



AGENDA

Annual Electors Meeting

30 January 2024

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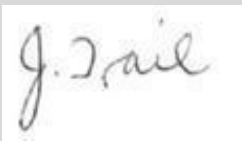
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Kambalda**

SHIRE OF COOLGARDIE

NOTICE OF

Dear Elected Member

The next Annual Electors Meeting of the Shire of Coolgardie will be held on Tuesday 30 January 2024 commencing at 6:30pm.

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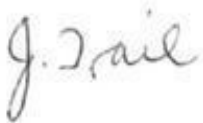
**JAMES TRAIL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING**30 January 2024**

Welcome to the Annual Electors Meeting of the Shire of Coolgardie.

The dates, times and locations of the Ordinary Council Meetings for 2024 are listed hereunder.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Tuesday	23 January 2024	4:30pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	27 February 2024	4.30pm	Coolgardie
Tuesday	26 March 2024	4.30pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	23 April 2024	4.30pm	Coolgardie
Tuesday	28 May 2024	4.30pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	25 June 2024	4.30pm	Coolgardie
Tuesday	23 July 2024	4.30pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	27 August 2024	4.30pm	Coolgardie
Tuesday	24 September 2024	4.30pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	22 October 2024	4.30pm	Coolgardie
Tuesday	26 November 2024	4.30pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	17 December 2024	4.30pm	Coolgardie



James Trail
Chief Executive Officer

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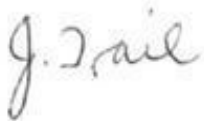
INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC ATTENDING COUNCIL MEETINGS

PLEASE NOTE:

THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS AGENDA ARE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATIONS ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE ACTED UPON UNTIL COUNCIL HAS RESOLVED TO ADOPT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS.

THE RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL SHOULD BE CONFIRMED BY PERUSING THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE CONSIDERED.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT THEY ACT AT THEIR OWN RISK IF THEY ENACT ANY RESOLUTION PRIOR TO RECEIVING OFFICIAL WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF COUNCILS DECISION.



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COUNCIL MEETING INFORMATION NOTES

1. Your Council generally handles all business at Ordinary or Special Council Meetings.
2. From time to time Council may form a Committee to examine subjects and then report to Council.
3. Generally all meetings are open to the public; however, from time to time Council will be required to deal with personal, legal and other sensitive matters. On those occasions Council will generally close that part of the meeting to the public. Every endeavour will be made to do this as the last item of business of the meeting.
4. Public Question Time. It is a requirement of the Local Government Act 1995 to allow at least fifteen (15) minutes for public question time following the opening and announcements at the beginning of the meeting. Should there be a series of questions the period can be extended at the discretion of the Chairman.

Written notice of each question should be given to the Chief Executive Officer prior to 10:30am on the day of the meeting. A summary of each question and response is included in the Minutes.

When a question is not able to be answered at the Council Meeting a written answer will be provided after the necessary research has been carried out. Council staff will endeavour to provide the answers prior to the next meeting of Council.

5. **Councillors** may from time to time have a financial interest in a matter before Council. Councillors must declare an interest and the extent of the interest in the matter on the Agenda. However, the Councillor can request the meeting to declare the matter **trivial, insignificant or in common with a significant number of electors or ratepayers**. The Councillor must leave the meeting whilst the matter is discussed and cannot vote unless those present agree as above.

Members of staff, who have delegated authority from Council to act on certain matters, may from time to time have a financial interest in a matter on the Agenda. The member of staff must declare that interest and generally the Chairman of the meeting will advise the Officer if he/she is to leave the meeting.

6. Agendas including an Information Bulletin are delivered to Councillors within the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995, i.e. seventy-two (72) hours prior to the advertised commencement of the meeting. Whilst late items are generally not considered there is provision on the Agenda for items of an urgent nature to be considered.

Should an elector wish to have a matter placed on the Agenda the relevant information should be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer in time to allow the matter to be fully researched by staff. An Agenda item including a recommendation will then be submitted to Council for consideration.

The Agenda closes the Monday week prior to the Council Meeting (i.e. ten (10) days prior to the meeting).

The Information Bulletin produced as part of the Agenda includes items of interest and information, which does not require a decision of Council.

7. Agendas for Ordinary Meetings are available in the Coolgardie and Kambalda Offices/Libraries seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting and the public are invited to secure a copy.
8. Agenda items submitted to Council will include a recommendation for Council consideration. Electors should not interpret and/or act on the recommendations until after they have been considered by Council. Please note the Disclaimer in the Agenda (page 3).
9. Public Question Time – Statutory Provisions – Local Government Act 1995

Time is to be allocated for questions to be raised by members of the public and responded to at:

- (a) Every ordinary meeting of a council; and
- (b) Such other meetings of councils or committees as may be prescribed

Procedures and the minimum time to be allocated for the asking of and responding to questions raised by members of the public at council or committee meetings are to be in accordance with regulations.

9A. Question Time for the Public at Certain Meetings – s5.24 (1) (b)

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

Reg 5 For the purpose of section 5.24(1)(b), the meetings at which time is to be allocated for questions to be raised by members of the public and responded to are:

- (a) every special meeting of a council; and
- (b) every meeting of a committee to which the local government has delegated a power or duty.

Minimum Question Time for the Public – s5.24 (2)

- Reg 6 (1) The minimum time to be allocated for the asking of and responding to questions raised by members of the public at ordinary meetings of councils and meetings referred to in regulation 5 is fifteen (15) minutes.
- (2) Once all the questions raised by members of the public have been asked and responded to at a meeting referred to in sub regulation (1), nothing in these regulations prevents the unused part of the minimum question time period from being used for other matters.

Procedures for Question Time for the Public – s5.24 (2)

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

- Reg 7 (1) Procedures for the asking of and responding to questions raised by members of the public at a meeting referred to in regulation 6 (1) are to be determined:
- (a) by the person presiding at the meeting; or
 - (b) in the case where the majority of members of the council or committee present at the meeting disagree with the person presiding, by the majority of members, having regard to the requirements of sub regulations (2) and (3).
- (2) The time allocated to the asking and responding to questions raised by members of the public at a meeting referred to in regulation 6(1) is to precede the discussion of any matter that requires a decision to be made by the council or the committee, as the case may be.
- (3) Each member of the public who wishes to ask a question at a meeting referred to in regulation 6(1) is to be given an equal and fair opportunity to ask the question and receive a response.
- (4) Nothing in sub regulation (3) requires:
- (a) A council to answer a question that does not relate to a matter affecting the local government;
 - (b) A council at a special meeting to answer a question that does not relate to the purpose of the meeting; or
 - (c) A committee to answer a question that does not relate to a function of the committee.

2. Public Inspection of Unconfirmed Minutes (Reg 13)

A copy of the unconfirmed Minutes of Ordinary and Special Meetings will be available for public inspection in the Coolgardie and Kambalda Offices/Libraries within ten (10) working days after the Meeting.

NOTE:**10.3 Unopposed Business**

- (1) Upon a motion being moved and seconded, the person presiding may ask the meeting if any member opposes it.
- (2) If no member signifies opposition to the motion the person presiding may declare the motion in sub clause (1) carried without debate and without taking a vote on it,
- (3) A motion carried under sub clause (2) is to be recorded in the minutes as a unanimous decision of the Council or committee.
- (4) If a member signifies opposition to a motion the motion is to be dealt with according to this Part.
- (5) This clause does not apply to any motion or decision to revoke or change a decision which has been made at a Council or committee meeting.

SHIRE OF COOLGARDIE

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:**

Under the Provisions of Division 6 of Part 5 of the Local Government Act 1995, I hereby disclose a Financial Interest/s in the matter/s listed on this form, which is/are scheduled for consideration at the meeting of Council to be held on:

TUESDAY _____	2024
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Where indicated by the word 'YES' in column 6, I will be seeking a determination (under Section 5.68) by the meeting, for reasons I will expand on.

(Print Name) _____ (Signature) _____ (Date)

NOTE: Members of Council are asked to deliver this completed form to the Chief Executive Officer on the day of the Council Meeting as required by the Act. Where this is not practicable the Disclosure/s may be telephoned to the Council Office on 9080 2111 and/or the form subsequently passed to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting.

ITEM	PAGE No.	TYPE	REASON

For inclusion for interest declaration

Interests Affecting Impartiality: Disclosing Statement

"With regard to....(the matter in item)... I disclose that I have an association with the applicant. As a consequence, there may be a perception that my impartiality on the matter may be affected. I declare that I will consider this matter on its merits and vote accordingly."

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

“The Shire of Coolgardie acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land, on which we meet and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging”

2 DECLARATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Shire President to invite Council Members to declare that they have read the agenda and supporting documents and able to make informed decision on all matters accordingly.

3 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST****4.1 Declarations of Financial Interests – Local Government Act Section 5.60A****4.2 Declarations of Proximity Interests – Local Government Act Section 5.60B****4.3 Declarations of Impartiality Interests –Shire of Coolgardie Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates for Election, Code of Conduct for Employees****5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME****6 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7.1 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2023

Date: 23 January 2024

Author: Kasey Turner, Executive Assistant

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Annual Electors Meeting Unconfirmed Minutes 31 January 2023**

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

ANNUAL ELECTORS RESOLUTION AND OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on 31 January 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

8 **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Nil

9 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.1 Executive Services

9.1.1 ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023

Location:	N/A
Applicant:	N/A
Disclosure of Interest:	N/A
Date:	23 January 2024
Author:	James Trail, Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

That the Annual Report for the Shire of Coolgardie for the period ending 30 June 2023 be endorsed.

BACKGROUND

Annual Reports provide an overview of the operations, activities and major projects undertaken by the Shire for the period.

The report includes major initiatives that are proposed to commence or to continue in the next financial year. The performance of the Councils is assessed against the Vision, Objectives and Strategies.

COMMENT

The Annual Report provides an overview of the Shire's operations and compliance with policy and legislation as required by the Local Government Act 1995 and associated regulations.

The Shire of Coolgardie had a Total Operating Revenue of \$23.2m for the 2022/2023 financial year. Having finished the financial year at the 30th June 2022 with a deficit of **\$1,257,027** the Shire ended the financial year at 30th June 2023 with a surplus of \$439,691

Net Cash from operating activities at year ended 30 June 2023 was \$2,165,669 and the Shire ended the financial year with positive comprehensive income. The Shire also ended the financial year with Cash and Cash Equivalents of \$1.5 million. Capital expenditure this year amounted to \$5,382,699 on infrastructure assets and \$10,625,895 on property, plant and equipment.

Total assets at the 30th June 2023 of \$178,303,351 was an increase of \$32,416,761 from the previous financial year. Furthermore the operation of Bluebush Village and the Coolgardie Waste Facility resulted in an increase from just over \$2 million in fees and charges to \$8.6 million.

Highlights for this year included: -

- Upgrades and renewal on Carins Road - \$1,225,951.
- Provision of primary health and medical services through St John - \$300,000.
- Coolgardie Post Office Storm Damage - \$888,805.
- Renewal and Upgrade at Coolgardie Landfill - \$378,674
- Housing and Workers Accommodation - \$7,787,324
- Road Maintenance - \$1,856,784

CONSULTATION

Auditor – RSM

Auditor General

Shire Staff

Shire Contractor

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Section 5.54 Local Government Act 1995 as amended.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Accountable and effective leaders

High quality corporate governance, accountability and compliance

ATTACHMENTS

1. **2022/23 Annual Report**

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Annual Report for the Shire of Coolgardie for the period ending 30 June 2023 be ENDORSED.

- 10 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING**
- 10.1 Elected Members**
- 10.2 Council Officers**
- 11 CLOSURE OF MEETING**