



KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP Meeting

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

1:00PM, 21 APRIL 2020

Video Conference

SHIRE OF BROOME
KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP
TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2020
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**MINUTES OF THE KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP OF THE SHIRE OF BROOME,
HELD IN THE VENUE TBC – SUGGESTED HALLS CREEK, ON TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2020,
COMMENCING AT 1:00PM.**

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman welcomed Members and Officers and declared the meeting open at 1:01PM.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Sam Mastrolembo	Shire of Broome
Cr Chris Mitchell	Shire of Broome
James Watt	Shire of Broome
Amanda O'Halloran	Shire of Derby West Kimberley
Cr Geoff Haerewa	Shire of Derby West Kimberley
Cr Paul White	Shire of Derby/West Kimberley
Vernon Lawrence	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
Cr David Menzel	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
Noel Mason	Shire of Halls Creek
Cr Malcolm Edwards	Shire of Halls Creek
Debra Goostrey	Zone Executive - ATEA
Elizabeth Toohey	Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries
Krissie Dickman	Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries
Gordon MacMile	Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries
Sheryl Siekierka	Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries
Tim Bray	Kimberley Development Commission
Cr Tracey Roberts	City of Wanneroo, WALGA
Nick Sloan	WALGA
Tracey Roberts	WALGA
Evie Devitt-Rix	WALGA
Gerry Zoetelief	Main Roads WA
Greg Hayes	WALGA RoadWise
Danelle Dowling	Kimberley Regional Development Australia

Apologies:

Cr Harold Tracey	Shire of Broome
Cr Tony Chafer	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
Cr Chris Loessl	Shire of Halls Creek
David Price	Shire of Christmas Island
Cr Gordon Thomson	Shire of Christmas Island
Cr Kee Heng Foo	Shire of Christmas Island
Andrea Selvey	Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands
Cr Tony Lacy	Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands
Cr Seriwati Iku	Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

Leave of Absence: Nil

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

FINANCIAL INTEREST			
Member	Item No	Item	Nature of Interest
Nil			

IMPARTIALITY			
Member	Item No	Item	Nature of Interest
Nil			

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION:
Moved: Cr D Menzel *Seconded: Cr M Edwards*
That the Minutes of the Kimberley Regional Group held on 24 February 2020, as published and circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

RESOLUTION:
Moved: Cr G Haerewa *Seconded: Cr D Menzel*
That the Minutes of the Kimberley Regional Group held on 20 March 2020, as published and circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr G Haerewa

Seconded: Cr D Menzel

That the Minutes of the Kimberley Regional Group held on 20 March 2020, as published and circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil.

6. PRESENTATIONS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

6.1 PRESENTATIONS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

6.1 GENERAL MANAGER KIMBERLEY REGION, GERRY ZOETELIEF, TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON SPECIFIC FUNDED ROAD UPGRADES.

7. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

7.1 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

7.1 KIMBERLEY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Tim Bray, Director Regional Planning and Project Delivery

7.2 WALGA PRESIDENTS UPDATE

Cr Tracey Roberts, Mayor City of Wanneroo, President WALGA

Nick Sloan, CEO WALGA

7.3 WALGA ROADWISE

Greg Hayes, Road Safety Advisor

7.4 AUSTRALIAS NORTH WEST

Natasha Maher, CEO

7.5 RDA KIMBERLEY

Danelle Dowding, Executive Officer

7.6 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPORT, RECREATION AND CULTURAL INDUSTRIES

Liz Toohey, Local Government Policy and Engagement

Reports from:

- Krissie Dickman, Regional Manager Kimberley – Local Update
- Sheryl Siekierka, Director Strategic Initiatives – Bill and Regulations Update
- Gordon MacMile, Director Strategic Coordination and Delivery – National Redress Scheme Update.

8. REPORTS FROM KIMBERLEY COUNTRY ZONE

8.1 WALGA STATE COUNCIL AGENDA	
LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Kimberley Region
APPLICANT:	Nil
FILE:	RCG01
AUTHOR:	Zone Executive
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Director Corporate Services
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil

SUMMARY: This report requests that the Kimberley Zone consider the recommendations on the Matters for Decisions that will be considered at the 6 May 2020 WALGA State Council Meeting.

BACKGROUND

Previous Considerations

Nil

COMMENT

The next WALGA State Council meeting will be held on 6 May 2020 and there are two items for decision as summarised below. A summary of Emerging Matters is provided on the following page.

	Matters for Decision	WALGA Recommendation	Zone Recommendation
5.1	Amendment to Third Party Appeal Rights – Preferred Model (06-03-01-0001 VJ)	1. That the proposed amendment to the Third Party Appeals Process Preferred Model, being that third parties in addition to Local Governments are able to make an appeal on decisions made by Development Assessment Panels, <u>is not supported</u> , and 2. That the proposed amendment to the Third Party Appeals Process Preferred Model, being that closely associated third parties in addition to Local Governments are able to appeal decisions made by the Western Australian Planning Commission and the State Administrative Tribunal, in addition to	Support

		<p>Development Assessment Panels, <u>is not supported</u>.</p> <p>Note: At the 2019 WALGA Annual General Meeting (AGM), a motion was carried to amend the existing Preferred Model for Third Party Appeal rights for decisions made by Development Assessment Panels. WALGA contacted all Local Governments and, of the 35 councils that responded, the majority did not support the change.</p>	
5.2	<p>Managing Lodging House Health Risks in WA (05-031-01-0001 BW)</p>	<p>That the submission to the Department of Health in response to the Managing Lodging House Health Risks in WA discussion paper be endorsed.</p> <p>Note: WALGA's Submission discusses the Local Governments preference for Option C to regulate lodging houses under the Public Health Act using housing regulations.</p>	Support

Emerging Matters

The summary in this item is current to 14 April 2020. The minutes from the Special Meeting of State Council held on the 27 March are provided as a separate item.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations

The Financial Management Regulations have been amended to remove the requirement to give public notice during a state of emergency, for the purpose of responding to the emergency, when:

- Repurposing financial reserves
- Borrowing money
- Changing the use of borrowed money.

Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations

The Functions and General Regulations have been amended to increase to the tender threshold to \$250,000 and removing the requirement to publicly invite tenders during a state of emergency for:

- The supply of goods or services associated with a state of emergency; and
- A contract renewal or extension of no more than 12 months when the original contract is to expire within three months.

Local Government (Long Service Leave) Regulations

Amendments to the Long Service Leave Regulations will:

- Clarify that long service leave will continue to be accrued during any period of absence from duty due to the employer's response during a state of emergency
- Allow long service leave to be taken in two or more separate periods and
- Allow employees to access long service leave during a state of emergency if they have completed at least seven years of continuous service.

Local Government (Administration) Regulations

In relation to Council meetings, the Local Government sector successfully advocated for amendments to the Local Government Administration Regulations to allow Council meetings to be held electronically. These amendments were gazetted in late March 2020. The amendments provide for Local Governments to convene Council and committee meetings with all participants remotely in attendance by instantaneous communications.

Other WALGA initiatives include:

- Providing all Member Local Governments at no charge access to the Vendorpanel Marketplace local supplier management functionality for a 12-month trial period.
- Ordering 60,000 hand sanitiser units worth \$380,000 to supply 32 Local Governments in metropolitan and regional areas.
- The LGIS Board has proposed a strategy to draw on the Scheme's retained capital and contribution reserve to reduce contributions required of Members in 2020-21.

Matters for Nothing/Information

- Submission Position Statement: Special Entertainment Precincts and Options Paper for Proposed Amendments to the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997 (05-036-02-0022 VJ).
- Submission on the Proposed Reforms to the Approval Process for Commercial Buildings (05-015-02-0005 VJ).
- Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (01-006-03-0008 RNB).

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities

Alignment and integration of regional and local priorities for member Councils.

Natural Environment Goal – Responsible management of the environment:

Secure quality water supply

Integrated waste management

Reuse of waste water

Recognition of significant heritage areas.

Built Environment Goal – Improved and secure transport, communications, community and essential services:

Liveable towns supporting regional communities

Improved regional arterial road network, ports and airports

Adequate land supply

High standard of infrastructure planning

Reliable and adequate power and communications.

Community Goal – A vibrant community based on equity, inclusion and opportunity for all:

Innovative and joined up approach to housing development, ownership and design through community participation

Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in health

Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in education

Greater participation in the community and workforce

Better alcohol management across the Kimberley.

Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:

Generational advantage that captures the wealth for the region

Improved outcomes in employment

Sustainable tourism market and tourism experiences

Sustainable primary industries

Energy sustainability

Sustainable Local Government revenue

Improved regional infrastructure

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RESOLUTION:

(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: Cr G Haerewa

Seconded: Cr D Menzel

That the Kimberley Zone:

- 1. Notes the WALGA State Council Agenda as attached;***
- 2. Notes the additional information in the Emerging Issues and Matters for Noting/Information; and***
- 3. Supports the recommendations in the Matters for Decision.***

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

Attachments

1. AGENDA WALGA STATE COUNCIL 6 MAY 2020 (Under separate cover)

8.1 WALGA SPECIAL STATE COUNCIL MEETING

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Nil
APPLICANT:	Nil
FILE:	RCG01
AUTHOR:	Zone Executive
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Director Corporate Services
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil

SUMMARY: A Special WALGA State Council meeting was held on the 27 March 2020 to consider the Local Government sector's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

BACKGROUND*Previous Considerations*

Nil

COMMENT

The WALGA State Council held a Special Meeting on the 27 March 2020 to consider the Local Government sector's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. It was resolved that WALGA:

1. Notes the significant contribution of Local Governments in supporting their communities through the COVID-19 pandemic from a financial, economic, community and social perspective.
2. Requests each Local Government give consideration to the following suite of actions, for Local Governments with the capacity to do so, to provide a coordinated and consistent response to the COVID-19 pandemic:
 - a. Consider not increasing rates for the 2020-21 financial year.
 - b. Adoption of the WALGA template rates hardship policy by Local Governments that do not currently have a policy.
 - c. Consider rate relief options to support small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - d. Review fees and charges considering whether fees can be reduced, waived or deferred during the COVID-19 pandemic e. Bring forward capital works and infrastructure spending with aggressive application of reserves and borrowing.
 - f. Prioritise Local Government spending with businesses and contractors located within the Local Government.
 - g. Implement business friendly payment terms to support business cash flow.

- h. Consider supporting Community sporting and cultural groups by either establishing grant programs or waiving fees and charges.
 - i. Redeploy staff affected by facility closures to tasks that support the community.
3. Notes the State Government is urgently drafting legislative and regulatory amendments to support the actions outlined in point 2 above.
4. Notes the advocacy for the following:
 - a. An increase in Local Government borrowing capacity beyond current Western Australian Treasury Corporation borrowing limits.
 - b. Suspension of the Western Australian Treasury Corporation's borrowing guarantee charge of 0.7 percent on top of the loan interest rate for the 2020-2021 financial year.
 - c. No increase to street lighting and utility tariffs in 2020-2021.
 - d. Deferral of revaluations for the 2020-2021 financial year.
 - e. Request the Office of the Auditor General to cease performance audits for the 2020-2021 financial year.
 - f. Freezing of the waste levy for the 2020-2021 financial year.

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities

Alignment and integration of regional and local priorities for member Councils.

Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:

Sustainable Local Government revenue

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RESOLUTION:

(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: Cr G Haerewa

Seconded: Cr C Mitchell

That the Kimberley Zone notes the resolution of the WALGA State Council Special Meeting held on 27 March 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

Attachments

1. WALGA Special Meeting Minutes 27 March 2020



Special State Council Meeting

Minutes

27 March 2020



NOTICE OF MEETING

Special Meeting of the Western Australian Local Government Association State Council was held via video / teleconference on Friday 27 March 2020. The meeting commenced at 4:33pm.

1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 Attendance

Members	President of WALGA, Chair Deputy President of WALGA, Northern Country Zone Avon-Midland Country Zone Central Country Zone Central Metropolitan Zone Central Metropolitan Zone East Metropolitan Zone East Metropolitan Zone Goldfields Esperance Country Zone Gascoyne Country Zone Great Eastern Country Zone Great Southern Country Zone Kimberley Country Zone Murchison Country Zone North Metropolitan Zone North Metropolitan Zone North Metropolitan Zone Peel Country Zone Pilbara Country Zone South East Metropolitan Zone South East Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South West Country Zone	Mayor Tracey Roberts JP - In Person President Cr Karen Chappel JP President Cr Ken Seymour President Cr Phillip Blight Cr Jenna Ledgerwood Cr Paul Kelly Cr Catherine Ehrhardt Cr Cate McCullough President Cr Malcolm Cullen President Cr Cheryl Cowell President Cr Stephen Strange Cr Ronnie Fleay Cr Chris Mitchell JP Cr Les Price Mayor Mark Irwin Cr Frank Cvitan – Deputy – In Person Cr Russ Fishwick JP President Cr Michelle Rich Mayor Peter Long Cr Julie Brown Mayor Ruth Butterfield Cr Doug Thompson Mayor Carol Adams OAM Mayor Logan Howlett JP President Cr Tony Dean
Ex Officio	Chair Commissioner, City of Perth Local Government Professionals WA Deputy	Mr Andrew Hammond Ms Annie Riordan
Secretariat	Chief Executive Officer EM Strategy, Policy & Planning EM Governance & Organisational Services EM Commercial & Communications EM Infrastructure Manager Strategy & Association Governance Manager, Environment Policy Manager, Emergency Management Economics Policy Manager Manager Governance Executive Officer Governance	Mr Nick Sloan - In Person Mr Mark Batty - In Person Mr Tony Brown - In Person Mr Zac Donovan - In Person Mr Ian Duncan - In Person Mr Tim Lane - In Person Nicole Matthews - In Person Melissa Pexton - In Person Nebojsa Franich - In Person Mr James McGovern – In Person Ms Margaret Degebrod - In Person

1.2 Apologies

Local Government Professionals WA	Mr Jamie Parry
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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

1. The Chair declared the meeting open at 4:33pm.
- **Acknowledgement of Country**
The Chair acknowledged the Whadjuk Nyoongar people who are the Traditional Custodians of the land we met on today and paid respects to their Elders past, present and future.
- The Chair welcomed all State Councillors and WALGA Secretariat
- Welcome also to:
 - Cr Frank Cvitan, Deputy North Metropolitan Zone
 - Ms Annie Riordan, Deputy President, Local Government Professionals WA

APOLOGIES

Mr Jamie Parry, Local Government Professionals WA

2.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pursuant to our Code of Conduct, State Councillors must declare to the Chair any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before State Council as soon as they become aware of it.

Nil

2.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

WALGA Chief Executive Officer – Presentation

Mr Nick Sloan addressed the meeting.

3. MATTER FOR DECISION

- 3.1 Local Government Sector's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

4. CLOSURE



3. MATTER FOR DECISION

3.1 Local Government Sector's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

By Nick Sloan, Chief Executive Officer

Suspension of Standing Orders

Moved: President Cr Michelle Rich
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the State Council Standing Orders be suspended.

RESOLUTION 40.1/2020

CARRIED

Discussion held.

President Cr Stephen Strange left the meeting at 5:33pm and did not return.

Resumption of Standing Orders

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the State Council Standing Orders be resumed.

RESOLUTION 41.1/2020

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Carol Adams

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 - c. No increase to street lighting and utility tariffs in 2020-2021
 - d. Deferral of revaluations for the 2020-2021 financial year
 - e. Request the Office of the Auditor General to cease performance audits for the 2020-2021 financial year
 - f. Freezing of the waste levy for the 2020-2021 financial year

RESOLUTION 42.1/2020

CARRIED

President Cr Phillip Blight requested that his opposition to the resolution be recorded.

Executive Summary

- The world that we know and understand has changed dramatically with the COVID-19 virus spreading through our community at an unprecedented rate.
- A National Cabinet has been established to coordinate the national response and the Western Australian community is now looking to Local Government to show leadership and support.
- Anything short of an ambitious and courageous response from the sector and its leadership will have dire implications for the health, social and economic future of our State.

Attachments

- Letter from the WA Premier to WALGA President, Mayor Tracey Roberts, dated 17 March 2020 – attachment 1, via link below:
<https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/News,-Events-and-Publications/Media/COVID-19/Premier-Correspondence-17-March.pdf?lang=en-AU>

- Letter from WALGA President, Mayor Tracey Roberts, to the WA Premier dated 23 March 2020 – attachment 2.
- Letter from WALGA President, Mayor Tracey Roberts, to Local Government Mayors and Presidents dated 23 March 2020 – attachment 3.
- List of proposed Legislative and Regulatory Amendments – attachment 4.

Background

The Premier wrote to WALGA President, Mayor Tracey Roberts, on 17 March 2020, requesting that all Local Governments freeze rates fees and charges, in order to provide much needed financial support to households and businesses during the COVID-19 crisis. WALGA President, Mayor Tracey Roberts, replied to the Premier on 23 March 2020 and informed him that:

- The Local Government sector is acutely aware of the added financial pressure and uncertainty facing households, small businesses and the self-employed as a result of COVID-19.
- In order to realise a net zero rates, fees and charges increase, the sector needs support from the State Government in relation to a range of financial, regulatory and governance considerations.

On 23 March 2020, WALGA President, Mayor Tracey Roberts, wrote to all Councils and informed them of the above correspondence.

On 24 March 2020, a State and Local Government Partnership Agreement meeting was held. At this meeting, the Premier informed attendees that the COVID-19 situation had escalated, with expectations that the economic impact would be without precedent. The Premier urged the sector to consider the immediate implementation of any initiatives that would provide relief and economic stimulus for local economies, including the provision of financial support and relief to households and businesses,

Priority regulatory and legislative amendments to give effect to freeing up sector capacity has been tested informally with a working group of Local Government CEOs. The State Government has indicated that these changes will be given legislative priority (see attachment).

Comment

Initially, the economic impacts of COVID-19 were expected to be restricted to the sectors that relied on exports and imports from Asia. This primarily included the education, tourism, hospitality and construction sectors.

Over the past days and weeks, however, it has become an accepted view that the economic impacts of COVID-19 on the Australian and Western Australian economies will be severe. This is primarily due to the social distancing and business operating restrictions imposed by the Commonwealth Government, and uncertainty surrounding how long these restrictions will be in place. In addition, there is an expectation that further restrictions will be imposed, and the majority of businesses and schools will have to close their doors. This is weighing considerably on economic expectations.

Forecasts that aim to predict the extent of the economic impact of COVID-19 are constantly changing due the fluid nature of this event. This includes the extreme speed at which cases of COVID-19 transmission are occurring in Australia and the uncertain nature of any future Government response.

The most recent forecasts from Westpac expect job losses of over 800,000 across Australia by June and an unemployment rate of over 11% at this time. It is noted that only one week ago, the forecast from Westpac was that the unemployment rate would peak at 7%. The significant worsening of these forecasts were a result of widespread shutdowns announced by the Government.

The Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre has forecast similar job losses to Westpac in the immediate term, but expects the national unemployment rate will reach 12.7% in May 2021. This would mean

an additional one million people will be unemployed across Australia as a result of COVID-19. In WA, job losses of more than 100,000 are expected in the immediate term.

When travel restrictions and shutdowns eventually ease, the economy will rebound. It will, however, take a significant amount of time for the hundreds and thousands of people who lost their jobs due to COVID-19 to gain employment once again.

Although the Commonwealth and WA Governments have already announced economic stimulus measures, their ability to deliver future necessary stimulus will be compromised by their record levels of debt.

Given the unprecedented circumstances, there is a critical need for the Local Government sector to supplement the economic stimulus packages provided by the State and Federal Governments. In the immediate term, this is in the form of local level economic relief and support that focuses on:

- Ensuring that all Local Government employees maintain their employment;
- Providing financial relief and cash flow support to households and businesses;
- Making it easier for businesses to instill necessary changes to their operating models;
- Supporting local businesses and suppliers through additional spending; and
- Maintaining household and business confidence in the community.

A coordinated and widespread introduction of initiatives will demonstrate significant leadership from the sector. It will also demonstrate the Local Government sector's commitment to work together and do everything in its capacity to support local households and business during these highly uncertain times.

To assist the sector in undertaking the above initiatives, WALGA is looking at what it can do to ease financial pressure on members. A number of regulatory reforms are being progressed, and discussions with the Valuer General and Office of the Auditor General on matters critical to the sector are advanced. Furthermore, a special meeting of the LGIS Board will be held shortly with the goal of finalising a strategy to re-assign funds held in reserve to provide immediate financial relief for member councils in their 2020-21 contributions.

4 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:50pm.

DECLARATION

These minutes were confirmed at the meeting held on _____

Signed: Mayor Tracey Roberts

Person presiding at the meeting at which these minutes were confirmed



Attachment 2 – Letter to Premier from WALGA President.

23 March 2020

Hon. Mark McGowan MLA
Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management;
State Development, Jobs and Trade; Federal-State Relations
1 Parliament Place
West Perth
Western Australia 6005

e-mail: WA-Government@dpc.wa.gov.au

Dear Premier

State and Local Government response to COVID-19

Thank you for your correspondence dated 17 March 2019 regarding COVID-19.

The Local Government sector is acutely aware of the added financial pressure and uncertainty facing households, small businesses and the self-employed as a result of COVID-19.

I have written to all Councils advising of your request for their support and action to unilaterally freeze all Local Government Household Rates, Fees and Charges in 2020-21.

Many Councils are already demonstrating strong leadership and support for your initiative. However, in order to realise a net zero increase, we will need support from the State Government in relation to a range of financial, regulatory and governance considerations that need taking into account in complying with the request. Areas requiring resolution include, but are not limited to, the waste levy, electricity and street lighting tariffs and the planned revaluation of Gross Rental Values by the Valuer General in June 2020.

I have briefed the Local Government Minister on these measures, including options we have developed to further boost spending in our communities in the short to medium term. The team at WALGA are working carefully through the detail on these initiatives with your Ministerial colleagues and their agencies.

Please be assured that WALGA will continue to work with the State Government in support of WA's communities and households throughout this period of heightened uncertainty.

I am of the view that close collaboration between our two levels of Government is essential in ensuring that the State is in the best possible position to combat the economic and social impacts of COVID-19.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tracey Roberts".

**Mayor Tracey Roberts
President**



Attachment 3 – Letter to all Councils from WALGA President

23/03/2020

Dear _____

COVID-19 and the Premiers request for a Local Government Rate Freeze

I am in receipt of a letter from the Premier requesting support and action to unilaterally freeze all Local Government Household Rates, Fees and Charges in 2020-21 (see attached).

As Local Government we are acutely aware of the negative impact COVID-19 is having on our communities. The added financial pressure and uncertainty facing households, small businesses and self-employers, as well as our individual Councils, is of significant concern.

I have responded to the Premier, advising that Local Government understands the hardship facing many households and local businesses, and are already demonstrating strong leadership.

However, in order to realise a net zero increase, we will need support from the State Government in relation to a range of financial, regulatory and governance considerations that need taking into account in complying with the request. Areas requiring resolution include, but are not limited to, the waste levy, electricity and street lighting tariffs and the planned revaluation of Gross Rental Values by the Valuer General in June 2020.

I can assure you that I, and the team at WALGA are working through these issues with the relevant Government Ministers, Departments and Agencies to have these addressed as expeditiously as possible.

I am of the view that close collaboration between our two levels of Government is essential in ensuring that the whole State is in the best possible position to combat the economic and social impacts of COVID-19. Consideration of a net zero increase to Council rates, fees and charges is an important element in reducing the pressure that our communities are facing.

I look forward to working with you in supporting WA's communities, businesses and households throughout this period of heightened uncertainty.

Should you or your staff require additional information on COVID-19, I refer you to the WALGA website: <https://walga.asn.au/News,-Events-and-Publications/Media/COVID-19>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tracey Roberts".

**Mayor Tracey Roberts
President**



Attachment 4. – List of Proposed Legislative and Regulatory Amendments

The WA State Government are proposing the following legislative and regulatory amendments:

- Section 3.12 – Provide LGs the ability to suspend, by resolution, certain parts of a local law during a state of emergency or public health emergency.
- A power for the Minister to defer any election and extend the appointment of any Commissioners, notwithstanding the other provisions in the Act, for the duration of the State of Emergency.
- Power to be provided to Minister to waive requirement for absolute majority decision during a State of Emergency declared under the Emergency Management Act 2005
- All public meetings are suspended during a State of Emergency declared under the Emergency Management Act 2005.
- Where a state of emergency is declared under the Emergency Management Act 2005, all time periods specified in the Act are suspended and recommence after the time specified in the declaration has expired or it is revoked by the Minister.
- Minister (for Local Government) has power to waive requirements for giving public notice during a State of Emergency declared under the Emergency Management Act 2005.
- Purchasing/Tenders – Amendments to Local Government Function & General Regulations as per below;
 - Regulation 11(1) Tender Threshold: Increase the tender threshold to \$250,000 : This will permit Local Governments to extend the use their Purchasing Policy and apply local content provisions more readily to goods and services acquired via verbal and written quotations;
 - Regulation 11(2) Tender Exemptions: Introduce new tender exemption criteria for any goods or services associated with the state of emergency declaration (similar to purchases from expenditure authorised by Mayor / President in an emergency under s. 6.8(1)(c);
 - Regulation 21A(b) Varying a contract for the supply of goods or services: Currently limits renewal or extension of contracts where Regulation 11(2)(j) applies i.e. when renewal/extension clauses in contracts are exhausted. Recommend amending this Regulation to permit contract renewal or extension for an additional 12 months as a consequence of state of emergency, and for any existing contract at the discretion of the Local Government (that is, don't regulate rules such as 'essential services' as this proposal is more about business continuity and supporting existing suppliers esp. local)

WALGA has also requested consideration of the following two issues:

- Developer Contributions - Need ability to utilise Developer contributions funds set aside for emergency use in respect to COVID-19 - This will require an amendment to the Planning and Development Act 2005, Section 154: Money paid in lieu of open space
- Government Grants – Ability for Local Governments who have received Government Grants for projects (State and Commonwealth), for the funds be re-purposed to address COVID-19 issues. For example a LG has been provided grant funds to build a recreation centre, these funds could and the Councils own contribution could be re-purposed under State of Emergency provisions.

9. REPORTS FROM KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP

9.1 COVID-19 UPDATE

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Kimberley Region
APPLICANT:	Nil
FILE:	RCG01
AUTHOR:	Zone Executive
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Director Corporate Services
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil

SUMMARY: This Report is to provide a status update in relation to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Kimberley.

BACKGROUND

Previous Considerations

Nil.

COMMENT

The COVID-19 pandemic was declared by the World Health Organisation and has led to significant global disruption and a health emergency. The following information provides background and a status update.

DATE	ACTION
16 March 2020	COVID-19 was declared a global pandemic and a State of Emergency was declared in Western Australia on Sunday 15 March with effect from 12am on 16 March 2020 pursuant to section 56 of the Emergency Management Act 2005.
18 March 2020	The Western Australian Police Commissioner under his powers as Commissioner of Police and State Emergency Coordinator issued the Remote Aboriginal Communities Directions under Section 67 of the Act which effectively closed Aboriginal communities to outsiders. Those directions were withdrawn and replaced on the 20th March 2020 and provided clearer guidelines in relation to essential services, removed financial penalties for Aboriginal people leaving communities and recognised family and cultural reasons for travel.
20 March 2020	The Premier authorised the Police Commissioner to stop any non-Australians who arrive at WA ports, from disembarking the ship.
20 and 21 March 2020	Extraordinary meetings of the Kimberley Regional Group were held on the 20th and 21st of March to discuss the rapidly evolving global crisis

Chairperson.....Date.....

	<p>and the following position was adopted:</p> <p>1. Consideration should be given to the introduction of the maximum level of travel restrictions across and around the region that is consistent with some level of function in our communities. Obviously those exemptions and other exemptions would be determined on public health grounds and a case by case basis. This is taken to mean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movement associated with the function of our communities including the delivery of goods and services that would normally be available including for commercial activities and, where this may be possible in the coming weeks and months, industrial purposes. • The movement of staff in and out of the Kimberley where protocols have been put in place to ensure safe practices are enforced and contact trails can be maintained in the case of a confirmed case of COVID-19. <p>2. The movement of tourists should be highly restricted. Self-drive holidays where contact trails cannot be maintained are not supported.</p> <p>Minutes of those meetings are provided as an attachment to this item.</p>
24 March 2020	The Prime Minister announced a ban on all overseas travel.
24 March 2020 (midnight)	WA borders closed. Interstate arrivals required to self-isolate for 14 days, and the border controls apply to all road, air, rail and sea access points. Exceptions apply for essential services and workers.
25 March 2020	Alcohol sales were restricted across the State of Western Australia, limiting quantities to 1 carton of beer, cider, premixed drinkers, or 3 bottles of wine, or 1 ltr fortified wine or a combination of any two of the items listed above per customer per day. This is more restrictive than the Western Kimberley voluntary restrictions. Section 67 Alcohol Restrictions remained in place.
26 March 2020	The Kimberley (comprising all four local government areas) as well as the Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku and the communities of Jigalong, Martu homeland communities and Kiwirrkurra in the East Kimberley were placed under a Commonwealth Determination of designated regions under the Biosecurity Act 2015 (Cth). Requirements included 14 days self-isolation prior to entering the region unless exempt as an essential worker. Penalties include up to five years in jail.
28 March 2020	All people returning to Australia required to self-isolate in a hotel or other accommodation for 14 days before returning home.
31 March 2020 (midnight)	Travel between regions in Western Australia restricted. Regional boundaries will mirror those of the state's Regional Development Commissions.
31 March 2020	Gatherings limited to no more than two people (other than families) with the exception of weddings (5) and funerals (10).

5 April 2020	Hard border closure preventing both Western Australians and non-Western Australians from entering the State unless declared essential or on compassionate grounds.
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Based on the Department of Health data, as of 2pm 16 April, there were 535 confirmed COVID-19 in Western Australia, 340 recovered, 6 deaths and 25,088 testing negative. In the Kimberley there have been 17 cases. The Kimberley has the highest number of cases outside of Perth-Peel with the Wheatbelt recording 10, South West and Great Southern having 9 cases each, Pilbara with 5, Goldfields and Midwest 3 each. There have been 3 cases in Kununurra, 4 in Halls Creek and 11 in Broome (please note the slight variation on total numbers as the local data is reporting all cases, the state data records WA residents only). All current cases in the Kimberley are non-Indigenous.

Nationally there are 6,450 cases with 63 deaths.

Globally there are 2.18m positive cases and 145,000 deaths.

It is anticipated that restrictions on movement are likely to be in place for months, which will have significant economic consequences for the region and recovery strategies will need to be developed.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995
Emergency Management Act 2005

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities

Alignment and integration of regional and local priorities for member Councils.

Built Environment Goal – Improved and secure transport, communications, community and essential services:

Liveable towns supporting regional communities

Community Goal – A vibrant community based on equity, inclusion and opportunity for all:

Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in health

Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:

Generational advantage that captures the wealth for the region

Improved outcomes in employment

Sustainable tourism market and tourism experiences

Sustainable primary industries

Sustainable Local Government revenue

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RESOLUTION:

(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: Cr M Edwards

Seconded: Cr D Menzel

That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the COVID-19 Update.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

Attachments

1. UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE KRG EXTRODINARY MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2020
2. UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE KRG EXTRODINARY MEETING HELD ON 20 MARCH 2020

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP
SATURDAY 21 MARCH AT 12:30PM BY TELECONFERENCE CONFERENCE.**

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman welcomed Members and Officers and declared the meeting open at 12:30PM.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE:

Harold Tracey	Shire of Broome
Chris Mitchell	Shire of Broome
Geoff Haerewa	Shire of Derby West Kimberley
David Menzel	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
Debra Goostrey	Zone Executive - ATEA

APOLOGIES:

Malcolm Edwards	Shire of Halls Creek
Chris Loessl	Shire of Halls Creek

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

4. REPORTS FROM THE KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP

4.1 COVID-19 KIMBERLEY POSITION PAPER

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Nil

APPLICANT: Nil

FILE: KRG01

AUTHOR: Zone Executive

CONTRIBUTOR/S: Nil

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Director Corporate Services

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

SUMMARY: COVID-19 has been declared a global pandemic and the KRG has agreed to prepare a Position Statement for the Kimberley region.

BACKGROUND

Previous considerations

Extraordinary KRG Meeting 20 March Item 4.1

COMMENT

A KRG position paper on the COVID-19 pandemic was discussed at the Extraordinary Meeting of the KRG held on the 20th March 2020 with agreement to finalise the wording and endorse the paper out of session. Due to the rapidly changing situation, a second extraordinary meeting was called to discuss and finalise the position to be communicated to decision makers, noting the National Cabinet meeting Sunday 22 March and the State Disaster Committee Meeting to be held on Monday 23 March.

KIMBERLEY ZONE RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr D Menzel

Seconded: Cr Geoff Haerewa

That the Kimberley Zone:

- 1. Adopts the modified version of the Position Statement.**

Carried unanimously 3/0

ATTACHMENTS – Final COVID-19 Position Statement March 2020

POSITION STATEMENT COVID-19 21 March 2020

CONTEXT

1. COVID-19 has been declared a global pandemic and a State of Emergency was declared in Western Australia on Sunday 15 March.
2. In response, the State Government has effectively closed Aboriginal communities due to the extremely high vulnerability of that cohort.
3. As of today, the Kimberley region is COVID-19 free, even though the incubation period for the disease and the lack of testing means we might have to assume that there could be some asymptomatic people here already, however if we could keep cases to a minimum it could mean that the medical system is able to manage the many health issues endemic in the region with a minor caseload increase for CV19. This will not be the case if the community spread that is now starting to occur in the cities.
4. The Kimberley receives around half a million visitors each year – however the tourism season has not yet commenced and predictions are that it is unlikely to occur this year. The Kimberley pastoral sector has not yet started mustering or undertaking other high intensity activities. This means that action over the balance of March/April will not have as much impact as later in the season and may allow for systems, exemptions and other arrangements to be put into place. It is noted that if the pandemic spreads this may be unlikely.
5. The Kimberley is not self-reliant for goods and will continue to require supplies including food, construction materials, equipment for the pastoral and mining sector amongst other materials. These can be distributed under emergency arrangements that from time-to-time are rolled out in the region at times of isolation and natural disaster.

At their extraordinary meeting held on the 20 March 2020 a Joint meeting of the Kimberley Zone and Kimberley Regional Group considered the merits and risks associated with reducing the movement of people into the Kimberley and determined the following position. It was agreed that:

1. Consideration should be given to the introduction of the maximum level of travel restrictions across and around the region that is consistent with some level of function in our communities. Obviously those exemptions and other exemptions would be determined on public health grounds and a case by case basis

This is taken to mean:

- Movement associated with the function of our communities including the delivery of goods and services that would normally be available including for commercial activities and, where this may be possible in the coming weeks and months, industrial purposes.
- The movement of staff in and out of the Kimberley where protocols have been put in place to ensure safe practices are enforced and contact trails can be maintained in the case of a confirmed case of COVID-19.

The movement of tourists should be highly restricted. Self-drive holidays where contact trails cannot be maintained are not supported.

2. Regional decision making should be included in the process to enable swift and relevant decisions to be made.

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**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP
FRIDAY 20 MARCH AT 4PM BY VIDEO CONFERENCE.**

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman welcomed Members and Officers and declared the meeting open at 4:02PM.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE:

Harold Tracey	Shire of Broome
Sam Mastrolembo	Shire of Broome
Chris Mitchell	Shire of Broome
David Menzel	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
Vernon Lawrence	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
Geoff Haerewa	Shire of Derby West Kimberley
Wayne Neate	Shire of Derby West Kimberley
James Watt	Shire of Broome
Nathan Cain	Shire of Broome
Debra Goostrey	Zone Executive – ATEA

APOLOGIES:

Amanda O'Halloran	Shire of Derby West Kimberley
Noel Mason	Shire of Halls Creek
Malcolm Edwards	Shire of Halls Creek
Chris Loessl	Shire of Halls Creek
Andrea Selvey	Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

4. REPORTS FROM THE KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP

4.1 COVID-19 KIMBERLEY POSITION PAPER

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Nil

APPLICANT: Nil

FILE: KRG01

AUTHOR: Zone Executive

CONTRIBUTOR/S: Nil

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Director Corporate Services

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil

SUMMARY: COVID-19 has been declared a global pandemic and a State of Emergency was declared in Western Australia on Sunday 15 March. The Kimberley is uniquely places as COVID-19 free as of the 20th March and it was agreed that consideration should be given to future measures or directives of the State or Federal Governments.

BACKGROUND

Previous considerations

Nil

COMMENT

COVID-19 has been declared a global pandemic and a State of Emergency was declared in Western Australia on Sunday 15 March.

In response the Commissioner for Police, under his powers under the Act has effectively closed Aboriginal communities due to the extremely high vulnerability of that group.

Noting that Aboriginal people move throughout the Kimberley for work, cultural and family business and may not have access to services and goods, the merit of extending the area of exclusion to the whole of the Kimberley is to be considered by the Kimberley Regional Group.

The merits and risks associated with effectively closing the borders to the Kimberley are discussed below.

MERITS

1. The Kimberley region is COVID-19 free which means that the medical system is able to manage the many health issues endemic in the region.
2. The Kimberley receives around half a million visitors each year – however the tourism season has not yet commenced in earnest. The Kimberley pastoral sector has not yet started mustering or other high intensity activities. This means that action over the balance of March/April will not have as much impact as later in the season and may allow for systems, exemptions and other arrangements to be put into place.
3. Closing the Kimberley to non-essential travel allows time to work through the issues and potentially identify areas that may be opened to tourism moving forward, contingent upon broader consideration of the spread of COVID-19.

RISKS

1. Tourism is a significant economic factor in the Kimberley and supports approximately 1833 jobs in the region (12.2% of total employment) and there is both the annual loss and the long term loss that should be considered.
2. The Kimberley is not self-reliant and will continue to require supplies.

Draft Position Statement developed by Stakeholders in conjunction with the KRG.

- a) Introduce maximum level of travel restrictions across and around the region that is consistent with some level of function in our communities (this could take the form of the Kimberley being declared a special control zone).
- b) Government to immediately ensure that our health network is provided with a small minimum number of COVID test kits (100?) and measures put in place to maintain that status.
- c) Allow for a regional decision-making component to the response.

Detail from Draft Position Statement

- a) Introduce maximum level of travel restrictions across and around the region that is consistent with some level of function in our communities (this could take the form of the Kimberley being declared a special control zone).

Welcome early measures to supporting and institute the maximum level of travel restrictions across and around the region that is consistent with some level of function in our communities. You should be assured that this leadership group is ready to support implementation of these measures from government.

- b) Government to immediately ensure that our health network is provided with a small minimum number of COVID test kits (100?) and measures put in place to maintain that status.

There are nil (or a very low number) of test kits available in the region along with other basic supplies. When combined with the regions remoteness there is effectively no "in-region" capacity to test any individual regardless of the status of that individual. Nil is a very different number to " our fair share" from the point of view of having any capacity in the system and community confidence. We encourage the government to immediately ensure that our health network is provided with a small minimum number of COVID test kits (100?) and put in place measures to maintain that status. Like all communities we would of course welcome more. You may be aware that our schools and remote communities do not have soap. It is of course ineffective to ask citizens to enact simple effective prophylactic measures when they do not have the basic materials. Fixing that simple problem could have a material affect on the progress of COVID 19 amongst our young people and aboriginal people.

c) Allow for a regional decision-making component to the response.

*Allow for a regional component to the response. We know our communities, our networks and our capacity. We wish to ensure that everything we do we supports the efforts of the state and commonwealth but also to ensure that well-meaning centralised direction is correct and fit for purpose for our communities and **most of all** is timely. We are ready to support swift decisions and actions.*

In addition to the draft position statement, the Zone/KRG considered a range of matters including:

- a) That funding is urgently provided to support Aboriginal communities to develop a Pandemic Plan (PP) consistent with the Police Commissioner's Directive.
- b) There is clear understanding about who is responsible for PPs.
- c) That funding is provided to enable the Kimberley to assess strategies to manage restrictions without compromising local health outcomes (potential strategic easing of restrictions).
- d) Government develop a targeted support package to support the economic outcomes in the Kimberley.
- e) Targeted consideration of alcohol restrictions in relation to access to remote communities.
- f) The movement of locals in and out of the region (as opposed to visitors).

The meeting agreed that the most urgent matters should be the subject of the current KRG Position Paper with other matters explored as the situation unfolds.

KIMBERLEY ZONE RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr G Haerewa

Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the Kimberley Zone:

- 1. Documents a Position Paper highlighting regional access and regional decision making for approval out of session.**
- 2. The position of the Zone/KRG is communicated to the Police, State and Federal Government agencies, political representatives and other key stakeholders.**

Carried unanimously 4/0

ATTACHMENTS - Nil

9.2	KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP ANNUAL BUDGET 2020/21
LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Kimberley Region
APPLICANT:	Nil
FILE:	RCG01
AUTHOR:	Director Corporate Services
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Director Corporate Services
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil

SUMMARY: This report presents the proposed 2020/21 Kimberley Zone of WALGA and Kimberley Regional Group Annual Budget for approval.

BACKGROUND

Previous Considerations

Nil.

COMMENT

The Secretariat has prepared a Draft Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) 2020/21 Annual Budget which outlines proposed income and expenditure and indicates a balanced budget for the year ending June 30, 2021.

In considering the Draft KRG 2020/21 Annual Budget members should note the estimated \$184,428.13 carryover surplus from the 2019/20 year. It is for members consideration to allocate the surplus funds to projects and / or reduce the required member contribution in 2020/21.

Draft KRG 2020/21 Annual Budget

The Draft 2020/21 Annual Budget (Attachment 1) has been developed with regard to historical expenditure while also taking into account changes in service delivery methods and marginal increases in local government CPI.

From an operational perspective the major components of the Draft Annual Budget include:

- Executive Officer Consultancy which has reduced operating expenditure by removing the need for associated overhead costs such as vehicle and office leases, training and development and workers compensation. Costs associated with executive and administrative consultancy services total \$147,053 for 2020/21, which is similar to the 2019/20 costs.
- Member contributions have been maintained at \$50,000, however members may consider further reducing this commitment given the expected \$184,428.13 end of year surplus for 2019/20.
- No “seed fund” contribution has been budgeted however it is proposed that a minimal transfer of surplus funds is used to balance the budget.

Projects

To support the development of the KRG and Kimberley Zone budget, projects are identified annually consistent with the Strategic Community Plan and Strategic Business Plan.

The following projects are proposed for inclusion in the KRG/Kimberley Zone budget for the Financial Year 2020/21.

Ref	Project	Funding
Forecast allocation Financial year 2020-21		
2.2.2.1	Develop a strategy for regional Integrated Waste Management, which includes waste generated in towns and communities, to explore the use of transfer stations, mobile and in-situ equipment and the re-use of waste materials and any staging that would be required for implementation. ¹	In-house (based on previous work and in collaboration with the Waste TAG)
2.2.2.2	Develop a KRG Business Case to consider the <i>capital</i> funding requirements of a regional Integrated Waste Management Plan.	
2.2.2.5	Develop a Discussion Paper, in conjunctions with Stakeholders, to identify the potential role of, and implications for, Shires in improved waste management and recycling in Aboriginal communities, including impact on Shire run facility capacity.	Account 0405246 – Community Waste Discussion Paper (\$15,000 – 50% grant funded)
3.1.1.3	Develop a Freight Logistics Infrastructure Discussion Paper, including a gap analysis between existing priorities in third party reports, priorities identified by members, the need to develop or update the business case(s), and a recommended listing of integrated logistics priorities for Zone approval.	In-house (based on previous work and in conjunction with the North West Infrastructure Audit (Defence))
3.1.2.1	North West Infrastructure Audit (Defence) (Note this project would have a contribution from the Pilbara Shires).	Account 0405247 – North West Infrastructure Fund (\$20,000)
3.4.1.1	Develop a Discussion Paper on the availability of grants for underground power in the Kimberley, including the need and member preparedness to pay, and the appropriate threshold.	Inhouse
4.3.1.2	Undertake a review of the outcomes of the 12 month voluntary alcohol restriction trial. (part funding \$25,000)	Account 0405235 – Alcohol Management Initiatives (\$50,000 – 50% grant funded)
4.3.1.3	Assess and document the comparative benefit of liquor restrictions (voluntary and Section 64) and a Banned Drinkers Register.	Inhouse
4.5.1.1	Review and update the Kimberley Youth Strategy and Action Plan	Account 0405232 – Youth Strategy (\$20,000 – 50% grant funded)

¹ The work of the Waste TAG will inform the Discussion Paper.

4.5.1.2	Review the State Government’s Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy (currently under development)	In-house
4.5.1.3	Investigate the Neighbourhood Justice Centre model (Victoria) and provide a report to member Shires. https://www.neighbourhoodjustice.vic.gov.au/about-usour-story/innovations-in-justice	In-house

CONSULTATION

Nil.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The budget is the primary financial plan for the 2020/21 financial year. The intention is that the budget will be balanced such that all expenditures are matched by revenues. The budget is presented as a balanced budget.

A WALGA preferred auditor will be engaged to prepare the independent Annual Audit for the Kimberley Zone Secretariat and Kimberley Regional Group for the year ending 30 June 2021.

The proposed Draft Kimberley Regional Group 2020/21 Annual Budget details discussion on funding applications, which may lead to further financial implications in the future. Where financial implications are relevant these will be presented to the group meetings for approval.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Effective governance protocols and systems for business efficiency and improved services through collaboration

Secure funding for regional initiatives

Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities

Alignment and integration of regional and local priorities for member Councils.

Natural Environment Goal – Responsible management of the environment:

Integrated waste management

Built Environment Goal – Improved and secure transport, communications, community and essential services:

Liveable towns supporting regional communities

Improved regional arterial road network, ports and airports

High standard of infrastructure planning

Reliable and adequate power and communications.

Community Goal – A vibrant community based on equity, inclusion and opportunity for all:

Better alcohol management across the Kimberley.

Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:

Sustainable Local Government revenue

Improved regional infrastructure

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

MOTION:

(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: Cr M Edwards

Seconded: Cr D Menzel

That the Kimberley Regional Group endorse the 2020/21 Kimberley Regional Group Annual Budget as attached.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 4/0

Attachments

1. KRG Draft 2020-21 Annual Budget

COA	20/21 Proposed Budget	Rationale
Grand Total	0	
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	0	
0023590 - Kimberley Zone - Transfer to Restricted Cash Reserve - Cap Exp	0	
0023597 - Kimberley Zone - Transfer to Kimberley Zone Reserve - Cap Exp -	0	
CAPITAL INCOME	(24,053)	
0023048 - Kimberley Zone - Transfer From Restricted Cash Project Accounts - Op Inc	0	
0023598 - Transfer From Kimberley Zone Reserve - Cap Inc - Kimberley Zone	(24,053)	Surplus transfer to balance
OPERATING EXPENDITURE	282,553	
0022129 - Kimberley Zone - Zone & RCG Meeting Expenses - Op Exp	15,000	Nov 2020 - Halls Creek (\$5K); March 2021 - TBC (\$5K); WALGA State Council (Broome) Sept 2020 \$5K
0022131 - Kimberley Zone - Meetings - Op Exp	3,000	Reduced due to historic underspend
0022132 - Kimberley Zone - Kimberley Regional Group Forum - Op Exp	0	
0022133 - Kimberley Zone - Legal Advice - Op Exp	0	Budget conservatively and request amendment if legal fees required
0022134 - Kimberley Zone - Annual Financial Audit - Op Exp	5,000	
0022136 - Kimberley Zone - IT Support - Op Exp	1,500	O365 operating expenses and support
0022137 - Kimberley Zone - Sundry Expenses - Op Exp	1,000	Nominal amount
0022143 - Kimberley Zone - Savannah Way Membership - Op Exp	5,000	
0022181 - Kimberley Zone - Executive Consultancy - Op Ex	114,005	864 hours (108 days)
0022182 - Kimberley Zone - Administrative Consultancy - Op Ex	33,048	296 hours (37 days)
0405232 - Kimberley Zone - Youth Strategy - Op Exp	20,000	Review and Update Youth Strategy - 50% grant funded (acct 405383)
0405235 - Kimberley Zone - Alcohol Management Initiatives - Op Ex	50,000	Alcohol Restrictions Trial - Outcomes Review (50% grant funded)
0405246 - Kimberley Zone - Community Waste Discussion Paper	15,000	50% Grant (acct 405385)
0405247 - Kimberley Zone - North West Infrastructure Audit	20,000	Co-contribution from Pilbara
OPERATING INCOME	(251,000)	
0023013 - Kimberley Zone - Reimbursement Zone & RCG Meetings Expenses - Op Inc	(12,000)	
0023018 - Kimberley Zone - Reimbursement Meetings - Op Inc	(1,500)	
0023019 - Kimberley Zone - Reimbursement Kimberley Regional Forum - Op Inc	0	
0023021 - Kimberley Zone - Members Contribution Secretariat Costs - Op Inc	(200,000)	\$50,000 x 4 councils
0023536 - Kimberley Zone - Interest on Reserve - Op Inc.	(2,500)	
0405383 - Kimberley Zone - Youth Strategy DLGC Grant	(10,000)	Review and Update Youth Strategy (acct 405232)
0405385 - Kimberley Zone - Alcohol Management Initiatives Grant	(25,000)	\$25K Grant Trial Outcomes Review (received - acct 405235)
0405385 - Kimberley Zone - Community Waste Grant	(7,500)	50% Grant (acct 405246)

9.3 BUSINESS PLAN STATUS UPDATE REPORT	
LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Kimberley Region
APPLICANT:	Nil
FILE:	RCG01
AUTHOR:	Zone Executive
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Director Corporate Services
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil

SUMMARY: This Report provides an update of the Strategic Community Plan and Regional Business Plan for the period from 1 July 2019 to 31 March 2020.

BACKGROUND

Previous Considerations

Nil.

COMMENT

The Strategic Community Plan and Regional Business Plan for the period 2018-2022 was adopted in December 2018. The attached report provides an update on progress towards the achievement of the Regional Business Plan for items identified for completion by end of Financial Year 2020.

Considerable time in the period between 1 February and 31 March 2020 has been attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic including the consideration and consultation in relation to local, regional and state restrictions. This work fits within the Strategic Community Plan outcomes as follows:

- 1.4 – Recognition of Kimberley Local Government Issues and opportunities at the regional, state, national and international levels; and
- 1.5 – Alignment and integration of regional and local priorities for Member Councils.

Activities related to COVID-19 do not fit within the detail of the Regional Business Plan for Financial Year 2020.

A revised Strategic Community Plan and Regional Business Plan has been completed for the financial year 2020-2021 and is provided as a separate item.

Two matters progressed during this period are:

Freight Discussion Paper

This is nearing completion and is due June 2020.

Integrated Waste Management Plan

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Initial work has been undertaken with a need for ratification by the Waste TAG. Due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus, the March Waste TAG meeting was deferred however this item is not scheduled for completion until June 2020.

Overdue Items

The Discussion Paper on alternative power was due for consideration at the April meeting, however this has not yet been finalised due to work on COVID-19.

Deferred Items

The Savannah Way Business Case has been deferred to consider the benefits and value of the subscription as of June 2020.

Kimberley Regional Education and Training Strategy. Funding of \$25,000 was allocated however the scope of the works has not yet been articulated.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Effective governance protocols and systems for business efficiency and improved services through collaboration

Secure funding for regional initiatives

Effective engagement with Aboriginal governance structures

Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities

Alignment and integration of regional and local priorities for member Councils.

Natural Environment Goal – Responsible management of the environment:

Secure quality water supply

Integrated waste management

Reuse of waste water

Recognition of significant heritage areas.

Built Environment Goal – Improved and secure transport, communications, community and essential services:

Liveable towns supporting regional communities

Improved regional arterial road network, ports and airports

Adequate land supply

High standard of infrastructure planning

Reliable and adequate power and communications.

Community Goal – A vibrant community based on equity, inclusion and opportunity for all:

Innovative and joined up approach to housing development, ownership and design through community participation

Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in health

Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in education

Greater participation in the community and workforce

Better alcohol management across the Kimberley.

Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:

Generational advantage that captures the wealth for the region

Improved outcomes in employment

Sustainable tourism market and tourism experiences

Sustainable primary industries

Energy sustainability

Sustainable Local Government revenue

Improved regional infrastructure

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RESOLUTION:

(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: Cr G Haerewa

Seconded: Cr C Mitchell

That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the Business Plan Status Report for the period 1 July 2019 to 31 March 2020 as attached.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

Attachments

1. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE APRIL 2020

BUSINESS PLAN AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE GOVERNANCE MANUAL TO 30 JUNE 2020

Update as of 5 April 2020



BUSINESS PLAN

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	END DATE
1.1.1.1	Adopt a position in relation to a scheme of compulsory training for new and existing Councillors to improve skills and performance.	Adopted February 2019	COMPLETED
1.1.2.1	Develop and adopt a procedure for the review of the regional governance agreement with the revised document endorsed by members at least 3 months prior to the conclusion of the existing agreement.	Included in Governance Manual	COMPLETED
1.1.2.2	Develop and adopt a procedure to undertake an annual member satisfaction survey with a report to the KRG on potential service improvements.	Included in Governance Manual	COMPLETED
1.1.3.1	Develop and adopt a procedure to identify new initiatives, improve current processes and identify resource sharing opportunities. ¹	Included in Governance Manual	COMPLETED
1.1.3.2	Develop and adopt a procedure for the annual review and reporting on the effectiveness and value for money of existing regional procurement contracts that are due for renewal (or termination) in the following year.	Included in Governance Manual	COMPLETED
1.2.1.1	Develop and adopt a process for the identification of member priorities relevant to the function of the KRG and prepare a report annually to inform the KRG planning, advocacy and budget processes.	Included in Governance Manual	COMPLETED
1.4.1.1	Develop and adopt a procedure for an annual review of the Advocacy Agenda for consideration by the KRG no later than October each year.	Included in Governance Manual	COMPLETED
1.4.1.3	Develop and adopt a procedure for the publication of an Advocacy Agenda that is updated annually based on member priorities.	Included in Governance Manual	COMPLETED
1.4.1.2 Part 1	Develop and adopt a Communication and Engagement <i>Strategy</i> for the KRG to increase recognition and influence.	Adopted Dec 2018	COMPLETE
1.4.1.2 Part 2	Develop a brand recognition strategy for the zone including appropriate collateral such as logo, tagline, and e-presence	Interim website developed Style guidelines commenced Logo, to be developed.	June 2020
1.5.1.1	Develop and adopt a member Communication and Engagement <i>Plan</i> (including visitation program & feedback mechanisms).	Commenced	Dec 2019
1.5.1.2	Develop and adopt a procedure to prepare a report annually to inform member planning, the KRG planning, advocacy and budget processes on matters of common interest.	Included in Governance Manual	COMPLETED
1.5.1.3	Develop and adopt model <i>Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Terms of Reference</i> and review existing ToR including role, scope and levels of delegation.	Included in Governance Manual	COMPLETED

¹ NOTE: this could be based on a revitalised TAG approach.

2.2.1.1	Review the effectiveness and value for money of existing regional waste procurement contracts. <i>(Note the review is high level as the Zone undertook the initial works for a regional approach).</i>	On March Waste TAG agenda	COMPLETED	
2.2.1.2 0405238	Kimberley Waste Management Plan	Funding Allocated \$19,734 In principle adoption Final signoff by councils in process	COMPLETED	
2.2.2.1	Develop a strategy for regional Integrated Waste Management, which includes waste generated in towns and communities, to explore the use of transfer stations, mobile and in-situ equipment and the re-use of waste materials and any staging that would be required for implementation. ²	Unfunded <i>Not yet commenced to be informed by 2.2.2.5</i>	June 2020	
2.2.2.2	Develop a KRG Business Case to consider the <i>capital</i> funding requirements of a regional Integrated Waste Management Plan.	Unfunded Deferred until 2020	June 2020	
2.2.2.3	Develop and adopt a Communication and Engagement <i>Plan</i> to promote the need for, and funding of, the IRWMP.	Within support contract Not Yet Commenced	June 2020	
2.2.2.4	Review funding sources for resource recovery projects and education programs and provide a report for members.	Unfunded Commenced	June 2020	
2.2.2.5	Develop a Discussion Paper, in conjunctions with Stakeholders, to identify the potential role of, and implications for, Shires in improved waste management and recycling in Aboriginal communities, including impact on Shire run facility capacity.	Project Brief Developed	April 2020	
2.2.3.1 0405242	Liquid Waste Business Case	Funding Allocated \$25,000	June 2020	
2.3.1.1	Adopt a position supporting innovative waste-water reuse.	Adopted February 2019	COMPLETED	
3.1.1.1	Undertake a review of improvements to freight logistics (land, air and sea) identified in endorsed reports (such as the Kimberley Regional Planning and Infrastructure Framework and Regional Roads Group 2030 Plan Priorities), priorities previously identified by the Zone such as one lane bridges and identify existing business cases related to the KRG priority list.	Unfunded Commenced	June 2020	
3.1.1.2	Identify member transport priorities of regional significance, consistent with the procedure in 1.2.1.1.	Unfunded Commenced	June 2020	
3.1.1.3	Develop a Freight Logistics Infrastructure Discussion Paper, including a gap analysis between existing priorities in third party reports, priorities identified by members, the need to develop or update the business case(s), and a recommended listing of integrated logistics priorities for Zone approval.	Draft commenced	June 2020	
3.2.1.1 040524	Savannah Way Business Case Implementation Plan	Funding Allocated \$25,000	June 2020	
3.2.1.1.	Review matters that remain outstanding in the Savannah Way Business Case and develop a Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Plan to progress those matters.	Project Brief Developed Initial allocation \$5000 Deferred pending outcome of Savannah Way Ltd	April 2020	
3.3.2.3	Adopt a position on community service obligation payments by State Government to support infrastructure development in advance of land development regional head works fund and prepare a Communication and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy.	Adopted February 2019	March 2019	

² The work of the Waste TAG will inform the Discussion Paper.

3.4.3.1	Adopt a position to give <i>in principle</i> support private natural gas pipeline construction companies to develop pipeline links between East and West Kimberley.	Adopted February 2019	March 2019	
3.4.3.2	Develop a Discussion Paper on opportunities for alternative power provision in the Kimberley.	Commenced	April 2020	
3.4.2.3	Adopt a position; and	Adopted February 2019	March 2019	
	develop an Engagement and Communications <i>Plan</i> on opportunities for alternative power provision throughout the Kimberley.	Not Yet Commenced	June 2020	
4.2.1.1 0405240	Kimberley Regional Education / Training Business Case	Funding Allocated \$25,000	TBC	
4.2.1.1	Develop a Discussion Paper in relation to the development of alternate educational facilities and services to facilitate improved “core competency” educational outcomes for primary and secondary students.	Stage 1 of project 0405240 Project Brief Developed Note – a review of educational outcomes has been undertaken.	April 2020	
4.3.1.1 0405234	Volunteering Strategy Stage 2	Funding Allocated \$65,000	COMPLETED	
4.3.1.3 0405235	Alcohol Management Initiatives	Funding Allocated	Ongoing	
4.3.1.3	Develop a Communications and Stakeholder Engagement strategy, consistent with and complementary to other agency actions, to inform the community and visitors about alcohol restrictions for affected towns and communities.	Not Yet Commenced noting significant media coverage has already occurred.	Funding obtained by the Shire of Broome	
5.4.1.1	Adopt a position to support in situ AQIS and State quarantine services.	Adopted February 2019 Note: discussions were held with Federal Minister in Nov 2019.	COMPLETED	
5.4.1.2 0405239	Kimberley Land Tenure Implementation Plan	Funding Allocated \$5000 Minister briefed in correspondence. Currently waiting for Stage 2 of the State Government’s response.	TBC	

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Item	Description	Status	End Date
	Strategic planning priorities and targets for the following 12-month period.		COMPLETED
	Presentation of Budget		COMPLETED
	Annual Financial Report		COMPLETED
	Annual Performance Report		COMPLETED

9.4 CONSULTANT'S REPORT

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Kimberley Region
APPLICANT:	Nil
FILE:	RCG01
AUTHOR:	Zone Executive
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Director Corporate Services
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil

SUMMARY: This Report provides an overview of the activity undertaken by the Consultant to support the activities of the Kimberley Zone and the Kimberley Regional Group.

BACKGROUNDPrevious Considerations

Nil.

COMMENT

The Kimberley Zone of WALGA (Zone) and the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) appointed ATEA Consulting on the 22 July 2018 to perform the role of part-time Executive Officer. This report provides an overview of the activities undertaken by ATEA Consulting in the period to 5 April 2020 and is attached for consideration.

Key activities this period include:

- Covid-19 Restrictions.
- Canberra delegation follow-up.
- Finalisation of Strategic Community Plan and Business Plan update.
- Infrastructure funding (Roads).
- April Joint meeting coordination (pre-COVID-19).

CONSULTATION

Nil.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT*Local Government Act 1995***FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Effective governance protocols and systems for business efficiency and improved services through collaboration

Secure funding for regional initiatives

Effective engagement with Aboriginal governance structures

Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities

Alignment and integration of regional and local priorities for member Councils.

Natural Environment Goal – Responsible management of the environment:

Secure quality water supply

Integrated waste management

Reuse of waste water

Recognition of significant heritage areas.

Built Environment Goal – Improved and secure transport, communications, community and essential services:

Liveable towns supporting regional communities

Improved regional arterial road network, ports and airports

Adequate land supply

High standard of infrastructure planning

Reliable and adequate power and communications.

Community Goal – A vibrant community based on equity, inclusion and opportunity for all:

Innovative and joined up approach to housing development, ownership and design through community participation

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Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:

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- Improved outcomes in employment
- Sustainable tourism market and tourism experiences
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- Energy sustainability
- Sustainable Local Government revenue
- Improved regional infrastructure

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RESOLUTION:

(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: Cr M Edwards

Seconded: Cr G Haerewa

That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the report provided by ATEA Consulting and the progress on items as presented.

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1. CONSULTANT'S REPORT APRIL 2020



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Summary of Activities since Previous Report (1 February 2020 – 31 March 2020)

Strategic Plan	Item	Activity
Goal 1 Governance	Alignment of regional priorities	Member Communication and Engagement Plan
Outcome 1.1 Effective governance protocols and systems for business efficiency and improved services through collaboration.		Establishment of consistent messaging on COVID-19 across the Shires.
Outcome 1.4 Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities at the regional, state, national and international Levels	2019 Canberra Delegation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Follow up of Canberra Delegation discussion with Federal Ministers. ▪ Completion and circulation of Advocacy Agenda to Federal Ministers.
	COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Representation of regional requirements in relation to restrictions to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. ▪ Completion and circulation of Advocacy Agenda to Federal Ministers.
Goal 2 Natural Environment		
Outcome 2.2 Integrated waste management.	Regional Waste Management Plan	Review of existing business plan and Regional Waste Management Plan to compile a draft strategy to follow up on meeting with Federal Minister for Environment and Minister for Waste Reduction and Environmental Management regarding the opportunity for a one off base level of waste management infrastructure fund to assist remote Shires to narrow the gap between metropolitan Councils and those in highly disadvantaged communities.
Goal 3 Built Environment		
Outcome 3.1 Improved regional arterial road network, ports and airports.	2020 Priorities	Progress the development of an initial draft Freight Logistics Discussion Paper – due June 2020.
Goal 4 Community		
Outcome 4.5 Better alcohol management across the Kimberley.	Voluntary Kimberley Wide Alcohol Restrictions	Nil
Goal 5 Economy		
Outcome 5.4 Sustainable Primary Industries		Liaison re access by agricultural and farm Workers in relation to COVID-19 restrictions.
Outcome 5.5 Energy Sustainability	Joint Forum	Nil
Administration	Zone April Meeting	Preparation of Zone/KRG agenda items, meeting coordination.



Virtual Meetings and Phone Contacts

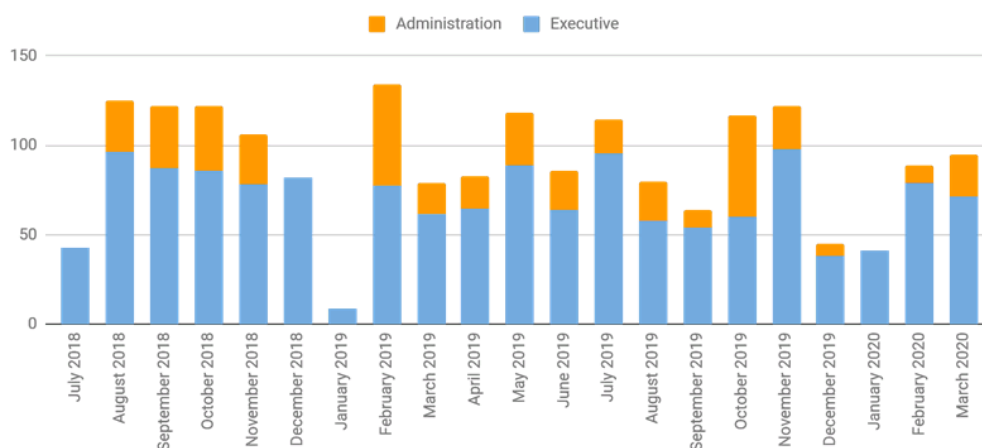
	Stakeholder Representative	Action/Outcomes
	Federal Members and Ministers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Office of the Hon Susan Ley ▪ Office of Senator Matt O’Sullivan ▪ Office of Senator Dean Smith ▪ Office of Hon Melissa Price ▪ Office of the Hon Ken Wyatt ▪ Office of the Hon David Littleproud ▪ Office of Hon Machaelia Cash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on specific matters relating to COVID-19. • Follow up of meetings for Canberra Delegations including ongoing liaison with Ministerial offices.
	State Members and Ministers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of the Hon Ben Wyatt • Office of the Hon Alannah MacTieranan • Office of the Premier 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on specific matters relating to COVID-19.
	Agencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police – Superintendent Greg Crofts • Main Roads – Gerry Zoetelief • WA Country Health Service – Kellie McKenzie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on specific matters relating to COVID-19.

Summary of Hours

The hours are now relatively consistently in the range of 85-95 per month with the exception of significant coordination activities such as forums and delegations. Activities for the period to 31 March 2020 relate to:

- COVID-19
- Follow-up on the Canberra delegation November 2019
- Finalisation of Strategic Community Plan and Business Plan
- Infrastructure funding
- Coordination of April meeting and workshops (prior to COVID-19 restrictions).

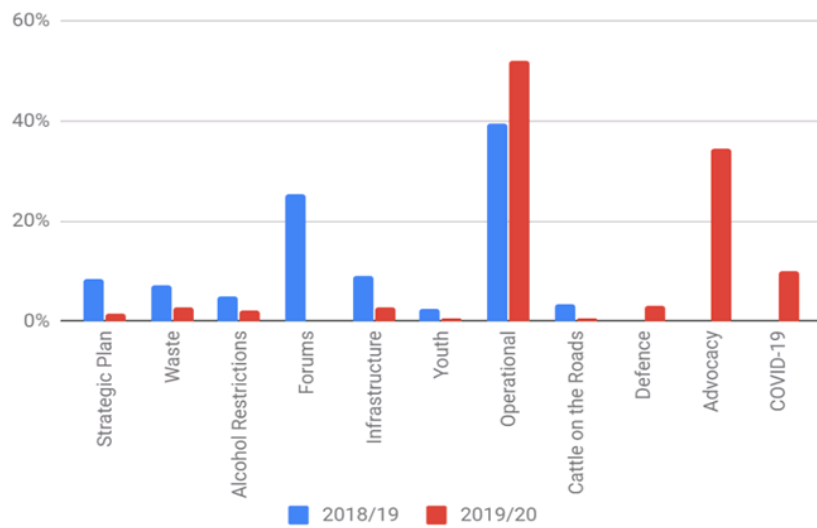
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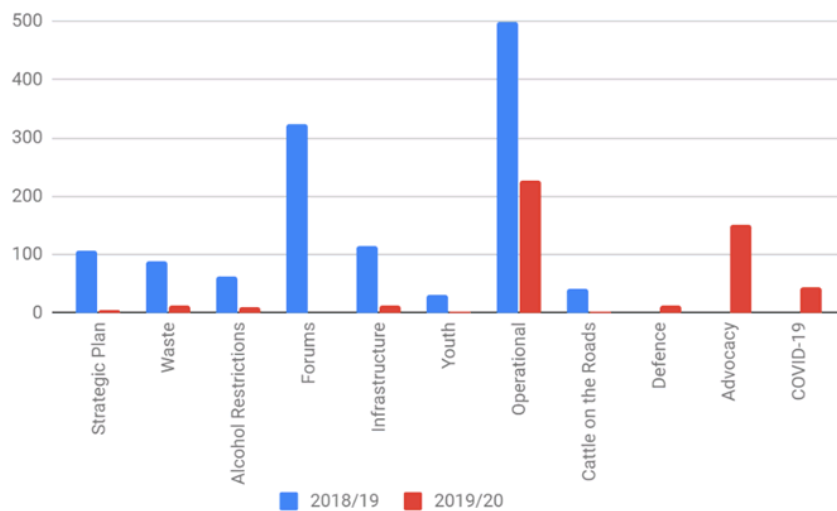


The percentage of “operational” has increased due to the reduction in activities such as forums. Advocacy has increased as follow-up in relation to the Canberra delegation and the preparation and distribution of the Advocacy Agenda were undertaken in the first quarter of 2020. It is anticipated that general Advocacy will reduce with infrastructure, defence and waste activity increasing over the next quarter. COVID-19 has been added as a discrete item to enable tracking of time allocated to KRG coordination. It is anticipated that the high levels of activity in March will diminish next quarter as the restrictions stabilise.

Project time Inputs 2018/19 and 2019/20 (% of YTD)



Project time Inputs 2018/19 and 2019/20 (Hrs)



9.5 STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN AND BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW 2020-2024

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Kimberley Region
APPLICANT:	Nil
FILE:	RCG01
AUTHOR:	Zone Executive
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Director Corporate Services
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil

SUMMARY: At the Joint meeting of the Kimberley Regional Group and Kimberley Zone held 24 February 2020 the draft update for the Strategic Community Plan and Regional Business Plan was considered. This item seeks the adoption of the revised plan to meet the requirements under the Memorandum Of Understanding with a full review in December 2020 or the first meeting thereafter where travel restrictions have been lifted.

BACKGROUNDPrevious Considerations

Joint Meeting 24 February 2020 Item 9.2

COMMENT

It is a requirement under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Host Shire of the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) to prepare an Annual Operational Plan and budget.

Further, the documentation is required to be submitted to the Board no later than 1 month prior to the commencement of the financial year to which the Operational Plan and budget applies, noting the Operational Plan and budget may be amended or replaced by an Absolute Majority resolution of the Board. The next scheduled Joint meeting of the KRG and Kimberley Zone is 22 June 2020 which is outside of the timeframe identified in the MOU.

Historically the annual plan has been linked to the Strategic Community Plan and associated Regional Business Plan and it was intended to hold a workshop at the April Joint Meeting to finalise any outstanding matters that were identified in the draft plan that presented at the February 2020 Joint Meeting.

Given the limitations now imposed by COVID-19, the capacity under the MOU to amend or replace the plan going forward and the likely need to revise planning in response to the pandemic, it is proposed that the plan as presented at the meeting on 24 February 2020 is adopted with the removal/adjustment of items that require further discussion. The two items relate to water availability (removed) and youth justice (adjusted). In the case of the latter, the item no longer refers to the Neighbourhood Justice Centre model rather the action now is to "Review the State Government's Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy" (when released).

The statistical foundation of the Strategic Community Plan has not been updated but analysis will be undertaken prior to the full review.

Further, consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic should be an overarching consideration in the detailed framing of any projects/discussion papers identified in the plan to the end of Financial Year 2021.

Finally, it is considered a priority that, at the December 2020 KRG meeting or the first face-to-face meeting after December 2020 where travel restrictions have been lifted, that a review is undertaken to consider the priorities of the KRG and Kimberley Zone for the balance of the period to 2024 including the recovery phase post the COVID-19 pandemic.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

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VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RESOLUTION:

(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: Cr D Menzel

Seconded: Cr M Edwards

That the Kimberley Regional Group

1. Notes the requirements and flexibility under the MOU;

2. *Notes the 2014-2024 Strategic Community Plan;*
3. *Adopts the 2020-2024 Regional Business Plan as presented;*
4. *Notes the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on planning and resolves to undertake a review of strategic priorities at the earliest opportunity after the lifting of travel restrictions; and*
5. *Notes that the statistical information will be updated for the December 2020 review.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

Attachments

1. KRG BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW 2020-2024

Kimberley Regional Group and
Kimberley Zone
Business Plan Update
2020 – 2024

Context

The Regional Level Drivers that will impact our region

- Regional benefits from the Developing the North White Paper.
- Increased competition for reduced external funding for major regional infrastructure initiatives.
- Removal of barriers to private investment in the region.
- High transport and infrastructure costs.
- Whole of Government approach to developing primary industry projects in the Kimberley.
- Land supply and infrastructure to support population growth and affordability in balance with periods of contraction.
- Creation of real jobs for local people in the region.
- Impact on local shires of the normalisation of services into Aboriginal Communities including town based reserves.
- Pressure on Shire revenue and infrastructure maintenance from increasing rate exemptions.
- Impacts of alcohol and drugs in the region.
- Dramatic increase in the rates of suicide.
- Requirements for increased educational opportunities in the region.
- Youth development and youth services delivery.
- Increasing levels of anti-social behaviour in children and youths.
- Regional waste recycling options.

Regional Business Plan at a Glance

Vision: Maintain and enhance the rich diversity and liveability of the Kimberley for its people and the world.

Governance	Natural Environment	Built Environment	Community	Economy
Goal 1:	Goal 2:	Goal 3:	Goal 4:	Goal 5:
A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance.	Responsible management of the environment.	Improved and secure transport, communications, community and essential services.	A vibrant community based on equity, inclusion and opportunity for all.	A sustainable and diverse economy.
<p>Outcome 1.1 Effective governance protocols and systems for business efficiency and improved services through collaboration.</p> <p>Outcome 1.2 Secure funding for regional priorities (<i>Links to Outcomes 3.2 & 5.7</i>).</p> <p>Outcome 1.3 Effective engagement with Aboriginal governance structures (<i>Links to Outcomes 2.2, 2.3, 3.4, 4.1 & 5.5</i>).</p> <p>Outcome 1.4 Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities at the regional, state, national and international Levels</p> <p>Outcome 1.5 Alignment and integration of regional and local priorities for Member Councils.</p>	<p>Outcome 2.1 Secure quality water supply.</p> <p>Outcome 2.2 Integrated waste management.</p> <p>Outcome 2.3 Reuse of waste water.</p> <p>Outcome 2.4 Recognition of significant environmental and heritage areas.</p>	<p>Outcome 3.1 Improved regional arterial road network, ports and airports.</p> <p>Outcome 3.2 Affordable, diverse and accessible housing throughout the Kimberley</p> <p>Outcome 3.3 Reliable and adequate power and communications areas.</p>	<p>Outcome 4.1 Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in health.</p> <p>Outcome 4.2 Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in education.</p> <p>Outcome 4.3 Improved participation in community activities.</p> <p>Outcome 4.4 Better alcohol management across the Kimberley.</p> <p>Outcome 4.5 Improved youth services and management of youth anti-social behaviour.</p>	<p>Outcome 5.1 Improved outcomes in employment.</p> <p>Outcome 5.2 Sustainable tourism market and tourism experiences.</p> <p>Outcome 5.3 Sustainable primary industries.</p> <p>Outcome 5.4 Improved processes for major projects.</p>

GOVERNANCE	Goal 1: A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance.					
	Outcome	1.1 Effective governance protocols and systems for business efficiency and improved services through collaboration	KPI	Shire satisfaction with the business process and systems for KRG		
	Strategy No.	Strategy	Action No.	Action	Date	Status
	1.1.1	Enhance the Sustainability of Members	1.1.1.2	Develop a Discussion Paper on sustainable revenue for local governments in the Kimberley when WALGA completes their consideration of changes to rates for NFP and mining and with recognition of current legislative limitations.	2021	

GOVERNANCE	Goal 1: A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance.					
	Outcome	1.2 Secure funding for Regional Priorities	KPI	<i>Value of grants secured for regional priorities</i>		
	Strategy No.	Strategy	Action No.	Action	Date	Status
	1.2.1	Clear identification and prioritisation of regional projects				
	Outcome	1.3 Effective Engagement with Aboriginal Governance Structures	KPI			
	Strategy No.	Strategy	Action No.	Action	Date	Status
	1.3.1	Improve Effective Engagement with Aboriginal Governance Structures	1.3.1.1	Compile a list of key Aboriginal leadership groups and agencies.	2024	
		1.3.1.2	Develop and adopt a Communication and Engagement Plan for Aboriginal leadership groups and agencies.	2024		

GOVERNANCE	Goal 1: A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance.					
	Outcome	1.4 Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities at the regional, state and national levels.	KPI	Shire satisfaction with the business process and systems for KRG		
	Strategy No.	Strategy	Action No.	Action	Date	Status
	1.4.1	Engage and collaborate with stakeholders to champion the interests of the Kimberly Regional Group and the region				
	Outcome	1.5 Alignment and integration of regional and local priorities for Member Councils		% of identified advocacy issues/opportunities taken up at regional, state and national levels.		
	Strategy No.	Strategy	Action No.	Action	Date	Status
	1.5.1	Ensure two-way communication between the KRG and member councils enabling local and regional perspective and priorities to be considered.				

Natural Environment	Goal 2: Responsible Management of the Environment					
	Outcome	2.1 Secure Quality Water Supply	KPI	Shire satisfaction with the business process and systems for KRG		
	Strategy No.	Strategy	Action No.	Action	Date	Status
	2.1.1	Assess resilience of water supplies in the Kimberley.	2.1.1.1	Seek a Report from the Department of Water, the Department of Agriculture and the Water Corporation on the resilience of water supplies for both potable, agriculture, extraction and commercial initiatives.	2024	
2.1.1		2.1.1.2	Assess the impact of water availability in the region including potential of economic shocks which could impact on Shire operations and revenue along with the community.	2024		

2. Natural Environment	Goal 2: Responsible Management of the Environment					
	Outcome	2.2 Integrated Waste Management	KPI	Delivery of a compliant, integrated waste management strategy		
	Strategy No.	Strategy	Action No.	Action	Date	Status
	2.2.1	Update the Regional Waste Management Strategy compliant with the new requirements.	2.2.1.1	Review the effectiveness and value for money of existing regional waste procurement contracts.	2021	
	2.2.2	Secure funding for an Integrated Regional Waste Management Plan.	2.2.2.1	Develop a strategy for regional Integrated Waste Management, which includes waste generated in towns and communities, to explore the use of transfer stations, mobile and in-situ equipment and the re-use of waste materials and any staging that would be required for implementation. ¹	2021	
			2.2.2.2	Develop a KRG Business Case to consider the <i>capital</i> funding requirements of a regional Integrated Waste Management Plan.	2021	
			2.2.2.3	Develop and adopt a Communication and Engagement <i>Plan</i> to promote the need for, and funding of, the IRWMP.	2021	
			2.2.2.4	Review funding sources for resource recovery projects and education programs and provide a report for members.	2021	
			2.2.2.5	Develop a Discussion Paper, in conjunctions with Stakeholders, to identify the potential role of, and implications for, Shires in improved waste management and recycling in Aboriginal communities, including impact on Shire run facility capacity.	2022	
	2.2.3	Improve liquid waste management infrastructure.	2.2.3.1	Develop a Discussion Paper on the management of liquid waste and opportunities for improvement.	2024	
2.2.4	Consider the need for a crematorium	2.2.4.1	Develop a Discussion Paper on the need for a crematorium.	2024		

¹ The work of the Waste TAG will inform the Discussion Paper.

Natural Environment	Goal 2: Responsible Management of the Environment					
	Outcome	2.3 Reuse of Waste Water	KPI	% of waste water that is reused in Shire towns		
	Strategy No.	Strategy	Action No.	Action	Date	Status
	2.3.1	Support cost effective waste water reuse for non-potable uses in the Kimberley.	2.3.1.2	Develop a Discussion Paper on the status and opportunity for expansion of waste water re-use for non-potable purposes and different contexts such as towns and Aboriginal communities.	2022	
	Outcome	2.4 Recognition of significant environmental and heritage areas	KPI	Number and type of significant heritage places listed in registers as a percentage of places the Zone resolves to support.		
	Strategy No.	Strategy	Action No.	Action	Date	Status
	2.4.1	Advocate for enhanced maintenance of significant natural heritage areas	2.4.1.1	Review outstanding matters in the Kimberley Science and Conservation Strategy.	2024	
			2.4.1.2	Develop a guidance paper on the regulatory framework of environmental and heritage protection to inform a decision-making procedure of the Zone.	2024	
			2.4.1.3	Develop a procedure for obtaining Zone support for inclusion of specific significant environmental and heritage areas into local government, State and Federal protection regimes.	2024	
			2.4.1.4	Develop a Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Plan in relation to natural heritage matters.	2024	

BUILT ENVIRONMENT	Goal 3: Built Environment					
	Outcome	3.1 Improved regional arterial road network, ports and airports	KPI			
	Strategy No.	Strategy	Action No.	Action	Date	Status
	3.1.1	Develop and provide input to regional transport priorities, policies and plans.	3.1.1.1	Undertake a review of improvements to freight logistics (land, air and sea) identified in endorsed reports (such as the Kimberley Regional Planning and Infrastructure Framework and Regional Roads Group 2030 Plan Priorities), priorities previously identified by the Zone such as one lane bridges and identify existing business cases related to the KRG priority list.	2021	
			3.1.1.2	Identify member transport priorities of regional significance, consistent with the procedure in 1.2.1.1.	2021	
			3.1.1.3	Develop a Freight Logistics Infrastructure Discussion Paper, including a gap analysis between existing priorities in third party reports, priorities identified by members, the need to develop or update the business case(s), and a recommended listing of integrated logistics priorities for Zone approval.	2021	
			3.1.1.4	Adopt the regional Freight Logistics Transport priority list and develop a <i>Kimberley Freight Logistics Infrastructure Priority Report</i> , based on the prioritized infrastructure list	2021	
			3.1.1.5	Develop a Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Plan to promote action on the Kimberley Freight Logistics Infrastructure Priority Report.	2021	
3.1.2	Review the resilience of infrastructure as part of a defence framework for the north west	3.1.2.1	North West Infrastructure Audit (Defence) Undertake an audit and develop a discussion paper, in conjunction with the Shires in the Pilbara and appropriate government agencies, to determine the appropriateness for military use. ² (Note this project would have a contribution from the Pilbara Shires).	2021		

¹ Note: this project would have a contribution from the Pilbara Shires.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT	Goal 3: Built Environment					
	Outcome	3.1 Improved regional arterial road network, ports and airports (cont)	KPI			
	Strategy No.	Strategy	Action No.	Action	Date	Status
	3.1.3	In collaboration with Tourism WA and Australia's North West Tourism, identify priority tourism link roads and develop business cases to improve infrastructure and amenity to support the re-establishment of the Kimberley tourism industry.	3.2.1.1.	Review The value of membership of the Savannah way/matters that remain outstanding in the Savannah Way Business Case and develop a Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Plan to progress those matters.	2021	
			3.1.3.2.	Review key tourism infrastructure identified in endorsed reports.	2021	
			3.1.3.3.	Identify member priorities of tourism infrastructure of regional significance, consistent with the procedure in 1.2.1.1.	2021	
			3.1.3.4.	Develop a Tourism Infrastructure Discussion Paper, including a gap analysis between existing priorities in third party reports, priorities identified by members, the need to develop or update the business case(s), and a recommended priority listing for Zone approval.	2021	
			3.1.3.5.	Adopt the regional tourism infrastructure priority list and develop a Kimberley Tourism Infrastructure Priority Report, based on the prioritized tourism infrastructure list (noting the priorities in the Kimberley Freight Logistics Infrastructure Priority Report).	2021	
			3.1.3.6.	Develop a Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Plan to promote action on the Kimberley Tourism Infrastructure Priority Report.	2021	
	3.1.4	Improve tourism aviation routes into the Kimberley	3.1.3.1	Review options for increased direct access into the Kimberley for tourists from other states, international visitation and improved business connectivity.	2021	

BUILT ENVIRONMENT	Goal 3: Built Environment					
	Outcome	3.2 Affordable, diverse and accessible housing throughout the Kimberley	KPI	Average price/wage ratio comparable to state average.		
	Strategy No.	Strategy	Action No.	Action	Date	Status
	3.2.1	Investigate and advocate on land development alternatives.	3.2.1.1	Develop a Discussion Paper on land tenure options for residential development across in the Kimberley.	2024	
			3.2.1.2	Adopt a position and develop a Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Plan to work with the Aboriginal Lands Trust, Indigenous agencies and corporations, State and Federal Governments on land tenure for residential development across the Kimberley.	2024	
	3.2.2	Improved land availability during periods of peak demand.	3.2.2.1	Develop a Discussion Paper on land availability and triggers (such as major projects) that impact on government plans for utility provision including a report from Horizon Power, and a combined report from Water Corporation and the Department of Water, on the currency of plans and growth assumptions, with linkages to a 10-year capital budget for urban centres.	2024	
			3.2.2.2	Adopt a position to support increased competition within the land development market to enable a more responsive market during periods of peak demand.	2024	
			3.2.2.3	Adopt a position on community service obligation payments by State Government to support infrastructure development in advance of land development regional head works fund and prepare a Communication and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy.	2024	

Goal 3: Built Environment						
Outcome	3.2 Affordable, Diverse and Accessible Housing throughout the Kimberley (cont)	KPI	Average price/wage ratio comparable to state average.	Date	Status	
Strategy No.	Strategy	Action No.	Action	Date	Status	
BUILT ENVIRONMENT	3.2.3	Improve housing quality	3.2.3.1	Develop a Discussion Paper, in conjunction with members, on the potential for a consistent standard for local housing design and construction across the region.	2022	
			3.2.3.2	Develop a Discussion Paper on opportunities for improvements to housing quality in the Kimberley including the current level of consistency in the standards applied to housing design and construction, enforcement of existing legislation, standards and codes for both new and existing housing for the consideration of the KRG.	2022	
			3.2.3.3	Develop a Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Plan to promote improvements to housing quality.		
	3.2.4	High standard of infrastructure planning	3.2.4.1	Review the current status of regional planning strategies and the LGA Growth Plan process and prepare a discussion paper including a gap analysis.	2024	
			3.2.4.2	Develop a Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Plan to advocate for the LGA Growth Plan process and support the implementation of Growth Plan outcomes regionally.	2024	
			3.2.4.3	Develop a Discussion Paper on the status of planning strategies for out of town communities.	2024	

Goal 3: Built Environment					
Outcome	3.3 Reliable and adequate power and communications	KPI			
Strategy No.	Strategy	Action No.	Action	Date	Status
3.3.1	Develop more reliable power supplies	3.3.1.1	Develop a Discussion Paper on the availability of grants for underground power in the Kimberley, including the need and member preparedness to pay, and the appropriate threshold. ³	2021	
		3.3.1.2	Adopt position on the appropriate threshold for grants for underground power in the Kimberley.	2021	
		3.3.1.3	Develop an Engagement and Communications <i>Plan</i> to advocate for the reduction in the threshold for grants for underground power in the Kimberley.	2021	
3.3.2	Improve access to the NBN throughout the Kimberley	3.3.2.1	Identify member priorities of NBN priority locations of regional significance, consistent with the procedure in 1.2.1.1.	2022	
		3.3.2.2	Develop a Discussion Paper on the importance of NBN access on the economic and social future of the region including a gap analysis of regional role out of NBN in relation to member priorities. ⁴	2022	
		3.3.2.3	Adopt a position and Develop an Engagement and Communications <i>Plan</i> to advocate for an increase in the availability of NBN in the Kimberley, particularly in regional urban centres.	2022	
3.3.3	Support energy diversification in the Kimberley	3.3.3.1	Develop a Discussion Paper on opportunities for alternative power provision in the Kimberley.	2021	
		3.3.3.2	Adopt a position and develop an Engagement and Communications <i>Plan</i> on opportunities for alternative power provision throughout the Kimberley.	2021	

¹ Note: subsidised program occurred in the Pilbara in 2014 utilizing \$75m Royalties for regions funding).

² Note: the only towns without NBN reticulation with over 1,000 people are Halls Creek and Fitzroy Crossing.)

COMMUNITY	Goal 4: A vibrant community based on equity, inclusion and opportunity for all					
	Outcome	4.1 Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in health	KPI			
	Strategy No.	Strategy	Action No.	Action	Date Status	
	4.1.1	Advocate for improved regional health services and infrastructure	4.1.1.1	Develop a Discussion Paper in relation to a Regional Ageing Strategy including a review of the Regional Development Australia Kimberley's Regional Ageing Strategy, for the consideration of the KRG including palliative care arrangements.	2022	
			4.1.1.2	Develop a Discussion Paper on the status of FASD services.	2022	
			4.1.1.3	Develop a Discussion paper on the status of mental health services, including a desktop review of existing reports relating to the Kimberley region.	2022	
	Outcome	4.2 Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in education		% improvement in highest level of education achievement in the 2021 census		
	Strategy No.	Strategy	Action No.	Action	Date	
	4.2.1	Advocate for improved regional education and training opportunities	4.2.1.1	Undertake a situational analysis of educational outcomes in the Kimberley.	2022	
			4.2.1.2	Develop a Discussion Paper in relation to the development of alternate educational facilities and services to facilitate improved "core competency" educational outcomes for primary and secondary students.	2022	\$25,000 Funding Allocated
4.2.1.3			Develop a Discussion Paper on the benefits of a Centre of Excellence relevant to the Kimberley.	2023		

COMMUNITY	Goal 4: A vibrant community based on equity, inclusion and opportunity for all					
	Outcome	4.4 Better Alcohol Management across the Kimberley				
	Strategy No.	Strategy	Action No.	Action	Date	Status
	4.4.1	Implement a regional approach to alcohol management (restrictions)	4.4.1.1	Undertake a review of the outcomes of the 12 month voluntary alcohol restriction trial.	2021	
	Outcome	4.5 Improved youth services and management of youth anti-social behaviour				
	Strategy No.	Strategy	Action No.	Action	Date	
	4.5.1	Improved services to youth	4.5.1.1	Review and update the Kimberley Youth Strategy and Action Plan.	2021	
	4.5.2	Improved Management of youth anti-social behaviour	4.5.2.1	Review the State Government's Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy.	2021	

Goal 5: A sustainable and diverse economy					
Outcome	5.1 Improved outcomes in Employment	KPI			
Strategy No.	Strategy	Action No.	Action	Date	Status
5.1.1	Sell the advantages of a stable in situ workforce to existing and future Kimberley employers	5.1.1.1	Develop a Discussion Paper on benefits of, and barriers to, an in-situ workforce for out of town major projects.	2022	
		5.1.1.2	Adopt a position and develop a Communications and Stakeholder Engagement strategy, to promote the benefits of an in-situ workforce consistent with the in-situ workforce strategy.	2022	
5.1.2	Encourage economic development by developing business opportunities supported or operated by Local Government including business incubator programs.	5.1.2.1	Develop a <i>Kimberley Business Incubator Strategy</i> to encourage small business and tech start-up companies.	2022	
5.1.3	Encourage government tendering practices which generate and promote local jobs.	5.1.3.1	Investigate the current practices of state and federal governments in relation to tenders with a view to ensuring that the process maximises opportunities for local businesses and local employment.	2021	
Outcome	5.2 Sustainable tourism market and tourism experiences		% improvement in highest level of education achievement in the 2021 census		
Strategy No.	Strategy	Action No.	Action	Date	Status
5.2.1	Increase regional tourist stay retention and multi-experience trips	5.2.1.1	Develop a Discussion Paper on the potential for tourism recovery and growth through investment, restructured funding and further developing the Kimberley brand.	2021	
		5.2.1.2	Develop a Discussion Paper on the barriers to the development of sustainable Aboriginal tourism initiatives.	2022	
		5.2.1.3	Undertake a trade mission, in conjunction with relevant government and private sector organisations, to establish an international Asian Connection to the Kimberley region.	2024	

Economy

Economy	Goal 5: A sustainable and diverse economy					
	Outcome	5.4 Improved processes for Major Projects		% improvement in highest level of education achievement in the 2021 census		
	Strategy No.	Strategy	Action No.	Action	Date	Status
	5.3.1	Promote the Kimberley as the emerging major project hub of Australia to create generational advantage that captures the wealth for the region.	5.3.1.1	Develop a Discussion Paper on a potential pathway for improving the attractiveness of the Kimberley for major projects including barriers and the potential benefits of a Kimberley projects portal.	2021	

9.6 KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP FINANCIAL ACTIVITY STATEMENT 31 MARCH 2020

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Kimberley Region
APPLICANT:	Nil
FILE:	RCG01
AUTHOR:	Director Corporate Services
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Director Corporate Services
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil

SUMMARY: This report presents the Kimberley Regional Group Financial Activity Statement for the period ended 31 March 2020. The report recommends that the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) adopt the Financial Activity Statement.

BACKGROUNDPrevious Considerations

Joint Meeting 30 April 2019	Item 9.8
Joint Meeting 6 August 2019	Item 9.4
Joint Meeting 3 December 2019	Item 9.3
Joint Meeting 3 December 2019	Item 9.4

The 2019/20 KRG Annual Budget was adopted at the 30 April 2019 Joint Meeting. The Annual Budget was adopted with a \$120 surplus.

COMMENT

At its 3 December 2019 Joint Meeting the KRG received and endorsed the Annual Financial Statement for the period ending 30 June 2019. The Annual Financial Statement for the period ending 30 June 2019 included a carry-forward surplus of \$302,610.

The KRG 2019/20 Adopted Budget included the following carryover projects:

1. \$5,000 Kimberley Land Tenure Project
2. \$66,000 Tanami Road Business Case.

Additional carryover projects identified through the Annual Financial Statement include the following items:

1. \$36,000 carryover for the Kimberley Volunteer Strategy which is due for completion in March 2020.
2. \$10,000 carryover for ICT and Office 365 Improvements not completed in 2018/19 but required in 2019/20.

The KRG 2019/20 Annual Budget has been adjusted to recognise these additional carryover projects.

Following the adoption of the KRG Budget for 2019/20 the group recognised the need to contribute funds to Alcohol Management Initiatives in lieu of available grant funding. At the 6 August 2019 Joint Meeting the group endorsed a \$100,000 allocation of funds from surplus to implement a software system to monitor and report on takeaway alcohol. This has resulted in a \$100,000 reduction to operating income and a corresponding \$100,000 surplus reduction.

Several projects and activities are underway however yet to be invoiced which is impacting on the year to date surplus:

- The Takeaway Alcohol Management System procurement process is nearing finalisation and an invoice is expected imminently;
- The final invoice for the Kimberley Volunteering Strategy has been received however payment has been withheld until grant acquittal has been finalised. This is expected to occur in April;
- Work is progressing on ICT Improvements (website);

The combined total for these works is \$146,000.

The Tanami Road Business Case (\$66,000) and Savannah Way Business Case and Membership (\$10,000) have budget allocations which have been deferred or are awaiting further funding confirmation. This results in a further \$76,000 surplus.

The impact of COVID-19 will also result in less expenditure and corresponding reimbursed income relating to group meetings and forums. The overall financial impact of the changes will be relatively minor however the lack of expenditure and income in the Financial Statement is noticeable.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As at the 30 June 2019 the Kimberley Regional Group surplus was \$302,610.

The Adopted Kimberley Regional Group Budget predicted a surplus at 30 June 2020 of \$231,730.

The Current Budget predicted surplus at 30 June 2020 is \$90,319.

The Actual Current surplus at 31 March 2020 is \$396,781.

Acct Code	Account	Original Budget	Current Budget	Actual
OPENING SURPLUS CARRY FORWARD				
100235970	Kimberley Zone - Transfer to Kimberley Zone Reserve - Cap Exp - MUN	-\$302,610.00	-\$302,610.00	-\$302,610.00
CAPITAL INCOME				
100235980	Transfer From Kimberley Zone Reserve - Cap Inc - Kimberley Zone MUN	-\$70,880.00	-\$70,880.00	-\$70,880.00

Chairperson.....Date.....

		TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME	-\$70,880.00	-\$70,880.00	-\$70,880.00
		REMAINING SURPLUS	-\$231,730.00	-\$231,730.00	-\$231,730.00
OPERATING EXPENDITURE					
100221280	Kimberley Zone - Forums & Conferences - Op Exp MUN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100221290	Kimberley Zone - Zone & RCG Meeting Expenses - Op Exp MUN	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$8,180.56	
100221310	Kimberley Zone - Meetings - Op Exp MUN	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	
100221320	Kimberley Zone - Darwin Forum - Op Exp MUN	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$819.00	
100221330	Kimberley Zone - Legal Advice - Op Exp MUN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
100221340	Kimberley Zone - Annual Financial Audit - Op Exp MUN	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,170.00	
100221360	Kimberley Zone - IT Support - Op Exp MUN	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	
100221370	Kimberley Zone - Sundry Expenses - Op Exp MUN	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$386.36	
100221430	Kimberley Zone - Savannah Way Membership - Op Exp MUN	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	
100221460	Kimberley Zone - Strategic Community Plan - Op Exp MUN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
100221810	Kimberley Zone - Executive Consultancy - Op Exp MUN	\$112,320.00	\$112,320.00	\$91,840.62	
100221820	Kimberley Zone - Administrative Consultancy - Op Exp MUN	\$32,560.00	\$32,560.00	\$8,800.00	
104052340	Kimberley Zone - Volunteering Strategy - Op Exp MUN	\$0.00	\$36,000.00	\$0.00	
104052350	Kimberley Zone - Alcohol Management Initiatives - Op Exp MUN	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$0.00	
104052360	Kimberley Zone - Procurement Improvement Program - Op Exp MUN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
104052370	Kimberley Zone - ICT & Office 365 Improvements - Op Exp MUN	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	
104052380	Kimberley Zone - Kimberley Waste Management Plan - Op Exp MUN	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	
104052390	Kimberley Zone - Kimberley Land Tenure Implementation Plan - Op Exp MUN	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	
104052400	Kimberley Zone - Kimberley Regional Education / Training Business Case - Op Exp MUN	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	
104052410	Kimberley Zone - Savannah Way Business Case Implementation Plan - Op Exp MUN	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	
104052420	Kimberley Zone - Liquid Waste Business Case - Op Exp MUN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
104052430	Kimberley Zone - Tanami Business Case - Op Exp MUN	\$66,000.00	\$66,000.00	\$0.00	
104052970	Kimberley Zone - Admin Cost Allocated - Op Exp MUN	\$0.00	\$396.00	\$307.00	
104052980	Kimberley Zone - IT/Records Cost Allocated - Op Exp MUN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE		\$418,380.00	\$464,776.00	\$114,503.54	
OPERATING INCOME					
100230130	Kimberley Zone - Reimbursement Zone & RCG Meetings Expenses - Op Inc MUN	-\$22,000.00	-\$22,000.00	\$0.00	

100230180	Kimberley Zone - Reimbursement Meetings - Op Inc MUN	-\$3,000.00	-\$3,000.00	\$0.00
100230190	Kimberley Zone - Reimbursement Darwin Forum - Op Inc MUN	-\$20,000.00	-\$20,000.00	-\$6,753.63
100230210	Kimberley Zone - Members Contribution Secretariat Costs - Op Inc MUN	-\$200,000.00	-\$200,000.00	-\$200,000.00
100235360	Kimberley Zone - Interest on Reserve - Op Inc. MUN	-\$2,500.00	-\$7,485.00	-\$1,921.06
10405370	Kimberley Zone - Kimberley Volunteer Strategy DLGC Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10405385	Kimberley Zone - Alcohol Management Initiatives Grant	-\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME		-\$347,500.00	-\$252,485.00	-\$208,674.69
TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME		-\$70,880.00	-\$70,880.00	-\$70,880.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE		\$418,380.00	\$464,776.00	\$114,503.54
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME		-\$347,500.00	-\$252,485.00	-\$208,674.69
TOTAL		\$0.00	\$141,411.00	-\$165,051.15
SURPLUS/DEFICIT				
<i>**Current Surplus = Actual Income less Actual Expenditure + Opening Surplus</i>				
		-\$231,730.00	-\$90,319.00	-\$396,781.15

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Effective governance protocols and systems for business efficiency and improved services through collaboration

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RESOLUTION:

(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: Cr G Haerewa

Seconded: Cr D Menzel

That the Kimberley Regional Group:

- 1. Notes and receives the Financial Activity Statement for the period ended 31 March 2020;**
- 2. Notes the \$396,781 surplus position as at 31 March 2020 and the \$90,319 predicted end of year surplus position, noting that the final end of year position can only be determined upon completion of end of year processes.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

Attachments

Nil

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE IN - MAIN ROADS, 5 MARCH 2020

Attachments

- 1. CORRESPONDENCE FROM MAIN ROADS PROVIDING CLARIFICATION OF KIMBERLEY ROAD FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

10.2 CORRESPONDENCE IN - WACHS COVID-19 MANAGEMENT

Attachments

- 1. CORRESPONDENCE FROM WACHS REGARDING MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19

10.3 CORRESPONDENCE OUT - MAIN ROADS 10 MARCH 2020

Attachments

- 1. RESPONSE TO MAIN ROADS FUNDING ALLOCATION CLARIFICATION CORRESPONDENCE

10.4 CORRESPONDENCE OUT POSITION STATEMENT COVID-19 - 22 MARCH 2020

Distribution List:

WA Government

- Premier
- Minister for Regional Development
- Minister for Aboriginal Affairs/Treasurer
- Minister for Health
- Minister for Local government
- Minister for Police
- Minister Emergency Services
- Minister Tourism
- Minister for Mines and Petroleum

Agency

- Commissioner for Police
- DG Department of Health
- Director General DLGSC
- Director General DPIRD

- Director General DPC
- CEO KDC
- CEO WALGA

Federal

- Member for Durack
- Prime Minister
- Minister of Defence
- Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
- Minister for Finance
- Attorney-General
- Senator Smith

The letter to the Premier is attached as a sample as all letters contained the same text.

Attachments

1. CORRESPONDENCE: KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP COVID-19 POSITION STATEMENT

10.5 CORRESPONDENCE OUT - LETTER TO OASG CHAIR - 1 APRIL 2020

Attachments

1. CORRESPONDENCE TO OASG CHAIR RE COVID-19 PANDEMIC PLAN COMMUNICATION PROCESSES

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Alcohol Restrictions

Cr Haerewa noted that the Shire of Derby West Kimberley Liquor Accord were progressing discussions on liquor restrictions in the Derby townsite. The proposed restrictions are still being developed for consideration however Cr Haerewa wanted to ensure that member Councillors were aware that proposed restrictions may vary from the groups endorsed position.

The group discussed the potential to continue alcohol restrictions imposed in response to the current State of Emergency.

It was requested that:

- The Secretariat Contact Kimberley Police Superintendent Greg Crofts seeking empirical evidence on the impact alcohol restrictions initiated in response to the State of Emergency have had on law and order.
- The Secretariat Draft a short discussion paper on the continuation of the alcohol restrictions initiated in response to the State of Emergency.
- Individual member Councils discuss with their Liquor Accords the extension of the State Wide Restrictions in the Kimberley and the potential for some Shires to take specific action where there is community/WAPOL support.

Following discussion it was suggested that these activities be undertaken administratively with a further meeting called if required to discuss recommendations.

12. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil.

13. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 3:20pm.