



**SHIRE**

*of*

**DANDARAGAN**

**MINUTES**

**OF**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS**

**HELD AT THE**

**CERVANTES PINNACLES MOTEL, CERVANTES**

**on**

**THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2009**

**COMMENCING AT 6.20 PM**

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**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING**

The President declared the meeting open at 6.20pm.

**2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

**Councillors:**

Councillor S Love (President)  
Councillor L Short (Deputy President)  
Councillor M Russell  
Councillor D Kent  
Councillor L Smith  
Councillor J Nelson  
Councillor K McGlew  
Councillor M Sheppard  
Councillor K Loveland

**Staff:**

Mr C Strugnell (Chief Executive Officer)  
Mr I Rennie (Deputy Chief Executive Officer)  
Mr T Williamson (Manager Technical Services and Works)  
Mr S Geere (Manager Building Services)  
Mr S Clayton (Manager Finance and Administration)  
Mrs M Rourke (Manager Environmental Health)

**Electors / members of the public:**

G Snook, P & R Ward, L Holmes, M & J Ackland, J Clarke, J Peacock, Y Caddy, Y Jenkins, D Knight.

**3. APOLOGIES**

Mr T Hughan, Mr G Betteridge, Mr J Cook

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 Annual General Meeting of Electors held 14 February 2008**

**Moved: Cr Smith / seconded: Cr McGlew**

**That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on 14 February 2008 as circulated be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

**5. RECEIVING OF THE 2007 / 2008 ANNUAL REPORT**

The annual report incorporated the following:

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- President's report
- Chief Executive Officer's report
- Auditor's report
- Annual financial statements
- Works, services and plant report
- Community services report

**Moved: Mrs L Holmes / seconded: Mr G Snook**

**That the annual report for the year 2007 / 2008 as presented be received.**

**CARRIED**

## **6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Reserve funds**

Mr Snook requested advice from Council relating to reserve funds and the balances and purposes of them.

The Chief Executive Officer explained the various purposes and commented on the balance of various reserve funds.

### **6.2 Rate coverage ratio**

Mr M Ackland queried the increase in 2008 of the rate coverage ratio.

The President advised that it related to changes to the operating revenue.

### **6.3 Letter in Pinnacles Express**

Mrs Y Jenkins requested advice with regard to a letter that appeared in a recent edition of the Pinnacles Express regarding a \$35,000 contribution by Council to a business venture.

The President responded advising that the funds were not a contribution to a private organisation but related to Council contribution to tourism funding. It related to contributions to a tourism directory. A Committee had been formed to look into the issue, with representatives from the four towns as well as Council. The Committee is yet to report back to Council in regard to the spending of the funds.

### **6.4 Jurien Water Source Protection Plan**

Mr Ward expressed his concerns with regard to the approval of the Jurien Water Source Protection Plan. He implored Council to support the local farmers and not side with developers.

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The President advised that he was meeting with the Minister for Water on 13 February 2009. Council had made a submission to the Department of Water regarding the matter.

Mr Ward advised that the proposed Water Source Protection Areas are between 13 and 19 kilometres from the actual bore field.

Mrs Ward advised that they have been farming for 44 years with no obvious contamination. She requested advice as to why there was such a hurry to implement the Water Source Protection Plan. A better water source was required to improve quality. Mrs Ward advised that she was not happy in having any restrictions implemented relating to the Priority Water Source Protection Areas. She expected support from Council.

Mr Snook advised that he attended a number of meetings with the Department of Water regarding the issue. The proposed plan will quarantine the land from possible future uses. Because of extra expense from obtaining water further east, the Department was looking for sources close to town.

#### **6.5 Toilets (Cervantes)**

Mrs Caddy advised of the desperate need for public toilets to be located within the business area of the town of Cervantes.

The President responded advising that he looked forward to receiving a formal request and submission. The President complimented the local individuals involved in the landscaping of the commercial area.

#### **6.6 Thirsty Point**

Mr Ackland requested advice from Council in regard to any action being taken relating to the erosion problem at Thirsty Point.

The President responded advising that advice from an engineer was required but it may well be a natural occurrence.

#### **6.7 Cervantes skate park**

Mrs Peacock requested advice with regard to the swapping of the skate park equipment from Badgingarra to Cervantes and vice versa.

The President advised that the Badgingarra community had purchased more equipment and that it wasn't feasible now to interchange from one town to another. The opportunity was there for the Cervantes community to apply for funding under the Shire of Dandaragan / Tiwest Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund for further equipment.

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**6.8 Cervantes public open space**

Mrs Knight requested that Council plant some trees and install some low key landscaping in the park bounded by Duoro Close and Picasso Place.

The President advised that Council staff will look into the issue.

**6.9 Royalties for the Regions**

Mr Snook requested advice as to whether Council had considered how the funding from the Royalties for the Regions program would be made by Council.

The President advised that Council had been allocated \$820,000 in the first year and that in subsequent years a percentage of the funds would be required to be spent on a regional basis. Council had held an informal workshop to discuss possible projects and that there was a good range of projects which Council was considering.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the program was over four years and that Council needed to spend the year one funding in order to receive subsequent years of funding.


**7. SUMMATION**

**7.1 Vote of thanks**

Mr J Clarke of Jurien Bay thanked Council and staff for the work which they undertake. He reported on the growth of the Shire of Dandaragan and how Council was handling this issue.

**8. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The President closed the meeting at 7.10pm.

These minutes were confirmed at a meeting on ...	5/3/09
Signed .....	
Presiding person at the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed.	
Date .....	5/3/09