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Council Meeting

Friday 28 November 2014

Teleconference

Commencing at 8.31am

MINUTES

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**GOLDFIELDS VOLUNTARY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS
AND**

GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE OF WALGA

**Teleconference Meeting to be held on Friday 28 November 2014
commencing at 8.31am**

MINUTES

1. 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 and Goldfields Esperance Country Zone of WALGA 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 and the Goldfields Esperance Country Zone of WALGA and the WALGA State Council. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The purpose of the meeting is to consider and provide advice to the WALGA State Council Representative, Mayor Ron Yuryevich AM, RFD.

3. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

3.1 Attendance

Mayor Ron Yuryevich AM RFD (Chair)
Mr Don Burnett
Cr Mal Cullen
Cr Malcolm Heasman
Cr Paul Griffiths
Mr Matthew Scott
Cr Patrick Hill
Mr Steve Deckert
Mr Jim Epis
Cr Greg Dwyer
Mr Peter Crawford
Cr Ian Goldfinch
Mr Ian Fitzgerald
Cr Graham Harris

Mayor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
CEO, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
President, Shire of Coolgardie
President, Shire of Esperance (entered the meeting at 8.39am)
Councillor, Shire of Esperance (entered the meeting at 8.39am)
CEO, Shire of Esperance (entered the meeting at 8.39am)
President Shire of Laverton
CEO, Shire of Laverton
CEO, Shire of Leonora
President, Shire of Menzies
CEO, Shire of Menzies
President, Shire of Ravensthorpe
CEO, Shire of Ravensthorpe
Deputy President, Shire of Wiluna

3.2 Apologies

Mr Paul Webb, CEO, Shire of Coolgardie
Cr Beverley Stewart, Councillor, Shire of Esperance
Cr Rob Wedge, Deputy President Shire of Laverton
Cr Peter Craig, President Shire of Leonora
Cr Ken Norman, Councillor Shire of Ravensthorpe
Cr Jim Quadrio, President Shire of Wiluna
Ms Andrea Nunan, CEO Shire of Wiluna

Mr Bruce Wittber

Joint Executive Officer

3.3 WALGA Representatives

Ms Ricky Burges, Chief Executive Officer

Mr John Lane, Emergency Management Coordinator (Indigenous Communities)

4. WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (WALGA) BUSINESS
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Zone delegates to consider the Matters for Decision contained in the WA Local Government Association State Council Agenda and put forward resolutions to Zone Representatives on State Council

4.1 State Councillor / Goldfield Esperance Zone President's Report

Mayor Ron Yuryevich, AM RFD

No report

4.2 WALGA Status Report (Attachment)

From *Executive Officer*

BACKGROUND:

Presenting the Status Report for November 2014 which contains WALGA's responses to the resolutions of previous Meetings

GVROC COMMENT:

This is an opportunity for Member Councils to consider the response from WALGA in respect to the matters that were submitted at the previous Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils notes the:

1. State Councillor / Goldfield Esperance Zone President's Report; and
2. WALGA Status Report.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Harris** **Seconded: Cr Cullen**

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils notes the:

1. **State Councillor / Goldfield Esperance Zone President's Report; and**
2. **WALGA Status Report.**

CARRIED

4.3 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Matters for Decision
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From *Executive Officer*

Background:

WALGA State Council meets five times each year and as part of the consultation process with Member Councils circulates the State Council Agenda for input through the Zone structure.

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

5.1 Metropolitan Local Government Reform (05-034-01-0018 TL)

WALGA Recommendation

That WALGA advocate to the Minister for Local Government for:

1. In relation to funding:
 - a. An additional allocation of \$80m to fund the implementation of Metropolitan Local Government reform, in accordance with WALGA's Budget Submission;
 - b. The condensation of the \$15m funding package from three years into two years, being \$5m in 2014-15 and \$10m in 2015-16; and
 - c. A review of grant funding guidelines to include directly attributable reform costs, such as redundancy payments.
2. The opportunity for Local Implementation Committees of amalgamating Local Governments to submit ward review proposals to the Local Government Advisory Board prior to their 1 July 2015 commencement; and
3. Clarity regarding:
 - a. The timing and content of the proposed City of Perth Act; and
 - b. The timing of the proposed City of Riversea amalgamation.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation.

5.2 Poll Provisions Policy Position (05-034-01-0018 TL)**WALGA Recommendation**

That WALGA adopt, and advocate for, a policy position in relation to the poll provisions that Schedule 2.1 of the *Local Government Act 1995* should be amended so that the electors of a Local Government affected by a boundary change or amalgamation proposal are entitled to petition the Minister for a binding poll.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation.

5.3 State Budget Submission 2015-16 (05-088-03-0001 PS)**WALGA Recommendation**

That the Association's State Budget Submission 2015-16 be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation.

5.4 Interim Submission to the Electricity Market Review (05-042-02-0001 PS)**WALGA Recommendation**

That the Association's interim submission to the State Government's Electricity Market Review be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation.

5.5 Western Australia's GST Revenue (05-096-03-0001 PS)**WALGA Recommendation**

That the Association advocate to the Federal Government for Western Australia to receive a greater share of GST revenue.

ZONE COMMENT:

It is noted in the "In Brief" comment for this item that "The Association has been asked by some Local Governments to raise the issue of WA's declining GST share with Federal Members of Parliament".

Whilst there is no doubt Western Australians generally support equity in the distribution of the GST between the states it is questionable that this is an issue that WALGA should be spending its time on when there are many other issues more directly related to local government that could use the time required to research and present this item.

5.6 A Review of Road Safety Governance in Western Australia (05-009-03-0044 ID)

WALGA Recommendation

That State Council endorse the WALGA Interim Submission for the report titled A Review of Road Safety Governance in Western Australia.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation.

5.7 Submission on the Review of Regulated Regular Public Transport Air Routes in Western Australia (05-003-02-0005 MM)

WALGA Recommendation

That State Council endorse the interim submission to the Department of Transport on the 'Review of Regulated Regular Public Transport Air Routes in Western Australia'.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation.

MEETING COMMENT:

Mr Epis noted that the Shire of Leonora did not support deregulation of air routes. The Shire was advocating for the *status quo*, that the retention of regulation to ensure that the Shire's residents had access to air travel.

Mr Deckert advised that the Shire of Laverton was also happy for the *status quo* to remain in place.

Cr Harris observed that the Shire of Wiluna was still working on obtaining a service. The Shire is awaiting a response from the Department of Transport.

Mayor Yuryevich undertook to make comment on each of the above Councils' views on this matter.

The Shire of Esperance reported that it had made a submission to the Department of Transport arguing for its routes to remain regulated. Mayor Yuryevich requested from the Shire a copy of its submission.

5.8 Interim Submission to the Productivity Commission - Natural Disaster Funding Arrangement (05-024-03-0033 AH)

WALGA Recommendation

That the submission on the Productivity Commission's Draft Report on Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation.

The Executive Officer advised the meeting that the Great Eastern Country Zone had expressed some concerns at changes being recommended that would increase the thresholds in the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA). Currently one of the fundamental elements of the NDRRA is that the Australian Government provides assistance if cumulative state expenditure (on events meeting the small disaster criterion of \$240,000) exceeds a certain threshold in a financial year.

The Productivity Commission is proposing to increase the small disaster criterion threshold to \$2 million and to also adjust the level of reimbursement to the State. It is felt by the Productivity Commission that the \$240,000 small disaster criterion is too low as it captures small, routine events that are unlikely to cause “serious disruption to a community or region”.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Cullen** **Seconded: Cr Harris**

That the submission on the Productivity Commission’s Draft Report on Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements be endorsed subject to WALGA’s response to Draft Recommendation 3.1 being amended to oppose the proposed increase in the small disaster criterion from \$240,000 to \$2m and any increase in the annual expenditure threshold.

CARRIED

5.9 Interim Submission: Planning and Development (Bushfire Risk Management) Regulations 2014 (05-024-02-0056 CG)

WALGA Recommendation

That the submission to the WA Planning Commission regarding the Planning and Development (Bushfire Risk Management) Regulations 2014 be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation.

5.10 Interim Submission: Inquiry Into Mental Health Impacts of FIFO Work Arrangements (05-058-04-0004 CF)

WALGA Recommendation

That the Association’s interim submission in response to Education and Health Standing Committee Inquiry into Mental Health Impacts of FIFO Work Arrangements be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation.

5.11 Consultation Paper – Proposal for Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Legislation – WALGA Submission (05-018-02-0002 JH)

WALGA Recommendation

That State Council endorses the Association’s submission on the Department of Local Government and Communities’ Consultation Paper – Proposal for Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Legislation.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation.

Mr Deckert advised that the Shire of Laverton had concerns regarding the definition of “camping” believing it to be too narrow. These concerns had been raised with the Department of Local Government and Communities.

Ricky Burges advised that further consultation is expected once all the submissions have been collated by the Department of Local Government and Communities.

5.12 Planning Makes it Happen: Phase Two: Blueprint for Planning Reform (05-036-03-0037 VJ)

WALGA Recommendation

That State Council advise the Minister for Planning and the WA Planning Commission, in regard to the *Planning Makes it Happen: Phase Two: Blueprint for Planning Reform*, that:

1. Prior to the review of delegation arrangements under the Metropolitan Region Scheme from the WAPC, the Local Government sector should be consulted and all delegation arrangements agreed to;
2. Further discussion is required on the WAPC being the single point of determination of all structure plans during the consultation on the Model Scheme Text and/or General Provisions for Local Planning Schemes Regulations;
3. A commitment is sought to ensure that Local Government will be consulted in the review of delegation arrangements for structure planning delegations;
4. The Local Government sector does not support full Private Certification of Planning Applications, however, if cost benefit analysis is undertaken by the Department of Planning, WALGA and Local Governments must be included in the consultation process;
5. *A Guide to Planning Delegations: Development applications* is currently being finalised and will be discussed with the Department of Planning and Department of Local Government and Communities to address the reform measure on Local Government planning delegations; and
6. The Department of Planning must be adequately resourced in order to cope with the increase in workload that will result if all of the reform measures are pursued by the WAPC.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation.

5.13 Local Government proposal for new 'Application for Compliance' (05-015-02-0002VJ)**WALGA Recommendation**

That the Department of Planning and Building Commission be requested to establish a Working Group with WALGA and Local Government representatives to:

- oversee the development of regulations to introduce a new 'Application for Compliance' as part of the Building Permit process, to ensure that building plans are compliant with State Planning Policy 3.1 - Residential Design Codes and/or Local Development Plans endorsed through the Structure Planning Process and/or any other adopted policy of Council; and
- determine an appropriate fee (based on a cost recovery methodology) for this service.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation.

5.14 Amendment to State Planning Policy 3.1 – Residential Design Codes – Multiple Dwellings, Parking and Other Incidental Changes (05-015-02-0002 VJ)**WALGA Recommendation**

That the interim submission to the WA Planning Commission on the proposed amendments to State Planning Policy 3.1 (Residential Design Codes) for multiple dwellings, parking and other incidental changes be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation.

5.15 Termination of the Heritage Loan Subsidy Scheme (06-014-01-0001 JH)**WALGA Recommendation**

State Council supports the cessation of the Heritage Loan Subsidy Scheme due to lack of take up by property owners and endorses the CEO's of WALGA and the Heritage Council of Western Australia undertaking the legal and administrative tasks necessary to financially acquit Scheme funds.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation.

5.16 Interim Submission: Draft State Planning Policy 2.3 Jandakot Ground Water Protection Policy & Water Quality Protection Note No. 25 (05-036-03-0028 CG)

WALGA Recommendation

That the submission to the WA Planning Commission and the Department of Water on draft State Planning Policy 2.3 - Jandakot Ground Water Protection Policy and Water Quality Protection Note No. 25 be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation.

5.17 Interim Submission to the Competition Policy Review Draft Report (05-100-03-0001 PS)

WALGA Recommendation

That the Association's interim submission in response to the Competition Policy Review Draft Report be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils endorses all recommendations contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda other than those recommendations separately considered.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Mr Epis

Seconded: Cr Harris

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils endorses all recommendations contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda other than those recommendations separately considered.

CARRIED

4.4 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Matters for Noting/Information

6.1 Reform of the Federation (04-001-02-0001 WFS)

6.2 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (01-006-03-0008 RNB)

4.5 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Organisational Reports

7.1 Key Activity Reports

7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Environment and Waste Unit (01-006-03-0017 MJB)

7.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Strategy (01-006-03-0007 TB)

7.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure (05-001-02-0003 ID)

7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, Planning and Community Development (01-006-03-0014 AH)

4.6 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Policy Forum Reports

7.2 Policy Forum Reports

7.2.1 Metropolitan Reform Implementation Policy Forum

7.2.2 Country Reform Policy Forum

Cr Goldfinch advised that the last meeting of the Country reform Policy Forum had been postponed. A meeting has been scheduled for February 2015.

Cr Goldfinch expressed concern at the direction the Forum was taken as in his view the policies being considered focussed too heavily on amalgamation. As a matter of urgency he believed the GVROC should put together a policy that expressed the view of its Member Councils.

Consideration was given to holding discussion on this matter at the GVROC Meeting to be held in Esperance on Friday 31 January 2015.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Goldfinch Seconded: Cr Cullen
That GVROC:

1. **That the matter of country local government reform be listed for discussion at the GVROC Council meeting scheduled to be held in Esperance on Friday 31 January 2015; and**
2. **Invite the Minister for Local Government to the GVROC Council Meeting scheduled to be held in Esperance on Friday 31 January 2015**

CARRIED

7.2.3 Mining Community Policy Forum

Mayor Yuryevich advised that the last meeting of the Mining Community Policy Forum had been postponed with a new meeting date still to be set.

Member Councils considered whether the Minister for Mines should be invited to the GVROC Council Meeting scheduled for Friday 30 January 2015.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Harris Seconded: Cr Cullen
That the Minister for Mines be invited to the GVROC Council Meetings scheduled to be held in Esperance on Friday 31 January 2015

CARRIED

7.2.4 Container Deposit Legislation Policy Forum**7.2.5 Metropolitan Mayors Policy Forum**

4.7 WALGA President's Report (Attachment)

Presenting the WALGA President's Report

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils notes the:

1. following reports contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda;
 - Matters for noting/Information;
 - Organisational reports;
 - Policy Forum reports; and
2. WALGA President's Report.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Cullen Seconded: Cr Heasman

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils notes the:

- 1. following reports contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda;**
 - Matters for noting/Information;**
 - Organisational reports;**
 - Policy Forum reports; and**
- 2. WALGA President's Report.**

CARRIED

5 AGENCY REPORTS

5.1 Department of Local Government and Communities (Attachment)

The Executive Officer has been advised that the Department of Local Government and Communities (the Department) no longer produces the Director General's Report. The Department, however, has provided the October edition of its Connect e-newsletter as an interim agenda item. A copy of this forms an attachment to the meeting agenda.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the October edition Department of Local Government and Communities e-newsletter Connect be received.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Harris** **Seconded: Cr Goldfinch**

That the October edition Department of Local Government and Communities e-newsletter Connect be received.

CARRIED

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Country Local Government Reform

Cr Goldfinch reported on the work of the Country Reform Policy Forum. For consistency of reporting this matter has been recorded under Item 7.2.2.

6.2 WALGA Presidency

Mayor Yuryevich advised that he had received details of a motion considered by the South East Metropolitan Zone at its meeting on Wednesday 26 November 2014. The matter has been referred to GVROC for its consideration.

The Executive Officer advised that both the Central Country and Great Eastern Country Zones had received similar requests for the matter to be considered as part of their meeting agendas.

The motion from the South East Metropolitan Zone was as follows:

1. *That the South East Metropolitan Zone extend congratulations to Mayor Troy Pickard on his appointment to the ALGA Presidency.*
2. The issue of the dual role of WALGA Presidency and ALGA Presidency be considered as an Emerging Issue item at the State Council meeting.

Member Councils considered the request.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Harris** **Seconded: Cr Goldfinch**

1. **That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils extend congratulations to Mayor Troy Pickard on his appointment to the ALGA Presidency.**
2. **The issue of the dual role of WALGA Presidency and ALGA Presidency be considered as an Emerging Issue item at the State Council meeting.**

CARRIED

7. URGENT BUSINESS as permitted by the Chair

Nil

8. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETINGS

An in-person meeting of the GVROC Council is to be held in Esperance on Friday 30 January 2015

9. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.20am

DECLARATION

These minutes were confirmed by the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils at the meeting held 31 January 2015

Signed _____
Person presiding at the meeting at which these minutes were confirmed