### AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL FLAG - PETITION

Proclamation under the Flags Act 1953

Meeting with Noongar Representatives Notes – Tuesday 6 November 2018

Meeting Date: 04 December 2018



## Proclamation under the Flags Act 1953

Flags Act 1953

I, PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council and noting the fact that the flag reproduced in Schedule 1 and described in Schedule 2 is recognised as the flag of the Aboriginal peoples of Australia and a flag of significance to the Australian nation generally, appoint that flag, under section 5 of the *Flags Act 1953*, to be the flag of the Aboriginal peoples of Australia and to be known as the Australian Aboriginal Flag with effect from 1 January 2008.

Signed and sealed with the Great Seal of Australia on 25 January 2008

P. M. JEFFERY Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

JOHN FAULKNER Cabinet Secretary

### Schedule 1 Australian Aboriginal Flag



## Schedule 2 Description of Australian Aboriginal Flag

The Australian Aboriginal Flag is divided horizontally into halves, the upper half being black (symbolising the Aboriginal peoples) and the lower half being red (symbolising both the Australian soil and ochre, a substance used by Aboriginal peoples at their ceremonies). A yellow disk (symbolising the sun) is superimposed centrally on the black and red halves of the flag.

File No: N47050

### Meeting with Noongar Representatives – Notes

**Date:** Tuesday, 6 November 2018 **Commenced:** 9.30am

#### **Present:**

Shire of Plantagenet Shire President Cr Chris Pavlovich
Shire of Plantagenet Deputy Shire President Cr Jon Oldfield
Shire of Plantagenet Chief Executive Officer Rob Stewart

Noongar Community members: Glen Colbung, Vivienne Wynne, Rheanna McCleery, Chris Winmar, Tony Rose, Mark Colbung, Scott Colbung, Barbara Colbung, Bob Colbung, Lester Yorkshire, Quinton Colbung, Brad Yorkshire, Justine Yorkshire, Yvette Ugle, Helen Felton, Joanne Collins, Helen Arnold.

### Apologies:

Helen Belfield

The meeting commenced with introductions and a Welcome from Shire President Cr Chris Pavlovich who thanked everybody for their attendance.

Chris noted that Glen Colbung is an elder and chair of SAC. Brad Yorkshire, Mark Colbung and Quinton Colbung represent their families.

It was also noted that Helen Belfield is recognised as an Elder but was unable to make today's meeting due to health issues.

Justine noted that although a number of people were unable to make the meeting this should not be interpreted that they didn't support the flying of the Aboriginal Flag.

It was also noted around the table that family 'issues' of the past were all now very much in the past. Mark Colbung confirmed that there was no division between the families these days.

Chris mentioned the petition that has been received by the Council regarding the flying of the Aboriginal Flag. He explained Council processes regarding petitions, the holding of a confidential workshop with Councillors and the Council's wish to concentrate on strategic matters. He also noted that at least one flagpole would have to be erected to fly the Aboriginal Flag. He said that the workshop regarding the petition would be held in December.

Chris then asked the group whether indigenous matters in Plantagenet could be taken to a more structured level and the comment around the room was positive.

A number of issues were then mentioned, including the degradation of the Native Reserve and the need for it to be cleaned up. Chris advised this is state owned land however, we can collectively lobby for recognition or action.

In addition, it was mentioned that more events could be held during NAIDOC Week.

It was also noted that employment of indigenous people by the Shire was low with the question being asked as to the possibility of underlying prejudice. Mr Stewart informed the group of the SOP status as an equal opportunity employer and actions by any past individual/s should not be taken as Council policy or direction.

One attendee noted that aboriginals sometimes called the Commonwealth Flag the invasion flag and that aboriginals prior to the 1967 referendum weren't even counted in a census. Chris noted that we couldn't change the past however the future of our generations will benefit from a united community today.

Mr Stewart then explained the Council's Flag Policy. Mark Colbung mentioned that aboriginal people may be able to raise \$1,000.00 towards the cost of the erection of the flagpole. Rheanna informed the group they were fundraising to raise the \$1,000. Chris commented on the benefit of locals taking some ownership in the flagpole with funding support.

Chris mentioned the possibility of preparing an Indigenous Inclusion Plan or a Reconciliation Action Plan and asked if there were any sites of aboriginal significance in Plantagenet.

The native reserve was mentioned and a small shed opposite Kitty Warburton's old house site was mentioned as well.

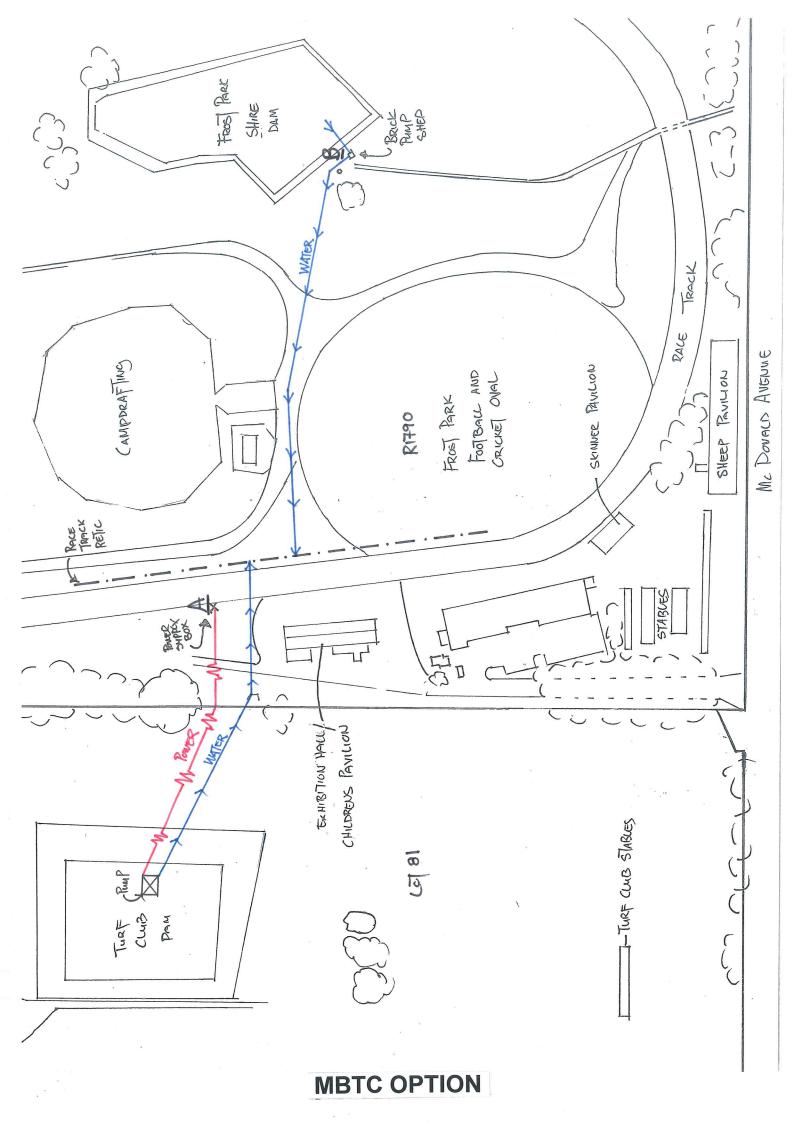
The meeting concluded with everybody saying how happy they were with the meeting being called and the consensus was 'very positive'.

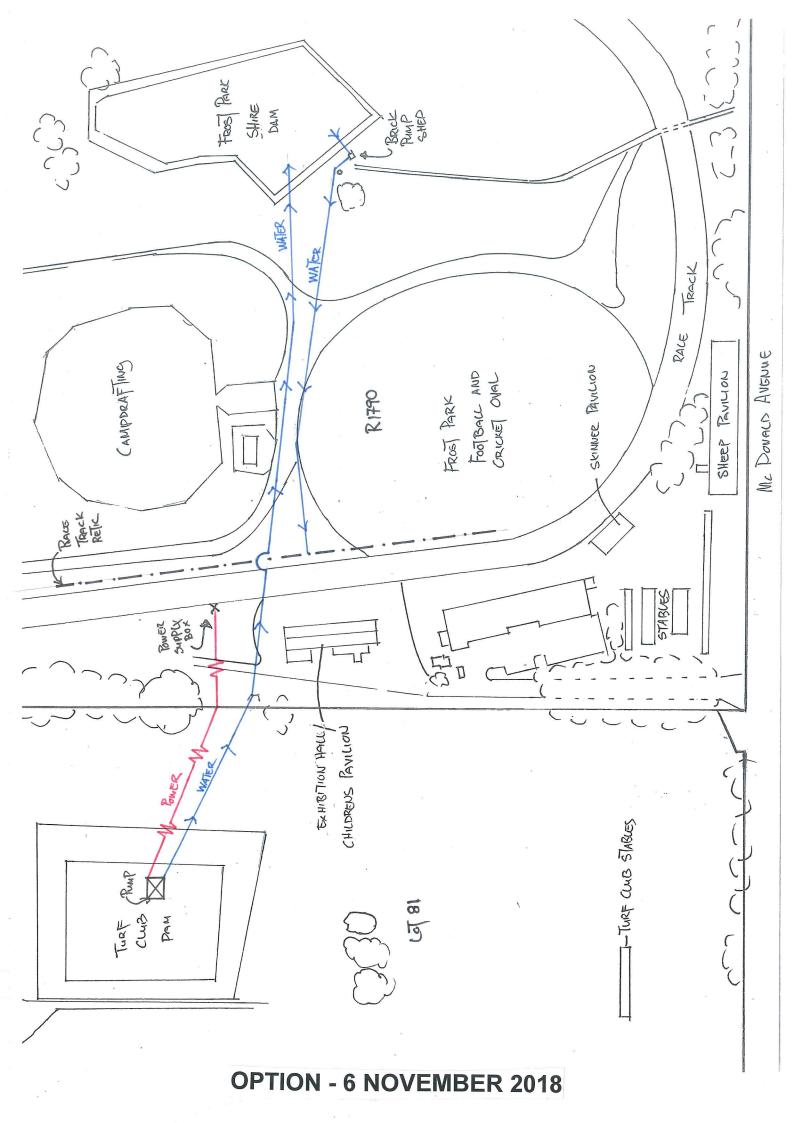
Meeting closed at 10.45am.

# RESERVE 1790 AND LOT 81 MCDONALD AVENUE MOUNT BARKER - WATER RETICULATION AND POWER CONNECTION WORKS

MBTC Option
Option - 6 November 2018
Alternative Recommendation
Preferred Option

Meeting Date: 04 December 2018





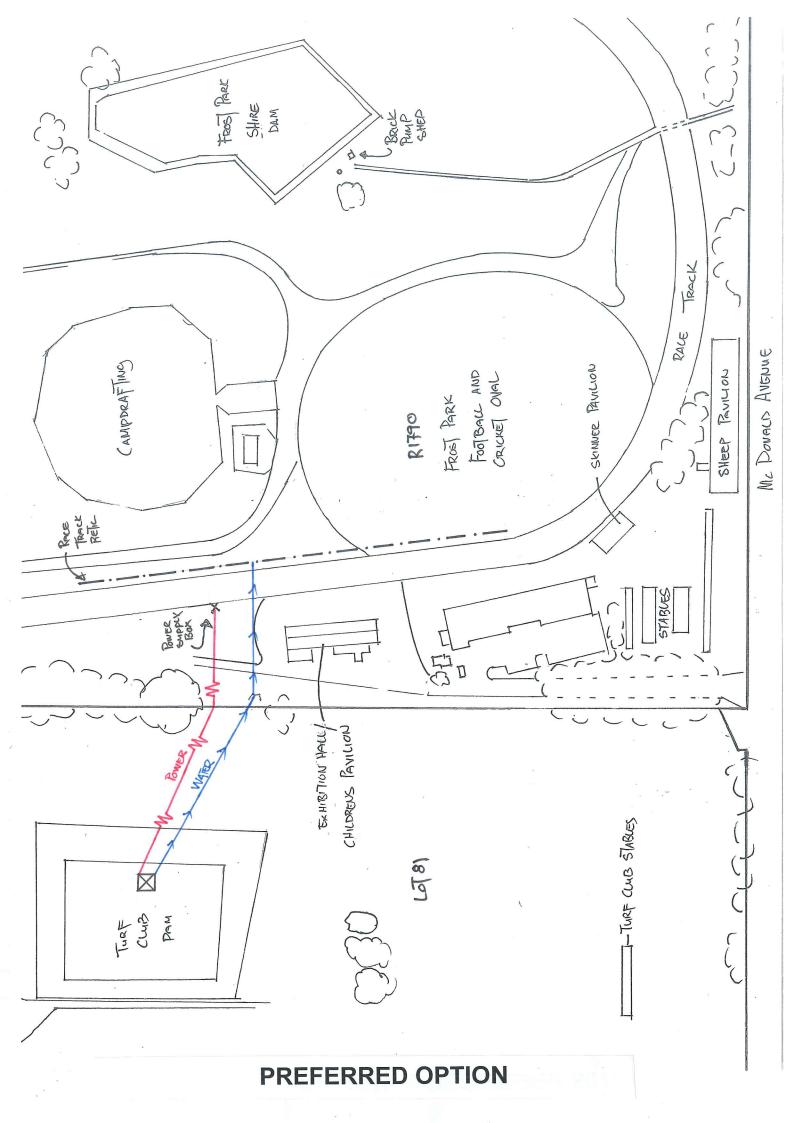
Alternative Recommendation - 6 November 2018 Council Agenda - Item 9.1.1: Reserve 1790 and Lot 81 McDonald Avenue Mount Barker – Water Reticulation and Power Connection Works

#### That:

- 1. A power supply survey be undertaken by a licensed electrician to ensure that the existing supply can cope with the demand of the irrigation pump outside of race day. The survey is to take into account the power requirements of all users of the Frost Park complex and analyse the risk of over-consumption to the satisfaction of the Manager Works and Services.
- 2. The water main from the Mount Barker Turf Club Inc dam at Lot 81 McDonald Avenue, Mount Barker being the only supply to irrigate the race track.
- 3. The water main from the dam at Reserve 1790 being capped to isolate the water supply from Reserve 1790 away from the race track to the satisfaction of the Manager Works and Services.
- 4. An independent irrigation controller being installed to manage the irrigation of the race track from the main originating from Lot 81 McDonald Avenue, Mount Barker.
- 5. The current irrigation controller being removed or otherwise isolated from the race track irrigation system to the satisfaction of the Manager Works and Services.
- 6. An additional external power supply box being installed for the sole use of the Mount Barker Turf Club Inc.
- 7. An electricity sub meter being installed in the new Mount Barker Turf Club Inc external power supply box and this box to be secured against unauthorised use.
- 8. This electricity sub meter being recorded on a monthly basis and the Council being reimbursed the costs of supplying the power.
- 9. All water reticulation and power connection works being carried out at no cost to the Council.

#### **Advice Note:**

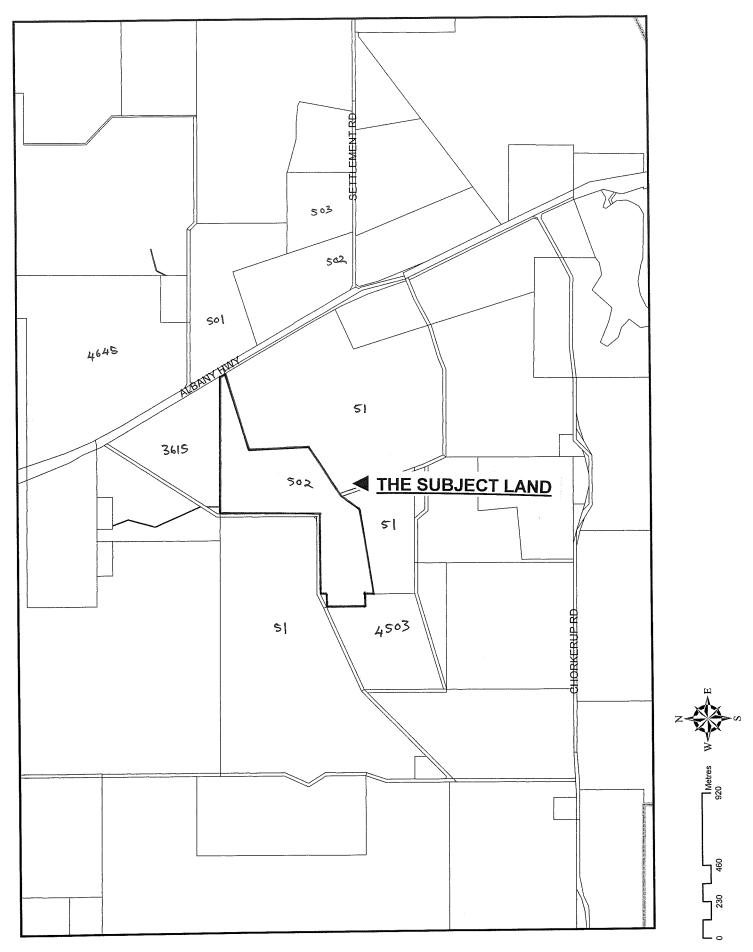
The Mount Barker Turf Club Inc be advised to supply an independent power supply at Lot 81 McDonald Avenue, Mount Barker within 12 months of this installation to secure additional power to the site which is independent to the existing power supply at Reserve 1790.



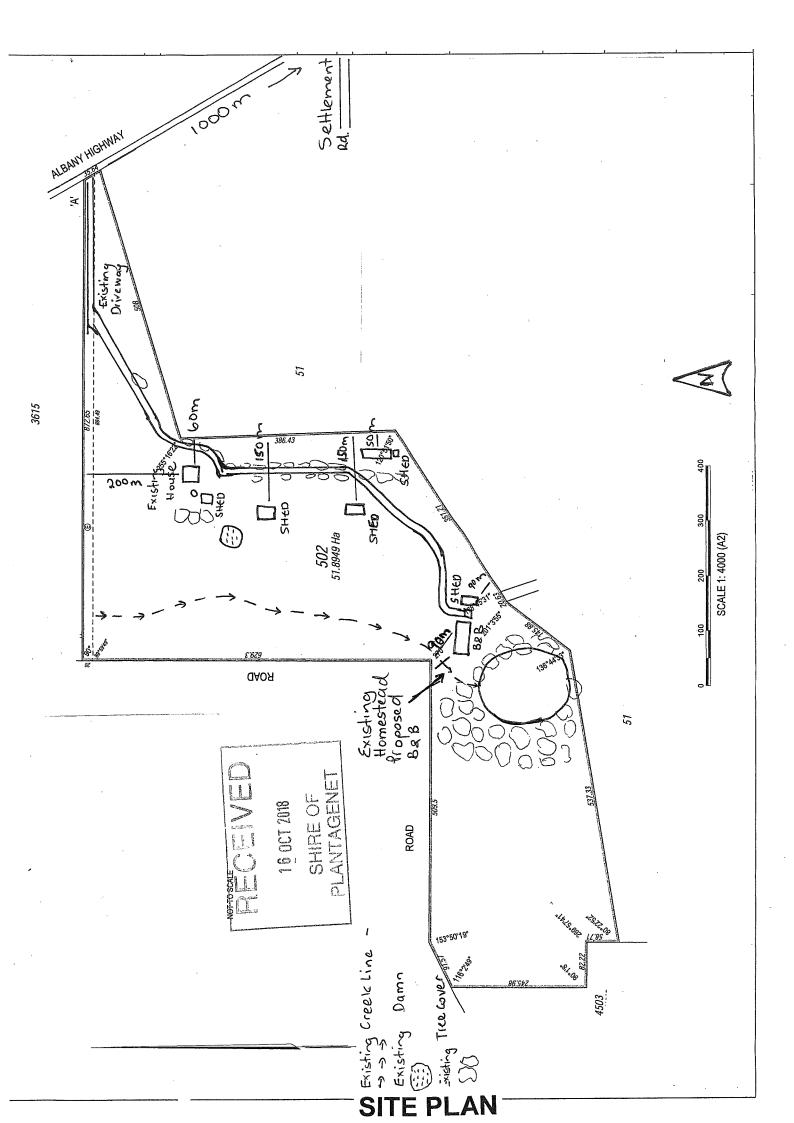
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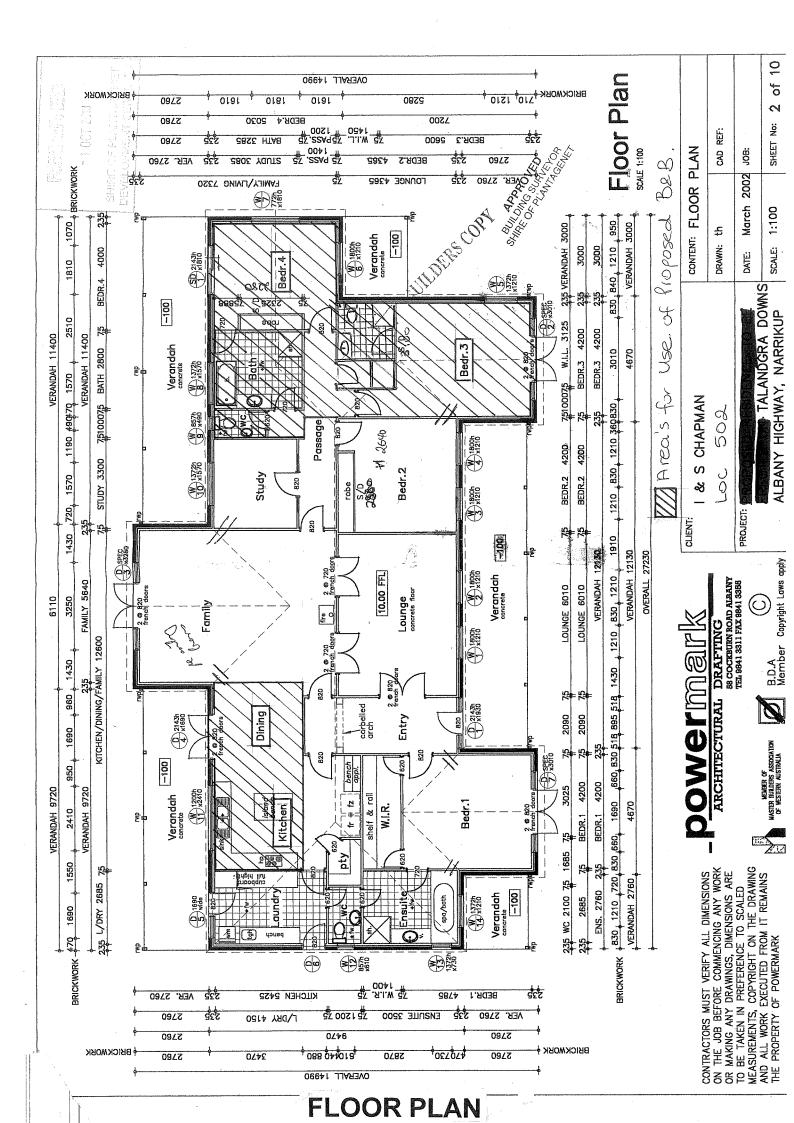
Location Plan Site Plan Floor Plan

Meeting Date: 4 December 2018



**LOCATION PLAN** 





## POLICY REVIEW – PUBLIC ELECTRONIC NOTICE BOARD - MESSAGES

Public Electronic Notice Board – Messages with Amendments

Meeting Date: 04 December 2018

### POLICY NO: OP/CS/1

### FORMER POLICY NO:

### PUBLIC ELECTRONIC NOTICE BOARD - MESSAGES

DIVISION

**BUSINESS UNIT** 

RESPONSIBILITY AREA

Corporate Services

Organisational Practices

Customer Service

### **OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this Policy is to provide clear guidelines for the messages which can be displayed on the Shire's public electronic notice board.

### **POLICY**

The Council will allow messages to be displayed on the Shire's public electronic notice board, which relate to:

- a) Shire events, meetings and ceremonies;
- b) Shire originated community advice;
- c) Local government electoral notifications;
- d) Facility opening and closing times;
- e) Shire service delivery notifications;
- f) Community based <u>or not-for-profit</u> festivals, <u>and</u> events <u>or meetingswhich</u> have Shire involvement or support;
- g) Emergency warnings;
- h) Time and temperature;
- i) Notifications and reminders about Shire surveys and nominations for awards; and
- j) High impact roadworks and road closures.'

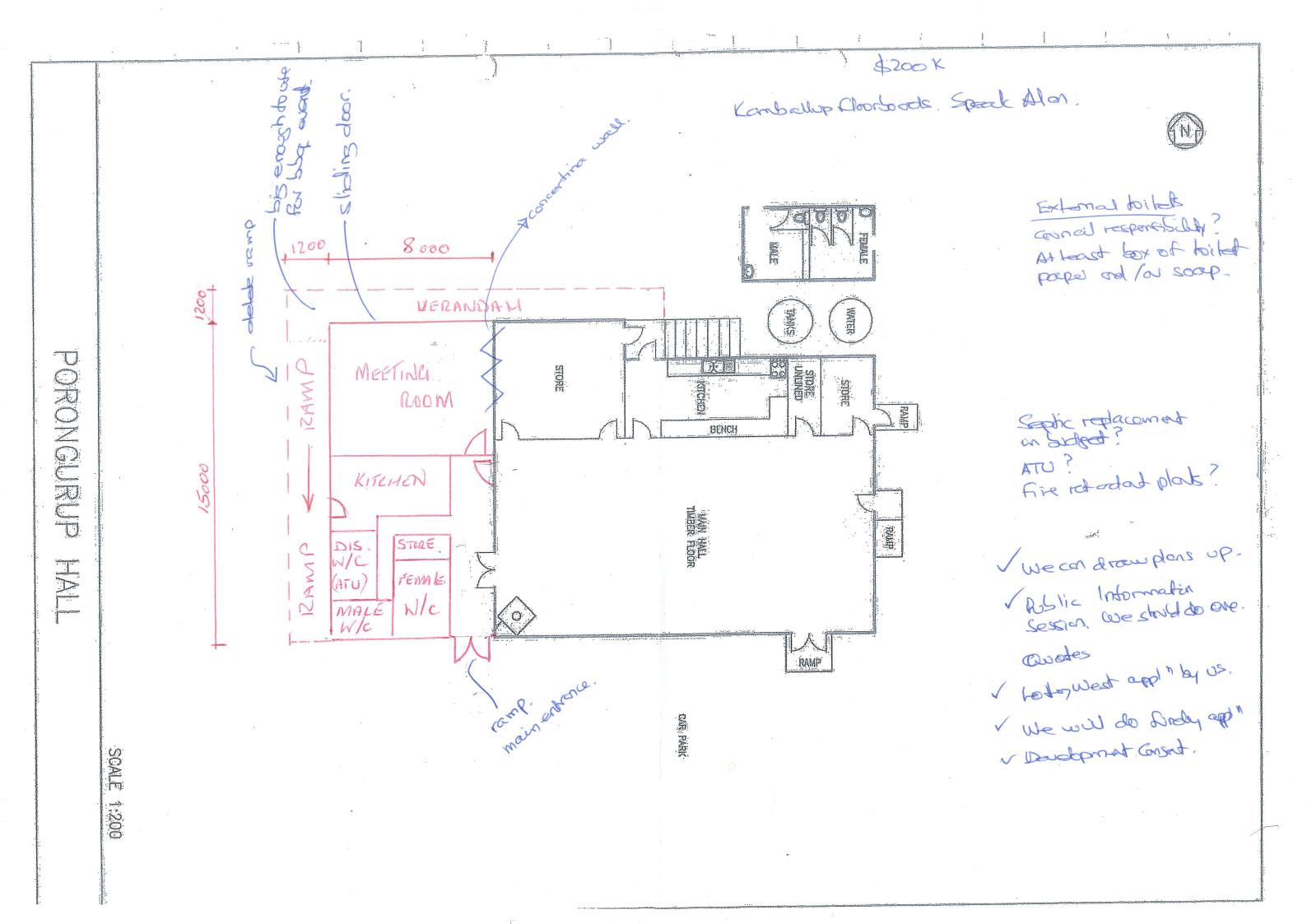
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LAST REVIEWED:

## PORONGURUP HALL PROPOSED EXTENSIONS

Plan of Proposed Extensions

Meeting Date: 04 December 2018



## FROST PARK PLACEMENT OF COPPER ARTWORK

Example of Brad Lucas Copper Designs

Meeting Date: 04 December 2018



## POLICY REVIEW - RURAL ROAD VERGE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Policy with Changes

Meeting Date: 04 December 2018

### **POLICY NO: I/RR/2**

### **FORMER POLICY NO:**

### RURAL ROAD VERGE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

DIVISION

**BUSINESS UNIT** 

**RESPONSIBILITY AREA** 

Works and Services

Infrastructure

Roads and Reserves

### **OBJECTIVE**

To provide guidelines for the construction and maintenance of rural roads while acknowledging the importance of the protection and conservation of native vegetation effective management of native vegetation contained within rural road verges under the care, control and management of the Shire of Plantagenet Council.

### **POLICY**

### 1.0 ScopePurpose of Policy

This policy applies to road verges located in a dedicated road reserve within the Shire. e purpose of this policy is to allow for the construction and maintenance of rural roads while acknowledging the importance of the protection and conservation of native vegetation where possible.

Although conservation of roadside vegetation is an objective of this policy, road safety and road asset protection is the principal consideration.

### 2.0 Relevant Legislation

The Environmental Protection Act 1986

and Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004

govern the activities that will impact on native vegetation. This legislation is relevant to the Shire, setting limitations for road infrastructure works, and landowners who wish to undertake work in road reserves.

Local Government Act 1995

Shire of Plantagenet Local Government Property Local Law 2008

#### 3.0 *Definitions*

Designated Maintenance-Corridor

The Environmental Protection Legislation, in particular Regulation 5, Item 22 – 'Clearing for maintenance in existing transport corridors') of the Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004, provides that local government can carry out activities to maintain and protect the integrity of road infrastructure within the designated 'maintenance corridor' as shown in Diagram 1.



Diagram 1 Designated Maintenance Corridor

### 4.0 *Application of Policy*

### 4.1 Road Construction Operations

All works shall be planned to ensure that there is no damage to any vegetation outside the limits of *the designated maintenance corridore*learing specified. Where necessary, the Shire will make application for the appropriate clearing permits from the Department of *Water and* Environment Regulation (DWER) prior to undertaking any road construction. If required as conditions of the permit, special considerations for declared or threatened flora and/or fauna will be made during works.

Rural road widening is to be carried out according to the requirements of the Council and in accordance with Council Policy I/R/9 Rural Roads Widening. Works will take into consideration the preservation of roadside vegetation wherever possible by clearing only one side of the road.

All works shall be planned to ensure that there is no damage to any vegetation outside the limits of clearing specified.

### 4.25.0 Road Maintenance Operations

The Shire's road maintenance program includes grading, slashing, herbicide application, pruning, drain cleaning, drainage improvements, bitumen resealing, bitumen shoulder grading and gravel re-sheeting. Road maintenance activities will be contained within the 'maintenance corridor', which comprises the running surface, shoulder, table drain and batter to the top of the back slopebackslope.

When major weed control works are to be undertaken, including areas outside the 'maintenance corridor', consultation may occur with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA)Parks and Wildlife, DWERepartment of Environment Regulation and local catchment management groups.

As part of the Shire's annual road program, unsealed shoulders subject to significant traffic will require periodic grading and gravel re-sheeting. During this process all grasses and vegetation will be removed and disposed of offsite prior to operation.

Some maintenance grading requires occasional clearing of vegetation to accommodate the machine and ensure road safety, however, where possible, this will be minimised.

Drains are usually mechanically cleared and maintained using a grader, and/or slashed if covered with grass. Drains inaccessible to mechanical equipment may require maintenance with hand tools or approved herbicides. In the cases where these practices will not provide for an acceptable level of drainage the use of excavation equipment may be used.

The Council will take all care not to damage any portion of the rural road reserve from the backslope to the fenceline, however, the Council does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to vegetation or areas of the road reserve that may occur due to road maintenance or construction activities.

### 4.36.0 Removal of Dangerous Vegetation

Occasionally it is necessary to remove a dangerous tree/vegetation that pose/s an imminent threat to public safety, such as impeding sight along the roadway or a tree that has been subject to storm damage and is threatening to fall over a fence linefenceline or a roadway. Following inspection by a Shire Officer, tree removal will be in accordance with Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004.

### 4.47.0 Services and Utilities

Alignment of services is to be encouraged to minimise impact on roadside vegetation where possible. Under the Utility Providers Code of Practice for Western Australia, utility providers are to liaise with the Shire of Plantagenet regarding the positioning of services and the reinstatement and rehabilitation of disturbed areas. Alignment of services is to be encouraged to minimise impact on roadside vegetation where possible. However, if removal of vegetation is required, it is the responsibility of the service providers to obtain a valid clearing permit from DWERepartment of Environment Regulation.

All materials are to be removed from the road verge; by the utility providers; on the completion of works. All trenches, if relevant, are to be backfilled, adequately compacted and trimmed to ensure they are safe. All works are to be in accordance with Council Policy I/R/12 – Notice of Entry for Public Services and Utilities.

#### 4.58.0 Flora Roads

Gazetted Flora Roads within the Shire of Plantagenet currently include Millinup Road, Woogenellup North Road, Mira Flores Avenue and Reynolds Road. These roads shall be managed to minimise any disturbance to the roadside flora, consistent with the provision of a safe and efficient roadway.

### 94.6.0 Unauthorised Clearing and/or Activities Within Rural Road Reserves

Clearing of a rural road verge or unmade road reserve without the relevant permits is prohibited. Penalties may also apply in accordance with the Environmental Protection legislation.

No works shall be undertaken in rural road reserves without written approval from the Shire of Plantagenet. This includes planting (including native species), drainage work, fencing, spraying, burning off, clearing vegetation or seed collection.

### 4.710.0 Landowner Maintenance of Rural Road Verges

4.710.1 Application Process and Approvals

Landowners may apply, in writing, to the Shire of Plantagenet to maintain the rural road verge immediately adjacent to their property boundary. An application fee may be applicable.

Maintenance activities may include vegetation protection or weed removal but do not include any additions or developments such as drainage works or construction of any type. Planting within road verges may be considered, however, approval will only be given to native / local species that enhance the biodiversity of the road verge area.

Landowners need to be aware when applying for approval that their application may be refused if the Shire is required to carry out maintenance activities to maintain the integrity of the road infrastructure.

Landowners must also comply with the Environmental Protection legislation (refer *to point* 2.0— Relevant—Legislation) if planning to undertake any work in a rural road verge.

If approved, landowners may only work on the area of road verge which falls outside the 'maintenance corridor' as shown in Diagram 1 above. Blue 'hockey stick' type markers will mark the area and the address will be added approved, the area of verge to be maintained by the landowner will be marked with blue 'hockey stick' style markers and the verge address added to the 'Do Not Spray' register.

#### 10.2 Maintenance Area

If approved, landowners may only work on the areas of road verge which fall outside the 'maintenance corridor'. This is the portion of the verge from the top of the back slope to the property boundary/fence line. The Council will take all care not to damage any portion of the rural road reserve from the back slope to the fence line, however, the Council does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to vegetation or areas of the road reserve that may occur due to road maintenance or construction activities.

### 10.3 Annual Spraying Program

The Shire's annual spraying program is conducted within town sites and on particular rural road verges to reduce the amount of flammable material. Residents requesting that the rural road verge adjacent to their property not be sprayed as part of this program must apply to the Shire of Plantagenet, in writing, for the verge to be placed on the 'Do Not Spray' register.

If approved, the area of verge not to be sprayed as a part of the annual spray program will be marked with blue 'hockey stick' style markers and the verge will be placed on the Shire's 'Do Not Spray' register.

## 4.7.210.4 Fencel—Line Clearing or Removal of Trees Over Fence Llines/Boundaries

Clearing may be approved along, but no more than 1.5 metres from, a fence line fence line to provide access to construct or maintain a boundary fence under the Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004.

Landowners wishing to remove vegetation from road verges to allow them to construct or maintain an existing boundary fence should apply in writing to the Shire of Plantagenet for approval.

Policy I/RR/5 – Rural Road Reserve Vegetation Management – Trees Across Fences and Boundaries provides guidelines for property owners that have been affected by a tree or branch from rural road reserves, falling into their property.

### 4.7.310.5 Seed Collection from Road Verges

Landowners wishing to collect seed from native vegetation in road verges should refer to *Council Shire* Policy NRM-C-2 – Native Flora Collection. A permit for seed collection may also be required from the D*BCA*epartment of Parks and Wildlife. It is the responsibility of the landowner to check they have the relevant approvals in place.

### 5. Annual Spraying Program

The Shire's annual spraying program is conducted within town sites and on particular rural road verges to reduce the amount of flammable material whilst targeting weeds. Residents requesting that the rural road verge adjacent to their property not be sprayed as part of this program must apply to the Shire of Plantagenet, in writing, for the verge to be placed on the 'Do Not Spray' register.

If approved, the area of verge not to be sprayed as a part of the annual spray program will be marked with blue 'hockey stick' style markers and the verge will be placed on the Shire's 'Do Not Spray' register. Landowners should note that the drains to the top of the backslope will be sprayed if considered necessary to maintain the integrity of the drainage system.

### 611.0 Fire Hazard

The Shire of Plantagenet conducts an annual spraying program both within town sites and rural road verges to reduce the amount of flammable material whilst targeting weeds:

As the budget for spraying is limited, landowners are encouraged to apply to the Shire under Policy I/R/15 – Road Verge Burning. This policy provides guidelines for landowners wishing to further reduce the fire risk on rural road verges adjacent to their property.

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