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GVROC Council Meeting

Friday 24th November 2023
In person meeting and video
hosted by Shire of Menzies
9:30am – 1:30pm
held at the Shire of Menzies
Council Chambers, 124 Shenton Street, Menzies

Unconfirmed Minutes

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GOLDFIELDS VOLUNTARY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (GVROC)

A in person and video conference meeting of the GVROC Council was held on Friday 24 November 2023 commencing at 9:30 am at the Shire of Menzies Council Chambers, 124 Shenton Street, Menzies

AGENDA

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss business related to the activities of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils.

Official welcome to the new GVROC delegates as a result of the recent LGA Elections in October as follows:

- Cr Glenn Wilson, Mayor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
- Cr Wayne Johnson, Councillor, City of Kalgoorlie Boulder
- Cr Sudhir Sudhir, Councillor, Shire of Menzies
- Cr Ane Koroicure, Councillor, Shire of Wiluna

Also congratulate existing GVROC delegates that have now be elected as Shire Presidents as follows:

- Cr Ron Chambers, President Shire of Esperance
- Cr Paul Warner, President, Shire of Menzies

And also, the new CEO at the Shire of Menzies, Glenda Teede.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Pursuant to the Code of Conduct, Councillors and CEOs must declare to the Chairman any potential conflict of interest they may have in a matter before the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils as soon as they become aware of it. Councillors, CEOs and Deputies may be directly or indirectly associated with some recommendations of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

Nil Declarations

3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Attendance

Cr Mal Cullen (Chair)	President, Shire of Coolgardie	
Cr Tracey Rathbone	Councillor, Shire of Coolgardie	
Cr Glenn Wilson	Mayor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder	
Mr Andrew Brien	CEO, City of Kalgoorlie Boulder	
Cr Laurene Bonza	President, Shire of Dundas	
Mr Peter Fitchat	CEO, Shire of Dundas	
Cr Sharon Warner	Councillor, Shire of Dundas	
Cr Ron Chambers	President Shire of Esperance	
Mr Shane Burge	CEO, Shire of Esperance	
Cr Patrick Hill	President, Shire of Laverton	
Mr Ty Matson	CEO, Shire of Leonora	(via Zoom)
Cr Paul Warner	President, Shire of Menzies	
Cr Sudhir Sudhir	Councillor, Shire of Menzies	
Ms Glenda Teede	CEO, Shire of Menzies	
Cr Peter Grundy	President, Shire of Wiluna	(via Zoom)
Mr David Mosel	CEO, Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku	(via Zoom)
Mr Andrew Mann	Executive Officer, GVROC	
Ms Niki Curtis	GVROC Regional Climate Alliance Coordinator	(via Zoom)

3.2 Apologies

Mr James Trail	CEO, Shire of Coolgardie
Cr Wayne Johnson	Councillor, City of Kalgoorlie Boulder
Cr Robert Wedge	Councillor, Shire of Laverton
Mr Phil Marshall	CEO, Shire of Laverton
Cr Peter Craig	President, Shire of Leonora
Cr Ane Koroicure	Councillor, Shire of Wiluna
Mr Gary Gaffney	CEO, Shire of Wiluna
Cr Damian McLean	President, Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku

3.3 Guest Speakers and Presenters

Hon Kyle McGinn MLC	Member for Mining & Pastoral Region; Parliamentary Secretary to Hon Don Punch MLA, Minister for Regional Development, Disability Services; Fisheries; Seniors & Ageing
Ali Kent MLA	Member for Kalgoorlie (via Zoom)
Marcus Falconer	CEO, Australia's Golden Outback
Donna Malec	Goldfields Tourism Development Manager, Australia's Golden Outback
Linda Tillman	Tilma Group (via Zoom for agenda Item 5.1)
Grant Bussell	Regional Director (Kalgoorlie) Heritage and Property Services, DPLH

3.4 WALGA Representatives

Nick Sloan CEO
Michelle Blackhurst Regional Road Safety Advisor, WALGA RoadWise Program (via Zoom)

3.5 DLGSC Representatives

Kelly Waterhouse Regional Manager – Goldfields

3.6 GEDC Representatives

Kris Starcevich CEO

3.7 RDAGE Representatives

Sharon Henderson Director (via Zoom)

3.8 Observers

Anita Nathan CFO, Shire of Coolgardie
Robert Hicks Deputy CEO, Shire of Coolgardie
Cr Nadia Turner Councillor, City of Kalgoorlie Boulder
Cr Kirsty Dellar Deputy Mayor, City of Kalgoorlie Boulder

4. GUEST SPEAKERS

4.1 Hon Kyle McGinn MLC

Hon Kyle McGinn MLC, Member for Mining & Pastoral Region; Parliamentary Secretary to Hon Don Punch MLA, Minister for Regional Development, Disability Services; Fisheries; Seniors & Ageing; provided an update on relevant matters of interest from his perspective on the region followed by a short Q&A session.

4.2 Ali Kent MLA, Member for Kalgoorlie

Ms Ali Kent MLA, Member for Kalgoorlie, provided an update on matters of interest from her perspective on the region followed by a short Q&A session.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Australia's Golden Outback and the Tilma Group

Presentation provided by Marcus Falconer and Donna Malec from Australia's Golden Outback providing an update on progress and activities to date via the GVROC LGA funding provided.

Also, a presentation was provided by Linda Tillman of the Tilma Group to present the Regional Events Strategy to GVROC. The Tilma Group were commissioned by Australia's Golden Outback to develop the Strategy. The Strategy covers everywhere from Norseman through to the Lands but focuses more on the key towns.

The Findings Paper (**Attachment 1**) was prepared following the initial stage of engagement and desktop review. The Paper covers an overview of the findings, along with the recommended strategic framework and considerations under each strategic priority to support the achievement of the aspirations and is used as the tool to support the second phase of engagement. The final strategy is expected to be completed by the end of November.

5.2 Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage

Presentation was provided by Grant Bussell, Regional Director (Kalgoorlie) – Heritage and Property Services at the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH).

As part of its renewed focus on Western Australia's Aboriginal Heritage, DPLH has established new Regional Director positions in each of the State's regions. Since the beginning of September, Grant has been based in Kalgoorlie. As we return to the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*, Grant's role will be to assist land users to comply with the Act and to develop relationships with native title parties to assist them to carry out their new responsibilities under the Act. Some of that work will involve supporting the Aboriginal Heritage Conservation team in Perth with processes like mapping and updating site information, assisting with compliance work including notification of damage to sites. DPLH will also be supporting the rollout of the two new Programs the Government has announced – the State Survey and Native Title Party Capacity Building.

All up, the Department will have three staff in Kalgoorlie, by the end of November, and they intend to be available across the Goldfields as needed (see **Attachment 1.1**)

5.3 Shire of Menzies

(10 minutes)

Cr Paul Warner, President at the Shire of Menzies provided a brief update on current and planned activities within the Shire of Menzies.

6. ELECTION OF GVROC CHAIR/WALGA STATE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE AND GVROC DEPUTY CHAIR/DEPUTY STATE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Returning Officer: Andrew Mann, Executive Officer, GVROC

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 24 November 2023

Attachments: GVROC Call for Nominations & Election for 2024 (**Attachment 2**)

Background:

Notice was given by the GVROC Executive Officer on 6 November 2023, that at the GVROC Meeting to be held on Friday 24 November 2023 an election would be held for the positions of Chair and Deputy Chair of the GVROC. As the GVROC and the Goldfields Esperance Country Zone of WALGA (GECZ) operate as a single entity these elections are also in respect to the GECZ, i.e. for the positions of WALGA State Council Representative and WALGA Deputy State Council Representative. The term of appointment is for a two-year period ending no later than December 2025.

Nominations for the positions of Chair/ WALGA State Council Representative and Deputy Chair / WALGA Deputy State Council Representative will be announced at the meeting as received through the call for nominations sent on 6 November 2023, which closed at 4pm on 17 November 2023. The election and vote if required will be conducted having regard to the general principles and procedures of the *Local Government Act 1995* and as per the WALGA State Council instituted process.

If only one nomination is received for a position, an election vote will not be required. If multiple nominations are received the procedure for the conduct of this election vote will be as follows:

- Prior to the ballot, nominees (should there be more than one nomination) for each position will be extended the opportunity to provide a two-minute election bid to delegates. Note a nominee must be a Councilor nominated as a Council delegate to the GECZ;
- The ballot will be conducted as a secret ballot;
- Each voting delegate to the GVROC will be entitled to cast one (1) vote in the ballot process, with the "first past the post" method of election being used; and
- The candidate with the greater number of votes will be elected.

In the event of a tie between two candidates a second ballot will be conducted immediately. Should the second ballot also be a tie, lots will be drawn, and the name drawn first will be the successful candidate.

Officer Comment:

On the close of nominations for the positions of Chair and Deputy Chair of the GVROC and positions of the Goldfields Zone WALGA State Council Representative and Goldfields Zone WALGA Deputy State Council Representative on 17 November 2023 only one nomination was received for each position. The nominations are as follows:

GVROC Chair: Cr Malcolm Cullen, President at Shire of Coolgardie

GVROC Deputy Chair: Cr Laurene Bonza, President at Shire of Dundas

WALGA State Council Representative: Cr Laurene Bonza, President at Shire of Dundas

WALGA Deputy State Council Representative: Cr Malcolm Cullen, President at Shire of Coolgardie

Given only one person is nominated for each listed position, no vote was required to be held and the nominated representatives as listed above were declared as the successful candidates for each position for the two-year period ending no later than December 2025.

Consultation: GVROC/WALGA

Financial Implications: Nil

Strategic Implications: N/A

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

DECLARATION:

That Cr Malcolm Cullen, President at Shire of Coolgardie and Cr Laurene Bonza, President at Shire of Dundas, are declared elected unopposed for the positions as listed below for the term of two years, December 2023 to December 2025.

GVROC Chair: Cr Malcolm Cullen, President - Shire of Coolgardie

GVROC Deputy Chair: Cr Laurene Bonza, President - Shire of Dundas

WALGA State Council Representative: Cr Laurene Bonza, President - Shire of Dundas

WALGA Deputy State Council Representative: Cr Malcolm Cullen, President - Shire of Coolgardie

RESOLUTION: Moved: *Cr Tracey Rathbone, Shire of Coolgardie*
Seconded: *Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton*

Carried

GVROC Chair called motion to adjourn the meeting for morning tea break at 11:10am.

Moved: *Cr Paul Warner, Shire of Menzies*
Seconded: *Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton*

GVROC Chair called motion to resume the meeting at 11:30am.

Moved: *Cr Laurene Bonza, Shire of Dundas*
Seconded: *Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton*

7. AGENCY REPORTS

7.1 WALGA

WALGA verbal update report by Nick Sloan, CEO.

7.2 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

DLGSC verbal update report by Kelly Waterhouse, Regional Manager Goldfields.

7.3 Goldfields Esperance Development Commission

GEDC verbal update report by Kris Starcevich.

7.4 Regional Development Australia Goldfields Esperance

RDAGE verbal update report by Sharon Henderson.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the GVROC note the Agency Reports as provided.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Paul Warner, Shire of Menzies

Seconded: Cr Laurene Bonza, Shire of Dundas

Carried

8.4 Correspondence for Noting

The following correspondence was sent and received since the last GVROC meeting and are all contained in **Attachment 6**.

Correspondence received:

1. Letter received on 2 August 2023 from the Minister for Local Government, Hon David Michael MLA to GVROC Chair in response to the GVROC letter sent on 4 July 2023 regarding concerns about the introduction of optional preferential voting in the Local Government Elections.
2. Letter received on 7 August 2023 from the DWER Director General, Michelle Andrews, advising the DWER representative to the Goldfields Esperance Water Security Group (GEWSG).
3. Email received on 11 August from GEDC with letter dated 29 May 2023 advising acceptance of completion and final report for GVROC Housing and Land Audit and Action Plan.
4. Letter received on 28 August 2023 from the Minister for Local Government, Hon David Michael MLA to GVROC Chair in response to provision of the GVROC Housing and Land Audit and Action Plan.
5. Email received on 1 September 2023 from Australia's Golden Outback (AOG) – Goldfields Tourism Development Manager, Donna Malec seeking a presentation to GVROC members on the strategic framework for the AOG Regional Events Strategy being developed.
6. Letter received on 28 September 2023 from the Minister for Environment; Climate Action in response to the GVROC letter sent on 7 July 2023 requesting continuation of the State Government's Regional Climate Alliance Program and ongoing funding.
7. Email received on 9 October 2023 from Director General of Department of Training and Workforce Development, Karen Ho, regarding the Department's Annual Report for 2022-23.

Correspondence sent:

1. Email sent on 4 August 2023 to Hon Kyle McGinn, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development; Disability Services; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering from the GVROC Chair in response to the Minister for Housing's response to the GVROC Housing and Land Action Plan and highlighting the amount of derelict, abandoned houses and vacant land lots that are growing throughout the region, with examples provided by the Shire of Dundas.
2. Letter sent on 11 August 2023 to Office of the Electoral Distribution Commissioners to object to the proposed electoral boundaries for the 2025 State General Election.
3. Email sent on 13 September 2023 to Ric Halse of Plan to Strategy Consultancy requesting quotation for provision of services for a shared regional planner to support/accelerate the implementation of a number of actions from the Housing and Land Action Plan.
4. Email sent on 20 September 2023 to the Federal Member for O'Connor, Rick Wilson, requesting consideration and support for the WALGA submission on the Federal Government's Exposure Draft of the Recycling and Waste Reduction (Export - Paper and Cardboard) Rules 2023. WALGA is requesting a Western Australian exemption, given the impact this will have on LGAs with the lack of current infrastructure in place to manage these products, which the GVROC also supports this position.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the correspondence that was sent or received since the last GVROC meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Paul Warner, Shire of Menzies
Seconded: Cr Tracey Rathbone, Shire of Coolgardie

Carried

9. GOLDFIELDS VOLUNTARY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS FINANCE

9.1 Financial Statement to 30 November 2023

Reporting Officer: Andrew Mann, GVROC Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: November 2023

Attachments: GVROC Financial Statements and accounts payable and receivable to 30 November 2023, Full Transaction Account history to 30 November 2023 and GVROC Bank Statement Snapshot, plus Account history full transaction to date for 2023/24 financial year (**Attachment 7**).

Background:

Presenting the financial statement position and the accounts approved for payment for the period 1st July 2023 to 30 November 2023.

Financial Statement:

The Officer provides the following comment:

Since the last GVROC meeting for the period of 28 July 2023 to 24 November 2023 new transactions included in the financial statements are:

- Payments to Mann Advisory for the Executive Officer services
- Payments to Niki Curtis for RCA Coordinator services.
- Payments to Shire of Coolgardie to reimburse for various GVROC expenses
- Payment to Michelle Blackhurst Consultancy for final payment for delivery of Safer Goldfields Regional Action Plan.
- Payment to Up-to-Date Accounting for preparation of GVROC BAS
- 2023/24 membership subscription fees received
- Interest earned on Bankwest Saver account
- Reimbursement from Shire of Esperance for RCA Coordinator fees

Accounts Paid and Received:

Expenses August 2023 - November 2023			
Date	Payee	Description	Amount inc GST
04 Aug 2023	Michelle Blackhurst Consultancy	Development of the Safer Goldfields Regional Action Plan	10,626.00
08 Aug 2023	Mann Advisory	GVROC Executive Officer services and travel	12,236.24
11 Aug 2023	Up to Date Accounting	Preparation of BAS	330.00
05 Sep 2023	Mann Advisory	GVROC Executive Officer services	12,100.00
05 Sep 2023	Shire of Coolgardie	Reimbursement for GVROC Executive Officer travel costs	895.35
10 Oct 2023	Nicole Curtis	GVROC RCA Coordinator fees	1,920.00
10 Oct 2023	Mann Advisory	GVROC Executive Officer services	12,100.00
10 Oct 2023	Shire of Coolgardie	Reimbursement of GVROC expenses - subscriptions to XERO Accounting platform	118.00
01 Nov 2023	Shire of Coolgardie	Reimbursement of GVROC expenses - Atrium Dinner as part of WALGA AGM	1,861.50
01 Nov 2023	Nicole Curtis	GVROC RCA Coordinator fees	4,200.00
01 Nov 2023	Mann Advisory	GVROC Executive Officer Services	12,100.00
Total Expenses paid			68,487.09
Revenue August 2023 - November 2023			
Date	Payee	Description	Amount inc GST
01 Aug 2023	Bankwest	Interest Received	10.78
01 Aug 2023	Shire of Dundas	2023/24 Membership subscription	38,500.00
04 Aug 2023	City of Kalgoorlie Boulder	2023/24 Membership subscription	38,500.00
10 Aug 2023	Shire of Leonora	2023/24 Membership subscription	38,500.00
18 Aug 2023	Shire of Coolgardie	2023/24 Membership subscription	38,500.00
25 Aug 2023	Shire of Menzies	2023/24 Membership subscription	38,500.00
01 Sep 2023	Bankwest	Interest Received	11.54
12 Sep 2023	Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku	2023/24 Membership subscription	38,500.00
02 Oct 2023	Bankwest	Interest Received	11.55
01 Nov 2023	Bankwest	Interest Received	11.19
16 Nov 2023	Shire of Esperance	Reimbursement of RCA Coordinator Fees	65,137.40
Total Revenue received			296,182.46

Officer Comment:

All GVROC 2023/24 member subscriptions have now been received and the GVROC Executive Officer now has full access to all GVROC Finances and Bank Accounts, allowing for all invoice payments to be paid on time, invoices raised when required and reconciliation of the accounts with the GVROC Bank accounts.

Consultation: GVROC Chair, Shire of Coolgardie CEO

Financial Implications: Funds for the expenditure is included in the 2023/2024 and Budget

Strategic Implications: GVROC Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Objective 3

RECOMMENDATION:

That GVROC:

1. Note that the Statement of Financial Position for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 November 2023 and the accounts approved for payment for the period 1 August 2023 to 30 November 2023 totalling \$68,487.09 and revenue received of \$296,182.46.
2. Endorse the actions taken by the GVROC Executive Officer and Shire of Coolgardie Chief Executive Officer to pay for GVROC expenses and receipt of GVROC Revenue.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton**
Seconded: Mayor Glenn Wilson, City of Kalgoorlie Boulder

Carried

10. **GVROC REGIONAL CLIMATE ALLIANCE PROGRAM**

10.1 **GVROC Regional Climate Alliance Program Update**

Reporting Officers: Andrew Mann, GVROC Executive Officer
Niki Curtis, GVROC Regional Climate Alliance Coordinator

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: November 2023

Attachments: Unconfirmed Minutes RCA Working Group 18.8.23 (**Attachment 8**)
Unconfirmed Minutes RCA Working Group 13.10.23 (**Attachment 9**)
GEWSG Minutes August 2023 (**Attachment 10**)
GEWSG Unconfirmed Minutes October 2023 (**Attachment 11**)

Background:

The Regional Climate Alliance (RCA) pilot program evaluation process is finished, but the proposed extension of the program and roll out across the State has not been included in the Government's mid-year budget review as hoped. WALGA is advocating for the RCA program to be extended across WA in the next State budget for at least a further 4 years and DWER is supportive, due to the positive independent evaluation report, but an extension to the program needs budget and ministerial approval still. The proposed extended program would include the two regions that participated in the pilot program, managed by GVROC and the South Coast Alliances.

In the meantime, the GVROC RCA Coordinator is being fully funded by GVROC members to continue to manage the program for up to 10 hours per week. GVROC allocated enough funds in the current budget to continue the RCA program for a further 12 months and there is surplus in the budget to undertake shared programs that have agreed mutual benefit across the GE region.

There are several significant projects either awaiting announcements that the RCA has applied for, or about to be opened, that GVROC members can apply for individually or as a collective.

The GVROC RCA Working Group has met twice since the last Council meeting and minutes are attached (**Attachments 8 and 9**)

Officer Comment:

1. Climate Change Declaration

At the WALGA convention, held in September, the Shires of Menzies, Leonora and Dundas were formally presented with certificates to acknowledge their Councils have now signed a Climate Change Declaration.

The WALGA Climate Change declaration is a voluntary pledge that Councils can make to demonstrate their commitment to climate action through localised mitigation and adaptation initiatives achievable to their council. The Declaration has been in existence since 2012 and 53 Councils across the State have now signed, representing more than 83% of the State's population.

A template has been developed for GVROC members to take to their Councils. By signing this declaration, the GVROC members are acknowledging that climate change is important, and this will support GVROC and WALGA in advocating and attracting more funding to prepare for and mitigate against climate change, on behalf of members.

2. Project Applications

Announcements have been delayed on the two programs applied for through this Alliance:

- the **State NRM Community Stewardship Grant** – which GVROC is requesting \$448,156 for the region to plant around 35,000 trees and increase urban canopy and biodiversity, auspiced by the Shire of Dundas; and
- the **National Disaster Risk Reduction Grant** which GVROC requested \$235,000 to develop a cost benefit analysis of upgrading GVROC member's assets to prepare for climate change impacts, auspiced by the Shire of Esperance.

3. **Future Project Opportunities**

Other projects being developed or about to be released are listed below:

a) **EV Charging Stations**

The State government has launched Round 2 of the [Charge Up Workplace Grant Program](#) which includes faster direct current (DC) chargers up to 350kW.

- Round 2 is open from 4 November 2023 to 3 May 2024
- \$12.5 Million is available in grant funding support to small and medium businesses, LGAs and not-for-profit organisations.
- Grant funding support covers up to 50% of EV charger hardware, software and installation costs.
- Round 2 includes both AC chargers (7 to 22kW) and DC chargers (25kW to 350kW in size).
- A total of \$2.3 million in Charge Up funding was approved in Round 1, which will support the installation of more than 485 chargers across about 225 sites in WA.
- Charge Up Round 2 will fund faster DC chargers in addition to AC chargers in workplaces and destinations, whilst also supporting fleet and public charging projects.

Laverton, Menzies, Leonora, Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Dundas and Esperance LGAs have expressed interest in installing EV charging stations and being involved in this program.

b) **Disaster Ready Fund**

Round Two of the Australian Government's \$200M [Disaster Ready Fund \(DRF\) guidelines](#) will be released in December. The DRF's objectives are to:

- increase the understanding of natural hazard disaster impacts, as a first step towards reducing disaster impacts in the future; and
- increase the resilience, adaptive capacity and/or preparedness of governments, community service organisations and affected communities to minimise the potential impact of natural hazards and avert disasters; and
- reduce the exposure to risk, harm and severity of a natural hazard impacts, including reducing the recovery burden for governments and vulnerable and affected communities.

c) **Community Energy Upgrades Fund**

The \$100M Australian Government's [Community Energy Upgrades Fund](#) is expected to open in December and will partner with LGAs to deliver energy upgrades for community facilities, sporting clubs and community centres to help Councils cut emissions and reduce energy bills.

Ideas for applications could include:

- Street light upgrades (extension and upgrade of previous GVROC project, the [Goldfields Esperance Regional Energy Project](#)).
- Incorporation of more batteries in some Council owned facilities with solar that can reduce operational costs.
- Increase hosting capacity and upgrades of solar generation on Council-owned assets.
- Raising community awareness of reducing energy costs through Council-owned housing energy upgrades.

4. Goldfields Esperance Water Security Group (GEWSG)

The Goldfields Esperance Development Commission is receiving \$900,000 through the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) [Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program](#), which is co-funded through the Federal Government's Future Drought Fund.

Two meetings have been held by the GEWSG, which will provide governance for the project, and minutes are in **Attachments 10 and 11**.

Consultation: GVROC RCA Working Group, GEWSG and relevant stakeholders

Strategic Implications:

- Mitigating drought impacts and improving water security
- Sustainably managing the increased risk of bushfire threats
- Improving uptake of renewable energy and energy efficiency solutions
- Managing waste sustainably at a regional scale
- Reducing carbon emissions across the GE region to support our vision of a thriving, clean, green and economically resilient region.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the GVROC Council:

1. Notes that several significant grants, relating to climate change, are available for LGAs to apply for independently or as a collective for the region.
2. Notes that there is surplus in the RCA budget that can be used to leverage these project applications.
3. Notes that four GVROC LGAs (Esperance, Dundas, Leonora and Menzies) have now signed the [WALGA Climate Change Declaration](#), and the remaining five LGAs are encouraged to sign to show that GVROC is committed to Climate Change actions and the "[GVROC Climate Plan – 2030](#)", and to support future funding applications from the region.
4. Endorse the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder Mayor Glenn Wilson to replace former Cr Kim Ekert as the Central Goldfields representative to the GEWSG following the outcomes of the recent Local Government Elections.
5. Request the GVROC Chair to formally write to the Minister for Environment requesting that the current Urban Tree Canopy funding program available to metropolitan and peel local governments be extended to also include regional local governments.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Laurene Bonza, Shire of Dundas**
Seconded: Cr Paul Warner, Shire of Menzies

Carried

11. GOLDFIELDS VOLUNTARY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS BUSINESS

11.1 GVROC Housing and Land Update

Reporting Officers: Andrew Mann, GVROC Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: November 2023

Attachments: Nil

Background:

In July 2022, the GVROC committed, with funding provided from the GEDC, to engage a consultant to assist with completing a GVROC LGA Housing and Land Audit and Action Plan. This work was completed in March 2023 and at the GVROC meeting held on 31 March 2023 the GVROC resolved the following:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the GVROC:

1. Accept and endorse the GVROC Housing and Land Audit and Action Plan as presented.
2. Request the Chair to write to the Minister for Housing seeking the establishment of a strategic partnership approach via the establishment of a joint working group including relevant representation from GVROC, the DoC and GEDC.
3. Request the GVROC Executive Officer and GVROC CEOs start to address the action plan with a priority focus on Strategy 1 Action Items 1.1 to 1.6.
4. Note that when the required detail from Strategy 1 is compiled, that an approach be made through the GVROC Chair to the Minister for Housing; Lands; Homelessness; Local Government looking to gain funding and approval to deliver some solutions in the region.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Paul Warner, Shire of Menzies

Seconded: Cr Tracey Rathbone, Shire of Coolgardie

Carried

Officer Comment:

The GVROC Executive Officer has continued to liaise with the GEDC and also made contact with Ric Halse from Strategy to Plan Consultancy regarding his interest in providing a quote to provide a shared planning resource. We are still waiting for a response back from Ric on his interest, and if not forthcoming, then we will look to source through a more formal EOI or by contacting companies listed on the WALGA supplier panels.

The GVROC Chair has also had discussions with Hon Kyle McGinn and utilised information and statistics provided by the Shire of Dundas on current state of social and GROH housing in the region, which has resulted in a visit from the Minister for Housing, Hon John Carey, being organised for the 7 December 2023 in Kalgoorlie. The GVROC Chair, Deputy Chair and Executive Officer will meet with the Minister to discuss through the GVROC Housing Action Plan and to look at possible solutions to existing issues to address housing needs of the region.

The GVROC Executive Officer also met with the GVROC CEOs on 10 November 2023 and raised the following points for inclusion in the discussion with the Minister for Housing during his visit:

- Requesting a change in the GROH policy regarding spot purchasing, as this is adding to the lack of rental accommodation and affordable housing in the regions, by reducing the existing available houses in towns. Need GROH to prioritise new builds that add to the housing stock in each area, rather than reducing stock numbers.

- Homelessness issues increasing and currently in most regional towns there are no refuges available to house men, just smaller refuges to take in women and children mainly for domestic violence issues. Need to consider options in the regions for provision of short stay accommodation for all to reduce rough sleeping and homelessness.
- Regarding the homelessness issues is the Minister able to advise on the progress being made through the Housing First Homelessness Advisory Group?
- Maintenance of existing social housing in the region is still slow, with some properties having been boarded and vacant for many years. While understanding that Department of Communities have five-year maintenance contracts in place with contractors, this is failing the regions and there is a need to change policies and have local contractors based in the regions to deliver the maintenance or outsource to the LGAs to contract and manage. This will provide a quicker response time and understanding of the local situations and requirements.

The GVROC CEOs also committed to provided more up to date information on the numbers of State Government owned properties in their jurisdiction and status of these properties.

The GVROC Executive Officer also attended a launch by Summit Homes of their Tiny Home Village Grand Opening Event, on 16 November 2023 to investigate the possibilities of these homes being built and supplied in the region. To see more visit [Tiny Homes - We have huge plans for our Tiny Homes. \(tinyhomesbysummit.com.au\)](https://tinyhomesbysummit.com.au).

The Shire of Dundas also advised that it is in the process of acquiring a 3D house building machine and building a number of homes to meet their needs. Post these builds the Shire is willing to lease out the equipment to others in the region.

Consultation: GVROC Chair
GEDC

Financial Implications: TBD

Strategic Implications: Improved Liveability, social and community wellbeing.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the GVROC:

1. Note the GVROC Housing and Land Update as presented.
2. Note that the GVROC Chair, Deputy Chair and Executive Officer will meet with the Minister for Housing on 7 December 2023 in Kalgoorlie.
3. Request all members and CEOs to provide to the GVROC Executive Officer via email any data, issues and questions on housing for your LGA area that you want raised with the Minister on 7 December 2023 by close of business Friday 1 December 2023.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Tracey Rathbone, Shire of Coolgardie**
Seconded: Cr Paul Warner, Shire of Menzies

Carried

11.2 Safer Goldfields Regional Action Plan (SGRAP)

Reporting Officers: Andrew Mann, GVROC Executive Officer
Michelle Blackhurst, Michelle Blackhurst Consultancy

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: November 2023

Attachments: Nil

Background:

The GVROC identified the need for a coordinated response to address increasing issues of community safety throughout the region and on 3 February 2023 at its meeting agreed to engage a consultant to develop the Safer Goldfields Regional Action Plan (SGRAP) as a regional instrument to guide partnerships, document method and encourage the delivery of regional solutions. On 17 April 2023, Michelle Blackhurst Consultancy was engaged to develop the SGRAP.

Further at the GVROC meeting held on 28 July 2023 it was resolved:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the GVROC:

1. Note and support the draft SGRAP as presented.
2. Note and support the SGRAP Operation management process as presented.
3. Note and Endorse the:
 - a. Terms of Reference for the Safer Goldfields Management Group and request GVROC CEOs to provide to the GVROC Executive Officer their nominated LGA officer representative to the Group.
 - b. Terms of Reference for the Safer Goldfields Regional Working Group and nominate three (3) GVROC Members (One Northern Goldfields, one Central Goldfields, one Southern Goldfields) to the Group as follows:
Northern Goldfields: Cr Peter Craig, Shire of Leonora
Central Goldfields: Cr Tracey Rathbone, Shire of Coolgardie
Southern Goldfields: Cr Laurene Bonza, Shire of Dundas
4. Request the GVROC Executive Officer to set up the initial Safer Goldfields Management Group meeting at which a Chair and Secretary can be appointed to then drive and support and organise the initial Safer Goldfields Regional Working Group meeting.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Jill Dwyer, Shire of Menzies**
Seconded: Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton

Carried

Officer Comment:

The GVROC Executive Officer has twice organised an initial meeting of the nominated LGA representatives to the Safer Goldfields Regional Management Group (once in September and the other in October), only for these meetings being cancelled due to not having a quorum with only three LGAs attending the scheduled meeting each time. The current LGA representatives for this Group are:

LGA	Representative
City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder	Alain Baldomero Manager Health and Community Safety 9021 9684 or 0417 966 502 alain.baldomero@ckb.wa.gov.au
Shire of Esperance	Shane Tobin Manager Community Development & Events 9083 1706 or 0418 557 397 shane.tobin@esperance.wa.gov.au
Shire of Dundas	Pania Turner Community Services Coordinator 9039 1205 dceo@dundas.wa.gov.au
Shire of Coolgardie	Bree Crawley Community Development Team Leader 9080 2111 ecdc@coolgardie.wa.gov.au
Shire of Menzies	Sean McGay Community Development Manager 9024 2041 cdm@menzies.wa.gov.au
Shire of Leonora	Marie Pointon Community Development Officer 9037 6044 sce@leonora.wa.gov.au
Shire of Laverton	Phil Marshall CEO 9031 1202 ceo@laverton.wa.gov.au
Shire of Wiluna	Bevan Napijalo Community Development Coordinator 9981 8000 bevan.napijalo@wiluna.wa.gov.au
Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku	Geoff Handy Finance and Administration Coordinator 8956 7966 geoff.handy@ngaanyatjaraku.wa.gov.au

For the SGRAP and the operational model to work it is essential that we have everyone at the table at this initial meeting of the Safer Goldfields Regional Management Group so a Chair and Secretariat can be appointed from the nine LGA representatives and for work to commence on implementation of the SGRAP that the GVROC endorsed in Kambalda at the last meeting in July 2023.

It's important to note that the formation of this Group and the operations of the SGRAP is not meant to be a burden or increase workload, as it is recognised that all LGAs are dealing with staff shortages. The SGRAP and its operational model should assist all LGAs in delivering the community development responsibilities and in turn helping to provide a safer environment for your communities.

The initial meeting of the Safer Goldfields Regional Management Group has now been rescheduled for the 30 November 2023, and I encourage all of you to discuss this with your nominated LGA Representative to this Group to ensure they attend.

Post that meeting the first task of the Safer Goldfields Regional Management Group will be to organise an initial meeting of the Safer Goldfields Regional Working Group early in the new year 2024, with an update on its outcomes provided back to the GVROC at its first meeting on 2 February 2024.

Consultation: GVROC Chair
GVROC CEOs

Financial Implications: \$32,200 required for the consultancy engagement.

Strategic Implications: Improved Liveability, social and community wellbeing.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the GVROC:

1. Note the Safer Goldfields Regional Action Plan Update as presented.
2. Note that the initial Safer Goldfields Management Group will have its initial meeting on 30 November 2023.
3. Note that post the initial meeting of the Safer Goldfields Management Group on 30 November 2023, that this Group will then organise the initial Safer Goldfields Regional Working Group meeting, most likely in early 2024.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Tracey Rathbone, Shire of Coolgardie

Seconded: Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton

Carried

11.3 Aviation Green Paper

Reporting Officers: Andrew Mann, GVROC Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: November 2023

Attachments: [Aviation Green Paper – Towards 2050 \(infrastructure.gov.au\)](https://infrastructure.gov.au/aviation-green-paper-towards-2050)

Background:

The Aviation Green Paper, [released on 7 September 2023](#), marks an important stage in developing the Federal Government's Aviation White Paper which will set the policy direction for the aviation sector out to 2050.

Through the Green Paper, the Federal Government is seeking feedback on aviation matters, including:

- airlines, airports and passengers – competition, consumer protections and disability access settings
- regional and remote aviation services
- maximising aviation's contribution to net zero
- airport development planning process and consultation mechanisms
- general aviation
- fit-for-purpose agencies and regulations
- emerging aviation technologies
- future industry workforce
- international aviation
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The Green Paper was informed by the [Scenario Analysis of the Future of Australian Aviation report](#) undertaken for the Department by L.E.K. Consulting.

Submissions are now open and can be made by visiting the [have your say page](#) or by emailing aviationgreenpaper@infrastructure.gov.au. Submissions close on 30 November 2023.

Submissions on the Green Paper will help to inform the development of the Aviation White Paper, to be released in mid-2024.

You can also register to receive updates on the progress of the Aviation White Paper by emailing aviationwhitepaper@infrastructure.gov.au

Information on the public consultation events will also be posted on the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts website once finalised.

To view the green paper click on the following link:

- [Aviation Green Paper](#)

Officer Comment:

Given most of the GVROC LGAs have some sort of airport or regional aviation facilities it was suggested at a meeting of the GVROC CEOs on 10 November 2023, that it may be worthwhile for the GVROC to submit a regional response into the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts as part of the Green Paper open submission process.

Given the deadline for submissions is 30 November 2023, if the GVROC supports a regional submission then each LGA will require to provide their input to the GVROC Executive Officer by the 29 November 2023.

Consultation: GVROC Chair
GVROC CEOs

Financial Implications: TBD

Strategic Implications: Improved Liveability, social and community wellbeing.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the GVROC:

1. Note the Federal Government's Aviation Green Paper.
2. Due to timeframes not support a GVROC Regional Submission being made on the Green Paper.
3. Request if appropriate that individual LGAs submit their own submissions by the closing date of 30 November 2023.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Tracey Rathbone, Shire of Coolgardie

Seconded: Mayor Glenn Wilson, City of Kalgoorlie Boulder

Carried

11.4 Goldfields Esperance Regional Road Group Update on current items

Reporting Officers: Andrew Mann, GVROC Executive Officer
Peter Fitchat, CEO Shire of Dundas

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: November 2023

Attachments: GE RRG DMIRS Gravel Request (**Attachment 12**)
GE RRG Beef Roads Letter (**Attachment 13**)

Background:

At recent meetings of the Goldfields Esperance Regional Road Group, a couple items were put forward by the Shire of Dundas for discussion with relevance to the GVROC Local Government Areas.

These items related to:

- Establishing a working group to lobby for the use of Mine Waste/Rock/Gravel to be included in the 2024/25 Contract with the State Government for the RRG (Goldfields Esperance) through the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS); and
- Beef Road Funding – requesting funding be made available to all Australian Local Governments north and south or establish a Southern Australia Beef Road Funding Program similar to the Northern Beef Road funding program to allow for equitable support across Australia's beef and agriculture industries.

Officer Comment:

Roads to Recovery Funding

On 19 November 2023, the Hon Catherine King MP announced a significant boost to the Roads to Recovery Funding and changes to programs to reduce the administrative burden on local councils.

Roads to Recovery funding will rise gradually from \$500 million to \$1 billion per year, and Black Spot funding will increase from the current annual commitment of \$110 million to \$150 million per year.

The Federal Government are also committed to delivering the funding local councils need to improve road safety and in a way that reduces the burden on them, allowing more money to be spent on projects and less on administration.

They will merge the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSPP) and the Bridges Renewal Program (BRP) into a new Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program. The amount of funding for the new program will gradually increase such that \$200 million will be available per year, up from the current \$150 million total annual investment in the HVSPP and the BRP.

The changes have been recommended by the Independent Strategic Review of the Infrastructure Investment Program (see Agenda Item 11.5) and the increases in funding will be phased in over the forward estimates to avoid putting pressure on inflation, supply costs and the construction labour market.

The Federal Government aim to work with local government stakeholders in the lead-up to the Budget to ensure that changes to the programs respond to their feedback and funding gets spent where it is needed more quickly.

The Government recognises that local governments require more funding to manage the rising costs and increased pressure on transport infrastructure due to climate change and extreme weather events.

These changes will also help ensure funding is stable, predictable and fair into the future.

Mine Waste/Rock/Gravel RRG Agenda Item and request to DMIRS

Attachment 12 outlines the agenda item and supporting documentation that was submitted and discussed at the GE RRG. Its recommendation was as follows:

The Goldfields Esperance Regional Road Group nominated two elected members, two of the RRG TWG and a WALGA Representative, to gather information and lobby for Mine Waste Material that would include Rock/Gravel in future RRG Funding arrangements to assist in reducing costs associated with Road Construction in remote and regional Western Australia.

The GVROC Chair and Executive Officer has also approached WALGA's Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure regarding this request and to discuss possible solutions and pathways forward. It was also proposed that this be raised at the WALGA State Council meeting. WALGA are considering the detail at present and will then provide back some information and clarity on potential options going forward.

GE RRG Beef Roads request

This issue and request was initially raised as an Agenda Item at the WALGA AGM in 2022 were a motion was carried as follows:

That WALGA work with the Hon Madeleine King MP Minister for Resources and Minister for Northern Australia to make Beef Road Funding available to all Australian Local Governments north and south or establish a Southern Australia Beef Road Funding Program to allow for equitable support across Australia's beef and agriculture industries.

WALGA's Executive Manager Infrastructure, Ian Duncan then informed the GE RRG via a letter to the Chair of the GE RRG in January 2023 seeking further information from the GE RRG and its willingness to look at working with other stakeholders in developing up a business case to fund upgrades on roads critical to the southern pastoral beef industry.

Since that time no further progress has been made but the CEO for the Shire of Dundas, Peter Fitchat would like to raise it again and formerly have the GVROC respond that it is a priority and high on the regions agenda to get equal road funding across Australia.

Consultation: GVROC Chair
President and CEO, Shire of Dundas

Financial Implications: TBD

Strategic Implications: Improved Liveability, social and community wellbeing.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the GVROC:

1. Note the update on current items being looked at by the Goldfields Esperance Regional Road Group in its discussion with WALGA.
2. Support the GE RRG and its Working Group to advocate and lobby for the use of Mine Waste/Rock/Gravel and water to be included in the 2024/25 Contract with the State Government for the RRG (Goldfields Esperance) through the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety.
3. Request the GVROC Chair to write to Federal and State Ministers advocating for more and equitable funding approach being made available to all Australian Local Governments north and south for community regional roads.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Sharon Warner, Shire of Dundas**
Seconded: Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton

Carried

11.5 Commonwealth Announcement on the IIP Strategic Review

Reporting Officers: Andrew Mann, GVROC Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: November 2023

Attachments: Commonwealth IIP Review Announcement - Letter from WALGA CEO to all LGA CEOs **Attachment 14)**

Background:

The Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure; Transport; Regional Development and Local Government released on 16 November 2023 the Independent Strategic Review of the Infrastructure Investment Program and announced the Government response [here](#). The list of transport infrastructure projects with a Commonwealth funding contribution and the decisions in relation to those projects is at Appendix 1.

Western Australian projects that impact on Local Governments directly or indirectly which will no longer receive Commonwealth funding are:

- Great Southern Secondary Freight Network
- Moorine Rock to Mt Holland Road Upgrades
- Pinjarra Heavy Haulage Deviation Stages 1 and 2
- Marble Bar Road Upgrade

The State Government has stated that it remains committed to these projects and will now engage with key proponents to look at funding and delivery options.

Seven projects, including METRONET will receive additional Commonwealth funding to respond to significant cost increases.

Other WA projects will continue to be funded but will not receive increased Commonwealth funding as part of this process. The State Government will need to make decisions regarding how to progress these projects. An important factor in these decisions will be the new policy to adopt a 50:50 (Australian Government: State/Territory/Local) funding split as the standard for all new projects. The Government has indicated that it will retain some flexibility on funding shares.

Officer Comment:

WALGA CEO, Nick Sloan has written to all LGA's (see **Attachment 14** as an example) advising of the announcement with the additional information as per below:

The independent review found while Local Government programs are a critical funding mechanism for local roads and infrastructure, they are administratively burdensome and lack sufficient funding or certainty.

The key findings in relation to these sub-programs are:

- Sub-programs provide critical funding to councils to build and maintain local infrastructure.
- Councils require additional funding to manage rising costs and increased pressure on transport infrastructure due to climate change and extreme weather events.
- Sub-programs are not designed for local governments seeking funding for major road project upgrades or for strategic sequencing of projects along corridors impacting multiple shires and councils.
- Current sub-programs are delivering positive outcomes for councils and value for money for the Australian Government but could be improved with program design adjustments.

The Independent Strategic Review makes the follow recommendations in relation to Local Government programs:

Recommendation 2

Beginning in 2024-25, states and territories, in consultation with local governments, develop and provide the Commonwealth with an annual infrastructure plan, including priority projects that have or are seeking a federal funding contribution over the next ten years and how they will be sequenced. The plan will include how the jurisdiction will manage cost pressures, and other related impacts, for example, population growth, carbon emissions, regional development or housing.

Recommendation 8

The Australian Government fund multi-year rolling programs targeted towards nationally significant outcomes, informed by the state and territory ten-year plans. The rolling programs will target specific outcomes or corridors, and will sequence priorities across local government and jurisdictional borders where appropriate.

Recommendation 9

The Australian Government significantly increase funding available to local councils through the Roads to Recovery (R2R) program, with the majority of the increase directed to non-urban councils. Councils should receive rolling notice of their funding allocation, and R2R funds should enable a multi-modal approach to the use of road corridors to achieve the best outcome for infrastructure investment.

Recommendation 10

The Australian Government support road safety outcomes by increasing funding for the Black Spot Program and provide greater flexibility by widening the scope of projects, in cost, time and nature.

Recommendation 11

Create a targeted application-based infrastructure rolling program over ten years that allows local governments the flexibility to apply for funding against key government priorities which could include freight productivity, bridge upgrades and road safety.

The Commonwealth Government's response to these recommendations will be announced shortly.

For enquiries regarding this matter WALGA have advised to direct them through Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure on 0439 947 716. In the meantime, WALGA will keep all LGAs informed with any further information as it comes to hand through the normal channels.

Consultation: GVROC Chair
President and CEO, Shire of Dundas

Financial Implications: TBD

Strategic Implications: Improved Liveability, social and community wellbeing.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the GVROC:

1. Note the Commonwealth Announcement on the IIP Strategic Review.
2. Request if any LGAs have any comments regarding the review report and its recommendations to contact Ian Duncan, WALGA Executive Manager Infrastructure directly on 0439 947 716 or email iduncan@walga.asn.au.
3. Request the GVROC Chair to write to Federal and State Ministers thanking them for the increase in RRG funds and not cutting any existing infrastructure projects within the Goldfields Esperance region.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Mayor Glenn Wilson, City of Kalgoorlie Boulder**
Seconded: : Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton

Carried

11.6 GVROC Executive Officer – contract renewal and performance **(Confidential Members only)**

Reporting Officers: James Trail, CEO Shire of Coolgardie

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: November 2023

Attachments: GVROC Executive Officer Contract 2023 -2025
GVROC Executive Officer Position Description Document
GVROC KPI's Executive Officer – New KPIs for renewed contract
December 2023 to December 2025 – (**Attachment 15**)

Background:

At GVROC meeting held on 1 April 2022 the GVROC resolved as follows:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the GVROC:

1. Agree to a contract extension through to December 2023 for the GVROC Executive Officer role with Andrew Mann, Principal of Mann Advisory.
2. Endorse the new KPI's for next 12 months to February 2023
3. Request the GVROC Chair and the CEO for Shire of Coolgardie present the new contract with these KPIs to Andrew Mann of Mann Advisory for execution.
4. Request the GVROC Chair and the CEO for Shire of Coolgardie along with the GVROC Executive Officer review performance against these KPIs in February 2023 and set a new list of KPIs as appropriate from March 2023 to December 2023 for the remaining duration of the contract extension.
5. Request that the GVROC Chair and the CEO for Shire of Coolgardie initiate discussions relevant to contract review/renewal 3 months prior (September 2023) to the contract end date of 31 December 2023.
6. Request the GVROC Chair to discuss an increase in the current remuneration for the Executive Officer position with Andrew Mann as part of the contract extension and report back to the GVROC on the outcome at the next meeting on 27 May 2022.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Ian Mickel, Shire of Esperance**
Seconded: Cr Tracey Rathbone, Shire of Coolgardie

Carried

At GVROC meeting held on 31 March 2023 the GVROC subsequently resolved as follows:

That the GVROC:

1. Note the assessment review and performance of the GVROC Executive Officer for the period March 2022 to February 2023.
2. Endorse the new GVROC Executive Officers KPI's for the remaining period of the existing contract from March 2023 through to December 2023
3. Request that the GVROC Chair and the CEO for Shire of Coolgardie initiate discussions relevant to contract review/renewal 3 months prior (September 2023) to the contract end date of 31 December 2023.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Peter Craig, Shire of Leonora**
Seconded: Cr Jill Dwyer, Shire of Menzies

Carried

Officer Comment:

As per the GVROC resolution from the 31 March 2023 meeting above and in respect of recommendations 2 and 3, the GVROC Chair and the CEO for Shire of Coolgardie along with the GVROC Executive Officer reviewed Andrew Mann's performance against the agreed KPIs for the period March 2023 through to October 2023 and also initiated a contract renewal for a further two-year period through to December 2025.

Based on review of this assessment the GVROC Chair and CEO of Shire of Coolgardie are of the opinion that these KPIs have satisfactorily been met by Andrew Mann in delivery of the role.

Also, in line with the recommendation 3, a new contract and Position Description form has been drawn up with new KPIs as provided in **Attachment 15**. All of these documents have been discussed and agreed with Andrew, who has advised he would like to continue in the role for a further two year period. It is recommended that the GVROC endorse the GVROC Chair and CEO of Shire of Coolgardie to formally enter into this new contract with Andrew Mann. The management for this contract will continue to be by the GVROC Chair, Cr Mal Cullen and the Chair of the CEOs Group, James Trail.

Consultation: GVROC CEOs

Financial Implications: Ongoing costs of contract at \$11,000 per month.

Strategic Implications: N/A.

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the GVROC:

1. Note the GVROC Chair and CEO of Shire of Coolgardie's assessment review and performance of the GVROC Executive Officer for the period February 2023 to October 2023.
2. Endorse Andrew Mann of Mann Advisory to continue in the role as the GVROC Executive Officer for a further two years from December 2023 to December 2025 as per the attached contract renewal and KPI's.
3. Request that the GVROC Chair and the CEO for Shire of Coolgardie to continue to monitor performance against the KPI's and initiate discussions relevant to contract review/renewal 3 months prior (September 2025) to the contract end date of 31 December 2025.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Paul Warner, Shire of Menzies**
Seconded: Cr Tracey Rathbone, Shire of Coolgardie

Carried

11.7 GVROC Regional Climate Alliance Coordinator Contract (Confidential Members only)

Reporting Officer: Andrew Mann, GVROC Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: November 2023

Attachments: GVROC RCA Coordinator Contract
GVROC RCA Coordinator Position Description Document
(Attachment 15)

Background:

As advised at the GVROC meeting held on 25 August 2023, the RCA Coordinator - Niki Curtis, has accepted a 10-month Contract at WALGA as the Senior Policy Advisor, Environment, working part-time as 0.8 FTE, starting Monday August 14, 2023, while the existing occupant goes on maternity leave. This position in WALGA has been responsible for overseeing the RCA program and funding that the GVROC received and is key in advocating for the RCA program to be extended across WA.

On the basis of taking up this contract, Niki Curtis officially resigned from the Shire of Esperance as of Friday 11 August 2023.

In discussions with Niki Curtis and WALGA both are keen for Niki to also continue as the GVROC RCA Coordinator on a part-time basis under a direct contract with GVROC for 10 hours per week, similar to the current contractual agreement that the GVROC Executive Officer, Andrew Mann has in place.

There are mutual benefits to WALGA and the GVROC in having Niki undertake both these roles on a part-time basis and it will complement Niki's work achieved to date in the GVROC RCA.

Niki Curtis also advises that as the GVROC RCA is transitioning into project grant submission and delivery stage that working part-time in the role is manageable and will not impact the current progress made by the GVROC.

Based on the above the GVROC resolved at its meeting held on 25 August 2023 the following:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the GVROC:

1. notes that the GVROC RCA Coordinator, Niki Curtis, has resigned from the Shire of Esperance and has started working part-time with WALGA as of Monday, August 14, 2023.
2. agree to continue to employ Niki Curtis as the GVROC RCA Coordinator on a part-time basis 10 hours per week at the agreed hourly rate of \$120 to continue to manage the GVROC RCA.
3. request that the GVROC Chair and the GVROC Executive Officer enter into a contract with Niki Curtis under the agreed rate and number hours per week and report back to the GVROC at its next meeting on 24 November 2023.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Laurene Bonza, Shire of Dundas**
Seconded: Cr Ian Mickel, Shire of Esperance

Carried

Officers Comments:

The GVROC Chair and Executive Officer have concluded discussions with Niki Curtis and agreed on the terms and role for the RCA Coordinator contract in line with the GVROC resolution on 25 August 2023.

The contract has been signed with a copy provided at **Attachment 15**. Also included is the agreed Position Description form.

Financial Implications:

The RCA Coordinator full-time salary budget was \$140,000 per annum. By entering into this contract with Niki Curtis on a part-time basis it is estimated that annual expenditure will only be around \$60,000 to \$70,000 per annum. Funding saved can be reallocated back into projects.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the GVROC:

1. Endorsed and notes the executed GVROC RCA Coordinator contract and Position Description Form with Niki Curtis, commencing on 28 August 2023 and ending on 31 January 2025.
2. Request that the GVROC Chair and the GVROC Executive Officer to initiate discussions relevant to contract review/renewal 3 months prior (October 2024) to the contract end date of 31 January 2025.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton

Seconded: Cr Laurene Bonza, Shire of Dundas

Carried

12. LATE ITEMS as notified, introduced by decision of the Meeting

Cr Paul Warner raised the issue around the increase in the cost of living pressures for regional and remote communities and their residents.

After general discussion it was agreed that the GVROC Executive Officer would investigate this area further and place something on the agenda for our first meeting in 2024.

13. FUTURE GVROC COUNCIL MEETINGS/FUNCTIONS

Next Meetings

The following suggested dates in 2024 have been set for the remaining GVROC meetings.

- 2 February 2024 in Kalgoorlie (to be hosted by City of Kalgoorlie Boulder)
- 22 March 2024 in Esperance (to be hosted by Shire of Esperance)
- 31 May 2024 in Norseman (to be hosted by Shire of Dundas)
- 26 July 2024 in Kambalda (to be hosted by Shire of Coolgardie)
- September 2024 (Date and Dinner to be confirmed aligned with WALGA AGM in Perth)
- 29 November 2024 in Laverton (to be hosted by the Shire of Laverton)

The following are the WALGA State Council meeting dates in 2024 with suggested GVROC Zoom video conference meeting dates prior to these to inform the GVROC's representatives attending the meetings with relevant input for State Council Agenda Items:

- 6 March 2024 WALGA State Council Meeting - GVROC meeting on **23 February 2024**
- 1 May 2024 WALGA State Council Meeting - GVROC meeting on **19 April 2024**
- 3 July 2024 WALGA State Council Meeting - GVROC meeting on **21 June 2024**
- 5-6 September 2024 WALGA State Council Meeting - GVROC meeting on **23 August 2024**
- 4 December 2024 WALGA State Council Meeting - GVROC meeting on **15 November 2024**

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 1:00pm.