

# Murchison Country Zone of WALGA

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**Shires of** –ABN 75 305 122 944

Cue  
Meekatharra  
Mount Magnet  
Murchison  
**Sandstone**  
Yalgoo



## MINUTES

### MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE

### OF

Western Australian Local Government Association

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019

Council Chambers

Shire of Cue



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## Ordinary Meeting, Shire of Cue Council Chambers on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

### 1. Opening

### 2. Attendance

#### 2.1 Delegates

Cr Rosco Foulkes-Taylor	Zone President Shire of Murchison
Cr Jorgen Jensen	President Mount Magnet Shire
Cr Eliz Morris	Shire of Mount Magnet
Cr Les Price	Shire of Cue
Cr Ross Pigdon	President Shire of Cue
Cr Carol Hodshon	Shire of Sandstone
Cr Norm Trenfield	President Shire of Meekatharra
Mr Roy McClymont	CEO Shire of Meekatharra
Cr Emma Foulkes-Taylor	Shire of Murchison
Cr Joanne Kanny	President Shire of Yalgoo
Mr Harry Hawkins	CEO Shire of Sandstone
Mr Silvio Brenzi	CEO Shire of Yalgoo

#### 2.2 Observers

Mr Murray Brown	Executive Officer Murchison Country Zone (outgoing)
Ms Samantha Appleton	Executive Officer Murchison Country Zone (incoming)
Mr Rob Madson	CEO Shire of Cue
Mr Kelvin Matthews	CEO Shire of Mount Magnet

## 2.3 Visitors

Hon Mia Davies MLA	Leader of National Party WA
Hon Ken Baston MLC	Member for Mining and Pastoral
Hon Jacqui Boydell MLC	Member for Mining and Pastoral (Deputy ` Leader of the National WA)
Hon. Kyle McGinn MLC	Member for Mining and Pastoral
Mr Vince Catania MLA	Member for North West
Ms Georgia Foulkes-Taylor	Electorate Officer (K. McGinn MLC)
Mr Richard Malacari	Regional Manager Midwest- Gascoyne – Sport and Recreation
Ms Barbara Thompson	RDAMW
Ms Yvonne Messina	RDAMW - Chairperson
Mr Gavin Treasure	CEO Midwest Development Commission
Mr Stephen Greeve	Water Corporation
Mr Ian Bierman	Water Corporation
Mr Nick Sloan	CEO WALGA
Mr Tim Lane	MGR Strategy and Association Governance
Ms Di Franklin	A/Operations Manager Midwest Murchison WACHS
Mr Bernie Miller	Main Roads WA
Mr Josh Nyman	Chief of Staff Office of Hon Mia Davies MLC
Mr Mark Holdsworth	RDAMW – Executive Officer
Ms Karen Street	WACH's Midwest AIRD
Hon Robin Scott	MLC Member for Mining and Pastoral
Ms Karen Chappel	Board Member Midwest Development Commission

## 2.4 Apologies

Ms Melissa Price MHR	Minister for Environment, Member for Durack
Hon Mark McGowan MLA	Premier of Western Australia
Hon Paul Papalia	MLA Minister for Tourism; Racing and gaming; Small Business; Defence Issues; Citizenship and MultiCultural Issues
Hon Bill Johnston MLA	Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Commerce and Industrial Relations; Electoral Affairs; Asian Engagement.
Hon M P Murray MLA	Minister for Seniors and Ageing: Sport and Recreation
Hon Dave Kelly MLA	Minister for Water; Fisheries; Forestry; Innovation and ICT; Science
Hon Sue Ellery MLC	Minister for Education and Training
Hon Ben Wyatt MLA	Treasurer; Minister for Finance; Energy; Aboriginal Affairs
Hon Rita Saffioti MLA	Minister for Transport; Planning: Lands
Hon Michelle Roberts MLA	Minister for Police; Road Safety
Hon Simone McGurk MLA	Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services.
Hon Peter Tinley AM MLA	Minister for Housing: Veterans Issues: Youth

Hon Francis Logan MLA	Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services
Hon Stephen Dawson MLC	Minister for Environment; Disability Services
Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC	Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Minister assisting the Minister for State Development; Jobs and Trade.
Hon Roger Cook MLA	Deputy Premier of WA: Minister for Health; Mental Health
Cr Lynne Craigie	State President WALGA
Mr Andrew Klein	District Operations Manager Health WACHS
Cr Gail Trenfield	Councillor Shire of Yalgoo
Mr Peter Dittrich	CEO Shire of Murchison
Cr Beth Walton	President Shire of Sandstone

### **3.0 Official Opening of Conference**

The President Cr R Foulkes Taylor Declared the meeting open at 9.30am and welcomed delegates, observers and visitors.

The Hon Mia Davies MLA, Leader of National Party WA made the opening address to the meeting.

### **4.0 Confirmation of the Minutes**

#### **4.1 Confirmation of Minutes – Ordinary Meeting 2/11/18**

##### Comment –

Minutes of the meeting held 2nd November 2018 have been circulated to Member Shires.

##### Recommendation –

That the Minutes of the Zone Meeting held 2nd November 2018 be confirmed.

**RESOLUTION – Moved: Cr Kanny Seconded: Cr Jensen**

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**That the Minutes of the Zone Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 be confirmed.**

**Carried: 12/0**

#### **4.2 Confirmation of Minutes – Special Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

##### Comment

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 have been circulated to member Shires.

##### Recommendation –

That the Minutes of the Zone Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 be confirmed.

**RESOLUTION – Moved: Cr Pigdon Seconded: Cr Morris**

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**That the Minutes of the Zone Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 be confirmed.**

**Carried: 12/0**



## **5.0 WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

### **5.1 WALGA President**

President's Report – Mr Nick Sloan CEO WALGA

Mr Sloan addressed the meeting on behalf of Cr Lynne Craigie who was unable to attend. Mr Sloan also provided the meeting with information about himself as incoming CEO of WALGA.

### **5.2 Zone Representative to State Council - Cr Les Price**

Cr Price outlined to the meeting issues relating to items currently being dealt with by WALGA.

## 5.3 WALGA Status Reports



# MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE STATUS REPORT May 2019

Zone	Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Up-date	WALGA Contact
Murchison C	<b>2019 March 27 State Council Agenda Item 5.1</b> Local Government Act Review – Sector Positions Following Feedback from Submissions	That the Murchison Zone endorse the WALGA State Council agenda item subject to the following: That WALGA endorse and submit to the Minister for Local Government and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries: 1. The Local Government Act Review Report contained in this agenda; and, 2. The attached WALGA Advocacy Positions subject to the following;		May 2019	<b>Tony Brown</b> Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services 9213 2051 <a href="mailto:tbrown@walga.asn.au">tbrown@walga.asn.au</a>
		<b>Tender Threshold</b>  Position Statement WALGA supports an increase in the tender threshold to align with the State Government tender threshold (\$250 000) with a timeframe of one financial year for individual vendors. If not achieved, then annual review mechanism on the tender threshold amount be introduced.	The Zone's advocacy is a matter for future consideration, dependent upon the outcome of WALGA's advocacy for a change in the tender threshold which takes primacy.		

		<p><b>Financial Ratios</b></p> <p>Position Statement That Regulation 50 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations be reduced and amended to the following financial ratios :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Operating Surplus ratio</li> <li>- Net Financial Liabilities ratio</li> <li>- Asset Renewal Funding Ratio</li> </ul> <p>A review of suggested target ratios be carried out.</p>	The issue of target ratios for Local Governments could be considered in-line with the size and scale principle.		
		<p><b>Rating Exemptions – Rate Equivalency Payments</b></p> <p>Position Statement Legislation should be amended so rate equivalency payments made by LandCorp and other Government Trading Entities are made to the relevant Local Governments instead of the State Government.</p> <p>All Government agency properties should be rateable.</p>			
<b>Murchison C</b>	<b>2019 March 15 Zone Agenda Item</b> Salaries and Allowances Tribunal – Location Allowance	<p>There needs to be a review of the current location allowances.</p> <p>There needs to be more of an incentive for CEO's in really remote locations.</p> <p>(Very little difference between the allowances for Mingenew as opposed to Wiluna).</p>	The Zones position will be considered in future reviews of the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal review of CEO salaries.	May 2019	<p><b>Tony Brown</b>  <b>Executive Manager</b>  <b>Governance and</b>  <b>Organisational Services</b>  <b>9213 2051</b>  <a href="mailto:tbrown@walga.asn.au">tbrown@walga.asn.au</a></p>

<p><b>Murchison C</b></p>	<p><b>2018 April 24 Zone Agenda Item 6.5 Aboriginal Corporation Rates Exemption Matters</b></p>	<p>That the Region request WALGA to consider and consult on a plan to provide funding for a test case within the next two or three years to resolve whether property owners targeting Aboriginal Australian tenants are capable of claiming rates exemption and the evidentiary burden required to respond to claims of that nature.</p>	<p>The Association is considering this item.  In addition WALGA is advocating for a review of all rating exemptions in the current Local Government Act Review process.  This issue is a key item in phase 2 of the review process that has just commenced.</p>	<p>May 2019</p>	<p><b>Tony Brown Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services 9213 2051 <a href="mailto:tbrown@walga.asn.au">tbrown@walga.asn.au</a></b></p>
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## 5.4 Agenda Briefs – WALGA Meeting 8th May 2019

### Recommendation

That WALGA agenda items 5.1 to 5.5 be supported and agenda information item 6.1 be noted.

### RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Jensen                      Seconded Cr E Foulkes-Taylot

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That WALGA agenda items 5.1 to 5.5 be supported and agenda information item 6.1 be noted.

Carried: 12/0

## MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE OF WALGA

### FLYING AGENDA

### WALGA STATE COUNCIL MATTERS FOR DECISION and NOTING

### AT WALGA MEETING OF WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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*The following recommendations have been taken directly from the WALGA State Council Agenda for 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and which contains important detail of each item.*

*Each recommendation is followed by a direction to refer to the full WALGA State Council Agenda and 3 voting options. This is an editable Word Document so all that is required is to delete the 2 voting options you do not support and in the case of option 3 state your alternative recommendation.*

*Please note that this agenda will be included in our Zone Agenda for discussion on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 so no response is required until our meeting on the Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019.*

### 5. MATTERS FOR DECISION

<b>5.1 Road Safety Audit Local Government Policy Template (05-001-03-0048 MS)</b>
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*By Mal Shervill, Policy Officer Road Safety*

### Recommendation

That the Road Safety Audit Local Government policy template be endorsed.

### In Brief

- Austroads is the peak organisation of Australasian road transport and traffic agencies. Its purpose is to deliver an improved road transport system to meet current and future needs by undertaking research; and providing guidance on the design, construction and management of the road network and associated infrastructure.

- In February 2019 Austroads released an updated version of the *Guide to Road Safety Part 6: Managing Road Safety Audits*.
- The guide includes a road safety audit Local Government policy template, which provides a foundation for Local Governments as road managers to develop their own road safety audit policy should they elect.
- The road safety audit Local Government policy template is adapted from the City of Melville's policy.
- *Please indicate your stance on this recommendation by deleting 2 of the below options. In the case of an alternative recommendation, please state alternate recommendation.*
- **Support WALGA Recommendation**
- **Not Support WALGA Recommendation**
- **Alternative Recommendation**

## **5.2 'Preferred Model' for Third Party Appeal Rights for Decisions Made by Development Assessment Panels (05-073-01-0002 VJ)**

*By Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager Planning and Improvement*

### **Recommendation**

**That WALGA:**

- 1. Continues to advocate for the State Government to introduce Third Party Appeal Rights for decisions made by Development Assessment Panels; and**
- 2. Endorses the 'Preferred Model' as the third party appeals process for decisions made by Development Assessment Panels.**

### **In Brief**

- At the May 2018 WALGA State Council meeting, it was resolved to amend the policy position to support the introduction of Third Party Appeal Rights for decisions made by Development Assessment Panels (DAPs).
- State Council also resolved to further consult with members to provide more clarity on the exact details of the criteria that need to be established, before any system is implemented by the State Government. A preferred model was prepared at a workshop with members, then circulated for members to provide comment on the specific details before the 29 March 2019.
- A wide range of comments have been received from members, therefore, the 'Preferred Model' has now been refined and is attached for State Council's endorsement.
- *Please indicate your stance on this recommendation by deleting 2 of the below options. In the case of an alternative recommendation, please state alternate recommendation.*
- **Support WALGA Recommendation**
- **Not Support WALGA Recommendation**
- **Alternative Recommendation**

### **5.3 Interim Submission – Draft Position Statement: Tourism Land Uses within Bushfire Prone Areas (05-024-02-0056 CH)**

*By Christopher Hossen, Senior Planner – People & Place*

#### **Recommendation**

**That the interim submission to the Western Australian Planning Commission on Draft Position Statement: Tourism land uses within bushfire prone areas, be endorsed.**

#### **In Brief**

- On 20 December 2018, the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) released the draft position statement for tourism land uses within bushfire prone areas for public comment.
- The position statement aims to provide policy positions for short stay tourism land uses and tourism land uses limited to day/night use with no overnight stay, located within bushfire prone areas.
- The public comment period closed on 20 March 2019, therefore an interim submission was prepared.
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- *Please indicate your stance on this recommendation by deleting 2 of the below options. In the case of an alternative recommendation, please state alternate recommendation.*
- **Support WALGA Recommendation**
- **Not Support WALGA Recommendation**
- **Alternative Recommendation**

### **5.4 Public Library Tiered Service Framework (05-012-03-0001KD)**

*By Kirstie Davis, Policy Manager Community*

#### **Recommendation**

**That the new tiered model to support public library service delivery in WA be endorsed.**

#### **In Brief**

- The Western Australian Public Libraries Strategy Consultation Report was endorsed by WALGA State Council and the Library Board of WA in July 2018.
- The Public Libraries Working Group (PLWG), with representatives from State and Local Governments, was established to guide the implementation of the Strategy.
- The PLWG identified the development of a new tiered model for public library service delivery across WA with support for regional and remote public library services as the initial priority.
- *Please indicate your stance on this recommendation by deleting 2 of the below options. In the case of an alternative recommendation, please state alternate recommendation.*
- **Support WALGA Recommendation**
- **Not Support WALGA Recommendation**
- **Alternative Recommendation**

## **5.5 Community Technical Reference Group (05-018-02-0010 KD)**

*Kirstie Davis, Policy Manager Community*

### **Recommendation**

**That the establishment of a Community Technical Reference Group be endorsed.**

### **In Brief**

- At its 27 March 2019 meeting, State Council received the Community Reform Report and requested further information to clarify the costs, membership, objectives and timeframes of the proposed Community Industry Reference Group.
- Clarity around the process is now being provided to State Council for final endorsement.
- *Please indicate your stance on this recommendation by deleting 2 of the below options. In the case of an alternative recommendation, please state alternate recommendation.*
- **Support WALGA Recommendation**
- **Not Support WALGA Recommendation**
- **Alternative Recommendation**

### **6.1 MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION**

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

*By Rebecca Brown, (Manager, Waste & Recycling)*

### **Recommendation**

**That State Council note the resolutions of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its 27 February 2019 meeting.**

### **In Brief**

- This item summaries the outcomes of the MWAC meeting held on 27 February 2019.





## MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1/07/2018 to 31/01/2019

Bank Balance (as Per B/S) 01/07/18 \$11,039.56

### Income and Expenditure for period 1/7/18 to 31/01/19

#### Income

Subs (6 x \$2500)	\$15,000.00
Interest A/C 22-9492	\$ 12.78
Cont to Meal costs (Wiluna Shire)	\$60.00
	<b>\$ 15,072.78</b>

#### Payments 1/07/18 to 31/01/19

Catering 2/11/18	200126	\$ 1,600.00
Catering		\$
Bank Fees Paid		\$
Secretarial 200124		\$ 3,250.00
Honoraria Reimbursement of expenses E/O		\$ 951.12
Honoraria -Pres		\$
Honoraria-Zone Delegate		\$
Honoraria- Deputy		\$
		<b>\$ 5,801.12</b>

#### Reconciliation

Balance B/F 1/07/18	\$ 11,039.56
Add Income Received 2018/19	\$ 15,072.78
	<b>\$ 26,112.34</b>
Less Payments 18/19	\$ 5,801.12
	\$ 20,311.22

Balance as per Bank Statement 31/01/19 **\$ 20,311.22**

Please note that payments listed for today are not included in this statement

## 6.2 Accounts paid/ to be Paid

Proposed by Executive Officer

Attachments nil

Comment –

<i>Cheque</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Amount incl GST</i>
200127	03/05/19	Murray Brown	Advertising – Reimbursement	\$ 513.60
200128	03/05/19	Murray Brown	EO Reimbursement of Expenses	\$951.12
200129	03/05/19	Murray Brown	Secretarial Costs	\$3,250.00
200130	03/05/19	R Foulkes-Taylor	Honorarium	\$600.00
200131	03/05/19	L Price	Honorarium	\$530.00
200132	03/05/19	J.Jensen	Honorarium	\$400.00
200133		Queen of the Murchison	Catering 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019	\$1,505.00
TOTAL				\$7,749.72
GST – MCZ of WALGA is no longer registered for GST				NIL

### Recommendation –

That the accounts listed above, cheque numbers 200127 to 200133 be paid for the period November 2018 to May 2019 and be approved for payment.

**RESOLUTION – Moved: Cr Pidgon      Seconded: CEO McClymont**

**Carried: 12/0**

### 6.3 Budget 2018–19

Proposed by Executive Officer

Attachments Draft Income & Expenditure Statements for the 2019-20 year

#### **Background –**

The 2018-2019 Budget was adopted at the May 2018 meeting. The Zone has usually considered the subscriptions for the new financial year in May, in preparation for member Shires own budgets.

#### **Comment –**

The Zone budget for 2019/20 has resulted in a small deficit. However sufficient funds remain largely due to the refund and interest on the second Zone account which was closed and had to be recovered. It is suggested that Member Shire subscriptions stay at \$2,500.00 each, excl GST for 2019-20.

The honorariums approved for 2018/19, which are now due to be paid, are –

- Zone President \$600
- Zone Deputy President \$400
- Zone Representative to WALGA \$530

If further expense is incurred by the Zone through unforeseen circumstances, an additional charge may be required from each Shire.

#### **Recommendation –**

That the draft Budget for 2019-20 be adopted, incorporating –

- a) Member Shire subscriptions of \$2,500.00 per Shire, excluding GST, and
- b) Honorariums be set at the same level as applied last year.
  - Zone President \$600
  - Zone Deputy President \$400
  - Zone Representative to WALGA \$530

**RESOLUTION – Moved: Cr Price Seconded: Cr Trenfield**

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**That the draft Budget for 2019-20 be adopted, incorporating –**

- c) member Shire subscriptions of \$2,500.00 per Shire, excluding GST, and**
- d) Honorariums to be set at –**
  - Zone President \$600**
  - Zone Deputy President \$400**
  - Zone Representative to WALGA \$530**

**Carried: 12/0**

## Murchison Country Zone WALGA

### Budget - Income and Expenditure

	01/07/19 to 30/06/20	30/06/19	
	Estimated	Budget 19/20	<u>Budget</u>
	Actual 30/06/19	Budget 19/20	<u>30/06/19</u>
Income			
21 · Zone Income			
2101 · General subscriptions	15,000.00	15,000.00	<b>15,000.00</b>
2107 · Interest earned	20.00	20.00	<b>20.00</b>
<b>2190 · Reimbursements</b>			
<b>Refund of Closed A/c Inc</b>			
<b>interest</b>			
<b>Con to meals</b>	60.00		<b>60.00</b>
Total 21 · Zone Income	<u>15,080.00</u>	<u>15,020.00</u>	<u><b>15080.00</b></u>
Total Income	\$15,080.00	15,020.00	<b>15,080.00</b>
Expense			
31 · Zone Expenses			
3101 · Ordinary Meetings	4,000.00	4,000.00	<b>4,000.00</b>
3102 · Telephone conferences			
3103 · Special Meetings & Workshops			
3107 · Bank fees and charges		20.00	<b>20.00</b>
3190 · Reimbursements expense	60		<b>0.00</b>
3199 · Unclassified expenses( Min Book)			<b>0.00</b>
Total 31 · Zone Expenses	<u>4,060.00</u>	<u>4,020.00</u>	<u><b>4,020.00</b></u>
32 · Zone Representatives			
3201 · Honoraria	1,530.00	1,530.00	<b>1,530.00</b>
Total 32 · Zone Representatives	<u>5,590.00</u>	<u>5,550.00</u>	<u><b>5,550.00</b></u>
33 · Executive Officer			
3301 · Professional services	6,500.00	8,000.00	<b>6,500.00</b>
3302 · Travel	1,542.00	2,000.00	<b>1,542.00</b>
3303 · Phone and fax	260.00		<b>260.00</b>
3304 · Other - Advertising			
Total 33 · Executive Officer	<u>8,302.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u><b>8,302.00</b></u>
Total Expense	<u>\$17,950.00</u>	<u>19,570.00</u>	<u><b>13,852.00</b></u>
<b>Net Income ( Loss)</b>	<u><b>(\$2,870.00)</b></u>	<u><b>(\$4,550.00Dr)</b></u>	<u><b>\$-2,028.00Dr</b></u>

## 6.4 Election of Zone Office Bearers

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### 2019 Local Government Elections – Zone Officer Bearer Elections

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#### *Murchison Country Zone*

A Chronological overview of the process is detailed below:

- Local Government elections occur on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019.
- **Member** Councils to elect/appoint their Zone Delegates and to advise the Zone Executive Officer, as soon as possible but should be by 23rd November 2019.
- For the purpose of electing their representatives and deputy representatives to the WALGA State Council, the zones are required to hold these elections at their November 2019 meeting.
- Zones to advise WALGA, in writing, of their elected State Council representative and deputy representative immediately following the 2019 November Zone meeting.
- State Councillor Induction Session will be arranged by WALGA
- New State Council will take office at the Ordinary Meeting of State Council in **December 2019**.

In relation to the nominations and election process to be followed by each Zone in electing a representative and deputy representative to the WALGA State Council, the below process has been instituted by State Council:

1. *Zone Executive Officer to write to all Member Councils no later than 1 month prior to the Zone meeting at which the election is to be held calling for nominations from delegates to the Zone for the positions of representative and deputy representative to State Council. The correspondence is to state that all nominations are to be made in writing to the Zone Executive Officer, and only Elected Members who are a nominated Zone delegates are eligible to nominate. The time **period for the receipt of nominations is to be one week prior to the Zone meeting at which the election will be held.***
2. *Zone Executive Officer to receive written nominations from Zone delegates for the positions of representative and deputy representative to State Council and then provide written confirmation to Member Councils of the nominations received.*
3. *As the returning officer for the election. Prior to the ballot, nominees for each position are to be extended the opportunity to provide a 2 minute election bid to delegates.*
4. *All voting delegates to the Zone are entitled to cast one (1) vote in the ballot process. The candidate with the greater or greatest number of votes is elected to the office.*
5. **Tied vote** – *in the event of a tied vote, election will be determined by drawing names from a box. The Secretariat will put the names of the candidates concerned in a box and the first name drawn is the Elected Member.*
6. *Zone Executive Officer to advise WALGA in writing immediately following the Zone meeting of the outcome of their elections.*

If you have any questions or require further information in relation to the above mentioned process, please contact Ms Samantha Appleton Executive Officer on 0477 788 370 or email [samantha.appleton1212@gmail.com](mailto:samantha.appleton1212@gmail.com).>

Please note that nominations do not need to be seconded, but must be in writing and can be emailed to the Executive Officer prior to Thursday 21st<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 or handed to the Executive Officer prior to the meeting commencement.

*Elections are to be held at the next Zone meeting as the first item of business. Where there is more than one nomination for each vacant position, an election will be conducted using a secret ballot, with the Zone Executive Officer to represent WALGA*  
**Election of various Office Bearers to the Murchison Country Zone of Western Australian Local Government Association.**

Members of the Murchison Country Zone of WALGA will be aware that the terms of office of all elected positions on the Murchison Country Zone will be vacant from 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

This Zones next meeting will be held on **Friday 22<sup>th</sup> November 2019** and it is then that elected members to represent this Zone for the next two years will be selected.

To ensure that this process is carried out smoothly CEOs should be aware that at the first meeting of your Council after 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019, Councils should appoint two elected delegates to represent their Council at Murchison Zone meetings for the next two years.

Those appointed Council delegates are eligible to nominate and vote for candidates nominating for the vacant Zone positions.

**Positions vacant:**

Zone President	Term expires Oct 2021
Deputy Zone President	Term expires Oct 2021
Murchison Country Zone Delegate to WALGA State Council	Term Expires Oct 2021
Murchison Country Zone Deputy delegate to WALGA State Council	Term Expires Oct 2021

Representative and deputy representative to Regional LEMAC	Term Expires Oct 2021
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Each member Council will receive advice that the nominations for the above vacancies will close with the Executive Officer (Samantha Appleton) at 8.30am on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019.

Please note that nominations do not need to be seconded, but must be in writing and can be emailed to the Executive Officer prior to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 or handed to the Executive Officer prior to 8.30am on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019.

**That the information relating to the Election of Office Bearers and delegates for the Murchison Country Zone of WALGA be noted.**

## **6.5 Confirmation of Appointment of Part Time Executive Officer**

Most delegates are aware that Ms Samantha Appleton has been appointed to the role of Part Time Executive Officer to this Zone to replace Mr Murray Brown.

Recommendation

That the Murchison Country Zone endorse the Appointment of Ms Samantha Appleton to the position of part time Zone Executive Officer on terms and conditions as agreed to with the Zone President.

### **Movement to Amend Resolution**

**Moved CEO Brenzi      Seconded Cr Hodson**

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**That the motion be amended.**

**Carried: 12/0**

Resolution

**Moved Cr Hodson      Seconded Cr E Foulkes-Taylor**

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**That:**

- 1 The Murchison Country Zone endorses the appointment of Ms Samantha Appleton to the position of part time Zone Executive Officer on terms and conditions as agreed to with the Zone President; and**
- 2 The Executive Officer Ms Samantha Appleton also become a signatory to the Murchison Country Zone of WALGA bank account.**

**Carried: 12/0**

Following the conclusion of business, the President made a presentation to departing Executive Officer Mr Murray Brown in appreciation of his ten years of service to the zone and his fifty years of service to local government.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm and resumed at 1.30pm.



## 7. Shire Reports

### 7.1 Shire of Yalgoo

#### SHIRE OF YALGOO

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### Report to Murchison Country Zone of WALGA May 2019

#### **Morawa Rd**

R2R funds have been used to complete another section at 7 meters wide. It is planned to continue this program through to the shire boundary.

#### **Ninghan Rd**

RRG funds have completed the 4 meter seal to 4.5 km heading south towards GNH. It is planned to continue these staged works.

#### **Oval/Rifle Range project**

A successful opening was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> March and a Community open day on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Dept. of Land has given the licence to use the reserve and an inspection by WARA is planned so final documents to shoot on the Rifle Range can be given by WAPOL.

A successful exhibition match was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> by GNFLW and an Auskick clinic for the kids in the morning.

#### **Funding**

The Shire was successful with a \$218,000.00 grant from "Communities Combating Pests and Weed Impacts During Drought Program Biosecurity Management of Pests and Weeds". It is planned that we will engage the MRVC to install dog proof fencing within the Shire of Yalgoo.

#### **Interagency Meetings**

A new format and re-engagement of local service providers has commenced with the interagency meetings held on a quarterly basis. It is intended that this will allow for free communication between local service providers and volunteers. A new addition is employment opportunities for each member to contribute at each meeting.

Silvio Brenzi  
Chief Executive Officer  
Shire of Yalgoo

## 7.2 Shire of Mount Magnet



### SHIRE OF MOUNT MAGNET Activity Report – April/May 2019

#### Projects

- Council commenced its Cemeteries Management Plan project in November 2018 with the second stage of the project completed in March 2019. The project to date has involved consultation with the community, research at the WA State Records Office (SRO), research at the Geraldton Catholic Diocese regarding Parish records, and site visits to the Mount Magnet town cemetery, the Lennonville cemetery and the Paynesville cemetery for the purpose of undertaking 'drone grid' surveys to identify any possible unrecorded grave and burial sites. The results of the drone surveys have been cross matched with SRO and Parish records to further identify any burial sites with the intention of undertaking GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar) surveys that will be undertaken by the Archaeology Unit at Notre Dame University in late June this year.
- Strategic Community Plan 2019 -2029: Council commenced a review of its current Strategic Community Plan in December 2018 and has undertaken 3 community consultation workshops and received submissions and surveys for inclusion in the draft Strategic Community Plan 2019 -2029. Council expects to finalize the process and adopt the final Strategic Community Plan 2019 -2029 at the end of May 2019.
- Mount Magnet Entry Wall Statement – Council recently commenced the construction and installation of 'town entry wall statements' following a review of the former Entry Statement Masterplan that was completed in 2013. The first stage of the process is to complete construction of the Entry Walls that will be constructed in 'rammed earth' style at the eastern, northern and southern entrances to town. Emu metal design characters will be constructed and installed at each entrance following the completion of the Entry Wall construction followed by the installation of appropriate wording signage and trees.
- As reported previously, Gascoyne GNT Resources commenced production at their newly constructed Dalgaranga Gold Mine in June 2018. Council recently finalized the 'Road Access and Maintenance' agreement with the company in regard to the use of the Mt Farmer Road for the project.

#### Human Resources

- Council newly appointed Works Manager, Mr David Holland has resigned from his role effective 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2019. Council advertised for a new Works Manager in early April 2019 with applications recently closing.
- Council also recently engaged a further two School Based Work Experience students from the Mt Magnet District High School (MMDHS) who commenced at the beginning of this school year. This compliments the current School Based Work Experience student Council currently employs in its outdoor parks & gardens section. The two new students are placed at the Visitor Centre and the Swimming Pool (seasonal) until the end of 2019.

#### Governance/Finance

Council recently adopted its 2017/18 Annual Report and held its Annual Electors Meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2019. The lateness of completing the 2017/18 process is due to Council having not received its Independent Audit Report and Management Letter from its auditors until late February 2019 and early March 2019. The 2017/18 year was the

final year of contract for the current auditors and Council has been advised that the Office of Auditor General newly appointed auditors for the Shire of Mount Magnet are Butler Settineri.

### **Civil Works and Plant**

- Council recently completed maintenance roadworks on Nalbra Road,
- Council submit an application(s) for Supplementary Commodity Route funding for the Wondinong (bypass) Road and the Mt Farmer Road that was partly successful,
- RRG projects for 2018/19 completed with minor surplus for Hill 50 Rd and Checker Plant Access Rd re-sealing works,
- R2R projects completed being for 4 town streets to be re-sealed, 1 rural road to re-sheeted and 1 rural road drainage works completed,
- Council recently upgraded Works Manager vehicle and town gardeners vehicle,
- Council has continued with its minor plant replacement program for the 2018/19 year with the 2019/20 year having the Grader replacement as a major item,
- Council submitted an application to the CSRFF program to fund upgrades to the Memorial Swimming Pool that was unsuccessful and has recently resubmitted the funding application to the 2019-20 Round.
- Council has completed of approximately 500 metres of footpaths construction to date this financial year, and
- Completed town Disabled Bay and Loading Zone line marking in main street.

### **Tourism**

Visitations to/through Mount Magnet for the 2019 tourism season have started to get busy with the Visitor Centre having now increased its opening hours from 9 am to 3.30 pm seven days a week, with bookings at the Mount Magnet Caravan Park also increasing. The 2019 Astro Rocks Festival is scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2019 and a specific Astro Rocks Committee has been established by Council to oversee the event.

### **Community Activities**

Council resolved to support the recent appointment of (1.5 EFT) Community Development Officer(s) who are directly employed by the WA Centre for Rural Health (WACRH) by financially contributing to the engagement of the WACRH employees.

In March 2019 the *Stephen Michael Foundation* conducted a 'round robin' AFWL girls competition in Mount Magnet and included girls from approx. Year 4 to Year 12 with the success of the event being planned again for next year.

The Mount Magnet Memorial Swimming Pool closed for the 2018/19 season on 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2019 and will reopen on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2019.

Thank you

**Kelvin Matthews**  
**Chief Executive Officer**



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## 7.3 Shire of Murchison



### WALGA MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE MEETING MAY 2019

#### Staff

We have a number of staff movements coming up in the next few months. The current CEO will leave the shire at the end of May to return to his family living in the South West. Our DCEO has resigned as of the end of June but will take on the role of Senior Finance Officer and complete the Statutory Accounts and budget based on a 6 month fixed term part-time contract. Hopefully this will enable the incoming CEO to recruit their own team without undue time constraints.

Other staff changes are the retirement of our Administration Officer and the resignation of a plant operator.

#### Housing

The changes in staff and the previous reliance on the ability to employ couples in which both parties work for the shire has exposed a need for additional staff housing. The shire will be tendering for the provision of two staff houses.

#### Plant

No major plant purchase were undertaken since our last report.

#### Projects

Flood damage works are progressing well.

## 7.4 Shire of Sandstone



### SHIRE OF SANDSTONE Activity Report April 2019

#### Human Resources

The shire has been without a Works Supervisor since July 2018 apart from a couple of months when we tried someone who didn't work out but we finally have an experienced supervisor starting on the 6<sup>th</sup> May. Our gardener has recently resigned and we will be hoping that the gardens will stay looking as good as they are until we can fill that position.

#### Road Works and Equipment

The road program for 2018/19 has predominately been at the southern end of the Paynes Find Sandstone Road and the crew have been working very well and have done a good job considering they don't have a supervisor to direct them

#### Buildings

The continued expansion to the Caravan Park has seen tenders called for 2 new self contained units for the caravan park to provide another alternative level of accommodation in town for those who want something other than a donga.

The Visitor Centre/Museum has undergone a transformation with the building restumped to level the floor and new jarrah floorboards installed, sanded and sealed. While the building was empty painters also came in and repainted the interior. A new reception desk and a revised layout completed the makeover.

#### Tourism

The telescope is finally operating as it should and visitors to Sandstone will this year be able to view the night sky provided we can get enough volunteers trained to provide the experience.

The old school site is also getting closer to being able to fulfil Council's plan for it to operate as a camp site with dormitory style accommodation for groups of people looking for that experience in a remote setting. The interior has been painted and new floor coverings laid while white goods and camp beds have also been purchased.

The Black Range Tearooms has also reopened in April so real coffee and good food is available again for the duration of the tourist season.

#### Other

Last November the shire office took over the operation of the Post Office Agency bringing more local people into the office meaning we are getting more comments and feedback on what is happening around the shire and most of it is positive.

Telstra have recently completed a long awaited upgrade to our mobile tower so we will wait and see if the improvement is as good as they promised. The self service fuel station has not been working properly as transactions were timing out before the bank had approved the payment so customers were often having to try 2, 3 or 4 times before they could get fuel or if they had enough to get to the next stop they just drove off.

Harry Hawkins  
Chief Executive Officer



### May 2019 Report to Cue Parliament

#### **Admin**

Installation of a dedicated 100/100Mbps internet service to the Shire admin building has been approved through Telstra as part of a communications upgrade which will include VoIP telephones and an upgraded video and sound system in the Council chambers.

The Shire has employed Janet Wicks as Projects Officer to assist with the delivery of a number of planned capital projects. Janet has a background in the mining industry and was previously working at the Cue Community Resource Centre.

#### **Community Events**

The Australia Day Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Helene Salame, who made a special trip back to Cue with her family for the event. Helene had recently completed three years teaching at Cue Primary School and was a key member of the Cue Sub Branch of St John Ambulance.

The inaugural Barefoot bowls competition concluded after six weeks of fun, frivolity and confusion. The Cue Police team, Bowl Movement, hit the top of the leader board with a win on the last night of competition. Runner-up was the Shire administration staff team, Irritable Bowl Syndrome. Further competitions are planned throughout the year.

#### **Economic Development**

Westgold are now carting ore from Comet, Great Fingal and Big Bell mines to their processing plant at Tuckabianna. Reopening of the Cuddingwarra mine is planned for the near future. Westgold's Cue Village mining camp is currently at capacity, and an additional camp, catering for 120 workers, is under construction at their Big Bell mine site. Although construction of a camp at this location was against Council policy and not permitted by the Shire's local planning scheme, the Mining Act exempts mining activity from the development approval process.

Musgrave Minerals continue to report good gold results from their drilling at Moyagee as they progress toward full mining operations.

Golden State Mining has acquired tenements formerly held by Western Mining and is currently in the process of analysing their first round of drilling results.

Fenix Resources are finalising arrangements for their iron ore operations at Weld Range, with plans to cart to Geraldton Port.

The process of certifying the Cue Aerodrome is continuing, primarily to accommodate larger aircraft proposed for Westgold's FIFO operations.

Prince-Wright productions, producers of *The Decadent and Depraved*, which was partly filmed at various Murchison locations including Cue, is currently in talks with the Shire regarding their next production.

The SC Films production, *The Dust Walker*, which was filmed in Cue, will debut at the Cannes Film Festival in May.

Negotiations are continuing with property owners regarding the proposed purchase of several neglected main street buildings with the aim of bringing life back into the town centre. Council has recently agreed to the purchase of the former Bank of NSW.

## **Tourism**

Renovations to the historical cottages at the Cue Tourist Park have been completed, with five being furnished and fitted out for short term accommodation and one for storage.

Numbers are steadily building at the Tourist Park, with first time visitors joining long-term regulars for the season ahead. Demand at the park is high during tourist season, however several sites have been closed due to the impact of antisocial behaviour from a neighbouring residential property. Discussions are continuing with the WA Housing Authority to achieve a solution.

The Cue Community Resource Centre has been successful in obtaining a grant of \$133,865 toward the construction of a heritage interpretation centre behind the Cue Community & Visitor Centre (old post office). Janet Wicks, who is currently employed by the Shire as Projects Officer, was instrumental in the application and will oversee the project delivery. The Shire has committed \$20,000 toward the project in the 2018/19 budget.

## **Town Developments**

Bin surrounds have been installed in Austin Street that feature historical photos of Cue and former towns within the Shire, along with articles extracted from newspapers circulating in the district during the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Tenders have been called for the construction of three new houses, with two to be leased to the State Government for police accommodation through the Government Regional Officer Housing program.

A new ablution block has been constructed at the Cue Cemetery,



incorporating an undercover area with picnic table settings. Plans are now being drawn up for the addition of a niche wall.

An application for funding to assist with the installation of a small wheels park featuring a pump track has been lodged with the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. Unfortunately, applications will not be determined until 1 July 2019, meaning this project will not be delivered until the 2019/20 financial year.

A selection of outdoor exercise equipment targeting most muscle groups has been purchased for installation adjacent to the town oval.

Redevelopment of the old railway station building into an after school youth drop-in centre is progressing, with an order recently placed with Horizon Power to reconnect and upgrade the power supply.

## **Works**

WANDRRA funded works to repair damage caused to the Beebyn-Karbar Road during January 2017 rain events have been completed and the road reopened to traffic.

The Shire has taken delivery of several new major items of plant to replace assets scheduled for renewal:

- JCB Integrated Tool Carrier to replace the small loader which had serviced the Shire faithfully from new for 25 years. The ITC should prove to be more useful than the loader due to the ability to quickly swap between bucket, forks or crane jib.
- 24 tonne Multipac multi tyre roller to replace the 14 tonne roller. The heavier machine will provide greater compaction, assisting the Shire to better prepare roads for the heavy transport operations associated with increased mining activity.
- 20 tonne Multipac vibrating drum roller to replace the 16 tonne roller.



## 7.5 Shire of Meekatharra



### WALGA Murchison Zone Meeting; May 2019

#### Activities and issues - Shire of Meekatharra

##### Major Issues

Proposed changes to the security screening requirements at airports are very concerning and anomalous. The changes will, if adopted, significantly impact Mount Magnet, Wiluna and Meeka airports as well as other Skippers Airline destinations. Lobbying for sanity to prevail continues.

Upgrade and sealing of the Goldfields Highway Meekatharra to Wiluna. Mid-West Development Commission, Main Roads and the Wiluna and Meeka Shires are researching potential funding alternatives.

Meekatharra District Hospital replacement is urgent. Built in 1954, the Meekatharra Hospital is now 64 years old and must be replaced as a matter of highest priority.

##### Human Resources

Currently recruiting for the Works and Services Manager position. All other positions are currently filled.

##### Land/Buildings

Redevelopment of the old Lloyds Building on Main Street is scheduled to commence this year - pending notice from Lotteries W A on our funding application. Funding from the Federal Building Better Regions fund has been approved. Small wheel (skate) park is under construction and due for completion by the end of May 2019 - being jointly funded by Lotteries W A and the Meeka Shire.

##### Road Construction & Equipment

Mainly maintenance and resheeting works scheduled this year for the Road Construction Crew. Natural Disaster remedial works continue throughout the shire and are almost complete. Two new Mack Granite 6x4 day cab prime movers purchased for road construction side tipper road trains.

##### Promotions/Events

This year's Meeka Festival/Race weekend will be held over the long weekend September 27 - 30. Planning is well under way.

##### Governance/ Admin/Finance

Resolved; no change to the rate in dollar for the 19/20 year across all rate categories. Comprehensive review of Policy Manual completed and adopted.

## **8. Presentations**

**8.1 Regional Development Australia MWG** Ms Barbara Thompson, Mr Mark Holdsworth

**8.2 Regional Roundup**

Mr Gavin Treasure CEO MWDC

**8.3 Water Corporation**

Mr Stephen Greeve/ Mr Ian Bierman

**8.4 State Auditor General's Office**

Apologies

## **9. Emerging Issues as Notified/Permitted by the President**

- WACHS re nursing post staffing – WACHS stated that they are prioritising the placement of staff to the nursing posts in the region, including ensuring coverage during leave periods and the provision of incentives to attract staff.
- CA07 – Concern has been expressed about a lack of consultation with Councils as part of the granting of CA07 permits for local roads and consequences relating to safety and asset maintenance.

## **10. Next Meeting**

With the Local Government Elections scheduled to be held later this year (19<sup>th</sup> October 2019) it appears prudent to hold the November meeting towards the end of November to enable member Shires to elect their delegates to represent them on the Murchison Country Zone of WALGA. (The State Council meeting after the Local Government elections is scheduled for Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019.)

**Moved Cr Hodson**

**Seconded Cr Morris**

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**That the next meeting of the Murchison Country Zone be held in Cue on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019.**

## **11. Meeting Closure**

There being no further business for discussion the President thanked everyone their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 2.20pm.