



Agenda

SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

ON TUESDAY, 8 MARCH 2022, COMMENCING AT 4.00PM

The meeting will be held outdoors, behind the Shire Administration Building at 953 South Coast Highway, Denmark.

ATTENDEES WILL NEED TO REGISTER.
REGISTRATIONS WILL OPEN AT 3.30PM

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COVID – LEVEL 2 RESTRICTIONS

The Shire acknowledges that the State Government has introduced Level 2 Public Health Measures state-wide.

In accordance with these measures:

1. The maximum number of attendees will be limited to 499, including staff in attendance;
2. All attendees must wear a mask;
3. All attendees must practice social distancing and remain 2 metres apart;
4. All electors are required to sign the Attendance Register; and
5. All non-electors are required to sign the Mandatory Contact Register.

1. HOW THE SPECIAL ELECTORS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED

- The Deputy Shire President will preside over the meeting. If the Deputy Shire President is unable to attend, the electors must choose a councillor present to preside. If there are no Councillors present, then the electors are to choose one of themselves to preside (s 5.30 of the Local Government Act 1995).
- The only matter to be discussed at this meeting is the matter detailed under Item 4 of this Agenda.
- All electors present are required to sign the Attendance Register with their name and address.
- Only electors are permitted to vote.
- Each elector* who is present is entitled to one vote on each matter to be decided at the meeting but does not have to vote.
- Voting is to be conducted so that no voter's vote is secret.
- All decisions are to be made by a simple majority of electors present.
- The presiding person will call for a mover and a seconder for any motions.
- If a motion is moved and seconded, it becomes live and the presiding person will facilitate debate.
- Debate will be limited to 3 speakers for the motion, and 3 speakers against the motion.
- Speakers for, or against, the motion will be limited to 3 minutes each.
- All decisions made at the meeting are to be considered at the next Ordinary Council meeting or, if that is not practicable, at the first Ordinary Council meeting after that meeting; or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose, whichever happens first.
- There will be no public question time, in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.
- The meeting procedure to be followed, other than those listed above, is to be determined by the person presiding.

* An **elector** means a person who is eligible to be enrolled to vote at Shire of Denmark local government elections.

2. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Person to declare the meeting open.

3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ATTENDANCE – Electors Present:

Cr Kingsley Gibson (Deputy Shire President), Presiding Person

** Electors present are required to sign the Attendance Register, available at the entry to the Council Chambers, with their name and address.

APOLOGIES:

Cr Ceinwen Gearon (Shire President)

STAFF:

David Schober (Chief Executive Officer)

David King (Deputy Chief Executive Officer)

Gina McPharlin (Director Corporate & Community Services)

Ms Claire Thompson (Governance Coordinator)

4. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

A request signed by more than 100 different Electors was submitted to the Shire President on 15 February 2022 requesting a Special Meeting of Electors for the following purpose.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is:

1. Discuss the Denmark community being declared a Pro Choice community in relation to the State Government vaccination mandates.
2. To hear and discuss community concerns in relation to the vaccination mandates.
3. Request that a vote be taken to oppose vaccination mandates and declare Denmark a Pro Choice community.
4. Request that the Shire President advise the Premier and State Parliament;
 - a) of community concerns in relation to existing mandates; and
 - b) request that they refrain from imposing further mandates as well as removing all existing mandates currently in place.

SPEAKERS

The Presiding Person has agreed to allow 3 persons to speak on behalf of the electors who requested the meeting. Each speaker will be allocated 3 minutes.

MOTIONS

The following motions have been provided by the person who arranged the meeting request on behalf of the electors who signed the request.

Glossary of Terms and Definitions.

Access means to enter, or remain at a premises.

Approved COVID-19 vaccine means:

- a. any vaccine that has been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) for use in Australia for the purpose of vaccinating persons against COVID-19 or any mutations and derivatives thereof; and/or,
- b. any other vaccine specified by the Chief Health Officer, or any other person authorised by the Chief Health Officer for that purpose, as an approved COVID-19 vaccine.

Premises has the same meaning that it has in the Public Health Act 2016 (WA).

Vaccine does not mean the medical terminology as defined in medical journals, but is the generic term in the context of COVID-19 as referred to by the Therapeutic Goods Administration and the Chief Health Officer and Government Officials, and publications and statements made and issued under their auspices.

Vaccination status means whether a person is not vaccinated or has been vaccinated.

Not vaccinated means that the person has not been administered with any dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccinated means that the person has been administered with any prescribed doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine.

4.1 COVID-19 VACCINATION PRO-CHOICE STATEMENT – PART 1

MOTION 1: The motion to be considered, forms the first part of an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement'. We request that the Council adopt this position statement and actively advocate to the State Government to remove the vaccination mandate policy.

MOTION 1
MOVED BY
SECONDED BY
<p>We request that the Council adopt an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement' with the content:</p> <p>That no person shall or should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) prevented from performing work or receiving income on the basis of vaccination status; b) discriminated against on the basis of vaccination status; c) coerced or manipulated into the need for vaccination for any reason; d) deprived of any Statutory and Regulatory benefits on the basis of vaccination status; e) restricted access to premises on the basis of vaccination status; f) restricted in any form of community participation on the basis of vaccination status; g) required to provide evidence for any reason of vaccination status; and / or, h) subject to anything under written law that a person who differs in vaccination status is not.

4.2 COVID-19 VACCINATION PRO-CHOICE STATEMENT – PART 2

MOTION 2: The motion to be considered, forms the second part of an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement'. We request that the Council adopt this position statement and actively advocate to the State Government to remove the vaccination mandate policy.

MOTION 2
MOVED BY
SECONDED BY
<p>We request that the Council adopt an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement' with the content:</p> <p>That the Local Government shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) not restrict any function, property, or service of the Local Government based on vaccination status; and, b) as far as practicable redeploy or reinstate employees of the Local Government that risk termination or have been terminated on the basis of vaccination status; c) honour all obligations under contract for all persons adversely impacted as a consequence of inferred mandatory requirement for vaccination; and, d) establish means to compensate Local Government employees that have lost income as a consequence of termination on the basis of vaccination status.

4.3 COVID-19 VACCINATION PRO-CHOICE STATEMENT – PART 3

MOTION 3: The motion to be considered, forms the third part of an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement'. We request that the Council adopt this position statement and actively advocate to the State Government to remove the vaccination mandate policy.

MOTION 3
MOVED BY
SECONDED BY
<p>We request that the Council adopt an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement' with the content:</p> <p>That the Local Government actively advocate for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the removal the COVID-19 mandatory vaccination policy and any associated directions made under the Public Health Act 2016 (WA); and b) the repeal of any mandate or written law, or, anything done under any mandate or written law that conflicts with this position statement. <p>And that The Local Government in performing an advocacy role will seek the cooperation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Other Local Governments across the State; b) Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA); c) Local Government Professionals WA; and, d) Other professional bodies, associations, and business entities.

4.4 COVID-19 VACCINATION PRO-CHOICE STATEMENT – PART 4

MOTION 4: The motion to be considered, forms the fourth part of an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement'. We request that the Council adopt this position statement and actively advocate to the State Government to remove the vaccination mandate policy.

MOTION 4
MOVED BY
SECONDED BY
<p>We request that the Council adopt an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement' with the content:</p> <p>That no volunteer, including but not limited to fire & emergency services, service clubs, and community volunteers, shall or should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) prevented from participating in volunteer roles on the basis of vaccination status; b) limited in their capacity as a volunteer on the basis of vaccination status; c) discriminated against on the basis of vaccination status; d) coerced or manipulated into the need for vaccination for any reason; and/or e) required to provide evidence for any reason of vaccination status.

5. CLOSURE