



**City of Cockburn  
Annual General Meeting of Electors  
Minutes**

**Thursday, 29 January 2026**

## Information and procedure on how the Annual Electors' Meeting will be conducted

Welcome to the City of Cockburn Annual Electors' Meeting.

Regulation 18 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* (the Regulations) states that the procedure to be followed at a general or special meeting of electors is to be determined by the Person Presiding at the meeting.

In accordance with Section 5.30 of the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act),

- the Mayor is to preside at electors' meetings, or
- in the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor may preside at an electors' meeting; or
- in the absence of the Deputy Mayor, then the electors present are to choose one of the Councillors present to preside at the meeting but if there is no Councillor present, able and willing to preside, then the electors present are to choose one of themselves to preside.

The Member Presiding, Deputy Mayor Phoebe Corke, has determined the procedure to be followed.

## Procedure for the Annual Electors' Meeting

### Part 1 - Attendance at an Electors' Meeting

1. All attendees must register their attendance including name and address:
  - a. in advance of the meeting via the City's website; or
  - b. before entering the meeting, on the attendance register provided by City of Cockburn staff.

The attendance register is for internal record purposes only and will not be published or distributed.
2. All attendees must:
  - a. remain seated at all times during the meeting, unless invited by the Presiding Member to address the meeting at the lectern;
  - b. not cause any disturbance or disrupt the meeting proceedings in any way; and
  - c. comply with this Procedure and the direction of the Presiding Member at all times.
3. Attendees who are verified electors of the City of Cockburn will be provided first priority to access the Council Chamber and overflow areas (if required), subject to seating capacity.
4. Attendees who are not verified electors of the City of Cockburn will be required to remain in the designated overflow areas (as determined by City staff), unless, at the commencement of the meeting, there is sufficient capacity within the Council Chamber for those attendees to enter the Council Chamber. Should there be sufficient capacity, then staff will direct attendees to the Chamber.
5. Attendees who do not adhere to the Procedure, may be requested by the Presiding Member to leave the meeting and/or the building, and that person (or persons) are required to comply with the direction of the Presiding Member.

### Part 2 - Participants at an Electors' Meeting (ref Act section 5.26)

6. All participants at an Electors' Meeting must be verified electors of the City of Cockburn.
7. A verified elector is:
  - a. an elector whose name and address is recorded on the -
    - i. City of Cockburn district electoral roll from the last ordinary Council election held; or
    - ii. City of Cockburn owner and occupier electoral roll from the last ordinary Council election held; or
    - iii. Western Australian Electoral Commission or Australian Electoral Commission website at 'check your enrolment eligibility' and which confirms electoral eligibility for the district of Cockburn; or
  - b. a confirmed ratepayer of the City of Cockburn.
8. All attendees who wish to participate as a verified elector must be registered by the City staff as a verified elector. Proof of identity or other evidence may be requested.
9. Verification will cease at the commencement of the meeting. After this point, attendees will be admitted to the meeting but will not be verified.
10. All verified electors will be provided a 'Voting Card'. Upon request, the 'Voting Card' must be shown to evidence a person is a verified elector.
11. For clarity, a person who is not a verified elector may not participate in an Electors' Meeting.

### Part 3 - Recording and Live Broadcast of an Electors' Meeting

12. The proceedings will be video and audio recorded, and speakers are requested to use the microphones each time they speak.
13. The Electors' Meeting will be broadcast live online via the City's website.
14. No other audio or visual recording is to be undertaken without the permission of the Presiding Member.

### Part 4 – Questions from Electors in Writing

15. City of Cockburn electors may submit questions to the City in writing via the City's website by 5pm on Friday, 23 January 2026.
16. Questions asked at the Annual Electors' Meeting must relate to matters affecting the City of Cockburn.
17. Questions are to be specific and not include statements or other information.
18. In the event the City receives multiple questions on the same subject matter which are similar in content and where the responses are similar in nature, the Presiding Member may choose to read out the questions and provide a single response to the questions.
19. Questions from the floor will only be accepted at the discretion of the Presiding Member.
20. Questions will not be accepted if they:
  - a. include offensive remarks;
  - b. reflect adversely on Elected Members or staff; or
  - c. constitute a statement.
21. A maximum of three minutes per elector will be allowed for the asking of questions and receiving of responses.

### Part 5 - Putting a Motion to an Electors' Meeting

22. Proposed motions are required to be submitted in writing via the City's website by 5pm on Friday, 23 January 2026.
23. The Presiding Member will reject any motions that do not relate to matters affecting the City of Cockburn.
24. Motions will be presented to the meeting in the order they have been received by the City.
25. Motions received that are considered by the Presiding Member to have the same substance, intent or purpose, will collectively be considered as one Motion to avoid repetition and to ensure that the meeting progresses effectively. In such cases, only the first Motion received will be presented to the meeting.
26. To allow a reasonable and fair opportunity to all electors, the Presiding Member may limit the number of motions that may be submitted per elector.
27. Motions from the floor will only be accepted at the discretion of the Presiding Member.
28. The Presiding Member will request a mover and a seconder for a motion. To clarify, proposed motions must be moved and seconded by a verified elector present at the meeting before the motion can be discussed or voted on at the meeting.
29. Motions from electors will be read aloud by the Presiding Member and displayed on the public screen in the Council Chamber, to ensure that everyone is clear about what they are voting on.
30. No motion or amendment is open to debate or vote until it has been moved and seconded by a verified elector present at the meeting.

31. Only one amendment on any one motion shall be received at a time and such amendment shall be disposed of before any further amendment can be received; but any number of amendments may be proposed.
32. Upon a motion being moved and seconded, the Presiding Member will then call for speakers to address the meeting.

#### Part 6 - Speakers at an Electors' Meeting

33. Only verified electors may address an Electors' Meeting.
34. When speaking at the meeting, a speaker must:
  - a. rise and move to the lectern unless unable to do so by reason of sickness or disability;
  - b. use the microphone provided;
  - c. state their name and suburb for recording in the minutes;
  - d. address the meeting through the Presiding Member;
  - e. limit statements to fact, not opinion or supposition
  - f. not reflect adversely on Elected Members or staff;
  - g. refrain from making repetitive comments on matters that have already been discussed, to ensure the meeting can progress effectively.
35. A speaker will have a maximum of three minutes to make their statement.
36. To ensure efficient and equitable time for all submitted motions, an abbreviated debating protocol will be used.
  - h. Once a motion is moved and seconded, the Presiding Member will call for any speakers against the motion.
  - i. There being no speakers against the motion, the Presiding Member will put the motion to the vote.
37. If there are speakers against the motion, the following debating protocol will apply
  - j. The mover of a motion will be invited to speak first, and the seconder will be provided the opportunity to speak next. The Presiding Member will then call for other verified electors who wish to speak.
  - k. The mover of a motion (but not the mover of an amendment) has the right of reply, and this closes the debate. All other speakers may speak once on a motion or an amendment.
    - l. The right of reply is limited to a maximum of two minutes.
38. A verified elector may rise and move without discussion, "That the motion be now put", which, on being duly seconded and carried by a simple majority, will result in submission of the motion at once to the meeting.
39. The Presiding Member will manage the time allocated for speakers to ensure that all verified electors are given a fair and equal opportunity to speak.
40. If the Presiding Member determines that sufficient and fair debate has occurred on a motion or amendment then the Presiding Member, after inviting the mover to exercise the right of reply (but not the mover of an amendment), will put that motion to the vote.

#### Part 7 - Voting at an Electors' Meeting (ref Regulation 17)

41. The Presiding Member will ask for a vote on the motion.
42. Each verified elector is entitled to one vote on each matter to be decided at the meeting. An elector does not have to vote.
43. Voting is determined by raising the Voting Card either for or against a motion, at the time the Presiding Member calls for the vote.
44. Voting at a special meeting of electors is to be conducted so that no voter's vote is secret.

45. All decisions at a special meeting of electors are to be made by a simple majority of votes.

**Part 8 - Minutes and Decisions of an Electors' Meeting (ref Act clauses 5.32 and 5.33)**

46. The Presiding Member is to determine questions of order and procedure not stated above.
47. Minutes of this meeting will be available for inspection for members of the public as soon as practicable after the meeting and before the Council meeting at which decisions made at the Electors' Meeting are considered.
48. All decisions made at an Electors' Meeting are to be considered at the next Ordinary Council meeting.
49. The decisions of an Electors' Meeting are not binding on the Council, but as required by section 5.33 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the reasons for any Council decision on a decision at an Electors' meeting are to be recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting.

## Minutes

### Attendance

#### Elected Members

Deputy Mayor P Corke (Presiding Member)  
Cr P Eva  
Cr C Stone  
Cr T Dewan  
Cr C Reeve-Fowkes  
Cr C Zhang  
Cr H Srhoy

#### Staff

Mr D Simms	Chief Executive Officer
Mr D Arndt	Director Sustainable Development and Safety
Ms C Bywater	Director Corporate and System Services
Ms K Johnson	Director Community and Place
Mr A Lees	Director Infrastructure Services
Mr J Blanchard	General Counsel
Ms T Hardmeier	Service Lead Governance and Council Support
Mr M Lee	System Support Analyst
Ms S D'Agnone	Council Minute Officer

There were approximately 29 electors in attendance. The Attendance List has been registered in the City's records.

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### 1. DECLARATION OF MEETING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 6.08pm and welcomed everyone present.

#### Acknowledgement of Country

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

#### Announcements

In accordance with Standing Orders Clause 8.8, mobile phones and all other electronic devices that may distract from the procedures at tonight's meeting are required to be turned off, including those people who are in the public gallery.

Members of the gallery are advised that recording of Council Meetings is not permitted.

Please note this meeting is being recorded and streamed live on the Council's website and can be viewed on Council's website. All reasonable care is taken to maintain your privacy, however, as a visitor in the public gallery, your presence may be recorded. By remaining in the public gallery, it is assumed your consent is given if your image is broadcast.

### **Presiding Member's Welcome and Summary of Meeting Procedures**

Thank you all for coming this evening.

This is your meeting, I'm just here to facilitate and ensure that everything's done according to the book, so that any decisions made here tonight can be considered at the 10 March 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Please remember that decisions from an Electors' Meeting are not binding on Council but, under the Local Government Act 19958, Council has to give its reasons for any decision it makes about the motions you pass here tonight. Those reasons have to be recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting.

So before we get into the business and purpose of the meeting I'm going to go into some detail about the process, as there are strict procedures that have to be followed.

First, you can only participate if you are a verified elector and, if you are, you should have been issued with a yellow voting card. Hopefully you've all got your cards. If you don't have a card, you cannot vote or speak.

We will start first with any discussion or questions on the Annual Report.

We will then move to question time – first we'll hear written questions received in advance, and then we will accept questions from the floor.

There are some rules. Questions must be questions, not statements.

They must not be offensive, reflect badly on City staff or Elected Members, and they must relate to matters that directly affect the City of Cockburn.

There is a restriction of three minutes total per elector for asking questions and receiving answers so please keep your questions short.

Then we move to motions, which will follow those same criteria and we will address written motions received in advance first.

A motion must be moved and seconded and displayed on the public screen so everyone is clear what is being proposed, before it is open to debate or a vote.

If there are any proposed amendments to those motions, they must also be moved, seconded and displayed on the screen before debate or voting can happen. Only one amendment can be considered at a time.

Once we have a motion that has been moved and seconded, I will allow the mover and seconder to speak briefly to the motion, whether or not that motion has been opposed. And briefly means briefly. If you speak for too long, I may need to interrupt and ask you to wrap it up so we can move to the next person. Please keep your statement short and concise.

Please start with your name and suburb, before speaking to your motion.

If we have a motion that has been moved, seconded and then opposed, I will call for speakers for and against to come forward to the lectern to address the meeting.

You will need to state your name and suburb, stick to facts not opinions, and try not to repeat remarks that have already been made.

Each speaker has a maximum of three minutes to make their statement and, apart from the mover who exercises the right of reply at the end, each speaker can only speak once on each individual motion. The right of reply is limited to two minutes from the mover of the motion.

I hope you've all got that. There are some other procedures that have to be followed and we can address those if they arise.

## **2. PURPOSE OF MEETING**

This Annual General Meeting of Electors has been called in accordance with section 5.27 of the Local Government Act 1995. Matters to be discussed are as follows:

1. Annual Report 2024/2025
2. General Business

## **3. ANNUAL REPORT**

[City of Cockburn Annual Report 2024-2025](#)

No public questions were received on the Annual Report.

## 4. General Business

### 4.1 Written Questions

#### **Marcus Burnett, Beeliar**

Subject: Homelessness and Free Camping in Cockburn

Q1. With an increasing issue with homelessness within the City of Cockburn I wish to ask if the City has a policy in place to address homelessness and the flow on issues that this is affecting ratepayers of Cockburn?

A1. The Director Sustainable Development and Safety advised that homelessness in Cockburn reflects a state-wide rise driven by broader social and economic pressures, particularly worsening rental affordability and limited housing supply, and is not an issue unique to our City.

In Western Australia the lead responsibility for homelessness rests with the State Government's Department of Communities, guided by the *All Paths Lead to a Home: Western Australia's 10 Year Strategy on Homelessness 2020–2030*, which sets the evidence based, Housing First–aligned framework for prevention, crisis response and coordinated support across government and the community sector.

As a local government, the City of Cockburn's role is to make service information available to the community and to equip its frontline staff (e.g., Rangers and Community Safety) with guidelines on how to be respectful, how to engage those people., and how we can ensure that they are referred to specialist services, while still managing the local amenity under our local laws.

Q2. As the City of Fremantle and Perth begin to drive homeless people out of their areas, our bushland and remarkable coastline facilities draw more homeless people into the area. Will the City work with state government and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) to tackle this issue?

A2. The Director Sustainable Development and Safety advised CoSafe and the City's Ranger Services have already invested significant time and resources into targeted, proactive patrols, respectful engagement and referrals, and enforcement where necessary, which has delivered a dramatic decrease in unauthorised camping on City managed coastal reserves and car parks.

The City also runs joint unauthorised camping operations to support DBCA Rangers in DBCA managed areas and will keep doing so when requested, noting that these joint operations are fully dependent on DBCA's operational availability and resourcing. As much of the camping is out of hours, DBCA's ability to resource consistent operations has been restricted.

Q3. We have seen fires in our bushland caused by homeless camps, theft of property and violence and I believe the City should be acting to safeguard the community whilst working with the relevant agencies to help those who want and need the appropriate services to come off the streets.

A3. The Director Sustainable Development and Safety advised the City shares the community's concern about fires, theft and violence linked to unauthorised camps, and our priority is to promote public safety while connecting people who

want help to appropriate services. Any criminal offences should be reported directly to WA Police, and any illegal or unsafe fires should be reported to Department of Fire and Emergency Services and City Rangers for investigation. In parallel, the City's Rangers and CoSafe continue targeted patrols, respectful engagement and referrals to the Department of Communities and specialist providers.

Q4. Would the City be willing to work with the Voice of Cockburn Association who are looking to engage with all stakeholders to find the best resolution?

A4. The Director Sustainable Development and Safety reiterated that homelessness is a state government matter. The City would be prepared to write to the Department of Communities and advise them of the Association's offer.

Q5. Can you also explain what actions the City is taking to address free camping and its damaging impacts?

A5. The Director Sustainable Development and Safety reiterated there is no permitted free camping within the City of Cockburn and the City's officers do undertake targeted enforcement of that requirement, however are also mindful of homelessness and the situations that may have led someone to this point. So the City does that engagement respectfully and tries to ensure that those people who are in need of services are referred to specialist providers.

**Terry Burns, Coogee, on behalf of Peter Newsome, Coogee**

Subject: Footpath along Cockburn Road from Powell Road Pedestrian Lights

Q1. Coogee Caravan Park residents have reported pedestrians are walking from Powell Road south along Cockburn Road northbound traffic lane to reach the pedestrian lights and also along Cockburn Road from the lights walking north to Powell Road. To limit this dangerous situation, residents ask Cockburn Councillors is it possible to please to bring funding forward and deliver the urgently required footpath sooner than the third quarter of 2026?

A1. The Director Infrastructure thanked Ms Burns for raising concerns regarding pedestrian behaviour along Cockburn Road near Powell Road.

The City is aware that some pedestrians are choosing to walk within the northbound traffic lane to access the signalised pedestrian crossing or to travel between Powell Road and the intersection.

This behaviour is unsafe and does not reflect the intended use of the existing footpath and road network.

A safe, alternate pedestrian route is already available, providing connection to the footpath network and the signalised intersection.

It remains the responsibility of pedestrians to use the appropriate infrastructure rather than entering live traffic lanes.

Council has allocated funds for the planned Cockburn Road shared-path upgrade within the current capital works program, and design and preparatory works are progressing, with construction is expected to commence in the early part of February 2026.

**Terry Burns, Coogee, on behalf of Sally-Ann Newsome, Coogee**

Subject: Widening of the north side of Powell Road

Q1. Caravan Park residents report during this present summer period traffic build-up in Powell Road creates regular 20-minute hold-ups to reach Cockburn Road. Residents must allow an extra half hour when leaving the Caravan Park for an appointment. Widening of the north side of Powell Road will enable two vehicles to turn from the left-hand lane onto Cockburn Road. Accommodating left and right turning vehicles exiting Powell Road at the same time. This will greatly reduce wait-times and traffic hold-ups in Powell Road. Would Cockburn Councillors please pursue signing off by Main Roads WA (MRWA) on the detailed designs earlier than the third quarter and fourth quarter of Financial Year 2026, to achieve delivery of Powell Road widening earlier than Financial year 2027?

A1. The Director Infrastructure thanked Ms Burns for her question and advised that should Council endorse the requested funding for commencement of design at the 10 February 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting, City officers will begin the planning and detailed design process, including early engagement with MRWA on the proposed works.

This engagement is a standard and necessary part of progressing any modifications to MRWA controlled assets.

It is important to note this project is one of many that require the City to work through MRWA's established approvals pathway.

These approvals cannot be expedited outside the adopted process as it could risk the project not receiving approvals at the appropriate milestones.

Once funding is endorsed and design work commences, the City will continue to work with MRWA through the appropriate channels to progress the project as efficiently as possible.

**Helen Crosby, Coogee (not present at meeting)**

Subject: Widening Powell Road and footpath on Cockburn Road south of Powell Road

Q1. Please can the widening of the north side of Powell Road as it exits the Coogee Beach onto Cockburn Road be actioned as soon as possible to stop the long delays and banking up of cars going north on Powell Road from the Holiday Park?

A1. Should Council endorse the requested funding for commencement of design at the 10 February 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting, City officers will begin the planning and detailed design process, including early engagement with Main Roads WA on the proposed works.

This engagement is a standard and necessary part of progressing any modifications to Main Roads WA controlled assets.

It is important to note this project is one of many that require the City to work through MRWA's established approvals pathway.

These approvals cannot be expedited outside the adopted process as it could risk the project not receiving approvals at the appropriate milestones.

Once funding is endorsed and design work commences, the City will continue to work with MRWA through the appropriate channels to progress the project as efficiently as possible.

Q2. Will this work be done sooner rather than later in 2026?

A1. At this stage, it is considered unlikely that construction will occur before the later part of 2026. The works cannot progress until the necessary planning, detailed design, and approvals from MRWA have been completed. These steps are essential to ensure the upgrade is safe, compliant, and properly coordinated with underground services. Proceeding without completed designs would introduce a high risk of damage to existing services and significant cost escalation. The City will be in a better position to confirm construction timeframes once design work is funded and underway.

Q3. When can we expect the footpath from Powell Road exit going south along Cockburn Road to the new pedestrian crossing be built? Has it been marked urgent due to the high risk to the safety of pedestrians leaving the Coogee Beach on Powell Road?

A3. The City is aware that some pedestrians are choosing to walk within the northbound traffic lane to access the signalised pedestrian crossing or to travel between Powell Road and the intersection.

This behaviour is unsafe and does not reflect the intended use of the existing footpath and road network. A safe, alternate pedestrian route is already available, providing connection to the footpath network and the signalised intersection. It remains the responsibility of pedestrians to use the appropriate infrastructure rather than entering live traffic lanes.

Council has allocated funds for the planned Cockburn Road shared-path upgrade within the current capital works program. Design and preparatory works are progressing, and construction is expected to commence in the early part of February 2026.

Q4. Why did the footpath stop at the end of Powell Road and not continue south along Cockburn Road to the pedestrian lights?

A4. At the time the design was assessed, the connection proposed by Main Roads WA was considered appropriate to maintain safe and accessible pedestrian access to the beach and surrounding network.

The constructed path provides a direct 30-metre link to the primary north-south shared-path network on Cockburn Road. For most pedestrians, this connection represents only around 20 metres of additional walking compared with a second, more direct linkage.

On this basis, the single connection was understood to meet accessibility and connectivity needs without requiring additional infrastructure.

However, post-construction behaviour has demonstrated, as commonly observed across many networks, that some pedestrians choose to take a shorter but less safe route by walking within the traffic lane on Cockburn Road rather than using the path network as designed and intended. This behaviour has highlighted the need for an additional path connection, which the City has now planned and funded for delivery in early 2026.

**Eileen Preston, Coogee**

Subject: Widening of Powell Road

Q1. Will Cockburn Councillors actively pursue the signing off by MRWA on the detailed design for widening Powell Road to two lanes, earlier than the third and fourth quarter of Financial Year 2026, for completion in Financial Year 2027, thereby limiting traffic build up and ensuring greater safety for pedestrians and drivers on Powell Road trying to access Cockburn Road in a more safely manner?

A1. The Director Infrastructure thanked Ms Preston for her question regarding the timing of MRWA approval for the proposed widening of Powell Road to two lanes.

Should Council endorse the requested funding for commencement of design at the 10 February 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting, City officers will begin the planning and detailed design process, including early engagement with MRWA on the proposed works.

This engagement is a standard and necessary part of progressing any modifications to MRWA controlled assets.

It is important to note this project is one of many that require the City to work through MRWA's established approvals pathway.

These approvals cannot be expedited outside the adopted process as it could risk the project not receiving approvals at the appropriate milestones.

Once funding is endorsed and design work commences, the City will continue to work with MRWA through the appropriate channels to progress the project as efficiently as possible.

**Michael Separovich, Spearwood**

Mr Separovich asked a question which the Presiding Member ruled was out of order.

#### 4.2 Motions on Notice

##### **Motion 1 - Noise Mitigation Measures and Pedestrian Access – Rail Tracks**

MOVED: Bradley Zarins

SECONDED: Felicity Bairstow

That Council:

- (1) REQUESTS the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Transport to advocate for Government commitment to the implementation of suitable noise mitigation measures along both sides of the rail freight corridor between North Lake Road and Kwinana Freeway;
- (2) REQUESTS that the Chief Executive Officer further ADVOCATES for the Government to commit to ensuring that suitable noise mitigation measures are applied throughout all areas within Cockburn that will be impacted by rail works relating to the Westport project, including areas subject to track duplication within Beeliar and Yangebup; and
- (3) REQUESTS that the Chief Executive Officer further ADVOCATES for the Government to commit to prioritising maintaining pedestrian access and safe pedestrian crossings across the rail tracks.

**CARRIED 26/0**

##### **Motion 2 - Emergency Road Exit for the eastern section of the suburb of Bibra Lake**

MOVED: Felicity Bairstow

SECONDED: Bradley Zarins

That Council act with urgency to establish an emergency road exit for the eastern section of the suburb of Bibra Lake.

**CARRIED 22/0**

##### **Motion 3 - Naval Base Shacks**

MOVED: Donna Buckley

SECONDED: Julie Srhoy

We, Electors of the City of Cockburn, request the City of Cockburn consider options relating to re-leasing of vacant sites at the Naval Base Shacks, and present a report back to Council.

**CARRIED 23/0**

**Motion 4 - Turtle Road Mortality – Beeliar Wetlands**

MOVED: Stephen Shaw

SECONDED: Joyce Gadalon

That Council requests the City of Cockburn take action by implementing temporary speed reductions in hotspots, investigating safe-passage infrastructure such as guided barrier fencing (see Turtle-Safe Roads Project, Transport for NSW), and using TurtleSAT/TurtleRT to guide hotspot response during nesting season.

**CARRIED 27/0**

**Motion 5 - Turtle nesting habitat rehabilitation – Progress Drive Playground Foreshore**

MOVED: Yeok Burrows

SECONDED: Stephen Shaw

That Council requests the City develops a rehabilitation plan including permanent signage to alert visitors to the environmental sensitivities of the area, exclusion fencing to minimise disturbance to turtles nesting, provide transparent information on works and budgets, establish a monitoring framework, and actively involve community groups in planning and implementation.

**CARRIED 26/0**

**Motion 6 - Nuclear Power Free Zone – City of Cockburn**

MOVED: Joshua Last

SECONDED: Amy Warne

That Council:

- (1) DECLARIES the City of Cockburn to be a Nuclear Power Free Zone;
- (2) OBJECTS to uranium, nuclear reactors, nuclear waste or other radiological material connected with the nuclear power industry or nuclear powered submarines being stored or transported in or through the municipality; and
- (3) ADVOCATES for Defence and the ASA to be transparent and accountable about plans to implement any nuclear facility on Defence land at Henderson.

**CARRIED 16/4**

**Motion 7 – Mandatory Voting for Government Elections**

MOVED: Michael Separovich

That Council:

- (1) REQUESTS the City create a report into the potential cost/time ramifications of mandatory voting, with specific details on the current and projected future costs for postage, reply paid envelopes, and staffing costs for counting ballots in a timely manner,
- (2) REQUESTS the City to adopt a position opposing the introduction of mandatory voting for local government elections,
- (3) INTRODUCES a motion to the south metro zone and state council to adopt a position opposing the introduction of mandatory voting for WA Local Government elections.

**Lapsed for want of a seconder**

**Motion 8 - Homelessness in the City of Cockburn**

MOVED: Marcus Burnett

SECONDED: Felicity Bairstow

That Council develops an Action Plan that works in partnership with those stakeholders who can have an impact in responding to homelessness in the City of Cockburn.

**CARRIED 24/0**

#### **4.3 Other Business**

The Presiding Member thanked everyone present for their participation in the Annual Electors' Meeting.

For motions passed at the meeting, these will be presented to the 10 March 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting to hear Council's consideration of the motions that had been carried tonight.

#### **5. Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Presiding Member closed the meeting at 6:58pm.