

Shire of Kojonup Briefing Session – 13 December 2016

Agenda – **Commencing at 9:00am**

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

CONCEPT/AGENDA FORUM

Time Slot	Item	Response / Action
8:45am – 9:00am	Tim Johnston to lead Councillors in the inspection of additional spray and safety additions to fire truck at the Shire Office	
9:00am – 9:30am	Building Better Regions Fund 2017 <i>See Attachment 1</i>	
9:30am – 10:00am	Parminder Singh (new owner 124 Café) to meet and greet Council	
10:00am – 10:30am	Review Risk Management Register	
10:30am – 10:45am	Morning Tea	
10:45am – 11:00am	Manager Corporate Services to provide an update to Council	
11:00am – 11:20am	Manager Works & Services to provide an update to Council	
11:20am – 11:45am	Manager Regulatory Services to provide an update to Council	
11:45pm – 1:00pm	Christmas Luncheon at Springhaven Lodge	

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COUNCILLOR Q & A

1:00pm – 2:00pm	Councillor Updates <i>Opportunity for Councillors to outline meetings attended, discussions had or queries received for Councillor and Officer information.</i>	
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10:30am Morning Tea Provided

12:30pm Lunch Provided – *Springhaven Lodge Christmas Luncheon*

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

*Tim Johnston – Kojonup Volunteer Fire Brigade
Parminder Singh – 124 Café Owner*

Internal

*Anthony Middleton – Manager Regulatory Services
Craig McVee – Manager Works & Services
Mort Wignall – Manager Regulatory Services*



Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

Explanatory Notes

COUNCILLOR Q&A

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

PROJECTS FORUM

Is where Senior Management/officers provide monthly Status Reports on Projects adopted via the Annual Budget or a formal request has been directed by Council to the CEO.

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AGENDA FORUM

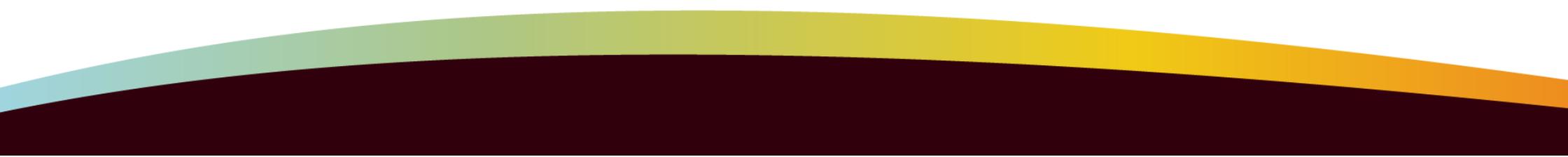
Is where officers provide a status update or seek guidance in the work up of an item for a future agenda. This allows Councillors to stay informed and ensure items have been adequately researched by the time the item is formally presented to Council. No decisions are made on the item and all aspects considered will form part of the officer's 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.



Attachment 1

The Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) aims to create jobs, drive economic growth and build stronger regional communities into the future.

The \$297.7 million BBRF will fund projects in regional Australia outside the major capital cities of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide and Canberra.

There are two streams of funding available under the program which opens on **18 January 2017**:

1. [Infrastructure Projects Stream](#) - applications close 28 February 2017
2. [Community Investments Stream](#) - applications close 31 March 2017

Information sessions will be held in Albany, Bunbury, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie and Karratha. The Albany session will be held on 24 January 2017.

The BBRF replaces the previous Federal Infrastructure grants programme, the National Stronger Regions Fund, which brought \$4,685,586 into the Great Southern region for six projects (2014-2016).

The [Infrastructure Projects Stream](#) will support projects which involve the construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade or extension of existing infrastructure that provide economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas.

You can apply for a minimum grant amount of \$20,000 and a maximum grant amount of \$10,000 million.

You must complete your project by **31 December 2019**.

Download the [Infrastructure Projects Guidelines](#) and [Fact Sheet](#).

Possible projects for Kojonup

- **Katanning Road, John/Murby Streets residential development and extension of Sewer to create up to 10 lots in initial stage \$1 million.** Lot sales to offset council capital outlay and ownership of property prior to subdivision.
- **Memorial Hall, Harrison Place, Curly Wig Block development – concept work done by Leith Schmidt.** Mort has spoken with Richard Ball (Keston Technologies who prepared the Kodja Place Precinct Concept and he is available to prepare this application on behalf of Council in conjunction with officers such as Mort, Michelle, Paul, Rick, Zahra and Anthony. Estimated project cost \$850,000 - \$1 Million with Council contribution \$300k, Lottery West \$200k and Building Better Regions up to \$500k.

The [Community Investments Stream](#) will fund Community building activities, including but not limited to, new or expanded local events, strategic regional plans, and leadership and capability building activities. These projects will deliver economic and social benefits to regional and remote communities.

The minimum grant amount is \$5,000 and a maximum grant amount is \$10,000 million, however given the nature of eligible projects it is expected that most grants will be under \$100,000.

You must complete your project within 12 months of executing the grant agreement with the Commonwealth and by **31 December 2019**.

Download the [Community Investments Guidelines](#) and [Fact Sheet](#).

Kodja Place/Apex Park/RSL Precinct – Major Redevelopment The total project cost is **\$9,009,520**. Royalties for Regions requested funding is **\$4,597,250** (representing **51%**) with the remaining **49%** of funds to be sourced from committed Shire of Kojonup (**\$732,270** Loan Funds and **KP Community Fund Inc.**) and application to the Commonwealth Government’s Building Better Regions Fund (**\$3,680,000**).

Other funding options to be sourced by Kojonup Aboriginal Corporation

The location of your project has bearing on different elements of the program. Consideration is given on the location of your project when determining:

- geographic eligibility
- the level of co-funding you need to provide
- a loading applied to your assessment score

Click here to access the [mapping tool](#).