



# Agenda

2021-2022 Annual  
Electors Meeting

Tuesday, 9 May 2023



# NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the

## Shire of Ravensthorpe 2021-2022 Annual Electors Meeting

will be held on  
Tuesday, 9 May 2023  
commencing at 6.00pm

Council Chambers  
Cultural Precinct  
Ravensthorpe

Matthew Bird  
Chief Executive Officer

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**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST FORM**  
(Elected Members/Committee Members/Employees/Contractors)

*Local Government Act 1995 (Section 5.65, 5.70, 5.71 & 5.71(B))*

To: Chief Executive Officer

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Elected Member     Committee Member     Employee     Contractor

- Ordinary Council Meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_
- Special Council Meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_
- Committee Meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Report No \_\_\_\_\_

Report Title \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Interest (*\*see overleaf for further information*)

Proximity                       Financial                                       Impartiality

Nature of Interest

\_\_\_\_\_

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Extent of Interest (if intending to seek Council approval to be involved with debate and/or vote)

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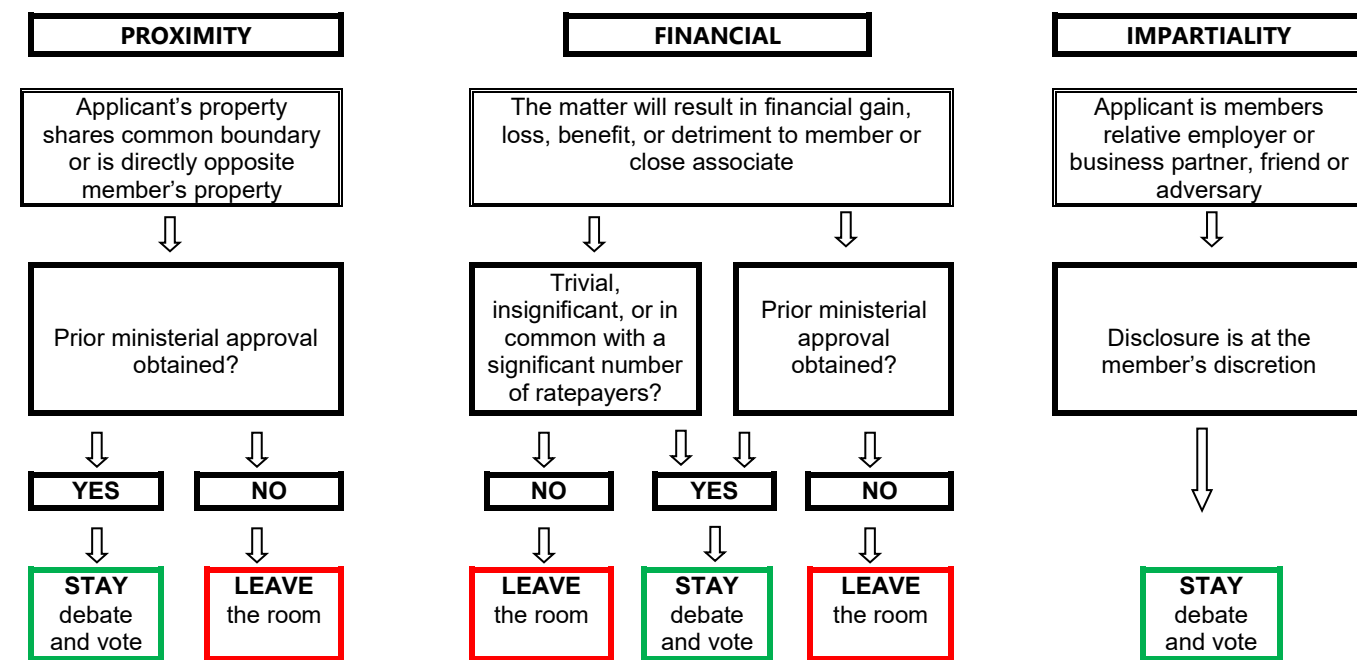
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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- **Note 2:** For Ordinary meetings of the Council, elected members and employees are requested to submit this completed form to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting. Where this is not practicable, disclosure(s) must be given to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the matter being discussed.
- **Note 3:** Employees or Contractors disclosing an interest in any matter apart from at meetings, where there is a conflict of interest including disclosures required by s5.71 are required to submit this form to the CEO as soon as practicable.

CEO: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## \* Declaring an Interest



### Local Government Act 1995 – Extract

#### s.5.60A - Financial Interest

A person has a financial interest in a matter if it is reasonable to expect that the matter will, if dealt with by the local government, or an employee or committee of the local government or member of the council of the local government, in a particular way, result in a financial gain, loss, benefit or detriment for the person.

#### s.5.60B – Proximity Interest

A person has a proximity interest in a matter if the matter concerns —

- (a) a proposed change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person's land; or
- (b) a proposed change to the zoning or use of land that adjoins the person's land; or
- (c) a proposed development (as defined in section 5.63(5)) of land that adjoins the person's land.

#### 5.65 - Members' interests in matters to be discussed at meetings to be disclosed.

(1) A member who has an interest in any matter to be discussed at a council or committee meeting that will be attended by the member must disclose the nature of the interest:

- (a) in a written notice given to the CEO before the meeting; or (b) at the meeting immediately before the matter is discussed. (Penalties apply).

(2) It is a defence to a prosecution under this section if the member proves that he or she did not know:

- (a) that he or she had an interest in the matter; or (b) that the matter in which he or she had an interest would be discussed at the meeting.

(3) This section does not apply to a person who is a member of a committee referred to in section 5.9(2)(f).

#### 5.70 - Employees to disclose interests relating to advice or reports.

(1) In this section: 'employee' includes a person who, under a contract for services with the local government, provides advice or a report on a matter.

(2) An employee who has an interest in any matter in respect of which the employee is providing advice or a report directly to the council or a committee must disclose the nature of the interest when giving the advice or report.

(3) An employee who discloses an interest under this section must if required to do so by the council or committee, as the case may be, disclose the extent of the interest. (Penalties apply).

#### 5.71 - Employees to disclose interests relating to delegated functions.

If, under Division 4, an employee has been delegated a power or duty relating to a matter and the employee has an interest in the matter, the employee must not exercise the power or discharge the duty and:

- (a) in the case of the CEO, must disclose to the mayor or president the nature of the interest as soon as practicable after becoming aware that he or she has the interest in the matter; and (b) in the case of any other employee, must disclose to the CEO the nature of the interest as soon as practicable after becoming aware that he or she has the interest in the matter. (Penalties apply)

#### 5.71A. - CEOs to disclose interests relating to gifts in connection with advice or reports

(1) A CEO who has an interest relating to a gift in a matter in respect of which the CEO proposes to provide advice or a report, directly or indirectly, to the council or a committee must disclose the nature of the interest in a written notice given to the council.

(2) A CEO who makes a disclosure under subsection (1) must not provide the advice or report unless the CEO is allowed to do so under section 5.71B(2) or (6).

(3) A CEO who has an interest relating to a gift in a matter in respect of which another employee is providing advice or a report directly to the council or a committee must disclose the nature of the interest when the advice or report is provided.

**Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 – Extract** - In this clause and in accordance with Regulation 19AA "Interest" means an interest that could, or could reasonably be perceived to, adversely affect the impartiality of the person having the interest and includes an association.

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# AGENDA

**Mission Statement**      *To grow our community through the provision of leadership, services and infrastructure.*

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## 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President to declare the meeting open.

The Shire President to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, and pay respect to Elders past, present, and emerging.

The Shire President to advise visitors of the requirement to adhere to both the *Local Government Act 1995*, and the Shire of Ravensthorpe Meeting Procedures Local Law.

It is an offence to record the proceedings of this meeting and visitors are reminded to switch off any recording devices, including phones.

## 2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### **Elected Members:**

Cr Keith Dunlop                      (Shire President)  
Cr Sue Leighton                      (Deputy Shire President)  
Cr Julia Bell  
Cr Thomas Major  
Cr Mark Mudie  
Cr Graham Richardson

### **Staff:**

Matthew Bird                      (Chief Executive Officer)  
Les Mainwaring                      (Executive Manager Corporate Services)  
Paul Spencer                      (Executive Manager Infrastructure Services)  
Natalie Bell                      (A/Executive Manager Development and Community Services)  
Meredith Lee-Curtis                      (Executive Assistant)

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

### **APOLOGIES**

### **ABSENT**

Cr Rachel Livingston (extended leave of absence)

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING FOR THE 2020/2021 FINANCIAL YEAR**

3.1 ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING MINUTES 6 SEPTEMBER 2022

(Attachment YELLOW)

**Statutory Environment:**

Section 5.22 of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides that minutes of all meetings to be kept and submitted to the next ordinary meeting of the council or the committee, as the case requires, for confirmation.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Minutes and associated attachments of the (2020/2021) Annual Electors Meeting of the Shire of Ravensthorpe held on 6 September 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_

Carried:   /  

**4. SHIRE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Cr Keith Dunlop to present the Shire President's Report for 2021/2022, as per pages 11 to 12 of the 2021/2022 Annual Report (refer to Attachment).

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Shire President's Report be received.**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_

Carried:   /  

**5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Mr Matthew Bird, Chief Executive Officer to present his Report for 2021/2022, as per pages 13 to 14 of the Annual Report (refer to Attachment).

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be received.**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_

Carried:   /

## 6. AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr Les Mainwaring, Executive Manager Corporate Services to present the Auditor General's Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2022, commencing on page 30 of the Annual Report (refer to Attachment).

### VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

**That the Auditor's Report be received.**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_

Carried: \_/ \_

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 8.1 QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

### 8.2 QUESTIONS FROM ELECTORS AT THE MEETING

The Shire President to call for any questions from Electors concerning matters under the jurisdiction of the Shire of Ravensthorpe.

## 8. MEETING CLOSURE

The Presiding Member to declare the meeting closed.



**ATTACHMENT**



# Minutes **Unconfirmed**

2020-2021 Annual  
Electors Meeting

Tuesday, 6 September 2022



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# MINUTES

## 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 6.02pm.

The Shire President acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, and paid respect to Elders past, present, and emerging.

The Shire President advised visitors of adhering to both the *Local Government Act 1995*, and the Shire of Ravensthorpe Meeting Procedures Local Law, that it is an offence to record the proceedings of this meeting and requested visitors to switch off any recording devices, including phones.

## 2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### **Elected Members:**

Cr Keith Dunlop	(Shire President)
Cr Sue Leighton	(Deputy Shire President)
Cr Julia Bell	
Cr Rachel Livingston	
Cr Thomas Major	
Cr Mark Mudie	
Cr Graham Richardson	

### **Staff:**

Matthew Bird	(Chief Executive Officer)
Les Mainwaring	(Executive Manager Corporate Services)
[vacant]	(Executive Manager Infrastructure Services)
Natalie Bell	(Acting Executive Manager Development and Community Services)
Meredith Lee-Curtis	(Executive Assistant)

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr Ian Goldfinch  
Mr Rodney Daw  
Ms Karen Sinclair  
Ms Ainsley Foulds

### **APOLOGIES**

Nil.

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil.

### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING FOR THE 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR**

#### **3.1 ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING MINUTES 4 MAY 2021**

(Attachment YELLOW)

##### **Statutory Environment:**

Section 5.22 of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides that minutes of all meetings to be kept and submitted to the next ordinary meeting of the council or the committee, as the case requires, for confirmation.

##### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

##### **COUNCIL DECISION**

**Moved by Cr Mudie, seconded by Cr Leighton**

**Resolution: 56/22**

**That the Minutes and associated attachments of the (2019/2020) Annual Electors Meeting of the Shire of Ravensthorpe held on 4 May 2021 be CONFIRMED as a true and correct record of proceedings.**

**Motion put and CARRIED**

**(7/0)**

### **4. SHIRE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Cr Keith Dunlop presented the Shire President's Report for 2020/2021, as per page 7 of the 2020 / 2021 Annual Report (refer to [Attachment](#)).

##### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

**Moved by Cr Major, seconded by Cr Mudie**

**Resolution 57/22**

##### **COUNCIL DECISION**

**That the Shire President's Report be RECEIVED as presented.**

**Motion put and CARRIED**

**(7/0)**

### **5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Mr Matthew Bird, Chief Executive Officer, presented the Chief Executive Officer's Report (on behalf of Gavin Pollock, Ex-Chief Executive Officer) for 2020/2021, as per page 8 of the Annual Report (refer to [Attachment](#)).

##### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

**Moved by Cr Livingston, seconded by Cr Leighton**

**Resolution 58/22**

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be RECEIVED as presented.**

**Motion put and CARRIED**

**(7/0)**

**6. AUDITORS REPORT**

Mr Les Mainwaring, Executive Manager Corporate Services presented the Auditor General's Independent Auditors Report for the year ended 30 June 2021, commencing on page 22 of the Annual Report (refer to [Attachment](#)).

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

**Moved by Cr Leighton, seconded by Cr Mudie**

**Resolution 59/22**

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**That the Auditor's Report be RECEIVED as presented.**

**Motion put and CARRIED**

**(7/0)**

**7. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr Les Mainwaring, Executive Manager Corporate Services presented the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2021, commencing on page 27 of the Annual Report (refer to [Attachment](#)).

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Absolute Majority (*Local Government Act 1995 s5.54(1)*) – Acceptance of Annual Reports

**Moved by Mr Rod Daw, seconded by Mr Ian Goldfinch**

**Resolution 60/22**

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**That Council ADOPTS BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY, the 2020/2021 Annual Financial Report.**

**Motion put and CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

**(7/0)**

**8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**8.1 QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil.

## 8.2 QUESTIONS FROM ELECTORS AT THE MEETING

The Shire President called for questions from Electors concerning matters under the jurisdiction of the Shire of Ravensthorpe.

### **Mr Ian Goldfinch**

#### **Question 1**

Mr Goldfinch enquired about the progress of the Cultural Precinct.

#### **Answer 1**

Natalie Bell, Acting Executive Manager Development and Community Services reported that the project is on track with subcontractors working 7 days per week. Cost wise, the project is within contingency, with a couple of changes made due to design issues with the walkway.

A Stakeholder Engagement Meeting was held yesterday to discuss the use of the precinct and activating the areas.

An outstanding issue is the landscaping with work to be done on the final design, fencing and functionality of the courtyard within the building.

#### **Question 2**

Mr Goldfinch enquired about the plans for the external parkland and playground and if the public could contribute to ideas for the area; and, is the budget on track.

#### **Answer 2**

Ms Bell advised that Council is bound by the Grant Agreement, with certain milestones to be completed within a certain timeframe. The landscaping plan will be completely open for public consideration. The public toilet block has to be demolished, as part of the Grant requirements. The amphitheatre will not be built, however BBQs and shelters can be added. The stone walls and pond will remain.

Mr Matthew Bird confirmed that the contingency for construction of 10% or \$100,000 is within budget.

#### **Question 3**

Mr Goldfinch asked when the 2022/2023 Budget will be adopted.

#### **Answer 3**

Mr Matthew Bird advised that Council will workshop the Budget later this month.

Mr Goldfinch spoke about the Museum being a cultural place, where visitors spend hours, but it needs to be made more relevant as a tourist attraction to attract new younger members. Mr Goldfinch requested the Shire consider setting aside \$10,000 or obtain a grant to fund projects and expansion plans.

### **Mr Rodney Daw**

#### **Question 1**

Mr Daw commented on the water carting from Hopetoun to Ravensthorpe, with constant road trains every day travelling to an open drain to deposit the water. Why doesn't the Water Corporation cover the dam, install a water tank, or consider tapping into the desalination plant at the mine?

**Answer 1**

Mr Matthew Bird advised that this is a Water Corporation issue, however the Shire will address this with them. The carting of water is at no cost to the Shire. We are currently in talks with FQM on a range of issues and we will address it with them.

**Mrs Karen Sinclair**

Ms Sinclair expressed her concern on the number of road trains carting water each day between Ravensthorpe and Hopetoun, being a safety issue.

**9. MEETING CLOSURE**

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6.19pm.

Signed by the Shire President: \_\_\_\_\_

(Presiding Person at the meeting of which the minutes were confirmed.)

Date: Tuesday, 9 May 2023