

XIV. MOTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

XV. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE WAS GIVEN AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING

XVI. URGENT BUSINESS TO BE APPROVED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING

ITEM 16.0: RESOLUTION

VOTING REQUIREMENT: ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

MOVED: COUNCILLOR BOWLES

SECONDED: COUNCILLOR CALLEJA

THAT Item 16.1: Nomination to the Great Southern Development Commission Board-be ACCEPTED as an urgent item.

**CARRIED 11-0
ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

Officer's Reason (CEO):

Nominations to the Great Southern Development Commission board close on 20 May 2013. Therefore, the nomination must be decided at this Ordinary Council Meeting in order to meet the closing date.

16.1: NOMINATION TO THE GREAT SOUTHERN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD

RECOMMENDATION

ITEM 16.1: RESOLUTION

VOTING REQUIREMENT: ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

MOVED: COUNCILLOR DOWLING

SECONDED: COUNCILLOR SUTTON

THAT Councillor Stocks be nominated for the vacant position of the Great Southern Development Commission Board.

**CARRIED 11-0
ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

BACKGROUND

1. The Great Southern Development Commission Board (GSDC) seeks to fill one vacancy (please see attached letter).
2. Mayor Wellington is a current member the Great Southern Development Commission Board.

3. While the City is asked for nominations, it is a matter for the Commission who will be selected for Board membership.
4. As the GSDC is not a committee of Council, the *Local Government Act 1995* does not apply, and there are no statutory implications.
5. Membership of the GSDC Board directly links to the City's Vision and Values (2011-2021):

Key Focus Areas

- **Community Priorities:** *Policy and procedures*
- **Proposed Strategies:** *Regularly review all policies in consultation with community and key stakeholders.*

XVII. REQUEST FOR REPORTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION.

**ITEM 17.1: REQUEST FOR REPORT FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION
BY COUNCILLOR STOCKS-ARTIFICIAL SURFING REEF**

MOVED: COUNCILLOR STOCKS

SECONDED: COUNCILLOR SUTTON

THAT the CEO be instructed to prepare a report, with projected costings, on the possibility of providing an artificial surfing reef off Middleton Beach.

CARRIED 11-0

Councillor's Reason:

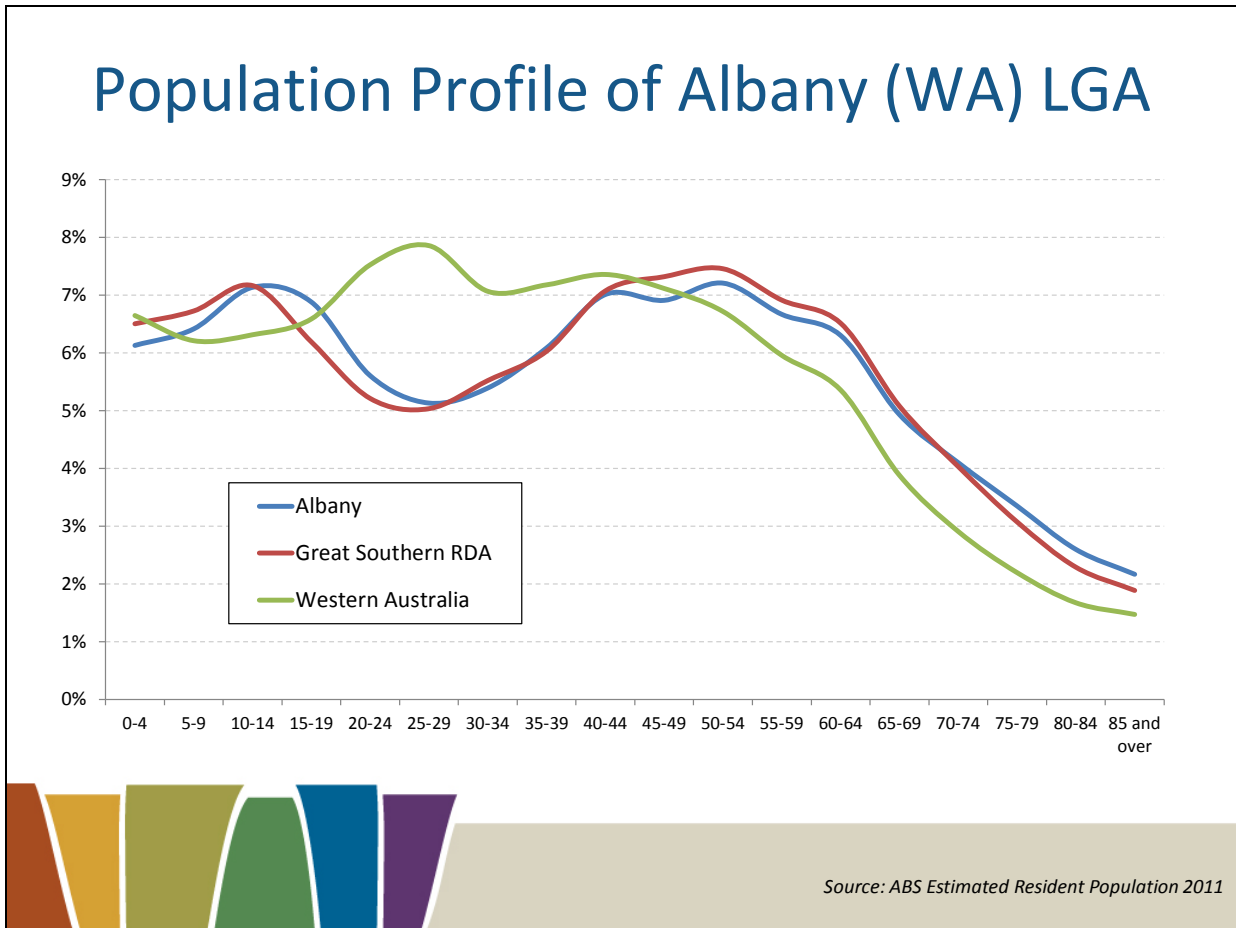
Albany is searching for its economic drivers into the future. Whilst we wait for the uncertain emergence of industries such as magnetite ore mining, and observe the rapid decline of the plantation timber industry, we must return our focus to the historically successful tourism potential of the region.

I recently attended a Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations seminar that focussed on demographics and job opportunities in Albany. This presentation highlighted a point that should not be lost on this Council. The demographics showed a huge gap in Albany's population for the 18-40 age group.

In comparison to similarly sized regional centres around Australia, Albany is doing very badly in attracting, retaining and providing employment for this sector of the current demographic. If Albany were to just match the average of other regional centres in WA, there would be 7000 more young people living in this city. Imagine the positive influence for Albany, its local business and real estate market and with that many young people living, working and playing within the city.

This huge hole in Albany's population is not an accident. It is a clear indicator that we don't provide the services in this City that retain or attract people from this age group. We are working on education with UWA, but we clearly need to do more. We need to create more job opportunities and focus on some of the things people of that age group want to do.

In tourism parlance, "if you never visit the place, you will never live there".



Albany Local Government Area

Source: ABS Estimated Resident Population 2011

- This chart suggests that many people between the ages of 15 and 24 leave the Great Southern RDA. Many of these people leave the region to study.

XVIII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION TO BE DEALT WITH AT THE NEXT MEETING.

**ITEM 18.1: NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR ATWELL
VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY**

THAT Item 2.5: Development Application-Demolition-(Single House Listed on Municipal Heritage Inventory)-Lot 49 (45) Seymour Street, Mira Mar, deferred at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 July 2012, be lifted from the table and that the application be considered.

**ITEM 18.1: DRAFT MOTION BY COUNCILLOR ATTWELL
VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY**

THAT Council RESOLVE to issue a Notice of Planning Scheme Consent for Demolition-(Single House listed on Municipal Heritage Inventory) at Lot 49 (45) Seymour Street, Mira Mar, subject to:

- 1. The proponent obtaining the appropriate building licence and complying with all Occupational Health and Safety requirements.**

Councillor's Reason:

This item was laid on the table by resolution of Council at the OCM 17 July 2012, to give the proponents the opportunity to further investigate options.

This item is listed in Appendix A of our Agenda, with an update reading ***“the Proponent has refused to prepare and submit development plans”***. It was not a condition of Council's resolution that the Proponents were to lodge development plans before we would reconsider this application.

However, Council has been advised since January 2013 that the Proponent's report has been received and there appears to be no further action being taken to bring the matter forward in order that Council may assess the merits, or otherwise, of both the Proponent's report or the original information provided to Council in 2012.

Heritage is important to a town like Albany, but we must be realistic if we are to be taken seriously. We cannot save every building, especially on privately held land. The owners have had this property for many decades and need to be able to utilize this property to their needs and financial ability.

Society is not prepared to contribute to the costs to maintain an old cottage that was built with “scraps” over a pre war period as a holiday cottage for a wheat belt family, and the public will never have an interest in the cottage. The report commissioned by the Proponents clearly indicates that the building does not hold sufficient significance to justify Council delaying this application.

Council has required that this item be given attention as soon as possible and I consider that enough time has gone by and we now need to make a decision on this application.

XIX. ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH WHILE THE MEETING IS CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

[7:19:13 PM](#)

**ITEM 19.0: RESOLUTION
VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY**

**MOVED: COUNCILLOR CALLEJA
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR ATTWELL**

THAT the meeting go behind closed doors.

CARRIED 11-0

[7:22:05 PM](#) Members of the public and media and staff left the Chamber. Executive Director Corporate Services and Minute Secretary remained in the Chamber.

[7:24:23 PM](#)

**ITEM 19.0: RESOLUTION
VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY**

**MOVED: COUNCILLOR CALLEJA
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR SUTTON**

THAT the meeting come out from behind closed doors.

CARRIED 11-0

No members of the public or media returned to the Chamber.

**ITEM 16.2: RESOLUTION
VOTING REQUIREMENT: ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

**MOVED: COUNCILLOR SUTTON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR ATTWELL**

THAT Item 16.2: Employment of Designated Employee-Executive Director Community Services-be ACCEPTED as an urgent item.

CARRIED 11-0

Reason:

The City needs to close the recruitment process to ensure that unsuccessful applicants are notified in a timely manner, and employment contract arrangements are able to be progressed prior to expiration of the current contract.

ITEM 16.2: RESOLUTION
VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

MOVED: COUNCILLOR DUFTY
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BOWLES

THAT Council support the Acting CEO's determination to fill the vacant position of Executive Director Community Services with Mr Cameron Woods for a term of three years.

CARRIED 11-0

XX. NEXT ORDINARY MEETING DATE

6.00pm 21 May 2013

ITEM 21.0: RESOLUTION
VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

MOVED: COUNCILLOR HOLDEN
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR SUTTON

THAT Standing Order 3.1 be RESUMED to stop recording of proceedings.

CARRIED 11-0

XXI. CLOSURE OF MEETING

[7:26:42 PM](#) There being no further business the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

(Unconfirmed Minutes)

Dennis W Wellington
MAYOR

**STATUS REPORT ON DEFERRED ITEMS
 FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Meeting Date	Item Number	Details/Status
16/11/2010	2.6	<p>Surrender Lease over Hangar Site 2 at Albany Airport. Council resolved that further consideration by Council pending the completion of the Airport Masterplan/Business Plan.</p> <p>Update: The Airport Masterplan/Business Plan has not been finalised.</p>
17/07/2012	2.5	<p>Development Application-Demolition (Single House Listed on Municipal Heritage Inventory)-Lot 49 (45) Seymour Street, Mira Mar.</p> <p>Update: The proponent has refused to prepare and submit development plans. Proponent has requested that the application is represented to Council with no additional information.</p>
21/08/2012	15.1	<p>Notice of Motion by Councillor Bostock- THAT when the final draft of TPS 1 is endorsed by Council, it shall not include any rezoning of freehold land into a category less advantageous to the owner than already exists in the current TPS1(a) or TPS3, without prior specific written agreement from the owner. Examples include the rezoning of land from the "Rural" to "Conservation" classification, or to "Parks and Recreation" from any other category.</p> <p>Laid on the table to allow further consideration of submissions when they are presented to Council.</p> <p>Update: To be dealt with at a Special Council Meeting called for the purpose of consideration of the LPS1.</p>
20/11/2012	2.5	<p>Precinct Plan-Special Site S46-Spencer Park Neighbourhood Centre Precinct.</p> <p>Update: Laid on the table at the November 2012 OCM. Waiting on commitment from the Department of Housing to contribute to necessary infrastructure upgrades and potential traffic hazards.</p>

TABLED DOCUMENTS

NAME	REFERENCE	FILE
Mr Richard Vogwill	Lake Vancouver Bird Hide	GO.COM.3

TABLED DOCUMENTS BY ELECTED MEMBERS

NAME	REFERENCE	FILE
	Nil.	

TABLED DOCUMENTS BY STAFF

Nil

TABLED ADDRESS BY MR RICHARD VOGWILL



City of Albany, Ordinary Council Meeting

April 16, 2013

Re: Lake Vancouver Bird Hide Project, Goode Beach

Mr Mayor and Councillors,

The Mayor officially opened the Lake Vancouver Bird Hide on 19 November 2012. The City has now installed directional road signs on Frenchman Bay Road and La Perouse Road and this signifies the completion of the project.

Lake Vancouver and the surrounding wetlands is an 'environmental jewel' that has historically been hidden from the public. Many Albany residents do not even know of its existence and in putting forward the proposal to establish the bird hide we believe that we have provided public access to the wetlands in the most environmentally responsible way possible.

On behalf of the Frenchman Bay Association, I would like to express our thanks to the City of Albany and the Council for their financial and project management support during the Lake Vancouver Bird Hide Project.

During the opening ceremony, I thanked:

- **The traditional Noongar owners** - who visited the site during the planning and construction stages and gave their approval for the bird hide construction to proceed.
- **The West Australian Government** - for the Natural Resource Management grant.
- **The City of Albany and Council** - for financial support and project management services.
- **Greenskills** – David McNamara and his team did a superb job, with a low environmental impact.

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- **Rebecca Weadon of Crocker Lacey Design** - for completing the beautiful educational signage on the inside of the bird hide.
- **The City of Albany Major, Dennis Wellington** – for demonstrating his support for the project by agreeing to officially open the Lake Vancouver Bird Hide; and
- **City of Albany Reserve Officers** – we especially want to acknowledge the work of City Reserve Officer, Alexandra Tucker, who had oversight of the project and unfailingly attended to every detail and met every target. Without her professional and cheerful approach, the project would not have been such a success.

The completion of the Lake Vancouver bird hide has been a perfect example of how the Community and the City can collaborate in a positive manner to achieve good outcomes. This type of project captures perfectly what our Association stands for in regards to development in the Frenchman Bay area.

The bird hide has two basic purposes: (1) obviously to observe bird life in and around the lake and wetlands; and almost as importantly (2) it allows the public easy access to the Lake Vancouver wetlands for the first time. We hope that the resulting public appreciation of this environmental asset will help to conserve the pristine nature of the wetlands for future generations to enjoy.

On behalf of the Frenchman Bay Association, thank you once again.

Richard Vogwill

Secretary

Frenchman Bay Association