

Ordinary Council Meeting - 17 March 2025 - Deputation

Sandra Hawkins, Secretary, Serpentine Jarrahdale Lions Club Regarding Funding for the Jarrahdale Log Chop and Country Fair

On Sunday, 5 October 2025 will be the annual Jarrahdale Log Chop and Serpentine Jarrahdale Lions Country Fair organised and run by the Serpentine Jarrahdale Lions Club members. I am not sure of the date when the first Serpentine Jarrahdale Lions Fair was run but the Log Chop has been in Jarrahdale for a lot longer than the Lions 30 or so years.

Each year cost increase as they do everywhere however last year saw a dramatic rise and this has necessitated my being here presenting this deputation.

The event has always been a very popular event on the calendar and will continue to do so as long as sufficient funds are available from our sponsors.

The members have discussed the future of the event including the positioning of it as to whether we move it to a larger area, as expansion is not possible on the Jarrahdale oval. But for the foreseeable future it will remain where it is.

Once again the event will be a free entry for all, it has been suggested quite a few times that a donation box at the entry would not be out of order, whether this will be done depends on the members vote. Our continued aim is to provide as much free components as possible especially as the economy is still not on a good footing.

Our applications for funding at this point in time being prepared for our usual sponsors. The Shire being a little different.

Last year we obtained a grant of \$60,000 spread over three years at \$20,000 per year.

In short we can not survive on the \$20,000, our traffic management alone was over \$18,000 and I do know that the Shire are very well aware of this having used traffic management for their own events.

I ask you all now to consider amending our contract to \$30,000 for the next two years which is an increase of \$10,000 per year.

The Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire is the primary sponsor and the Log Chop and Fair are one of the largest events on the Shire's calendar, let us make it truly memorable.

The sponsor funding not only assists the Lions Club to put on the event but others when we ask other volunteer groups to help us on the day. They are the Serpentine Volunteer Fire Brigade, the Mundijong Volunteer Fire Brigade, the Food and Farm Alliance, the SJ market team, the Armadale Police Rangers, the JCC and the Byford Boy Scouts. If we did not have these volunteers the cost would be very much higher.

Never have so many volunteer groups come together to provide a day of enjoyment of hundreds of families not only from the Shire but from Albany to Geraldton.