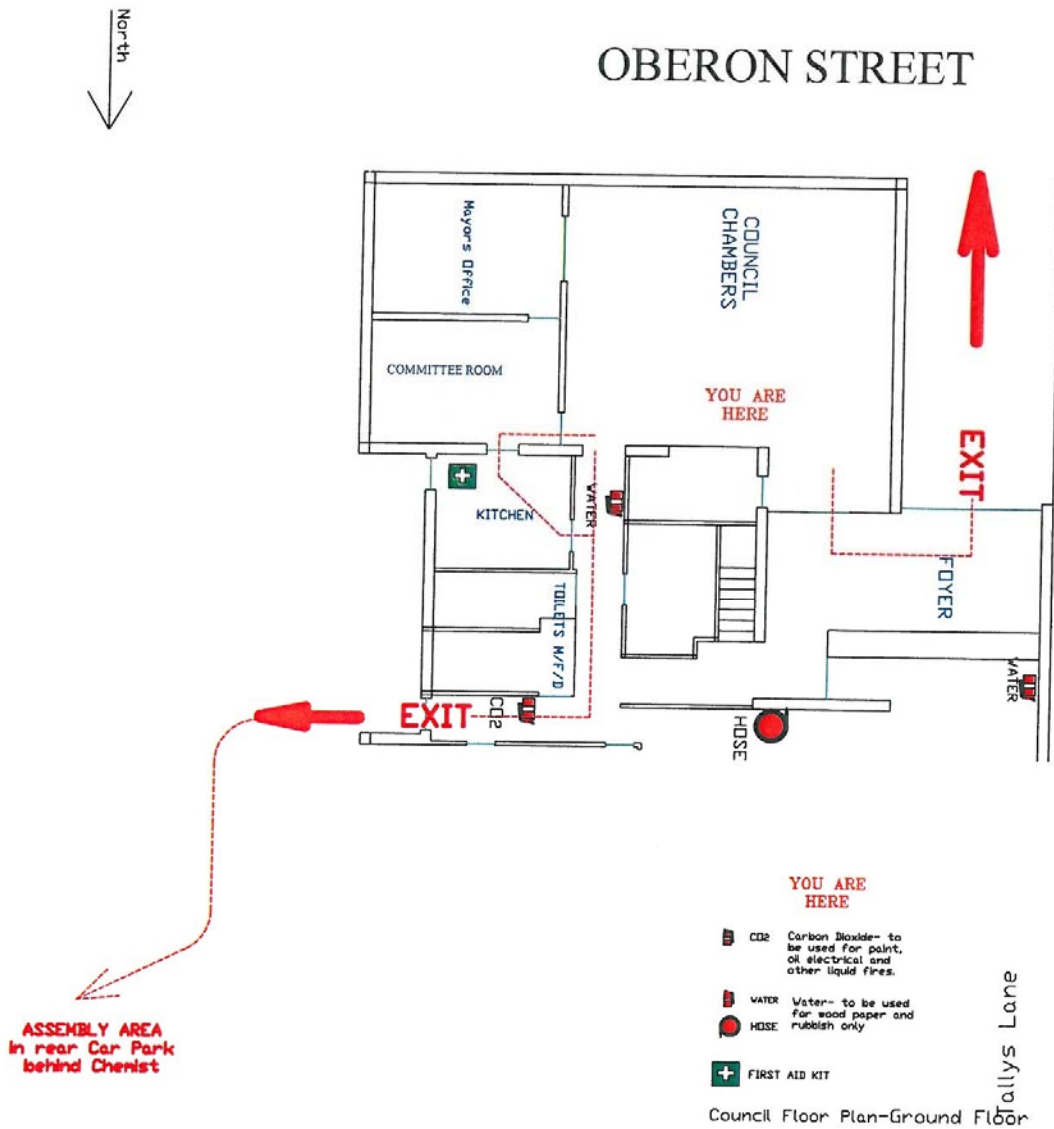
Oberon Council Extraordinary Meeting  
Monday **27 July 2015**

Commencing at **4.30pm**  
at the Oberon Council Chambers

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## 1. OPENING OF MEETING

The Deputy Mayor will welcome members and declared the meeting open.

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## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Council acknowledges that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri and Gundungurra People, and respects the history and culture of the elders both past and present.

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## 3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Members Deputy Mayor Kerry Gibbons (in the Chair)

Clr Ian Doney

Clr Jill Evans

Clr Neil Francis

Clr Sam Lord

Clr Clive McCarthy

Clr John Morgan

Clr Kathy Sajowitz

Staff Alan Cairney, General Manager

Christopher Schumacher, Works and Engineering Director

Gary Wallace, Planning and Development Director

Lynette Safranek, Finance and Community Services Director

Sharon Swannell, Executive Coordinator

Apologies Nil

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## 4. REPORTS FOR DECISION

### 04.02 ELECTION OF MAYOR

File No: Governance/Elections/Local Government Elections

Author: Alan Cairney, General Manager and Sharon Swannell, Executive Coordinator

#### Summary

With the sad passing of Mayor, Councillor John McMahon there is now a casual vacancy in the Office of Mayor. This vacancy is to be filled at a Council Meeting within 14 days after the vacancy occurred. This report outlines the process of electing a Mayor until September 2015 when the annual Election process will occur.

Council at its 21 July 2015 Ordinary Meeting resolved to make application to the Minister for Local Government for an order that the casual vacancy not be filled.

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#### Recommendation:

That if an Election is required for the position of Mayor, then the Election is held by Ordinary Ballot.

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#### Comment

Nomination Forms for the position of Mayor have been provided to Councillors. Election to the Office of Mayor will be only until the Ordinary Council Meeting in September 2015, when the annual Election process will occur.

Subject to the need for a Vote, if more than one nomination is received, Ballot papers will be issued if a decision is made to hold the election by Ordinary Ballot. If a decision is made for "Open Voting" then this will be by a show of hands.

A copy of **Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005** for the Election of the Mayor (or Deputy Mayor) has been provided to the Councillors.

If the Council decides that the Election is to be held by Ordinary Ballot or Open Voting, then Clauses 4, 5, 6 & 7 applies.

If Council decides that the Election is held by Preferential Ballot then Clauses 9 to 11 apply.

In previous years, for the September Elections, and as is the case with most NSW Councils, Elections are held by Ordinary Ballot.

#### SUMMARY

The General Manager will be the Returning Officer and will call upon Councillors for written Nominations; these will then be read to the Meeting. If more than one Nomination is received then Councillors will be required to decide the method of Voting.

When Elected the incoming Mayor will Chair the Meeting.

Other vacancies that exist on Council Committees or External Organisations, which were previously filled by Mayor McMahon not through the position of Mayor will remain vacant until the September Ordinary Council Meeting, when all delegates are appointed or re-appointed.

## 5. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at ....