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# Council Meeting

Monday 23 June 2014  
Teleconference  
Commencing at 8.01am

# MINUTES

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**GOLDFIELDS VOLUNTARY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS  
AND  
GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE OF WALGA**

**Teleconference Meeting held Monday 23 June 2014 commencing at  
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# MINUTES

## 1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Pursuant to the Code of Conduct, Councillors and CEOs must declare to the Chairman any potential conflict of interest they may have in a matter before the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils and Goldfields Esperance Country Zone of WALGA as soon as they become aware of it. Councillors, CEOs and Deputies may be directly or indirectly associated with some recommendations of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils and the Goldfields Esperance Country Zone of WALGA and the WALGA State Council. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

## 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The purpose of the meeting is to consider and provide advice to the WALGA State Council Representative, Mayor Ron Yuryevich AM, RFD.

## 3. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

### 3.1 Attendance

Mayor Ron Yuryevich AM RFD (Chair)  
 Mr Don Burnett  
 Cr Mal Cullen  
 Mr Paul Webb  
 Cr Jacquie Best  
 Mr Richard Brookes  
 Cr Malcolm Heasman (joined the teleconference at 8.03am)  
 Cr Beverley Stewart (joined the teleconference at 8.03am)  
 Mr Matthew Scott (joined the teleconference at 8.03am)  
 Cr Rob Wedge (joined the teleconference at 8.26am)  
 Mr Steven Deckert  
 Mr Jim Epis  
 Mr Chris Paget  
 Cr Ian Goldfinch (joined the teleconference at 8.03am)  
 Cr Ken Norman  
 Cr Graham Harris  
 Ms Andrea Nunan

Mayor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder  
 CEO, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder  
 President, Shire of Coolgardie  
 CEO, Shire of Coolgardie  
 President, Shire of Dundas  
 CEO, Shire of Dundas  
 President, Shire of Esperance  
 Councillor, Shire of Esperance  
 CEO, Shire of Esperance  
 Deputy President, Shire of Laverton  
 CEO Shire of Laverton  
 CEO, Shire of Leonora  
 CEO, Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku  
 President, Shire Ravensthorpe  
 Councillor, Shire of Ravensthorpe  
 President, Shire of Wiluna  
 CEO, Shire of Wiluna

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

### **3.2 Apologies**

Cr Patrick Hill, President, Shire of Laverton  
Cr Rob Wedge, Deputy President, Shire of Laverton for late attendance  
Cr Beatrice Fuamatu, Councillor, Shire of Laverton  
Cr Peter Craig, President Shire of Leonora  
Mr Pascoe Durtanovich, CEO, Shire of Ravensthorpe  
Cr Jim Quadrio, President Shire of Wiluna

### **3.3 WALGA Representatives**

Mr Wayne Scheggia, Deputy CEO

8.03am Cr Ian Goldfinch, Shire of Ravensthorpe, Cr Malcolm Heasman, Cr Beverley Stewart and Mr Matthew Scott Shire of Esperance joined the teleconference

**4. WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (WALGA) BUSINESS**

Zone delegates to consider the Matters for Decision contained in the WA Local Government Association State Council Agenda and put forward resolutions to Zone Representatives on State Council

**4.1 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Matters for Decision**

From Executive Officer

**Background:**

WALGA State Council meets five times each year and as part of the consultation process with Member Councils circulates the State Council Agenda for input through the Zone structure.

GVROC is able to provide comment or submit an alternate recommendation that is then presented to the State Council for consideration.

**5.1 Local Government Reform and Poll Provisions (05-034-01-0018 TB)****WALGA Recommendation**

That WALGA:

1. Reaffirm its policy position opposing forced amalgamations and supporting voluntary reform; and
2. Adopt, and advocate for, a policy position that the poll provisions contained in the *Local Government Act 1995* should be amended so that:
  - a. Electors of a Local Government where 1 or more Local Governments will be abolished or significantly affected by a boundary change proposal are able to demand a poll on the proposal, with 'significantly affected' being specifically defined as causing a fifty percent variation in:
    - i. Population; or,
    - ii. Rateable properties; or,
    - iii. Revenue.
  - b. Votes in polls are conducted by combining the votes of electors in all affected districts.

**ZONE COMMENT:**

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

**5.2 Road Funding Campaign (01-004-06-0001 ZD)****WALGA Recommendation**

That State Council;

- 1) Rescind resolution number 29.2/2014
- 2) Not proceed with a State wide road funding advertising campaign and continue with political advocacy for increased road funding as per Association policy.

**ZONE COMMENT:**

Resolution 29.2/2014 reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION 29.2/2014**

*That:*

- 1. On receipt of advice from the Minister for Transport that the local road funding agreement will not be reinstated, the Association implements a public campaign to voice strong opposition to the State Government decision.*
- 2. The campaign highlights that the State Government reneged on the previous agreement with the sector on road funding; and the potential consequences for community safety.*
- 3. The campaign includes State wide public communications channels; and components that are readily able to be implemented and supported by Member Councils at minimal direct cost to Member Councils.*
- 4. The cost of the initial campaign budget to be up to \$350,000 with funding to be allocated from the Association Strategic Reserve.*

Given that the GVROC did not have the opportunity to comment on the resolution before it was considered by the State Council at its meeting on 9 May 2014 there is an underlying concern that the local government sector seems "disinterested" in the fact that the State Government "broke" the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement 2011/12 to 2015/16, as well as the underlying loss of funding. The breaking of an agreement is a serious matter and should not be left unchallenged.

Perhaps the support from the local government sector for the campaign may have been better received and understood had the proposal been submitted through the Zone process in the lead up to the State Council Meeting on 9 May.

The Executive Officer is not aware of whether any Member Councils participated in the survey but some understanding of why it was not supported would be helpful for WALGA in developing future campaigns.

It is not appropriate for the Executive Officer to propose a recommendation and as such the matter is listed for Member Councils consideration.

**5.3 Microeconomic Reform Inquiry Draft Report Submission (05-100-03-0001 PS)****WALGA Recommendation**

That the Association's interim submission in response to the Economic Regulation Authority's Microeconomic Reform Inquiry Draft Report be endorsed.

**ZONE COMMENT:**

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

**5.4 Draft Submission to the WA Planning Commission: Draft State Planning Policy 3.7 Planning for Bushfire Risk Management (05-024-02-0056CG)****WALGA Recommendation**

That WALGA's submission to the WA Planning Commission regarding the Draft State Planning Policy 3.7 - Planning For Bushfire Risk Management and the Planning For Bushfire Risk Management Guidelines be endorsed.

**ZONE COMMENT:**

The WALGA submission makes 34 recommendations which are detailed throughout the submission.

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

## **5.5 DFES Concept Paper: Review of the Emergency Services Acts -WALGA Submission (05-024-02-0059 EF)**

### **WALGA Recommendation**

That the Association's submission on the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' *Concept Paper: Review of the Emergency Services Acts* recommending the following, be endorsed:

- a. That the new Emergency Services Act includes the risk mitigation obligations of State agencies, as well as those for Local Government and private landowners.
- b. That DFES undertakes a full assessment of the potential costs for State agencies, Local Government and private landowners associated with the new risk mitigation obligations outlined in the Concept Paper.
- c. That the State Government commits to identifying a sustainable funding option for risk mitigation activities and functions under the new Emergency Services Act. This should include a review of the future purpose and use of the Emergency Services Levy.
- d. That DFES commit to working in consultation with Local Governments and volunteer brigades to develop hazard-appropriate training for emergency services personnel.
- e. That any future DFES training program is adequately resourced to deliver training across Western Australia on an equitable basis, in line with local needs and schedules.
- f. That DFES work in consultation with Local Government Insurance Services and WALGA to explore the liability implications for Local Government in relation to risk mitigation activities prescribed in the new Emergency Services Act.
- g. That DFES makes a commitment to explore the cost and resource implications of expanding the legislation to include all hazards, and to develop a proposal to build capacity and resources to meet these requirements under the Act.
- h. That DFES undertakes further assessment and scenario planning on the streamlined risk mitigation strategies outlined in the Concept Paper to identify the potential risks to community safety, if the proposals were to be adopted.

### **ZONE COMMENT:**

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

## **5.6 Regional Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks - Goldfields- Esperance, Wheatbelt, South West, Great Southern and Kimberley Regions (05-036-03-0039 to 05-036-03-0042 VJ)**

### **WALGA Recommendation**

That the Association's interim submission to the WA Planning Commission for the five Regional Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks, Goldfields-Esperance, Wheatbelt, South West, Great Southern and Kimberley, be endorsed.

### **ZONE COMMENT:**

A response to each of the five Regional Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks is outlined in WALGA's interim submission.

The submission makes some general comments about the five Frameworks, particularly in relation to the lack of consistency of wording. The WALGA submission makes specific reference to the Goldfields Esperance Planning and Infrastructure Framework (the Framework) (refer to pages 80 and 81) of the WALGA State Council Agenda.

As Member Councils are aware the Shires of Coolgardie and Esperance and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder have lodged Council focussed submissions with the Department of Planning. The Executive Officer is not aware whether these submissions were sent through to WALGA as part of the Association's information collection exercise in preparing sector wide comment.

The Framework has been considered by GVROC on a number of occasions, with GVROC Council resolving on Friday 2 May 2014 to prepare a submission. A submission was prepared and lodged with the Department of Planning.

A copy of the submission forms an attachment to the meeting agenda.

Whilst its submission concurred with WALGA's submission, the GVROC's submission covered a number of issues not identified within WALGA's interim submission. These are detailed below.

- There is no timeframe for the Framework – this was also highlighted in the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's submission.

The GVROC's submission noted that the Framework should have an end date and/or review date, particularly given that the recently released economic blueprints for each of the nine Development Commissions will be reviewed regularly to ensure currency. The GVROC's submission stated that it..." *is of the view that the Framework is a "snapshot" at a moment in time and to ensure currency should have a stated review date.*"

- Both the Shire of Esperance and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's submissions highlighted inconsistencies between the Framework's Vision and Strategic Goals. The GVROC's submission reiterated the need for the Department of Planning in finalising the Framework to ensure alignment between the document's Vision and Strategic Objectives.
- The GVROC's submission also made comment on the Framework's examination of the region's cultural heritage, concurring with WALGA's interim submission that local designation of heritage places and property carry less weight than those placed on the State Register of Heritage Places. The GVROC's submission stated that:

*It is also the GVROC's view that the heritage diversity across the region should not be viewed as a negative but something to be celebrated. The region's heritage is diverse because the region is vast and has a history that recognises both indigenous and European settlement. The cultural heritage significance of a place to Western Australia is assessed by considering various values. Each place is unique and has its own combination of values, which together show its cultural heritage significance.*

1. Section 3.1.2 (pages 27-30) of the Framework sets out how the State Planning Framework draws together all state planning policies and frameworks at all levels. In doing this it also identifies the funding streams within the Royalties for Regions Program which assist in the delivery of the various services and infrastructure required to meet the objectives identified in these policies and frameworks. In its submission, the GVROC submitted that with the review of the Royalties for Regions program in the 2014/2015 State Budget this section of the Framework requires revision to accurately reflect the funding streams now covered by the Royalties for Regions. The GVROC submission also requested that any region specific funding coming into the Goldfields-Esperance region should be identified within the Framework.
2. A number of statistical errors have been identified. The GVROC's submission highlighted the need to ensure that all data is checked thoroughly before the final version of the Framework becomes publically available.
3. The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's submission highlighted the fact that the Framework currently does not provide any guidance on where development should occur into the future and what are to be excluded. The GVROC's submission made further comment on this matter, submitting that that maps detailing the following information should be included within the Framework:
  - ✓ Mineral deposits;
  - ✓ New arable land suitable for cropping;
  - ✓ Wetlands and waterways;
  - ✓ Economic activity areas;
  - ✓ Urban catchments; and
  - ✓ Land with significant conservation values.

The GVROC's submission notes that such information, particularly when reviewed regularly will assist local governments across the Goldfields Esperance region to plan at the local level with a full understanding of the State's requirements and interests.



- In the Framework's Forward, it is stated that:

*The Goldfields-Esperance Regional Planning and Infrastructure Framework will be a critical driver in identifying the region's economic potential through a whole of government approach.*

The importance of this statement was highlighted by the GVROC's submission in its conclusion. To quote from the submission:

*Whilst this is a commendable objective, the GVROC believes that this can only be realised if the recently released regional investment blueprint for the Goldfields Esperance region by the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission is viewed as having direct correlation to the Framework. In finalising the Framework, the Department should ensure that the Blueprint is fully integrated/linked with the Framework and that both documents are used as complementary tools in ensuring the region continues to grow and prosper.*

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Association's interim submission to the WA Planning Commission for the five Regional Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks; Goldfields-Esperance, Wheatbelt, South West, Great Southern and Kimberley; be endorsed, subject to the Department of Planning being requested to :

1. Include an end date and/or review date for all Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks to ensure currency;
2. Ensure alignment between the Vision and Strategic Objectives in the Goldfields-Esperance Planning and Infrastructure Framework;
3. Provide greater recognition within the Goldfields-Esperance Planning and Infrastructure Framework of the heritage diversity that exists across the region;
4. Accurately reflect within the various Frameworks the funding streams now covered by the Royalties for Regions Program. In the context of the Esperance Goldfields region, the Goldfields Esperance Planning and Infrastructure Framework should also identify any region specific funding coming into the Goldfields-Esperance region;
5. Include maps detailing the following information, where relevant, within the Framework:
  - ✓ Mineral deposits;
  - ✓ New arable land suitable for cropping;
  - ✓ Wetlands and waterways;
  - ✓ Economic activity areas;
  - ✓ Urban catchments; and
  - ✓ Land with significant conservation values.

Such information, particularly when reviewed regularly, will assist local governments to plan at the local level with a full understanding of the State's requirements and interests; and

6. Liaise with the five relevant Development Commissions to ensure a strong correlation between the Regional Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks and the respective "Economic Blueprints" that allows both documents to be used as complementary tools.

**RESOLUTION:**                      **Moved: Cr Cullen**                      **Seconded: Cr Harris**

**That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils:**

1. **endorses recommendations 5.1 to 5.5 contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda; and**
2. **adopts the alternative recommendation 5.6 as follows:**

**That the Association's interim submission to the WA Planning Commission for the five Regional Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks; Goldfields-Esperance, Wheatbelt, South West, Great Southern and Kimberley; be endorsed, subject to the Department of Planning being requested to :**

- (a) **Include an end date and/or review date for all Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks to ensure currency;**

- (b) Ensure alignment between the Vision and Strategic Objectives in the Goldfields-Esperance Planning and Infrastructure Framework;
- (c) Provide greater recognition within the Goldfields-Esperance Planning and Infrastructure Framework of the heritage diversity that exists across the region;
- (d) Accurately reflect within the various Frameworks the funding streams now covered by the Royalties for Regions Program. In the context of the Esperance Goldfields region, the Goldfields Esperance Planning and Infrastructure Framework should also identify any region specific funding coming into the Goldfields-Esperance region;
- (e) Include maps detailing the following information, where relevant, within the Framework:
  - ✓ Mineral deposits;
  - ✓ New arable land suitable for cropping;
  - ✓ Wetlands and waterways;
  - ✓ Economic activity areas;
  - ✓ Urban catchments; and
  - ✓ Land with significant conservation values.

Such information, particularly when reviewed regularly, will assist local governments to plan at the local level with a full understanding of the State's requirements and interests; and
- (f) Liaise with the five relevant Development Commissions to ensure a strong correlation between the Regional Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks and the respective "Economic Blueprints" that allows both documents to be used as complementary tools.

**CARRIED**

#### **5.7 Local Government and Emergency Management in Remote Aboriginal Communities (06-069-01-0001 EF)**

##### **WALGA Recommendation**

1. That State Council notes the Local Government and Emergency Management in Remote Communities Report prepared by Winteractive Consultants and WALGA's Summary Report.
2. That State Council endorses the recommendations in the WALGA Summary Report:
  - a. That WALGA advocate for increased State support for building emergency management capacity within remote Aboriginal communities.
  - b. That WALGA develop and distribute a template Aboriginal Community Checklist for Local Governments to include in their Local Emergency Management Arrangements; and
  - c. That WALGA strongly articulate to the State that, while Local Government recognises that there is a need to build emergency management capacity within remote Aboriginal communities, this must be led by the State, as the role of Local Government is to support community preparedness through Local Emergency Management Committees and the development of inclusive Local Emergency Management Arrangements

##### **ZONE COMMENT:**

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

**RESOLUTION:**                      **Moved: Cr Harris**                      **Seconded: Cr Cullen**

**That the GVROC request that the WALGA Recommendation be amended to add a Part 3 that reads as follows:**

3. **That until all matters associated with the future delivery of local government services to discrete indigenous communities are resolved local government should not have any involvement in Local Emergency Management Arrangements within these communities.**

**CARRIED**

8.26am Cr Wedge entered the meeting

**5.8 Patient Assisted Travel Scheme Inquiry (05-031-01-0001JH)****WALGA Recommendation**

That WALGA's interim submission to the Standing Committee on Public Administration's Parliamentary Inquiry into the State Government's Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) be endorsed.

**ZONE COMMENT:**

The GVROC wrote to the Inquiry requesting that hearings be held in the regions and where this occurs Member Councils are encouraged where practical to participate to provide information.

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

**5.9 Local Government Communiqué on Future Service Delivery to Discrete Aboriginal Communities (05-032-02-0010 JH)****WALGA Recommendation**

1. That the Local Government Communiqué for Service Delivery to Aboriginal Communities (2012) is reaffirmed as the sector's position in July 2014;
2. That the 2012 Communiqué be sent to the Hon Nigel Scullion, Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs; the Hon Peter Collier, WA Minister for Aboriginal Affairs; and the Hon Tony Simpson, Minister for Local Government and Communities; with correspondence seeking a commitment from (as appropriate):
  - a. The Office of Prime Minister and Cabinet advising how Western Australian Local Governments' concerns will be addressed through the Indigenous Advancement Strategy and Remote Network in accordance with the WALGA Communiqué (2014);
  - b. The Department of Aboriginal Affairs providing advice on how Local Government concerns are currently considered and addressed through the Aboriginal Affairs Cabinet Subcommittee (AASC);
  - c. Inclusion of the Department of Local Government and Communities (DLGC) on the Aboriginal Affairs Communities Subcommittee;
  - d. Inclusion of a WALGA representative on the Aboriginal Affairs Coordinating Committee (AACC);
  - e. The Aboriginal Affairs Coordinating Committee establishing a Subcommittee for Local Government to provide policy and operational advice to the AACC and AASC on Local Government matters.

**ZONE COMMENT:**

The GVROC considered this issue when it met on Friday 13 June 2014, resolving as follows:

**RESOLUTION:**                      **Moved: Cr Hill**                                      **Seconded: Cr Harris**

**That GVROC reaffirms the resolution taken at a Special Meeting of the GVROC held Friday 26 March 2012 which read in part:**

***That the GVROC Council ...***

2. ***recommends to Member Councils with indigenous communities that:***
  - a) ***they advise the State and Federal Governments they will not participate further with the local government services to indigenous communities project until the questions raised from the 8 March 2012 WA Local Government Association Communiqué are addressed, particularly in relation to:***
    - i. ***the determination of which communities are to be included in the normalisation process;***
    - ii. ***what State and Federal Government funding will be guaranteed; and***
    - iii. ***a comprehensive communication plan is prepared;***
  - b) ***they request that a study be undertaken to determine the impact on general purpose financial assistance grants to local governments taking on***

**responsibility for the provision of local government service delivery to indigenous communities;**

- c) should Point 1 be addressed to the local government's satisfaction, funding is requested to be provided to implement the cost and scope study of the remaining indigenous communities not covered by the CAMMS costing and scoping study; and**
- d) they advise other local governments with indigenous communities, the Department of Local Government and the WA Local Government Association of this decision.**

**CARRIED**

The above resolution does not conflict with the WALGA recommendation.

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation.

#### **5.10 WALGA Submission – Review of Contaminated Sites Act 2003 (05-020-01-001 MB)**

##### **WALGA Recommendation**

That State Council endorse the Western Australian Local Government Association's attached interim submission - Review of the *Contaminated Sites Act 2003*.

##### **ZONE COMMENT:**

Member Councils should be aware that the public submission period closed on 24 February 2014 after a 12 week consultation period. Whilst the Executive Officer recommends support for the WALGA recommendation it would appear that its endorsement is a little late should changes be required. Given that the State Council met on 5 March and 9 May 2014 this matter should have been addressed earlier.

GVROC support the WALGA Recommendation, with the comment that the matter should have been listed for consideration no later than May State Council Meeting.

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**RESOLUTION:**                      **Moved: Cr Cullen**                      **Seconded: Cr Best**

**That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils endorses all recommendations 5.8 to 5.10 contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda other than those recommendations separately considered.**

**CARRIED**

#### **4.2 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Matters for Noting**

- 6.1 WA Planning Commission's Summary of Submissions – Planning makes it Happen: Phase 2 (05-036-03-0037 VJ)
- 6.2 Rating Exemptions for Land Used Exclusively for Charitable Purposes (05-034-01-0007JMc)
- 6.3 Cessation of the Local Biodiversity Program (06-005-001-004 MJB)
- 6.4 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (01-006-03-0008 RNB)

#### **4.3 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Organisational Reports**

##### **7.1 Key Activity Reports**

**7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Environment and Waste Unit (01-006-03-0017 MJB)**

**7.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Strategy (01-006-03-0007 TB)**

7.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure (05-001-02-0003 ID)

7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, Planning and Community Development (01-006-03-0014 AH)

#### **4.4 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Policy Forum Reports**

7.2 Policy Forum Reports

7.2.1 Metropolitan Reform Implementation Policy Forum

7.2.2 Country Reform Policy Forum

7.2.3 Mining Community Policy Forum

7.2.4 Container Deposit Legislation Policy Forum

7.2.5 Metropolitan Mayors Policy Forum

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils note the following reports contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda:

- Matters for Noting;
- Organisational Reports; and
- Policy Forum Reports.

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

**That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils note the following reports contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda:**

- **Matters for Noting;**
- **Organisational Reports; and**
- **Policy Forum Reports.**

**CARRIED**

#### **4.5 WALGA President's Report**

The WALGA President, State Councillor or WALGA Officer will deliver this report.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the WALGA President's Report be noted.

#### **4.6 WALGA Status Report (Attachment)**

*From*                      *Executive Officer*

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Presenting the Status Report for June 2014 which contains WALGA's responses to the resolutions of previous GVROC Meetings

#### **ZONE COMMENT:**

This is an opportunity for Member Councils to consider the response from WALGA in respect to the matters that were submitted at the previous Meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the WALGA Status Report for June 2014 be noted.

**4.7 State Councillor / Goldfields Esperance Zone President's Report**

Mayor Ron Yuryevich, AM RFD

**RESOLUTION:**                      **Moved: Cr Wedge**                      **Seconded: Cr Best**

**That the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils note the following reports:**

- **WALGA President's Report;**
  - **WALGA Status Report for June 2014; and**
  - **State Councillor / Goldfields Esperance Zone President's Report Organisational Reports**
- CARRIED**

**5. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

Nil

**6 OTHER BUSINESS****6.1 Approval for Differential Rating**

The CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder raised an issue relating to the delay in approval by the Minister for Local Government and Communities for differential rating applications.

A number of Member Councils expressed concern over the differential rating approval process.

It was agreed that the matter would be listed for discussion at the 6 August 2014 Meeting of GVROC

**7 URGENT BUSINESS as permitted by the Chair**

Nil

**8 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

Friday 11 July 2014 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group to be held at the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

Wednesday 6 August 2014 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council/GERCG Board to be held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

Wednesday 6 August 2014 – GVROC Dinner at the Atrium Restaurant, Crown Casino, commencing at 6.30pm

Friday 29 August 2014 – a teleconference to consider the WALGA State Council agenda for the State Council meeting to be held Wednesday 3 September 2013

Friday 5 September 2014 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group (venue to be determined)

Friday 24 October 2014 - an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council/GERCG Board (venue to be determined)

Friday 28 November 2014 – a teleconference to consider the WALGA State Council agenda for the State Council meeting to be held Wednesday 4 December

Friday 5 December 2014 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Technical Officers Working Group (venue to be determined)

Friday 30 January 2015 – an in-person meeting of the GVROC Council/GERCG Board in Esperance

## **9. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.02am

### DECLARATION

These minutes were confirmed by the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils at the meeting held 6 August 2014

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Person presiding at the meeting at which these minutes were confirmed