

SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR

Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting of the Shire of West Arthur held on Thursday 6 February 2020 in the Shire of West Arthur Council Chambers, Burrowes Street, Darkan commencing at 6.00 pm.

1000 ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLORS

Cr Kevin King
Cr Neil Morrell
Cr Graeme Peirce
Cr Marie Lloyd

Shire President
Deputy Shire President

STAFF

Nicole Wasmann
Melinda King

Chief Executive Officer
Manager – Financial Reporting

ELECTORS

Mary Dew
Ian Peirce
Theresa Peirce
Angela Smith
Bruce Smith
Ray Harrington OAM

APOLOGIES

Cr Julie McFall
Cr Adam Squires
Cr Neil Manuel

2000 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2019

Questions or comments in relation to the annual report were invited.

Moved: Cr Marie Lloyd

Seconded: Cr Neil Morrell

That the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2019 as presented, be received.

3000 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS ELECTORS MEETING

The Shire President advised that the toilet at the cemetery is in the current budget.

4000 GENERAL BUSINESS

4100 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Questions were invited from the public, the closing date being Thursday 30 January 2020. No questions were received.

4200 **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Mary Dew congratulated Council and staff on works and the general appearance of Darkan and the Shire. Mrs Dew asked what fire prevention and inspections were undertaken in the Darkan townsite. The CEO advised that the Shire has a Bush Fire Risk Management Plan for the whole shire and a specific townsite plan for the Darkan townsite which includes mosaic burning on an eight year cycle. Due to dry seasons, it has been difficult to undertake preventative burns during the last two years. In 2020, it is proposed to burn the area west of Nangip Creek on the south side of Johnston Drive. Mrs Dew asked that additional fire prevention be considered to control the wild oats in the Town Common.

Mrs Dew also asked Council to consider taking action in relation to the derelict house at 40 Hillman Street and the old butchers shop.

Concern regarding the number of dogs wandering in the Darkan townsite was raised by Mrs Dew and she asked whether a ranger checks that they are licensed. It was explained, that whilst patrols are not generally undertaken for wandering dogs, any complaints or reports are followed up with the support of rangers from the Shire of Collie.

Mrs Theresa Peirce reported a potential hazard with drop off along the retaining wall at the Lake. The Shire President advised that the matter would be investigated and the CEO reported that it could be considered as part of the Lake Management Plan which was currently being circulated for comment.

Angela and Bruce Smith spoke of their concerns regarding the proposed 90,000 head sheep feedlot adjoining their property in the Shire of Woodanilling. They are particularly concerned about the impact to their underground water supply and how it will affect their farm now and in the future as well as other properties in their area. Impact on roads from transport is also a concern, including roads in the Shire of West Arthur. The Shire President advised that the Shire of West Arthur had made a submission seeking the sustainability of the paleochannel be a high priority in the consideration of the proposal. Further the adjoining local governments were planning to meet to discuss the future of the water source.

6.24pm Ray Harrington entered the meeting.

Mr Ray Harrington expressed disappointment with the Council decision to allow a donga to be placed alongside a house in Arthur Street. Although the planning approval was only for storage, he believes that it is being used for habitation. Ray congratulated the Shire on the high standard of road construction and maintenance.

Mrs Dew asked why there was now only one trampoline in the youth area. The CEO explained that due to damage it had been removed. The Shire was preparing an application for funding to Lotterywest to assist with redevelopment of the area, which would include additional trampolines.

Mrs Theresa Peirce asked for approaching directional signage to be installed on the Boyup Brook Arthur Road near the intersection with the Moodarrup Changerrup Road to provide advanced notice of the turn off to Kojonup. She also raised concern about the approach to the intersection from Kojonup as a number of people had over run the intersection in the past.

4300 **OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS AS PERMITTED BY PRESIDENT**
Nil.

5000 **CLOSURE**

Cr Kevin King closed the meeting at 6:48 pm.