



GVROC Council Meeting

Friday 30 November 2018
Via Teleconference, commencing at 8.40am

Minutes

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GOLDFIELDS VOLUNTARY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (GVROC)

**A Teleconference meeting of the GVROC Council to be held Friday 30
November 2018 9.00am**

MINUTES

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss business related to the activities of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils and to consider and provide advice to the WALGA State Council Representative, Cr Mal Cullen.

WALGA State Council Representative CR Mal Cullen welcomed all Attendees to the Teleconference Meeting. Meeting commenced at 8.40 am

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest

3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Attendance

Cr Mal Cullen (Chair) Cr Tracey Rathbone Mr James Trail Mrs Julie Harding Ms Laurene Bonza Mr Peter Fitchat Mr Barry Bayley Mayor John Bowler Mr Suzie Williams Mr Peter Naylor Mr Patrick Hill Cr Peter Craig Mr Jim Epis Cr Greg Dwyer Ms Rhonda Evans Mr Colin Bastow Cr Jim Quadrio Mr Ian Fitzgerald Cr Ian Goldfinch Mr Matthew Scott Cr Victoria Brown Cr Basil Parker	President, Shire of Coolgardie Deputy President, Shire of Coolgardie CEO, Shire of Coolgardie Shire of Coolgardie President, Shire of Dundas CEO Shire of Dundas Councillor, Shire of Dundas Mayor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Councillor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder CEO, Shire of Laverton President, Shire of Laverton President Shire of Leonora CEO, Shire of Leonora President, Shire of Menzies CEO, Shire of Menzies CEO, Shire of Wiluna President, Shire of Wiluna CEO, Shire of Ravensthorpe Councillor, Shire of Ravensthorpe CEO, Shire of Esperance President, Shire of Esperance President, Shire of Esperance
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3.2 Apologies

Cr Jill Dwyer
Mr John Walker
Cr Keith Dunlop

Councillor, Shire of Menzies
CEO, City of Kalgoorlie - Boulder
President, Shire of Ravensthorpe

3.3 Guests

Nil

3.4 WALGA Representatives

Melissa Pexton - Policy Manager Emergency Management
Marissa McDonald

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4. WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (WALGA) BUSINESS

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 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Matters for Decision

From Chair GVROC CEO Group

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.

4.1.1 Proposed Removal by Main Roads WA of the “Letter of Approval” Restricted Access Vehicle Operating Condition (05-006-03-0001 MB)

WALGA Recommendation

That WALGA:

1. **Opposes withdrawal of the “Letter of Approval” Restricted Access Vehicle Operating Condition until an acceptable alternative is developed;**
2. **Supports the position that Local Governments not use provision of the Letter of Authority to charge transport operators to access the Restricted Access Vehicle network;**
3. **Supports the development of standard administrative procedures including fees and letter formats; and**
4. **Supports the practice of Local Governments negotiating maintenance agreements with freight owners/ generators in cases where the operations are predicted to cause extraordinary road damage.**

GVROC COMMENT:

Goldfields – Esperance Local Governments believe they are doing the right thing with regards to issuing Letters of Approval. Shire of Coolgardie have sort advice from MRWA and WALGA. Consequently, have amended Council Policy regarding Heavy Haulage. Now any agreements for contributions towards road maintenance or construction is done via agreements with the Mining Companies

GVROC do not support WALGA Recommendation

GVROC RESOLUTION: *Moved: Peter Craig - Shire of Leonora*
 Seconded: Peter Naylor – Shire of Laverton

That WALGA:

1. ***Opposes withdrawal of the “Letter of Approval” Restricted Access Vehicle Operating Condition until an acceptable alternative is developed;***
2. ***Supports the position that Local Governments not use provision of the Letter of Authority to charge transport operators to access the Restricted Access Vehicle network;***
3. ***Supports the practice of Local Governments negotiating maintenance agreements with freight owners/ generators in cases where the operations are predicted to cause extraordinary road damage.***

4.1.2 Bus Stop Infrastructure Partnership Agreement 2018/19-2022/23 (05-001-03- 0037 MM)

WALGA Recommendation

That the Bus Stop Infrastructure Partnership Agreement be endorsed.

GVROC COMMENT: No Comment

GVROC RESOLUTION: *Moved: Tracey Rathbone – Shire of Coolgardie*
 Seconded: John Bowler – City of Kalgoorlie - Boulder

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation

4.1.3 2019-20 State Budget Submission (05-001-03-0006 DM)

WALGA Recommendation

That WALGA's submission to the State Government in advance of the 2019-20 Budget be endorsed.

GVROC COMMENT: No Comment

RESOLUTION: *Moved: John Bowler – City of Kalgoorlie - Boulder*
 Seconded: Tracey Rathbone – Shire of Coolgardie

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation

4.1.4 Interim Submission: Cost Recovery for Clearing Permits and Water Licences and Permits – DWER Discussion Paper (05-064-02-0022 MB)

WALGA Recommendation

That the WALGA interim submission which opposes increased cost recovery for clearing permits and water licences and permits by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation be endorsed.

GVROC COMMENT: No Comment

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Victoria Brown – Shire of Esperance*
 Seconded: Patrick Hill – Shire of Laverton

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation

4.1.5 Waste Levy Policy Statement (05-037-04-0001 RNB)

WALGA Recommendation

That the Waste Levy Policy Statement 2018 be endorsed.

GVROC COMMENT: No Comment

GVROC RESOLUTION: *Moved: Tracey Rathbone – Shire of Coolgardie
Seconded: Patrick Hill – Shire of Laverton*

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation

4.1.6 Standard Development Conditions Guidelines (05-036-04-0005 AR)

WALGA Recommendation

That the *Standard Development Conditions Guideline*, be endorsed and that WALGA recommends use of the resource by Local Governments when reviewing and/or preparing standard development conditions.

GVROC COMMENT: No Comment

GVROC RESOLUTION: *Moved: Peter Craig – Shire of Leonora
Seconded: Ian Fitzgerald – Shire of Ravensthorpe*

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation

4.1.7 WALGA Paper – Off Road Vehicles and Local Government (05-053-03-008 EDR)

WALGA Recommendation

That WALGA advocates for the State Government to:

1. Conduct a review of current legislation to align registration and licensing of Off Road Vehicles (ORVs) with other vehicle types and users.
2. Allocate funding for feasibility studies to identify suitable sites for new ORV Permitted Areas throughout the State, which considers environmental values, future land use planning impacts, public safety, amenity and environmental issues and Local Government risk and liability issues.
3. Develop and implement, in collaboration with WALGA and ORV stakeholders, educational resources and training suitable to the specific needs of ORV users, stakeholders and Local Governments. Resources should include; guidance on compliance and enforcement arrangements aligned with the *Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978* and other relevant legislation, user and permitted area operational safety, signage standards, insurance and liability mitigation strategies.
4. Develop and implement, in collaboration with ORV vendors, resources and practices that ensure ORV buyers are informed at the point of sale about ORV registration, regulation and restrictions applicable to ORV vehicle use and consequences of non-compliance.
5. Consider and consult on the regulation of the vendor's role in providing information to buyers regarding ORV registration, regulation and restrictions.
6. Develop and implement, in collaboration with stakeholders and industry representatives, resources to educate and raise community awareness about the proper use of ORVs, ORV permitted and prohibited areas, and the consequences of non-compliance.
7. Ensure that the WA Police Force allocates resources to address unlawful ORV use in consultation with Local Government law enforcement.

GVROC COMMENT: No Comment

GVROC RESOLUTION: *Moved: Jim Epis – Shire of Leonora*
Seconded: Tracey Rathbone – Shire of Coolgardie

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation

4.1.8 Submissions – *Public Health Act 2016* Regulation Review Program (05-031-01- 0001 EDR)

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submissions provided to the Department of Health *Public Health Act 2016* Discussion Papers on Regulations for Construction Sites Facilities, Temporary Toilets and Cloth Materials be endorsed.

GVROC COMMENT: No Comment

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Victoria Brown – Shire of Esperance*
 Seconded: Tracey Rathbone – Shire of Coolgardie

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation

4.1.9 Aboriginal Advocacy and Accountability Office Interim Submission

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission to An Office for Advocacy and Accountability in Aboriginal Affairs in Western Australia: Discussion paper be endorsed.

GVROC COMMENT: No Comment

GVROC RESOLUTION: *Moved: Patrick Hill – Shire of Laverton*
 Seconded: Tracey Rathbone – Shire of Coolgardie

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation

4.1.10 Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (05-086- 03-0004 KD)

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission: Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse: A Local Government Response to the Western Australian State Government Child Safety Implementation Plan be endorsed.

GVROC COMMENT: No Comment

GVROC RESOLUTION: *Moved: Tracey Rathbone – Shire of Coolgardie*
 Seconded: Suzie Williams – City of Kalgoorlie - Boulder

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation

4.1.11 Partnering with Local Government for Youth (05-065-04-0001 KD)

WALGA Recommendation

That the following amended policy statement be endorsed:

The Local Government sector supports the development and well-being of children and young people through strategic partnerships and a combination of services and facility provision. The Association advocates that the State and Commonwealth should continue to invest in the wellbeing of young West Australians.

GVROC COMMENT: No Comment

GVROC RESOLUTION: *Moved: Tracey Rathbone – Shire of Coolgardie
Seconded: Patrick Hill – Shire of Laverton*

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation

4.1.12 Managing Alcohol in our Communities Guide (06-045-01-0001 EB)

WALGA Recommendation

That the Managing Alcohol in our Communities (MAIOC) Guide be endorsed.

GVROC COMMENT: The Council requested that the positive impact of the introduction of the Cashless Debit Card be incorporated into a review of the MAIOC

GVROC RESOLUTION: *Moved: Tracey Rathbone – Shire of Coolgardie
Seconded: John Walker – City of Kalgoorlie Boulder*

GVROC support WALGA Recommendation

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

- 4.2.1 Local Government Act Review (05-034-01-0001 TB)
- 4.2.2 Economic Development Project (05-088-03-001 DM)
- 4.2.3 Report: Review of Local Government Car Parking Requirements in Western Australia (05-036-03-0063 AR)
- 4.2.4 Event for Elected Members – Health Services in Regional Areas (05-031-01- 0001 EDR)
- 4.2.5 Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH) (05-018-04-0004 KD)
- 4.2.6 National Redress Scheme (05-086-03-0004 KD)
- 4.2.7 Family and Domestic Violence (05-086-03-0004 KD)
- 4.2.8 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (01-006-03-0008 RNB)
- 4.2.9 Draft National Biosecurity Statement (05-028-03-0011 NM)
- 4.2.10 Release of the Better Urban Forest Planning Guide (05-038-04-2211 CP)
- 4.2.11 WALGA Reconciliation Action Plan (03-047-01-0001 RA)

GVROC RESOLUTION: *Moved: Tracey Rathbone – Shire of Coolgardie*
 Seconded: Ian Fitzgerald – Shire of Ravensthorpe

GVROC Note – Matters for Noting/Information

4.3 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Organisational Reports

- 4.3.1 Key Activity Reports
- 4.3.2 Report on Key Activities, Environment and Waste Unit (01-006-03-0017 MJB)
- 4.3.3 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services (01-006-03-0007 TB)
- 4.3.4 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure (05-001-02-0003 ID)
- 4.3.5 Report on Key Activities, People and Place (01-006-03-0014 JB)

GVROC RESOLUTION: *Moved: Patrick Hill – Shire of Laverton*
 Seconded: Greg Dwyer – Shire of Menzies

GVROC Note – Organisational Reports

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

Auditing of Local Government by Auditor General – Introduced by John Bowler City of Kalgoorlie – Boulder

Mayor John Bowler raised the recent audit of the City of Kalgoorlie – Boulder. Concerns were raised about the time and cost imposition on Local Governments with both financial audits and performance audits being undertaken by the Auditor General.

The recent performance audit of procurement was raised and discussed.

The GVROC Council agreed to the concerns raised by Mayor Bowler.

GVROC RESOLUTION: **Moved: John Bowler – City of Kalgoorlie - Boulder**
 Seconded: Jim Quadrio – Shire of Wiluna

The time and cost imposition on Local Governments with both financial audits and performance audits being undertaken by the Auditor General be referred to the GVROC CEO Group for comment with a request for a submission to be prepared for consideration at the next GVROC Council Meeting in February

6. FUTURE MEETINGS/FUNCTIONS

- Friday 7 December 2018 an in-person meeting of the GVROC CEOs Group (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined); and
- Friday 1 February 2019 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council in Esperance.
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7. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and declared the meeting closed at 9.40 am.