



SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

**Held at the Town Hall
Bremer Bay
Wednesday, 2 February 2022**

MINUTES

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS MINUTES

1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING, ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The meeting was opened at 11:00am by the Presiding Member.

2.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

2.1 ATTENDANCE

ELECTED MEMBERS:

Cr Joanne Iffla	Shire President (Chair)
Cr Julie Leenhouders	Deputy Shire President
Cr Robert Lester	Councillor
Cr Andrew Price	Councillor
Cr Neil Foreman	Councillor

STAFF:

Martin Cuthbert	Chief Executive Officer
Noel Myers	Manager of Development
Rachel Smith	Executive Assistant

VISITORS:

Nil

GALLERY:

Mel Joy
Corrine Hobbs
Ken Dowdell
Astrid Kernen
Barbara Thomas
Jan Roberts entered at 11:01am
Tara Pittard entered at 11:01am
Bruce Duckworth entered at 11:05am
Lesley Duckworth entered at 11:05am

2.2 APOLOGIES

Cr Rex Parsons, Councillor
Cr Drew Dawson, Councillor
Charmaine Solomon, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

2.3 ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Annual General Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Jerramungup held 3 February 2021.

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Jerramungup held at the Town Hall, Bremer Bay on 3 February 2021 be CONFIRMED.

MOVED: Cr Lester

SECONDED: Cr Price

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Jerramungup held at the Town Hall, Bremer Bay on 3 February 2021 be CONFIRMED.

CARRIED: 5/0

4.0 PRESENTATION OF THE 2020/2021 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2020/2021 Annual Report is provided under separate cover.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That the Annual Report for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 as presented, be received.

MOVED: Cr Lester

SECONDED: Cr Foreman

That the Annual Report for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 as presented, be received.

CARRIED: 5/0

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Ken Dowdell – Templetonia Road, Bremer Bay

Summary of key points:

- Money has been spent in the past 12-18 months on resealing roads, in particular Pt Henry Road. The edges and shoulders of these roads are damaged and breaking away. Not only is this ruining the sealing work completed it is also dangerous.

Officer Response:

CEO Martin Cuthbert advised previous Manager of Works was aware of this and had been tasked with completing. Shoulder works had commenced at the Wellstead Road end, further works will be continued over the first and second quarters.

- When driving on Freedom Drive towards the Bremer Bay Sports Club there are trees growing out onto the edge of the bitumen making it dangerous to see oncoming traffic.

Officer Response:

CEO Martin Cuthbert advised Works Crew will inspect the trees and undertake pruning as necessary.

- Mr Dowdell asked how many Councillors are aware of what is happening with the Bremer Bay Men's Shed? They are in desperate need of a shed as a temporary meeting place until a more permanent location can be found and have been enquiring with Shire Staff about the Shire Shed on John Street.

Officer Response:

Manager of Development Noel Myers advised there is an occupancy agreement with the current tenant of the Shire Shed on John Street. The Shire has written a letter to the occupant to ask what his plans are moving forward.

Noel also advised that as per discussions with the Bremer Bay Men's Shed the classification of the Shire Shed on John Street is a Class 10 building which is for storage purposes only and therefore not suitable to be used as temporary Men's Shed in its current status.

- Whale Watch WA have been coming up each day into vacant land behind Templetonia Road, unsure what they are doing however possibly dumping liquid waste? This has been occurring for 7-10 days.

Officer Response:

CEO Martin Cuthbert advised the Shire had not been notified of this matter and will look into it accordingly. The Manager of Development, Noel Myers, has confirmed no dumping has occurred.

Mrs Corrine Hobbs – Hakea Close, Bremer Bay

Summary of key points:

- Mrs Hobbs requested the area at Rock Cairn used to hold the Anzac Day service be cleaned up prior to the next Anzac service. The track to flat rock also needs cleaning up.

Officer Response:

CEO Martin Cuthbert advised he will notify the Works Crew of this request and inspection of the track to flat rock to be completed.

Manager of Development Noel Myers also advised that quotes are being obtained to erect 2 flagpoles at Rock Cairn as per request received from the Vietnam Veterans Group of Bremer Bay, this also includes the installation of a small concrete plinth.

- Mrs Hobbs stated that in 2018 herself and husband requested 'slow children' signs be erected at the Bremer Bay Skate Park. She was advised that signs were ordered but they are still not there.

Officer Response:

CEO Martin Cuthbert advised he will request staff to investigate signage requirements. Grab rails have been installed on each side of Seadragon on path leading to school to improve pedestrian safety.

- Mrs Hobbs asked if Council have made a decision regarding the fence at the Estuary and if this will be replaced with same fence or alternative option? She feels strongly that this fence should not be put back up as it was before.

Officer Response:

CEO Martin Cuthbert advised no decision has been made by Council, however staff are still investigating the various options. Council intends to undertake community consultation prior to a final decision being made.

- Mrs Hobbs asked if funding has been requested for footpaths as only patching work has been completed. Is the Shire requesting funding to fix existing footpaths or install new ones? Also is the Town Centre footpath a dual purpose footpath as it is very narrow and users are unable to pass each other?

Officer Response:

CEO Martin Cuthbert advised first allocation of funding was for remedial works. The Shire is waiting on more funding to be released to repair other paths identified. Unsure if Town Centre footpath is dual use, this will be investigated.

- Mrs Hobbs requested the tree nibs on Sea Dragon Road in the Town Centre be removed as they don't have plants in them and people drive over them.

Officer Response:

Noted for future consideration.

Mrs Tara Pittard – Borden-Bremer Road, Bremer Bay

Summary of key points:

- Wrote to Shire in June 2021 and received no response. Met with GSDC and attended Shire Council Meeting in September requesting response but still nothing received. Felt intimidated at the Council Meeting.

Officer Response:

Noted.

It was the understanding of the Council that the questions put were answered at the Ordinary Council Meeting and that had concluded the matter.

- Mrs Pittard advised when repair works were completed on Roderick Street footpaths the former Manager of Works Murray Flett advised grant funding was received and if the footpaths were not completed the funding would be lost. Footpaths were not completed so was the funding lost?

Officer Response:

CEO Martin Cuthbert advised no funding for footpaths has been lost or been required to be returned to funding bodies.

- Mrs Pittard asked if a decision has been made regarding the fence over the river. Members of the public are angry about the fence being washed out into the ocean and causing potential damage to marine life. Can members of the public make submissions to Council when this is going to be considered?

Officer Response:

CEO Martin Cuthbert advised staff were looking into different options to protect the estuary going forward and no decision has been made by Council. Submissions would be welcome when this matter is being considered by Council.

Cr Leenhouders suggested community consultation be undertaken prior to Council consideration.

Cr Iffla advised FBG planned and administered the previous fence and it was funded by South Coast NRM.

- Mrs Pittard asked if streets in the town will be getting kerbed, in particular Frantom Way near the Resort and other town streets, as they currently look unfinished.

Officer Response:

Noted. No kerbing works were programmed to occur during 2021/2022.

- Mrs Pittard advised many tourists were unhappy with the lack of a dump point and potable water supply in Bremer Bay.

Officer Response:

Noted.

Cr Leenhouders advised there is the option for tourists to use caravan park dump point facilities.

Mrs Jan Roberts – Short Beach Road, Bremer Bay

Summary of key points:

- Mrs Roberts asked if the remainder of the footpath from the caravan park to paperbarks was going to also be upgraded as currently only half is done and the other half due is rough and has edges with drop offs.

Officer Response:

CEO Martin Cuthbert advised that the Shire received funding to complete stage 1 of this project and that stage 2 would be undertaken when further funding was received.

Mrs Astrid Kernen – Borden-Bremer Bay Road, Bremer Bay

Summary of key points:

- Mrs Kernen advised she is often asked by tourists for dump point and potable water facilities.
- Mrs Kernen advised it was difficult to dispose of rubbish over the peak holiday period and suggested that the Bremer Bay Waste Facility be open daily, at least from 9am-12pm.
- Mrs Kernen believes there is a need for an overflow camping facility in Bremer Bay during the peak holiday season as people don't plan ahead and turn up in Bremer Bay with no accommodation. She suggested that if there was an overflow facility, perhaps at the Bremer Bay Sports Club, this may eliminate free campers.
- Mrs Kernen advised that the free camping at Dillon Bay over Christmas and New Year was horrendous. Dillon Bay is within the 10km radius of town so free camping is illegal, can this area be monitored better? Suggested long-drop toilets and rubbish facilities be installed to eliminate litter and damage to the area.

Officer Response:

Manager of Development Noel Myers advised Dillon Bay and surrounds is State Crown Land not Shire owned/managed land. This area is also subject to the ongoing Native Title Settlement. This situation will continue to be monitored.

Mrs Barbara Thomas – 44 Bennett Street, Bremer Bay

Summary of key points:

- Mrs Thomas advised a study was completed approx. 10 years ago on Native Dog Beach in regards to upgrading the carpark, nothing has ever progressed. This carpark is a disgrace and needs to be better maintained.

Officer Response:

CEO Martin Cuthbert advised he is not aware of any formal study being completed by the Shire for this area.

- Mrs Thomas would like to congratulate the Shire on their choice of Rangers over Christmas/New Year period and suggested they be employed for longer period as there is still a high volume of tourists. Asked if the Shire currently has a Ranger in Bremer Bay as nothing is being done about people free camping in January?

Officer Response:

CEO Martin Cuthbert advised the Shire employed a Contract Ranger over Christmas who worked alongside a Shire Ranger. Following the good feedback received the Shire have secured him to come back over Easter.

Mrs Mel Joy – Frantom Way, Bremer Bay

Summary of key points:

- Mrs Joy would like to congratulate the Shire on the Respect Bremer Bay campaign. The campaign helped to raise awareness and the respect levels of visitors.
- Mrs Joy advised the rubbish collection over Christmas and New Year was excellent. Bill Day did a great job.
- Mrs Joy advised the Rangers also did a brilliant job. They were calm, kind with kids and assisted the pub a number of times.
- Mrs Joy thanked the Shire for its support of the Bremer Bay Resort's New Years Eve event. Advised that this year a address was required when purchasing a ticket in a bid to alleviate free camping. Reported that the Police were also happy with this and it did help when there was a disturbance.
- Mrs Joy advised she attended a GSDC meeting in Bremer Bay in August. There was a great turnout with important issues raised however she is disappointed that minutes were never circulated to attendees as they were told they would receive a copy.

Officer Response:

Noted.

The meeting referred to was hosted by the GSDC, therefore the release of minutes/meeting notes is outside of the Shire's remit.

- Mrs Joy advised she received a letter from a Shire Representative regarding the Fishery Beach Boat Ramp and Jetty upgrade and it asked her to advise all bookings that this facility will be closed from March – June. She advised it is not possible to advise all bookings as a lot are booked online. Is there a poster or letter that the Resort can advertise on noticeboards?

Officer Response:

CEO Martin Cuthbert advised that a Public Notice was released yesterday, the Shire was waiting on final closure dates from the Contractor before we could advertise. Executive Assistant will email this to Mrs Joy.

- Mrs Joy advised the Fitzgerald River National Park is an embarrassment and the road into the park is appalling. Grading has not been completed in a long time and no Road Condition Reports have been received lately. Who is the current Ranger and who can they lobby for improvements to the road?

Officer Response:

CEO Martin Cuthbert advised to contact DBCA, Regional Manager for Great Southern Peter Hartley. This project is still a strategic priority for the Shire and we continue to lobby for this road to be upgraded at any given opportunity.

Mrs Lesley Duckworth – Margaret Street, Bremer Bay

- Mrs Duckworth advised she was not aware of this Electors Meeting and suggested it was not advertised enough. Mrs Pittard suggested an email be sent out to businesses prior to Electors meeting each year.

Officer Response:

Noted.

Bruce Duckworth left the meeting at 11:45am and did not return.

Mrs Tara Pittard – Borden-Bremer Road, Bremer Bay

Summary of key points:

- Mrs Pittard asked what happened to the funding for the Bremer Bay Medical Centre?

Officer Response:

Cr Iffla advised that several years ago GSDC had approved the proposal for the new Bremer Bay Medical Centre, with a Business Case completed, however funding was not received at that time.

CEO Martin Cuthbert advised that a new Business Case has been prepared by WACHS and that the project awaits a funding allocation in the State budget. Council continues to lobby for this important infrastructure at every opportunity.

- Mrs Pittard asked when is commercial land going to be available in the Bremer Bay Town Centre Development?

Officer Response:

Manager of Development Noel Myers advised he met with DPLH in Perth on 28 January. DPLH are progressing with this and are starting to do valuations and other due diligence and will be updating the Shire going forward. Process could take approximately 18 months.

7.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Presiding Member closed the meeting at 12:09pm

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting held

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Signed:

Presiding Person at the meeting at which these minutes were confirmed

Date: