



Shire of **Katanning**

‘Katanning is a safe, sustainable, and prosperous community.
We respect and celebrate our diverse culture.’

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Dear Council Member

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of the Shire of Katanning held on
Wednesday 22 October 2025, in the Shire of Katanning Council Chambers,
52 Austral Terrace, Katanning.

DISCLAIMER

The Council of the Shire of Katanning hereby
advises that before taking any action on an application or a
decision of the Council, any applicant or members of the
public should wait for written advice from the Council.

PRESIDING MEMBER _____

DATE SIGNED _____

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISTORS

The Chief Executive Officer declared the meeting open at 5:09pm.

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. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

One nomination for the position of President was received in writing by the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting from Councillor Kristy D'Arpile. No further nominations were received at the meeting.

The Chief Executive Officer declared Councillor Kristy D'Aprile duly elected as President of the Shire of Katanning.

Councillor Kristy D'Aprile made a declaration of office in accordance with section 2.29 of the Local Government Act 1995 before Mr Doug Cherry JP.

Councillor Kristy D'Aprile took the chair at 5:20pm.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT

One nomination for the position of Deputy President was received in writing by the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting from Councillor Ian Hanna.

The President declared Councillor Ian Hanna duly elected as Deputy President of the Shire of Katanning.

Councillor Ian Hanna made a declaration of office in accordance with section 2.29 of the Local Government Act 1995 before Mr Doug Cherry JP.

4. SEATING ARRANGEMENT FOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS (COUNCILLORS)

The Chief Executive Officer will draw lots for seating arrangements in the Council Chambers. The Shire President and Deputy Shire President seats remain as custom.

	Shire President Cr Kristy D'Aprile 1	Chief Executive Officer	Minute Taker
Deputy Shire President Cr Ian Hanna	5	2	Cr John Goodheart
Cr Matt Collis	6	3	Cr Danny McGrath
Cr Paul Totino	7	4	Cr Gemma Trolove

5. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

PRESENT

Members:

- Cr Kristy D'Aprile
- Cr Ian Hanna
- Cr John Goodheart
- Cr Paul Totino
- Cr Matt Collis
- Cr Danny McGrath
- Cr Gemma Trolove

Council Officers:

- Peter Klein, Chief Executive Officer
- David Blurton, Executive Manager Corporate Services
- Graham Barnes, General Manager Operations
- Taryn Human, Executive Assistant to CEO
- Nurul Abdullah, Senior Administration Officer

Guest: Mr Doug Cherry, JP

Gallery:

- Michelle Hopkirk
- Arthur Todd
- Matthew Trolove
- Mark Stephens
- Samantha Stephens
- Julie Hanna

Media:

Apologies:

Leave of Absence:

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS / STATEMENT TIME**President Kristy D'Aprile Statement:**

President Kristy D'Aprile began by congratulating the newly elected Councillors and welcoming them to the team, while also thanking returning members for their continued dedication and experience. She acknowledged and expressed gratitude to past Councillors, noting that Katanning's vibrant community reflects their lasting legacy.

Reflecting on the past term, she highlighted the strong progress made in strengthening the community, improving infrastructure, and setting clear future directions aligned with the Shire's core values of safety, integrity, and community first.

Looking ahead, President D'Aprile emphasised the importance of thoughtful planning, good governance, and collaboration to ensure Katanning continues to grow in an inclusive, sustainable, and forward-thinking way. She called on Councillors to act with integrity, listen to the community, encourage innovation, and prioritise safety and community in all decisions.

She expressed confidence that the 2025–2027 Council will continue building a strong and united Katanning, stating her pride in past achievements and excitement for the future.

President D'Aprile closed by thanking the community for their trust and reaffirming her commitment to serving alongside her fellow Councillors as they begin their work together.

Arthur Todd Statement:

Arthur Todd congratulated the newly elected Councillors and thanked the continuing members for their service. He reflected on his own eight years as a Councillor, describing it as a great privilege and an experience he thoroughly enjoyed.

He expressed confidence in the future direction of the Shire under the leadership of President Kristy D'Aprile and CEO Peter.

Arthur also acknowledged and thanked the three candidates who nominated but were not elected, noting that having six nominations for three positions shows strong community engagement. He commended this level of participation, especially since many councils did not require an election, and said it was encouraging to see such interest in serving the community.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

8. MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

Nil.

9. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 5:33pm.