



**AGENDA**  
**ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING**  
**For The Financial Year Ended 30 June 2025**  
**Function Room, Cornerstone Building**  
**141 Vincent Street, Beverley**  
**5:45pm, Tuesday 2 December 2025**

- 1. Commencement of Meeting**
- 2. Introduction of Councillors & Staff**
- 3. Apologies**  
Mr Tim Law
- 4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes (see next page)**  
**Motion**  
That the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting for the Financial Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024, held in the Function Room at the Beverley Recreation Ground, Forrest Street, Beverley, on Tuesday 10 December 2024, be confirmed.
- 5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**
- 6. Adoption of 2024/25 Annual Report**  
**Motion**  
That the Annual Report for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2025, be received.
- 7. Annual Report Questions**
- 8. General Business**  
Written questions received.  
General business.
- 9. Meeting Closure**



**ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**For The Financial Year Ended 30 June 2024**  
**Beverley Recreation Ground Function Room (Amenities Building)**  
**Forrest Street, Beverley**  
**10:30am, Tuesday 10 December 2024**

**1. Commencement of Meeting**

The President, Cr D White declared the meeting opened at 10:32am.

**2. Attendance and Apologies**

**Councillors in Attendance**

Cr D White                      Shire President  
Cr D Davis  
Cr S Martin  
Cr J Maxwell

**Staff in Attendance**

Mr S Gollan                      Chief Executive Officer  
Mr S Marshall                  Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Mr S de Beer                    Manager of Planning  
Mr S Vincent                    Manager of Works  
Ms A Lewis                      Executive Assistant

**Public in Attendance**

Mrs G Petchell	Mr P Jenkin	Mrs J Rayner
Mr T Law	Mrs K Law	Mr M Vivian
Mrs B Vivian	Mrs S Collins	Mrs J Murray
Mr B Hunt	Mrs G Hastings	Mrs B Pearce
Mr B Groves	Mrs S Woods	

**Apologies**

Cr D Ridgway                  Deputy President  
Cr D Brown  
Cr C Lawlor  
Cr A Sattler

**3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

**MAE1/1224**

**Moved: Cr S Martin**

**Seconded: Cr D Davis**

**That the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting for the Financial Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023, held in the Cornerstone Function Room, 141 Vincent Street, Beverley, on Tuesday 12 December 2023, be confirmed.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

Nil

**5. Shire President's Report**

The Shire President read the following report:

Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen and welcome to the Electors' meeting for 2024, as we take time to reflect on the year past and look forward to projects planned for next year and beyond.

The last part of that opening statement took on some significance this year as the Shire sought to take advantage of a new Federally Funded Grants Programme.

In August 2023 the Commonwealth Government announced a new Grants Program which was named regional Precincts and Partnerships Program "rPPP". Unlike previous grants programs, the rPPP has two stages.

Under Stage 1, a pool of \$80 million is available for planning purposes and is limited to a maximum of \$5 million for any one applicant and a minimum of \$500,000.

Stage 2, a pool of \$320 million is available for construction purposes and is limited to a maximum of \$50 million for any one applicant and a minimum of \$5million.

This program was identified by the Council as an opportunity to potentially access funding for planning which has never been previously available, The Council has known for some time of the many projects that might be developed to improve the facilities to the community of Beverley. Knowing is one thing, but having the grant funding available to achieve these aims is another.

Identifying and bringing together all the potential projects of which we were aware gave rise to a concept plan that was named Beverley 2035. From this concept, the Shire took the information and developed into an application for Stage one of the rPPP.

In any grants program, the most important aspect of being able to apply for funds is having a plan that is 'shovel ready' and can adequately support any application. Unfortunately, developing any plan requires the assistance of consultants and these costs can be significant.

So, rPPP was seen as an opportunity to make an application under stage 1 for funding to develop plans for the facilities identified for Beverley and thereby be ready for future grants programs as they are made available.

From this, the Council engaged Mr. Mark Casserley to assist in this process, and from this proposal named 'Beverley 2035' ten main Projects were identified which would benefit Beverley. These projects would be slowly developed over several years.

This application was completed and lodged in September.

As the Council already had a plan for the redevelopment of the swimming pool, an application was made and lodged in February for funding under stage 2 of the rPPP. So far there is no indication when this application might be assessed.

On behalf of Council, I would like to thank Mr. Casserley for his assistance and to those members of the Community who provided feedback at each of the three meetings that were held in the week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August.

Among other matters coming to the Council this year, Beverley 2035 occupied a lot of time and has been seen as an opportunity to put into place all the issues that could benefit the community. Whether we are successful in our applications or not, Beverley 2035 will provide future Councils with a sense of direction and purpose.

CEO recruitment is also now occupying Council. Changes to the Local Government Act has meant that any Local Government whose CEO is coming to the end of a 10-year contract with a Local Government, must advertise the position and go through the process of selecting a CEO. The CEO whose contract has reached the ten-year expiration is able to reapply for the position. This is the situation with Beverley.

Mr. Stephen Gollan has served as CEO since January 2012 and his contract expires in January 2026. His service and record over these years has been outstanding. Among his achievements has been a significant amount of infrastructure development that has benefitted the community.

With the completion of the redevelopment of the Old School Building into a Civic Centre including relocated Council Chambers, under Mr. Gollan's leadership approximately \$17 million dollars has been invested into the community to provide such things as a new recreation centre, skate park, the Cornerstone building, improvements to the Town and Lesser Halls, new accommodation cabins, and a redeveloped Vincent Street. Funding for these projects has come largely from Grant programs which underpins the importance of the rPPP to Beverley.

The process for the CEO recruitment involves the appointment of a Panel to oversee the recruitment. This Panel comprises all Councillors as well as Mr. Lew Shaw the Independent Representative and Mrs. Lydia Highfield as the Consultant. It is planned that advertising will commence early February 2025 with selection completed towards the middle of 2025.

Mr. Gollan is eligible to reapply for this position.

The bridges within the Shire are of concern to the Council due to their age and size. Many of them are over 100 years old. Sadly, our State government doesn't seem to comprehend the seriousness of the situation. Larger farming equipment and an increase in road train activity means these bridges require urgent attention. Main Roads has acknowledged the situation and begun work to assist in remediation.

Sadly, the processes in place for Main Roads to follow are numerous and somewhat tedious with a result that nothing happens quickly. With the number of bridges within the Shire, time is becoming critical to deal with them all.

Council is also supporting the staff with the investigation of proposing the holding of an Air Show in Beverley in March 2026. It is a large undertaking but Shire has the support of the Beverley Soaring Society in this project. Mr. Stefan de Beer, Mrs. Jacinta Murray, and, Mr. Geoff Overhue recently travelled to Murray Bridge in South Australia to attend an Air Show. Knowledge gained here has proven invaluable. I would like to thank Mr. John Barrett Lennard who has volunteered to join the Committee given his past experience with the last Air Show held in Beverley in the '70s.

While the preliminary investigations are highlighting the extensive logistics involved, a final decision to commit to the Air Show will be made in late April or early May of 2025.

While all these matters mentioned are important, I want to acknowledge the work of community groups whose time and effort often go little noticed. Each of these groups comprise volunteers whose individual efforts and time ensure a vibrant community.

I would like to acknowledge the commitment and work by all the staff at the Shire, from the Road crew, the gardeners, the office staff, and we cannot forget the work of Janet at the Caravan Park. To the CEO, Stephen Gollan whose leadership has ensured a steady ship, thank you for your commitment to Beverley. To all the Councillors, thank you for your commitment to the work throughout the year and the support you have given me.

Finally, to everyone, a Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

## **6. Adoption of 2023-2024 Annual Report**

**MAE2/1224**

**Moved: Cr J Maxwell**

**Seconded: Cr D Davis**

**That the Annual Report for the Financial Year ended 30 June 2024, be received.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7. Annual Report Questions

Nil

## 8. General Business

**Written questions received:** Nil

### **Questions from the Floor – Not recorded verbatim, summary only.**

8.1 – Mrs B Pearce

Question/Comment: I have concerns regarding the proposed Retirement Village as it is currently presented to the public. In principle, I am in favour of a Retirement Village but it needs to be right and there are many issues that need addressing.

**Answer/Response: The application is currently a ‘live application’ which has not yet gone before Council. The public consultation period closed on Friday 6 December, however as the application has been delayed awaiting a Bushfire Management Plan and will now not be heard until the February 2025 Council meeting, the Shire Planner and Shire President extended an invitation to anyone who has comments to please visit the Shire Office so an official comment can be made.**

8.2 – Mrs G Hastings

Question/Comment: Has concerns about the increase in traffic the Retirement Village will bring. The traffic using Dawson Street and Elizabeth Street is already travelling too fast and it will become even more dangerous.

**Answer/Response: These concerns will be considered by Council when the application is presented. The applicant will also be afforded the opportunity to address any comments and concerns that are raised by the public.**

8.3 – Mrs J Murray

Question/Comment: Council has spent a lot of money of the main street and the footpaths are lovely but they are constantly dirty and stained. They need better looking after.

**Answer/Response: The Shire has appointed someone in the last month who will be responsible for looking after Vincent Street. The footpaths are due to be high pressure hosed tomorrow.**

8.4 – Mrs J Murray

Question/Comment: It is disappointing that we have this lovely street and no Christmas decorations. The town of Pingelly is a similar size and their main street is decorated from one end to the other.

**Answer/Response: Council looked into decorations last year and were quoted between \$20,000 and \$30,000 and felt it was too much. As this is an ongoing request, we note it and will look to make an allocation in the 25/26 Budget.**

8.5 – Mrs J Rayner

Question/Comment: The gum tree at the hospital is still a nuisance. The mess on the footpath is like pebbles that are easy to slip on. Someone on the maintenance needs to check this regularly.

**Answer/Response: Noted.**

8.6 – Mrs J Rayner

Question/Comment: Thank you for the lights at the Air Strip, they are fabulous. St John and the RFDS are very happy.

**Answer/Response: Council is very glad they are working well. In addition to the lights the entrance has now been sealed.**

8.7 – Mrs B Pearce

Question/Comment: Another concern regarding the proposed Retirement Village is that the application mentions short-term accommodation. This does not make sense and this is not the type of retirement village we want.

**Answer/Response: Council is aware of this and will be ensuring that if the application is presented as a Retirement Village then there will be conditions attached as per legislation that makes sure it is run as what it says it is.**

**The Shire Planner will suggest to the applicant that they consider making a presentation to the public so that any concerns and queries can be answered. However it should be noted that there is no obligation for the applicant to do this.**

8.8 – Mrs S Collins

Question/Comment: I have retired to Hunt Road Village and I find the facilities very comfortable and well looked after by the Shire. Thank you for providing this type of accommodation.

**Answer/Response: Thank you for providing that feedback.**

8.8 – Mrs J Rayner

Question/Comment: On behalf of the community, thank you to the Shire and the employees for the work you do to keep our town going very well. I congratulate everyone on a successful year...but we do need Christmas decorations (then agreed upon by several members of the meeting).

**Answer/Response: Thank you and we have well and truly noted that the community wants Christmas decorations.**

## 9. Meeting Closure

As there were no further questions, the Shire President thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 10:59am.

I hereby certify these Minutes as being confirmed in accordance with Section 5.22 of the Local Government Act 1995.

**Presiding Member:**

**Date:**