



Shire of
Katanning
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SHIRE OF KATANNING

ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

Minutes for the Annual Electors Meeting of the Shire of Katanning held on
Wednesday 26 February 2025 in the Council Chambers, 52 Austral Terrace Katanning.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President declared the meeting open at 7:00pm.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Shire of Katanning acknowledges the Goreng Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land that we live and work on. We recognise their cultural heritage, beliefs, and continuing relationship with the land, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Presiding Member: Cr Kristy D'Aprile - President

Council Members: Cr Liz Guidera – Deputy President

Cr John Goodheart

Cr Matt Collis

Cr Michelle Salter

Cr Ian Hanna

Cr Paul Totino

Council Officers: David Blurton, Executive Manager Corporate Services

Graham Barnes, General Manager Operations

Denise Gallanagh-Wood, Executive Manager Community Development

Taryn Human, Executive Assistant to CEO

Electors: Wayne Lequartermaine

Josie Speight

Leanne Barrat

Suzanne Bilney

Leave of Absence:

Apologies: Peter Klein, Chief Executive Officer

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**3.1 Annual Electors Meeting – 28 February 2024
(SEE ATTACHED MINUTES)**

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

MOVED: CR IAN HANNA

SECONDED: CR JOHN GOODHEART

OC21/25 That the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on Wednesday 28 February 2024 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

CARRIED

4. ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

MOVED: CR LIZ GUIDERA

SECONDED: CR JOHN GOODHEART

1. That the Annual Report for 2023/2024 be received
2. That the Shire President's Report be received.
3. That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.

CARRIED

5. GENERAL BUSINESS**Wayne Lequartermaine Statement**

Wayne Quartermaine enquired about the neglect of the gardens and the overgrown grass throughout the town and its surroundings over the past nine months.

Cr Kristy D'Aprile Response

Cr Kristy D'Aprile acknowledged that Councillors have raised similar concerns, noting that a staff shortage in the garden crew has contributed to the issue. To address this, the Council partnered with the Badgebup Corporation, and steps have been taken to resolve the problem.

David Blurton Response

David Blurton explained that staffing challenges led to outsourcing a contractor at a number of key locations around town. He also mentioned that a new structure is now in

place, including the appointment of the General Manager of Operations who is addressing the issue.

Susanne Bilney Statement

What is the Shire's long-term plan for Tourism?

Cr Kristy D'Aprile Response

Cr Kristy D'Aprile stated that the Council values its collaboration with the Historical Society and continues to maintain a strong partnership with Lost Katanning.

David Blurton Response

David Blurton advised that the Executive Team is reviewing the Council's Corporate Business Plan and evaluating various strategic areas. This will determine the Council plan for tourism in the short to midterm.

Cr Kristy D'Aprile Response

Cr Kristy D'Aprile stated that the Katanning CRC actively contributes to tourism.

Susanne Bilney Statement

What is the update on the field gun?

Graham Barnes Response

Graham Barnes acknowledged that he is aware of the gun's restoration and that plans are in place for its re-dedication sometime in October.

6. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 7:15pm.