



MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
HELD ON
MONDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2025
COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS





MINUTES

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President declared the meeting open at:5.02pm

Acknowledgement of Country:-

The Shire of Three Springs acknowledges the traditional owners of this land – the Southern Yamatji people, and their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to elders both past, present and emerging.

2. Recording of Attendance

Madam President, Chris Lane
Mrs. Nadine Eva
Mrs. Julia Ennor
Mr. Zac Mills
Chief Executive Officer
Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Executive Secretary
Ms. Joy Ridley
Mr. Neil Hebiton

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Annual Electors Meeting held on 5 February 2024

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3.1	Confirmation of Minutes of Annual Electors Meeting held 5 February 2024 and signed at the Ordinary Council Meeting 27 March 2024.	06/02/2024

4. Business Arising

5. Annual Report 2023/2024

5.1 Presidents Report

5.2 Chief Executive Officer's Report (Includes Statutory Reports)

Agenda for Annual Electors Meeting to be held Monday 3 February 2025

5.3 Annual Financial Statement
5.4 Auditor's Report / Management Report

6. General Business

Consistent with Section 5.27 (3) of the *Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, Electors in attendance at the Annual General Meeting of Electors are invited to raise matters of general business.

Questions by Joy Ridley of Mayrohfer Street, Three Springs on behalf of Heather Lamprey:

1. Concerned over Memorial Rose Garden – not getting watered - replacing every year is costly

CEO - Heathers concerns are noted.

2. Fish Pond – Water Plants Dead – needs an upgrade

Zac Mills - Pumps has been replaced.

Shire President – be good once we have a better filtration system and looking at getting a safety screen across the top to keep kids away but agrees it does need an upkeep.

3. Local Emergency Management Arrangements – where is the Evacuation Centre – Community needs to be better notified.

Joy - Tricia supplied a copy of the Local Emergency Management Plan to Joy for Heather.

CEO – we have two Evacuation Centres – one being the Community Hall and the other being the Sports Pavillion. The Incident Control Centre is currently being built at the back of the Community Hall.

Shire President – we will let people who are not on social media know where the Evacuations Centres are as well as the Defibrillators around town and any other emergency information also.

Questions from Joy Ridley

1. CCTV Cameras – are they all operating or need to be upgraded?

CEO – this is still a working progress – money in the budget to fix up and also to add new CCTV to the old system. The Police will be able to have 24 hr access to them. The swimming pool CCTV has been updated and staff provided with alarms – can be monitored by security company in Perth and Police can get access to the footage.

2. Lovelocks Soak

Is Lovelocks Soak now supplying all the water to all of our Parks and Gardens?

Shire President – no we have tried but there is not the flow we had hoped coming through.

CEO- Lovelocks is running 24/7 and is filling the tanks at the hockey and football ovals but still not enough. Sprinklers are going every second day and we cannot decrease this as will be back to the same as last year.

3. Glyde Street Camp Reserve – is it still going to be designated for a Caravan Park?

Shire President – still in discussion stage – Council still need to make a decision on what it is going to be. It can be a combination of uses.

4. Presidents Message – Duffy's Store – Going to spend \$1mil this year?

Shire President – this is contingent on us finding and successfully securing a \$1mil loan – not Council or Ratepayer money. Still looking for a grant. We might need to lower our expectations and make it a safe, usable community space.

Joy Ridley – chances of getting a grant from the Federal Government is zilch now.

CEO – Our focus at this stage is preserving the building – will go back over our initial costings – what will it cost to stop the asset from falling over- maybe get Heritage Funding for this preservation from the state government.

5. Establishment of Vehicle Impoundment Procedures

Joy - Vehicles parked on public thoroughfare – does that mean if my bus is halfway out on Hall Street – you can technically impound the bus?

Shire President – probably technically – but there is a process to follow. Intent is to remove their vehicle from their verge to somewhere else but not their front yard. We have no say there unless it is a health and safety issue

CEO – we could do that but the focus on this policy is vehicles that are dumped on verges which are smashed up.

6. Pigeons – getting larger and larger

Joy-Flock of Rats with Wings they are. They breed up in the silos – they are feral and poop everywhere – can the ranger do anything?

CEO – perhaps we can contact CBH.

7. Land at the crossing of the railway track – the maze opposite the hotel – is that belonging to the Public Transport Authority (PTA) Railway – full of weeds, dry, a real fire risk?

CEO – we will make contact with them to clear it.

Questions by Neil Hebiton, Broad Road, Three Springs.

1. Harvest Time – Fire Messaging System

Just before Christmas on the Whats Ap and the Shire Messaging system, the harvest ban was lifted by the Chief Fire Officer at 12pm, the Shire did not notify it was lifted until 8pm, should have been harvesting but could not – something should be done or do not call a harvest ban.

Shire President – we will find out who is in charge of being in charge of messaging system and sort it out.

2. Roads – Why are we carting gravel 60k's from Pittfield Gravel Pit to the end of Skipper Road?

Spoke 3 years ago to CEO about it when we were carting 40 kms. There is lots of gravel pits out there, why are the shire not getting gravel off them.

CEO – we are still in that space – well aware of the dissatisfaction with regards to that – hope within 6 months there will be more gravel locations and are currently in negotiations.

3. Roadside Vegetation

Vegetation growing up on side of roads where 10 years ago Council fought like hell to get it under control and now it back to where it was.

CEO we got a fairly challenging letter from the Dept of Environment a few months ago, regarding over a dozen roads to explain our actions regarding clearing of vegetation. The Shire had to get legal advice regarding this and have a very limited corridor to which to clear vegetation to over the roads. Need to get permits to clear back vegetation now. Even if the vegetation is growing over the bitumen we need to very careful.

Neil Hebition- there is a tree hanging over the bridge near the hospital blocking vision of the road. Horrendous driving at night time with the kangaroos etc.

4. Roads with the Potholes

Neil Hebition – Bitumen Roads – some roads starting to look like the Eneabba Road which has been striped for the last 4 years. We need to look after them and not go backwards.

CEO advised that we have just signed a Contract worth \$11mil worth of works for Eneabba Three Springs Road, got a grant for \$11.5 mil for road works on the roads around town and also another \$13 mil from Main Roads for the next 4 years. We are aware what is happening on the road network around town.

5. Stacking distance from the Railway Line

Neil – there is still livestock getting around and we need 36.5 metre stacking distance.

CEO New CCTV on trailor, we are going to put that at the intersection and record all of the anomalies that occur at that intersection and pass that information onto the Police and Main Roads.

Shire President: It is in our Strategic Plan 25-26 and -26-7 to develop a Heavy Vehicle Haulage By Pass Plan Pass.

6. Old Crane that belongs to PTA – looks pretty average – can it be painted – I asked this question 10 years ago?

Shire President – we have talked before about painting it also should have an explanation of what it is.

7. Closure

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 5.44pm

I confirm these Minutes to be a true and accurate record of the proceedings of this Council.

Signed: NEV
Presiding Officer

Date: 26 February 2025