

Agenda

Shire of Kojonup Briefing Session 15 July 2014

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

CONCEPT FORUM

Item	Issue	Response / Action
9:00am – 9:30am	Councillors to advise the WALGA AGM delegates on way to vote at AGM to be held on Wednesday 6 th August 2014 (<i>see Agenda loaded on Docs on Tap</i>).	
9:30am – 11:00am	Budget Workshop – Part One	
11:00am – 1:00pm	David Jones and Geoff Parnell from Hames Sharley to discuss the Main Street Master Plan & Civic Centre.	
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Bevan Bessen – Tuna Blue Pty Ltd – Southern Link VROC (Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils) Strategic Planning Session (<i>see attached</i>).	
2:30pm – 5:00pm	Budget Workshop – Part Two	

10:20am 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

Bevan Bessen - Tuna Blue Pty Ltd
David Jones - Hames Sharley
Geoff Parnell – Hames Sharley

Internal

Anthony Middleton – Manager of Corporate Services
Craig McVee – Manager of Works & Services
Michelle Dennis – Environmental Health Officer
Heather Marland – Senior Finance Officer

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

Explanatory Notes

COUNCILLOR Q&A

Is where Councillors can ask operational questions of the Chief Executive Officer.

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 officers report.

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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.