



Shire of  
**Katanning**  
Heart of the Great Southern

## SHIRE OF KATANNING

### ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting of the Shire of Katanning held on  
Monday 11 February 2019 in the Pioneer Room,  
commencing at 7.30pm.

#### 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President Cr Liz Guidera declared the meeting open at 7.33pm.

#### 2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

##### PRESENT

- Presiding Member:** Cr Liz Guidera - Shire President
- Council Members:** Cr John Goodheart - Deputy Shire President  
Cr Owen Boxall  
Cr Martin Van Koldenhoven  
Cr Serena Sandwell  
Cr Kristy D'Aprile  
Cr Ernie Menghini
- Council Officers:** Julian Murphy, Chief Executive Officer  
Lisa Hannagan, Executive Manager Finance & Administration  
Sam Davis, Executive Manager Projects & Community Building  
Sue Eastcott, Executive Assistant to CEO
- Electors:** Shirley Brokenshire  
Roy Eastcott  
Matt Collis  
Judy Reilly  
Neville Garlick  
Karen Thomas

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Tania Wolfe  
Nathan Garlick  
Derek Stock  
Melvin Hettner  
Peter Reilly

**Leave of Absence:** Nil

**Apologies:** Cr Danny McGrath

### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

#### **3.1 Annual Electors Meeting – 12 March 2018 (SEE ATTACHED MINUTES)**

**MOVED: MATT COLLIS**

**SECONDED: CR OWEN BOXALL**

**OC1/19 That the minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on Thursday 12 March 2018 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.**

**Voting Requirement:** Simple Majority

**CARRIED**

### **4. ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18**

#### **Liz Guidera Introduction:**

On my report I would like to obviously congratulate the new Councilors, Cr D'Aprile and Cr Menghini who came on board at the last election. Also, just acknowledging Cr Mydie's 13 years in Local Government, it was great having him on Council for such a long time with him being a leader in his community and the good thing is of course, is that he is still around and has got a local business in town. He is very happy to come and talk to the Shire and the Community about anything that is going on which is really good.

I also acknowledge Richard Kowald who served for 12 years including serving as President and Craig McKinley who served for four years including being Deputy President. Both gave fantastic service to the Shire and we thank them for that.

There was a lot of the work last year and I do understand that sometimes it can feel a little frustrating, certainly Councilors feel a little frustrated, by things moving slowly but in actual fact the planning that we have done has really set us up really well for this coming year. We should see a lot of action on our projects this year and hopefully by the end of this year most of them will be complete.

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The other thing I just wanted to do was to thank all the Councilors particularly Cr Menghini, Cr Van Koldenhoven, Cr Goodheart, Cr Boxall, Cr D'Aprile, Cr Sandwell and Cr McGrath. We had so many meetings last year, there was a lot of meetings because when you are planning many projects you have a lot of meetings. If you want community input and you want to make sure that all of the things that are presented actually meet the community needs then you have got to be there and you have got to speak up and that is what Councilors did and I thank them very much for it because it has been huge, huge year was 2018.

Obviously if we are going to a lot of meetings so are our staff and certainly our executive staff and we have got Sam Davis and Lisa Hannagan who are here, Sam is Community Building and Projects and Lisa is Administration and Finance and certainly Lisa has done a lot of work in bringing our Policies up to date and Sam has obviously been helping in all of our projects and that has also been a big job and obviously overseeing all that has been Julian Murphy our Chief Executive Officer.

To the say the year has been without challenges is not correct at all, there have been a lot of challenges and really we have done really well to get to where we are and we have really set up Katanning for a really good 2019 to bring all these to fruition and I really want to thank Julian on behalf of the Council and the community for his leadership.

#### **Julian Murphy Introduction.**

It has been a year of planning there have been a number of changes in place as well, as the President has pointed out, on staff and on Council and so I think from the time that I first started here in 2015 to now there has almost been a complete change of Council apart from a couple and almost a complete change of Senior Staff so it has been an effort to bring everyone together.

I think what the President says is right, it has been a year of planning and hard work and now that we have got most of the projects fully documented and we are in the place that we have let contracts and we are moving ahead with a lot of those things. One of the biggest projects we have had is the new Shire Admin Building which we took Practical Completion of on Friday and we are planning to move into it in two weeks' time so there is a fair bit on whilst we have been doing all that planning. Also, my thanks go to the Councilors, Cr Guidera our President and our Senior Staff for all their hard work, it has been a very difficult but rewarding year.

#### **Liz Guidera**

In the Annual report we have put in a few things like making sure all our events that we are doing, the sponsorship that we are doing and the grants that we are receiving are listed so people get a really good over view of what is happening in town. Most people here would know anyway because they going to all the events which is great but if there is anything you think should be listed and it's not then we are really happy to take that on board.

The best thing to do now is open to questions from the Annual report, to my report, to the CEO's report and to the financial report. If anyone has any questions on those, remembering we will have general business next.

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If there is no questions we will go back to the agenda and we have a motion that the Annual Financial Report for 2017/18 be received that the Shire President's report be received and that the Chief Executive Officers Report be received.

**MOVED: KARENE THOMAS**

**SECONDED: CR JOHN GOODHEART**

1. **That the Annual Financial Report for 2017/2018 be received**
2. **That the Shire President's Report be received.**
3. **That the Chief Executive Officer's report be received.**

CARRIED

## **5. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Liz Guidera**

Next to General business, the Annual General meeting is always an opportunity for you to ask questions and we really do encourage our Community to come along and engage. Please remember that you do not have to wait for this meeting to talk to us you can certainly ring the office or ring myself, see Councilors and get any information that you want or come to any meeting that we have, we have question time or statement time at every one of our full Council Meetings so feel free to come along. Thank you very much for the people who have come along tonight and if you would like to ask any questions or have any clarification about anything that is going on in town that you would like to know about.

### **Judy Reilly**

I would just like to ask about the gate in the Lane Way behind the new RV Rest Stop the gate blocks the entrance to Arbour Street. I would like to ask if that gate can be removed. Only because when it floods down there, those of use who have an entrance in the lane way cannot get out due to the high water.

### **Liz Guidera**

Thank you for bringing it up and I know you have popped a letter into the Shire which unfortunately the OCM and the AGM got a bit mixed up and it obviously going to be on our Agenda for our meeting that is coming up.

### **Julian Murphy**

There are generally two ways or reasons that council can put a gate across a road like that one is under the Local Government Act closure by barrier which basically means we don't close the road but we maybe do some sort of formation like bollards a cul-de-sac or what have you and Council can close the road for pretty much as long as it likes that way just stops the flow of traffic.

The other way is council can grant approval to Private citizen, nearby resident, a nearby landowner to put a gate across and maintain that gate but that approval needs to be renewed every twelve months. So at the moment we are in the process of going back

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through the records of Council meetings looking for when that decision was made to just see under which part of the Act they did that.

Essentially, I don't think there is any particular reason we couldn't reopen it on principle I think before we did Council would want to get the view of all residents along there. When we establish when and why Council shut the road, the lane way I should say, in the first place that we would then ask the views of the people that live along there and then make a recommendation to Council. At this stage I can't see any reason why we wouldn't do it unless some one brings up something from history the reason it was shut is this and Council continues to agree. We will continue to work on it and we understand the issues with flooding we have had flooding all through that area and we know how bad it can be through there.

**Melvin Hettner**

I have raised this at an Electors meeting some years ago and as Woolworths has been the only out for several months for most people to buy food and as they are open Saturday and Sundays as well as Thursday night and also cater to a large range of people I still think that it is a necessity for Woolworths to provide a public facility in their building.

**Liz Guidera**

When Woolworths did an upgrade several years ago Council did approach them, but my understanding is we can't compel them to provide facilities.

**Julian Murphy**

It would be what the code or the standards of the day was unless they basically rebuild then they would have to comply to current standards.

**Liz Guidera**

With the latest renovations which were all internal they did not need a building permit as it did not change the roof line although it was some \$4 million. The Shire has just constructed a new public facility at the Lions Park. I suggest that perhaps you could write to the Manage or CEO of Woolworths or the Property Manager Churchill Knight.

**Karen Thomas**

I would just like to know if the junior play equipment being put down at Prosser Park is being stored ready to go back to the new one and I was told there was not going to be adult equipment at the All Ages Play Ground. The shire office is looking fantastic and the lawn at Piesse park is looking great its lovely to drive down there and see some green. The new RV is lovely, and the new BP has a lovely outdoor kitchen and the caravan park is looking really good, I think there is a lot of positives in Katanning.

**Liz Guidera**

We have kept most of the slide decks at the All Ages Playground so they virtually the same as they were except, we have brought them into standard. The three-way slide is now two way and it is on a hill so it is still as long as it was, but it meets requirements. The spiral one is being refurbished and the top of that will be enclosed to meet standard. The big new piece that will go over the drain is four meters tall.

The play equipment at Prosser Park is to provide a playground for the rest of the year as the AAPG is our only playground and it is really important for our community to have a playground. The equipment will not be going back into the park and will be staying at Prosser Park. Yes, there are a lot of positives in Katanning

**Julian Murphy**

We are just waiting for some replacement parts for the relocated play equipment that are coming from over east and rebuilding will commence this coming weekend at Prosser Park.

**Judy Reilly**

RV Rest area there is no shade in the RV Rest Area, no where they can sit and keep the sun off them. It is lovely and just opened but there is no kind of shade.

**Julian Murphy**

Just remember the RV Rest area is for self-contained recreational vehicles we provide the very minimum, a nice place to park, the dump point, and some access to water. That is the extent to the amenities we will provide there is still room to plant some trees we will do that over winter along the back and in the traffic islands. Over time it will get shadier, but we certainly don't want to make it another caravan park as we have respect for the fact there is a private facility in town.

**Neville Garlick**

Certainly, there is a lot of potential in Katanning, we appreciate the efforts of the Shire and other people investing in the various projects around the town. I would like to draw attention out of town we have a project that was suggested and talked about for some 18 months regarding the Lake Coyrecup Road.

Our offer is to assist in building up this road to a satisfactory standard to get it sealed, our offer is to clear any trees under the guidance of the Shire and to cart, spread and roll gravel. Many years ago, it was an impossible task to do this type of job there wasn't the gravel available we now have quite a range of new equipment and a range of operators to do the job. It was an impossible task it is no longer an impossible task.

It would be a virtually no cost to the Shire, up to the point of getting it ready and suitable to seal – that is our offer. The Shire would bear the cost of sealing it, however they manage that financially. This is a cost-effective way of doing the job.

We would like to get some idea of where we stand. This is the time of the year we are free to do the work and I have talked to some other members along the road and they are keen to get into the job. Is the idea acceptable to Shire if not what more can we offer to do we are open to negotiations?

It is not an open cheque book we need to have pretty firm plan for the Shire what they require us to do. We have heard stories that we will need 300 mm of gravel on the road that is an impossible task for us or the Shire or anyone else. The road is a very solid

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road no one gets bogged on it but it is very slippery in winter and we just can't keep on the road.

We have the gravel, but it is not good to just re-sheet it needs sealing and in 20 years we may not have the gravel.

We would appreciate some enthusiasm from the Shire and an indication on where they stand on it.

**Nathan Garlick**

We are carting a fair bit of produce for the farm the road is not that long been re-sheeted the wear in it is quite noticeable. Gravel will be an issue in the future we have got it now, but it is getting sparse.

**Neville Garlick**

There are about 8 tonnes of hay to come out of the area, a huge contribution to the economy of the Shire some one said we need about 70 vehicles a day to make it worthwhile to seal we will never get to that figure, but dollars of production is what we are looking at. There are huge amounts of production out of that area. There is something like \$60,000 to \$70,000 worth of rates paid on that road, we get nothing for it. It hasn't been graded in the last 12 months except patches of it.

**Liz Guidera**

There is probably just a little bit of discrepancy in the reporting that we have been getting to what has been happening there certainly we have been starting to have reports on road grading, what used to happen back in the day and certainly Lake Coyrecup Road has come up three months in a row we need to work out what resources are being applied to that road.

All that you have said is valid we have discussed it as a Council a number of times as you could well imagine the biggest issue is money, it is a long section of road, it is 25.6 or 26.5 km long, it is a long road and a lot of money so it hasn't been put into this year's budget so nothing will happen this period but as we have said to you previously is that we need to do some really good road hierarchy planning within this Shire that is up to date and current. The current school bus routes, livestock routes, transport routes, where people are living, the way people are getting into town, the way stock and grain is getting through to bins and which bins are being used.

**Nathan Garlick**

Is there any federal funding for that type of thing? They are spending how many billions on road funding.

**Liz Guidera**

The problem is you are always going to come up with these 70 cars a day. Trying to get it as a regionally significant road with that kind of traffic count is virtually impossible.

**Julian Murphy**

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Whilst the Council does get Federal money every year through Roads to Recovery a significant amount, we are not getting the same amount from State Government on a regular basis.

**Nathan Garlick**

Most of the fuel we are burning up is on this road so what are we paying fuel tax for?

**Neville Garlick**

Bear in mind this is a main arterial road the only main arterial road in the Shire that is not sealed. From the Nyabing Road South to Broomehill South there is nothing sealed. I think we are entitled to have one arterial road that is sealed. I just don't think we are being looked at sufficiently, we are prepared to make this offer with our equipment we have now to do it.

**Liz Guidera**

Certainly, Councillors have acknowledged it has been very generous of you and a great way of solving a problem, we just need to work out how. I think that I can say that we definitely cannot seal 25 km of road, so the question is can we start with 8 km? That is the question that has to come to budget, but some of those things that we were talking about, the 300 mm of gravel.

**Julian Murphy**

The issue hasn't been around the gravel, we have talked about that it would require a design and an agreement of what would go on, the amount of gravel that goes on the road is not the sticking point, it is the cost of sealing which we have discussed before it will cost around \$50,000 a km just for a straight seal. So, once you start to add that up 8km gets up to around \$400,000 to \$500,000 that is the sort of money that is required.

**Neville Garlick**

We are putting out about \$70,000 a year in rates and are getting nothing back and we have been doing this for years. We can show not just to our local people but other Shires that this idea we can do something on a more economic basis. The possibility of up grading and sealing a road the we do it now is an impossible task. I defiantly want to get some idea is the Shire interested.

**Liz Guidera**

There is a roads hierarchy meeting in the next couple of months that will inform our planning for our next budget. \$400,000 is a third of our budget and a significant amount and I think is still probably not going to fly. It will be up to Councillors. We will get the information look at what the other priorities, when we did have the discussion the Councillors did bring into the fact you have got the gravel and the equipment, and you are prepared to bring that in. That is a really big factor in this and our making our decision. It is just how we get the cash.



**Owen Boxall**

We have a meeting for Regional Roads Groups, just local Shires in a few weeks' time and it is something we can defiantly push, the offer is incredibly generous, but the overall cost is just too much to put on a small portion of the Shire. I know it is a dangerous road, we can look at Black spots or something for funding, I can't see it at the moment happening.

**Nathan Garlick**

But if you look at the stupid round about just out of town that has achieved nothing. I just don't understand.

**Liz Guidera**

The problem is that was funded.

**Neville Garlick**

It is not a small portion of the Shire it is nearly a quarter of the Shire from Broomehill to Nyabing Road.

**Liz Guidera**

We have some sorting out to do, one thing is we need to have some very good planning going into the future. Where our people live and which are the most important roads to get people into town.

Thank you very much for coming along we do really appreciate it. We haven't written this off, but we are still trying to work out how it can work.

**Neville Garlick**

We appreciate in the near future knowing where we stand, we would like to get into this Autumn is our time we can do this.

**Liz Guidera**

We can be quite definite and say that is not going to be this Autumn that it is going to happen, because we don't have the planning and we don't have the budget. So, we cannot commit to it and we can't commit to it until after the next budget.

**Owen Boxall**

One thing I can say, just reading this Regional Road Group Sub Group Meeting it says the GSRRG Chair suggests if you have issues that need to be raised or requests that need to go to the Great Southern Technical Working Group they should be minuted and passed to your Sub Group in a formal manner, this meeting is in a couple of weeks I will bring that up at the meeting and see what the response is. We will need to get details of what you are offering and how much road we may be looking at.

**Liz Guidera**

If we can leverage the proposal into the Subgroup, into the region and attract some funding and if we are only putting half the cash in for the sealing. The biggest issue is the cash and we don't have enough cash to go around. I would suggest if you have any

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figures of the produce and stock coming off the road that would be the kind of detail that would be very useful.

**Shirley Brokenshire**

Does the Shire provide sandbags? I am on Daping street, the way they redid the road when it rains heavy the drain is mostly blocked and it goes up my drive own the side of my house into a shed which has thousands of photos in it. I am happy to put sandbags across the door into the shed.

**Julian Murphy**

Generally, we do I will follow up on the question. The thing is they are hessian so they do rot in time, so we can't store them for years and years. I will get someone to let you know.

**Liz Guidera**

Also have the drain cleaned out.

**Julian Murphy**

Yes.

**Melvin Hettner**

When the saleyards were built there was a proposal that they would put a couple of rows of pens in for the selling cattle. Will there be cattle sales at the Katanning Sheep Saleyards at any time? I would like to see it as a possibility as some stage.

**Julian Murphy**

No, the Saleyards are a dedicated Sheep sale yards.

**Derek Stock**

A statement more than anything the onsite project manager for the All Ages Playground is very good in coordinating with people around like me and other groups. He has kept us up to date and so forth.

Is it still on track, the playground, the majority of it to be finished by July at this stage?

**Julian Murphy**

That is correct Derek that is their contract and that is the program they are working to; it is very tight and we all recognise it is a tight timeframe. Realistically we know it is a tight time frame but that is what we are aiming for completion by July.

**Liz Guidera**

I would of thought to be realistic it might not be July but August or September.

**Derek Stock**

A point about the RV area is it possible to put signage there to let people know that there is a private caravan park in town?

**Liz Guidera**

Within all the projects we have got going at the moment we have a Wayfinding project, we have had lots of comments from people visiting Katanning and from Katanning regarding signs and signage we had our first Wayfinding meeting last week and one of the thoughts was that we actually could put a sign in the RV Rest Area. We were told we probably missed our opportunity with that we could have put up a sign and a map, the other one is if you have enjoyed staying here for 48 hours here is the name, number and position of the caravan park.

I have met with the caravan park owners last week and we are talking about opportunities and ensuring they understand we certainly support their business.

Thank you very much for your attendance and your interest in our wonderful town, community and Shire. I wish you goodnight all the very best for 2019. It is going to be a fantastic year for Katanning.

**6. CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 8.29pm.