

## Media Release APC Re-Appoints Deputy Mayor

In a unanimous vote at the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 October 2021, Elected Members have re-appointed Councillor Marcus Strudwicke as Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the current term of Council.

Under the Local Government Act 1999, there may be a deputy mayor if the council so resolves, and that deputy mayor will be chosen by the members of a council from amongst their own.

A deputy mayor provides crucial support to the mayor, and council, through strengthening leadership and stability and ensuring the continued operation of a council in the event that its mayor is absent. Operational duties of a deputy mayor can include the role of chair at meetings, attending civic functions and ceremonies and providing a voice for the council and community.

Councillor Strudwicke's term as Deputy Mayor was due to conclude on 21 November 2021. Reflecting on his re-appointment, Councillor Strudwicke remarked "I appreciate the unanimous support of my fellow elected members in allowing me to continue as Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the Council term. The cooperation and goodwill in the Council chamber decisionmaking is reflected in the positive outcomes in infrastructure and services we are seeing around the region. It is an exciting time of growth for our council."

Mayor Wasley noted "The manner in which Councillor Strudwicke was once again appointed to the office of Deputy Mayor, unopposed and unanimously, signifies solidarity amongst Members and absolute confidence in Marcus' leadership".

Councillor Strudwicke has served as Council's Deputy Mayor since November 2018, with his appointment unopposed from 2019.

Mark Wasley Mayor

28 October 2021