



# Minutes

## General Meeting

**Date:** August 23 2023

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** Elsie Austin Pavilion

**Meeting called by** Joan Quinn, President

**Minutes Secretary:** Vincent Holdsworth

## Attendees

See attendance book

## Apologies

Cr Claire Hurst

Cr Neridah Zlatnik

Anne Lynch

Jessica Shaw MLA

### 1. Joan Quinn - **Acknowledgement of Country**

2. Joan Quinn - **Review of Previous Minutes:** See website. Joan Quinn motioned to accept minutes and Vince Holdsworth seconded.

3. Anne Lynch - **Treasurer's Report:** \$16,687 income less \$11,383 expenses = \$5,304 net surplus, seconded by Joan Quinn.

### 4. **Aaron Thredgold - GUEST SPEAKER - Mount Helena Volunteer Bushfire Brigade**

- DFES, MHVFBF, Shire of Mundaring & Mt Helena residents all play a connected role in bush fire prevention.
- Mt Helena is a bushfire prone area.
- Getting prepared: Shire's fuel break and load advice; bushfire risk treatment standards; fire rating system (under review due to complaints, expected by this summer);
- Shire's bushfire information SMS tool; Emergency WA website for mapping fire activity; join a local bushfire ready group.

8. Joan Quinn and Owen Briffa - **Placement of WWI Roll of Honour / WWII Roll of Honour:** WW1 needs to be moved to adjoining wall. WW2 under design for 81 service members, and once completed the WW1 will be moved and WW2 installed alongside.

### 5. **Cr Paige McNeil – Shire Update** (update on the important issues affecting the Shire).

- Councillor election coming soon, nominations open 31/08/2023 for one week; councillors reduced from 12 down to 8 councillors.
- Electoral change towards optional preferential voting system.
- Verge collection on the 25th September.
- Local Law Review underway on Engage Mundaring website (2min survey). Wed August 30th to endorse the budget.
- Special Council Meeting - 5th September for multi-purpose facility.

6. Anna Lancaster - **Bendigo Raffle Books** ITEM CANCELLED (speaker not here)

7. Vincent Holdsworth – **Excessive Bullying at ESHS:** Options: Ministerial against Principal; Letter to Jessica Shaw. Issue needs to be investigated and substantiated before progressing further.

8. Owen Briffa / Paige McNeil - **Establishment of Mundaring Tourist Radio 87.6fm:** "Complementary media" generating stories on Mundaring and for tourists. Mundaring Mens Shed would be suitable aerial location.

9. Vincent Holdsworth – **Improving Our Roads:** Capital Works Request for Sawyers Road that may include minimising “S” bend, shoulder widening, quality bitumen resurfacing, lessening risk for pedestrians crossing the road at “S” bend crossing.

10. Joan Quinn and Owen Briffa - **Placement of WW1 & WW2 Roll of Honour:** Still ongoing. Letters of support received from MP’s and the Shire.

11. Hannah Dyer / Vincent Holdsworth - **Whim update:** getting close to finalising, weekly meetings ongoing. Proposal of a replica whim for Pioneer Park.

**Q&A/Discussion:**

- Vincent raised the long meeting times and suggested a 90-minute meeting schedule and to assign a time to each agenda item that can be then monitored and a time reminder announced by Secretary for speaker to wrap-up [finalise]; further discussion on an item can be asked informally at the end of the meeting.
- Also, there will be a 5-10 intermission in the middle of the meeting to allow people a quick refresher break. This suggestion was supported by attendees.

Meeting closed at: 9:17pm

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