



MINUTES

ANNUAL ELECTORS' MEETING

13 MARCH 2024

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**ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING
BOYA COMMUNITY CENTRE, CNR CLAYTON AND SCOTT STREET, BOYA**

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

Acknowledgement of Country

Shire of Mundaring respectfully acknowledges the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation, who are the traditional custodians of this land. We acknowledge Elders past, present and emerging and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the region.

1.1 Opening of the Meeting

The Presiding Person declared the meeting open at 6.31pm

1.2 Record of Attendance

Council Members	Paige McNeil (Presiding Member) Cr Doug Jeans Cr Prapti Mehta Cr Trish Cook (Deputy President) Cr Luke Ellery Cr John Daw Cr Neridah Zlatnik Cr Jo Cicchini Cr Karen Beale	Shire President Central Ward Central Ward South Ward South Ward East Ward East Ward West Ward West Wared
Staff	Jason Whiteaker Garry Bird Megan Griffiths Mark Luzi Clinton Kleynhans Anna Italiano	Chief Executive Officer Director Corporate Services Director Strategic & Community Services Director Statutory Services Acting Director Infrastructure Services Minute Secretary
Apologies	Nil	
Leave of Absence	Nil	
Electors	W Mackaay Anthony Onesti John Doncon Melissa Strutt M Mann Eric Smith Dr Anil Subramanya S Moore Jasmin Sleep Corina Sleep K. Herb Titelius	

Steve Morse
Lynn Middleton
Colin Markey
Craig Vivian
Rob Rowe
Joan Quinn
Alf Leaven
AM Keightley
Debra Bishop
Owen Briffa
Cliff Harris
Judith Harris
Tom Burbidge
John Bell
Max Hore
Jenny Johnson
Colin James
Heinz Dreher
Janet Atkins
Stevie Braun
Greg Jones
Ann Crittenden
Maraiah Magson
Vincent Holdsworth
Simon St Pierre

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Observers Nil

**Electors
Apologies** Nil

**Members of
the Press** Nil

2.0 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

2.1 Receiving of Annual Report

RECOMMENDATION	
Moved by John Doncon	Seconded by Greg Jones
That the Annual Report, including the audited annual financial statements, for the year ended 30 June 2023 be received (ATTACHMENT 1).	
CARRIED	

3.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 Electors Questions

Summary of Questions		Summary of Responses Given
1. Lynn Middleton - Mundaring		
1.	The Shire currently has a requirement for development in Mundaring for 12 units to be developed on a half acre lot. I'm wanting to know whether the Shire are continuing to require a requirement of 12 units when it is not similar to any of the other developments in the area and currently there are no developers who I have approached who are interested in putting 12 units on a half acre lot in central Mundaring?	Director Statutory Services advised that the Shire currently has those provisions, however, is currently reviewing the Shire's town planning scheme which has commenced. There will be a report to Council, hopefully before June, to request the Western Australian Planning Commission to provide advice on how to do that. During the review of the town planning scheme, the review of the density code of the town centre will be looked at.
2.	Does the Shire have any guidelines, any incentives for people to build houses which are energy efficient and sustainable dwellings? If not, are they aware of state and federal incentives there are for these types of developments and do they pass this information on to potential developers?	The Chief Executive Officer advised that, no the Shire currently does not have any incentives in place, however, the Shire's Building Services team do ensure that all homes comply with the National Construction Code whereby all new houses are required to be built to the current 6 star minimum energy rating.
2. Jenny Johnson – Hovea Resident & Ratepayers Association		
1.	In the last financial year, the Containers for Change at	The Chief Executive Officer advised:

	<p>Coppin Road processed 4.67 million items at a return to Council for 6c per item.</p> <p>a) How was this income expended?</p> <p>b) What were the administration costs of the facility?</p> <p>c) As the community created this income, how much has been allocated to community projects that are outside of normal business?</p> <p>d) So the community groups that actually collected and did all the work involved in collecting those cans and delivering to the centre, those actual community groups don't get any direct benefit from the scheme?</p>	<p>a) The income generated from that service is used to off-set the Shire's waste charge so is directly given back to the community as a saving.</p> <p>b) This question was taken on notice.</p> <p>c) All the income generated is used to off-set the waste levy charge that is levied against ratepayers so there is a direct saving going back to ratepayers.</p> <p>d) If the community has a code that they use, when the containers are dropped off then that amount is credited to that code which they can access.</p>
2.	<p>Could Council consider returning to past ceremonies where the whole community is invited to share in the Australia Day Celebrations?</p>	<p>The Chief Executive Officer advised it is open for Council to consider how the Australia Day Ceremonies are conducted and to consider feedback received.</p>
<p>3. Dr Anil Subramanya – Hovea Resident & Ratepayers Association</p>		
	<p>1) When was the Shire's Climate Change Adaptation Strategy developed?</p> <p>2) When was the Emissions Reduction Strategy developed?</p> <p>3) What information is available regarding the progress of both these strategies and where can this information be accessed?</p> <p>4) When will both these strategies be reviewed?</p>	<p>The Chief Executive Officer advised:</p> <p>1) The Climate Change Adaptation Strategy was developed in 2012.</p> <p>2) The Emissions Reduction Strategy is currently being developed and will be presented to the April Ordinary Council meeting.</p> <p>Clarification: while the response was around a strategy being developed, it is important to note that there is a pre-existing strategy in place which this will replace. This strategy was developed in 2018</p> <p>3) Information can be obtained by contacting one of the Shire's Environmental officers directly and they can provide any information required.</p>

		<p>Clarification: Information can also be obtained from the Shire of Mundaring website https://www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/environment-waste/environment-sustainability/reducing-energy-and-emissions.aspx</p> <p>4) The Shire's Climate Change Adaptation Strategy review will be completed in 2025.</p>
4. Tom Burbidge – Mundaring Resident & Ratepayer Association		
1.	<p>Will the Shire of Mundaring ask WALGA to gather interested LGA's and other parties to lobby the Federal Government for reliable mobile phone and home phone coverage during a power outage lasting more than 15 minutes?</p>	<p>The Shire President advised that, on behalf of Council, she has been advocating to anybody that will listen, including WALGA on telecommunications and improved connectivity, not just during emergency events but every day in the Perth hills. WALGA had a roundtable to address this. There is also a Federal review in telecommunications that has commenced and former Minister Alannah MacTiernan is heading up that review. The Shire President has also had recent meetings with Tanya Lawrence and also Linda Reynolds and discussed telecommunications. In the near future there will be an opportunity for some community input on that. It is front and centre of the Shire's advocacy at the moment and definitely highlighted through the recent Parkerville bushfire and the super-cell storm event on 16 January. The Shire President also advised that when possible she is advocating on behalf of the Shire of Mundaring and also other peri-urban and regional areas where telecommunication connectivity needs enhancing.</p>
2.	<p>Acknowledging that two Parkerville bushfires were started by overhead power lines, will the Shire of Mundaring set a goal of putting overhead power lines underground, perhaps over 30 or more years to alleviate the cost?</p>	<p>The Chief Executive Officer advised that the new Western Power targeted underground power program excludes the hills areas due to the prohibitive cost of trenching and drilling. Due to the cost prohibitive nature of this work unfortunately there is no ability for the Shire of Mundaring to fund this out of its own revenue.</p>
5. Maraiah Magson – Stoneville		
1.	<p>Regarding the logistics of rolling out the FOGO program:</p> <p>1. What are the costs for the Shire to maintain our general waste services and have our green waste</p>	<p>The Chief Executive Officer advised:</p> <p>1) The costs are based on a per lift rate, in accordance with the Regional Waste Agreements.</p> <p>2) The total cost of waste services is recovered in the waste charge and associated waste fees for discretionary additional services;</p>

	<p>collection services as fortnightly?;</p> <p>2. Does the cost for maintaining the current waste program, including FOGO, equate to the portion of rates revenue associated?; and</p> <p>3. What are the environmental implications of taking our old bins away to "recycle" them?</p>	<p>3) The only bins proposed to be replaced are the tall thin 140L bins to the short wide 140 L style, which to date has been on an as required basis. As red lids get rolled out the 140 L skinny bin will be replaced. Those in sound condition will be reused.</p>
<p>6. John Doncon – Mundaring Sporting Club Incorporated</p>		
<p>1.</p>	<p>With regards to the leased premises upgrades, including the Mundaring Sporting Club, what is the outcome of the assessments within the Shire and is there any short-term developments to take place?</p>	<p>In adopting the 2023/24-2026/27 Corporate Business Plan, Council has determined that Shire leased facilities will now be included for consideration for access upgrades, alongside Shire run facilities. Information is currently being gathered from the lessees regarding their usage, which will help inform future prioritisation of buildings to be considered for access upgrades (noting that Parkerville and Glen Forrest Halls are the current priority for upgrades, with construction contracts awarded with works to commence this financial year.</p> <p>In addition, Shire recreation facilities that are leased, for example sporting clubs and tennis clubs, are now also being included in the Recreation Facilities Informing Strategy, which is currently in development. That Strategy will consider and prioritise a range of recreation requirements. This Strategy will also be considered by Council later this year.</p>
<p>7. Tom Burbidge – Mundaring Resident & Ratepayer Association</p>		
<p>3.</p>	<p>Will the Shire create a project for the Railway Reserve Heritage Trail to become a tourist destination, from Gugerri Street to the Industrial area?</p>	<p>The Chief Executive Officer advised there is currently no existing plan, however, the Railway Reserve Heritage Trail is one of many trails that the Shire currently promotes and will continue to promote as part of its tourism marketing strategy.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Does the Shire of Mundaring have a vision for the Mundaring Town Centre in 5, 10, 20 and 50 years time?</p>	<p>The Chief Executive Officer advised that yes, the Shire has a strong vision for the Mundaring town centre and has a Mundaring Town Centre Masterplan which was adopted by Council in March 2017. It outlines the vision for the town centre and what will be achieved in the short, medium and long</p>

	term. That plan is available on the Shire's website or can be accessed at the Shire office also.
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3.2 Electors Motions

3.2.1 Addition to Welcome to Country

MOTION	AEM1.03.24
Moved by: Anthony Onesti	Seconded by: Vince Holdsworth
That Council amends the current 'Acknowledgement to Country' to <u>ADD</u> the paragraph stated below: "Shire of Mundaring respectfully acknowledge the peoples from across the world who came after the traditional custodians of this land we all Australia. We acknowledge their sacrifices, past present and future in the continuing efforts with traditional custodians to make Australia free for all Australians." CARRIED	

3.2.2 Upgrade of Burkinshaw Park

MOTION	AEM2.03.24
Moved by: Melissa Strutt	Seconded by: Simon St Pierre
That Council make the upgrade of the Burkinshaw Park universal change rooms its first priority and include a spectators pavilion into the build provision. CARRIED	

3.2.3 Upgrade of Bilgoman Aquatic Centre

MOTION	AEM3.03.24
Moved by: Eric Smith	Seconded by: Heinz Dreher
That the Mundaring Shire in its budget deliberations for the 2024/2025 financial year insert in the budget that the Bilgoman Community Swimming Pool be enclosed around the pool area and that the grassed areas be excluded from the enclosure. CARRIED	

3.2.4 Noise Pollution at Bilgoman Aquatic Centre

MOTION	AEM4.03.24
Moved by: Ann Crittenden	Seconded by: Maraiah Magson
That the Mundaring Shire takes positive action to try to alleviate the unacceptable level of noise pollution at the Bilgoman Aquatic Centre with a possible solution to plant two or three rows of hedges along the fence line next to the Great Eastern Highway.	
CARRIED	

3.2.5 Compensation - Refund of Rates

MOTION	AEM5.03.24
Moved by: Greg Jones	Seconded by: Rob Rowe
That the Shire of Mundaring fully compensates Lara Churton-Hughes and her husband Alastair Hughes (of 1560 Woodlands Road, Stoneville) the equivalent amount of annual rates previously paid and any other levies also previously collected for a two (2) year period, being 2021/2022 and 2022/2023, in order to partially compensate those residents for their loss of privacy, loss of amenity and general use and enjoyment of their private property, in favour of allowing the Stoneville VBFB to operate out of their property as a temporary Fire Station in order to continue to serve and protect the local Stoneville and wider communities whilst potentially saving the Shire of Mundaring Ratepayers an estimated \$140,000 plus, over a two (2) year period.	
CARRIED	

3.2.6 Climate Emergency Action Plan

MOTION	AEM6.03.24
Moved by: Dr Anil Subramanya	Seconded by: Max Hore
That the Shire of Mundaring:	
1) Develops an action plan to support the Shire's 2019 Declaration of Climate Emergency in consultation with the community;	
2) Establishes an advisory body of experts to help develop and guide implementation of the Climate Emergency Action Plan; and	
3) Establishes partnerships and collaboration with other local councils within WA and other states in developing a collective response to the climate emergency for maximum impact.	
CARRIED	

3.2.7 Rural Small Holding Zoning

MOTION	AEM7.03.24
Moved by: Colin Markey	Seconded by: Craig Vivian
That properties classified as Zoned Rural Small Holding (cl 5. 10. 11) be reduced to a requirement of no less than 40 acres to be able to then apply for subdivision or strata title and building a second dwelling with no size restrictions to the size of the dwelling.	
CARRIED	

3.2.8 North Stoneville Structure Plan 34

MOTION	AEM8.03.24
Moved by: Debra Bishop	Seconded by: Greg Jones
That Council formally apply to intervene as a party to the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) public hearing of North Stoneville Structure Plan 34.	
On March 8, at a Directions hearing, SAT determined that any application to intervene in the Full public hearing of SP34, is to be made in writing to SAT by August 23.	
CARRIED	

3.2.9 FOGO

MOTION	AEM9.03.24
Moved by: Maraiah Magson	Seconded by: Vince Holdsworth
That Council maintain the weekly general waste bin collection services, regardless of the implementation of FOGO.	
CARRIED	

3.2.10 Organisational Improvement

MOTION	AEM10.03.24
Moved by: John Bell	Seconded by: Heinz Dreher
<p>That Council establishes a set of aspirational VALUES in the 2024-25 financial year and that the stated values will provide a destination for organisational improvement.</p> <p>And:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That such Council lead values are not just motherhood statements but become lived values that apply at all levels of the Shire;2. That in the establishment of these values staff will not be involved directly or indirectly to avoid the inherent conflicts / perceived conflicts of interest. That Council will directly engage a specialist external consultant to assist them;3. That the values that are established will guide all behaviours, documents and decisions of everyone in the Shire;4. That future Community perception surveys will be designed to include community perceptions of adherence to the values that are exposed by Council;5. That design of future Community Perceptions surveys will be approved by Council prior to issue; and6. Throughout the organisation and at all levels, organisational values will and be a part of the KPI setting and staff review process.	
CARRIED	

3.2.11 Mundaring Town Centre Development

MOTION	AEM11.03.24
Moved by: John Bell	Seconded by: Heinz Dreher
<p>That in the 2024-25 financial year Council will commission an independent, well credentialed property development consultant to provide options to expedite development of the Town Centre:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Considerations will be given that such developments might be Shire, debt (Treasury), Grants by patient investors or other solutions that the consultant may suggest;2. The Shire may become owners and landlords of some apartments, commercial tenancies or social amenities in order to underpin construction commencement;3. The underlying principle will be that such developments would need to be cash flow positive to avert an excessive burden on the finances of the Shire and will contribute to the progressive development of the Town Centre; and4. That the consultants report will deliver options and provide a credible, independent report to support Grant or other applications.	
CARRIED	

3.2.12 De-Politicisation of Environmental Protection Agency

MOTION	AEM12.03.24
Moved by: Stevie Braun	Seconded by: Maraiah Magson
<p>That the Shire of Mundaring (SOM) advise State Government requesting de-politicisation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) such that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The EPA becomes entirely eco-scientific, and independent of government control or influence - able to report to the Environment Minister but without any direction or requirement from that minister, including no requirement for the minister to provide the EPA with any "Statement of Intent";2. The EPA becomes proactive in actually protecting the environment by requiring comprehensive eco-scientific research and record of all land for the basis of public and mutual consultation by development proponents and all other sectors of the community; and3. The EPA makes the independent eco-scientific information from proactive land research and analysis the basis of adjudication of a matter brought to the attention of the EPA, in place of the current adjudication process made on the basis of information provided by competing vested interests, which is usually not comprehensive and objective and therefore cannot be relied upon to be eco scientific. <p>This communication to State Government is to be made in a letter composed in collaboration with Friends of Council Mundaring, Nannas for Native Forests Perth Hills, and Friends of the Northern Jarrah Forests (and any other local, relevant, interested parties), with information attachments approved by WA Forest Alliance and other relevant environmental non-government organisations.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	

3.2.13 Hyperspectral Survey Policy

MOTION	AEM13.03.24
Moved by: Stevie Braun	Seconded by: Cliff Harris
That the Shire of Mundaring resolve to make a Hyperspectral Survey Policy, which:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Supports the future implementation of Hyperspectral Survey across the Shire of Mundaring;2. Resolves to collaborate with the community and other Shires toward obtaining a Hyperspectral Survey of all shires within the Northern Jarrah Forest Belt;3. To proactively inform all Council planning and land management with accurate updated land and people information; and4. Including informing eco planning and development which meet the criteria for obtaining UNESCO listing of the Northern Jarrah Forest Belt, as a World Biosphere and World Heritage Centre.	
CARRIED	

3.2.14 Friends of the Northern Jarrah Forests

MOTION	AEM14.03.24
Moved by: Corina Sleep	Seconded by: Cliff Harris
That the Shire of Mundaring resolve to collaborate with the local and wider community (including non-government organisations (NGOs) - including Friends of the Northern Jarrah Forests and WA Forest Alliance (Wafa) and other Shires within the Belt) in eco-scientifically investigating (without partisan or vested interest interference) the reality and feasibility of the Northern Jarrah Forests Belt WA, becoming accredited as a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve and/or World Heritage site.	
CARRIED	

3.2.15 Northern Jarrah Forest Ecology

MOTION	AEM15.03.24
Moved by: Corina Sleep	Seconded by: Cliff Harris
That the Shire of Mundaring resolve to support the works of the Friends of the Northern Jarrah Forest, Mundaring, in their quests to:	
1. Eco-scientifically save the Northern Jarrah Forest ecology in the Shire of Mundaring, as model for all other shires within that ecology;	
2. Network the shires of the Northern Jarrah Forest Belt, which includes the Shire of Mundaring and all neighbouring shires, to collaborate toward registration of the Northern Jarrah Forests Belt as a UNESCO Biosphere and World Heritage Centre;	
3. Support networking of those shires to mutually obtain Hyperspectral Surveillance as a means of collecting geo-bio data across the entirety of the Northern Jarrah Forests; and	
4. Set up of an umbrella “Friends of the Northern Jarrah Forests WA” for:	
• the coordination of all ‘Friends of the Northern Jarrah Forests’, with a friends group in each shire; and	
• the coordination of a “Scientists for the Northern Jarrah Forests Advisory Group”, probably under the auspices of Wafa (WA Forest	
CARRIED	

3.2.16 Mt Helena Skate Park

MOTION	AEM16.08.24
Moved by: Joan Quinn	Seconded by: Maraiah Magson
That Council change the Mt Helena skate park Shire contribution to 2024.	
CARRIED	

3.2.17 Initiatives in Forest Science

MOTION	AEM17.08.24
Moved by: Jasmin Sleep	Seconded by: Cliff Harris
That the Shire of Mundaring resolve to encourage and support all initiatives for all sectors of Shire of Mundaring to be educated in Forest Science, and in particular the science of the ecology of our Northern Jarrah Forest.	
CARRIED	

3.2.18 Initiatives in Community Governance

MOTION	AEM18.08.24
Moved by: Jasmin Sleep	Seconded by: Stevie Braun
That the Shire of Mundaring resolve to encourage and support all initiatives for all sectors of Shire of Mundaring to be educated in Community Governance.	
CARRIED	

3.2.19 Containers for Change Project

MOTION	AEM19.08.24
Moved by: Jenny Johnson	Seconded by: Eric Smith
That Council consider allocating the 6c collected in the Containers for Change project, be expended on projects submitted by these community groups who have participated in this scheme.	
CARRIED	

4.0 CLOSURE

4.1 Closure of the Meeting

The Presiding member declared the meeting closed at 8.02pm