



CITY OF VINCENT

AGENDA

Annual Meeting of Electors

11 December 2024

Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Administration and Civic Centre
244 Vincent Street, Leederville

David MacLennan
Chief Executive Officer

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**CITY OF VINCENT
INFORMATION ON HOW THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
IS CONDUCTED**

The purpose of the Annual Meeting of Electors (AME) is to receive the City's Annual Report and consider any other general business pertaining to Council. In accordance with the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, the Mayor is to preside at a general or special meeting of Electors and shall determine the procedure to be followed, as set out below:

1. All present are required to sign the attendance register upon entry, including name and address.
2. Speakers must be Electors of the City of Vincent.
3. The proceedings will be recorded for the purpose of producing the minutes and speakers are requested to use the microphones each time they speak. No other audio or visual recording is to be undertaken without the permission of the Presiding Member.
4. First order of business is receipt of the Annual Report (inclusive of the Annual Financial Report).
5. During General Business, questions or statements may only relate to matters that affect the City of Vincent and will be accepted at the discretion of the Presiding Member.
6. Motions from Electors, where presented in writing, will be caused to be read aloud by the Presiding Member to ensure that everyone is clear about what they are voting on. Motions from the floor will only be accepted at the discretion of the Presiding Member.
7. The Presiding Member will call for a mover and a seconder for a motion.
8. No motion or amendment is open to debate until it has been seconded. Only one amendment on any one motion shall be received at a time and such amendment shall be dealt with before any further amendment can be received; however any number of amendments may be proposed.
9. Upon a motion being proposed, the Presiding Member will call for speakers to address the Chair.
10. When addressing the meeting a person is to: -
 - a) Rise and move to the front podium unless unable to do so by reason of sickness or disability;
 - b) State his or her name and address for recording in the minutes; and
 - c) Address the meeting through the Presiding Member.
 - d) Individual speakers will be limited to no more than five minutes.
11. The mover of a motion (but not the mover of an amendment) has the right of reply, and this closes the debate.
12. An Elector may rise and move without discussion "That the question be now put", which, on being duly seconded and carried by a majority, will result in submission of the motion at once to the meeting, after the mover has replied.
13. The Presiding Member will then ask for a vote on the motion on the floor.
14. Each Elector has one vote. An Elector does not have to vote.
17. Voting is determined by a show of hands.
18. A simple majority carries the vote.
19. Minutes of this meeting will be available for inspection by members of the public. Any motions arising from the meeting requiring action will be presented to the next available Ordinary Meeting of Council for consideration.

The decisions of the AME are not binding on the Council, but as required by the *Local Government Act 1995*, the reasons for any Council decision on a decision of this meeting are to be recorded in the minutes of the Council Meeting.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

“The City of Vincent would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation and pay our respects to Elders past and present”.

2 APOLOGIES / MEMBERS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3 REPORTS

3.1 2023/24 ANNUAL REPORT (INCLUDING 2023/24 FINANCIAL REPORT)

Attachments: 1. **City of Vincent 2023/24 Annual Report** [↓](#) 

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To present the 2023/24 Annual Report for the City of Vincent, as at **Attachment 1** for the purpose of discussion in accordance with regulation 15 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.

BACKGROUND:

Council accepted by Absolute Majority the 2023/24 Annual Report (inclusive of the 2023/24 Audited Financial Report) at its Ordinary Meeting of Council on 19 November 2024.

DETAILS:

Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 specifies that the matters to be discussed at a general electors' meeting are, first, the contents of the Annual Report for the previous financial year and then any other general business.

An 'elector' is defined by the *Local Government Act 1995* as a person who is eligible to be enrolled to vote at elections for the district or ward.

CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:

Section 5.29 of the Act requires that Council gives local public notice of the Annual Report as soon as practicable after it is adopted by Council and publishes it on the local government's website within 14 days.

The City published the Annual Report on its website on 20 November 2024 and provided local public notices in PerthNow Central on 21 November 2024 and The Voice on 23 November 2024.

The public notice was displayed in the Library and City Administration building from 20 November 2024.

The City also gave additional notice by promoting the Annual Meeting of Electors (AGM) in the following ways.

City of Vincent website

- News story published on 20 November 2024.
- Event page on 20 November 2024.
- Banner image and link to the event on the home page on 20 November 2024.

Humanitix

- Event page created for RSVP for community BBQ on 20 November 2024.

Facebook

- Event created 20 November 2024.
- Posts published 20 November, 28 November, 2 December, 6 December.

Instagram

- Stories posted 20 November, 28 November and 4 December 2024.

LinkedIn

- Posts published on 20 November, 28 November and 6 December 2024.

Direct email

- Invitation sent to all residents subscribed to enewsletter, along with clubs, community groups, seniors and town teams on 20 November 2024.

Other

- Advertised as part of January full page newspaper advert 7 December 2024.
- Promoted on the Beatty Park and Library digital screens from 20 November 2024.
- Promotion in the enewsletter on 28 November 2024.
- Promotion in the Business enewsletter on 29 November 2024.
- Email signature on all City emails from 20 November 2024.
- Flyers placed at the Community Centre, Library and Beatty Park on 25 November 2024.
- Posters placed at the Community Centre and Library on 25 November 2024.
- Poster placed at The Good Grocer IGA Leederville on 26 November 2024.
- Posters and flyers placed at Hawaiian's Mezz, Woolworths Highgate and IGA Mt Lawley on 27 November 2024.

LEGAL/POLICY:

Section 5.53(1) of the Act requires local governments to develop and publish an Annual Report for each financial year. Section 5.27 of the Act requires that a general meeting of electors is held once every financial year and not more than 56 days after the local government adopts the annual report.

Regulation 18 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 provides that the procedure to be followed at a meeting of electors is to be determined by the presiding member (in the first instance, the Mayor).

Regulation 17 provides that each elector present at a meeting of electors is entitled to one vote on each matter to be decided at the meeting but does not have to vote. Decisions are to be made by simple majority.

Section 5.33 of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides that all decisions made at an electors' meeting are to be considered at the next ordinary council meeting or, if that is not practicable —

- (a) at the first ordinary council meeting after that meeting; or
- (b) at a special meeting called for that purpose, whichever happens first.

If at a meeting of the council a local government makes a decision in response to a decision made at an electors' meeting, the reasons for the decision are to be recorded in the minutes of the council meeting.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

This is in keeping with the City's *Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032*:

Innovative and Accountable

We deliver our services, projects and programs in the most inclusive, efficient, effective and sustainable way possible.

We engage with our community so they are involved in what we are doing and how we are meeting our goals.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

This does not contribute to any specific sustainability outcomes of the *City's Sustainable Environment Strategy 2019-2024*, however the various projects, programs, services and initiatives covered in this report contribute to protecting/enhancing the City's built and natural environment and to improving resource efficiency.

Hard copies of the annual report are limited in numbers and electors are encouraged to view the document online via the [City's website](#).

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS:

Various projects, programs, policies and services covered in the Annual Report contribute to the priority health outcomes within the City's Public Health Plan 2020 – 2025.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.



CITY OF VINCENT

ANNUAL REPORT

2023/24

Acknowledgement of Country

The City of Vincent acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation and pays our respects to Elders past and present.

We recognise the unique and incomparable contribution the Whadjuk people have made and continue to make to our culture and in our community. We will continue to seek the input of the Traditional Owners.

The land on which we live, meet and thrive as a community always was and always will be Noongar land.



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FORMER MAYOR'S MESSAGE

After 10 deeply rewarding years at the City of Vincent, 2023 was my last year on Council.

We made a flying start to 2023/24 as we played host to the biggest football tournament Perth had ever seen – the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023™.

Thousands of fans visited Vincent and packed out the stands at HBF Park, and we saw girls and women joining our local soccer clubs in record numbers.

Leederville's potential as a high quality, transit orientated development was in the spotlight as we progressed a business plan for the proposed sale of portions of the City's two carparks in Leederville.

This will pave the way for new businesses and residents to bring greater vibrancy to our biggest town centre, as well as more parkland, laneways, a public square and multistorey carparking.

We adopted a planning framework for the uniquely creative Pickle District that requires developers to

prioritise cultural infrastructure for artists to help keep creative businesses thriving there.

Seventeen free community events were funded through our annual event sponsorship program.

Vincent expressed our support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart by working with our Boordiya Reference Group and community members ahead of the 2023 Referendum.

The community of Vincent showed their ongoing desire for reconciliation through our local booths and Vincent continues this important work and partnership with Aboriginal Elders, community and local businesses.

Our once-in-a-generation underground power project with Western Power commenced this year, with Western Power moving forward with detailed design work for the first stage. I am excited to watch our tree canopies flourish as this transformational project is rolled out.

In another major milestone, we received approval from Main Roads to make our neighbourhood streets safer and more liveable. Speed limits on all local roads across the City of Vincent will go to 40km/h – a first for WA!

I would like to thank my dedicated Council colleagues, CEO David MacLennan and Team Vincent for their highly positive and proactive approach to making things happen for the Vincent community.

It has been such a privilege to have served the fantastic Vincent community over the past decade.

EMMA COLE
FORMER MAYOR



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As a Vincent resident of many years, I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor.

I'd like to thank Emma Cole who was a progressive and inspiring Mayor and Councillor for 10 years. I wish her the best of luck for her future endeavours.

Since being elected in October 2023, the new Council has worked collaboratively with staff to deliver the projects and initiatives that matter most to our community.

We've been proactive in enhancing and protecting our trees, future planning for our town centres, upgrading essential infrastructure, hosting inclusive community events and tackling global issues like climate change at the local level.

Our beautiful mature trees are one of the things that locals and visitors love about Vincent.

With our drying climate, unforgiving summer and the infestation of the polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB) in some parks and backyards, we have been working hard to preserve and increase our tree canopy.

In response to the devastating potential loss of dozens of trees at Hyde Park and hundreds of trees across Vincent due to PSHB, we started a reference group with experts and community members to guide the restoration and post treatment works.

We continue to work very closely with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development on implementing emerging treatment solutions.

Our goal is to eradicate the pest without removing trees unless it is absolutely necessary.

We're also working hard to ensure our ageing facilities are accessible for the whole community and are used by a diverse range of groups.



4 GENERAL BUSINESS

5 CLOSURE