



Gascoyne Country Zone

Minutes

Videoconference - Beingthere

10:00am

Friday, 28 August 2020

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Meeting held via Videoconference - Beingthere

Commenced at 10:00am, Friday, 28 August 2020

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ATTENDEES

Shire of Carnarvon

President Eddie Smith
David Burton – Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Exmouth

Cr Ben Dixon – Deputy President
Cameron Woods – Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Shark Bay

President Cr Cheryl Cowell – Chair

Shire of Upper Gascoyne

Apology

WALGA

Mark Bondietti – Policy Manager Transport and Roads
Garry Middle, Acting Manager, Environment Policy
Felicity Morris – Governance Advisor
Engel Prendegast – Senior Road Safety Consultant

GUESTS

Department of Local Government,
Sport and Cultural Industries

Benita Donda – Regional Officer

Gascoyne Development Commission

Tym Duncanson – Chief Executive Officer

Regional Development Australia

Mark Holdsworth

Department of Fire and Emergency
Services

Joshua Gardner, District Emergency Management Advisor
– Midwest Gascoyne

APOLOGIES

Shire of Shark Bay

Paul Anderson – Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Upper Gascoyne

President Cr Don Hammarquist OAM

Shire of Upper Gascoyne

John McCleary – Chief Executive Officer

Regional Development Australia

Yvonne Messina - Chair RDAMWG

Attachments

The following are provided as attachments to the agenda:

1. Previous Meeting Minutes - 26 June Meeting
2. President's Report – to be sent out when available

Additional Attachments

- Item 5.5 local Government Act Review Panel Report
- COVID-19-Update
- COVID-19 Impact on Local Economies

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Eddie Smith will represent the Zone at State Council.

Mark Bondiotti introduced the WALGA guests.

Noted

3. DEPUTATIONS

Moved to later in the Agenda.

2.1 Mr Josh Gardner – Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Due to a conflicting meeting, Mr Gardner provided his presentation to the Zone a little later in the Agenda, please refer to Item 7.1

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the 26 June 2020 Meeting of the Gascoyne Country Zone

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Ben Dixon
Seconded Cr Cheryl Cowell

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Gascoyne Country Zone held on 26 June 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

4.2 Business Arising

Nil

5. ZONE BUSINESS

5.1 Solar Eclipse 2023

Shire of Exmouth

Standing Item on the agenda relating to planning for the 2023 Solar Eclipse.

Consultant to be appointed to perform scoping study.

Noted

5.2 Zone Status Report

Zone	Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update	WALGA Contact
Gascoyne C	2019 June 20 Zone Agenda Item 5.2 Asset Preservation Model	That the Gascoyne Country Zone request WALGA to undertake a review of the Asset Preservation Model that informs the distribution of road funding to ensure equity, recognition of Local Government circumstances and the validity and accuracy of assumptions that inform the model.	Work has commenced to review and document the Asset Preservation Model in order to facilitate an informed discussion about how the model works, its sensitivity to inputs and assumptions and the implications of changes. This project will continue through 2020. The first output of this process will be a manual explaining the functioning of the model, including the procedure for updating it.	Ongoing	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031
Gascoyne C	2019 September 5 Zone Agenda Item 5.1 Restricted Access Vehicle Operating Condition	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.	The RAV Access working group met by teleconference in early December 2019. Based on the resolution of this meeting a letter detailing Local Government expectations was sent to Main Roads WA. Main Roads WA advise that they are continuing to engage with the State Solicitors office and are working to develop a process that meets both the legal obligations and the concerns raised by Local Governments.	Ongoing	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031
Gascoyne C	2019 March 22 Zone Agenda Item 5.2 Restricted Access Vehicle Operating Condition	That the Gascoyne Zone request WALGA to: 1. Advocate for thorough consultation with the Local Government sector regarding alternative approaches to the CA07 operating condition; and, 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.	The RAV Access working group met by teleconference in early December. Based on the resolution of this meeting a letter detailing Local Government expectations was sent to Main Roads WA. Main Roads WA advise that they are continuing to engage with the State Solicitors office and are working to develop a process that meets both the legal obligations and the concerns raised by Local Governments.	Ongoing	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031
Gascoyne C	2020 26 June Zone Agenda Item 5.2 Review of the State Roads to Local Government Agreement 2018/19 to 2022/23	1. Request that in accordance with the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement 2018/19 to 2022/23, clause 6.2.1, WALGA through the State Advisory Council seek to review the 36% Metro / 64% Rural split in Road Project Grants. 2. Request that WALGA investigate and review the inclusion of the 25% population factor used in the methodology for allocating Road Project Grants. 3. Request that WALGA present findings from the review of the Asset Preservation Model to the Regional Road Group.	1 & 2 The State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee (SAC) considered a proposal to review the 36% / 64% metropolitan rural allocation of Road Project Grant funding on 13 August and called for a scope and delivery options to be presented for consideration. 3. Findings from the review of the Asset Preservation Model will be presented to the Regional Road Group when further advanced.	August 2020	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031

		4. Request that WALGA engage SAC to consider redistributing funds from Regional Road Groups that are forecast to be unspent in any given financial year to Regional Road Groups that can deliver and acquit projects using those funds in that particular financial year.	4. At its meeting on 13 August, the SAC requested additional reporting of forecast expenditure from Regional Road Groups by the end of January each year, and to review funding allocated to Regions by the end of February.		
Gascoyne C	2020 February 28 Zone Agenda Item 5.2 Ningaloo Coast Regional Strategy	That WALGA advocate for the DBCA to undertake economic impact studies on state management plans.	In response to correspondence and discussions with WALGA, correspondence from the Director General of DBCA has been received. This correspondence underpins a specific agenda item for the zone to consider the DBCA response and determine next steps. Awaiting further consideration of the DBCA correspondence by the zone. Ongoing.	Ongoing	Mark Batty Executive Manager, Strategy, Policy and Planning mbatty@walga.asn.au 9213 2078
Gascoyne C	2019 September 5 Zone Agenda Item 5.1 Nyinggulu (Ningaloo) Coastal Reserves Draft Joint Management Plan	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.	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. Ongoing.	Ongoing	Mark Batty Executive Manager, Strategy, Policy and Planning mbatty@walga.asn.au 9213 2078
Gascoyne C	2019 June 20 Zone Agenda Item 5.1 Regional Strategy Carnarvon to Exmouth – Nyinggulu (Ningaloo) Coastal Reserves, Draft Joint Management Plan	That the Gascoyne Zone: 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, 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.	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. Ongoing.	Ongoing	Mark Batty Executive Manager, Strategy, Policy and Planning mbatty@walga.asn.au 9213 2078
Gascoyne C	2019 March 22 Zone Agenda Item 5.4 Ningaloo Coast Regional Strategy Carnarvon to Exmouth – Nyinggulu (Ningaloo) Coastal Reserves, Draft Joint Management Plan.	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.	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. Ongoing.	Ongoing	Mark Batty Executive Manager, Strategy, Policy and Planning mbatty@walga.asn.au 9213 2078
Gascoyne C	2020 May 1 Zone Agenda Item 8.4 Local Law Process	That WALGA advocate for the Local Law making process to be streamlined as part of the Review of the Local Government Act.	Phase 2 of the Local Government Act Review will encompass Local Laws, albeit should be noted that this process cannot influence how State Parliament exercises	June 2020	Tony Brown

			its sovereignty over the validity of subsidiary legislation, including Local Laws, through the agency of Parliamentary Committees such as the Delegated Legislation Committee.		Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services 9213 2051 tbrown@walga.asn.au
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Noted

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)

The full State Council Agenda can be found via link: <https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/2ec50f86-fa98-4e62-92e7-4a68fd60c7f3/Agenda-State-Council-2-September-2020.pdf>

The Zone is able to provide comment or submit an alternative recommendation that is then presented to the State Council for consideration.

Matters for Decision

5.1 Park Home Approvals and the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995

That WALGA requests the State Government to:

1. Urgently amend the *Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995* to allow the continued lawful placement of new manufactured homes on caravan park sites until 2030; and
2. Undertake a full review of the *Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995* and associated legislation and regulations.

5.2 Submission on Decision Paper – Swimming Pool and Safety Barrier Control

That the submission on the Decision Paper on Swimming Pool and Safety Barrier Control, be endorsed.

5.3 Development Assessment Panels

That the findings and recommendations of the Development Assessment Panels, 2011-20 Review be endorsed and that WALGA advocate for:

1. The abolishment of the current 'mandatory' mechanism which requires a Development Assessment Panel to act as the decision maker where a proposal has a value of \$10 million or greater, and replace this with an 'opt in' mechanism for all proposals;
2. Raising the Development Assessment Panel threshold from the current \$2 million back to \$3 million; and
3. The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to make public comprehensive data related to the performance of the Development Assessment Panel system to improve the transparency of the system.

5.4 Air Handling Discussion Paper Part Two

That the submission to the Department of Health in response to the Air Handling discussion paper Part Two be endorsed.

5.5 Local Government Act Review Panel Report

Please refer to Agenda attachment

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Eddie Smith
Seconded: Cr Ben Dixon

That the Gascoyne Country Zone

1. **Supports all Matters for Decision as listed above excluding item 5.5 in the September 2020 State Council Agenda; and**
2. **Notes all Matters for Noting and Organisational Reports as listed in the September 2020 State Council Agenda; and**
3. **Will table a limited response to item 5.5 at the State Council meeting, listing those items where the Zone disagrees with the WALGA recommendations; and**
4. **Requests that due to the complexity and importance of item 5.5, State Council grant an extension for the Zone to submit a detailed response within 3 weeks.**

CARRIED

7. DEPUTATIONS

7.1 Mr Josh Gardner – Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Mr Josh Gardner, DEMA for the Gascoyne/Mid-West Region provided an introduction to the members and an update on the regions Emergency management matters.

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 State Councillor's Report to the Zone

Cr Cheryl Cowell was unable to attend the previous State Council meeting.

Noted

8.2 President's Report to the Zone

Mark Bondietti outlined the President's Report on behalf of Mayor Tracey Roberts JP.

Noted

8.3 Gascoyne Development Commission

Chief Executive Officer, Tym Duncanson, provided an update to the Zone.

Noted

8.4 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Benita Donda provided updates to the Zone. Please see link below to the Department's update

<https://mailchi.mp/dlgsc/local-matters-august-2020-1096582>

Noted

9. OTHER BUSINESS

In response to item 5 from the June meeting, Cameron Woods reported that a letter was sent to the Minister of Environment; Disability Services; Electoral Affairs seeking a meeting to discuss compensation for costs associated DBCA tourist attractions.

A reply was received suggesting the Shires meet with DBCA instead. A further letter was sent to Minister Templeman asking for intervention and feedback is awaited.

Mark Holdsworth reported they are providing a tool to search for available grants. Shires will be contacted for the provision of training and access to the tool.

10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Next in-person meeting: 10:00am, Friday 27 November, hosted by the Shire of Carnarvon.

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 11:00am.