



AGENDA

Annual Meeting of Electors

Wednesday, 29 January 2025 at 6:30 PM

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NOTICE OF MEETING

You are hereby advised that an Annual Meeting of Electors' will be held on 29 January 2025 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers, 135 Canning Highway, East Fremantle.



JONATHAN THROSELL
Chief Executive Officer
14/01/2025

AGENDA

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING OF MEETING

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

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL ELECTORS' MEETING

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

5 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

That the 2023-24 Annual Report be received.

5.2 GENERAL BUSINESS

6 CLOSURE OF MEETING

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MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ELECTORS' MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 135 CANNING HIGHWAY, EAST FREMANTLE ON TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2024

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 K Donovan

Cr J Harrington

Cr L Maywood

Cr A McPhail

Cr A Natale

Cr A White

Mr J Throssell Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Mr A Malone Executive Manager Regulatory Services (EMRS)

Mr N King Executive Manager Technical Services (EMTS)

Ms J May Executive Assistant/Governance Officer (EA/GC)

There were ten electors in attendance.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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3 APOLOGIES

Cr M Wilson

Mr P Kocian Executive Manager Corporate Services

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL ELECTORS' MEETING

**Moved Mr Newton, seconded Ms McPhail
That the Minutes of the Annual Electors' Meeting held on 30 January 2023 be received.**

CARRIED



5 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

Mayor O'Neill addressed the meeting as follows:

"Before the Annual Report for 2022- 2023 is moved to be received I would like to comment.

This financial year both staff and elected members were required to make many difficult financial and development decisions not just regarding the East Fremantle Community Park development but also in other areas of Council. I recognise the responsibility that this has required.

The Town received an additional \$5,000,000 from the State government to increase their contribution to the Community Park development to \$25,000,000 and an additional Lotteries Commission grant funded the skate zone and 'all abilities' playground. On behalf of the Town, I especially thank the member for Bicton, Lisa O'Malley, for her assistance and support in this redevelopment. The Council's contribution also increased substantially. The challenge will be to ensure that this is truly a community facility.

Electric charging stations were installed at the Town Hall with further stations planned for the Community Park. I take this opportunity to thank all members of the Climate Action Reference Group for their ongoing commitment, support, and advice to the Council to ensure we meet our emission reduction targets. We also received recognition as a Gold Waterwise Council. With Mr Warn, the outside crew and many local residents we embarked on a large tree planting exercise to increase our urban tree canopy and provide habitats for local fauna.

New nature play facilities and a pump track were installed in Gourley Park. Again, a big thank you to Lisa O'Malley for her support for this facility.

Our RAP was accredited, and I recognise Yabini Kickett and Nathan Hoyle for her fantastic art work.

I recognise the work of our community members on the RAP committee, Public Art Panel and the Climate Action Reference Group. It is essential that the community play an important role in policy creation and implementation and advice and guidance.

Our Planning staff worked extremely hard to have the Town's new Planning Strategy endorsed, and also the development of the Town's Redevelopment Guidelines and Local Commercial Centres Assessment and Strategy.

Mr Andrew Malone took over as the Acting CEO and overseeing the new Community Park redevelopment. This was an enormous responsibility given the complexity of the development, value engineering demands and the obvious financial pressures in the current construction environment. I cannot thank Mr Malone enough for his commitment to this development as well as meeting the responsibilities of being CEO.

I thank and recognise Mr Kocian and team for their hard work and commitment and especially with their oversight of the financial responsibilities with the Community Park redevelopment. Mr King and the outside crew continue to maintain the Town to a very high standard.

We are very fortunate to have Ms May and staff in our office. They have worked hard to ensure a friendly and efficient customer focus.

As I have reiterated on many occasions, we are extremely lucky to have such a committed and professional workforce despite the ever-increasing availability pressures to attract and maintain quality staff."

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Joanne Taggart (Dalgety Street) referred to the Town's Strategic Priority 3 Built Environment on page 41 of the Report and queried what steps the Town would take to protect the community's interests with the imminent Woodside Hospital site development.

The EMRS advised that:

- discussions with the developers, Hall and Prior, indicate they are investigating the possibility of consultation with a community group through a community reference group for the construction process.
- following approval of the development by the State Development Assessment Unit, once a Certified Building Permit is received, the Town only has ten days to process and determine, not allowing further opportunity to receive community feedback on aspects such as traffic and parking management.

Mayor O'Neill pointed out that the Annual Report pertained to the 2022/23 financial year, however advised that the Town would endeavour to keep the community informed regarding the development.

Moved Mrs Newton, seconded Mrs Connor
That the 2022-23 Annual Report be received.

CARRIED

5.2 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.2.1 DAMIEN FLYNN (ALLEN STREET) – GREENING GUIDELINES

Mr Flynn recounted his interactions with the Town in relation to the development of a native garden on his verge and suggested that the process should not discourage those residents trying to establish a waterwise verge.

Moved Mr Flynn, seconded Ms Taggart

That:

1. **the Council remove the requirement for the submission of plans for the installation of a verge garden where the garden is comprised entirely of waterwise species and conforms in all other respects to the requirements and specifications detailed in the Town's Greening Guidelines.**
2. **the 1.5m setback requirement be deleted and replaced with "plants to not obstruct pedestrians or vehicles".**

CARRIED

5.2.2 GERALDINE CONNOR (DALGETY STREET) – FORMER WOODSIDE HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT

Mrs Connor thanked elected members of 2023 for their deliberations on the Woodside redevelopment application to the WAPC that led to the Town's resolution to not support the application in its current form.

- One of the conditions of the now approved redevelopment was that a traffic and parking plan be prepared by the developers. What will the role of Council and members of the community be in this regard?

The EMRS advised there would be a very limited role. As Main Roads WA had determined there would be insignificant traffic impact on surrounding streets, the Town would have minimal input but would be required to

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review the plans where appropriate but the decision to approve a traffic and parking plan would be with the Western Australian Planning Commission.

- Given four major developments are underway or approved for the southern side of the Town, has Council considered the combined impact of increased traffic and parking issues that may arise for the local area once these projects reach completion? Will Council give an undertaking to engage with the community about strategies to manage the increased traffic impact on residents' amenity?

The EMRS advised yes Council has considered the combined impact of increased traffic and parking issues that may arise for the local area once these projects as well as other projects such as the Fremantle Traffic Bridge, the corner of East Street and any potential future developments at the intersection of Petra Street and Canning Highway. All these developments combined will have an impact on the Town and will be required to be monitored, however given that Main Roads have high volumes permitted before roads require modifications, the potential actions and strategies the Town can take is very limited. The Town will undertake to engage the community about strategies to manage the increased traffic impact on residents' amenity where appropriate but noting there may be limited opportunity afforded to the Town by Main Roads.

- Given the interest of the local member (Lisa O'Malley) in the safety of the Canning Highway school crossing, the shortage of crossing wardens in WA, the approval of the adjacent Woodside redevelopment and the projected increase in traffic on the highway, is the Council advocating on behalf of the community about safety issues at the crossing?

Mayor O'Neill advised that Council had previously taken up this issue with Lisa O'Malley and state government agencies, however he believed it would be an ongoing issue whilst crossing wardens were paid so little. He undertook to again raise the matter at his forthcoming meeting with Lisa.

 5.2.3 JOHN NEWTON (ALEXANDRA ROAD) – FOOTPATH HAZARD

Mr Newton advised he had contacted Council regarding a hazardous 2 metre section of footpath works outside 47 Alexandra Road which had no safety measures for pedestrians.

Ms Taggart advised there had been a similar hazard in Dalgety Street opposite the Woodside site which also had no safety barricade.

The CEO undertook to raise this issue with the private contractors involved.

 5.2.4 WENDY WISNIEWSKI (VIEW TERRACE) – FOGO BAGS/BIN AUDITS

- Ms Wisniewski queried whether the Town was still providing FOGO bags to residents and would it continue to do so in the future.

The Mayor advised that the Town continues to provide FOGO bags for residents and promotes their use. There was no plan to discontinue this practice at this time.

- Ms Wisniewski asked whether the Town would be conducting more audits of bins to educate residents regarding recycling.

The Mayor advised that the Town had resolved to leave the Resource Recovery Group and this matter would be taken up with the contractor who is subsequently engaged to remove the Town's waste.

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5.2.5 JOANNE TAGGART (DALGETY STREET) – EAST FREMANTLE COMMUNITY PARK PLANTING PLAN

- Ms Taggart queried whether there was a planting plan for the East Fremantle Community Park development and was this available to members of the public.

The EMRS advised that the planting plan contained plants/trees that were a mix of endemic, Australian native and exotic varieties. There were 162 trees being planted ranging from 100 litre to 500 litre trees and over 11,000 plants proposed. Unfortunately due to the scale of planting a single plan could not be provided, however the Town would investigate options to make plans available.

- Ms Taggart queried whether the species selected in the planting plan had been checked to ensure that trees selected aren't susceptible to attack by the shot hole borer.

The EMRS advised the proposed trees had been chosen to mitigate any potential attack from the shot hole borer.

The Mayor commented that the Town sought to encourage the planting of vegetation to assist endangered species eg Carnaby's Black Cockatoo

5.2.6 WENDY WISNIEWSKI (VIEW TERRACE) – EAST FREMANTLE COMMUNITY PARK/CARG
CONSULTATION

Ms Wisniewski advised that the CARG were disappointed they were not consulted regarding this planting plan and with the species selected. She requested CARG be consulted prior to the next round of plantings.

The Mayor advised that the request would be given consideration.

5.2.7 WENDY WISNIEWSKI (VIEW TERRACE) – PLANNING GUIDELINES FOR SUSTAINABLE BUILDING
POLICIES

Moved Ms Wisniewski, seconded Ms Taggart

That the Council actively pursues elements of the Climate Action Plan related to Planning guidelines for the sustainable building policies of its built environment, commencing with the requirement for double glazing for all new dwellings.

CARRIED

5.2.8 DAMIEN FLYNN (ALLEN STREET) – CANNING HIGHWAY FOOTPATH

Mr Flynn queried whether Council was responsible for maintaining the Canning Highway footpath and commented on sections of old slabs that need replacement.

The EMTS advised that this was Council's responsibility and a budget allocation was made each year to upgrade sections of the Canning Highway footpath. It was explained that footpath works along Canning Highway were extremely expensive given they required traffic control measures and were often scheduled at night.

Mr Flynn also highlighted the hazard caused by the height difference between the road level and the footpath in some areas along the highway.

The EMTS undertook to follow up this matter.

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5.2.9 MAUREEN FLYNN (ALLEN STREET) – EAST FREMANTLE COMMUNITY PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Ms Flynn asked what was the process for establishing the facility management committee and was it still envisaged to include two community members.

The CEO advised that investigations were currently underway regarding the establishment of the management committee. The committee would include two community representatives with expressions of interest being sought once the Committee's functions and delegations were determined.

5.2.10 PAT NEWTON, (ALEXANDRA ROAD) – EAST FREMANTLE COMMUNITY PARK

Mrs Newton expressed appreciation to elected members and staff for this project finally getting off the ground and finally a skateboard facility in the Town. She was very impressed with the whole development and thanked Council for its efforts.

5.2.11 JANICE ENGLAND (MAY STREET) – INCREASED TRAFFIC

Ms England queried what process the community can take to raise awareness with relevant state government departments of the increased traffic through local streets that will be generated by the major developments planned for south of Canning Highway.

Mayor O'Neill advised that the Town continually raises the matter with state government and he would again speak with Lisa O'Malley at their forthcoming meeting. He also suggested that the Town should revisit proposing a 40km/hour speed limit for local streets.

6 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.36pm.