

SHIRE OF BROOME

**ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING
21 DECEMBER 2006**

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Dear Council Member

The next Annual Electors Meeting of the Shire of Broome will be held on Thursday 21 December 2006, in the Council Chambers, Corner Weld and Haas Streets, Broome, commencing at 7:30pm.

Regards



Ian Bodill
Chief Executive Officer

18 December 2006

Shire of Broome

**MINUTES OF AN
ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING
TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER 2006
TO COMMENCE AT 7.30PM**

PRESIDENT: Cr G T Campbell Shire President

COUNCILLORS: Cr C R Mitchell
Cr C M Maher
Cr A K Grosse
Cr A C Griffiths
Cr M L B Albert
Cr V L Wevers
Cr P D Matsumoto
Cr E R M Foy

APOLOGIES: Nil

OFFICERS: Ian Bodill Chief Executive Officer
Jason Lyon Director Corporate Services
Allan Ralph Director Engineering Services
Darryl Butcher Director Development Services
Suzanne Lollback Director Community Services
Jo Durbridge Media & Promotions Officer
Jillian McMahon Council Secretary

ELECTORS: Jo Armstrong
Tony Proctor
Michael Leake
Rob Lander
Dave Dureau
Persine Ayensberg
Liz Cochrane
Darren Mitchell

1. ANNUAL REPORT

<p>Moved: Cr V L Wevers</p> <p>Seconded: Cr C R Mitchell</p> <p>That the Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2006 be received.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">FOR: 8 AGAINST: 1</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

2. GENERAL BUSINESS

Question - Tony Proctor: "What is the Shire's long term plans for the disposal for heavy rainfall at Sanctuary Drive and Lullfitz Road through to the beach?"

Answer - Director Engineering Services: "There is an overall strategy for the tourist area including the sub-catchment which The Sanctuary Resort forms a part. There is another pipe drain proposed along Millington Road plus a drainage chute to be built by the Developers next to the Caravan Park. The pipe drain is waiting on headworks to be paid by the Developers. There will also be a new pipe drain along Sanctuary Drive to be paid for by the proposed development at Lot 1(7) Sanctuary Road plus the proposed Cable Beach Club development. The current storms were at least a 1 in 30 year frequency storms, which revealed several other problems."

Question - Jo Armstrong: "In relation to the recent Broome Advertiser article regarding the Council's recent photography policy, what is Council's position?"

Answer - Chief Executive Officer: – "The draft policy was an attempt to put in place a policy for those who wish to have exclusive use of a site, road closures or require separate Shire access approvals for their filming. The policy will be brought back to Council for refinement and further consideration and was not intended to be directed at photographers currently operating and residing in the town. The policy is being revised by staff for further consideration by Council."

Question - Darren Mitchell: "Does the Shire intend to do the green waste clean up next year or is it a thing of the past?"

Answer -Shire President: "We won't be reinstating it but there is always an opportunity to revisit it and it may be something that Council reintroduces depending on the will of the community. It was a financial decision of Council and feedback to Council was very limited. It is recognised the timeframe for community notice was not great and we acknowledge this. This will be addressed in next year's clean up."

Question - Darren Mitchell: "Has Council started the Tourist Development Strategy yet?"

Answer - Director Development Services: "No we haven't and no responses from Consultants have been received yet." (The Shire President added that "a brief has been put out seeking consultants and these are available at reception").

Question - Cr E R M Foy: Cr E R M Foy moved to the public gallery and asked a question on behalf of Doris Matthews and Deanne Lightfoot, two members of the Public Gallery who had departed the Chambers following the Ordinary Council Meeting adjournment: "We understand Broome's housing situation is inadequate. We do encourage more housing opportunities for local families, but please consider the effect of further condensing an area already overcrowded and struggling to cope with its current social problems.

It seems extremely unfair that the proposed increase in density is confined to certain parts of Broome, (the lower socio-economic section) and not Old Broome, (larger blocks, wider streets), Roebuck Estate, Sunset Park, Cable Beach, Demco and the new block releases and developments. Why are these areas not considered? Why blanket the areas most unsuitable?"

Answer - Shire President: "The question will be answered in writing and it will be advertised and the public will have an opportunity to comment. "

Question - Cr E R M Foy: "Would Council consider having a person do a survey with detailed comment and customer details collected of each of the residents in the area?"

Answer - Shire President: "Cr E R M Foy, you could do this as a Notice of Motion".

Moved: Cr E R M Foy

Seconded: Persine Ayensberg

Would Council consider having a person do a survey with detailed comment and customer details collected.

Question - Michael Leake: "~~Has a further safety review analysis been conducted to assess that the Gubinge Road bypass development is something good for the long term of Broome?~~" "Given the following facts:

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- that Broome is probably going to double in size in the next 15-20 years and traffic levels to the Port will increase accordingly;
- that all of Broome's freight is brought into town on road trains that access depots along Port Drive and this will only increase with an increase in the size of the town;
- that the Port area is already a significant tourist area that draws many slow moving tourists whose use the Port and other facilities which will increase along with tourism levels;
- that the general industrial area on Port Drive is currently being approved for smaller subdivisions which will increase local traffic levels along Port Drive;
- that two caravan parks in Broome have been sold for redevelopment and therefore there will be more pressure on the caravan park overflow at the Pistol Club where lost caravaners will be mixing with through-going road trains along Port Drive;
- that the oil and gas industry is starting to increase its activity significantly and will bring more heavy freight along Port Drive;
- that basic road design rules try to separate through traffic from local traffic and heavy vehicles from light vehicles; and
- that a Main Roads report in 2001 identified significant safety issues with the current proposed alignment due to the fact that there are 21 properties accessing Port Drive in the 1km stretch from Archer Street to Decastilla Street.

Given these facts, has any further safety or comparative analysis been conducted to assess whether the current alignment of the Gubinge Road bypass development is the best option for the long term development of Broome".

Answer - Director Engineering Services: "I suggest the question be taken on notice as it is to be referred to Main Roads WA being a State highway."

Moved: Michael Leake

Seconded: Rob Lander

That Council requests Main Roads WA to re-examine the options for the Gubinge Road bypass and consider the alignment of the southern extension to realign to the northern side of the general industrial area, and also reference a Safety Analysis for the area.

Question - Dave Dureau: "Regarding differential rating imposed by the Shire on tourist operators....Whilst money raised is on the basis on promotion, would Council consider half that money being directed towards management of the environment (as it's the natural environment that attracts people and investment in the town)?"

Moved: Dave Dureau

Seconded: Cr V L Wevers

That Council consider that 50% of the proceeds from the tourism differential rate be directed into managing the environment'.

Question - Tony Proctor: "What processes or reporting does the Shire have in place to ensure the money from Kimberley Tourism is spent as 'value for money.'"

Answer - Director Corporate Services: Australia's North West equipped their funds on an annual basis and provide the Shire with quarterly reports during the year. The acquittal itself identifies marketing activities specifically for Broome, the cost of those activities and the amount of the Shire's funding that is directed towards those activities.

Question - Michael Leake: "In relation to Short Term accommodation and Mixed Use Accommodation, will these areas be required to be registered as a Lodging Houses?"

Answer - Director Development Services:- "Yes - if there's provision for more than six guests in total."

Question – Michael Leake: "Given that, will they be required to have a manager on the premises as no managers residence has been shown on plans?"

Answer - Shire President: "The question will be taken on notice."

Question - Mr Dureau: "Can Cr G T Campbell join with fellow Councillors and discuss the appropriateness of the Neem tree removal programme so far and address the wide spread of Neem trees in the greater Broome area, and establish a timeframe whereby all resident have their Neem trees removed?"

Answer – Director Engineering Services: "Funds have been budgeted for this task. Minyirr Park Neem removal has occurred and where specific locations of Neem trees have been identified, they have also been removed. Information can be provided if required. It is an ongoing task."

Moved: Dave Dureau

Seconded: Liz Cochrane

That Council discuss and consider setting a target date to require the removal of all Neem trees from the locality of Broome.

Question – Persine Ayensberg: "Is it possible to promote in the Broome Advertiser the items which will appear in the Agenda document for the upcoming meeting?"

Answer - The Shire President: "Staff can look at this idea."

Question – Tony Proctor: *“Is the fee for part copies of Council Agendas applicable?”*

Answer -Shire President: “No.”

Question - Dave Dureau: *“Can Council reintroduce the Shire Public Notice board at the Post Office “*

Answer - The Shire President: *“Staff can look at this idea.”*

3. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8.47pm.