

Shire of Kojonup Briefing Session – 19 July 2016

Record of Meeting (9:00am – 2:20pm)

Attendance: Shire President and Councillors: Radford, Hobbs, Pritchard, Pedler & Mathwin (from 10:05am)

Apologies: Cr Warland & Cr Sexton – Leave of Absence.

Officers: CEO, MACS (9:45am – 10:45am), MCS, MRS & DSC (all arrived at 10:55am -11:50am, 12:15pm – 12:45pm)

Guests: Sergeant Phil Cartledge – Kojonup Police (9:00am – 9:55am)
Justin Bellanger – South Coast NRM (11:50am – 12:15pm)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

CONCEPT/AGENDA FORUM

Time Slot	Item	Response / Action
9:00am – 9:55am	Sergeant Phil Cartledge – Kojonup Police to meet with Council and to discuss community expectations, etc.	<p>The Shire President on behalf of Council welcomed Sgt. Cartledge to Kojonup who has recently commenced a 2 year stint with Kojonup. Sgt. Cartledge indicated that acting Sgt. Dave Murphy from Albany, JD, Peter and Kristy had a busy few weeks before his arrival and he was looking forward to the challenges and opportunities. Being a member of WA Police for 21 years and Officer in Charge at 4 country towns he is familiar with the challenges that Kojonup presently faces especially the dramatic increase in burglaries and theft. A series of raids has recently been undertaken and additional police resources allocated in an effort to apprehend offenders.</p> <p>Community members are becoming more vigilant in their efforts to secure property, notice unusual movements by people and vehicles and above all to report same to Crime Stoppers or Police. The introduction of Neighbourhood and Rural Watch reinforces the message that the bulk of the community is taking measures to protect each other and has had enough of this crime wave.</p> <p>Police have various offenders that they will continue to target including increased vehicle stops at all hours in an effort to disrupt and seize stolen</p>

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		<p>goods and contraband as well as undertake RBT. Sgt Cartledge indicated that he is the first point of call for Kojonup whenever contacted by Albany and is keen to ensure communication channels are two way. He is removing the office closed sign as the office should always be accessible regardless of time plus it provides offenders notice of when police are on duty.</p> <p>Sgt Cartledge did state that it takes approximately 20 minutes for officers to be fully kitted when not on duty hence the reason in some instances for longer than anticipated response times. Businesses, etc. are installing security cameras and he would support Council's application for increased CCTV coverage in Kojonup which would be monitored by Police.</p> <p>Sgt Cartledge looked forward to playing a few rounds of golf during his days off and meeting as many community members as possible.</p>
9:55am – 10:30am	Manager Aged Care Services - Update	See Attachment One
11:10am – 11:50am 12.15pm – 12.45pm 1.20pm – 1.45pm	CEO – VROC Strategic Directions Workshop	<p>The CEO, MCS, MRS and DSC spoke on their respective involvement with Resource Sharing and other projects undertaken at a VROC Level. CLGF funding has greatly assisted the VROC to "get runs on the board" however, there was a protracted time frame undertaking the kerb-side, etc. Waste Management Tender with the MCS and MRS leading the process in the absence of required comparative information and data.</p> <p>The true costs for this work has not been captured or directly attributed to VROC which raises the question – what level of resourcing is required to undertake agreed projects? Broomehill-Tambellup have undertaken the task of acquitting all grant funds allocated to the various projects which is greatly appreciated by Kojonup, however the full merits of Resource Sharing, process/system reviews, etc. will not progress unless council's genuinely commit!</p> <p>The Strategic Directions have not been progressed as quickly as anticipated and unless PD's for officers stipulate the need to participate in VROC there is no legal requirement for officers to make exceptions. The existing model also places emphasis on CEO's and the part-time Executive Officer to undertake the majority of tasks (due to staffing levels of smaller Councils?) and there is always the possibility that not all Council's will opt in which is fine as the</p>

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		<p>project outcomes/costs/benefits should make this determination! For example: sharing IT, Payroll, Rates, HR functions, etc. should be explored and if not feasible within the VROC look at extending opportunities or sourcing resources to/from neighbouring Council's such as the City of Albany. With the change in Elected members and Management at Katanning is there a corresponding change in receptiveness to also including Katanning in forward planning?</p> <p>How much ownership and understanding do existing elected members have of their respective council's involvement with VROC?</p> <p>VROC is a valuable resource to Kojonup but collective aims and objectives need to be clearly translated into realistic projects which are appropriately measured, supported and implemented.</p> <p>The next Full VROC meeting is being held on Wednesday, 10 August 2016 at Cranbrook commencing 3:00pm.</p>
11:50pm – 12:15pm	Justin Bellanger – South Coast NRM to conduct half hour presentation to Council regarding the Organisation's role in the community to facilitate and support environmental and agricultural focused activities.	<p>The Shire President welcomed Justin to the session. Justin advised that South Coast NRM acquires, coordinates and manages funding from the private sector and State and Federal governments to create a healthy, productive environment by managing land and waterways sustainability, preserving and protecting biodiversity and sharing knowledge and skills to build capacity and resilience of the community. Justin and his team look forward to exploring opportunities with Kojonup NRM via Jane Kowald and Southern Dirt.</p> <p>www.southcoastnrm.com.au</p>

COUNCILLOR Q & A

1:45pm – 2:20pm	<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>Cr Radford:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When will Main Roads provide the report on public feedback received for the Heavy Haulage Route? The CEO to follow up. • Service Awards – what is the status on Council Policy presenting various awards that are separate to those presented at the Australia Day Awards? CEO to follow up. <p>Cr Hobbs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Hall Stage Steps – the CEO advised that the OSH Committee considered same at its last meeting and more adequate steps are to be
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		<p>installed that meet Australian Standards, for example: including Hand Rail assistance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abandoned cars still in Honner Street – the CEO advised that the Ranger will attend to this on his return and refer matter to Homes West as they must ensure tenants comply.• In addition - indiscriminate dumping of rubbish is an offence for which an infringement notice should be issued or where there is considerable cost incurred by Council in removal and disposal of the rubbish, offenders should be prosecuted through the courts where increased fines normally apply, including the possibility of recovering costs. <p>Cr Pritchard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kojonup NRM Advisory Committee is trying to re-establish “Friends of Myrtle Benn” as per E News article and will be meeting onsite tomorrow (20 July 2016) at 9:30am. Councillors are most welcome to attend. <p>Shire President:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended WA Planning Commission visit at Jurien Bay and had the opportunity to look at their Allied Health/Medical Facilities. The Shire refurbished an existing house into 3 consulting rooms, general office and a treatment room for \$800k. The cost of building from new was \$1.25 million and they continue to pay \$100k per annum to retain GP as well as all maintenance costs for the refurbishment.• The new CRC/Library requires ratepayer funds of \$400k per annum to maintain plus the Shire pays the CRC \$70k per annum to run the Library.• Receiving grants is one thing but being able to maintain/upgrade or replace assets is another story as the financial impost on ratepayers can be enormous.• Met with representative of Southern Region Medical Group
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10:30am Morning Tea

12:45pm Lunch

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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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