SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR



Minutes for the Annual Electors Meeting of the Shire of West Arthur held on Monday 5 February 2024 in the Hawthorn Room, West Arthur CRC, Burrowes Street, Darkan.

In accordance with section 5.27(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations, the matters to be discussed at a general electors' meeting are, firstly, the contents of the annual report for the previous financial year and then any other general business.

1. OPENING OF MEETING AND ATTENDANCE

The Presiding Member welcomed attendees and opened the meeting at 7.07pm.

COUNCILLORS

Cr Neil Morrell Shire President

Cr Karen Harrington (Deputy Shire President)

Cr Graeme Peirce

Cr Lucy Hall

Cr Adam Squires

Cr Duncan South

Cr Robyn Lubcke

STAFF

Vin Fordham Lamont Chief Executive Officer

Melinda King Manager of Financial Reporting
Gary Rasmussen Manager of Works & Services

APOLOGIES

Raj Sunner Manager of Corporate Services

ELECTORS

Ray Harrington, Ian Peirce, Teresa Peirce, Phil Harrington, Paul Doudle, Anne Doudle, Clinton Harrington, Patrick Harrington, Ian Woodruff.

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2.1. Annual Electors Meeting Minutes 23rd March 2023

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held at the Darkan CRC on 23rd March 2023 be confirmed as true and correct.

Moved:	lan Woodruff	Seconded:	Ray Harrington	
				CARRIED

3. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2023

- **3.1.** No questions or comments in relation to the annual report were received.
- 3.2. Receival of Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2023

Recommendation;

That the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2023 as presented, be received.

Moved:	Karen Harrington	Seconded:	Adam Squires

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS ELECTORS MEETING

4.1. Copies of the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on 23rd March 2023 are attached for information purposes.

Aboriginal Flag – Shire now has a flag and has installed three new flag poles. The Community Development Officer has been liaising with a local elder to conduct a smoking ceremony when the flag is flown for the first time. Just waiting on him to agree to a date and time.

House behind Rarebits – There is no demolition order. Original concern was the safety of people, particularly children, entering the building. The owner, however, has now installed fencing to address the issue. There is no justification for our Environmental Health Officer to issue a demolition order.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1. QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

5.2. OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS AS PERMITTED BY PRESIDENT

- 5.2.1. Paul Doudle raised concerns about the diversion of trucks from Coalfields Road onto Howie Road and then over the bridge on Bunce King Road when detours are in place. He has concerns about load restrictions as, although the outer pylons on the bridge were refurbished, the middle pylons have not been replaced. The Manager of Works & Services advised that an inspection was done in November and Main Roads advised the bridge is structurally sound. The pots, however, will need to be replaced next financial year. Council can request load restrictions be imposed through Main Roads and the request would be assessed by a Main Roads engineer. Signage suggested to show the load limit on the bridge and when detours are in place from Coalfields Road. Additional signage should be used to prevent access over the bridge section of Bunce King Road. The MWS and CEO advised that these suggestions will all be looked into.
- 5.2.2. Ray Harrington would like the issue of road trains accessing local traffic only roads such as Hughes Mill, Cordering North, Capercup North, Capercup South, Cordering South, and Trigwell Bridge. Roads should be local access only and trucks are a safety issue. The MWS will consider the use of signage to deter truck drivers.
- 5.2.3. Ray Harrington would like to record a vote of thanks to Neil Manuel for his time serving as a Shire of West Arthur Councillor. Those present agreed with this sentiment.

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Presiding Member closed the meeting at 7.33pm.