











# KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP Meeting

# UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

1:00PM, 23 NOVEMBER 2020

**Video Conference** 

#### SHIRE OF BROOME

#### **KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP**

#### **MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2020**

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# MINUTES OF THE KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP OF THE SHIRE OF BROOME, HELD IN THE VIDEO CONFERENCE, ON MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2020, COMMENCING AT 1:00PM.

#### 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman welcomed Members and Officers and declared the meeting open at 1:02PM.

#### 2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

Sam Mastrolembo Shire of Broome
Cr Chris Mitchell Shire of Broome
James Watt Shire of Broome

Amanda O'Halloran Shire of Derby West Kimberley
Cr Geoff Haerewa Shire of Derby West Kimberley

Vernon Lawrence Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
Cr David Menzel Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley

Noel Mason Shire of Halls Creek
Cr Malcolm Edwards Shire of Halls Creek
Debra Goostrey Zone Executive - ATEA

Tim Bray Kimberley Development Commission

Krissie Dickman DLGSC, Regional Manager Kimberley

Greg Hayes WALGA Roadwise

Danelle Dowding Regional Development Australia

Kimberley

Jo Burges WALGA Regional Cooperation Manager

#### **APOLOGIES:**

Cr Harold Tracey Shire of Broome
Cr Chris Loessl Shire of Halls Creek

Cr Tony Chafer Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley

Cr Paul White Shire of Derby West Kimberley

David Price Shire of Christmas Island
Cr Gordon Thomson Shire of Christmas Island
Cr Kee Heng Foo Shire of Christmas Island

Andrea Selvey Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands
Cr Tony Lacy Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

Cr Seriwati Iku

Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

#### 3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

	FINANCIAL INTEREST						
Member	Item No	Nature of Interest					
Nil.							

	IMPARTIALITY					
Member	Item No	Item	Nature of Interest			
Nil.						

#### 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** 

(RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: G Haerewa Seconded: D Menzel

That the Minutes of the Kimberley Regional Group held on 3 September 2020, as published and circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0** 

#### 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil.

#### 6. PRESENTATIONS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Nil.

#### 7. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

- 7.1 RDA KIMBERLEY
  Danelle Dowding, Executive Officer
- 7.2 KIMBERLEY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
  Tim Bray, Director Regional Planning and Project Delivery
- 7.3 WALGA ROADWISE
  Greg Hayes, Road Safety Advisor
- 7.4 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES
  Krissie Dickman, Regional Manager Kimberley
- 7.5 WALGA
  Jo Burges, Regional Cooperation Manager

#### 8. REPORTS FROM KIMBERLEY COUNTRY ZONE

#### 8.1 WALGA STATE COUNCIL AGENDA AND PRESIDENT'S REPORT

LOCATION/ADDRESS:

APPLICANT:

FILE:

OGS03

**AUTHOR**: Zone Executive

CONTRIBUTOR/S: Nil

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Director Corporate Services

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

#### **SUMMARY:**

To consider the recommendations on Matters for Decision that will be considered at the WALGA State Council meeting on Wednesday 2 December 2020, and provide an update on Matters for Noting.

#### **COMMENT**

The next WALGA State Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 2 December 2020. Below is a summary of the matters which will be considered.

	Matters for Decision	WALGA Recommendation	Zone Recommendation
5.1	Local Government Act Review Advocacy Paper – Key Issues from Recent Inquiries into Local Government (05-034-01- 0001 TL)	<ol> <li>That:</li> <li>Ongoing advocacy relating to the Review of the Local Government Act 1995 be noted; and,</li> <li>The Advocacy Positions for a New Local Government Act: Key issues from recent Inquiries into Local Government – be endorsed.</li> </ol>	Support
5.2	Submission – Registration of Building Engineers in WA (05-015-02-0010 VJ)	<ol> <li>That WALGA:</li> <li>Advise the Department of Mines         Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS)         that the registration of Building         Engineers in WA is supported.</li> <li>Request that DMIRS also consider the         registration of Electrical Engineers,         Façade Engineers, Energy Assessors,         Bush Fire Consultants, Access         consultants, Swimming pool, Patio         installers and Demolition contractors.</li> <li>Request that DMIRS clarify that         dilapidation reports may only be         undertaken by Registered Engineers.</li> <li>Provide this report to Department of         Mines Industry Regulation and Safety as</li> </ol>	Support

		feedback on the Consultation	
		Regulatory Impact Statement.	
5.3	Family and Domestic Violence and the Role of Local Governments (05- 086-03-0004 MM)	<ol> <li>That:</li> <li>WA Local Governments recognise the prevalence, seriousness and preventable nature of family and domestic violence and the roles that Local Governments can play in addressing gender equity and promoting respectful relationships in their local community.</li> <li>WALGA advocates to the State Government:</li> <li>to define and communicate the role, responsibilities and expectations of Local Governments in family and domestic violence.</li> <li>for adequate funding for family and domestic violence programs and services, particularly in regional areas.</li> <li>for appropriate resources and funding be allocated to Local Governments to implement any particular roles and actions addressing family and domestic violence as defined in the State Strategy.</li> <li>to provide support to Local Government in the broader rollout of the Prevention Toolkit for Local Government.</li> <li>to continue advocacy to the Commonwealth Government for additional funding and support.</li> <li>WALGA organises presentations for Local Governments that address family and domestic violence, as part of relevant events or webinars.</li> </ol>	Support
5.4	Underground Power (05-049-02-0001 ID)	<ol> <li>That Local Government supports the:</li> <li>Continuation of cooperative arrangements between the State Government, Western Power and Local Government to progressively replace the overhead electricity distribution network in residential areas with underground power.</li> <li>Development of a new approach to identifying and prioritizing areas for investment in underground power, initiated by the need to invest in the overhead network to meet safety, reliability and capability requirements.</li> <li>Development of a new approach to allocating State Government resources</li> </ol>	Support However note that the arrangements are with Horizon Power in the regions.

		to facilitate projects proceeding in areas with a high electricity network need and lower economic capacity of ratepayers while retaining a commitment to funding an average of 25% of program costs.  4. Opportunity for Local Governments to initiate projects to convert areas to underground power be retained with Western Power to continue to contribute the amount recoverable as an efficient investment as calculated by the New Facilities Investment Test (NFIT).	
5.5	CEO Recruitment and Selection, Performance Review and Termination Standards Regulations (05-034-01-0001 JM)	<ol> <li>That WALGA:</li> <li>Does not endorse the Local Government (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2020 in its current form.</li> <li>Reiterates and updates the following advocacy positions from December 2019:</li> <li>removal from the Regulations the requirement to re-advertise CEO positions after 10 year's continual service; and</li> <li>Encouraging, rather than mandating, the involvement of an independent person in the CEO Recruitment and Selection Process.</li> <li>Advocates for the following matters:</li> <li>The retention of Regulation 18C of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations;</li> <li>Deletion of the requirement under Regulation 18FB(4) to provide a copy of a council resolution certifying compliance with the CEO standards to the Departmental CEO;</li> <li>The conduct of an independent assessment of potential industrial and employment law consequences arising from the proposed regulations under Schedule 2, Division 4 'Standards for termination of employment of CEOs'; and</li> <li>Deferral of Regulation 18FC pending an independent assessment of the Schedule 2, Division 4 'Standards for termination of employment of CEOs'.</li> <li>Seek that the CEO Recruitment and</li> </ol>	Support. Noting items 1-3 with item 4 a mechanism for further review.

		Selection, Performance Review and Termination Working Group be reconvened to oversee the development of CEO Standards Regulations.	
5.6	Model Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates Regulations (05-034-01-0001 JM)	That WALGA generally supports the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2020 with the following recommendations:  a) Amend Division 2, Clause 4(d) to read 'identify and appropriately manage any conflict of interest'; b) Does not support the inclusion of local level complaints about alleged behavioural breaches and Local Governments dealing with complaints provisions in Division 3, Clauses 10 and 11; and c) Supports an external oversight body to manage local level complaints involving council members as prefaced in the Local Government Review Panel Report, City of Perth Inquiry Report and Select Committee into Local Government Report, to be considered in a future Local Government Act.	Support

#### Matters for Noting:

- 6.1 Submission to the Infrastructure WA State Infrastructure Strategy Discussion Paper (05-085-03-0001 DM).
- 6.2 Draft Amendments to the Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015 (05-047-01-0017 VJ).

Comment: Item 6.2 is proposing to introduce additional requirements that will involve more detailed assessment of consequential changes to associated planning framework documentation at the time of Scheme Review and Amendments. For example, it will require consideration of any relevant Structure Plan and/or Planning Policy and necessitate a concurrent review or repealing of such a document as opposed to a future review which is current practice. This will increase the time needed to consider such proposals.

6.3 Interim Review – State Planning Policy 3.1 Residential Design Codes (05-015-02-0002 CH).

Comment: Scheme (R Code Variations) may need to be revised and assessment templates updated to reflect modified provisions. These may be provided by DPLH at time of release but there may be a lag. Dependant on timing this may be able to be incorporated into a review that will be necessary to reflect changes between scheme versions. There is an opportunity for a Kimberley Zone collaboration for revised R Code assessment templates in the event of a significant time lag or DPLH not providing such a template.

- 6.4 State and Federal Budgets (05-088-03-0001 DM).
- 6.5 Noongar Heritage Agreement for Local Government (05-032-01-0001 SM).

- 6.6 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill Consultation (05-032-01-0001 SM).
- 6.7 Local Government Animal Welfare in Emergencies Grant Program (06-081-01-0001 EDR).
- 6.8 2020 Annual General Meeting (01-003-02-0003 TL).
- 6.9 COVID-19 Update.

#### Organisational Reports

- Report on Key Activities, Commercial and Communications (01-006-03-0017 ZD)
- Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services (01-006-03-0007 TB)
- Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure (05-001-02-0003 ID)
- Report on Key Activities, Strategy, Policy and Planning (01-006-03-0014 ID)
- Policy Forum Reports (01-006-03-0007 TB)

#### WALGA President's Report

The WALGA President's Report provided information in relation to the matters listed below and is attached for information.

- Election Advocacy Campaign
- COVID-19 Recovery
- Advocacy Paper New Local Government Act
- WALGA Strategic Plan
- ALGA Update.

#### Other Matters

The WALGA Regional Meeting is proposed to be held in Broome on Friday 3 September 2021.

#### CONSULTATION

Nil.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

**Local Government Act 1995** 

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

#### Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Effective governance protocols and systems for business efficiency and improved services through collaboration

## Built Environment Goal – Improved and secure transport, communications, community and essential services:

Liveable towns supporting regional communities

High standard of infrastructure planning

Reliable and adequate power and communications.

#### Community Goal – A vibrant community based on equity, inclusion and opportunity for all:

Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in health

#### Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:

Improved regional infrastructure

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

#### **MOTION:**

(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: M Edwards Seconded: G Haerewa

That the Kimberley Regional Group:

- 1. Notes the State Council Agenda Items.
- 2. Notes the WALGA President's Report
- 3. Supports the recommendations in the Matters for Decision.
- 4. Notes the WALGA Regional Meeting being hosted by the Kimberley Zone in Broome on 3 September 2021.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0** 

#### **Attachments**

- 1. WALGA President's Report December 2020
- 2. WALGA State Council Agenda December 2020 (Under separate cover)

#### 8.2 BUSINESS PLAN STATUS UPDATE REPORT

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Nil APPLICANT: Nil

FILE: OGS03

**AUTHOR**: Zone Executive

CONTRIBUTOR/S: Nil

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Director Corporate Services

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

#### **SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update of the Strategic Community Plan and Business Plan 2020-2024 for the period ending 31 October 2020.

#### **COMMENT**

The Strategic Community Plan and Business Plan for the period 2020-2024 was adopted in April 2020. The attached report provides an update on progress towards the achievement of the Business Plan for items identified for completion by end of FY 2021. For the period to November 2020, the most significant undertaking was to coordinate and represent the interests of the Kimberley Zone/Kimberley Regional Group in relation to the COVID-19 Recovery Plan, as well as developing Discussion Papers on Freight in the Kimberley and Alternative Energy, which were identified in the Business Plan.

Item	Description	Comment
2.2.2.1	Integrated Waste Management	Coordination of service review.
3.4.3.2	Develop a Discussion Paper on opportunities for alternative power provision in the Kimberley.	The annual Advocacy Agenda included a section on Alternative Power and a discussion paper is currently being finalised in accordance with the Business Plan.
4.3.1.3	Alcohol Management Initiatives	Banned Drinkers Register and alcohol restrictions have been progressed since the last meeting.
3.1.1.1	Develop a Freight Logistics Infrastructure Discussion Paper, including a gap analysis between existing priorities in third party reports, priorities identified by members, the need to develop or update the business case(s), and a recommended listing of integrated logistics priorities for Zone approval.	Discussion paper under development.  An infrastructure audit for the purposes of defence logistics is provided as an agenda item at the February 2020 KRG meeting.
3.1.1.2	Identify Member Transport Priorities	This was encapsulated into the COVID-19 Recovery Package.
4.5	Youth /Juvenile Justice	Partial review of the Youth Justice Strategy (12months)

#### **CONSULTATION**

Nil.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Alignment and integration of regional and local priorities for member Councils.

Improved regional arterial road network, ports and airports

Community Goal – A vibrant community based on equity, inclusion and opportunity for all:

Better alcohol management across the Kimberley.

Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:

Improved outcomes in employment

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

#### **MOTION:**

(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: D Menzel Seconded: M Edwards

That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the Business Plan 2020-2024 Status Report for the period ending 31 October 2020 as attached.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0** 

#### **Attachments**

1. Business Plan Report Update October 2020

#### 9. REPORTS FROM KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP

#### 9.1 2021 KIMBERLEY ZONE AND KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP MEETING DATES

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Nil APPLICANT: Nil

**FILE:** KRG01; RCG01 **AUTHOR**: Zone Executive

CONTRIBUTOR/S: Nil

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Director Corporate Services

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

#### **SUMMARY:**

Kimberley Regional Group and Kimberley Zone meeting dates 2021.

#### **BACKGROUND**

**Previous Considerations** 

Nil.

#### **COMMENT**

The Kimberley Zone and Kimberley Regional Group meetings are established within the range of preferred meeting dates identified by WALGA. This process ensures that meetings are schedule to provide an appropriate amount of lead time prior to the WALGA State Council meetings. WALGA State Council, WALGA preferred Zone meeting dates and proposed dates for 2021 are provided below.

WALGA	WALGA Preferred WALGA Meeting Range		Video Conference
3 March	17-22 February	22 February (Broome)	
5 May	21-26 April		26 April
2 June	Nil (budget & planning)	24 May (Derby)	
7 July	23-28 June		28 June
4 August – AGM Perth	Nil	3 August (Perth) (KRG only)	
2-3 September Broome (regional meeting in Broome)	18-23 August	2 September (F2F and video to be available contingent upon attendan the WALGA Regional meeting in Broc	
1 December	17-22 December	22 November (Kununurra)	

The Shire meeting schedule is provided below and consideration has been given to other known Shire meetings and commitments in establishing the Joint meeting schedule.

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DATES 2021	Broome				Cocos Keeling Is	Christmas Island
February	25	25	18	23	24	9
March	25	25	18	30	24	23
April	29	29	15	27	28	27
May	27	27	20	25	26	25
June	24	24	17	29	30	22
July	29	29	22	27	28	27
August	26	26	19	24	25	24
September	30	30	16	21	29	21
October	14	28	21	26	27	19
November	18	25	18	23	24	16
December	16	9	16	14	15	7

#### CONSULTATION

Nil.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

#### Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Effective governance protocols and systems for business efficiency and improved services through collaboration.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

#### **REPORT RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Kimberley Regional Group endorses the 2021 meeting dates for the Kimberley Zone and Kimberley Regional Group.

#### **MOTION:**

Moved: G Haerewa

That the Kimberley Regional Group endorses the 2021 meeting dates for the Kimberley Zone and Kimberley Regional Group noting that the proposed August 3 meeting will not be required.

Seconded: M Edwards

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0** 

#### **Attachments**

Nil

9.2 YOUTH STRATEGY 2021

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Nil APPLICANT: Nil

**FILE:** KRG01; RCG01 **AUTHOR**: Zone Executive

CONTRIBUTOR/S: Nil

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Director Corporate Services

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

#### **SUMMARY:**

The Kimberley Regional Group endorsed a Youth Strategy and Action Plan in 2016. A high level review was undertaken in August 2020 with the recommendation that a 12-month plan be developed, noting the State Government's agenda with the Juvenile Justice Strategy amongst other initiatives. Below is a summary of the proposed outcomes over the 12 months to December 2021.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) is an alliance of the four Shires of the Kimberley, being the Shire of Broome, the Shire of Derby West Kimberley, the Shire of Halls Creek and the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley. Collaboratively the group seeks to improve the outcomes for the region through improved social, economic and cultural outcomes. It is noteworthy that the KRG has collective advocacy powers, however has limited human and financial resources to implement reforms directly and is therefore reliant on individual member Shires for delivery.

#### **COMMENT**

In 2016 a Youth Strategy and Action Plan was released, however the document did not achieve the level of traction commensurate with the problem, even though considerable work was being undertaken by various groups across the region.

In August 2020, Shire officers involved in Youth and Community Development met in Halls Creek to discuss a pathway forward noting the operating environment is complex for Shires with each having different delivery models, resources, stakeholder relationships and priorities. It was noted that the complexity had a material impact on the roll out of the KRG Youth Strategy and Action Plan.

The intergenerational nature of the issues being tackled and a large cohort of dysfunctional families in the Kimberley means that early intervention, alternative education pathways and diversionary activities are essential to reduce youth offending, support at-risk youth and reduce community harm. Concurrently, programs also need to continue to foster those young people that are able to thrive and excel in the region to ensure that the complete spectrum of youth is serviced.

It is recognised that millions of dollars have been spent by governments at local, State and Commonwealth levels across recent decades, with the issue becoming increasingly dire for some, regardless of government expenditure levels.

There are initiatives which may have a meaningful impact, such as the yet to be released Juvenile Justice Strategy, so it was the decision of the KRG to develop a 12-month focus

paper which will enable the validation of key issues and is cognisant of the resources available. The focus has been underpinned by four pillars as follows:

- Better Coordination of Services.
- Support Community Safety Programs.
- Support Employment and Upskilling of Young People.
- Reduce Housing Overcrowding.

#### 1. PROMOTE BETTER COORDINATION OF SERVICES

Whilst expenditure for the provision of services is significant, the concern has been expressed that the investment is ad hoc, fragmented and opaque. Whilst local government should not take on the role of State or Federal Governments, they are connected closely to their communities so are in a strong position to reflect on the targeting and effectiveness of funding and services.

Shires are liaising with service providers and some are working through informal "mapping exercises" to consider areas of under/over servicing to focus both effort and funding. This is important to maximise the outcomes for the funding invested.

Role of the KRG	Role of the Shires
<ul> <li>Highlight through the KRG leadership team, the need to maximise service delivery through improved coordination of services.</li> <li>Advocate for support to undertake a mapping of services and providers if</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Liaison with local service providers.</li> <li>Provide leadership, as required, by bringing provider organisations and other key stakeholders together.</li> </ul>

#### 2. IDENTIFY AND SUPPORT COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRAMS

Community safety, including crime reduction, is seen as a high priority in all shires across the Kimberley. Shires, police and community workers are striving to facilitate change. Some Shires have interventions that have been effective, which are providing learnings across the region.

All shires are finding alternative and innovative pathways to improve community safety. At a program level, the sharing and promotion of success, with all levels of government, is a high priority. The sharing of success with the community is also important to counter the strong reach of negative stories (many of which are shared on social media) so individuals in the community can see that their concerns are being responded to and there is a pathway to improvement over the longer term.

Role of the KRG	Role of the Shires
Highlight good practice to government leaders.	Liaise with local service providers and provide leadership, as required.
Advocate for ongoing financial support for successful programs that are	Identify additional activities for young people that promote community safety.
<ul><li>supported by the local Shire.</li><li>Champion innovative programs,</li></ul>	Where appropriate, investigate models for specific infrastructure, such as safe-

including those that are successful elsewhere.

- Advocate for funding for ongoing community facility operating costs.
- Provide a platform for officers to share good practice.

houses, and support delivery at a local level.

• Ensure that local opportunities are well promoted to raise awareness with the community and stakeholders.

#### 3. SUPPORT EMPLOYMENT AND UPSKILLING OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Having hope is essential. It is essential for young people who feel trapped in dysfunctional family situations to have a pathway to the potential of living healthy and meaningful life. It is also essential for the broader community who are both empathetic with young people but frustrated with the ongoing behaviours that transition into criminal and antisocial activity. Without hope and a pathway to the future so many of our youth will fail to thrive and our communities will suffer as a consequence.

Across the Kimberley, shires have different structures and capacity, however through the KRG there is recognition that, as one of the largest employers and contractors of local services, there is a role to be played by Shires in providing opportunities through employment in particular. Most Shires are in the position to offer at least some pathways that bridge the gap between school and the work environment, and commonly do so, however this story is not being told.

#### Role of the KRG

- Advocate for the support of organisations to bridge the school-work gap for young people in the region.
- Promote positive stories of youth to political and business leaders.
- Advocate for the provision of alternate education models for young people that are unable to engage with the existing schools model.

#### **Role of the Shires**

- Where possible, establish school to work pathways including work experience and traineeships.
- Consider procurement as an opportunity to encourage the uptake by contractors of local youth into employment, traineeships and apprenticeships.
- Promote strongly positive stories to encourage the "ripple effect" locally and across the region.

#### 4. REDUCE HOUSING OVERCROWDING.

COVID-19 highlighted the issues associated with social housing overcrowding as people sought to "return home" to avoid the potential of virus transmission during the pandemic. Whilst not a "core" service for Shires, housing availability and overcrowding is a key factor for the achievement of many of the outcomes being sought.

The issue of overcrowding has become more pressing in the Kimberley as the residential housing market has tightened and there has been a slowing of investment into remote Aboriginal housing in recent years.

Role of the KRG	Role of the Shires
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- Advocate for investment to improve housing availability, and diversity, throughout the Kimberley.
- Monitor State and Federal budget commitments.
- Monitor available data.
- Advocate for transparent data on housing availability, condition and overcrowding across the Kimberley.
- Engage with organisations and agencies that are working to reduce overcrowding and provide leadership as appropriate.

#### Reporting

The concept of a "Youth Health Check" was discussed by Shire officers as a useful tool, however only a small proportion of the critical data is publicly available and very little of the data is regularly and consistently updated. The next Census will be undertaken in 2021, with data streams likely to be available across the following 12 months, creating an opportunity to critically assess areas of loss and gain over the last five and ten years in education, health and employment, along with other socio-economic indicators.

This data will be invaluable to support Shire's in making informed decisions going forward. It is intended that a situational analysis is undertaken after the release of the Census data to establish a common benchmarking process that could be of use to Shires. This concept will be included in the Kimberley Zone/KRG Strategic Community Planning workshops for further discussion.

#### CONSULTATION

Nil.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

**Local Government Act 1995** 

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

#### Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Secure funding for regional initiatives.

Effective engagement with Aboriginal governance structures.

Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities.

Alignment and integration of regional and local priorities for member Councils.

## Built Environment Goal – Improved and secure transport, communications, community and essential services:

Liveable towns supporting regional communities

#### Community Goal – A vibrant community based on equity, inclusion and opportunity for all:

Innovative and joined up approach to housing development, ownership and design through community participation.

Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in health.

Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in education.

Greater participation in the community and workforce.

Better alcohol management across the Kimberley.

#### Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:

Generational advantage that captures the wealth for the region.

Improved outcomes in employment.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

#### MOTION:

(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: D Menzel Seconded: M Edwards

That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the 12 month Youth Plan as presented within the report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0** 

#### **Attachments**

Nil

#### 9.3 2021 ADVOCACY AGENDA AND BUDGET SUBMISSION

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Nil APPLICANT: Nil

**FILE:** KRG01; RCG01 **AUTHOR**: Zone Executive

CONTRIBUTOR/S: Nil

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Director Corporate Services

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

#### SUMMARY:

The annual budget submission and accompanying 2021 Advocacy Agenda is currently being prepared based on the Infrastructure Prospectus developed as part of the COVID-19 recovery strategy, the previous State Budget Submission and the 2020 Advocacy Agenda.

#### **COMMENT**

The State Budget is normally handed down in May of each year for the following financial year. The 2020-21 State budget was delayed due to COVID-19 and the date for the next State Budget may be impacted by the State Election, which will be held on 13 March 2021.

Noting the limitations above, an Advocacy Agenda/State Budget Submission is being prepared and includes matters outlined below, which have been developed from the COVID-19 Recovery Infrastructure Prospectus, the 2020 Advocacy Agenda and the 2020 State Budget Submission.

#### <u>Infrastructure</u>

- The Tanami Road. Funding for to be recognised within the State Budget not just referenced in the Kimberley Snap-Shot.
- East Kimberley Regional Airport Runway Extension.
- Great Northern Highway to Looma Road reconstruction and seal.
- Derby Wharf Redevelopment.
- Ongoing Replacement of single lane bridges on the Great Northern Highway
- Safety improvements to the Great Northern Highway, including continuing the program of road widening, sealing the shoulders and the extending the audio road edge strips.
- Implementation of the funded upgrades to the Duncan Road.
- Facilitating the development of a fit-for-purpose port network to enhance economic development in the region including tourism (cruise industry), pastoral, agriculture, and the emerging mining/extraction sector, which will see high volume/low value products being exported replacing low volume/high value products such as diamonds.
- Improve processes for the Disaster Relief Funding payments to both clarify processes and truncate timelines for approval and payment.

#### **Community Facilities**

- Broome Boating Facility.
- Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre Renewal.
- East Kimberley Leisure and Aquatic Centre.
- Erwin Early Learning Centre Expansion.
- Fitzroy Crossing Recreation Centre Rebuild.

#### Waste

- Support the Regional Resource Recovery Park.
- Implement a program of 100% grant funding for remote Shires to fund basic waste management equipment to support the achievement of State Waste Strategy targets in regional areas.

#### **Tourism Facilities**

• Cable Beach Foreshore Redevelopment.

#### Planning for Future Works

- Derby Wharf Precinct Masterplan.
- Halls Creek Town Development Masterplan.

#### <u>Social Programs</u>

- Introduction of the Banned Drinkers Register including Takeaway Alcohol Management System and better management of alcohol related harm.
- Crime mitigation and enforcement including increased police presence.
- Address Domestic Violence.
- Youth Development including long term PCYC funding, implementation and extension of structured Youth Diversion programs including long and short term oncountry interventions.
- Fit-for-Purpose Juvenile Justice arrangements including Kimberley Juvenile Detention facilities that enable social and family support networks to be maintained for youth in incarceration.
- Funding to support transition to work programs for school leavers.
- Deliver alternative education to address unacceptably low school attendance.
- Focused program to reduce overcrowding and provide diversity in social housing in the Kimberley.

#### **Economic Development**

- Support the resumption of the pre-COVID-19 diversification of tourism in the region including the marketing and extension of national routes and planning for international routes.
- Improve contracting arrangements to support local delivery of services and products, noting the new legislative and policy framework which is being introduced.

#### <u>Health</u>

Improve aged and palliative care access in the Kimberley.

• Ensure remote airstrips are fit for purpose to enable the operations of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

#### CONSULTATION

Nil.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

#### Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Secure funding for regional initiatives

Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities

Alignment and integration of regional and local priorities for member Councils.

#### Natural Environment Goal – Responsible management of the environment:

Integrated waste management

# Built Environment Goal – Improved and secure transport, communications, community and essential services:

Liveable towns supporting regional communities

Improved regional arterial road network, ports and airports

High standard of infrastructure planning

#### Community Goal – A vibrant community based on equity, inclusion and opportunity for all:

Innovative and joined up approach to housing development, ownership and design through community participation

Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in health

Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in education

Greater participation in the community and workforce

Better alcohol management across the Kimberley.

#### Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:

Generational advantage that captures the wealth for the region

Improved outcomes in employment

Sustainable tourism market and tourism experiences

Sustainable primary industries Improved regional infrastructure

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

#### **MOTION:**

#### (REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: G Haerewa Seconded: M Edwards

That the Kimberley Regional Group endorses the inclusions in the State Budget Submission

2021 and Advocacy Agenda as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0** 

#### **Attachments**

Nil

#### 9.4 KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2019-20

LOCATION/ADDRESS:

APPLICANT:

Nil

FILE: RCG01; OGS03

**AUTHOR**: Director Corporate Services

CONTRIBUTOR/S: Nil

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Director Corporate Services

**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil

#### SUMMARY:

The Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) Governance Agreement dictates that the Host Shire must arrange to have the KRG's accounts and records for each accounting period audited and prepare an annual financial report of the KRG that represents a true and fair view of the financial position of the KRG. This item presents the 2019/20 Audit and Annual Financial Statement for member consideration.

#### **BACKGROUND**

#### **Previous Considerations**

Nil.

The KRG Governance Agreement dictates that the Host Shire must prepare an annual financial report of the KRG that represents a true and fair view of the financial position of the KRG. The report must include the results of its operation for the Accounting Period in compliance with, and in the form required by, the Local Government Act 1995 (the Act) and associated regulations including the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (FMR).

Additionally, the Host Shire must arrange to have the KRG's accounts and records for each Accounting Period audited by the Host Shire's auditor in accordance with the requirements of the Act and the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996 (WA), and have the auditor's report delivered to the Participants. The audit may form part of the Host Shire's annual auditing of its own accounts.

The Host Shire must also arrange for the KRG's auditor to conduct an audit review of the KRG's accounts and records once a year.

It should be noted that Moore Australia (previously Moore Stephens) are the auditors for the current and previous Host Shire, and the KRG.

#### **COMMENT**

Moore Australia (Moore) were engaged by the Shire of Broome to undertake an independent Audit of the 2019/20 Financials for the Kimberley Zone Secretariat and

Kimberley Regional Group. Additionally, Moore were requested to undertake the following audits:

- Audit for the Volunteer Strategy Project
- Audit of the Waste Management Plan Project

In the auditor's opinion, the financial report presents fairly in all material respects, the income and expenditure of the Secretariat, and each project of the group for the year ending 30 June 2020.

The audit was undertaken in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards with responsibilities required under that standard described further in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of the attached Audit Report.

Moore are independent of the Secretariat, the KRG and the Shire's in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's Code of Ethics.

The signed Annual Financial Statement for the period ending 30 June 2020 and Auditors Report on the Annual Financial Statement is attached.

#### CONSULTATION

Moore Australia

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

#### **Local Government Act 1995**

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The signed Annual Financial Statement and Auditors Report on the Annual Financial Statement is attached. The Audited Annual Financial Statement indicates a carry-forward surplus of \$327,907.

The final Kimberley Regional Group Financial Statement for the period ending 30 June 2020 is included below.:

Acct Code	Account	Original Budget	Current Budget	Actual
OPENING SU	IRPLUS CARRY FORWARD			
100235970	Kimberley Zone - Transfer to Kimberley Zone Reserve - Cap Exp - MUN	-\$302,610.00	-\$302,610.00	-\$302,610.00
CAPITAL INC	OME			
100235980	Transfer From Kimberley Zone Reserve - Cap Inc - Kimberley Zone MUN	-\$70,880.00	-\$148,152.73	-\$148,152.73
	TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME	-\$70,880.00	-\$148,152.73	-\$148,152.73
	REMAINING SURPLUS	-\$231,730.00	-\$154,457.27	-\$154,457.27
OPERATING	EXPENDITURE			
100221290	Kimberley Zone - Zone & RCG Meeting Expenses - Op Exp MUN	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$8,181.00
100221310	Kimberley Zone - Meetings - Op Exp MUN	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00
100221320	Kimberley Zone - Darwin Forum - Op Exp MUN	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$819.00
100221340	Kimberley Zone - Annual Financial Audit - Op Exp MUN	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,170.00

100221360	Kimberley Zone - IT Support - Op Exp MUN	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
100221370	Kimberley Zone - Sundry Expenses - Op Exp MUN	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
100221430	Kimberley Zone - Savannah Way Membership -	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
	Op Exp MUN	, , , , , , , , ,	<i>+-/</i>	7000
100221810	Kimberley Zone - Executive Consultancy - Op Exp MUN	\$112,320.00	\$112,320.00	\$117,392.00
100221820	Kimberley Zone - Administrative Consultancy - Op Exp MUN	\$32,560.00	\$32,560.00	\$18,900.00
104052340	Kimberley Zone - Volunteering Strategy - Op Exp MUN	\$0.00	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00
104052350	Kimberley Zone - Alcohol Management Initiatives - Op Exp MUN	\$115,000.00	\$237,727.18	\$0.00
104052370	Kimberley Zone - ICT & Office 365 Improvements - Op Exp MUN	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
104052380	Kimberley Zone - Kimberley Waste Management Plan - Op Exp MUN	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
104052390	Kimberley Zone - Kimberley Land Tenure Implementation Plan - Op Exp MUN	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
104052400	Kimberley Zone - Kimberley Regional Education / Training Business Case - Op Exp MUN	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
104052410	Kimberley Zone - Savannah Way Business Case Implementation Plan - Op Exp MUN	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
104052430	Kimberley Zone - Tanami Business Case - Op Exp MUN	\$66,000.00	\$66,000.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	\$428,380.00	\$587,107.18	\$185,462.00
OPERATING	INCOME			
100230130	Kimberley Zone - Reimbursement Zone & RCG	-\$22,000.00	-\$22,000.00	\$0.00
100230130	Meetings Expenses - Op Inc MUN	Ψ22,000.00	Ψ22,000.00	φσ.σσ
100230180	Kimberley Zone - Reimbursement Meetings - Op Inc MUN	-\$3,000.00	-\$3,000.00	\$0.00
100230190	Kimberley Zone - Reimbursement Darwin Forum - Op Inc MUN	-\$20,000.00	-\$20,000.00	-\$6,753.63
100230210	Kimberley Zone - Members Contribution Secretariat Costs - Op Inc MUN	-\$200,000.00	-\$200,000.00	-\$200,000.00
100235360	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-\$2,500.00	-\$7,485.00	-\$4,006.17
10405385	Kimberley Zone - Alcohol Management Initiatives Grant	\$0.00	-\$100,000.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	-\$247,500.00	-\$352,485.00	-\$210,759.80
	TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME	-\$70,880.00	-\$148,152.73	-\$148,152.73
	TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	-\$70,880.00 \$428,380.00	-\$148,152.73 \$587,107.18	-\$148,152.73 \$185,462.00
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	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	\$428,380.00	\$587,107.18	\$185,462.00
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE  TOTAL OPERATING INCOME  TOTAL	\$428,380.00 -\$247,500.00	\$587,107.18 -\$352,485.00	\$185,462.00 -\$210,759.80
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE  TOTAL OPERATING INCOME  TOTAL  SURPLUS/DEFICIT	\$428,380.00 -\$247,500.00	\$587,107.18 -\$352,485.00	\$185,462.00 -\$210,759.80
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE  TOTAL OPERATING INCOME  TOTAL	\$428,380.00 -\$247,500.00	\$587,107.18 -\$352,485.00	\$185,462.00 -\$210,759.80

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

#### Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Effective governance protocols and systems for business efficiency and improved services through collaboration

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Absolute Majority

#### **MOTION:**

#### (RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: D Menzel Seconded: M Edwards

That the Kimberley Regional Group:

- 1. Notes the report and receives the Annual Financial Statement for the period ending 30 June 2020 as attached; and
- 2. Notes the carry-forward surplus as at 30 June 2020 of \$327,907.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 4/0** 

#### **Attachments**

1. 2019-20 Kimberley Zone Annual Financial Report and Audit Report

#### 9.5 KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP FINANCIAL ACTIVITY STATEMENT 31 OCTOBER 2020

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Nil APPLICANT: Nil

FILE: KRG01; RCG01

**AUTHOR**: Director Corporate Services

CONTRIBUTOR/S: Nil

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Director Corporate Services

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

#### **SUMMARY:**

This report presents the Kimberley Regional Group Financial Activity Statement for the period ended 31 October 2020. The report recommends that the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) receives the Financial Activity Statement.

#### **BACKGROUND**

#### Previous Considerations

Joint Meeting 21 April 2020 Item 9.2 Joint Meeting 24 August 2020 Item 9.1

The 2019/20 KRG Annual Budget was adopted at the 21 April 2020 Joint Meeting. The Annual Budget was adopted as a balanced budget.

#### **COMMENT**

The 23 November 2020 Agenda includes an item requesting that the KRG receive and endorse the Annual Financial Statement for the period ending 30 June 2020. The Annual Financial Statement for the period ending 30 June 2020 includes a carry-forward surplus of \$327,907.

#### **Budget Adjustments**

Following the adoption of the KRG Budget for 2020/21 the group recognised the need to contribute funds to website and branding improvements which were funded in the 2019/20 budget but remained unspent and were returned to surplus.

It is requested that \$10,000 be transferred from the surplus to fund these activities. Should this proposed amendment be supported the reserve surplus will reduce by \$10,000.

#### CONSULTATION

Nil.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

#### Local Government Act 1995

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As at the 30 June 2020 the Kimberley Regional Group surplus was \$327,907.

The 2020/21 Budget predicted surplus at 31 October 2020 is \$303,854.

The Actual Budget at 31 October 2020 surplus is \$326,014.

Acct Code	Account	Original Budget	Current Budget	Actual
OPENING SURPLUS CARRY FORWARD				
100235970	Kimberley Zone - Transfer to Kimberley Zone Reserve - Cap Exp - MUN	-\$327,907.00	-\$327,907.00	-\$327,907.00
CAPITAL INC	OME			
100235980	Transfer From Kimberley Zone Reserve - Cap Inc - Kimberley Zone MUN	-\$24,053.00	-\$24,053.00	-\$24,053.00
	TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME	-\$24,053.00	-\$24,053.00	-\$24,053.00
	REMAINING SURPLUS	-\$303,854.00	-\$303,854.00	-\$303,854.00
OPERATING	EXPENDITURE			
100221290	Kimberley Zone - Zone & RCG Meeting Expenses - Op Exp MUN	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$1,350.00
100221310	Kimberley Zone - Meetings - Op Exp MUN	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
100221340	Kimberley Zone - Annual Financial Audit - Op Exp MUN	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
100221360	Kimberley Zone - IT Support - Op Exp MUN	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,274.00
100221370	Kimberley Zone - Sundry Expenses - Op Exp MUN	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
100221430	Kimberley Zone - Savannah Way Membership - Op Exp MUN	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
100221810	Kimberley Zone - Executive Consultancy - Op Exp MUN	\$114,005.00	\$114,005.00	\$0.00
100221820	Kimberley Zone - Administrative Consultancy - Op Exp MUN	\$33,048.00	\$33,048.00	\$0.00
100221830	Kimberley Zone - Consultancy - Op Exp MUN	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
104052340	Kimberley Zone - Volunteering Strategy - Op Exp MUN	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
104052350	Kimberley Zone - Alcohol Management Initiatives - Op Exp MUN	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
104052370	Kimberley Zone - ICT & Office 365 Improvements - Op Exp MUN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
104052380	Kimberley Zone - Kimberley Waste Management Plan - Op Exp MUN	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
104052970	Kimberley Zone - Admin Cost Allocated - Op Exp MUN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	\$282,553.00	\$282,553.00	\$2,624.00
OPERATING INCOME				
100230130	Kimberley Zone - Reimbursement Zone & RCG Meetings Expenses - Op Inc MUN	-\$12,000.00	-\$12,000.00	-\$731.00
100230180	Kimberley Zone - Reimbursement Meetings - Op Inc MUN	-\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00	\$0.00
100230210	Kimberley Zone - Members Contribution Secretariat Costs - Op Inc MUN	-\$200,000.00	-\$200,000.00	\$0.00
10023028	Kimberley Zone - Waste Authority Grant Waste Management Plan	-\$7,500.00	-\$7,500.00	\$0.00
100235360	Kimberley Zone - Interest on Reserve - Op Inc. MUN	-\$2,500.00	-\$2,500.00	\$0.00

	**Current Surplus = Actual Income less Actual  Expenditure + Opening Surplus	-\$303,854.00	-\$303,854.00	-\$326,014.00
	TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$22,160.00
	TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	-\$258,500.00	-\$258,500.00	-\$731.00
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE	\$282,553.00	\$282,553.00	\$2,624.00
	TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME	-\$24,053.00	-\$24,053.00	-\$24,053.00
	TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	-\$258,500.00	-\$258,500.00	-\$731.00
10405385	Kimberley Zone - Alcohol Management Initiatives Grant	-\$25,000.00	-\$25,000.00	\$0.00
10405383	Kimberley Zone - Youth Strategy DLGC Grant	-\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00	\$0.00
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#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

#### Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Effective governance protocols and systems for business efficiency and improved services through collaboration

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Absolute Majority

#### **MOTION:**

(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: D Menzel Seconded: G Haerewa

That the Kimberley Regional Group:

- 1. Notes the \$326,014 total surplus position;
- 2. Approves a budget amendment of \$10,000 from the reserve surplus to account 104052370 Kimberley Zone ICT & Office 365 Improvements Op Exp MUN; and
- 3. Receives the Financial Activity Statement for the period ended 31 October 2020.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 4/0** 

#### **Attachments**

Nil

#### 9.6 REVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN AND BUSINESS PLAN

LOCATION/ADDRESS:
APPLICANT:
Nil

**FILE:** KRG01; RCG01 **AUTHOR**: Zone Executive

CONTRIBUTOR/S: Nil

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Director Corporate Services

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

#### SUMMARY:

The Kimberley Regional Group and Kimberley Zone seek to regularly update the Strategic Community Plan and associated Business Plan. This item provides an overview of the process to be undertaken in February 2021 to update the Strategic Community Plan and Business Plan and ensure alignment with member priorities.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) and Kimberley Zone seeks to regularly update the Strategic Community Plan and Business Plan.

Some member Shires are in the process of finalising major reviews of the Strategic Community Plan for their regions, with Shire of Broome anticipating the finalisation of their Strategic Community Plan review in December 2020, and the public consultation phase of the review in the Shire of Derby West Kimberley closing on 30 November. The Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley completed a desktop review of the existing plan in July 2020 with a full review planned in 2022. The Shire of Halls Creek adopted their revised Strategic Community Plan in March 2020.

#### **COMMENT**

It is proposed that the review of the KRG and Kimberley Zone Strategic Community Plan is undertaken in conjunction with the February 2021 Joint Zone and KRG meeting, with four major inputs to the discussion being:

- 1. A presentation by each Shire highlighting the key areas of focus in their Strategic Community Plan and any significant changes that have occurred.
- 2. A presentation on available economic and social data across a 12 month and 3 year horizon.
- 3. Background papers including completed discussion papers on key areas identified in the Business Plan including Freight Infrastructure, Alternative Energy and Alternative Education. An overview of housing availability and diversity will also be provided.
- A survey of member representatives, based on the same questions as used in previous surveys, to identify changes in priorities and sentiment that may impact on priority setting.

Key considerations for the review of the Strategic Community Plan are the:

- Need for alignment to the priorities of the members, noting the variation across the region.
- Capacity of the KRG/Kimberley Zone to deliver outcomes.

#### CONSULTATION

Nil.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

#### Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Effective governance protocols and systems for business efficiency and improved services through collaboration.

Secure funding for regional initiatives.

Effective engagement with Aboriginal governance structures.

Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities.

Alignment and integration of regional and local priorities for member Councils.

#### Natural Environment Goal – Responsible management of the environment:

Secure quality water supply.

Integrated waste management.

Reuse of waste water.

Recognition of significant heritage areas.

## Built Environment Goal – Improved and secure transport, communications, community and essential services:

Liveable towns supporting regional communities.

Improved regional arterial road network, ports and airports.

Adequate land supply.

High standard of infrastructure planning.

Reliable and adequate power and communications.

#### Community Goal – A vibrant community based on equity, inclusion and opportunity for all:

Innovative and joined up approach to housing development, ownership and design through community participation.

Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in health.

Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in education.

Greater participation in the community and workforce.

Better alcohol management across the Kimberley.

#### Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:

Generational advantage that captures the wealth for the region.

Improved outcomes in employment.

Sustainable tourism market and tourism experiences.

Sustainable primary industries.

Energy sustainability.

Sustainable Local Government revenue.

Improved regional infrastructure.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

#### **MOTION:**

#### (REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: G Haerewa Seconded: M Edwards

That the Kimberley Regional Group:

- 1. Endorses a review of the Strategic Community Plan at the February 2021 meeting to be held in Broome.
- 2. Notes the review inputs including Shire presentations on their Strategic Community Plans.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0** 

#### **Attachments**

Nil

#### 9.7 ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT

LOCATION/ADDRESS:

APPLICANT:

FILE:

KRG01

**AUTHOR**: Zone Executive

CONTRIBUTOR/S: Nil

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Director Corporate Services

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

#### **SUMMARY:**

The State Government has offered to include the Kimberley in the Pilbara Banned Drinkers Register trial. This item provides an update on this item and a proposal in relation to funding.

#### **BACKGROUND**

**Previous Considerations** 

Nil.

#### **COMMENT**

The Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) has been supportive of focused processes which:

- Reduce alcohol related harm.
- Are proportional and targeted.
- Are practical and implementable.

A Banned Drinkers Register, combined with an effective Takeaway Alcohol Management System (TAMS) and alcohol restrictions, which balance reasonable community access with illegal on-selling, is seen to be a sustainable pathway.

The State Government wrote to the KRG on Friday 19 September 2020 inviting participation in the Pilbara Banned Drinkers Register Trial. Since that correspondence, the funding arrangements have been progressed but not finalised. In the latest update, an implementation date of 1 February 2021 has been identified by the Department, however this would be subject to funding confirmation and procurement timeframes.

The funding arrangements for the Banned Drinkers Register are based on the KRG and the Shires allocating the funds set aside for the Voluntary Restrictions trial, with the State government considering funding the balance of the two year project.

This would mean that, should all other matters be effectively negotiated, that the \$100,000 currently allocated to the leasing of the Takeaway Alcohol Management System (TAMS), would be allocated to the trial of the Banned Drinkers Register which will be operated by the State.

As the funds are allocated in the 2020-2021 financial year there are no financial implications beyond the transfer of those funds to the State rather than to the Shires for the procurement of the TAMS system.

The Shire of Derby West Kimberley has resolved to support the roll out of the Banned Drinkers Register with an allocation of \$30,000. The Shire of Broome has previously made a commitment of \$50,000. In total, the funds currently allocated are \$180,000.

SWEK currently have a contract for the existing TAMS devices which may be replaced by the new state operated machines. There may be an opportunity to reallocate funds committed for that purpose however that will be subject to commercial arrangements.

It is noted that the Banned Drinkers Register Trial is a two year project, twice the timeframe originally proposed for the trial of the Voluntary Alcohol Restrictions.

In total a shortfall of up to \$35,000 is estimated, based on current discussions with the Minister's office. It is proposed that the KRG underwrite the Banned Drinkers Register project for that amount, and GST if required.

The KRG had successfully applied for grant funding for the independent evaluation of the Voluntary Alcohol Restrictions. The project timeframes and scope no longer meet the funding requirements and it is intended that the funds will be returned as they cannot be applied to the Banned Drinkers Register trial.

#### CONSULTATION

Minister for Tourism, Racing and Gaming, the Hon Paul Papalia MLA.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

**Local Government Act 1995** 

**Liquor Control Act 1988** 

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

#### Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Secure funding for regional initiatives.

Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities.

Alignment and integration of regional and local priorities for member Councils.

#### Community Goal – A vibrant community based on equity, inclusion and opportunity for all:

Better alcohol management across the Kimberley.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

#### REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Kimberley Regional Group:

- 1. Reallocates the funds allocated to support the procurement of the Takeaway Alcohol Management System (TAMS) by Shires, to the TAMS operated by State in conjunction with the Banned Drinker Register Trial in the Kimberley.
- 2. Underwrites the project to an amount up to \$35,000, plus GST if applicable.
- 3. Notes the grant funding requirements and the expiry of the timeframe.

#### **Absolute Majority**

#### MOTION:

Moved: D Menzel Seconded: G Haerewa

That the Kimberley Regional Group:

- 1. Reallocates the funds allocated to support the procurement of the Takeaway Alcohol Management System (TAMS) by Shires, to the TAMS operated by State in conjunction with the Banned Drinker Register Trial in the Kimberley.
- 2. Underwrites the project to an amount up to \$35,000, plus GST if applicable.
- 3. Endorses a budget amendment of \$35,000, plus GST if applicable, from the general surplus to account 10405235 Kimberley Zone Alcohol Management Initiatives.
- 4. Notes the grant funding requirements and the expiry of the timeframe.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 4/0

#### **Attachments**

Nil

9.8 BRANDING

LOCATION/ADDRESS:

APPLICANT:

FILE:

KRG01

**AUTHOR**: Zone Executive

CONTRIBUTOR/S: Nil

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Director Corporate Services

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

#### **SUMMARY:**

The KRG would benefit from a website to assist with communication. As part of that process a logo is being developed to recognise both the KRG with an alternative version available for the Kimberley Zone.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Previous Considerations

Nil

#### **COMMENT**

The Strategic Community Plan includes the development of a website and branding collateral.

A graphic artist was engaged to develop a logo for the KRG with a companion logo for the Kimberley Zone.

To further the process of branding and website development it is important that a logo selection is made. Four options were circulated out of session with the stylised map, Option 3 in the attachment, preferred in the member survey. The feedback was that the complexity of the design was to be reduced.

The intent of this item is to formalise the selection of Option 3 to enable refinement and finalisation of the logo by the graphic artist.

The KRG website will be commenced when the logo is finalised.

#### **CONSULTATION**

Nil

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

#### Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Effective governance protocols and systems for business efficiency and improved services through collaboration.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

#### **MOTION:**

(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: D Menzel Seconded: G Haerewa

That the Kimberley Regional Group supports the refinement of the preferred logo, Option 3, with a view to out of session adoption to enable the website to be developed as soon as possible.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0** 

#### **Attachments**

1. KRG AND ZONE LOGO OPTIONS

#### 9.9 CONSULTANT'S REPORT

LOCATION/ADDRESS:
APPLICANT:
Nil

**FILE:** KRG01; RCG01 **AUTHOR**: Zone Executive

CONTRIBUTOR/S: Nil

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Director Corporate Services

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

#### SUMMARY:

This report provides an overview of the activity undertaken by the consultant to support the activities of the Zone in the period ending 31 October 2020.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Kimberley Zone of WALGA (Zone) and the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) appointed ATEA Consulting on the 22 July 2018 to perform the role of part-time Executive Officer.

This report provides an overview of the activities undertaken by ATEA Consulting in the period to 31 October 2020 and is attached for consideration.

#### **COMMENT**

A decision was made to suspend the outcomes identified in the Business Plan for completion in 2020 due to the impact of the pandemic and the need to advocate on behalf of the region in relation to a range of urgent matters.

Following the recovery from COVID-19 matters within the Business Plan are once again being progressed and will support the review development of the Strategic Community Plan and update of the Business Plan early in 2021.

Key activities this period have focused on the post COVID-19 pandemic strategy, along with the matters identified below. Discussion Papers identified in the Business Plan are also under development.

Items developed during this period include:

- COVID-1 Investment Prospectus;
- Position Paper Workforce Continuance (September);
- Review of the Buy Local Policy and the preparation of the Briefing Note (September), noting there is a new State Procurement Bill and Policy being released;
- Review of the decision making in relation to adult prisons in the Kimberley region;
- Freight Discussion Paper;
- Alternative Energy Discussion Paper; and
- 12 month Youth Plan.

Other matters included:

- Follow up on the WANDRA (DRFA-WA) Funding;
- Review of the proposed changes to the Local Government Act;
- Alcohol management;
- Waste management;
- Law and Order Juvenile Justice and WA Police Force presence in the Kimberley.

#### **CONSULTATION**

Nil.

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

#### Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities.

Alignment and integration of regional and local priorities for member Councils.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

#### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**

(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: M Edwards Seconded: G Haerewa

That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the consultants report provided by ATEA consulting as attached.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0** 

#### **Attachments**

1. Executive Report November 2020

#### 9.10 BUSINESS PLAN STATUS UPDATE REPORT

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Nil APPLICANT: Nil

FILE: OGS03

**AUTHOR**: Zone Executive

CONTRIBUTOR/S: Nil

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Director Corporate Services

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

#### **SUMMARY:**

This report provides an update of the Strategic Community Plan and Business Plan 2020-2024 for the period ending 31 October 2020.

#### **COMMENT**

The Strategic Community Plan and Business Plan for the period 2020-2024 was adopted in April 2020. The attached report provides an update on progress towards the achievement of the Business Plan for items identified for completion by end of FY 2021. For the period to November 2020, the most significant undertaking was to coordinate and represent the interests of the Kimberley Zone/Kimberley Regional Group in relation to the COVID-19 Recovery Plan, as well as developing Discussion Papers on Freight in the Kimberley and Alternative Energy, which were identified in the Business Plan.

Item	Description	Comment
2.2.2.1	Integrated Waste Management	Coordination of service review.
3.4.3.2	Develop a Discussion Paper on opportunities for alternative power provision in the Kimberley.	The annual Advocacy Agenda included a section on Alternative Power and a discussion paper is currently being finalised in accordance with the Business Plan.
4.3.1.3	Alcohol Management Initiatives	Banned Drinkers Register and alcohol restrictions have been progressed since the last meeting.
3.1.1.1	Develop a Freight Logistics Infrastructure Discussion Paper, including a gap analysis between existing priorities in third party reports, priorities identified by members, the need to develop or update the business case(s), and a recommended listing of integrated logistics priorities for Zone approval.	Discussion paper under development.  An infrastructure audit for the purposes of defence logistics is provided as an agenda item at the February 2020 KRG meeting.
3.1.1.2	Identify Member Transport Priorities	This was encapsulated into the COVID-19 Recovery Package.
4.5	Youth /Juvenile Justice	Partial review of the Youth Justice Strategy (12months)

#### **CONSULTATION**

Nil.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Alignment and integration of regional and local priorities for member Councils.

Improved regional arterial road network, ports and airports

Community Goal – A vibrant community based on equity, inclusion and opportunity for all:

Better alcohol management across the Kimberley.

Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:

Improved outcomes in employment

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

#### **MOTION:**

(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: G Haerewa Seconded: D Menzel

That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the Business Plan 2020-2024 Status Report for the

period ending 31 October 2020 as attached.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0** 

#### **Attachments**

1. Business Plan Report Update October 2020

#### 10. CORRESPONDENCE

#### 10.1 CORRESPONDENCE

#### **CORRESPONDENCE IN**

18 September 2020 Minister Papalia MLA Funding for Banned Drinkers Register

#### **CORRESPONDENCE OUT**

25 August 2020 7 September 2020 7 September 2020 21 September	Mr Jason Mackwart Minister Logan Minister Papalia MLA	Cattle on the Roads Meeting Request Meeting Request Response (prepared by Main Roads WA)
21 September	Ms Jossie Farrer MLA	Response (prepared by Main Roads WA)
3 November 2020	Minister Roberts MLA	Additional Police Officers in Regional WA

#### **Attachments**

- 1. Minister Papalia Funding for Banned Drinkers Register
- 2. Mr Jason Mackwart Cattle on the Roads
- 3. Minister Logan Meeting Request
- 4. Minister Papalia Meeting Request
- 5. Ms Jossie Farrer Response to Queries Prepared by Main Roads WA
- 6. Minister Roberts Re Additional Police Officers in Regional WA

#### 11. GENERAL BUSINESS

# **11.1 Section 31 Alcohol Restrictions – Bulk Orders** (Cr David Menzel – Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley)

The introduction of Section 31 restrictions has limited bulk orders to "a station owner, a pastoralist or a person operating or employed at a remote work site." The inability to provide 72 hour bulk orders for birthdays, weddings and other reasonable purposes is a major issue for the community. The 72 hour bulk order exemption was available under the Section 64 restrictions (East Kimberley) and was unrestricted in the West Kimberly. An occasional licence is now required on each occasion. The lack of 72 hour bulk orders is seen to be detrimental to community sentiment in relation to the management of alcohol and the intent to implement the Banned Drinkers Register in 2021.

#### MOTION:

Moved: D Menzel Seconded: G Haerewa

That the Kimberley Regional Group writes to the Director of Liquor Licensing, and copy the Minister of Racing and Gaming, requesting that the current bulk alcohol restrictions under Section 31 restrictions are modified to reflect the Section 64 requirements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

#### 12. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil.

#### 13. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair thanked all attendees and closed the meeting at 2:17pm.