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## STRATEGIC BRIEFING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK, ON  
TUESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2022, COMMENCING AT 12:00PM

*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

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

##### MEMBERS:

Cr Ceinwen Gearon  
Cr Kingsley Gibson  
Cr Donna Carman  
Cr Clare Campbell – Departed at 2:48pm  
Cr Donald Clarke  
Cr Nathan Devenport  
Cr Jan Lewis  
Cr Jackie Ormsby  
Cr Janine Phillips – arrived at 12:17pm

##### STAFF:

David Schober (Chief Executive Officer)  
David King (Deputy CEO)  
Gina McPharlin (Director Corporate and Community Services)  
Claire Thompson (Governance Coordinator)  
Courtney Walsh (Communications and Engagement Officer)

##### APOLOGIES:

Keith Bradby, Chief Executive Officer, Gondwana Link

##### ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

**ABSENT:**

Nil

**VISITORS:** Carol Petterson (OAM), Genestreams Songlines Project  
Louise Duxberry, Senior Project Manager, Green Skills  
Ben Beaton, Genestreams Songlines Project

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Nil

**2. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS**

*12:00pm*

**2.1 Respectful Relationships**

The Director of Corporate and Community Services and Communication and Engagement Officer shared next steps, which will include a report to the September OCM, in respect to Australia Day and the Shire's reconciliation journey.

Officers will be recommending to change how the Australia Day event is delivered and will propose to move both the Citizen and Sportsperson of the Year Awards to coincide with National Volunteers Week.

*1:00pm*

**2.2 Genestreams Songlines Project**

The Genestreams Songline Sculptures originate in the 1990s when Nyoongar Man, Dr Noel Nannup, began creating a map of the 'Traditional Aboriginal Songlines of Australia'. Songlines describe the features and directions of travel, which were included in a song and had to be memorized and sung for the traveller to know the route to their destination.

More recently, various collaborators have worked to 'layer' the Songlines of a particular community with deep understanding of evolutionary processes, localized geology, biodiversity and natural history. A specific program by Artist Ben Beaton extended over 15 years, involved a number of Artist Residencies, and public art projects that unite traditional knowledge with western science – referred to as SciArt ([www.sciart.com.au](http://www.sciart.com.au)). Through this process Ben Beaton developed the notion of Genestreams. A Genestream is described as the sum total of a species gene pool, linking species through space and time.

Menang Gnudju elder Carol Petterson, Artist Ben Beaton and Louise Duxberry of Green Skills presented a proposal for a future Denmark installation. Officers joined Aunty Carol and Louise on site at Kwoorabup Park earlier in the day and have identified an appropriate site, pending a funding application to support the project.

*2:15pm*

**2.3 Wilson Inlet Opening Protocol**

Councillors were provided with a briefing note on the process and status of the Protocol for consideration. Officers were on hand to answer any questions.

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation will conduct another series of community and stakeholder consultation sessions in October at the Shire offices.

*2:30pm*

**2.4 No.1 Riverbend Lane**

The Deputy CEO discussed the potential sale of this site and the associated considerations. A business case and formal valuations of the site are required before a further briefing of Councillors can be undertaken.

*2:55pm*

**3. Close and break**