

Title:	4.19 Common Seal
Previous No:	
File No:	
Statutory Environment:	<i>Local Government Act 1995 s. 9.49A and s. 9.49B</i>
Minute No:	
Last Updated:	September 2015
Review Date:	September 2019

Objective:

To satisfy the legal requirements regarding the validation of documents and contracts, resulting from amendments to the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Procedure:

1. The Shire President and Chief Executive Officer are authorised to sign and/or affix the common seal to the following documents, where such documents result from the following transactions:
 - 1.1 Where land is disposed of pursuant to s. 3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995 9as amended).
 - 1.2 Where land is acquired pursuant to s. 3.55 and s. 3.59 of the Local Government Act 1995 (as amended).
 - 1.3 In respect of leases of land and licence to occupy municipal property where approved by Council.
 - 1.4 In respect of leases for the purchase of plant and equipment approved by Council.
 - 1.5 In respect of borrowings approved by Council.
 - 1.6 In respect of easements and legal agreements over land for the purpose of drainage or conditions arising from subdivision of land and planning approvals.
 - 1.7 In respect of withdrawal of caveats and surrender of easements where the Chief Executive Officer considers that Council's interests have been satisfied.
 - 1.8 In respect of contracts of employment approved by Council.
 - 1.9 In respect of documents of a ceremonial nature, where the affixing of the common seal is for prosperity and not a legal requirement.
 - 1.10 In respect of agreements required for funding of Council works and services considered with the resolution of Council or requiring renewal of the agreement for funding currently provided.
 - 1.11 In respect of the adoption of local laws.
 - 1.12 Any document stating that the common seal of the Shire is to be affixed.

2. In relation to 1. above, in the absence of the Shire President and/or Chief Executive Officer, as the case may be, the Deputy Shire President and the Acting Chief Executive Officer are authorised to affix the common seal.
3. The procedure to be adopted for the use of the common seal is as follows:
 - 3.1 The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the security and proper use of the common seal.
 - 3.2 The common seal is not to be affixed to any documents except as authorised by Council.
 - 3.3 The common seal is to be affixed to a document in the presence of:
 - The Shire President, or in his absence, the Deputy Shire President; and
 - The Chief Executive Officer or Acting Chief Executive Officer;Each of whom is to sign the document to attest that the common seal was so affixed.
 - 3.4 Details of all transactions where the common seal has been affixed must be recorded in a register kept by the Chief Executive Officer.

The register is to record:

 - The date on which the common seal was affixed;
 - The nature of the document; and
 - The parties to any agreement to which the common seal was affixed.
4. The wording to accompany the application of the common seal to be as follows:
 - 4.1 “The common seal of the Shire of Goomalling was hereto affixed by the Authority of Council.”; or
 - 4.2 “The common seal of the Shire of Goomalling was affixed by authority of a resolution of Council in the presence of the Shire President and the Chief Executive Officer.”
5. Authority is provided to the Chief Executive Officer or the person acting in the position of Chief Executive Officer to sign documents that do not require the affixing of the common seal.