

GVROC Council Meeting to consider WALGA State Council Agenda Items

Friday 28 June 2019
In Person, commencing at 9.00am at City of Kalgoorlie –
Boulder Administration Centre

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GOLDFIELDS VOLUNTARY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (GVROC)

An in-Person meeting of the GVROC Council to consider WALGA State Council Agenda Items be held Friday 28 June 2019 9.00am

DRAFT MINUTES

1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The purpose of the meeting is to provide advice to the WALGA State Council Representative, Cr Mal Cullen.

2. 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 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. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

Nil

3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Attendance

Cr Mal Cullen (Chair)

Cr Tracey Rathbone

Cr Sherryl Botting

Mr James Trail

Mr John Walker

Cr John Bowler

Cr Laurene Bonza

Mr Peter Fitchat

Cr Victoria Brown

Mr Matthew Scott

Cr Basil Parker

Cr Patrick Hill

Mr Peter Naylor

Cr Peter Craig

Mr Jim Epis

Cr Victoria Brown

Mr Matthew Scott

Cr Greg Dwyer

Mr Peter Money

Mr Kevin Hannagan

President, Shire of Coolgardie Deputy President, Shire of Coolgardie Councillor, Shire of Coolgardie CEO Shire of Coolgardie CEO, City of Kalgoorlie Boulder Mayor, City of Kalgoorlie Boulder President. Shire of Dundas CEO Shire of Dundas President Shire of Esperance CEO, Shire of Esperance Councillor Shire of Esperance President. Shire of Laverton CEO. Shire of Laverton President Shire of Leonora CEO. Shire of Leonora President Shire of Esperance CEO. Shire of Esperance President, Shire of Menzies CEO, Shire of Menzies CEO, Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku

3.2 Apologies

Cr Jill Dwyer Cr Ian Goldfinch Mr Peter Smith Mr Gavin Pollock Cr Susie Williams Councillor, Shire of Menzies Councillor, Shire of Ravensthorpe Councillor, Shire of Ravensthorpe CEO, Shire of Ravensthorpe Councillor, City of Kalgoorlie Boulder

3.3 Guests

Hon. Kyle McGinn MLC Member for Mining and Pastoral

3.4 WALGA Representatives

Nick Sloan, Chief Executive Officer Anne Banks-McAllister Regional Capacity Building Manager

4. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

4.1 <u>Minutes of a Meeting of GVROC to consider WALGA State Council Agenda Items held 3 May 2019 (Attachment)</u>

Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting to consider WALGA State Council held Friday 3 May 2019 are presented for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the GVROC Council Meeting to consider WALGA State Council held Friday 3 May 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Mayor John Bowler – City Kalgoorlie Boulder

Seconded: President Patrick Hill - Shire Laverton

5. Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Matters for Decision

From Chair GVROC CEO Group

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.

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

5.1.1 National Redress and Local Government (05-086-03-0004 KD)

WALGA Recommendation

That WA Local Government participation in the State's National Redress Scheme declaration with full financial coverage by the State, be endorsed in principal, noting that further engagement with the sector will occur in the second half of 2019.

In Brief

- The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (the Royal Commission) was established in January 2013.
- The WA Parliament passed the legislation required to allow the Government and WA based non-government institutions to participate in the Scheme. The National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (Commonwealth Powers) Act 2018 (WA) took effect on 21 November 2018.
- The Association, together with the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) consulted with the Local Government sector to develop the Western Australian State Government Child Safety Implementation Plan which was provided as an Item for Decision at the WALGA State Council December 2018 meeting.
- From February 2019, DLGSC has been consulting Local Government on their preference and capacity to join the National Redress Scheme, with one option to join as a State Government agency under the definitions contained within the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Act 2018 (Cth).
- This report outlines outcomes from this consultation and provides a recommendation for final endorsement that is then subject to State Government consideration.

GVROC COMMENT:

- What kind of support networks will be made available?
- Majority of Councils opting in under State Government Context WALGA Position

GVROC support

RESOLUTION: Moved: Councillor Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie

Seconded: President Laurene Bonza – Shire Dundas

5.1.2 Draft Guidelines for Local Heritage Surveys and Heritage Act 2018 Proclamation Regulations (05-071-03-0003 SM)

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission on the Draft Guidelines for Local Heritage Surveys and Heritage Act 2018 Proclamation Regulations be endorsed.

In Brief

- State Parliament passed the Heritage Bill 2017 on 12 September 2018, effectively giving Western Australia a new Heritage Act (to be known as the Heritage Act 2018).
- Before the new Act can be proclaimed, a series of regulations must be approved by the Governor to ensure the new Act will have its intended effects. The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) sought input on the draft Proclamation Regulations and various supporting guidelines and publications, including Draft Guidelines for Local Heritage Surveys (previously called Heritage Inventories).
- Consultation with Local Government was undertaken between January and April 2019.
- An interim submission was prepared to meet the submission deadline of 3 May 2018 and is now presented to State Council for final endorsement.

GVROC COMMENT:

- Unless State Government puts money into help with Heritage projects not going to make real impacts
- Is the State Government expected to accept their assets need to be maintained and renewed in same line as Local Government?
- State need to fix their assets
- Heritage assets are significant ongoing maintenance and renewal challenge
- Unknown factors of cost to Local Government what impacts will it have and what will ongoing costs be
- Regulations require better asset management of assets changes to regulations requires owner
 of assets to maintain and renew
- Campaign to Federal and State Government for more funding to be made available
- Previously no appeal rights Is there any ability to appeal decisions of Heritage Council to SAT WALGA to follow up

GVROC support subject to consideration of issues raised above

RESOLUTION: Moved: Councillor Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie

Seconded: President Peter Craig – Shire Leonora

5.1.3 Review of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 (Phase Two) (05-032-01-0001 SM)

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission on the Aboriginal Heritage Act Review Phase Two be endorsed.

In Brief

- In March 2018 the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs initiated a review of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 (the AHA). More than 130 written submissions were received by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) (including from WALGA). Feedback received during the 2018 review indicated that the scope and the purpose of the AHA needed to change and new legislation was needed.
- In March 2019, the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs released a Discussion Paper and additional
 materials setting out proposals for a new Aboriginal heritage system that will recognise, protect,
 manage and celebrate the places and objects that are important to Aboriginal people while
 providing an efficient land use proposal framework.

- Consultation with Local Government was undertaken between March and May 2019.
- An interim submission was prepared to meet the submission deadline of 31 May 2019 and is now presented to State Council for final endorsement.

GVROC COMMENT:

- Who are we actually dealing with in the Goldfields Esperance Region?
- How/what do we budget for

GVROC support

RESOLUTION: Moved: Councillor Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie

Seconded: President Laurene Bonza – Shire Dundas

5.1.4 Planning for Bushfire Guidelines: Element 3 Vehicular Access (05-024-02-0056 CH)

WALGA Recommendation

That:

- 1. the interim submission to the Western Australian Planning Commission on the proposed modifications to Appendix 4 Element 3: Vehicular Access of the Planning for Bushfire Guidelines, be endorsed; and
- 2. WALGA formally advise the Western Australian Planning Commission that draft Appendix 4 Element 3 is not supported, due to significant concerns with the proposed modifications to road designs and difficulties in implementing the draft Guidelines.

In Brief

- In late January 2019, the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) released proposed modifications to Appendix 4 Element 3 of the Planning for Bushfire Protection Guidelines for targeted stakeholder comment.
- The interim submission does not support the proposed modifications to Element 3.
- The comment period closed on the 12 April 2019; therefore, an interim submission was prepared.

GVROC COMMENT:

Nil

GVROC support

RESOLUTION: Moved: President Patrick Hill – Shire Laverton

Seconded: President Peter Craig - Shire Leonora

5.1.5 Remote Area Tax Concessions (05-001-03-0006 DM)

WALGA Recommendation

That WALGA's interim submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Remote Area Tax Concessions be endorsed.

In Brief

- Treasurer Josh Frydenberg has provided the Productivity Commission with a term of reference to undertake a study into the zone tax offset and related remote area tax concessions and payments.
- WALGA has for a number of years called for the review and reform of the zero-tax offset. The
 Association's submission has been prepared on the basis of existing State Council policy positions,
 the Economic Development project and feedback from individual Local Governments. Members
 were also provided the opportunity to contribute to the submission.
- The interim submission was provided to the Executive Committee out of session and has been submitted to the Productivity Commission.

GVROC COMMENT:

- Significant importance to be placed on submissions made by Local governments in the region
- Most important change needed in the Goldfields Esperance Region to assist with management of FIFO
- Needs to be driven and supported at highest levels of Government
- Central to future of Kalgoorlie Boulder
- Local Governments to provide Submissions to WALGA

GVROC support subject to comments above

RESOLUTION: Moved: Councillor Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie

Seconded: Mr Peter Naylor - Shire Laverton

5.1.6 Directions Paper for the 10 Year Strategy on Homelessness (05-018-02-0007 JB)

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission to the Directions Paper for the 10-Year Strategy on Homelessness be endorsed.

In Brief

- In March 2019, the Department of Communities released a Directions Paper for the 10-Year Strategy on Homelessness: Western Australia 2019-2029
- The Association garnered input to an Interim Submission through the normal communication channels and provided this by the deadline of 17 May 2019.
- The Association has been represented on the Supporting Communities Forum Homelessness Working Group by senior staff since its inception in mid-2018.

GVROC COMMENT:

Nil

GVROC support

RESOLUTION: Moved: Mayor John Bowler – City Kalgoorlie Boulder

Seconded: Councillor Tracey Rathbone - Shire Coolgardie

5.2 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Matters for Noting/Information

- 5.2.1 Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure 2017/18 (0600-703-0016 MB)
- 5.2.2 2019-2020 State and Federal Budgets (05-088-03-0001 NF)
- 5.2.3 Public Library Assets (05-012-03-0001 KD)
- 5.2.4 Climate Change Policy Advocacy Update (05-028-04-0002 LS)
- 5.2.5 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (01-006-03-0008 RNB)

GVROC COMMENT:

5.2.2

- Federal Government want to expand/work with Local Government's
- State Government appear to take a different view at times
- WALGA need to be more targeted towards State Funding requirements

5.3 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Organisational Reports

- 5.3.1 Report on Key Activities, Environment and Waste Policy Unit (01-006-03-0017 MJB)
- 5.3.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services (01-006-03-0007 TB)
- 5.3.3 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure (05-001-02-0003 ID)
- 5.3.4 Report on Key Activities, People and Place (01-006-03-0014 JB)

5.4 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Policy Forum Reports

GVROC Note items 5.2 to 5.4

RESOLUTION: Moved: Councillor Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie

Seconded: President Patrick Hill – Shire Laverton

6. LATE ITEMS as notified, introduced by decision of the Meeting

7. FUTURE MEETINGS

- Friday 30 August 2019 a teleconference to consider the WALGA State Council agenda for the State Council meeting to be held on Thursday 5 and Friday 6 September 2019;
- Friday 29 November 2019 a teleconference to consider the WALGA State Council agenda for the State Council meeting to be held Wednesday 4 December 2019.

8. CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.22