



## Shire of Cue Annual Meeting of Electors

To be held at the Cue Council Chambers, 73 Austin Street, Cue on  
Tuesday 11 February 2025 commencing at 5:30pm.

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#### **1 OFFICIAL OPENING**

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The Chair opened the meeting at 5.30pm. Richard Towell announced who was in the public gallery.

#### **2 RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE**

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Cr Les Price (Chair) \*via Teams  
 Cr Ian Dennis  
 Cr Julie Humphreys  
 Cr Ross Pigdon  
 Cr Elizabeth Houghton  
 Cr Leonie Fitzpatrick  
 Mr Peter Tegg  
 Mrs Jenni Dennis  
 Mrs Melanie Page  
 Ms Catherine Willett \*via Teams  
 Mr Michael Henderson, Cue Primary School  
 Mr Steve Page, Cue Police

Mr Richard Towell, Chief Executive Officer  
Mrs Janelle Duncan, Executive Assistant  
Ms Stephanie Wandek, Senior Admin Officer

### **APOLOGIES**

Ms Joyce Ramsay  
Mrs Maria Zadow

## **3 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

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### **3.1 ANNUAL REPORT INCLUSIVE OF AUDITED FINANCIALS**

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The Chair introduced the Annual Report and asked if anyone had any questions.

Richard Towell, Chief Executive Officer said a lot of physical projects had been finalised, the Administration had progressed to digitization of all records, Council meeting agendas are now digital, and electronic voting is used in the chambers. Richard thanked his staff for their efforts throughout the year.

As no comments were forthcoming the Chair announced that we take it to receive the Annual Report.

### **3.2 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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The Chair opened the meeting up for general business or discussions.

Name: Mr Peter Tegg

Q. A concern that I have is the fact that there are people in this town who are terrified about break ins that have occurred.

A. The Shire is working with the Cue Police, Cue Primary School and the Department of Communities to try and resolve the issue. We recognise there is a problem, and we are actively seeking a resolution.

Peter Tegg asked the Councillors to step up and address the problem.

Les Price said we feel your pain and we are open to suggestions. As a community we need to find solutions. We don't have any elders in the community to step in and work with the relevant departments.

Steve Page said he would like to set up a working group within the community to engage in a round table discussion. Let's work as a group to try and address this issue.

Leonie Fitzpatrick would like the parents to address their children's behaviour.

Peter Tegg said he would like to join the working group.

Les Price said family dynamics need to change to ensure children are supervised.

Michael Henderson is vitally interested in this discussion. There was a walking bus and last week without a walking bus the attendance has been brilliant.

Michael Henderson has had issues today and he will be addressing them tomorrow. Michael will endeavour to speak with families tomorrow, but he won't be surprised if he doesn't get an answer at the door.

Elizabeth Houghton said it appears the children in Cue are not receiving their ADHD medication, although it is prescribed by doctors.

Steve Page is working towards establishing a Children at Risk (CAR) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Cue Police OIC, Cue Primary School Principal and head of Health in Cue.

Ross Pigdon suggested the Shire put something up to Cue Parliament as this problem is statewide, especially in the north of the state. Other zones have the same problems.

At the last zone meeting Richard Towell put up an item around health. We, around the regions are suffering regards health. If you don't have a health department person on the ground, we are missing out.

Les Price approached Merome Beard about this issue, who in turn spoke to the Minister.

Leonie Fitzpatrick stated its all well and good approaching government, but it is the community and only the community that can fix their community.

Jenni Dennis asked if the Shire could afford to employ a youth worker in town. Richard Towell said we have been trying to employ someone that has the qualification to run the youth centre.

Ian Dennis said if we are going to do something in Cue then we do it. Police, Shire, CRC, School, Westgold. Can we facilitate a meeting within two weeks to address these issues.

Richard Towell agreed he would set up a community meeting to be held in the near future.

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#### **4 CLOSURE**

Meeting closed at 6.11pm