



Minutes

Annual General Meeting of Electors

8 February 2024

SNAPSHOT

Strategic Community Plan 2023-2033



Your Choice. Our Future.

VISION

A globally recognised community of guardians for our unique environment and culture as we pursue innovations for sustainable growth.

GOALS

The goals are organised in five strategic pillars: Social, Natural Environment, Built Environment, Economy, and Governance and Leadership.

SOCIAL

Nurture a friendly, safe and inclusive community spirit.

- Improve local community and visitor experiences.
- Ensure a full suite of services to meet the needs of families and individuals at all ages and stages of life.
- Build community cohesion and connectedness.



GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP

Foster open, transparent & accountable leadership, working collaboratively & in partnership with our community & stakeholders.

- Forward-thinking leadership for efficient & sustainable operations.
- Continued focus on transparent, accountable leadership & community & stakeholder engagement.
- Council & administration plan & lead with good governance.



ECONOMY

Enhance a robust, resilient & diversified economy that champions innovation.

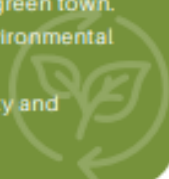
- Increase opportunities for smart and sustainable business ideas.
- Establish Exmouth as a vibrant, welcoming and environmentally aware destination.
- Promote Exmouth as a thriving economy based on its regional strength as a global environmental hotspot.



NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Embrace natural sensitivities and promote positive change.

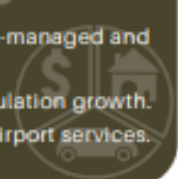
- Establish Exmouth as a clean and green town.
- Prepare Exmouth for changing environmental conditions.
- Increase awareness of sustainability and environmental issues.



BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Enable sustainable development and infrastructure that meets the needs of the community, visitors and industry.

- Infrastructure and assets are well-managed and maintained.
- Plan and cater for increased population growth.
- Revitalisation and expansion of airport services.



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1. Declaration of Opening and Announcements

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 6.00 pm.

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 the gallery in adhering to both the *Local Government Act 1995*, and the Shire of Exmouth Meeting Procedures Local Law 2015, it is an offence to record the proceedings of this meeting and asked the gallery to switch off any recording devices, including phones.

2. Attendance and Apologies

Councillor M (Matthew) Niiikkula Shire President

Councillor D (Darlene) Allston

Councillor D (David) Gillespie

Councillor T (Todd) Bennett

Councillor K (Kristy) Devereux

Mr Ben Lewis Chief Executive Officer

Gallery

4 x electors

2 x members of the public

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

That the Minutes and associated attachments of the Annual General Meeting of Electors of the Shire of Exmouth held on 2 February 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION	ITEM 3
Res No: 01-0224	
MOVED: Darlene Allston	
SECONDED: David Gillespie	
That the Minutes and associated attachments of the Annual General Meeting of Exmouth held on 2 February 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.	
CARRIED 9/0	

4. Receipt of the 2022/2023 Annual Report

In accordance with Section 5.27 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, a general meeting of electors is to be held once every financial year, not more than 56 days after the local government has accepted the annual report.

Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* specifies that the matters to be discussed at a general electors' meeting are, firstly, the contents of the Annual Report for the previous financial year and then any other general business.

The 2022/23 Annual Report was adopted by Council at its latest Ordinary Council meeting held on the 14 December 2023 incorporating the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer messages, Annual Financial Report and Auditor's report.

The Annual Report is available on the Shire of Exmouth website via the following link: [Annual Reports » Shire of Exmouth, WA](#)

Electors were invited to comment or ask questions on the 2022/2023 Shire of Exmouth Annual Report (Attachment 1).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2023 inclusive of the Audited Financial Report 2022/2023 be received.

RESOLUTION	ITEM 4
Res No: 02-0224	
MOVED: David Gillespie	
SECONDED: Darlene Allston	
That the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2023 inclusive of the Audited Financial Report 2023/2024 be received.	
	CARRIED 9/0

5. General Business

Question received from Rene Schwengeler
What is happening near H.E.H Base?

The Shire President recently met with the representatives from Northrop Grumman, project coordinators for the upgrades happening at the Harold E Holt Naval Base (HEH).

Georgio Constructions have the contract to build the new solar array system facility that will see 27 new radar dishes installed to the west and south of the Base, as well as a new additional power house at VLF.

A 100-man workers camp is occupied and operational on site at HEH. The new large white dome just to the north of town is a temporary shelter to stand and assemble the radar antennas, prior to being installed on individual concrete plinths throughout the area.

Question received from Dinny Ruby
Update on fast tracking of land release for Sargent and Nimitz Street subdivision?

The Shire was recently provided with advice that in-principle support has been provided to DevelopmentWA by the Nganhurra Thanardi Garrbu Aboriginal Corporation (NTGAC) for the developments of the Learmonth /Sargent Street and Nimitz Street subdivisions.

DevelopmentWA would aim to begin development of the Learmonth/Sargent Street site during the 2024/2025 financial year, provided funding is approved, and in the interim work closely with NTGAC, Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to progress site due diligence, acquisition and planning approvals for the sites

6. Meeting Closure

The Shire President declared the meeting closed at 6.08 pm and advised the next Ordinary Council meeting will be held on 22 February 2024 commencing at 4.00 pm.