

Electors' General Meeting

31 January 2024

Agenda

Notice is hereby given of Meeting of Electors' General to be held in the Council Chambers, City of Kwinana Administration Centre commencing at 5.30pm.

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

Deputy Mayor 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.

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 koort djoorapiny nidja Noongar boodjar daadjaling waankganinyj Noongar Boodjar.

Hello and welcome my heart is happy as we are gathered on country and meeting 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 Sherilyn 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:

Unknown at the time of issuing the agenda.

Leave(s) of Absence (previously approved):

Nil

5 RECEIVING OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

5.1 THE MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Peter Feasey will present the Mayor's report for the year ended 30 June 2023. This report was written by Mayor Carol Adams prior to her retirement in October 2023.

This year has been a year of firsts for the City of Kwinana. I'm pleased to share that the City opened its first dual-named community pavilion in Honeywood Estate (Ngook Boorn Mia Mia / Honeywood Pavilion) in Wandi.

Council also responded to the State Government's reforms for Local Government in September 2022, moving to direct election of the Mayor for the first time as of the October 2023 Local Government Election.

Council also hosted its first 'Council in the Community' at the new Ngook Boorn Mia Mia / Honeywood Pavilion in March 2023, and The Strand in Wellard received a 7 Day Makeover driven by community members which at the time of writing this report went on to win the inaugural Outstanding Achievement Award in the Minister for Local Government's Place Innovation Awards.

As a Council, we also elevated the Boola Maara (Many Hands) Advisory Group to an Aboriginal advisory committee which will provide formal advice to Council on matters impacting on our Aboriginal community, for the first time.

The City of Kwinana also opened a bike skills track in Calista and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services handed over a new \$1.9 million Kwinana South fire station building in Wellard and received a new fire-fighting appliance.

As a Council, we also approved the transition to a three-bin waste system which will add a garden organics bin to the City's current two bin service from 2024/2025.

The City also launched an online business hub to better support small business owners.

Of course, Budget preparations are never an easy process especially as living costs continued to rise in 2023, and looking ahead to the next financial year we were facing a range of rising costs in addition to a significant levy for street lighting.

The 2022 Lolly Run, generously sponsored once more by the Kwinana Industries Council, also experienced its own challenge when freight disruptions threatened to delay the arrival of the much-anticipated lolly bags, with BGC coming to the rescue and trucking the shipment over in time for the festive season.

Despite these challenges the City has continued to welcome many new residents with healthy growth now exceeding 50,000 residents.

As Mayor for the past 17 years, it has been my honour to witness and lead a team of dedicated and community-minded Elected Members and we have all shared in the enjoyment of witnessing this flourishing growth, supported of course by continued investment in the Kwinana Industrial Area which turns its focus toward renewable and sustainable industries.

We look forward to the Avertas Waste to Energy Plant opening there soon, and further bulky goods development at the Costco site, and the progressing of Westport's Outer Harbour plans to bring further job prospects and prosperity to the region.

I have lived in Kwinana for more than 27 years and am very proud of the City it has become in that time, proving itself to be the community's vision for 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 2023.

This financial year saw the City's operations respond to rising costs and a greater focus on sustainability.

We worked hard to create an overarching sustainability framework for the City, and staff continued to work tirelessly to achieve the outcomes outlined by the community in the Strategic Community Plan.

One of our most vital and dynamic responsibilities has been to work towards realising our community's vision for this remarkable area. Amid current housing pressures, we welcomed new residents, and we anticipate more families moving to our beautiful City in the coming years due to the recent AUKUS defense agreement.

To align with our sustainability focus, and a growing demographic, we are transitioning to a three-bin waste system and eagerly preparing for the launch of the waste-to-energy plant. We are committed to ensuring a sustainable future for our City, both environmentally and economically.

In pursuit of our sustainability goals, we took a leadership role in promoting battery-powered equipment, hosting a Technology Day to showcase innovative tools often used by our landscaping teams. Furthermore, we expanded our fleet of electric vehicles, incorporated solar power into our charging sheds at the Depot, and installed two charging stations—one at Council Administration and another at the Kwinana Adventure Park.

Of course, sustainability is not just about environmental outcomes, but also economic and social outcomes as the City ensures we move forward with the community's vision for the area. Kwinana continues to experience record low unemployment rates, and in the wake of the pandemic we have been able to ramp up our community events schedule and take greater measures to promote community safety.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated staff of the City of Kwinana. Their responsiveness, creativity, and innovative projects have been pivotal in benefiting our Local Government Area. Without their unwavering commitment, none of our achievements would have been possible.

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