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Gascoyne Country Zone

Minutes

10:00am

Friday, 25 November 2022

**Meeting hosted by
Shire of Carnarvon**

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5 Francis Street, Carnarvon – 9941 0000

Commenced at 10:05am, Friday, 25 November 2022

Acknowledgement of Country

We, the delegates of the Gascoyne Country Zone acknowledge the traditional owners of this land that we are meeting on today and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.

Minutes

ATTENDEES

Shire of Carnarvon	President Eddie Smith Hannah Murphy, Manager Economic Development, non-voting delegate
Shire of Exmouth	Cr Jackie Brooks (Deputy) Ben Lewis, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Shire of Upper Gascoyne	Cr Hamish McTaggart (Deputy) Mativa Toomalatai, Manager Finance and Corporate Services, non-voting delegate
Shire of Shark Bay	President Cr Cheryl Cowell - Chair Dale Chapman, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
WALGA	Nick Sloan, Chief Executive Officer (via Teams) Mark Bondietti, Policy Manager Transport and Roads Daniel Thomson, Economist

GUESTS

WA Parliament	Hon Neil Thomson MLC
Roadwise	Ms Samantha Adams, Regional Road Safety Advisor
Gascoyne Development Commission	Tym Duncanson, Chief Executive Officer Simmone Van Buerle, Director Regional Development Gavin Shearing, Principal Regional Development Officer
Regional Development Australia – Mid West Gascoyne	Mark Holdsworth, Executive Officer
Main Roads	Andrea Pitcher, A/Asset Management Officer Gaff Murray, Operations Manager – Carnarvon Kate Medhurst (Main Roads)

APOLOGIES

Shire of Upper Gascoyne	President Cr Don Hammarquist OAM John McCleary, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Shire of Carnarvon	Andrea Selvey, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries	Benita Perkins, Acting Regional Manager Mid-West Gascoyne

Attachments

The following were provided as attachments to the agenda:

1. Previous Meeting Minutes – 26 August 2022 Meeting
2. Director General Correspondence, Item 6.2
3. NEMA Formation, Item 6.3
4. NBN Media Release and Emergency Preparedness, Item 6.3
5. Department of Communities Correspondence, Item 6.5
6. President's Report

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil

3. DEPUTATIONS

3.1 WALGA Governance Review

Nick Sloan, Chief Executive Officer, WALGA provided an update to the Zone on the WALGA Governance Review.

3.2 Mining & Pastoral Region Update

Hon Neil Thomson, MLC provided an update to the Zone on local and portfolio matters.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of the 26 August 2022 Meeting of the Gascoyne Country Zone

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Eddie Smith
Seconded: Cr Hamish McTaggart

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Gascoyne Country Zone held on 26 August 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

5.2 Business Arising

Nil

6. ZONE BUSINESS

6.1 Solar Eclipse 2023

Shire of Exmouth

Gaff Murray, Operations Manager – Main Roads Carnarvon, provided an update on traffic management and planning for the event.

Noted

6.2 Housing

Shire of Carnarvon

Housing issues are continuing to develop and are becoming complex. Seeking a broader Government Agency participation on this matter.

Following a meeting of the Zone delegates and State Government Department heads to discuss the issue of social housing provision, a follow up letter was received by the GDC from the Director General Communities. The letter was attached with the Agenda for discussion. Delegates expressed their disappointment with the contents of the letter and the CEO of the GDC agreed to draft an appropriate response.

Noted

6.3 Request to Present in 2023

By Chantelle O'Brien, WALGA

National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)

A request has been received to present at WALGA Zone meetings by a representative from National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). Candy Hudson covers the Gascoyne region along with other regions.

Attached with the Agenda was a Media Release that provides some further information.

Candy is seeking the Zone's support to provide a deputation at the Gascoyne Country Zone February 2023 Zone meeting.

NBN 2022 Emergency Management Preparedness Campaign

National Broadband Network (nbn) have launched their 2022 Emergency Management Preparedness Campaign.

Part of nbn's purpose to lift the digital capability of Australia is to help adequately prepare communities for a loss of nbn connectivity due emergency or disaster events that can disrupt our network. This campaign is intended to provide education on preparing for, responding to, and recovering from these events.

Key Audiences:

- Communities – residents and businesses (particularly those likely to be impacted by a natural disaster)
- Stakeholders – emergency services, councils, organisations community groups.

Key Objectives:

- Educate communities about the operation of the nbn network before, during and after a disaster event and the steps they can take to prepare themselves and their businesses or groups if the nbn network is impacted.
- Build an understanding among key stakeholders and the broader community of nbn's role in disaster preparedness, response, restoration, and recovery including how we prepare and support the community to become more resilient.

A representative from nbn has offered to attend a future Zone meeting and provide further information on this matter. **Attached** with the Agenda is further information on this campaign.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Hamish McTaggart
Seconded: President Eddie Smith

That the Gascoyne Country Zone supports representatives from each organisation as above to present as follows to a 2023 Zone meeting:

February – National Emergency Management Agency
April – National Broadband Network

CARRIED

6.4 WALGA Best Practice Governance Review

By Shire of Shark Bay

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

6.5 Zone Status Report – November 2022

Zone	Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update	WALGA Contact
Gascoyne C	2021 19 February Zone Agenda Item 5.4 Issues with the DRFAWA Claims and Approvals Process	That the Gascoyne Country Zone recommend WALGA request DFES to form a working group of participants from affected Shires to review the current process and report back on outcomes and solutions.	Data has been collected from a sample of Councils that have recently suffered declared disasters and is being analyzed to inform engagement with DFES. The Infrastructure Policy Team has supported the establishment of a working group as proposed and requested that efforts be made to engage DFES in the establishment of the group.	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. The Association discussed this matter with Main Roads WA in November 2020. They are engaging with the State Solicitors Office prior to a proposed consultation with Local Government concerning a proposed approach. WALGA has subsequently met with Main Roads who confirm that the status quo remains until further notice.	Complete	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031
Gascoyne C	2021 25 June Zone Agenda Item 8.1 Road Closures	That WALGA be tasked to compile a guidance note on the drafting of a local law to apply fines to drivers ignoring road closure signage and on the use of the Traffic Administration Act to recover compensation for road damage.	The Infrastructure Policy Team resolved: 1. The key legislative / regulatory requirements appear to be in place; 2. Vehicles being driven on closed roads occurs in other remote Local Government areas, although the situations are different around the State; 3. In the absence of identified technology solutions an initial approach be made by WALGA to ARRB and PATREC to determine if research centres are interested in developing a research project. The Association has been in contact with ARRB and PATREC who have both advised that they were not aware of suitable technology.	November 2022	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031

Gascoyne C	2021 19 February Zone Agenda Item 5.4 Issues with the DRFAWA Claims and Approvals Process (Status Report)	That the Gascoyne Country Zone recommend WALGA request DFES to form a working group of participants from affected Shires to review the current process and report back on outcomes and solutions.	The Infrastructure Policy Team supported the establishment of a working group. Engagement with DFES has been undertaken and continues to identify appropriate participants given changes in staff. Draft Terms of Reference have been prepared.	November 2022	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031
Gascoyne C	2022, 24 June Zone Agenda Item 6.4 Proposed Advocacy Position for Management of Bushfire Brigades Discussion Paper	That the Gascoyne Country Zone support the "Hybrid Model" for the Management of Bushfire Brigades	State Council Resolution That the following Advocacy Position on Management of Bush Fire Brigades be endorsed. <i>Management of Bush Fire Brigades</i> 1. <i>Bush Fire Brigade volunteers play a critical role in helping to protect their local communities. Local knowledge and skills are integral to bushfire management in Western Australia.</i> 2. <i>Future management and funding of volunteer Bush Fire Brigades must:</i> a) <i>Recognise the changing risk environment, including work health and safety requirements, and the increasing intensity and frequency of bushfires;</i> b) <i>Take account of the differing circumstances of Bush Fire Brigade units and regional variations in bush firefighting approaches; and</i> c) <i>Be adequately and equitably resourced through the Emergency Services Levy.</i> 3. <i>The State Government, through the Consolidated Emergency Services Act and/or other mechanism's must:</i> a) <i>Establish a clear framework to enable transfer of Bush Fire Brigades to the State Government if a Local Government decides to do;</i> b) <i>Consult on the process, timeline, and implications for transfer of responsibility for Bush Fire Brigades in accordance with 3(a) through the establishment of a working group comprising representatives of Local Government, Bush Fire Brigades, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES);</i> c) <i>Provide for mandatory and minimum training requirements and recognition of competency and prior learning for Bush</i>	August 2022	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walga.asn.au 9213 2039

			<p><i>Fire Brigade volunteers, supported by locally delivered fit-for-purpose and universally accessible training program, designed in consultation with Bush Fire Brigade representatives, Local Government and LGIS, and managed by DFES; and</i></p> <p>d) <i>Develop a co-designed suite of relevant management guidelines and materials to assist in the management of Bush Fire Brigades.</i></p> <p>4. <i>As a matter of priority within the emergency services Acts review, the State Government to consider the most appropriate operational model for management of Bush Fire Brigades, which may include the establishment of an independent Rural Fire Service, as recommended in the 2016 Ferguson Report.</i></p> <p><u>RESOLUTION 377.7/2022</u> <u>CARRIED</u></p>		
Gascoyne C	2022, 24 June Zone Agenda Item 6.2 Intensive Family Community Intervention	That the Gascoyne Country Zone seeks WALGA's support to advocate to the State Government to allocate funds and/or resources to fund and implement the Intensive Family Community Intervention in Carnarvon and other communities impacted by youth crime and social issues and support fundamental change to policy position to ensure it can be implemented.	<p>SECRETARIAT COMMENT</p> <p>Based on the information provided the approach the Shire of Carnarvon is pursuing is sound and grounded in an evidence base of effective 'youth at risk' interventions. There is strong engagement with key stakeholders and genuine commitment to work in partnership with local Aboriginal community leaders and organisations. The Intensive Family Intervention Support Program (IFCI) is a specialist service incorporating a wholistic approach involving coordinated intensive case management support for the young people and their families.</p> <p>WALGA has undertaken further investigation with Dept. Communities contacts via the Regional Directors to ascertain the current youth justice approaches. Correspondence received from the Department of Communities dated 4 August 2022 has been circulated to the Zone.</p> <p>It is recommended that the Zone invite the relevant Regional Director from the Department of Communities and/or District Leadership Group to provide an update on the newly released Youth at Risk Strategy 2022 – 2027.</p> <p><u>*Relating correspondence attached with Agenda</u></p>	November 2022	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walga.asn.au 9213 2039

Gascoyne C	2022, 24 June Zone Agenda Item 9.2 Management Orders on State owned Land Management Orders on State owned land	That the Gascoyne Country Zone recommend that WALGA in consultation with Zone delegates, advocate to the State Government for a review of the Management Orders pertaining to State Land that is managed by Local Government especially in relation to Local Government leasing such land to other parties.	WALGA will liaise with the Zone delegates for further information with a view to writing to the Department of Lands on this issue.	November 2022	Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services tbrown@walga.asn.au 9213 2051
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Noted

7. 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: [State Council Agenda 7 December 2022](#)

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 2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions

That:

1. the following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be endorsed for action:

3.8 Review of the Rating Methodology used by the Valuer-General

Advocate for a full review of the rating methodology used by the Valuer-General to value all land in the State of Western Australia.

3.10 Reform of the Cat Act 2011

That the WA Local Government sector requests the WA State Government prioritise reforms to the Cat Act 2011, in accordance with the Statutory Review undertaken and tabled in the State Parliament on 27 November 2019.

2. the following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the relevant Policy Team for further work to be undertaken:

3.1 Road Traffic Issues

That WALGA advocate on behalf of the local government sector to the State Government and in particular, Main Roads, to increase importance and weight given to local knowledge and input regarding road traffic issues including requests for speed reduction, intersection treatments and overall preventative and traffic safety measures.

3.2 Car Parking and Traffic Congestion Around Schools

That WALGA engages with the State Government on behalf of Local Government to review issues associated with car parking and traffic congestion around school sites including but not limited to:

1. Reviewing car parking standards for schools;
2. Ensuring sufficient land is set aside for the provision of parking on school sites;
3. Reviewing the co-location of schools to avoid issues being exacerbated;
4. Restricting school access from major roads;
5. Developing plans to enable schools to manage school traffic;
6. Develop programs to educate drivers; and

7. Develop options and implement initiatives to encourage alternative modes of transport to school.

3.3 Proposal for Regional Road Maintenance Contracts with Main Roads WA

That WALGA assist Local Governments and work with the Hon Minister Rita Saffioti to introduce a similar program that is currently in play in Queensland and introduce a sole invitee Program for Local Governments to engage in a Road Maintenance Performance Contract with Main Roads WA.

3.4 Northern Australia Beef Roads Program

That WALGA work with the Hon Madeleine King MP Minister for Resources and Minister for Northern Australia to make Beef Road Funding available to all Australian Local Governments north and south, or establish a Southern Australia Beef Road Funding Program to allow for equitable support across Australia's beef and agriculture industries.

3.5 3D House Printing Building Compliance

That WALGA requests:

1. Assistance from Minister for Industry and Science The Hon Ed Husic MP, Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Small Business The Hon Julie Collins MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government The Hon Catherine King MP to work with Ministers from all State and Territory Governments who have Building and Construction in their portfolios, to collaborate and to consider removing impediments within the National Construction Code Series and associated Australian Standards, that dissuade industry from adopting 3D printing as a building method.
2. That the Government provide instruments to incentivise private industry to develop 3D printing and include this as an acceptable building practice.

3.6 South West Native Title Settlement

That WALGA advocate to the State Government that Local Governments be provided with the full list of potential land to be requested for transfer as part of the South West Native Title Settlement and that a minimum of three months be provided for Council to provide feedback.

3.7 Land Offset Compensation to Local Governments

That WALGA advocate to the State Government that the Developer requiring land offsets should be required to provide the offsets within the Local Government where the clearing occurs and where this is not possible, the Developer requiring land offsets within another Local Government be required to pay a fee to the Local Government for the loss of rates and ongoing maintenance of infrastructure to the Land.

3.12.1 Abandoned Shopping Trolleys

That this meeting supports the recent petition to be tabled in the Legislative Council, Parliament of Western Australia, "Removal and Abandonment of Shopping Trolleys 22-0017" calling on the State Government to implement stringent and uniform shopping trolley containment laws for the whole state of Western Australia.

3. the following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be noted:

3.11 WALGA Best Practice Governance Review – Principles

That:

1. The update on the Best Practice Governance Review project be noted, and
2. The principles to inform WALGA's future governance model, as follows and as per the attached Principles document, be endorsed:
 - a. Representative – WALGA unites and represents the entire Local Government sector in WA and understands the diverse nature and needs of members, regional communities and economies.
 - b. Responsive – WALGA is an agile association which acts quickly to respond to the needs of members and stakeholders.
 - c. Results Oriented – WALGA dedicates resources and efforts to secure the best outcomes for Local Government and supports the delivery of high-quality projects, programs and services.

3.12.2 Mandatory Superannuation for Elected Members in Band 1 and 2 Councils

That this meeting supports requesting WALGA to advocate for the Local Government reforms to include mandatory superannuation for elected members of Band 1 and Band 2 Councils and supports the optional payment of superannuation for Band 3 and 4 Councils.

5.2 Elected Member Superannuation

That WALGA:

1. advocates for superannuation to be required to be paid to Elected Members of Local Governments in Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (SAT) Band 1 and Band 2; and
2. supports the position that superannuation payments to Elected Members of Local Governments in SAT Band 3 and Band 4 should be optional and determined by Council.

5.3 Biosecurity Advocacy Position

That State Council endorse replacing Advocacy Position 4.5 Post Border Biosecurity with a new Biosecurity Advocacy Position as follows:

4.5 Biosecurity

Western Australia's economy, environment and the community are facing increasing challenges posed by already established and new pests, weeds and diseases.

Local Government has a significant role in biosecurity management, as land managers and regulators, and therefore has an interest in ensuring that Western Australia's biosecurity system, including control of declared pests, is effective and appropriately resourced.

WALGA considers significant changes to the operation of the State's biosecurity system, including the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007, are required to ensure these risks can be managed now and into the future.

To be effective the Western Australian biosecurity system must:

1. Take a transparent approach to the notion of 'shared responsibility' by ensuring that:
 - a) The respective roles and responsibilities of Commonwealth, State and Local Government, industry, landholders, community groups and individuals are agreed and clearly articulated; and
 - b) There is improved pest management on State Government managed land and a formalised structure for State Government agencies with responsibilities for biosecurity management to work together and coordinate their activities.
2. Be underpinned by a strategic framework, developed in collaboration with stakeholders, that:
 - a) Establishes priorities for biosecurity threats in geographically defined regions, sets measurable targets and guides investment in biosecurity activities; and
 - b) Is regularly evaluated and reported on.
3. Have a greater focus on environmental biosecurity, through the increased recognition and management of pest species that have significant ecological impacts.
4. Be adequately, sustainably and equitably funded:
 - a) The appropriateness and effectiveness of the Declared Pest Rate (DPR) and Recognised Biosecurity Group (RBG) model as key mechanisms for the management of widespread and established declared pests should be reviewed and alternate mechanisms considered;
 - b) Increased and more equitable distribution of funding for every step in the biosecurity continuum and adequate resourcing for all stakeholders, including Local Government; and
 - c) The provision of funding for declared pest management in metropolitan areas.
5. Ensure that the criteria and process for listing of declared pests is evidence-based, timely and transparent.
6. Have an increased emphasis on compliance through education and enforcement activity, to ensure land managers are aware of their legislative responsibilities and are supported to implement biosecurity actions.
7. Facilitate the use of new technologies, strategic monitoring, and the establishment of data management systems to inform biosecurity investment decisions and support adaptive management.
8. Improve the community's understanding, awareness and action in relation to biosecurity to assist with threat surveillance and timely response to incursions.

5.4 Submission on *Environmental Regulation Reform: A Strategic Review of Regulatory Delivery and Fees for Industry Regulation*

That the submission on Environmental Regulation Reform: A Strategic Review of Regulatory Delivery and Fees for Industry Regulation be endorsed.

5.5 Updated Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advocacy Position

That State Council endorse the following updated Advocacy Position on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage:

3.1.3 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 and South West Native Title Settlement

WALGA acknowledges Noongar people as the traditional owners of the South West Region. Local Government is supportive of conserving and protecting the State's Aboriginal cultural heritage.

WALGA supports the introduction of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 which will provide a modern framework for the recognition, protection, conservation and preservation of Aboriginal cultural heritage and recognises the fundamental importance of Aboriginal cultural heritage to Aboriginal people. The State Government must ensure that:

- 1. The legislation balances the need to protect Aboriginal cultural heritage with the requirement for Local Government to undertake activities in a timely and affordable manner;*
- 2. The implementation and ongoing operation of the legislative system for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage is adequately resourced to ensure that all parties have the capacity, capability and resources to discharge their statutory obligations;*
- 3. Support is provided to Local Governments to ensure that they have the resources, capacity and capability to comply with a complex legislative framework; and*
- 4. Local Governments have the ability to deliver essential infrastructure works and emergency activities efficiently and effectively in order to maintain public safety.*

5.6 Review of Coastal Planning Policy Position

That State Council endorse replacing Advocacy Position 6.8 Coastal Planning with a new Coastal Planning Advocacy Position as follows:

6.8 Coastal Planning

WALGA calls for:

1. Equitable legislative, regulatory and policy changes that preserve public coastal access for current and future generations.
2. The provision of sustainable and adequate long-term funding for Local Governments to manage the impacts of coastal erosion and inundation.

Matters for Noting

- 6.1 WALGA Best Practice Governance Review Update
- 6.2 2022-23 October Federal Budget
- 6.3 Supporting the Trajectory for Low Energy Buildings – Release of 7 Star Homes Cost Investigation
- 6.4 WALGA October 2022 Quarterly Economic Briefing

- 6.5 WALGA Submission on Phase Two of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-design Process
- 6.6 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Eddie Smith
Seconded: Cr Jackie Brooks

That the Gascoyne Country Zone

1. Supports all Matters for Decision as listed above in the December 2022 State Council Agenda; and
2. Notes all Matters for Noting, Policy Team and Organisational Reports as listed in the December 2022 State Council Agenda.

CARRIED

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 State Councillor's Report to the Zone

Noted

8.2 President's Report to the Zone

Nick Sloan, WALGA CEO presented the President's Report.

Noted

8.3 Gascoyne Development Commission

Chief Executive Officer, Tym Duncanson, provided an update to the Zone. In addition to an update, correspondence that has been received was attached with the agenda for discussion.

Noted

8.3.1 Gascoyne Development Commission – Working Group Update

Cr Cheryl Cowell, the Zone representative on the working group provided an update to the Zone.

Noted

8.4 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

The representative from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries was an apology for this meeting.

Noted

8.5 Roadwise Report

To be delivered at the Regional Road Group meeting following the Zone meeting.

Noted

8.6 Regional Development Australia – Mid West Gascoyne

Mark Holdsworth, Executive Officer, RDA Mid-West Gascoyne, provided an update on the initiative to develop a business case to fund secondary freight routes in the Gascoyne Region.

Noted

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Zone Meeting Dates – 2023

The following table lists State Council Meeting dates for 2023 and suggested Zone meeting dates:

2023 State Council Meeting Dates	Suggested Dates for Zone Meetings
Wednesday 1 March	Friday 10 February – Monday 20 February
Wednesday 3 May (Regional Metro)	Friday 14 April – Monday 24 April
Wednesday 5 July	Friday 16 June – Monday 26 June
Wednesday 7-8 September (Regional meeting)	Friday 18 August – Monday 28 August
Wednesday 6 December	Friday 17 November – Monday 27 November

Following the same format as previous years, two teleconference meetings and three in-person meetings have been included. Two in-person meetings per year are hosted by Carnarvon with the third rotating between Exmouth, Shark Bay and Upper Gascoyne.

The meetings have been rotated as follows:

- 2011 – Shark Bay
- 2012 – Exmouth
- 2013 – Upper Gascoyne
- 2014 – Shark Bay
- 2015 – Exmouth
- 2016 – Upper Gascoyne (Gascoyne Junction)
- 2017 – Shark Bay
- 2018 – Exmouth
- 2019 – Upper Gascoyne (Mt Augustus)
- 2019 – Regional State Council Meeting – Shark Bay

- 2020 – Exmouth
- 2021 – Upper Gascoyne (Gascoyne Junction)
- 2022 – Shark Bay

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Eddie Smith
Seconded: Cr Hamish McTaggart

That Zone meetings for 2023 be held as follows:

Zone Meeting	Type	Location
10:00am, Friday 17 February	In-Person	Carnarvon
10:00am, Friday 21 April	<i>Teleconference</i>	
10:00am, Friday 23 June	In-Person	Exmouth
10:00am, Friday 25 August	<i>Teleconference</i>	
10:00am, Friday 24 November	In-Person	Carnarvon

CARRIED

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Proposed Repurposing Gascoyne App Funding

By Shire of Carnarvon

Cr Brooks declared an interest of impartiality from her work with the Chamber of Commerce

The Shire of Carnarvon received a small grant in 2020 from the Gascoyne Development Commission to develop an App to promote local businesses as part of an effort to assist regional business response and recovery from the impacts of Covid. The App was not able to be designed and delivered and, given the passage of time since the App concept was first conceived, the intended project outcomes are no longer relevant for the business community. Therefore, this funding of \$7100 remains with the Shire of Carnarvon as an unspent grant.

This item is listed to discuss a proposed variation to the funding agreement to instead use the funds to support local (Gascoyne) businesses who are seeking small amounts of funding of up to \$1000 to put on small events or activities for the eclipse. This is consistent with the original purpose of the funding being to support local businesses. The proposal has been approved by the Gascoyne Development Commission.

The Shire of Carnarvon is prepared to administer the program using the Shire's Community Growth Fund governance and structure.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Eddie Smith
Seconded: Cr Hamish McTaggart

That the Gascoyne Country Zone supports a variation to the Gascoyne App Funding of \$7100, to allow that funding to be used to offer small grants to Gascoyne businesses and not-for-profit

organisations who are seeking funding of up to \$1000 to provide small events for the Total Solar Eclipse in April 2023.

CARRIED

10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting: 10:00am, Friday 17 February 2023, hosted by the Shire of Carnarvon.

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at **12.25pm**.