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# **Gascoyne Country Zone Minutes**

10:00am

Friday, 17 February 2023

**Meeting hosted by  
Shire of Carnarvon**

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5 Francis Street, Carnarvon – 9941 0000

Commenced at 10:00am, Friday, 17 February 2023

## Acknowledgement of Country

We, the delegates of the Gascoyne Country Zone acknowledge the traditional owners of this land that we are meeting on today and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.

## Minutes

### ATTENDEES

Shire of Carnarvon	President Eddie Smith Andrea Selvey, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Shire of Exmouth	Cr Jackie Brooks (Deputy) Ben Lewis, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Shire of Upper Gascoyne	Cr Jim Caunt, Deputy President (Deputy) John McCleary, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Shire of Shark Bay	President Cr Cheryl Cowell - <b>Chair</b> Dale Chapman, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
WALGA	Mark Bondietti, Policy Manager Transport and Roads Nicole Matthews, Executive Manager, Policy (Teams)

### GUESTS

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries	Craig Vinci, Acting Regional Manager, Mid West-Gascoyne
Gascoyne Development Commission	Simmone Van Buerle, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Main Roads	Gaff Murray, Operations Manager – Carnarvon Kate Medhurst, A/Customer Service Manager
Department of Communities	Miranda Rounsevell, Housing Regional Manager (Teams)

### GUEST SPEAKER

Ms Candy Hudson, Recovery Support Officer, Engagement Branch, NEMA

## **APOLOGIES**

Shire of Upper Gascoyne	President Cr Don Hammarquist OAM
Roadwise	Ms Samantha Adams, Regional Road Safety Advisor
Regional Development Australia Mid West Gascoyne	Mark Holdsworth, Executive Officer
Department of Communities	Brad Mitchell, Regional Executive Director

## **Attachments**

The following were provided as attachments to the agenda:

1. Previous Meeting Minutes – 25 November 2022 Meeting
2. President's Report

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### **1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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Nil

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### **2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Nil

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### **3. DEPUTATIONS**

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#### **3.1 National Emergency Management Agency**

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NEMA provided an avenue for information and opportunities at the Federal level, as well as advocating back to the NRRA the experiences of the many regional, rural and remote communities across the Pilbara, Gascoyne, Midwest and Murchison Zones.

With a current focus on recovery following a natural disaster and building resilience in community, emergency management and response are a part of the greater National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) since September 1st, 2022.

Candy Hudson, Recovery Support Officer, Engagement Branch provided a presentation to the Zone on this matter.

**Noted**

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## 5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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### 5.1 Minutes of the 25 November 2022 Meeting of the Gascoyne Country Zone

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#### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jackie Brooks  
Seconded: Cr Jim Caunt

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Gascoyne Country Zone held on 25 November 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

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### 5.2 Business Arising

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Nil

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## 6. ZONE BUSINESS

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### 6.1 Solar Eclipse 2023

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*Shire of Exmouth*

Standing Item on the agenda relating to planning for the 2023 Solar Eclipse.

**Noted**

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### 6.2 2023 Local Government Honours Program

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The annual Local Government Honours Program affords significant public recognition and celebration of the outstanding achievements and lasting contributions made by Elected Members and Local Government officers to their respective Councils, the WA Local Government sector and the wider community.

Nominations for the 2023 Honours Program are open now.

There are six awards in the 2023 Program:

1. Local Government Medal
2. Life Membership
3. Eminent Service Award
4. Merit Award
5. Local Government Distinguished Officer Award
6. Young Achievers Award

Nominations will close at **5:00pm on Friday, 9 June** and the awards will be presented as part of the WALGA Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 18 September.

For more information or to submit a nomination, visit the WALGA website or contact Kathy Robertson, Executive Officer Governance, on 9213 2036 or via email at [honours@walga.asn.au](mailto:honours@walga.asn.au).

**Noted**

## 6.3 Zone Status Report – February 2023

Zone	Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update	WALGA Contact
Gascoyne C	<b>2021 19 February Zone Agenda Item 5.4</b> Issues with the DRFAWA Claims and Approvals Process	That the Gascoyne Country Zone recommend WALGA request DFES to form a working group of participants from affected Shires to review the current process and report back on outcomes and solutions.	Data has been collected from a sample of Councils that have recently suffered declared disasters and is being analyzed to inform engagement with DFES. The Infrastructure Policy Team has supported the establishment of a working group as proposed and requested that efforts be made to engage DFES in the establishment of the group.	Ongoing	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure <a href="mailto:iduncan@walga.asn.au">iduncan@walga.asn.au</a> 9213 2031
Gascoyne C	<b>2021 25 June Zone Agenda Item 8.1</b> Road Closures	That WALGA be tasked to compile a guidance note on the drafting of a local law to apply fines to drivers ignoring road closure signage and on the use of the Traffic Administration Act to recover compensation for road damage.	The Infrastructure Policy Team resolved:  1. The key legislative / regulatory requirements appear to be in place; 2. Vehicles being driven on closed roads occurs in other remote Local Government areas, although the situations are different around the State; 3. In the absence of identified technology solutions an initial approach be made by WALGA to ARRB and PATREC to determine if research centres are interested in developing a research project.  The Association has been in contact with ARRB and PATREC who have both advised that they were not aware of suitable technology.	November 2022	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure <a href="mailto:iduncan@walga.asn.au">iduncan@walga.asn.au</a> 9213 2031
Gascoyne C	<b>2022, 24 June Zone Agenda Item 6.2</b> Intensive Family Community Intervention	That the Gascoyne Country Zone seeks WALGA's support to advocate to the State Government to allocate funds and/or resources to fund and implement the Intensive Family Community Intervention in Carnarvon and other communities impacted by youth crime and social issues and support fundamental change to policy position to ensure it can be implemented.	SECRETARIAT COMMENT  Based on the information provided the approach the Shire of Carnarvon is pursuing is sound and grounded in an evidence base of effective 'youth at risk' interventions. There is strong engagement with key stakeholders and genuine commitment to work in partnership with local Aboriginal community leaders and organisations. The Intensive Family Intervention Support Program (IFCI) is a specialist service incorporating a wholistic approach involving coordinated intensive case management support for the young people and their families.	November 2022	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy <a href="mailto:nmatthews@walga.asn.au">nmatthews@walga.asn.au</a> 9213 2039

			<p>WALGA has undertaken further investigation with Dept. Communities contacts via the Regional Directors to ascertain the current youth justice approaches. Correspondence received from the Department of Communities dated 4 August 2022 has been circulated to the Zone.</p> <p>It is recommended that the Zone invite the relevant Regional Director from the Department of Communities and/or District Leadership Group to provide an update on the newly released Youth at Risk Strategy 2022 – 2027.</p>		
<b>Gascoyne C</b>	<b>2022, 24 June Zone Agenda Item 9.2 Management Orders on State owned Land</b> Management Orders on State owned land	That the Gascoyne Country Zone recommend that WALGA in consultation with Zone delegates, advocate to the State Government for a review of the Management Orders pertaining to State Land that is managed by Local Government especially in relation to Local Government leasing such land to other parties.	WALGA will liaise with the Zone delegates for further information with a view to writing to the Department of Lands on this issue.	<b>February 2023</b>	<b>Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services</b> <b>tbrown@walga.asn.au</b> <b>9213 2051</b>

### Noted

Miranda Rounsevell, Department of communities provided a Presentation to the Zone in response to item 2022, 24 June Zone Agenda Item 6.2 Intensive Family Community Intervention.

### Noted

## **7. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA – MATTERS FOR DECISION**

***(Zone delegates to consider the Matters for Decision contained in the WA Local Government Association State Council Agenda and put forward resolutions to Zone Representatives on State Council)***

The full State Council Agenda can be found via link: [1 March 2023 State Council Agenda](#)

The Zone is able to provide comment or submit an alternative recommendation that is then presented to the State Council for consideration.

### **Matters for Decision**

#### **7.1 Proposed Advocacy Position on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People**

That the following Advocacy Position be endorsed:

WALGA supports constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People through the enshrining of a Voice to Parliament.

### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** President Eddie Smith  
**Seconded:** Cr Jim Caunt

- 1. The Gascoyne Zone resolved that the referendum will be conducted as a matter of course and the result will be determined by the voters. Zone support is therefore irrelevant.**
- 2. The Gascoyne Zone does not support WALGA adopting an Advocacy Position. The result of the referendum will be determined by the voters.**

**CARRIED**

#### **7.2 Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Submission**

That the submission on the draft Western Australian Community Disaster Resilience Strategy be endorsed.

#### **7.3 Child Safeguarding Advocacy Position**

That the Child Safeguarding Advocacy Position as follows be endorsed:

Child Safeguarding

1. *Local Government supports:*
  - a. *the recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse 2017, in particular Recommendation 6.12 which can be achieved by Local Government implementing and embedding child safeguarding across its functions with support from Governments at the national, state and territory levels; and*
  - b. *the ten National Principles for Child Safe Organisations (Australian Humans Rights Commission).*

2. *The State Government through an Independent Oversight Body should provide financial, resourcing and capacity building support to Local Governments to implement and embed child safeguarding across its functions, through the provision of:*
  - a. *supporting materials such as template policies, procedures and guidelines;*
  - b. *consistent key messaging and resources to promote and share in venues and facilities and online;*
  - c. *examples of best practice, including case studies;*
  - d. *self-assessment tools to assist Local Government;*
  - e. *ongoing training and skills development for Local Government staff, including online training options;*
  - f. *funding for the delivery of the child safeguarding function within smaller, less well resourced (Band 3 and Band 4) Local Governments; and*
  - g. *expert officers within each region to provide support and guidance to Local Government on child safeguarding.*
  
3. *The Local Government sector supports Local Government participation in the State's National Redress Scheme, with full financial coverage by the State.*

## **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** President Eddie Smith  
**Seconded:** Cr Jim Caunt

1. **That the Zone does not support an advocacy position until further information is made available regarding all potential implications for Local Governments, i.e., the extent of Local Government responsibilities and costs.**
2. **The Zone will request a presentation from the Department of Communities.**

**CARRIED**

### **7.4 Submission on Draft Guideline Minimising Noise Impact from Outdoor Community Basketball Facilities**

That the submission on the Draft Guideline: Minimising noise impact from outdoor community basketball facilities be endorsed.

### **7.5 Main Roads Draft Roadside Advertising Policy and Application Guidelines**

That the submission to Main Roads on its Draft Roadside Advertising Policy and Application Guidelines be endorsed.

## **Matters for Noting**

- 9.1 Animal Welfare in Emergencies Grant Program Overview
- 9.2 Emergency Management Update
- 9.3 Local Development Plan Background Paper
- 9.4 2023-24 WALGA Federal Budget Submission
- 9.5 WALGA Submission on Phase Three of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-Design Process
- 9.6 Child Care Premises Position Statement: Consultation Response
- 9.7 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)



## RESOLUTION

Moved: President Eddie Smith  
Seconded: President Cr Cheryl Cowell

That the Gascoyne Country Zone

1. Supports items 7.2, 7.4 and 7.5 as listed above in the March 2023 State Council Agenda; and
2. Notes all Policy Team Reports, Matters for Noting and Organisational Reports as listed in the March 2023 State Council Agenda.

CARRIED

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## 8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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### 8.1 State Councillor's Report to the Zone

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The State Councillor, President Cr Cheryl Cowell provided an update on the previous State Council meeting.

**Noted**

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### 8.2 President's Report to the Zone

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The WALGA representative presented the President's Report.

**Noted**

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### 8.3 Gascoyne Development Commission

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Acting Chief Executive Officer, Simmonne Van Buerle, provided an update to the Zone on the following matters:

- Designated Area Migration
- Commodity roads update

**Noted**

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#### 8.3.1 Gascoyne Development Commission – Working Group Update

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Cr Cheryl Cowell, the Zone representative on the working group provided an update to the Zone.

**Noted**

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#### **8.4 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries**

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Craig Vinci, Acting Regional Manager provided an update to the Zone on DLGSC matters.

**Noted**

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#### **8.5 Roadwise Report**

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Samantha Adams, Road Safety Officer, Mid-West was an apology for this meeting.

**Noted**

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#### **8.6 Regional Development Australia – Mid West Gascoyne**

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Mark Holdsworth Executive Officer, RDA Mid-West Gascoyne, was an apology for this meeting.

**Noted**

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#### **8.7 Department of Communities**

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Miranda Rounsevell, Department of Communities provided an update to the Zone during the meeting on the following topics:

- Housing
- Youth at Risk Strategy

**Noted**

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### **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

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Zone delegates noted their support for Main Roads WA taking ownership of the Quobba Gnaraloo Road.

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#### **9.1 Zone Meeting Dates – 2023**

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<b>Zone Meeting</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>10:00am, Friday 17 February</b>	<b>In-Person</b>	<b>Carnarvon</b>
10:00am, Friday 21 April	<i>Teleconference</i>	
<b>10:00am, Friday 23 June</b>	<b>In-Person</b>	<b>Exmouth</b>
10:00am, Friday 25 August	<i>Teleconference</i>	
<b>10:00am, Friday 24 November</b>	<b>In-Person</b>	<b>Carnarvon</b>

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**10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

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Next meeting: 10:00am, Friday 21 April 2023, hosted by MS Teams.

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**11. CLOSURE**

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There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at **12.25 pm**.