



MINUTES

Annual Meeting of Electors

held

Monday, 5 February 2024
commencing at 5.00pm

in the

Council Chambers
11-13 Waldeck Street, Dongara

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 5.00pm and welcomed Councillors, Staff and Members of the Gallery.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Members

Councillor M Leonard	President
Councillor B Wyse	Deputy President
Councillor P Summers	
Councillor I Scott	
Councillor E Tunbridge	

Staff

Mr S Ivers	Chief Executive Officer
Ms P Machaka	Manager Finance
Mr M Jones	Acting Manager of Operations
Mr M Connell	Manager Development Services
Mr S Stubbs	CESM
Ms S Mearns	Minute Taker

Electors and Members of the Public (Non electors)

Bruce Baskerville – Port Denison
Val McAuslane – Dongara

Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

Apologies

Councillor A Gillam
Mr P Bracegirdle – Manager Community Services

3. 2022/23 ANNUAL REPORT

Mr Ivers, CEO provided an overview of the 2022/23 Annual Report and highlighted significant events which occurred during the 2022/23 financial year which included the:

- Shire successfully obtaining over \$500,000 of funding for Community Based projects;
- Purchase of a Posi-Track mulcher which was used to assist in fire protection measures;
- Installation of three high capacity water tanks with bores to assist firefighters;
- Refurbishment of the Recreation Centre roof;
- Funding to convert office space at the Denison Bowling Club to a fully accessible ablution;
- Installation of promotional entry statements;
- Completion of the lighting upgrade at Memorial Park and the outdoor area shelter at Henry Road;
- Shire being named as a finalist for the Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards 2022 for work relating to the preservation of our heritage Listed Moreton Bay Fig Trees;
- Successful and well attended 2023 Australia Day Event;
- Annual planting of approximately 90 mature trees along Point Leander Drive;

- Rendering repairs to Denison House;
- Reinforcement of walls at the Shire’s transfer station;
- Enhancement of Dongara Library facilities through the ‘Inspiring a Connected Irwin’ project; and
- Holding of a series of Community Consultation Sessions to provide updates and seeks opinions on the Shire’s projects and plans.

Mr Ivers then thanked Council and Staff for their commitment to the Shire and its community members.

The Shire President, Cr Leonard then spoke to thank the CEO and Shire staff for their dedication and also all Councillors for their clear direction.

Cr Leonard then invited questions from the Gallery in relation to the 2022/23 Annual Report.

1. Mr Bruce Baskerville, Port Denison:

Question: With reference to the Moreton Bay Fig Trees, is the Shire of Irwin taking steps to ensure they do not become victims of the Polyphagous Shot-Hole-Borer (PSHB) which is causing trees to be removed in Perth?

Response: *Mr Jones, Acting Manager Operations confirmed that he has been in conversation with the Department of Agriculture and Food who are currently undertaking mapping in the Perth Metropolitan area to ascertain how far reaching the spread of the (PSHB) is. Mr Jones confirmed that the Shire is closely monitoring the potential threat the (PSHB) could have on our Heritage Listed Fig Trees.*

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Shire President invited the Gallery to pose any questions relating to General Business.

1. Mr Bruce Baskerville, Port Denison:

Question: Who initiated the meeting between key stakeholders in relation to the Arrowsmith Project?

Response: *Mr Ivers (CEO) confirmed that following recommendations from Government Advisors, the Shire sought collaboration with the State Government in recognition of the substantial economic growth of the Arrowsmith Development.*

2. Ms Val McAuslane – Dongara:

Question: Does the Shire of Irwin have any plans for long term recycling?

Response: *Cr Leonard (Shire President) responded that Councillors have been discussing this issue over the past several years and advised that the question would be ‘taken on notice’ and a response be provided by Shire Officers.*

5. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the Meeting closed at 5.16pm.