

General Electors'

MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING HELD
WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2011 IN
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WALLCLIFFE ROAD, MARGARET RIVER
COMMENCING AT 5.00PM

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ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS USED IN REPORTS

TERM	EXPLANATION
AC	Audit Committee
AgVet	Agricultural and Veterinary
AIEH	Australian Institute of Environmental Health
AMPCC	Augusta Maritime Project Coordination Committee
AS	Australian Standard
ATU	Aerobic Treatment Unit
BCA	Building Code of Australia
BFAC	Bush Fire Advisory Committee
C2C	Cape to Cape
CALM	Conservation and Land Management
CBD	Central Business District
CoOL	Country of Origin food Labelling
CPGSF	Country Pathways Grants Scheme Funding
CPI	Consumer Price Index
CSIRO	Commonwealth Research & Industrial Research Organisation
DAP	Detailed Area Plan
DCU	Development Coordinating Unit
DDTPS No1	Draft District Town Planning Scheme No 1
DIA	Department of Indigenous Affairs
DLGRD	Department of Local Government & Regional Development
DLI	Department Land Information
DOCEP	Department of Consumer & Employment Protection
DoE	Department of Environment
DoH	Department of Health
DOLA	Department of Land Administration
DOW	Department of Water
DPI	Department of Planning And Infrastructure
EHO	Environmental Health Officer
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
EPN	Environmental Protection Notice
FEMO	Fire and Emergency management Officer
FESA	Fire and Emergency Services Authority
FSANZ	Food Standards Australia New Zealand
GRV	Gross Rental Value
GST	Goods and Services Tax
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IDO	Interim Development Order
IT	Information Technology
LBLCDC	Lower Blackwood Land Conservation District Committee
LEMC	Local Emergency Management Committee
LG	Local Government
LIA	Light Industrial Area
Loc	Location
MDMP	National Disaster Mitigation Programme
MGB	Mobile Garbage Bin
MO	Management Order (used to be called vesting order)
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MRAAC	Margaret River Aerodrome Advisory Committee
MRPRLG	Margaret River Perimeter Road Lobby Group
MRWA	Main Roads Western Australia
NHMRC	National Health Medical Research Council
NPI	National Pollutant Inventory
NRMO	Natural Resource Management Officer
ODP	Outline Development Plan
OM	Ordinary Meeting of Council

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PAN	Pollution Abatement Notice
PAW	Public Access Way
PE	Council Policy
RADS	Regional Airport Development Scheme
RBFGS	Regional Boating Facilities Grant Scheme
RBM	Road Building Material
RDG	Residential Design Guidelines
RGL	Department of Racing and Gaming
RRGG	Regional Road Group Grant
RSL	Returned Services League
SAT	State Administrative Tribunal
SM	Special Meeting of Council
SRAC	Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee
SW	South West
SWCC	South West Catchments Council
SWDC	South West Development Commission
TIRE	Timber Industry Roads Funding
TME	Thomas McRobert Edgeloe
TPS11	Town Planning Scheme 11
TPS16	Town Planning Scheme 16
TPS17	Town Planning Scheme 17
TPS18	Town Planning Scheme 18
TPS19	Town Planning Scheme 19
VGO	Valuer General's Office
WALGA	Western Australian Local Government Association
WAPC	Western Australian Planning Commission
WAPRES	Western Australian Plantation Resources
WATPAT	Western Australian Town Planning Tribunal

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General Electors' Meeting

Minutes of the General Electors' Meeting held on Wednesday, 14 December 2011 in Council Chambers, Wallcliffe Road, Margaret River commencing at 5.00pm

1.0 Declaration of Opening

The Chairperson welcomed all attendance and declared the meeting open at 5.04pm.

2.0 Attendance

Shire President	:	Cr Ray Colyer	Leeuwin Ward
Councillors	:	Cr Mike Smart	Leeuwin Ward
		Cr John Bell	Town Ward
		Cr Neville Veitch	Town Ward
		Cr Jenny McGregor	North Ward
		Cr Lyn Serventy	North Ward
		Cr Ian Earl	North Ward
Chief Executive Officer	:	Mr Gary Evershed	
Director of Planning & Development	:	Mr Geoff Broad	
Director of Infrastructure	:	Mr Wayne Prangnell	
Director of Corporate & Community Services	:	Ms Annie Riordan	
Manager of Planning & Development Services	:	Mr Iliya Hastings	
Minute Secretary	:	Ms Lisa Taylor	

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2.1 Apologies

Nil

2.2 Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

3.0 Public Questions

3.1 Don and Barbara Wilkie of 903 Cowaramup Bay Road, Cowaramup, submitted the following questions:

As the questions were submitted prior to the commencement of the meeting, the CEO gave a brief summary and response for each one and informed Mr and Mrs Wilkie that a written copy of the responses would be forwarded to them.

Q1: Differential rating - with the newly-created Conservation Zoning introduced in the District Planning Scheme, and bearing in mind the restrictions now placed on the use of such land, should there not be a special concessionary rate for Conservation Zoned properties? It is noted that Conservation Zoned properties have the same rate as those classed as UV1. What uses are permitted for a rural property over 5ha classed as UV1? Is it correct that owners of rural properties are now offered compensation if they agree to conserve their native vegetation?

A: *Properties under this zoning have been applied the differential rating category of UV1, as non-rural uses have been permitted on these properties. Landowners may apply through Landgate for a conservation covenant which when approved is taken into consideration when assessing the capital site 'Unimproved Value' of the property. The uses for a rural property are detailed in the Use Class Tables of the LPS 1. The compensation offered is not a financial compensation but a process to enable subdivision for conservation.*

Q2: It is noted that our Shire is a member of the ICLEI, an organisation founded in 1990 as the "International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives", but which in 2003 changed its name to "ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability". Could you please provide the following information:

When did AMRSC become a member?

A: *The Augusta-Margaret River Shire completed its first ICLEI training session in October 2003. The AMR Shire then became a member in 2006/7 and ceased membership in 2009, apart from the Water Campaign, when Federal funding was withdrawn. The AMR Shire joined the ICLEI Partnership Program for 12 months only.*

Q3: Did we volunteer or was membership ordered by the State Government or any other body?

A: *Membership of ICLEI is entirely voluntary.*

Q4: Who at that time were Shire President and CEO?

A: *Cr Steve Harrison was the Shire President and Mr James Trail was CEO.*

Q5: To what extent are we obliged to follow directives from ICLEI management?

A: *There is no obligation, in fact they do not issue directives to the Shire rather, they have developed a program to assist Local Governments in areas such as sustainable management of water resources and energy efficiency. Their programs have included advice and assistance in recording existing water use and developing programs to reduce water use. The costs of the program are offset by longer term savings in usage charges. The ICLEI program assists in providing a framework for this work designed to suit Local Government including program, targets and benchmarking.*

Q6: What has membership cost ratepayers to date?

A: *Approximately \$5000.*

Q7: What staff resources are dedicated to the requirements of membership?

A: *Chris Mulchay was employed as the first Water Campaign Officer (2.5 days per week shared between the Capel and AMR Shires) in October 2005. Other staff, including Lucy Nankervis, have since fulfilled this role with assistance from the Manager of Health, Greg Simpson and Landcare Officer, Merryn Delaney. Currently there are no dedicated staff resources and existing staff undertake works related to the water campaign as part of their normal role.*

Q8: What expenditure is in the current budget to cover membership-related activities?

A: *\$731 per annum for the ICLEI Water Campaign.*

Q9: What expenditure is foreseen for the years ahead?

A: *The expenditure is reviewed each year through the budgetary process.*

Q10: If necessary, could we relinquish membership?

A: *Yes and we have, other than the Water Campaign. There is no obligation for ongoing membership in future years, however, subscription for the current year has already occurred. If the Shire is to continue managing its water resources in a professional and sustainable way, we would need to continue to commit resources to this task regardless of whether we were a member of the ICLEI or not and we may need to commit additional resources if we are required to develop all of our own programs.*

Mr Wilkie queried the response to question 1 regarding the compensation offered to owners of rural properties if they agree to conserve their native vegetation. Mr Wilkie stated that they had been informed in a previous meeting that the compensation would be financial.

Mr Geoff Broad, Director of Planning and Development, responded by stating that the compensation offered is not a financial compensation, but a process to enable subdivision for conservation and the meeting they attended may have related to another program established by the Shire offering planning and financial support for the protection and conservation of native vegetation on large rural properties.

3.2 Dr Barbara Maidment of 477 Cowaramup Bay Road, Cowaramup submitted the following questions regarding the Economic Development Plans for SuperTown:

Q1: Are there going to be any actions and outcomes out of this? Who will be appointed to shepherd it through?

The CEO responded as follows:

A: *The AEC will be involved and already have a great deal of information which they are currently reviewing. We anticipate that some of the strategy will be implemented.*

4.0 Application for Leave of Absence

Nil

5.0 2010/2011 Annual Report for the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River
(Attachment)

PROPOSED MOTION

CR BELL, CR MCGREGOR EM1112/1

That the 2010/2011 Annual Report for the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River be received.

CARRIED 7-NIL

6.0 2010/2011 Audited Financial Statements for the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River
(Attachment)

PROPOSED MOTION

CR SERVENTY, CR EARL EM1112/2

That the 2010/2011 Audited Financial Statements for the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River be received.

CARRIED 7-NIL

7.0 General Business

Nil

8.0 Closure of Meeting

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 5.15pm.