

Record of Meeting (9:00am – 2:15pm) **Shire of Kojonup Briefing Session 15 March 2016**

**Attendance:** Councillors: Fleay (Presiding Member), Sexton, Mathwin, Radford, Pedler, Hobbs, Pritchard & Warland

**Officers:** MCS (9:00am – 11:15am & 1:50pm – 2:03pm), CEO (from 10:40am)

**Guests:** Tracey Hodgkins – CEO, Southern Dirt (11:00am – 12:00am)

**Apologies:**

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

CONCEPT/AGENDA FORUM

<b>Item</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Response / Action</b>
9:00am – 10:40am	Manager Corporate Services to review with Councillors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iPad’s with the focus on “Docs on Tap”</li> </ul>	A productive session was held with Council and will be ongoing with at least 30 minutes allocated at each Briefing Session.
10:40am – 11:00am	Chief Executive Officer & Manager Corporate Services to update Council on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2016/2017 Budget considerations and time frames</li> </ul>	There is a lot happening, especially the recent lodgment of SIHI applications as summarized in ‘Attachment 1’ as well as GSDC Community Chest (Kodja Place) and Regional Grants Scheme (Water Reuse & Harvesting).
11:15am – 11:45am	Southern Dirt – New Chief Executive Officer (Tracey Hodgkins) to meet Councillors	The Shire President, Ronnie Fleay, welcomed Tracey to Kojonup. Tracey provided Council with the background of her career and aims and objectives as CEO for Southern Dirt especially in regards to making a difference by creating sustainable agricultural opportunities via, for example, a Farm to Table Strategy that brands/markets us to others. How to maximize technology, how we use it, why we need to use it, what are benefits, etc.? Looking at land degradation, climate change, salinity, value adding, water security, Agri tourism, building partnerships, research & development opportunities, exploring

		<p>opportunities for scientists/engineers to be more involved in farming following the resources boom in WA.</p> <p>Tracey was receptive to Natural Resource Management combining with Southern Dirt although their office was too small and ideally they would like an alternative location in the medium term. Farmers tend to focus on short term but the problem(s) has to be viewed from a larger perspective to attract funds and achieve a return on investment.</p> <p>Southern Dirt appreciates Council's sponsorship as it means they can focus efforts on farmers staying in the region. There are also synergies with the Kojonup School Farm and with universities. Tracey conducted a business icon program for 8 years with universities which provided benefits both ways.</p> <p>Council looks forward to continuing its strong ties with Tracey and Southern Dirt.</p>
<p>11:45am – 12:40pm</p> <p>1.10pm – 1.40pm</p>	<p>Chief Executive Officer update.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Services Workshop</li> <li>• RSL Hall/APEX Park/Men's Shed/CWA Workshop</li> <li>• P &amp; A Society Lease Agreement and Finance Report from AGM</li> <li>• Integrated Planning &amp; Reporting Review</li> <li>• Beaufort Paleo Channel</li> <li>• Great Southern Zone</li> <li>• Office of National Rail Safety visit – noon 7 April 2016</li> </ul>

#### COUNCILLOR Q & A

<p>1:40pm – 2:15pm</p>	<p>Councillor Updates  <i>Opportunity for Councillors to outline meetings attended, discussions had or queries received for Councillor and Officer information.</i></p>	<p>Shire President:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has been notified of appointment to the Great Southern Development Commission Board and will seek a new Council representative to the Zone as given her role with Planning Commission invariably has to declare an interest and leave meeting on some matters so beneficial if another Councillor became the delegate.</li> <li>• Asked via Cr Radford if Rotary had before/after photos of the Spring for Council and Spring Management Committee as a past reference please.</li> </ul>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grants Commission seeking nominations – Cr Pedler are you interested?</li> </ul> <p>Cr Pritchard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creditors Listing - MCS entered session at this time to clarify queries which essentially relates back to details on Purchase Order. MCS to address and rectify.</li> <li>• Historical Society would like a map of the Spring Boundary.</li> </ul> <p>Cr Mathwin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tabled samples of sheep caricatures that could be used on street banners etc. Council happy for same to be considered by the Gibson Group when undertaking KP Master Plan.</li> </ul> <p>Cr Sexton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muradup War Memorial – works progressing on budget, on time and to desired standard. Panels being taken to Albany tomorrow.</li> <li>• WALGA Training – Meetings: prefer Kojonup’s standing orders as encourages discussion.</li> <li>• KPCF Inc. and Black Cockatoo Cafe – can this matter be listed for workshopping at 5 April 2016 Briefing Session?</li> </ul>
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*11.00am – 11.15am Morning Tea  
12:40pm - 1.10pm Lunch*

Info Bulletin	Circulated	<p>Councillors to review and ask questions out of session or at the next briefing session. A copy of any question, and the response will be circulated to all Councillors for information.</p>
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GUESTS

***(By prior notice and scheduling with the CEO or President)***

External

Tracey Hodgkins (Chief Executive Officer) – Southern Dirt

Internal

*Anthony Middleton – Manager Corporate Services*

Rick Mitchell-Collins  
Chief Executive Officer



## Attachment 1

<b>Project Name</b>		<b>Total Project Cost</b>		<b>Our Contribution</b>		<b>Grant Amount Requested</b>	<b>Reference 1</b>	<b>Reference 2</b>
Springhaven Frail Aged Hostel - Renovations & Alterations		932,928.77		284,500		648,428.77	Sue Northover	Lynn Boddington
Kojonup Health Precinct (ILUs & Exec House)	Stage 1	2,161,000	Stage 1	1,095,000	Stage 1	420,000	Sue Northover	Russell Pritchard
	Stage 2	578,000	Stage 2	178,000	Stage 2	400,000		
Springhaven Accessibility & Community Engagement		613,595		123,000		490,595	Helen Bignell	Sue Northover
Kojonup Memorial Hall Accessibility & Amenity Upgrade		466,200		65,000		401,200	Ian Malane	Sue Northover
Kojonup Aged housing & adaptability refurbishment		90,150		22,557		67,593	Kaz Sternberg	Stuart MacDonald
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>4,841,873.77</b>		<b>1,768,057</b>		<b>2,427,816.77</b>		