

SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY

# Annual General Meeting of Electors: Minutes

1 February 2024



## **DISCLAIMER**

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Signed on behalf of Council



**VERNON LAWRENCE**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

### **NOTES**

- 1. The person presiding at the meeting (usually the President or Deputy President) is entitled to move, second, speak to or vote on motions.**
- 2. Motions moved at Electors Meetings will be considered by Council at the next ordinary council meeting or as soon as practicable. Any decision in response to motions moved at the Electors Meeting are to be recorded in the minutes of that meeting.**

**SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS**  
**KUNUNURRA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 5:00 PM**

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**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

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I now declared the meeting open at 5.01 pm.

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

Cr T Chafer	Deputy Shire President
Cr Dear	Councillor
Cr Hearty	Councillor
Cr Kyne	Councillor
Cr McNeil	Councillor
Cr Robinson	Councillor
V Lawrence	Chief Executive Officer
F Heading	Director Corporate Services
N Kearns	Director Planning and Community Development
P Webb	Councillor
N Bray	Minute Taker
L Heading	Resident
M Coventry	Resident
S Lawrence	Resident
T O'Connor	ABC Kimberley

**Apology**

Cr D Menzel                      Shire President

**Leave of Absence**

Nil

### 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### 3.1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS 27 APRIL 2023

##### RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on 27 April 2023 be confirmed.

##### COUNCIL DECISION

Minute Number: 01/02/2024 - 118959

Moved: Cr T Chafer

Seconded: Cr B Kyne

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on 27 April 2023 be confirmed.

Carried / Lost: 7/0

For: Cr T Chafer, Cr M Dear, Cr D Hearty, Cr B Kyne, Cr C McNeil Cr B Robinson, L Heading

Against: Nil

### 4. PRESENTATION OF THE 2022/23 ANNUAL REPORT

Advised that the 2022/23 Annual Report is available on the Shire website to view.

#### 4.1. SHIRE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Chief Executive Officer summarised the President's Message from page 6 of the Annual Report.

#### 4.2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Chief Executive Officer gave a summary of progress for the 2022/23 year as outlined in the Message from the CEO on pages 8-9 of the Annual Report.

#### 4.3. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

The Chief Executive Officer and Director Corporate Services outlined the findings of the Auditor's Report as outlined in pages 114-116 of the Annual Report.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the 2022/23 Annual Report, including the Shire President's Message, Chief Executive Officer's Report and Annual Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report be received.

## **COUNCIL DECISION**

Minute Number: 01/02/2024 - 118960

Moved: Cr D Hearty

Seconded: Cr M Dear

That the 2022/23 Annual Report, including the Shire President's Message, Chief Executive Officer's Report and Annual Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report be received.

Carried / Lost: 9 / 0

For: Cr T Chafer, Cr M Dear, Cr D Hearty, Cr B Kyne, Cr C McNeil Cr B Robinson, L Heading, M Coventry, S Lawrence

Against: Nil

## **5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The floor was opened for Electors to have the opportunity to ask a question or make a statement.

Written questions or comments received prior to the meeting were considered first.

### **5.1 QUESTIONS OF WHICH PRIOR NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

#### **Question from Mark Coventry, Kununurra:**

*I would like the drainage on Jabiru Road to be looked into?*

#### **Response from CEO V Lawrence:**

The matter was taken on notice to be investigated by the Director Infrastructure for a response.

#### **Question from Mark Coventry, Kununurra:**

*As a local Business Owner in a profession that could assist in repairing the old weed harvester (previously owned by the Shire/that is still located in Kununurra) I have a two-part question:*

*Firstly, as a possible business opportunity, if I invest my skills and time in repairing the old weed harvester and assist in cleaning up and maintaining the excessive amount of Cumbungi weeds in Lily Lagoon, would this be something the Shire would support? and secondly, if not, what is Council's plan regarding the Cumbungi weed issue?*

#### **Response from CEO V Lawrence:**

This is a topic that has been in recent conversations between both the Council and the Administration as we have been approached by a number of members of the community

with this same concern. So, we are very aware of the matter and it is something we want to address.

The legal environment around it as we understand it, is that Water Corporation owns the water and we do not have sole rights regarding the land side aspect of the Lagoon. This means the management of the lagoon is not a Shire responsibility as it is not a Shire asset, and we have no control over that aspect of it. Where we do have a role and the opportunity to provide input is around advocacy on this issue due to the community interest in that space and because no one else is taking responsibility for it.

There has been a number of recent conversations regarding what stepping in to this space looks like in regards to what plant and equipment is required, what resourcing is needed, how waste product collected is collected, transported and treated etc. It is quite a big project. As an administration, I would rather allocate a budget item as a contribution to someone on an annual basis to get the work done than over stretching our current staff compliment and resourcing. If you have an idea on how that can work, we welcome having a detailed discussion with you on how we can achieve this objective at East Lily Lagoon and for inclusion in our considerations as part of our upcoming budget process.

Councillors present noted the link between the Lake Kununurra Foreshore Plan and this objective which will be considered as part of the current review of this plan.

## **5.2 QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE FLOOR**

Nil

## **6. ACCEPTANCE OF MOTIONS**

The floor is now open for Electors have the opportunity to move motions.

Written questions or comments received prior to the meeting will be considered first.

### **6.1 PROPOSED MOTIONS OF WHICH PRIOR NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

*M Coventry put forward the motion:*

#### **MOTION 1**

**Moved: M Coventry  
Seconded: Cr T Chafer**

**That Council investigate the opportunities and options to reduce the amount of vegetation in East Lily Lagoon**

**Carried / Lost: 9 / 0**

**For: Cr T Chafer, Cr M Dear, Cr D Hearty, Cr B Kyne, Cr C McNeil Cr B Robinson, L Heading, M Coventry, S Lawrence**

**Against: Nil**

### **6.2 PROPOSED MOTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE FLOOR**

Nil

## **7. CLOSURE**

The meeting was declared closed at 5:35pm.