Shire of Kojonup Briefing Session – 2 May 2017

Record of Meeting (8:45am - 5:05pm)

Attendance: Councillors: Mathwin, Pedler (until 10:05am), Radford, Warland (until 3:40pm), Hobbs & Pritchard (until 10:05am)

Officers: CEO, MCS & MWS (8:45am - 10:00am) & MCDT (from 10:10am)

Guests: Nil

Apologies: Shire President, Cr Sexton & CDO

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

CONCEPT/AGENDA FORUM

Time Slot	Item	Response / Action
8:45am – 9:45am	The Manager Corporate Services to workshop the 2017/18 Annual Budget with Council, specifically: Fees & Charges Plant Replacement Program	The MCS workshopped the draft list of fees and charges for 2017/2018 with Council and the MWS discussed the updated plant replacement program for 2017/2018 with Council.
10:55am - 11:40am	Visit Gnowangerup CRC	Councillors, CEO and MCD&T were warmly welcomed at the CRCs and provided a tour of each facility. The Gnowangerup and Mt Barker facilities were particularly impressive with a great mix of meeting spaces, offices for staff and rental, toy library and public library adjacent to the CRCs. The 'Gnowangerup Roundup' was a quality/coloured Community Newsletter consisting of 44 pages of local news, events and activities. The positioning of Gnowangerup's Centre is not dissimilar to Kojonup with the Memorial/Lesser Hall in close proximity.
1:10pm - 1:50pm	Visit the Tambellup CRC	Tambellup had a unique quality given its location in the old Wilson building which also housed the public library and a rear outdoor area and storage shed for the Community BBQ trailer. 'Tambellup Topics' was also a mix of colour throughout its 38-page edition. Page set up was similar to Gnowangerup given that accredited CRC software programs were the norm.

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2:40pm – 3:30pm	Visit Mt Barker CRC	Mt Barker CRC was developed from a former Rec Building and consists of spacious meeting room/auditorium, commercial kitchen, food bank outlet, offices, after school care and youth spaces, commercial offices, library and toy library. Upstairs is used by TAFE under an arrangement with Plantagenet Shire. The balance of the internal CRC space is managed by the CRC Board.
		All CRCs have a good working relationship with their local Shire and Dept. of Regional Development and have active Board Members. Volunteers are always welcome with the smaller areas seeing the same faces which is understandable in smaller communities. Rental income, community training programs and subscriptions to local newsletters assist to meet operational costs with all buildings owned by Local Government under formal lease or MOUs.
		The 3 CRCs visited are indeed Community Hubs, very functional and possess dedicated and committed staff who are willing to explore new opportunities and activities.

9:45am Morning Tea 12:30pm Lunch at the Tambellup CRC

Info Bulletin	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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Above - Gnowangerup CRC





Above & Far Left – Tambellup CRC Far Right – Mt Barker CRC

