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Council elects new Mayor Roles reversed for Mayor, Deputy Mayor

Towong Shire Council elected Cr Aaron Scales as Mayor for a 12-month term at its meeting held on Tuesday 14 November 2017. Cr Scales assumes the role from Cr David Wortmann, who had served three consecutive terms as Mayor. Cr Wortmann was appointed Council's Deputy Mayor.

Cr Scales was first elected to Council in October 2012, and has filled the position of Deputy Mayor since November 2014.

After thanking fellow Councillors for their confidence in him, Cr Scales paid tribute to the outgoing Mayor.

"He [Cr Wortmann] has been a fantastic mentor," said Cr Scales, "I hope to continue to draw on his expertise as I grow into the role of Mayor".

Cr Scales also expressed his confidence that Council has a strong, sustainable future.

"We are a strong, cohesive Council with a fantastic management team," said Cr Scales, "I can see Towong achieving more great outcomes into the future and I'm looking forward to this coming twelve months."

In his outgoing address to Council, Cr Wortmann thanked his colleagues for their dedication and commitment, and explained that it had been a pleasure to serve as Mayor.

"It has been an honour to serve the community," said Cr Wortmann. "We have achieved some great results; the development of the Council Plan, the [successful] higher rate cap application, securing funding for the Great River Road project and the Eskdale and Tallangatta netball courts, and delivering the Corryong Airport upgrade, Destination Tallangatta and much more".

Cr Wortmann also expressed his thanks to Council staff, both outdoor and indoor.

"As a small rural shire with limited resources, we're fortunate to have hard working staff who are committed to our organisation and to our community," said Cr Wortmann.

Cr Wortmann particularly thanked Council's Chief Executive Officer, Ms Juliana Phelps, and Directors, Ms Jo Shannon and Mr Jamie Heritage, for their dedication to the organisation.