



MINUTES

Annual Meeting of Electors
Tuesday, 12 May 2026 at 6:00 PM

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MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ELECTORS' MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 135 CANNING HIGHWAY, EAST FREMANTLE ON TUESDAY, 12 MAY 2026

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 6.02pm.

PRESENT

Mayor A Natale	Presiding Member
Cr S Boyd	
Cr R Cutter	
Cr J Harrington	
Cr L Maywood	
Cr A White	
Cr M Wilson	

Mr J Throssell	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Mr P Kocian	Executive Manager Corporate Services (EMCS)
Mr F Henderson	Executive Manager Regulatory Services (EMRS)
Ms J Scott	Executive Manager Technical Services (EMTS)
Ms J May	Executive Assistant/Governance Officer (EA/GC)

There were 12 electors in attendance.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

"On behalf of the Council I would like to acknowledge the Whadjuk Nyoongar people as the traditional custodians of the land on which this meeting is taking place and pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging."

3 APOLOGIES

Cr Collinson
Cr Brockmann

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL ELECTORS' MEETING

Moved Pat Newton, seconded Ruth Ellis

That the Minutes of the Annual Electors' Meeting held on 29 January 2025 be received.

CARRIED

5 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

Moved John Newton, seconded Damien Flynn

That the 2024-25 Annual Report be received.

CARRIED

5.2 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.2.1 DAMIEN FLYNN, ALLEN STREET

Mr Flynn addressed the meeting requesting Council consider amending its Verge Policy.

MOTION 1

Moved Damien Flynn, seconded Jim O'Neill

That the Verge Guidelines be amended to permit ratepayers to plant approved trees on verges, subject to these conditions

- trees are to be those species and sizes approved by the Town
- permission be sought by the Town to ensure underground services are not impacted
- maintenance and watering of trees so planted be the responsibility of the ratepayer concerned
- location of planting be approved by the Town.

CARRIED

5.2.2 RUTH ELLIS, FORTESCUE STREET

Ms Ellis addressed the meeting regarding the AUKUS project and posed the following questions:

1. *In relation to AUKUS, will East Fremantle Council fully support and promote a Fremantle 'Town Hall' public meeting when it happens in the coming months, consistent with the 2025 motions?*
2. *Will the East Fremantle Council actively oppose the recommendations relating to School Engagements in the Perth South West Metropolitan Alliance - Building Defence Social Licence Report and any subsequent "initiatives, such as sponsoring STEM achievement awards...and visits to ships."?*
3. *Will East Fremantle Council request relevant data/information from the WA Gov relating to harmful industries and sponsorship of schools; and advocate on behalf of the community against militarism in education, and weapons companies' sponsorship of school programs?*

4. *In light of the increasing amount of taxpayer funds spent on AUKUS in our community, will East Fremantle Council request the WA Government, promote peace education in our local schools- for the sake of our community well-being - especially our children?*

Mayor Natale advised that the CEO would provide a written response to the questions raised however commented that the Town had not formally endorsed the referenced report and whilst some of her opinions may be personally supported, local government (particularly East Fremantle) had a very limited role in this project. In saying this, the Town would assist in the promotion of public information events outside the Town.

Mrs Newton commented that there should be no further burden placed on already overworked teachers. Ms Taggart commented that students at a primary school closer to the site were already being briefed on the project.

5.2.3 PHILLIP NOLAN, ANGWIN STREET

Mr Nolan addressed the meeting regarding a lack of feedback regarding a potential risk reported to Council last year in relation to a building development on an adjoining property and queried the role of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee in considering such matters.

MOTION 2

Moved Phillip Nolan seconded Leanne Nolan

That:

- 1. Council publish clear guidelines for residents on what matters they can refer to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.**
- 2. in relation to any risk matters raised by electors that the CEO provides a written response to the electors setting out any actions or the reasons for not adopting any action.**
- 3. the CEO provides a written response to an elector on what action has been taken if the elector has requested that a risk be advised to the Council's underwriting insurer LGIS.**

CARRIED

The CEO advised that:

- the Town website would be reviewed in relation to current information on the role of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.
- although the public could attend meetings of this Committee, it was a Council appointed Committee to deal with strategic risk issues related to the Town's operations and matters could not be introduced by members of the public.
- residents were able to raise any potential risk issues with staff for investigation.

5.2.4 JOANNE TAGGART, DALGETY STREET

Ms Taggart raised the following questions regarding the unallocated parcels of land at East Fremantle Community Park which had been proposed to be the subject of an expressions of interest process in early 2025:

- 1. What progress, if any, has been made in seeking expressions of interest?*
- 2. What criteria have, or will be proposed for the request and evaluation of the expressions of interest?*

The CEO outlined reasons for the delay in commencing the EOI process and advised that as soon as a contractual issue related to the resurfacing of one of the land parcels had been resolved, resources would be allocated to begin the advertising process.

5.2.5 CATRIONA CAMERON GEORGE STREET

Ms Cameron addressed the meeting in relation to improving the protection of mature trees on private property to preserve the urban tree canopy within the Town.

MOTION 3

Moved Catriona Cameron, seconded Amberlee Nicholas

That the Town of East Fremantle adopts the WALGA Model Local Planning Policy – Tree Retention which provides protection for mature trees on private property by defining the removal of a regulated tree as “works” which require development approval.

CARRIED

The EMRS outlined recent changes to legislation regarding tree retention within the State and advised that work was currently underway to prepare a tree retention policy, (not the WALGA Model) which incorporated these latest changes.

5.2.6 PAT NEWTON, ALEXANDRA ROAD

Mrs Newton highlighted the difficult step down to the Fletcher Street carpark at East Fremantle Community Park for elderly visitors to the facility due to the extremely high kerb.

The EMTS advised that this work was planned to be carried out this financial year.

5.2.7 GORDON LEE, RIVERSIDE ROAD

Mr Lee highlighted the fact rising costs were eroding funds to provide club facilities for the Fremantle Table Tennis Club and asked whether the EOI process for the parcels of land at the East Fremantle Community Park could be brought forward, perhaps excluding the land currently the subject of a lease.

The CEO advised that it was potentially better to consider the total area of unallocated land to ensure the best mix of community and commercial use.

5.2.8 JOANNE TAGGART, DALGETY STREET

Ms Taggart queried whether there was any further traffic calming proposed for around the East Fremantle Community Park.

The EMTS advised that work was currently underway to investigate existing and future traffic treatments in the vicinity of the Park.

6 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.11pm.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ELECTORS' MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 135 CANNING HIGHWAY, EAST FREMANTLE ON WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY 2025

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 6.30pm

PRESENT

Mayor J O'Neill Presiding Member

Cr C Collinson
Cr J Harrington
Cr L Maywood
Cr A McPhail
Cr A Natale
Cr A White
Cr M Wilson

Mr J Throssell Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Mr P Kocian Executive Manager Corporate Services (EMCS)
Mr F Henderson Executive Manager Regulatory Services (EMRS)
Ms J May Executive Assistant/Governance Officer (EA/GC)

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3 APOLOGIES

Cr Kerry Donovan
Mr Nick King Executive Manager Technical Services (EMTS)

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL ELECTORS' MEETING

Moved Maureen Flynn, seconded John Newton

That the Minutes of the Annual Electors' Meeting held on 27 February 2024 be received.

CARRIED

5 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

"Good evening and thank you for attending the Town's Annual Electors Meeting. Before I present the Annual Report, I would like to make some comments and observations.

The East Fremantle Community Park (EFCP) attained practical completion during this period. The Town and Council should be proud of attaining this, in what was an extremely complex construction environment. I thank and recognize the hard work undertaken by staff and elected members and draw attention to their commitment, professionalism and ability to resolve major issues whilst maintaining focus and respect in extremely stressful situations.

Undoubtedly some major changes to the scope were required and most of those were either deferred, undertaken by the Town or removed. However, the sustainability of the facility remains at the forefront of the EFCP, and I recognize the members of Climate Action Reference Group (CARG) for their advice, understanding and ongoing commitment to ensure this happens. The facility needs to be seen as a 'work in progress' to continue to evolve its sustainability outcomes. To achieve this, all stakeholders and the community must work together. I thank and recognize the nearby residents impacted during the demolition and construction phase. To truly appreciate what the Town has achieved you need to think back 4 years to the dilapidated state of the oval, the surrounding areas and the football facilities.

Sustainability remains a focal point, and we will continue with our tree planting program, inclusive of a focus on the endangered black cockatoo.

Council also undertook work with the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to upgrade the changeroom facilities for the Fremantle City Football Club (FCFC) at the Tricolore Centre. Women's football will have much improved facilities and I thank members of the FCFC for their patience and support.

I also thank the staff and volunteers in Neighbourhood Link ensuring our elderly residents can participate in a range of group social activities and one on one care programs. It is a wonderful program.

I thank all residents that attended the Seniors' Lunch in 2023 as well as the East Fremantle Festival in George Street.

The Town will, in 2024/25, work on LED street lighting, Riverside Road and footpath upgrades, installation of solar and battery charging stations at the EFCP, other solar panel installations, Local Planning Scheme Review and continue work on our Reconciliation Action Plan by our steering committee.

Our Strategic Priorities of Social Connection and Inclusion, Economic objectives in local business focus and sustainability, preserving and enhancing our Built and Natural Environments and improving our Leadership and Governance will continue to guide our decision making.

In a world that seems to lack, at times, empathy and tolerance I am proud to represent our Town. With our committed and fantastic staff, cohesive Council and input from CARG, RAP committee, Public Art Panel and many community and sporting community groups we will continue to work towards an inclusive and caring local community.

Mayor Jim O'Neill"

Ms Maureen Flynn highlighted the last paragraph on page 22 of the Annual Report (as follows):

"Ranger services supporting an inclusive and safe community

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As the Town is focussed on community education and voluntary compliance, 5,476 cautions were issued in the reporting year, compared to 1,594 infringements. Additionally, there were 505 maintenance reports filed and 4,421 individual interactions recorded."

and advised she was interested in understanding the nature of the infringements issued, noting that in the Town's Policy guideline document the only reference to infringements is in relation to parking.

1. *What are the other types of offences for which infringement notices are given?*

The CEO advised that the majority of infringements issued were for parking offences, however there were also dog infringements issued.

2. *So, in relation to the 5,476 cautions, can you please explain what are the guiding principles that inform the decision to provide a caution as opposed to an infringement. What percentage of parking offences result in a caution as opposed to an infringement?*

The EMCS advised that the Town has an administrative Compliance and Enforcement Policy. The Policy includes a complete list of offences under the Town's local laws and categorises the offences as either minor, moderate or major.

- Any offence that is considered 'minor' attracts a caution
- Any offence that is considered 'major' attracts an infringement
- Any offence that is considered 'moderate', the Ranger team apply their discretion as to whether to issue a caution or infringement

The objective of the Policy is to promote education and voluntary compliance.

Moved Maureen Flynn, seconded Gordon Lee

That the 2023-24 Annual Report be received.

CARRIED

5.2 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.2.1 FREMANTLE TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Mr Kim McNish and Mr Gordon Lee provided some background to the Fremantle Table Tennis Club's current operations and financial situation, and their aspiration for purpose built facilities.

Mr McNish advised that this question pertained to the Fremantle Table Tennis Club's application for a lease area to establish a permanent facility.

The Fremantle Table Tennis Club has for many years been seeking a site to develop a permanent home. Late 2024, we submitted a proposal to the Town of East Fremantle seeking an option to lease a portion of land at the Community Park with a view to building a new facility. We were advised that the Town would be seeking Expressions of Interest early in 2025 in relation to the unallocated sites at the Community Park.

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1. *“Could the TOEF please confirm the process for allocation of the remaining parcels of unallocated land at the East Fremantle Community Park, including timelines and selection process and selection criteria?”*

The CEO advised licence agreements were still to be finalised with the football, bowls and croquet clubs before the Town would be seeking interest from other clubs for the remaining community space. After consultation with elected members to determine appropriate parameters for use of the land, expressions of interest will be sought to attract the widest range of responses. This is anticipated to occur during the first half of 2025.

5.2.2 DAMIEN FLYNN, ALLEN STREET – TOWN CANOPY COVER

Mr Damien Flynn addressed the meeting as follows:

I wish to congratulate the Town and Council for initiatives aimed at enhancing the natural environment of our Town especially green spaces such as verges, riverside vegetation and parks. In particular I’m pleased to be advised that the current cost of tree replacement is \$350 and the mortality rate of new plantings is a low 4%. This represents a significant reduction in costs to when I last asked at an electors’ meeting several years ago when Mr Gallagher advised a cost of \$500 per tree.

The revised verge guidelines approved by the Council on 19 November 2024 are a good step in this direction enabling and encouraging residents to plant native waterwise verges. Verges represent the single greatest asset by area size to enhance vegetation and tree canopy cover. We have one of the lowest canopy cover at 16% of the metropolitan area.

Under the guidelines and policy approved, in strategic objective 2 (PP155-173), the Town “commits to increasing canopy cover to 30% by 2030”. In addition, “Council will support initiatives on both public and private land”.

We have had high mortality of street trees over the past two torrid summers with another one facing us.

1. *“What strategies have been investigated and are under development to achieve these objectives?”*
2. *“Are the Town’s resources sufficient to achieve this operational goal in the time frame stipulated? Is it envisaged that external resources be employed to achieve this?”*

Mayor O’Neill noted a discussion today with the CEO, where it was mentioned there were approximately 4,000 shrubs yet to be planted (in house) at the East Fremantle Community Park and around 40 trees.

The CEO advised it was unfortunate that the Town’s Executive Manager Technical Services, Nick King, could not be at the meeting tonight to respond to these questions and noted that he would be leaving the Town’s employ on Friday. The CEO undertook to provide responses to Mr Flynn in due course.

5.2.3 RUTH ELLIS, FORTESCUE STREET – SOCIAL CONCERNS RELATED TO AUKUS

Moved Ruth Ellis, seconded Imma Farre Codina

That the Town of East Fremantle calls a public meeting to address the need for community information and consultation about AUKUS as identified in the Perth South West Metro Alliance (PSWMA) report [“Building Defence Social Licence in the Perth South West Region”](#).

CARRIED

Moved Ruth Ellis, seconded Imma Farre Codina

That Council requests the public meeting:

1. includes attendance of qualified representatives from the Australian Submarine Agency (ASA) and ARPANSA, and the relevant local MP or government defence spokesperson
2. includes panel participation of a First Nations spokesperson and representatives from Stop AUKUS WA, Nuclear Free WA (NF-WA), Medical Association for Prevention of War (MAPW) and Conservation Council of WA (CCWA); Teachers for Peace.
3. allows a substantial Q&A. Questions may be submitted in advance to ASA and ARPANSA to ensure they are answered at the event, questions also will be allowed from the floor
4. be moderated by an impartial member of the community, wider public or media
5. is widely advertised through traditional and digital media.

CARRIED

5.2.4 WENDY WISNIEWSKI, VIEW TERRACE – CYCLIST SAFETY

Moved Wendy Wisniewski, seconded Miles Dracup

That the Town of East Fremantle urgently acts to implement measures to increase safety for cyclists. Actions to be considered (in order of priority):

1. improve cycle access to the Stirling Bridge footpath, with installation of a barrier to protect cyclists adjacent to the Stirling Highway, and installation of an additional path to access the bridge. (See photos of location for barrier, and similar barrier in Mosman Park)
2. cyclists' boxes – painted green and marked with bicycle symbol to heighten driver awareness and protect cyclists at major intersections in the Town. Notably:
 - Preston Point Rd/Canning Highway
 - Petra St/Canning Highway
 - East St/Canning Highway
 - Marmion St/Stirling Highway
3. prioritising cycle and pedestrian access along Fraser & George Streets to calm traffic and create safe, active streets that improve safety for students of Richmond Primary School & East Fremantle kindergarten cycling and walking to school. Also enabling pedestrians accessing Glyde In (Photo attached of traffic calming initiative in Elizabeth Street, Nedlands)
4. continuation of cycle lanes along Preston Point Rd, extending west from Petra St to Wauhop Road, to link to the dedicated Riverside Road cycle lanes.

CARRIED

5.2.5 MAUREEN FLYNN, ALLEN STREET – INFRINGEMENT DISCRETION

Moved Maureen Flynn, seconded Imma Farre Codina

That where a parking offence is not dangerous or causing a lack of access (for example, parking across a footpath so as to make it difficult for a person with a disability or someone pushing a pram) that a first offence be responded to with a written caution as opposed to an infringement.

CARRIED

5.2.6 MAUREEN FLYNN, ALLEN STREET – EAST FREMANTLE COMMUNITY PARK

Ms Maureen Flynn advised that approximately 12 years ago, 130 people attended a Council meeting opposing the selling off of portion of the East Fremantle Oval precinct for housing. She wished to congratulate all those people for their hard work to ensure this didn't happen. Ms Flynn thanked Council for listening to the residents and proceeding with a design that has resulted in a fantastic community facility, especially the dog and skate parks.

6 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.55pm.