



# Notes

## STRATEGIC BRIEFING FORUM

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK,  
ON TUESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2016.

*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

10.05am – The Shire President, Cr Morrell, declared the meeting open.

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

##### MEMBERS:

Cr David Morrell (Shire President)  
Cr Kelli Gillies (Deputy Shire President) (from 11.15am)  
Cr Mark Allen  
Cr Peter Caron  
Cr Jan Lewis  
Cr Roger Seeney  
Cr Rob Whooley (from 1.00pm)

##### STAFF:

Cliff Frewing (Chief Executive Officer)  
Gilbert Arlandoo (Director of Infrastructure Services) (to 12.30pm)  
Annette Harbron (Director of Planning & Sustainability)  
Gregg Harwood (Director of Community & Regulatory Services)

##### APOLOGIES:

Cr Yasmin Bartlett  
Cr Ceinwen Gearon  
Kim Dolzadelli (Director of Finance & Administration)

##### ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

##### ABSENT:

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Nil

**2. REPORTS / STRATEGIC DISCUSSION**

To discuss and formulate philosophies, ideas, strategies and concepts for the development of the local government and district.

**2.1 Annual Budget Process / Long Term Financial Plan**

An updated draft Long Term Financial Plan was tabled for information. It was anticipated that the Long Term Financial Plan would be included in the September round of meetings for consideration.

**2.2 Development Assessment Panels**

The following information has been provided by the City of Subiaco. For discussion.

*“The 48 DAP Affected Communities would like to extend their thanks to the many council delegates who voted in favour of the motion at Item 4.5 to “advocate for the abolition of the Development Assessment Panels” at the WALGA AGM. Unfortunately, there were not enough votes to pass the motion.*

*While a DAP's decision may not adversely affect your Council, your support is requested to show the Government that this is not just an issue affecting some metropolitan communities.*

*As a demonstration of support and solidarity for the 48 DAP Affected Communities, and the councils which have already passed the motion, could you please consider putting up this motion to your council:*

*That Council:*

*Advocates for the abolition of Development Assessment Panels (DAP) on the basis that:*

- 1.1 DAP by means of their majority unelected membership are not democratic bodies representing the ratepayers and accordingly do not reflect the aspirations or values of the community;*
- 1.2. DAP represent a significant erosion of planning powers by elected representatives who have been given a mandate by ratepayers to make these decisions; and*
- 1.3. Some previous decisions made by the DAP have adversely affected communities and the Minister for Planning is powerless to overturn any decision which has gone well beyond the purpose, intent and application of relevant Local Planning Scheme and Policies adopted by a relevant council; and*
- 1.4. In the event that DAP remains in place, all Western Australian councils be granted powers to opt out of the DAP system should they so wish to.*

*Reasons:*

*By passing this motion our Council is supporting more than 15 metropolitan councils have passed a motion in recognition of DAP affected communities who want the DAP system abolished.*

1. *Examples of questionable DAP decisions have been provided as follows:*
  - a. *The DAP permitted a X use development against the TPS in Swan Valley*  
<https://dapaffectedcommunities.wordpress.com/2016/07/09/dap-affected-swan-valley/>
  - b. *The DAP approved a McDonalds in close proximity to the Mandurah school oval against the wishes of the community and the school principal:*  
<https://dapaffectedcommunities.wordpress.com/2016/02/03/fast-food-outlets-near-schools/>
  - c. *The DAP has approved four office blocks in Subiaco ignoring the Town Planning Scheme, Directions 2031, and local policies for residential dwellings. One of these office blocks was approved in secret on 21 March 2012, without the proper zoning for the area.*  
<http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/DAPS/DATA/Metropolitan%20DAPs/Metro%20West%20JDAP/Meeting%20minutes/20120321%20-%20Metro%20West%20JDAP%20-%20Minutes%20-%20No%207%20-%20SAT%20Confidential%20-%20City%20of%20Subiaco.pdf>  
The Minister later rezoned the area to match the DAP approved development.
2. *Councils who wish to opt out of the DAP system should be granted the powers to do so."*

Outcome

*The Director of Planning & Sustainability to provide additional links and the subject to be included on the Strategic Briefing Agenda for 6 September 2016.*

### **2.3 Project Updates**

- Denmark East Development Project
- Wilderness Ocean Walk (WOW)
- Hardy Street land
  - Site being rehabilitated.
  - Discussions occurring with Department of Lands.
  - Communication with neighbours / Amaroo Care Services.
- Denmark Tourism Inc. - setting of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
  - Denmark Tourism Inc. to provide data for input into KPIs for resolution by end of September.
  - Branding released for the Lower Great Southern by Marketforce on Thursday.

### **3. PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS**

#### **3.1 Denmark Riverside Club Inc.**

An item regarding a proposed lease with the Club had been deferred at the Council meeting held on Tuesday, 26 July 2016 pending a discussion with the Club. The Denmark Riverside Project Team was in attendance and the Project Manager, Mr Geoff Bowley, provided some background to the establishment of the Club. Other matters discussed were;

- The Club's whole of community focus – including Tha House, Denmark High School and donation of shed to the Denmark Riding for the Disabled.
- The draft Lease - a number of suggested were discussed in relation to Clauses 5.2a – *Restrictions on use*, 9.1 – *contributions by lessor*, 11.1 – *Termination by notice*, Schedule 1, 12.1 (d) – *add email*, Schedule 9.1 (e) – *community usage*.
- Issues and options were discussed regarding Stage 2 of the development which involved the John Clarke Memorial Bandstand.

Outcome

*The Director of Community & Regulatory Services to consider possible changes into the draft lease to be considered at the Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, 6 September 2016.*

**3.2 Denmark Gymnastics Club**

The Denmark Gymnastics Club gave a presentation on their Community Recreation Facilities Fund Application which is the subject of Item 8.2.1 on the Council Agenda and the following points were raised;

- McLean Oval Precinct Master Plan - need for it to be development quickly.
- Gymnastics Facility – need for it to be a priority.
- Council's in principle support sought – it was noted that this had in effect already been given as the Corporate Plan had recently been amended as a result of a submission received from Denmark Gymnastics.

Outcome

*It was agreed to progress the McLean Oval Precinct Master Plan to obtain objective data.*

**4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**4.1 Items for potential discussion at subsequent Briefing Forums**

Nil

**5. CLOSURE**

*2.50pm – There being no further business to discuss the Shire President, Cr Morrell, declared the Briefing closed.*