

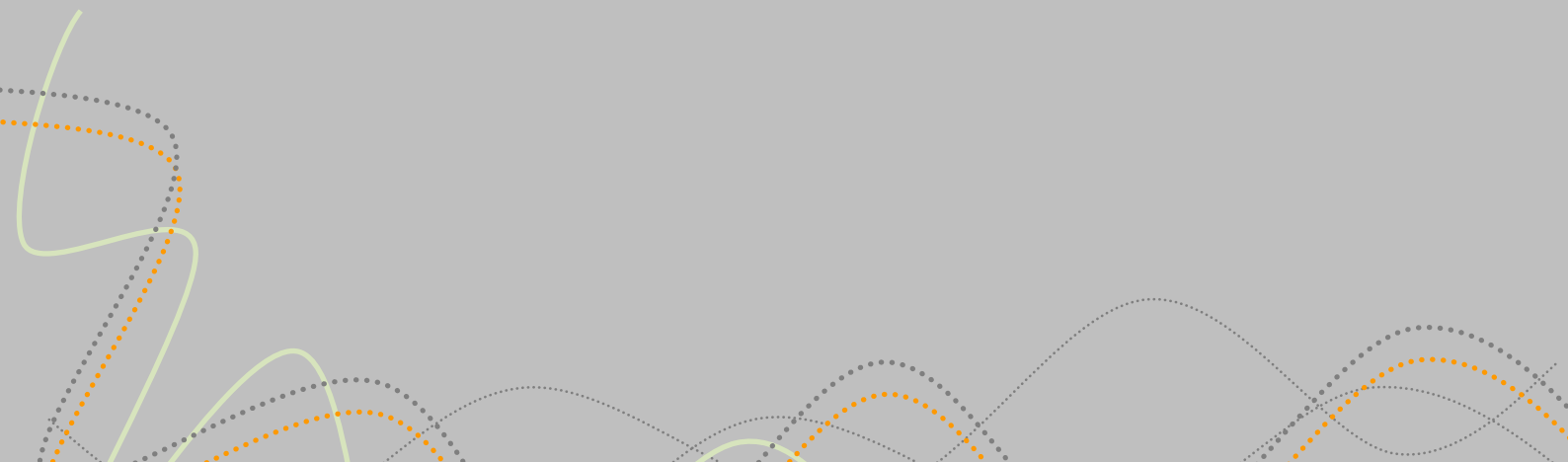
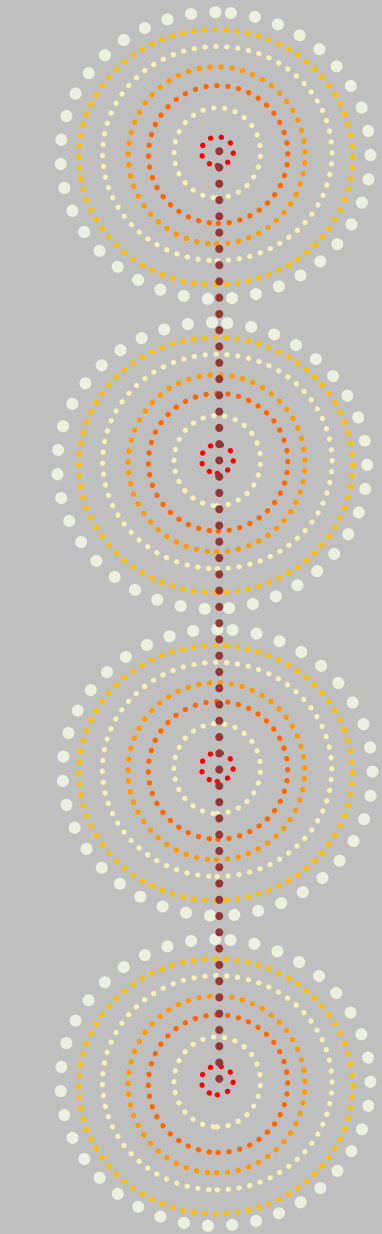
# Shire of Goomalling



## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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07 JANUARY 2025





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## **NYOONGAR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We acknowledge this land that we meet on today is part of the traditional lands of the Nyoongar people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Nyoongar Ballardong people as the custodians of the greater Goomalling/Koomal area and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still important to the living Nyoongar Ballardong people today.

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

Meeting No. 01 of 2024 of the Shire of Goomalling Council to be held in the Council Chambers, Administration Office, 32 Quinlan Street, Goomalling on Tuesday, 07 January 2025 at 6.00pm.



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

**2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES & APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**2.1 Attendance**

Council	President & Chairperson	Cr Julie Chester
	Vice President	Cr Roland Van Gelderen
	Councillor	Cr Christine Barratt
	Councillor	Cr Casey Butt
	Councillor	Cr Barry Haywood
	Councillor	Cr Brendon Wilkes
	Councillor	Cr Mark Ashton
	Independent Member	Ms Andrea Nielsen
Administration	Chief Executive Officer	Mr Samuel Bryce
	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Miss Natalie Bird

**2.2 Apologies**

**2.3 Approved Leave of Absence**

**3. DECLARATION OF:**

**3.1 Financial Interest**

**3.2 Members Impartiality Interest**

**3.3 Proximity Interest**

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**5. APPLICATION FROM MEMBERS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**



## 6. CONFIRMATION AND RECEIVING OF MINUTES & BUSINESS ARISING

6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council held Wednesday 18 December 2024.

### RESOLUTION:

Moved Cr xxx, seconded Cr xxx that the Council confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 18 December 2024.

**CARRIED: 7/0**

	For	Against		For	Against		For	Against
Cr Chester	√		Cr Butt	√		Cr Ashton	√	
Cr Van Gelderen	√		Cr Wilkes	√		Cr Haywood	√	
Cr Barratt	√							

## 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

## 8. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS



## 9. OFFICERS' REPORTS

### 9.1 AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

<b>File Reference</b>	<b>3.18</b>
<b>Disclosure of Interest</b>	Nil
<b>Applicant</b>	Shire of Goomalling
<b>Previous Item Numbers</b>	No Direct
<b>Date</b>	19 December 2024
<b>Author</b>	Natalie Bird – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
<b>Authorising Officer</b>	Samuel E Bryce – Chief Executive Officer
<b>Attachments</b>	
9.1.1 Copy of Audited Annual Financial Statements	
9.1.2 Copy of the Audit Management Letter	
9.1.3 Copy of Exit Conclusion Meeting Document	
9.1.4 Copy of Auditor General – Basis of Qualified Opinion	

#### Summary

Council is to accept the 2023/2024 Annual Report and Financial Statements and set the date for the Annual General Meeting of Electors.

#### Background

The Local Government Act 1995 requires a Local Government to prepare an Annual Report each financial year to hold an Annual General Meeting of Electors. The Annual General Meeting of Electors is to be held on a day selected by the Local Government, but not more than 56 days after the report is accepted by the Local Government. The annual audit was undertaken during the October to November 2024 by Moore Australia on the Auditor General's behalf.

#### Consultation

- Moore Australia
- The WA Auditor General

#### Statutory Environment

*Local Government Act 1995 (as amended).*

#### 5.54. Acceptance of annual reports.

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), the annual report for a financial year is to be accepted\* by the local government no later than 31 December after that financial year.



**\*Absolute majority required.**

- (2) If the auditor's report is not available in time for the annual report for a financial year to be accepted by 31 December after that financial year, the annual report is to be accepted by the local government no later than 2 months after the auditor's report become available.

[Section 5.54 amended: No. 49 of 2004 s 49.]

### 5.55. Notice of annual reports

The CEO is to give local public notice of the availability of the annual report as soon as practicable after the report has been accepted by the local government.

- Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations.
- Local Government (Administration) Regulations.

### Policy Implications

There is no current Council policy regarding this matter

### Financial Implications

There are no direct financial impacts resulting from this item.

### Strategic Implications

Shire of Goomalling Community Strategic Plan 2019-2028	
4.1.4	Provide reporting processes in a transparent, accountable and timely manner.

### Comment/Conclusion

The Auditor General has issued a qualified audit on the following basis;

#### Qualified opinion

I have audited the financial report of the Shire of Goomalling (Shire) which comprises:

- the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows and statement of financial activity for the year then ended
- notes comprising a summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for qualified opinion section of my report, the financial report:

- is based on proper accounts and records
- presents fairly, in all material respects, the results of the operations of the Shire for the year ended 30 June 2024 and its financial position at the end of that period
- is in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) and, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the Act, Australian Accounting Standards.



**Basis for qualified opinion**

My opinion in the prior year was qualified because infrastructure asset classes of roads, drainage and footpaths as disclosed in Note 8(a) of the financial report as at 30 June 2023 with the carrying values of \$40,811,938, \$2,153,484 and \$770,060 respectively, had not been revalued as required by the regulations. The Shire was unable to correct these prior year figures in the current year. Consequently, my opinion on the current year financial report is also modified because of the possible effects of this matter on the comparability of the current period's figures and the corresponding figures.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report section below.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

**Other information**

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is responsible for the preparation and the Council for overseeing the other information. The other information is the information in the entity's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024, but not the financial report and my auditor's report.

**Voting Requirements**

Absolute Majority

**RESOLUTION:**

That the Council:

1. Pursuant of Sections 5.54 and 5.55 of the Local Government 1995, accepts the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the 2023/2024 financial year.
2. Convenes the Annual General Meeting of Electors at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 19 February 2025 at the Sports and Community Centre 47 Quinlan Street, Goomalling.

**CARRIED: 7/0**

	For	Against		For	Against		For	Against
Cr Chester	√		Cr Butt	√		Cr Ashton	√	
Cr Van Gelderen	√		Cr Wilkes	√		Cr Haywood	√	
Cr Barratt	√							



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- 10. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTION OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**
  - 11. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE AGREED TO BY RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL**
  - 12. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**
  - 13. MEETING CLOSURE**

The President thanked everyone for their attendance at today's meeting and declared the meeting closed at 4.10pm.