

Reference: AF11/877 LD  
Enquiries to: Mr Mark McShane

## **MAYOR MEMBERS**

NOTICE is hereby given that I have called a Special Meeting of the Council to be held at the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, 10 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier on the following date and time:

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 - Council Chamber – Civic Centre (commencing at 2.00 p.m.)

For the purpose of:

1. Considering the request received from Pangula Mannamurna to have the Aboriginal Flag lowered on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 in recognition of the passing of much respected Elder of the local Aboriginal Community, Aunty Viv Maher.

An Agenda for the meeting to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 at 2.00 p.m. is attached.



**Andrew LEE**  
MAYOR

18<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER

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Mount Gambier  
on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 at 2.00 pm

AGENDA

**PRESENT:** Mayor Andrew Lee  
Cr Christian Greco  
Cr Mark Lovett  
Cr Josh Lynagh  
Cr Sonya Meziniec  
Cr Frank Morello  
Cr Des Mutton  
Cr Steven Perryman  
Cr Hanna Persello  
Cr Penny Richardson  
Cr Ian Von Stanke

**APOLOGY/IES:** moved that the apology from be received.  
seconded

**COUNCIL OFFICERS:** Chief Executive Officer - Mr M McShane

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BOANDIK PEOPLES AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND WHERE WE MEET TODAY. WE RESPECT THEIR SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAND AND RECOGNISE THE DEEP FEELINGS OF ATTACHMENT OUR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HAVE WITH THIS LAND.**

**1. FLAG REQUEST – Ref. AF11/2285**

There are specific protocols for the flying of the Australian National and other flags. Council does not ordinarily fly any flags in the Cave Garden and Civic Precinct on weekends.

Should Council support the request, it is proposed that the Australian National Flag and the Aboriginal Flag be raised and lowered to half mast, using the 2 poles fronting Watson Terrace, that ordinarily are used to fly the Aboriginal Flag and Torres Strait Islander Flag on weekdays.

moved:

In recognition of the passing and contribution to the community of Aboriginal Elder Aunty Viv Maher, Council expresses condolences and authorises the Australian National and Aboriginal Flag in the Cave Garden Precinct to be flown at half mast until 5.00 pm Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

seconded

Meeting closed at .....

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**From:** iain evans [mailto:[iainevans@outlook.com](mailto:iainevans@outlook.com)]

**Sent:** Thursday, 17 August 2017 8:15 PM

**To:** Mark McShane; Mayor Andrew Lee

**Cc:** Sarah Killick; Mark Lovett

**Subject:** Request to lower the council flags on Saturday for the late Aunty Viv Maher

Dear Mayor Lee and Mark,

I apologise for this request being on my private email but my Pangula Mannamurna email is not working in Adelaide for some reason .

You may be aware that the much loved Aboriginal Elder Aunty Viv Maher has passed away.

Aunty Viv was leader of the local community and a much respected Elder of the local Aboriginal community. Aunty Viv was respected by everyone in the area.

The family have contacted me asking if I could request the Council to lower its Aboriginal flags on Saturday which is the day the family are holding a celebration of her life.

This would be an appropriate mark of respect by the broader Mt Gambier community for Aunty Viv.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours Sincerely

Iain Evans

Acting General Manager

Pangula Mannamurna Aboriginal Corporation

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