

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.

WANDERING
First settled - January 1861
Wandering Road District est. 1874

GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS Agenda 05 February 2020 to be held at the Wandering Community Centre commencing at 7:30pm

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GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS AGENDA

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Present:

| | | | |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Cr I Turton | Shire President | Cr B Whitely | |
| Cr G Parsons | Deputy Shire President | Cr M Watts | |
| Cr J Price | | Belinda Knight | Chief Executive Officer |
| Mr G Curtis | Councillor-Elect | Barry Gibbs | EMTS |
| Mr P Treasure | Councillor-Elect | | |

Apologies:

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1. GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD – 14/11/2018

DECISION

That the Minutes of the General Meeting of Electors held 14/11/2018, and as attached be received.

4. 2018/2019 ANNUAL REPORT

- President's Report
- Chief Executive Officer's Report
- Auditor's Report

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING



SHIRE OF WANDERING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS MINUTES

Wandering Community Centre, Down Street, Wandering
14 November 2018 Commencing at 7.30pm

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Shire President opened the meeting at 7.30pm

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Nil

3. ATTENDANCE

3.1. PRESENT

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Cr B Whitely <i>President</i> | M Treasure <i>Acting CEO & Minute Taker</i> |
| Cr C Ferguson <i>Deputy President</i> | Mr R Treasure |
| Cr I Turton | Mr K Price |
| Cr J Price | Mr P Treasure |
| Cr G Parsons | Mrs T Brown |
| Cr M Watts | Mr M Sewell |
| Mr B Cornish | Mr L Whitely-Yzerman |
| Mrs A Hardie | Mr B Hunt |
| Mrs C Ryan | |
| Mrs S Cornish | |
| Mrs J Cornish | |
| Mr T Martin | |
| Ms A Yzerman | |
| Mr G Ryan | |

3.2. APOLOGIES

A O'Halloran *Chief Executive Officer*, Mr B Dowsett, Mr S Bullock, Mrs V Watts, Mr A Turton, Mr D Cornish,

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD ON THE 15ND NOVEMBER 2017

Moved: M G Ryan Seconded: Mrs J Cornish

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15nd November 2017 to be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

4.1. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

5. ADOPTION OF 2017/2018 ANNUAL REPORT

5.1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT- ANNUAL REPORT

The President reported on the 2017 / 2018 – challenges of completing flood damage works and funding from Main Roads during the year. The challenges of the work has impacted on Staff and Council hasn't been able to meet all requirements of the flood damage at this stage. Reid Road will be completed by the end of Feb 2019 if all goes to plan. Our Works Manager, Rod Evenis has recently left and Council working towards a position going forward.

QUESTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr P Treasure: What has been done in regards to the flood damage and receiving of claims?

The President stated that Administration has identified the damaged roads, completed the reporting requirements, submit report to Main Roads, who then assess the roads and reports and gives approval. The Council is then able to start the works, submit a remittance and Main Roads pay the claim. Main Roads are taking too long, they don't have enough resources, then we were told the report wasn't right, we completed it again and then they changed the rules slightly. We are being paid but it's a slow process.

Mr P Treasure: How does this affect the balance sheet, specifically regarding the loan?

The President stated, we have at times had a cash flow problem it we have borrowed up to \$900,000, we are currently sitting at a \$250,000 balance, it's a Treasury Secured Loan and we are hopeful that we will not be required to borrow any extra funds. The Balance is due in Feb 2019.

Mr K Price: When do you anticipated the whole flood damage to be completed?

The President stated Reid Road is the last project which is schedule to be completed by the end of February 2019.

Mr K Price: Will you have all the money from the claims in by this time next year?

The President stated yes we would assume so. The President stated that there are extra funds being spent on Reid Road, the design requires 5 pipes but Main Roads will only pay for 3 as 5 would be betterment. Council has approved to fund for the extra 2 pipes.

Mr K Price: Would this crossing be all weather?

The President stated yes but in a major storm and the pipes can't take the water it would flow over. The design on the crossing has been designed by an Engineer and audited by Main Roads, for the Council outlay it is the cheapest way we can have a result for the crossing.

Mrs S Cornish –What basic maintenance and drains clearing will occur?

The President stated that there is an ongoing process to progress the maintenance of culverts but it will take a few years to be completed.

Mr K Price: What is our bottom line, are we pretty square, all good?

The President state that three years ago was a dire situation but we have turned the corner and it's looking good. A couple of extra years we will be in a good direction.

Mr K Price: What about our debt? The President state costs for auditing will double.

Ms J Price stated that the Council has two loans, one for the house and the other for the flood damage.

NB: Loans as at 15/11/2018

5 Dunmall Drive Housing Loan - \$109,583.43 Outstanding – Maturing Mar 2020

WANDRRA – Short Term Loan Facility - \$250,000.00 – Maturing Jan 2020

5.2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

ADOPTION OF 2017/2018 ANNUAL REPORT - THAT THE SHIRE OF WANDERING'S 2017/2018 ANNUAL REPORT BE RECEIVED AS PRESENTED.

Moved: Mr K Price Seconded: Mrs A Hardie
That the Shire of Wandering 2017/2018 Annual Report.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF 2017/2018 AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT BE RECEIVED AS PRESENTED.

Moved: Mr C Ferguson Seconded Mr G Ryan
Audited Financial Report be received as presented.

CARRIED

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1. PLANT

Mr M Sewell asked regarding the plant upgrade and if the Shire are able to handle another loan to upgrade plant.

The President stated that the Shire are in the process of updating the Roller, they will trade in two old rollers and have three quotes for a \$90 - \$100k changeover. In the future the grader will need changing and Council will have to decide if two or one graders are required and will make a decision if a loan will be required.

6.2. PUMPHREYS BRIDGE

Mr P Treasure asked if Council have discuss the use of the free camping grounds at Pumphreys.

The President stated that it is getting to the stage that it is becoming a problem and Council will have to decide a way forward or choose to stop it. It is difficult to stop with the Ranger or charge for camping or have someone to oversee it. We are aware of the issue and it's an ongoing problem.

Mr M Watts asked about the Bridge?

Mr P Treasure asked if someone fall off are we covered?

The President state yes we have discussed with our insurer and we are totally covered.

Mr C Ferguson state there are water and rubbish issues.

Mrs S Cornish stated that campers are mainly self-sufficient and if you take it away they stop here in Wandering.

The President state we don't want stop people but we haven't worked out a plan. The site is in magazines, social media, while there was a few people it wasn't an issue now there are more caravans it is becoming an issue. We are looking at giving it to the Lions Club as Council can't charge as it's not an approved use of the land. People would be able to donate to the Lions Club and this would be funnelled back into the community.

Mrs J Cornish stated that the ablutions were clean, well done.

Mr M Sewell asked that as the bridge is heritage listed, is there a way to make it safer.

The President state that it can't be pulled down, and to repair is too large cost. Our Insurer have informed us to sign post, install guards so people can't drive on it, Signage like - Caution - no diving; Danger, Enter at own risk.

There are many associated issue's that's why Council has investigated with our insurers, what has to be done to insure that Council isn't liable if there is an accident there.

Mr M Sewell asked if Council has investigate funding from the Heritage Council?

The President stated no this hasn't been investigated, it is registered in the Shire of Wanderings Heritage Inventory.

NB: The Bridge isn't Heritage listed and the Heritage Council has indicated that it isn't likely that it would be included, it therefore doesn't qualify for heritage funding.

6.3. ROADS

Mr K Price asked about why doesn't the Shire look at cutting back on the main roads and put the money on the roads that locals use, like York-Williams, Bannister Road etc. The main bitumen road is soaking up our money.

The President stated that Council is planning on another 5km on the York-Williams Road south of Pumphrys Bridge. Council is involved in ongoing State discussions regarding a secondary freight route, if that pans out then the Shire of Wandering has included more Local Roads.

Council has tried to have Main Roads maintain the main bitumen roads but they won't take it on, as it currently doesn't meet Road Usage quotas to qualify. It does underpin our Road program and it's an ongoing issue to keep the road funding.

Mrs S Cornish asked if Council has representatives for the Road Alliance?

The President stated there are no Shire Representatives.

Mr K Price stated that the new style of road grading was great and would like to see that style kept.

The President stated that Brad, our Leading Hand did a great job and Council is confident that we are on track to maintain this into the future.

Mr M Sewell asked about only one side of the road being sprayed and were it has been sprayed the wildflowers have sprung up.

The President stated road side spraying has been addressed in Council to improve the maintenance of roads, and we are trying very hard to get that right. It is an ongoing process that we are getting better at it.

Mr I Turton stated that one of the big factors we are running into are environmental groups and environmental issues and penalties.

The President stated objections to clearing of road sides is becoming increasing difficult, and obtaining clearing permit, if there is any objections this can delay road works.

7. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The President thanked all those in attendance and closed the meeting at 8.27pm. The President stated that the minutes for the meeting will be signed off at the December 2018 Council meeting.