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Annual Meeting of Electors Minutes

Held on Thursday 5 February 2026 at 6:00pm
City of Rockingham Reception Room



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1.	Declaration of Opening
	<p>The Mayor declared the Annual Meeting of Electors open at 6:03pm and welcomed all present.</p> <p>Acknowledgement of Country</p> <p>With permission from Elders, Nalaa Kadich Nyoongar moort Kayan Kaadak nidja Boodja, I acknowledge the Nyoongar people as the traditional owners of the land.</p> <p>The City of Rockingham acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land, the Binjareb and Whadjuk Nyoongar peoples and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders past and present.</p> <p>Recording and Live Streaming of proceedings</p> <p>In accordance with Council Policy this meeting is being live streamed on the City's website.</p> <p>By being present at this meeting, members of the public consent to the possibility that their image and voice may be live streamed to the public. Recordings are also made available on the City's website following the meeting.</p> <p>Please note that clause 8.5 of the City's <i>Standing Orders Local Law 2001</i> provides that "no person is to use any electronic, visual or audio recording device or instrument to record the proceedings of the Council or a committee without the written permission of the Council".</p> <p>If anyone breaches this Standing Order they will be asked to leave the meeting.</p> <p>Information on how the Annual Electors' Meeting is conducted</p> <p>The Mayor advised that the purpose of the Annual Electors' Meeting (AEM) is to receive the City's Annual Report and any other general business pertaining to Council. In accordance with the <i>Local Government Act 1995 (Act)</i> and supporting Regulations, the Mayor is to preside at a General or Special Meeting of Electors and shall determine how the procedure is to be followed.</p> <p>The Mayor noted the following points -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The <i>Standing Orders Local Law 2001</i> will apply subject to the discretion of the Presiding Member.2. All present are required to sign the attendance register provided at the AEM including name and address.3. Speakers must be electors/ratepayers (Elector) of the City of Rockingham in accordance with section 5.26 of the Act.4. During General Business, questions or statements may only relate to matters that affect the City of Rockingham and will be accepted at the discretion of the Presiding Member. I ask that electors limit their questions to a maximum of three minutes. Given the number of proposed motions, Electors moving and debating motions will be limited to a maximum of three minutes.5. Respect and courtesy to all in attendance will be expected at all times.6. Attendees must not make any adverse reflection on Council Members, City employees and others in attendance, and should this occur, the statement or question will be ruled out of order and the person will be asked to resume their seat.7. Each Elector has one vote, an Elector is not required to vote and voting is determined by a show of hands.8. Motions to be considered at the AEM must have been received by 5pm on the 3rd of February 2026.10. Motions passed at the AEM are not binding on the Council or the City of Rockingham.

	<p>11. Reports on the Motions will be presented to Council for its consideration at its next practicable Council meeting.</p> <p>12. Minutes of this AEM will be available on the City's website as soon as practicable after the meeting and before the next Ordinary Council meeting.</p>																																												
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	<p>In accordance with Section 5.27 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> a general meeting of electors is to be held once every financial year, not more than 56 days after the local government has accepted the annual report.</p> <p>Regulation 15 of the <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996</i> specifies that the matters to be discussed at a general electors' meeting are, firstly, the contents of the Annual Report for the previous financial year and then any other general business.</p> <p>At its meeting held 16 December 2025 Council resolved to accept the draft annual report for the financial year ending 30 June 2025 inclusive of the Audited Financial Report 2024/2025 and to hold the Annual Electors' Meeting for 2024/2025 on Thursday 5 February 2026 commencing at 6.00pm in the Reception Room of the City Administration Centre.</p> <p>The Mayor invited questions on the Annual Report 2024/2025.</p>																																												

3.1 Mr James Mumme, Shoalwater

The Mayor invited Mr Mumme to ask his questions.

Questions

I congratulate Council on: provisions for seniors; disabled people; public libraries and sports facilities; security; waste collection; Litterbusters; implementing FOGO; the Urban Forest; work towards sustainability and caring for our natural environment; and attempts to mitigate climate chaos, 42,000 seedlings.

1. Design of the Safety Bay Foreshore Community Facility Development - If this is a key priority does it mean that nothing more is being proposed for the Shoalwater Foreshore, in particular the boardwalk through the dunes?

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the community facility was the first major project along the foreshore. It's in line with the Master Plan and nothing else is envisaged in the short term, but certainly the master plan still exists.

The Director Planning and Development Services advised apart from Asset renewal there are no projects planned.

2. What 'minor review' is envisaged for the Strategic Community Plan?

The Chief Executive Officer advised that we are required, under statute, to review our strategic community plan. The City undertakes a minor review every two years and major review every four years. The minor review was undertaken and went to Council in August 2025 and the major review will be conducted in 2027. The major review will involve community consultation.

3. Regarding audits, I would like to know how well Council was audited, how well they have heeded the aspirations of the community in terms of spending money. Council development items always quote at the top, yes, this fits the community aspiration, but what happens afterwards to check that it actually does or doesn't or whether the money was productive in terms of the community aspiration?

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the City does an annual survey of residents and gets feedback with respect to a number of the services and activities that it provides in the community. He explained that this is a major way that the City assesses the community's views. The Chief Executive Officer noted the City's Community Plan Strategies are reviewed every four years. In terms of assessment, he explained each year an assessment is published in the spring edition of the City Chronicle, including with annual survey results.

- 3a. So it's not an actual audit that looks at what was spent in whichever areas?

The Mayor advised that the budget is not linked back to the aspirations and the community plan at present.

4. Plan for sustainable growth – Will Council build in funding for that list of objectives on page 25 of the annual report this coming year. Will Council build in funding and planning for rooftop solar and for batteries?

The Director Asset Services advised that the Council will consider those items. At the moment, batteries are not financially a good option for larger supplies, it's all for residential.

5. From 2017 to 2023 a whole lot of trees were planted. 84% at least of those trees are big trees. If you look around the City and there are hundreds of hectares of grass underneath big trees, now for anything except maybe cockatoos and corellas, that's no habitat at all for smaller birds, for things that live on the ground. On the negative side ratepayers are paying for the mowing, fertilising and watering of it. Will Council do something about changing the focus of the planting so that it's a complete habitat?

The Director Asset Services advised yes, the Urban Forest Strategy does recognise that there's a whole range of different vegetation that actually achieves that outcome and that's the intent of it. The City has actually gone through a process of looking at all our open space and identifying all the spaces where we can plant, and then we'll go through a process of identifying what we plant.

	<p>3.2 Mr Sam Potsey, Warnbro</p> <p>The Mayor invited Mr Potsey to ask his questions.</p> <p><u>Questions</u></p> <p>1. Statement of comprehensive income - page 73 of your annual report it notes that the other revenue line item is consistently budgeted for in excess of \$12 million and has been for a number of years, while the actuals usually come in and around two to three million. What revenue are you expecting to receive?</p> <p><i>The Director Corporate Services advised that the budgeted figures include the internal transactions. The City demonstrates the true costs in the Annual Budget, however the Annual Financial Report removes those transactions due to audit and accounting standard requirements.</i></p> <p>1a. Why is that reflected in the budget?</p> <p><i>The Director Corporate Services advised that it's a more accurate reflection of what things cost. When the City pays itself to do things it demonstrates the actual cost of a service.</i></p> <p><i>When the City goes through the audit process it must remove interdepartmental transactions. The 'other' expenditure is the other way round.</i></p> <p>There being no further questions the Mayor asked for a motion to receive the Annual Report for 2023/2024.</p> <p>Moved Ms Stacey Graham, seconded Ms Diane Park:</p> <p>That the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2025 inclusive of the Audited Financial Report 2024/2025 be received.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried - 15/0</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>General Business</p>
	<p>6:19pm The Mayor opened General Business and noted that motions and questions may only relate to matters that affect local government and will be accepted at the Mayor's discretion.</p> <p>The Mayor advised that 22 motions have been lodged in writing as required prior to the meeting and will be dealt with in the order in which they were received. Given the number of proposed motions, moving and debating motions will be limited to a maximum of three minutes.</p> <p>4.1 Motion – Cleaning of footpaths – Ms Raelene Heston - Cooloongup</p> <p>The Mayor invited Ms Heston to speak to her motion.</p> <p>Moved Ms Raelene Heston, seconded Ms Diane Park</p> <p>That Council CONSIDERS sending a water truck at least twice weekly to clean the footpaths before trading hours:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) on Rockingham Beach Road, especially the passages leading from the car park to the waterfront area and side streets;2) the Boardwalk, and3) Syren Street. <p style="text-align: right;">Carried – 17/1</p> <p><u>Reasons provided by the mover of the Motion</u></p> <p>Rockingham is a tourist area but the sight and smell of some of these areas is off-putting in the extreme. The passageway running alongside the fish and chip shop looks grimy and smells foul. Any traveller through Europe can tell you of shopkeepers pouring buckets of water on the footpaths and walls and sweeping outside their premises before trading hours every day. The lack of care from business owners detracts from our beautiful waterfront. I acknowledge this should not be a council responsibility but, in view of business owners' neglect, action should be taken by others. Daily cleaning would be ideal but my twice weekly suggestion is made with the budget in mind.</p>

4.2 Motion – Use of Glyphosate weedkillers – Ms Fiona Felton, Waikiki

The Mayor invited Ms Felton to speak to her motion.

Moved Ms Fiona Felton, seconded Ms Mary Ann Rath

That Council **CONSIDERS** moving away from glyphosate weedkillers in our City playgrounds and replace them with non-toxic options that better support the Local Government Act 1995 and its requirements to consider long term wellbeing.

Carried – 26/0

Reasons provided by the mover of the Motion

By phasing out glyphosate, we can protect children, strengthen long term health, and support sustainable care for our city.

Our proposal is that, within the next 12 months, glyphosate use at playgrounds be completely eliminated, including in a five to ten meter buffer zone. Instead, we would bring in non toxic weed control methods.

The alternatives we're putting forward are steam applications, hand removal of weeds, and eco friendly herbicides to keep our playgrounds clean and well presented.

This initiative would be overseen by the City of Rockingham Parks Department. The Council will investigate, adapt, and begin using these options. The shift to the new methods will happen at each site's next scheduled application or within a year.

It's important to understand why this change matters. Children face greater risks from poisoned greenery and environmental toxins because they are closer to the ground, and their bodies are still developing. This puts them at higher risk of liver inflammation, metabolic problems, diabetes, heart disease, and cancer.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer reports that glyphosate is linked to cancer, hormone changes, nerve issues, and short term effects like skin irritation, nausea, and stomach trouble. Environmentally, glyphosate can take 140 days to reduce its toxicity by half in soil, and plants may continue absorbing it for more than two years. These findings come from the Permaculture College of Australia.

Professor Michael Antoniou from King's College London has also stated that glyphosate exposure is a major risk factor for fatty liver, kidney disease, and cancers including leukaemia's.

Local government authorities can choose whether to use pesticides or not, we encourage the City of Rockingham to set the standard on environmental safety and wellbeing.

4.3 Motion – Trial to open public toilets 24/7 – Ms Mary Ann Rath, Waikiki

The Mayor invited Ms Rath to speak to her motion.

Moved Ms Mary Ann Rath, seconded Mr Alan Wade

That we require the Council goes about ensuring that the Rockingham public toilets be left open 24 7 on a six month trial basis to allow visitors, and we, the people who call Rockingham home access to dignity when needing to use a toilet.

Carried – 27/0

Reasons provided by the mover of the Motion

People being caught without being able to use a public toilet down at the beach. There are a lot of different varieties of people that call Rockingham home and I would like the toilets to be open for their dignity.

4.4 Motion – PPE when spraying glyphosate – Ms Mary Ann Rath, Waikiki

The Mayor invited Ms Rath to speak to her motion.

Moved Ms Mary Ann Rath, seconded Mr Jason Davies

That we require the Council goes about ensuring that any contractor or council worker that is to spray glyphosate and other herbicides be required to have appropriate PPE, and that signs be put in the area that have been sprayed to remain for 24 to 72 hours until the chemical has dried to allow people to avoid the area.

Carried – 20/0

Reasons provided by the mover of the Motion

I've seen people have not been wearing PPE and they're spraying glyphosate. They only put the signs up while they're spraying it, the signs should stay up for 24 to 72 hours or until it's dry and that does not happen.

4.5 Motion – AUKUS infrastructure – Ms Mary Ann Rath, Waikiki

The Mayor invited Ms Rath to speak to her motion.

Moved Ms Mary Ann Rath, seconded Ms Diane Park

That we require the Council goes about ensuring that any extra infrastructure that the AUKUS agreement determines to be required not be paid for by the Rockingham rate payers. That is, that the Federal Government pays for any extra infrastructure deemed necessary.

Carried – 19/0

Reasons provided by the mover of the Motion

Personally, I believe nuclear is never safe. We should not be entertaining American military base on Garden Island. It is a federal issue and it's the Americans that will be using it and should be appropriately funded by those that are going to be using it.

4.6 Motion – Cease motor driven vessels in Shoalwater Marine Sanctuary – Ms Mary Ann Rath, Waikiki

The Mayor invited Ms Rath to speak to her motion.

Moved Ms Mary Ann Rath, seconded Ms Stacey Graham

That we require the Council goes about ensuring that the Council writes to the West Australian government, that they support that no motor driven vehicles apart from the existing operating ferries be allowed in the Shoalwater marine sanctuary so as to minimize boat strikes that have been killing the little penguins.

Carried – 23/0

Reasons provided by the mover of the Motion

It's gone up by 25 to something like 32% of the kills of the little penguin is from boat strikes. I know that the speed limit was changed from 15 knots to eight knots in but there's no accountability, no-one monitoring it.

And the little penguin, as you know, the demise is happening. I know it's a State issue as they look after the marine park. I would like for the Penguin Advisory Committee to add it very strongly that there's no motor boats in that area. We only have about 97 individuals left.

4.7 Motion – Installation of speed calming devices in Hillman – Mr Jason Davies, Hillman

The Mayor invited Mr Davies to speak to his motion.

Moved Mr Jason Davies, seconded Ms T Gibson

The Council **CONSIDERS** the installation of speed calming devices on the following roads in the Hillman Suburb:

- Calume Street
- Darile Road
- Unnaro Road
- Carvie Street

To: a) reduce risk of hooning and anti-social behaviour;
b) speeding within urban areas; and
c) further accidents on suburban roads.

Carried – 23/0

Reasons provided by the mover of the Motion

The suburb of Hillman has been regarded by motorists for a while now as a thorough fare for motorists looking to skip the lights at the Dixon Rd and Carvie St lights. I would, because I was guilty of doing this before moving into the area. But I mostly followed the speed limit. However, living in the area for a while now this suburb has become an area for cars going beyond double the speed limit, and quite recently burnouts as my street has a couple of fresh skid marks.

I've been told repeatedly by the Police and Council to report these matters and make records of these incidents. Fair enough, however, without investing a considerable amount into surveillance which may or may not be considered as evidence or asking one of my family members to dedicate their every waking moment to watching out for these people, there's not a lot I can do. Hell, I've even tried using the Waze App to slow people down without success by informing the app that there's a camera outside my house.

Data collection that's been done in the past on my street as well as the other streets I've mentioned with data tracking devices have had them situated toward the end of the road, not the middle where maximum speed could be reached, so can we say that there is accurate data supporting the idea that there is no data of speeding in the area? If there are Police officers watching or here today, I invite them to come set up at my place, especially after 4pm when it seems to be most prevalent.

I'm urging Council to back this motion for the sake of residents not worrying about whether the next car belting it down their street isn't going to kill someone or lose control and barrel into their homes, especially with the increase in usage of E-bikes.

4.8 Motion – Remove the cost of option fee – Mr Jason Davies, Hillman

The Mayor invited Mr Davies to speak to his motion.

Moved Mr Jason Davies, seconded Ms Rebecca Privilege

That Council **REMOVES** the cost of option fees for bi-annually, quarterly, monthly, fortnightly and weekly payment setups, and that this change is to be made with the regard that it is not to be returned and that any change to payment systems also follow this policy.

Carried – 23/0

Reasons provided by the mover of the Motion

Another year gone. And yet the cost of living hasn't changed. This is a continuation to my motion last year which was subsequently watered down to a one-year trial and failed to include two payment options. This year I'm asking it be made permanent and be applied to all forms of rate payments. The argument for the remaining charge was made last year by the Director Corporate Services "The 5.5% covers the cost of the foregone revenue the city would've received should the rates have been paid in full by the due date and other incidental charges".

Quite frankly, this sounds more like a City problem than a ratepayer's problem. You want us to pay our rates on time, then punish us for not being able to pay in full and rather opt for several part payments. I'm not stating here that people can't manage their finances, I'm stating that this cost could be considered a financial punishment for those who simply can't pay in full.

The Mayor noted that Council do offer rates smoothing which has no charges.

4.9 Motion – Waste management system review – Mr Jason Davies, Hillman

The Mayor invited Mr Davies to speak to his motion.

Moved Mr Jason Davies, seconded Mr Sam Potsey

That Council **CONDUCTS** a review into their entire waste management system with the following parameters:

- a) That the review starts no earlier or later than end of July 2026
- b) That it works on the following factors outlined in the report request provided in Attachment A
- c) That public and end user consultation must be a part of the review
- d) That the reviews final report must be made available to the public
- e) That the review lasts no more than at maximum 2 years to allow for sufficient data collection and proper independent review.

Carried – 18/3

Reasons provided by the mover of the Motion

FOGO is a no go: at least as far as the red bins are concerned with the residents, and the insistence on further education from the city. Everywhere on social media, I've seen people cross wires and throw around wild accusations about councillors, and the city responses completely gloss over genuine concerns the residents have. So, the big question is how we solve this issue. A review. Yes, I know we did one recently but again the people feel as if they have been shut out of the conversation completely. Now considering these are the end users as well makes no sense. Couple that with no real opt out and the frustration has boiled over to the powder keg we have now.

So, let's have a real conversation, both sides come together and find a real solution to this madness once and for all. The review attachment I have provided hopefully clears the air and insists on public consultation. Now I know that people want weekly red bins back but think about this. Come July, the City decides the rate increase is 9%, 10%. Would you consider that fair? Also, if the City reckons more education is required, then is the material and education you're providing simple enough for a young child to understand? Now I fully expect this review to be watered down to nothing, shut off from the public if it's passed at all but this review needs to happen, whether everyone likes it or not. Otherwise the madness continues, and frustrations increase.

4.10 Motion – Closure of Penguin Island – Ms Stacey Graham, Karnup

The Mayor invited Ms Graham to speak to her motion.

Moved Ms Stacey Graham, seconded Mr Jason Davies

That Council **CONSIDERS** immediate action to meet with the Minister for the Environment - Hon. Matthew Swinbourn and Minister for Tourism - Hon. Reece Whitby as well as the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions to seek urgent action from the State Government to make the final report in the relations to the temporary closure of Penguin Island available to the public.

Carried – 21/0

Reasons provided by the mover of the Motion

At the 2025 Annual Electors Meeting a resolution to write to the West Australian State Government to request the immediate closure of Penguin Island (for a minimum of two years), to allow the few remaining Penguins to breed and moult in peace and to help numbers grow, was passed and subsequently actioned by Council.

Since that time we have been continually advised that a task force formed to produce a report to the relevant Ministers by December 2025. We are none the wiser as to whether such a report has been produced and if so, when is it going to be released to the general public.

The Mayor advised that she sits on the Little Penguin Advisory Group and their report is in draft at the moment. She advised her understanding that it will be submitted to Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) and State Government prior to being released.

4.11 Motion – Discovery Centre – Ms Stacey Graham, Karnup

The Mayor invited Ms Graham to speak to her motion

Moved Ms Stacey Graham, seconded Mr Jason Davies

That Council **CONSIDERS**

1. immediate action to meet with Minister for the Environment - Hon. Matthew Swinbourn and Minister for Tourism - Hon. Reece Whitby, the Premier - Hon. Roger Cook and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions to seek urgent attention in developing a State-of-the-Art Penguin or Marine Interpretative and Discovery Centre in Rockingham.
2. that the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer and relevant Officer/s of Council meet with relevant Ministers/Officers of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions to negotiate the possibility of locating such a Penguin or Marine Interpretive and Discovery Centre at the Project Kennedy Bay Development site in Port Kennedy and that the city actions as soon as possible the factors delaying approval for the jetty development at this site - taking into serious consideration that:
 - Kennedy Bay is part of the Shoalwater Marine Park
 - A Discovery/Interpretative Centre can be leased on a commercial basis to contribute to future 'jetty maintenance' costs
 - That commercial/public use fees/permits to access the jetty can contribute to the future 'jetty maintenance' costs.
 - That as previously undertaken with applicable entry fees for visitors to see live Penguins that are being rehabilitated - such entry fees could contribute to future 'jetty maintenance' costs.
 - That a Discovery/Interpretative centre in the southern/central suburbs of Rockingham ie: Port Kennedy/Secret Harbour/Golden Bay can enhance visitation to Rockingham with Lark Hill; golf courses; restaurants/eateries and pristine surf beaches as well as the current Project Kennedy Bay expanding major tourism infrastructure and experiences for visitors and residents.

Carried – 18/0

Reasons provided by the mover of the Motion

Aside from the appalling non-urgent delay in producing a report on the Penguin Island closure and in light of the recent announcement (28 January 2026) that applications for a \$13M upgrade to the Aquarium of Western Australia (**AQWA**), including new aquarium exhibits, a theatre, café, gift shop and playground, has been advertised with submissions closing on 17th February 2026 (urgent action when it benefits Perth's northern suburbs is noted). We again, see one of Rockingham and WAs major tourist attractions placed in the 'too hard' basket!

Rockingham has been recognised since the early 1900s as the 'home of the Little Penguins'.

Penguins and the Shoalwater Marine Park formed a major part of previous Statewide tourism promotions and featured on international flights and other highly visible promotions.

We have built an Entry Statement on Kulija Road based on, and highlighting, the 'Little Penguins' - we have had, for many decades, very successful commercial operations taking hundreds of thousands of International, interstate, intrastate and local visitors to and from Penguin Island to see the 'Little Penguins'.

After DBCA removed the Discovery Centre from Penguin Island in 2023, calls for a new Centre and even after paying Consultants taxpayer dollars to give a brief on a replacement Centre have continued to be ignored which, in my humble opinion, came after some community backlash on the location of a new Centre, resulting in the government no longer considering a new Discovery/Interpretative Centre in Rockingham, thus removing a big part of our City's identity! Taking also into account that major developments are currently happening at Port Kennedy, in particular Kennedy Bay and following the purchase of that land from the government for an estimated \$24 million with little or no plans to spend any of those funds in Rockingham.

The Mayor noted that are disparate colonies of penguins within Rockingham, the Penguin Island colony is not the only one.

The Mayor advised that the business case for the Discovery Centre is with State Cabinet.

4.12 Motion – FOGO bins and washing station and events – Ms Rhiannon Davies, Waikiki

The Mayor invited Ms Davies to speak to her motion.

Moved Ms Rhiannon Davies, seconded Ms Mary Ann Rath

That Council:

1. **CONSIDERS** providing FOGO bins at City of Rockingham events throughout 2026 so that eventgoers food waste from takeaway food outlets can be disposed of sustainably.
2. **INVESTIGATES** the utilisation of a washing station for reusable cutlery and crockery at City of Rockingham events throughout 2026, to reduce the volume of disposable food packaging and cutlery going to landfill.

Carried – 26/0

Reasons provided by the mover of the Motion

The City of Rockingham is a very strong supporter of the FOGO program and encourages all residents to use their Fogo bins to sort their compostable waste accordingly. I have seen that this option is not available at events or venues managed by the City of Rockingham, even where there is a FOGO promotion tent. Food packaging and waste at a City of Rockingham event goes directly to a red landfill bin which is at complete odds to how we are expected to dispose of our waste at home.

Though the food vans and stall are now providing compostable packaging such as cups, boxes, cutlery there is no way to dispose of these items except to take them home to our private compost bins. Therefore, the act of providing compostable packaging is absolutely pointless if the ability to actually compost these items is not also provided. This is an act of Greenwashing.

It is the responsibility of the Council to make their decisions with regard to promoting the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the district and in making decisions, to consider potential long term consequences and impacts on future generations. I would argue that providing opportunity to thoughtfully dispose of our waste in all locations is an action that falls under that remit.

According to the city of Rockingham website "landfills are anaerobic environments, meaning they don't contain oxygen. When food and organic or biodegradable waste starts to break down in landfill, methane gas is produced and the organic waste does not decompose correctly".

Methane is far a more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide and is an enormous contributor to global warming. The City of Rockingham states on their website that over 90 percent of Western Australia is prone to bushfire and we know for a fact that climate change is driving the ferocity and occurrence of bushfires and will continue to do. We are already seeing the effects of increased fire intensity and heatwaves devastate the Eastern States and our own Southwest this summer. The council has the responsibility to also to plan for, and to plan for mitigating, risks associated with climate change when making their decision.

If the City of Rockingham would like the residents to contribute to reducing emissions though the reduction of landfill use by sorting our food waste and packaging into appropriate bins at home, we ask that the City of Rockingham contribute by providing opportunity to do so when we are out and about.

4.13 Motion – Containers for change baskets – Ms Rhiannon Davies, Waikiki

The Mayor invited Ms Davies to speak to her motion.

Moved Ms Rhiannon Davies, seconded Mr Jason Davies

That Council **CONSIDERS** providing Containers for Change baskets on the side of all City of Rockingham public bins in 2026.

Carried – 26/0

Reasons provided by the mover of the Motion

Containers for Change is a positive force for sustainable repurposing of cans and bottles as well as fundraising for residents. They cannot be reused if they are thrown into the landfill bin, which is currently the main public option available if a resident is out and about. Importantly, many people rummage through bins to collect them for the refund. Providing baskets would allow these people to collect the cans and bottles with dignity and discretion. It is very important that people in unfortunate circumstances are treated with dignity and respect, I believe this offers an opportunity to show compassion as well as upholding the council responsibility for promoting the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the district in its decision making.

4.14 Motion – Prohibit purchase of alcohol – Ms T Gibson, Rockingham

The Mayor invited Ms Gibson to speak to her motion.

Moved Ms T Gibson, seconded Ms Diane Park

That Council **DIRECTS** the Chief Executive Officer to prohibit the purchase or reimbursement of alcohol using City funds and to amend all relevant policies and procedures to reflect this position, thereby strengthening governance, risk management, and public accountability.

Carried – 18/0

Reasons provided by the mover of the Motion

Serves to reduce budget spending, reduces liabilities and shows leadership. Even though the City is a governing body, if you want to drink, pay for it yourself because it's not claimable under the ATO and it also lessens money on the budget and accountability and risk.

4.15 Motion – KPIs in budgets – Ms T Gibson, Rockingham

The Mayor invited Ms Gibson to speak to her motion.

Moved Ms T Gibson, seconded Mr Sam Potsey

That Council **DIRECTS** the Chief Executive Officer to deliver measurable cost reductions and savings, through the establishment of a Key Performance Indicator (KPI), to be incorporated into forthcoming budgets so that any rate increase does not exceed the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Carried – 8/0

Reasons provided by the mover of the Motion

Serves to reduce budget spending and shows leadership. There is, at the moment, no legislation to enable this and it also reduces the cost on the rate payer.

4.16 Motion – Overtime meal allowance as per ATO – Ms T Gibson, Rockingham

The Mayor invited Ms Gibson to speak to her motion.

Moved Ms T Gibson, seconded Mr Jason Davies

That Council **DIRECTS** the Chief Executive Officer to adopt the Australian Taxation Office's Overtime Meal Allowance as the maximum allowable expenditure per meal per person, reflecting the City of Rockingham's responsibility to manage ratepayer-funded resources prudently; elected members, staff etc

Carried – 16/0

Reasons provided by the mover of the Motion

Serves to reduce budget spending. There is discussion that everyone attends after council meals and the cost of them, by adopting the ATO's requirements, you're actually reducing the cost spend and then it gives the ability because everyone is in overtime when they do have these meetings and the meals that's legally you are doing no wrong.

4.17 Motion – Review of alliances – Ms T Gibson, Rockingham

The Mayor invited Ms Gibson to speak to her motion.

Moved Ms T Gibson, seconded Mr Sam Potsey

That Council **DIRECTS** the Chief Executive Officer to undertake a comprehensive review of all alliances and associations in which the City holds membership, to assess any inherent risks and identify any factors that may result in unnecessary or excessive financial expenditure.

Carried – 12/0

Reasons provided by the mover of the Motion

Serves to reduce budget spending, reduces any potential liabilities and shows leadership. Twice one of the alliances have come up and questions have not been answered and it was implied that if you voted against it, you believed that the alliance was corrupt. Given that the funds used for these memberships are paying for trips, junkets, dinners and drinks, what's the point? There's double dipping because the alliance and associations also give a lot of information in the documentation that the city approves in plans You have 800 employees. Why do you need to then outlay more money to these alliances and not utilise your staff in-house?

4.18 Motion – Wanliss Street Marina funding – Ms T Gibson, Rockingham

The Mayor invited Ms Gibson to speak to her motion.

Moved Ms T Gibson, seconded Mr Jason Davies

That Council **DIRECTS** the Chief Executive Officer to not provide financial support or assistance to the Wanliss Street Marina now or in the future due to the City's current financial constraints and inability to adequately fund its own projects.

Carried – 10/3

Reasons provided by the mover of the Motion

Serves to reduce budget spending, reduces liabilities and shows leadership. I think it was two years ago a motion was put forward that the city had up to 12 months to determine if it wanted to invest into the marina. Given that there is constraints completing our own projects, to me it's not feasible regardless of the fact that at this stage there is no state funding and it's privately funded.

4.19 Motion – Prohibit junkets and trips – Ms T Gibson, Rockingham

The Mayor invited Ms Gibson to speak to her motion.

Moved Ms T Gibson, seconded Mr Jason Davies

That Council **DIRECTS** the Chief Executive Officer to prohibit all junkets or trips that are either funded by the City or received as gifts on behalf of the City; if the trip is required and no update is to be provided to the City upon returning then voting to attend is to be granted by Council.

Carried – 7/3

Reasons provided by the mover of the Motion

Serves to reduce budget spending, reduces liabilities and shows leadership. This one is in reference to the US trip, but there is other trips as per the gift register. Anyone in the public asked numerous times to provide an update. They were basically fobbed off even to the point it became a show and tell by the Alliance's little document that they had done. The Council was not given the opportunity to vote for this and in my opinion, it should have.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the delegation to the US which visited installations that are very relevant to the City and to Henderson in terms of what's happening with AUKUS. Two comprehensive reports have been produced and are available on the Alliance website. They've been provided to government and have been well received by government. One of them received a \$30,000 grant from the Australian Submarine Agency to the Alliance to help offset the costs of that trip. So it is absolutely incorrect to say that there's been no response or no report, there are two comprehensive reports and they are available publicly.

4.20 Motion – Parking at the hospital – Ms T Gibson, Rockingham

The Mayor invited Ms Gibson to speak to her motion.

Moved Ms T Gibson, seconded Mr Sam Potsey

That Council **ADVOCATES** for additional parking at Rockingham General Hospital, with the Chief Executive Officer to continue following up until approval is granted.

Carried – 21/0

Reasons provided by the mover of the Motion

Shows leadership in wanting to assist the community. I've visited four hospitals on a consistent basis. I personally cannot drive, so it doesn't affect me. If the Rangers are providing fines, that will be a little bit out of poor taste. Yes, there is public transport, but that doesn't suit everybody.

The Director Planning and Development Services confirmed that the City's Rangers do not cover the hospital car park.

4.21 Motion – Homelessness – Mr Adrian Harington, Safety Bay

The Mayor invited Mr Harington to speak to his motion.

Moved Mr Harington, seconded Mr Alan Wade

That Council **DIRECTS** the Chief Executive Officer to present a strategic framework at the March Council meeting that facilitates community led temporary and permanent housing solutions on public and private land with the community objective of achieving and sustaining zero homelessness by February 2027.

Carried – 18/0

Reasons provided by the mover of the Motion

I'm deeply saddened that we've actually find ourselves in this position, we've got a combined housing rental and homelessness crisis without an end in sight. I've spoken to many people, locals and interstate people and everyone believes the community wants to and can address the situation. Other local governments have taken affirmative action to establish a necessary direction and I believe so can Rockingham.

This motion recognises all the fantastic work members of the community are doing and the state government's goal of zero rough sleepers in Rockingham. But the numbers tell us something isn't working.

The motion is intended to give hope to those community members who are struggling, who service food and teach our kids who did not plan to be in their situation and who find themselves caught in a twilight zone of promises and reality. This situation is not new. We've got incredible number of people who are homeless in this district. The solutions aren't new either. If we had 50 homes destroyed in the recent Warnbro fires, you can pretty much guarantee that those 50 people in those homes would have accommodation today.

The good news is we don't lack solutions or community engagement, all we lack is permission to do so. We must stop creating local initiatives at a threat and start recognising them as an asset and deal with this issue of compassion and empathy, not just regulation. This motion recognises that we don't have the resources to do everything. So let's do the best things first, set the right strategic framework and engage the community and continue the conversation. There are five key points to wish to make in my motion. We need to create the necessary sense of urgency, demand to by a crisis. This is community led, not government led, but it's government enabled. We have to work together, we want temporary solutions in the mix not just the government's permanent housing first solutions. We want access to public and private land to provide suitable shelters at scale. We need a lot of shelters put in.

4.22 Motion – Corflute by-law – Ms Teresa Ong, Singleton

The Mayor invited Ms Ong to speak to her motion.

Moved Ms Teresa Ong, seconded Ms Rebecca Privilege

That Council:

1. **DIRECTS** the Chief Executive Officer to formulate a local by-law for the City regarding the use of Corflutes littering the streets within the City's boundaries during election time.
2. **CONSIDERS** the limit the placement and volume within this by-law of corflutes by any candidates, limiting to prevent limited vision on roads, roundabouts and public council land.

Carried – 17/0

Reasons provided by the mover of the Motion

At the last Council elections the use of corflutes on public council land, road median strips, roundabouts and near shopping centres was excessive. Some examples. Two Councillors seeking re-election placed 10 corflutes each in a small area on Singleton Beach Road, that area being a wind tunnel some of the corflutes blew onto the road causing a hazard. Cars could not go round them onto the opposite side of the road, due to being on a hill and a road bend. 20 Corflutes in such a small space was excessive. These corflutes were moved as witnessed on CCTV and photo pictures to block out other candidates corflutes who used sensible amounts of advertising.

Advertising material extra large size on the back of a truck, causing business owners distress due to damage to the grassed area in front of their premises. Also a distraction near the freeway entry. On the long weekend the corflutes reproduced to 35 around the singleton shopping centre, this was excessive. The whole area became boganville. Minimal advertising, place the material in your own gardens or streets but don't litter the way Singleton Beach Road was for fiscal gain.

	<p>8:20pm The Mayor moved on to general business questions.</p> <p>4.23 Dr Trudy Rosenwald, Shoalwater – subject</p> <p>1. That Rockingham City Council seeks and, as soon as possible, makes publicly available the radiological monitoring reports conducted further to the USA nuclear submarine USS Vermont visit to and departure from HMAS Stirling in November 2025?</p> <p>Preamble Comment: In the interest of transparency and accountability to the City of Rockingham community and other interested parties inside and outside the City of Rockingham. <i>The Mayor advised that the question should be directed to the Australian Submarine Agency. We do not have that data and cannot obtain it.</i></p>
5.	Closure
	<p>There being no further business, the Mayor thanked those persons present for attending the Annual Meeting of Electors and declared the meeting closed at 8:21pm.</p>

Waste Management Review Requirements

Environmental:

Provide Statistics including waste tonnes diverted and contamination rates for all bin services.

Are there waste products that can be diverted with framework changes? Is there data relating to all waste, including red bin waste?

Is any of the red bin waste being diverted back to recycling and green waste facilities? Can anything be done to call out manufacturers on their use of packaging?

Efficiency:

Is the city achieving the state government targets for landfill reduction? Are the targets attainable withing a 5 year period? 10 year period?

Is the FOGO framework considered a good universal fit for all councils?

Are there ways to improve the service whilst continuing to work within the guidelines of current legislation that will benefit the community and the city?

Financial:

How does reduced services cost more?

Was the contract awarded a financial risk or reward?

Does Weekly red bin cost more in the long term vs fortnightly (cost of weekly emptying vs financial penalties or administrative cost for cross contamination issues)

Could there be any financial incentives to be given to the community for assistance in waste reduction?

Provide data on any penalties paid as a result of the change

Community:

Is the educational material being provided simple enough to follow? Does the city provide clear communication regarding advice on Waste

Is there an opt out for residents and what do they have to do if they want to go down this route?

Do the residents feel the service provided is sufficient?

Are there other programs that can be created or extended to further help with waste reduction?

A statistically valid Public Survey MUST be a part of the review process and must include all residents.