# Record of Meeting

# **Shire of Kojonup Briefing Session 19 March 2013**

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Nil.

# **CONCEPT FORUM**

Item	Issue	Response / Action
9:00am - 10:00am	CEO House / Subdivision Katanning Road / Site Locations	<ul> <li>To be in future Council Agenda</li> <li>Sale of 25 Vanzuilecom Street House</li> <li>Subdivision of Katanning Road Block</li> </ul>
10:00am - 10:30am	Standing Orders Local Law Information Workshop led by Acting Chief Executive Officer	Acting Chief Executive Officer to proceed with Draft (Model) Workshops Meeting and a Public Question Time Policy. Procedure Training for all Councillors to be arranged.
10:45am - 11:15am	CEO Recruitment – Confidential Discussions	Discussions were held.
11:15am - 11:45am	Kodja Place Website Update	Update was given.
11:45am - 1:00pm	Review of Doctor Issues/Upgrades	Resolved to meet with the Medical / Health Centre Advisory Committee at a future briefing session.
1:30pm - 2:45pm	Senior Staff Update and Question and Answer Session:  • Manager of Works  • Manager of Community & Regulatory	Senior staff gave an update on their areas and answered operational questions raised by Councillors.

10:30am Morning Tea Provided 1:00pm 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.

<u>GUESTS</u> (By prior notice and scheduling with the CEO or President)

External Nil

Internal Mort Wignall – Manager of Regulatory & Community Services

Craig McVee – Manager of Engineering & Works Joanne Macri – Community Services Officer

> Anthony Middleton Acting 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.

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.