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Council Meeting

Friday 24 February 2017
Teleconference Meeting, commencing at 8.01am

MINUTES

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GOLDFIELDS VOLUNTARY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (GVROC)

**Teleconference Meeting to be held on Friday 24 February 2017
commencing at 8.02am**

MINUTES

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair, Cr Mal Cullen opened the meeting at 8.02am welcoming all in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Consider and provide advice to the GVROC Chair and WALGA State Council representative, Cr Mal Cullen, or GVROC's WALGA State Council Deputy Representative, Councillor Suzie Williams, should Cr Cullen be unable to attend the WALGA State Council Meeting in Perth on Wednesday 1 March 2017; and
2. Consider ways in which the GVROC Solar PV Project and the GVROC LED Streetlight Project can be successfully completed by the end of the 2017 calendar year as required by the project's FAA.

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

3.1 Attendance

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| Cr Mal Cullen (Chair) | President, Shire of Coolgardie |
| Cr Tracey Rathbone | Deputy President, Shire of Coolgardie |
| Mr James Trail | A/CEO, Shire of Coolgardie |
| Mr Doug Stead | CEO, Shire of Dundas |
| Cr Victoria Brown | President, Shire of Esperance |
| Cr Beverley Stewart | Councillor, Shire of Esperance |
| Mr Matthew Scott | CEO, Shire of Esperance |
| Cr Suzie Williams | Councillor, 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 |
| Mr Steven Deckert | CEO, Shire of Laverton |
| Cr Peter Craig (entered the meeting at 8.15am) | President Shire of Leonora |
| Mr Jim Epis | CEO, Shire of Leonora |
| Ms Rhonda Evans (left the meeting at 8.40am) | CEO, Shire of Menzies |
| Mr Chris Paget | CEO, Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku |
| Cr Keith Dunlop | President, Shire of Ravensthorpe |

Cr Ian Goldfinch
Mr Ian Fitzgerald
Mr Warren Olsen

Councillor, Shire of Ravensthorpe
CEO, Shire of Ravensthorpe
A/DCEO, Shire of Wiluna

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

3.2 Apologies

Mayor John Bowler, Mayor City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Cr Jill Dwyer, President Shire of Menzies
Cr Damian McLean, President, Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku

3.3 Guests

Nil

3.4 WALGA Representatives

Mr Mal Shervill, Policy Officer Road Safety
Ms Lyn Fogg, Governance Advisor Sector Support and Advice

3.5 Department of Local Government and Communities Representative

Nil

4. GVROC BUSINESS

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

Reporting Officer: Ric Halse, Manager Planning, Development and Regulatory Services
City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Steve Deckert, CEO Shire of Laverton
Helen Westcott, Executive Officer

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 20 February 2017

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 Ngaanyatjarraku (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.

With the LED street lighting all but completed the focus has been on the completion of the solar PV project.

At the GVROC Council Meeting held in Warburton on Friday 4 November 2016 the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder provided a project update, with the meeting resolving as shown below:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Ms Evans* *Seconded: Cr Dwyer*

That GVROC:

1. *Note both the Shire of Laverton and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, as lead agency for the Country Local Government Fund – 2012/2013 Regional Group Projects Applications – GVROC Solar PV Project and the GVROC LED Streetlight Project, efforts in seeking a further variation to the project’s Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA) between the Department of Regional Development and GVROC, as it relates to the solar PV component of the project.*
2. *In conjunction with Part 1, the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, as lead agency for the Country Local Government Fund – 2012/2013 Regional Group Projects Applications – GVROC Solar PV Project and the GVROC LED Streetlight Project, seek support from the Minister of Lands to expedite the land tenure transfer for the ground mount component of the solar panel project in Laverton; and*
3. *In conjunction with Part 1 GVROC investigate the potential for any remaining funding from the project to be used for installation of solar panels to other GVROC facilities that are “shovel ready”, noting that such work is contingent on funds being available to meet the cost of installing solar panels in Laverton as per the project business case.*

CARRIED

Since that time the Shire of Laverton has been working with the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder to resolve the Shire’s issue of land transfer for the ground mound component of its solar panel project.

Steve Deckert CEO Shire of Laverton provided Member Councils with a project update at the GVROC Council Meeting held in Esperance on Friday 3 February 2017, at which time it was resolved as shown below:

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

That the matter be deferred to the GVROC Teleconference Meeting on 24 February 2017.

CARRIED

Executive Officer Comment:

The following information has been provided by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder in consultation with the Shire of Laverton. It presents a course of actions and recommendations that will both assist the Shire of Laverton in participating in the solar PV project and allow for additional solar PV panels to be installed should there any surplus funding available upon completion of work in Laverton.

On 1 February 2017, the Department of Regional Development (DRD) denied the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder’s request to extend the CLGF funding deadline to June 2018, although it was agreed to move the program acquittal date to December 2017. The request to expedite the land acquisition process for the ground mount solar PV system in the Shire of Laverton was also denied, as the DRD advised that the Minister does not have the authority to fast track a land acquisition application if Native Title is subject to the land. DRD advised that in this instance it would be worth investigating changing the location of the project to land that is owned by the Shire or to consider using the funding to deliver a similar project that aligns with the scope of the GVROC Solar PV Project.

In addition, the Department of Lands (DoL) has since advised that they would anticipate, in a best case scenario, that the Native Title process could take another four and a half months to be finalised. The worst case scenario – which would result from a submission being received - could take at least a year and a half. The lack of assurance of land tenure, in addition to the time required to undertake procurement processes and construction, suggests it is highly unlikely pursuing the ground mount solar PV system would meet the acquittal deadline. If the ground mount solar PV system was procured, but the construction was unable to be completed within the acquittal period, the Shire of Laverton would be required to fund the project under contractual obligations. The risk of pursuing the ground mount solar PV system, as opposed to pursuing an alternative project, is that the Shire of Laverton will miss out on GVROC Solar PV Project funding.

Recommendation 1: That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) supports an alternative proposal for Shire of Laverton to install a 50kw system on the Shire of Laverton Administration Building, in addition to the already proposed install on the Laverton Tourist Centre.

Given the circumstances outlined above, it is no longer considered feasible to pursue the ground mount solar PV system given the December 2017 acquittal deadline. It is therefore recommended that alternate renewable energy project options are investigated in lieu of the ground mount system. The proposed development of the roof mount system on the Shire of Laverton Tourist Centre can continue as planned and it is recommended that an additional roof mounted project is instigated. Initial assessments of the Shire Administrative building indicate suitability for a roof mount solar PV system, which could see installation managed in conjunction with the Tourist Centre project.

A time line for Plan B (Shire Administration and Tourist Centre buildings) has been developed with the assistance of independent consultancy Perdaman Advanced Energy. It is considered feasible that Plan B could be completed by mid-October, safely within the acquittal deadline. A local structural engineer and electrician have been engaged to provide quotations for a site visit to ascertain the suitability of the Shire Administration building for a roof mount PV system, similar to the process previously conducted for the Tourist Centre building. Pursuing Plan B will ensure greater certainty that the Shire of Laverton gets a fair share of the GVROC Solar PV Project funds.

Recommendation 2: Upon completion of the tendering and procurement process for the Shire of Laverton project, undertake investigations to cost out projects for a Shire of Coolgardie 30kW system and a City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder 30kW system, and report back to GVROC on the investigation findings.

A recent assessment of the remaining GVROC Solar PV Project funds, conducted with the assistance of Perdaman Advanced Energy, suggests there may be remaining funding available to pursue another solar PV roof mount project or two after the Shire of Laverton's projects have been finalised. The size and location of the system(s) will be determined by the remaining funding available after the Shire of Laverton projects.

The Animal Management Facility in Kalgoorlie is one potential site that has been flagged for investigation as to its suitability for a 30-50kW roof mount solar PV system. Similarly, a project involving the Kambalda Recreation Centre in the Shire of Coolgardie has also been flagged as an additional site worth investigating for a 30kW roof mount system. Both sites have been initially assessed as likely to be financially viable and able to be completed by the acquittal deadline.

Projects previously considered by the GVROC Committee, but are deemed unfeasible to pursue, include the Ray Finlayson Sports Complex in the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder which has been advised against due to the complexities associated with new buildings and their insurances. Further, Perdaman Advanced Energy have advised that due to the remoteness of the location and the requirement to include batteries as part of the overall installation, a project in the Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku is also unlikely to be feasible.

Recommendation 3: Subject to surplus funds available after the completion of Shire of Laverton project, and the possible addition of projects at Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie-Boulder, commission Perdaman Advanced Energy to prepare specifications, costings and design documentation for Solar PV projects in remote Indigenous Communities in the Goldfields Region. The completed documentation is to be used to form an application for funding from Royalties for Regions, or a similar funding source.

Consultation: City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

Voting Requirement: Simple majority

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. The Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) supports an alternative proposal for Shire of Laverton to install a 50kw system on the Shire of Laverton Administration Building, in addition to the already proposed installation on the Laverton Tourist Centre;
2. Upon completion of the tendering and procurement process for the Shire of Laverton project the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, as *lead agency for the Country Local Government Fund – 2012/2013 Regional Group Projects Applications – GVROC Solar PV Project and the GVROC LED Streetlight Project*, undertake investigations to cost out projects for a Shire of

- Coolgardie 30kW system and a City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder 30kW system, and report back to GVROC on the investigation findings; and
3. Subject to surplus funds available after the completion of Shire of Laverton project, and the possible addition of projects at Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie-Boulder, commission Perdaman Advanced Energy to prepare specifications, costings and design documentation for Solar PV projects in remote Indigenous Communities in the Goldfields Region. The completed documentation will be used to form an application for funding from Royalties for Regions, or a similar funding source.

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

That:

1. **The Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) supports an alternative proposal for Shire of Laverton to install a 50kw system on the Shire of Laverton Administration Building, in addition to the already proposed installation on the Laverton Tourist Centre;**
2. **Upon completion of the tendering and procurement process for the Shire of Laverton project the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, as lead agency for the Country Local Government Fund – 2012/2013 Regional Group Projects Applications – GVROC Solar PV Project and the GVROC LED Streetlight Project, undertake investigations to cost out projects for a Shire of Coolgardie 30kW system and a City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder 30kW system, and report back to GVROC on the investigation findings; and**
3. **Subject to surplus funds available after the completion of Shire of Laverton project, and the possible addition of projects at Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie-Boulder, commission Perdaman Advanced Energy to prepare specifications, costings and design documentation for Solar PV projects in remote Indigenous Communities in the Goldfields Region. The completed documentation will be used to form an application for funding from Royalties for Regions, or a similar funding source.**

CARRIED

5. 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

5.1 State Councillor / Goldfields Esperance Zone President's Report

Cr Mal Cullen

Cr Cullen reported on the following:

- emerging issue relating to bushfire management and the review of the Emergency Services Levy; and
- the WALGA State Government budget submission.

5.2 WALGA Status Report (Attachment)

Presenting the Status Report for February 2017 which contains WALGA's responses to resolutions from previous meetings

ZONE COMMENT:

This is an opportunity for Member Councils to consider the responses from WALGA in respect to the matters that have been previously submitted.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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

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

5.3 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 Discontinuation of Vehicle Licence Concessions (05-041-03-0002 MS)

WALGA Recommendation

That State Council:

1. Endorse the recent and on-going advocacy actions undertaken by WALGA to have the decision to discontinue vehicle licence concessions for Local Governments reversed; and
2. Encourages Member Local Governments to highlight to existing and potential Members of Parliament the adverse impact this decision will have on local communities.

ZONE COMMENT:

The issue of the removal of the concession related to vehicle licensing was discussed at the GVROC Meeting held Friday 3 February 2017 in Esperance.

The meeting was advised that approximately 50 local governments had advised WALGA of the cost impact. Based on this data current indications were that the removal of the vehicle concession would cost around \$5m per annum and the stamp duty concession removal around \$4m per annum.

The Shire of Esperance advised that their additional costs each year were estimated at \$156,000. The Shire of Laverton indicated that its additional costs would \$66,000, with the Shire of Ravensthorpe indicating that that the budget measures would cost it \$60,500.

Following discussion the GVROC Council resolved as follows:

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

1. *That each GVROC Member Council be requested to supply to the Executive Officer the details of the likely additional cost arising from the removal of vehicle licensing and stamp duty concession;*
2. *That the GVROC support WALGA in its submission to the State Government for reinstatement of the vehicle licensing and stamp duty concession.*

CARRIED

At the time of the February GVROC Meeting the details of the WALGA recommendation were not known as such the GVROC may now wish to review its resolution and in turn its position on this matter.

It should also be noted that at the time of completing the GVROC meeting agenda the Executive Officer has been requested to prepare a media release on this issue. An update on the media release will be provided to Member Councils at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the WALGA recommendation be amended to read:

That State Council:

1. Endorse the recent and on-going advocacy actions undertaken by WALGA in relation to the discontinuation of the vehicle license concessions for Local Governments; and
2. Adopt a position in its advocacy that the licensing and stamp duty concession be removed for any vehicle that is provided to an employee as part of an employment contract and all other plant and equipment continue to receive the exemption from the payment of the license fee and stamp duty as at present.

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Cr Brown* *Seconded: Cr Rathbone*

That the WALGA State Council recommendation be amended to read as follows:

1. **That State Council endorse the recent and on-going advocacy actions undertaken by WALGA in relation to the discontinuation of the vehicle license concessions for Local Governments; and**
2. **That WALGA, as a matter of urgency and prior to the State Election on Saturday 11 March 2017, lobby individual political parties seeking their commitment to the reinstatement of the vehicle licensing concessions when in government.**

CARRIED

5.2 Compulsory Third Party Insurance Scheme for Cyclists (05-005-03-0006 MS)**WALGA Recommendation**

That WALGA does not support a compulsory third party insurance scheme for cyclists.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

5.3 Regional Subsidiaries Regulations (05-034-01-0004 TB TL)**WALGA Recommendation**

That WALGA advocate for legislative and regulatory amendments to enable Regional Subsidiaries to:

1. Borrow in their own right;
2. Enter into land transactions; and,
3. Undertake commercial activities.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

Note: A presentation on the regional subsidiaries model was provided by Tony Brown, WALGA's Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services at the GVROC Council Meeting held in Esperance on Friday 3 February 2017.

8.15am Cr Peter Craig joined the meeting**5.4 Review of the Emergency Services Levy (05-24-02-0001 MP)****WALGA Recommendation**

That:

1. State Council notes the work undertaken by WALGA and members to advocate for a review of the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) and undertake economic modelling in support of the ESL review;
2. State Council endorses and promotes that critical to the success of the submission is participation of all Councils to demonstrate a unified sector position; and
3. WALGA undertakes formal consultation with the sector, building on previous work and State Council resolutions, to prepare a submission to the Economic Regulatory Authority to addressing the terms of reference of the Review of the Emergency Services Levy on behalf of all Councils.

ZONE COMMENT:

WALGA is seeking further details from Member Councils by way of a survey and it is possible that at the Zone meeting some preliminary comment may be available.

As the recommendation included in the WALGA State Council Agenda relates to the process to develop the submission rather than the content of the submission it should be supported by the Zone.

5.5 Submission to Building Commission on operation of the Building Act 2011 (05-015-01-0003 VJ)**WALGA Recommendation**

That WALGA:

1. Endorse the 'Top Ten' issues for improvement to the operation of the Building Act 2011; and
2. Further advocate for improvements to the operation of the Building Act 2011 with the Minister for Commerce and the Building Commission.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

5.6 Interim submission – State Planning Policy 3.6 – Development Contributions for Infrastructure (05-036-03-0010 VJ)

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission to the WA Planning Commission on State Planning Policy 3.6 – Development Contributions for Infrastructure be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

The Executive Officer notes the submission period closed on 2 December 2016 and the submission was endorsed by Planning and Community Development Policy Team and the Executive Committee prior to submission.

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

5.7 Interim Submission to the WA Planning Commission on the Design WA Framework (05-036-03-0058 CG)

WALGA Recommendation

That:

1. The interim submission to the WA Planning Commission regarding State Planning Policy 7 - Design of the Built Environment and the wider Design WA Framework be endorsed; and
2. WALGA advocates its opposition to the introduction of any mandatory design review process, as it should be at the discretion of individual Local Governments.

ZONE COMMENT:

The Executive Officer notes the submission period closed on 20 December 2016 however a revised timeframe for comment, allowed for an interim submission to be submitted to the Department of Planning on the 31 January 2017. Prior to submission it was endorsed by Planning and Community Development Policy Team and the Executive Committee.

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

5.8 WALGA Model Heritage Strategy for Local Governments (05-071-03-0003 GC)

WALGA Recommendation

That the Model Heritage Strategy for Local Governments is endorsed and that WALGA recommends use of the resource by Local Governments when reviewing and preparing heritage strategies.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

Additional Meeting Comment:

Matthew Scott, CEO Shire of Esperance expressed concern at local governments committing resources to developing a heritage strategy which have have little value if there ever is a conflict concerning heritage in their communities. He agreed to follow up his concerns with the GVROC Chair prior to the WALGA State Council Meeting on Wednesday 1 March 2017.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Brown** **Seconded: Cr Stewart**

That the GVROC request that consideration of the WALGA Model Heritage Strategy for Local Governments be deferred to enable WALGA Member Councils to reconsider the Model Heritage Strategy being proposed.

CARRIED

5.9 Interim Submission on the Seniors Housing Strategy Discussion Paper (05-036-03-0020 CG)

WALGA Recommendation

That WALGA's interim submission regarding Seniors Housing Strategy, Discussion Paper be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

The Executive Officer notes the submission period closed on 16 December 2016 and the submission was endorsed by Planning and Community Development Policy Team and the Executive Committee prior to submission.

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

5.10 Local Government and Tourism Position and Recommendations Paper (05-060-03-01 NH)

WALGA Recommendation

That WALGA:

1. Continues to advocate for a Local Government tourism strategy to deliver local tourism outcomes;
2. In the short-medium term, advocates that the State Government:
 - a. Produces targeted communication and education for Local Government using existing Tourism WA data to demonstrate the value of tourism to local communities, Elected Members and Local Government officers;
 - b. Provides guidance for Local Government on marketing small projects including events and attractions; and,
 - c. Directs Regional Development Commissions to facilitate the coordination of tourism stakeholders to provide strategic support where required for Local Government.
3. In the long term, advocates that the State Government:
 - a. Articulates the lead agency and defines the roles of other agencies in tourism, to facilitate coordination and collaboration of tourism activities across the State and to enhance Local Government's understanding of tourism in WA;
 - b. Defines and communicates how it provides destination marketing support to Local Governments and communicates how Local Governments can most effectively direct their resources;
 - c. Develops a sustainable State Government tourism funding mechanism for both regional and metropolitan Local Governments which is clearly communicated to Local Governments;
 - d. Implements and invests in Regional Investment Blueprints and delivers through appropriate funding models such as Royalties for Regions and federal funding opportunities which are clearly communicated to Local Government;
 - e. Continues funding to support sustainability of visitor centres; and,
 - f. Undertakes improvements to tourism-related infrastructure and technology including mobile signals and WIFI in regional areas.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

5.11 Urban Forest (05-038-04-2211 LS)**WALGA Recommendation**

That WALGA advocate and work with the State Government to further prevent the loss of urban tree canopy, which is a significant environmental and social issue for communities across the State.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

8.40am Ms Rhonda Evans left the meeting**5.12 Post Border Biosecurity Policy Position and Recommendations to the State Government (03-05-046-03-001 MB)****WALGA Recommendation**

That WALGA:

1. Endorse the proposed post-border biosecurity policy position;
2. Advocate for the State Government to implement the recommendations in the Position Paper, including a review of the operation and effectiveness of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* as a priority.

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

That the GVROC Chair issue a media release seeking a commitment from all political parties ahead of the state election for increased funding for post-border biosecurity.

CARRIED**ZONE COMMENT:**

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

5.13 WALGA Annual General Meeting - Criteria for Member Motions (01-003-02-0001 TB)**WALGA Recommendation**

- A. That WALGA amend the Association's Corporate Governance Charter to provide for the following criteria in determining Member motions to be considered at an Annual General meeting:

Motions will be included in the Business Paper agenda where they:

1. Are consistent with the objects of the Association (refer to clause 3 of the constitution);
2. Relate to Local Government in WA and/or across Australia;
3. Concern or are likely to concern Local Government as a sector;
4. Seek to advance the Local Government policy agenda of the Association and/or improve governance of the Association;
5. Have a lawful purpose (a motion does not have a lawful purpose if its implementation would require or encourage non-compliance with prevailing laws);
6. Are clearly worded and unambiguous in nature;

Motions will not be included where they are:

7. Consistent with current Association advocacy/policy positions. (As the matter has previously considered and endorsed by the Association).

Motions of similar objective:

8. Will be consolidated as a single item.

- B. Determination of acceptable motions be carried out by WALGA's Executive Committee and the Terms of Reference of the Executive Committee be amended accordingly.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

RECOMMENDATION:

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

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Brown** **Seconded: Cr Craig**

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

CARRIED

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

6.1 **Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (01-006-03-0008 RNB)**

5.5 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)**

5.6 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**

5.7 WALGA President's Report (Attachment)

Presenting the WALGA President's Report

RECOMMENDATION:

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

- State Councillor Report;
- WALGA Status Report;
- Matters for noting/information;

- Organisational reports;
- Policy Forum reports; and
- WALGA President's Report.

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

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

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

CARRIED

6. URGENT BUSINESS as permitted by the Chair

Nil

7. FUTURE MEETINGS

- Friday 24 March 2017 – in-person meeting of the GVROC CEOs Group (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined)
- Friday 21 April 2017 - an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council at which the WALGA State Council Agenda for the State Council meeting to be held Thursday and Friday 4 and 5 May 2017 will also be considered (in Kalgoorlie unless otherwise determined)

8. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.47am

DECLARATION

These minutes were confirmed by the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils at the meeting held on Friday 21 April 2017

Signed _____

Person presiding at the meeting at which these minutes were confirmed