



## GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

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Minutes of a General Meeting of Electors called pursuant to Section 5.27 of the Local Government Act to review the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, City of Bunbury Administration Centre, 2-4 Stephen Street, Bunbury, on Thursday, 29 November 2007

## MINUTES 29 November 2007

### 1. OPEN MEETING

His Worship the Mayor, Mr David Smith, presided at the meeting and declared it open at 7.02pm.

### 2. REGISTER OF ATTENDANCES & APOLOGIES

#### *PRESENT*

#### *Bunbury City Council Representatives:*

Mayor David Smith (Presiding)  
Councillor Shane Rooney  
Councillor Brendan Kelly  
Councillor Tom Dillon  
Councillor Wayne Major  
Councillor Judy Jones  
Councillor Alfred Leigh

*Bunbury Electors* (refer to list at Appendix 1 for names)

#### *City of Bunbury Representatives:*

Mr Ken Weary, Executive Manager - Corporate Services  
Mr Geoff Klem, Executive Manager - City Development  
Mr Michael Scott, Executive Manager - City Services  
Mr Domenic Marzano, Executive Manager - City Life  
Mr John Beaton, Manager Admin. & Property Services  
Ms Denise Ryan, Administration Officer

*APOLOGIES:*

Deputy Mayor - Cr Stephen Craddock  
Mr Greg Trevaskis, Chief Executive Officer  
Councillor Helen Punch  
Councillor Noel Whittle

**3. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006**

**3.1 Mayor's Report 2006/07**

The Mayor read aloud his report for the year 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 (as printed in the Annual Report).

**3.2 Annual Report 2006/07**

The Mayor asked if there were any questions concerning the Annual Report. As there were none, he called on electors to move a motion to adopt the document.

<p><b><u>Electors' Decision:</u></b>      <i>Moved Dr Manea</i>      <i>Seconded Mr Comito</i></p> <p><i>The Annual Report of the City of Bunbury for the year 30 June 2007, be received and the Mayor congratulated on his work.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
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**4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**4.1 QUESTIONS**

**Mr Phil Smith, 23 Dunstan Street, Bunbury**

*Question 1:      Would the Council outline two or three practical examples of how it is reducing light pollution within the City's boundaries?*

Response 1:      Examples of where Bunbury is reducing light pollution within the City's boundaries are as follows: -

1. Installation of solar lighting at facilities such as Boulters Heights. The City's Parks and Urban Design Department is looking to install more solar lighting at various recreational areas within the City.

2. When lamp replacement occurs, the City has requested that high pressure sodium lamps be installed rather than mercury vapour lamps. High pressure sodium lamps have lower wattage consumption and a longer life which reduces the quantity of lamps disposed of.

*Question 2: In view of the fact that unnecessary or excessive lighting is a contributor to a build-up of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere; does the Council have any plans to reduce the number of street lights in suburban Bunbury areas? If not, why not?*

Response 2: The City is not intending to reduce the number of street lights in suburban Bunbury areas. Reasons for this are as follows:

1. Street lighting plays an essential role in traffic engineering and community safety. Reducing street lighting in Bunbury could result in an increased traffic crash risk and an increased community safety risk.
2. The benefits to the community for street lighting are through improved security of property, lower crime rates and enhancement of commercial, business and social/recreational environments.
3. In 1990, the Council resolved to have the streetlights remain on all night. This resolution was in response to public concerns regarding night time security at the time.
4. If there was demonstrated majority public support for a change to this policy then the issue will be presented to Council for consideration.

**Dr E C Manea, 18 Haydock Street, Bunbury**

*Question 1: What was the City's loan debt as at 30 June 2007?*

Response 1: \$11,075,816

*Question 2: What was the annual rate collection for the year ending 30 June 2007?*

Response 2: \$17,985,766

*Question 3: What was the total of government grants for the year ending 30 June 2007?*

Response 3: \$5,700,610.

*Question 4: What payments were made to consultants in the year ending 30 June 2007?*

Response 4: Refer to Appendix 2 of these minutes.

*Question 5: What were the total funds paid to the Mayor and Councillors in the year ending 30 June 2007?*

Response 5:	Meeting attendance fees:	\$127,125
	Reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses:	\$ <u>40,832</u>
		\$167,957

*Question 6: What is the total complement of staff at the City's Stephen Street Administration Building?*

Response 6: A total of 98 full-time staff plus 18 casual staff members making a total of 116.

**Mr Phil Smith, 23 Dunstan Street, Bunbury**

*Question 1: Access onto some cycle-paths in Bunbury is horrendous - you can't get off in the middle only where it begins and ends? I have damaged the wheels on my bicycle doing this.*

Response 1: The City of Bunbury has a Five-Year Plan for replacement of footpaths/cycle-paths and it identifies the routes required for these. Mr P Smith was advised to contact the Mayor or a councillor (in person) following the meeting if he has concerns regarding a particular cycle-path.

**Councillor Brendan Kelly**

*Question 1: Who is responsible for cutting a swathe through Manea Park - they went off the easement and into bushland to do the work?*

Response: It was determined that contractors working on behalf of the Department for Housing & Works were responsible for the damage. The Mayor advised that Ben Deeley (Environmental Officer) will be requested to provide a report on this matter.

**Mr Frank Comito, 71 Strickland Street, Bunbury**

*Question: Could the City of Bunbury invite surrounding shires to contribute to funding the BRAG building and/or the proposed regional museum?*

Response: The Mayors/CEO's of five municipalities in the South West (including Bunbury) already meet on a regular basis to discuss resource sharing and events coordination. Some of these municipalities already assist with costs for the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre.

**Unidentified**

*Question: The greater the area and population, the more power Bunbury would have to lobby State and Federal governments. Is there a way of relaying this message to the general community and other surrounding municipalities?*

Response: The City of Bunbury presses the issue from time to time but the stance of the current Premier is that there are to be no enforced local government amalgamations.

**Unidentified**

*Question: I notice that the City sometimes rezones reserve land to "Residential" in order to sell it - is this land offered for sale to the general public first?*

Response: The City is currently advertising the former Punchbowl Caravan Park and Lot 66 Ocean Drive. Both are owned freehold by the City. Income from the sale of these pieces of land will help reduce the City's debt and fund capital projects associated with the City Vision Strategy. The land will be publicly listed for sale.

#### 4.2 MOTIONS FROM ELECTORS

**Dr E C Manea, 18 Haydock Street, Bunbury**

Dr Manea requested more external advertising of the Annual Electors Meeting each year. Dr Manea moved the following motion (seconded Mr Bischoff) which was carried by those present:

***Electors' Motion No. 1***

Promotion of the Annual Electors Meeting each year to be undertaken by a professional with qualifications in promotions and advertising.

The following motion was moved Dr Manea, seconded Mr Comito and carried by those present:

***Electors' Motion No. 2***

A Function Review to be conducted of the City of Bunbury's activities.

The following motion was moved Dr Manea, seconded Councillor Major and carried by those present:

***Electors' Decision (no further action required)***

The Mayor and Mayoress of Bunbury are to be commended for their contribution and dedication to the Bunbury community.

The following motion was moved Dr Manea, seconded Mrs Manea and carried by those present:

***Electors' Decision (no further action required)***

The Councillors and Council Staff (in particular, Mr Scott - the Executive Manager of City Services) are to be commended for their contribution to the Bunbury community.

On behalf of the Council and the staff, the Mayor thanked Dr Manea for his motions of support.

**Mr Bernhard Bischoff, 15 Forster Street, Bunbury**

Mr Bischoff presented the Mayor with a petition containing 380 signatures to prove to the Council that there is a real desire from the community for a regional museum.

The following motions were moved Mr B Bischoff, seconded Mr P Smith (in relation to the petition) and carried by those present:

***Electors' Motion No. 3***

1. The Bunbury City Council to fully commit to establishing a museum for Bunbury and its region.
2. In the event that the Council finds it cannot commit to the museum project, then the Council is to ask the State Government to adopt the project and work with the local community in achieving this desired, badly needed and long over-due institution.

***Electors' Motion No. 4***

The balance of the \$1million museum funding promised by the State Government six years ago to be retained for costs associated with pre-construction strategic planning and development of the contents of the museum.

***Electors' Motion No. 5***

1. The Bunbury Museum is to be relevant for our society in the 21st Century, generally dealing with 'sense of place' and 'sense of self' themes that illustrate who we are, where we have come from and where we are going.
2. As the viability of the museum will depend on its value and attraction to the community and visitors; it has to be both educational and entertaining.

**Mr Ross Ranson**

I would like to thank the City for its support of the Bunbury Surf Lifesaving Club which is one of the longest serving clubs in Bunbury.

The Mayor thanked Mr Ranson for his comment.

**Mr Phil Smith, 23 Dunstan Street, Bunbury**

The following motion was moved Mr P Smith, seconded Mr B Bischoff and carried by those present:

***Electors' Motion No. 6***

The Bunbury City Council to seriously address the green house gas emissions problem by progressively reducing the number of street lights in the suburbs of Bunbury.

**5. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.



# APPENDIX 1

## City of Bunbury

Annual Meeting of Electors  
29 November 2007

### LIST OF ELECTORS

NAME	ADDRESS SUPPLIED
R Murray	57 Picton Road, Bunbury
Ross Ranson	(No address supplied)
B Bischoff	15 Forster Street, Bunbury
J Staines	8 Joanne Court, Gelorup
Tresslyn Smith	8 Picton Crescent, Bunbury
J E Clark	4 Hovea Street, Bunbury
Frank Comito	71 Strickland Street, Bunbury
Phil Smith	23 Dunstan Street, Bunbury
Dr E C & Mrs Manea	18 Haydock Street, Bunbury