

Shire of Kojonup Briefing Session – 19 September 2017

Record of Meeting (10:00am – 2:45pm)

Attendance: Shire President & Councillors: Sexton, Pritchard, Warland, Radford, Mathwin and Pedler

Officers: CEO

Guests: Cr Paul Omodei, Cr Wendy Giles, Cr Ian West and Mr Shannon Wood from the WA Local Government Grants Commission (11:45am – 1:45pm)

Apologies: Cr Hobbs (Leave of Absence)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

CONCEPT/AGENDA FORUM

Time Slot	Item	Response / Action
10:00am – 11:45am	The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to conduct a Planning Workshop with Council on the Sports Precinct	<p>The CEO walked through project considerations relating to the entire precinct including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Standards applicable to car parks & roads • Building compliance • People use v engineering applications • Drainage – oval, storm water, water reuse & recycling • Management options • Fencing requirements • Future building improvement options • Covered netball courts – multi use facility • Energy efficiency measures • Passive vs active recreation • Playgrounds – nature play & outdoor gym equipment • Landscaping including shade • Bowls Club • Service areas – kitchen, rubbish bins • Disability access • Storage • Usage – now & future • Education Department • Lighting upgrade

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool upgrade • Formal entry statement • Resourcing • Plant & equipment requirements • Maintenance vs capital works • Financing options <p>Councillors supported the methodical approach envisaged by the CEO and looked forward to further workshops.</p>
11:45am – 1:45pm	Lunch and WA Local Government Grants Commission Public Hearing for Financial Assistant Grants (FAGs) with Council and Senior Staff	The Commission members outlined methodology used to determine and distribute Grant allocations to WA's 137 Councils. A copy of the presentation is attached.

COUNCILLOR Q & A

1:45pm – 2:45pm	<p>Councillor Updates</p> <p><i>Opportunity for Councillors to outline meetings attended, discussions had or queries received for Councillor and Officer information.</i></p>	<p><i>Local Government Act 1995 Review:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CEO and Shire President reported on the Great Southern Zone workshop held 18 September 2017 at Tambellup regarding WALGA's discussion paper on potential changes to the 1995 Act. Councillors supported comments made by the Zone. <p>Shire President:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As Deputy Chair of GSDC attended opening of the \$3.3m Tambellup Sports Centre with CEO on 1 September 2017. • Attended Techspo along with Councillors Mathwin, Pritchard, Radford, the CEO, the MCS, the NRM/Landcare Officer and Supervisor/Horticultural Tradesperson together with many Kojonup farmers. Terrific event (although pavilion was very cold) and the Shire of Kojonup received excellent promotion. • Black Cockatoo Café officially opened 18 September and we wish Ian & Karen every success. The new access area looks so much better using the compacted gravel. • Attended the official launch of the Bloom Festival at Katanning on 16 September which corresponded with Eco Week activities. Kojonup launched the wild flower season at Kodja Place on Monday with the Noongar Community celebrating the six seasons including 'Bush Tucker' food which was very tasty. Appears Hidden Treasures name not protected from being copied as business to West also using name.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be attending Full VROC meeting at Mt Barker on 21 September 2017. <p>Cr Sexton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street/Place naming – Policy 4.3 does not adequately set criteria to be applied when considering street, road or place names in the Shire especially consultation with Noongar community and he will update discussion paper prepared in 1991 for consideration. <p>Cr Pritchard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Road Wise Conference on 14 September 2017. He will prepare notes for distribution at the next Briefing Session. The CEO to extend an invitation to Erin Miller to attend Briefing in February/March 2018. • Southern Edge Art – Anne Sorenson who actively works with Noongar youth is promoting the use of a painted crashed vehicle to promote road safety message and could be worth placing in Kojonup given our location on the Albany Highway. <p>Cr Mathwin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will discuss with Kojonup Health Centre implications if recent 3 vehicle accident near Boscabel had resulted in more serious injuries and the consequences this would have placed on the Centre’s resources and capacity/capability.
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9:50am Morning Tea

11:45am Lunch

Info Bulletin	Circulated.	<p>Councillors to review and ask questions out of session or at the next briefing session.</p> <p>A copy of any question, and the response will be circulated to all Councillors for information.</p>
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