

<b>ITEM NO.</b>	C.12/0823	<b>FILE REF.</b>	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Installation of Transmission Equipment for Community Radio		
<b>PROPONENT</b>	Blackwood River Community Radio Inc.		
<b>OFFICER</b>	Chief Executive Officer		
<b>DATE OF REPORT</b>	30 August 2023		

Reason for Urgent Business: Blackwood River Community Radio Inc. is seeking the consent of the Shire to install equipment at Bridgetown sportsground and use the Shire's transmission antenna. Granting approval at this meeting would allow Blackwood River Community Radio Inc. to progress its planning for the establishment of community radio within the Shire.

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

*That item C.12/0823 be accepted as urgent business.*

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*That Council:*

- 1. Approve the installation of transmission equipment at the former kiosk building located at Bridgetown Sportsground for use by Blackwood River Community Radio Inc.*
- 2. Authorise the CEO to prepare an agreement with Blackwood River Community Radio Inc. addressing matters including but not limited to access and maintenance responsibility.*

#### Summary/Purpose

Blackwood River Community Radio Inc. is seeking approval to use the building. There will be costs in purchasing and installing the equipment however Shire financial support isn't being sought.

Consultation has occurred with the provider that maintains the Shire's transmission equipment and relevant Shire staff and no concerns have been raised about sharing the space. Notwithstanding, it is recommended that an agreement be developed setting out the conditions of use for Blackwood River Community Radio Inc. to use the space, including but not limited to access and maintenance responsibility. It is recommended Council authorise the CEO to prepare and sign the agreement without the need for it to be presented to Council.

#### Statutory Environment - Nil

#### Integrated Planning

- Strategic Community Plan
  - Outcome 2 good health and community wellbeing
  - Objective 2.4 build community capacity by supporting community organisations and volunteers
- Corporate Business Plan - Nil
- Long Term Financial Plan – Nil

- **Asset Management Plans**  
The proposed agreement would clearly stipulate that the community radio transmission equipment is owned by Blackwood River Community Radio Inc. and therefore not an asset of the Shire.
- **Workforce Plan - Nil**
- **Other Integrated Planning - Nil**

Policy Implications – Nil

Budget Implications

Nil – preparation of the proposed agreement can be done using internal resources. No lease fee is recommended as the space to be occupied by the transmission equipment is minimal.

Whole of Life Accounting - Nil

Risk Management

There isn't any compulsion for Council to approve this request from Blackwood River Community Radio Inc.

The level of risk to the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes in considering this proposal is in the areas of reputation and property and have been assessed as “minor consequence” with a “rare likelihood” giving a risk rating outcome of “low” in accordance with Council Policy RM.1 ‘Risk Management’.

Voting Requirements – Simple Majority