

Shire of Kojonup Briefing Session – 2 May 2017

Agenda – **Commencing at 9:00am**

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

CONCEPT/AGENDA FORUM

Time Slot	Item	Response / Action
8:45am – 9:45am	The Manager Corporate Services to workshop the 2017/18 Annual Budget with Council, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fees & Charges• Plant Replacement Program	
9:45am – 10:00am	Morning Tea	
10:55am – 11:40am	Visit Gnowangerup CRC	
12:10pm – 1:10pm	Lunch in Tambellup with Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup CEO & Councillors at the Tambellup CRC	
1:10pm – 1:50pm	View the Tambellup CRC	
2:40pm – 3:30pm	Visit Mt Barker CRC	

9:45am Morning Tea Provided

12:10pm Lunch at the Tambellup CRC – catering provided by Nangez Catering

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

Nil

Internal

Anthony Middleton – Manager Corporate Services
Zahra Shirazee – Manager Community Development & Tourism

Apologies

Cr Ronnie Fleay – Shire President
Serena Jade – Community Development Officer



Rick Mitchell-Collins
Chief Executive Officer

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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.
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.