



Change to Council meeting times

Southern Mallee District Council will be more accessible after councillors voted to change the starting time for the monthly Council Meetings, commencing from September 2018.

Council meetings for September and October will now start at 6.30 pm and after the November 2018 Council Elections, Council will need a fresh resolution dealing with Council meeting times, dates and locations.

Councillors voted in favour of the change at the Special Council Meeting held on Thursday 30 August 2018 in the hope that it would mean more members of the public have the ability to attend meetings. It may also make becoming a Councillor more attractive to a more diverse group of people during the upcoming local government elections.

Mayor Cr Andrew Grieger said “evening meetings will provide community members with better access to local government processes, build the understanding of the role of councillors and local government and prove greater transparency and awareness of decisions”.

He also stated “attracting a more diverse group of community members to lead their community by becoming a councillor was a driver for the decision.”

Council Chief Executive Officer, Jason Taylor said “he hoped Council’s willingness to be flexible and try new things would encourage women and younger people in the community to consider becoming a councillor.”

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