

**7 FEBRUARY 2019**

Minutes

Annual Elector’s Meeting

Shire of Wickepin Community Centre

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**Minutes of an Annual Elector’s Meeting – Annual Farmers Forum held in the Shire of Wickepin Community Centre, Wickepin Thursday 7 February 2019 commencing at 5:30pm**

# 1. Attendance

President Cr JA Russell

Councillor Cr FA Allan

Councillor Cr SJ Hyde

Councillor Cr AG Lansdell

Councillor Cr SJ Martin

Chief Executive Officer Mark Hook

Finance Manager Erika Clement

Manager of Works Gary Rasmussen

Phillipa Ellis Pool Manager

Rebecca Pauley Minute Taker

Guest Speaker Tanya Dupagne

Attendees Hazel Green

Eileen Cutliff

Marion Hook

Murray Lang

Tracey Angwin

Dave Astbury

Charlotte Astbury

Greg Snow

Ken Martin

Linley Rose

Leila Allenby

Simon Newman

Colin Hemley

Ray Lewis

**Apologies**

Deputy President Cr WA Astbury

Electors Kevin Coxon

**2. Opening**

The President Cr Russell declared the meeting open at 5.34pm.

**3. Confirmation of Minutes** - Annual Electors Meeting 15 November 2017

**Moved Cr Fran Allan / Seconded Hazel Green**

That the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on Wednesday 15 November 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**Carried**

**4. Annual Report 2017/2018**

4.1 Acceptance of Annual Report 2017/2018

The President Cr Russell gave a brief outline of the 2017/2018 Annual Report. Cr Russell thanked the CEO, DCEO and all the Shire of Wickepin staff for their work over the last year. Cr Russell advised that the Council does strive to achieve the best for all communities within the Shire of Wickepin. The Shire President Cr Julie Russell thanked her deputy Cr Wes Astbury and fellow councillors for the last year’s work.

**Moved Dave Astbury / Seconded Linley Rose**

That the 2017/2018 Shire of Wickepin Annual Report as presented be accepted.

**Carried**

4.2 Business Arising

Thank you to Councillors and staff for their work on behalf of the community for the 2017/2018 period.

**Moved Linley Rose / Seconded Hazel Green**

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**Carried**

**5. General Business**

5.1 Independent Auditor’s Report – Butler Settineri

Murray Lang asked for Council to review the Annual Report 2017/2018 in relation to the Butler Settineri comments regarding a misstatement on the second page of the Independent Auditor’s Report:

“In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.”

Cr J Russell commented that the following paragraph demonstrates that there was no misstatement:

“If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.”

CEO advised that this statement confirms that the Auditor’s Report is satisfied that there is no material misstatement in the 2017/2018 annual report.

5.2 Seniors Housing

Dave Astbury inquired as to the status of senior housing in the Wickepin and the progress of applications for funding.

CEO advised that the application process had been completed and ready for review when a change of government voided that application. The current application was scaled down on the advice of the incoming government and is with the Minister for consideration. The proposal is for fourteen units at 5.6 million dollars.

5.3 Wickepin Hotel

Greg Snow, Linley Rose and Ray Lewis inquired about health inspections at the Wickepin Hotel.

CEO advised that inspections were being conducted regularly including a further upcoming inspection in March 2019. A professional cleaning crew had recently cleaned the Hotel and the Hotel had met the required health standards.

5.4 CBH

Ray Lewis commented that there would be four new bins at the CBH site. He raised his concerns regarding appropriate infrastructure for drainage for new roads as part of the CBH project.

CEO advised that CBH will comply with all the conditions as laid down under the planning approval.

5.5 Entry into Wickepin Signs

Ray Lewis commented that the new signs recently erected for the Shire of Wickepin were too small and consequently became a blur when driving past. He suggested that the signs should have been made larger.

CEO advised that he and the CDO had arrived at a design which was put to Council for consideration. The design was agreed on and adopted.

5.6 Unregistered Dogs

Ray Lewis commented that there are unregistered dogs in town.

CEO advised that the Ranger regularly patrols Wickepin. He also advised that it is legal to use a gun to destroy a dog which enters a farm without permission. Further, that if a dog is destroyed on a farm, the Shire Ranger should collect and dispose of the carcass.

5.7 Car Bodies

Ray Lewis commented that there were car bodies on various properties in town.

CEO advised that options regarding car bodies on properties in town will be discussed at Council.

5.8 Christmas Lights

Ray Lewis commented that there had not been Christmas Lights on display in 2018.

CEO commented that there is a design which has been put forward to the She Shed He Shed group with the request that a Christmas light display will be prepared for the 2019 festive season.

5.9 Road Names

Tracey Angwin commented that roads had sudden name changes which was confusing for navigation, citing the example of one street at different junctions being named Angwin, Prittow and North.

CEO commented that when new street signs were erected that the Geographical Names Committee was used as the correct reference.

5.10 CBH Bin Access

Dave Astbury commented that a slip road should be made to access the CBH bins.

CEO commented that the roads would be widened to a design suitable to Wheatbelt South Mainroads Western Australia.

5.11 Stop Sign on Railway

Murray Lang commented that people often did not stop at the stop sign on the railway line and that the sign should be removed, particularly in relation to road trains and trucks.

Cr J Russell commented that she observed maintenance crews for the railway line at times.

CEO responded that on various occasions that removal of the stop sign had been discussed with Mainroads Western Australia. The outcome has been that in order for railway worker safety to be observed, and given that infrequent checks of the railway lines occurred, the stop sign will remain.

5.12 Ray Lewis commented that the use of road trains and heavy trucks was impacting on the roads.

CEO commented that the Premier’s position was that transporting produce by trucks was the preferred method. Further, that funding had been contributed for the maintenance and up-keep of roads.

5.13 Thank you by the President to Tanya Dupagne for coming to Wickepin and being the guest speaker.

**6. Closure**

There being no further business the Shire President Cr Julie Russell declared the meeting closed at 6.26pm.