

C I T Y O F W A N N E R O O

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
HELD IN FUNCTION AREA
ON WEDNESDAY, 30 JUNE 1993

ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

Councillors:	G A MAJOR - Mayor	South-West Ward
	H M WATERS	North Ward
	W H MARWICK	Central Ward
	A V DAMMERS	Central Ward
	B A COOPER	Central Ward
	L A EWEN-CHAPPELL	Central Ward
	P NOSOW	South Ward
	M J GILMORE	South Ward
	I D MACLEAN	South Ward
	K H WOOD	South Ward

Town Clerk:	R F COFFEY
City Planner:	O G DRESCHER
City Engineer:	R MCNALLY
Design Engineer:	P PIKOR
Traffic Engineer:	D POOLE
Uloth & Associates:	F ULOTH
Minute Clerk:	J CARROLL

An apology for absence was tendered by Wayde Smith MP

There were 27 Electors in attendance.

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 7.37pm.

This meeting had been called in accordance with the provisions of Section 171(4) of the Local Government Act, in response to a petition of Electors.

The Mayor welcomed all present to the meeting and introduced Councillors and Council officers.

The Mayor stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the extension of Eddystone Avenue to Joondalup Drive and that the petitioners disapproved of the extension for the following reasons:

- "1 there are sufficient dual carriageways in the immediate area;
- 2 the close proximity of Joondalup Drive, the Freeway and the railway would seriously affect the quality of life;
- 3 if Eddystone Avenue was used by Transperth the traffic noise generated would be intolerable;
- 4 the Primary School on Eddystone Avenue would create a dangerous situation;
- 5 an unfavourable environment would be created."

The Mayor then gave the following background information:

"As a result of the Metropolitan Regional Scheme, Eddystone Avenue has been designated as an important regional road connecting to Joondalup Drive. All subdivisions over the past 20 years have made provision for this ultimate connection. The full earthworks and one carriageway of Eddystone Avenue north of Craigie Drive has been constructed. Council has the ultimate responsibility to provide the future upgrading of Eddystone Avenue.

Eddystone Avenue has always been recognised as an important connection to serve the Joondalup City Centre. The City and Landcorp, in evaluating the Joondalup City Centre Transportation Study, commissioned a Traffic Study for Eddystone Avenue. The conclusions of this Study were recently circulated to all residents. This public meeting has been called in response to this information and is now open for residents to express their views on this matter."

The Mayor then sought questions from the floor.

The residents raised the following questions and concerns:

- residents did not want a bridge built.
- residents were led to believe that Eddystone Avenue would be a single carriageway to service the local area.
- why does Eddystone Avenue have to be a major dual carriageway when there are adequate roads already in the area?
- will the noise level from railway be taken into consideration?
- Eddystone Avenue is a "death trap" due to traffic speeds, especially at night.
- children have already been injured due to vehicle speeds in Eddystone Avenue, and requests have previously been made for traffic lights at the Craigie Drive/Eddystone Avenue intersection.
- requests have been made for a roundabout at Priscilla Avenue/Eddystone Avenue intersection to reduce traffic speeds.
- double white lines which were put in Eddystone Avenue do not help in reducing the traffic speed near the child care centre.
- residents not happy with improvements in area.
- problems exist regarding the amount of rubbish in Eddystone Avenue - residents would like a guarantee from Council that the road is made to look reasonable.
- several houses are now for sale in Eddystone Avenue due to its condition and the future dualling, and many residents have lost money on their homes.

- other means need to be found to solve the traffic problems, including looking at encouraging people away from private car use and towards public transport.
- could a stop sign be placed on Gradient Way/Eddystone Avenue intersection as it is a dangerous intersection.
- why can't funds be put towards the widening of Ocean Reef road instead of building the bridge?
- why were houses allowed to be built on Eddystone Avenue?

Mr Drescher, City Planner, advised that Eddystone Avenue at the southern end started in 1968 and that plans for Joondalup City Centre started in 1974. Traffic volumes based on future predictions concluded that a dual carriageway would be required north of Ocean Reef Road. He stated that Council attempted to promote a dual carriageway north of Craigie Drive, but a single carriageway was constructed. Mr Drescher pointed out that from the mid to late 1970's, it was always proposed there would be an important regional road to feed Joondalup Centre.

A suggestion was made that Eddystone Avenue be turned into a road to complement Joondalup City, that the existing road be moved to the centre, and a bikepath, footpath and landscaping be added.

In answering a question as to whether the bridge was required, Mr Uloth stated that for a while, the existing high capacity roads would handle traffic flows. Eddystone Avenue provides a short cut between Ocean Reef Road, Joondalup Drive and the Freeway. The City and Landcorp recognised that Eddystone Avenue might carry a lot of traffic and so the study was commissioned. Mr Uloth stated that if the bridge was not built, some of the traffic would go to Marmion Avenue, but the large portion would go to Craigie Drive, east of Eddystone Avenue. He said the long term problem would be that intersections along Ocean Reef Road would not cope in peak hours. Mr Uloth commented that at the present time no decision had been made regarding the bridge.

Cr Dammers made the comment that Joondalup was built by Landcorp and not, as was commonly believed, by the City of Wanneroo, and that the money for such was created from land sales.

Questions were raised regarding Eddystone Primary School, and the safety of the children crossing the road.

Mr Poole, Traffic Engineer, stated that it was necessary to create a car park to the south of the school, off Eddystone Avenue, to pick up the eastern catchment to the school. He said he has been dealing with the Ministry of Education and the P & C, and was currently waiting to hear from the P & C that it agrees with the current concept. Mr Poole said that the Ministry had agreed to a cost sharing arrangement, and that Council will be listing the car park in its draft Budget.

Mr McNally, City Engineer, stated that the residents' views from this public participation process were being noted to form Council's strategy. Council would then come up with its overall strategy which would be budgeted and compared with other priorities.

The City Engineer answered questions regarding traffic volumes in Eddystone Avenue.

Mr Greg Ahern, of the Eddystone Avenue P & C requested Council to consider building either an overpass or underpass for the children on the east of Eddystone Avenue.

MOVED Mike McAllan, **SECONDED** Brian Darch that the City of Wanneroo does not build a bridge over the railway and the freeway.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm