

# CITY OF ARMADALE

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS THURSDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2000

### MINUTES

OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD IN THE FUNCTION ROOM, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON THURSDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2000 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

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#### PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cr R C Stubbs JP presided over:	Roleystone Ward
Deputy Mayor, Cr J H Munn CMC JP	West Armadale Ward
Cr J Knezevich	West Armadale Ward
Cr F R Green	Armadale Ward
Cr R R Fletcher	“ “
Cr A L Cominelli JP	Forrest Ward
Cr G M Hodges	“ “
Cr H A Zelones JP	Kelmscott Ward
Cr V L Clowes-Hollins	“ “
Cr J D Cumming	Seville Ward
Cr H C Spaanderman	“ “
Cr D L Hopper JP	Roleystone Ward
Cr J A Stewart	Westfield Ward

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr R S Tame	Chief Executive Officer
Mr A F Maxwell	Executive Director Community & Corporate Services
Mr J H A Adderley	Executive Director Development Services
Mr A Bruce	Executive Director Technical Services
Mrs S D'Souza	CEO's Personal Assistant

Public: 7

His Worship the Mayor, Cr Roger Stubbs, welcomed those in attendance to the 1998-1999 Annual General Meeting of Electors.

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The Mayor advised that prior to proceeding with the agenda for the meeting he would like to take the opportunity of introducing the Council to members of the public. Quite often councillors are relatively anonymous faces and the extent of their work in the community is unknown. To create a sense of awareness, the following list, which is by no means exhaustive, will serve to represent those additional duties which councillors choose to take on besides those associated with Council meetings. It is hoped that this would help the public to gain an appreciation of the range of activities that their councillors are involved in to keep in touch with the community.

- Cr Munn
- Deputy Mayor – Represents the West Armadale Ward
  - Represents Local Government in WA on the Swan River Trust, Chairs the Community Security Working Party which works with the community to deliver improved security initiatives in our City.
- Cr Zelones
- Chairs Development Services Committee – Represents Kelmscott Ward
  - Recently elected Chair of the Heritage County Development Agency and represents metropolitan local government on a committee that is working with the Department of Transport on issues associated with heavy haulage (which is a concern particularly important in the south east corridor).
- Cr Clowes-Hollins
- Represents Kelmscott Ward along with Cr Zelones
  - Keeps a guiding hand on the Ark Roadwise facility in West Armadale which has won State recognition in terms of the community road safety awards. Sits on the Community Reference Group that is working for the development of the Armadale Hospital.
- Cr Hopper
- Represents Roleystone-Karragullen Ward with Cr Stubbs.
  - Represents local government on the State Recycling Advisory Committee and the Keep Australia Beautiful Council and also represents the south east corridor on the Municipal Waste Advisory Committee.
- Cr Knezevich
- Represents West Armadale Ward with Cr Munn
  - Represented on the South East Metro Housing Association and has recently been appointed to a Ministry for Housing Committee.
- Cr Stewart
- Represents Westfield Ward with Cr Reynolds
  - Cr Stewart chairs the committees that organise the famous Minnowarra Festival and Highland Gathering. It is the many months of meetings of these committees that lead to the success of such events.
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| Cr Cominelli   | - | Represents Forrest Ward   |
|                | - | Looks after Council's interests on the Local Drug Action Group and the Safer WA Committee.  |
| Cr Hodges      | - | Recently re-elected to the Council and represents Forrest Ward along with Cr Cominelli.   |
|                | - | Cr Hodges is the President of the management Committee of Lotteries House.  |
| Cr Spaanderman | - | Represents Seville Ward   |
|                | - | Is involved with Community Policing issues and represents Council on the Heritage FM Board  |
| Cr Cumming     | - | Represents Seville Ward with Cr Spaanderman   |
|                | - | Represented on the Museum Management Committee and is also involved with the Friends of the Shale Quarry  |
| Cr Green       | - | Represents Armadale Ward  |
|                | - | Represented on the Bush Fire Advisory Committee and a number of sub-groups associated with that Committee, Bungendore Park Management Committee and the Bushcare & Environmental Committee. |
| Cr Fletcher    | - | Represents Armadale Ward with Cr Green  |
|                | - | Represented on the Armadale Settlers Common Advisory Committee and the Community Heritage Advisory Committee.   |

The Mayor acknowledged the presence of Eric T'Hart who was in attendance at the courtesy of Heritage FM and, as a community service, was assisting with the recording of the meeting.

An introduction to the staff in attendance was also made:-

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| Ray Tame         | - | Chief Executive Officer                           |
| Tony Maxwell     | - | Executive Director Community & Corporate Services |
| Andrew Bruce     | - | Executive Director Technical Services             |
| John Adderley    | - | Executive Director Development Services           |
| Sapphire D'Souza | - | CEO's Personal Assistant                          |

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## **1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Apology received from Cr Reynolds.

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## 2 BUSINESS OF MEETING

### 2.1 PRESENTING & RECEIVING THE 1998-99 ANNUAL REPORT

#### 2.1.1 1998-99 Annual Financial Report

MOVED Cr Munn that the 1998-99 Annual Financial Report be received.

SECONDED Cr Stewart

**CARRIED**

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#### 2.1.2 Auditor's Report

The Chief Executive Officer, Mr R S Tame, read aloud the Auditor's Report.

MOVED Cr Knezevich that the Auditor's Report on the 1998-99 Annual Financial Report be received.

SECONDED Cr Hopper

**CARRIED**

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#### 2.1.3 1998-99 Annual Report (Remaining Parts)

Mayor Stubbs read aloud his Report, as printed in the Annual Report:

MOVED Cr Cominelli that the 1998-99 Annual Report be received.

SECONDED Cr Hodges

**CARRIED**

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### 2.2 GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 2.2.1 Questions of which prior notice has been given

No questions were received.

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### **2.2.2 Questions received from the Floor**

#### **Mr Bill Davis, Forrestdale**

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**Mr Davis expressed his appreciation for the extension of Library hours and the increase of lending to the community. It is always a pleasure to visit the library as it is a very happy place for users and is fantastically supported by the Armadale Council.**

The Mayor thanked Mr Davis for his complimentary comments about the Library service. Council is very conscious of the steady stream of people who visit the libraries and is doing its best to enhance those services. It is worth reflecting that Armadale was the first Council to have a public library facility in its area and historically the library in Jull Street, which opened in the 1950s, was the first of the modern libraries set up in conjunction with the Library Board of WA.

**Question: With employment being a huge problem in Armadale, I wonder if Council may consider seeking advice from Consultants on the possibilities available for the generation of employment, given that Armadale has a large pool of unemployed people. One suggestion is E-Commerce which does not require a large infrastructure and another is perhaps the location of a call centre which is now frequently located in remote places. The possibility of TAFE joining Council to assist with training programmes should also be looked at. Armadale does have a lot of unemployed and would like to see Council look for advice on what can be done to improve the situation.**

Council is very aware of the unemployment problem and is taking a number of steps to address this issue. It was disappointing when the extensions of the Armadale Shopping Centre did not go ahead because the development would have created 300 jobs at the very least. The publicity in the Weekend Examiner and the West Australian is slightly wrong. Council had several years ago identified with Armstrong Jones that \$80m of spending was leaking out of the area and this was well before the Carousel development. Because of this Council vigorously supported the Armadale Shopping City extension but due to a few hindrances that redevelopment is now at least 4/5 years away.

The other initiative that Council is pursuing is the development of the Business Park in Forrestdale. Major companies have exhibited interest and taken out options to purchase land for activities which will be good employment generators. At the next Council meeting the rezoning for the Business Park to be put in place will be finalised. Another positive aspect to consider is that with the last blocks of industrial land in Canningvale on the market investors will now be looking towards Armadale.

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Yet another initiative was the setting up of the Heritage Country Development Agency specifically for employment generation. The Agency commissioned a wide range of reports as a result of which employment plans have been put in place. What is now required is a boost in local confidence and for people to participate in generating employment.

The mention of call centres and e-commerce centres is very apt. The co-axial cable which has recently been upgraded from Perth through Armadale represents enormous opportunities for those businesses who are prepared to go beyond West Perth and the northern suburbs.

On the question of training, Cr Zelones added some further comment regarding the on-line computer training that is on offer at the Armadale South East Enterprise Network (SEEN) Centre.

**Question:** **Could the Council look at the possibility of allowing caretakers to reside on sporting premises for security purposes? There are quite a few places that get broken into on a regular basis and as such find it very difficult to get insurance.**

In the past all Council halls had a caretaker which was usually the person living next door. Council ceased arrangement for a number of reasons, the main one being the person's own safety as often the person who took on the "caretaker" role was not generally well equipped to deal with intruders and people causing problems. However, given the damage that does currently occur it is certainly a suggestion that is worth re-examining.

**John Gamblin, Glastonbury Road, Armadale**

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**Question:** **What is being done about the noise level in Armadale Road/Albany Highway and from the activities in Minnowarra Park?**

**Response:** It is a very valid concern. Unfortunately Armadale Road and Albany Highway are not under Council's control but under Main Roads WA jurisdiction. Council is very conscious of the problems caused by trucks in the area, viz. safety and noise. Council will be conducting a survey in the near future in the area of Albany Highway, South Western Highway and Armadale Road to determine residents views and concerns on these roads being used by heavy vehicles and the data collected will be submitted to Main Roads WA, the various Ministers and the Transport Association.

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With regard to the noise from Minnowarra Park, the community very much appreciate the concerts and events and Council tries to maintain a balance between the demand in Armadale and the impact of such activities. With the exception of Australia Day which finishes at 9.30pm, Council does make sure that functions do not go on too late and try not to over-burden the surrounding neighbours with the noise.

Council has been sensitive to the neighbours in the area and have resisted suggestions of late night concerts. It has however made a decision to hold concerts in the park during summer evenings and are experimenting with the positioning of the speakers to redirect the sound away from the residential area. Unfortunately Council cannot undertake that there will be no events in the Park. However as the noise concern has been expressed it will be noted and referred to the committees overseeing the various events with regard to closing time for the functions and opportunities to minimize the impact on the neighbours.

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MEETING DECLARED CLOSED AT 8.05 PM

MINUTES CONFIRMED THIS 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2000

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