

SHIRE OF WEST ARTHUR



Minutes for the Annual Electors Meeting of the Shire of West Arthur held on Monday 10th February 2025 in the Hawthorn Room at the West Arthur CRC, 27 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.

1000 OPENING OF MEETING AND ATTENDANCE

The Presiding Member, Cr Morrell, welcomed attendees and opened the meeting at 7.05pm.

COUNCILLORS

Cr Neil Morrell	Shire President
Cr Karen Harrington	Deputy Shire President
Cr Graeme Peirce	
Cr Duncan South	
Cr Russell Prowse	
Cr Robyn Lubcke	

STAFF

Vin Fordham Lamont	Chief Executive Officer
Raj Sunner	Manager Corporate Services
Gary Rasmussen	Manager of Works & Services

APOLOGIES Cr Adam Squires

ELECTORS Nicole Morrell
Jim Wisniewski
Rebecca South

2000 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2100 Annual Electors Meeting Minutes 5th February 2024

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held at the Darkan CRC on 5th February 2024 be confirmed as true and correct.

Moved: _____ Cr Harrington _____ Seconded: _____ Cr Peirce _____

CARRIED

3000 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2024

3100 Questions or comments in relation to the annual report will be invited. It is preferred that these are communicated in writing (email accepted) to the CEO prior to the meeting to enable questions to be adequately researched.

3200 Receival of Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2024.

Recommendation:

That the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2024 as presented, be received.

Moved: _____ Cr South Seconded: _____ Cr Lubcke

CARRIED

4000 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS ELECTORS MEETING

4100 Nil.

5000 GENERAL BUSINESS

5100 QUESTIONS

Questions are invited from the public. It is preferred that these are communicated in writing (email accepted) to the CEO prior to the meeting to enable questions to be researched.

Questions submitted to the CEO by Pam Stockley in writing and prior to the meeting, followed by responses.

5101 Bushfire risk of the Nangip Creek and Common areas. After the two local fires and recently walking thru this area I was really concerned about the risk this area poses to the town. The weeds are thigh high, the creek is choked with weeds and dead trees, and it all looks pretty neglected. What is the Shire plan for this area? It's a perfect place to develop into a lovely close to town walk featuring our natural environment... easier to access than hillman for the passing and/or older tourist. No mention of this in the report.

Darkan Bush Fire Brigade Captain, Duncan South, will walk the area and discuss risk and potential actions with the Manager Works and Services and Community emergency Services Manager.

5102 This is for the emergency services group. Given the increased risk of bush fires what is the plan for keeping the towns folk up to date with evacuation and fire readiness? We have a substantial number of older people now in town who are not smart phone enlightened... would it be pertinent to run some info sessions, liaise with the CRC about their clients. Think about what might happen if the creek did get alight and the impact on the cottage homes etc.

An annual community presentation by the Shire by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Community Emergency Services Manager or Department Fire & Emergency Services will be considered.

5103 I would have liked more in the report to reflect on the importance of the CRC in supporting the Shire. I'm retired for this organisation now so can comment as a ratepayer, the CRC does enable this community to flourish and picks up a lot of the issues that are identified in the shire community consultation. The fact that we are now supporting 10 of the more complex aged care clients through packaged care, have secured 6 months funding for a community car trial and provide a range of activities for older clients (as well as managing the cottage homes) enables the Shire to have a growing older population in the shire. This is a vital organisation to our Shire.

Chief Executive Officer and Councillors agree with comments about the importance of the West Arthur CRC, and the CEO will include appropriate wording in next year's Annual Report.

5200 OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS AS PERMITTED BY PRESIDENT

Nil.

6000 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Presiding Member closed the meeting at 7.08pm.