



ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

16 FEBRUARY 2023

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Presiding Member:  Date: 16 March 2023

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1.02.23 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 7.30pm 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	(Shire President)
Cr NC Walker	(Deputy Shire President)
Cr HA Bell	
Cr C Hayden	
Cr TD Lilly	
Cr MG Macnab	

Staff

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

Members of the Public

Mrs Jan Eva
Ms Jo Walters
Mr Eric Pech

Apology

Cr CE Hartl
Mr Lindsay Eva

2.02.23 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.

2.02.23.01 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

File No:	ADM0323
Date of Meeting:	7 February 2023
Author and Authorising Officer:	Gary Sherry – Chief Executive Officer
Declaration of Interest:	Nil.

Summary of Item:

Council is to present the Shire of Brookton 2021/2022 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 2021/2022 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 2021/2022 be received.

AEM 02.23-01

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED Cr Lilly SECONDED Cr Macnab

That the Annual Report for the Shire of Brookton for the year 2021/2022 be received.

CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE 6/0

Attachments – Provided under separate cover

2.02.23.02A – 2021/2022 Annual Report

3.02.23 GENERAL BUSINESS

3.02.23.01 Outstanding Issues – 2020/21 Audit Report

Mrs Jan Eva asked if the requirements for improvement identified in the Shire of Brookton's Audit Report from the previous 2020/21 financial year have been completed.

The Shire President, Cr Katrina Crute, advised that all the requirements for improvement identified in the 2020/2021 Audit Report have been reviewed as part of the the 2021/22 Audit Report and are no longer considered an issue.

3.02.23.02 Town Hall and Railway Station

Mrs Jan Eva asked if the Shire of Brookton could keep community members updated on the Town Hall and Railway Station process. Mrs Eva also asked if the Railway Station Working Group have a copy of the public submissions. Mrs Eva said that some community members made a significant effort to include relevant information in their submissions.

The Shire President, Cr Katrina Crute, advised the Town Hall project has moved to a repairs and maintenance program. The works of this program may need to go to tender depending on the anticipated cost of works.

The Shire President, Cr Katrina Crute, advised that the Railway Station process is being conducted the same as Town Hall process through a working group committee.

3.02.23.03 Brookton Railway Station

Mr Eric Pech advised that he believes that the Brookton Railway Station is in a fortunate position in Brookton where businesses have invested a large amount of money into their premises in Robinson Road. Mr Pech finds it embarrassing that the station is still not repaired. Mr Pech noted that Council's Reserve Funds at 30 June 2021, show \$330,000. Mr Pech asked about why this provision was not contributed to in the current budget and could the Railway Station be tidied up in some way, as the visual impact is very disheartening?

The Shire President Cr Katrina Crute, advised Council is actively working on the Railway Station. Currently the Railway Station Reserve is \$252, 000 with an additional \$42,000 is to be sourced through grant funding.

3.02.23.04 Brookton Railway Station

Mr Eric Pech asked how much to date has been spent on the Railway Station?

The Manager of Corporate & Community, Mrs Deanne Sweeney, advised that to date a total of \$5,015 has been spent on the Railway Station.

3.02.23.05 Shire of Brookton Reserve Funds – Brookton Oval

Mr Eric Pech noted that as there is a substantial amount of money in Council's reserve funds, can these resources be used to on the townscape and watering of the Brookton oval.

Shire President, Cr Katrina Crute, noted the current poor standard of the Brookton oval and advised that the Shire is working quickly as possible to rectify this situation.

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Gary Sherry, explained the new reticulation system installed in early 2022 has had ongoing major malfunctions with leaks and controller failure. Mr Sherry advised that Shire staff had obtained independent advice on the reticulation system and expected the Shire to make an announcement on the system in the near future.

3.02.23.06 Brookton Waste Management Site – Excellent Performance

Mr Eric Pech noted the continuing outstanding performance of Council's Waste Management contractor's employee at the Brookton Waste Management site. Mr Pech believes that Brookton Waste Management site is always maintained in an outstanding manner.

MOTION

MOVED Mr Pech SECONDED Mrs Eva

That Council, on behalf of Shire of Brookton Electors, write a letter of thanks Brookton Waste Management Site contractor and the contractors employee, congratulating them on the outstanding work achieved at the Brookton Waste Management Site.

CARRIED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE

4.02.23 CLOSURE OF MEETING

With no further business the Shire President Cr Katrina Crute, closed the meeting at 7:56pm.