# <u>Shire of Kojonup Briefing Session – 16 February 2021</u>

**Record of Meeting:** Commencing at 9.08am

**Present:** Shire President, Cr Radford, Cr Webb, Cr Pedler, Cr Fleay, and Cr Gale

Officers: CEO (9.00am – 10.30am, 12.00pm – 2.20pm), SRO (9.00am – 10.30am), E/HR Coordinator (10.45am – 12.00pm)

Guests: Nil

**Apologies:** Cr Singh and Cr Wieringa

Leave of Absence: Nil

Time Slot	Item	Response / Action		
9.00am – 10.30pm	Shire of Kojonup Club Handbook – Emily Slight	<ul> <li>Provision to Council of the Shire of Kojonup Club Handbook, with an explanation of its intended use.</li> <li>Discussions regarding the Kojonup Sports Alliance and barriers to its progression.</li> <li>Updates on the Trails planning and Heritage Grant application for the Town Walk Trail.</li> </ul>		
10.30am – 10.45am Morning Tea				
10.45am – 12.00pm	CEO Recruitment – Local Government (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2021 (Model Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination) – Lorraine Wyatt	E/HR Coordinator work shopped the requirements of the CEO Recruitment – Local Government (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2021 (Model Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination) with Elected Members.		
		The outcome of the workshop was:  1 — E/HR Coordinator to make contact with the preferred "Independent" individuals as nominated by Council.  2 - A Special Council Meeting be called to deal with		

12.30pm – 1.00pm Li	ınch	<ul> <li>Adopt "The Model Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination"</li> <li>Appoint "An Independent Person to the CEO Selection Panel"</li> <li>Approve "The CEO Position Description"</li> </ul>
12.00pm – 2.05pm	CEO Update	<ul> <li>Human Resource Management         <ul> <li>Manager Regulatory Services position advertised</li> <li>Environmental Health Officer short listing for interview being undertaken</li> <li>Registered Nurses (Visa options being progressed)</li> <li>Community Development Officer – advertising being progressed by MCCS</li> </ul> </li> <li>Moonies Hill Wind Farm</li> <li>Airstrip – Hangar development?</li> <li>CRC – \$343,000 State funding for IT which Kojonup not eligible due to non-conformance with original agreement.</li> <li>Approval for Kojonup Health Service to be a part of the Better Access to Primary Care Services in Rural Areas – Section 19(2) Exemptions Initiative. CEO invited to be a representative on committee.</li> <li>KPCF Inc. – Shire letters being sent to donors of items at the Kodja Place as prepared by B Hobbs signifying update to loan objects register.</li> <li>Barracks Place – request assistant for the relocation of plants against building due to stone masonry works planned on external wall.</li> <li>'Spring' Concept Plan Signage arranged for public display purposes on 'Spring' toilet.</li> </ul>

		<ul> <li>Awaiting feedback from Rotary on signage options for Ram sculpture near wool wagon.</li> <li>Planner will be addressing with Development WA chair – Monty House during March 2021 reason why Kojonup was not part of \$116 Million state funding that was recently announced for Industrial/Residential development assistance.</li> <li>New Planning Scheme and Strategy progressing including updated maps despite recent changes to planning regulations.</li> <li>Straying Animals – State responsibility as stock looking for feed. Refer 2015 agenda item tabled by CEO for background. Prosecutions since then by the State have not</li> </ul>
		been enforced by relative agencies including RSPCA.  • MCCS will be Acting CEO throughout March 2021.
2.05pm – 2.20pm	Councillor Q&A	Cr Pedler:  • Street Banners – CEO advised that the MWS will erect banners using scissor lift in time for display prior to Easter.
		Cr Webb:  • Saleyards — CEO outlined discussions with Ray White Livestock regarding holding pens. Cr Radford suggested non-compliant pen materials be disposed by way of EOI in sections as may be of scrap value. On-site inspection required to determine quantities.
		Cr Radford:  • Asked what is the possibility for any dead timber on ground in eastern end of transfer station reserve can be removed

for fire wood raffles by community groups. CEO advised that the cutting of timber or, collection of fallen timber within the Shire of Kojonup Reserves, is illegal, and carries heavy penalties which are administered by state.

Land Administration Act 1997, Part 11 General, s. 267 states:

(f) removes from Crown land any plant (whether alive or dead) or such other thing of any kind as is prescribed; or (g) deposits or leaves anything of any kind on Crown land; or

Commits an offence and is liable to a penalty of \$10 000 and, in the case of an offence of a continuing nature, to a daily penalty of \$200.

Under the Environmental Protection Act 1984

## Section 51(c) Unauthorised clearing of native vegetation

A person who causes or allows clearing commits an offence unless the clearing —

- (a) is done in accordance with a clearing permit; or
- (b) is of a kind set out in Schedule 6; or
- (c) is of a kind prescribed for the purposes of this section and is not done in an environmentally sensitive area.

Native vegetation means indigenous aquatic or terrestrial vegetation, and includes dead vegetation unless that dead vegetation is of a class declared by regulation to be excluded from this definition but does not include vegetation in a plantation

### *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* Section 171

- (1) A person must not take flora on Crown land unless the person —
- (a) is engaged in clearing that does not involve the commission of an offence under the Environmental Protection Act 1986 section 51C; or
- (b) otherwise has lawful authority to take it. Penalty for this subsection:
- (a) if the offence involves specially protected flora a fine of  $$200\ 000$ ;
- (b) in any other case a fine of \$50 000.

### Though if the flora is dead this may exclude the use of the BC Act.

- Status of Simon Klopper regarding timing for dam construction as part of Drought Communities Funding? CEO advised MWS liaising with Mr Klopper regarding time frames as works at Landfill require similar equipment.
- Stock Road Non-Potable Standpipe Avdata activated and clients notified that standpipe open until water level reaches threshold.

#### Cr Gale:

• Boscabel Standpipes – CEO to arrange on-site inspection with MWS, Cr Benn and Cr Gale.

#### Shire President:

	<ul> <li>New regulations regarding CEO recruitment, etc., necessitates Council to deal with 2019/20 CEO Review previously tabled by Mr Mitchell-Collins.</li> <li>Requires MWS attendance at Regional Road Group Meeting 5 March 2021 in Tambellup. CEO to notify MWS accordingly.</li> </ul>
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Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer