



MINUTES

of the

**Annual Electors' Meeting**

held

**Tuesday 27 April 2021**

in the

**Council Chambers**  
11-13 Waldeck Street, Dongara

I certify that this copy of the Minutes is a true and correct record of the meeting held on Tuesday 27 April 2021

Signed: .....  
Presiding Elected Member

Date: ..... 22/6/21

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## **MINUTES**

### **1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

The Shire President welcomed Councillors, Staff and Electors and opened the meeting at 5.00pm.

### **2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

#### **Members**

Councillor M T Smith

Shire President

Councillor B Wyse

Deputy Shire President

Councillor G S Eva

Councillor A J Gillam

Councillor M Leonard

Councillor I Scott

Councillor H M Wells (*via teleconference*)

Councillor I F West

#### **Employees**

Mr S D Ivers

Chief Executive Officer

Mr B Jeans

Manager Regulatory Services

Mrs D K Chandler

Governance & Executive Coordinator

Mr P Godfrey

Manager Finance

Mr M A Jones

A/Manager Infrastructure & Development

Ms N A M’Leane

Development & Executive Officer

Mrs R Shadbolt

Coordinator Process Improvement

#### **Apologies**

Mr P Traylen

Manager Infrastructure & Development

#### **Electors and Members of the Public (Non Electors)**

J Arden – Premier Circle, Dongara

R Murray – Ocean Drive, Port Denison

S Bligh-Lee – Francisco Road, Dongara

### **3. 2019/20 ANNUAL REPORT**

S Ivers, CEO provided an overview of the 2019/20 Annual Report highlighting the following:

- The reporting period for this Annual Report is 01 July 2019 – 30 June 2020. The 2019/20 financial year commenced as the year of consolidation but turned out to be the year of unprecedented challenges.

### **MEDICAL CENTRE**

- Not far into the financial year was the announcement by the Shire’s only medical practice to cease operating. In the space of 3 months from the announcement, the Shire facilitated successful engagement with the community, operated the practice, engaged a Principal GP and a few months later purchased the building. Shane, CEO thanked the Council, Staff, supporting agencies, medical professionals and the community who worked collaboratively to deliver this successful outcome.

### **COVID 19**

- Following the purchase of the Medical Centre COVID-19 the global pandemic unfolded, which effectively brought many aspects of the Shire’s activities to a standstill for the balance of the financial year.

### **OVERALL**

- Amongst these significant challenges, Staff together with the support of Council excelled in delivering core corporate, community, regulatory and infrastructure services to the community. The CEO, Shane Ivers thanked all staff for their tremendous effort during the incredibly difficult year plus the immense support from the Shire President and Councillors.

### **PARTICULARS**

- Surf Beach carpark stabilisation - innovative and cost-effective sand stabilisation works to mitigate the coastal erosion. The sand stabilisation successfully endured a significant storm event that otherwise would have damaged the car park.
- Funding received for the Irwin Pump Track with construction commencing June 2020.
- Dongara Cemetery carpark upgrade.
- Two Henry Road Independent Living Units construction.

### **REGULATORY SERVICES**

The Shire’s Development, Health, Building and Ranger Services continued to service the local community and notably was the progression of the:

- Coastal Management Plan;
- Local Heritage Survey;
- Local Planning Scheme; and
- Beach Emergency Number (BEN) signs. - the state-wide initiative.

### **RECREATIONAL CENTRE/LIBRARY**

- COVID 19 did impact the Shire’s services such as the Recreation Centre and Library, which up until this point were performing well.

### **EVENTS**

- The Midwest Show & Shine and Denison Foreshore Sprint was again a great success.

### **COUNCIL**

- The biennial Council election took place which saw the departure of Cr Sandy Gumley and Cr Kellie Wilson, re-election of Cr Mike Smith and Cr Andrew Gillam and two new elected members Cr Grant Eva and Cr Hayley Wells.
- Cr Mike Smith was again elected as Shire President.
- Congratulations to the elected Councillors and many thanks to the departing Councillors for their significant contribution during their respective terms.

## **4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

## **5. CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Shire President closed the meeting at 5.07pm.