

# CITY OF ARMADALE

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS WEDNESDAY, 17 JANUARY 2001

### MINUTES

OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD IN THE FUNCTION ROOM, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON WEDNESDAY, 17 JANUARY 2001 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

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#### PRESENT:

The Mayor, Cr R C Stubbs JP	Roleystone Ward
presided over:	
Deputy Mayor, Cr J H Munn CMC JP	West Armadale Ward
Cr J Knezevich	West Armadale Ward
Cr R R Fletcher	Armadale Ward
Cr G M Hodges	Forrest Ward
Cr H A Zelones JP	Kelmscott Ward
Cr V L Clowes-Hollins	Kelmscott Ward
Cr J D Cumming	Seville Ward
Cr H C Spaanderman	Seville Ward
Cr D L Hopper JP	Roleystone Ward
Cr L Reynolds JP	Westfield 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
Mr J Nye	Manager Finance Services
Mrs S D'Souza	CEO's Executive Assistant

Public: 30

His Worship the Mayor, Cr Roger Stubbs, welcomed those in attendance to the 1999-2000 Annual General Meeting of Electors.

Prior to proceeding with the agenda for the meeting, the Mayor introduced members of the Council and staff in attendance to the public.

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

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## **2 BUSINESS OF MEETING**

### **2.1 PRESENTING & RECEIVING THE 1999-2000 ANNUAL REPORT**

#### **2.1.1 1998-99 Annual Financial Report**

MOVED Mrs Pat Hart that the 1999-2000 Annual Financial Report be received.

**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 Mr Kim Fletcher that the Auditor's Report on the 1999-2000 Annual Financial Report be received.

**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 Mrs Joyce Stewart that the 1999-2000 Annual Report be received.

SECONDED Mr Bill Davis

**CARRIED**

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## 2.2 GENERAL BUSINESS

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

The following questions were received in writing.

**Mr Roy Prodger (Hon Secretary), Armadale Pioneer's Golf Club**  
**8 Olmar Place, Kelmscott WA 6111**

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**Question:** In reference to golfing facilities for the ratepayers of the City of Armadale, can Council please advise when the new Golf Course will be available for public use, and whether access to it will be restricted by prohibited green fees.

The existing Public Golf Course in Forrest Road has been considerably improved over the past few months and represents economical golfing for local Club Members and pensioners.

Please provide Council's directions in this matter, as many local patrons are eager to receive answers regarding the retention of the existing facility.

**Response:** Council will consider a report on progressing the proposed new Public Golf Course next month. It would take about 18 months from the decision to proceed to commissioning the new Course for play. The Course will be of a high quality, designed and priced to attract a wide user base, including, local golfers.

**Mr Greg Kelly (Acting Secretary), Armadale & Districts Golf Club Inc**  
**PO Box 562, Armadale**

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**Question:** *The Armadale and Districts Golf Club Inc. which is made up of 86 members, 90% of these being residents of the City of Armadale, has followed with great interest the developments occurring regarding the proposed construction of a new golf course in the City.*

*The club's interest is based on the fact that it has a substantial investment at the present location of the Armadale Golf Course in Forrest Road, Armadale. The club has its own club-house at the site which we believe is situated on land that is separate to the land defined as the Armadale Golf Course. This clubhouse is utilised by 3 golf clubs that play at the present course on a weekly basis.*

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*The club is not only interested and delighted in the City of Armadale's proposal to develop a new golf course, but it is also interested in what the intentions of Council are over the next few years regarding the present course should a new course be developed. Over the past few years, the work carried out on the present course has been excellent and all clubs that use the course are appreciative of the support it has received from the present leasee. It is the opinion of the clubs that use the course that it is presently in the best condition it has been for a number of years. This is a result of the excellent relationship that has been established by the clubs with the present leasee and his willingness to support all the needs of the clubs that use the course.*

*The club wishes to seek information from Council through the following questions:-*

**1. Should a new course be developed, where does the Armadale and Districts Golf Club stand in relation to its existing clubhouse?**

Response: The existing Course will become defunct when the new Course becomes operative. It is likely that the land will be vested in CALM as part of the overall Forrestdale Lake conservation area.

**2. Should a new course be developed, what are the intentions of the City of Armadale regarding the existing course?**

Response: This has already been addressed in my response to the previous question i.e. that course will revert into the conservation area and will become part of the conservation area managed by CALM.

**3. Should a new course be developed, what are the intentions of the City of Armadale regarding the lease arrangements for the existing course?**

Response: As already advised, it is expected that when the new course becomes operative, the land occupied by the old course will be vested in CALM and, as a consequence, leasing arrangements for the defunct course will no doubt cease.

The Mayor advised that Council has not made any formal decisions in terms of how it will proceed in regard to leasing and management arrangements for the new course. A range of options will no doubt be considered by Council in the near future prior to a decision being made.

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

**Mrs D Southam, 16 Morrell Way, Armadale [Secretary of the Forrest Residents Assoc.]**

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**Question:** Minutes of Council indicate that political parties have undertaken to make commitments at the beginning of the election campaign. Why did Council not wait until the election was announced before advertising, as it would have saved Council money if it had waited to see if the political parties honoured their promise. Also can we now presume that as the Council had advertised it will not be spending any more ratepayers money on a newsletter drop.

**Response:** The Mayor advised that at the time of considering his candidature in the State election he had notified Council that it would be appropriate for him to withdraw from discussions on Council's election strategy. In view of this declaration, Council had appointed three spokespersons, viz. Deputy Mayor, Cr Reynolds and the Chief Executive Officer to manage the strategy. Hence in the spirit of observing absolute propriety he invited any one of the Council appointed spokespersons to address the question.

The Chief Executive Officer chose to respond.

In response to the first question, Mr Tame advised that Council are not expending any more money than is necessary and in Council's opinion the time just prior to the election being announced was seen as the most appropriate time to take this very public step. It was in May of last year that Council firmly resolved to conduct a campaign leading up to the election and since then Council has written letters and sought meetings with both sides of politics. Depending on the response to the current advertisement Council will decide on whether it will run any further ads. There is no intention of a letter drop at this point in time.

**Mr B Davis, 35 Bodicoat Drive, Brookdale**

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**Question:** What will the total cost be of the advertising of Council's election Strategy as recommended by City Strategy Committee – item CS79/00 on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2000?

**Response:** The Chief Executive Officer advised that the total cost for Council's election strategy will depend on decisions of Council between now and the election. There is an amount of approx. \$20,000 in the Budget to undertake the overall campaign to expedite projects such as the Tonkin Highway and development of the Strategic Regional Centre. There is no intention of expending this whole budgeted amount on the current 'election strategy'. The two advertisements that have been run already cost approx. \$2,400.

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**Mr L Dalby, 158 Streich Avenue, Kelmscott**

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**Question:** At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 18<sup>th</sup> December a decision was supported by all Councillors, including the Mayor, for a ratepayers funded advertising campaign. Can the Mayor please confirm that he had not considered standing for Parliament till that date and that he had not had any discussion with anyone about his candidacy If not, what changed between the 18<sup>th</sup> December and 6<sup>th</sup> January 2001 when his candidature was publicly mooted.

**Response:** The Mayor agreed that he was present at the 18<sup>th</sup> December meeting and had deliberated on the matter of the Council's Election Strategy. Since then Council had received no firm undertakings from either side of politics in support of the Armadale region.

He advised that this was not the appropriate forum to discuss personal reasons for his candidature. However, to briefly explain the background he advised that both parties had been approached for a statement of their vision for Armadale in August. At the time Council had requested a written statement, but none had been forthcoming. As a community representative and in response to his personal disappointment at the lack of any response to critical issues in the Armadale region he exercised his right as an individual to stand as an independent candidate. After discussions with his family a firm decision was made to proceed and a letter to this effect was forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer on 21 December 2000. The Mayor assured the meeting that in the last 16 years as a Councillor he's always been mindful of acting with absolute propriety and in the best interests of the City of Armadale.

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**Mr Nick Towle, 6 Wyee Place, Armadale**

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**Question:** Regarding Lake Road – when can we expect to see the roadworks completed where it joins Armadale Road? At the Lake Road/Albany Highway intersection - when can we expect to have the results of the traffic study that was meant to be conducted? The Lake Road/Ranford Road intersection is a dangerous one. When will improvements be made?

**Response:** The Mayor advised that Lake Road is a comprehensive staged road project which is progressing with the assistance of State Government grants. The Mayor invited Cr Reynolds, Chair of Technical Services Committee to respond to the detailed questions on the various Lake Road intersections.

Cr Reynolds advised that a consultant is currently studying traffic movements between Albany Highway, Lake Road and Armadale Road. There are a number of issues associated with the area and Lake Road/Albany Highway is one of the defining corners of that study area.

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With regard to the upgrade of Armadale Road and Ranford Road intersections of Lake Road, this is a 5 year staged project with a total costing of \$7.5m. There are 2 further years to be funded following this year's work, which is about to recommence. It should be approx. 2½ years before work reaches Armadale Road. However, completion will depend on the timing of the new Forrestdale Industrial Park which may involve a realignment of Armadale Road. Also in the next stage, roadworks involve a bridge across the Wungong River and there may be issues to be resolved which could pose a further delay to the project completion.

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**Mr V Fontana, 16 Taylor Road, Forrestdale**

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**Question:** In regard to the new golf course - it was stated that it would take 18 months to complete. Has Council made a decision as to when construction will commence?

**Response:** The Mayor advised that it would take approx. 18 to 24 months to complete the golf course from the time a decision is made. It is anticipated that Council should make a decision by June 2001 about the direction it will take.

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**Mr John Gamblin, Glastonbury Road, Armadale**

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**Question:** Some weeks ago a survey was conducted regarding the noise generated from the Park. When will Council publish the results of this survey?

**Response:** The results are currently being tabulated and will be referred to one of Council's Standing Committees in the next 4 weeks.

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**Mr T Holton, 13 Wandoo Street, Mt Nasura**

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**Question:** There is currently a rezoning proposal for a Harvey Norman store between Armadale Road land and the Highway. Master plans indicate that a lot of the parking will be on crown land. Is that allowed under the vesting? If yes, is the developer likely to pay cash-in-lieu for that particular parking provision.

Secondly, there is concern about the future of the Tourist Centre. Has Council made a decision as to whether it intends to relocate the Tourist Centre?

**Response:** The Executive Director Development Services advised that the concept plans prepared thus far indicate that the proposed Harvey Norman store would

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sustain its car parking on its own land. However there is a proposition that the parking area on the Town Hall site would probably need to be reconfigured to establish good coordination between the two sites.

The Mayor advised that besides the Harvey Norman proposal there is also a conceptual design for the cultural precinct. In terms of the Harvey Norman development, if this goes ahead it will still be feasible for the Tourist Centre to remain in its current location with possibly some minor reconfiguration. Council is committed to the Tourist Centre and is proud of its achievements. It is a credit to the volunteers that the Centre has yet again won the Golden "I" Award. If ultimately in the long term a new site is suggested, it will only be relocated to a site where the Centre can function as efficiently as it has been in the past.

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**Mr Nick Towle, 6 Wyee Place, Armadale**

**Question: What progress has Council made with regard to sinking the water pipe on Armadale Road?**

**Response:** Cr Reynolds, Chair of Technical Services Committee advised that for some time Council has sought to have this pipe submerged. The option of having it covered with soil was mooted with Water Corporation but was refused. Fundamentally, the Water Corporation advise that the pipe would need to be replaced for it to be submerged, which would cost Council in the vicinity of \$2m.

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**Mr Bruce Waddell, 4 Leschenaultia Street, Roleystone**

**Question: When Council proceeded with the approvals for the Araluen golf course, it was stated that this would meet the golfing needs of the City, highlighting the then obvious shortcomings of the Forrestdale Course. What has changed since then to require the building of a new Armadale Golf Course? Also at that time nutrient runoff was a concern of environmentalists, why can't the same disciplines that are so effective with Araluen be applied to the Forrestdale course.**

**Response:** The Mayor advised that Araluen Golf Course has targeted a different market and there are a number of people who would like to have access to a course that has not got the formality and price structure associated with Araluen. Hence there is a strong need for another golf course in the City.

There is another imperative for building another course – Council is anxious to change the development profile in the City. Discussions with the development industry indicate that what Council achieves with the Forrestdale Industrial Estate and the Golf Course, will strongly influence the market for

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the next stage of housing in the area. As well as providing a golf course Council is also working towards shaping the best development and housing choices for the people in the City of Armadale which will influence people to make a long term commitment to live within the City.

In terms of the environmental initiatives, the principles adopted for Araluen provide an excellent example.

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**Mr Bill Davis, 35 Bodicoat Drive, Brookdale**

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**Question:** It was quoted in the Mayor's report that the Standing Orders were reviewed to facilitate better debate and decision-making. Which parts of the Standing Orders do facilitate better debate?

**Response:** The Mayor advised that in reviewing the Standing Orders legal jargon was avoided and the document is now written in plain English to make it clearer for Councillors and the public to follow. The revised document has offered Council a much clearer way of conducting its business. The procedures are more clearly defined and every member of the public can now have a better understanding of what is expected of Councillors and the public for participation at meetings.

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**Mr John Gamblin, Glastonbury Road, Armadale**

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**Question:** It has been noticed that some survey stumps have been placed on Glastonbury Road. Do Council know why these have been put there?

**Response:** The Mayor advised that if Council had received notice of this question then enquiries would have been made and an answer provided at the meeting. However, Council staff will investigate the matter and provide an answer.

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**Mr R Fitzgerald, Strawberry Drive, Armadale**

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**Question:** Representing the Palamino Catchment Group which looks after the Southern River from Lake Road bridge down to the Gosnells border. Some of the property owners along that bank of the river are backfilling their properties and the consequence of that is that there will be runoff into the river. Can Council look into a few issues that may help. Is it possible to regulate the number of horses on a block? Can Council require property owners to erect retaining walls and some form of drainage system to avoid their backyards collapsing into the public open space?

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**Response:** The Mayor acknowledged the work being done by the Catchment Group in that area. Council has been working with the WA Planning Commission to take reservations along that stretch of river. It was requested that the details of the respective properties be forwarded to the Ward Councillors who will take up the matter with Council staff to take appropriate action.

With regard to regulating the number of horses, there are guidelines issued by the Department of Agriculture to control numbers. However, there are circumstances when Council can take action and these depend on whether or not the horses are in fact yarded, stabled and handfed. Once those properties have been identified Council will assist in making sure that the owners are maintaining their properties to the standards that are expected of them.

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**Mr T Holton, 3 Wandoo Street, Mt Nasura**

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**Question:** The website address listed on the Annual Report cannot be accessed. When will access be available?

**Response:** The Mayor apologized for the delay in launching the new website. At the last City Strategy Committee meeting Councillors had a preview of the new site and it will not be long now before the site is launched. The new site will have two streams, a working stream and a promotional stream. Council's agendas/minutes, regulations, bill paying facilities etc. will form part of the working section, whilst the promotional section publicizes the tourism features, events programmes, Minnowarra Park etc. Armadale was amongst the first to have a website but with the advent of latest technology this soon became outdated. As a result the site has been closed down and is currently under construction, it will be launched in the next couple of months.

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**Mr Greg Kelly, Mt Nasura**

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**Question:** The public toilets in Rushton Park were demolished about 5 years ago. Currently there are toilets in Cyril Rushton Hall and at the swimming center but on many occasions these toilets are locked. The area is used quite frequently and would like to know if Council had plans to re-establish open public toilets in that area.

**Response:** The Mayor advised that Rushton Park Toilets are on the list of projects Council is working towards and it should not be long before the work is budgeted. The cost involved is between \$70,000 and \$100,000 to build toilets because these are constructed to public building standards.

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**Mr Bruce Waddell, Leschenaultia Street, Roleystone**

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**Question:**     **Re. The Wright Lake Recreation Reserve. What are Council's specific commitments over the next 5 years to that project? What is the time frame for each stage and how much is being budgeted per year over the next 5 years?**

**Response:**     The development of the Wright Lake area will be contingent upon the participation by the State Government. It has made a commitment to setting up a development group as it is land controlled by the WA Planning Commission and Council has been working in conjunction with the Commission to develop a concept plan for Wright Lake. Council will be setting up a working group and it is hoped that funding will be made available through the Metropolitan Regional Improvement Fund. Once the Group is set up and starts meeting, the level of financial commitment from Council and the State Government will be determined. The plan for the Champion Lake Project as it has been termed has been advertised for public comment.

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**Mr Jeff Green, Sixth Road, Armadale**

**Question:**     **Can Council give an assurance that the Harvey Norman store is not going to interfere with the cultural precinct being proposed and that the appearance of the store will fit in with the entry statement into the City of Armadale. 3-D design is the latest design technology so can Council consider using this in redesigning the CBD.**

**Response:**     The Mayor advised that Council will ensure that the store design does not compromise the visual amenity of the City. Council is sensitive to the importance of the site and will ensure that the developers understand that the development will play an important part in invigorating the CBD and providing local jobs. Council is aware of 3-D design as one of the latest available technology options.

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**Mr Bruce Waddell, Leschenaultia Street, Roleystone**

**Question:**     **In announcing your candidature you mentioned that you are Mayor of the City and you also mentioned that a previous Mayor of the City of Armadale stood for similar reasons, i.e. lack of commitment by the Governments in power to working and expending money in our community. Given that the current Government representative is located in the seat of Roleystone and has been for 8 years and we have not had any significant contribution from this Government, am curious as to why you chose to stand for the seat of Armadale and not Roleystone.**

**Response:**     The Mayor advised that this meeting was not the appropriate forum to discuss

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his political intentions. However, to draw a distinction between the two seats, the seat of Roleystone is very diverse and covers a number of suburbs from Beckenham to Keysbrook. Unlike the seats of Southern River and Roleystone which cover approx 4/5 local authorities, the seat of Armadale is unique in that it is contained wholly within the City of Armadale boundaries.

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**Mr R Fitzgerald, Strawberry Drive, Armadale**

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**Question:** In regard to the reference made earlier on the continuation of the Lake Road development and the negotiation required regarding the Wungong River. There has been an approach to Council for some sort of access under the Wungong River bridge for wild life and people.

**Response:** The Mayor advised that Council cannot guarantee this but it will most certainly be taken into consideration when roadworks reach that stage.

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**Mr Lawrence Dalby, Streich Avenue, Kelmscott**

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**Question:** In recent advertising Council has indicated that there has been increased funding for parks and streetscaping. Please advise why the annual flooding at Frye Park which seriously affects the playing surface for winter sports, which Council has been aware of for many years, has not been rectified.

**Response:** The Mayor advised that improvements are progressively being made to Council owned land. Cr Zelones, Ward Councillor for the area advised that substantial subsoil drainage was installed on the site a number of years ago. However as this has apparently not rectified the problem the matter will be taken up further with Council officers to resolve the problem.

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**Mr T Holton, 3 Wandoo Street, Mt Nasura**

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**MOVED a vote of thanks to the Council for the achievements in the past year and to the staff for their contribution and support to Council and the community.**

**CARRIED**

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**Mrs Pat Hart, Croyden Road, Roleystone**

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**On behalf of the Upper Canning, Wungong, Southern River Catchment team would like to thank Council and its staff for the excellent support given to the**

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**Catchment Team with the implementation of its management plan, the outstanding support to the Team's coordinator, Colleen Martin and her support staff. It has been a great success story with Council working with the community. The Team have had some great achievements on the ground and it looks forward to working together with Council in the coming years.**

The Mayor thanked Mrs Hart for her generous comments.

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**Mr Nick Towle, Wyee Place, Armadale**

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**Question: On Page 13 of the Annual Report, it is mentioned that \$774,000 was spent on general repairs and cleaning of Council owned facilities. How much of that amount was spent on the Armadale Town Hall? Does Council have a plan for the upgrade of the Armadale Town Hall?**

**Response:** The Mayor advised that a letter detailing a breakdown of that amount will be forwarded. In terms of the Armadale Town Hall, a number of improvements have been made i.e. replaced the roof, installed a stainless steel kitchen and repainted the building. There is a cultural precinct plan in place and Council will firstly need to determine the use of the Hall prior to any further improvements being made. Council is mindful of the shortcomings identified with the Hall and these will be rectified when Council decides on its future use.

**Question: On the approach to Eighth Road down Armadale Road there is a sign in the middle of the road in the median strip which is completely obscured by trees. Can these trees be pruned or alternatively the sign moved so it is visible to motorists?**

**Also when the roadworks were done on Eighth Road residents were disappointed that a footpath was not put in at the same time. When can we expect a footpath from Girraween Street to Gribble Avenue to complete the network?**

**At the other end of Eighth Road from Forrest Road to Gribble Avenue the footpaths have been replaced but those from Gribble Avenue upwards has not been replaced. This question has been put to Council previously and an answer has not been given.**

**The state of the traffic islands on Eighth Road are not being maintained to the same standard as those on Forrest Road and can Council look at upgrading these islands.**

**Response:** The Mayor advised that with regard to footpaths, Council has developed a footpath programme taking into consideration various factors like proximity of schools, density of housing, traffic numbers etc. Council is committed to this

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schedule but should be able to accelerate the footpath programme if some of the City's development proposals come to fruition. It was suggested that the matter be taken up with the Ward Councillor to determine where Eighth Road fits into the established footpath programme.

**Question:**     **The walkways between Walcha Way and Numulgi Street and Walcha Way and Wyee Place are in a dangerous condition Also the streets in the West Armadale Ward are totally littered with rubbish and is there any road sweeping equipment that can be used for a clean-up.**

**Response:**     The Mayor advised that such matters need not wait for these meetings but can be raised at any time with the Ward Councillors or council staff directly for prompt action. However, those concerns as mentioned at this meeting will now be directed to council staff for appropriate action.

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**Mrs I Copping, Wyee Place, Armadale**

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**Question:**     **Would like to support everything Mr Towle has mentioned as several approaches have been made to ward representatives regarding the state of Eighth Road with no action taken thus far.**

**Response:**     The Mayor suggested that the concerned residents meet with their Ward Councillors after the meeting to resolve the issues.

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**Mr K Collins, Como**

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**Question:**     **Would like to offer his services to assist in the formulation of the new golf course.**

**Response:**     The Mayor thanked Mr Collins for his offer and advised that, if required, Council staff will make contact.

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**Mr B Davis, 35 Bodicoat Drive, Brookdale**

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**MOVED Mr Davis:-**

**That the City of Armadale Standing Orders be reviewed as soon as possible with all Councillors able to participate in the review process.**

**The aims of the review are:-**

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1. **Facilitate and encourage free and open debate at Council meetings**
  2. **To include provision for “public statement time” immediately after question time at Council meetings the same way Gosnells Council does.**
  3. **To make the Standing Orders easily understood and freely available to the ratepayers.**

**SECONDED Mr Kim Fletcher**

**CARRIED**

The following points were made by Mr Davis in support of his motion:-

- The City Strategy Committee put together the revised Standing Order document and that Committee comprised of less than half the Council. He would like to see every Councillor participate in the formulation of the Standing Orders. In his opinion, the current Standing Orders are unnecessarily oppressive and inhibit democratic discussions.
- “Public Statement Time” is welcomed by the City of Gosnells and he would like the City of Armadale to make such a provision on its agenda.
- Considering that there are penalties involved for both Councillors and the public for non-compliance with Standing Orders, copies of the document should be made freely available at the libraries and Council’s administration office.

Response: The Mayor refuted the assertion that Councillors did not have an opportunity to participate in the review process. While the City Strategy Committee (made up of half the Council) considered the Standing Orders based on the findings of a separate working party, Councillors do have the opportunity to attend all committee meetings and address any issue that concerns them - there is nothing oppressive or inhibiting about their ability to do that. Also, the City Strategy committee does not make decisions, but puts forward recommendations to full Council and it is open to any Councillor at the Council meeting to amend or recommit the item prior to formal adoption. It is incorrect to say that other people cannot participate in the process as it is improper and unfair to the Councillors and staff who have been part of that process.

Whether the Standing Orders are oppressive and inhibit debate is a matter of opinion. The current Standing Orders provide ample opportunity for Councillors to give motions of notice, motions of urgency and there is more than enough scope for Councillors to participate and generate business at meetings.

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As Standing Orders are a local law of Council, the revised version was advertised for public comment for 42 days prior to gazettal and no submissions were received for consideration by Council.

Council has looked at the provision for “public statement time”, but it is not correct to say that the public have no opportunity to speak to Council. It is always open for members of the public to request a deputation to Council or to any of its Standing Committees.

**Presentation to Mr Waddell**

Prior to closing the meeting, the Mayor made a presentation to Mr Waddell.

Since 1978, Mr Waddell has regularly attended the City’s Annual General Meeting of Electors’ and in recognition for his outstanding contribution and attendance at these meetings the Mayor awarded him with a certificate of appreciation.

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MEETING DECLARED CLOSED AT 9.15 PM

MINUTES CONFIRMED THIS 5TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2001

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