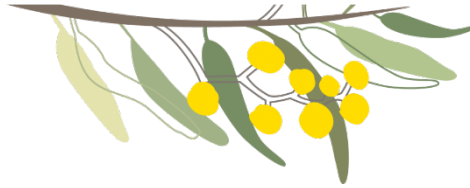




SHIRE OF WOODANILLING



ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING Unconfirmed Minutes 11 February 2025

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ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING AGENDA

11 FEBRUARY 2025

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Shire President, Cr Dale Douglas, declared the meeting open at 7:00 PM, welcoming members of the public, Councillors, and Shire staff to the 2024/2025 Annual Electors Meeting.

The Shire President acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Wailman People and paid respects to their Elders Past, Present, and Emerging.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Shire President Cr Dale Douglas

Cr Russel Thomson

Cr Kahlia Stephens

Cr Rod Marshall

Cr Bev Smith

Cr Ian Garstone

EXECUTIVE

Mr Mark Hook Acting Chief Executive Officer

Miss Ciara Whitmore Customer Service Officer

ELECTORS

Colette Annice

Ray Baxter

Pauline Edgcumbe

Annabel Paulie

APOLOGIES

Paul Hanlon

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the minutes of the 2022/2023 Annual Electors Meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2024 as attached be confirmed to be as true and correct record.

ITEM 3 – CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 2022/2023 ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

Moved Cr Marshall Seconded Cr Thomson

That the minutes of the 2022/2023 Annual Electors Meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2024 as attached be confirmed to be as true and correct record.

CARRIED 10/0

4. OFFICER'S REPORT

4.1. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2024

File Reference	ADM0017
Responsible Officer	Paul Hanlon, Chief Executive Officer
Author of Report	Paul Hanlon, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of any Interest	No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has an interest to declare in accordance with the provisions of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> .
Attachments	Attachment 4.1.1 - Shire of Woodanilling Annual Report 2023/2024

In accordance with S5.27 of the *Local Government Act 1995* a general meeting of electors is to be held once every financial year, not more than 56 days after the local government has accepted the annual report.

R15 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* specifies that the matters to be discussed at the general electors meeting are, firstly, the contents of the Annual Report for the previous financial year and then any other general business.

At its meeting held 17 December 2024 Council resolved to accept the Annual Report for the financial year ending 30 June 2024, inclusive of the Audited Financial Report 2023/2024.

Council resolved to hold the Annual Meeting of Electors on Tuesday 11 February 2025 commencing at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

SHIRE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Shire President will ask for a mover and seconder to receive the Shire President's report. A mover and seconder can be from the public, and all are asked to vote.

ITEM 4.1.4 – SHIRE PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30/06/2024

Moved Cr Smith Seconded Cr Stephens

That the Shire President Report for the year ending 30/06/2024 be received.

CARRIED 10/0

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT

The Shire President will ask for a mover and seconder to receive the Chief Executive Officer's report. A mover and seconder can be from the public, and all are asked to vote.

ITEM 4.1.4 – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30/06/2024

Moved Cr Thomson Seconded Cr Smith

That the CEO report for the Year Ending 30/06/2024 be received.

CARRIED 10/0

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Shire President will ask for a mover and seconder to receive the Auditor's report. A mover and seconder can be from the public, and all are asked to vote.

ITEM 4.1.4 – AUDITORS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30/06/2024

Moved Cr Marshall Seconded Cr Smith

That the Auditors Report for the Year Ending 30/06/2024 be received.

CARRIED 10/0

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2023/2024

The Shire President will ask for a mover and seconder to receive the 2023/2024 Annual Financial Statement as shown in the Shire of Woodanilling 2023/2024 Annual Report. A mover and seconder can be from the public, and all are asked to vote.

TEM 4.1.4 – ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30/06/2024

Moved Cr Stephens Seconded Cr Garstone

That the Annual Financial Statements for the Year Ending 30/06/2024 be received.

CARRIED 10/0

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1. COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Pauline Edgcumbe requested clarification on the format of the Strategic Plan, seeking a better understanding of how it is structured and implemented. In response, the Shire President explained that the plan serves as a guiding document for budget considerations, ensuring that financial decisions align with the Shire's long-term objectives.

Pauline further emphasised the importance of maintaining momentum on key projects, expressing concerns that initiatives should not be delayed or placed on the back burner. In response, the Chief Executive Officer reassured her that all projects are prioritised based on available budget and the needs of the community, ensuring that resources are allocated effectively to benefit the Shire.

5.2. FUNDING & PROJECTS

Annabel Paulie raised concerns about the need for project funding to support revitalisation efforts in Woodanilling. She highlighted that funding applications close on 7 April 2025 and proposed a \$50,000 project aimed at transforming the disused golf course into a walk and bike trail with interpretive signage to enhance community engagement and environmental education.

In response, the Shire President acknowledged the proposal but noted that land vesting must first be confirmed to ensure the project aligns with regulatory requirements. Additionally, a fire risk assessment would need to be conducted to determine the suitability of the area for the proposed use. The Shire President further stated that if community support for the project is demonstrated, the Shire will assist in seeking funding to move forward.

Chief Executive Officer Mark Hook added that any land use must comply with existing vesting conditions, reinforcing the need to verify the permitted uses before proceeding.

During further discussions, Annabel clarified that the \$50,000 funding request also includes project administration costs, ensuring adequate resources for management and implementation. She noted that if funding is successfully secured, a project officer would be hired to oversee the initiative, with a decision expected by October 2025.

Additionally, Colette Annice inquired whether the plants used for revegetation would be native species. Annabel confirmed that they would be carefully selected to suit the local environment.

5.3. BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT & SAFETY

Ray Baxter raised concerns about an unauthorised fire on private property, highlighting the potential risks to nearby properties and the broader community. He stressed the need for greater vigilance and adherence to fire safety regulations, particularly during high-risk periods.

In response, the Shire President emphasised the importance of bushfire education and community awareness, noting that residents must be well-informed about fire prevention measures and local regulations. He reiterated that fire safety is a shared responsibility and that early intervention and reporting of fire hazards are crucial in preventing incidents from escalating.

To further address these concerns, the upcoming Bushfire Advisory Committee (BFAC) meeting, scheduled for March 2025, will include discussions on bushfire preparedness, community education initiatives, and strategies for enhancing fire safety compliance within the Shire.

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Shire President declared the meeting closed at 8.29pm

Presiding Member – Councillor Dale Douglas


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Date. 18/3/25