



ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

21 MARCH 2024

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Presiding Member:..... **Date:**.....

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1.03.24 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 7.33pm and welcomed all those in attendance.

On behalf of Council, I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Nyoongar People and pay respect to all Elders, past, present, and emerging. I wish to acknowledge and respect local people's continuing culture and the contribution they make to Country and its life.

Elected Members (Voting)

Cr KL Crute	President
Cr T D de Lange	Deputy President
Cr HA Bell	
Cr B Copping	
Cr C Hayden	
Cr L McCabe	
Cr R Wallis	

Staff (Non-Voting)

Gary Sherry	Chief Executive Officer
Deanne Sweeney	Manager Corporate and Community
Kevin D'Alton	Manager Projects
Sandie Spencer	Executive Governance Officer

Apologies

Nil.

Members of the Public

Mr Eric Pech
Mrs Lyn Pech
Mrs Judy Williams
Mrs Kate Walker
Father Philip Raymont
Ms Nola Craig

2.03.24 BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

In accordance with Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, 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.

2.03.24.01 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

File No:	FIN007A
Date of Meeting:	21 March 2024
Author and Authorising Officer:	Deanne Sweeney – Manager Corporate and Community
Declaration of Interest:	Nil.

Summary of Item:

Council is to present the Shire of Brookton 2022/2023 Annual Report.

Matters to be Considered:

Attendees of the meeting are welcome to request clarification or further information in relation to the following components of the Shire of Brookton's 2022/2023 Annual Report including:

- Shire President's Report;
- Chief Executive Officer's Report;
- Other statutory reporting;
- Financial Report and Statements; and
- Audit Report.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Annual Report for the Shire of Brookton for the year 2022/2023 be received.

(Simple majority vote required)

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED Cr de Lange SECONDED Cr McCabe

That the Annual Report for the Shire of Brookton for the year 2022/2023 be received.

CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE

Attachment – Provided under separate cover
Attachment 2.03.24.01A – 2022/2023 Annual Report.

3.03.24 GENERAL BUSINESS

3.03.24.01 Confirmation of Previous Annual Elector Minutes

Mr Eric Pech asked about the Shire process in confirming the Minutes of the Council's Annual Electors Meeting.

The Shire President, Cr Katrina Crute, advised that, as a formal meeting of the Council, the minutes from an Annual Electors Meeting were confirmed at the following Ordinary Council Meeting. This confirmation was part of the statutory process where staff could formally report to Council on any matter from the Annual Electors Meeting requiring a Council decision.

Cr Crute advised that any matter from a previous Annual Electors Meeting could be raised by an Elector through General Business at a future Annual Electors Meeting.

3.03.24.02 Waste Management Letter

Mr Eric Pech asked about the Shire providing a letter to the Shire's contractors who managed the Shire's Waste Disposal Site that was raised in the 2023 Annual Electors Meeting. Mr Pech continues to believe that the Shire's Waste Disposal Site is a quality service that continues to have wide support and appreciation within the Brookton community.

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Gary Sherry, advised that the Shire of Brookton had a continuing good working relationship with Shire's Waste Management contractor. The Shire had regular communications with the contractor to oversee the operation of the Site.

3.03.24.03 Highs and lows of the previous year

Fr. Philip Raymont asked what Council saw as the highs and lows of the previous year.

The Shire President, Cr Katrina Crute, advised that the refurbishment of the Railway Station was both disappointing that a tender had not been completed, but was an exciting project that would have considerable positive impact on the Brookton Town Centre.

Cr Crute advised that the delay in obtaining funding through the DRFAWA process to repair damage from the March 2023 storms was a disappointment to Council. In Cr Crute's opinion, given the long delay, the frustration felt by residents in waiting for action was very reasonable.

3.03.24.04 Welfare at fires

Mr Eric Pech asked if the cost of the food and drink provided by Council to bush fire volunteers at fire events was refunded to Council by the Emergency Services Levy (ESL). Mr Pech noted that the ESL was a charge paid by all ratepayers.

The Shire President, Cr Katrina Crute, advised that this cost was refunded.

3.03.24.05 Brookton Community Resource Centre

Fr. Philip Raymont asked how the Brookton Community Resource Centre (CRC) was performing after the management was transferred to the Shire of Brookton. Father Raymont noted that the CRC's in the district were a central component in the life of those communities.

The Shire President, Cr Katrina Crute, advised that the Brookton CRC continued to perform well and was increasing the range of community programs offered.

3.03.24.06 Brookton Railway Station

Mr Eric Pech asked about the delay in issuing the tender for the refurbishment of the Railway Station and when Council expected to be in a position to commence works.

Mr Kevin D'Alton advised that the Shire is expecting to be in a position to go to tender in the next month. Mr D'Alton warned that once the Shire had accepted a tenderer to complete the works, only then can the Shire and that tenderer commence negotiation with Arc Infrastructure to manage the interaction between the construction works and the railway line. The Shire remains concerned about the time to complete this.

3.03.24.07 Brookton Memorial Hall

Mrs Lyn Pech noted the work on the Brookton Memorial Hall and asked about future stages of refurbishment.

The Shire President, Cr Katrina Crute, advised that Council had appointed an architect to prepare a scope of works for the next stage of development of the Memorial Hall. This work will include refurbishment of the foundations and drainage. This work will likely require removal of sections of the floor to access the foundations.

4.03.24 CLOSURE OF MEETING

With no further business the Shire President Cr Katrina Crute, closed the meeting at 7:53pm.