



Shire of Victoria Plains

**Minutes for an  
Annual General Meeting of Electors  
held**

On	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2014
At	Council Chambers Calingiri
Commencing	5.30pm

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## 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 5.35pm

## 2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

<b>Chairperson:</b>	Cr D Lovelock	West Ward
<b>Deputy President:</b>	Cr S Penn	South Ward
<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr J Kelly	West Ward
	Cr B Johnson	East Ward
	Cr D Smith	East Ward
	Cr L Rive	West Ward
	Cr D Holmes	South Ward

**Apologies:** Cr J Brennan - Central Ward  
Cr S Young – Central Ward

**Chief Executive Officer:** Mr H Hawkins  
**DCEO/ Finance and Administration Manager:** Mr I Graham  
**Works and Services Manager:** Mr G Stephens  
**Executive Assistant:** Mrs F Watson (Minutes)

**Public:** Mr G McGill, Mr G Nixon, Mr R Harridge, Mr T Kelly and Mr B Kelly

**Apologies:** Mrs K Lovelock, Mr T Nixon, Mr D Hendry, Mr P Mackie, Mrs P Kelly

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Resolution 117/2014**  
**Moved Cr Smith seconded Cr Rive that the minutes of the AGM of Electors held Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013 be accepted as a true and correct record of proceedings.**  
**Motion Put & Carried**

### 3.1 Matters arising from the Minutes – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013

Nil

## 4 ANNUAL REPORT

### **Resolution 118/2014**

**Moved G McGill seconded G Nixon that the Annual Report for the financial year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014 be received.**

**Motion Put & Carried**

### **4.1 Matters Arising from the Annual Report for Financial Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

G Nixon

The Self Supporting Loan of \$300 000 over 15 years impacts the shire ratio's. The loan should be considered differently. At present the loan may restrict council in doing other things. Maybe a restructure in future to a commercial loan once the capital debt is reduced.

Finance and Administration Manager

In terms of ratio; happy to discuss with the Department of Local Government. It is good for ratepayers to be clear. Ratio figure looks at the debt taken on by the shire, not take into consideration that the loan is self-supporting.

Chief Executive Officer

Even though the Self Supporting Loan has a term of 15 years the football club have advised they would make every effort to repay the loan earlier.

G Nixon

Was the loan locked in for the full term?

Finance and Administration Manager

The loan is locked in for 15 years at the current rate.

G McGill

Understands that the football club tried to source funding before turning to council for assistance. Would like to see that the intentions of the current committee and members carry through into future year's committee/members. Pleased to hear that the club would like to clear debt sooner rather than later.

G Nixon

Mogumber Yarawindah Road is a valuable busy road. High volumes of heavy traffic, local traffic and tourist traffic. The road is now showing areas of deterioration. The Mogumber Yarawindah section appears to be narrower than the Calingiri New Norcia section. The Mt Mary section is a particularly bad section. Happy to hear the plan for roads works near Mt Mary.

R Harridge

Bends and curves appear to be worse with deep ruts.

Works and Services Manager

Mogumber Yarawindah is an A class road. Council is seeking funding. Without funding council would need to fully fund the works. We are targeting 2/3 – 1/3 funding. Likely to carry out cement stabilising on shoulders then seal road edge.

G Nixon

Is funding provided?

Works and Services Manager

There is a budget for shouldering on roads. Traffic counters are out now to support funding applications and these counters will also indicate the type of traffic.

R Harridge

From mid January to March/April is the main lime sand cartage period.

## **5 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil

## **6 GENERAL BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Cr Kelly

Suggested that road counters be placed on Mogumber Yarawindah road for 12 months to pick up tourist traffic.

Works and Services Manager

Agreed.

G Nixon

The volumes of traffic are a worry. Warning locals to be careful of traffic when turning onto the road from properties.

G McGill

Entered council meeting late today during a discussion on a proposed long vehicle parking bay near the Victoria Plains War Memorial.

Encouraging that council sought advice from Main Roads WA. MRWA should not have commented on community concern and local issues with regard to the parking bay being near the memorial. MRWA should have commented on their area of responsibility only.

G McGill

The issue of heavy vehicles, townsite streets and business is a dilemma. In 30 yrs of farming using road transport and the heavy vehicle transport pass my gate; not one accident or death as a consequence of grain carting has been recorded in Calingiri (townsite). In reality and historically Calingiri is a strategic grain site. While it is not the perfect situation, it is working.

Cr Lovelock

Issue of access on Cavell Street needs to be addressed to ensure safety of the school environment.

B Kelly

Road widening on Gillingarra New Norcia Road. The third bend from the highway appears to need more camber. It has been a bad corner ever since bitumen was laid.

Thanks to the shire for agreeing to the road works on that road.

Works and Services Manager

Will check the radius and if camber is correct or not. Widening the shoulders may help although the road profile remains the same. Preparation has been done ready for road works programme.

Cr Holmes

Bolgart East Road requires further funding to maintain.

Chief Executive Officer

No funding is available this year; our Regional Road score is not high enough. Next year Victoria Plains will receive almost \$500,000 in funding. Each shire receives a minimum amount.

T Kelly

Raised concerns regarding contract grading on Rogers road. West from the corner of Salvarinas property. There are issues with the finish. Does the Works Manage inspect the finished job? It appears that the speed of last grade is the issue.

Cr Lovelock

Under the terms of the awarded contract Victoria Plains has the ability to send the contractor back.

B Kelly

What are RAV regulations for the Gillingarra New Norcia Road?

Chief Executive Officer

Maximum length 27.5m

G Nixon

Understands the decision made on Wirrilda Road intersection works. Hopes now that the decision is made the works are completed. Most agree that the Wirrilda road is the correct road for the through road.

Cr Lovelock

Concerns were raised over the correct through road. Costs, clearing etc. Two road counts undertaken and major traffic flow appears to be using Wirrilda road.

Chief Executive Officer

One of the main reasons for the delay is with the Department of Environment and Regulation. Council's application for a clearing permit has taken 8 months and we are still waiting. Now with the help of a ratepayer offering bush land for offsets, this may enable the works to proceed.

Cr Kelly

Spoke of road count data from the Gillingarra Glentromie road and the Wirrilda road.

G McGill

There appears to be a difference of opinion within. Should electors be provided with the information. What Cr Kelly has said; is this in accord with council decision?

Cr Lovelock

This issue has been considered by council fully. Debated fully. All recommendations, provisos, agreements should now be supported by Councillors.

R Harridge

VP need to be proactive. The issue has been dealt with and a decision made.

## Cr Holmes

Discussion regarding Bolgart East road funds.

Cr Penn

One point only to consider in the hold up of Wirrilda road project is the time that the Department of Environment and Regulation has taken to process a clearing permit.

## 7 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6.50pm.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson .....