

Record of Meeting (9:00am – 2:08pm) **Shire of Kojonup Briefing Session 15 September 2015**

**Attendance:** Shire President, Deputy, Crs: Mathwin (9:50am – 12:00pm), Trethowan, Pritchard, Radford, Benn and Pedler (from 9:20am)

**Officers:** CEO, MW&S & MCD&T (9:00am – 11:25am), SR/BMC (9:00am – 9:35am), MRS (10:25am – 11:25am), CDO (10:15am – 11:25am)

**Guest:** Chris Thompson – Department of Sport & Recreation (10:05 – 11:25am)  
Graham Edwards & Phil Orchard – RSL WA, Graham Pember – Kojonup RSL Sub Branch (11:25am – 12:35pm)

**Apology:** Manager Corporate Services  
Peter Aspinall – Albany RSL Sub Branch

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

CONCEPT/AGENDA FORUM

Item	Issue	Response / Action
9:00am – 10:10am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief Executive Officer to update Council on:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Straying cattle</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>CEO and Ranger outlined ongoing concern regarding stock (predominantly cattle) straying onto Road Reserves in search of food, whether fences have/haven't been maintained between land holders and the public thoroughfare and what Council can do to enforce the land owner to ensure stock are adequately secured along road reserves!</p> <p>Distinct from fences is another issue - animal husbandry, in that "Why are cattle searching for food and prepared to knock down fences in order to do so?"</p> <p>The issue is not isolated to Kojonup as this matter has been the subject of previous WALGA and Law Reform Commission reports especially in relation to motorists colliding with straying stock. Section 484(b) of the <i>Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1960</i> Part XX – Cattle Trespass, Pounds, Pound Keepers and</p>

		<p>Rangers provides that if the owner of cattle permits the cattle to be at large in a street or other public place he commits an offence. Penalty: \$200. This provision empowers a local government to fine the owner of straying cattle, however is \$200 a sufficient deterrent and does it cover the costs of processing and enforcing the fine?</p> <p>Karratha (Shire of Roebourne) have tried to capture nuisances/straying stock in a Local Law:</p> <p><i>Division 5—Livestock</i></p> <p><b>2.32 Livestock not to stray</b> The owner or person in charge of livestock shall not permit that livestock to stray or to be at large in a street, public place or upon private property without the consent of the property owner.</p> <p><b>2.33 Impounding of livestock</b> (1) An authorised person or a member of the police force may impound livestock found straying in contravention of clause 2.32. (2) Livestock being impounded shall be placed in the pound or secured on private property with the consent of the owner.</p> <p><b>2.34 Property to be fenced</b> (1) The owner or occupier of property on which livestock is kept, shall cause the property or a portion of the property to be fenced in a manner capable of confining the livestock, to that portion where the livestock is kept. (2) The minimum fencing requirements to confine livestock in a rural or special rural area shall be a fence of post and wire construction.</p> <p><b>Penalty</b> 2.32(2) Permitting livestock to stray, or be at large in a street, public place or private property without consent \$250 2.34 Failing to keep property fenced in a manner capable of confining livestock \$250</p> <p>This approach according to Council officers appears to have been successful as non-compliance can result in Fines Enforcement taking additional action against the defaulting person until the fines are paid. A report will be submitted for Council consideration at the October 2015 Council meeting.</p>
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	<p>ii. Katanning Aerodrome</p> <p>iii. Kojonup Street Renewal Strategy – Main Roads response</p>	<p>Correspondence received from the Shire of Katanning seeking Kojonup’s consideration to contribute towards the aerodrome will be addressed at the 22 October 2015 Council meeting.</p> <p>Trialling coloured sand bags to improve access/safety at suggested intersections are welcomed however, prior notification is required via Koji News advising Community of Council’s plans.</p>
<p>10:25am – 11:20am</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chris Thompson – Department of Sport &amp; Recreation – Geocache opportunities</li> </ul>	<p>Chris provided an excellent presentation on Trail and Geocaching opportunities for Kojonup. Lotterywest have \$1.3m available for trails and strongly encourages Kojonup to apply. Geocaching adds another dimension to trail experiences by providing “family fun with a high-tech twist.” Geocaches exist at the Wool Wagon, Rose Maze and “Barracks” but there are so many other opportunities that capture the natural and heritage aspects of Kojonup. <a href="https://www.geocaching.com/">https://www.geocaching.com/</a></p> <p>Roy Mercer from Denmark has an international following given his ingenuity in making and siting geocaches and Chris was confident Roy would enjoy the opportunity to develop concepts with Kojonup.</p> <p>Council is very keen to participate and will be sending the CDO to the WA Trails and Outdoors Conference and suggested that Council sponsor the registration fee for Derek Ringrose from the Kojonup District High School to attend the conference given his interest in orienteering and outdoor activities. CEO to contact Principal – Peter Callaghan accordingly as a way to form partnerships and generate a better outcome for the community.</p> <p>Shire President thanked Chris for his passionate presentation.</p>
<p>11:25am – 12:35pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graham Edwards and Phil Orchard representing RSL WA and Graham Pember representing Kojonup RSL Sub-Branch – discussions regarding ownership of the RSL Hall</li> </ul>	<p>Shire President welcomed delegates and general discussion followed on the future of the RSL Hall including transfer of ownership subject to a MOU being undertaken between Council and the RSL making provision for use in perpetuity of the RSL Hall by the RSL. Council’s focus (should the transfer occur) will be determining present and future purposes for the building and shared use for example by the Historical Society as part of an agreed Development Plan for CWA/Men’s Shed, Apex Park, Kodja Place, Benn Parade and Main Street precincts.</p>

		<p>Council recognizes the significance of the RSL Hall and what it means to the Kojonup Community and some things in life are not merely measured in \$ terms.</p> <p>RSL WA Board meeting on 30 September 2015 and Council will be notified accordingly.</p>
<p>1:15pm – 1:45pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief Executive Officer to update Council on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iv. Wirrpanda Foundation – disengaged youth</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Councillor Ronnie Fleay (Shire President) will speak to Robbie Minter regarding follow up meeting at Kojonup. Zahra Shirazee (MCDT) indicated that she was not sure how well the event was promoted within the community but as you will see from Cassandra Fletcher’s (CDO) report, the event wrapped up early due to a poor turnout.</p> <p><b>Katanning Drug Awareness Week – The Main Event, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>  <b>Attended by Cassandra Fletcher, Community Development Officer, Shire of Kojonup</b></p> <p>Held in the main square in Katanning, the Drug Awareness Week’s Main Event was an information day organised by Palmerston Association Inc. (an organisation that provides an important service that supports individuals and families in Western Australia that are facing issues with alcohol and drug use). The day showcased groups providing drug and alcohol services in the Great Southern including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beyond Blue</li> <li>• Southern Aboriginal Corporation</li> <li>• Palmerston</li> <li>• Parent Drug Information Service</li> <li>• Act Belong Commit</li> <li>• Fostering Families</li> <li>• Mental Health Commission</li> </ul> <p>Katanning has recently formed a Local Drug Action Group (LDAG). Instead of each service and/or community group working towards a solution to drug and alcohol separately, they have come together to create a plan they can work on together.</p>

	<p>v. Kojonup District High School:</p> <p>a) Work experience opportunities with Council</p> <p>b) YMCA Bus</p>	<p>More information about LDAG can be found on <a href="http://localdrugaction.com.au/">http://localdrugaction.com.au/</a></p> <p>Cassy spent some time speaking to Trish from Palmerston, who visits Kojonup regularly to provide our community with drug and alcohol information. She was talking about LDAG and how it's a great initiative as without the community behind it, anti-drug and alcohol campaigns can be ineffective. The community as a whole (including those without a drug or alcohol habit) needs to make a change.</p> <p>A welcome to country was conducted by Vivien Hansen and Gabriel Hansen spoke about how drugs in the Aboriginal community have affected him, his family and friends. Trish from Palmerston spoke about not only drugs but how alcohol related violence was also a main issue in the Great Southern area.</p> <p>The day was meant to include some speeches of inspiration, from recovering addicts, however no one was available. Unfortunately, for many they still feel the shame and stigma associated with drug addiction and it takes a lot of courage and self-confidence to tell their story at such a public event. A young Noongar girl did however perform some songs about her ongoing recovery.</p> <p>The event was well organised with plenty of information on offer to the public but there was only a small turnout from the Katanning community. Although the event was scheduled to finish at 3:00pm, most of the information stands packed up and disappeared by lunchtime.</p> <p>Council welcomed the opportunity to host work experience for Year 10 students given the diversity of Local Government operations. CEO to progress same with Principal – Peter Callaghan and Senior Management Team.</p> <p>Craig McVee (MW&amp;S) advised that the Shire Mechanic had inspected the YMCA Bus and that minor maintenance costs of \$2,500.00 would ensure the bus is road worthy and available for use.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vi. National Resource Management (NRM) Committee – 3 community nominations received</li> <li>vii. Workforce Plan review</li> <li>viii. Community Strategic Plan Review</li> <li>ix. Sports Precinct Advisory Committee</li> </ul>	<p>CEO authorised work to be undertaken as Kojonup District High School and MCDT keen to utilise bus for youth activities especially when “Play Station” and other items are presently lying idle.</p> <p>CEO to prepare a report for the 22 October 2015 Council meeting.</p> <p>CEO “walked” through plan with Council and a considerable amount has been achieved in the past 12 months by employees which is very pleasing as it demonstrates a commitment to continuous improvement.</p> <p>CEO “walked” through the draft plan with Council that had been prepared by the SPO as a result of input from Councillors and Senior Management.</p> <p>Both Plans would be submitted to the October 2015 Council meeting.</p> <p>CEO outlined proposed terms of reference for the committee which would be listed at the October 2015 Council meeting.</p>
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COUNCILLOR Q & A

<p>1:45pm – 2:08pm</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>Shire President:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hidden Treasures/Bloom Festival official opening at Kodja Place went well despite the threat of rain which may have resulted in a drop in usual numbers. The Year 3 students from KDHS were terrific as were the other displays by Chris Lewis, Colin Clinch and Gary Fleay.</li><li>• Kojonup CWA – letter received thanking Council for use of Sports Complex and CEO welcoming participants.</li><li>• WALGA Training scheduled for February 2016 at Kojonup.</li><li>• TV Reception – letter received in response to Community concerns regarding poor TV reception and 4G. Development Services Coordinator’s previous advice in Koji News correct and people experiencing problems to contact TV and Antenna services regarding amplifier and filter removal.</li><li>• Bowls Day was well received and well attended by Kojonup and look forward to Hollow Log Golf Day on 2 October 2015.</li><li>• Crs: Sexton and Radford attended delivery of new roller</li><li>• Circulated to Councillors: Rick Wilson MP speech in parliament regarding George Church. Agreed to waive fees for Mr Church’s reception at RSL Hall.</li></ul> <p>Cr Benn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consignment payments at The Kodja Place delayed. CEO advised that he had spoken with MCD&amp;T late last week on the need to ensure regular reconciliations and payments.</li><li>• Delegates on Hidden Treasures need to be mindful of Plantagenet and Albany interest and implications (if any) this may have on marketing etc...given the strength of marketing aligned to the SW and Albany areas.</li></ul> <p>Cr Trethowan commented that mutual benefits may be derived from a coordinated approach rather than working in isolation?</p> <p>Cr Radford:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sewerage overflows between Pensioner &amp; Soldier Roads. CEO advised that MRS has raised concerns with Health Dept. and Water Corp in an effort to have the pipe line renewed as “more</li></ul>
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		<p>of the same" is not acceptable and would necessitate Council going to the Minister and newspapers.</p> <p>Cr Pritchard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Magnet on Fire Break Notice too small compared with previous years and also needs to be located at the top of the page as tends to sag if magnets lower down when placed on fridge. CEO to notify RAO of concern.</li> <li>• Steel pegs along Kojonup Brook where possible water line may go as part of water harvesting project are being broken and need to be removed. Cr Radford advised that water tests undertaken at the Brook indicate a high level of salinity that would prevent water being pumped from the Brook for use in the Rose Maze or Apex/Peace Park. If the pegs are removed the line would be mapped for records and future reference.</li> </ul> <p>Cr Sexton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter Harrison – videos – CEO advised that he has received extensive correspondence.</li> </ul> <p>Councillors took the opportunity to inspect conversion works undertaken to the Bagg Street Clinic with MRS.</p>
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10:10am Morning Tea  
12:35pm Lunch

Info Bulletin	Circulated	<p>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.</p>
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Chief Executive Officer