



Agenda

2023-2024

Annual Electors Meeting

Tuesday, 4 February 2025

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the

Shire of Ravensthorpe

2023-2024 Annual Electors Meeting

will be held on
Tuesday, 4 February 2025
commencing at 6.00pm

Council Chambers
Cultural Precinct
Ravensthorpe

Matthew Bird
Chief Executive Officer

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DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST FORM
(Elected Members/Committee Members/Employees/Contractors)

Local Government Act 1995 (Section 5.65, 5.70, 5.71 & 5.71(B))

To: Chief Executive Officer

Name _____

Elected Member Committee Member Employee Contractor

- Ordinary Council Meeting held on _____
- Special Council Meeting held on _____
- Committee Meeting held on _____
- Other _____

Report No _____

Report Title _____

Type of Interest (**see overleaf for further information*)

Proximity Financial Impartiality

Nature of Interest

Extent of Interest (if intending to seek Council approval to be involved with debate and/or vote)

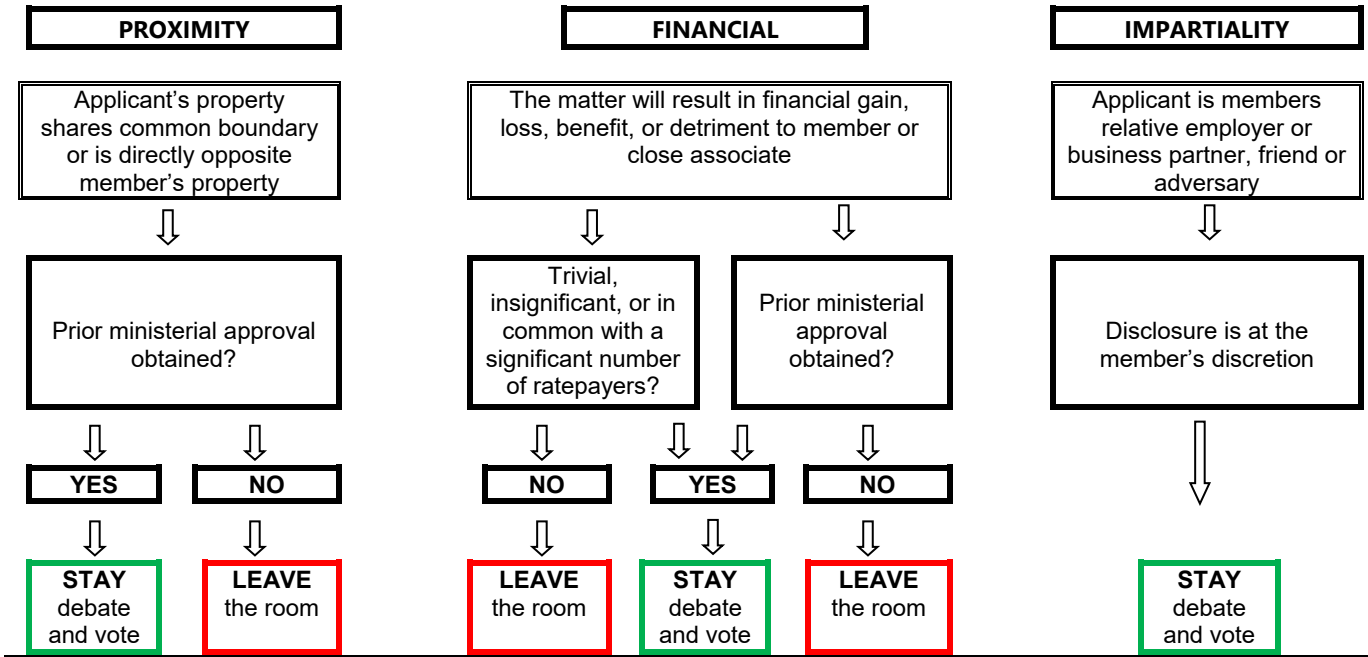
Signed: _____ Date: _____

- **Note 1** - Elected Members/ Committee Members/Employees refer to the Disclosure of Interest Declaration card when disclosure is being read out at Council or Committee Meeting.
- **Note 2**: For Ordinary meetings of the Council, elected members and employees are requested to submit this completed form to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting. Where this is not practicable, disclosure(s) must be given to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the matter being discussed.
- **Note 3**: Employees or Contractors disclosing an interest in any matter apart from at meetings, where there is a conflict of interest including disclosures required by s5.71 are required to submit this form to the CEO as soon as practicable.

CEO: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

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<input type="checkbox"/> Particulars recorded in Minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> Particulars recorded in Register

* Declaring an Interest



Local Government Act 1995 – Extract

s.5.60A - Financial Interest

A person has a financial interest in a matter if it is reasonable to expect that the matter will, if dealt with by the local government, or an employee or committee of the local government or member of the council of the local government, in a particular way, result in a financial gain, loss, benefit or detriment for the person.

s.5.60B – Proximity Interest

A person has a proximity interest in a matter if the matter concerns —

- (a) a proposed change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person's land; or
- (b) a proposed change to the zoning or use of land that adjoins the person's land; or
- (c) a proposed development (as defined in section 5.63(5)) of land that adjoins the person's land.

5.65 - Members' interests in matters to be discussed at meetings to be disclosed.

(1) A member who has an interest in any matter to be discussed at a council or committee meeting that will be attended by the member must disclose the nature of the interest:

- (a) in a written notice given to the CEO before the meeting; or (b) at the meeting immediately before the matter is discussed. (Penalties apply).
- (2) It is a defence to a prosecution under this section if the member proves that he or she did not know:
 - (a) that he or she had an interest in the matter; or (b) that the matter in which he or she had an interest would be discussed at the meeting.
- (3) This section does not apply to a person who is a member of a committee referred to in section 5.9(2)(f).

5.70 - Employees to disclose interests relating to advice or reports.

(1) In this section: 'employee' includes a person who, under a contract for services with the local government, provides advice or a report on a matter.

- (2) An employee who has an interest in any matter in respect of which the employee is providing advice or a report directly to the council or a committee must disclose the nature of the interest when giving the advice or report.
- (3) An employee who discloses an interest under this section must if required to do so by the council or committee, as the case may be, disclose the extent of the interest. (Penalties apply).

5.71 - Employees to disclose interests relating to delegated functions.

If, under Division 4, an employee has been delegated a power or duty relating to a matter and the employee has an interest in the matter, the employee must not exercise the power or discharge the duty and:

- (a) in the case of the CEO, must disclose to the mayor or president the nature of the interest as soon as practicable after becoming aware that he or she has the interest in the matter; and (b) in the case of any other employee, must disclose to the CEO the nature of the interest as soon as practicable after becoming aware that he or she has the interest in the matter. (Penalties apply)

5.71A. - CEOs to disclose interests relating to gifts in connection with advice or reports

- (1) A CEO who has an interest relating to a gift in a matter in respect of which the CEO proposes to provide advice or a report, directly or indirectly, to the council or a committee must disclose the nature of the interest in a written notice given to the council.
- (2) A CEO who makes a disclosure under subsection (1) must not provide the advice or report unless the CEO is allowed to do so under section 5.71B(2) or (6).
- (3) A CEO who has an interest relating to a gift in a matter in respect of which another employee is providing advice or a report directly to the council or a committee must disclose the nature of the interest when the advice or report is provided.

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 – Extract - In this clause and in accordance with Regulation 19AA "Interest" means an interest that could, or could reasonably be perceived to, adversely affect the impartiality of the person having the interest and includes an association.

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Mission Statement *To grow our community through the provision of leadership, services and infrastructure.*

1. **DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

The Presiding Member to declare the meeting open.

The Presiding Member acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, and pays respect to Elders past, present, and emerging.

The Shire President advises visitors in adhering to both the Local Government Act 1995, and the Shire of Ravensthorpe Meeting Procedures Local Law 2022, it is an offence to record the proceedings of this meeting and visitors are to switch off any recording devices, including phones.

2. **RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Elected Members:

Cr Thomas Major (Shire President)
Cr Mark Mudie (Deputy Shire President)
Cr Sue Leighton
Cr Rachel Gibson
Cr Robert Miloseski
Cr Roger Mansell

Staff:

Matthew Bird (Chief Executive Officer)
Les Mainwaring (Executive Manager Corporate Services)
Paul Spencer (Executive Manager Infrastructure Services)
Natalie Bell (Executive Manager Projects & Regulatory Services)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

APOLOGIES

Cr Graham Richardson (Resolution Number #108/24)

ABSENT

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING FOR THE 2022/2023 FINANCIAL YEAR

3.1 ANNUAL ELECTORS Meeting Minutes 6 February 2024 (refer to [Attachment 3.1](#)).

Statutory Environment:

Section 5.22 of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides that minutes of all meetings to be kept and submitted to the next ordinary meeting of the council or the committee, as the case requires, for confirmation.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes and associated attachments of the (2022/2023) Annual Electors Meeting of the Shire of Ravensthorpe held on 6 February 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved: _____ **Seconded:** _____

Carried: __/__

4. SHIRE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Cr Thomas Major to present the Shire President's Report for 2023/2024, as per page 5 of the 2023/2024 Annual Report (refer to [Attachment 4](#)).

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Shire President's Report be received.

Moved: _____ **Seconded:** _____

Carried: __/__

5. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr Matthew Bird, Chief Executive Officer to present his Report for 2023/2024, as per pages 6 of the Annual Report (refer to [Attachment 4](#)).

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be received.

Moved: _____ **Seconded:** _____

Carried: __/__

6. AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr Les Mainwaring, Executive Manager Corporate Services to present the Auditor General's Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2024, commencing on page 29 of the Annual Report (refer to Attachment 4).

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Auditor's Report be received.

Moved: _____ **Seconded:** _____

Carried: __/__

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

7.2 QUESTIONS FROM ELECTORS AT THE MEETING

The Shire President to call for any questions from Electors concerning matters under the jurisdiction of the Shire of Ravensthorpe.

8. MEETING CLOSURE

The Presiding Member to declare the meeting closed.