

**2024-2025**  
**Annual Electors**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
*21 April 2026*



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## 2024-2025 ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

**MINUTES** of the Annual Electors Meeting of Council held at the Council Chambers, Shire Administration Centre, Dalwallinu on Tuesday 21 April 2026.

### 1 **OPENING & WELCOME BY PRESIDENT**

The President declared the meeting open at 6:00pm.

### 2 **ATTENDANCE RECORD**

#### 2.1 **Present**

Shire President	Cr KL Carter
Deputy Shire President	Cr MM Harms
	Cr SC Carter
	Cr JL Counsel
	Cr DS Cream
	Cr S Dawson
	Cr S Hickleton
Chief Executive Officer	Ms JM Knight
Manager Corporate Services	Mrs HK Jolly
Manager Planning & Development Services	Mr DW Burke
Manager Works & Services	Mr MN Bennett

#### **Members of the Public**

Mr A Hyde  
Mr G Butcher  
Miss S Sundstrom-Galyer  
Mr M Hare

### 3 **APOLOGIES**

Mrs I Mills  
Mr Charles Hyde

### 4 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING – 4 FEBRUARY 2025**

#### **MOTION**

Moved Cr DS Cream  
Seconded Cr SC Carter

That the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on 4 February 2025 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

## 5 PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT CONSISTING OF:

### 5.1 Presidents Report for the 2024-2025 Financial Year

#### **MOTION**

Moved Cr KL Carter

Seconded Cr S Dawson

That the Presidents Report for the financial year 2024-2025 be received.

**CARRIED**

### 5.2 Chief Executive Officers Report for the 2024-2025 Financial Year

#### **MOTION**

Moved Ms JM Knight

Seconded Cr J Counsel

That the Chief Executive Officers Report for the financial year 2024-2025 be received.

**CARRIED**

### 5.3 Financial Report for the 2024-2025 Financial Year

#### **MOTION**

Moved Mrs HK Jolly

Seconded Cr MM Harms

That the 2024-2025 Annual Financial Statements and Report, as presented, be received and adopted.

**CARRIED**

### 5.4 Auditors Report for the 2024-2025 Financial Year

#### **MOTION**

Moved Cr KL Carter

Seconded Cr SC Carter

That the Auditors Report for the financial year 2024-2025 be received.

**CARRIED**

## 5.5 General Business

The Shire President asked for any comments from the meeting.

### 1. **Correspondence from Mrs I Mills – Memorial Park** *(attached)*

The Shire President read the correspondence received from Mrs I Mills. The correspondence was in relation to the proposed Memorial Park Upgrade including:

- Trees in the Park – concerned that 14 trees are planned for removal
- The Spider Play Equipment – concerned that this is going to be removed
- The Tractor – recommending that the tractor remain in the park.

Mrs Mills believes that a community meeting must be held to clarify what Council is planning.

### 2. **Mr G Butcher & Mr A Hyde – Memorial Park**

Mr Butcher and Mr Hyde advised that they had the same concerns that Mrs Mills had stated in her correspondence.

#### ***Chief Executive Officer Response***

In 2024 we engaged a consultant to prepare a concept plan. This was put out to the community for feedback in July 2024. Council considered the submissions and then the project was put on hold.

In 2025 we engaged a new consultant to prepare new concept plans. The final design has only just been discussed with Council tonight and will now be sent to the Consultant to finalise the plan so that we can go to the community seeking comment.

Once Council receive the feedback from the community and the estimated cost from the Consultant, a final decision on whether the project will go ahead will be made by Council.

### 3. **Mr G Butcher - Great Northern Highway**

Mr Butcher enquired if there were any updates to the planned upgrades to Great Northern highway between Pithara and Dalwallinu.

#### ***Shire President Response***

The Shire President advised that we had not received any updates recently. Main Roads WA express that Great Northern Highway is a high priority, however no funding has been allocated at this stage.

### 4. **Mr G Butcher – Dalwallinu Recreation Facilities**

Mr Butcher commented that the works over the last 10 plus years to our recreation facilities have been well done. He stated that compared to some other towns we have really got it right.

He also commented that the town always looks neat and it is a credit to the community on how it presents. Well done.

### 5. **Mr A Hyde – Thank You**

Mr Hyde thanked the Shire for diverting the storm water from Grant St away from his property.

**6. Cr S Carter – Shire Staff**

Cr S Carter commented that it was a credit to the Senior Staff on how well the Shire is running. He has spoken to many staff, and they appear to be happy and find the Shire a good place to work.

**6 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the meeting at 6.26pm.

**7 CERTIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2026 as shown on page numbers 1 to 5 were confirmed as a true record at the meeting held in February 2027.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRPERSON

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**OIK Chief Executive Officer**  
**Jean Knight JP**  
**Shire Dalwallinu**  
**Dalwallinu WA 6609**

Dear Jean,

In my discussions these last couple of weeks with other community members, with me being a permanent resident of the district for more than 65 years. My concerns regarding some areas emanating from these discussions have raised fears for the future of the park in town, the mostly centered around the planned removal of trees in the park in town.

I understand there has been a survey at some time for community comment on the park proposals, I don't recall receiving or reading about this survey, in Shire Newsletters or on Facebook page. Maybe I missed Facebook version, if it was there, as I am not a daily Facebook viewer.

The park is well maintained by the Council it's a lovely place just to be and enjoy the surrounds in a shaded and pleasant setting. It is also used daily by locals, children and travelers, I don't believe I have been in town and not seen the park without a person in it. It is used extensively daily by local people to meet for coffee or lunch, or just a "catch-up", a valuable facility not only for visitors' but for locals who live in and out of town.

I have several concerns about what I am hearing? I will convey these to you;

1. Firstly, and as a priority, I believe there needs to be a public meeting of open and honest discussion regarding the Shire plans, coupled with the community concerns.
2. **Trees in the Park**, I have heard that 14 trees are to be removed, that is almost half of the total trees currently in the park, and 14 of those are the age old resilient "Pepper Corn" tree that provided little or **no** shade.
3. Where is the essential shade going to come from in the park if half of the trees are removed!

4. **The Spider play equipment** is the only play area for children in the park, other than the tractor (I will talk about next) that is available for children to explore.
5. **The Tractor:** I would like to point out that the Tractor for those who don't already know, the rural youth 'Junior Farmers Club' at the time acquired and fully restored the **"1927 "Hart Parr"** to its original state.
  - It was carted from Harry Hodson property in 1967 where it had been used for clearing bush land for farming in the district, there it had been delegated to the 'scrap heap' for some 17 years prior to Mr. Hodson donating it to the rural youth team, some of whom are still living in the district.
  - The restoration was done in Nixons shed (now owned by (K&J Sawyer family) when the tractor was completed it was transported to town on the back of a truck to its place of rest. During restoration much research and consultation for the best place for where it was to be permanently placed. It was agreed by all that the best site for the tractor to be is where it is now, taking pride of place in the park for locals and visitors to see. Its current resting place was decided with all appropriate approvals, and the site works done and the site prepared, the tractor was then transported to town on the back of a truck.
  - More importantly, the tractor was restored by the young farmers of this district voluntarily, as a demonstration of one of the first tractors in the district. The Junior Farmers (Rural Youth) sourced parts and information from the Hart Parr factory USA, it guided their enthusiasm for restoration, even the women were involved in the painting and polishing of parts adding to the completion in 1967 and was placed in town September 1968.
  - Hart Par also provided the story of Charles Walter Hart, the founder of the Hart-Parr tractor, along with the history of the Hart Parr machinery manufactured in USA.
  - The entire restoration story and history is fully documented, all parts and material were donated from National, State and local providers. Including the conceit base it now stands on and the shelter that originally covered it with a tiled roof, all donated.

- The Junior Farmers Club won an award for their project of restoring the tractor.

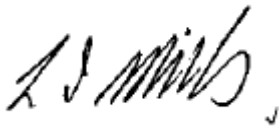
I would strongly recommend the tractor remains in the Park where it now stands, it is a popular point of interest for visitors and locals, including children who love to explore.

Maybe we should have a plaque made to summarize the history of how it came to be there, I would be happy to donate towards the costs.

Most importantly I believe a community meeting must be held to clarify what the council is planning, unfortunately I will not be able to attend the electors' meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April I have a prior appointment that cannot be changed.

Please submit my apologies for this meeting

Yours sincerely



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