



# Great Southern Zone

## **MINUTES**

of an ordinary meeting  
(2 voting delegates per council)

held on

**Friday 22 March 2019**

Venue:  
Council Chambers  
Shire of Denmark  
South Coast Highway  
Denmark

## 2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cr Keith House  
Annabel Paulley

Zone President (Shire of Gnowangerup)  
Zone Executive Officer

**City of Albany**  
**Broomehill / Tambellup**  
**Cranbrook**  
**Denmark**  
**Gnowangerup**  
**Jerramungup**  
**Katanning**  
**Kent**  
**Kojonup**  
**Plantagenet**  
**Woodanilling**

Mayor Dennis Wellington and Cr Anthony Moir  
Cr Scott Thompson, Cr Mark Paganoni and CEO Keith Williams  
Cr Colin Egerton-Warburton and CEO Peter Northover  
Cr Ceinwen Gearon, Cr Roger Seeney and CEO Bill Parker  
Deputy CEO Vin Fordham-Lamont  
Cr Rob Lester, Cr Andrew Price and Deputy CEO Charmaine Solomon  
Cr Liz Guidera, Cr Jon Goodheart and CEO Julian Murphy  
CEO Rick Miller  
Cr Ronnie Fleay and Cr Graeme Hobbs  
Cr Chris Pavlovich and Cr Len Handasyde  
Cr Dale Douglas and Acting CEO Sean Fletcher

Total of 17 and out of a possible 22 voting delegates in attendance.

### Guests

Mark Batty, Executive Manager Environment and Waste, WALGA  
Ken Parker, Principal Strategy Officer, Dept of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries  
Bruce Manning, CEO, Great Southern Development Commission  
Terry Redman, WA State Member for Warren-Blackwood Rani Param, Senior Community Development Officer, City of Albany (via teleconference)

### Apologies

Rick Wilson, Federal Member for O'Connor	CEO Shelley Pike, Shire of Gnowangerup
Andrea Smithson, WALGA Road Safety Adviser	CEO Andrew Sharpe, City of Albany
Cr Janine Phillips, Shire of Denmark	CEO Rob Stewart, Shire of Plantagenet
Cr Phil Horrocks, Shire of Cranbrook	CEO Rick Mitchell-Collins, Shire of Kojonup
Cr Alan Smith, Cr Scott Crosby & Cr Johnston Shire of Kent	Cr Jon Oldfield, Shire of Plantagenet
Cr Russel Thomson, Shire of Woodanilling	
Gordon MacMile, Director Strategic Coordination and Delivery, Dept of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries	

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Ronnie Fleay declared an interest in item 5.5 in March State Council agenda due to her being a member of the WA Planning Commission.

**REMINDER: All delegates present at a Zone meeting shall vote, as per Zone Standing Order 28.1**

## 4. GUEST SPEAKERS

4.1 Staff at the Department of Training and Workforce Development were not available for a video conference.

4.2 Gordon MacMile, Director Strategic Coordination and Delivery, Planning and Service Delivery, Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries (DLGSC), was a late apology.  
The DLGSC held a webinar with WALGA on the Royal Commission into Child Abuse and Redress.  
Cr Keith House said this could have a significant impact on Local Government and urged councils to make comment. Sean Fletcher said it was still being decided if Local Government will be involved.  
Councils can contact Gordon MacMile as follows:-

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WALGA will host two roadside management events at Margaret River on 12 April and Northam on 3 May. These sessions will feed into further advocacy. Sessions are more aimed at the practicalities for works staff but anyone with an interest can attend. Councils urged to send technical staff to one of the workshops.

#### **Q&A session**

Cr Rob Lester - Shire of Jerramungup has teamed up with Albany TAFE where Certificate 3 & 4 TAFE students are working with council staff on roadside vegetation.

Sean Fletcher - Shire of Woodanilling waiting to get clearing permits for MAF programme.

Mark Batty - DWER is snowed under with the number of applications they are getting including from the mining industry. That is why WALGA is asking for a dedicated unit for Local Government within DWER.

Cr Pavlovich - Shire of Plantagenet has an item on the agenda of the Ordinary Council meeting next week to adopt a request to extend the period required for any removal of vegetation in the road maintenance zone from 10 to 20 years. The cost and time (red tape and bureaucracy) required to obtain a clearing permit for an existing road is often to remove random small scrub as regrowth over ten years of age. If adopted, this can be presented to the Zone for others councils to consider supporting such a request.

Mark Batty - this is where the working group comes into play - put up changes to streamline the process. Agenda item for April Zone meeting.

Other ongoing issues:-

#### **5.2.4 Local Government Act Review**

Refer to March 2019 WALGA State Council Agenda Matters for Decision Item 5.1.  
Also refer to item 6.2 below.

#### **5.2.5 Policy for Restricted Access Vehicles on Roads not on an Approved Network During Harvest**

- Proposed abolition of the CA07 condition - refer to the motion carried at item 5.1 in the WALGA State Council minutes of December 2018.
- Dept of Transport's Review of Regulations for Towed Agricultural Implements. Public consultation closed on 16 November.

**ACTION: Questions on the above two issues to be put to Minister for Transport.**

#### **5.2.6 Target Issues for the Zone in 2019**

- **Roads**  
Specific examples of sections of grain freight roads which need upgrading will need to be provided to the Executive Officer before a further request to the Minister for Transport to attend a 2019 Zone meeting is made.
- **Unmet labour need in the Great Southern / Migrant Visa Occupation Lists**  
Executive Officer has been liaising with staff in Rick Wilson's office and staff at the WA Department of Training and Workforce Development. Refer to attached information

**ACTION: Executive Officer to canvass Zone councils to identify any unmet labour needs in their areas to see if those jobs are on any existing Federal or State migrant visa occupation lists. This will then determine any actions to get them put on the appropriate lists.**

- **Economic development**  
Economic development reports from session at Local Government Week 2018 were circulated with the November Zone agenda.

**5.2.7 Regional Subsidiaries Bill** – to be removed from next agenda.

**5.2.8 Review of Emergency Services Legislation**

WALGA was going to make enquiries to progress the Ministerial decision. WALGA to keep councils updated.

**5.2.9 Regional Training Opportunities**

**ACTION: Executive Officer to liaise with WALGA Training to hold a CEO Performance Appraisals course for Elected Members in Tambellup. Date to be set in late June or last two weeks in July.**

Cost: \$515 per person. 1 day course. Minimum of 8 people and maximum 20 people. Planning Practices (The Essentials) and CEO Performance Appraisals being held in Albany.

**5.2.10 Follow up with guest speakers from previous meetings**

Mick Irving, Water Corporation - standpipes issue.

Water Corporation was going to consult with individual Councils in the Great Southern.

Water Corporation will increase charges for fixed standpipes from 1 July 2019.

Water Corporation has offered standpipes to be taken over by Local Governments.

Councils advised how they have handled this issue which could be seen as cost-shifting from State Government to Local Government.

Update:

Cr Chris Pavlovich advised that the Shire of Plantagenet had agreed to pass on the increased charges imposed by the Water Corporation to users from 1 July 2019. Water used for fire mitigation purposes will be exempt as per the Water Corporation policies.

Cr Keith House said smaller rural councils were under pressure to provide community supply. Different councils are impacted in different ways.

City of Albany - Water Corporation advised that City of Albany does not wish to be in the business of selling water. Two commercial operators have their own standpipes and third operator advised that he will have to organise supply with Water Corporation by 1 July 2019.

Shire of Katanning rejected the Water Corporation's proposal and had questions in Parliament. The issue is complex. Katanning is still going through the process of making a decision. Council will have to pass on the full cost to users. On-farm water supply is no longer available.

**5.2.11 Review of WALGA's Strategic Plan 2015 - 2020 and WALGA CEO's KPIs**

Letter of appreciation sent to retiring WALGA CEO Ricky Burges.

This matter will be progressed in the near future with the new WALGA CEO.

**5.2.12 Frequency and impact of power outages in the Great Southern** – Shire of Denmark

No updates provided. Ongoing.

Consideration to be given to which of the above items can be removed from the agenda.

**MOVED Cr Chris Pavlovich**

**SECONDED Cr Ceinwen Gearon**

**That items 5.2.7 be removed from the next agenda.**

**CARRIED 17-0**

## 6. ZONE BUSINESS

### 6.1 Issues / Questions for Minister for Transport - Rita Saffioti

#### City of Albany

Update on the Albany Ring Road project planning and business case.

#### Shire of Jerramungup

Bremer Bay boat ramp issue.

Cr Lester - since last Zone meeting, had allocation of \$37,000 to repair it so take this issue off.

Shire of Denmark and Shire of Plantagenet have issue with Nornalup Road - Calling on Minister to come up with a solution.

**ACTION: Bill Parker to provide question and details to Executive Officer.**

**ACTION: Bill Parker to follow up similar issue with Shire of Exmouth.**

Cr Keith House said the Zone needed to progress issues which are important to the Great Southern region. Need to have a positive conversation with the Minister. For example: permit systems for RAV network - planning routes is proving to be a nightmare for trucking companies. Need access into the local road network.

Other issues:-

- Proposed abolition of the CA07 condition.
- Dept of Transport's Review of Regulations for Towed Agricultural Implements. Public consultation closed on 16 November 2018.
- Update on Revitalising Agriculture Region Freight Strategy.
- Query \$30 million DoT advertising campaign on commercial television. Perceived narrow target audience.

**ACTION: Executive Officer to canvass Zone councils for questions and seek further information from Main Roads WA.**

**ACTION: Executive Officer to ask Regional Road Group to put forward questions.**

### 6.2 Emerging Issues for Local Governments

Zone councils gave an overview of emerging issues affecting them over the past few months.

#### **City of Albany**

- Peter Grigg is new Executive Officer of the Amazing South Coast.
- BBRF funding for Butterflies of Corbie.
- \$300,000 from Federal mental health budget for Youth Challenge Park.
- Trip to Perth to look at what other councils are doing, eg. waste management.
- 130,000 people have visited Field of Light.
- Some key staff resignations.

#### **Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup**

- Deli was in danger of closing but co-operative was formed and raised \$350,000. Deli now has new leaseholder.
- Great Southern housing initiative with 7 Local Governments to build 57 new houses including 6 houses for teachers and Police.
- Ute muster in Broomehill on Saturday 23 March.

#### **Shire of Cranbrook**

- Heavy vehicle movements during harvest - issues with heavy vehicles turning right or left onto Great Southern Highway from Salt River Road because intersection is not compliant. Working on compliance because CBH is continuing to expand.
- Trucks using railway reserves and side streets causing damage. Needs to be resolved.

### **Shire of Denmark**

- Asset management community consultation.
- Amaroo is building aged care units in Denmark on a site which is earmarked for rubbish tip.
- Re-surfacing footy oval has hit delays.

### **Shire of Gnowangerup**

- Water security is a big issue, especially non-potable.
- Joint housing initiative.
- BBRF - Great Southern trails meeting in Gnowangerup today. Digital education programme was funded.
- Pier support community score - good regional initiative.

### **Shire of Jerramungup**

- Housing initiative welcomed.
- Cr Rob Lester thanked Zone councils for their support during the recent fire event.
- New fire shed at Jacup.
- Water shortage has been a problem especially in the Jerramungup townsite. Looking to increase the catchment.
- New compulsory training announced by Minister for regional councils to go to Perth to pay for courses at significant cost to councils. If the Dept of Local Government has made it compulsory, it should contribute or hold training in the regions.

**ACTION: WALGA to pursue this issue.**

Ken Parker advised that the intention was for the training to be available online. Minister is mindful of the cost impact of training and is trying to make it as cost-effective as possible. Making the units shorter. No requirement to attend training in-person.

11.28am Terry Redman joined the meeting.

### **Shire of Katanning**

- New admin building completed. Waiting for Council Chambers furniture and paving before official opening.
- Playground work has started. Expected to be completed in last quarter of 2019.
- Successful Harmony Festival including visit by Minister.
- Thanked Bruce Manning at GSDC for organising the session on rural services.
- Successful funding for old shire offices to be converted into a medical centre. Hope to increase doctor numbers in the north of the region.

### **Shire of Kent**

- Flood damage from 2017 - repairs have been completed totalling \$5 million dollars. Affected 40% of network.
  - Housing initiative will be good for all communities.
  - Nyabing Hub - progress association has raised \$2.2 million to make this happen including new accommodation facility, training rooms, etc. Officially opened on 7 March.
  - After 32 years, works manager has moved on. Internal staff member was promoted to the position.
  - Wheatbelt and Regional Reserves Draft Management Plan - could impact councils with water catchments and dams inside parks. Shire of Kent will be providing feedback and is happy to share with other councils. Must have access to emergency storage dams and catchments.
- ACTION: Shire of Kent to share feedback with other Zone councils.**
- Working with CBH to set up 8 accommodation units in Pingrup caravan park. CBH to use during harvest and community to use for rest of the year.
  - Pingrup Races event on 23 March.

### **Shire of Kojonup**

- Housing project
- Federal funding for medical facility.
- Funding for aged care facility to upgrade kitchen and laundry.
- Registered nurse issue at aged care facility - nothing resolved. RN has been lost and this is frustrating.

- Frustrated by process of getting doctors into the region - Kojonup, Katanning, etc. This is having impact in communities.
- WALGA training - need to have training in region at an affordable price. Good to network at in-person training in the region.
- Regional Development Trust meeting in Katanning - more strategic frameworks.

#### **Shire of Plantagenet**

- Gaps in health system after change from State to Federal service - facilitating service providers.
- Lack of funding for district hospital - pursuing with Dept of Health.
- Excessive dry conditions over summer - issues with road network.
- Shortage of quality housing for teachers, eg. Police and prison staff.
- Labour shortage.
- Derelict old primary school site is for sale but suffering vandalism.
- South Coast Alliance working through regional development plan. Also tourism and waste.

#### **Shire of Woodanilling**

- New CEO Stephen Gash starting on 2 April. Thanks to Acting CEO Sean Fletcher.
- Clearance for Aboriginal Heritage concerns - emerging issue.
- Robinson Road West (regionally significant route) is becoming more of a maintenance issue - looking at options.
- Heavy transport coming into CBH bins - significant road damage.
- Woodanilling was down to only two fully functional sporting clubs but community consultation was held and now will have a few sports starting up again.
- Beaufort River Meats abattoir going into LSS and maybe sheep feedlot happening there.

#### **Terry Redman**

- Mr Redman's portfolios are treasury, finance, corrective service, renewable energy and Aboriginal Affairs.
- Inquiries into renewable energy - distributed energy resource - more sources of energy with more complex tariffs. What happens with regulatory process? Off grid systems are a pilot. Solar batteries - watch this space. Inquiry will probably present in August 2019.
- Air BNB - issue of unregulated and unregistered accommodation. Inquiry is running now.
- Prescribed burning - mitigation funds and taking a 10 year approach.
- Disappointed that Mandurah / Pinjarra was chosen for Bushfire Centre of Excellence. Sorry that Albany missed out.
- Keeping pressure on to maintain funding to the regions.

#### **Q&A Session**

Anthony Moir - question about contestable power.

Terry Redman - more work needs to be done and will come onto the political agenda in the future.

Rick Miller - micro grids for power - any views on communications? Eg. black spots and installation of towers.

Terry Redman - this is a big issue. Need towers everywhere to make it work. CBH has Supernet fibre lines for connectivity in the Wheatbelt. Minister MacTiernan is looking at this at a State level.

Terry Redman left the meeting.

## **6.2 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries**

The link to the Director General's Local Matters update for March 2019 is below.

<https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/resources/news/Pages/Message-from-the-DG-Local-Matters-March-2019.aspx>



Ken Parker made the following key points:-

- Minister has announced first series of priority reforms as part of the Local Government Act Review. Reforms need to pass through Parliament before they can be adopted. Phase 2 - more than 150 workshops have been held across the state and many submissions made. Diverse viewpoints across the submissions. All councils and council staff encouraged to make Submissions before 31 March 2019. Councils will not have a chance to make submissions for a very long time after this.  
**ACTION: Councils to email Ken Parker before 31 March 2019 deadline.**  
Ken Parker queried how many actions and recommendations from the 2006 SSS Report have been submitted as part of the Local Government Act Review.  
**ACTION: Councils encouraged to look at 2006 SSS Report.**
- New WALGA CEO Nick Sloan has come from Dept of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. Mr Sloan wants to get out into the regions more.
- Training changes will be implemented before October 2019 Local Government Elections.
- Gifts declaration rules have been made simpler.

Cr Rob Lester commented that the State Government makes various demands on Local Government which impose a cost on Local Government. If State Government makes demands, it should pay for them.

### **6.3 MOTIONS TO THE AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION'S NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 16-19 June 2019 in CANBERRA.**

The NGA is an important opportunity for your council to influence the national policy agenda. The primary focus of all motions should be to strengthen the capacity of Local Government to provide services and infrastructure in Australia.

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and subsequent debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must meet the following criteria;

- Be relevant to the work of local government nationally.
- Be consistent with the theme of the NGA.
- Complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association.
- Be submitted by a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association.
- Propose a clear action and outcome.
- Not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.

The ALGA Secretariat has compiled a short discussion paper to assist councils to identify motions that address the 2019 theme, Future Focused. Motions should be submitted electronically via the online form at: <https://alga.asn.au/forms/2019-national-general-assembly-call-for-motions/>  
Motions need to be submitted to ALGA by Friday 29 March 2018.  
For more information contact ALGA on (02) 6122 9400.

### **6.4 Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030**

Update from Mark Batty, WALGA.

Mark Batty gave a presentation on some of the headlines in the strategy including:-

- Sustainable procurement.
- Review of scope and amount of waste levy with 5 year horizon (WALGA advocating for 10 years).
- Waste infrastructure review including rural landfills,
- Container Deposit Scheme due to be implemented in early 2020.
- State / Local Government Partnership Agreement.

Mark is concerned that the strategy is largely unfunded.

WALGA is running information sessions on the Strategy and Action Plan on 10, 11 and 17 April.  
Session on 17 April at WALGA has online facility.

Main Roads is running trial of using construction waste in road building.



## 7.4 Matters for Noting – Zone information

Noted. No discussion.

## 7.5 State Council Status Report

Noted. No discussion.

# 8. EXECUTIVE MEMBERS' REPORTS

## 8.1 Executive Officer's Report

### 8.1.1 Regional State Council meeting

**RESOLVED: The Zone requests that WALGA holds a Regional State Council meeting in Katanning in 2020.**

### 8.1.2 Migrant visa issue

Information provided by the WA Dept of Training and Workforce Development is quite complex but staff advised that the Zone needs to feed in through the Industry Training Councils if it has occupations it wants to put on the State visa occupation lists.

**ACTION: Executive Officer to read through the latest email from Dept of Training and Workforce Development received on 21 March 2019 and then email councils to ask for occupations to put forward through Industry Training Councils. Also, find out more about the process and timelines.**

## 8.2 Other Reports

### 8.2.1 Local Government Agricultural Freight Group (LGAFG) – Delegates Cr Keith House & Cr Ronnie Fleay

Meeting on 8 February 2019 was cancelled. Next meeting due on 12 April 2019.

### 8.2.2 Great Southern District Leadership Group (formerly Great Southern Human Services Forum)

Letter of Appreciation sent to outgoing Local Government representative CEO Rob Stewart.

Rani Param of City of Albany gave her verbal report via teleconference.

Key points:-

- Two recent meetings of the Leadership Group:-
  - November 2018 meeting was an update on South West Native Title Settlement. WALGA held webinar. Refer to Department of Premier and Cabinet website.
  - February 2019 meeting - youth suicides including two in Albany. Meetings set up to address this issue.
- Police advise new head of station in Mt Barker with significant community Policing experience. Changes in population growth in Kendenup which has increased demand on police services.
- Link to the latest Productivity Commission report on government services is below.  
<https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services>
- Youth unemployment - different agencies piloting a programme to employ Aboriginal school-based trainees. Albany taking on two every year. WACHS, Police, Dept of Communities and Justice also taking trainees. Could share trainees with other councils.

**ACTION: Rani Pram to provide brief written report of future meetings.**

- 8.2.3 Great Southern District Emergency Management Committee (DEMC) – CEO Keith Williams.  
Minutes of 12 December 2018 meeting were circulated.  
Remaining 2019 meetings are: 10 April, 12 June, 11 September and 11 December.

Keith Williams will raise the following issues at next DEMC meeting:-

- Resiliency of Mobile Phone Towers during emergencies - 15 hours is insufficient for emergencies that may result in power outages of 30+ hours.
- Declaration of Total Fire Ban in areas where fire ban conditions are not reached.

- 8.2.4 South Coast Natural Resource Management (NRM) - Delegate: Cr Anthony Moir. Proxy: Keith Williams

No committee meeting held for quite a while due to restructure and Southern Prospects Strategy but encouraging people to nominate.

Community Environmental Programme - \$22 million distributed through each State electorate offering grants from \$2,500 to \$20,000.

- 8.2.5 Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) - Bruce Manning / Russell Pritchard

- State Government's 6 priorities for balance of Labor's term in office are:- a strong economy, education, liveable environment, safer community, Aboriginal wellbeing and regional prosperity. KPIs across the 6 areas.
- Nyabing - community centre development - 80% local content of the build. State Government has high focus on local content.
- WACHS has completed business case for Bremer Bay medical centre.
- Next round of Regional Economic Development (RED) grants coming out in next couple of months.
- Trust is dealing with mining royalties through Royalties for Regions - wants to broaden income stream for the state by looking for other sources of economic wealth.
- BBRF funding for Great Southern Trails Masterplan. GSCORE is product of a partnership between the Dept of Sport and Recreation section of the DLGSC and GSDC.

- 8.2.6 Great Southern RoadWise - Andrea Smithson

Not present to report.

- 8.2.7 Joint meetings of the Zone and Great Southern Regional Road Group

Trial meeting to be held in Bremer Bay on Monday 29 April 2019 when Minister for Transport will be in attendance.

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

### 9.1 Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) Round 3 Announcements

Community Investment Stream

#### Great Southern Centre for Outdoor Recreation Excellence Limited

Great Southern Regional Trails Master Plan. Grant of \$129,482 for a total project cost \$347,355. This project will deliver a Regional Trails Master Plan for the Great Southern region of WA over a ten year period. The Plan will outline an infrastructure development program for a wide range of trail experiences suited to different user groups across the region.

Great Southern Learning Adventures Strategic Marketing Plan. Grant of \$20,000 for a total project cost of \$20,000. This project will deliver a strategic marketing and communications plan focusing on the promotion of the natural, cultural and heritage assets of the Great Southern region of WA.

#### Fitzgerald Biosphere Group Inc

Growing the Fitzgerald Biosphere; Regional Capacity and Capability. Grant of \$19,715 for a total project cost \$19,715. The project will deliver a professional development program and funding diversification workshop which will help the Fitzgerald Biosphere Community collective (FBCC)

build support, network and ensure financial sustainability of the group in the region.

Fitzgerald Biosphere; Mapping the Gaps, Planning for Growth. Grant of \$19,836 for a total project cost of \$19,836. The project will deliver a sustainability survey for the Fitzgerald Biosphere region - a UNESCO-recognised ecosystem in the southern part of WA. The survey will gather information from industry and community to inform policy development and business activity. The project will deliver a public event to present the results of the survey.

City of Albany

Butterflies of Corbie Exhibition at the National Anzac Centre. Grant of \$20,000 for a total project cost of \$41,000. The project will showcase the Butterflies of Corbie collection from France as a temporary exhibition at the National Anzac Centre in Albany from November 2019 to Anzac Day 2020.

Shire of Katanning

Katanning Economic Activation Project. Grant of \$19,800 for a total project cost of \$19,800. The project will provide facilitated development sessions for up to four industry cluster groups, involving - cluster development; Planning for collaboration; Mentoring for success; and the development of the Katanning Harmony Festival food business; a three year programme to facilitate the development of emerging food businesses in Katanning.

Shire of Gnowangerup

Digital Education: A Cultural Change in the Community. Grant of \$33,160 for a total project cost of \$48,160. The project will develop and deliver a series of digital capability programs to improve digital literacy and participation across the region.

## 10. FINANCIAL REPORT

### 10.1 Financial Report for the period 1 November 2018 to 28 February 2019 attached.

Opening balance as at 1 November 2018	<b>\$1,883.55</b>
Total debits	(\$2,859.48)
Total credits	\$9,472.00
Closing balance as at 28 February 2019	<b>\$8,496.07</b>

**MOVED Cr Ronnie Fleay**

**SECONDED Cr Rob Lester**

**That the financial statement for the period 1 November 2018 to 28 February 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the Zone finances.**

**CARRIED 17-0**

## 11.0 REMAINING ZONE MEETINGS FOR 2019

### **Next meeting on Monday 29 April 2019 in Bremer Bay.**

Trial joint meeting with Great Southern Regional Road Group.

Minister for Transport Rita Saffioti will attend.

Venue: Bremer Bay Sports Club, 142 Frantom Way, Bremer Bay.

Proposed meeting schedule:-

9.30am - 10am	Morning tea
10am - 12.15pm	Great Southern Regional Road Group meeting
12.15pm - 1pm	Lunch (with the Minister for Transport Rita Saffioti)
1pm - 2pm	Presentation by Minister for Transport including Q&A session
2pm - 3.30pm	Great Southern Zone of WALGA meeting

**Friday 28 June                      Shire of Gnowangerup (1-day mini conference)**

Guest Speaker: Callum Crofton, Manager Heritage Support Services, Heritage Services  
WALGA has been supporting the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage in the final stages of consultation that will support the implementation of the Heritage Act 2018. This process will take submissions on an initial set of regulations to accompany the Act; develop guidelines for local heritage surveys; and seek expressions of interest for a new Heritage Council, which will be appointed once the new Act is proclaimed. Local Government input to the consultation process is strongly encouraged, with submissions taken until mid-April. Further information can be found at [www.stateheritage.wa.gov.au](http://www.stateheritage.wa.gov.au)

Following the consultation process, the Department has offered to give a short presentation to each Zone noting highlights of the new Act of relevance to Local Government, and identifying further opportunities for training and information.

**Friday 30 August                      Shire of Jerramungup (confirmed)**

**Friday 29 November                      Shire of Katanning (AGM and ordinary meeting)**

Close: 1.02pm