



Shire of
Perenjori

Embrace Opportunity

Shire of Perenjori
Annual Electors Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday 31st May 2022 at 4.00pm
Latham Community Centre

1. Declaration of Opening:

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 4.00pm and welcomed those in attendance.

Welcome to Country: -

As per the Shire of Perenjori Policy (N^o 1021) we wish to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land upon which the Shire of Perenjori is situated and to demonstrate respect for the original custodians.

Therefore, I respectfully acknowledge the past and present custodians of the land on which we are meeting, the Badymia people.

I also acknowledge the pioneers who settled this country, developed the land and turned it into the productive country that we know today, allowing us to enjoy the lifestyle to which we have become accustomed.

2. Record of Attendance and Apologies:

Members:	Cr Chris King(Shire President) Cr Colin Bryant Cr Andrew Fraser Cr Les Hepworth Cr Dael Sparkman
Staff:	Paul Anderson – Chief Executive Officer Nola Comerford-Smith – Manager Corporate Community Services Ken Markham – Manager Infrastructure Services Hannah Roberts – Executive Assistant Aluel Mading – Community Development Officer
Visitors:	Wendy Anderson Elaine King Brian King Paddy King Joanne Hirsch Harry James Janice Spencer
Apologies:	Cr Daniel Bradford Cr Jude Sutherland(Deputy President)

3. Receiving of the Annual Report of the Shire of Perenjori for the year ending 30 June 2021:

Moved: Mrs Joanne Hirsch

Seconded: Cr Dael Sparkman

Carried

4. General Business:

Mrs Joanne Hirsch: “Are your minutes correct when indicating that voting on confidential items, that voting takes place behind closed doors before the meeting is reopened to the public? If so why?”

Reply: Yes, the minutes are correct as confidential items are voted while the meeting is closed and the result of the resolution of council is indicated in the minutes.

In accordance with the standing orders when a closed meeting is then opened to the members of the public, the resolution of council is then read out to the meeting.

Voting at council or committee meetings are conducted so that no vote is secret to council members at the meeting.

Mrs Joanne Hirsch: “Despite repeated under expenditure, what is the Council’s plan to address the continuous failure (for past 3 financial years) to achieve an acceptable operating surplus ratio as per Department of Local Government? Is a substantial improvement expected for EFY 2022?”

Reply: The council will be acting in future budgets to address the shire operating surplus ratios including reviewing all depreciation and asset values schedules to ensure this is not significantly impacting upon the operating surplus.

The Department of Local Government has recognised that due to the exclusion of Federal grants from this ratio it is very difficult for rural councils with limited rate base to achieve an acceptable ratio.

The only way this could be achieved is to significantly reduce expenditure and services or substantially increase their income through rates income.

The operating surplus ratios are not an indicator of the shires financial viability

5. Closure of Meeting:

The Shire President declared the meeting closed at 4.09pm and thanked those in attendance.