



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **REFERENCE GROUP FORMED TO RESTORE SCADDAN**

An advisory committee was formed at this week's Ordinary Council Meeting to assist in restoring the Scaddan townsite after the community suffered significant damage in last year's bushfires.

In November the Cascade Fire resulted in damage to the town's infrastructure, including damage to the Scaddan Hall requiring its immediate demolition. Damage to the Scaddan Primary School, Scaddan Country Club, private and public infrastructure also occurred. Due to the large amount of funds available to restore the Scaddan townsite, Council determined that it would be necessary to undertake intensive consultation with the Scaddan community through the creation of a reference group.

The Scaddan Restoration Reference Group was appointed representatives from local community groups including Gavin Egan from the Scaddan Bush Fire Brigade, Frank Stone from the Scaddan Country Club, Wally Vandenberghe from the Scaddan Bowling Club, David Campbell from the Scaddan Golf Club and Lynne Norwood from the Scaddan P&C.

Six dedicated Scaddan locals nominated for the working group with Council voting to amend the Terms of Reference to allow all six nominees to become voting members. These included Christeen Lewis, Brad Lewis, Christian Siemer, Tom Curnow, Riley Curnow and Kirby Maher.

Two elected members appointed were Crs Natalie Bowman and Basil Parker with Beverley Stewart as the Deputy.

Shire President Victoria Brown said "It is a credit to the Scaddan community that so many people enthusiastically and willingly put their hands up to be a monumental part of getting the Scaddan town site refreshed and revitalised. Scaddan will need a lot of work and this group will have to consider the budget available, legislative constraints and the needs of the broader community in advising Council of priorities and considerations. It 'll be a challenge but I can't think of a better or more dedicated lot for the job."

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