



# Notes

## STRATEGIC BRIEFING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK,  
ON TUESDAY, 19 MAY 2020.

*The Council Forum and Briefing session follows the suggested format proposed by the Department of Local Government Operational Guidelines (Number 5 January 2004). The role of such forums is to allow opportunity for elected members and senior officers of the Council to come together outside of the formal meeting process to discuss matters that do not require formal decisions, do not discuss matters on the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda but to discuss matters that might be conceptual (brain storming etc.), informative (updates on progress with matters) or administrative in nature. For this reason they are normally held 'in committee'. Disclosures of Financial, Impartiality and Proximity interests are still to be recorded and dealt with if they arise.*

### 1. **DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING**

Presiding person, the Shire President, Cr Ceinwen Gearon, acknowledged the Indigenous people of the lands Council is meeting on.

### **RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

#### MEMBERS:

Cr Ceinwen Gearon (Shire President)  
Cr Mark Allen (Deputy Shire President)  
Cr Geoff Bowley  
Cr Kingsley Gibson  
Cr Steve Jones  
Cr Jan Lewis  
Cr Ian Osborne  
Cr Janine Phillips  
Cr Roger Seeney

#### STAFF:

David Schober (Acting Chief Executive Officer)  
David King (Director Assets and Sustainable Development)  
Lee Sounness (Executive Manager Corporate Services)  
Angela Simpson (Executive Manager Community Services)

#### APOLOGIES:

Nil

#### ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

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ABSENT:

Nil

VISITORS:

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Nil

## 2. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

### 2.1 Denmark Arts Submission

A submission from Denmark Arts for consideration in the 2020/21 Shire Budget was received and discussed. Council requested further information from officers prior to the upcoming budget workshop but indicated support.

Councillor Allen arrived at 1:15pm

### 2.2 Cultural Burn Activity

Bushfire Risk Planning Coordinator, Melanie Haymont, discussed a briefing note provided to Councillors from the Executive Manager Community Services. The details of the briefing note provided advice and information pertaining to the grant the Shire is seeking through the Mitigation Activity Fund (MAF) to undertake a cultural burn in reserve land in conjunction with UWA research project.

### 2.3 Community Financial Assistance Program 2019 / 2020

The Executive Manager Corporate Services discussed projects that were approved for funding in the 2019/20 Budget but have been unable to be completed. Council discussed the difficulty for many organisations to complete projects due to Covid19.

### 2.4 Community Financial Assistance Program 2020 / 2021

A briefing note from the Executive Manager Community Services, Angela Simpson, regarding the applications received for the 2020 / 2021 program was discussed. Council then considered and discussed each project. The difficulty and uncertain times relating to Covid19 were also considered in this discussion. Council sought further information from officers before being considered in the July meeting once further information is known.

Councillor Jones departed at 3:13pm

## 3. COUNCILLOR ROUND UP

### Cr Lewis

Provided an overview of the Trail Towns project. This project will be presented to the Great Southern Economic Alliance (South Coast Alliance Inc) for consideration.

**Cr Gearon**

Provided an update on the South Coast Alliance Inc partnership and requirement for all four local government partners. Further updates will provided as information as it comes to hand.

**Cr Allen**

Fire permits restrictions have now been lifted and congratulations to all the Denmark Brigades for another great season.

**Cr Phillips**

Noted the difficulties faced by the farming sector with the late burning restrictions. Further discussions on how certain businesses have been able to manage through this period on a case by case basis.

**Cr Bowley**

Sought clarification on the Bandstand. Director of Assets and Sustainable Development, David King, provided details on the schedule for demolition.

Sought clarification on further Zoom (Video conferencing of Council meetings). The June Council meeting will be open to the public with social distancing measures applied.

**Cr Osborne**

Indicated support for the South Coast Alliance Inc managing tourism into the future. Discussed the rating review process and feedback for officers consideration.

**4. CLOSURE**

Meeting closed at 3:29pm

