

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

HELD ON
TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2017
AT
5.30 PM





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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

17 OCTOBER 2017

Minutes of the **Shire of Peppermint Grove** Ordinary Meeting of Council held at 1 Leake Street, Peppermint Grove Council Chambers on Tuesday 17 October 2017.

1 DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL OPENING

At 5.31pm, the Shire President declared the meeting open and requested that the Affirmation of Civic Duty and Responsibility be read aloud by a Councillor and requested the recording of attendance and apologies.

The Western Suburbs Weekly indicated that they were not recording the meeting.

Cr. G Peters read the affirmation

Affirmation of Civic Duty and Responsibility

I make this Affirmation in good faith on behalf of Councillors and Officers of the Shire of Peppermint Grove. We collectively declare that we will duly, faithfully, honestly, and with integrity fulfil the duties of our respective office and positions for all the people in the district according to the best of our judgment and ability. We will observe the Shire's Code of Conduct and meeting procedures to ensure the efficient, effective and orderly decision making within this forum.



2 RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE

2.1 ATTENDANCE

Shire President
Deputy Shire President
Elected Member
Elected Member
Elected Member
Elected Member
Elected Member

Chief Executive Officer
Manager Library and Community Services
Manager Corporate Services
Manager Infrastructure Services
Manager Development Services
Executive Officer

Visitors Nil

Gallery Nil Members of the Public 1 Members of the Press

2.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

2.3 LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Elected Member, Cr K Farley Approved at the Agenda Briefing Forum 10 October 2017.

2.4 NEW REQUEST FOR A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3 DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

3.1 DELEGATIONS

Nil

3.2 PETITIONS

Nil

Cr R Thomas Cr C Hohnen Cr S Fleay Cr D Horrex Cr P Macintosh Cr G Peters

Mr John Merrick Ms D Burn Mr P Rawlings Mr D Norgard Mr M Whitbread

Ms M Tabbakh (Minutes)



4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

At 5.32pm the Presiding Member opened the public question time by asking the gallery if there were any questions or deputation for Council. "Rules for Council meeting Public Question Time" were noted in the Agenda. Copies of:

- The Agenda
- Question to Council and
- Deputation Forms

Were placed at the end of the Council Meeting table in front of the public gallery, for the public, prior to commencing the meeting, as well as on the Shire Webpage.

4.1 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

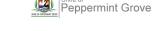
4.2 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

4.3 DEPUTATIONS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

At 5.32 pm, there being no further questions the Presiding Member closed the public question time.



5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors / Staff are reminded of the requirements of section 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995, to disclose any interest during the meeting when the matter is discussed, and also of the requirement to disclose an interest affecting impartiality under the Shire's Code of Conduct. Councillors / staff are required to submit declarations of interest in writing on the prescribed form.

5.1 FINANCIAL INTEREST

Nil

5.2 PROXIMITY INTEREST

Nil

5.3 IMPARTIALITY INTEREST

Cr S Fleay. 9.1.1 – Addition to Heritage List: Lot 100 (No.52) The Esplanade, Peppermint Grove.

Cr S Fleay has previously provided services to Dain Pty Ltd and previously been an Officer of the company.

5.4 INTEREST THAT MAY CAUSE A CONFLICT

Nil

5.5 STATEMENT OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY

Nil

6 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER (WITHOUT DISCUSSION)

The Presiding Member announced the following:

 Cr R Thomas thanked Debra Burn, Manager Library and Community Services for a very pleasant evening on Friday 13th October – The 13th Edition. The event was well attended.

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7 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

7.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING **26 SEPTEMBER 2017**

COUNCIL DECISION - 1106

MOVED: CR P MACINTOSH, SECONDED: D HORREX

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting, of the Shire of Peppermint Grove held in the Council Chambers on 26 September 2017 be confirmed.

CARRIED: 6/0

7.2 AGENDA BRIEFING FORUM 10 OCTOBER 2017

COUNCIL DECISION - 1107

MOVED: CR D HORREX, SECONDED: CR P MACINTOSH

That the Minutes of the Agenda Briefing Forum, of the Shire of Peppermint Grove held in the Council Chambers on 10 October 2017 be confirmed.

CARRIED: 6/0

7.3 CONCEPT FORUM

10 OCTOBER 2017

COUNCIL DECISION - 1108

MOVED: CR C HOHNEN, SECONDED: CR D HORREX

That the Minutes of the Concept Forum, of the Shire of Peppermint Grove held in the Council Chambers on 10 October 2017 be confirmed.

8 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

8.1 URBAN PLANNING

8.1.1 Building Permits Issued

For works which are excluded from requiring planning consent under the Deemed to Comply provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations 2015 for September 2017;

No Permits issued for September 2017

NOTED

8.2 INFRASTRUCTURE

Nil

8.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Nil

8.4 MANAGEMENT / GOVERNANCE / POLICY

Nil

8.5 CORPORATE

8.5.1 Financial Report – September 2017

CORPORATE

ATTACHMENT DETAILS

Attachment No	<u>Details</u>
Attachment 1	Financial Report – September 2017

Voting Requirement : Simple Majority

Subject Index : FM026A

Location / Property Index N/A Application Index N/A TPS No 3 Zoning N/A Land Use N/A Lot Area N/A Disclosure of any Interest Nil Previous Items N/A **Applicant** N/A Owner N/A

Responsible Officer : Paul Rawlings, Manager, Corporate Services

COUNCIL ROLE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Council with a report of financial activity for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 September 2017.

SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

- The financial report for the three months ended 30 September 2017 indicates a closing surplus of \$3,318,281, some \$201,473 more than forecast;
- Operating revenue is some \$10,159 more than forecast;
- Operating expenditure (to date but subject to outstanding invoices not yet received) is some \$113,772 less than forecast;
- No capital expenditure has been incurred.

LOCATION

N/A

BACKGROUND

Nil

CONSULTATION

There has been no specific consultation undertaken in respect to this matter.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no Strategic Plan implications evident at this time.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant policy implications evident at this time.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific statutory requirements in respect to this matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial report indicates Council exceeded its estimated 1st July 2017 brought forward surplus of \$261,470 by some \$81,216 with only final 2016/17 audit adjustments, if any, to be accounted for. Cash at 30th June 2017 was some \$72,008 more than estimated, receivables \$55,382 and payables and provisions \$42,311.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications at this time.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no social implications at this time.

OFFICER COMMENT

The following comments relate to variances greater than \$10,000.

(1) Fees and Charges

Revenue from fees and charges - particularly from development and building applications – is some \$11,916 behind the year-to-date budget. This category will be closely watched over the next few months prior to the annual budget review in March 2018.

(2) Grants and Subsidies

Year-to-date revenue from grants and subsidies exceeds the budget by some \$16,168. This relates to the receipt of an unbudgeted \$9,686 grant from Lotterywest for this year's Carols by Candlelight event and an additional \$9,489 Roads to Recovery grant (brought forward from 2018/19) less a \$2,022 reduction in the State road grant as a result of the reinstatement of the vehicle registration and stamp duty concessions being offset by reductions on local road grants.

(3) Employee Costs

Employee costs are some \$15,392 less than anticipated. This is largely due to timing issues.

(4) Materials and Contracts

Materials and contracted expenses are some \$92,761 less than expected at this stage though much of this relates to invoices yet to be received.

(5) Net Current Assets Brought Forward at 1st July 2017

See discussion under "financial implications" above.

(6) Net Current Assets Year-to-Date

Net current assets as at 30 September 2017 exceed the forecast figure by some \$201,473 at this stage. This is largely attributable to the additional brought forward surplus (\$81,216 at this stage) and materials and contracts expenses timing issues (\$92,761) discussed above.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/S - ITEM No. 8.5.1

That the interim financial report for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 September 2017 be received.

COUNCIL DECISION - 1109

MOVED: CR S FLEAY, SECONDED: CR C HOHNEN

That the interim financial report for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 September 2017 be received.

8.5.2 Accounts Paid - September 2017

CORPORATE

ATTACHMENT DETAILS

Attachment No	<u>Details</u>
Attachment 2	Accounts Paid – September 2017

Voting Requirement : Simple Majority

Subject Index : FM045A

Location / Property Index N/A Application Index N/A TPS No 3 Zoning N/A Land Use N/A Lot Area N/A Disclosure of any Interest N/A Previous Items N/A **Applicant** N/A Owner N/A

Responsible Officer : Paul Rawlings, Manager Corporate Services

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for cheques drawn, credit card and electronic funds payments and direct debits since the last report.

SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

Significant payments in September 2017 included the following:

- GST & PAYG remittance to ATO;
- Remittance of portion of library cash reserve to Town of Mosman Park;
- Payments for waste disposal to WMRC;
- Staff & Shire superannuation contributions.

LOCATION

N/A

BACKGROUND

Attachment 1 lists details of all cheques drawn since the last report and accounts now presented for payment. The following summarises the cheques, credit card payments, electronic fund transfers, direct debits and accounts included in the list presented for payment.

PAYMENT TYPE

Cheques 294 - 300 & 302
Electronic Funds Transfers 00134 – 00142
TOTAL

<u>AMOUNT</u> \$20,968.41 \$402,479.38 **\$423,447.79**

CONSULTATION

There has been no specific consultation undertaken in respect to this matter.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no Strategic Plan implications evident at this time.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant policy implications evident at this time.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific statutory requirements in respect to this matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The payments processed by the Shire relate to expenditure approved in the 2017/2018 annual budget (as amended).

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications at this time.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no social implications at this time.

OFFICER COMMENT

Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/S - ITEM NO. 8.5.2

That:

The payment of cheques, electronic funds payments and credit card payments for September 2017, totalling \$423,447.79 be approved.

COUNCIL DECISION - 1110

MOVED: CR C HOHNEN, SECONDED: CR P MACINTOSH

That:

The payment of cheques, electronic funds payments and credit card payments for September 2017, totalling \$423,447.79 be approved.

9 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – IMPARTIALITY

Cr S Fleay has previously provided services to Dain Pty Ltd and previously been an Officer of the company.

9.1 LATE ITEMS

9.1.1 Addition to Heritage List. Lot 100 (No.52) The Esplanade, Peppermint Grove Report Heading

URBAN PLANNING

ATTACHMENT DETAILS

Attachment No	<u>Details</u>
Attachment Late Item 1A, 1B,	52 The Esplanade, Peppermint Grove
1C, 1D, 1E 1F, 1G & 1H	

Voting Requirement : Simple Majority

Subject Index : Property

Location / Property Index : Lot 100 (No.52) The Esplanade

Application Index : N/A

LPS No 4 Zoning : Residential R10 Land Use : Single Dwelling

Lot Area : 3652m2

Disclosure of any Interest : Nil

Previous Items : Items 8.1.4. 18th April 2017

Applicant : N/A

Owner : Dain Pty Ltd

Responsible Officer : Michael Whitbread, Manager of Development Services.

COUNCIL ROLE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

For Council to consider the proposal to enter 52 The Esplanade, Peppermint Grove (*Property*) as a place in the Shire's heritage list.

SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

- Clause 8(1) of Schedule 2 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes)*Regulations 2015, which forms part of the Shire's Local Planning Scheme No.4, requires that the Shire establish and maintain a heritage list under the Scheme to identify places within the Scheme area that are of cultural heritage significance and worthy of built heritage conservation.
- The Property was entered in the new heritage list at the time that heritage list was established in April 2017, and its entry was also considered by Council in a separate decision in July 2017, but both of those decisions have been challenged by the owners of the Property.
- In order to address any concern as to whether the requirements of the Deemed Provisions were complied with in respect of the Property being entered in the heritage list, the Shire has recommenced this process and returned it to Council for a decision.

LOCATION

Please refer to the attached location plan of the Property (see Attachment 1A).

BACKGROUND

Under the *Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990* (*Heritage Act*), local governments are required to compile an inventory of buildings within their district (*Municipal Inventory*), which are of cultural heritage significance.

The Shire adopted a Municipal Inventory by a Council decision at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 19 July 1999. 165 places were included in that Municipal Inventory.

The Shire also then adopted a list of heritage places (*Old Heritage List*) under its then Town Planning Scheme No.3. The Old Heritage List was simply a replication of the Municipal Inventory.

While being similar documents they served different functions. These being that -

1. the Municipal Inventory was for the purpose of identifying heritage buildings under the Heritage Act; and the Old Heritage List was for the purpose of identifying heritage places under the planning scheme, so that consideration of their heritage value would be included in the assessment of an application for development approval in respect of a place on the Old Heritage List.

It is understood that the Property was entered in both the Municipal Inventory and Old Heritage List. A report by Griffiths Architects commissioned by the owner of the Property was submitted to the Shire in 2014 (*Griffiths Report*) as part of a request to remove the Property from the Old Heritage List (see Attachment 1B).

On 19 October 2015, the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations* 2015 (**LPS Regulations**) came into effect and included various provisions in Schedule 2 that were deemed to be included in all local planning schemes (**Deemed Provisions**). In addition to this, the Shire replaced its local planning scheme with the gazettal of Scheme No.4 on 3 March 2017 (**Scheme**).

Clause 8 of the Deemed Provisions, deals with heritage lists and sets out a process for a place to be entered in a heritage list (see further below). The Shire undertook this process in March 2017, in respect of all those places in its Municipal Inventory (other than those that had been demolished). 3 submissions were received in response to the notifications sent out as part of the process. These submissions included a submission in respect of the Property (see Attachment 1C) and a report by TPG Place Match also in respect of the Property (TPG Report) (see Attachment 1D).

Council then made a decision at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 18 April 2017 to enter all of those places the subject of the notice, including the Property, in a heritage list under the Scheme (*Heritage List*).

Following correspondence with the owner of the Property, the matter of the Property's entry in the Heritage List was considered again by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 27 June 2017. The Council made the decision at that time not to make any amendment to the Property's entry in the Heritage List.

In August 2017, the lawyers for the owner of the Property wrote to the Shire challenging various aspects of the Council decisions made in April 2017 and June 2017 relating to the entry of the Property in the Heritage List. The owner of the Property has since commenced legal proceedings in the Supreme Court of Western Australia seeking to quash both decisions.

While the Shire intends to defend the legal proceedings based on legal advice obtained from LSV Borrello Lawyers, that legal advice also recommended that the Shire take the opportunity to revisit the entry of the Property in the Heritage List in order to remove any concern as to whether the process set out in the Deemed Provisions has been complied with.

As a result of this, on 15 September 2017 the Shire provided written notice to the owner and occupier of the Property for the purpose of clause 8(3)(a) and (b) of the Deemed Provisions (**Notice**) (see Attachment 1E).

The Notice included the invitation for submissions to be made within 21 days on the proposal to enter the Property in the Heritage List. A submission was received from the owner of the Property dated 5 October 2017 (see Attachment 1F).

The proposal to enter the Property in the Heritage List is now put to Council for a decision pursuant to clause 8(3) of the Deemed Provisions.

CONSULTATION

As referred to above the owner and occupier of the Property have been invited to make submissions and 1 response was received. This discharges the requirement in clause 8 (3)(a) and (b) of the Deemed provisions.

In addition, under Clause 8 (3)(c) of the Deemed Provisions the Shire may carry out any other consultation it `... considers appropriate'. Due to the fact that Griffiths Architects and TPG Place Match had prepared written reports on the heritage significance of the Property in the past, it was considered appropriate to invite their comments on the proposal to enter the Property in the Heritage List (see Attachment 1G).

Griffiths Architects has provided a response that acknowledges the heritage value of the Property qualifies for it to be in the Heritage List (see Attachment 1H).

TPG Place Match did not provide a response. In a follow up telephone call to Marc Beattie of TPG Place Match, he advised that the invitation to comment had been received, which was forwarded to the owner of the Property but that TPG Place Match had no comment as they had not received any instructions from the owner of the Property.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no Strategic Planning implications at this time.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant policy implications evident at this time.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Planning Scheme No.4

Clause 8 of the Deemed provisions of the Scheme provides that:

- (1) The local government must establish and maintain a heritage list to identify places within the Scheme area that are of cultural heritage significance and worthy of built heritage conservation.
- (2) The heritage list -
 - (a) must set out a description of each place and the reason for its entry in the heritage list;

- (b) must be available, with the Scheme documents, for public inspection during business hours at the offices of the local government; and
- (c) may be published on the website of the local government.
- (3) The local government must not enter a place in, or remove a place from, the heritage list or modify the entry of a place in the heritage list unless the local government
 - (a) notifies in writing each owner and occupier of the place and provides each of them with a description of the place and the reasons for the proposed entry; and
 - (b) invites each owner and occupier to make submissions on the proposal within 21 days of the day on which the notice is served or within a longer period specified in the notice; and
 - (c) carried out any other consultation the local government considers appropriate; and
 - (d) following any consultation and consideration of the submissions made on the proposal, resolves that the place be entered in the heritage list with or without modification, or that the place be removed from the heritage list.
- (4) If the local government enters a place in the heritage list or modifies an entry of a place in the heritage list the local government must give notice of the entry or modification to
 - (a) the Heritage Council of Western Australia; and
 - (b) each owner and occupier of the place.

As set out above, the Shire is required by clause 8(1) of the Deemed Provisions to establish and maintain a heritage list.

The meaning of a 'place' under section 3(1) of the Heritage Act applies under the Deemed Provisions. It refers to the relevant parcel of land (ie address or lot) and is the generic term for referencing the building or address that is subject to the heritage interest. The Property is a 'place' for the purposes of the Deemed Provisions.

There is no obligation under the Deemed Provisions or the Scheme for Council to obtain an expert opinion on the heritage value of a place prior to entering it on its heritage list. However, it is the Council's custom and practice to do so.

As set out above, the requirements of clause 8(3)(a) and (b) of the Deemed Provisions have been complied with in relation to the current proposal. The Shire has also carried out other consultation as provided for in clause 8(3)(c).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications evident at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications at this time.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no social implications at this time.

OFFICER COMMENT

The reasons for entering the Property in the Shire's heritage list are set out in the Notice. These reasons include that the Property is a place that:

- 1. is representative of:
 - (a) a Federation Queen Anne Bungalow; and
 - (b) a large house constructed in Peppermint Grove for the leading members of Western Australian society;
- 2. contributes to the heritage of the locality;
- 3. is a landmark place as part of a cultural group of developments from a consistent historical period and architectural style;
- 4. has historic value and is a rare example of a place of its style; and
- 5. is associated with historical figures and prominent past residents of Peppermint Grove.

These are all reasons that are referred to in the Griffiths Report and the TPG Report.

The owner's objections to these reasons are set out in the submission (as per Attachment 1F referred to above).

Council is required by clause 8(3)(d) of the Deemed Provisions to consider the submissions made by the owner.

Council should also consider the contents of the Griffiths Report and the TPG Report, as well as the further comments received from Philip Griffiths of Griffiths Architects in response to the consultation carried out under clause 8(3)(c) of the Deemed Provisions.

Having regard to these matters, the officer recommendation is that the Property be entered in the Heritage List as a place of cultural heritage significance and worthy of built heritage conservation.

Council should consider afresh, without regard to the decisions made in April 2017 or June 2017, whether or not the Property ought to be entered in the heritage list.

If Council considers that the Property ought to be entered in the Heritage List, Council should also consider whether to make any modification to the entry of the Property as compared to either the proposal set out in the Notice or the decisions made in April 2017 and June 2017.

If Council considers that the Property ought not to be entered in the Heritage List, then for completeness and to avoid the need for any legal proceedings, Council should resolve to remove the Property from the heritage list.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/S - ITEM No. 9.1.1

That Council -

- 1. notes the submissions and comments received as referred to in the report and attachments for this item;
- 2. in respect of the place described as:
 - (a) 52 The Esplanade, Peppermint Grove; and
 - (b) Lot 100 on Diagram 71487 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title volume 1842 Folio 15,

resolves that this place be entered in the Shire of Peppermint Grove heritage list, in accordance with clause 8(3)(d) of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.

COUNCIL DECISION - 1111

Moved: Cr G Peters, Seconded: Cr D Horrex

That Council -

- 1. notes the submissions and comments received as referred to in the report and attachments for this item;
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resolves that this place be entered in the Shire of Peppermint Grove heritage list, in accordance with clause 8(3)(d) of Schedule 2 of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.

Note: Legislation requires that Council must consider any submissions made by the Landowner.

9.1.2 Access and Inclusion Plan 2017-2022

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ATTACHMENT DETAILS

Attachment No	<u>Details</u>
Attachment late Item 2	Access and Inclusion Plan 2017-2022

Voting Requirement Simple Majority

Subject Index CS118F Location / Property Index N/A Application Index N/A TPS No 3 Zoning N/A Land Use N/A Lot Area N/A Disclosure of any Interest N/A Previous Items N/A **Applicant** N/A Owner N/A

Responsible Officer Vanessa O'Brien, Community Development Officer

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to submit the Access and Inclusion Plan 2017 - 2022 for Council endorsement.

SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

 In pursuit of its ongoing commitment to developing an even more friendly and welcoming community and in response to its legal obligation under the State Disability Service Act 1993 (DSA) (and amendments 2004), the Shire of Peppermint Grove has reviewed its Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) 2012- 2016.

LOCATION

N/A

BACKGROUND

The Shire is responding positively to its obligations under Federal and State disability laws. Since implementing a formal disability planning process in 2007, the Shire has developed and implemented a range of initiatives to improve access and inclusion.

A disability access audit was conducted in 2009. The audit identified what needed to be done to meet minimum standards and priorities were set. The Grove Library incorporated all priorities when it was constructed in 2010, and all recommendations were achieved. Playground facilities and pathways have been upgraded to improve access for people with disabilities and the Shire will continue to complete other priority items and will continue to implement all improvements over time.

The Grove Library precinct provides fully accessible facilities such as a large-key keyboard as well as upgraded materials and a range of alternative format resources such as talking books, online books, electronic books, large print books and captioned DVDs. A Hearing Loop is available in the Council Chambers and Community Centre.

Sport and recreation activities are made more accessible to people with disabilities with the continuation of the Sportslink program, held at Presbyterian Ladies' College and in partnership with Town of Mosman Park.

Shire information can be made available in a range of formats including Braille, large print, audible and digital formats upon request.

The Shire has an ongoing disability awareness training program for Staff.

CONSULTATION

The Access & Inclusion Plan review was conducted in accordance with the requirements as set out in the Disability Services Act and included community, staff and stakeholder consultations in March 2017. Consultation was through a range of methods, the main one being an Access and Inclusion Review Survey, which was delivered to each household and business in the Shire, available at the Shire and library offices and on the Shire website. An Access and Inclusion Reference Group has since been established.

The Shire's recent access improvements are acknowledged and barriers identified with outcomes, objectives and strategies outlined for inclusion in the revised Access and Inclusion Plan.

Key Findings and Barriers to Access

While the review and consultation recognised a great deal of achievements in improving access, it also identified a range of barriers that require redress. These access barriers include:

- The Shire's website is currently under review to make improvements to best meet the needs of people with disability.
- People with disability may not be aware of consultation opportunities with the Shire.
- Community members reported that there were some areas where the accessibility of the pedestrian environment could be improved.
- Suitable parking for people with disability may not be meeting the needs of this growing demographic.
- Some staff may be uninformed or lacking in confidence to adequately provide the same level of service to people with disability as that provided to other members of the community
- Some members of the community may feel socially excluded.

The identification of these barriers will form the basis of the Access and Inclusion Implementation Plan, which will be developed to identify specific tasks and time frames for each strategy.

Implementing the Access and Inclusion Plan (AIP) has implications across all functions of the organisation. Responsibility for implementing the Plan lies with all staff. Some actions in the Implementation Plan will apply to all areas of the Shire, while others will apply to a specific area. The Implementation Plan will indicate which officer is responsible for each task and a timeframe for completing that task.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no Strategic Plan implications evident at this time.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant policy implications evident at this time.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

It is a requirement of the Disabilities Services Act 1993, that all Local Governments develop and implement a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan that outlines the ways in which they will ensure that people with disability have equal access to its facilities and services. This Access and Inclusion Plan intends to meet the requirements of the Act.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications evident at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications at this time.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no social implications at this time.

OFFICER COMMENT

Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION/S - ITEM No.9.1.2

- 1. That the Access and Inclusion Plan (AIP) 2017-2022 be endorsed.
- 2. That the Access Barriers identified in the Report form the basis of the AIP Implementation Plan, which will be developed to identify specific tasks and time frames for each strategy and which will be incorporated into the Shire's Community Plan.

COUNCIL DECISION - 1112

MOVED: CR G PETERS, SECONDED: CR D HORREX

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10 MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS

9.2 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

COUNCIL DECISION – 1113

MOVED: CR D HORREX, SECONDED: CR C HOHNEN

THAT:

Under section 5.23 of the Act the meeting be closed to Staff and members of the public at this point to allow Council to discuss Agenda Items 11.1.1 – Chief Executive Officer Performance Review 2017 and 11.1.2 – Recruitment of the Chief Executive Officer

CARRIED: 6/0

At 5.57 pm, Staff and members of the public left the Council Chambers.

11.1.1 Chief Executive Officer Performance Review 2017

Council Decision - 1114

MOVED: CR C HOHNEN, SECONDED: CR S FLEAY

THAT:

- 1. Council complete the annual Chief Executive Officer's Performance Review in accordance with Sections 5.38 and 5.39 (3) (b) and regulation 18D of the Local Government Act 1995.
- 2. Elected Members confirm that the CEO's performance has been satisfactory for 2016/2017
- 3. Council notes that the CEO intends to retire at the end of his current contract on 30 June 2018.
- 4. That in accordance with the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal's freeze on salary increases for Chief Executive Officers, no salary increase can be approved for this financial year.
- 5. Council authorises the Shire President, Deputy Shire President and the CEO, to discuss and agree performance criteria for the remainder of the contract.

At 6.01pm, Staff returned to the Council Chambers.

11.1.2 Recruitment of the Chief Executive Officer

COUNCIL DECISION - 1114

MOVED: CR D HORREX, SECONDED: CR C HOHNEN

THAT:

WALGA be appointed as the Recruitment Consultants for the recruitment of the Chief Executive Officer.

COUNCIL DECISION - 1116

MOVED: CR D HORREX, SECONDED: CR C HOHNEN

THAT:

The meeting be re-opened to the public at 6.02pm, no members of the public returned to the Council Chambers.

On the return of the public to the Council Chambers the Presiding Member will read out the Council Decision. There being no members of the public present, the Presiding Member dispensed with reading out the Council Decision.

CARRIED: 6/0

The Shire President thanked Councillors and Staff for their efforts in the past two years.

12 CLOSURE

At 6.03 pm, there being no further business the meeting closed.