



**SHIRE
of
DANDARAGAN**

**MINUTES
OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
HELD AT THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, JURIEN BAY
on
THURSDAY 28 JANUARY 2021
COMMENCING AT 5.54PM**

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President declared the meeting open at 5.54pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Councillors:

Councillor L Holmes (President)
Councillor J Clarke
Councillor A Eyre
Councillor R Rybarczyk
Councillor D Richardson
Councillor R Shanhun
Councillor W Gibson

Staff:

Mr S Clayton (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
Mr D Chidlow (Executive Manager Development Services)
Mr R Mackay (Planning Officer)
Ms M Perkins (Manager Community & Customer Services)
Mr T O'Gorman (Manager Economic Development)
Mrs J Rouse (Coordinator Infrastructure Services)
Ms R Headland (Council Secretary & Personal Assistant)

Apologies:

Nil

Electors / members of the public:

Mr V Riseley, Ms T Eyden, Mr T Bailey, Mr M Ackland, Mrs R Wimmler, Mr W Wimmler, Mrs J Krieg, Mr R Krieg

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD 23 JANUARY 2020

Moved Cr Shanhun, seconded Cr Rybarczyk

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on 23 January 2020 as circulated be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

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4. RECEIVING OF THE 2019 / 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report incorporated the following:

- President's Report
- Chief Executive Officer's Report
- Deputy Chief Executive Officer's Report
- Works and Services Report
- Financial Report
- Building Services Report
- Community Emergency Services Report
- Community Development Report
- Disability Services Report
- Auditor's Report
- Annual Financial Statements

Moved Mr V Riseley, seconded Ms T Eyden

That the annual report for the year 2019 / 2020 as presented be received.

CARRIED

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

Email from John Willet:

Consistency of Nomenclature

I wish to place before the Council a request for consistency in signage of the Town of Jurien Bay.

In recent times I have taken up the issue in conversation and e-mail to various personnel including local members. In addition I have contacted two media outlets (Channel 9 and ABC Channel 2) over their weather maps which simply title the town "Jurien". The lack of reply indicates a lack of interest. The issue has implications for tourism as well as enhancing pride in one's town. Currently we are faced with:

- Main Roads signs at 10kms and 5kms either side of town with "J"
- Main Roads large sign on Jurien East Road – **Jurien**
- Channel 9 and Channel 2 weather maps show "Jurien" (yet all other places with double names are featured correctly)
- Shire Matters publication featuring **Postage Paid Jurien WA 6516** (as attached)
 - The postcode list for Australia has no town called *Jurien* under the 6516
 - Australia Post have advised it is a shire publication and the shire is responsible for the printing.

Having travelled and lived in various parts of Australia, the key names of well known tourist spots are consistent and any effort to neutralise their character by simply dropping off part of the name would be challenging.

- Hervey Bay (Qld)
- Surfers Paradise (Qld)
- Tweed Heads (Qld)
- Bunker Bay (WA)
- Coral Bay (WA)
- Margaret River (WA)

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TV channels would not limit such to single names and main road authorities would not do likewise.

I therefore request the Council to undertake an official request to the named authorities seeking to have the correct title of the town of **Jurien Bay** featured in their signage and media.

Response from Acting CEO – The Shire would write to the agencies identified to advise them of the official name of Jurien Bay and request them to make the appropriate changes.

Email from Christine Lucas

Following on from my email expressing my misgivings regarding the placement and erection of the Skate Park in November 2020 I have taken on board that as a rate payer in your shire I need to be more aware of future developments and be prepared to express my opinions about such developments. So I have outlined my concerns as follows:

- Firstly I have seen the plans for the new Kiosk/Café with the toilet block attached. The plans that I saw didn't show any actual measurements showing the size of the kiosk and proposed seating area. However on looking at the diagram and placement of the building on the existing limestone structure the seating area looks very small. My question is if the current Jetty Café is to be closed as a seated meal area has enough thought been given to ensure that any new structure would lend itself to address this problem? There is a desperate need for patrons to be able to sit and order a meal or drink under shelter and take in the beautiful views of the bay. I recently had a meal at the Caravan Park Café in Cervantes. I was able to sit in a lovely shaded area and look at the beautiful surrounds and enjoy a nice meal. Surely this is what we should be aspiring to achieve in Jurien Bay
- Secondly while in Cervantes I looked over at the children's playground which was very busy and I noticed that it was fully shaded. On numerous occasions when I have taken my grandchildren to the Jurien playground near the Jetty we have had to sit in the sun and watch them play on the equipment in full sun. Surely this is a matter of concern for Safe Health practise? We need to ensure that adequate shade is erected over the playground to benefit locals and tourists alike.
- Next also when in Cervantes while walking along the beach it was noticeable that a lot of the beachgoers were utilising the shade structures that were erected on the sand. Is there any reason why Jurien's beaches do not have any shelters available for use?
- Finally I've heard through the Strata that the Shire has recommended using large 6m floodlights to light the new skate park. As an owner of a unit in Jurien Seafront Estate I think that this will be disastrous for the owners of the front units in our complex. It will be both aesthetically displeasing and intrusive. I personally think that it would be more beneficial to make the skate Park for daytime use only. The noise that it will generate during the daytime will be bad enough without adding the complications of what night time activity at the park will entail.

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I hope that the merits of these observations and suggestions can be discussed at your AGM in January with the sole purpose of trying to improve the attractions that Jurien Bay can offer as a tourist town.

Email response from the CEO

Thank you for your feedback on the matters outlined below. To provide some further background specifically on shade structures, the Cervantes installations over the playground and on the beach were funded by the Cervantes Residents and Ratepayers Association. This co-funding arrangement has been a long standing tradition within the Shire of Dandaragan and further examples are evident in Dandaragan and Badgingarra. This arrangement provides a higher level of service to the actual number and scope of play structures which has been Council's priority to date. Our playground replacement strategy is due for renewal next year and Council funded shading of these facilities and the associated additional cost to the ratepayer will no doubt be a consideration through that process.

The existing Jetty Playground is being removed and a new nature play based playground is being relocated into the Southern Area of Dobbyn Park. This area is planned with numerous shade trees alongside the adjoining picnic area. Users/viewers of the facility will be able to take shade under various trees and gazebos. The community working group have also asked the playground builders to provide options for multi-level play which provides shade within the playground itself. As you may be aware the suitability of shade sails in our climatic conditions directly on the coast are problematic and our general practice as you may notice in Weld Park and a number of parks within Beachridge is to co-locate shade trees and playground structures together.

The new Foreshore Pavilion plans provide approximately 110m² of undercover alfresco seating which will take advantage of the ocean views from this site.

With regards to your comments associated with the Skate Park lighting, Council will be considering a request from Mr Mike Beckingham (who we are advised is representing Seafront Estate) to remove the lighting component of this project at the January Council meeting.

Mr W Wimmler asked the following questions:

1. Sandy Cape

He said that he had recently been to Sandy Cape and had found that there are 4WD tyres being left on the beach by beachgoers who are using these to tie small boats / dinghy's to after being launched into the water. Following their leaving the beach these tyres are being left behind to buried in the sand through tidal movements and windblown sand and could cause a potential hazard. Mr Wimmler requested that the Rangers be made aware of this potential hazard and that they locate the various tyres along the beach and have them removed.

Cr Holmes advised that the Shire would investigate.

2. Water Licence

Water Licence Application – Mr Wimmler advised he had been made aware of a water licence being granted for a significant amount of water from an aquifer within Jurien Bay and wondered if the Shire was aware of

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this. Mr Wimmler also inquired as to whether the Shire was aware of just how big applications for water licences can be.

Cr Holmes advised that from her understanding Mr Wimmler was referring to a recent water licence application being sought from the State Government by WADE (West Australian Dairy and Energy). Cr Holmes provided a brief overview of the WADE project for the benefit of Mr Wimmler and attendees to give the discussion some context and advised that this matter was entirely out of Council's control and currently with the DWER following all relevant steps required through all levels of Government.

Cr Holmes asked the question as to whether the lowering of this aquifer, should the water licence application be approved, can be replenished and this is something that could be looked into further by Council to allay any concerns regarding the use of this water.

Cr Holmes noted on the positive side of things construction of this WADE project would result in 1000 construction jobs, 500 permanent jobs, and Council's request for no FIFO or Work Camp scenarios in order for Shire of Dandaragan residents to share in the prosperity of this project.

Cr Holmes further advised the meeting that community members could expect to see the start of public consultation begin in the near future with WADE management engaging Canning's Purple, a leading West Australian corporate communications company, to lead this consultation on their behalf.

3. Farewell to Councillor Richardson

Cr Holmes took the opportunity to acknowledge Cr Richardson's contributions on Council during her 5+ year terms and thanked her for her tireless efforts in representing both the Badgingarra community and the Shire as a whole. Cr Holmes wish Cr Richardson all the very best on her future endeavours and thanked her for her friendship and hard work during her time on Council.

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The President closed the meeting at 6.08pm.

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting on 24 February 2022

Signed

Presiding person at the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed.

Date 24 February 2022