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# Council Meeting

Friday 30 June 2017  
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 held Friday 30 June 2017  
commencing at 10.00am

# 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.

Cr Cullen opened the meeting at 10.00am welcoming all in attendance.

### 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.

Nil

### 3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Mal Cullen (Chair)	President, Shire of Coolgardie
Cr Sherryl Botting	Councillor, Shire of Coolgardie
Cr Tracey Rathbone (entered the meeting at 10.04am)	Deputy President, Shire of Coolgardie
Mr James Trail	A/CEO, Shire of Coolgardie
Cr Jacquie Best	President, Shire of Dundas
Mr Doug Stead	CEO Shire of Dundas
Cr Beverley Stewart (joined the meeting via teleconference)	Councillor, Shire of Esperance
Mr Matthew Scott (joined the meeting via teleconference)	CEO, Shire of Esperance
Mayor John Bowler	Mayor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Mr John Walker	CEO, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Cr Patrick Hill	President, Shire of Laverton
Cr Shaneane Weldon	Deputy President, Shire of Laverton
Cr Jill Dwyer	President, Shire of Menzies
Mr Steven Deckert	CEO, Shire of Laverton
Cr Peter Craig, (joined the meeting via teleconference)	President Shire of Leonora
Cr Jamie Mazza	Councillor, Shire of Menzies
Ms Rhonda Evans	CEO, Shire of Menzies
Cr Ian Goldfinch	Councillor, Shire of Ravensthorpe
Mr Ian Fitzgerald	CEO, Shire of Ravensthorpe
Cr Jim Quadrio	President, Shire of Wiluna
Cr Graham Harris	Deputy President, Shire of Wiluna

Ms Helen Westcott, Joint Executive Officer

### **3.1 Apologies**

Cr Sherryl Botting, Councillor Shire of Coolgardie  
Cr Victoria Brown, President, Shire of Esperance  
Cr Basil Parker, Councillor Shire of Esperance  
Cr Suzie Williams, Councillor City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder  
Mr Jim Epis, CEO, Shire of Leonora  
Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku  
Cr Keith Dunlop, President, Shire of Ravensthorpe  
Mr Colin Bastow, A/CEO, Shire of Wiluna

Mr Bruce Wittber, Joint Executive Officer

### **3.2 Guests**

Mr Jarrod Lucas, ABC reporter

### **3.3 WALGA Representatives**

Mr Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services

### **3.4 Department of Local Government and Communities Representative**

Nil

#### 4. RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY STATE COUNCILLOR – ELECTION OF A NEW DEPUTY STATE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

**Reporting Officer:** Helen Westcott, Executive Officer/Returning Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** No interest to disclose

**Date:** 7 June 2017

**Attachments:** Nil

**Background:**

On Wednesday 7 June 2017 Cr Suzie Williams formally advised the GVROC Chair, Cr Cullen, of her resignation from her position as the GVROC's Deputy State Council representative.

**Executive Officer Comment:**

The GVROC Chair has discussed with the Executive Officer the need to elect a replacement for Cr Williams.

Given that between now and the local government elections in October there is only one State Council Meeting, the Chair believes that the position should remain vacant until the elections for all positions are conducted at GVROC Meeting scheduled to be held on Friday 1 December 2017.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That:

- 1 GVROC note the resignation of Cr Williams, GVROC's Deputy State Councillor; and
- 2 The position of Deputy State Councillor remains vacant until after the local government elections on Saturday 21 October 2017.

**RESOLUTION:**

**Moved: Mayor Bowler**

**Seconded: Cr Hill**

That:

- 1 **GVROC note the resignation of Cr Williams, GVROC's Deputy State Councillor; and**
- 2 **The position of Deputy State Councillor remains vacant until after the local government elections on Saturday 21 October 2017.**

**CARRIED**

#### 5. GUEST SPEAKERS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

**6. MINUTES OF MEETINGS****6.1 Minutes of a Meeting of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) held Friday 21 April 2017 (Attachment)**

Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 21 April 2017 have been circulated to Member Councils.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 21 April 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**EN BLOC RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Rathbone                      Seconded: Cr Mazza**

**That the Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 21 April 2017 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) GVROC CEOs Group held Friday 26 May 2017 (Attachment)**

Minutes of the GVROC CEOs Group Meeting held Friday 26 May 2017 have been circulated to Member Councils.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the GVROC CEOs Group Meeting held Friday 26 May 2017 be received.

**EN BLOC RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Rathbone                      Seconded: Cr Mazza**

**That the Minutes of the GVROC CEOs Group Meeting held Friday 26 May 2017 be received.**

**CARRIED**

**6.3 Business Arising from Meetings of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) - GVROC Status Report for June 2017**

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 Mazza**

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

**CARRIED**

**6.4 Matters for Noting**

Nil

## 7. GVROC FINANCE

### 7.1 Financial Statements for 30 April 2017 and Accounts for Payment (Attachment)

From Executive Officer

#### Background:

Presenting the unaudited financial statement for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 April 2017 and the accounts approved for payment for the period 8 April 2017 to 15 June 2017

#### Financial Statement:

The Executive Officer provides the following comment:

1. Account 501 - Members Subscriptions – all members' annual subscriptions have been paid.
2. Account 502 – Members Subscriptions Goldfields District Display – all members' annual subscriptions have been paid.
3. Account 512 - Project General Contributions - all members' annual subscriptions have been paid.
4. Account 521 – Reimbursements – this is the reimbursement of costs of attendance at the GVROC Dinner held during Local Government Week and WALGA attendance at Warburton Meeting on 4 November 2016 (\$1,100);
5. Accounts 1512, 1513, 1514 and 1515 – Executive Officer Services – payment for Executive Officer Services and expenses incurred such as travel and accommodation.
6. Account 1555 – Council Expenses – Meeting Food and Beverage - included in this account is expenditure for the GVROC Meeting held during Local Government Week and catering for the Strategic Planning Workshop.
7. Account 1557 – Council Expenses Travel and Accommodation – this account includes the costs associated with charter flights and accommodation for the Warburton meeting on 4 November 2016.
8. Account 1559 – Council Expenses Audit – cost of undertaking the financial audit.
9. Account Reimbursements Account 1565 – amount reimbursed for attendance at GVROC Dinner.
10. Account 1846 – Project General – the cost of Strategic Planning consultancy has been paid from this account.
11. Account 1836 – Sponsorship Goldfields District Display – expenditure to assist the preparation of the Royal Show District Display.
12. Account 1848 – DLG Asset Management Business Case – reimbursement payments paid to the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder on a quarterly basis.

#### Accounts Paid:

Cheque/ EFT	Date	Payee	Details	Amount incl GST
EFT	110517	Up to Date Accounting	Financial Management for April 2017	250.80
EFT	110517	City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder	Reimbursement for Maintenance/Repairs to GVROC Regional Equipment Pool	4,002.27
EFT	120517	BHW Consulting	Professional Services February 2017 and March 2017 and Reimbursements for travel and accommodation and teleconference meetings	10,351.42
EFT	170517	BHW Consulting	Professional Services April 2017 Reimbursements for travel and	8,578.86



			accommodation, Sundowner Meeting 200417 and teleconference meetings	
EFT	300517	City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder	Reimbursement of Expenditure on GERCG Asset Management Project March 2017 Quarter	13,918.13
EFT	150617	Shire of Esperance	GVROC Dinner Esperance Meeting January 2017	5,115.30
EFT	150617	Up to Date Accounting	Financial Management May 2017	79.20
				TOTAL \$42,295.98

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the Statement of Financial Position for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 April 2017, as attached, be received.
2. That the Accounts Paid for the period 8 April 2017 to 15 June 2017 totalling \$42,295.98 be approved.

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

1. That the Statement of Financial Position for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 April 2017, as attached, be received.
2. That the Accounts Paid for the period 8 April 2017 to 15 June 2017 totalling \$42,295.98 be approved.

**CARRIED**

## **8. GOLDFIELDS RECORDS STORAGE FACILITY - FINANCE AND OTHER MATTERS**

Reports on the Goldfields Records Storage Facility (GRS) were not available at the time of completing the GVROC Council meeting agenda.

John Walker, CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, advise the meeting that as at 30 June 2017 the GRS had a slight surplus (between \$10-15,000).

A budget for 2017/2018 would be made available shortly.

He also advised that the GRS' manager, Yvette Hargreaves, would be returning to work shortly.

**Noted**

## **9. GVROC REGIONAL ON THE GVROC REGIONAL EQUIPMENT POOL**

### **9.1 Finance Report on the GVROC Portable Community Events Infrastructure and Equipment Pool**

**Reporting Officer:** Tanya Gartner, Team Leader Community Wellbeing and Inclusion  
City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder  
Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** No interest to disclose

**Date:** 23 June 2017

**Attachments:** GVROC Regional Equipment Pool Hire: 01.01.2017 – 30.06.2017  
(Combined)

#### **Background:**

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder provides regular reports on the finances and usage of the GVROC Regional Equipment Pool.

A report for the six month period 01 January to 30 June 2017 forms an attachment to the meeting agenda.

There have been no expenses in this 6 months period.

#### **Executive Officer Comment:**

No further comment.

#### **Additional Meeting Comment:**

Matthew Scott, CEO Shire of Esperance sought further clarification on the finances of the equipment pool. It was agreed that as an operational issue this matter should be discussed at the next meeting of the GVROC CEOs Group.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That GVROC notes the finance and usage report of the GVROC Portable Community Events Infrastructure and Equipment Pool prepared by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

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**RESOLUTION:**                    **Moved: Cr Dwyer**                    **Seconded: Cr Harris**  
**That GVROC notes the finance and usage report of the GVROC Portable Community Events Infrastructure and Equipment Pool prepared by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.**

**CARRIED**

## **9.2 Management Proposal from the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder to Manage the GVROC Portable Community Events Infrastructure and Equipment Pool**

**Reporting Officer:** Tanya Gartner, Team Leader Community Wellbeing and Inclusion  
City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder  
Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** No interest to disclose

**Date:** 23 June 2017

**Attachments:** Draft Management Plan and Proposal from the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder for the GVROC Portable Community Events Infrastructure and Equipment Pool (Regional Equipment Pool)

### **Background:**

Since its establishment, the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder has managed on GVROC's behalf the GVROC Regional Equipment Pool (Regional Equipment Pool).

The City has prepared a draft management plan for the equipment within the Regional Equipment Pool in respect of equipment to be purchased, coordinating equipment use, maintenance plan and budget.

A copy of the draft management plan forms an attachment to the meeting agenda.

### **Executive Officer Comment:**

The plan is comprehensive but requires discussion amongst Member Councils as to whether it meets GVROC's requirements or needs amendment before adoption by GVROC.

The Executive Officer believes the draft management plan could be reviewed by the GVROC CEOs Group at the same time as it meets to consider and adopt the 2017/2018 Budget for the Goldfields Records Storage Facility.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC CEOs Group review the draft management plan for the GVROC Portable Community Events Infrastructure and Equipment Pool, with a final draft management plan being available for adoption at the GVROC Council Meeting to be held Wednesday 2 August 2017.

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

**That the GVROC CEOs Group review the draft management plan for the GVROC Portable Community Events Infrastructure and Equipment Pool, with a final draft management plan being available for adoption at the GVROC Council Meeting to be held Wednesday 2 August 2017.**

**CARRIED**

### **9.3 Disposal of a GVROC's Portable Stage**

**Reporting Officer:** Tanya Gartner, Team Leader Community Wellbeing and Inclusion  
City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder  
Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** No interest to disclose

**Date:** 23 June 2017

**Attachments:** Nil

**Background:**

GVROC has a portable stage within its Portable Community Events Infrastructure and Equipment Pool (Regional Equipment Pool).

There has been some discussion regarding GVROC selling the portable stage because of the difficulty associated with its transport to and from an event location and the difficulty experienced in setting up and collapsing the stage.

It was agreed that an Expression of Interest (EOI) be prepared to determine whether there was interest from a GVROC Member Council or a local community group to purchase the portable stage. Any funds generated from the sale of the portable stage would be reinvested in the GVROC Regional Equipment Pool.

The City has prepared draft management plan for the equipment within the GVROC Regional Equipment Pools in respect of equipment to be purchased, coordinating of equipment use, maintenance plan and budget. A copy of the draft management plan forms an attachment to the meeting agenda (Refer also to Agenda item 9.2).

To assist in developing an EOI the Executive Officer requested information on the portable stage from the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. This has now been provided. The Executive Officer has also received a copy of the full invoice order information which details all parts that go to make up the stage in its entirety. From this information it has been found that:

- Some parts will need to be replaced;
- Some parts will need to be purchased as they are missing; and
- The wheels on the current trolleys are useless so they need to be replaced – or another system put in place to make it easier for the stage to get from A to B

The City has also provided the following information which is relevant to any considerations to sell the portable stage:

- Training should be provided to people who will be building the stage regularly;
- You can't use the stage on a hill – but you can use the stage on uneven ground;
- You can't use the stage if the ground is very soggy (but having some metal plates made will make it easier to set up the stage on grassed areas);
- To put the stage up you would need 3-4 people and it will take about 4-5 hours (one would expect this to become faster once you knew what you were doing; and
- To pull the stage down would take approx. 2-3 hours for two people (one would expect this to become faster once you knew what you were doing).

**Executive Officer Comment:**

From the information provided by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder it would appear that disposing of the portable stage and investing in equipment of greater use to Member Councils is a sensible way forward.

Given the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder has prepared a draft management plan for the Regional Equipment Pool GVROC may wish to consider the benefit of having the City prepare the EOI for the disposal of the portable stage. This decision would of course depend upon the outcome of GVROC's deliberations on the draft management plan put forward by the City.

Once all EOIs had been received the GVROC CEOs Group would meet to finalise the sale of the portable stage.

The matter is presented for decision.

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

**That GVROC request the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder prepare an Expression of Interest for the disposal and sale of a portable stage that forms part of the GVROC Portable Community Events Infrastructure and Equipment Pool.**

**CARRIED**

<b>10. GVROC BUSINESS</b>
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**10.1 Proposed Digital Strategy for Goldfields Esperance Region**

**Reporting Officer:** Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** 23 June 2017

**Attachments:** Nil

**Background:**

In April 2013 RDA Goldfields Esperance (RDAGE) in partnership with the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder held a meeting to discuss issues associated with the roll-out of the National Broadband Network (NBN). This resulted in a proposal to develop a digital strategy for the Goldfields-Esperance Region.

One of the outcomes from these discussions was the suggestion that RDAGE would make available an amount of \$15,000 to assist in the preparation of a regional digital strategy. GVROC and the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission (GEDC) would each be asked to contribute \$15,000 to the project.

The GEDC was not in a position to make a contribution and it was determined that in order to develop a suitable strategy that both RDAGE and GVROC contribute \$20,000 each.

**Executive Officer Comment:**

RDAGE paid its contribution of \$20,000 to GVROC in July 2013 however nothing further has transpired with the project.

GVROC has funds available for the project if it were to proceed.

In reviewing the GVROC financial statement at the end of December 2015 it was noted that the funds are still available in the account.

This matter was reported to the GVROC Council Meeting on 29 January 2016 when the GVROC resolved as follows:

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

*That the matter lie on the table and be referred to the Technical Officers Working Group for further consideration.*

**CARRIED**

The resolution shown above was made following the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder advising its incoming CEO had considerable expertise in the area of digital technology and its application.

Subsequent to this the then Technical Officers Working Group resolved as follows at a meeting held Friday 18 March 2016:

**RESOLUTION:** *Moved: John Walker* *Seconded: Paul Webb*

*That the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's CEO assist the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group in preparing a regional digital strategy.*

**CARRIED**

Given that the funds have been held for nearly 4 years and little progress has been possible in preparing a digital strategy for GVROC's Member Councils, the Executive Officer believes Member Councils should consider whether it may be appropriate for the funds to be returned to RDAGE.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC:

1. Note that work associated with the development of a digital strategy for the Goldfields Esperance Region has not commenced; and
2. Return the \$20,000 in funding allocated to GVROC as a contribution from RDA Goldfields Esperance as its contribution to the development of development of a digital strategy for the Goldfields Esperance Region.

**RESOLUTION:**

**Moved: Cr Best**

**Seconded: Cr Dwyer**

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**That the GVROC:**

1. **Note that work associated with the development of a digital strategy for the Goldfields Esperance Region has not commenced; and**
2. **Contact RDA Goldfields Esperance to discuss alternative uses for the funding allocated to GVROC for the development of development of a digital strategy for the Goldfields Esperance Region.**

**CARRIED**



## **10.2 Planning for GVROC Functions during LG Week 2017**

**Reporting Officer:** Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** 25 June 2017

**Attachments:** Nil

### **Background:**

Arrangements for the GVROC Council Meeting on Wednesday 2 August 2016 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre (PCEC) are underway.

Two functions are planned:

- GVROC Dinner – a date for the dinner has yet to be finalised; and
- GVROC Council Meeting – Wednesday 2 August 2016.

### **Executive Officer Comment:**

The Executive Officer believes that, as for last year's dinner, the GVROC dinner should be held on Tuesday 1 August 2017. From feedback received this date worked well as it allowed delegates to arrive ahead of the GVROC Meeting the following morning but did not impact upon any convention functions. This year it is slightly different in that following the Mayors and Presidents Forum on the Tuesday afternoon there is a reception from 5.30 to 7.00pm.

The Executive Officer believes holding the function on the Tuesday evening is still the best option as it is difficult to know when the AGM the following afternoon will end and the timing of that determines when the convention opening reception can commence. On the Thursday evening there is another "sundowner" function.

Whilst the Executive Officer has not looked into possible restaurants for the GVROC dinner it is suggested that the three restaurants identified last year be investigated for this year's dinner. The three restaurants previously identified included:

- Lalla Rookh located in Howard Street Perth – the restaurant takes group bookings, so this suits GVROC as a group and has a menu with sufficient choice to provide for everyone.;
- The Adelphi Grill located in the Parmelia Hotel – this is where last year's dinner was held; and
- Public House located just across the road from the Perth Concert Hall – whilst a little further away from many of the hotels where Member Council will be staying it is still in walking distance for most. Again group bookings can be accommodated and the choice of food should suit most.

The program for the GVROC Council Meeting to be held Wednesday 2 August 2017 is as follows:

Meeting Date:	Wednesday 2 August 2017
Meeting Venue:	Perth Conference and Exhibition Centre (meeting room still to be advised)
Meeting Commences:	9.00am
Morning Tea:	10.30am
Meeting Concludes:	12.30-12.45pm (Delegates will have time to obtain lunch and get ready for the WALGA AGM which starts at 1.30pm)

Invitations have been accepted by the following people to meet with GVROC Council at this meeting:

- Ms Lauren Barnett, Senior Associate Squire Patton Boggs; and
- Ms Tanya Dupagne, Camp Kulin Manager.

The GVROC CEOs Group also suggested that the Regional Services Reform Group currently within the Department of Regional Development could be invited to the meeting. However with the

recent changes to State Government administrative arrangements the future status of this Group is unknown and an invitation has not been extended at this time.

A further suggestion from the GVROC CEOs Group was the Minister for Agriculture or her representative to discuss the State Government's position around biosecurity. An invitation has not been extended at this point.

Invitations to both WALGA and the Department of Local Government and Communities will be extended as per normal GVROC Council Meetings.

**Additional Meeting Comment:**

It was agreed amongst meeting attendees that an invitation to the Minister for Regional Development should be extended to attend the GVROC Council Meeting to be held in Perth on Wednesday 2 August 2017.

John Walker advised that the Regional Services Reform Group would be travelling to Kalgoorlie.

**Consultation:** Nil

**Voting Requirement:** Simple majority

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That:

1. The GVROC Dinner be held on the evening of Tuesday 1 August 2017;
2. The GVROC Executive Officer finalise arrangements for the GVROC Dinner; and
3. Member Councils have RSVPs for both the GVROC Dinner and Meeting to the Executive Officer no later than COB on Monday 17 July 2017 so catering for both the GVROC Dinner and Meeting can be finalised.

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

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**That:**

1. **The GVROC Dinner be held on the evening of Tuesday 1 August 2017 at the Adelphi Bar and Grill in the Parmelia Hilton Perth;**
2. **The GVROC Executive Officer finalise arrangements for the GVROC Dinner; and**
3. **Member Councils have RSVPs for both the GVROC Dinner and Meeting to the Executive Officer no later than COB on Monday 17 July 2017 so catering for both the GVROC Dinner and Meeting can be finalised.**

**CARRIED**

### **10.3 Establishment of a Working Party by GVROC to Address Law and Order Issues across the Goldfields Esperance Region**

**Reporting Officer:** Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** No interest to disclose

**Date:** 25 June 2017

**Attachments:** Correspondence from the Department of Aboriginal Affairs re the Wati Association

**Background:**

At the GVROC Council Meeting held in Esperance on Friday 3 February 2017 the Shire of Laverton requested that the issue of law and order be considered by GVROC's Member Councils.

This request was agreed to. Following discussion GVROC Council resolved as shown below:

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

1. *That the GVROC Council congratulate the Shire of Laverton for raising the concerns around law and order. The GVROC as a body support the matters that have been raised and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder be asked to keep all Member Councils informed of the ongoing discussions between the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, relevant agencies and suppliers of alcohol.*
2. *That the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder be requested to organise a working party of interested Member Councils to progress this matter.*
3. *That the GVROC Chair prepare a media statement on the outcomes of the discussion with a copy to be sent to all political parties.*
4. *That GVROC write to the Commissioner of Police seeking an increased police presence in communities across the Goldfields Esperance Region.*

**CARRIED**

The matter was further considered by GVROC Council both informally at a meeting on the evening of Thursday 20 April 2017 and formally at the GVROC Council Meeting held the following day. At this time it was further resolved as shown below:

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

*That:*

1. *GVROC establish a Working Party to develop a strategy to address ways to improve law and order issues across the region;*
2. *That the GVROC CEOs Group be requested to develop Terms of Reference for consideration by the GVROC at the GVROC Council Meeting scheduled for Friday 30 June 2017; and*
3. *Support to the Working Party by provided by the GVROC Executive Officer.*

**CARRIED**

The matter was discussed at the GVROC CEOs Group Meeting on Friday 26 May 2017 when it recommended the GVROC Council as follows:

**RESOLUTION:** *Moved: John Walker* *Seconded: Jim Epis*

*That given all GVROC Members wish to be represented on any working party established in relation to law and order issues, the CEO Group recommend to the GVROC Council that:*

1. *the regular GVROC Council and CEOs Group Meetings are the appropriate forum where the issue of law and order should be discussed and that each meeting agenda have a standing agenda item on the matter of law and order; and*
2. *an action within the GVROC Strategic Plan includes a strategy relating to law and order issues.*

**CARRIED**

Following the GVROC Council Meeting on 20 April 2017 the following comment was made by Jim Epis CEO, Shire of Leonora to the GVROC CEOs Group Meeting on Friday 26 May 2017:

*I refer to Minutes of GVROC meeting held in Kalgoorlie 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2017, in particular Item 8.2 Establishment of a Working Party by GVROC to Address Law and Order Issues across the Goldfields Esperance Region.*

*Dot point 1 of the recommendation was "GVROC establish a Working Party to develop a strategy to address ways to improve law and order issues across the region".*

*If the law and order issues we are referring to involve aboriginal people, it is my opinion that aboriginal people should be involved in developing their own strategies to overcome the issues.*

*Without naming individuals at this stage, the aboriginal people within our region have the leaders that could easily develop strategies. The Goldfields Wati Law and Culture Association Inc is an organisation with its membership open to all aboriginal men who have been initiated according to Western Desert Law. I believe that each of our local governments in the region would have a Wati member somewhere.*

*Please see attached a letter from the Department of Aboriginal Affairs which provides additional information in regards the objects of the Wati Association.*

*Problem is, how do we involve the aboriginal women in developing strategies and providing direction?*

*If a group of aboriginal leaders within our region could be formed of course it would need resources but surely this issue could be taken up with the State Government.*

A copy of the letter referred to by the CEO Shire of Wiluna forms an attachment to the meeting agenda.

In considering the matter the GVROC CEOs Group at its meeting on Friday 26 May 2017 made the following further comments for consideration by the GVROC Council:

*The question was raised as to whether the working party was to cover the broad law and order issue or specific segments. It was generally agreed that whilst indigenous issues were a part of the consideration it was felt that the intent of the working party was to cover the more broad law and order issues.*

*The question was also raised as to who, if a working party was formed, would be invited to join the group?*

*The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder indicated that it was interested in being involved however there were a significant number of law and order issues that the City was currently involved in and as such was not in a position to be directly involved in organising and managing a working party.*

*The CEOs Group were of the opinion that the work involved with establishing and operating a separate working party was unnecessary and duplication of effort and that both the GVROC Council and CEOs Group could include on each agenda, as a standing agenda item, law and order issues.*

*John Walker reported to the meeting that on the 17 May the Hon Alan Tudge, Federal Minister for Human Services visited the City together with the Shire of Laverton to discuss issues generally around the "cashless debit card". The Shire of Leonora also attended the meeting at Laverton.*

*James Trail A/CEO Shire of Coolgardie advised he had spoken to the police in Kambalda on law and order issues generally.*

*John Walker also commented on the apparent lack of coordination of Government services in the region. Initially the heads of agencies didn't see that local government had a need to be involved in the coordination group. The City however took the view that it is "our City" and pushed hard to achieve permanent representation for local government. There is also the opportunity for GVROC members to attend meetings*

*as the agency group meets around the various areas within GVROC. John urged the Councils to take up the opportunity if the circumstances allowed.*

*Jim Epis indicated that the Shire of Leonora has interagency meetings every two months*

*Matthew Scott advised that the Shire of Esperance had also initiated a meeting with local agencies.*

*John Walker also reported that the City had held its first meeting on the liquor accord. There was unanimous agreement to form a liquor accord which will be driven by the City.*

*During discussion it was suggested that Superintendent Darryl Gaunt be invited to attend the next GVROC Meeting.*

*It was also suggested that GVROC consider inviting the State Government Reform Group to the GVROC August Meeting.*

**Executive Officer Comment:**

An invitation has been extended to Superintendent Darryl Grant to attend the meeting but at the time of writing this agenda item no response had been received.

In regard to the suggestion that the State Government Reform Group be invited to the GVROC Meeting held during Local Government Week this suggestion has been listed in Agenda item 10.2.

**Additional Meeting Comment:**

The Mayor advised that the City was still trying to arrange the trip to Ceduna for local indigenous leaders to see how the cashless card operates in Ceduna.

The meeting discussed the widening of the trip to include indigenous leaders from across GVROC. This was considered to be a good idea as it would allow each community the opportunity to gain a better understanding of how the cashless card operates. Member Councils would fund the cost of the trip for each person from their community travelling to Ceduna.

**Consultation:** Nil

**Voting Requirement:** Simple majority

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That:

1. The regular GVROC Council and CEOs Group Meetings are the appropriate forum where the issue of law and order should be discussed and that each meeting agenda have a standing agenda item on the matter of law and order; and
2. An action within the GVROC Strategic Plan includes a strategy relating to law and order issues.

**RESOLUTION:**                      **Moved: Cr Harris**                      **Seconded: Cr Dwyer**

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**That:**

- 1. The regular GVROC Council and CEOs Group Meetings are the appropriate forum where the issue of law and order should be discussed and that each meeting agenda have a standing agenda item on the matter of law and order;**
- 2. An action within the GVROC Strategic Plan includes a strategy relating to law and order issues; and**
- 3. Interested Member Councils work with the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder in arranging a delegation of indigenous leaders from within their respective communities to travel to Ceduna to see how the cashless card operates. In arranging the trip, participating Councils will:**
  - a) Through their CEOs coordinate the invitations to indigenous leaders to travel to Ceduna and ensure that their delegates are available to travel to Ceduna once an itinerary has been finalised; and**
  - b) Fund the cost of travel and accommodation of the trip.**

**CARRIED**

## 10.4 Goldfields Biosecurity Workshop

**Reporting Officer:** Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** 25 June 2017

**Attachments:** Nil

### **Background:**

At the GVROC Council Meeting in Kalgoorlie on Friday 22 April 2016, the Shire of Wiluna requested that the issue of resourcing for the Southern Rangelands Natural Resource Management (SNRM) unit of the statewide agency Rangelands Natural Resource Management WA be considered by GVROC. It was resolved that a meeting with representatives from Rangelands NRM WA be arranged. A meeting with Dr Gaye McKenzie, CEO Rangelands NRM WA, and Mr Kieran Massie, Program Manager Rangelands NRM WA, was arranged during the meeting held in Perth on Wednesday 3 August 2016.

Following this meeting GVROC Council resolved as shown below:

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

*That GVROC:*

1. *Write to the Department of Mines and Petroleum requesting involvement in the review of the 1998 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) established between the Departments of Mines and Petroleum and Planning;*
2. *Arrange annual updates from Squires Patton Boggs on Native Title issues affecting GVROC's Member Councils; and*
3. *Seek to hold discussions with other groups from across the Goldfields Esperance region involved in landcare management.*

*CARRIED*

The Executive Officer sought the assistance of WALGA in arranging a workshop. A number of agencies/groups were invited to participate in the workshop, with the following representatives were able to attend the workshop held in Kalgoorlie on Friday 21 April 2017:

- Goldfields Rangelands Biosecurity Association – Ross Wood, the Goldfields Rangelands Biosecurity Association's Executive Officer;
- Rangelands NRM – Gaye McKenzie, CEO Rangelands NRM and Kieran Massie, Program Manager Rangelands NRM;
- South Coast NRM – representatives from the South Coast NRM were unable to attend the workshop but Gaye McKenzie from Rangelands NRM represented their key projects;
- Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Centre – the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Urban Landcare Centre's CEO, Kim Eckert;
- Department of Food and Agriculture WA – Glenice Batchelor, Biosecurity Officer, DAFWA; and
- Goldfields Land and Sea Council – Barry Hooper, Ranger Coordinator, and Trevor Donaldson Jnr, Ranger Superintendent.

The workshop was facilitated by Mark Batty, WALGA's Executive Manager Environment and Waste.

### **Executive Officer Comment:**

Whilst not being able to attend the workshop, the Executive Officer understands that the workshop was well received by participants.

The Executive Officer sought feedback from Mark Batty as to how he felt the workshop was received. In summary he provided the following comments:

- One key issue that the workshop sought to address was improving the level on knowledge about what is actually happening and by whom in the NRM/biosecurity realm across the

GVROC region as whole. Having a standing agenda item on NRM/biosecurity matters would assist in ensuring regular information updates are available for Member Councils.

- In addition to the above, Mark Batty suggested that it would be beneficial for GVROC to consider requesting perhaps a twice yearly update on current and future projects from the following:
  - ✓ Rangelands NRM;
  - ✓ South Coast NRM;
  - ✓ Goldfields Land and Sea Council; and
  - ✓ Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Association.

These meetings could be held around the meetings scheduled for Esperance and Perth.

- Another option to the one just detailed above to provide for greater profiling of and engagement of GVROC in the on-ground activity being undertaken in the region is to hold an annual presentation day similar to the workshop, either as stand-alone event or as part of a GVROC Council Meeting (Mark Batty noted that it would be interesting to get a feel for how and if the GVROC want more input into the programs/projects of the four main organisations – this was an issue that did get discussed in any depth at the workshop).
- Mark Batty believed that it would be worthwhile for more formal arrangements to be in place between the GVROC and each of the four groups listed above, not just related to leveraging funding and seeing where current individual Member Councils funding is going to but also to provide for greater input in partnering/undertaking of more projects of value to the GVROC as region. He thought this might be an issue for discussion within the GVROC CEOs Group before it was considered at Council level.

The above dot points cover matters around NRM/biosecurity that can be addressed in the short-term.

Mark Batty also commented that into the future the GVROC might look to establish its own NRM region. Whilst acknowledging this would take considerable time and commitment by GVROC, precedence for this has been set with the recent Peel Harvey Catchment Council splitting from South West Catchment Council to become its own NRM region. This model (eg a “Goldfields NRM” region) could then contract works through these, and other, project deliverers, much like the other NRMs. In Mark’s view there are some good arguments for the case to be put to the State and (predominately) the Commonwealth (as the main funding entity) for this to take place.

Mark Batty has also indicated that he is happy to meet with the GVROC CEOs Group to further any or all of the above issues.

Member Councils need to determine whether GVROC is serious in pursuing greater involvement in NRM/biosecurity issues.

The matter was discussed at the GVROC CEOs Group Meeting on Friday 26 May 2017 when it recommended the GVROC Council as follows:

**RESOLUTION:** *Moved: Jim Epis* *Seconded: Matthew Scott*

1. *That the GVROC CEOs Group recommends to the GVROC Council that an invitation be extended to the Minister for Agriculture or her representative to attend a GVROC Council Meeting to discuss the State Government’s position around biosecurity in the Goldfields region so that GVROC is aware of the details before it determines a position.*
2. *That the issue of biodiversity and natural resource management be included in the GVROC Strategic Plan.*

*CARRIED*

In regard to the suggestion that the Minister for Agriculture or her representative be invited to the GVROC Meeting held during Local Government Week this suggestion has been listed in Agenda item 10.2.

**Consultation:** Nil

**Voting Requirement:** Simple majority

**RECOMMENDATION:**



1. That GVROC extend an invitation to the Minister for Agriculture or her representative to attend the GVROC Council Meeting on Wednesday 2 August 2017, in Perth, or such other meeting if she is unable to attend the Perth meeting, to discuss the State Government's position around biosecurity in the Goldfields region so that GVROC is aware of the details before it determines a position.
2. That the issue of biodiversity and natural resource management be included in the GVROC Strategic Plan.

**RESOLUTION:**                      **Moved: Cr Rathbone**                      **Seconded: Cr Harris**

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1. **That GVROC extend an invitation to the Minister for Agriculture or her representative to attend the GVROC Council Meeting on Wednesday 2 August 2017, in Perth, or such other meeting if she is unable to attend the Perth meeting, to discuss the State Government's position around biosecurity in the Goldfields region so that GVROC is aware of the details before it determines a position.**
2. **That the issue of biodiversity and natural resource management be included in the GVROC Strategic Plan.**

**CARRIED**

## 10.5 Review of the Goldfields Records Storage Facility

**Reporting Officer:** Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** 25 June 2017

**Attachments:**

**Background:**

As Member Councils are aware, GVROC has established a committee to review the operations of the Goldfields Records Storage Facility (GRS). Currently the review committee's membership is as shown below:

- Matthew Scott, CEO Shire of Esperance (Chair)
- John Walker, CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
- Tanya Browning, D/CEO Shire of Leonora
- Ian Fitzgerald, CEO Shire of Ravensthorpe

The review committee has met on two occasions. At its first meeting held Friday 6 January 2017 Terms of Reference (ToR) were developed. These were considered and adopted by GVROC Council when it met in Esperance on Friday 3 February 2017. At this time GVROC Council resolved as follows:

RESOLUTION:                      Moved: Cr Rathbone                      Seconded: Cr Harris

*That GVROC adopt the following Terms of Reference for the review of the Goldfields Records Storage Facility:*

1. *Determine the expectations of the GVROC Member Councils on the role and purpose of the Goldfields Records Storage Facility;*
2. *Review the current storage usage by GVROC Member Councils to establish "barriers" to usage and determine appropriate strategies and processes to encourage greater use by GVROC Members Councils;*
3. *Review the requirements and/or need by GVROC Member Councils for professional records management assistance provided through the Goldfields Records Storage Manager;*
4. *Review current marketing strategies to encourage use by government and commercial clients and potential "barriers" to greater use by such clients;*
5. *Examine current budget and accounting practices/processes (including fees charged) to determine what changes could be implemented to improve the financial efficiency;*
6. *Review the current management agreement between the GVROC Member Councils and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and provide recommendations on potential changes to the management agreement and structure including the possibility of establishing a regional subsidiary.*

**CARRIED**

The review committee met again on Friday 17 March 2017 to work through each of the ToR. Following discussion around the ToR the review committee resolved as follows:

RESOLUTION:                      Moved: Ian Fitzgerald                      Seconded: John Walker

*That:*

1. *The Goldfields Records Storage Manager, Yvette Hargreaves, upon her return to work and subject to her ability to travel, be requested to visit each GVROC Member Council to review their current record management practices and prepare a report on the current standard of the Council's records management systems and processes; and*
2. *The information gathered from these reviews be used to develop a minimum records management benchmark for use by GVROC's Member Councils.*

**CARRIED**

**Executive Officer Comment:**

As Member Councils are aware, the GRS' manager is currently on leave due to sustaining a work related injury and is not anticipated to return to work until mid-July of this year. This puts in jeopardy the successful completion of the current review of the GRS.

Whilst the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder provided a brief report to the GVROC Council Meeting held Friday 28 April 2017 there has been no further information volunteered by the City as to the GRS' performance.

Additionally, the Shire of Wiluna advised as follows on Friday 1 May 2017 of its intention to withdraw from the GRS:

*Hi All*

*Please be advised that the Shire of Wiluna's Council had resolved the following at its Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 26 April 2017:*

***That Council:***

***Authorise the CEO to withdraw the Shire from being a member of the GVROC Regional Record Storage Facility.***

***CARRIED 5/0***

*For the Shire to remain a member of the GVROC Regional Record Storage Facility there will need to be extra record management services on offered, as the Shire can establish and operate its own records storage facility at a considerable lessor cost than the GVROC Storage Facility. I currently plan to make a decision on this matter sometime within the next fortnight.*

*Regards*

*Colin Bastow  
Acting CEO*

Prior to receiving the above information from the Shire of Wiluna, Matthew Scott as Chair of the Records Review Committee requested that a meeting be held following the GVROC CEOs Group meeting on Friday 26 May 2016, the Executive Officer believes that the matter should be considered by the GVROC CEOs Group as a whole.

During the GVROC CEOs Group Meeting on Friday 26 May 2017 the following additional comment was made:

*The meeting noted that the Shire of Wiluna has indicated that it will be withdrawing from membership of the Goldfields Records Storage Facility.*

*John Walker CEO, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder advised that when Yvette Hargreaves, Manager Goldfields Records Storage facility returns to work she will be is on light duties and this could be long term. Consequently she will not be in a position to undertake the duties of visiting GVROC Member Council to review their current record management practices and prepare a report on the current standard of the Council's records management systems and processes.*

*The question was raised that if the Manager is on workers compensation was it possible to engage someone to undertake the work being requested and determine a benchmark.*

*It was also enquired whether there was anyone in the GVROC Membership that could be seconded to the role.*

*Concern was expressed that GVROC Member Councils may not be meeting the requirements of the State Records Act.*

The GVROC CEOs Group following consideration of this issue resolved as follows:

**RESOLUTION:** *Moved: Ian Fitzgerald* *Seconded: Doug Stead*

1. *That GVROC President write to Shire of Wiluna expressing disappointment at the decision to withdraw from the Goldfields Records Storage Facility and advising that the Shire of Wiluna must comply with the requirements of clause 15 of the Archives and Record Management Agreement signed on the 1 February 2013.*
2. *That the Executive Officer seek two quotes from records professionals to undertake a records review including visiting GVROC Member Council to review their current record management practices and prepare a report on the current standard of the Council's records management systems and processes.*
3. *That the Goldfields Records Storage Facility Committee be disbanded and its functions be undertaken by the GVROC CEOs Group.*
4. *That the Executive Officer arrange a meeting of the GVROC CEOs Group by mid-June 2017 to enable the Goldfields Records Storage Facility budget to be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

Since the GVROC CEOs Group Meeting the Executive Officer has been undertaking work to develop a brief to seek quotations from appropriate record professionals to undertake the scope of the work outlined in part 2 of the above resolution. As the GVROC Council has already agreed to fund the work associated with this consultancy it is proposed that the brief will provide that all GVROC Member Councils will be offered the opportunity to participate in the review.

In respect to part 4 of the above resolution the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder has been approached to prepare a draft Goldfields Records Storage Facility budget. At the time of preparing this agenda item a draft budget had not been provided to the Executive Officer.

**Consultation:** Nil

**Voting Requirement:** Simple majority

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That GVROC President write to Shire of Wiluna expressing disappointment at the decision to withdraw from the Goldfields Records Storage Facility and advising that the Shire of Wiluna must comply with the requirements of clause 15 of the Archives and Record Management Agreement signed on the 1 February 2013.
2. That GVROC disband the Goldfields Records Storage Facility Committee with its functions be undertaken by the GVROC CEOs Group.

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

1. **That GVROC write to the Shire of Wiluna seeking information regarding its reasons for withdrawing from the Goldfields Records Storage Facility.**
2. **That GVROC disband the Goldfields Records Storage Facility Committee with its functions be undertaken by the GVROC CEOs Group.**

**CARRIED**

## 10.6 Implementation of the GVROC Strategic Plan

**Reporting Officer:** Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** 25 June 2017

**Attachments:** GVROC Strategic Plan

### **Background:**

GVROC formally adopted its Strategic Plan at the GVROC Council Meeting held in Esperance on Friday 3 February 2017. At this time GVROC Council resolved as follows:

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

*That GVROC:*

1. *Adopt the Strategic Plan prepared by Puzzle Consulting; and*
2. *Provide copies of the Strategic Plan to the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, Leader of the National Party, all current members of parliament at both State and Federal level, the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission and RDA Goldfields Esperance; and*
3. *Request the GVROC CEOs Group develop an implementation plan to ensure the objectives and goals that underpin the Group's strategic vision are realised, with the implementation plan to be completed before the end of the 2016/2017 financial year.*

*CARRIED*

In developing an implementation plan, GVROC has also requested that the CEOs Group consider the establishment of a regional information network. This request resulted from the discussion lead by the Shire of Dundas regarding the establishment of an online newspaper. The discussion at the GVROC Council meeting held Friday 3 February 2017 resulted in GVROC Council meeting resolving as follows:

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

*That the matter of the establishment of a Goldfields Regional Information Network be referred to GVROC CEOs Group for consideration as part of the development of an implementation plan for the GVROC the Strategic Plan.*

*CARRIED*

At the February meeting of the GVROC Council the Shire of Dundas also raised the matter of whether a facility similar to Camp Kulin could be established in the Goldfields Esperance Region. Following discussion of the proposal the meeting resolved as shown below:

**RESOLUTION:** *Moved: Cr Best* *Seconded: Cr Williams*

1. *That the GVROC Council extend an invitation to a representative of Camp Kulin to attend a GVROC Council Meeting to present on Camp Kulin.*
2. *That the Executive Officer investigate options for the development of a facility similar to Camp Kulin in the Goldfields Esperance Region.*

*CARRIED*

These and other issues were considered by the GVROC CEOs Group when it considered this matter, resolving as follows when it met on Friday 26 May 2016:

### **CONSENSUS RESOLUTION:**

*The GVROC CEOs Group recommends to the GVROC Council Meeting the following strategic actions be adopted for the 2017/2018 year:*

- *Objective 1*
  - *Provide a strong clear voice for GVROC Member Councils through the development of a list of lobby/advocacy issues – it is suggested that the GVROC Council develop a list of issues that it wishes to focus its lobbying/advocacy efforts on over the next 12 months. It is proposed to include in the lobbying a full review of the legislative environment in which local government operates particularly including the Local Government Act;*

- *Invite representatives of Camp Kulin to a GVROC Meeting (possibly August 2017 Meeting in Perth);*
- *Include in each GVROC Agenda and CEOs Group Agenda a standalone item on law and order issues;*
- *Maintain a watching brief on biodiversity and natural resource management issues within the GVROC area;*
- **Objective 2**
  - *Advocate for investment in regional infrastructure by seeking details of regional funding opportunities (both Commonwealth and State) and in particular the State Government regional investment plan;*
- **Objective 3**
  - *Enhance the role of local government and the GVROC in the region by continuing the development of the CEOs Group including the way it operates and assists in providing governance advice to the GVROC Council;*
- **Objective 4**
  - *Identify and develop innovative technologies through the development of a regional digital strategy;*
  - *Maintain a watching brief on emerging technologies (as an example the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder outlined the collaborative approach being undertaken in relation to shifting IT Vision Synergy platform to cloud);*
- **Objective 5**
  - *Assist in the development of shared service opportunities with the main emphasis on the completion of the review of the Goldfields Records Storage facility;*
  - *Review the impact of current proposed legislation relating to performance and financial audits of GVROC Member Councils to determine whether there is capacity to share services to ensure compliance.*

CARRIED

**Executive Officer Comment:**

No further comment.

**Consultation:** Nil

**Voting Requirement:** Simple majority

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The GVROC adopt the following strategic actions for the 2017/2018 year:

- **Objective 1**
  - Provide a strong clear voice for GVROC Member Councils through the development of a list of lobby/advocacy issues – it is suggested that the GVROC Council develop a list of issues that it wishes to focus its lobbying/advocacy efforts on over the next 12 months. It is proposed to include in the lobbying a full review of the legislative environment in which local government operates particularly including the Local Government Act;
  - Invite representatives of Camp Kulin to a GVROC Meeting (possibly August 2017 Meeting in Perth);
  - Include in each GVROC Agenda and CEOs Group Agenda a standalone item on law and order issues;
  - Maintain a watching brief on biodiversity and natural resource management issues within the GVROC area;
- **Objective 2**
  - Advocate for investment in regional infrastructure by seeking details of regional funding opportunities (both Commonwealth and State) and in particular the State Government regional investment plan;

- Objective 3
  - Enhance the role of local government and the GVROC in the region by continuing the development of the CEOs Group including the way it operates and assists in providing governance advice to the GVROC Council;
- Objective 4
  - Identify and develop innovative technologies through the development of a regional digital strategy;
  - Maintain a watching brief on emerging technologies (as an example the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder outlined the collaborative approach being undertaken in relation to shifting IT Vision Synergy platform to cloud);
- Objective 5
  - Assist in the development of shared service opportunities with the main emphasis on the completion of the review of the Goldfields Records Storage facility;
  - Review the impact of current proposed legislation relating to performance and financial audits of GVROC Member Councils to determine whether there is capacity to share services to ensure compliance.

**RESOLUTION:**                      **Moved: Cr Rathbone**                      **Seconded: Cr Harris**

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**The GVROC adopt the following strategic actions for the 2017/2018 year:**

- **Objective 1**
  - **Provide a strong clear voice for GVROC Member Councils through the development of a list of lobby/advocacy issues – it is suggested that the GVROC Council develop a list of issues that it wishes to focus its lobbying/advocacy efforts on over the next 12 months. It is proposed to include in the lobbying a full review of the legislative environment in which local government operates particularly including the Local Government Act;**
  - **Include in each GVROC Agenda and CEOs Group Agenda a standalone item on law and order issues;**
  - **Maintain a watching brief on biodiversity and natural resource management issues within the GVROC area;**
- **Objective 2**
  - **Advocate for investment in regional infrastructure by seeking details of regional funding opportunities (both Commonwealth and State) and in particular the State Government regional investment plan;**
- **Objective 3**
  - **Enhance the role of local government and the GVROC in the region by continuing the development of the CEOs Group including the way it operates and assists in providing governance advice to the GVROC Council;**
- **Objective 4**
  - **Identify and develop innovative technologies through the development of a regional digital strategy;**
  - **Maintain a watching brief on emerging technologies (as an example the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder outlined the collaborative approach being undertaken in relation to shifting IT Vision Synergy platform to cloud);**
- **Objective 5**
  - **Assist in the development of shared service opportunities with the main emphasis on the completion of the review of the Goldfields Records Storage facility;**
  - **Review the impact of current proposed legislation relating to performance and financial audits of GVROC Member Councils to determine whether there is capacity to share services to ensure compliance.**

**CARRIED**

## 10.7 Restrictions on Land Subdivisions

**Reporting Officer:** Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** 25 June 2017

**Attachments:** Nil

### **Background:**

The matter of the restrictions on land subdivisions was recently raised by the Shire of Leonora in an email to all Member Councils relating to the recent restrictions placed upon the Shire by the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) on a proposed residential development.

GVROC CEO, James Trail requested that this matter be listed for discussion at the GVROC CEOs Group Meeting on Friday 26 May 2017 believing the issue to a regional one.

During this meeting James Trail suggested that a possible outcome from the meeting's discussion on this matter be that the GVROC write to the relevant minister(s) and agency head(s) requesting a meeting to discuss the impact these restrictions are having on communities across the region.

As Member Councils will be aware, the Shire of Coolgardie and Menzies have experienced similar problems to those currently affecting the Shire of Leonora over a long period of time.

The Shire of Ravensthorpe has also provided evidence of where it is being similarly affected. Within the Shire there is a parcel of land that someone wants to gift the Shire for future residential/small acreage development. The DMP is, however, against the proposal because of perceived mineralisation over the land in question. The Shire has, however, been told that this information is not correct but the DMP is unwilling to reverse its current position.

The meeting was also advised by Jim Epis that a contingent of senior managers from the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) were visiting Leonora on Tuesday 30 May.

Following discussion the GVROC CEOs Group resolved as follows:

**RESOLUTION:** Moved: Jim Epis Seconded: Rhonda Evans

1. *That the issue of restrictions on land subdivisions be added as a lobby issue under Strategic Plan Objective 1.*
2. *That Jim Epis, CEO Shire of Leonora provide an update to the GVROC Meeting on 30 June 2017 in relation to the visit to Leonora by representatives of the Department of Mines and Petroleum.*

**CARRIED**

### **Executive Officer Comment:**

Since the GVROC CEOs Group Meeting Mr Epis has advised the Executive Officer of the outcome of the visit on the 30 May 2017 by DMP.

Mr Epis advised as follows:

*Department of Mines and Petroleum's (DMP) Corporate Executive did visit Leonora on the 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.*

*The Acting Director General, Mr David Smith was also in attendance. The Shire's of Laverton, Menzies, Sandstone and Leonora participated in discussion. The networking meeting was very successful and provided the executive team with a better understanding of local issues.*

*The Acting Director General explained that he hoped Shire representatives were able to understand the importance of early discussions with his department and other government jurisdictions in development and developing matters.*



*In regards sub-divisions within townships I have sought additional information from the DMP as to a practical way forward.*

*I know that the DMP, the Department of Lands and the mining company concerned in the Leonora matter have met to discuss the concerns of the local government . I'm sure a resolution will be reached in the not too distant future which will allow development to proceed subject to certain conditions. I'm sure this resolution could then be applied to other local governments in the region.*

*If local government can be patient for a little longer I'm sure everyone will be satisfied with the final result.*

*I expect additional information from the DMP on this matter in the next week or so. This will be provided to you very soon thereafter.*

Mr Epis or other Member Councils who attended the meeting on 30 May 2017 may care to add further to the comments.

**Additional Meeting Comment:**

Mayor Bowler suggested that GVROC should seek funding from the State Government through the Exportation Incentives Scheme (EIS) to determine the levels of mineralisation in land close to town boundaries.

**Consultation:** Shire of Leonora

**Voting Requirement:** Simple majority

The matter is presented for discussion and decision.

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

**That the GVROC CEOs Group investigate the opportunity for GVROC, either through GVROC or individual Member Councils, to seek funding the State Government's Exploration Incentives Scheme to determine the levels of mineralisation in land close to town boundaries.**

**CARRIED**

## 11. 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*

### **11.1 State Councillor / Goldfields Esperance Zone President's Report (Attachment)**

Cr Mal Cullen (President, Shire of Coolgardie)

Cr Cullen as GVROC's WALGA State Councillor has requested that Member Councils receive a copy of the State Councillor Report Guide for July 2017. This report will form the basis of his report to Member Councils.

He has also requested that Member Councils' attention be drawn to Agenda Item 8 (Additional Zone Resolutions as well as the Murchison Zone recommendations in Section 8 of the May 2017 State Council Minutes. These resolutions were as follows:

***Early Childhood Learning Centres (Planning & Community Development)***

*That the Murchison Zone request WALGA State Council to investigate and report on the implementation of Early Childhood Learning Centres throughout the Midwest Region and the program outcomes.*

***Student Progression /Learning (Planning & Community Development)***

*That the Murchison Country Zone request the WALGA State Council to lobby the Education Department of Western Australia to review and amend policies so that school student progression to the next grade/level not be implemented until the student meets the required standard.*

***Rural Nursing Posts (Planning & Community Development)***

*That the Murchison Country Zone raise with WALGA State Council and other relevant bodies the critical issue with regard to the Staffing of Health Centres in the Murchison region.*

*This region recommends that Government policy should dictate that at least two nurses, as a minimum, should be stationed at Health Centres where there is no hospital.*

### **11.2 WALGA Status Report (Attachment)**

From *Executive Officer*

**BACKGROUND:**

Presenting the Status Report for June 2017 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 State Councillor's and WALGA Status Report.

**RESOLUTION:**                    **Moved: Cr Hill**                    **Seconded: Mr Fitzgerald**  
**That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils notes the State Councillor's and WALGA Status Report.**

**CARRIED**

### **11.3 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 Act and Regulations Review (05-034-01-0007 TB)**

##### **WALGA Recommendation**

That WALGA:

1. Note the Local Government Act Review process announced by the Minister for Local Government.
2. Endorse the consultation process outlined in this report.

##### **ZONE COMMENT:**

The State Council agenda item lists a number of issues that have previously been identified including the following:

- a) Gifts
- b) Regional Subsidiaries
- c) Rating Exemptions:
  - Charitable Purposes provisions
  - Rate Equivalency Payments of Government Trading entities
- d) Financial Management Issues:
  - Borrowings
  - Investments\*
  - Fees and Charges
  - Financial ratios

(\* Noting that Regulation 19C(2)(b) of the Financial Management Regulations, permitting fixed term deposits to be invested for up to 3 years, was amended on 12 May 2017)
- e) Administration:
  - Electors' General Meetings to be optional
  - Designated Senior Officer section to be reviewed
  - Public Notices (modernisation of the Act to acknowledge electronic means)
- f) Functions of Local Governments:
  - Tender Thresholds
  - Establish Council Controlled Organisations (Local Government Enterprises)
  - Regional Council provisions (review of compliance requirements)
- g) Poll Provisions relating to amalgamations and boundary adjustments.
  - The poll provisions contained in Schedule 2.1 of the Local Government Act should be extended to provide any community whose Local Government is undergoing a boundary change or amalgamation with the opportunity to demand a binding poll of with the opportunity to demand a binding poll of electors.

Member Councils may have other issues they believe should be raised for discussion as part of the review process.

WALGA has flagged its intention to hold Zone/regional group forums on the Act/Regulatory amendment suggestions. These can be held in-conjunction with a Zone meeting or separately. It is expected that this process will be carried out between July and November 2017 with the State Council item being considered at the 6 December meeting.

Given the impact that any review of the Local Government Act and its associate regulations may have on Councils across the State it is imperative that the GECZ participate as comprehensively as possible in the consultation process.

At this point GVROC will only have two opportunities to have input into the consultation process. The first is at the GVROC Council Meeting to be held in Perth on Wednesday 2 August 2017. The second is at the GVROC Council Meeting to be held Friday 13 October 2017. GVROC also has the opportunity to participate in a WALGA sponsored forum, though details for such events have yet to be advertised. The last GVROC meeting for 2017 will be too late in which to have input into the review process as WALGA will have formulated a position to be considered by the Zones for the November/December round of Zone meetings with a recommendation developed for decision by State Council at the meeting to take place on Wednesday 6 December.

Given the recent comments by the CCC Commissioner, Hon John McKechnie QC, and the ever increasing levels of compliance placed on local governments, the Executive Officer believes that Member Councils should participate in any workshop or meeting arranged for the purpose of Act/Regulatory amendment suggestions.

Perhaps in the first instance GVROC could request a briefing from WALGA on the review process when it meets in Perth on Wednesday 2 August and then discuss the matter further when it meets on Friday 13 October, with a view to providing formal comment to WALGA at that time.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the WALGA Recommendation be supported; and
2. That GVROC request a briefing session from WALGA on the review of the Local Government Act/regulatory amendments at the GVROC Council Meeting to be held in Perth on Wednesday 2 August 2017.

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

1. That the WALGA Recommendation be supported; and
2. That GVROC request a briefing session from WALGA on the review of the Local Government Act/regulatory amendments at the GVROC Council Meeting to be held in Perth on Wednesday 2 August 2017.

**Note:** It was also agreed that the next GVROC CEOs Group Meeting (scheduled for Friday 14 July 2017) would be devoted to working through the review of the Local Government Act/regulatory amendments. Tony Brown advised that he would arrange for a WALGA representative to attend this meeting.

#### **5.2 Heavy Vehicle Cost Recovery Policy Guideline for Sealed Roads (05-006-03-0008 MB)**

##### **WALGA Recommendation**

That the Heavy Vehicle Cost Recovery Policy Guideline for Sealed Roads be endorsed as a model policy for Local Government adoption.

##### **ZONE COMMENT:**

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

#### **5.3 Single Use Plastic Bag Ban (05-070-01-0001 RNB)**

**WALGA Recommendation**

That WALGA:

1. Advocate for a state wide ban for single use plastic bags.
2. Support members seeking to implement a Local Law to ban single use plastic bags.

**ZONE COMMENT:**

The issue of banning single plastic bags has been the subject of a number of attempts by some local governments to introduce a local law. It would seem the current State Government, unlike the previous Government, is not going to oppose the introduction of a local law.

WALGA could be seen to be more proactive in assisting local government introduce local laws if it was to develop a model local law that passes the scrutiny of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

**5.4 Interim Submission on the Australian Government's Review of Climate Change Policies (05-028-03-0018 LS)****WALGA Recommendation**

That the interim submission in response to the Australian Government's Review of Climate Change Policies Discussion Paper be endorsed.

**ZONE COMMENT:**

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

**5.5 Coordinated Corella Project (05-046-02-0003 MH)****WALGA Recommendation**

That State Council:

1. Note the outcomes of the Coordinated Corella Control pilot program.
2. Endorse WALGA's proposed approach to the continuation and expansion of the Program in 2017/18.

**ZONE COMMENT:**

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

**5.6 Productivity Commission Inquiry into Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation (05-001-03-0006 DM)****WALGA Recommendation**

That State Council endorse WALGA's submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation in Australia.

**ZONE COMMENT:**

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

**5.7 WALGA Draft Housing Strategy Guide and Housing and Community Profile Database (05-036-03-0020 CG)****WALGA Recommendation**

That WALGA;

1. Note the Draft Housing Strategy Guide and Housing and Community Profile Database currently out for members comment;
2. Liaise with all relevant State Government agencies to seek feedback on the draft Housing Strategy Guide; and
3. Seek a commitment from these agencies that the Draft Housing Strategy Guide is a suitable best practice guide for Local Governments in preparing their Housing Strategies.

**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 Best**                      **Seconded: Cr Harris**

**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**

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

- 6.1      Discussion Paper - Third Party Appeal Rights in Planning (06-03-01-0001 GC)
- 6.2      Bushfire Risk Mitigation Program (05-24-02-0001 MP)
- 6.3      Control of Off-Road Vehicles (05-053-03-008 NH)
- 6.4      Short-Term Rental Accommodation and the Sharing Economy Discussion Paper (05-036-03-0016 CG)
- 6.5      Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure 2015/16 (06007030016 MB)
- 6.6      Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (01-006-03-0008 RNB)

**11.5      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 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 WC)

**11.6      Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Policy Forum Reports**

- 7.2      Policy Forum Reports
  - 7.2.1    Mayors/Presidents Policy Forum

**7.2.2 Mining Community Policy Forum****7.2.3 Container Deposit Legislation Policy Forum****7.2.4 Freight Policy Forum****11.7 WALGA President's Report (Attachment)**

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 Hill**                      **Seconded: Cr Harris**

**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**

**12. Agency Reports****12.1 Department of Local Government and Communities**

Nil

**13. Members of Parliament**

Nil

**14. LATE ITEMS as notified, introduced by decision of the Meeting****14.1 Closure of the Goldfields Arts Centre**

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

**That the matter of the pending closure of Goldfields Arts Centre be discussed.**

**CARRIED**

The Mayor of Kalgoorlie-Boulder provided Member Councils with an update on the future of the Goldfields Art Centre (GAC). He advised the meeting the City was working to find a way to prevent the GAC from closing.

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

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1. That GVROC support the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder in its efforts to secure the future of the Goldfields Art Centre.
2. That GVROC calls on the State Government to establish a regional equivalent of the Perth Theatre Trust thereby ensure equitable access for residents in rural and regional Western Australia to arts and culture events.

**CARRIED**



## **15. FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Friday 14 July 2017 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC CEOs Group (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined);
- Wednesday 2 August 2017 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council in Perth during Local Government Week (venue to be determined);
- Friday 25 August 2017 – a teleconference to consider the WALGA State Council agenda for the State Council meeting to be held on Thursday and Friday 7 and 8 September 2017;
- Friday 15 September 2017 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC CEOs Group (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined);
- Friday 13 October 2017 2016 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined);
- Friday 1 December 2017 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council to consider the WALGA State Council agenda for the State Council meeting to be held Wednesday 6 December 2017 (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined);
- Friday 8 December 2017 an in-person meeting of the GVROC CEOs Group (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined); and
- Friday 2 February 2018 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council in Esperance.

## **16. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12.23pm

### DECLARATION

These minutes were confirmed by the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils at the meeting held on Wednesday 2 August 2017

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Person presiding at the meeting at which these minutes were confirmed