



Gascoyne Country Zone

Minutes

Shark Bay Recreation Centre

10:30am

Thursday 5 September 2019

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Meeting to be held at the Shark Bay Recreation Centre
Commencing at 10:30am, Thursday, 5 September 2019

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ATTENDEES

Shire of Carnarvon	President Karl Brandenburg Jenny MacKellin, Executive Manager Community Services
Shire of Exmouth	Cr Ben Dixon (by teleconference) Cameron Woods – Chief Executive Officer (by teleconference)
Shire of Shark Bay	President Cr Cheryl Cowell (Chair) Paul Anderson – Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Upper Gascoyne	President Cr Don Hammarquist OAM JP John McCleary – Chief Executive Officer Ian Fitzgerald – Acting Chief Executive Officer
WALGA	Tim Lane, Manager Strategy and Association Governance Nebojsa Franich, Economics Policy Manager

GUESTS

APOLOGIES

Shire of Carnarvon	David Burton – Chief Executive Officer
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1. Attachments

The following are provided as attachments to the agenda:

1. Minutes June 2019 Meeting
2. State Council Agenda – also available via link: <https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/a846e7df-becb-4570-956e-cafec51afcb3/Agenda-State-Council-6-September-2019.pdf>
3. President's Report

Vehicle Operating Condition	<p>alternative approaches to the CA07 operating condition; and,</p> <p>2. Establish a Working Group consisting of representatives from MRWA, WALGA, LGIS, DoT and the Local Government sector incorporating at least one member from each affected WALGA Zone to consider alternative approaches.</p>		
<p>2019 June 20 Zone Agenda Item 5.1 Regional Strategy Camarvon to Exmouth – Nyinggulu (Ningaloo) Coastal Reserves, Draft Joint Management Plan</p>	<p>That the Gascoyne Zone:</p> <p>1. Request WALGA continue to advocate to the State Government that an independent economic assessment of Wilderness Camping in the Shire of Exmouth and the broader Gascoyne Region be undertaken prior to any decisions being made; and,</p> <p>2. Note that the Shire of Exmouth will draft a statement to be sent to Gascoyne Local Government Chief Executive Officers outlining concerns with the current proposal.</p>	<p>WALGA has written to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions on the issue, and is currently awaiting a response.</p>	<p>Mark Batty Executive Manager Environment and Waste Mbatty@walga.asn.au 9213 2078</p>
<p>2019 March 22 Zone Agenda Item 5.4 Ningaloo Coast Regional Strategy Camarvon to Exmouth – Nyinggulu (Ningaloo) Coastal Reserves, Draft Joint Management Plan.</p>	<p>That the Gascoyne Zone requests WALGA to advocate to the State Government to undertake an independent economic assessment of Wilderness Camping in the Shire of Exmouth and the broader Gascoyne Region.</p>	<p>WALGA has commenced discussions with the Shire, the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions and the Gascoyne Development Commission on the development of the Regional Strategy, and the concerns raised by the Shire of Exmouth.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>	<p>Mark Batty Executive Manager Environment and Waste Mbatty@walga.asn.au 9213 2078</p>
<p>2019 March 22 Zone Agenda Item 2.1 Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) Peer Support Program</p>	<p>That the Gascoyne Zone request WALGA to:</p> <p>1. Support Local Government in their tourism endeavours as a key component of the Economic Development project;</p> <p>2. Continue to prosecute the economic development and tourism agenda;</p> <p>3. Advocate to the State Government to review the regional development commission and tourism structures in WA aiming for a more strategic and collaborative approach; and,</p> <p>4. Advocate to the State for revitalization of the regional development commission regional plans.</p>	<p>State Council adopted the <i>Local Government Economic Development: Research Findings and Future Directions Discussion Paper</i> and <i>Local Government Economic Development Framework</i> at its meeting of 27th March 2019. This includes the endorsement of a range of Economic Development policy positions, including those relating to tourism. With the support of State Council's Economic Development Policy Forum, WALGA will now implement its Advocacy Strategy to prosecute this policy agenda.</p> <p>In response to the Gascoyne's resolution, as a matter of priority, WALGA will seek a response from the Minister of Regional Development on the status of the Regional Development Commissions and the development of regional plans.</p> <p>At the time of writing this update a response has not been received from the Minister's office.</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services 9213 2051 tbrown@walga.asn.au</p>

Restricted Access Vehicle Operating Condition

RESOLUTION

That the Gascoyne Zone request WALGA to establish a Working Group relating to the Restricted Access Vehicle Operating Condition issue as soon as possible, to allow the Working Group to develop possible options prior to meeting with Main Roads.

CARRIED

Nyinggulu (Ningaloo) Coastal Reserves Draft Joint Management Plan

RESOLUTION

That the Gascoyne Zone request WALGA to follow up on the Ningaloo Coast Regional Strategy Carnarvon to Exmouth – Nyinggulu (Ningaloo) Coastal Reserves, Draft Joint Management Plan seeking a response before the November meeting.

CARRIED

Financial Assistance Grants

RESOLUTION

That the Gascoyne Zone request WALGA to:

- 1. Vigorously pursue the release of the findings of the 2013 FAGs Review;**
- 2. Note the position taken at the ALGA National General Assembly supporting a review of the FAGs allocations; and,**
- 3. Develop a policy position supporting a review of the FAGs methodology.**

CARRIED

5.2 Public Health Planning Advisory Service

PHAIWA is excited to launch the Public Health Planning Advisory Service which is a project aimed at supporting local governments around WA through the process of developing and implementing their public health plan.

PHAIWA will initially be offering a support and mentoring component of the project which will focus on the important initial phase for local governments in the early stages of the public health planning process. This will involve providing support to the Officers in assisting them to develop their case and garner support from their Elected Members. It could also involve providing stakeholder connections and general advice on “what’s next” for local governments who may be further along with their planning process or have hit a barrier.

Stage two of the project will offer more in-depth and thorough support for a select few local governments, how to apply for this assistance and what it may include and involve will be announced at a later date through our channels and directly to any local government who has used the mentoring service.

If you are a local government unsure of how to start your public health plan or wondering about what is next in your current plan’s process and wish to access this service, please contact Jo Malcolm by email at Jo.malcolm@curtin.edu.au.

NOTED

5.3 Midwest Suicide Prevention Steering Group

The Midwest Suicide Prevention Steering Group comprises high-level government and non-government representatives, and people with lived experience of suicide, with the purpose of guiding a coordinated and collaborative approach to suicide prevention across the Midwest (including North Midlands, the Murchison and the Gascoyne).

The purpose of the group is as follows:

- To support regional planning for suicide prevention and postvention, and its delivery and evaluation.
- To provide advice about the Midwest (including Murchison and Gascoyne) Suicide Prevention plan, its delivery and evaluation to the Midwest Suicide Prevention Governance Group.

The role and function of the group is as follows:

The priority functions are to offer analysis and guidance, particularly with respect to the delivery of a systems-based, evidence-based approach with an emphasis on:

- Responding to any recommendations from the Midwest Suicide Prevention Governance Group
- Contributions to, and the use of, qualitative and quantitative data from all members to inform planning.
- Suicide prevention training and training gaps, to be discussed with WACHS and NGOs
- Support communities to develop their own strategies, programs and services leading to community specific responses.
- Developing, implementing and reviewing an effective suicide postvention response for the region.
- Coordinated, comprehensive and ongoing support to identify and respond to barriers and enablers, for the successful implementation of suicide prevention activities.

The current membership of the group comprises:

- WACHS Midwest Mental Health and Community Alcohol and Drug Service – Regional Manager
- WAPHA – Program Manager for Suicide Prevention (WA)
- Mental Health Commission – Senior Project Officer, Community Programs
- Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Service (GRAMS) – CEO
- Department of Communities (Child Protection and Family Services) – District Director
- Department of Communities – Director Regional Coordination
- Headspace Geraldton – Manager
- Department of Education – Lead School Psychologist
- WA Police Force – District Superintendent
- National Indigenous Australia Agency – Regional Manager
- Representative for Non-Government Organisations – Manager, Mission Australia - Midwest Gascoyne
- Representative for General Practitioners
- Two Representatives of persons with lived experience

While current members oversee the whole region, a recent review of our Terms of Reference recognised a lack of involvement and input from people on the ground in our rural and remote areas.

The Executive Officer of the Steering Group has written asking if the Gascoyne Country Zone would be willing to nominate one representative from within their LGAs to serve as a standing invitee on this group, providing input as to the concerns of regional areas regarding suicide prevention, and to help us identify local emerging risks that could lead to possible suicides and appropriate responses.

The representative is invited to participate in person or via teleconferencing, but they can also provide input indirectly by raising issues with any member of the group to table at the next meeting. They will

also receive minutes of each meeting that they can then take to the Country Zone, or relevant networks, to keep them abreast of what is happening in the sector of suicide prevention for the region.

RESOLUTION

That Jenny MacKellin, subject to the approval off the Shire of Carnarvon Chief Executive Officer, be put forward as the Gascoyne representative.

CARRIED

6. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA – MATTERS FOR DECISION

(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)

MATTERS FOR DECISION

5.1 Interim Submission - Draft Position Statement: Fibre Ready Telecommunications Infrastructure

That the interim submission to the WA Planning Commission on the draft Position Statement: Fibre Ready Telecommunications Infrastructure, be endorsed.

5.2 Interim Submission on the WA Motorsport Strategy

That the interim submission on the WA Motorsport Strategy be endorsed.

5.3 Interim Submission on the State Strategy to Respond to the Abuse of Older People (Elder Abuse)

That the interim submission on the State Strategy to Respond to the Abuse of Older People (Elder Abuse) is endorsed.

5.4 WA Public Libraries Strategy Forum

That WALGA:

1. Supports the proposed repurposing of the accounting treatment of existing capital funds to recurrent funding.
2. Supports the proposed transfer of ownership of stock from State to Local Governments for Tier 1 Local Governments.
3. Requests State Library WA to advise the Local Government sector of the State Government corporate budget schedule and expedite annual funding allocation notifications to Local Government as soon as possible in the new financial year.

5.5 Submission on the Draft Compliance and Enforcement Policy

That the submission to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation relating to the draft Compliance and Enforcement Policy be endorsed.

5.6 Submission on the Environmental Protection Authority's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Guidance

That the WALGA submission on the Environmental Protection Authority's proposed Greenhouse Gas Emissions Guidance be endorsed.

5.7 Road Safety Strategy for WA Beyond 2020

That the submission to the Road Safety Council, for consideration in developing the next road safety strategy for Western Australia, be endorsed.

5.8 Interim Submission - Revitalising Agricultural Region Freight Strategy

That the interim submission to the Department of Transport on the draft Revitalising Agricultural Region Freight Strategy be endorsed.

5.9 Policy Templates: (1) Works in the Local Government Road Reserve; and (2) Events in the Local Government Road Reserve

That the following Policy Templates be endorsed:

1. Works in the Local Government Road Reserve; and
2. Events in the Local Government Road Reserve

MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

- 6.1 Submission to the Select Committee into Local Government
- 6.2 Cooperation and Shared Services
- 6.3 Draft Terms of Reference for an Inquiry into Local Government Fees and Charges
- 6.4 Public Health Advocacy Plan
- 6.5 Completion of the Managing Alcohol in Our Communities Guide
- 6.6 Local Government Coastal Hazard Planning – Issues Paper
- 6.7 Climate Resilient Councils – Preparing for the Impacts of Climate Change
- 6.8 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)

ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

- 7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Environment and Waste Unit
- 7.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services
- 7.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure
- 7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, People and Place
- 7.2 Policy Forum Reports

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Brandenburg
Seconded: Cr Hammarquist

That the Gascoyne Country Zone endorse State Council items 5.1 to 5.9, other than 5.5.

Item 5.5 – Submission on the Draft Compliance and Enforcement Policy

RESOLUTION

That the submission to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation relating to the draft Compliance and Enforcement Policy be endorsed, subject to:

1. Noting the lack of enforcement resources dedicated to rural and remote areas; and,
2. A request that other Government officers be trained to undertake enforcement actions on behalf of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

CARRIED

7. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

7.1 State Councillor's Report to the Zone

President Cr Cheryl Cowell provided an update to the Zone.

NOTED

7.2 President's Report to the Zone

Tim Lane outlined the President's Report on behalf of Cr Lynne Craigie.

NOTED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Local Government Innovation Fund

RESOLUTION

That WALGA advocate for the State Government to establish a Local Government Innovation Fund, for Local Governments with a small rate base, to fund innovative projects with a broad Local Government benefit.

CARRIED

9. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

10:00am, Friday, 22 November 2019 to be held at the Shire of Carnarvon.

10. CLOSURE

The Chair thanked Mr John McCleary on behalf of delegates for his contribution to the Zone and declared the meeting closed at 11:55am.