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Neil Pokoney returned as Bland Shire Mayor

Councillor Neil Pokoney was last night elected for a third term as Bland Shire Council Mayor.

In the first meeting of the new look Bland Shire Council on Tuesday night, Councillor Pokoney defeated Councillor Tony Lord five votes to four in an ordinary ballot.

He will be supported by new Deputy Mayor, Liz McGlynn, who was elected unopposed for her first term. Councillor McGlynn steps into the role vacated by former long serving Councillor Dot Smith, who did not stand for re-election.

"I am looking forward to serving a third term as Mayor," Councillor Pokoney said.

"I will continue to throw myself into this role with determination and vigour."

With a focus on team work, Councillor Pokoney pledged to lead with confidence, respect, fairness and determination

"I believe we (Council) will face many challenges, both old and new but I am confident that if we can work cohesively, as a team, we will continue to achieve great things for our community," Councillor Pokoney said.

Councillor Pokoney also congratulated Councillor McGlynn on her appointment as Deputy Mayor.

"Like all of the Councillors, Councillor McGlynn has a tremendous passion for our community and I look forward to working with her on behalf of the Bland Shire," he said.

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