

MINUTES

AUGUST 2017

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chair Person, Shire President Cr Megan Tuffley, declared the meeting opened at 4.30pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES & APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Members

Cr M Tuffley	Shire President
Cr R Jury	Deputy Shire President
Cr T Borgward	Member
Cr G Collins	Member
Cr S Crosby	Member
Cr A Smith	Member

Staff

JP Bentley	Chief Executive Officer
M Bamess	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
DW Long	Works Manager

Members of the Public

Apologies

Cr M Stephens	Member
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Members on Leave of Absence

Cr G Browne	Member
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3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

- **Financial Interest:**
- **Members Impartiality Interest :**
9.1.3 USE OF THE SALMON GUM FOR TIMBER FAÇADE AT HUB – Cr S Crosby
- **Proximity Interest:**

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

5. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

4822 - COUNCIL RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

MOVED Cr R Jury / Cr G Collins

That Leave of Absence be granted to Cr T Borgward for the 20 September 2017 Council Meeting.

CARRIED 5/0
By Simple Majority

6. CONFIRMATION and RECEIVING OF MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING:

6.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 19 July, 2017

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Kent held on Wednesday 19 July, 2017 in the Shire of Kent Council Chambers be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings and duly signed.

4823 - COUNCIL RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

MOVED Cr A Smith / Cr R Jury

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Kent held on Wednesday 19 July, 2017 in the Shire of Kent Council Chambers be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings and duly signed.

CARRIED 6/0
By Simple Majority

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION:

8. PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS:

9. OFFICERS REPORTS:

9.1.1 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAID TO 31 JULY 2017

DATE:	9 August 2017
SUBJECT:	Schedule of Accounts Paid
PROPONENT:	N/A
LOCATION:	Whole of the Shire
AUTHOR:	Michelle Bamess – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
REPORTING OFFICER:	Michelle Bamess – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
FILE NO:	N/A
ASSESSMENT NO:	N/A

FUND VOUCHERS AMOUNT

Municipal Fund	\$141,749.86
Trust Fund	\$0.00
Direct Debits	\$94,792.17
Spoiled Cheques	
Cancelled Cheques	

ATTACHMENTS

Schedule of Accounts submitted 16 August 2017.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That vouchers from the Municipal Fund and Trust Fund as detailed, be approved by Council:

Municipal Fund	\$141,749.86
Trust Fund	\$0.00
Direct Debits	\$94,792.17
TOTAL	\$236,542.03

4824 - COUNCIL RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

MOVED Cr T Borgward / Cr R Jury

That vouchers from the Municipal Fund and Trust Fund as detailed, be approved by Council:

Municipal Fund	\$141,749.86
Trust Fund	\$0.00
Direct Debits	\$94,792.17
TOTAL	\$236,542.03

CARRIED 6/0
By Simple Majority

9.1.2 APPOINTMENT OF DUAL FIRE CONTROL OFFICERS FOR 2017/18 FOR SHIRE OF KENT

DATE:	8 th August 2017
SUBJECT:	Appointment of Dual Fire Control Officers
PROPONENT:	N/A
LOCATION:	Whole of the Shire
AUTHOR:	Kylie Freeman
REPORTING OFFICER:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
FILE NO:	FIR 15.5
ASSESSMENT NO:	N/A

PURPOSE

Council is to appoint the various Dual Fire Control Officers to the Shire of Kent for the 2017/18 year.

BACKGROUND

A letter has been received from Denise Gobbart, Chief Executive Officer Shire of Lake Grace, advising the endorsement of the appointment of the dual fire control officer for the Shire of Kent as well as dual fire control officers for neighbouring Shires.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1995
Bush Fires Act 1954

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no known policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no known financial implications.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no known strategic implications.

COMMENT

The following appointment to the Shire of Kent have been received from the Council as shown

Shire of Lake Grace

Leon Morgan
Brad Watson

ATTACHMENTS

Letter from Denise Gobbart, Chief Executive Officer Shire of Lake Grace

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council :

Endorse the appointment of the Dual Fire Control Officers to the Shire of Kent for 2017/18 as listed below:

Shire of Lake Grace – Leon Morgan and Brad Watson

4825 - COUNCIL RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

MOVED Cr G Collins / Cr T Borgward

That the Council:

Endorse the appointment of the Dual Fire Control Officers to the Shire of Kent for 2017/18 as listed below:

Shire of Lake Grace – Leon Morgan and Brad Watson

**CARRIED 6/0
By Simple Majority**

Cr S Crosby declared an Impartiality Interest in the following Agenda Item and left the meeting at 4.35pm.

9.1.3 USE OF THE SALMON GUM FOR TIMBER FAÇADE AT HUB

DATE:	7 th August 2017
PROPONENT:	Nyabing Progress Association
LOCATION:	Nyabing Community
SUBJECT:	Salmon Gum Timber
AUTHOR:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
REPORTING OFFICER:	Peter Bentley – Chief Executive Officer
FILE NO:	ASS15.10
ASSESSMENT NO:	

PURPOSE

To consider a suggestion from the Nyabing Progress Association to use the Salmon Gum log for the façade timber work on the new Community Hub Building.

BACKGROUND

Councillors will be aware that the Salmon Gum was an iconic tree in the car park and has been the source of many fond memories over the years for the people of Nyabing in particular. In 2009, due to its deteriorating condition, the tree was removed and a 4 metre section of the main trunk section was mounted on two branch sections and a sign was erected to provide some history of the tree.

The Timber is located in the car park and is exposed to the weather.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act (1995)

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Council has no specific policy regarding this matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This matter is not dealt with in the Shire of Kent Community Strategic Plan

COMMENT

The Progress Association has requested that it be allowed to have the trunk section milled and used to adorn the front façade section of the new Community Hub. The Association recognises that this could be a little contentious and is mindful that not everybody may agree with this use of the timber.

As it stands the log is subjected to wind, rain and wildly varying temperatures and is weathering as time goes by. This use of the timber would see it treated and incorporated into the Community Hub building at the front façade. This would have the timber clearly visible and The Association has suggested that there could be a pictorial history contained within the building celebrating the tree which stood for a hundred years or more.

With any such request it would be prudent for the Council to seek public comment as to the level of support for the proposal. As with any other contentious issue the suggested timeframe would be 42 days to allow for maximum community contribution to the debate.

If no adverse comment was received during that time Council could delegate authority to the CEO to give final approval to the proposal and authorize the milling of the log for use at the Community Hub.

This may well be a good way to preserve the timber and have a lasting memento of the once grand Salmon Gum available for many years to come.

ATTACHMENTS

Letter from Nyabing Progress Association
Elevation – Community Hub

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

1. **Support in principle the proposal to mill the old salmon gum log for use at the Nyabing Community Hub for the front façade;**
2. **Seek public comment for a period of 42 days with regard to the proposal;**
AND
3. **Should there be no adverse comment received delegate authority to the CEO to approve the proposal and authorise the removal of the log for milling and should there be significant adverse comment bring the matter back to the Council at the earliest possible meeting for Council determination.**

4826 - COUNCIL RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

MOVED Cr T Borgward / Cr R Jury

That the Council:

1. **Support in principle the proposal to mill the old salmon gum log for use at the Nyabing Community Hub for the front façade;**
2. **Seek public comment for a period of 42 days with regard to the proposal;**
AND
3. **Should there be no adverse comment received delegate authority to the CEO to approve the proposal and authorise the removal of the log for milling and should there be significant adverse comment bring the matter back to the Council at the earliest possible meeting for Council determination.**

CARRIED 5/0
By Simple Majority

Cr S Crosby returned to the meeting at 4.37pm

- 10. ELECTED MEMBERS MOTION OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**
- 11. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE AGREED TO BY RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL**
- 12. INFORMATION BULLETIN**

4827 - COUNCIL RESOLUTION (Officer Recommendation)

MOVED Cr G Collins / Cr S Crosby

That the Information Bulletin be received by Council.

CARRIED 6/0

- 13. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**
 That the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with section 5.23 Local Government Act 1995, 5.5.23(2))
 - Matters affecting employee(s)
 - Personal affairs of any person(s), including financial and/or commercial Contracts
 - Commercial Confidentiality
 - Legal advice/matters
 - Public safety/security matters where public knowledge may be prejudicial.
- 14. MEETING CLOSED**
 There being no further business the Shire President Cr Megan Tuffley, closed the meeting at 4.45pm.