

Agenda

**Shire of Kojonup Briefing Session 18 November 2014 – Commencing at 9:00am**

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

CONCEPT/AGENDA FORUM

<b>Item</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Response / Action</b>
9:00am – 10:00am	Ned Radford and Kojonup Tourist Railway Committee to discuss the Deed of Easement purchase and future operations etc. of the railway.	
10:15am – 11:00am	Chief Executive Officer to lead the workshop on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Policy 1.2 – Community Funding Program (Capital &amp; Operating).</li></ul>	
11:00am – 12:00pm	Will Harvey & Roger Bilney (Kodja Place Community Fund Inc.) to discuss intent, functionality and prioritisation of and ability to attract additional funds via the Kodja Place Community Fund Inc. for projects within the Kodja Place Precinct ( <i>see attached</i> ).	
12:30pm – 1:15pm	Chief Executive Officer to lead the workshop on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Policy 3.15 - Citizenship Ceremonies;</li><li>• Policy 3.6 – Certificates of Appreciation;</li><li>• Recognition of Volunteers; and</li><li>• Councillors Induction Manual.</li></ul>	

COUNCILLOR Q & A

1:15pm – 2:00pm	Councillor Updates <i>Opportunity for Councillors to outline meetings attended, discussions had or queries received for Councillor and Officer information.</i>	
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*10:00am Morning Tea Provided*

*12:00pm Lunch Provided*

Info Bulletin	Will be circulated	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.
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**GUESTS**                      ***(By prior notice and scheduling with the CEO or President)***

External                      Nil

Internal                      Mort Wignall - Manager of Regulatory & Community Services  
Anthony Middleton – Manager of Corporate Services  
Joanne Macri – Community Services Officer

Rick Mitchell-Collins  
Chief Executive Officer

**Explanatory Notes**

COUNCILLOR Q&A      Is where Councillors can ask operational questions of the Chief Executive Officer.

PROJECTS FORUM      Is where Senior Management/officers provide monthly Status Reports on Projects adopted via the Annual Budget or a formal request has been directed by Council to the CEO.

AGENDA FORUM      Is where officers provide a status update or seek guidance in the work up of an item for a future agenda. This allows Councillors to stay informed and ensure items have been adequately researched by the time the item is formally presented to Council. No decisions are made on the item and all aspects considered will form part of the officer’s report.

CONCEPT FORUM      Is where plans, strategies, and opportunities can be work shopped between staff and Councillors to guide the initial stages of development and test concepts before allocating further resources to the concept work up. This is normally not open to the public unless otherwise advised, where the workshop may involve members of a committee or community group. This is supported by the Department of Local Government Guideline on Council Forums that states:

*Behind closed doors and in a relatively informal manner are the two notable characteristics of concept forums. Holding such meetings behind closed doors is justified in that many of the ideas and concepts are preliminary and while looking for that creative gem some may be extreme, expensive or impractical and never adopted.*

*Discussion on such proposals in a public forum would be counter-productive. Privacy and informality allows elected members to propose ideas, ask questions and discuss issues for the better understanding of those in attendance. Such forums assist individuals to become better informed and to clarify their views.*