



SHIRE OF MENZIES

Minutes

**FOR THE ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING
HELD ON**

27 JANUARY 2022

Commencing at 5.00 pm

**At the Council Chambers
124 Shenton Street, Menzies**

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 5.00pm.

Councillors by video link:

Cr Ian Baird (Tjuntjuntjara)

Councillors by telephone:

Cr Jill Dwyer (Leonora)

2 ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President welcomed three electors to the meeting, Simon and Cheryl Poole and Gaye Money.

3 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Cr G Dwyer, Shire President
Cr I Baird, Deputy Shire President, *joined 5.19pm*
Cr J Dwyer, *joined 5.02pm*
Cr P Warner, *arrived 5.03pm*

Staff: Mr B Joiner, Chief Executive Officer
Ms E Reitmajer, Executive Officer (Minutes)
Mr A Giometti, Chief Financial Officer

Electors: Simon and Cheryl Poole
Gaye Money

4 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

4.1 Chief Executive Officer Reports

4.1.1	Annual Report 2020/2021 FY
LOCATION	Shire of Menzies
APPLICANT	Internal
DOCUMENT REF	NAM571
DATE OF REPORT	22 December 2021
AUTHOR	Chief Executive Officer, Brian Joiner
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	CEO, Brian Joiner
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	Nil
ATTACHMENT	1. Shire of Menzies - Annual Report 2020-2021 [4.1.1.1 - 76 pages]

SUMMARY:

To consider the content of the Annual Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

BACKGROUND:

The Annual Report 2020/21 details the activities and performance of the organisation over the period supported by the Annual Financial Report and the Independent Auditor's Report.

The Independent Auditor's Report was signed off by the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) on 15 December 2021. Council adopted the Audited Financial Statements and Opinion Report on 21 December 2021. On the same date, Council accepted the Annual Report for 2020/2021 FY.

COMMENT:

The 2020/21 FY continued to be a difficult year for the Shire and other organisations as the effects of the COVID19 pandemic continued.

The financial results for the Shire were still good, however a lot of the works program was not delivered. This has resulted in reserve funds increasing over the previous financial year. The Shire intends to reduce the amount held in reserves over coming years through project expenditure.

The Shire commenced and completed wide ranging activities to improve its governance and work practices. This has meant the Shire is now in a very strong position both operationally and financially.

CONSULTATION:

Elected members.
Staff.
RSM (auditors).
Office of the Auditor General.
Council accepted the Annual Report including the audited Annual Financial Report at its Ordinary Council Meeting held 21 December 2021.
Community – local public notice has been given of the Annual Elector’s meeting and Annual Report.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

The Shire is required to prepare an annual report for each financial year in accordance with Part 5 Division 5 of the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act). The report is to be accepted no later than 31 December or two months following receipt of the final audit opinion by an absolute majority in accordance with section 5.54 of the Act.

Section 5.27 of the Act requires that an Electors’ General Meeting, to discuss the contents of the Shire’s Annual Report, be held on a day selected by the local government, but not more than 56 days after the Council accepts the annual report for the previous year.

The audit opinion was received from the Auditor General on 15 December 2021 and Council accepted the Annual Report on 21 December 2021.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications arising from the acceptance of the Annual Report.

RISK ASSESSMENT:

Risk Statement	Level of Risk	Risk Mitigation Strategy
Failure to hold the 2021 Electors’ general meeting before 15 February	Medium	Scheduling of the Annual Elector’s Meeting.

5 OTHER BUSINESS

Community Arts Centre

Elector Gaye Money advised that on 29 July 2018 she had written to Council requesting that a Community Arts Centre be based at the former church building, in Shenton Street. Ms Money asked Council for an update on the proposal.

Shire President Greg Dwyer advised discussions about the proposal and related community initiatives had been ongoing. He further advised community consultation was planned to take the matter forward, with that process to begin at the February 7 Menzies Community Catchup session.

Chief Executive Officer Brian Joiner said consultation would also occur with other organisations and groups in town, and Kookynie.

The consultation process would incorporate proposals for a community hub, comprising Men's Shed, arts centre, gymnasium and community garden.

6 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Shire President declared the meeting closed at 5.54pm.