



TOWN OF VINCENT

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**MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF ELECTORS**

29 NOVEMBER 2010

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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 29 November 2010 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:

Cr Joshua Topelberg – apologies due to work commitments.

(b) Leave of Absence:

Nil.

(c) Present:

Mayor Nick Catania, JP	Presiding Member
Cr Matt Buckels	North Ward (from 6.03pm)
Cr Steed Farrell	North Ward
Cr Sally Lake (<i>Deputy Mayor</i>)	South Ward
Cr Warren McGrath	South Ward (from 6.09pm)
Cr Dudley Maier	North Ward (from 6.03pm)
John Giorgi, JP	Chief Executive Officer
Rob Boardman	Director Development Services
Rick Lotznicker	Director Technical Services
Mike Rootsey	Director Corporate Services

13 Electors as per the attached Attendance Register

(d) Absent:

Cr Anka Burns	South Ward
Cr Taryn Harvey	North Ward

3. RECEIVING THE 2009/2010 ANNUAL REPORT

Moved Colin Scott, Seconded John Hockley

That the Annual Report 2009/2010, as “Laid on the Table”, be received.

Mayor Catania spoke and highlighted significant achievements as detailed in the Mayor’s Report, as circulated. He advised that this years Annual Report was again prepared “in-house” by the Town’s Public Relations Officer with assistance from the Information Technology Section. In addition, the Annual Report is also available on compact disc. He praised the Town’s Administration for this cost saving and of the high quality of the Report. He thanked the Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Directors for their contribution and support during the year.

The Chief Executive Officer, John Giorgi spoke and highlighted significant awards and achievements as detailed in the Chief Executive Officer's Report. In particular he briefly outlined the Town's involvement in the State Governments Structural Reform process, the progress of the Internal Organisational Review which was carried out in early 2009 and of the various governance matters including review of Delegations and Policies which resulted in efficiencies and cost savings. The Chief Executive Officer expressed his appreciation to the Mayor, Councillors, Directors, Managers and Staff for their assistance and support during the year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Colin Scott, Deague Court, North Perth – Spoke on the following:

(a) nib Stadium

Mr Scott stated that the proposed 50 year Lease to the State Government is a long time and requested reassurance that the Terms and Conditions would be of benefit to the Town, both now and in the future.

Chief Executive Officer's Response:

The Chief Executive Officer advised of the following:

- (i) the Terms and Conditions are still Commercial In Confidence as they have not been agreed to between the State and the Town and are the subject of further discussions;*
- (ii) the Town engaged independent property consultants, Collier's International to prepare a report on the State Government's Offer, Terms and Conditions;*
- (iii) the Council considered the matter at a Special Meeting held on 6 September 2010 whereby the Council accepted the State Government's Offer, subject to various conditions;*
- (iv) the State Government's Offer is conditional upon also reaching agreement with the Stadium Manager;*
- (v) the proposed Lease will in essence hand over the facility to the State Government for the next 50 years and the State Government will be responsible for all redevelopment costs, maintenance (including the Heritage Gates and Forecourt), contracts and any legal agreements pertaining to the Stadium;*
- (vi) the Town will retain control of the adjoining Loton Park which will remain open to the public at all times except when used for temporary parking on event days – for which a fee will be payable to the Town; and*
- (vii) in the Chief Executive Officer's opinion, the State Government's Offer is most advantageous and beneficial to the Town.*

(b) Beatty Park Leisure Centre Redevelopment

Mr Scott stated that he was looking forward to the redevelopment of the Centre and requested information concerning funding from the Federal and State Government.

Chief Executive Officer's Response:

The Chief Executive Officer advised of the following:

- (i) the redevelopment of the Centre has been in progress for over 6 years;*
- (ii) considerable lobbying and at least three (3) separate submissions to the Federal Government have been made;*
- (iii) the Town will receive \$2.5million from the State Government;*
- (iv) it was most disappointing that the Federal Minister for Local Government and Infrastructure – Anthony Albanese, changed the Officer Recommendation for up to \$11million of Federal Funding to theTown, as part of the stimulus package; and*
- (v) the Council has requested the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to continue lobbying and the meet with the Federal Minister to obtain funds.*

4.2 Graham Lantzke, Egina Street, Mount Hawthorn – Spoke on the following:

(a) nib Stadium

Mr Lantzke queried whether the State Government will be responsible for all future costs, including depreciation of the asset.

Chief Executive Officer's Response:

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the proposed Lease made the State Government fully responsible for the facility, including depreciation of the asset.

4.3 Steve Taylor, Seabrook Street, Mount Hawthorn – Spoke on the following:

(a) nib Stadium

Mr Taylor queried whether nib Stadium is a liability to the Town.

Chief Executive Officer's Response:

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the Town currently has a Heads of Agreement with its Stadium Manager and there are 13 years remaining. The Stadium Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Stadium and including all maintenance. Both the Town and the Stadium Manager contribute approximately \$67,000 each per annum into a reserve fund for Capital Improvements. At present, the Stadium is a minimal cost to the Town however, it should be appreciated that it is an aging facility and obviously will cost more in the future. For this reason, the Council has approved of a long term Lease to the State Government.

4.4 John Hockley, Lesley Street, Mount Lawley – Spoke on the following:

(a) Banks Reserve Pavilion

Mr Hockley stated that the Banks Precinct Group were most keen for the building to be upgraded and improved.

Director Technical Services Response:

The Director Technical Services advised that upgrade works to the Pavilion had been carried out over the previous 12 months and further improvements were planned for the future.

(b) Walters Brook

Mr Hockley stated that the Banks Precinct Group were most keen for Walters Brook to be upgraded.

Director Technical Services Response:

The Director Technical Services advised that the Town's Project Officer – Environment was working on this matter and a proposal will be listed for consideration in the 2011-2012 Draft Budget.

The Director Technical Services further advised that the Town's Officers will work in liaison with the Banks Precinct Group.

4.5 Colin Scott, Deague Court, North Perth – Spoke on the following:

(a) Bus Shelters

Mr Scott stated that in his opinion several bus stops in the Town were untidy, contained litter and required improvement. He specifically referred to the bus shop on Charles Street, near the intersection of View Street, North Perth.

Director Technical Services Response:

The Director Technical Services stated that the Town had a Contract with a private company (Adshell) who are responsible for all maintenance and cleaning of all bus shelters which are contained in the Contract. He undertook to carry out an investigation of the standard of bus shelters and also, why the litter bin had been removed and reply directly to Mr Scott.

5. CLOSURE

There being no further General Business, the Mayor Nick Catania thanked the Electors, members of the public, Council Members and Officers for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 6.42pm with the following persons present:

Mayor Nick Catania, JP	Presiding Member
Cr Matt Buckels	North Ward
Cr Steed Farrell	North Perth
Cr Sally Lake (<i>Deputy Mayor</i>)	South Ward
Cr Warren McGrath	South Ward
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13 Electors

These Minutes are confirmed by the Council as a true and accurate record of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on 29 November 2010.

Signed:Presiding Member
Mayor Nick Catania

Dated this day of 2010