

# 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.*

## SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

### Minutes 27 January 2022

These minutes of the Special Council meeting held on 27 January 2022 are confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings without amendment. Confirmed on 17 March 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'I. Turton', is written over a horizontal line.

Cr I Turton  
Presiding Member  
17 February 2022

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# SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES

## 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Meeting declared open at 7.06pm

*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 and present and emerging.*

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

### Present:

Cr I Turton	Shire President	Cr P Treasure	Deputy Shire President
Cr G Parsons		Cr M Watts	
Cr S Little			
Ian Fitzgerald	ACEO	Barry Gibbs	EMTS

### Apologies

Cr G Hansen  
Cr G Curtis

## 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

### 3.1. 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".

### 3.2. DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL/PROXIMITY INTERESTS

Nil

## 4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public present.

## 5. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

**6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

N/A

**7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY SHIRE PRESIDENT AND/OR DEPUTY PRESIDENT WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

Nil

**8. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS**

Nil.

**9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND/OR WORKING GROUPS**

Nil.

**10. ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS**

Nil

**11. OTHER OFFICERS REPORTS**

Nil

**12. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Nil

**13. ELECTED MEMBERS' MOTION OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

**14. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING**

Nil

**15. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – 15.1 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

Moved Cr Treasure

Seconded Cr Watts

That Council, pursuant to s5.23(2)(a) of *the Local Government Act 1995*, close the meeting to members of the public to discuss a matter involving a shire employee.

**CARRIED 5/0**

**15.1.CEO LEAVE & ACTING CEO - CONFIDENTIAL**

<b>Proponent</b>	Shire of Wandering
<b>Owner</b>	
<b>Location/Address</b>	
<b>Author of Report</b>	Ian Fitzgerald, A/CEO
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	27/1/2022
<b>Previous Reports</b>	Item 17.1 October 2021
<b>Disclosure of any Interest</b>	Author is officer subject to appointment as ACEO.
<b>File Reference</b>	EMP1
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

**BRIEF SUMMARY**

To approve an application for an additional two weeks Long Service Leave for the CEO, and to extend the appointment of the Acting CEO for the requested period of leave.

**BACKGROUND**

Council at the October 2021 Council Meeting approved the CEO taking a combination of annual and long service leave from 19 November 2021 to 4 February 2022 (inclusive) and the appointment of Ian Fitzgerald as A/CEO for the period of leave.

**STATUTORY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of the long service leave can be recouped from the Reserve Fund set up for this purpose.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Provide Strong Leadership.

**CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION**

Shire President.

**COMMENT**

The CEO has requested an additional two weeks long service leave and has sufficient leave credit for the requested period of leave. The current A/CEO has indicated that he is available to stay for the extra two weeks if approved by council.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority.

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION & COUNCIL DECISION – ITEM 15.1 - CEO – APPLICATION FOR LONG SERVICE LEAVE**

Moved Cr Watts

Seconded Cr Parsons

That Council:

- Approves the application by the CEO, Belinda Knight, to take Long Service Leave for the period Monday 7/02/2022 until Friday 18/02/2022 (inclusive); and
- Appoints Mr Ian Fitzgerald as Acting Chief Executive Officer for the period 7/02/2022 to 18/02/2022 (inclusive) in accordance with the remuneration terms and conditions of the current CEO, with the inclusion of a vehicle for the period.

**CARRIED 5/0**

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION – 15.1 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

Moved Cr Parsons

Seconded Cr Treasure

That Council, pursuant to s5.23(2)(a) of *the Local Government Act 1995*, re-open the meeting to members of the public.

**CARRIED 5/0**

**16. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.16pm