



MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2017

I hereby certify that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors are a true and accurate record of the proceedings contained therein.

Shire President Confirmed

Date: _____

Item No	Description	Page No
1.	DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS.....	3
2.	RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED.....	3
3.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.....	4
3.1	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS 28 April 2015.....	4
4.	PRESENTATION OF THE 2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT	4
4.1	Shire Presidents Report	4
4.2	Chief Executive Officers Report	4
5.	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME / OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS.....	5
6.	CLOSURE	13

**SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY
MINUTES
OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
HELD ON TUESDAY, 31 JANUARY 2017 AT 7:00 PM**

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 7:05pm.

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

ATTENDANCE

R Yuryevich	Commissioner
C Askew	Chief Executive Officer
D Klye	Director Infrastructure
L Gee	Director Community Development
V Lawrence	Director Corporate Services
M Le Riche	Executive Assistant (Minute Taker)

GALLERY

R Adam	SWEK
B Robinson	EK Marine
J Phillips	JP Consulting
F Heading	SWEK
P Cottle	NDC
N Hawes-Wright	KCRC
M Northover	KRPA
S Becke	Resident
V McEvoy	Kununurra Visitors Centre
R B Dessert	
R Storey	
L Hannagan	SWEK
D Aladin	
P deKruif	Kimberley Echo
D Spackman	
A Petherick	
N Perry	
S Hawes	SWEK
G Young	
K Wright	
A Wright	

APOLOGIES

NIL

LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

NIL

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS 9 FEBRUARY 2016

RECOMMENDATION

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors 9 February 2016

DECISION

Moved: Mr K Wright

Seconded: Mr D Spackman

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors 9 February 2016.

Carried 7/0

4. PRESENTATION OF THE 2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT

4.1 Shire Presidents Report

4.2 Chief Executive Officers Report

DECISION

Moved: Ms N Perry

Seconded: Mr K Wright

That the 2015-2016 Annual Report, including the Shire President's Report, CEO's Report, Annual Financial Statements and Auditor's Report be received

Carried 6/0

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME / OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Question from Donna Aladin, Ironwood Drive, Kununurra

Question 1 – Just recently the Shire has stopped mozzie fogging. There has been a lot of advertising people of what any normal person would know to cover up and don't leave water around and all that stuff.

Unfortunately you would know from flying in how much water we have around the place and I'm sure a lot of people would tell you that covering up and all that is not always working. Please find some form of budget to fog our town. Wyndham is worse than Kununurra, I understand that. I love Wyndham, I go there often. We have a very small house, it's a just a 3 bedroom fibro with a tiny little lounge room. We spend 90% of our time outside, and we can't. My kids don't have a Playstation, we don't have a Wii. I'm very much an outside mum and this is impacting my family and my friends immensely. Surely we can put aside budget money from somewhere to fog. I'll even donate my husband whose a truck driver. I'll donate my husband to drive around if the Rangers are busy or don't want to work the overtime. It is honestly that bad, and it's not just Ross River we are worried about. There are other diseases that I know are in this town that other people have. It really is that bad.

Director Louise Gee provided the following response:

We have not ceased fogging. We recently fogged in Wyndham. Council has adopted a Mosquito Management Plan which outlines clearly the triggers for fogging. We have a budget allocated for mosquito management. These triggers are determined by current weather conditions, amount of community complaints, sentinel chicken results, numbers of mosquitoes we are trapping, disease notification and we utilise larvacide and adulticide. Whole lot of activities around mosquito monitoring. When those number reach a critical point we liaise with the Department of Health. Fogging is a one off knockout. It won't give a long term benefit.

Question 2 – When was the last time you fogged in Kununurra?

Director Louise Gee provided the following response:

In Kununurra, I couldn't tell you. At this stage in Kununurra the triggers haven't been reached for fogging to occur.

Question from Danny Carter, 14 Nutwood Crescent, Kununurra

Question 1 – SWEK had 1037 voters that voted in the 2015 local election here in the Shire of the East Kimberley.

We have 771 signatures tabled in Parliament, with 74 extra signatures and counting to be handed in after the election. This is a total of 845 signatures on a petition being handed into parliament after the election from residents from SWEK who oppose water fluoridation.

Kununurra already has very high amounts of Natural fluoride in the water, which our water consumption would be higher than most parts of Australia. Both the Health Department and the National Health and Medical Research Council have not been able to provide us with calculations of dosage rates of Fluoride in conjunction to water consumption for Northern Australia.

The Health Department of Western Australia gave misleading information about the original consultation meeting back in 2010 which we received an apology from the chairman of the fluoride committee in front of a large crowd at the 2016 consultation. At this 2016 meeting there were 50 residents (which would have been more but they were an hour late to their own meeting).

At this meeting most residents opposed water fluoridation and voiced their concerns towards the Health Department. There was not one single resident in Kununurra who was in support of artificial water fluoridation.

Back in 2012 in the Shire of Carnarvon there was strong community action and a pro active local council were successful with stopping the Health Department from forwarding their plans for artificial fluoridation of its town water.

Kununurra has the support from our local State member Josie Farrer, state candidate for the Liberal Party Warren Greatorex as well as our federal member for parliament Melissa Price.

Richard Theobald a member of the Fluoridation committee of Western Australia met with members of the SWEK council last year and after I have personally spoke to all of those councillors, I am of the "understanding" that all councillors were opposed to water fluoridation for Kununurra. It is very unfortunate as a ratepayer and resident of SWEK that I don't have my 9 elected councillors here before me for their support.

Based on all of the above I ask that the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley, support community members by taking the following action:

Danny Carter moved the following motion:

ELECTOR MOTION

Moved: Mr D Carter

Seconded: Mr K Wright

That Council:

1. **A) Write a letter to the current Health Minister on behalf of the 845 plus residents that have signed the petition to immediately halt plans to fluoridate the town's water supply.
B) Write a letter to potentially the new Health Minister of Western Australia after the state election to immediately halt plans to fluoridate the towns water supply.**
2. **If the Health Department/Health Minister of Western Australia decline to listen the concerns of residents, local and federal MP's and the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley. That the Health Department provide an extensive survey to all residents of SWEK on the issue of Water Fluoridation?**

Carried 15/1

ELECTOR MOTION

Moved: Mrs D Aladin

Seconded: Mr M McClelland

That Council implement a fogging program to fog in Kununurra without triggers

Carried 13/2

Question from Anne Wright, Bull Run Road, Kununurra

Question 1: I'm concerned about the lack of white lines painted on roads. Most pressing is the T-junction Messmate and Coolibah drive. People turning right from Coolibah Drive cut the corner. It's very dangerous. I'd really like a demarcation of the middle of the road and the T junction. Another area is the carpark at Tuckerbox there are lines missing. Why were other areas not done when Konkerberry Drive was done?

Commissioner Ron Yuryevich provided the following response:

I will be looking into line marking around town.

Director David Klye provided the following response:

Intersection lines are regulatory and are approved and painted by Main Roads. We have approached Main Roads on the issue of the T-junction at Messmate Way and Coolibah Drive previously and both occasions have advised that it is not necessary.

In regards to the line marking at Tuckerbox, I will take that on notice and I will investigate.

Question 2 – We used to get a voucher for the rubbish tip for our Bull Run Road property and there is no rubbish pick up, but now we don't get a voucher for the rubbish tip. We also own property in Freshwater apartments which we do get a voucher for. I'm wondering why we get a voucher for our Freshwater apartment but not the Bull Run Road Property.

Director David Klye provided the following response:

Tip vouchers are allocated based on rating category. Bull Run road is in a category that Council determined should not get a voucher, whereas Freshwater apartments are in a rating category that does.

Commissioner Ron Yuryevich provided the following response:

I will be doing a review of the rubbish collection services and will take on board Mrs Wright's concerns.

Question from Darren Spackman,

Question 1 – There's been some trouble dumping liquid waste at the tip. People have been turned away. Is the Shire looking forward to fixing this? Is there any management in place to fix it?

Director David Klye provided the following response:

The liquid waste ponds are not full. They have significant capacity. There is an emerging issue that I am aware of and in the process of responding to. I am not aware of any customers being turned away

ELECTOR MOTION

Moved: Mr D Spackman

Seconded: Mr K Wright

That the Shire reinstate the rocks at Ivanhoe Crossing.

Carried 17/0

Question from Silke Becke, Egret Close, Kununurra

Question 1 – Can the AGM please be advertised in the Shire section of the Kimberley Echo.

Carl Askew, Chief Executive Officer provided the following response:

It was advertised in the January 12 edition of the Kimberley Echo, in the public notices section.

Question 2 – The Local Planning Scheme No.9 and Local Planning Strategy, I understand this has been passed on to the Minister. This is meant to be a tool that assists in the decision making of the future of the town. In the document, it repeatedly mentions that it is an aspirational view of what the town will be in 25 years time. What is this substantiation of this view?

Carl Askew, Chief Executive Officer provided the following response:

Based upon some of the comments you have made towards the end of your question, I think you are referring to the East Kimberley at 25,000 document which is the Kimberley Development Commission Blue Print - which is very much an aspirational document for the growth of Kununurra and the East Kimberley. Certainly for the Shire in terms of the Strategy it is a "future looking" document. The Planning Strategy and Scheme also look at the future planning for the Town but from a "hands on" perspective related to planning/building from now. The Scheme is normally reviewed every five years. The Scheme will affect planning decisions immediately.

Commissioner Ron Yuryevich provided the following response:

The Blue Prints were required to project forward based on what is known today. When state government adopts those documents that gives them an indication in regards to funding, grant funding etc into your community. It is important to have those documents, aspirational or not. We're classed here as a growth centre and

we'll be doing a lot of work on that over the next seven or eight of months. That's a critical document and I hope the everyone here takes an interest in it and comes to the public meetings and has input because that will guide this town forward for many years.

Question 3 - With the rezoning, the Scheme talked about more residential and industrial areas. Does whoever decides this still look at the fact that we have a lot of residential sub-divisions, rural sub-divisions and industrial sub-divisions that aren't selling?

Commissioner Ron Yuryevich provided the following response:

We do look at the whole picture but we have to plan to the future so if that area is zoned residential or industrial then its ready to come the next boom and we have to be ready for it. All over the state things not selling but that doesn't mean it's going to stay that way. The whole point of a town planning scheme is that it doesn't just plan for now, it plans for 2020. It should be revised every five years but look far beyond that.

Question 4 - In regards the water at the moment – it's just really a normal wet season. In the town it seems like it only takes a spit of water to cause flooding. Does the drainage need to have money in the next budget?

Commissioner Ron Yuryevich provided the following response:

Yes. I've indicated to the staff that based upon recent capital projects there should be money left over and as part of the mid year budget review this will be placed into a drainage reserve. I've been talking to the CEO about the establishment of a drainage plan by September. We will be working with OIC and Water Authority. I have to say that at the recent stakeholders meeting, Council was congratulated on drainage. The more issues identified will give us the ammunition to get money from State Government to assist us going forward.

Question 5 - What is the difference between red lid and green lid rubbish bins. Our bin was not picked up for a couple of weeks. I was told it was because it was a red lid.

Director David Klye provided the following response:

Red lids have been allocated to some rural areas as part of a recent extension to our service and are for domestic waste. Most residential properties still have a green lid. If your bin is not collected, please email the Shire and this will be rectified.

Question from Grant Young, Boobialla Way, Kununurra

Question 1(a) – Why is the road to Valentines Springs Road to Black Rock is always closed?

Director David Klye provided the following response:

A number of ancillary roads are currently closed to protect them from damage. It is hoped that when a road is closed, traffic ceases to use it and so protects it from further damage.

Question 1(b) – I've been here 52 years and it used to be open all the time during the wet season. The road naturally closes itself at the Valentines Creek when it comes up. The road is not very well maintained. Why are they closing the road when it is perfectly fine?

Commissioner Ron Yuryevich provided the following response:

From my area too there's a track which goes all the way to the South Australian border and we close it regularly but we do have people that drive on it when its closed, they tear it up and we do fine them a considerable amount of money. We've actually fined the Australian Army.

Grant Young – Commissioner, we've taken four wheel drives out there, not cars.

Commissioner Ron Yuryevich provided the following response:

That's what the Australian Army had, four wheel drive vehicles.

Grant Young – We used to be able to drive out there many years ago when we were contractors fixing it up and now the Shire does it themselves. They have to grade it anyway, whether people drive or they don't, its going to get damaged anyway, so why not leave it open and we've got our playground back.

Commissioner Ron Yuryevich provided the following response:

I'll refer you to an example of the Shire of Lenora and an insurance claim they had to pay in the order of \$250,000, I think, because they didn't close the road and a four wheel drive went out there, rolled and unfortunately they weren't able to help the young driver. Council is charged with the responsibility of maintaining roads and ensuring they are safe. I take the point about maintenance.

Mr Darren Spackman moved the following motion:

ELECTOR MOTION

**Moved: Mr D Spackman
Seconded: Mr K Wright**

That Council seek gazettal for the remainder of the main drain through king location 715

Carried 10/0

ELECTOR MOTION

**Moved: Mr M McClelland
Seconded: Ms E Lutz**

That Council allow dogs at Celebrity Tree Park off leash

Carried 9/1

Question from Mark Northover, Lot 100 Mills Road, Kununurra

Question 1 (a) – Why is the online gift register non-compliant and not been updated since 16 June 2016.

Carl Askew, Chief Executive Officer, provided the following response:

As far as I'm aware it is up to date. Obviously we don't have any elected members to make any declarations at this point in time. But I'll certainly look at it if it's not working. As things come in and are lodged, they are updated to the website. If there is an error in the technology I will look into it.

Question 1 (b) – It is an error on your behalf Carl as it is very clear in the minutes that several payments have been made for flowers and other notable gifts and they are noted as gifts but are not in the gift register.

Carl Askew, Chief Executive Officer provided the following response:

The only gifts I know we have given of flowers have been for bereavements and for a wreath. I do not believe that they were gifts to staff or elected members.

Question 1 (c) – What concerning me, you got four cartons of beers being given and you're spreading between your employees on one particular item on the gift register and yet when you're asked about the relation between the receiver and the giver you're putting N/A not applicable on your website gift register.

Commissioner – *who was the giver?*

Mark Northover – Ah Shire, from a private business in town.

Carl Askew, Chief Executive Officer provided the following response:

I will look into this matter and investigate.

Question 2 – What are you doing about the Debt Service Cover Ratio?

Commissioner Ron Yuryevich provided the following response:

Me personally? Nothing. This will be looked at during the budget review when we will get a snapshot of the finances etc of the whole Shire.

Question 3 – Why was there no detail for the auditor to put together an asset renewal ratio?

Carl Askew, Chief Executive Officer provided the following response::

This is related to the finalisation of the Shire's Asset Management Plan which is a work in progress.

Question 4 – Of the 16 staff earning in excess of \$100,000, can I have the number relating to each of the directorates?

Commissioner Ron Yuryevich provided the following response:

That is operational.

Mark Northover moved the following motion:

ELECTOR MOTION

Moved: Mr M Northover

Seconded: Mr K Wright

That Council give consideration during budget to Valentine Springs Road to an all weather classification.

Carried 10/1

Question 5 (a) – In relation to the landfill, the Director banned the sale of recycled materials. There are businesses from down south that are buying batteries and steel. Why aren't locals given the same opportunities?

Carl Askew, Chief Executive Officer provided the following response:

We've not banned the sale of recycled materials. The Tip Shop is temporarily closed. We have advertised for a community organisation to run the shop. It is hoped that the Tip Shop will reopen with the help of a local community group and that they will be able to benefit from the sale of items.

Director David Klye provided the following response:

Our normal recycling program continues with the sale of batteries

Question 5 (b) – where is the money going?

Director David Klye provided the following response:

Not sure where it is accounted for however all income is recorded through the Mandalay system and, in all likelihood, is retained in the landfill reserve.

Question 5 (c) – Does the public have access to that information?

Carl Askew, Chief Executive Officer provided the following response:

Monies are recorded within our finance system and is available.

Donna Aladin moved the following motion:

ELECTOR MOTION

Moved: Mrs D Aladin

Seconded: Mr K Wright

That Council reintroduce cyclone clean up from the verge twice a year

Darren Spackman moved an amendment that Council reintroduce residential clean up twice a year and open the tip for free dumping for two weekends.

ELECTOR MOTION

**Moved: Mr D Spackman
Seconded: Ms S Rushby**

That Mrs Aladin's motion be amended to a reintroduction of residential clean up twice a year and open the tip for free dumping for two weekends.

Carried 15/0

ELECTOR MOTION

**Moved: Mrs D Aladin
Seconded: Mr K Wright**

That Council reintroduce residential clean up twice a year and open the tip for free dumping for two weekends.

Carried 13/0

6. CLOSURE

The Commissioner declared the meeting closed at 9:03pm