



AGENDA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

**To be Held on Thursday 19 March 2015
6.30pm
City of Albany Council Chambers**

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ELECTORS MEETING PROCEDURE

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995*, being:

5.31. Procedure for electors meetings

The procedure to be followed at, and in respect of, electors meetings and the methods of voting at electors meetings are to be in accordance with the regulations.

5.32. Minutes of electors meetings

The CEO is to:

- (a) cause minutes of the proceedings at an electors meeting to be kept and preserved; and
- (b) ensure that copies of the minutes are made available for inspection by members of the public before the council meeting at which decisions made at the electors meeting are first considered.

5.33. Decisions made at electors meetings

- (1) All decisions made at an electors meeting are to be considered at the next ordinary council meeting or, if that is not practicable-
 - (a) at the first ordinary council meeting after that meeting; or
 - (b) at a special meeting called for that purpose,

whichever happens first.

- (2) If at a meeting of the council a local government makes a decision in response to a decision made at an electors meeting, the reasons for the decision are to be recorded in the minutes of the council meeting.

The procedures for the conduct of an electors meeting are prescribed in the *Local Government Act (Administration) Regulations 1996*, being:

reg 15. Matters for discussion at general electors meetings-s. 5.27(3).

For the purposes of the 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.

reg 17. Voting at electors meetings-s 5.31

- (1) *Each elector who is present at a general or special meeting of electors is entitled to one vote on each matter to be decided at the meeting but does not have to vote.*
- (2) *All decisions at a general or special meeting of electors are to be made by a simple majority of votes.*
- (3) *Voting at a general or special meeting of electors is to be conducted so that no voter's vote is secret.*

reg 18. Procedures at electors meetings-s 5.31

Subject to regulations 15 and 17, the procedure to be followed at a general or special meeting of electors is to be determined by the person presiding at the meeting.

I. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

II. OPENING PRAYER

“Heavenly Father, we thank you for the peace and beauty of this area. Direct and prosper the deliberations of this Council for the advancement of the City and the welfare of its people. Amen.”

“We would like to acknowledge the Noongar people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land.

We would also like to pay respect to Elders both past and present”.

III. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Mayor

Dennis W Wellington

Councillors:

Frederickstown Ward

G Stocks

Frederickstown Ward

C Dowling

Kalgan Ward

J Price

Kalgan Ward

B Hollingworth

Breaksea Ward

V Calleja JP

Vancouver Ward

S Bowles

Vancouver Ward

N Williams

West Ward

G Gregson

West Ward

A Goode JP

Yakamia

R Sutton

Staff:

Chief Executive Officer

G Foster

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

G Adams

Executive Director Community Services

C Woods

Executive Director Planning and Development Services

D Putland

Executive Director Works and Services

M Thomson

Minutes

J Williamson

Public Gallery and Media:

Apologies/Leave of Absence:

Breaksea Ward

R Hammond (Leave of Absence)

Yakamia

A Hortin JP (Leave of Absence)

IV. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

ITEM 4.0: MOTION

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on 19 December 2013, as previously distributed, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

V. RECEIPT OF ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE 2013-14 FINANCIAL YEAR

ITEM 5.0: MOTION

THAT the City of Albany Annual Report for the 2013-14 Financial Year be received.

VI. GENERAL BUSINESS

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.

6.1 PUBLIC QUESTION AND STATEMENT TIME

At the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on 19 December 2013, the following question from Mr Anthony Wood regarding the value of land at Cull Road was taken on notice by the Chief Executive Officer:

“How was the City projecting \$1.4m in sales across the next five years when the price of the blocks has been reduced?”

The following response was provided by the Executive Director Corporate Services in writing to Mr Wood on 13 January 2014:

- “1. The reported valuation of \$967,500 (Note 33 (d)) is based on the accounting valuation of the land **minus** the projected selling costs of the land.*
- 2. This valuation will generally be more conservative than the projected sales proceeds in any event because of the assumptions upon which such valuations are based.*
- 3. The sales proceeds as detailed in Note 33 (c) were shown as budgeted because the price of the blocks were not adjusted until after council approved the new pricing at its October 2013 meeting (after the financial statements were prepared.”*

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The following question was taken on notice from Mr Tony Stanton.

Mr Stanton questioned the City's decision to increase fees for swimming lessons for the disabled at Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre.

The following response was provided by the Mayor on 11 February 2014:

"The democratic process in relation to fees and charges was followed in that all of Councils annual fees and charges are reviewed and advertised in accordance with Local Government Guidelines. Once advertised we received feedback in relation to the fees and charges from a small number of affected persons in relation to special needs swimming fees.

As a result of this feedback the fees were reduced from the 150% to a 60% increase initially and then further reduced to their current rate which is 50% of the full private tuition rate."

VII. CLOSURE OF MEETING