

**MINUTES OF THE SHIRE OF KOORDA ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 6.00PM**

**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING**

Presiding person declared the meeting open at 6.00pm

**2. PRESENT**

Cr JM Stratford	President
Cr Nick Chandler	Councillor
Cr GW Greaves	Councillor
Cr GL Boyne	Councillor
Lana Foote	Deputy CEO

Electors:

Colleen Scally	
Kim Storer	CDO

**APOLOGIES**

Cr BG Cooper	Deputy President
Cr LC Smith	Councillor
Darren Simmons	CEO
Gerry Pauley	Elector
Pam Greaves	Elector

**3. PRESENTATION OF THE 2021/2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

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

**Moved: Kim Storer**

**Seconded: Cr GL Boyne**

**That the Annual Report for the 2021/2022 Financial Year including:**

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

**be accepted.**

**Carried.**

**4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

C Scally: I have been very impressed with the new Doctor, he seems quite thorough and I have heard good reports about him. Are we able to have an update as I have heard he has a 6-month contract, is that true?

President: Yes, Dr Michael has a 6-month contract with Dr Emmanuel. The Shires of Koorda and Wyalkatchem are very proactive in this space and attended a meeting in Wyalkatchem today with Rural Health West.

K Storer: With the publicised offer for a Doctor in Quairading, is this going to change things and increase competition in the sector?

President: The tone has been set, and with more positions than doctors, naturally a supply and demand issue is created. We are working with the Shire of Wyalkatchem to ensure we have a consistent service at an affordable price. We are exploring all options, and acknowledge a reliable Doctor service is important to our rate payers.

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C Scally: How many days does the Doctor work?  
President: Dr Michael works four and a half days a week. The Shire of Wyalkatchem hold the contract with Dr Emmanuel, who employs Dr Michael, and we contract one day from Wyalkatchem.

C Scally: I noticed over the holidays the skate park was being used a lot, I am just wondering with the townscaping plans is there any likelihood of getting shade sails or expanding the park?

President: As a parent who goes to the Skate park, there is seating under the trees. The Skate park will form part of the volunteer park upgrades as outlined in the Townscaping concept plan. Part of the plan also looks at a nature play playground and some extra lawn in that area.

C Scally: As the waste site has been earmarked for closure for some time, can we get an update on how it is all going? And with the recycling service, have we found there has be any less waste?

President: Council adopted a waste management and closure plan for the site at the November 2022 meeting. Within the plan, there is still a lot of work which is required to be done to further progress. The plan works towards a 2030 closure, however Koorda, as part of NEWROC, are still investigating the viability of a regional waste facility, and what this would mean for Koorda.

C Scally: The Memorial hall has not been as utilised as it use to be, as it is the Memorial Hall could we perhaps look at having the ANZAC Day morning tea in there every second year, as it is nice to have plenty of seating options.

President: I can agree with the importance of the Memorial Hall. The staff work closely with CWA, Red Cross and the Motor Museum each year to determine the ANZAC Day program and may be able to look into this. We had three events there last year with the Koorda Winter Sports wind up, the Central Wheatbelt Winter Sports wind up and the kids Halloween ball.

C Scally: How is the Rec Centre upgrade going, and how long will it be out of action for?

President: At the December Council meeting the tender was accepted with modifications. The site drawings and plans are underway at present and we are waiting for a further update. The Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Phase 3 funding we allocated is time sensitive, in the fact it is to be expended by June this year. The \$880k grant funding for Phase 3 was an opportunity that couldn't be passed as the Shire didn't have to match any sort of level of contribution and could opt to have it 100% funded by the LRCI, however will contribute \$267,211 from Reserves to cover the project scope.

C Scally: There are talks about the bowling green moving to the rec ground, is this true?

President: There is certainly a future consideration, however the current stage is a building extension on the Recreation Pavilion only.

C Scally: Is there any buses or cars available locally for those unable to drive to medical appoints outside of Koorda?

President: The Wyalkatchem hospital have a bus and car for these purposes. We will touch base with WA Country Health Service to determine the applicable uses of the car housed at the Koorda Medical Centre and will see if they can promote locally if appropriate.

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- C Scally: From the last minutes it mentioned the Community grants scheme would be involved in the 22/23 budget, has this happened?
- President: An allocation has been included in the 2022/23 budget. We are currently undertaking a policy review which will determine the guidelines for the proposed community grants scheme.
- C Scally: On behalf of the Museum & Koorda community I just want to pass on thanks to all the Shire Councillors for their time and effort, and acknowledge the staff too. From a community perspective, everything has been going very well.

**5. CLOSURE**

Prior to closing, the Presiding person gave thanks to Councillors and Staff for their efforts over the past 12 months, ending the year with some great wins.

A thanks to the community for being great supporters, and recognition of all our local Volunteers who take on roles, do rosters and keep clubs and groups running, we are very lucky to have the volunteers we do.

Being a Councilor is very rewarding and 2023 brings the next round of Local Government Elections, so just a reminder for anyone wishing to nominate.

The Presiding person declared the meeting closed at 6.27pm.

These minutes were referred to the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15 February 2023.

Signed: *Stratford* .....