

SHIRE OF CARNARVON

AGENDA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS MEETING TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2025

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The Shire of Carnarvon acknowledges and respects the Yinggarda (Carnarvon) and Baiyungu (Coral Bay) as the traditional custodians of the lands where we live and work. We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and emerging. The Shire of Carnarvon is committed to honouring the traditional custodians' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas and their rich contribution to society.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given

Shire of Carnarvon
Annual General Meeting of Electors Meeting
will be held
on Tuesday 18 February 2025
at the Shire Council Chambers, Stuart Street
Carnarvon,
commencing at 12.00pm.

Amanda Dexter
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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INFORMATION ON PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following information is provided should you wish to ask a question of Council at the Ordinary Meetings held on a monthly basis.

Please note that questions that have not been filled out on the Submission Form will not be accepted.

- ➤ The Local Government Act 1995 allows members of the public to ask questions in regard to any issue relating to the Shire.
- A maximum of 15 minutes will be allowed for public question time and the Presiding Member will allow a maximum of three (3) verbal/written questions per person.
- Prior to asking a question, the speaker must state his/her name and address.
- Members of the public are discouraged from asking questions which contain defamatory remarks, offensive language or questioning the competency of staff or Council members.
- > The Presiding Member may nominate a member or officer to answer the question and may also determine that any complex questions requiring research be taken on notice and answered in writing.
- No debate or discussion is allowed to take place on any question or answer.
- ➤ A <u>summary</u> of each question asked and the response given will be included in the minutes of the meeting –

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 – Pt 2, r.11 – (in part reads -)

11. *Minutes, content of (Act s.5.25(1)(f))*

The content of minutes of a meeting of a council or a committee is to include – (e) a summary of each question raised by members of the public at the meeting and a summary of the response to the question.

Responses to questions that are taken on notice will be responded to as soon as possible.

➤ If you wish to ask a question, please complete the Public Question Time Submission Form at the back of this information sheet. Alternatively, questions can be submitted in writing to the Shire of Carnarvon 3 days prior to the meeting.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Members of the public are welcome to attend a Special Meeting of Council if open, and ask questions of the Council within the allotted public question time *subject to the questions being asked only relating to the purpose of the Special Meeting (s5.23 of the Act and regulation 12 (4) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, the Department of Local Government and Communities Guide to Meetings and Governance Bulleting April 2014 and Guideline No. 3 Managing Public Question Time.)*

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1 ATTENDANCES, APOLOGIES & APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

(The Local Government Act 1995 Section 2.25 provides that a Council may, by resolution, grant leave of absence to a member for Ordinary Council Meetings. The leave cannot be granted retrospectively and an apology for non-attendance at a meeting is not an application for leave of absence.)

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors Meeting - 16 February 2024

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4 RECEIVING OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

4.1 RECEIVING OF THE ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024 AND ANNUAL GENERAL ELECTORS MEETING

File No: AMD0171 Location/Address: N/A

Name of Applicant: Shire of Carnarvon

Name of Owner: N/A

Author(s): Amanda Dexter, Chief Executive Officer
Authoriser: Amanda Dexter, Chief Executive Officer

Declaration of Interest: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple Majority

Previous Report: Annual Report 2022/2023
Schedules: 1. Annual Report 2023/2024

Authority/Discretion:

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| Advocacy | When Council advocates on its own behalf or on behalf of its community to another level of government/body/agency. |
| Executive | The substantial direction setting and oversight role of the Council. E.g., adopting plans and reports, accepting tenders, directing operations, setting and amending budgets |
| Legislative | Includes adopting local laws, town planning schemes and policies. |
| Information | Includes items provided to Council for information purposes only that do not require a decision of Council (i.e. – for noting). |
| Quasi-judicial | When Council determines an application / matter that directly affects a person's right and interest. The judicial character arises from the obligations to abide by the principles of natural justice. Examples of Quasi-Judicial authority include town planning applications, building licenses, applications for other permits / licenses |

Summary of Report

The Electors of the Shire of Carnarvon are requested to receive:

- The Report of the Shire President for the year ended 30 June 2024;
- The Report of the CEO for the year ended 30 June 2024;
- The Annual Report and Annual Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2024; and
- The Auditors Report for the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

These reports are contained within one document titled the 2023/2024 Annual Report made available on the Shire's website, at the Administration Office and at the Carnarvon Library.

Background

The audited Annual Financial Report for the year ending 30 June 2024 was adopted by Council as part of the Shire of Carnarvon Annual Report 2024 at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 January 2025.

Community and Strategic Objectives

The proposal aligns with the following desired objectives as expressed in the *Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032*:

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OBJECTIVES

In 2040 Carnarvon is a place where:

• Our community is engaged, inclusive and supportive

ADDITIONAL FOCUS AREAS:

• Improve the trust between citizens and the Shire of Carnarvon

BIG IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE OF CARNARVON:

N/A

Comments

Subdivision 4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires a general meeting of electors to be held once every financial year. As prescribed by Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Annual Report for the previous financial year and then any other general business.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Shire of Carnarvon's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2024 incorporating the Shire President's Report, CEO's Report, 2023/2024 Annual Financial Report and Auditors Report, as per Schedule 1, be received by the Electors of the Shire of Carnarvon.

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- 6 CLOSURE