

# Electors' General Meeting

8 February 2023

## Agenda

Notice is hereby given of Meeting of Electors' General to be held in the Council Chambers, City of Kwinana Administration Centre commencing at 5.00pm.

Wayne Jack  
Chief Executive Officer

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## 1 OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Presiding Member to declare the meeting open and welcome all in attendance.

## 2 WELCOME TO COUNTRY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Barry Winmar to present the Welcome to Country:

*"Ngullak nyinniny kooralong koora ngullak noitj nidja noongar boodjar. Noongar moort djoorapiny nyinniny nidja ngulla quopadok noongar boodjar kooralong.*

From the beginning of time to the end, this is Noongar Country. Noongar people have been graceful keepers of our nation for many, many years.

*Ngalla djoorapiny maambart boodjar ngallak bala maambart quop ngalla koort djoorapiny nidja ngalla mia mia nyinniny noongar boodjar.*

We respect the earth our mother and understand that we belong to her - she does not belong to us. In all her beauty, we find comfort, wellbeing, and life that creates a home for everyone that has become a keeper of Noongar Country.

*Djinanginy katatjin djoorapiny nidja weern noongar boodjar ngalla mia mia boorda.*

Look, listen, understand and embrace all the elements of Noongar Country that is forever our home.

*Kaya wandju ngaany Barry Winmar Wadjuk Ballardong maaman ngaany koort djoorapiny noonook nidja Noongar boodjar daadjaling waankganiny noitj Noongar Boodjar.*

Hello and welcome my name is Barry Winmar and I am a Whadjuk Ballardong man my heart is happy as we are gathered on Noongar country and speaking here on Noongar Country"

Presiding Member to read the Acknowledgement of country:

*"It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here and before commencing the proceedings, I would like to acknowledge that we come together tonight on the traditional land of the Noongar people and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present."*

## 3 DEDICATION

Councillor Dennis Wood to read the dedication:

*"May we, the Elected Members of the City of Kwinana, have the wisdom to consider all matters before us with due consideration, integrity and respect for the Council Chamber. May the decisions made be in good faith and always in the best interest of the greater Kwinana community that we serve."*

#### **4 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES, LEAVE(S) OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)**

##### **Apologies:**

##### **Leave(s) of Absence (previously approved):**

Nil

#### **5 RECEIVING OF THE ANNUAL REPORT**

##### **5.1 THE MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Carol Adams will present the Mayor's report for the year ended 30 June 2022

Like in previous years, 2021/22 brought with it a level of uncertainty due to the ongoing global pandemic, however the Kwinana community continued to demonstrate its resilience and prosper during these times.

Arguably one of the most challenging tasks as a Councillor involved budget considerations, and Council once again took a conservative approach with a two per cent average rates increase for residential properties in the City of Kwinana.

This increase enabled three key projects from the Strategic Community Plan to be developed including the Kwinana Loop Trail Masterplan, the reinstatement of the Community Events budget and the introduction of the Healthy Kwinana initiative.

The community events that were reinstated included the always entertaining OMG! Fringe Festival, Get in the Grove, and Summer Sounds.

While it was heartening to see people coming together again in a more normal fashion, the Children's Festival was affected by the ongoing pressures of the pandemic and the City continued to be responsive and agile to these changing circumstances.

Council welcomed newly elected members in October 2021 including its first Indigenous Elected Member, Councillor Barry Winmar. We also farewelled outgoing Councillor Wendy Cooper after a decade of service on Council and Sandra Lee who we acknowledge for her 16 years of service to Kwinana. I take this opportunity to publicly thank all Councillors for their service and commitment to the community.

Together, we made further progress on the Reconciliation Action Plan, as always in consultation with the Boola Maara (Many Hands) Advisory Group of which I am a member.

Acknowledgement of Country signage was placed on City facilities and community calls to rename a portion of Harry McGuigan Park as Ngalang Moort Manjar (Our Families Meeting Place) were supported by Council. It should also be noted that two local Elders, Maria Taylor and Des Little, were also named Elder of the Year at the NAIDOC Perth Awards on 25 June.

This financial year, the region saw industry adapt rapidly to global demands with increased activity in the Kwinana Industrial Area and a number of local announcements regarding renewable and clean sources of energy.

It is exciting to welcome these new developments, while honouring our heritage as we approach the historic milestone of 100 years since the SS Kwinana — the town's namesake — came to rest upon Kwinana Beach during a storm.

Margaret Feilman was Australia's first female qualified town planner, tasked with planning the Town of Kwinana. She was immortalised this year in a mural painted on the wall of the Kwinana Social Club by acclaimed artist 'Shakey'.

Margaret was described by the Australian National Trust as 'a trailblazer in her professional life, and coupled with her passion for the environment, the arts and making a difference in future generation, her contribution to Western Australia has been truly enormous.'

I believe she helped map out Kwinana's future as a place of innovation, leading the way in the State while caring for the environment and celebrating the rich spirit of the area to make a difference for future generations.

We truly live in a unique and liveable City, celebrated for and connected by its diverse community, natural beauty and economic opportunities.

## **5.2 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORT**

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Wayne Jack will present the Chief Executive Officer's report for the year ended 30 June 2022.

This financial year saw the City's operations continue and respond to the rapidly changing dynamics of the world around us while continuing to lead and serve the local community.

A key example of this was a Love My Neighbourhood project initiated at Worrall Court in Orelia in September 2021.

An award-winning model from Napier in New Zealand was engaged, which saw the City coordinate representatives from various State agencies and Departments and even local youth to drive a transformation of the housing complex. As a result, calls to Police fell 70 per cent in just a matter of months.

The use of best practice approaches such as this Love My Neighbourhood project enables us to implement new ways of working and to learn from others experiences that results in a better quality of life in Kwinana.

And yet this is just one of many examples where staff have worked tirelessly to achieve the outcomes outlined by the community in the Strategic Community Plan.

We are constantly learning from one another and are far from insular in our place in the world.

In fact, we have much ahead that will put us on the map and further boost job opportunities including the imminent opening of Costco in Casuarina in 2022 and the State Government's plans for the Outer Harbour in Kwinana in coming years.

The City of Kwinana continues to experience the lowest unemployment rates in decades and our population growing at a healthy rate.

Meeting the community's vision for the area is therefore vital and dynamic work for the City as we welcome new residents requiring housing, facilities, services and more.

I commend the dedicated staff at the City of Kwinana. This year has again been filled with stops and starts and the changing priorities brought on by the pandemic but our employees continue to work to help make Kwinana the wonderful place that it is.

## **6 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **6.1 QUESTIONS BY ELECTORS:**

During this part of the Agenda, Electors may ask questions or seek further clarification on any Council matter.

An Elector who raises a question during Questions by Electors is to state their name and address.

Electors must provide their questions in writing prior to the commencement of the meeting. A public question time form must contain all questions to be asked and include contact details and the form must be completed in a legible form.

If your question cannot be answered at this time, it will be taken on notice and a City Officer will respond as soon as possible.

Please note that in accordance with Section 3.4(5) of the City of Kwinana Standing Orders Local Law 2019 a maximum of two questions are permitted initially. An additional question will be allowed by the Presiding Member if time permits following the conclusion of all questions.

### **6.2 MOTIONS BY ELECTORS:**

Regulation 17 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*

*17. Voting at meeting (Act s. 5.31)*

- (1) Each elector who is present at a general or special meeting of electors is entitled to one vote on each matter to be decided at the meeting but does not have to vote.*
- (2) All decisions at a general or special meeting of electors are to be made by a simple majority of votes.*
- (3) Voting at a general or special meeting of electors is to be conducted so that no voter's vote is secret.*

## **7 CLOSE OF MEETING**