

SHIRE OF WANDERING

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Our Vision:

Wandering is a community of responsible, resilient and adaptable residents thriving in our scenic, economically diverse environment.

Audit Committee

Minutes 17 February 2022

These Minutes of the meeting held 17 February 2022 are confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings without amendment. Confirmed on 19 May 2022 by the Presiding Member, Cr I Turton.


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Cr Turton Presiding Member

19- May -22

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on today. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the Shire of Wandering, and convey our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Meeting declared open at 1:07pm

1.1. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

Division 6 Subdivision 1 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires Council Members and Employees to declare any direct or indirect financial interest or general interest in any matter listed in this Agenda.

The Act also requires the nature of the interest to be disclosed in writing before the meeting or immediately before the matter be discussed.

NB: A Council member who makes a disclosure must not preside or participate in, or be present during, any discussion or decision-making procedure relating to the declared matter unless the procedures set out in Sections 5.68 or 5.69 of the Act have been complied with.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

Disclosures of Interest Affecting Impartiality are required to be declared and recorded in the minutes of a meeting. Councillors who declare such an interest are still permitted to remain in the meeting and to participate in the discussion and voting on the particular matter. This does not lessen the obligation of declaring financial interests etc. covered under the Local Government Act.

To help with complying with the requirements of declaring Interests Affecting Impartiality the following statement is recommended to be announced by the person declaring such an interest and to be produced in the minutes.

"I (give circumstances of the interest being declared, eg: have a long-standing personal friendship with the proponent). As a consequence, there may be a perception that my impartiality on this matter may be affected. I declare that I will consider this matter on its merits and vote accordingly".

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

Present:

Cr I Turton	Chairman	Cr G Curtis	Mr I Fitzgerald	A/CEO
Cr G Parson		Cr P Treasure	Mr B Gibbs	EMTS
Cr G Hansen		Cr M Watts		

Apologies:

Cr S Little

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public in attendance

4. STATUS REPORT FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1. AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD – 19 AUGUST 2021

COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr Turton

Seconded Cr Curtis

That the Minutes of the Audit Committee held on 19 August 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings without amendment.

CARRIED 6/0

COMMENT

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 9.1.1 2020/2021 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Moved Cr Hansen

Seconded Cr Treasure

That the Audit Committee recommends to Council that it receives the Management Letter, Audit Completion Report and Annual Financial Statements, as attached, from the Office of the Auditor General and AMD for the 2020/2021 financial year.

CARRIED 6/0

OFFICER'S & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 9.1.2 2020/2021 ANNUAL ELECTORS'

MEETING

Moved Cr Treasure

Seconded Cr Curtis

That the Audit Committee recommends to Council that it sets the date for the Annual Electors' Meeting to be Wednesday 9 March 2022 at 7pm in the Wandering Community Centre.

CARRIED 6/0

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MANAGEMENT LETTER

Moved Cr Parsons

Seconded Cr Curtis

That the Audit Committee recommends to Council that it acknowledges the A/CEO's responses to date of both the significant and moderate findings identified during the 2020/2021 annual audit of the Shire of Wandering's financial statements and requests that the business is completed as soon as practical.

CARRIED 6/0

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

PROVIDE STRONG LEADERSHIP

Our Goals	Our Strategies	Our Measurement
We plan for the future and are strategically focused	Ensure accountable, ethical and best practice governance Develop and maintain our Strategic Plan, Corporate Business Plan, Asset Management Plan, Workforce Plan and Long Term Financial Plan Service Level Plans detail operational roles, responsibilities and resources Engage with local, regional, state and federal stakeholders to grow mutually beneficial relationships	Audit and Compliance Returns identify no adverse issues We meet the Integrated Planning Standards

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

Nil

COMMENT

Nothing further

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

OFFICER'S & COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – ITEM 5.3 - COMPLIANCE AUDIT RETURN 01/01/2021 – 31/12/2021

Moved Cr Curtis

Seconded Cr Watts

That the Audit Committee recommends to Council that it adopts the attached Compliance Audit Return for the period 01/01/2021 – 31/12/2021.

CARRIED 6/0