



SHIRE OF
WAROONA
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MINUTES

ANNUAL ELECTORS' GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER 2022

(Held at the Council Chamber)

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairperson declared the Meeting open, the time being 5.01pm, and welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance.

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

Councillors and Staff

Cr Mike Walmsley	Shire President/Presiding Member
Cr Naomi Purcell	Deputy Shire President
Cr John Mason	Councillor
Cr Dion Pisconeri	Councillor
Cr Laurie Snell	Councillor
Cr Vince Vitale	Councillor
Mr Mark Goodlet	Chief Executive Officer
Mrs Karen Oborn	Director Infrastructure & Development Services
Mrs Kirsty Ferraro	Acting Director Corporate & Community Services
Mrs Kate Pisconeri	Corporate Planning & Governance Officer

Members of the Public

Kingsley Dixon
Lionel Johnston

APOLOGIES

Cr Karen Odorisio	Councillor
Miss Ashleigh Nuttall	Director Corporate & Community Services
Mr Kenneth Landwehr	

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS ANNUAL ELECTORS GENERAL MEETING

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

EGM22/12/001

Moved: Cr Snell

Seconded: Cr Purcell

That the Minutes of the Annual Electors General Meeting held 22nd March 2022 be confirmed as being a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED 12/0

4. RECEIPT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE 2021/2022 FINANCIAL YEAR

- President's Report
- Chief Executive Officer's Report
- Officers' Reports
- Annual Financial Statements
- Auditor's Report

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

EGM22/12/002

MOVED: Cr Mason

SECONDED: Cr Pisconeri

That the Annual Report for the 2021/22 Financial Year be received.

CARRIED 12/0

5. ANY OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Mr Kenneth Landwehr

The following question and statement was presented to the meeting by K. Ferraro on behalf of K. Landwehr.

“Would you be kind enough to advise if any planning for National Bank Waroona remaining open has taken place from a Shire perspective.

As a concerned ratepayer and bank customer I believe the writing is on the wall to permanently close the local branch.

Over the past five months the branch has been closed for short spells with staff shortages and also more recently on Fridays with an early unexpected finish.

Suggestions:

Clout of Shire of Waroona accounts, Charles Hull Contracting and Hull families, Charla Downs Pty Ltd is a sample of high rating customers.

Engage the help of our Federal Member with a team approach to head office with a Strategic Analysis for Waroona NAB Branch remaining open.

The current local branch Manager is serving 4 branches including Manjimup.

Statistics that Waroona has an ageing population and likely to need more help. Even though 10 years ago the NAB used to conduct an agency at Quambie Park Waroona to ensure customers received priority attention.

Four months ago I assisted a disabled age person withdraw funds from the ATM with very poor eye sight and lack of experience using such machinery to obtain cash having ridden his gopher down probably from Quambie Park. He thanked me profusely afterwards. A small proactive rural community could survive as the “Town with no Beer” but as the small rural town with “No Bank” would be disastrous and Mandurah branch taking up a lot of the slack.

I would be happy to sit on any subcommittee or working party to ensure closure does not automatically happen without Waroona Community showing some resolution like the Waroona/Yarloop Fires 6/7 years ago.

Mr Landwehr’s question and statement was discussed, and the following motion provided:

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

EGM22/12/003

Moved: Cr Purcell

Seconded: Cr Mason

That the Shire of Waroona, on behalf of the Waroona community:

- A. Contact National Australia Bank in writing to express the communities concerns regarding the potential eventual closure of the Waroona Branch.**
- B. Seek advocacy from WALGA and ALGA in supporting the Shire's efforts in retaining a banking service in Waroona.**

CARRIED 12/0

5.2 Mr Kingsley Dixon

Mr Dixon took an opportunity to advise Council that he believed that he and Mr Johnston had discovered a 2.5km section of the original Waroona to Dwellingup Songline on their property. Songlines are Aboriginal walking routes that cross the country linking important sites and locations. Mr Dixon is liaising with local group WATTSIC to confirm their discovery.

6. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairperson closed the meeting the time being 5.19 pm.

I CERTIFY THAT THESE MINUTES WERE CONFIRMED AT THE ANNUAL ELECTORS GENERAL MEETING HELD ON AS BEING A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS.

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PRESIDING MEMBER

.....DATE