



Minutes

Annual General Meeting of Electors
Friday 30 June 2023

Date	Friday 30 June 2023
Time	10:00am
Location	Shire of Wickepin Council Chambers 77 Wogolin Road, Wickepin WA 6370
Distribution Date	Friday 14 July 2023



Notice of Meeting

The Chief Executive Officer recommends the endorsement of these minutes at the next Annual General Meeting of Electors.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nathan Cain".

Nathan Cain
Chief Executive Officer
Friday 14 July 2023

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1 Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member, Shire President J Russell, declared the meeting open at 10:01 am.

2 Attendance

2.1 Present

Council Members

J Russell	Presiding Member, Shire President
T Miller	Councillor
F Allan	Councillor
P Thompson	Councillor
L Corke	Councillor
J Mearns	Councillor

Employees

N Cain	Chief Executive Officer
E Clement	Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Electors

S Rose	Elector
D Astbury	Elector
C Hemley	Elector

2.2 Apologies

W Astbury	Councillor
L Rose	Elector
K Coxon	Elector

3 2021-2022 Annual Report

The Presiding Member read the following –

It gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report and audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2022.

By way of a brief summary of the financial statements, the following observations are made –

- Rate revenue of \$1.41 million was levied across 553 rateable assessments, which is up from \$1.36 million from 547 rateable assessments in the previous year.
- Rates comprised approximately 33% of the operating revenue of the Shire, compared with 26% the previous year.
- Approximately 2.3% of rates remained outstanding at the end of the period.
- Capital works and purchases totalling \$3.91 million occurred during the year, which is up from the previous year of \$2.98 million.
- Council property and infrastructure assets have a current carrying value of \$113.50 million, which is an increase of \$0.57 million.
- Grants and funding assistance to assist in the development of assets and infrastructure totalled \$2.10 million, up from \$1.53 million the previous year.
- The balance of loans outstanding at 30 June reduced from \$0.40 million in 2021 to \$0.36 million in 2022.

In closing, the financial statements, as presented, were audited by AMD Chartered Accountants and certified by the Office of the Auditor General and, in their opinion, the statements –

- Are based on proper accounts and records,
- Present fairly, in all material respects, the results of the operations of the Shire for the year ended 30 June 2022 and the financial position at the end of the period, and
- Are in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 (the Act) and, to the extent they are not inconsistent with the Act, Australian Accounting Standards.

I thank the Shire officers for the work they have done to prepare the Annual Report and financial statements.

4 Any Other General Business

S Rose – Fuel Depot

Does the Shire of Wickepin earn money from the fuel depot?

Response

Shire officers advised, yes, the Shire is paid a commission from sales and also receives an annual lease payment.

S Rose – Saleyards

Why are the Saleyards shown under Tourism in the Annual Report?

Response

Shire officers advised the Annual Report reflects the Strategic Community Plan headings, which is where it is currently located. The new Strategic Community Plan will look to address this perceived anomaly.

S Rose – Wickepin Accommodation

Is anything being done to address the lack of accommodation in Wickepin, especially relating to CBH?

Response

Shire officers advised CBH is working with the Shire regarding accommodation options, with a proposal from CBH likely to come before Council in the near future.

C Hemley – Yarling Brook Bridge

When is the Yarling Brook Bridge being constructed?

Response

Shire officers advised the contractor is on-site with works imminent, subject to weather.

D Astbury – Town Centre Display Shed

Is the Shire constructing a display shed near the Albert Facey Homestead for other display items?

Response

Shire officers advised, no, there is currently no intention to construct a display shed on the proposed site. A proposed display area is being considered to be located at the Toolseum.

D Astbury – Wickepin-Harrismith Road

Is the Shire doing anything about the standard of the Wickepin-Harrismith Road?

Response

Shire officers advised maintenance works and pothole patching were currently being undertaken, weather permitting. Substantial works will only be undertaken with additional grant funding.

S Rose – Wickepin-Pingelly Road

Is the Shire doing anything about the recent road works about ten (10) kilometres out of Wickepin on the Wickepin-Pingelly Road?

Response

Shire officers advised the roadworks are a preservation seal only. Excess blue metal chips will be swept, which is traditional for this type of work.

S Rose – Wickepin Refuse Site

Is the Shire doing anything about the large quantity of metal and other material at the Wickepin Refuse Site?

Response

Shire officers advised contractors had been approached to provide quotes to remove and / or recycle the materials. Because the materials have not been separated and are mixed in together, many contractors do not wish to quote on the works. Shire officers are continuing to seek a solution.

S Rose – Abandoned Vehicles

Is the Shire doing anything about abandoned vehicles in the townsites?

Response

Shire officers advised, yes, a program to reduce and / or remove abandoned vehicles in townsites will be undertaken in the 2023-2024 financial year.

5 Closure

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 10:36am.