



SHIRE OF
HARVEY



Annual General Electors Meeting Agenda

Australind Council Chamber

Tuesday, 19 January 2021

6pm

Shire of Harvey
Annual General Electors Meeting

Dear Councillor,

Notice is hereby given that the 2019 - 2020 Annual General Electors Meeting for the Shire of Harvey will be held on Tuesday, 19 January 2021 in the Australind Council Chamber, Mulgara Street, Australind, commencing at 6pm.

The business to be transacted is shown in the Agenda hereunder.

Yours faithfully,



for **Annie Riordan**
Chief Executive Officer

15 January 2021

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1. Official Opening

Disclaimer

An audio and/or visual record will be made of these proceedings to assist in the taking of minutes.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Shire of Harvey acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders both past and present.

2. Record of Apologies

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Annual General Electors Meeting – 28 January 2020

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the 2018 - 2019 Annual General Electors' Meeting held on Tuesday, 28 January 2020, as attached, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

4. Receipt of Annual Report

A copy of the 2019 - 2020 Annual Report which includes the Shire President's Report, Chief Executive Officer's Report, Auditor's Report and Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2020 has been advertised in accordance with Section 5.55 of the *Local Government Act 1995*. Copies of the Annual Report will be available for the public at the meeting.

Section 5.27 (3) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, and Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, require the Electors Meeting to consider the following:

"For the purposes of Section 5.27 (3) 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."

5. General Business

6. Closure of Meeting



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Annual General Electors Meeting **Minutes**

Australind Council Chamber
Tuesday, 28 January 2020
6pm

Shire of Harvey

Annual General Electors Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of the Annual General Electors Meeting held on Tuesday, 28 January 2020, in the Australind Council Chamber, Mulgara Street, Australind, commencing at 6.01pm.

Attendance

Members:

Shire President	Cr. P. Gillett
Deputy Shire President	Cr. F. Burgoyne
	Cr. B. Adams
	Cr. P. Beech
	Cr. J. Bromham
	Cr. M. Campbell
	Cr. C. Carbone
	Cr. R. Coleman
	Cr. W. Dickinson
	Cr. T. Jackson
	Cr. A. Lovitt
	Cr. D. Simpson

Staff:

Chief Executive Officer	Ms. A. Riordan
Executive Manager Corporate Services	Mr. S. Collie
Acting Executive Manager Technical Services	Mr. P. Kay
Principal Building Surveyor	Mr. M. Stewart
Principal Environmental Health Officer	Mr. S. Dandridge
Manager Planning Services	Mr. S. Hall
Finance Manager	Mr. D. Winter
Manager Community and Economic Development	Mr. P. Quinlivan
Community Development Officer	Mrs. A. Pitts
Accountant	Ms. L. Davies
Agenda and Minutes Officer	Ms. K. Hough

There were three members of the public present.

Minutes

1. Official Opening

The Shire President opened the meeting at 6.01pm.

2. Record of Apologies

Apologies

Cr. Michelle Boylan
Ms. Carol Sadler

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the 2017-18 Annual General Electors' Meeting held on Tuesday, 22 January 2019, are attached hereto.

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the 2017-18 Annual General Electors' Meeting held on Tuesday, 22 January 2019, as attached, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

AGE-20/001 Carried: Cr. Burgoyne Seconded: Cr. Beech

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CARRIED 12-0

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Recommendation

That the Shire of Harvey Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2019, as circulated, be received.

AGE-20/002 **Carried: Cr. Coleman Seconded: Cr. Simpson**

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CARRIED 12-0

5. General Business

5.1 Tabled letter from Mr. Maughan (refer Attachment 1)

5.2 Cr. Adams on behalf of elector

Can the Shire consider cultural burning to remove excess fuel loads?

The land in question borders the Leschenault Regional Park and the Shire is working with the Department of Parks and Wildlife to ensure fuel loads are managed. The Leschenault Regional Park will have a Fire Management Plan with input from Indigenous Rangers.

5.3 Cr. Carbone on behalf of elector

Can the Shire consider pressure cleaning the Australind boat ramp to reduce the slip hazard?

5.4 Cr. Carbone on behalf of elector

Can the bins at Ridley Place be emptied more frequently to reduce odor?

5.5 Cr. Carbone on behalf of elector

Can permanent mats be added to the Binningup entry and exit points to the beach to assist with cars becoming bogged?

5.6 Cr. Bromham on behalf of elector

Can the Shire assess the high fuel loads on the town border and consider appropriate safety measures for high risk bends in the road?

5.7 Cr. Campbell on behalf of elector

Can the Shire consider dredging along the Australind Channel as residents are having issues with their boat motors?

5.8 Cr. Dickinson on behalf of elector

Can the Australind boat ramp be double sided to allow for additional entry/exit points? If not, can a portion of the channel be dredged to allow for small boats to enter/exit at an alternate location?

5.9 Cr. Lovitt on behalf of electors

Can Council receive an update on the timeline for the implementation of additional social media platforms?

Shire Officers are developing policies and strategies, once these have been completed the Shire will be in a position to increase its social media presence.

5.10 Mr. Rob White

Can Council provide a purpose of holding an Annual General Electors meeting when all of the questions are presented by Councillors?

The Local Government Act 1995 states that all local governments must hold an Annual General Electors meeting to ensure

6. Closure

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was declared closed at 6.25pm.

Hi Paul and Annie,

I noted in the Harvey Reporter that you were offering to take feedback at the upcoming AGM. I can not attend so thought that I would make a couple of comments.

I have said to myself many times, and to other residents, that the Shire main street in Harvey is fantastic. The work that the Shire has done is excellent. Someone had a vision and the project was well implemented. We have a main street in Harvey that we can be so proud of. It really is beautiful.

I have traveled in Europe and the UK and then come home and can not believe how lucky we are to have such high standard of sporting and recreational facilities in Harvey. I wont list them all, other than to say that if anyone complains they they should fund themselves a trip over seas to appreciate what we have. England country town the home of Cricket has very poor facilitates compared to what we have in Harvey. But there are many examples.

The Shire has done a great job in fixing up and resealling established roads. Hope avenue, the entrance into Yarloop from the coast, Campbell Road, and now Government Road, the east section of Quindanning Road are just some of the roads that I have seen. While I am sure that rate payers always want more road work down, I think that you have done a great job. Thank you.

Can I suggest that you place the section of Eckersley Road between Riverdale and Clifton road and Clifton Road in Yarloop on your list as they really do need fixing and upgrading.

So that is a few positives that come to mind. I have wanted to express my appreciation for some time and your comment in the paper has prompted me to send this.

On a negative, I really do think that the Shire needs to push back on certain State Government regulations which stifle innovation and business enterprises that could bring people and \$\$ into the Shire. Two instances come to mind.

I understand that Jeff and Karen Whittock on 4th Street applied to the Shire to host weddings. They have such a wonderful venue and beautiful gardens and so many people have asked them to host weddings. They have a history of hosting cancer fund raisers , and the Main Street event in March, so they know what they are doing. If they could host weddings, there would be many people coming to Harvey, filling accommodation venues as people dont wish to drive back to Perth and then spending the next day taking a drive around the region. Their initiative has been shot down by the Harvey Shire insisting that they have a hard stand/hot mix car park. Anyone who looked at this logically and did not have a list of impractical regulations in front of them and was thinking about what this initiative could do for the greater Shire , would see that parking cars in the same paddock that they use for parking for other non income earning events, would be more than adequate. Just because they want to provide a service that people want and because they may make a few dollars, the parking requirements change. For charity it is OK. For a small business it is not. Does not make sense. I have attended weddings, musical events, winery events and other entertainment events in the Shires if Dardannup, Margaret River,

Busselton , Warren and Bridgetown and never had a problem parking in a paddock or on a lawn. I can not understand why the Shire of Harvey would crush the initiative with parking regulations. Can I recommend that you do not discuss this with staff who have regulatory constraints impregnated into them, but both go together to meet Jeff and Karen and discuss their vision. Their mobile is 0419 043409. You will love what you see and I know that if you truly wanted to make a difference for the community and businesses in town, you would give their proposal your consideration.

Yesterday I visited with Phil and Suzanne Hall who are putting Harvey and the dairy industry in Harvey on the WA high end restaurant map. You will be amazed at the restaurants that they supply their very special and authentic French soft cheese. You may be aware of the WA awards that they have won. They told me that some survey of visitors to Harvey (maybe through the tourism section) indicated that 50% of the respondents would like to visit an active dairy farm. Halls were approached by someone from within the Shire and said that they would be happy to assist because they could see that it would have to be a good thing for the promotion of Harvey. Visitors needs things to do, otherwise they drive to the next town. Apparently it was all going well until another person representing the regulatory side of the Shire came up with the list of what Halls had to do so that they could have visitors to their farms. I think that parking, road access, toilets including disabled toilets and some other over the top regulatory things have effectively killed this idea. So from what I can see, we have the public and someone in the Shire come up with a great idea to promote the town, promote the dairy industry, and to keep people in Harvey so that they can buy meals and accommodation, only to have it destroyed by having someone else in the same Shire building come up with all the impositions that are not practical and seemed somewhat over the top. If you want to know more, after you both jump in the car to visit Jeff and Karen, take a 2 km drive and catch up with Phil and Suzanne. Their mobile is 0407 773517.

I am a supporter of the Shire and what it does and has done for the town and hence I have given you some well deserved positive feedback. Can I suggest that if you are serious about taking on board feedback that is all about simply supporting (little or no money required) locals who want to add attractions and value to the Shire, then please make the effort to Visit the Wittocks and the Halls. As I said, I suggest that the two of you go together and simply having an open minded look and chat.

I did phone the Shire and asked for your personal business emails so that I could be assured of you receiving my email, but was given this general email address. Would you mind just sending me a reply email (no need to comment) simply to let me know that you have received this. If I dont get this I will assume that the email did not get to you.

Thanks for your time and congratulations on asking for comment and feedback

Dean Maughan

