

Shire of Kojonup Briefing Session – 3 October 2017

Record of Meeting (9:00am – 3:30pm)

- Attendance:** Shire President & Councillors: Sexton, Pritchard, Warland, Radford, Mathwin and Pedler
- Officers:** CEO, Manager Regulatory Services (9:00am – 10:32am), Gavin Bunbury-Richardson (Swimming Pool Manager) (9:00am – 9:15am) Manager Community Development & Tourism (from 10:45am) and Manager Works & Services (11:30am – 3:15pm)
- Guests:** Nil
- Apologies:** Cr Hobbs (Leave of Absence)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

CONCEPT/AGENDA FORUM

Time Slot	Item	Response / Action
9:00am – 10:30am	The Manager Regulatory Services (MRS) to provide an update to Council and introduce them to the new Pool Manager, Gavin Richardson-Bunbury	<p>The MRS introduced the Shire's new Pool Manager, Gavin Richardson-Bunbury, who provided Council with a summary of his work background and experience in the aquatic industry and advised his key focus was to increase programs, activities and events to optimise use of the facility.</p> <p>The MRS further updated Council on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$66,000 Funding Application – Water WA Towns Program The Hon. Dave Kelly, Minister for Water, has advised the Shire's funding application through the Watering WA Towns program which was approved by the previous government for the amount of \$66,000.00 will be honoured. The MRS proposed to commence work on the project in February next year before the onset of winter rains to ensure the site is accessible to earthmoving equipment. As the Shire was not confident of receiving this funding due to budget constraints by the newly elected government, Council's cash and in-kind contribution of \$40,500.00 was removed from the draft budget and will now need to be reinstated for the project to proceed and this can be considered at the February budget review.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water Pipeline Extension Project<p>The Shire is experiencing an ongoing delay in having the contractor return to Kojonup to connect the new pipeline to the Apex Park tank and to the Water Corp delivery line at Stock Road. The MRS needs to make a formal application to GSDC for a third extension of time to complete the project and if necessary he will engage the services of another plumber to complete the outstanding works. He and staff are also experiencing problems in having the new fast fill water standpipe located at Stock Road coupled up to a new solar panel system together with Avdata water monitoring equipment sourced and paid for by Council. An Albany based contractor has quoted \$60,000.00 for this work to be carried out for which they claim plumbing accounts for a major part of the cost. This figure is substantially over budget and the MRS has requested a revised quotation from them, limited to supply of the solar panels and associated electrical work and I have requested a quote from a local contractor for plumbing works.</p>• OSH Saleyards<p>The MRS reported he is about to commence costing works identified in a report prepared by LGIS concerning safety issues at the saleyards which will be discussed at SMT to determine how this matter may be further progressed. However, Council also requested that we investigate whether there may be interest by local stock businesses or agents in them buying or leasing the saleyards with Council retaining the truck wash facility. There's also an OSH workshop being conducted by LGIS on 19th October at Shire of Plantagenet which will be well represented by staff from SOK. The workshop will address a number of Risk and Governance topics which have been selected by staff from the participating Councils.</p>• Memorial Hall Project<p>In my discussions with Lotterywest regarding a grant application we intend to lodge with them for funding for upgrading and refurbishment of the Memorial Hall I have been advised that The Bunbury Anglican Archdiocese (Boniface Care Lawrence House) is also seeking Lotterywest funding and it's highly unlikely they will support both projects as in the opinion of Lotterywest the projects</p>
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10:45pm – 12:30am	The Manager Community Development & Tourism (MCDT) to provide an update to Council	The MCDT provided an update on the Black Cockatoo Café, State Tourism Conference, various events of the Kojonup Wildflower Festival which is part of the Hidden Treasures of GS Bloom Festival program and upcoming events.
1:05pm – 1:20pm	The Manager Works & Services (MWS) to provide an update to Council	<p>The MWS updated Council on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 x Depot jobs have been advertised locally and in the Great Southern Herald. They closed 29 September; • 2 x tandem wheel trucks are in the process of being ordered; • Advised on the progress of the widening of the Kojonup-Frankland Rd; • Road grading in the South area of the Shire occurring; • Road and verge spraying in Kojonup and Muradup and rural; • Have advertised in the Kojonup News Expressions of Interest for abandoned vehicles at the Depot; • Starting summer hours for the Depot from 18 October from 6:30am to 5:00pm; • Finalising the 10 year roads works program; • Working on an article for the Kojonup News for the removal of trees along Albany highway as per Council Decision at the September meeting to seek public comment; • Went to Perth to look at ride on mowers and to get quotes for them; • Waiting on report from Perth specialist regarding the condition of the football and hockey ovals; and • The Hollow Log Golf day was a success. Cranbrook took out the win and the tournament will take place there in 2018.
1:20pm – 2:45pm	The Chief Executive Officer to provide an update to Council	<p>Councillors together with the MCDT and MWS assisted CEO to address the Kodja Place Master Plan recommendations to ascertain what works could be progressed 'in house' and staged without the reliance on external funding, what works required further research and qualified advice in order to prepare an application for 'Building Better Regions', etc. funding, progressing enhancements to the Storyplace/Gallery which would see the establishment of a Storyplace/Gallery Work Group replacing the Kodja Place Advisory Committee as possession of the Master Plan has changed the original terms of reference which were:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>To advise the Council on the following requirements at The Kodja Place Precinct:</i></p> <p>a) <i>Prioritisation of capital works within the Shire of Kojonup budget allocation;</i></p>

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COUNCILLOR Q & A

<p>2:45pm – 3:30pm</p>	<p>Councillor Updates <i>Opportunity for Councillors to outline meetings attended, discussions had or queries received for Councillor and Officer information.</i></p>	<p>Cr Sexton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The hands on the sun dial in Hillman Park are missing? <p>Cr Warland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red gum tree on the corner of Forsythe and Katanning Road is impeding driver's view and is this a Main Roads responsibility? MWS to follow up. • Dog Area – Apex Park. Unrestrained dogs evident and also around RSL Hall area. More signage required. CEO to speak to Senior Ranger. <p>Cr Radford;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hollow Log 2017 – congrats to Craig and his team for organising another successful day at Kojonup. Hollow Log will be held in Cranbrook next year. <p>Shire President:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native Land Title: Registration of the Agreements On the 22 June 2017 the <i>Native Title Amendment (Indigenous Land Use Agreements) Act 2017 (Amendment Act) (Cth)</i> was passed. The <i>Amendment Act</i> is in direct response to the uncertainty created by the <i>McGlade</i> decision which has delayed the registration of four of the South West Native Title Settlement Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs). The <i>Amendment Act</i> confirms that the four ILUAs, the subject of the <i>McGlade</i> decision, are valid and can now
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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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