



AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting

21 August 2025

**SHIRE OF BROOMEHILL-TAMBELLUP
NOTICE OF MEETING**

**An Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup
will be held in the Council Chambers, 46-48 Norrish Street, Tambellup
on 21 August 2025 commencing at 4.30pm.**



**Karen Callaghan
Chief Executive Officer**

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Shire of Broomehill–Tambellup

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST FORM

To: Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup
46-48 Norrish Street
TAMBELLUP WA 6320

I, **(1)** _____ wish to disclose an interest in the
Following item to be considered by Council at its meeting to be held on **(2)** _____
Agenda Item **(3)** _____

The **type** of Interest I wish to declare is **(4)**

- ☐ Financial pursuant to Section 5.60A of the Local Government Act 1995
- ☐ Proximity pursuant to Section 5.60B of the Local Government Act 1995
- ☐ Indirect Financial pursuant to Section 5.61 of the Local Government Act 1995
- ☐ Impartiality pursuant to Clause 22 of the Shire's Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates.

The nature of my interest is **(5)** _____

The extent of my interest is **(6)** _____

I understand that the above information will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting and placed in the Disclosure of Financial and Impartiality of Interest Register.

Yours sincerely

Signed

Date

NOTES:

1. Insert your name (print)
2. Insert the date of the Council Meeting at which the item is to be considered.
3. Insert the Agenda Item Number and Title
4. Tick box to indicate type of interest
5. Describe the nature of your interest
6. Describe the extent of your interest (if seeking to participate in the matter under S. 5.68 and 5.69 of the Act)

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (NOTES FOR YOUR GUIDANCE)

A Member, who has a Financial Interest in any matter to be discussed at a Council or Committee Meeting that will be attended by the Member, must disclose the nature of the interest:

- a) In a written notice given to the Chief Executive Officer before the Meeting or;
- b) At the Meeting, immediately before the matter is discussed.

A member, who makes a disclosure in respect to an interest, must not:

- a) Preside at the part of the Meeting, relating to the matter or;
- b) Participate in, or be present during any discussion or decision-making procedure relative to the matter, unless to the extent that the disclosing member is allowed to do so under Section 5.68 or Section 5.69 of the Local Government Act 1995.

NOTES ON FINANCIAL INTEREST (NOTES FOR YOUR GUIDANCE)

The following notes are a basic guide for Councillors when they are considering whether they have a Financial Interest in a matter. These notes will be included in each agenda for the time being so that Councillors may refresh their memory.

1. A Financial Interest requiring disclosure occurs when a Council decision might advantageously or detrimentally affect the Councillor or a person closely associated with the Councillor and is capable of being measured in money terms. There are exceptions in the Local Government Act 1995 but they should not be relied on without advice, unless the situation is very clear.
2. If a Councillor is a member of an Association (which is a Body Corporate) with not less than 10 members i.e. sporting, social, religious etc.), and the Councillor is not a holder of office of profit or a guarantor, and has not leased land to or from the club, i.e., if the Councillor is an ordinary member of the Association, the Councillor has a common and not a financial interest in any matter to that Association.
3. If an interest is shared in common with a significant number of electors or ratepayers, then the obligation to disclose that interest does not arise. Each case needs to be considered.
4. **If in doubt declare.**
5. As stated in (b) above, if written notice disclosing the interest has not been given to the Chief Executive Officer before the meeting, then it MUST be given when the matter arises in the Agenda, and immediately before the matter is discussed.
6. Ordinarily the disclosing Councillor must leave the meeting room before discussion commences.

The only exceptions are:

- 6.1 Where the Councillor discloses the extent of the interest, and Council carries a motion under s.5.68(1)(b)(ii) or the Local Government Act; or
- 6.2 Where the Minister allows the Councillor to participate under s.5.69(3) of the Local Government Act, with or without conditions.

INTERESTS AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY DEFINITION:

An interest that would give rise to a reasonable belief that the impartiality of the person having the interest would be adversely affected, but does not include an interest as referred to in Section 5.60 of the 'Act'. A member who has an Interest Affecting Impartiality in any matter to be discussed at a Council or Committee Meeting, which will be attended by the member, must disclose the nature of the interest;

- a) in a written notice given to the Chief Executive Officer before the Meeting; or
- b) at the Meeting, immediately before the matter is discussed

IMPACT OF AN IMPARTIALITY DISCLOSURE

There are very different outcomes resulting from disclosing an interest affecting impartiality compared to that of a financial interest. With the declaration of a financial interest, an elected member leaves the room and does not vote. With the declaration of this new type of interest, the elected member stays in the room, participates in the debate and votes. In effect then, following disclosure of an interest affecting impartiality, the member's involvement in the Meeting continues as if no interest existed.

Strategic Community Plan 2023-2033

'People Power'



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**Agenda for the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held in the Council Chambers,
46-48 Norrish Street, Tambellup on 21 August 2025.**

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF GUESTS

The Presiding Member, Cr White shall declare the meeting open at ____pm.

2. ATTENDANCE

Councillors

Cr ME White	President
Cr DT Barritt	Deputy President
Cr CJ Letter	
Cr SH Penny	
Cr CM Dewar	
Cr JL Wills	

Staff

KP Callaghan	Chief Executive Officer
PA Hull	Strategic Support and Projects Officer
P Vlahov	Manager of Works

Leave of Absence

Cr SJ Robinson

Apologies

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

4. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

6. PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS

7. APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

9.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 24 JULY 2025

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 July 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

10. KEY PILLAR 1: BROOMEHILL-TAMBELLUP POINT OF DIFFERENCE

Nil

11. KEY PILLAR 2: BROOMEHILL-TAMBELLUP ECONOMY**11.1 CROWDEN STREET UPGRADE - DESIGN**

ATTACHMENT(S)	11.1.1 Crowden St Design – Amended August 2025 11.1.2 Crowden St Design – Aerial August 2025
FILE NO	RD251
AUTHOR	Peter Vlahov, Manager of Works
DATE	7 August 2025
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS	
Strategic Community Plan 2023-2033	Corporate Business Plan 2024 -2028
Community Outcomes	Corporate Actions
Key Pillar: BT Economy	
8. Enjoyed Built Environments 8.2 Tambellup Railway Precinct development This is the development of the Tambellup Railway Precinct including toilets, accommodation at the old Railway Station, signage, banner poles and EV charging options.	No specific corporate initiative.

SUMMARY

The Council is requested to consider an amended design for streetscaping of Crowden St.

BACKGROUND

The streetscaping of Crowden St was considered as part of the broader development of the Railway Precinct between Norrish St and Great Southern Highway, and through to the Tambellup Sportsground. The design for improvements was endorsed by the Council at the December 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting as follows:

That:

1. *The design for Crowden Street improvements, as attached, be adopted;*
2. *The scope of works for the Crowden Street upgrade includes:*
 - a. *Straighten the alignment of the centre line of the road from Norrish Street to East Terrace;*
 - b. *Planting of street trees, with root barriers and tree guards, in the centre of Crowden Street. (Note the exact location of each tree will be placed by the Manager of Works in order to meet Australian Standards, sight lines, safe distances from driveways and intersections and to avoid services.)*
 - c. *Change the intersection of Crowden Street and Henry Street to give Crowden Street right of way;*

- d. Widen Crowden Street from Taylor Street to East Terrace to allow for:
 - i. The realigned centre line of the road, complete with street tree installations;*
 - ii. New parking adjacent to Diprose Park; and*
 - iii. Drainage, kerbing and other required road infrastructure.**
- e. Installation of bollards to the old caravan park entry on East Terrace to create a major pedestrian entry to the Youth Centre and Sporting facilities.*

*CARRIED 7/0
Motion No 145/23*

On further investigation it was determined that the planting of trees in the centre of Crowden St was not achievable without creating potential safety hazards, and at the May 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, an amended design was presented and endorsed as follows:

- 1. That Council Motion No.145/23, from the December 2023 Ordinary Council meeting be revoked to enable an alternative location for street trees.*
- 2. The alternative design for Crowden Street improvements, as presented, be adopted, with the scope of works for the Crowden Street upgrade to include:
 - a. Straighten the alignment of the centre line of the road from Norrish Street to East Terrace;*
 - b. Planting of street trees in nibs, with root barriers and tree guards, along Crowden Street. (Note the exact location of each tree will be placed by the Manager of Works in order to meet Australian Standards, sight lines, safe distances from driveways and intersections and to avoid services.)*
 - c. Change the intersection of Crowden Street and Henry Street to give Crowden Street right of way;*
 - d. Widen Crowden Street from Taylor Street to East Terrace to allow for:
 - i. The realigned centre line of the road, complete with street tree installations;*
 - ii. New parking adjacent to Diprose Park; and*
 - iii. Drainage, kerbing and other required road infrastructure.**
 - e. Installation of bollards to the old caravan park entry on East Terrace to create a major pedestrian entry to the Youth Centre and Sporting facilities.**

*CARRIED 7/0
Motion No: 053/24*

COMMENT

Subsequent site investigations have identified that critical water infrastructure is located in the road reserve on the south side of Crowden Street, rather than under the footpath as expected. This prevents the planting of street trees on this side of the street without impacting the infrastructure.

Street tree planting on the north side of Crowden Street can proceed as planned. An amended design (Attachments 11.1.1 and 11.1.2) is presented for the Council's consideration.

Enhancements to the southern side will instead be achieved through the inclusion of street furniture as part of the maintenance program, with the future landscaping of the Tambellup Caravan Park further improving the visual amenity of the area.

The amended design only changes the location of street trees. All other elements of the project remain unchanged. If Council supports the amended design, Motion No. 053/24 will need to be revoked and replaced with a new determination.

CONSULTATION

Chief Executive Officer

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Nil.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$25,000 has been allocated in the 2025-2026 budget for the landscape and improvement of Crowden Street.

Budget allocations for road maintenance each year include footpath and street tree maintenance.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

This item has been evaluated against the Shire's Risk Assessment and Acceptance Criteria. The level of risk is considered "Low" and can be managed by existing procedures and resources.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Street trees require ongoing maintenance to ensure they remain safe and healthy.

Road and footpath surfaces will be monitored to ensure there is no impact from the trees.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. *That Council Motion No. 053/24, from the May 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, be revoked to enable an alternative location for street trees.*
2. *The amended design for Crowden Street improvements, as presented, be adopted, with the scope of works for the Crowden Street upgrade to include:*
 - a. *Straighten the alignment of the centre line of the road from Norrish Street to East Terrace;*
 - b. *Planting of street trees in nibs, with root barriers and tree guards, to the north side of Crowden Street. (Note the exact location of each tree will be placed by the Manager of Works in order to meet Australian Standards, sight lines, safe distances from driveways and intersections and to avoid services.)*
 - c. *Change the intersection of Crowden Street and Henry Street to give Crowden Street right of way;*
 - d. *Widen Crowden Street from Taylor Street to East Terrace to allow for:*
 - i. *The realigned centre line of the road, complete with street tree installations;*
 - ii. *New parking adjacent to Diprose Park; and*
 - iii. *Drainage, kerbing and other required road infrastructure.*
 - e. *Installation of bollards to the old caravan park entry on East Terrace to create a major pedestrian entry to the Youth Centre and sporting facilities.*

11.2 LOT 1 (NO 269) JAM CREEK ROAD, BOBALONG - PROPOSED SUBDIVISION (WAPC REFERENCE: 201933)

ATTACHMENT(S)	11.2.1 Lot 1 (No 269) Jam Creek Road Subdivision Plan
FILE NO	S201933
AUTHOR	Liz Bushby, Town Planning Innovations Pty Ltd
DATE	12 August 2025
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS	
Strategic Community Plan 2023-2033	Corporate Business Plan 2024 -2028
Community Outcomes	Corporate Actions
Key Pillar: BT Economy	
No specific community outcomes	No specific corporate initiative

SUMMARY

The Council to consider a referral by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) seeking the Shire's comments and a recommendation on the proposed subdivision (WAPC Reference: 201933). WAPC is the determining authority for the application.

BACKGROUND

Over several years negotiations have taken place regarding the possible purchase of the Water Corporation's Jam Creek Road dam and catchment assets by the Shire. The dam is known as Tambellup No. 1 dam.

At the Ordinary Meeting held on the 18 April 2024, Council generally supported purchase of the dam, associated land, catchment and other assets, subject to a future subdivision. A report was referred to the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 March 2025, to consider a Contract of Sale prepared for the Water Corporation. The Council resolved to approve the Contract of Sale.

Since the Contract was signed, the Shire has engaged a surveyor to lodge a subdivision application to the WAPC, to facilitate creation of a lot (containing the dam) for purchase by the Shire.

The WAPC is required to consult with the Shire as a referral agency, even though the Shire is actively pursuing the subdivision.

COMMENT

The application will result in existing Lot 1 being subdivided into two separate lots – refer to Attachment 11.2.1.

Proposed Lot 1 will have an approximate area of 23.6 hectares and will contain the existing dam and a shed. An easement will provide the Water Corporation with access to an existing pipeline. The Shire proposes to purchase Lot 1 as the non-potable water supply is used to irrigate sporting and other facilities.

Proposed Lot 2 will have an approximate area of 23.8 hectares and will continue to be used by the Water Corporation for the provision of bore water, used to supply potable water.

Legal access to both lots is proposed through the creation of a new road reserve that connects from Jam Creek Road.

CONSULTATION

The WAPC has referred the application to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Western Power, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, the Water Corporation and the Shire.

Comments are requested by the 21 August 2025. TPI has advised the WAPC of the August Council meeting date.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Planning and Development Act 2005 – Section 142, Part 10, Division 2 sets out the consultation requirements for subdivision.

Section 143, Part 10, Division 2 sets out the WAPC's duties when dealing with a plan of subdivision.

Shire of Tambellup Town Planning Scheme No 2 (the Scheme) – Existing Lot 1 is a Local Scheme reserve for 'public purpose'.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

This item has been evaluated against the Shire's Risk Assessment and Acceptance Criteria. The perceived level of risk is considered to be "Low" risk and can be managed by routine procedures and with current resources.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Council recommends to the Western Australian Planning Commission that approval for application (No 201933) to subdivide Lot 1 (No 269) Jam Creek Road, Bobalong into two lots be granted, subject to the following conditions:

1. Creation of a 20-metre road reserve from Jam Creek Road to provide road frontage to the proposed lots to the satisfaction of the Shire;
2. An easement being provided on the Certificate of Title for proposed Lot 1, to the benefit of the Water Corporation to allow access to existing water supply infrastructure.

11.3 LOT 1 (NO 10) JOURNAL STREET AND LOT 50 (NO 12) JOURNAL STREET, BROOMEHILL VILLAGE - PROPOSED AMALGAMATION (WAPC REFERENCE: 202057)

ATTACHMENT(S)	11.3.1 Lodging House Approval – Lot 1 and Lot 50 Journal Street 11.3.2 Amalgamation Plan - Lot 1 and Lot 50 Journal Street
FILE NO	S202057; A1042
AUTHOR	Liz Bushby, Town Planning Innovations Pty Ltd
DATE	12 August 2025
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS	
Strategic Community Plan 2023-2033	Corporate Business Plan 2024 -2028
Community Outcomes	Corporate Actions
Key Pillar: BT Economy	
No specific community outcomes	No specific corporate initiative

SUMMARY

The Council to consider a referral by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) seeking the Shire's comments and a recommendation on the proposed amalgamation of two lots (WAPC Reference: 202057). WAPC is the determining authority for the application.

BACKGROUND

The Shire granted planning approval for a lodging house on Lot 1 and Lot 50 Journal Street, Broomehill Village, on 20 December 2010 (Attachment 11.3.1). Conditions of the planning approval required the lots to be amalgamated within 18 months, or an alternative time period agreed to in writing by the Chief Executive Officer. The amalgamation was required as the existing building traverses two lot boundaries.

The lots have not been amalgamated, and the owners did not seek any extension of time to achieve compliance.

The owners enquired about registering the lodging house on the State Short Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) register in early 2025. Lodging houses do not need to be registered, however the enquiry brought the non-compliance with the 2010 planning approval to the Shires' attention.

The Shire wrote to the owners on 22 May 2025, advising them of the need to apply to amalgamate the two lots, to comply with their existing planning approval. The Shire wrote to the owners again on 3 July 2025, requesting that they lodge an application to the WAPC to amalgamate the two lots.

This amalgamation application is proposed to comply with an existing planning approval, for continued operation of the lodging house on one consolidated lot.

COMMENT

Existing Lot 1 has an area of approximately 2226m², and existing Lot 50 has an approximate area of 1052m².



The proposed amalgamation will result in one lot with an area of 3278m² – refer Attachment 11.3.2.

CONSULTATION

The WAPC has referred the application to the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Western Power, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, the Water Corporation, Main Roads WA and the Shire.

Comments are requested by the 18 September 2025.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Planning and Development Act 2005 – Section 142, Part 10, Division 2 sets out the consultation requirements for subdivision.

Section 143, Part 10, Division 2 sets out the WAPC's duties when dealing with a plan of subdivision.

Shire of Broomehill Town Planning Scheme No 1 (the Scheme) – Existing Lot 1 and 50 are zoned Town Centre.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

This item has been evaluated against the Shire's Risk Assessment and Acceptance Criteria. The perceived level of risk is considered to be "Low" risk and can be managed by routine procedures and with current resources.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Council recommends that the Western Australian Planning Commission unconditionally approve the application (No 202057) to amalgamate Lots 1 and 50 Journal Street, Broomehill Village.

11.4 RESERVE 9053, LOT 38 (NO 30) HENRY STREET, TAMBELLUP - PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF CROWN LAND

ATTACHMENT(S)	Nil
FILE NO	A394
AUTHOR	Liz Bushby, Town Planning Innovations Pty Ltd
DATE	12 August 2025
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS	
Strategic Community Plan 2023-2033	Corporate Business Plan 2024 -2028
Community Outcomes	Corporate Actions
Key Pillar: BT Economy	
No specific community outcomes	No specific corporate initiative

SUMMARY

The Council to consider a referral by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) seeking the Shire's comments on the proposed disposal of Reserve 9053.

BACKGROUND

Reserve 9053 is known as Lot 38 (No 30) Henry Street in Tambellup. The reserve report in Landgate indicates that the reserve was originally gazetted in 1904, for the purpose of a 'methodist church site'.

The site was listed on the Shire's Municipal Inventory adopted in 1998, and is noted in the Shire's Heritage Survey (prepared in 2023) as a Category 3 Place:

LEVELS of SIGNIFICANCE	DESCRIPTION	DESIRED OUTCOME
Category 1 Exceptional significance	Essential to the heritage of the locality Rare or outstanding example.	REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES The place should be retained and conserved. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place Refer to Heritage Council.
Category 2 Considerable significance	Very important to the heritage of the locality. High degree of integrity/authenticity	HERITAGE LIST Conservation of the place is highly desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place.

Category 3 Some/Moderate significance	Contributes to the heritage of the locality. Some altered or modified elements, not necessarily detracting from the overall significance of the item.	NO CONSTRAINTS Conservation of the place is desirable. Contributes to the heritage of the locality. Has some altered or modified elements, not necessarily detracting from the overall significance of the item. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place. Original fabric should be retained where possible.
Category 4 Little significance	Has elements or values worth noting for community interest but otherwise makes little contribution	NO CONSTRAINTS Contributes to the history of the locality. Photographically record prior to any major development or demolition. Recognise and interpret the site.

As a Category 3 Place, the site is not currently included on the Shire's Heritage List and is not subject to statutory heritage requirements. However, should a planning application be submitted and approved, any development will be conditional upon preparing documentation and a photographic record of the site prior to works commencing, or if retention is not feasible.

COMMENT

DPLH has received a request for the disposal of Reserve 9053 from the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (the Proponent). The Proponent currently holds a 999-year lease over the land for church purposes.

Prior to disposing of any land as a freehold lot, DPLH has sought comment from the Shire.



Above: Location Plan

Having regard that the land contains an existing church, and the application for disposal has been made by the Uniting Church, TPI recommends that it generally be supported.

CONSULTATION

DPLH has requested comments be provided by the Shire.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Land Administration Act 1997 – Section 14 requires consultation with the local government before the Minister exercises any powers in relation to crown land.

Shire of Tambellup Town Planning Scheme No 2 (the Scheme) – The land is a local scheme reserve for public purposes.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

This item has been evaluated against the Shire's Risk Assessment and Acceptance Criteria. The perceived level of risk is considered to be "Low" risk and can be managed by routine procedures and with current resources.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Council provides no objection to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage regarding the proposed disposal of Reserve 9053, known as Lot 38 (No 30) Henry Street, Tambellup, however advises that:

- the property was previously listed on the Shire's Municipal Inventory from 1998; and
- the property is noted on the Shire's Heritage Survey as a Category 3 Place.

12. KEY PILLAR 3: BROOMEHILL-TAMBELLUP LIFESTYLE

12.1 OFF-LEASH DOG PARK PROPOSAL IN TAMBELLUP

ATTACHMENT(S)	12.1.1 Proposed Off-Leash Dog Park - Survey 12.1.2 Proposed Off-Leash Dog Park - Survey Responses
FILE NO	ADM0693
AUTHOR	Pam Hull, Strategic Support and Projects Officer
DATE	4 August 2025
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS	
Strategic Community Plan 2023-2033	Corporate Business Plan 2024 -2028
Community Outcomes	Corporate Actions
Key Pillar: BT Lifestyle	
9. Unique Interactions 9.2 Anytime Gardens, Parks and Play A community-driven parks and play upgrade, on top of projects unfolding in Outcomes 7 and 8, including painting and planting. A community 'Beautification Team' is formed, with funding allocated.	No specific corporate action.

SUMMARY

Council is requested to consider community feedback on the proposal to establish an off-leash dog park in Tambellup, and to determine whether to proceed with the project at this time.

BACKGROUND

During an in-person community consultation held in March 2024, the Council was asked to consider establishing an off-leash dog park in Tambellup. This followed a dog attack at the Tambellup Oval, witnessed by the Shire Ranger, involving two dogs being exercised off-leash in a public space.

Under the *Dog Act 1976*, all dogs must be leashed in public places unless within a designated off-leash area. Even in such areas, dog owners must maintain effective control, which includes keeping dogs nearby, ensuring they respond to verbal commands, and having a lead readily available.

Currently, there are no designated off-leash areas within the Tambellup townsite.

To assess community interest and support, an online survey was conducted and the results are presented for the Council's consideration.

COMMENT

An area of approximately 4,300m² within Reserve 19797 (Tambellup Sports Ground) was identified as a potential location for an off-leash dog park. Although not a designated off-leash area, many residents currently exercise their dogs at this location.

The survey invited feedback on:

1. Level of support for an off-leash dog park at Tambellup Sports Ground
2. Anticipated frequency of use
3. Preferred features (e.g. fencing, bins, water)
4. Concerns about the proposed development
5. Suggestions to improve safety or enjoyment
6. Dog ownership status
7. Place of residence

The survey was open for six weeks during June and July 2025. It was promoted through Topics, social media, the Shire website, and hard copies were made available to those without online access. A total of 24 responses were received.

Key findings:

- 60% of respondents supported the concept of a dog park
- 75% indicated they would use it only occasionally or not at all
- There was strong opposition to the proposed location at the Sports Ground due to its primary recreational use by children and families
- Alternative sites suggested included the old showgrounds, land near the Lions Information Bay, and along the Heritage Trail
- Commonly supported features included secure fencing, shaded areas, water access, and waste disposal facilities

Although there is moderate interest in an off-leash dog park, the feedback suggests limited usage, and substantial concerns regarding the proposed location. The level of demand and the suitability of the Tambellup Sports Ground do not currently justify proceeding with the project.

CONSULTATION

Community survey (online and hard copy)
Chief Executive Officer
Senior Management Team

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Dog Act 1976

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

This item has been evaluated against the Shire's Risk Assessment and Acceptance Criteria. The level of risk is considered to be "Low" and can be managed by existing procedures and with current resources.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Council

1. Receives the community feedback regarding the proposed development of an off-leash dog park in Tambellup; and
2. Determines not to proceed with development at the Tambellup Sports Ground, noting community concerns and the limited anticipated use of the facility.

13. KEY PILLAR 4: BROOMEHILL-TAMBELLUP SHIRE SUPPORT

Nil

14. MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

15. ELECTED MEMBERS' MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

16. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS WITHOUT NOTICE

17. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING

18. CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, the Presiding Member, Cr White declared the meeting closed at _____pm.