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Council Meeting

Friday 22 April 2016
In-Person Meeting
City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Councillors Conference Room

MINUTES

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GOLDFIELDS VOLUNTARY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (GVROC)

An in-person meeting of the GVROC Council will be held Friday 22 April 2016 commencing at 9.00am.

MINUTES

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Chair, Cr Cullen, opened the meeting at 9.00am welcoming everyone in attendance with a special welcome to John Walker, CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Pursuant to the Code of Conduct, Councillors and CEOs must declare to the Chairman any potential conflict of interest they may have in a matter before the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils 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.

3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Attendance

Cr Mal Cullen (Chair)	President, Shire of Coolgardie
Cr Tracey Rathbone	Deputy President Shire of Coolgardie
Mr Paul Webb	CEO, Shire of Coolgardie
Cr Jacquie Best	President Shire of Dundas
Mr Doug Stead	CEO Shire of Dundas
Cr Victoria Brown	President, Shire of Esperance
Cr Beverley Stewart	Councillor, Shire of Esperance
Mr Terry Sargent	Director External Services, Shire of Esperance
Cr Suzie Williams	Councillor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Cr Pam O'Donnell	Councillor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Mr John Walker	CEO, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Mr Steve Deckert	CEO, Shire of Laverton
Cr Peter Craig	President Shire of Leonora
Mr Jim Epis	CEO, Shire of Leonora
Cr Jill Dwyer	President, Shire of Menzies
Cr Jamie Mazza	Councillor, Shire of Menzies
Mr Pascoe Durtanovich	A/CEO, Shire of Menzies
Mr Chris Paget (joined the meeting via teleconference at 10.44am)	CEO, Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku
Cr Kerry Dickenson (joined the meeting via teleconference at 11.02am)	Councillor, Shire of Ravensthorpe
Ms Jenny Goodbourn (joined the meeting via teleconference at 10.41am)	Shire of Ravensthorpe
Manager Corporate and Community Services	President Shire of Wiluna
Cr Jim Quadrio	A/CEO Shire of Wiluna
Mr Dean Taylor	

Ms Helen Westcott, Joint Executive Officer
Mr Bruce Wittber, Joint Executive Officer

3.2 Apologies

Mr Matthew Scott, CEO Shire of Esperance
Mayor John Bowler, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Cr Patrick Hill, President, Shire of Laverton
Cr Shaneane Weldon, Deputy President, Shire of Laverton
Cr Damian McLean, President, Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku
Cr Keith Dunlop, President, Shire of Ravensthorpe
Cr Ian Goldfinch, Councillor, Shire of Ravensthorpe
Mr Ian Fitzgerald, CEO, Shire of Ravensthorpe Shire of Ravensthorpe

Ms Julia Shadlow-Bath, Chair Regional Development Australia Goldfields Esperance (RDAGE)
Ms Carol Mann, Executive Officer, RDAGE
Mr Tony Crook, Chair Goldfields Esperance Development Commission (GEDC)
Mr Shayne Flanagan, CEO GEDC
Ms Wendy Duncan MLA, Member for Kalgoorlie
Ms Jessica Machin, CEO Country Arts WA

Note: Invitations to Julia Shadlow-Bath, Carol Mann, Tony Crook and Shayne Flanagan were extended for today's meeting but all had prior commitments. Invitations have been extended to attend a future meeting of GVROC.

3.3 Guests

Ms Jane McNamara, Manager Community Affairs WA and NT, NBN Co (left the meeting at 10.12am)
Mr Grant Andrews, Managing Director, Uniqco Group of Companies (left the meeting at 10.12am)
Mr James Trail, Manager Operations, Uniqco Group of Companies (left the meeting at 10.12am)
Mr Ross Wood, Executive Officer, Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc (GNRBA) (left the meeting at 9.26am)
Mr Mac Jensen, Biosecurity Manager, Department of Agriculture and Food (left the meeting at 9.26am)

3.4 WALGA Representative

Mr Mark Batty, Executive Manager Environment and Waste

3.5 Department of Local Government and Communities Representative

Mr Tim Fowler, Manager of Local Government Capacity Building Strategy, Research and Initiative

4. GUEST SPEAKERS/PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Mr Ross Wood, Executive Officer, Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc (GNRBA) and Mr Mac Jensen, Biosecurity Manager, Department of Agriculture and Food

The GNRBA, through its Executive Officer Ross Wood, has requested an opportunity to meet with GVROC's Member Councils. In meeting with GVROC the GNRBA would like to discuss the following matters:

- The BAM Bill and potential for multiple ratings
- Partnerships of Shires with GNRBA to achieve good outcomes on private/public lands
 1. Wiluna Partnership
 2. Menzies Partnership
 3. Leonora Partnership
 4. Proposed works with other Shires
- The GNRBA R4R research grant using drones to find cactus - an update

- Cactus biological control release at Tarmoola – an update
- Shire dump policies and how policy can affect biosecurity (eg the issue of illegal dumps)

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation given by Ross Wood forms an attachment to the minutes of the meeting.

Ross Wood and Mac Jensen left the meeting at 9.26am.

4.2 Mr Grant Andrews, Managing Director and Mr James Trail, Manager Operations, Uniqco Group of Companies (Attachment)

The Uniqco Group of Companies are involved in the management of fleet and working with local governments to implement best practice plant and fleet management.

James Trail, Uniqco's Manager Operations in Western Australia, has requested an opportunity to meet with GVROC's Member Councils to present the company's Consolidated Operational/Shared Service approach to the management of fleet.

Background information on this approach forms an attachment to the meeting agenda.

The PowerPoint presentation given by Grant Andrews forms an attachment to the minutes of the meeting.

Grant Andrews and James Trail left the meeting at 10.12am.

4.3 Ms Jane McNamara, Manager Community Affairs WA and NT, NBN Co

NBN Co contacted the Executive Officer at the start of 2016 with a request to meet with Member Councils. An invitation has been extended to representatives from NBN Co to meet with Member Councils at today's meeting.

Ms Jane McNamara, Manager Community Affairs WA and NT, NBN Co will provide Member Councils with an update on the rollout of the nbn™ network across the Goldfields Esperance Region.

The PowerPoint presentation given by Jane McNamara forms an attachment to the minutes of the meeting.

Jane left the meeting at 10.12am.

4.4 Ms Jessica Machin, CEO Country Arts WA

At the recent launch of the region's Blueprint, Jessica Machin was invited by Cr Cullen, GVROC's Chair, to meet with Member Councils.

The purpose of the meeting is for Country Arts WA to brief GVROC on developments with the Goldfields-Esperance Arts and Cultural Framework, Leadership Program and key developments and opportunities for local government arising from these programs.

Ms Machin was unable to attend and present at the meeting.

RESOLUTION:	Moved: Cr Williams	Seconded: Mr Epis
That the Meeting adjourn at 10.12am for morning tea.		
CARRIED		

RESOLUTION:	Moved: Cr Rathbone	Seconded: Cr Stewart
That the Meeting resume at 10.40am following morning tea.		
CARRIED		

Mr Chris Paget joined the meeting via teleconference at 10.44am

Ms Jenny Goodbourn joined the meeting via teleconference at 10.41am

5. MINUTES OF MEETINGS**5.1 Minutes of a Meeting of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) held Friday 29 January 2016 (Attachment)**

Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 29 January 2016 have been circulated to Member Councils.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 29 January 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

EN BLOC RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Rathbone Seconded: Cr Williams

That the Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 29 January 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

5.2 Minutes of a Meeting of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) held Friday 26 February 2016 (Attachment)

Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 26 February 2016 have been circulated to Member Councils.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 26 February 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

EN BLOC RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Rathbone Seconded: Cr Williams

That the Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 26 February 2016 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

5.3 Minutes of a Meeting of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) Technical Officers Working Group held Friday 18 March 2016 (Attachment)

Minutes of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group Meeting held Friday 18 March 2016 have been circulated to Member Councils.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group Meeting held Friday 18 March 2016 be received.

EN BLOC RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Rathbone Seconded: Cr Williams

That the Minutes of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group Meeting held Friday 18 March 2016 be received.

CARRIED

5.4 Business Arising from Meetings of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) - GVROC Status Report for April 2016

The Executive Officer will provide an update to Member Councils.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the GVROC Status Report, as presented, be received.

EN BLOC RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Rathbone Seconded: Cr Williams

That the GVROC Status Report, as presented, be received.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: Moved: Mr Epis Seconded: Cr Williams

That GVROC write to the Premier Hon Colin Barnett expressing its continuing concern over the disproportionate increases in the Emergency Services Levy and the decline in the proportion of funding from consolidated revenue made available for emergency services.

CARRIED

5.5 Matters for Noting (Attachment)

The following papers are presented for noting:

- Correspondence from the Minister for Regional Development; Lands dated 10 March 2016 re completion and release of the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission Regional Blueprint;
- Unconfirmed Minutes from a Meeting of the Goldfields Esperance District Emergency Management Committee held Wednesday 16 March 2016;
- Goldfields Esperance District Emergency Management Committee Communique for March 2106;
- Correspondence from GVROC dated 18 March 2016 to the Chair, Chamber of Minerals and Energy Eastern Regional Council re the Goldfields records Storage Facility;
- Correspondence from Mr Shayne Flanagan dated 18 March 2016 re GVROC's submission on the Goldfields Esperance Regional Investment Blueprint;
- Advertisement calling for Expressions of Interest for the Goldfields-Esperance Revitalisation Fund Tranche 2; and
- Information relating to the Futures Forum being held in Kalgoorlie 3-4 May 2016.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the papers detailed in Item 5.5 be noted.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Rathbone Seconded: Cr Stewart

That the papers detailed in Item 5.5 be noted.

CARRIED

6. GVROC FINANCE

6.1 Financial Statements for Period ending 31 March 2016 and Accounts for Payment (Attachment)

From Executive Officer

Background:

Presenting the unaudited financial statement for the period 1 July 2015 to 31 March 2016 and the accounts for payment for the period 16 January 2016 to 13 April 2016

Financial Statement:

The Executive Officer provides the following comment:

1. Account 501 - Members subscriptions – all members' subscriptions have been paid.
2. Account 502 – Members subscriptions Goldfields District Display – all members' subscriptions have been paid.
3. Accounts 1513 and 1514 – Executive Officer Services – payment for Executive Officer Services and expenses incurred such as travel and accommodation.
4. Account 1555 – Included in this account is expenditure for the farewell dinner for Ron Yuryevich at the GVROC Meeting on 8 October.
5. Account 512 - Project General Contributions - all members' subscriptions have been paid.
6. Account 515 - DLG Grant Asset Management – these funds have been transferred from the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. During August 2015 the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder transferred the balance of the grant funds to GVROC to administer.
7. Account 1846 – This includes a refund to the Department of Regional Development of the unspent funds for the Goldfields Storage Facility of \$16,601 and an amount of \$6,354 for attendance by the Goldfields Tourism Network at the CMCA Rally in Albany.
8. Account 1836 – Sponsorship Goldfields District Display – expenditure to assist the preparation of the Royal Show District Display.
9. Account 1848 – DLG Asset Management Business Case – the management of this project has been transferred to GVROC and reimbursement payments are made to the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder on a quarterly basis.

Accounts Paid:

Cheque/ EFT	Date	Payee	Details	Amount incl GST
EFT	050216	BHW Consulting	Professional Services July, August and September 2015	11,558.26
EFT	090216	Up to Date Accounting	Accounting Services December 2015 and January 2016	382.80
EFT	300316	City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder	GERCG Asset Management Project Quarter 2 Reimbursement	24,427.70
EFT	010416	BHW Consulting	Reimbursement Expenses Travel, Accommodation GVROC Meeting 27 November 2015, 29 January 2016 and 18 March 2016 Reimbursement, Teleconference expenses 28 August, 4 September, 6 November 2015 and 18 March 2016	4,989.07
TOTAL				\$41,357.83

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Statement of Financial Position for the period ending 31 March 2016, as attached, be received.
2. That the Accounts Paid for the period 16 January 2016 to 13 April 2016 totalling \$41,357.83 be approved.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Best

Seconded: Cr Craig

1. That the Statement of Financial Position for the period ending 31 March 2016, as attached, be received.
2. That the Accounts Paid for the period 16 January 2016 to 13 April 2016 totalling \$41,357.83 be approved.

CARRIED

6.2 GVROC 2016/2017 Budget

Reporting Officer: Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: 13 April 2016

Attachments: Draft 2016/2017 GVROC Budget

Background:

Presenting the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) Draft Budget for 2016/2017

The budget also includes allocations relating to the Goldfields Esperance Country Zone and Goldfields Esperance Regional Collaborative Group funds. The draft budget, as presented, is effectively a combined GVROC, Goldfields Esperance Country Zone and Goldfields Esperance Regional Collaborative Group budget.

The GVROC MOU provides that Annual Contributions will be determined by the GVROC Council.

Executive Officer Comment:

The following notes may assist in considering the draft Budget:

1. The annual subscription is proposed to be maintained at the current level of \$11,000 (excl GST) per Member Council as there is currently a surplus in the GVROC accumulation account.
2. During 2013/2014 the GVROC agreed to change the funding level for the support of the Goldfields District Display. The new arrangement was implemented in 2013/2014 and is proposed to be maintained in 2016/2017. The contributions for 2015/2016 year were:
 - City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder - \$6,500.00
 - Shire of Coolgardie – \$2,400.00
 - Shire of Dundas - \$2,400.00
 - Shire of Laverton - \$2,400.00
 - Shire of Leonora - \$2,400.00
 - Shire of Menzies - \$2,400.00
 - Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku - \$2,400.00
 - Shire of Wiluna - \$2,400.00

All amounts exclude GST. The level of sponsorship has been retained at \$24,000.

3. Interest accrued on general operating GVROC funds – the amount has been reduced from the 2015/2016 year due to a declining interest rate.
4. Interest accrued to the DLGC Grant for asset management implementation and is required to be accounted separately and added to the grant. The Grant is being progressively expended which will result in a reduced amount of interest.
5. The allocation relates to the GVROC Executive Officer services.
6. An allocation to meet the cost of meeting room hire for any meetings that may be held in Perth. During Local Government Week no cost is incurred when using a meeting room at the Convention Centre however the GVROC may decide to meet elsewhere at Local Government Week 2016.
7. Cost of holding meetings by teleconference. This amount has increased over the previous year as there is a growing tendency for Member Councils to join meetings by teleconference.
8. An allocation to meet the cost of food and beverages at meetings. The main cost is related to meetings held during Local Government Week but there is also an allowance should GVROC wish to meet the cost of some dinner functions.
9. This allocation covers the cost of the Executive Officer managing the GVROC finances through the outsourced provider.
10. Following the decision to outsource the financial management of GVROC it was also agreed to undertake an annual audit of the books of account. This allocation meets that cost. An allocation for the completion of acquittals of various grant programs is also included.

11. An annual subscription of \$2,500 (excl GST) for each Member Council that gives flexibility to undertake special projects or consultancies. It should be noted that the GVROC accumulation account is estimated to have a surplus of about \$32,000 at the 30 June 2016.
12. An allocation to enable the GVROC to undertake special projects or consultancies.
13. The expenditure associated with the Digital Action Plan project. Given that this project has been with the GVROV for several years the funds have been incorporated to be expended in the 0216/2017 financial year.
14. Contribution to the Goldfields District Display which has been retained at a contribution of \$24,000.
15. Expenditure on the DLGC Asset Management Project which is scheduled to be fully expended in 2016/2017. The allocation includes accumulated interest.

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the GVROC Council adopt the Draft Budget for the year ending 30 June 2017, as circulated, with the following contributions:

1. The general annual contribution for each Member Council be set at \$11,000 (excluding GST).
2. A contribution of \$2,400 (excl GST) from each of the Shires of Coolgardie, Dundas, Laverton, Leonora, Menzies, Ngaanyatjarraku and Wiluna and \$6,500 (excl GST) from the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder for sponsorship of the Royal Show Goldfields District Display.
3. A contribution of \$2,500 (excl GST) from each Member Council be set for GVROC general projects.

11.02 am Cr Dickenson joined the meeting via teleconference

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Rathbone Seconded: Mr Stead

That the GVROC Council adopt the Draft Budget for the year ending 30 June 2017, as circulated, with the following contributions:

1. **The general annual contribution for each Member Council be set at \$11,000 (excluding GST).**
2. **A contribution of \$2,400 (excl GST) from each of the Shires of Coolgardie, Dundas, Laverton, Leonora, Menzies, Ngaanyatjarraku and Wiluna and \$6,500 (excl GST) from the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder for sponsorship of the Royal Show Goldfields District Display.**
3. **A contribution of \$2,500 (excl GST) from each Member Council be set for GVROC general projects.**

CARRIED

7. GOLDFIELDS RECORDS STORAGE FACILITY - FINANCE AND OTHER MATTERS**7.1 Financial Statement for the Period ending 31 March 2016 (Attachment)**

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

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: 13 April 2016

Attachments: Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Period commencing 1 July and ending 31 March 2016

Executive Officer Comment:
Nil

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Statement of Financial Position for the period commencing 1 July and ending 31 March 2016, as attached, be received.

EN BLOC RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Brown Seconded: Cr O'Donnell

That the Statement of Financial Position for the period commencing 1 July and ending 31 March 2016, as attached, be received.

CARRIED

7.2 Progress Report for Goldfields Records Storage Facility for the Period Ending 31 March 2016

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

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: 13 April 2016

Attachments: Goldfields Records Storage Progress Report January – March 2016
Monthly Income Chart

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 1 July 2015 to 31 March 2016 also forms an attachment to the meeting agenda.

Executive Officer Comment:

No further comment required.

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

Additional Meeting Comment:

John Walker, CEO City of Kalgoorlie Boulder, reported that the Technical Officers Working Group had established a small working group to review the operations of the Goldfields Records Storage Facility. The next meeting of the Technical Officers Working Group would include an inspection of the Facility.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the update on the operations of the Goldfields Records Storage Facility for the period ending 31 March 2016 be received.

EN BLOC RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Brown Seconded: Cr O'Donnell

That the update on the operations of the Goldfields Records Storage Facility for the period ending 31 March 2016 be received.

CARRIED

8. GVROC BUSINESS

8.1 GVROC Meeting Dates 2016

Reporting Officer: Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: No interest to disclose

Date: 29 March 2016

Attachments: Nil

Background:

At the GVROC Council meeting held in Esperance on Friday 29 January 2016 GVROC's meeting schedule for 2016 was considered with the meeting resolving as follows:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Cr Best* *Seconded: Cr Rathbone*

1. *That the GVROC Council adopt the following meeting schedule for the coming 12 month period:*

- *Friday 26 February 2016 – a teleconference to consider the WALGA State Council agenda for the State Council meeting to be held Wednesday 2 March 2016;*
 - *Friday 18 March 2016 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined);*
 - *Friday 22 April 2016 - an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council at which the WALGA State Council Agenda for the State Council meeting to be held 7-8 May 2016 will also be considered (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined);*
 - *Friday 27 May 2016 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined);*
 - *Friday 1 July 2016 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council at which the WALGA State Council Agenda for the State Council meeting to be held Wednesday 6 July 2016 will also be considered (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined);*
 - *Friday 22 July 2016 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined);*
 - *Wednesday 3 August 2016 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council in Perth (venue to be determined);*
 - *Friday 2 September 2016 – a teleconference to consider the WALGA State Council agenda for the State Council meeting to be held 8-9 September 2016;*
 - *Friday 30 September 2016 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group (venue to be determined);*
 - *Friday 4 November 2016 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined);*
 - *Friday 2 December 2016 – a teleconference to consider the WALGA State Council agenda for the State Council meeting to be held Wednesday 7 December 2016;*
 - *Friday 9 December an in-person meeting of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined); and*
 - *Friday 3 February 2017 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council in Esperance.*
2. *That the Technical Officers Working Group give consideration to the conduct of a GVROC meeting in a location other than Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Esperance.*

CARRIED

Executive Officer Comment:

In discussing this matter there are a number of points should be noted:

1. Prior to the meeting schedule Member Councils were requested to provide feedback on meeting dates and any potential clashes; and
2. At the time the meeting schedule was adopted only one meeting clash was identified, that of the Goldfields Esperance Board Meeting scheduled for Friday 22 April 2016.

Since that time, however, the Executive Officer has been made aware of a number of conflicts with some GVROC meeting dates, including:

- Friday 18 March 2016 – GVROC Technical Officers Working Group Meeting – the Shire of Ravensthorpe met the previous day (Council meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month) and the CEO was unable to travel to Kalgoorlie for the meeting given the distance;
- Friday 22 April – GVROC Council Meeting – the Shire of Ravensthorpe will meet the previous day, ie Thursday 21 April (Council meets on the 3rd Thursday) and is unable to travel to Kalgoorlie for the meeting given the distance. The Shire of Laverton had a Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday 21 April but has rescheduled its meeting to Thursday 28 April 2016; and
- Friday 22 July 2016 GVROC Technical Officers Working Group Meeting – the Shire of Ravensthorpe met the previous day (Council meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month) and the CEO is unable to travel to Kalgoorlie for the meeting given the distance.

The President Shire of Dundas has also advised that she and her CEO (as with other Presidents/Mayors and CEOs) have received invitations to a State and Local Government Forum (which includes the “speed dating sessions” some Member Councils participate in). The Forum is to run from 8.40am to 12.30pm on Wednesday 3 August 2016. This event clashes with the GVROC meeting scheduled for the morning of Wednesday 3 August. She has requested that the GVROC meeting be rescheduled.

In working through each of the above issues the following comments and possible solutions are offered:

- Whilst it has not been possible to change today’s meeting, the Shire of Ravensthorpe is able to participate via teleconference (as does the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku when it is unable to physically attend a meeting). This will always be the case for any Council unable to attend an in-person meeting.
- The Technical Officers Working Group Meeting scheduled for Friday 22 July 2016 could be moved to Friday 15 July.
- GVROC Meetings have been scheduled at the same time as the State and Local Government Forum for a number of years now. Given that at past meetings GVROC has been successful in attracting Government Ministers to GVROC meetings there has not been a desire by Member Councils to move the meeting time away from its current time slot. With respect to “speed dating” sessions, Councils participating in “speed dating” have generally absented themselves from the meeting to attend their nominated session and then returned to the meeting.

A major reason for holding a GVROC meeting during Local Government is that generally speaking it is one at which all 10 Councils are able to attend. From the perspective of increasing the collegiate nature and participation in of GVROC meetings this is a strong reason for maintaining the current meeting date and time.

The Executive Officer has spoken to the GVROC Chair on whether an alternative date should be found for the GVROC Council Meeting. Whilst Friday 26 August, depending upon Member Councils’ availability, is a date where an in-person meeting could be held, a number of invitations to representatives from various government agencies on Wednesday 3 August would also have to be rescheduled.

If a meeting was scheduled for Friday 26 August 2016 there may be the potential to discuss the September WALGA State Council Agenda at this meeting. This would, however, depend on the agenda’s availability. If the WALGA State Council Agenda was available for discussion the teleconference scheduled for Friday 2 September 2016 would not be required.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the GVROC amend its 2016 meeting schedule such that the in-person meeting of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group scheduled for Friday 22 July 2016 be held on Friday 15 July.

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Best

Seconded: Cr Craig

That the GVROC amend its 2016 meeting schedule such that the in-person meeting of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group scheduled for Friday 22 July 2016 be held on Friday 15 July.

CARRIED

8.2 Meeting Locations for GVROC Council and Technical Officer Working Group Meetings

Reporting Officer: Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 13 April 2016

Attachments: Nil

Background:

At the GVROC Council Meeting held in Esperance on Friday 29 January 2016 the Technical Officers Working Group was requested to give consideration to the conduct of a GVROC meeting during 2016 in a location other than Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Esperance.

Executive Officer Comment:

Meetings, for both the GVROC Council and the Technical Officers Working Group have been held in locations other than Kalgoorlie-Boulder, particularly those for the Technical Officers Working Group. Whilst some GVROC Council Meetings have been held in locations outside Kalgoorlie-Boulder, other than the annual meetings in Esperance (a long-held tradition that predates the establishment of GVROC), most in recent years have been held in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

The choice of Kalgoorlie-Boulder as a meeting destination has been largely due to its central location for GVROC's Member Councils, an important consideration given the vast area covered by the group's membership and the travelling time required to attend meetings.

In considering alternative venues for GVROC meetings, the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group resolved as follows at the meeting held Friday 18 March 2106:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Pascoe Durtanovich* *Seconded: Jim Epis*

1. *That the GVROC Executive Officer investigate the feasibility of a GVROC Council Meeting being held in Warburton during 2016.*
2. *That the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group Meeting scheduled for Friday 27 May 2016 be hosted by the Shire of Coolgardie.*

CARRIED

Prior to determining the feasibility of conducting a GVROC Council Meeting in Warburton during 2016 the Executive Officer requires the following information from Member Councils:

1. How many members are able commit to travelling out to Warburton for a GVROC Council meeting. This number is required to determine the type of plane required for the trip. It might also determine what size charter plane is required for the trip and whether or not a plane would have to be sourced from Perth or not (Member Councils might recall that for the trip out to Wiluna a number of years ago two planes were used, with one coming from Perth, the other from Kalgoorlie).
2. Would everyone be leaving from Kalgoorlie or would a number of collection sites be required?
3. Is GVROC happy for surplus tickets to be on-sold to either representative from WALGA or the GEDC? This was done for the GVROC visit to Wiluna and helped offset the cost of chartering the planes used for the trip.

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

The matter is presented for discussion.

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Cr Rathbone* *Seconded: Cr Dwyer*

That the Executive Officer investigate the holding of a GVROC Council Meeting to be hosted by the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku.

CARRIED

8.3 Regional Traineeship Program

Reporting Officer:	Helen Westcott, Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	4 April 2016
Attachments:	Media Statement from the Minister for Local Government and Communities and the Minister for Regional Development dated 4 April 2016

Background:

At the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 27 November 2015, the Shire of Dundas raised the issue of traineeships. The potential for establishing regionally based traineeship program, whereby trainees would get experience across the region and not just in one local government was discussed with the meeting resolving as shown below.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Best Seconded: Cr Harris

That the Executive Officer prepare a report on the potential for a regionally focussed local government traineeship program for consideration at the GVROC Council meeting to be held on Esperance on Friday 29 January 2016.

CARRIED

When the Executive Officer provided an update on the report's presentation to the meeting held on Friday 29 January it was further resolved that:

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Rathbone Seconded: Cr Hill

- 1. That the GVROC Status Report, as presented, be received.*
- 2. The Executive Officer contact the Shire of Esperance for additional information on its "graduate" program in preparing the report on a regionally focussed local government traineeship program.*

CARRIED

It should be noted the request detailed above was made because it was considered any traineeship program developed should be for university graduates rather for vocationally based occupations.

Additional information was provided to Member Councils at the Technical Officers Working Group Meeting held Friday 18 March 2016 including the following points:

- Currently only the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder offer traineeships. Currently it offers 13 traineeships annually, across a broad range of the City's activities.
- The Shire of Esperance has advised that when it advertises certain positions, particularly those of Building Surveyor, Planner and Environmental Health Officer the advertisements note that graduates are encouraged to apply. Over the past twelve months, the Shire has appointed a graduate to each of these positions. Once the graduate is appointed, there always is a more senior officer who is able to supervise/mentor the new staff member as well as provide guidance in relation to the duties required. This whilst not a traineeship program does offer an opportunity for newly graduated people to work within a country local government.
- Whilst a number of country local governments offer apprentice traineeships appears to be little for university students.
- In further discussing the idea of regional traineeships CEOs agreed that the smaller Member Councils would have limited ability/resources to supervise and mentor trainees. There was also agreement that the costs associated with providing a scholarship would also need to be more closely considered.
- Both the Shire of Esperance and the City of Kalgoorlie offered to provide support to smaller Member Councils should some form of sponsorship for trainees be developed for GVROC.

On the information available the Technical Officers Working Group resolved as follows on Friday 18 March 2016:

RESOLUTION: Moved: Jim Epis Seconded: Doug Stead

That GVROC's Member Councils work with the Shire of Esperance and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder to further explore the establishment of a regional graduate program.

CARRIED

Executive Officer Comment:

Whilst the Executive Officer is unsure how far the Shire of Esperance and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder have progressed with the above resolution, the State Government released a media statement on the creation of a new program to retain more young people in regional local government careers.

A copy of the media statement forms an attachment to the meeting agenda.

The Country Local Government Fund Youth Development Program is one of five initiatives that have received a total of \$5 million in funding over two years to improve the capacity of regional local government. The program is being funded by the Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Fund through the Department of Local Government and Communities' capacity building program.

Young people up to the age of 30 who are already employed in regional local government will be able to participate in the program. As well as career opportunities, participants will get the chance to put forward ideas for future community development and ways of meeting the needs of the local and wider community.

This program may provide, in part, a way for Member Councils to provide incentive for young people to be retained or come to their communities to live and be trained in a local government career.

The Executive Officer has put in a call to the Minister for Regional Development's Office prior to the completion of this item but has yet to receive a response. Before submitting an application for funding from this program Member Councils need to be aware of any costs etc in participating in the program.

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That GVROC investigate the potential for obtaining funding through the Country Local Government Fund Youth Development Program to assist in establishing a regionally focussed local government traineeship program.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Brown Seconded: Cr Best

That GVROC investigate the potential for obtaining funding through the Country Local Government Fund Youth Development Program to assist in establishing a regionally focussed local government traineeship program.

CARRIED

8.4 Appointment of an Auditor for the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils

Reporting Officer: Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 14 April 2016

Attachments: Nil

Background:

At the GVROC Council Meeting held in Esperance on Friday 29 January 2016 the appointment of an auditor for GVROC's finance's was discussed, with the meeting resolving as shown below:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Cr Rathbone* *Seconded: Mayor Bowler*

1. That GVROC approve the Draft Financial Report, Representation Letter and Draft Management Letter and authorise the President and Executive Officer to sign as indicated.
2. That consideration be given by GVROC to seek expressions of interest for the conduct of the annual audit from suitably qualified GVROC based organisations.

CARRIED

Executive Officer Comment:

Following some investigative work by the Executive Officer, the matter was further considered by the Technical Officers Working Group when it met on Friday 18 March 2016, with the matter being resolved as follows:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Pascoe Durtanovich* *Seconded: Dean Taylor*

That the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group recommend to the GVROC Council that the auditing arrangements be maintained.

CARRIED

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That GVROC Council maintain its current auditing arrangements.

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

That GVROC Council maintain its current auditing arrangements.

CARRIED

8.5 Asset Management Project Report on NAMS Plus 3 Training held in Kalgoorlie 10-11 March 2016

Reporting Officer: John O’Sullivan, Manager Assets and Procurement City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 31 March 2016

Attachments: Report on recent NAMS Training for GVROC
Third Quarterly Report for 2015/2016 for the GERCG Implementation Project

Background:

John O’Sullivan, the City of Kalgoorlie- Boulder’s Manager Assets and Procurement City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder has provided a report recent NAMS training undertaken by Member Councils, a copy of which forms an attachment to the meeting agenda.

A copy of the Third Quarterly Report for 2015/2016 for the GERCG Implementation Project is also attached.

Executive Officer Comment:

No further comment required.

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the update on the GVROC asset management project be noted.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Stewart** **Seconded: Cr Rathbone**

That the update on the GVROC asset management project be noted.

CARRIED

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

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

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 15 April 2016

Attachments: Nil

Background:

The need to develop renewable energy and energy efficient projects was recognised by Member Councils as early as 2012. At the GVROC Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1 August 2012 Member Councils resolved 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 Ngaanyatjaraku (still to be determined); and*
4. *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

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder has been the Lead Council for the projects developed, providing regular reports on the projects and undertaking the work associated with the projects' implementation.

The project was last discussed at GVROC level at the Council Meeting held in Esperance on Friday 29 January 2016 at which time it was resolved as shown below:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Cr Best* *Seconded: Cr Rathbone*

That:

1. *the Executive Officer's report be noted;*
2. *a report on LED lighting tariffs be finalised for discussion at the next meeting of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group;*
3. *that GVROC seek support from WALGA on the LED lighting tariffs, in particular GVROC's efforts for better tariffs to be offered;*
4. *GVROC request the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder use some of the CEEP funding originally set aside for media coverage specific to the LED project in the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder for a Perth focussed media campaign that focuses on the LED project from a regional perspective;*

5. *GVROC write to the Treasurer and Minister for Energy, Hon Dr Mike Nahan MLA, seeking resolution to the issue of the imposition of a "gift tax" on the Shire of Ravensthorpe for the installation of LED lighting within their communities by Western Power, requesting that the "gift tax" be waived as was done for the installation of LED lighting in Member Councils where Horizon Power is the electricity service provider; and*
6. *The issue of the imposition of a "gift tax" by Western Power on the installation of LED lighting be referred to the WA Local Government Association.*

CARRIED

Executive Officer Comment:

The Executive Officer has worked with Ryan Wilson, the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's Sustainability Officer, on the various tasks requested in the above resolution. Comment on each is provided below.

There is no information available from the ERA's website relating to tariffs for LED lighting. A formal request will be made for this information particularly as it would appear that that Horizon Power have used this opportunity to reduce their losses at the expense of Member Councils and the savings of LED lights were not passed on via the tariffs. This might also be an issue that Member Councils seek support from WALGA on, particularly given the work WALGA has undertaken recently around street lighting.

The Executive Officer sought comment on tariffs from WALGA, speaking with Annabelle Stewart, an Environmental Policy Advisor at WALGA.

Whilst unable to help provide a detailed response on WALGA's position on gift tax (Annabelle has only just commenced at WALGA), Annabelle was able to provide the following information for Member Councils:

- WALGA supports the notion of more competitive and transparent street lighting tariffs. Currently, tariffs in WA do not provide a breakdown of costs and are considerably higher compared to major electricity distributors operating in the National Electricity Market.
- Following collation of responses to its Discussion Paper on Energy Efficient Street Lighting, WALGA is now in the early planning stages for co-ordination and advocacy around a street lighting pilot project, to be carried out in two or three Local Government areas, in conjunction with Western Power.

The pilot project will be used to identify and address the issues and hurdles that arise for Local Governments pursuing LED retrofit projects. WALGA anticipates the project will include high and unclear tariffs. WALGA has developed an internal Public Lighting Project Plan and a draft Advocacy Plan, which outline the steps required to progress the pilot project.

As part of the first step, an external consultant has been approached to quantify the costs and savings associated with Local Governments retrofitting LED lights. Following an outline of where Local Governments will be expected to commit funds, WALGA will issue an Expression of Interest to determine which Local Governments would like to participate in the pilot project.

WALGA will keep other Local Governments and GVROC informed of their progress with the pilot project, along with any problems and solutions that arise regarding LED lighting tariffs.

Further media coverage on the lighting project is not possible as there are no longer funds available. With the delay in commencement of the project some of the grant funding made available through the CEEP program had to be returned to the Federal Government.

The Executive Officer has written to the Treasurer and Minister for Energy, Hon Dr Mike Nahan MLA, regarding the imposition of a "gift tax" on the Shire of Ravensthorpe for the installation of LED lighting within their communities by Western Power. As yet a response has not been received.

Ryan Wilson has also provided an update on the two projects for Member Councils information. The updates are provided below.

GVROC LED Streetlight Project

- Installations are now complete across all Horizon Power towns with final installations completed in Esperance in February 2016.
- 16 of the 36 streetlights for Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie will be installed on Sunday 17 April 2016, with remaining 20 lights and replacement poles to be completed by the end of the 2015/2016 financial year.
- The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder is working on submission of final milestone reports, final reports and acquittals for the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science.

- Streetlights invoices were to be amended for all participating Member Councils by the end of March 2016 to ensure new LED tariffs are in place. Horizon Power will credit Councils for the time between installation and the change in the invoices.

Solar PV Systems

- Completion of the 30kW system in Menzies is on track for completion on 22 April 2016
- Completion of the 100kW system in Kambalda has been pushed out to the end of June 2016 due to a delay in the Western Power application process.
- The tender for the 60kW system in Esperance closed on Wednesday 13 April 2016, with four tenders received. A recommendation to the Shire of Esperance will be submitted on the 21 April 2016.
- The request for tender for 2 x 60kW systems in Laverton will not occur until the end of July 2016, as it has the largest budget and therefore has the highest potential for cost blowout. It has therefore been decided to wait until all other tenders have been awarded in order to assess the remaining project budget and whether the initially proposed system sizes are still achievable.
- The request for tender for a 96kW system in Kalgoorlie has been pushed out to June 2016 due to a delay in the approval of the variation by the Department of Regional Development (DRD).
- The request for tender for a 30kW system in Hopetoun will proceed in June 2016 as scheduled.

A variation request to the DRD to account for the change in solar PV systems in Esperance (50kW to 60kW), Laverton (2 x 50kW to 2 x 60kW), Kalgoorlie and Hopetoun as well as the streetlights for Kalgoorlie-Boulder was submitted 22 March 2016. Whilst a response has yet to be received, indications are that the variation will be approved.

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Officer's report be noted.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Williams** **Seconded: Cr Brown**

That the Executive Officer's report be noted.

CARRIED

8.7 Development of a GVROC Strategic Plan

Reporting Officer: Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 15 April 2016

Attachments: Nil

Background:

At the Technical Officers Working Group meeting held Friday 18 March 2016 the Shire of Wiluna raised the issue of the GVROC developing a strategic plan. Following discussion it was resolved as shown below.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Dean Taylor Seconded: Jim Epis

That the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group recommend to the GVROC Council that GVROC develop a Strategic Plan.

CARRIED

Executive Officer Comment:

As noted by the Technical Officers Working Group preparation of a strategic plan would establish a platform from by which GVROC could advocate to both State and Federal Governments on those issues of regional significance.

The Executive Officer believes that an externally facilitated workshop should be considered to assist Member Councils in developing a strategic plan.

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. GVROC develop a Strategic Plan; and
2. The Executive Officer obtain quotes from appropriately qualified facilitators to assist GVROC's Member Councils in developing a Strategic Plan, with funds from the GVROC Projects Account being used to develop the Strategic Plan.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Williams Seconded: Cr Rathbone

That:

1. **GVROC develop a Strategic Plan; and**
2. **the Executive Officer obtain quotes from appropriately qualified facilitators to assist GVROC's Member Councils in developing a Strategic Plan, with funds from the GVROC Projects Account being used to develop the Strategic Plan.**

CARRIED

8.8 Centralisation of Rangelands Natural Resource Management

Reporting Officer: Dean Taylor, A/CEO, Shire of Wiluna
Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 7 April 2016

Attachments: Nil

Background:

The Shire of Wiluna has requested that the issue of resourcing for the Rangelands Natural Resource Management (SNRM) unit of the statewide agency Rangelands Natural Resource management be considered by GVROC.

The Shire understands that SNRM no longer has offices based in Geraldton, with all officers working out of Perth but that an office for the Kimberley Rangelands is still being maintained in Broome, despite the area covered by rangelands being smaller in that area than the Southern Rangelands.

The Shire believes there needs to be a presence outside of Perth for SNRM either in Geraldton or Kalgoorlie as was the case previously. Given the revitalisation of the pastoral industry recommended in the regional blueprint, the Shire believes this downgrading is unacceptable.

The Shire has also requested that the issue of the management of the southern rangelands be listed as a permanent item on the GVROC agenda.

Executive Officer Comment:

The Executive Officer has reviewed the Rangelands NRM website and confirms the Shire of Wiluna's comments around the SNRM no longer having an office in Geraldton. The SNRM's Project manager is now based in Perth. Two NRM officers are based in the region but one is currently on maternity leave.

A permanent agenda item to cover all natural resource management issues would offer GVROC the opportunity to be provided with a regular update on such matters rather than in an *ad hoc* fashion as is currently the case.

Member Councils might also like to seek comment from the Member for Kalgoorlie, Ms Wendy Duncan MLA on this matter.

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

The matter is presented for decision.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Quadrio** **Seconded: Cr Rathbone**

That GVROC Executive Officer extend an invitation to:

1. the CEO Rangelands NRM to attend the next GVROC Technical Officers Working Group Meeting on Friday 27 May 2016 to discuss the re-establishment of a Rangelands NRM office in the region; and
2. the Minister for Transport and Agriculture to attend the GVROC Meeting to be held on Wednesday 3 August 2016.

CARRIED

GVROC Chair, Cr Cullen, advised the meeting that he needed to make an urgent call and in view of the Deputy Chair being absent he sought the appointment of a Meeting Chair.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Brown Seconded: Cr Williams

That Cr Best be appointed Chair during the absence of Cr Cullen.

CARRIED

11.48am Cr Cullen left the meeting

11.57am Cr Cullen returned to the meeting

8.9 Use of Fly-in Fly-out (FIFO) Workforce Workers

Reporting Officer:	Dean Taylor, A/CEO, Shire of Wiluna Helen Westcott, Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Date:	8 April 2016
Attachments:	Shire of Wiluna – Relevant section of the Shire of Wiluna OCM February 2016 Minutes

Background:

At its February 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting Council the Shire of Wiluna considered the negative impact that the practice of using FIFO workers has on remote communities such as Wiluna.

The section of the minutes from this meeting forms an attachment to the meeting agenda.

As Member Councils will see the Shire of Wiluna have requested that the matter be listed for discussion by the GVROC Council.

Executive Officer Comment:

Member Councils might like to seek comment from the Member for Kalgoorlie, Ms Wendy Duncan MLA on this matter.

Consultation: Nil

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

The matter is presented for discussion.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Williams** **Seconded: Cr Rathbone**

That GVROC seek to collaborate with the Pilbara Regional Council and other affected areas to create a campaign to influence the political parties at the forthcoming State and Federal elections to limit the adverse effects of FIFO.

CARRIED

12.08pm Cr Cullen assumed the chair

9. 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

9.1 State Councillor / Goldfields Esperance Zone President's Report

Cr Mal Cullen (President, Shire of Coolgardie)

Cr Cullen mentioned that the current interpretation of the gift provisions has created considerable difficulties and uncertainty in the sector.

9.2 WALGA Status Report (Attachment)

From Executive Officer

BACKGROUND:

Presenting the Status Report for April 2016 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils notes the WALGA Status Report.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Brown Seconded: Cr Best

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils notes the WALGA Status Report. CARRIED

9.3 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 Gift Provisions (05-034-001-0001 TB)

WALGA Recommendation

That WALGA seek alignment in the interpretation of a gift as described in the WA Ministerial Code of Conduct and consequentially request the Minister for Local Government to amend the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* and the *Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007* in respect to the Gift provisions to provide Elected Members and Officers with an exemption for the following;

1. Gifts provided in a genuine personal capacity;

2. Business involving Local Government Associations and Organisations such as WALGA, ALGA and LGMA; and
3. Attendance at community events and functions provided by Community Groups.

ZONE COMMENT:

The interpretation of the new gift provisions has created significant debate in many Councils across the State.

The Shire of Laverton was one such Council, with the matter being discussed at its March meeting. A copy of agenda item covering the gift provisions forms an attachment to the meeting agenda, as does a copy of the Governance Bulletin 11 prepared by the Department of Local Government and Communities (DLGC).

The Shire of Laverton staff recommendation included in the agenda item was passed with a second part being added which was for Council's view to be forwarded to GVROC, with GVROC to be advised that the Shire is aggrieved with the imposition of the requirements of this legislation.

WALGA President Cr Lynne Craigie, Deputy President Mayor Tracey Roberts and Senior WALGA staff have also held meetings with Minister for Local Government; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Youth, The Hon Tony Simpson MLA and the Shadow Minister for Local Government; Community Services; Peel; Whip, David Templeman MLA.

The Minister has committed his Department to a review of the Act and Regulations to overcome the difficulties highlighted by WALGA and LGMA. There is a concern that even though the Minister has committed to a review the timeliness with which such a review is undertaken is unlikely to address the concern of elected members and senior employees in the short term. This means that the interpretations outlined in the Governance Bulletin, if valid, will require the details of gifts to be registered and published on the web.

It should also be noted that WALGA and LGMA are working together in pursuing legal advice with a view to determining the impact on the Local Government sector as a whole. The advice will consider the validity of the Department's interpretation of the Gift provisions that were presented in Governance Bulletin 11. This advice will also be utilised in working with the Department to develop specific recommendations on how the act and regulations should be revised to achieve a workable solution.

The Executive Officer has also raised the concerns with several Members of Parliament who were unaware of the potential impact of the legislative changes.

In regard to the WALGA Recommendation it is felt that it is not strong enough to demonstrate the considerable anger of the sector to the imposition of the new requirements.

GVROC may wish to seek comment from both Wendy Duncan MLA, Member for Kalgoorlie and the DLGC's representative, Mr Tim Fowler, on this matter.

GVROC RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. GVROC note the concerns being expressed by Member Councils in relation to the interpretations of the gift provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995* and related Regulations;
2. GVROC amend the WALGA Recommendation to read:

That WALGA demand that the interpretation of a gift as described in the WA Ministerial Code of Conduct, be applied to local government and require the Minister for Local Government to amend, forthwith, the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 and the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 in respect to the Gift provisions to provide Elected Members and Officers with an exemption for the following:

- a) Gifts provided in a genuine personal capacity;

- b) Business involving Local Government Associations and Organisations such as WALGA, ALGA, LGMA and regional organisation of Councils; and
 - c) Attendance at community events and functions provided by Community Groups.
3. In the event of WALGA not adopting a stronger position in regards to this matter the GVROC Chair and Executive Officer examine the opportunity to seek a disallowance of the regulations in the Parliament.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Williams** **Seconded: Cr Brown**

That:

1. **GVROC note the concerns being expressed by Member Councils in relation to the interpretations of the gift provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995* and related Regulations;**

2. **GVROC amend the WALGA Recommendation to read:**

That WALGA demand that the interpretation of a gift as described in the WA Ministerial Code of Conduct, be applied to local government and require the Minister for Local Government to amend, forthwith, the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 and the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 in respect to the Gift provisions to provide Elected Members and Officers with an exemption for the following:

- a) **Gifts provided in a genuine personal capacity;**
 - b) **Business involving Local Government Associations and Organisations such as WALGA, ALGA, LGMA and regional organisation of Councils; and**
 - c) **Attendance at community events and functions provided by Community Groups.**
3. **In the event of WALGA not adopting a stronger position in regards to this matter the GVROC Chair and Executive Officer examine the opportunity to seek a disallowance of the regulations in the Parliament.**

CARRIED

5.2 Section 76 Ministerial Orders under the Planning and Development Act 2005 (05-047-0014 GC)

WALGA Recommendation

That WALGA:

- 1. Request the Minister for Planning provide greater transparency when a section 76 order is issued, by providing a detailed explanation and justification of the reasons for the order; and
- 2. Continues to monitor the use of section 76 orders by the Minister of Planning.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

5.3 Outcome of Minister's Building Summit – Proposed Local Government Actions (05-015-01-0003 VJ)

WALGA Recommendation

That State Council advise the Minister for Commerce of the Local Government actions that will be undertaken in order to progress the key items from Minister's 'Building Summit'.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

5.4 Discussion Paper "Licensing Cyclists and Registering Bicycles" (05-005-03-0006 MS)

WALGA Recommendation

That WALGA:

1. Does not support a policy of licensing cyclists;
2. Does not support a policy of registering bicycles; and
3. Engage with the Insurance Commission of WA to explore the viability of a third-party insurance scheme for cyclists.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

5.5 ALGA Federal Election Platform (04-001-02-0004 WFS)**WALGA Recommendation**

That WA Local Governments be encouraged to support and promote ALGA's 2016 Federal Election platform.

ZONE COMMENT:

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

5.6 WALGA Submission – Public Inquiry into the January 2016 Waroona Fire (05-024-03-0035 MP)**WALGA Recommendation**

That the Association's interim submission to the Public Inquiry into the January 2016 Waroona Fire be endorsed.

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 Craig** **Seconded: Cr O'Donnell**

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

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

6.1 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (01-006-030-008 RNB)

6.2 Feedback – Building Amendment Regulations 2016 (05-015-01-0003VJ)

6.3 Development Assessment Panels (05-047-01-0016 CG)

6.4 State Library: Agency Expenditure Review - Impact on Public Libraries and Establishment of Public Libraries Taskforce Public Libraries Update (05-012-01-0001 JH)

9.5 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Organisational Reports (Attachments)

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 Organisational Services (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)

9.6 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Policy Forum Reports

7.2 Policy Forum Reports

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

9.7 WALGA President's Report

Presenting the WALGA President's Report

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Goldfields Voluntary Organisation of Councils notes the following reports contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda:

- Matters for Noting/Information;
- Organisational reports;
- Policy Forum reports; and
- WALGA President's Report.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Rathbone** **Seconded: Cr O'Donnell**

That the Goldfields Voluntary Organisation of Councils notes the following reports contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda:

- **Matters for Noting/Information;**
- **Organisational reports;**
- **Policy Forum reports; and**
- **WALGA President's Report.**

CARRIED

10. Agency Reports**10.1 Department of Local Government and Communities**

Tim Fowler, Manager of Local Government Capacity Building Strategy, Research and Initiative

11. Members of Parliament

Nil

12. LATE ITEMS as notified, introduced by decision of the Meeting**12.1 Copyright Laws and Local Government**

Shire of Laverton CEO, Steven Deckert drew the meeting's attention to recent email correspondence he had received from the Copyright Agency which he thought may have also been received by other Member Councils and sought input on whether it was an issue for consideration by GVROC or WALGA.

13. FUTURE MEETINGS

Friday 27 May 2016 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group to be hosted by the Shire of Coolgardie

Friday 1 July 2016 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council at which the WALGA State Council Agenda for the State Council meeting to be held Wednesday 6 July 2016 will also be considered (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined)

14. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12.40pm

DECLARATION

These minutes were confirmed by the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils at the meeting held on 1 July 2016

Signed _____

Person presiding at the meeting at which these minutes were confirmed