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WELCOME NEW COUNCILLORS

Councillor Victoria Brown has been elected unopposed as Shire President for the Shire of Esperance at a Special Council Meeting held today. Councillor Natalie Bowman was elected as the Deputy Shire President following a secret ballot.

Shire President Victoria Brown said "I would like to congratulate and welcome Shelley Payne, Steve McMullen and Dale Piercey to Council representing the Town Ward and congratulate Basil Parker on his re-election to the Rural Ward. Our Councillors represent a broad and diverse range of people in our community.

"I would also like to recognise Beverly Stewart for more than 22 years on Council and dedicated service to the community. I wish her, Kevin Hall and Paul Griffiths all the best and I know they will continue to be wonderful advocates for the Esperance community."

Today's meeting included the swearing in of all new and re-elected councillors to commence their four year terms as elected representatives for the Esperance Community.

Additionally a ballot was undertaken to allot the positions at the Council table to each Councillor, as per the Shire of Esperance *Standing Orders Local Law 2015*.

Ends

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Below are the 2017 Election Results.

Rural Ward

Candidates	Votes	Percentage	Expiry of Term
Parker, Basil	1,026	67.54%	16 October 2021
Lowe, Tania	493	32.46%	
Total	1,519	100%	

Source: 2017 Ordinary Election, WA Electoral Commission www.elections.wa.gov.au

Town Ward

Candidates	Votes	Percentage	Expiry of Term
Horan, Robert	1,002	12.05%	
McMullen, Steve	1,320	15.87%	16 October 2021
Payne, Shelley	1,344	16.16%	16 October 2021
Sortberg, Jeffery	686	8.25%	
Andre, Jim	422	5.07%	
Wroth, Barry	673	8.09%	
Hall, Kevin	860	10.34%	
Piercey, Dale	1,053	12.66%	16 October 2021
Griffiths, Paul	956	11.50%	
Total	8,316	100%	

Source: 2017 Ordinary Election, WA Electoral Commission www.elections.wa.gov.au