



Shire of
Perenjori

Embrace Opportunity

Shire of Perenjori
Annual Electors Meeting

MINUTES

Thursday 1 February 2023 at 5.00pm
Perenjori Pavilion

1. Declaration of Opening:

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 5.00pm and welcomed those in attendance.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians: -

As per the Shire of Perenjori Policy (N° 1021) we wish to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land upon which the Shire of Perenjori is situated and to demonstrate respect for the original custodians.

I respectfully acknowledge the past and present traditional owners of the land upon which we are meeting, the Badymia people. It is a privilege to be standing on Badymia country.

2. Opening Prayer

The Shire President read the opening prayer.

Acknowledgement of Pioneers: -

I acknowledge the pioneers who settled this country, developed the land and turned it into the productive country we know today.

2. Record of Attendance and Apologies:

Members:	Cr Jude Sutherland (President)
	Cr Les Hepworth (Deputy President)
	Cr Dael Sparkman
	Cr Brian Campbell
Staff:	Paul Anderson – Chief Executive Officer
	Nola Comerford – Manager Corporate and Community Services
Visitors:	Shaun Sparkman
	Ashley Sutherland
	Janice Spencer
	Paul Spencer
	Paddy King
Apologies:	Cr Daniel Bradford, Cr Colin Bryant, Cr Andrew Fraser, Ally Bryant

3. Receiving of the Annual Report of the Shire of Perenjori for the year ending 30 June 2022:

Moved:	Cr Les Hepworth
Seconded:	Cr Brian Campbell
Carried	

4. General Business:

Cr Sutherland thanked ex-Shire President, Chris King, for his contributions and leadership at the Shire of Perenjori during his time in Council. Cr Sutherland also thanked the administration team for a very successful audit.

Cr Sutherland gave a summary of achievements over the year ending 30 June 2022, including:

- Replacement of Caron Dam roof

- Fencing of the Hockey Field and Cemetery
- Seniors and Volunteers Dinner
- Replacement of Town Hall roof

Cr Sutherland summarised capital improvement works in progress, including:

- Construction of two modular houses within the townsite
- Construction of two aged care units on Russell St
- A new supermarket has been put to tender and presented to Council. Two tenders were received which were both rejected by Council in favour of renegotiating for a modified plan.

P Spencer enquired if Council had considered if any impact would be made on the Perenjori Roadhouse when the supermarket was constructed.

The CEO and Shire President advised that Council had taken into consideration all issues relating to construction of a supermarket.

The Shire President gave an update on Terra Mining haulage program, which has been given a 3-month approval schedule from Main Roads to haul from Extension Hill to Geraldton. Cr Sutherland advised that Council was in favour of rail haulage, rather than road haulage, which was dependent on either an arrangement between the current rail siding owners, or if Terra Mining installed their own rail siding. This would take some time to implement and Main Roads had advised that Terra Mining could potentially take a shorter route to Tilley rail siding in the Shire of Morawa until such time as rail was organised in the Shire of Perenjori.

P Spencer commented on the high traffic volume of grain trucks utilising the Carnamah-Perenjori Road for the Cooperative Bulk Handling outloading program.

The CEO advised that he had spoken to CBH representatives on behalf of the Shire and the trucking program was due to inefficiencies with the outloading system on the northern site bulkheads. Train cartage had commenced as soon as possible from the townsite receival point.

P King gave feedback on the location of the Well Women's Clinic which she thought was inadequate for the service, and enquired why it wasn't held in the Perenjori Medical Centre

The CEO gave insight into communication between the Shire and the Medical Practitioner.

The MCCS advised that Doctor Milligan had advised that she was very happy with the clinic room and that the Shire had invested in upgrading facilities in the room to accommodate the doctor and patients.

P King noted that dirt from the Caron Dam roof upgrades had been pushed up along the bush line which is along an orchid growing patch.

The CEO advised that shire staff would investigate reason and location of dirt piles, noting that water tanks would be installed over the coming months to further water-proof the district.

5. Closure of Meeting:

The Shire President thanked those in attendance and declared the meeting closed at 5.21pm.

I certify that this copy of the Minutes is a true and correct record of the Annual Electors Meeting held on 1 February 2024.

Signed: _____

Presiding Member

Date: _____