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MINUTES

Shire of Wandering Annual Meeting of Electors 6 February 2025

OUR VISION

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

These Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors held 6 February 2025 are confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings without amendment. Confirmed on 25 February 2026 by the Presiding Member, Cr IS Little.

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Cr S Little Presiding Member

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Dr Alistair Pinto
Chief Executive Officer

SHIRE OF WANDERING

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors held in the Council Chambers on Thursday 6 February 2025.

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1. Declaration of Opening / Announcements of Visitors

The President declared the meeting open at 7pm.

2. Attendance / Apologies / Approved Leave of Absence

Councillors

Cr Ian Turton (Shire President)
Cr Sheryl Little (Deputy Shire President)
Cr Lou Cowan
Cr Dennis Jennings
Cr Alan Price
Cr Max Watts

Staff

Ian Fitzgerald A/Chief Executive Officer

Apologies

Mr K Mickle, Cr G Hansen, Mr B Cornish, Mrs V Watts, Mr S Bullock, Mrs E Turton

Members of the Public

Mr B Whitely	Mrs L Muller	Mr B Little
Mrs J Cornish	Mr K Price	Mr R Curtis
Mr R Treasure	Mrs J Bullock	Mr G Treasure
Mrs J Treasure	Mrs S Cornish	
Mrs L Boddy		

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings Held

3.1 Annual Electors Meeting – 15 February 2024

Statutory Environment:

Section 5.22 of the *Local Government Act* provides that minutes of all meetings are to be kept and submitted to the next ordinary meeting of the Council or the committee, as the case requires, for confirmation.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

010224AEM Moved: Cr M Watts Seconded: Cr R Cowan

Decision:

That the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on 15 February 2025 be confirmed as true and correct with the changes to the attendees list being to include Mr R Treasure and delete Mr K Price's name once as it was recorded twice.

Carried

4. 2023/2024 Annual Report

4.1 President's Report

4.2 CEO's Report

4.3 Adoption of Annual Report and Auditor's Report

Recommendation:

That the Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2024, including the Auditor's Report be adopted.

150224 Moved: Cr R Cowan Seconded: Cr M Watts

Decision:

That the Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2023, including the Auditor's Report, Financial Report, CEO's Report and President's report be adopted.

Carried

5. Public Question Time

5.1 Brendan Whitely

Summary of Question:

Could the work on the Codjatotine bridge have been done better? Work needs to also be done on the culvert on Pennington Road.

Summary of Response:

The Shire President replied that the Codjatotine bridge repair needs to be classified as temporary as there are underlying issues with the bridge and we need to make sure the underneath area has enough support.

Regarding Pennington Road, we have met with the chief engineer for the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network (WSFN) and talked about areas that were breaking up really quickly. They have agreed they would let us look at sectional work if we keep the repair sections to 8 – 10 kms.

Summary of Question:

Can Council start to get rid of the suckers growing back after the fire mitigation works?

Summary of Response:

Cr Watts replied that the suckers have been treated a couple of times.

5.2 Kelvin Price

Summary of Question:

Please give me a rough idea of this funding and how much funding can we get? If we had more money could we do it quicker?

Summary of Response:

In today's dollars the total upgrade works are in the order of \$5-6 million. The Shire currently contributes \$100,000 (approximately 7%) with the remaining funding from the Federal Government. Funding and scope of works is limited by the ability to do the work to the required standard, time available and matching funds available.

As for doing the works faster, we are visiting that at the moment. We can advise WSFN that we would like to finish it earlier.

5.3 Brendan Whitely

Summary of Question:

Is it distance or budget that dictate?

Summary of Response:

The Shire President replied that it is a combination of budget, distance and capability.

5.4 Jacquie Cornish

Summary of Question:

The parking and toilets area at Codjatotine requires some gravel to fill in the holes before the winter rains, last year it was a swamp.

Summary of Response:

The Shire President responded that we will see what we can organise before next winter.

Summary of Question:

Could the Shire also fill in the drain behind the CRC building and level it out for more parking, compacted not loose gravel.

Summary of Response:

The Shire President responded that this could be discussed at the CRC working group meetings that have commenced.

5.5 Lee Muller

Summary of Question:

Have Council got any plans to review the footpaths around town – gophers can't ride down them without going onto the road. Mainly along the main road.

Summary of Response:

We have got a footpath programme, we will have a look to see what is planned next.

5.6 Kelvin Price

Summary of Question:

In regards to rating on page 73 some of the properties were reclassified, some are GRV and some UV what is happening there?

Summary of Response:

The Shire President responded that there were a couple of omissions when properties were changing to GRV and these have now been rectified.

Summary of Question:

The north side windows of the CRC need some maintenance painting.

Summary of Response:

The Shire President responded that our past CEO had plans to do a mural on that wall but this didn't progress. We have enough on our hands with the community centre at the moment but we will review community buildings including the CRC in the future.

5.7 Max Watts

Summary of Question:

What is the Council policy on rubbish bins? I have received various questions from Blackboy Springs residents wanting their rubbish picked up.

Summary of Response:

The Shire President responded that he hasn't been involved with this area but will look into it.

5.7 Rob Curtis

Summary of Question:

There are a lot of barking dogs in town, going all the time. Can something be done?

Summary of Response:

The Acting CEO advised that the ranger has been notified and will investigate.

5.8 Jacquie Cornish

Summary of Question:

When will the Community Centre kitchen be completed?

Summary of Response:

The Shire President asked the Chair of the Wandering Community Centre Upgrade Committee to respond – Brendan Whitely advised it will be complete by late April 2025.

5.9 Brendan Whitely

Summary of Question:

In light of the recent fires in Wandering would Council look at obtaining a speed tiller (plough) to assist with fire control?

Summary of Response:

This will be discussed at the next Bushfire Brigade meeting.

6. Closure of Meeting

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm.