



## **SHIRE OF BODDINGTON**

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## **ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**21<sup>st</sup> October 2008**

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#### **4. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JULY 2007 TO 30TH JUNE 2008:**

The Annual Report was presented to the meeting by Cr Carrotts..

The Chief Executive Officer made comment on statutory compliance breach identified in the Auditor s Report section within the annual report. During the year Council used funds held in the Boddington Gold Mine expansion Reserve for a purpose other than that for which the money was set aside. The Reserve was not cash backed until Council received rate income in September 2007.

The long term financial position of Council is very good, with relatively large long term financial reserves. However each year, prior to receiving annual rates income, Council often experiences a short term liquidity shortfall. For the financial year 2008/09, to ensure that this event did not occur again, Council arranged a short term overdraft facility to provide short term liquidity. Council was not required use that facility in 2008/09.

#### **5. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

##### **5.1 Reserves within the Shire of Boddington**

Mr Greg Marston asked about a Reserve on Bannister Marradong Reserve. Cr Carrotts recalled that there had always been access through the reserve to private property.

The reserve was thought to be a Council Reserve. The CEO will prepare a list of all Council reserves for interested parties.

Ms Bev James asked about the ability to complete firebreaks outside one's own property boundary. This is certainly not permitted.

##### **5.2 Main Street Upgrade Study - Parking**

Mr Earl Schreiber requested an update on the Main Street Upgrade Study. The report on this study will be presented to Council at their Ordinary Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008. There will be a public consultation process following receipt of the report.

Mr Schreiber raised the issue of control of parking in the main street. People continually park in the Schreiber's driveway interrupting access to and from his property. Council has the ability to impose time parking if deemed to be necessary within Council's Parking Local Laws.

The use of nibs near the post office driveway may improve the parking problem, or even the use of coloured asphalt. Exiting parking areas at the Post Office, Doctors Surgery is a problem as is entry onto Bannister Road at several intersections.

Ms Toni Collins asked about the land adjacent to the Shire Office. The area is set as a car-park, and there are some upgrade works to be undertaken to improve/finish the area in the 2008/09 budget. Ms Collins suggested signage of the car-park also.

### 5.3 Shire Administration Centre Communication Tower

Ms Maxine Marston asked about the status of the communications tower at the rear of the Shire Administration building. Currently only the Infant Health Clinic's electronic equipment is the remains on this tower and there are plans to have the Health Department move this, but a date is yet to be finalised. If this tower was to be removed, the area to the north of the Shire Admin building could be better linked to the adjacent parking area and town park.

### 5.4 Ordinary Meeting of Council Held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Mr Schreiber asked about the use being made of the new fitness track near the School. From the meeting there were differing reports of the amount of use, some indicating high and others indicating low amounts of use.

### 5.5 Amendment of Street Names

Ms Collins asked about the process of a recent amendment to street names. Cr Carrotts assured the meeting that Ms Collins did not object to the street names and that Council had instigated the change.

### 5.6 Ordinary Meeting of Council Held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Ms Collins asked if there were any restrictions on subdivisions in town, in terms of the long term interests of the town. It would appear that there was or would be a surplus of available land and this could damage the long term future of Boddington.

The CEO advised that Council does not have the ability to restrict the supply of land being made available by private developers. These decisions are made by the private developers.

### 5.7 Complaints From Recent Subdivision Works

Ms Marston stated there had been noticeable vibrations/noise from recent subdivision development. Mr Schreiber said that the developers had limited signage in certain areas.

The CEO advised that Council had dealt with a number of issues in the start-up process of recent developments. Council tended to work collaboratively with developers to achieve the desired result for the community.

## 5.8 Access to Water

Ms James asked to about the ability of developers to access water from Council standpipes. Council restricts access to all standpipes but individuals can purchase water for private use. Developers had been given access to water from the Swimming Pool rather than flushing the water away to empty the pool. The town hall standpipe is the only source of potable water only.

Mr Marston asked if it was possible for developers or other to access water from the town dam. The CEO advised that this was a matter for Water Corporation although Council was investigating the long term future of the Town Dam and possible uses other than Water Corporation supply.

## 5.9 Newsletter Updates

Ms Marston congratulated Council on the newsletter updates as to what is going on in Boddington.

## 5.10 Office of Crime Prevention

Mr Schreiber questioned what the Office of Crime Prevention was. Council, through the LEMC, had obtained grant funding for projects including solar lighting.

## 5.11 Swimming Pool

Ms Collins advised that she is still researching solar heating for the Boddington Swimming Pool and she will provide costings to Council for the next budget.

## 5.12 Footpath Sweeper

Mr Schreiber enquired about the new Town Sweeper and its level of use. Council only wishes to use the small, footpath sweeper to complete smaller jobs such as sweeping footpaths. Council still used the services of a contractor to sweep roads and this contractor would be in town prior to the Rodeo.

It was commented that the appearance of Bannister Road had deteriorated since Mr John Martin has left Council employ.

Ms Collins commented that gravel was being left on the footpath for the development on the corner of Hill and Hotham Streets.

## 5.13 Public Reserve Rubbish Collection

Ms Marston enquired about the rubbish pick up along the foreshore because there appeared to be an excessive amount of rubbish being left beside bins.

Council has commenced actions to put more bins there and perhaps pickup more regularly if required.

Council will address and continue to monitor issues raised about pickups of bins and when the pickups are occurring. .

**5.14 Council Chipper**

Mr Schreiber sought information as to Council's use of mulch from the Council Chipper at the Boddington Tip.

There is presently none in a stockpile, but Council does utilise mulch for Council gardens. Community groups will be notified if there is any excess.

**5.15 Boddington Gardens**

Mr Schreiber wished to compliment the Council staff for their work around the RSL Park. The CEO commented that Blue Gum Park was also very neat and tidy and Mr Gary Reid and his helpers are doing a good job.

Council was working with the Tidy Towns Committee to improve the Crossman and Bannister Roads intersection. There was some delay in rocks for the site and the garden should be complete by this time next year.

The traffic islands at this intersection of Crossman and Bannister Roads will be brick paved.

**6. CLOSURE OF MEETING:**

There being no further business the Shire President thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting at 8:30pm.

These minutes were confirmed by the Council as a true and accurate record at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008.

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P. R. Carrotts  
President

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Date