

Heart of the Stirlings



SHIRE OF GNOWANGERUP

BORDEN GNOWANGERUP ONGERUP

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL (ELECTION MINUTES)

**25 October 2023
Commencing at 1:00pm**

**Council Chambers
Yougenup Road, Gnowangerup WA 6335**

COUNCIL'S VISION

Shire of Gnowangerup

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Dear Council Member

A Special Council Meeting of the Shire of Gnowangerup will be held on Wednesday 25th October 2023, at the Council Chambers 28 Yougenup Road Gnowangerup, commencing at 1:00pm.

Signed:  _____

David Nicholson
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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When Council uses this expression it means that:

- (a) Council is generally in favour of the proposal BUT is not yet willing to give its consent; and*
- (b) Importantly, Council reserves the right to (and may well) either decide against the proposal or to formally support it but with restrictive conditions or modifications.*

Therefore, whilst you can take some comfort from Council's "support" you are clearly at risk if you act upon it before Council makes its actual (and binding) decision and communicates that to you in writing.



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These minutes are not a verbatim record but include the contents pursuant to Regulation 11 of Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.

Signed: 

David Nicholson
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Chief Executive Officer David Nicholson welcomed Councillors, the Justice of Peace Bill Tiller and staff and opened the meeting at 1:00pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Shire of Gnowangerup would like to acknowledge the Goreng people who are the Traditional Custodians of this land. The Shire of Gnowangerup would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Noongar Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginals present.

3. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 ATTENDANCE

Elected Members: Greg Stewart JP
Rebecca O’Meehan
Rebecca Kiddle
Peter Callaghan
Lex Martin
Kate O’Keeffe JP
Mick Creagh

David Nicholson	Chief Executive Officer
Chiara Galbraith	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Barry Gibbs	Acting Executive Manager of Infrastructure and Waste
Llew Withers	Environmental Health Officer
Bobbie Van Rensburg	Executive Assistant
Anita Finn	Senior Governance and Risk Management Officer
Sarah Henning	Community Development Officer
Bill Tiller JP	

3.2 APOLOGIES

Cr Elect Robbie Miniter OAM

3.3 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4. TAKING OF OATH AND DECLARATION OF OFFICE

Two of the newly Elected Councillors took the Declaration of Office administered by Mr Bill Tiller JP.

- Kate O’Keeffe JP
- Mick Creagh

David Nicholson congratulated the returning Councillors on their successful election.

5. ELECTION OF SHIRE PRESIDENT

The election of Shire President was conducted by the Chief Executive Officer.

Chief Executive Officer David Nicholson advised that he had received one written nomination for Cr Kate O’Keeffe JP and one written nomination for Cr Greg Stewart JP for the position of Shire President prior to the meeting.

Chief Executive Officer David Nicholson informed the Councillors that Cr Greg Stewart JP has since withdrawn his nomination.

The Chief Executive Officer then called for any other nominations. No further nominations were received.

Cr Kate O’Keeffe accepted her nomination when asked by Chief Executive Officer David Nicholson.

As only Cr Kate O’Keeffe JP was nominated, Chief Executive Officer David Nicholson declared Cr Kate O’Keeffe JP duly elected as Shire President for the Shire of Gnowangerup, term expiry October 2025.

6. DECLARATION OF SHIRE PRESIDENT

The Shire President Kate O’Keeffe JP undertook the Declaration of Office administered by Bill Tiller JP.

The Shire President Kate O’Keeffe JP took over as presiding member of the meeting.

7. ELECTION OF DEPUTY SHIRE PRESIDENT

The Election of Deputy Shire President was conducted by Shire President Kate O’Keeffe JP.

Shire President Kate O’Keeffe JP advised that two written nominations had been received for the position of Deputy Shire President, the first being for Cr Rebecca O’Meehan and the second for herself. As Shire President Kate O’Keeffe JP had accepted the position of Shire President she withdrew her nomination as Deputy Shire President.

Shire President Kate O’Keeffe JP then called for any other nominations. No further nominations were received.

Cr Rebecca O’Meehan accepted her nomination when asked by the Shire President.

As only Cr Rebecca O’Meehan was nominated, Shire President Kate O’Keeffe JP declared Cr Rebecca O’Meehan duly elected as Deputy Shire President for the Shire of Gnowangerup, term expiry October 2025.

8. DECLARATION OF DEPUTY SHIRE PRESIDENT

The Deputy Shire President Rebecca O’Meehan undertook the Declaration of Office administered by Bill Tiller JP.

9. SEATING ARRANGEMENT FOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS (COUNCILLORS)

The Shire President conducted the seating arrangement in the council chambers. The Shire President seat remained as custom.

Deputy Chief Executive Officer Chiara Galbraith	Shire President Kate O’Keeffe	Chief Executive Officer David Nicholson	Executive Assistant Bobbie Van Rensburg
Executive Manager of Infrastructure & Assets TBA			Senior Governance & Risk Management Officer Anita Finn
Cr Peter Callaghan			Deputy Shire President Cr Rebecca O’Meehan
Cr Rebecca Kiddle			Cr Greg Stewart JP
Cr Mick Creagh			Cr Robert Minitier OAM
Cr Lex Martin			STAFF
STAFF			STAFF

Shire President Kate O’Keeffe JP paid tribute to the outgoing Shire President Fiona Gaze and Councillor Shelley Hmeljak and welcomed the new team. She also thanked Councillor Greg Stewart JP for his contribution during his term as previous Deputy Shire President.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Shire President thanked Council, Bill Tiller JP and staff for their time and declared the meeting closed at 1:15 pm.