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SHIRE OF KATANNING

ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

Minutes for the Annual Electors Meeting of the Shire of Katanning held on Tuesday 24 February 2026 in the Council Chambers, 52 Austral Terrace Katanning.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President declared the meeting open at 5:39pm.

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 Ian Hanna – Deputy Shire President
Cr John Goodheart
Cr Matt Collis
Cr Gemma Trolove
Cr Danny McGrath
Cr Paul Totino
Council Officers: Peter Klein, Chief Executive Officer
David Blurton, Executive Manager Corporate Services
Graham Barnes, General Manager Operations
Taryn Human, Executive Assistant to CEO
Electors: Peter Kerin
Daphne Kerin
Melvin Hettner
Leave of Absence:
Apologies:

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**3.1 Annual Electors Meeting – 26 February 2025
(SEE ATTACHED MINUTES)**

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

MOVED: CR IAN HANNA

SECONDED: CR JOHN GOODHEART

OC01/26 That the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on Wednesday 26 February 2025 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

CARRIED

4. ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

MOVED: CR PAUL TOTINO

SECONDED: CR MATT COLLIS

- 1. That the Annual Report for 2024/2025 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**Summary – Peter Kerin & President Kristy D'Aprile**

Peter Kerin congratulated Council on its 2024/25 performance and raised several matters, including recognition of the Historical Society's work, improved marking of the historic railway junction site, visibility of a mural obstructed by a tree, timing of Warren Road works during harvest, verge overgrowth, roadside litter, the financial pressures facing farmers, community engagement opportunities, and the positive customer service experience at the Shire's front office.

In response, President Kristy D'Aprile thanked Mr Kerin for his constructive feedback and addressed each issue. She acknowledged the strong performance of customer service staff and noted the successful implementation of new customer service policies in 2025.

She congratulated Rob Godfrey on his Historical Society work and advised that further proposals regarding railway site recognition will be presented to Council. The mural obstruction will be reviewed by staff, with consideration given to tree retention. She reassured attendees

that harvest timing is a key consideration in roadworks planning, noting the recent Warren Road issue was due to contractor requirements. Verge maintenance and roadside litter concerns will be followed up through maintenance scheduling. She also confirmed Council remains mindful of farming sector conditions when setting rates and continues to engage with the agricultural community.

President D'Aprile expressed appreciation for Mr Kerin's attendance and ongoing community input.

Summary – Melvin Hettner & President Kristy D'Aprile

Melvin Hettner raised matters, including responsibility for the mural opposite St John Ambulance and the potential installation of a memorial plaque recognising and acknowledging local migrant family history in connection with an upcoming family reunion.

In response, President Kristy D'Aprile clarified that the mural was completed by St John Ambulance and is not under Council's control, recommending that feedback be directed to St John Ambulance. She outlined the formal process for applying for a memorial plaque and advised that front office staff can assist with the application.

No further questions were raised.

6. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 6:20pm.