

MEDIA RELEASE

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Welcome new Councillors

The Shire of Esperance welcomes new Councillors elected in the 2019 Ordinary Election. A Special Council Meeting was held today where Council elect the Shire President and Deputy President. With one nomination for Shire President Ian Mickel was duly elected to take on the leadership role. Two nominations were received for Deputy President with Cr Basil Parker elected. Congratulations are extended to all new Councillors and to our new Shire President and Deputy President.

CEO Matthew Scott said, "I would like to congratulate and welcome Ron Chambers, Jennifer Obourne and Jo-Anne O'Donnell representing the Town Ward and Ian Mickel and Wes Graham on behalf of the Rural ward. Additional congratulations are extended to Shire President Ian Mickel and Deputy President Basil Parker being successfully elected to represent Council."

"I would also like to acknowledge and thank outgoing councillors Victoria Brown, Natalie Bowman, John Parsons, Lara McIntyre and Ron Padgurskis for their service to our community and wish them all the best for the future."

Today's Special Council Meeting included the swearing in of all new councillors to commence their four year term 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.

Overall voter turnout across the Shire was 58.31% for the Rural Ward and 44.96% for the Town Ward. The tables below show the voting numbers for all candidates in the Town Ward and the Rural Ward.

Town Ward

Candidates	Votes	Percentage	Expiry of Term
NEALE, Kevin	487	5.86%	
STEWART, Colin	765	9.21%	
O'DONNELL, Jo-Anne	977	11.76%	21 October 2023
PADGURSKIS, Ron	951	11.45%	
GRANT, Richard	598	7.20%	
PEARCE, Brian	193	2.32%	
OBOURNE, Jennifer	1,542	18.56%	21 October 2023
CHAMBERS, Ron	1,868	22.49%	21 October 2023
BLUMANN, Nils	445	5.36%	
WROTH, Barry	481	5.79%	
Total valid votes	8,307	100%	

Rural Ward

Candidates	Votes	Percentage	Expiry of Term
MICKEL, Ian	1,110	39.35%	21 October 2023
BOWMAN, Natalie	637	22.58%	
GRAHAM, Wes	758	26.87%	21 October 2023
GRIFFITHS, Paul	316	11.20%	
Total valid votes	2,821	100%	

To view the full results visit:

<https://www.elections.wa.gov.au/elections/local/election/#/156FE5B8-E78B-4A62-BBA7-A31896E9103E/Esperance>

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