

**MINUTES OF THE SHIRE OF KOORDA 2019/2020 ANNUAL MEETING
OF ELECTORS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2021
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 10 HAIG STREET, KOORDA COMMENCING AT 6.01 PM**

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding person declared the meeting open at 6.01pm

2 PRESENT

Councillors

Jannah Stratford - President
Pam McWha - Deputy President
Gina Boyne
Lea Smith

Staff

Darren Simmons – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Darren West – Works Supervisor

Electors

Colleen Scally
Kim Storer
Colin Strahan

APOLOGIES

Councillors

Buster Cooper
George Storer

Staff

Lana Foote – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Electors

Janet Brooks
Gerry Pauley
Ricky Storer

3 PRESENTATION OF THE 2019/2020 ANNUAL REPORT

- a. Presidents Report
- b. Chief Executive Officers Report
- c. Financial Report
- d. Auditors Report

Moved: K Storer

Seconded: Cr P McWha

That the Annual Report for the 2019/2020 Financial Year including:

- a) **Presidents Report**
- b) **Chief Executive Officers Report**
- c) **Financial Report**
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be accepted.

Carried (9/0)

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(Please note: As Councillors and staff in attendance are also electors of the Shire of Koorda, they have also been recorded as voting on the resolution).

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

The President indicated that as the Shire had received some questions prior to the meeting, these would be addressed first before calling for any further items from the floor.

C Scally: The following questions and responses were read by the President:

1. Yalabee – Building Plan

a. New units – how many?

8 2-bedroom units.

b. All 2 bedroom? Cost for single occupant?

No change from existing pricing. If single occupant, the second bedroom will be locked.

c. Short term only?

Yes.

d. Available to all, not just tourists?

Yes.

e. Laundry – Clothesline?

Yes, laundry and clotheslines will still be provided.

2. TV Reception Update

The Shire is aware of intermittent reception issues particularly affecting ABC and sometimes SBS. As these channels use the smaller satellite dish which makes it more susceptible to interference, arrangements are being made to install a new, larger dish in the first half of 2021.

3. Donaldson's block next to the Emergency Services building, does the Shire own that yet?

No.

4. Entrance signs to town from the South, remaining state 'Corn Dolly Country'.

This will be considered as part of the Koorda Townscape Project which is soon to commence.

J Brooks: Was the Shire aware of the shortage of residential housing options in Koorda and particularly in respect to family rental accommodation.

CEO: The Shire is aware but is unfortunately restricted in what it can do in what is a generally private sector matter.

President: The Shire does continue to invest in Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH) which sees the Shire construct housing for State Government agency staff and then rent for a set period after which the Shire has the dwellings paid for and available.

C Strahan: As raised previously with some Councillors and the CEO, I am concerned at how the Shire of Koorda is currently constructing its roads and whilst it is good

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that the roads are being made wider, I feel that the deep runoffs and high embankments are dangerous to road users that may be blinded by the sun and will not be able to return to the road.

President: As the Shire's Works Supervisor, Darren West, is in attendance and being the executive in charge of roads Works Supervisor, I will ask him to comment.

Works

Supervisor: Mr West advised that the works staff do not like leaving things where people are concerned but sometimes compromises have to be made because the wider roads that allow two vehicles to pass is better than the single lane 'goat track' the new work replaces. It would be ideal to have perfectly level shoulders but often this is not possible due to funding, fencing, drainage and land access requirements.

CEO: The CEO suggested that Messrs Strahan and West could meet on site for further discussion.

C Strahan: Why does the Koorda Swimming Pool opening hours commence at 11am and conclude at 6.00pm when we are told we should not be out in the sun during midday hours? Having checked with the Wongan Hills and Goomalling pools, I think it would be better to have the pool open for early morning and later afternoon swimming.

CEO: The pool is operated under a management contract which stipulates the current opening times. The contract does allow for early opening but as this is at an additional cost, any opening will be based on demand.

Deputy President: For some age groups, such as teenagers, having the pool open at the current times provides something to do when in town during summer.

C Scally: Is there a site plan for the new Yallabee units, will the units be available for seeding and will the beds be bigger in size?

CEO: A site plan, using the existing property footprint, was tabled at the December 2020 Council meeting incorporating 6, 2-bedroom units and two additional units proposed for the future. However, Council resolved to include the 2 future units in the current project. The new bedding arrangements will see 2 king singles that can be joined. It is envisaged that the new units will be ready for seeding season.

C Scally: What is happening with the tip?

President: In addition to working with NEWROC to develop a waste management strategic direction, Council has engaged a consultant with expertise in the field to prepare a management plan for the refuse facility as it has been indicated that with improved management techniques the facility may have a further 30-40 years of useful life.

C Scally: The new mural at the community garden is bright and attractive. Will there be further murals, and will the community have a say?

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- President: This will be part of the Townscape Project which has a significant community engagement component.
- C Scally: To assist in community engagement, I would like to see letter drops as the Narkal Notes does not reach all in the community.
- President: Thank you for the suggestion.
- C Scally: *1.3.4 Lobby to maintain adequate police services (page 16) – is Koorda not having a second police officer?*
- President: Yes, the Shire understands that Koorda Police will have its two allocated officers on duty within the next week or so.
- C Scally: What is the Shire doing regarding the Strategic Community Plan strategy to *“Encourage the consideration of renewable energy generation technologies in the Shire”*
- President: The Shire currently embraces solar power at Shire Office and Swimming Pool. This is something we will continue to look at as opportunities arise. These Strategies are for a 10-year time frame, not the year under review. The Strategic Community Plan is from 2018 and is current to 2028.
- C Scally: What is the Shire doing regarding the Strategic Community Plan strategy to *“Actively support and develop local and new business?”*
- CEO: Ongoing advocacy and by ensuring appropriately zoned land such as the recent partnering with CBH on its workers accommodation project adjacent to the caravan park and processing a recent development application for a biochar plant.
- C Scally: What is the Shire doing regarding the Strategic Community Plan strategy to *“Facilitate transport services and infrastructure with key stakeholders?”*
- President: By continuing to have voice at WALGA Zone meetings and with relevant agencies. There is also the community bus provision as well as the CRC’s regular shopping trips to Midland.
- C Strahan: On behalf of the Koorda Museum, I acknowledge and thank the Shire staff for their efforts at the museum. One task more if I may – could the parks and gardens team rake up the leaves – I do this when I can, but it is proving more difficult to stay on top of it?
- President: As an operational matter, this should be referred to the Shire office for consideration.

Just before closing, the President formally acknowledged recently announced 2021 Koorda Citizen of the Year, Rick Storer, for his past 15 years of service on Council, nine of those served as President.

The President also made the following remarks:

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“Rick’s passion, knowledge and commitment to our community has been inspirational and has seen many successes under his leadership. Thank you once again, Rick.

I would also like to thank Councillors and staff for their efforts over the past 12 months which has seen significant challenges. Our community resilience has seen us through and achieve our goals for the year.

Thanks to the Koorda community for their support and their tireless commitment in making our community a great place to live”.

The President thanked all present for their attendance, invited them to join her for post-meeting refreshments and declared the meeting closed at 6.55pm.

5. CLOSURE

These minutes were referred to the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17 February 2021.

Signed