



The Council of the City of Cockburn

# Annual General Meeting of Electors **Minutes**

Thursday, 1 February 2024

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### Minutes

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#### Attendance

##### Elected Members

Mayor L Howlett (Presiding Member)	
Cr P Eva	Central Ward
Cr T Dewan	East Ward
Cr C Reeve-Fowkes	East Ward
Cr C Zhang	East Ward
Cr P Corke	West Ward

##### Staff

Mr D Simms	Chief Executive Officer
Mr D Arndt	Chief of Built and Natural Environment
Ms V Green	Executive Corporate Affairs
Mr A Lees	Chief of Operations
Ms E Milne	Executive Governance and Strategy
Mr D Van Ooran	Chief of Community Services
Ms C Hanrahan	A/Executive People Experience and Transformation
Mr N Mauricio	A/Chief Financial Officer
Ms M Todd	Manager Legal and Compliance
Mr N Sandiford	Systems Administrator
Ms S D'Agnone	Council Minute Officer

##### Apologies

Deputy Mayor C Stone	Central Ward
Cr K Allen	West Ward
Cr M Separovich	West Ward
Cr T Widenbar	Central Ward

There were six electors in attendance.

The Attendance List has been registered in the City's records.

## 1. DECLARATION OF MEETING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 7.00pm and welcomed the City of Cockburn ratepayers.

The Presiding Member acknowledged the Nyungar People who are the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting was being held and paid respect to the Elders of the Nyungar Nation, both past and present, and extended that respect to Indigenous Australians who were present.

7.00pm The Manger Legal and Compliance departed the meeting and returned at 7.01pm.

The Presiding Member advised the following:

Commencing in 2024, the Ordinary Council Meetings have moved from being held on Thursday nights to Tuesday nights, with the first meeting scheduled for Tuesday 13 February 2024.

At tonight's meeting, only confirmed electors or ratepayers will have the right to speak and vote. Those eligible persons have been given a voting card for use, if and when required, during the meeting.

An elector is someone who owns property or resides in the City of Cockburn and is therefore eligible to be on the electoral roll.

Non electors, or people who do not reside or own property in Cockburn, may attend the meeting as observers only and do not have the right to speak or vote.

All decisions will be made by a simple majority.

This meeting will be livestreamed, and for those using the microphone, you will be captured through audio visual and video.

## 2. PURPOSE OF MEETING

This Annual Electors' Meeting has been called in accordance with Section 5.27 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

The Annual Electors' Meeting will be conducted in accordance with Section 5.31 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Clauses 17 and 18 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*.

### 3. ANNUAL REPORT

#### 3.1 Annual Report 2022-2023

Copies of the [Annual Report 2022-2023](#) and the [Annual Financial Report 2022-2023](#) are available on the City's website.

Questions relating to the Annual Report will be responded to by the Presiding Member or the appropriate Executive Officer.

### 4. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 4.1 Written Questions

Nil

#### 4.2 Motions On Notice

##### 4.2.1 Motion 1 - Green Ecological Link: Former Roe Hwy Regional Road Reserve

**Mover: Robyn Walsh**

**Secunder: Susan Favell**

That Council:

- (1) Determine the green (ecological) link included in DA46 provision, as endorsed at item 14.1.2 on 14 December 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council, be a minimum of 15 metres in width for the entire length on the Former Roe Highway Regional Road Reserve;
- (2) Amend the Structural Plan Provision, Item 14.1.2 (1), 2.2 (a) a green (ecological) link with a minimum of 15 metres extending through the area from east to west as an integral element.

**CARRIED 5/0**

Reason

The City's Natural Area Strategy suggests that ecological corridors are ideally between 25 - 50 metres in width.

We understand that this is not always practically possible. Therefore, given that - according to Professor Jane Chambers (Senior Lecturer and director of nature Link) - Perth park and cycle ways need to be 15-metre width, we request that a minimum width of 15 metres be included in the Structural Plan to ensure the proposed green link is ecologically viable.

### 4.3 Other Business

Ms Maureen Fisher-Sim, Hamilton Hill, asked the following questions:

Q1. What progress has been made since 2019 when the consultation working plan meeting for the proposed Hamilton Hill Community Centre was held, which was the last meeting that I attended?

A1. The Chief of Community Services advised the question would be taken on notice and a response provided to Ms Fisher-Sim in writing.

Q2. Is this Hamilton Hill Community Centre project still scheduled for completion in 2025/26?

A2. The Chief of Community Services advised no.

Q3. Can this project be bought forward urgently, given the 13 years of surveys and 60 plus years being passed back to the Cockburn Shire?

A3. The Chief Executive Officer advised that question will be answered when the Annual Electors' Meeting minutes are presented to the March 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, as that is a question for Council to answer.

Q4. Will the Hamilton Hill Memorial Plaque for my great grandmother, Maude Mary Winfield, be corrected before the 100 year anniversary?

A4. The Chief Executive Officer advised he would be happy to look into the matter and do his best to endeavour to make that happen for Ms Fisher-Sim.

### 5. Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the Presiding Member closed the meeting at 7.10pm.