

SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR

SPECIAL ELECTORS MEETING



Agenda for the Special Electors Meeting of the Shire of West Arthur to be held on Thursday 21 April 2022 at the Hawthorne Room, West Arthur CRC, Burrowes Street, Darkan commencing at 6pm.

In accordance with section 5.28 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 16 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations:

This meeting is being held at the request of at least 5% of the electors of the district;

This meeting is being held on a day selected by the President within 35 days of receiving the request;

At least 14 days' public notice of the meeting has been given.

ATTENDEES WILL NEED TO REGISTER THEIR ATTENDANCE. ONLY THOSE ELIGIBLE TO BE REGISTERED AS ELECTORS OF THE SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE AT THIS MEETING.

COVID – LEVEL 1 RESTRICTIONS

The Shire acknowledges that the State Government has introduced Level 1 Public Health Measures state-wide. In accordance with these measures:

1. The maximum number of attendees inside the CRC is limited to the venue's official capacity;
2. All attendees must wear a mask;
3. All attendees must practice social distancing and remain 2 metres apart; and
4. All electors are required to sign the Attendance Register.

HOW THE SPECIAL ELECTORS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED

- The Shire President will preside over the meeting. If the Shire President is unable to attend, the Deputy Shire President will preside. If the Deputy Shire President is unable to attend, the electors must choose a councillor present to preside. If there are no Councillors present, then the electors are to choose one of themselves to preside (s 5.30 of the Local Government Act 1995).
- The only matter to be discussed at this meeting is the matter detailed under Item 3 of this Agenda.
- All electors present are required to sign the Attendance Register with their name and address.
- Only electors are permitted to vote.
- Each elector* who is present is entitled to one vote on each matter to be decided at the meeting but does not have to vote.
- Voting is to be conducted so that no voter's vote is secret.
- All decisions are to be made by a simple majority of electors present.
- The presiding person will call for a mover and a seconder for any motions.
- If a motion is moved and seconded, it becomes live and the presiding person will facilitate debate.
- Debate will be limited to 3 speakers for each motion, and 3 speakers against the motion.
- Speakers for, or against, the motion will be limited to 3 minutes each.
- All decisions made at the meeting are to be considered at the next Ordinary Council meeting or, if that is not practicable, at the first Ordinary Council meeting after that meeting; or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose, whichever happens first.
- There will be no public question time, in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.
- The meeting procedure to be followed, other than those listed above, is to be determined by the person presiding.

* An elector means a person who is eligible to be enrolled to vote at Shire of West Arthur local government elections.

1. ATTENDANCE

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at

2. ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLORS

Cr Neil Morrell	Shire President
Cr Graeme Peirce	Deputy Shire President
Cr Neil Manuel	
Cr Adam Squires	
Cr Duncan South	
Cr Karen Harrington	
Cr Robyn Lubcke	

STAFF

Vin Fordham Lamont	Chief Executive Officer
Darren Friend	A/Manager Corporate Services
Jamie Muir	Manager of Works & Services
Melinda King	Manager of Financial Reporting

APOLOGIES

ELECTORS

3. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The purpose of this meeting is to provide electors of the Shire of West Arthur the opportunity to vote on a number of motions pertaining to the West Arthur community being declared a Pro Choice community in relation to the State Government vaccination mandates.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Access means to enter, or remain at a premises.

Approved COVID-19 vaccine means:

- a. any vaccine that has been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) for use in Australia for the purpose of vaccinating persons against COVID-19 or any mutations and derivatives thereof; and/or
- b. any other vaccine specified by the Chief Health Officer, or any other person authorised by the Chief Health Officer for that purpose, as an approved COVID-19 vaccine.

Premises has the same meaning that it has in the Public Health Act 2016 (WA).

Vaccine does not mean the medical terminology as defined in medical journals, but is the generic term in the context of COVID-19 as referred to by the Therapeutic Goods Administration and the Chief Health Officer and Government Officials, and publications and statements made and issued under their auspices.

Vaccination status means whether a person is not vaccinated or has been vaccinated.

Not vaccinated means that the person has not been administered with any dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccinated means that the person has been administered with any prescribed doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine.

4. CONSIDERATION OF MOTION

4.1 COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement – Part 1

We request that the Council adopt an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement' with the content:

That no person shall or should be:

- a) prevented from performing work or receiving income on the basis of vaccination status;
- b) discriminated against on the basis of vaccination status;
- c) coerced or manipulated into the need for vaccination for any reason;
- d) restricted access to premises on the basis of vaccination status;
- e) restricted in any form of community participation on the basis of vaccination status;
- f) required to provide evidence for any reason of vaccination status; and / or,
- g) subject to anything under written law that a person who differs in vaccination status is not.

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

4.2 COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement – Part 2

We request that the Council adopt an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement' with the content:

That the Local Government shall:

- a) not restrict any function, property, or service of the Local Government based on vaccination status; and
- b) honour all obligations under contract for all persons adversely impacted as a consequence of inferred mandatory requirement for vaccination.

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

4.3 COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement – Part 3

We request that the Council adopt an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement' with the content:

That the Local Government actively advocate for:

- a) the removal of the COVID-19 mandatory vaccination policy and any associated directions made under the Public Health Act 2016 (WA); and

- b) the repeal of any mandate or written law, or, anything done under any mandate or written law that conflicts with this position statement.

MOVED BY:
SECONDED BY:

4.4 COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement – Part 4

We request that the Council adopt an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement' with the content:

The Local Government in performing an advocacy role will seek the cooperation of:

- a) Other Local Governments across the State;
- b) Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA);
- c) Local Government Professionals WA; and
- d) Other professional bodies, associations, and business entities.

MOVED BY:
SECONDED BY:

4.5 COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement – Part 5

We request that the Council adopt an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement' with the content:

That the Council advocate to all relevant departments and ministers of the State Government on behalf of the West Arthur agricultural and trade sectors, that the mandates be amended to allow these industries to operate without restriction given that the work environments are open air, with the capacity to easily socially distance and Low Risk.

MOVED BY:
SECONDED BY:

4.6 COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement – Part 6

We request that the Council adopt an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement' with the content:

That the Council advocates on behalf of our local volunteers to all the relevant departments and ministers of the state government, to allow for all willing community members to actively participate in a volunteer role, particularly emergency services, free from medical prejudice.

MOVED BY:
SECONDED BY:

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

The President declared the meeting closed at

