



CITY OF MANDURAH

Minutes of Annual Electors' Meeting

held on

Monday 9 February 2026 at 5:30 pm

in the Tuckey Room, 83 Mandurah Terrace, Mandurah

PRESENT:

Mayor	A Kearns	
Deputy Mayor	J Smith	Coastal Ward
Councillor	O Mulder	Coastal Ward
Councillor	J Green	East Ward
Councillor	A Zilani	North Ward
Councillor	R Burns	Town Ward
Councillor	D Schumacher	Town Ward

Ms C Mihovilovich	Chief Executive Officer
Mrs T Jones	Director Business Services
Ms J Thomas	Director Place and Community
Mr J Campbell-Sloan	Director Strategy and Economic Development
Mr M Hall	Director Built and Natural Environment
Ms L Grieve	Minute Officer

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: APPROX 61

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor thanked the community for attending the Annual General Electors' Meeting and declared the meeting open at 5.30pm.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor Kearns acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional land of the Bindjareb people and paid her respects to their Elders past and present.

3 APOLOGIES

Leave of Absence

Councillor P Rogers

Apologies

Councillor J Cumberworth

Councillor D Wilkins

Councillor P Jackson

Councillor C Knight

Councillor S Wright

4 IMPORTANT NOTE

Any motions made at the meeting will be considered at the next practicable Ordinary meeting of Council. As such, any decision made at the meeting could be revoked pursuant to the *Local Government Act 1995*. Therefore, no person should rely on, or act on, the basis of any advice by an Elected Member or officer, or on the content of any discussion occurring during the course of the meeting. No person should rely on any decisions until formal notification in writing by Council has been received.

5 ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION

The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer presented on the Annual Report and the Financial Statements for 2024/2025 Financial Year.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Mayor opened Public Question Time at 5.55pm.

6.1.1 Lorraine Morrison

Question 1: Reconciliation Action Plan

Does the City of Mandurah hold current data on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce representation, and the percentage of annual procurement directed to Aboriginal-owned, particularly local businesses, when and where will this information be publicly released to demonstrate alignment with the City's Reconciliation Action Plan commitments?

City of Mandurah Response:

Workforce data: The City currently employs 12 employees who identify as Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, which represents 1.70% of our permanent workforce.

Supplier: In the 2024/25 Financial Year the City's total supplier expenditure was \$60,839,183. Of this total expenditure, 2.4% or over \$1.45 million dollars was spent with Aboriginal businesses. 99% of the City's Aboriginal business expenditure, \$1.44 million dollars, was committed to local Aboriginal businesses (i.e. having a registered office within the City of Mandurah), achieving key outcomes within the City's Procurement Policy.

It is important to note that the City's key suppliers, whilst not being registered Aboriginal Businesses, may have their own Reconciliation Action Plan and Aboriginal employment commitments. The City has also committed to aligning its procurement practices for upcoming major road projects to the State Government framework which requires contractors to meet Aboriginal employment targets.

This information will be recorded in the minutes and for any future enquiries, this information is available upon request. The information is readily available.

Question 2: Hall Park

Can the City of Mandurah clearly outline what Aboriginal cultural heritage checks and Traditional Custodian engagement were undertaken before the matter of Hall Park was placed in the hands of the State Government?

City of Mandurah Response:

The City has undertaken engagement with local Aboriginal organisations, leaders and community members, including groups connected to Bindjareb country, throughout the Western Foreshore project, and we continue to do so.

This engagement has occurred through a combination of direct discussions with local Aboriginal organisations and representatives, including Winjan Aboriginal Corporation and Koolbardies Talking Mandurah group, as well as broader community consultation processes that were open to all community members, including Traditional Custodians and Aboriginal residents. The City has also worked with, and taken advice from, the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage as the State authority responsible for Aboriginal heritage matters, as well as Gnaala Karla Booja Aboriginal Corporation whose region encompasses Mandurah.

The City's approach has been to engage respectfully, remain open to ongoing dialogue, and ensure that statutory processes are followed, rather than limiting engagement to a single group or point in time. This engagement will continue as the project progresses.

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage has confirmed on a number of times, most recently 30 May 2025 that the proposed lease area for the Western Foreshore Leisure Precinct does not intersect with the registered boundary of Winjan's Camp or any other registered Aboriginal heritage site on the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Register.

The City relies on the State's Aboriginal heritage register and advice from the Department when assessing heritage matters. Should any new or previously unrecorded information come to light, the City would meet all statutory obligations and ensure the appropriate processes are followed before any works could proceed.

6.1.2 Amanda Giblett

Question 1: Kings Carnival

What was the outcome of suing King Carnival? What were the total legal costs incurred, and was any money recovered from King Carnival as a result of the action?

City of Mandurah Response:

The City has commenced legal action against King Carnival. Due to current legal action, no further comments will be made in relation to this matter. The City will provide an update once this has concluded.

Question 2: FOI Requests

Given that FOI requests have more than doubled over four years, do you believe this reflects inadequate communication with residents, and what steps are being taken to address it?

City of Mandurah Response:

The Office of the Information Commissioner's most recent annual reporting indicates that FOI applications across the local government sector rose by 22% in the last two financial years, reflecting a continued upward trend in request for information requests.

The increase in FOI requests may reflect a growing community expectation for transparency, it does not necessarily indicate inadequate communication or lack of transparency.

The City continues to promote how people can assess information and promote transparency.

The City continues to strengthen proactive publications of commonly requested information, improving informal access pathways, and reviewing FOI trends to continuously improve transparency and customer experience.

Question 3: Tourism Accommodation

Page 46 references new tourism accommodation — where is it planned to be located, and what consultation has occurred with the community?

City of Mandurah Response:

Visit Mandurah and the City have discussed the potential for State government land to be used to improve the accommodation on offer in Mandurah via the State Government "market led proposals" pathway. This was an action within the City's Economic Development Strategy, which was open for public consultation between 10 July and 23 August 2024.

Key sites discussed include adjacent to the Train station owned by DevelopmentWA and eco-tourism accommodation as part of the Yalgorup Park master plan, with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservations and Attractions.

The City has held discussions with private developers on private land, but they remain commercial in confidence. Public consultation on proposals, public and private, takes place as part of the planning process should proposals progress to this stage.

6.1.3 Phillip Butler

Question 1: Homelessness

When will the various "homeless" people camping in and around Mandurah be permanently moved on?

City of Mandurah Response:

Housing for street present people needs to be provided by the State Government. People experience homelessness for many different reasons, it is very complex and it is not always defined by personal choices about how income is spent.

In relation to Street Present People on public land, the City relies on the State Government to be able to provide the support services and housing; WA Police to assist the City with move on notices; and community service agencies through the Mandurah Shared Approach to Ending Homelessness Action Plan 2025–2027 who are often delivering State Government services locally. The focus is on prevention, support and pathways into stable housing rather than enforcement alone. That is if people want housing.

Where illegal camping occurs on public land, the City responds from complaints received. Rangers work alongside WA Police and outreach services to manage safety and amenity concerns while encouraging people to connect with appropriate social services available in our community. The City prioritises complaints relating to antisocial or unlawful behaviour, and these matters are addressed regardless of a person's housing situation.

Question 2: Homeless Accommodation

Who is going to be responsible for cleaning and maintaining the homeless accommodation being currently built (it should be the state govt and no burden to the ratepayers) and what steps will be taken to ensure it doesn't become a slum building or a drug haven?

City of Mandurah Response:

The Common Ground development is a State Government project and as such, responsibility for the ongoing management, cleaning and maintenance of the building will sit with the State's appointed community housing provider, not with the City or local ratepayers. The Common Ground accommodation includes 24/7 concierge and partnership between State Government, Community Housing Provider and onsite service providers. Under the standard arrangements for developments of this type, the body corporate or equivalent managing entity is required to maintain all common areas in a clean, safe and serviceable condition, consistent with the obligations that apply to any professionally managed residential complex.

The Common Ground model is designed specifically to avoid the issues raised. These facilities operate under structured tenancy management, onsite support services, and regulated safety and security protocols to ensure the building remains well-managed and fit for purpose. This approach is used successfully across Australia and internationally and is intended to provide stable accommodation - not to create additional burden, risk or unmanaged activity within our city.

Question 3: Camping Signage

When I asked the ranger services "why there aren't any no camping signs with a dedicated penalty mentioned set up at Mary St lagoon" I got the following reply, Council says that, that type of sign would amount to more visual pollution around the area. Is this council's true position?

City of Mandurah Response:

The City responds to more than 700 reports of illegal camping each year. It is not practical or effective to install permanent "no camping" signage at every site where camping may occur, and doing so would result in a significant increase in signage across public spaces, which would detract from the environment and amenity.

More importantly, signage alone has limited impact in addressing illegal camping associated with homelessness. The City's preferred approach is direct engagement. Rangers respond to complaints in person, explain legal requirements, address safety or amenity issues, and work with WA Police and support services where required. Enforcement action is taken where necessary, regardless of a person's housing status.

Signage used for major projects or events serves a different purpose and is temporary and location specific.

The Mayor extended public question time at 6.15pm.

6.1.4 Tom Esze

Question 1: Salary & Wages Bill

Noting the total Salary & Wages bill for the WA State Government has increased 50% over the last five years, can you please supply the comparison of the Salary & Wages amount, including the number of Councillors, Directors & Managers, Employees & Staff of the Mandurah City Council from 5 years ago to the current Salary & Wages amount, including the number of Councillors, Directors & Managers, Employees & Staff of the Mandurah City Council?

City of Mandurah Response:

Actual Salaries as at 30 June each financial year:

Salaries and Wages	FTE - Actual
2021	\$ 40,653,393.00 493.39
2022	\$ 43,109,786.00 492.64
2023	\$ 43,482,808.00 478.51
2024	\$ 48,678,612.00 484.84
2025	\$ 51,524,182.00 481.34

This data excludes casual employees.

Over this period the actual salaries increased by 26.74%. The City's Industrial Agreement has increased by 18.21% over five years, compared to CPI, all groups, Perth over five years of 26.11%.

In addition to the City's obligation to increase salaries in accordance with the Industrial Agreement, over the last five years, the City's population has increased by 12.4% and this also impacts additional staffing requirements due to new suburbs being created (requiring roads, parks, footpaths, bushland to be maintained) as well as more people assessing City delivered services, such as rangers, building and planning.

Question 2: Parking Sutton Farm development

With the City of Mandurah and its Ratepayers paying for the construction of the car parking on the Sutton Farm development, being privately owned land, what is the formal arrangement between the Developer and the City, and how is this justified to Ratepayers?

City of Mandurah Response:

Sutton Farm is privately owned, and the City is not funding the private development on the site.

The City's investment relates specifically to public infrastructure, being the construction of a new public car park, which will be available to the general public and managed under City local laws. This contribution is contingent on formal legal agreements with the landowner, including public access easements across the site, to ensure the car park remains publicly accessible on an ongoing basis.

These arrangements are in place because Sutton Farm is one of Mandurah's most significant heritage sites and is located on private land. The public parking supports access to this heritage site, as well as broader City Centre needs, including Hall Park, the War Memorial and major community events.

Importantly, the agreement includes provisions that protect ratepayers. If the land is sold in the future, there are clauses that require the City's contribution to be reimbursed.

Question 3: Commercial Boating Businesses

How many commercial boating businesses are operating in Mandurah, and what financial contribution do they make to the waterways, canal walls, public waterway infrastructure for the upkeep & maintenance of same?

City of Mandurah Response:

In 2025 the City had 10 commercial vessel operators with licences or user agreements for berthing at City jetties. This excludes commercial vessels that may have a pen in the Mandurah Ocean Marina commercial pen area. For new commercial operators who are seeking to utilise a commercial jetty, either through a seasonal agreement or new licence arrangement, they are required to pay a waterways maintenance fee that will go towards the City's contribution to dredging and maintenance of the waterways.

The City received \$199,000 in 2024/2025 Financial Year. The funds received are applied towards public jetty, waterways and infrastructure maintenance projects.

6.1.5 Judy Drayton

Question 1: Aboriginal Elders

Out of respect to our local Aboriginal Elders, their history, culture, and the engagement of critical listening with them, what have been the outcomes of discussions around a baby burial site and continuing to have an alcohol free zone, as it has always been, on Hall Park, Western Foreshore, where the proposed project is intended to go?

City of Mandurah Response:

Respect for Bindjareb culture, heritage and ongoing engagement with Aboriginal Elders has been, and continues to be, an important part of planning for the Western Foreshore.

The City has provided opportunities and engaged purposefully and respectfully with local Aboriginal organisations, leaders and the Bindjareb community throughout the project, and this engagement will continue as the proposal progresses. The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage has confirmed that the proposed lease area does not intersect with any registered Aboriginal heritage sites, including burial sites, and that no approvals are currently required under the Aboriginal Heritage Act. In addition, Gnaala Karla Booja Aboriginal Corporation has applied to undertake a heritage survey of the site, which the City has supported. Should any new information emerge, the City will meet all statutory obligations, and works would not proceed without appropriate processes being followed and finalised.

In relation to alcohol, Hall Park and the public spaces of the Western Foreshore will remain free and accessible for the community. Alcohol will not be permitted in public open spaces. Any licensed activity would be strictly limited to approved hospitality premises and subject to State liquor licensing conditions, including early closing hours, security requirements and management plans designed to maintain a family-friendly environment.

Council's position is that the project seeks to balance respect for culture, heritage and place with creating a safe, welcoming and inclusive foreshore. The City remains connected to listening, engaging and working respectfully with the Bindjareb community and the broader community as the project moves forward.

Question 2: Western Foreshore

Given the Mayor has stated the decision for the excision for the proposed project at Hall Park, on the Western Foreshore is currently out of the COM hands, does this also mean that there will be no more spending of ratepayers money until a decision has been made, i.e., including but not limited to, no more advertising of the said proposed project at the upcoming Crabfest?

City of Mandurah Response:

The decision on the proposed Class A reserve excision for the commercial component of the Western Foreshore is currently with the State Government.

While that process is underway, the City is not currently planning any expenditure specific to the commercial development itself. However, the Western Foreshore Leisure Precinct includes broader public infrastructure, and safety works that are required regardless of whether the commercial proposal proceeds. This includes coastal hazard planning and protection, traffic and intersection upgrades at Leighton Place and Mary Street, and other public realm improvements that support safety, access and long-term resilience of the foreshore, as outlined in the project FAQs available on the City website. Even though this expenditure needs to occur, the lease revenue received from the proponent is proposed to fund these works.

Given the significant community interest in the Western Foreshore, the City also has a responsibility to keep residents and visitors informed. The City will continue to share factual, up-to-date information about major City projects, including the Western Foreshore Leisure Precinct, and to respond to questions directly.

Council's position is to balance openness and community awareness with careful stewardship of public funds, while ensuring decisions are made through the appropriate statutory processes.

Question 3: Thanks to You

We have seen a recent launch of 'Thanks to You', on stories about where our rates go. Whilst this can be seen as a positive strategy, will there be a similar launch for 'constructive criticism' (surveys) on where ratepayers can have their say on how the Council could be more effective at driving improvement and performance?

City of Mandurah Response:

The 'Thanks to You' campaign is intended to recognise the role ratepayers play in funding services, facilities and infrastructure that support people across our community, and to help explain where rates are spent and the impact they have in everyday life.

Importantly, this does not replace or limit opportunities for feedback or constructive criticism. Each year, the City undertakes community consultation on the proposed annual budget and rates, providing residents with the opportunity to comment on spending priorities and service levels. In addition to this, the City also invites community feedback on its Long Term Financial Plan, even though this is not a statutory requirement. This allows residents to have input into longer-term financial planning and sustainability.

The Strategic Community Plan is also developed through extensive community consultation every four years, with a formal review every two years. This process plays a key role in setting the City's long-term direction and priorities and is one of the most important ways residents influence Council decision making.

Council's position is that recognising the positive outcomes made possible by rates and actively seeking feedback on where the City can improve, are not competing ideas. Both are essential to building trust, improving performance and ensuring the City continues to reflect the needs and expectations of the Mandurah community.

6.1.6 Linley Thomas

Question 1: Jobs in Mandurah

The information states there will be 174 construction jobs and then 329 ongoing jobs. Please clarify whether the 329 jobs will be Mandurah based and in what capacity? What guarantee are we going to get?

City of Mandurah Response:

Planning for local employment and long-term opportunities for Mandurah residents is a core focus of this project, and it's important to be clear about what the employment figures actually represent.

The job estimates for the Western Foreshore redevelopment were produced using the City's economic impact model (economy.id), which incorporates independent modelling from the National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR). This model is tailored specifically to Mandurah's local economy, using a bottom-up input output matrix to understand how different industries interact and how local supply chains respond to economic changes.

Importantly, the modelling is compared to a do-nothing baseline scenario - where the site is left as. This provides a clear comparison point for assessing the impact of the proposed redevelopment.

Against this baseline, the redevelopment is estimated to support approximately 174 additional jobs during the construction phase. The figure of 329 additional ongoing jobs represents broader economic activity once the precinct is operational—not just direct employment on the Western Foreshore site itself. This number captures a mix of full-time, part time and casual positions both within onsite businesses and across related industries such as hospitality, finance, maintenance and marketing.

While many of these roles are likely to be well suited to local workers, actual job outcomes will depend on final development approvals, future operators, and how the precinct evolves over time.

The Western Foreshore redevelopment is about activating an underutilised public area, increasing visitation to the city centre, and supporting local businesses and job creation across Mandurah. By stimulating new activity and encouraging people to spend more time in the area, the project aims to generate long term economic opportunities while enhancing a place for residents and visitors to enjoy year-round.

6.1.7 Rob Heilbronn

Question 1: Lot 2002 at Marina Quay Drive, Erskine

How has the landowner been allowed to dump and leave huge mounds of ripped up roadworks, concrete, general debris for two years, and permit the fence to deteriorate to such a state that children gain access to an unsafe site?

City of Mandurah Response:

City officers note that the site materials relate to the private development works in progress at Lot 2002 Marina Quay Drive, Erskine. The private developer has progressively removed the spoil materials related to the private development works as site access has become available and it is expected that the remaining materials will be removed following upcoming site power supply works to be completed by Western Power.

In relation to the condition of the site fencing, City officers conduct regular inspections to ensure the site and related fencing is being properly maintained. At the most recent inspection undertaken today, City officers noted that fence repairs were needed and the private developer has been directed to rectify these as a matter of urgency.

6.1.8 Brad Mitchell

Question 1: Hall Park and the Western Foreshore Leisure Precinct

Regarding the relationship between Hall Park and the Western Foreshore Leisure Precinct: the precinct covers approximately 101,500 m², with only 8,000 m² allocated for commercial use. The Western Foreshore Leisure Precinct (covers approximately 101,500 m², with only 8,000 m² allocated for commercial use) being referred to incorporates both of the areas north and south of the traffic bridge, the reserve, and the car park, why has the CEO quoting an area outside of the parameters of Hall Park which is only 68,634 m²?

City of Mandurah Response:

The CEO confirmed that the 101,500m² refers to the Western Foreshore Leisure Precinct, not Hall Park. Council resolved the Western Foreshore Precinct Master Plan, which includes the areas north and south of the bridge and that is the area that is being described. The CEO stated if it was only Hall Park then that area would have been quoted.

Question 2: Friends of Hall Park (FOHP)

If as stated: That the City is committed to transparent governance and continued dialog with all stakeholders, why would the City Of Mandurah not be having dialogue with its major protagonist the Friends of Hall Park (FOHP)?

City of Mandurah Response:

The Mayor stated that she is always been happy to meet with people from the community. She is not on the FOHP social media page due to comments but remains available through other channels outside that page. She confirmed she was only invited to attend one event which was a rally to save Hall Park, but that she did not feel safe to attend.

The Mayor confirmed that her contact details are available for anyone to contact her. She has met with residents who have reached out to her and will continue to do so for as long as she is in the

Mayor role and beyond. The Mayor stated that she believes open and respectful discussion is important and will continue to meet with residents who contact through the appropriate channels.

Question 3:

During the time, City officers have met directly with stakeholders including local residents, the Aboriginal community and RSL's for community consultation sessions. Will these minutes be available for the public including what actions have arisen?

City of Mandurah Response:

The CEO advised that there were actions taken at the meetings, and the information can be released once the relevant parties have confirmed they agree to this. CEO confirmed that meetings were held with both the Mandurah and Dawesville RSL groups, and that a request will be made to obtain their approval.

The Mayor extended Public Question Time at 6.30pm.

6.1.9 Aileen Mitchell

Question 1: Hall Park

Who was the independent valuer for lease on Hall Park?

City of Mandurah Response:

The City has engaged an independent commercial valuer Garmony Property Consultants to undertake a valuation of the Commercial Site.

Question 2: Green Space

How much new green space has City of Mandurah purchased to replace new developments, infill and multi-story developments in the City Centre in last 10 years and how much freehold land has the city purchased for the purpose of green spaces?

City of Mandurah Response:

Over the past decade, the City of Mandurah has acquired approximately 150 hectares of environmentally significant bushland through its Bushland Buy Back program. This land would otherwise have been at risk of development and has been secured to protect biodiversity, habitat and natural landscapes for the long term.

The City will confirm how much freehold land has been purchased for the purposes of green spaces.

Question 3:

How much money has been spent on promotion of Brewery development in Hall Park including hours spent, researching and lobbying politicians on behalf of developers?

City of Mandurah Response:

The expenditure incurred from 1 July 2024 to the 9 December 2025 is set out below:

Advertising and Promotion

- Advertising: \$26,866.70
This includes paid communication designed to reach a broad audience with information about the project. This includes social media, signage, newspaper, radio and cinema advertising.
- Promotion: \$7,693.16
Refers to short-term activities focused on generating engagement, attendance, or action. This includes signage, collateral and electronic materials.

6.1.10 Michelle Hobbson

Question 1: Recycling Passes

Can we have just 4 tip passes whether they are for green waste or other miscellaneous?

City of Mandurah Response:

As part of the development of the Littering and Illegal Dumping Plan, the Council will consider the current delivery as well as all other waste options including tip passes relating to the City's waste services. This will form part of litter and illegal dumping, and council will be developing the plan this year.

6.1.11 Susan Lazenby

Question 1: Bridge Precautions, Pinjarra Road

What physical structures can COM put in place to prevent people from jumping off the bridge between Pinjarra Road and the road on to Halls Head?

City of Mandurah Response:

There is no physical structure to prevent jumping, apart from compliant crash barriers that prevents the vehicles going off the bridge. It is something that we have discussed and are aware of people jumping and putting their lives at risk and the risk of the vehicle users, but currently there is no physical structure.

6.1.12 Russel Lazenby

Question 1: Hall Park Submission

Where is Hall Park submission process at this moment? i.e. the application to excise a section of Hall Park to accommodate the proposed Brewery? What is the timeline?

City of Mandurah Response:

The CEO confirmed that this still remains with the State Government at this time.

6.1.13 Ken Pitts

Question 1: Repair Works

Is the works and maintenance department understaffed as repair works and garden maintenance appears to be lacking? Does the maintenance department require further funding?

City of Mandurah Response:

This question was taken on notice to investigate further.

6.1.14 Kim Cottrell

Question 1: Blue Bay, Signage

I attend Blue Bay most days to walk and swim, can there be better signage noting that Blue Bay is not a dog beach, perhaps a sign with area map highlighting dog beach areas?

City of Mandurah Response:

The CEO advised that the City will investigate.

The Mayor extended public question time at 6.45pm.

6.1.15 Kaye Bernard

Question 1: Western Foreshore

Given the City of Mandurah has known of Cultural significance of the Western Foreshore for many years including stated in COM documents, why have they ignored the requirement for surveys to be conducted in respect of the Aboriginal People.

City of Mandurah Response:

The CEO advised, that whilst the preparation of an ethnographic survey may have been the practice in 2007 when the City of Mandurah Foreshore Focus 2020 was prepared, the City has made no commitment to undertaking such survey as part of the current project.

As part of the City's due diligence process for the Western Foreshore Project, on 6 February 2024, the City wrote to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) requesting comment regarding the proposed redevelopment of the Commercial Site and whether such development would require any approvals under *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 (Act)*. The DPLH Letter advises that the actual boundaries of Winjan's Camp are restricted information, and the actual location of the place is not publicly available. Accordingly, a larger dithered boundary is represented on the publicly accessible DPLH Aboriginal Cultural Heritage System (ACHIS). The City contacted the DPLH on 25 February 2025 and further confirmed the above position.

If Aboriginal heritage is culturally sensitive, its precise location may not be made publicly available and may be masked by what's known as a dithered boundary. A dithered boundary alerts to the location of Aboriginal heritage by providing the general locality of the heritage rather than its specific location. Offences under the Act only apply to 'Aboriginal sites' and therefore do not apply to the entirety of the area covered by the dithered boundary.

More recently the City sought additional confirmation that Scarred Tree No. 1 (ID 18172) and Scarred Tree No. 2 (ID 18170) were not in the proposed area. DPLH confirmed that works are not within the actual boundary as administered by DPLH and based on the current information held by DPLH, no approvals under the Act are required in this instance.

Based on the current information held by DPLH (as at 30 May 2025) the City has been advised that no approvals under the Act are required for the proposed works. Please note that the City acknowledges that if in the future, an Aboriginal site is identified within the boundaries of any proposed works, the City is bound by and will comply with the provisions and procedures set out in the AH Act and any other applicable legislation.

6.2 CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS

AEM.1 MOTION ONE

MOTION

Moved: Kaye Bernard

Seconder: Lorraine Morrison

That the City of Mandurah make a public apology to the members and supporters of the Strong Women's Group who have on a number of occasions been removed by the City of Mandurah with the use of Police from the land when the women are carrying out their cultural obligations of protecting places of Aboriginal significance namely the Western Foreshore where the City of Mandurah propose to support a 650 seat brewery to which the women have objected in writing and verbally.

CARRIED: 32/9

FOR: 32

AGAINST: 9

AEM.2 MOTION TWO

MOTION

Moved: Kaye Bernard
Seconder: Amanda Giblett

The City of Mandurah to withdraw from all applications and submission made for the proposal for a Brewery at the Location on the Western Foreshore that is of Significant Cultural Heritage to Aboriginal people, and the brewery would lead to desecration of a sacred site including the Creation story and the Women's Weeping ground where babies were born and were buried.

CARRIED: 31/8

FOR: 31
AGAINST: 8

7 CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.46pm.

Due to a member of the community requesting to ask a question the Mayor enabled further questions to be asked.

The Mayor reopened Public Question Time at 7.55pm.

7.1 Ms Sandra Muir

Question 1:

Has the traffic survey to connect Mandurah Terrace, Tuckey Street through to Sholl Street put forward in the Special Council Meeting on 7 December 2021 as per the recommendation no 5 been accepted as we would appreciate the answer? Additionally, was the allocated \$221,000 of ratepayer funds spent on this survey?

City of Mandurah Response:

At the Special council meeting of December 7, 2021, Council endorsed recommendation 5 as: *Officers complete the City Centre Masterplan and City Centre Car Parking Plan within 12 months for Council endorsement, prioritising pedestrian-first principles, increasing the City Centre urban tree canopy, and the application of Smart City technologies.* No specific budget of \$221,000 has been specified for a traffic survey as part of the recommendation or report.

City officers met with Sandra Muir and representatives from the Tuckey family (David, Roy and Jan) on Monday 24 February 2025 to discuss the City Centre Master Plan and future planning for Mandurah Terrace. City officers highlighted that within the City Centre Master Plan there is a specific action for the preparation of a Streetscape Plan for Mandurah Terrace from Pinjarra Road to Gibson Street.

Council adopted \$120,023 for Mandurah Terrace / Smart Street alterations (Design / Consultation only) in the 2022/23 budget as part of the ongoing City Centre Master Plan Project. This funding was not used but has since been incorporated into the current \$2,113,550 identified for the broader City Centre Master plan actions, and approved by Council through the annual budgeting process.

A traffic survey on the connections from Mandurah Terrace, Tuckey Street through to Sholl Street has not been undertaken, but an assessment of traffic flows will be undertaken as part of the Mandurah Terrace South – Concept Master Plan due for completion in 2026/27. This project is to be funded from the existing funds allocated for the City Centre masterplan actions. No additional funds need to be raised to complete this project.

Question 2:

Why is there not a list of the properties that the City holds that have been handed over or vested to the City over the years and the actual value of these properties, including 35 Leslie Street for the scouts, that my father donated, when the water police took over Soldiers Cove?

City of Mandurah Response:

The value of properties that have donated and held by the City in Freehold is included as part of the Balance Sheet within the asset section. There is no legislated requirement to include the list of the donors of land as part of the Annual Report and Financial Statements or relevant workpapers. The City will work through the exact location that is being referred to in this question and provide advice in relation to land ownership.

Question 3:

In regard to an incident that took place outside the City Chambers in April 2025, has a third-party investigation into how that was managed been taken any further?

City of Mandurah Response

The CEO confirmed that an independent investigation has not been conducted.

There being no further questions, the Mayor closed the meeting at 8.09pm.