



**Shire of Williams**

**2018 GENERAL  
MEETING OF ELECTORS  
MINUTES**

For the 2018 General Meeting of Electors to be held in the Shire of Williams Council Chamber on Wednesday, 19th December 2018 commencing at 6.00pm

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## SHIRE OF WILLIAMS

I have pleasure in advising that in accordance with Section 5.27 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the 2018 General Meeting of Electors will be held in the Shire of Williams Council Chambers on **Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018**, commencing at 6:00 pm.

Yours sincerely

**GEOFF MCKEOWN**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**14<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

In accordance with Section 5.27 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the General Meeting of Electors is to be held once every financial year to consider the contents of the Annual Report for the previous year, and to consider other general business.

### AGENDA

#### 1 OFFICIAL OPENING / WELCOME BY SHIRE PRESIDENT

The Shire President will preside at the General Meeting of Electors in accordance with Section 5.30 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

*Shire President, Cr Cowcher declared the Meeting open at 6.01pm.*

#### 2 ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

##### Attendances

John Cowcher	(President)
Greg Cavanagh	
Natalie Major	
Simon Harding	
Robert Baker	
Alex Watt	
Jim Epiro	
Geoff McKeown	Chief Executive Officer
Cara Ryan	Manager of Finance
Heidi Cowcher	Economic Development Officer
Manuela Lenehan	Minute Taker

##### Apologies

Jarrad Logie (Deputy President)  
 Moya Carne  
 Gilbert Medlen

### 3 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Attachment 1 - Minutes of the Shire of Williams General Meeting of Electors held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**Officer's Recommendation**

That the Minutes of the Shire of Williams General Meeting of Electors held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017, as presented, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

**Resolution**

***Cavanagh/Major***

That the Minutes of the Shire of Williams General Meeting of Electors held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017, as presented, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

**CARRIED 7/0**

### 4 CONSIDERATION OF THE 2017/2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Attachment 2 - 2017/2018 Shire of Williams Annual Report

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 (Item No. 8.4.5) Council adopted the 2017/2018 Annual Report that included the Financial Statements for the 2017/18 financial year.

#### 4.1 Receipt of Annual Report

**Officer's Recommendation**

That the Annual Report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018, as circulated, be received.

**Resolution**

***Watt/Baker***

That the Annual Report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018, as circulated, be received.

**CARRIED 7/0**

### 5 OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Consistent with Section 5.27(3) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, Electors in attendance at the General Meeting of Electors are invited to raise matters of general business.

- Jim Epiro mentioned that he had been talking with the community throughout the year and wished to raise the following points: recycling site at the depot is probably underutilised, however it is a sorry sight at this point in time, with lids missing from the bins and all manner of items dropped off, often in an untidy manner. The site would benefit from the bins being put on a level ground and more precise signage as to what is acceptable to place in the bins. Should the bins be removed altogether? In addition to the fortnightly recycling bin pickups, there are more bins at the refuse site.

- Jim Epiro: In regards to the current bridge project, it was always envisaged that a footpath/access was going to be provided. A connecting path to the oval/pool from the bridge or highway would be beneficial; what is in the current plan? Geoff McKeown responded that connection between Rustic Rainbow and bridge will be more defined with the proposed works. Discussion ensued on various options regarding tracks; Heidi Cowcher indicated that there is still provision in Shire plans for a bike track.
- Jim Epiro: There is a petition against the proposed new service station (currently at the Newsagency), objecting to the proposal with the sentiment that “we don’t need another business like this in town”. He went on to mention that he understands that Council does not have to consider submissions which base themselves on the argument of competition, as this is not a Council matter. In the meantime planning approval for the new service station is still dependant on a number of other submissions.
- Jim Epiro: Expressed appreciation to the Councillors for doing a good job in representing their community.
- Greg Cavanagh: Self-contained camping vehicles are on the increase, sometimes using facilities that are not for public use and leaving rubbish behind. The expectation of free camping to be provided for them is increasing, yet they don’t tend to spend a lot of money in the towns in which they stay overnight. There is not actually a law against this practice (other than the dumping of rubbish); however this problem may become bigger in the future.
- Bob Baker: Found a campervan parked at the back of the old cemetery, so he went to check this out, but could not rouse the occupant. The next day the van had left, perhaps to use the facilities in town, but then returned to the cemetery. Bob Baker engaged in conversation with the occupant. The older gentleman and his dog were just quietly spending time there, with no particular purpose.
- Bob Baker: Trotting club stalls - who is responsible for cleaning up the rubbish around the back of the stalls? There is a white ant problem as well. Geoff McKeown mentioned the shearing collective group is responsible to move the transportable shearing shed to the back of stalls when not in use, but is unaware of rubbish problems. Greg Cavanagh: there are double gees and caltrop that need to be controlled. John Cowcher: there are a lot of items stacked at the back that belong to various clubs and organisations. This just needs to be kept tidy, with actual rubbish removed.
- Bob Baker: White ants are suspected in the big tree in the Lions Park carpark. Heidi Cowcher informed the meeting that the tree has been inspected by Main Roads and declared unaffected and safe to stay.
- Bob Baker: What is the policy in Williams in regards to the control of cats? They appear to be everywhere. Response: DPAW undertakes cat control measures at the refuse site, and Shire Staff have at times responded to complaints about particular cats and have taken appropriate measures. Any further action would require the services of a dedicated ranger to undertake random checks on compliance with the cat laws.

## 6 CLOSURE

With no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 6.32pm.