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Council Meeting

Monday 4 May 2015
In-Person Meeting
Councillors Conference Room
City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

MINUTES

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GOLDFIELDS VOLUNTARY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (GVROC)

An in-person meeting of the GVROC Council held Monday 4 May 2015 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 as soon as they become aware of it. Councillors, CEOs and Deputies may be directly or indirectly associated with some recommendations of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

2. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In opening the meeting at 8.31am the Chair welcomed everyone in attendance, in particular Ms Janice Kendall, Goldfields Manager, Policy and Projects GEDC and Mr Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Strategy WALGA.

3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Attendance

Mayor Ron Yuryevich (Chair)	Mayor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Mr Don Burnett	CEO, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Mr Ryan Wilson	Sustainability Officer, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
(entered the meeting at 10.10am and left at 10.41am)	
Cr Mal Cullen	President, Shire of Coolgardie
Mr Paul Webb (entered the meeting at 8.41am)	CEO, Shire of Coolgardie
Cr Malcolm Heasman	President, Shire of Esperance
Cr Beverley Stewart	Councillor, Shire of Esperance
Mr Matthew Scott	CEO, Shire of Esperance
Cr Patrick Hill	President, Shire of Laverton
Cr Shaneane Weldon	Deputy President Shire of Laverton
Mr Steven Deckert	CEO, Shire of Laverton
Mr Jim Epis	CEO, Shire of Leonora
Cr Greg Dwyer	President, Shire of Menzies
Mr Peter Crawford	CEO, Shire of Menzies
Mr Ian Fitzgerald	CEO, Shire of Ravensthorpe
Cr Graham Harris	Deputy President, Shire of Wiluna
Ms Andrea Nunan	CEO, Shire of Wiluna

Mr Bruce Wittber, Joint Executive Officer

Cr Patrick Hill introduced Cr Shaneane Weldon the new Deputy President Shire of Laverton and advised that Cr Weldon had also been appointed a delegate to the GVROC.

3.2 Apologies

Cr Jacquie Best, President Shire of Dundas
Mr Richard Brookes, CEO Shire of Dundas
Cr Peter Craig, President Shire of Leonora
Cr Beverley Thomas, Deputy President Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku
Cr Preston Thomas, Councillor Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku
Cr Ian Goldfinch, Councillor Shire of Ravensthorpe
Cr Jim Quadrio, President Shire of Wiluna

Ms Helen Westcott, Joint Executive Officer

3.3 Guests

Ms Janice Kendall, Goldfields Manager, Policy and Projects GEDC

3.4 WALGA Representative

Mr Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Strategy

4. Election of Deputy Chair to the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils

Reporting Officer: Bruce Wittber, Executive Officer/Returning Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: 27 April 2015

Attachments: Nil

As Member Councils will be aware Rob Wedge resigned as Councillor and Deputy President at the Shire of Laverton in February of this year. In his capacity as a Councillor, Rob had been elected Deputy Chair of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC). His resignation from the Shire of Laverton means that the position of Deputy Chair is vacant and an election must be conducted to fill the position until January 2016 when elections for both the Chair and Deputy Chair will be conducted.

Nominations for the position of Deputy Chair will be called from the floor at the meeting.

The procedure for the conduct of this election will be as follows:

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

In the event of a tie between two candidates a second ballot will be conducted immediately.

Should the second ballot also be a tie, lots will be drawn and the name drawn first will be the successful candidate.

Chair invited nominations for the position of Deputy Chair

Cr Cullen was nominated by Cr Harris

Cr Cullen accepted the nomination

Cr Cullen was declared elected

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Harris

Seconded: Cr Hill

That Cr Malcolm Cullen, President Shire of Coolgardie be elected to the position of Deputy Chair GVROC.

CARRIED

5. GUEST SPEAKERS/PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Ms Janice Kendall Goldfields, Manager Policy and Projects Goldfields Esperance Development Commission (GEDC) to Discuss the Arts and Culture Trail Plan for the Goldfields-Esperance Region (8.45am)

The GEDC met with GVROC last year to discuss the development of the Goldfields Esperance Arts and Culture Trail. The GEDC has requested time to provide Member Councils with an update on the Trail Plan.

A Trail Plan has been developed, with the Goldfields Tourism Network Association (GTNA) the agreed organisation to take on this project. Janice Kendall, the GEDC's Manager Policy and Projects, will provide Member Councils with an update on the Trail Plan's development.

Refer also to agenda item 9.5.

8.55am Ms Janice Kendall left the meeting

5.2 Mr Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Strategy WALGA – Review of the WALGA Strategic Plan 2015-2020

GVROC has been invited by WALGA to assist in the development of the next iteration of its Strategic Plan which will cover the period 2015-2020.

Specifically WALGA is seeking comment from GVROC on the following issues:

- What activities or services should WALGA continue;
- What activities or services should WALGA stop;
- What activities or services should WALGA commence; and
- Any other comments on GVROC's relationship with WALGA.

Mr Tony Brown, WALGA's Executive Manager Governance and Strategy, has been invited to meet with GVROC Council to outline the work being undertaken in completing the review of WALGA's Strategic Plan and seek input from GVROC Council as part of this review process.

A copy of the 2010-2015 Strategic Plan and a schedule of core functions undertaken by WALGA form attachments to the meeting agenda.

Refer also to agenda item 9.10.

6. MINUTES OF MEETINGS**6.1 Minutes of a Meeting of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) held Friday 30 January 2015 (Attachment)**

Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 30 January 2015 have been circulated to Member Councils.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 30 January 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Heasman** **Seconded: Cr Stewart**

That the Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 30 January 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

6.2 Minutes of a Meeting of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) held Friday 27 February 2015 (Attachment)

Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 27 February 2015 have been circulated to Member Councils.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 27 February 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Mr Epis** **Seconded: Cr Harris**

That the Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 27 February 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

6.3 Minutes of a Meeting of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) Technical Officers Working Group held Friday 6 March 2015 (Attachment)

Minutes of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group Meeting held Friday 6 March 2015 have been circulated to Member Councils.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group held Friday 6 March 2015 be received.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Dwyer** **Seconded: Cr Stewart**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group held Friday 6 March 2015 be received.

CARRIED

6.4 Business Arising from Meetings of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) - GVROC Status Report as at 28 April 2015 (Attachment)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the GVROC Status Report as presented be received.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Hill** **Seconded: Cr Harris**

That the GVROC Status Report as presented be received.

CARRIED

6.5 Matters for Noting (Attachments)

The following papers are presented for noting:

- Minutes from the Goldfields Esperance District Emergency Management Committee Meeting held Tuesday 10 March 2015;
- Shire of Esperance – Local Emergency Management Arrangements;
- Goldfields Digital Television Conversion Project (2011-12) - Final Report including Audit (2703); and
- Hon Bill Marmion, BE MBA MLA - Public urged to bust red tape for a better WA. Media statement released 30 March 2015.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the papers detailed in Item 6.5 be noted.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Cullen** **Seconded: Cr Hill**

That the papers detailed in Item 6.5 be noted.

CARRIED

7. GVROC FINANCE

7.1 Financial Statements for the period ending 31 March 2015 and Accounts for Payment (Attachment)

Reporting Officer: Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: 27 April 2015

Attachments: GVROC Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2015

Background:

Presenting the unaudited financial statement for the period 1 July 2014 to 31 March 2015 and the accounts for payment for the period 17 January to 24 April 2015.

Financial Statement:

The Executive Officer provides the following comment:

1. Account 501 - Members subscriptions – all paid;
2. Account 502 – Members subscriptions Goldfields District Display – see previous note;
3. Account 512 - Project General Contributions;
4. Account 515 - DLG Grant Asset Management – these funds have been transferred from the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder – the second instalment has been received by the City and will be transferred in due course;
5. Account 1836 – Sponsorship Goldfields District Display – expenditure to assist the preparation of the Royal Show District Display; and
6. Account 1848 – DLG Asset Management Business Case – this project is being managed by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and the payment is a reimbursement of expenses incurred by the City in undertaking the project.

Accounts Paid:

Cheque	Date	Payee	For	Amount incl GST
EFT	220115	Up to Date Accounting	Accounting Services December 2014	– 66.00
EFT	220115	Australian Taxation Office	December 2014 BAS	2,787.00
EFT	160215	Up to Date Accounting	Accounting Services January 2015	– 264.00
EFT	160215	BHW Consulting	Professional Services July 2014,	4,170.38
EFT	100315	Up to Date Accounting	Accounting Services February 2015	– 158.40
TOTAL				\$7,445.78

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Statement of Financial Position for the period ending 31 March 2015, as attached, be received.
2. That the Accounts Paid for the period 17 January 2015 to 24 April 2015 totalling \$7,445.78 be approved.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Heasman** **Seconded: Cr Harris**

1. That the Statement of Financial Position for the period ending 31 March 2015, as attached, be received.
2. That the Accounts Paid for the period 17 January 2015 to 24 April 2015 totalling \$7,445.78 be approved.

CARRIED

8. GOLDFIELDS RECORDS STORAGE FACILITY - FINANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

8.1 Financial Statement for the Period ending 31 March 2015 (Attachment)

Reporting Officer: Don Burnett, CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Yvette Hargreaves, Manager Goldfields Records Storage Facility
Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: 23 April 2015

Attachments: Unaudited financial statement for the period ending 31 March 2015

Executive Officer Comment:
Nil

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Statement of Financial Position for the period ending 31 March 2015, as attached, be received.

Refer to Item 8.2 of the meeting agenda

8.2 Progress Report for Goldfields Records Storage Facility for the Period Ending 31 December 2014

Reporting Officer:	Don Burnett, CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Yvette Hargreaves, Manager Goldfields Records Storage Facility Helen Westcott, Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	No interest to disclose
Date:	23 April 2015
Attachments:	Update on the Goldfields Records Storage Facility's Operations for the period ending 31 March 2015 Monthly Income Chart January-March 2015

Background:

An update on the Goldfields Records Storage Facility's operations has been provided by Ms Yvette Hargreaves, the Facility's Manager. It forms an attachment to the meeting agenda. A monthly income chart for the period January-March 2015 also forms an attachment to the meeting agenda.

Executive Officer Comment:

The CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder might wish to provide a report on the review that is now underway into the future of the Goldfields Records Storage Facility

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the update on the operations of the Goldfields Records Storage Facility for the period ending 31 March 2015 be noted.

The Chair advised that the meeting would deal with Agenda Items 8.1 and 8.2 together

RESOLUTION: Moved: Mr Fitzgerald Seconded: Cr Heasman

1. That the Statement of Financial Position for the period ending 31 March 2015, as attached, be received.
2. That the update on the operations of the Goldfields Records Storage Facility for the period ending 31 March 2015 be noted.

CARRIED

8.3 Acquittal of the Regional Country Local Government Fund for the Goldfields Records Storage Facility – Possible Requirement to Return a Portion of the Allocated CLGF Funds

Reporting Officer: Don Burnett, CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: 27 April 2015

Attachments: Nil

Background:

As explained at the GVROC Council Meeting held in Esperance on Friday 30 January 2015 the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, as the recipient of funds the Goldfields Records Storage Facility, was asked by the Department of Regional Development to confirm if the Country Local Government Fund (CLGF) allocations covered costs for non-fixed assets. The Facility's shredder was included in the list of non-fixed assets.

Following discussion on this matter GVROC Council resolved as follows:

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Goldfinch Seconded: Cr Norman

That the GVROC meet with the Department of Regional Development with the assistance of WALGA to pursue the inclusion of the shredder as an operational expense under the Country Local Government Fund.

CARRIED

At a meeting of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group held Friday 6 March 2015 it was further resolved:

RESOLUTION: Moved: Steve Deckert Seconded: Peter Crawford

That a report detailing steps to finalise the acquittal for the CLGF project regarding the purchase of the shredder and non-fixed assets for the Goldfields Records Storage Facility be prepared for the next meeting of the GVROC Council.

CARRIED

Executive Officer Comment:

Discussions on what constitutes a "non-fixed asset" have been ongoing, with the Department of Regional Development (DRD) advising the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder by email on Thursday 12 March 2015 that the shredder can be considered as a fixed asset as it is bolted at two points. This decision means that the shredder can be included as part of the acquittal. It also means that an additional (third) audit is required, with the cost to be borne by the GVROC.

Further negotiations between the City, DRD and the project's auditor, UHY Haines Norton, has resulted in additional items being included within the acquittal - items such as the, scanner and bin lifters. As a result, this has significantly reduced the amount that is to be returned back to DRD.

The final amount to be returned to DRD is \$16,601.

Approval for the return of funds to DRD is required, as is GVROC's approval for the payment to UHY Haines Norton for undertaking the additional audit on the project.

The CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder may want to provide Member Councils with a further update on the progress of this matter.

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That GVROC approve:

1. The return of \$16,601 to the Department of Regional Development; and
2. Payment of audit fees to UHY Haines Norton for undertaking the audit relating the acquittal of funds for the Goldfields Records Storage Facility received from the Regional Country Local Government Fund.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Hill

Seconded: Cr Harris

That GVROC approve:

1. **The return of \$16,601 to the Department of Regional Development; and**
2. **Payment of audit fees to UHY Haines Norton for undertaking the audit relating the acquittal of funds for the Goldfields Records Storage Facility received from the Regional Country Local Government Fund.**

CARRIED

9.52am Meeting adjourned for morning tea

10.10am Meeting resumed following morning tea

10.10am Mr Ryan Wilson, Sustainability Officer, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder entered the meeting

9. GVROC BUSINESS

9.1 Country Local Government Fund – 2012/2013 Regional Group Projects Applications – GVROC Solar PV Project and the GVROC LED Streetlight Project

Reporting Officer: Don Burnett, CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Ryan Wilson Sustainability Officer, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 27 April 2015

Attachments: Nil

Background:

The need to develop renewable energy and energy efficient projects was recognised by the GVROC when it was resolved at the GVROC Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1 August 2012 to submit an application for CLGF funding in 2012/2013, with Member Councils resolving as follows:

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Cullen Seconded: Cr Petz

That for the 2012/2013 round of regional CLGF funding, the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils:

1. *Submit an alternate energy project for the region with the pool of funding for the project to be determined by Member Councils, with Member Councils notifying the Executive Officer of their intention to participate in the project no later than Friday 31 August 2012;*
2. *That the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder be given delegate authority to commence preparation of a business case for the alternate energy project, with the business case to look at participating Member Councils using funds from both the 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 allocations of regional CLGF funds;*
3. *Request the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission provide funding for the preparation of a business cases for GVROC Member Councils for the following projects in the 2012/2013 regional CLGF round of funding:*
 - a) *Retro-fitting of lighting and renewable energy power generation;*
 - b) *Regional waste management;*
 - c) *Norseman gateway project; and*
 - d) *A project for the Shires of Laverton and Ngaanyatjarraku (still to be determined); and*
1. *Give delegated authority to the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group to prepare and submit business cases for projects, other than the alternate energy project, agreed to for the 2012/2013 round of regional CLGF funds.*

CARRIED

Since that time GVROC has worked on finalising its application for funding for what has become known as the "street lighting project". It should also be recognised that in addition to any CLGF funding this project might attract, CEEP funding was also procured to assist in bringing the project to fruition.

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder has been the Lead Council for the project. The City, however, is not a participant in the project. Currently, the Shires of Dundas, Esperance, Leonora, Laverton and Menzies are involved in the project. All are supplied power by Horizon Power.

Since the project was agreed to considerable work has been undertaken in getting the project to an operational stage. Despite the obvious benefits both environmentally and financially, there have been significant hurdles to overcome.

Perhaps the most significant of these hurdles has been the one related to the imposition of the “gift tax” by Horizon Power. On this issue the GVROC Council resolved as follows in Esperance on Friday 30 January 2015:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Cr Goldfinch* *Seconded: Cr Rathbone*

That GVROC request a meeting with the Minister for Finance (and or the Minister for Energy) as a matter of urgency to discuss the imposition of the “gift tax” by Horizon Power. Copies of the correspondence should be sent to all of GVROC’s parliamentary representatives.

CARRIED

With no resolution “in sight” when it met on Friday 6 March 2015, the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group resolved as follows:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Jim Epis* *Seconded: Peter Crawford*

That GVROC Technical Officers Working Group recommend to the GVROC Council that:

1. *In the event of no response from the Minister for Energy’s office regarding the “gift tax” issue for the GVROC street lighting project the GVROC Chair seek an urgent meeting with the Minister for Energy; and*
2. *An invitation be extended to the Chair and CEO of Horizon Power to discuss the problems being experienced across the region relating to the cost to Member Councils for work undertaken by Horizon Power.*

CARRIED

Executive Officer Comment:

Agreement on the gift tax has finally been resolved with Horizon Power agreeing to waive the need for GVROC to pay the tax.

An Agreement has been prepared and should be available for signing at the meeting.

The FAA with the Department of Regional Development may also be ready and available for signing.

Since the March Meeting of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group, work has also been undertaken with regard to having the Shire of Ravensthorpe in participating in the LED project with the Shires of Shires of Dundas, Esperance, Leonora, Laverton and Menzies.

The CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder will provide a detailed review on the work undertaken to date.

Executive Officer Additional Comment:

Member Councils were provided with an update on the project by Mr Mr Ryan Wilson, the City Of Kalgoorlie-Boulder’s Sustainability Officer. My Wilson advised that there may be sufficient funds to look to extending both the LED project and PV project which means for the LED project other LGs, such as the Shires of Ravensthorpe and or Wiluna can be considered as sites. Similarly with the PV project, additional sites at the existing LGs can be considered along with Ravensthorpe and or Wiluna.

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

The matter is presented for consideration by Member Councils.

Cr Harris requested that the meeting acknowledge the good work that has been undertaken on this project by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and in particular its CEO, Mr Don Burnett, and Mr Ryan Wilson, the City’s Sustainability Officer.

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Cr Harris* *Seconded: Cr Heasman*

That GVROC agrees that the Shires of Ravensthorpe Wiluna to be included in the scope of both the LED and solar panels projects.

CARRIED

10.41am Mr Ryan Wilson left the meeting

9.2 Review of the GVROC MOU

Reporting Officer: Helen Westcott, Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose
Date: 27 April 2015
Attachments: GVROC MOU for period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011

Background:

The current GVROC MOU expires on 30 June 2015.

A review of the MOU has not been undertaken since 2010 when the last MOU was drawn up. The current MOU was extended without review when the GVROC Council met on Friday 28 June 2013.

At the GVROC Council meeting held in Esperance on Friday 30 January 2015 the Executive Officer advised that a review of the MOU should be undertaken, with GVROC Council resolving as follows:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Cr Williams* *Seconded: Cr Heasman*

That the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group review the GVROC MOU with a report to be prepared for consideration at the next in-person meeting of the GVROC Council.

CARRIED

Executive Officer Comment:

The GVROC Technical Officers Working Group reviewed the MOU when it met on Friday 6 March 2015, resolving as follows:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Steve Deckert* *Seconded: Paul Webb*

That the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group recommend to the GVROC Council that the GVROC MOU be:

- 1. Resigned without amendment; and*
- 2. Reviewed every two years after the local government elections, with the next review of the MOU to be undertaken in October 2017.*

CARRIED

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be:

1. Resigned without amendment; and
2. Reviewed every two years after the local government elections, with the next review of the MOU to be undertaken in October 2017.

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Cr Hill* *Seconded: Cr Dwyer*

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be:

1. Re-signed without amendment; and
2. Reviewed every two years after the local government elections, with the next review of the MOU to be undertaken in October 2017.

CARRIED

9.3 GRV Rating of Mining Interests

Reporting Officer: Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: 27 April 2015

Attachments: Nil

Background:

At the request of the Shire of Laverton, GVROC Council considered the State Government's policy on the application of Gross Rental Valuation to mining, petroleum and resource interests (the GRV mining policy) when it met on Friday 7 November 2014. At that time it resolved as follows:

RESOLUTION: Moved: Mr Epis Seconded: Cr Williams

That the matter be referred to the Technical Officers Working Group for consideration and recommendation to the GVROC Council and in the interim the Shire of Laverton seek legal advice on the matter to be funded by the GVROC.

CARRIED

The matter was again considered when the Technical Officers Working Group met on Friday 5 December 2014, at which time it was resolved as follows:

RESOLUTION: Moved: Graham Stanley Seconded: Peter Crawford

That the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group recommend to the GVROC Council that GVROC request WALGA to advocate on affected Councils' behalf on matters relating to the State Government's policy on the application of Gross Rental Valuation to mining, petroleum and resource interests.

CARRIED

This recommendation was considered by the GVROC Council when it met on Friday 30 January 2015 with GVROC Council resolving as follows:

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Hill Seconded: Cr Cullen

That GVROC advise WALGA that:

- 1. it strongly supports the continuation of the ability to GRV rate mining infrastructure and trusts that WALGA will vigorously support the not only the continuation of GRV rating of mining infrastructure but also its extension to mines subject to State Agreement.*
- 2. the capacity to rate mining interests has been of enormous benefit to the communities involved;*
- 3. it considers the provision for the application of GRV once State Agreements are varied to be a lost opportunity and that the State Government should phase in GRV for facilities under State Agreements over a five year period; and*
- 4. while mines subject to State Agreement Acts have contributed to community projects, the level of funding and types of projects supported have been quite varied, at the discretion of mine management.*

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Hill Seconded: Cr Cullen

That WALGA be requested to coordinate Member Councils from mining communities with an interest in rating mining activities to lead a program of examining/lobbying the State Government for the required change to practices and legislation.

CARRIED

The Shire of Laverton has obtained legal advice as agreed to by Member Councils.

A copy of the legal opinion and information paper prepared by the Shire has previously been circulated to Member Councils.

Executive Officer Comment:

The Executive Officer has provided a copy of the legal opinion and the Shire of Laverton's information paper to WALGA. In her email (dated 25 March 2105) accompanying the legal advice the Executive Officer also advised Paul Schollum, WALGA's Policy Manager Economics as follows:

"... Out of session Member Councils agreed that WALGA should be provided with a copy of the legal advice. A copy of the advice is attached as per this decision. A copy of an "Information Paper" prepared by Glenn Bone, the Shire of Laverton's Project Officer, is also attached for your information.

In addition to providing WALGA with a copy of the legal advice received, Member Councils have also agreed out of session to:

- 1. Request WALGA to pursue the outcomes as outlined in the GVROC Council Resolution of 30 January 2015 on the grounds that the Minister's Policy fails to meet two of the DLGC's rating principles of 'fairness and equity' and 'consistency'; and*
- 2. Should the Minister be intent on retaining a policy, that WALGA pursue that the '12 month in situ' requirement be removed as it is 'ultra vires' and that there be no further amendments that reduce a local government's ability to GRV rate a mining operation."*

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

The matter is presented for Member Councils consideration.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Dwyer Seconded: Cr Hill

That the GVROC receive the report on the State Government's policy on the application of Gross Rental Valuation to mining, petroleum and resource interests and endorse the submission to WALGA.

CARRIED

9.4 Women's Leadership Program - Women's Leadership Grant

Reporting Officer: Don Burnett, CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: 27 April 2015

Attachments: Nil

Background:

The Department of Local Government and Communities is offering grants up to \$5000 for Local Governments to fund initiatives that promote and encourage women's leadership. The grant is targeted specifically at Local Governments and Community Groups. Applications for funding closed on Thursday 12 March 2015.

The GVROC Technical Officers Working Group considered whether GVROC should seek funding, resolving as follows when it met on Friday 6 March 2015:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Jim Epis* *Seconded: Steve Deckert*

That the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder prepare two applications, on GVROC's behalf, for funding from the Women's Leadership Grant Program, with one application to cover the northern sector and the other the southern sector. The northern sector project will be coordinated by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and the southern sector project by the Shire of Esperance.

CARRIED

Executive Officer Comment:

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder will provide an update on the applications prepared on GVROC's behalf.

Executive Officer Additional Comment:

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's CEO reported to the meeting that when the City was making enquiries on submitting two applications for a session in Kalgoorlie and Esperance, it was advised that it would be very unlikely that GVROC would be awarded two grants of \$5000 each. GVROC was encouraged to apply for a single grant of \$5000 but still for two sites.

He also advised the meeting that most of the Local Government contributions would be "in kind" from staff actually attending the sessions.

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

The matter is presented for consideration by Member Councils.

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Cr Hill* *Seconded: Cr Stewart*

That the report on Women's Leadership Program - Women's Leadership Grant be received and it be noted that only one funding application for \$5,000 was submitted.

CARRIED

9.5 Arts and Culture Trail Plan for the Goldfields-Esperance Region

Reporting Officer: Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: 27 April 2015

Attachments: Nil

Background:

A draft Arts and Culture Trail Plan for the Goldfields-Esperance Region was released for comment in early 2015. Commissioned by the GEDC, and prepared by Tracker Development, the plan outlines recommendations based on research and consultation feedback for the development of an Arts and Cultural Trail for the region, stretching from the WA/NT border through the Ngaanyatjarraku Lands and Northern Goldfields, to Kalgoorlie and Esperance and finishing at Hopetoun.

The concept of an Arts and Cultural Trail Plan has been discussed for many years and consultations held in 2013-2014 through workshops and electronic surveys revealed significant support for the trail.

The GVROC Technical Officers Working Group reviewed the draft when it met on Friday 6 March 2015 but made no recommendations regarding further work required by GVROC.

Executive Officer Comment:

Following discussions with Ms Janice Kendall from the GEDC on the Arts and Culture Trail Plan for the Goldfields-Esperance Region GVROC might wish to discuss the Trail Plan further and decide on its future involvement in the revision of the Plan as it is implemented.

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

The matter is presented for consideration by Member Councils.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Harris** **Seconded: Mr Epis**

That GVROC receive the presentation from Goldfields Esperance Development Commission on the Arts and Culture Trail Plan for the Goldfields-Esperance Region.

CARRIED

9.6 Local Government Tender Panel

Reporting Officer: Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: 27 April 2015

Attachments: Nil

Background:

The CEO Shire of Coolgardie has been advised by the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA), that panel tenders by local government are not appropriate.

The Shire of Coolgardie believes that Panel tenders serve a very useful role in small local government, particularly in servicing of works to the community when there a limited numbers of contractors available. In reference to the Shire of Coolgardie, acceptance of a single tender by a contractor in Coolgardie, would effectively render work in Kambalda impossible, and vice versa. Also, providing all work to any one contractor could very possibly end viability for a business in our Shire. There is also the understanding that some contractors are better, or specialised in a particular area of work, any may not be able to offer all works in their field.

Panel contract for maintenance or small works, enable verification of needed documentation by the available contract pool, enable speedy undertaking of works, facilities use of a larger pool of contractors, and their area of skill.

The Shire of Coolgardie believes that the loss of panel contract would not have as significant impact on a major urban area, but does create significant problems for regional locations.

The Shire seeks GVROC's to request investigation by WALGA, on reinstatement of a panel contract for local government. WALGA already appear to be running a panel contract system under the preferred supplier program already, which can be identified by the supply of the same service by a number of contractors. Explanation of this provision of service to the GVROC would be useful, so the same system could be implemented by Local Government for provision of local services. It is not the intent of this document to undermine the WALGA panel contract system which is of benefit to all Local Government.

Executive Officer Comment:

The GVROC Technical Officers Working Group considered the Shire of Coolgardie's request when it met on Friday 6 March 2105, resolving as follows:

RESOLUTION: Moved: Paul Webb Seconded: Peter Crawford

That the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group recommend to the GVROC Council that GVROC write to the Department of Local Government and Communities to clarify the issue panel contracts and the capacity for a local government to call and award panel contracts.

CARRIED

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

Meeting Comment:

Mr Tony Brown advised that the comment in the first sentence of the agenda item which reads "*has been advised by the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA), that panel tenders by local government are not appropriate*" was not correct as WALGA supported tender panels.

Mr Tony Brown also advised that an amendment to the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* was likely to be gazetted in the next few weeks and the issue of "tender panels" was being addressed that would enable such panels but only for a period of one year.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils write to the Department of Local Government and Communities to clarify the issue of panel contracts and the capacity for a local government to call and award panel contracts.

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

That the GVROC take no further action on this matter given the additional information on the pending amendment to the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*.

CARRIED

9.7 Goldfields-Esperance 2011-2021 Strategic Development Plan – GVROC’s Support for the Plan

Reporting Officer: Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: 27 April 2015

Attachments: Nil

Background:

The Shire of Coolgardie is seeking GVROC’s continuing support for the Goldfields-Esperance 2011-2021 Strategic Development Plan, which was created in conjunction with the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission, Regional Development Australia – Goldfields Esperance and the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils.

The Shire of Coolgardie has been progressing development of planning based on the Goldfields Esperance Strategic Development Plan, and the Councils own Strategic Plan 2012-2021. It would appear that State Departments have also been progressing their own reports being the Goldfields-Esperance Regional Planning and Infrastructure Framework, and the Goldfields Regional Blueprint. This officer has written to the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) and the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission (GEDC) indicating concerns with these reports, particularly, that they do not appear to correspond with the Goldfields-Esperance Strategic Development Plan. It would appear that no consideration was given to regional needs or inaccuracies in data in compiling the state reports, and despite written requests for clarification or rectification of inaccuracy, no reply has been received by this office.

It would appear now that State Departments have created the Regional Blueprint, and although it is inaccurate, this document is being used as the development template for the region.

The Shire of Coolgardie seeks support from GVROC’s Member Councils to reaffirm its support for the Goldfields-Esperance 2011-2021 Strategic Development Plan.

Executive Officer Comment

The GVROC Technical Officers Working Group considered the Shire of Coolgardie’s request when it met on Friday 6 March 2105, resolving as follows:

RESOLUTION: Moved: Paul Webb Seconded: Matthew Scott

That the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group recommend to the GVROC Council that GVROC:

- 1. Reaffirm its support for the Goldfields Esperance 2011-2021 Strategic Development Plan, prepared in partnership by the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission, Regional Development Australia Goldfields Esperance and the GVROC;*
- 2. Request the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission as part of its review of the Goldfields Esperance Blueprint use Member Councils’ Community Strategic Plans and the Goldfields Esperance 2011-2021 Strategic Development Plan as informing documents in preparing the Blueprint.*

CARRIED

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils:

1. Reaffirm its support for the Goldfields Esperance 2011-2021 Strategic Development Plan, prepared in partnership by the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission, Regional Development Australia Goldfields Esperance and the GVROC; and
2. Request the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission as part of its review of the Goldfields Esperance Blueprint use Member Councils’ Community Strategic Plans and the

Goldfields Esperance 2011-2021 Strategic Development Plan as informing documents in preparing the Blueprint.

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

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils:

- 1. Reaffirm its support for the Goldfields Esperance 2011-2021 Strategic Development Plan, prepared in partnership by the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission, Regional Development Australia Goldfields Esperance and the GVROC; and**
- 2. Request the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission as part of its review of the Goldfields Esperance Blueprint use Member Councils' Community Strategic Plans and the Goldfields Esperance 2011-2021 Strategic Development Plan as informing documents in preparing the Blueprint.**

CARRIED

9.8 Provision of Municipal Services in Aboriginal communities

Reporting Officer: Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: 31 March 2015

Attachments: Priority Investment Communities

Background:

The matter of local government service delivery to Aboriginal communities is both a longstanding and unresolved matter. It is one that GVROC has developed a position on.

In September last year the Department of Local Government and Communities' Director General wrote to affected Councils advising it was proposed to reconstitute the Planning Committee, originally convened in September 2010, with representation from WALGA, LGMA, local governments, the Commonwealth and relevant State Government agencies.

GVROC again considered its position on this issue at the GVROC Council Meeting held in Kalgoorlie on Friday 6 November 2014 where it was resolved as follows:

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

1. *That the GVROC reaffirm the following resolution:*

That the GVROC Council reaffirms its position with respect to the delivery of local government services to indigenous communities, that is that GVROC recommends to Member Councils with indigenous communities that:

1. *They advise the State and Federal Governments they will not participate further with the local government services to indigenous communities project until the questions raised from the 8 March 2012 WA Local Government Association Communique are addressed, particularly in relation to:*
 - a. *the determination of which communities are to be included in the normalisation process;*
 - b. *what State and Federal Government funding will be guaranteed; and*
 - c. *a comprehensive communication plan is prepared;*
 2. *They request that a study be undertaken to determine the impact on general purpose financial assistance grants to local governments taking on responsibility for the provision of local government service delivery to indigenous communities;*
 3. *Should Point 1 be addressed to the local government's satisfaction, funding is requested to be provided to implement the cost and scope study of the remaining indigenous communities not covered by the CAMMS costing and scoping study; and*
 4. *They advise other local governments with indigenous communities, the Department of Local Government and the WA Local Government Association of this decision.*
2. *That the GVROC request the State Government to undertake a social and economic study on the impact possible closure of communities not deemed to be funded under the MUNS scheme*
 3. *That nominations to the Local Government Planning Committee on Municipal Service Implementation be left to individual local governments*

CARRIED

An invitation was extended to the Minister for Local Government and Communities, Hon Tony Simpson MLA, to attend the first GVROC Meeting for 2015 but due to prior commitments the Minister was unable to attend. He has accepted an invitation to meet with GVROC Council at the meeting to be held on Thursday 8 October 2015.

In late March 2015 the Director General further advised by email that the establishment of a separate Local Government Planning Committee on Municipal Service Implementation was no longer required.

The email is detailed below.

From: Jennifer Mathews [<mailto:jennifer.mathews@dlgc.wa.gov.au>]

Sent: Tuesday, 31 March 2015 4:20 PM

To: ceo@ashburton.wa.gov.au; CEO BROOME; eo@carnarvon.wa.gov.au; CEO COOLGARDIE; CEO DERBY-WEST KIMBERLEY; Richard Brookes; CEO EAST PILBARA; ceo@cgg.wa.gov.au; CEO HALLS CREEK; Don Burnett; Steve Deckert; ceo@leonora.wa.gov.au; CEO MEEKATHARRA; Peter Crawford; CEO MURCHISON; Chris Paget; CEO NORTHAMPTON; CEO PORT HEDLAND; ceo@roebourne.wa.gov.au; ceo@uppergascoyne.wa.gov.au; Tony Doust; ceo@swek.wa.gov.au

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Subject: Local Government consultation regarding changes for remote Aboriginal communities

Good afternoon

There has recently been significant public discussion about the future of remote Aboriginal communities. This discussion has relevance to future arrangements for the delivery of municipal services.

As a result of the decision to appoint the Department of Regional Development as the lead State agency to address this issue, they will be undertaking detailed assessments of remote communities on relating to sustainability and infrastructure. This will include extensive consultation with community residents, local governments and service providers.

The establishment of a separate Local Government Planning Committee on Municipal Service Implementation is therefore no longer required.

The Department of Regional Development will engage with local governments through relevant zone meetings commencing in April 2015 and one-on-one discussions. The Department of Local Government and Communities will be involved in this process.

We will be in contact to arrange for discussions with you at your next zone meeting.

All the best.

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Just prior to this email be received the ABC broke news of research conducted during 2010 to identify West Australian remote Aboriginal communities considered unsustainable. The link to the newspaper article is provided below.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-03-24/federal-review-reveals-192-communities-deemed-unsustainable/6343570>

The article also provided list of indigenous communities ranked according to their sustainability. A copy of this listing forms an attachment to the meeting agenda.

Executive Officer Comment:

To date the Executive Officer has not received a request from the Department of Regional Development to meet with GVROC on this matter.

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder has requested that this matter be listed for discussion.

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

The matter is presented for consideration by Member Councils.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Dwyer Seconded: Cr Harris

That the information of local government service delivery to Aboriginal communities be received.
CARRIED

9.9 GVROC Regional Equipment Pool

Reporting Officer: Don Burnett, CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 20 April 2015

Attachments: Nil

Background:

A summary report for usage of equipment from the GVROC Regional Equipment Pool for the period 1 January to 31 March 2015 inclusive is provided below for Member Councils' information.

Month	Equipment	Organisation
January	29/1/2015 – 16/3/15; Toilet Block, Crowd Control Barriers and Fencing	City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder (Sunset at the Soundshell Series)
February	29/1/2015 – 16/3/15; Toilet Block, Crowd Control Barriers & Fencing	City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder (Sunset at the Soundshell Series)
March	29/1/2015 – 16/3/15; Toilet Block, Crowd Control Barriers and Fencing	City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder (Sunset at the Soundshell Series/Youth Fest)

Executive Officer Comment:

No further comment.

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report for the usage of equipment from the regional equipment pool for the period 1 January to 31 March 2015 inclusive be noted.

Noted

9.10 WALGA's Strategic Plan 2015-2020

Reporting Officer:	Helen Westcott, Executive Officer
Portfolio:	Shared Executive Function
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	27 April 2015
Attachments:	Correspondence from WALGA re the development of its Strategic Plan for 2015-2020 Copy of WALGA's current Strategic Plan Schedule of WALGA's core functions

Background:

GVROC has been invited by WALGA to assist in the development of the next iteration of its Strategic plan which will cover the period 2015-2020.

A copy of the correspondence outlining the review form an attachment to the meeting agenda

Specifically WALGA is seeking comment from GVROC on the following issues:

- What activities or services should WALGA continue;
- What activities or services should WALGA stop;
- What activities or services should WALGA commence; and
- Any other comments on GVROC's relationship with WALGA.

A copy of the 2010-2015 Strategic Plan and a schedule of core functions undertaken by WALGA form attachments to the meeting agenda.

Executive Officer Comment:

Following discussions with Tony Brown, Member Councils may wish to discuss whether they wish to make a formal response to WALGA's review of its Strategic Plan potential.

Statutory Implications:	Nil
Consultation:	Nil
Voting Requirement:	Simple Majority

The matter is presented for consideration by Member Councils.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Harris** **Seconded: Mr Fitzgerald**

That the presentation on the development of the WALGA Strategic Plan for 2015-2020 be received.

CARRIED

10. 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

10.1 State Councillor / Goldfields Esperance Zone President's Report

Mayor Ron Yuryevich, AM RFD

10.2 WALGA Status Report (Attachment)

From Executive Officer

BACKGROUND:

Presenting the Status Report for February 2015 which contains WALGA's responses to the resolutions of previous Meetings

ZONE 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.

10.3 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Matters for Decision

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 Local Government and Coastal Land Use Planning Discussion Paper (05-028-03-0015 VJ)**WALGA Recommendation**

That State Council endorse the following actions to be undertaken, as outlined within the Local Government and Coastal Land Use Planning Discussion Paper:

1. The Association to work with the State Government specifically to:
 - a) Organise a workshop with the Department of Planning to promote guidelines and detail next steps for Local Governments aligning with the State Planning Policy 2.6; and
 - b) Develop a coordinated approach to land use planning, given the potential exposure of the WAPC in respect of injurious affection claims and how region planning schemes guide local planning schemes.
2. The Association President to consider establishing a Policy Forum on coastal planning and adaptation, to allow the Association and coastal Local Governments to identify, consider and respond to commonly shared issues relating to coastal planning, coastal adaptation, decision making and legal implications.
3. The Association continue to investigate the plausibility of rewording the Planning and Development Act 2005 and advocate to the Minister for Planning to include section 74 (protection from liability) from the private members Bill Climate Change (Coastal Planning and Protection) Readiness Bill 2012 into the Planning and Development Act 2005.
4. The Association to liaise with research agencies such as Western Australia Marine Science Institute (WAMSI) to distribute research findings that relate to local decision-making and legal liability to the Local Government sector.

5. The Association to seek additional legal advice including:
 - a) any liability implications for Local Government amending planning schemes to align with SPP2.6;
 - b) confirmation of Local Government's obligation or otherwise to undertake works to protect private property; and
 - c) provide an updated list of case law examples from across Australia.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

5.2 Model Local Planning Policy for Water Wise Entry Statements (05-036-04-0003 OT)

WALGA Recommendation

That the Model Local Planning Policy for Water Wise Entry Statements be endorsed for use by Local Governments:

1. To establish and maintain a consistent process for managing the handover of water wise entry statements from developers to Local Government.
2. To ensure new entry statements are designed and constructed in a way which can easily be retrofitted as a water wise and low maintenance design.
3. To protect the Local Government from inheriting assets of little functional community value and high maintenance costs.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

5.3 State Emergency Management Committee State Risk Project (05-024-03-0028 JH)

WALGA Recommendation

That State Council:

1. Endorse the State Emergency Management Committee development of the State Risk Framework.
2. To ensure smooth implementation of the *State Risk Project-Local* seeks the following:
 - a. Development of a clear implementation plan and timeline for the *State Risk Project-Local*
 - b. Establishment of Partnership with WALGA to develop the *State Risk Project-Local* to ensure engagement and participation of Local Government.
3. Provision of funding to develop a common reporting system for Local Government to ensure alignment and integration with the *State Risk Project*.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

5.4 Submission to WARR Act Review Discussion Paper (05-062-03-0001 MB)

WALGA Recommendation

1. That State Council endorse the interim WALGA Submission to the Department of Environment Regulation WARR Act Review Discussion Paper.
2. That the Association continue to liaise with the DER to ensure that there is an adequate timeline for consultation on any proposed legislative changes.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

5.5 Planning for Waste Management Project (04-001-02-0045 RNB)

WALGA Recommendation

That State Council:

1. note the progress of the Planning for Waste Management project to better incorporate waste management considerations into planning decisions; and
2. endorse the model provision for Local Government Planning Strategies, model Local Planning Policy, waste management planning conditions and the guidelines which will assist the sector in considering this issue within the planning process.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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

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

CARRIED

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

6.1 Review of the Gross Rental Valuation (GRV) Mining Policy (05-100-03-0001 PS)

Mr Steven Deckert, CEO Shire of Laverton raised the concern of local government at the way the GRV Mining Policy defined "permanent" facilities in that they were required to be in "situ" for at least 12 months. He asked that WALGA emphasise the difficulty that this creates from a rating perspective.

Mr Brown indicated he would take note of the issue.

6.2 Taxation Discussion Paper (05-100-03-0001 PS)

6.3 Public Libraries in 2025: Visioning and Strategic Planning Process (05-057-02-0051 JH)

6.4 West Australian State CCTV Strategy Consultation (05-019-03-0009 JH)

6.5 Volunteer Management and Local Governments (05-018-03-0002 EB)

6.6 4 Year Review of the Local Government Industry Award 2010 (07-004-01-0044 JL)

6.7 Draft State Biosecurity Strategy now released for public comment (05-046-03-0011 MB)

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

Note: GVROC Council may wish to discuss Item 6.1 further in light of the recent legal opinion obtained from Kott Gunning and its previous decisions on this issue.

Refer also to item 9.3 of the meeting agenda.

10.5 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)

10.6 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
- 7.2.3 Mining Community Policy Forum
- 7.2.4 Container Deposit Legislation Policy Forum
- 7.2.5 Metropolitan Mayors Policy Forum
- 7.2.6 Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act (2007) Review Policy Forum
- 7.2.7 Freight Policy Forum

10.7 WALGA President's Report (Attachment)

Presenting the WALGA President's Report

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils notes the following reports, either provided separately or as contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda:

- State Councillor Report;
- WALGA Status Report;
- Matters for noting/information;
- Organisational reports;
- Policy Forum reports; and
- WALGA President's Report.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Mr Epis** **Seconded: Cr Hill**

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils notes the following reports, either provided separately or as contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda:

- **State Councillor Report;**
- **WALGA Status Report;**
- **Matters for noting/information;**
- **Organisational reports;**
- **Policy Forum reports; and**
- **WALGA President's Report**

CARRIED

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

11.1 GVROC Budget for 2015/2016

The CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder advised that GVROC's budget for the 2015/2016 financial year would be prepared on the basis of no increased contributions being required from Member Councils.

This means that Member Councils should look to allocate in their respective budgets amounts similar to that provided for in their 2014/2015 budget.

11.2 Development of a Nuclear Waste Dump Site

The Shire of Wiluna requested that the matter of the development of a nuclear waste dump site within the region be listed for discussion at the GVROC Council Meeting to be held Friday 19 June 2015.

It was agreed that the matter be listed for discussion at this time.

12. FUTURE MEETINGS/FUNCTIONS

Friday 19 June 2015 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council in Kalgoorlie at which the WALGA State Council Agenda for the State Council meeting to be held Wednesday 1 July 2015 will also be considered

Friday 10 July 2015 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined)

Wednesday 5 August 2015 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council in Perth (venue to be determined)

Friday 28 August 2015 – a teleconference to consider the WALGA State Council agenda for the State Council meeting to be held 3-4 September 2015

Friday 4 September 2015 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group (venue to be determined)

Thursday 8 October 2015 - an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined)

Friday 27 November 2015 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council at which the WALGA State Council Agenda for the State Council meeting to be held Wednesday 3 December 2015 will also be considered. Elections must also be held at this time (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined);

Friday 4 December 2015 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined)

Friday 29 January 2016 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council in Esperance

It was agreed that the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group Meeting scheduled for Friday 15 May 2015 be postponed to a future date, with the new meeting date to be determined out of session.

During discussion on the future meetings the Shire of Wiluna indicated that the proposed meeting on Wednesday 5 August 2015 during Local Government Week clashed with the Ministerial Meetings and requested whether it was possible to find another mutually convenient date and time during Local Government Week.

It was agreed that the morning of Wednesday 5 August 2015 was the most convenient time during Local Government Week but it was acknowledged that some Member Councils may need to excuse themselves if they had a Ministerial Meeting.

It was also agreed that the GVROC Dinner be again arranged.

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING

Prior to the close of the meeting the CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder advised the meeting that this would be Peter Crawford, the CEO Shire of Menzies', last GVROC meeting prior to his retirement from Local Government.

On behalf of all GVROC's Member Councils the Chair wished him well in retirement and thanked him for his contribution to GVROC during his time at the Shire of Menzies.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.50am

DECLARATION

These minutes were confirmed by the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils at the meeting held Friday 19 June 2015

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