



Shire of  
**Perenjori**  
Embrace Opportunity

MINUTES  
*for the*  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OF COUNCIL

22 APRIL 2021

Shire of Perenjori Special Meeting of Council and Discussion Forum held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 at the Shire of Perenjori Council Chambers, 56 Fowler Street, Perenjori WA 6620 commencing at 5:07 pm.

### **1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS:**

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open and welcomed those in attendance.

#### **Welcome to Country:**

*"As per the Shire of Perenjori Policy (N<sup>o</sup> 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. Therefore, I respectfully acknowledge the past and present custodians of the land on which we are meeting, the Badymia people.*

*I also acknowledge the pioneers who settled this country, developed the land and turned it into the productive country that we know today, allowing us to enjoy the lifestyle to which we have become accustomed."*

### **2. OPENING PRAYER:**

Shire President read the opening prayer.

### **3. DISCLAIMER READING:**

Taken as read

### **4. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

- MEMBERS:
  - Shire President Cr Chris King
  - Deputy Shire President Cr Jude Sutherland
  - Cr Brian Baxter
  - Cr Daniel Bradford
  - Cr Colin Bryant
  - Cr Les Hepworth
  
- STAFF:
  - Mr Mario Romeo CEO
  - Mr Wayne Scheggia Executive Advisor
  
- DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:
  - Nil
  
- MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:
  - Nil
  
- LEAVE OF ABSENCE
  - Nil
  
- APOLOGIES:

- Cr Phil Logue

## **5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:**

- Nil

## **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION:**

### **Acknowledgement**

*I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of Council, to express our gratitude and admiration for the contribution made by the Shire of Perenjori Council Staff during the recent catastrophic events initiated by Cyclone Seroja.*

*The initial response to make community members safe, followed by a massive clean-up, was magnificent. Not only through the provision of man and machine to clean up debris, but also the swift provision of accommodation for families left without a home and visits to community members homes to assure and assist where required.*

*We acknowledge that the clean-up has many more days and weeks to come.*

*We make special mention of Ken Markham and the outside crew, Jo Page Liz Markham and our office staff who took on extra duties. The cleaning and maintenance crew led by Joel Hesford were fantastic in sourcing beds and furnishing housing to help move people out of unsafe dwellings. Our CEO Mario Romeo worked tirelessly to obtain assistance and communication with and for the community and with emergency response coordinators.*

*We thank the community for their brave and resilient reaction to what we hope is a once in a lifetime event.*

*I can assure our community that the Perenjori Councillors and the Perenjori Shire Council will make every effort to rebuild those assets that have been damaged or lost and support families and businesses through what will be a long recovery.*

## **7. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

- Nil

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING MAY BE CLOSED:**

Matters Behind Closed Doors

In accordance with Section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995, the meeting may be closed to the members of the public for

A matter affecting an employee or employees

The personal affairs of any person;

A matter that if disclosed, would reveal –

- A trade secret; or

- Information that has a commercial value to a person; or
- Information about the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of a person.

#### **9. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Members should fill in Disclosure of Interest forms for items in which they have a financial, proximity or impartiality interest and forward these to the Presiding Member before the meeting commences.

- Nil

#### **10. CEO Recruitment, Appraisal and Termination Standards - Advisor**

##### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

##### **That Council ADOPT:-**

1. **the Shire of Perenjori Standards for the Recruitment, Performance Appraisal and Termination of the Chief Executive Officer (Standards). (Attachment 1).**
2. **new Council Policy – Appointment of Acting CEO (Attachment 3)**

**Moved: Cr Sutherland**

**Seconded: Cr Hepworth**

**CARRIED 6/0**

#### **11. DISCUSSION FORUM**

##### **Suspension of Standing Orders**

##### **That Standing Orders be suspended to enable the conduct of a Discussion Forum on:**

- **Tropical Cyclone Seroja Update**
- **ANZAC Day Update**
- **Works Update**
- **Administration Update**
- **Fowler Street Update (Confidential Item)**
- **Employee Update (Confidential Item)**
- **General Discussion**

**Moved Cr Hepworth**

**Seconded Cr Bryant**

**CARRIED 6/0**

##### **Tropical Cyclone Seroja Update – CEO**

The meeting was advised of progress in dealing with the impact of the cyclone, including;

- 60% of roads have been inspected and cleared where necessary
- Offer from Mount Magnet of a Loader and Operator
- Defence forces clean-up effort at the School and surrounds
- Provision of information to the community, including potential health fund discounts and assistance

- Installation of generators to power the Workers Village, caravan park, PECC, CRC/Post Office and Recreation Centre
  - Donation of food and supplies by a number of organisations and Companies
  - Relocation of families and individuals to emergency housing options in the town
  - Limited number of further domestic housing options
  - Potential utilisation of Village accommodation for work crews
  - Possible location of counselling and information services from the Department of Communities
  - Potential use of Business Incubators for trades people
  - Continuing preparation of damage summary and cost assessment
  - Insurance assessment
  - Potential to offer builders/repairers use of the incubators and old depot
  - The assistance of the farming community was acknowledged.
1. **It was noted that Western Power planned outage works were still occurring in other regions and staff were asked to pursue an explanation.**
  2. **Staff were asked to provide a list of closed roads in the Shire**
  3. **Staff were asked to acknowledge donations and assistance on the website and Facebook page**

#### **ANZAC Day Update – CEO**

A copy of the program was distributed with the papers.

The hotel is conducting a separate but complementing event.

#### **Works Update – CEO**

The CEO advised that Mr Markham was fully occupied with the cyclone recovery effort and could not present his report. It was noted that the new grader was not yet licensed, but that maintenance grading was continuing.

#### **Administration Update – CEO**

A brief update on servicing, recruitment and annual leave arrangements was provided.

#### **That the meeting go behind closed doors to discuss confidential items;**

- **Fowler Street Update - Advisor**
- **Employee Update - CEO**

**Moved: Cr Bradford**

**Seconded: Cr Bryant**

**CARRIED 6/0**

#### **That the meeting resumes its open status**

**Moved: Cr Bryant**

**Seconded: Cr Bradford**

**CARRIED 6/0**

That Standing Orders be resumed

Moved: Cr Bryant Seconded: Cr Bradford CARRIED 6/0

## 12. GENERAL BUSINESS

Appreciation

That thanks be extended to Jo Page

Moved: Cr Sutherland Seconded: Cr Bradford CARRIED 6/0

### COUNCIL DECISION 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 22 April 2021, presented in attachment 7.2 (a), be confirmed as true and correct subject to the following corrections:

That item 12 GENERAL BUSINESS be amended to read;

**Appreciation**

**That thanks be extended to local police officers Nathan Good and Jess Reading**

**Moved: Cr J Sutherland Seconded: Cr L Hepworth Motion Put and Carried: 7/0**

## 13. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further items of business the meeting was declared closed at 6.29pm

## 14. NEXT MEETING:

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021, commencing at 3:00pm at the Shire of Perenjori Council Chambers 56 Fowler Street, Perenjori WA 6620.

*I certify that this copy of the Minutes is a true and correct record of the meeting held on 22 April 2021.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Chris King*  
Cr Chris King – Presiding Officer

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*16/06/2022*