

minutes

Special Meeting of Council

MEETING HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2025

Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians

The City of Joondalup acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation, and recognises the culture of the Noongar people and the unique contribution they make to the Joondalup region and Australia. The City of Joondalup pays its respects to their Elders past and present and extends that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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CITY OF JOONDALUP

COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE,
BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2025

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

2 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 7.33pm.

Mayor:

MAYOR DANIEL KINGSTON

Councillors:

CR ADRIAN HILL	North Ward
CR LEWIS HUTTON	North Ward
CR DENISE MERCER	North Central Ward
CR CHRISTOPHER MAY, JP	Central Ward
CR REBECCA PIZZEY	Central Ward
CR RUSS FISHWICK, JP	South Ward
CR JOHN RAFTIS	South Ward
CR MATTHEW COUNT	South-West Ward
CR PHILLIP VINCIULLO	South-West Ward
CR JOHN CHESTER	South-East Ward
CR ROHAN O'NEILL	South-East Ward

Officers:

MR JAMES PEARSON	Chief Executive Officer
MR MAT HUMFREY	Director Corporate Services
MR NICO CLAASSEN	Director Infrastructure Services
MR CHRIS LEIGH	Director Planning and Community Development
MRS REBECCA MACCARIO	Manager Strategic and Organisational Development
MRS KYLIE BERGMANN	Manager Governance
MS HANNAH TAGORE	Manager Communications and Stakeholder Relations
MR DANIEL DAVINI	Media Advisor
MR STUART MCLEA	Media and Communications Officer
MRS VIVIENNE STAMPALIJA	Governance Coordinator
MRS LAURA NAPIER	Senior Governance Officer

absent from 7.39pm to 7.41pm

There were 94 members of the public and no member of the press in attendance.

3 DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST / PROXIMITY INTEREST / INTEREST THAT MAY AFFECT IMPARTIALITY

Nil.

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil.

5 PUBLIC STATEMENT TIME

Nil.

6 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

6.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Cr Rohan O'Neill	5 November to 7 November 2025 inclusive.
Cr John Raftis	10 November to 13 November 2025 inclusive.
Cr John Raftis	14 November to 17 November 2025 inclusive.
Cr Nige Jones	29 November to 24 December 2025 inclusive.
Cr John Raftis	1 December to 5 December 2025 inclusive.
Cr Nige Jones	1 June to 29 June 2026 inclusive.

6.2 APOLOGIES

Cr Nige Jones.

6.3 REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE CR NIGE JONES AND CR DENISE MERCER (Resolution No: CJ301-10/25)

MOVED Cr Hutton, **SECONDED** Cr May that Council **APPROVES** the requests for leave of absence from Council duties for:

- 1 Cr Nige Jones covering the period 23 October to 13 November 2025 inclusive;**
- 2 Cr Denise Mercer covering the period 10 November to 21 November 2025 inclusive.**

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (12/0)

In favour of the Motion: Mayor Kingston, Cr Chester, Cr Count, Cr Fishwick, Cr Hill, Cr Hutton, Cr May, Cr Mercer, Cr O'Neill, Cr Pizzey, Cr Raftis and Cr Vinciullo.

Against the Motion: Nil.

7 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

The role of the Deputy Mayor is to perform the functions of the Mayor when authorised to do so, that is when the Office of Mayor is vacant or the Mayor is not available or is unwilling to perform the functions of the Mayor.

The Office of Deputy Mayor is to be filled as the first matter dealt with at the first meeting of the Council after an ordinary election. Upon election of the Deputy Mayor, there is a requirement for the incumbent to make a further declaration for that Office.

Mayor Kingston advised that the following two nominations have been received and accepted for the position of Office of the Deputy Mayor from Cr Phillip Vinciullo and Cr John Raftis in accordance with clause 8(3) of Schedule 2.3 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 11F of the *Local Government (Constitution) Regulations 1998*.

There being no further nominations, Mayor Kingston declared the nominations closed and advised that as two nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor were made, in accordance with clause 8(5) of Schedule 2.3 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Elected Members were required to vote on the matter by secret ballot, noting that optional Preferential Voting now applies to the election for Deputy Mayor.

Once ballot papers had been placed into the ballot box by the 12 Elected Members present, the counting of votes was undertaken by the Chief Executive Officer and Manager Governance.

Following the vote by secret ballot and the counting of votes conducted in accordance with clause 8(7) of Schedule 2.3 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Mayor Kingston declared that Cr John Raftis had been elected to fill the office of Deputy Mayor until the start of the first meeting of the Council after the next local government elections.

Cr John Raftis then made a Declaration of Elected Member for the position of Deputy Mayor before Mayor Kingston.

8 ADDRESS BY DEPUTY MAYOR

Cr John Raftis thanked Mayor Kingston and fellow Elected Members for their support in electing him as Deputy Mayor. Cr Raftis expressed his commitment to supporting the new Mayor and all Elected Members in representing approximately 165,000 residents and ratepayers across 22 suburbs.

Cr Raftis congratulated newly elected Councillors, Denise Mercer and Matthew Count, as well as the re-elected Councillors Christopher May, Adrian Hill, Russ Fishwick and John Chester. Cr Raftis acknowledged Cr Adrian Hill for his service as Deputy Mayor over the past two years and thanked him for his contribution.

Cr Raftis stated he looks forward to serving in the role of Deputy Mayor for the next two years.

9 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.01pm the following Elected Members being present at that time:

MAYOR DANIEL KINGSTON
CR ADRIAN HILL
CR LEWIS HUTTON
CR DENISE MERCER
CR CHRISTOPHER MAY, JP
CR REBECCA PIZZEY
CR RUSS FISHWICK, JP
CR JOHN RAFTIS
CR MATTHEW COUNT
CR PHILLIP VINCIULLO
CR JOHN CHESTER
CR ROHAN O'NEILL