



MINUTES

ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

Monday 27 March 2023

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.

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.

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.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 6.30pm.

2. 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 past, present and emerging”.

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

Mayor Dennis W Wellington

Councillors:

Breaksea Ward	A Cruse
Breaksea Ward	P Terry
Frederickstown Ward	G Stocks
Frederickstown Ward	M Traill
Kalgan Ward	T Brough
Kalgan Ward	M Benson-Lidholm JP
Vancouver Ward	D Baesjou
Vancouver Ward	J Shanhun
West Ward	S Smith
West Ward	S Grimmer
Yakamia	C Thomson

Staff:

Chief Executive Officer	A Sharpe
Executive Director Corporate and Commercial Services	M Gilfellon
Executive Director Infrastructure, Development & Environment	P Camins
Executive Director Community Services	N Watson
Meeting Secretary	J Williamson

Public Gallery and Media:

Three members of the public and one media representative were in attendance.

Apologies/Leave of Absence:

Yakamia	R Sutton (Apology)
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4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION

**MOVED: COUNCILLOR THOMSON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BROUGH**

THAT the minutes of the Annual Electors' Meeting held on 15 March 2022, as previously distributed, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

CARRIED 12-0

5. RECEIPT OF ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE 2021-22 FINANCIAL YEAR

RESOLUTION

**MOVED: COUNCILLOR SMITH
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BENSON-LIDHOLM**

THAT the City of Albany Annual Report for the 2021-22 Financial Year be received.

CARRIED 12-0

6. 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.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION AND STATEMENT TIME

**6.31pm Ms Diana Caley, 12 Franklin Court, Bayonet Head
Summary of key points:**

Ms Caley spoke in support of retaining bush land on Lot 4748 North Road, Yakamia.

**6.36pm Mr Brian Woodridge, McKail
Summary of key points:**

Mr Woodridge addressed the meeting regarding the urgent need for cat control to protect native fauna Mr Woodridge also stressed the need to undertake weed control, particularly in City Reserves

8. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at **6.39pm**.

(Unconfirmed Minutes)

Dennis W Wellington
MAYOR