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Cr David Wortmann Towong's new elected leader

Cr David Wortmann was appointed Towong Shire's Mayor at today's Council Meeting held in Tallangatta. Cr Aaron Scales was appointed as Deputy Mayor.

In his incoming address, Cr Wortmann thanked fellow Councillors for their support and said that he was looking forward to his term as Mayor. "It is an honour to represent our ratepayers," said Cr Wortmann.

After paying tribute to outgoing Mayor, Cr Mary Fraser OAM, and previous Mayors Cr Debi Gadd and Cr Peter Joyce, Cr Wortmann said that the Council's reputation as an innovative and progressive organisation all comes down to good leadership.

Cr Wortmann also commented on the results being achieved by CEO, Ms Juliana Phelps, and Council's Senior Management Group. "We have a great staff who work hard, are committed to the sustainability of the Towong Shire and who are achieving excellent results," he said.

Cr Wortmann has served as a Councillor since November 2008 and was today appointed as Mayor for the next 12 months.

In her outgoing address, Cr Mary Fraser OAM, said that her last two years as Mayor of Towong Shire Council had been fantastic and thanked her colleagues and staff for their support.

Cr Fraser was elected to Towong Shire Council in 1997 at the first Council elections following the amalgamation of the Shire of Upper Murray and the Shire of Tallangatta. Cr Fraser has served eight terms as either Mayor or Shire President.

When asked what have been her best achievements, Cr Fraser responded that "you don't achieve anything on your own, it's a team effort."