



## TOWN OF VINCENT

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# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

<h2>8 DECEMBER 2008</h2>
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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors of the Town of Vincent held at the Administration and Civic Centre, 244 Vincent Street (cnr Loftus Street), Leederville, on Monday 8 December 2008 commencing at 6.00pm.

**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING**

The Presiding Member, Mayor Nick Catania, declared the meeting open at 6.02pm.

**2. APOLOGIES/MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE/ATTENDANCE**

**(a) Apologies:**

John Giorgi, JP, Chief Executive Officer – apology due to work commitments.

**(b) Leave of Absence:**

Cr Steed Farrell due to personal commitments.  
Cr Helen Doran-Wu due to family commitments.

**(c) Present:**

Mayor Nick Catania, JP	Presiding Member
Cr Ian Ker	South Ward
Cr Sally Lake	South Ward
Cr Dudley Maier	North Ward
Cr Noel Youngman	North Ward
Rick Lotznicker	A/Chief Executive Officer/ Director Technical Services
Rob Boardman	Director Development Services
Mike Rootsey	Director Corporate Services
Anita Radici	Executive Assistant (Minutes Secretary)

3 Electors (as per attendance list attached)

**(d) Absent:**

Cr Anka Burns	South Ward
Cr Izzi Messina	South Ward

**3. RECEIVING THE 2007/2008 ANNUAL REPORT**

**Moved Cr Youngman, Seconded Cr Ker**

*That the Annual Report 2007/2008, as “Laid on the Table”, be received.*

Mayor Catania spoke and highlighted significant achievements as detailed in the Mayor’s Report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

4.1 Cr Dudley Maier of 51 Chatsworth Road, Highgate.

Spoke on the following matters:

(i) On behalf of Alison Harvie of 26 Franklin Street, Leederville

Stated that she lives near the church and school on Franklin Street and has issues with people parking on her verge. She has had discussions with the staff, which she is grateful for.

Stated upon investigation she has found that the City of Nedlands provides signs for residents to purchase, which state "No parking on verge lawn penalty \$80". If someone parks on the lawn, the resident can phone the Rangers and they will issue an infringement.

Cr Ker drew attention to a Motion approximately 18 months ago to encourage people to maintain their verges.

**Moved Cr Maier, 51 Chatsworth Road, Highgate (on behalf of Alison Harvie, 26 Franklin Street, Leederville), Seconded Cr Ian Ker, 92 Vincent Street, Mount Lawley.**

**"That the Town consider introducing a mechanism for rate payers to display signs on their verges which discourage parking on the verge similar to the old "registered lawn" signs."**

**CARRIED (2 ELECTORS  
4 COUNCILLORS)**

Chief Executive Comments

*It is not legally valid for a motion to be moved on behalf of another person who is not in attendance at the Annual General Meeting of Electors.*

*The Presiding Member (Mayor Catania) accepted the motion. The matter raised will be investigated by the Town's Administration.*

(ii) On behalf of Louis Zampogna of 1/177 Carr Place, Leederville

Stated the Council imposed restrictions after 9.00pm in Carr Place to prevent anti social behaviour. Mr Zampogna only has one permit and therefore can only have one visitor at a time when the street is basically empty.

Stated near where he lives there is a family with four children who are grown up and at the age where they have or would like to have cars but because they live in a street with parking restrictions they only have two parking permits, however they have four cars. Believes this needs to be reviewed.

Stated there are a group of Terrace houses which in the last 3/4 years have been allocated two permits. The Rangers are now only issuing one permit therefore, they have been living there with two cars and are now restricted.

Believes policies should be reviewed to see whether there is any flexibility so ratepayers (families, unit owners, people in car place) aren't punished with rigid rules and have greater amenity for visitors to park cars.

**Moved Cr Maier, 51 Chatsworth Road, Highgate (on behalf of Alison Harvie, 26 Franklin Street, Leederville), Seconded Cr Lake 51 Chatsworth Road, Highgate**

**"That;**

- 1. this meeting notes the significant social impact on some residents of limiting visitor permits in areas affected by parking restrictions; and**
- 2. the Town review the Residential and Visitors Parking Permits policy with the view to increasing the number of visitor and resident parking permits available to residents, particularly addressing the needs of families and residents in units and terraced housing."**

**CARRIED (2 ELECTORS  
4 COUNCILLORS)**

Chief Executive Comments

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*The Presiding Member (Mayor Catania) accepted the motion. The matter raised will be investigated by the Town's Administration*

4.2 Marie Slyth from 89 Carr Street, West Perth spoke on the following matters:

- (i) Stated that she found it hard to believe that it was two years since she was a recipient of a Certificate of Appreciation from the Town of Vincent for her efforts in helping to fend off a large part of the takeover from the City of Perth. Stated a lot had changed since then and she finds it distressing that in her view the Council is starting to renege on a number of promises contained in Vincent Vision 2024, specifically the streetscape policy.

Stated that she wanted to move a motion for Council to apologise to the many ratepayers who gave so much of their time to voluntarily work assisting the Council on planning for the Vincent Vision 2024 – as it seems to be disappearing and believes a number of new Councillors wouldn't be aware of the work involved.

Stated that the outcomes of Vincent Vision 2024, should be outlined in the "Welcome Pack" provided to new ratepayers of the Town. Also believed the Town should advertise that "Welcome Pack" is available.

- (ii) Advised that she carried out a door knock of her street and found that a large number of the community are becoming dissatisfied with Council's neglect of the streets and street cleaning.
- (iii) Considered that part of the recent Federal Government Infrastructure funding should be used to upgrade Walters Brook.

*The Presiding Member, Mayor Nick Catania advised that the Council had already decided where this funding would be utilised.*

- (iv) Queried whether the Town's Christmas Carols were happening this year.

*The Presiding Member, Mayor Nick Catania advised that the Christmas Carols will again be held at Hyde Park and are organised by the Perth City Mission, with assistance from the Town.*

- (v) Precinct Group Meetings

Believes people are not saying numbers are dropping off but are not getting encouraged to attend the meetings as on the whole precinct groups have contributed a lot to Council. Stated that the people that she door knocked in her street did not know there were such groups.

Advised when precinct groups feel the Town is letting them down they start to dissipate and go away and believes with Council support they will strengthen again.

**Moved Marie Slyth, 89 Carr Street West Perth, Seconded Colin Scott, 17 Deague Court, North Perth**

**"That the Town considers a greater promotion of precinct groups."**

**CARRIED (2 ELECTORS  
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- 4.3 Colin Scott of 17 Deague Street, North Perth spoke on the following matters:

- (i) Referred to comments made by Marie Sylth in relation to Vincent Vision 2024 and the time given. Stated unfortunately if someone has given their time and it does not work out then they need to try again. Also in relation to the Town's welcome package (which he has seen possibly 18 months ago), considered they were quite comprehensive however believed they should be reviewed yearly.
- (ii) Stated a "point of order" about making these meetings as user friendly/low key as possible. Stated it is the only Annual General Meeting he has been to that does not open with the moving of the previous meeting nor were the meetings passed onto him as an attendee of the last meeting. Requested the Minutes be sent out.

*The Presiding Member, Mayor Nick Catania requested that copies of the minutes be made available at the next Annual Meeting of Electors.*

**Note: The Local Government Act and Regulations prescribe the context of the meeting for the Annual General Meeting of Electors. This requires the decisions of the Annual General Meeting to be reported to the next Ordinary Meeting of Council (after the Annual General Meeting) and for the Council to consider any decisions made at the Annual General Meeting. It has been the practice of the Town to report the Minutes to the meeting.**

- (iii) Referred to a Motion in 2006 regarding paid advertisements in local newspapers. Stated that two years on he is seeing a two page ad by the City of Stirling in a local newspaper and is wondering whether, in view of the previous Motion, the Town could put out "common speak" rather than technical paid ads that are seen in local newspapers.
- (iv) Queried the 1/12th share owned in Tamala Park which is a potential revenue stream for the Town and stated he believed that the Town will soon receive some funds. Queried how could ratepayers, particular those who had been in the Town since its inception, could have a say on how the revenue could be used.

- (v) Requested a review of the "Wetlands Heritage Trail" concept and believed it should be reinvigorated. Advised he had just been to Queensland and stated that wherever he walked over there, there were boardwalks and sunny trails. Queried if it was possible for the trail to be reinvigorated as a potential plan again?

*The Acting Chief Executive Officer, Rick Lotznicker advised that the Council had previously adopted a long term implementation plan for the Wet Lands Heritage Trail/Greenway and that several projects are funded in the 2008/2009 budget and that further stages of the trail will be considered by the Council during the 2009/2010 budget deliberations.*

**Moved Colin Scott, 17 Deague Court, North Perth. Seconded Cr Noel Youngman, 27 Galway Street Leederville.**

**"That the Town investigate the initiation of a 10 year plan for Charles Veryard Reserve to bring it up to an A-Class facilities and clubrooms that the community can have access into."**

**CARRIED (2 ELECTORS  
4 COUNCILLORS)**

4.4 Cr Sally Lake of 51 Chatsworth Road, Highgate

Spoke on the following matters:

- (i) On behalf of a group of residents who volunteer at Robertson Park

Stated there is a group of resident volunteers (averaging 10 people) who attend Robertson Park on the first Saturday of each month and assist in looking after the plantings around the wetland. In winter they plant plants and in summer collect seeds which they grow and re-plant back. Stated a great deal of effort is put into the weeding and one of the reasons the residents do this is that this is to be developed as a bushland type area. The usual weed management methods of using chemicals are not quite desired around a wetland where there are frogs and other native fauna existing. Believes the problem at the moment is the resident go in and weed everything in front of them and are not necessary putting the effort into the weeds that are would create an ongoing serious problem. Stated it has been found elsewhere in weeding bushland areas, that having a strategy prepared by someone who knows different types of weed species can considerably help volunteers and the work they do can be made much more effective.

**Moved Cr Sally Lake 51 Chatsworth Road Highgate (on behalf of a group of residents who volunteer at Robertson Park), Seconded Cr Ian Ker 82 Vincent Street, Mount Lawley.**

**"That the Town give consideration to the preparation of a Weed Management Strategy for Robertson Park to assist the considerate volunteer effort by residents in maintaining the wetland."**

**CARRIED (2 ELECTORS  
4 COUNCILLORS)**

*Chief Executive Comments:*

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*The Presiding Member (Mayor Catania) accepted the motion. The matter raised will be investigated by the Town's Administration.*

**5. CLOSURE**

**There being no further General Business, the Mayor Nick Catania thanked the members of the public, Council Members and Officers for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.00pm with the following persons present:**

Mayor Nick Catania, JP	Presiding Member
Cr Ian Ker	South Ward
Cr Sally Lake	South Ward
Cr Dudley Maier	North Ward
Cr Noel Youngman	North Ward
Rick Lotznicker	A/Chief Executive Officer/ Director Technical Services
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3 Electors (as per attendance list attached)

These Minutes were confirmed by the Council as a true and accurate record of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on 8 December 2008.

Signed: .....Presiding Member  
Mayor Nick Catania

Dated this ..... day of ..... 2008