

## Annual General Meeting of Electors

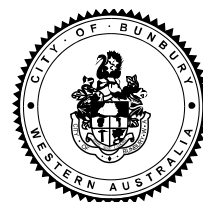
### Minutes

**5 December 2017**

Pursuant to Section 5.27 of the Local Government Act 1995, a General Meeting of Electors is to be held within a local government district once every financial year.

#### Meeting advertised for public information, as follows:

- Bunbury Herald 'City Focus Column' on Tuesday 21 November and Tuesday 28 November 2017.
- Notices posted on notice boards in the City's Customer Service Centre, Library, Visitor Centre, South West Sports Centre and website.



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## City of Bunbury Annual General Meeting of Electors Minutes

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held pursuant to Section 5.27 of the *Local Government Act 1995* in the City of Bunbury Function Room, 4 Stephen Street, Bunbury on Tuesday 5 December 2017 at 6.00pm.

### Minutes

5 December 2017

#### **1 Welcome by the Mayor**

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 6.00pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

#### **2 Record of Attendance, Apologies and Leave of Absence**

##### City of Bunbury Representatives

Mayor Gary Brennan, Presiding

Deputy Mayor Jaysen Miguel

Councillor Karen Steele

Councillor Betty McCleary

Councillor Monique Warnock

Councillor Todd Brown

Councillor Tresslyn Smith

Councillor Joel McGuinness

Councillor Michelle Steck

Councillor Brendan Kelly

Councillor Murray Cook

Councillor Sam Morris

Mal Osborne, Chief Executive Officer

Gavin Harris, Director Works and Services

Felicity Anderson, Acting Director Planning and Development

Sharon Chapman, Acting Director Corporate and Community Services

Greg Golinski, Manager Governance

Jamie Tatham, Media and Communications Officer

Jaimee Earl, Council Meeting Support Officer

Bunbury Electors

Bernhard Bischoff, 15 Forster Street Bunbury  
Michael McKelvie, 4 Dixon Street Bunbury  
Ray Parker, 27 Bonnefoi Boulevard Bunbury  
Emily McKelvie, 4 Dixon Street Bunbury  
Marina Quain, 7 McKenna Place Bunbury  
Sonya Dye, 22 Castle Street Bunbury  
Carol Skeet, 2 Regal Court Bunbury  
Mary Dunlop, 12 Murray Drive Withers  
Gary Bock, 15 Parry Street Bunbury  
Mr and Mrs Prichard, 29/22 Hayes Street Bunbury

Apologies

Councillor James Hayward  
Don Punch, Member for Bunbury

### **3 Annual Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2017**

#### **3.1 Mayor's Report 2016/2017**

The Mayor read aloud his report for the financial year 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (as printed in the Annual Report).

#### **3.2 Annual Report 2016/2017**

At this point the Mayor called for questions from electors concerning the Annual Report.

The motion to receive the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2017 was put:

<b>Electors Decision:</b>	Moved Mr Prichard    Seconded Mrs Prichard
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***The Annual Report of the City of Bunbury for the year ending 30 June 2017 be received.***

***CARRIED***

## **4 Business of the Meeting**

### **4.1 Questions Which Have Been Received**

#### **Mr Ray Parker, 1/27 Bonnefoi Boulevard Bunbury**

Mr Ray Parker addressed the meeting regarding ‘Community – Planning and Naming in and around Bunbury (Historical Icon Positions)’ in particular appointing names to beaches and places in Bunbury and erecting appropriate signage.

The Mayor advised officers and the Heritage Advisory Committee would investigate the suggestions made and provide a response in a few months.

#### **Mr Bernhard Bischoff, 15 Forster Street Bunbury**

##### Question:

How is the budget allocation for weed management determined?

##### Response:

The Sustainability and Environmental Planning (S&EP) team has in previous years, 2017/18 inclusive, received a recurrent budget allocation of approximately \$188,500 across several ‘themes’ (general ledger accounts) to fund the programmes under its portfolio\*. This recurrent amount has its origins in the early 2000’s when an environmental levy was established to raise funds for environmental programmes and projects. The levy was in place for several years but was abolished in favour of an equivalent allocation from consolidated revenue owing to concerns raised with the levy by the Department of Local Government at the time (N.B. the specific concern was that a specified rate was being applied as a general area rate).

The programme ‘themes’ and their respective annual allocations include:

- Coordinate strategic environmental planning and monitoring (\$2,050)
- Coordinate environmental works, biosecurity and natural resource management (\$143,500)
- Coordinate ecological footprint mitigation (\$5,125)
- Coordinate environmental behaviour change projects and programs (\$35,875)
- Coordinate contaminated sites investigations and management (\$2,000)
- Total = \$188,500.

These themes reflect S&EP’s strategic direction, as informed by a range of considerations including the City’s Strategic Community Plan, draft Local Planning Strategy, previous Council decisions and S&EP’s business plan.

Management of the City’s ~700 hectares of bushland occurs on a shared basis across a range of internal work areas according to their operational focus, as outlined under City of Bunbury Corporate Guideline ‘Management of Bushland Reserves and Wetlands’. S&EP contributes to this by undertaking ‘priority environmental management works in priority natural areas’. S&EP is also tasked with coordinating the

City's reserve management planning programme, which seeks to prepare and maintain management plans for key reserves across the City in order to harmonise the efforts of the various internal work areas.

The 'Coordinate environmental works, biosecurity and natural resource management' theme, as discussed above, provides for S&EP's priority environmental management works in the amount of \$143,500 per annum, which equates to 76% of S&EP's total recurrent budget allocation. Of this, approximately \$82,000 (57%) is set aside for weed management each year in view of its importance as one of the key threatening processes affecting the City's bushland. The remaining \$61,500 provides for all other management tasks including fencing and fence maintenance, revegetation, dieback investigation and management and pest animal control.

The weed management allocation is apportioned to weed management issues between and within the City's bushland reserves on a priority basis (i.e. priority weeds in priority locations). In supporting decision making in this regard, the City has previously prioritised its bushland reserves and has developed a priority weed list, consistent with established methodologies.

Additionally, the City's Landscape and Open Space department undertakes weed control across active public open space areas within Bunbury. This occurs on an as needs basis incidental to other management tasks (e.g. mowing) and as such is not costed separately (i.e. cannot be quantified).

\*S&EP also receives allocations for discrete projects from time to time over and above the recurrent allocation. These amounts typically vary from year to year, depending upon the organisation's needs at the time. An example would be the allocation of funds to resolve a specific suspected contaminated site issue.

## **4.2 Questions from Electors at the Meeting**

Nil.

### 4.3 Motions from Electors

Decisions made by Electors at an Annual Electors Meeting are presented to a meeting of Council for consideration per Section 5.33 of the Local Government Act 1995, which reads:

*“All decision made at an electors’ meeting are to be considered at the next ordinary council meeting or, if that is not practicable, at the first ordinary council meeting after that meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose, whichever happens first.”*

The Mayor called for Motions from the floor.

Marina Quain moved the following motion, seconded by Michael McKelvie:

*“That the City of Bunbury convenes a reference group to:*

*Develop recommendations that will lead to the basketball courts at South West Sports Centre complying with FIBA guidelines.*

*Acknowledge that court based sports such as basketball and netball are at capacity and cannot continue to grow and provide opportunities for the community unless new facilities become available*

*In response the Bunbury City Council undertakes to investigate opportunities to provide additional multi-use indoor courts and report back to the community.”*

The Mayor put the motion to the vote and it was carried to become the Electors’ Decision:

**Electors Decision:** Moved Marina Quain Seconded Michael McKelvie

***That the City of Bunbury convenes a reference group to:***

***Develop recommendations that will lead to the basketball courts at South West Sports Centre complying with FIBA guidelines.***

***Acknowledge that court based sports such as basketball and netball are at capacity and cannot continue to grow and provide opportunities for the community unless new facilities become available***

***In response the Bunbury City Council undertakes to investigate opportunities to provide additional multi-use indoor courts and report back to the community.***

**CARRIED**

Bernhard Bischoff moved the following motion, seconded by Sonya Dye:

*“a) The Bunbury City Council require the Sustainability and Environmental Planning Team (S&EP) to prepare realistic estimates of the resources needed for the effective control of invasive declared and other local pest plants in Bunbury’s remnant bushland reserves.*

*b) The City Council consider moving away from the practice of recurrent budget allocations in respect of Weed Management and attempt to accommodate such estimates as the Sustainability & Environmental Planning Team may present in future budgets.”*

The Mayor put the motion to the vote and it was carried to become the Electors’ Decision:

<b>Electors Decision:</b>	Moved Bernhard Bischoff	Seconded Sonya Dye
<i><b>a) The Bunbury City Council require the Sustainability and Environmental Planning Team (S&amp;EP) to prepare realistic estimates of the resources needed for the effective control of invasive declared and other local pest plants in Bunbury’s remnant bushland reserves.</b></i>		
<i><b>b) The City Council consider moving away from the practice of recurrent budget allocations in respect of Weed Management and attempt to accommodate such estimates as the Sustainability &amp; Environmental Planning Team may present in future budgets.</b></i>		
CARRIED		

Bernhard Bischoff moved the following motion, seconded by Sonya Dye:

*“The City Council consider to make available a Councillor to attend the meetings of CERG, the Community Environmental Reference Group in order to keep better informed and contribute to the debates about the environmental issues concerning the Bunbury community.”*

The Mayor put the motion to the vote and it was carried to become the Electors’ Decision:

<b>Electors Decision:</b>	Moved Bernhard Bischoff	Seconded Sonya Dye
<i><b>The City Council consider to make available a Councillor to attend the meetings of CERG, the Community Environmental Reference Group in order to keep better informed and contribute to the debates about the environmental issues concerning the Bunbury community.</b></i>		
CARRIED		



## **5 Close Meeting**

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 6.30pm.