

Record of Meeting (9.05am – 2.55pm) **Shire of Kojonup Briefing Session 18 March 2014**

Attendance: Shire President, Deputy, Crs: Mathwin, Trethowan from 9.13am, Benn, Pritchard, Pedler from 11.35am, Radford.

Officers: CEO, MRCS from 10.42am, MCS from 10.42am, MWS (9.05am – 10.20am, 11.30am – 12.08pm), MACS (11.30am – 12.45pm), CSO (10.42am – 11.40am), SFO (1.00pm – 1.40pm), LSO (10.42am – 11.40am)

Guests: Jason Foud and Ian Gibbs – Western Power (9.05am – 10.20am), Janelle Price – Regional Development Australia (10.20 am – 11.40am)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

CONCEPT FORUM

Item	Issue	Response / Action
9:05am – 10:20am	Jason Froud & Ian Gibbs from Western Power to give an update on Fire Incident Reports on Poles & Transformers.	<p>Jason and Ian advised that Western Power (WP) were anxious to increase its profile in the region including visits to Shires, attending WALGA Zone Meetings etc. to answer issues and provide feedback on WP assets. WP presently borrows \$2m per day from the State Government in an effort to address the two decades of neglect on old networks which is beyond effective service life. A visual inspection of poles etc. as the public travels the state verifies this statement. Deficits in WP and the Water Corporation make up one third of the annual State Debt.</p> <p>Borrowings will need to increase from \$700M pa to \$900M to commence addressing the huge backlog of asset renewal. WP has 630k distribution poles with 440k requiring asset renewal at an average cost of \$10k each or \$4.4 billion dollars! Reenforcing poles with iron stakes costs \$1k and extends pole life by 8+ years but the pole is still at risk to the elements including pole fires.</p> <p>The dry weather also increases the risk of pole fires which have been evident in the shire and elsewhere and with 100 000km of lines and 1.13 connection points to the network the task is immense!</p>

		<p>There was a common perception that underground supply was more economical than above ground however underground supply is 7 – 10 times more expensive and lines are subject to termite invasion, conduit has finite life span and turrets still exposed. Viability of remote lines is a hard question that needs to be reviewed by property owners with renewable energy options such as solar, wind even diesel being a more cost effective, self-sustaining and reliable choice?</p> <p>Western Power faces enormous challenges however the political ramifications of increasing tariffs and charges 50% per annum is not feasible nor acceptable to communities already struggling with every day cost of living pressures. Discussion included LED capabilities, solar connections into the grid, network reach, and future planning requirements, accessibility issues, regulatory environment, street lighting options, energy efficiency rebates and ability of state government to meet rising debt unless Royalties to Region funds were allocated.</p> <p>Shire President thanked Jason and Ian for their candid presentation and looked forward to receiving future updates.</p>
10:45am	Janelle Price from Regional Development Australia will give an update on the Regional Children’s Services Plan.	<p>Janelle provided background on the plan to support the development of sustainable models of regional community-managed education and care services that meet the needs of families living in Regional WA.</p> <p>It is intended the plan will help achieve a more strategic and coordinated approach. The RDA project is proposed to take 2 years and be delivered in 2 phases – development and implementation. The 9 Regional Children’s Services Plans will be developed and implemented in the context of local considerations – including population forecasts and community, economic and workforce profiles.</p> <p>Expected outcomes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened and/or improved levels and quality of existing education and care services through better

		<p>planning of service delivery and/or business models, training and development, recruitment and governance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working towards long term service viability and sustainability. • Better understanding of and cooperation within the Australian National Quality Framework for Education and Care Services which is now in place across Australia.
<p>To 11:40am</p>	<p>Library Services Officer to discuss the Australian Early Development Index 2012 Results</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Australian Early Development Index 2012 Kojonup Community Result Snapshot</p> <p>The Australian Early Development Index (AEDI) is a population measure of young children’s development. Like a census, it involves collecting information to help create a snapshot of children’s development in communities across Australia. Although the AEDI assesses individual children it is the collation of these results, at a community level, that can assist us in making a difference. Identifying trends and areas of need, allows for a more targeted approach to supporting development in the early years.</p> <p>The AEDI was completed in our Kojonup Community in 2012 with 28 children in their first year of formal Full-time school. The results include children living in Kojonup, Boscabel, Jingalup & Muradup. Three teachers contributed to these results, both schools and the allowance for children that are home schooled or not schooled within our district.</p> <p>Teachers Reported: 36% of children are cared for by grandparents before entering school (WA result is 12%, so Kojonup is much higher) Only 50% of parent/caregivers are actively engaged with the school in supporting their child’s learning. Only 54% of children are regularly read to/encouraged in reading at home. Over 70%of children are making good progress in adapting to the structure and learning environment of the school.</p> <p>Physical health and wellbeing</p> <p><i>Physical readiness for the school day, physical independence,</i></p>

		<p><i>gross & fine motor skills</i></p> <p>WA Result 9.8 (per cent of children developmentally vulnerable*)</p> <p>Community Result 7.1(per cent of children developmentally vulnerable*)</p> <p>Community Result 3.6 (per cent of children developmentally at risk*)</p> <p>Social competence</p> <p><i>Overall social competence, responsibility & respect, approaches to learning, readiness to explore new things</i></p> <p>WA Result 8.4 (per cent of children developmentally vulnerable*)</p> <p>Community Result 3.7(per cent of children developmentally vulnerable*)</p> <p>Community Result 7.4 (per cent of children developmentally at risk*)</p> <p>Emotional maturity</p> <p><i>Pro-social & helping behaviour, anxious, fearful & aggressive behaviour, hyperactivity & inattention</i></p> <p>WA Result 8.3 (per cent of children developmentally vulnerable*)</p> <p>Community Result 3.6(per cent of children developmentally vulnerable*)</p> <p>Community Result 17.9 (per cent of children developmentally at risk*)</p> <p>Language and cognitive skills (school-based)</p> <p><i>Basic literacy, interest in literacy/numeracy & memory, advanced literacy, basic numeracy</i></p>
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		Shire President thanked Janelle and Lorreen for their presentations and input.
11:40am – 12:10pm	Meet & Greet – Sue Northover (Manager of Aged Care Services)	Sue was welcomed by the Shire President and introduced to Council and Management. Sue had “hit the ground running” meeting with staff, residents, external providers, resident families etc. and reviewing policies, procedures, systems to ensure any identified gaps would be addressed prior to formal accreditation in 2015. Sue also had a good support base with St Ives which would be on-going. Council looks forward to Sue and her team making a positive difference to Aged Care Services in Kojonup.
12:45pm – 1:10pm	Manager of Regulatory & Community Services to provide an update on the legal proceedings against the operator for breach of the Food Act 2008.	<p>Food Premises Prosecution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Manager Regulatory & Community Services (MRCS) briefed Council on the outcome of a prosecution on a local food business for breaches of the Food Act 2008. The defendant pleaded guilty to all 8 charges for which a substantial fine was imposed. <p>Water Reuse Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans were presented to Council outlining the proposed route for upgrading and extension of the existing water reuse scheme. The route only relates to the portion of the scheme on the Eastern side of Turkey Nest dam where it is proposed to extend the scheme to service the Roze Maze and Apex Park and to provide for a possible connection to the Water Corporation dam on the South side of town at a future date. The MRCS will now advise the consultant to proceed with documentation for the Tender process based on the planned route. <p>Modification Sports Pavilion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A plan was presented for Councils consideration showing the proposed change to the bar/ access to unisex toilets and it was agreed that senior management progress this matter based on the cost estimate for the proposed works prepared by the builder Michael Prandi, being approximately \$10,000.

		<p>Day Care Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised plans showing a change to car parking arrangements, earthworks, landscaping and a reduction in the footprint of the building were presented for the consideration of Council. There is also now provision for the inclusion of space in the Day Care building to accommodate after school care which will be included in Stage 1 of the project as will the provision of vehicle parking. The MRCS was requested to discuss with the architect the idea of having vehicle parking moved further into the lot to enable vehicles to reverse out of the parking bays without reversing onto the actual road (Elverd Street). The new plans also showed that the lot on which the existing Day Care premises is located can be retained by Council for development or disposed of. The provision of a Toy Library in the revised plans was not supported and the architects will be advised to delete this from the plan as the requirements for the Toy Library and Play Group will be considered in the Master Plan for the Sporting Precinct project.
1:10pm – 1:40pm	Question & Answer Session regarding the Monthly Payments Listing	Queries were addressed by SFO and MCS
1.40pm – 2.55pm	Councillor & CEO updates, Q & A Session	<p>Cr Benn advised that whilst attending the Regional Road Group meeting Main Roads Regional Manager – Andrew Duffield indicated that forward planning included 9 passing lanes between Kojonup and Mt Barker subject to funding over future years.</p> <p>Plans for the Heavy Vehicle Detour had been submitted to the Perth Office and Mr Duffield intends to meet with Council prior to Easter.</p> <p>\$2m was expended on the road works north of Kojonup with rock removal being a major cost factor.</p> <p>CEO reported on meeting him and Shire President had with CGS and would be preparing a report for Council consideration. Thanked Councillors who attended meeting with Moonies Hill Energy and Clean Energy Finance Corporation and input provided.</p>

	<p>CEO and MW&S had met with Reno Guidi and inspected Landfill/Gravel Pit to ensure issues raised will be adequately addressed.</p> <p>MR&CS to follow up exposed stumps/garden maintenance at Loton Close as part of Risk Management assessment.</p> <p>Shire President reported on meeting with Department of Premier & Cabinet representatives regarding SW Native Land Title as did Craig Mc Vee and opportunities worth exploring for Kojonup.</p> <p>Advised Councillors of Wheatbelt Conference at York on 3 April 2014. Together with Cr Mathwin attended 2014 GSIT Awards where Leisa Knopka was nominated for Trainee of the Year Award and Cherilyne Michael was the recipient of the Aboriginal Student of the year Award. A tremendous achievement!</p> <p>Cr Sexton outlined concerns regarding 2.4 Series 3 Muradup fire truck which councilors agreed was a risk and requested CEO to undertake investigations.</p> <p>MR&CS as chairman of the LEMC provided an overview of de-brief undertaken 17 March regarding the fire last Friday. Cr Radford and Benn also provided comment which was addressed for future improvement especially issuing of fire permits. Water Bomber refill was successful and reinforced recent training.</p>
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10:20 – 10.45am Morning Tea Provided

12:10 – 12.45pm Lunch Provided

Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer