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## **No change to Mayor, Deputy Mayor appointments**

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In a unanimous decision, Towong Shire Council appointed Cr David Wortmann to serve a second 12-month term as Mayor at its meeting on Tuesday 10 November 2015. Cr Aaron Scales was re-elected as Deputy Mayor.

In addressing Council, Cr Wortmann thanked his Councillor colleagues for supporting him in the position of Mayor.

"I am in the lucky position of having so many experienced Councillors who provide their support and assistance," explained Cr Wortmann.

Cr Wortmann also extended his thanks to all Council staff, and especially thanked Chief Executive Officer, Ms Juliana Phelps, for her strategic, solutions-based approach.

Looking forward, Cr Wortmann said that the Council would continue to lobby the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments for fairer funding outcomes.

"We have challenges ahead in the next 12 months, specifically [financial sustainability as a result of] rate-capping and the indexation freeze on funding from the Federal Government", said Cr Wortmann. "Towong Shire Council needs a fair share of funding, as do all small rural Councils, to adequately maintain our infrastructure and provide services to our communities".

The current Council has entered into the final year of its four-year term. Local Government elections will be held for all Victorian Councils in October 2016.