



## **KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP Meeting**

# **UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

**1:00PM, 3 DECEMBER 2019**

**Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley  
Council Chambers,  
20 Coolibah Drive  
Kununurra**

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**MINUTES OF THE KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP OF THE SHIRE OF BROOME,  
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, CORNER WELD AND HAAS STREETS, BROOME, ON  
TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2019, COMMENCING AT 1:00PM.**

**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

The Chief Executive Officer of the Shire of Broome welcomed Members, Officers and Guests and declared the meeting open at 1:05 pm.

**2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Sam Mastrolembro	Shire of Broome
Cr Chris Mitchell	Shire of Broome
James Watt	Shire of Broome
Cr Geoff Haerewa	Shire of Derby West Kimberley
Cr Paul White	Shire of Derby/West Kimberley
Wayne Neate	Shire of Derby/West Kimberley
Carl Askew	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
Cr David Menzel	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
Cr Tony Chafer	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
Noel Mason	Shire of Halls Creek
Cr Malcolm Edwards	Shire of Halls Creek
Debra Goostrey	Zone Executive - ATEA
Neil Thomson	Zone Executive - ATEA
Jo Malcolm	Public Health Advocacy Institute of WA
Katherine Clarke	DFES
Robbie Stainton	DFES
Tim Bray	Kimberley Development Commission
Mal Shervill	WALGA
Greg Hayes	WALGA Roadwise
Andrew Waters	Shire of Broome

**APOLOGIES:**

Cr Harold Tracey	Shire of Broome
Amanda O'Halloran	Shire of Derby West 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

**The Chair put a motion to move Item 9.1, Election of Chair and Deputy Chair, to the first order of business.**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:**  
**Moved: Cr C Mitchell** **Seconded: Cr M Edwards**  
**That Item 9.1 Election of Chair and Deputy Chair be moved to the first order of business.**  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0**

**9.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR**

**LOCATION/ADDRESS:** Nil  
**APPLICANT:** Nil  
**FILE:** RCG01  
**AUTHOR:** Zone Executive  
**CONTRIBUTOR/S:** Nil  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Director Corporate Services  
**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil  
**DATE OF REPORT:** 11 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** After the Local Government elections, it is a requirement to hold elections for the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Kimberley Regional Group.

**BACKGROUND**

Previous Considerations

3 September 2019

The Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) operates under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed under seal by each of the four Shires [Participants]. The Board of the KRG comprises elected officials of the Participants.

Clause 5.1. of the MOU states that, at the first council meeting following a local government ordinary election in accordance with the Act, each Participant must be must appoint one of its councillors to be a Delegate of the KRG, along with a Deputy Delegate, who are:

- Duly authorised to represent and bind that Participant on any matter within the powers of the Board; and

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

- Has an understanding of the work of the KRG sufficient to make decisions on any matter within the Power of the Board.

The Chair of the Kimberley Regional Group will also act as the Kimberley Zone representative to the WALGA State Council.

Only appointed Delegates can nominate for the role of Chair or Deputy Chair as per Clause 5.1 of the MOU. Deputy Delegates cannot nominate for office bearer positions.

To meet the timeframe of members, the deadline identified in the Memorandum of Understanding for the receipt of nominations for the positions of Chair and Deputy Chair has been extended until 5pm on 2 December 2019.

Member Council representatives are listed below.

**Shire of Broome**

- Cr Chris Mitchell
- Cr Harold Tracey (Deputy)

**Shire of Derby West Kimberley**

- Cr Geoff Haerewa
- Cr Paul White (Deputy)

**Shire of Halls Creek**

- Cr Malcolm Edwards
- Cr Chris Loessl (Deputy)

**Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley**

- Cr David Menzel
- Cr Tony Chafer (Deputy)

**COMMENT**

The office bearer positions are declared vacant at the time of the local government elections. The outgoing Host Shire CEO or their delegate will chair the meeting until a chairperson is elected.

Nominations for Office Bearer Positions must be made in writing to the Outgoing Host Shire CEO or their delegate. Nominations not received within the authorised timeframe will not be accepted. Office Bearer positions are:

- Chair
- Deputy Chair.

Consistent with the MOU and with the resolution of the KRG dated 3 September, the nomination process has been undertaken and the results of that process will be provided to the meeting on 4 December 2019. In the case that only one nomination is received, that position will be declared.

Where there is more than one nomination for each office bearer position an election will be conducted using a secret ballot with the Outgoing Host Shire CEO or their delegate acting as the Returning Officer.

The new Host Shire will be the Shire from which the incoming Chair is a delegate.

**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

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

<b><u>KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:</u></b>	
<b>(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)</b>	
<b>Moved: Cr C Mitchell</b>	<b>Seconded: Cr G Haerewa</b>
<b>That the Kimberley Regional Group:</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Notes the procedure for the election of the Chair and Deputy Chair;</b></li> <li><b>2. Appoints Cr C Mitchell as Chairperson of the Kimberley Regional Group and the Kimberley Zone of WALGA unopposed;</b></li> <li><b>3. Notes that the appointed Chairperson will also fulfil the role of State Council Representative for the Kimberley Zone of WALGA;</b></li> <li><b>4. Appoints Cr D Menzel as Deputy Chairperson of the Kimberley Regional Group unopposed.</b></li> </ol>	
<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0</b>	

**Attachments**

Nil

**3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

FINANCIAL INTEREST			
Member	Item No	Item	Nature of Interest
Nil			

IMPARTIALITY			
Member	Item No	Item	Nature of Interest
Cr C Mitchell	9.7	SAVANNAH WAY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	IMPARTIALITY

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:**  
**(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**  
*Moved: Cr G Haerewa* *Seconded: Cr D Menzel*  
*That the Minutes of the Kimberley Regional Group held on 3 September 2019, 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 KATHERINE CLARKE – DFES, DISASTER RELIEF FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS**

Katherine Clarke  
Principal Policy Advisor

**6.2 JO MALCOLM - PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCACY INSTITUTE OF WA**

Jo Malcolm  
Senior Project Officer  
Public Health Advocacy Institute of WA

**7. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

**7.1 RDA KIMBERLEY**

Chris Mitchell, Executive Officer

**7.2 KIMBERLEY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Tim Bray, Director Regional Planning and Projects Delivery

- RED Grants, Employment outcomes
- Dampier Peninsula Project update
- Kimberley Schools Project update
- Chinatown Stage 2 update.

**7.3 WALGA**

Greg Hayes, Road Safety Officer, WALGA Roadwise

- Road Ribbon Program update
- Main Roads Kimberley Road Safety Day update
- Halls Creek Road Safety Masterplan
- Speed Management Program in West Kimberley
- Kimberley Road Safety Network on Facebook.

**8. REPORTS FROM KIMBERLEY COUNTRY ZONE**

<b>8.1 WALGA STATE COUNCIL AGENDA</b>	
<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	RCG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	11 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** To consider the recommendations on Matters for Decisions that will be considered at the WALGA State Council meeting on 4 December 2019.

**BACKGROUND**

*Previous Considerations*

Nil.

**COMMENT**

The next WALGA State Council meeting will be held 4 December 2019. Due to the Council election cycle and the timing of the WALGA State Council meeting, there will be no representative from the Kimberley in attendance.

	<b>Matters for Decision</b>	<b>WALGA Recommendation</b>	<b>Zone Recommendation</b>
5.1	2020-21 State Budget Submission (05-001-03-0006 NF)	That WALGA's submission to the State Government in advance of the 2020-21 Budget be endorsed.  <a href="https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/Documents/State-Budget-Submission-Document-Draft.pdf?lang=en-AU">https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/Documents/State-Budget-Submission-Document-Draft.pdf?lang=en-AU</a>	Support
5.2	Interim Submission - Remote Area Tax Concessions (05-001-03-0006 NF)	That WALGA's interim submission to the Productivity Commission's Draft Report into Remote Area Tax Concessions and Payments be endorsed.  <a href="https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/Documents/WALGA-s-Response-The-Productivity-">https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/Documents/WALGA-s-Response-The-Productivity-</a>	Support

		<a href="#">Commission%E2%80%99s-Draft-Report-on-Remote-(1).pdf?lang=en-AU</a>	
5.3	Mandatory Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates – Sector Feedback (05-034-01-0001JMc)	<p>That WALGA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Request the Mandatory Code of Conduct Working Group be reconvened by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural;</li> <li>2. Refer the following matters to the Working Group for further consideration. (see list below).</li> <li>3. Recommend the Working Group develop an endorsed Mandatory Code of Conduct for further consultation with the Local Government sector.</li> </ol> <p>Mandatory Code of Conduct – Draft for Consultation:  <a href="https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/Documents/Item-5-3-attachment-draft-code-of-conduct-with-guidelines.docx?lang=en-AU">https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/Documents/Item-5-3-attachment-draft-code-of-conduct-with-guidelines.docx?lang=en-AU</a></p> <p>WALGA Mandatory Code of Conduct Draft:  <a href="https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/Documents/Item-5-3-attachment-link-Draft-Submission-on-Code-of-Conduct-October-2.pdf?lang=en-AU">https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/Documents/Item-5-3-attachment-link-Draft-Submission-on-Code-of-Conduct-October-2.pdf?lang=en-AU</a></p>	Support
5.4	Standards and Guidelines for CEO Recruitment and Selection, Performance Review and Termination – Sector Feedback (05-034-01-0001 JMC)	<p>That WALGA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Request the CEO Recruitment and Selection, Performance Review and Termination Working Group be reconvened by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries; and</li> <li>2. Refer the following matters to the Working Group for consideration:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Removal from the Model Standards the requirement to readvertise CEO positions after 10 years of continuous service;</li> <li>(b) Encouraging, rather than mandating, the involvement of an independent person in the CEO Recruitment and Selection Process;</li> <li>(c) Reconsideration of the proposal for independent review of the recruitment process;</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Support

		<p>(d) Support the role of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries as the regulator for monitoring and compliance; and</p> <p>(e) Further investigate a role for a Local Government Commissioner.</p> <p>3. Recommend the Working Group develop endorsed Model Standards for further consultation with the Local Government sector.</p> <p>Standards and Guidelines for CEO Recruitment, Performance Review and Termination – Draft for Consultation:  <a href="https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/Documents/Item-5-4-attachment-draft-ceo-standards-and-guidelines.docx?lang=en-AU">https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/Documents/Item-5-4-attachment-draft-ceo-standards-and-guidelines.docx?lang=en-AU</a></p> <p>WALGA Model CEO Standards Draft Submission:  <a href="https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/Documents/Item-5-4-attachment-Draft-Submission-on-CEO-Standards-and-Guidelines-O.pdf?lang=en-AU">https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/Documents/Item-5-4-attachment-Draft-Submission-on-CEO-Standards-and-Guidelines-O.pdf?lang=en-AU</a></p>	
5.5	Local Government Financial Ratios (05-034-01-0001 TB)	<p>1. That WALGA advocate to the Minister for Local Government to amend the Local Government Financial Management Regulations to provide for the following ratios;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Operating Surplus Ratio</li> <li>b. Debt Service Coverage Ratio</li> <li>c. Asset Sustainability Ratio</li> <li>d. Current Ratio</li> <li>e. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio</li> </ul> <p>See detailed description of each below.</p> <p>Financial Performance Indicators Discussion Paper – RJ Back and Associates:  <a href="https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/Documents/Financial-Performance-Indicators-Discussion-Paper-2019-Version-2.pdf?lang=en-AU">https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/Documents/Financial-Performance-Indicators-Discussion-Paper-2019-Version-2.pdf?lang=en-AU</a></p>	Support

5.6	Local Government Audits (05-034-01-0001 TB)	<p>That WALGA;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Write to the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) advising of the cost increases to the Local Government sector in respect to financial audits over the first 2 years of OAG audits and request constraint on audit cost increases in the future.</li> <li>2. Write to the Minister for Local Government seeking formal commitment that Performance Audits carried out by the Office of the Auditor General are the responsibility of the State Government.</li> </ol>	Support
5.7	Review of State Council and Zone Structure and Processes – Working Group Report and Recommendations (01-004-05-0002 TL)	<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Working Group's Final Report, and State Council's prior endorsement of Recommendations 5, 6, 7, and 8 from the Working Group's Final Report, be noted; and,</li> <li>2. Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, and 10, from the Working Group's Final Report be endorsed.</li> </ol> <p><a href="#">Final Report – State Council and Zone Structure and Process Working Group</a></p> <p><a href="#">Elected Member Prospectus</a></p>	Support
5.8	Membership of Development Assessment Panels (05-047-01-0016 VJ)	<p>That WALGA advocate to the Minister for Planning, that the composition of Development Assessment Panels (DAPs) be modified to provide equal representation of technical advice and local knowledge, in accordance with the original objectives of the DAP system to enhance the decision making process by improving the balance of experts.</p>	Support
5.9	Interim Submission - Draft State Planning Policy 3.6 – Infrastructure Contributions (05-036-03-0010 VJ )	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the interim submission to the WA Planning Commission on draft State Planning Policy 3.6 – Infrastructure Contributions, be endorsed.</li> <li>2. That the West Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) be advised that the proposed cap on community infrastructure contributions is strongly opposed and without the removal of this proposed cap, WALGA does not support</li> </ol>	Support

		draft State Planning Policy 3.6 – Infrastructure Contributions.	
5.10	Local Government as Collection Agency for Construction Training Fund (05-015-02-0005 VJ)	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>1. That WALGA advise the Construction Training Fund (CTF):</p> <p>1.1 That due to the operational improvements and establishment of an on-line portal for payments of the Building and Construction Industry Training Fund, Local Government will not continue to be a collection agency for these payments</p> <p>1.2 That the online receipt issued upon payment of the Building and Construction Industry Training Fund, must clearly show the property address and estimated building value to ensure it complies with section 20 of the Building Act 2011</p> <p>1.3 That the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) must provide access to the data collated in the Building Permit Database Project to assist CTF in their acquittal process, and</p> <p>1.4 That a review of the apprenticeship pathways should be undertaken, as the Local Government sector can provide many potential apprentice pathways directly connected to the construction and development industry.</p> <p>2. That WALGA advise the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Education &amp; Training and Minister for Commerce that the current CTF collection process is unnecessary administrative red tape for the Local Government sector, and seek their support for Local Government to not continue to be a collection agency for these payments.</p>	Support
5.11	Interim Submission - Public Health Regulations Review Discussion Papers (05-031-01-0001 BW)	<p>That the interim submissions provided to the Department of Health on the following discussion papers be endorsed:</p> <p>1. Managing public health risks at events in WA</p> <p>2. Management of public health risks related to offensive trade in WA</p>	Support

		<p>3. Managing the public health risks associated with cooling towers and warm water systems in WA</p> <p>4. A new regulatory framework for managing drinking water in WA.</p> <p><a href="#">WALGA Submission Managing public health risks at events in WA</a></p> <p><a href="#">WALGA Submission Managing public health risks related to offensive trades in WA</a></p> <p><a href="#">WALGA Submission Managing public health risks associated with cooling towers and warm water systems in WA</a></p> <p><a href="#">WALGA Submission A new regulatory framework for managing drinking water in WA.</a></p>	
5.12	<p>Reforms to the Building Approval Process for Single Residential Buildings in Western Australia (05-015-02-0010 VJ)</p>	<p>1. Advise the Department of Mines Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) that Option 3 of the Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement, improvements to the single residential building approvals process, is supported in principle, subject to the following matters being addressed in consultation with the Local Government sector (see detail below).</p> <p>2. Endorse the submission of this State Council report to the DMIRS, as the Association's submission on the Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement.</p> <p><a href="https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/publications/reforms-building-approval-process-single-residential-buildings-wa-cris">https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/publications/reforms-building-approval-process-single-residential-buildings-wa-cris</a></p>	Support
5.13	<p>Wheatbelt Regional Health Services 05-030-03-0006 MM)</p>	<p>That WALGA:</p> <p>1. Re-establishes a working group to progress a Memorandum of Understanding with Local Governments in the Wheatbelt region and the WA Country Health Service, based on the previous work by the former Wheatbelt Health MOU Group, which outlines communication, responsibilities and strategic priorities unique to the region; and</p> <p>2. Work with key service providers and stakeholders to engage with Local Government to further discuss the issues</p>	Not Relevant



		and develop solutions in the aged care services sector.	
5.14	Interim Submission to the Climate Health WA Inquiry (05-031-01-0001 KD)	That the WALGA interim submission to the Climate Health WA Inquiry be endorsed.  <a href="#">Climate Health WA Inquiry Terms of Reference</a> <a href="#">WALGA Climate Health WA Inquiry Submission</a>	Support
5.15	Submission on the Climate Change in Western Australia Issues Paper (05-028-03-0011 MB)	That the WALGA submission on the Climate Change in Western Australia Issues Paper be endorsed.  <a href="#">Climate Change in Western Australia Issues Paper</a> <a href="#">Draft WALGA submission to the DWER Climate Change in Western Australia Issues Paper</a>	Support
5.16	Interim Submission – Policy and Application Guidelines for Speed Zoning (05-009-02-0035 MS)	The interim submission to Main Roads WA on the Policy and Application Guidelines for Speed Zoning be endorsed.  <a href="https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/Documents/Item-5-16-attachment-Interim-Submission.pdf?lang=en-AU">https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/Documents/Item-5-16-attachment-Interim-Submission.pdf?lang=en-AU</a>	Support
5.17	Interim Submission - Response to the Select Committee on Northern Australia (05-049-03-0001 NF)	That WALGA's interim submission to the Select Committee on the effectiveness of the Australian Government's Northern Australia agenda be endorsed.  <a href="https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/Documents/Item-5-17-attachment-Select-Committee-Report.pdf?lang=en-AU">https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/Documents/Item-5-17-attachment-Select-Committee-Report.pdf?lang=en-AU</a>	Support

*Item 5.3*

Matters to be referred to the Mandatory Code of Conduct Working Group for further consideration:

(a) Part B – Behaviours

- i. ensuring principles of natural justice can be adequately upheld in all circumstances;
- ii. training opportunities that will assist Council Members determine complaint outcomes under Part B;
- iii. development of a template Complaints Management Policy;
- iv. reconsider the purpose of allowing 'any person' to make a complaint;

- v. ensuring Committee Members and Candidates are included in Part B; and
- vi. re-naming 'Rules' to an appropriate term throughout Part B.

(b) Part C – Rules of Conduct

- i. review the rationale for creating a new Rule of Conduct breach where three or more breaches of Part B – Behaviours are found and the Local Government resolves to refer the matter to the Local Government Standards Panel; and
- ii. review the proposal to amend the definition of an 'interest' relating to Impartiality Interests from the present definition in Regulation 11 of the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations.

*Item 5.5*

Detailed Financial Ratios

The recommended indicators to the financial ratios be referred to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and the Office of the Auditor General for consideration;

a) Operating Surplus Ratio

A key indicator of a Local Government's financial performance is the Operating Surplus relative to the operating revenues. A benchmark result of 0% or greater is considered acceptable. Advanced is 15% or above.

b) Debt Service Coverage Ratio

A Local Government's ability to service debt is measured by the "Debt Service Cover Ratio". This is the measurement of a local government's ability to produce enough cash to cover its debt payments. A Basic standard is achieved if the ratio is greater than or equal to 2. An Advanced standard is achieved if the ratio is greater than 5

c) Asset Sustainability Ratio

Measures capital expenditure on renewal or replacement of assets, relative to depreciation expense. Standard is met if the ratio can be measured and is 90% (or 0.90) Standard is improving if this ratio is between 90% and 110% (or 0.90 and 1.10)

d) Current Ratio

Liquidity refers to how quickly and cheaply an asset can be converted into cash. A Local Government's liquidity is measured by the "Current Ratio". This ratio provides information on the ability of a Local Government to meet its short-term financial obligations out of unrestricted current assets. Standard is met if the ratio can be measured and is at least 90%. Standard is improving if this ratio is between 90% and 110%.

e) Net Financial Liabilities Ratio

An indicator of the extent to which the net financial liabilities of a Local Government can be serviced by its operating revenues. Target < 60% per annum.

*Item 5.12*

Detail for single residential building approval process.

Matters to be addressed in consultation with the Local Government sector:

- a) Prior to any regulatory changes, a review of the building fees and charges is essential, to ensure that any costs associated with the approval of building work,

implementation of mandatory inspections, compliance and enforcement actions, and record keeping requirements for the Local Government sector, will result in full cost recovery

- b) The Independent Building Surveyor who signed the Certificate of Design Compliance should be responsible for undertaking the inspections, therefore, Local Government would not be solely responsible for mandatory inspections
- c) The State Government's registration process for the Builder should be strengthened to ensure that the builder fulfils their obligations for compliance with the National Construction Code
- d) Implementation of mandatory inspections should be undertaken by properly qualified and independent personnel, at the following stages (at a minimum) of the construction process
  - 1. Foundations and footings
  - 2. Slab/reinforcement of bearers/joists
  - 3. Waterproofing
  - 4. Roof, and
  - 5. Occupancy or final completion
- e) The occupancy or final completion inspection must ensure that the bushfire construction and energy efficiency requirements have been complied with, and
- f) The removal of the proposed 'fast track approval' concept, as is not warranted nor properly justified as an improvement option.

#### Additional Comments

#### Matters for Noting:

- 6.1 Ministerial Review of State IR System (05-034-01-0001 EC)
- 6.2 Action Plan for Planning Reform (05-04702-0015 VJ)
- 6.3 Parliamentary Inquiry into Short Stay Accommodation – Final Report (05-036-03-0016 CH)
- 6.4 Draft State Planning Policy 7.2: Precinct Design – Submission (05-036-03-0067 AR)
- 6.5 Managing Public Health Risks Associated with Pesticides in WA (05-031-01-0001 MM)
- 6.6 Local Government Grants Scheme Working Group (05-024-03-0034 MP)
- 6.7 Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS) Program (05-024-03-0035 MP)
- 6.8 WALGA Emergency Management Engagement Project (05-024-02-0059 EDR)
- 6.9 WALGA Submission to the Inquiry into 5G in Australia (05-001-02-0014 MB)
- 6.10 WALGA Comments on the Environmental Offsets Framework Review Report (05-025-03-0000 MB)
- 6.11 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (01006-03-0008 RNB)

#### Organisational Reports:

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

**CONSULTATION**

Nil.

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 2019

**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*

**KIMBERLEY ZONE RESOLUTION:**

**(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Moved: Cr G Haerewa**

**Seconded: Cr M Edwards**

**That the Kimberley Zone:**

- 1. Notes the State Council Agenda Items.**
- 2. Notes the additional comments by the Kimberley Zone.**
- 3. Supports the recommendations in the Matters for Decision.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0**

**Attachments**

- 1. State Council Agenda December 2019 (Under separate cover)

**8.2 WALGA PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	RCG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	25 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** To provide a copy of the WALGA President's Report for December 2019.

**BACKGROUND**Previous Considerations

Nil.

**COMMENT**

The WALGA Presidents Report was distributed and provided updates on the following items:

- The Western Australian Local Government Elections
- Select Committee into Local Government
- Local Government Act Review Update
- Coastal Adaptation Planning and Funding
- Preferred Supplier Program – National Contracts
- Regional Health
- 5G Telecommunications
- LED Street Lighting
- Heavy Vehicle Access.

The report is presented for information.

**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.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

<p><b><u>KIMBERLEY ZONE RESOLUTION:</u></b> <b>(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)</b> <b>Moved: Cr M Edwards</b> <b>Seconded: Cr D Menzel</b> <b>That the Kimberley Zone notes the WALGA President's December Report.</b> <b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0</b></p>
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**Attachments**

1. WALGA President's Report December 2019



**8.3 WALGA STATE BUDGET SUBMISSION**

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	RCG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	11 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** WALGA develops an annual State Budget Submission which provides guidance in relation to funding priorities. This item provides the priorities for inclusion in the next State Budget and Forward Estimates.

**BACKGROUND**Previous Considerations

Nil.

**COMMENT**

WALGA develops an annual state budget submission and this year there are four strategic themes:

1. Empowering Local Governments to contribute to the State's priorities;
2. A strategic approach to economic development in WA;
3. Investing in important Local infrastructure; and
4. Ensuring a sustainable environment for our communities.

Across these four themes, WALGA has put forward 18 initiatives totalling \$287 million across the four year forward estimates period, with \$94 million of this spend recommended in 2020-21. The bulk of the expenditure relates to infrastructure upgrades, including \$95 million over four years for the replacement of mercury vapour street lights.

1. Provide sufficient funding and resourcing for the drafting and development of the new Local Government Act.
2. Conduct an Inquiry to review Local Government responsibilities and income sources.
3. Provide funding for Elected Member Universal Training.
4. Develop and implement a Framework for Regional Development.
5. Pilot a place based, localised approach to regional economic development.
6. Strengthen existing economic development structures in WA.
7. Consult appropriately with Local Government for Infrastructure WA's 20-year State Infrastructure Plan.

8. Increase the funding provided to Local Governments as part of the State Roads Fund to Local Government Agreement from 20% to 27% of motor vehicle licence fee revenue.
9. Extend the existing Agricultural Commodity Freight Routes Fund for a further two years.
10. Develop and implement a Regional Run-off Road Crash Program for Local Government roads.
11. Increase the annual amount of grant funding available in the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) to \$25 million and develop a long-term, Regional Sports Facilities Investment Strategy.
12. Develop and implement a program to replace all mercury vapour street lights over a three-year period, 2020-21 to 2022-23.
13. Establish a grant funding program for the construction, or upgrade, of recycling sorting and processing infrastructure in both metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas.
14. Develop and implement a State Urban Forest Strategy in WA.
15. Aggregate and increase the existing level of resourcing for coastal management activities, rebranding future activities under the banner of the Coast WA Program.
16. Fund the implementation of waste management initiatives that are focussed on reducing contamination and increasing resource recovery from the kerbside recycling bins.
17. Implement a program to promote and coordinate the management of vegetation in rural road reserves in WA.
18. Engage a suitably qualified consultant to undertake activity-based costing of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' (DFES) operations.

**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

**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

Adequate land supply

High standard of infrastructure planning

**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

**Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:**

Improved regional infrastructure

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

<b><u>KIMBERLEY ZONE RESOLUTION:</u></b>	
<b>(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)</b>	
<b>Moved: Cr D Menzel</b>	<b>Seconded: Cr G Haerewa</b>
<b>That the Kimberley Zone notes the WALGA State Budget Submission.</b>	
<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0</b>	

**Attachments**

1. WALGA State Budget Submission 2019

<b>8.4 WALGA REGIONAL MEETING - KIMBERLEY SEPTEMBER 2020</b>	
<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	RCG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	24 November 2020

**SUMMARY:** WALGA has requested that the Kimberley Zone host the State Council Regional Meeting on 3 and 4 September 2020.

**BACKGROUND**

Previous Considerations

Nil.

**COMMENT**

WALGA has requested that the Kimberley Country Zone host the State Council Regional Meeting on 3 and 4 September 2020.

Logistically, Broome is WALGA's preferred option for the two-day event due to flight scheduling considerations.

The responsibilities for the host Shire include coordination of local transportation, accommodation, venue and catering for approximately 35 WALGA attendees along with any Kimberley Country Zone representatives.

A Zone Forum is held on the first day with a request for representatives of each of the six Shires in the Zone to present on their Local Government priorities, issues and any matters of interest to WALGA. Based on the program delivered in Shark Bay in 2019, the presentations are approximately 20 minutes each.

WALGA has advised, contingent upon the number of Kimberley Country Zone representatives that they may seek funding to cover catering for those delegates. For clarity, this means that if there are 15 Kimberley Country Zone representatives in addition to the 35 WALGA representatives, there would be an obligation to pay the catering costs for those representatives.

It is estimated that an allowance of \$2,250 should be made to allow for catering for Zone representation to the September 2020 WALGA Regional meeting, with that amount revised as the number of representatives is confirmed closer to the date. The cost estimation is based on \$90 for dinner, \$15 each for morning and afternoon tea and \$30 for lunch, with 15 representatives: three from each Shire in the Kimberley; one each from the Shires of Cocos Keeling Island and Christmas Island; and one secretariat support. Costs would be invoiced back to member Councils by the Secretariat.

**CONSULTATION**

Nil.

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

*Local Government Act 1995*

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Expenditure of up to \$2,250 to cover Kimberley Country Zone delegate catering costs, to be invoiced back to member Councils.

**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.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

**KIMBERLEY ZONE RESOLUTION:****(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Moved: Cr C Mitchell**

**Seconded: Cr G Haerewa**

**That the Kimberley Zone of WALGA:**

- 1. Notes the request from WALGA;**
- 2. Accepts the invitation for the Kimberley Country Zone to host the Regional Council Meeting on 3 and 4 September 2020 in Broome; and**
- 3. Approves expenditure of up to \$2,250 for Kimberley Country Zone delegates with delegate costs to be invoiced back to individual member Councils.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0**

**Attachments**

Nil

**8.5 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPORT AND CULTURAL INDUSTRIES - PARTICIPATION AT WALGA ZONE MEETINGS**

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	RCG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	27 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) has written to the Kimberley Zone with a request to participate in Kimberley Zone meetings, providing an update on key issues and opportunities.

This report seeks approval of the DLGSC request.

**COMMENT**

The DLGSC was created as part of the machinery of government changes in 2017. The Director General, Mr Duncan Ord, has written to the Kimberley Zone to outline the Department's role in overseeing the State Local Government Partnership Agreement between the Government of Western Australia, WALGA and Local Government Professionals WA. He also outlined the value of Departmental staff in attending the Zone meetings as a *"wonderful way of building relationships, sharing information and hearing about local issues and opportunities."*

The DLGSC includes the following business areas:

- Local Government
- Culture and the Arts
- Sport and Recreation
- Office of Multicultural Interests
- Racing Gaming and Liquor
- Aboriginal History Unit.

In the correspondence, the Director General advised that the Department is in a position to provide a 20-minute presentation at the first or second Kimberley Zone meeting of 2020 on relevant key projects.

The Director General has requested that:

- The Kimberley Zone Secretariat allow 10 minutes on every meeting agenda for the Department to provide an update of key issues and opportunities for the Zone; and
- At each Kimberley Zone meeting members provide the Department with topics and presentations they would like to receive at the next meeting, either from DLGSC or other State Government Agencies.

This report seeks endorsement from the group to facilitate the ongoing attendance of an officer from the DLGSC at all future Kimberley Zone meetings. The report also seeks approval for the DLGSC to present on key topics and provide feedback on initiatives and projects relevant to Zone activities at Kimberley Zone meetings.

## **CONSULTATION**

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

## **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

Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities

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

## **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

### **KIMBERLEY ZONE RESOLUTION:**

#### **(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Moved: Cr M Edwards**

**Seconded: Cr D Menzel**

#### **That the Kimberley Zone of WALGA:**

- 1. Notes the correspondence from the Director General of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries;**
- 2. Approves the attendance of a Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries officer at future Kimberley Zone meetings; and**
- 3. Endorses the opportunity for Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries officers to provide regular updates in the Reports from Representatives section of the Kimberley Zone Agenda.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0**

## **Attachments**

1. Correspondence from Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

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

<b>8.6 PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE TO THE CA07 RESTRICTED VEHICLE OPERATING CONDITION</b>	
<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	RCG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	11 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** WALGA is seeking a Kimberley Zone Representative for the Stakeholder Working Group for the consideration of the proposed alternative to the CA07 Restricted Access Vehicle Operating Condition.

**BACKGROUND**

At the December 2018 meeting State Council resolved that WALGA:

1. Opposes withdrawal of the "Letter of Approval" Restricted Access Vehicle Operating Condition until an acceptable alternative to Local Government is developed;
2. Supports the position that Local Governments not use provision of the Letter of Authority to charge transport operators to access the Restricted Access Vehicle network;
3. Supports the development of standard administrative procedures including fees and letter formats;
4. Supports the practice of Local Governments negotiating maintenance agreements with freight owners/ generators in cases where the operations are predicted to cause extraordinary road damage as determined by the Local Government; and
5. Advocates to Main Roads to establish a stakeholder working group to develop an appropriate mechanism through which the increased infrastructure costs from the use of heavy vehicles and those loaded in excess of limits (concessional loading) can be recovered from those benefiting and redirected into the cost of road maintenance.

**COMMENT**

Main Roads are proposing an alternative to the CA07 condition which will replace the condition with a notification process. They are presenting the proposal to all Regional Road Groups and have requested Local Governments provide feedback through an online survey.

WALGA is establishing a stakeholder working group to advise if the proposal is "an acceptable alternative", or to recommend amendments to Main Roads WA and to advise a policy position for State Council consideration.

In accordance with the State Council resolution each Zone has been invited to nominate a representative to serve on the working group. The closing date for nomination is 4 December 2019. The request was circulated for member consideration.

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



**CONSULTATION**

Nil.

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

*Local Government Act 1995  
Main Road Act 1930 (WS) as amended 1996.*

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

**Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:**

Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities

**Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:**

Improved regional infrastructure

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

<b><u>KIMBERLEY ZONE RESOLUTION:</u></b>	
<b>(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)</b>	
<b>Moved: Cr G Haerewa</b>	<b>Seconded: Cr M Edwards</b>
<b><i>That the Kimberley Zone nominates Cr P White as a representative on the CA07 Restricted Access Vehicle Operating Condition Stakeholder Working Group.</i></b>	
<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0</b>	

**Attachments**

Nil

<b>8.7 FUTURE DROUGHT FUND AND THE NATIONAL DROUGHT RESPONSE RESILIENCE PLAN</b>	
<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	RCG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	25 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** The Commonwealth has released its consultation draft on the Drought Resilience Funding Plan with submissions on the draft Plan closing on the 13 December 2019.

**COMMENT**

The Future Drought Fund (FDF) is a key aspect of the Australian Government's drought policy, which seeks to provide a permanent and secure revenue source to build drought resilience.

The Fund begins with an initial credit of \$3.9 billion. Earnings will be reinvested until the balance reaches \$5 billion (expected in 2028-29). From 1 July 2020, \$100 million will be made available each year to support Australian farmers and communities. Funds can be used to prepare for, and become resilient to, the effects of inevitable future drought.

The FDF will support initiatives that enhance the drought resilience of Australian farms and communities by becoming more prepared to respond to the impacts of drought.

The Drought Resilience Funding Plan is a high-level framework that seeks to ensure a coherent and consistent approach is undertaken when considering and providing funding for drought resilience projects including investing in:

- research and innovation
- research adoption and extension
- adopting new and existing technology
- improved environmental and natural resource management
- local and regional infrastructure and community initiatives.

The final design of the fund, and the determination of eligible criteria for fund, will be informed by the consultation phase.

WALGA encourages Local Governments to complete an online survey before the closing date on 13 December and provide WALGA with a copy of the submission before the 6th December.

The draft Drought Resilience Funding Plan and the WALGA Information Page are attached for reference.

**CONSULTATION**

Nil.

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 1995

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

**Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:**

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:**

Secure quality water supply

**Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:**

Sustainable primary industries

Improved regional infrastructure

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

**KIMBERLEY ZONE RECOMMENDATION:  
(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Moved: Cr G Haerewa**

**Seconded: Cr D Menzel**

**That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the Future Drought Fund and the National Drought Resilience Funding Plan.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0**

**Attachments**

1. WALGA Information Page - Drought Resilience Funding Plan
2. Draft Drought Resilience Funding Plan 2020-2024

## 9. REPORTS FROM KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP

### 9.2 MEETING DATES 2020

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	RCG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	11 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** The meeting dates for 2020 are based on the WALGA State Council Meetings to ensure that feedback can be provided in a timely manner. This item provides guidance in relation to potential meeting dates for next year.

### BACKGROUND

#### Previous Considerations

Nil.

### COMMENT

The Kimberley Regional Group and Kimberley Zone meetings are established within the range of preferred meeting dates identified by WALGA. This process ensures that meetings are scheduled to provide an appropriate amount of lead time prior to WALGA State Council Meetings.

Unconfirmed dates have been circulated and are provided below.

State Council Meeting Date (unconfirmed)	Range for Zone Meeting Dates (Friday – Friday)
4 March 2019	21 – 28 Feb
6 May Regional	24 April – 1 May
1 July	19 – 26 June
3-4 Sept (Regional)	21 – 28 August
2 December	20 – 27 November

The Kimberley Zone / Kimberley Regional Group Joint Meeting schedule has been designed with two face-to-face meetings in April (Kimberley – to be confirmed) and August (Perth in conjunction with the WALGA Convention).

The February, June and November Joint Meetings are proposed to be undertaken via video conference.

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

It is also proposed that a separate Kimberley Zone Meeting is scheduled for 24 August (if required) to consider State Council Agenda items that will not be available for the Joint Meeting to be held in Perth earlier in the month.

Proposed Dates and purpose of meetings are outlined below.

### Proposed Dates and Meeting Purpose

Proposed Date	WALGA Range	Type	Venue	Purpose
24 February	21 – 28 Feb	Joint	Video Conference	Joint Meeting – State Council 4 March
21 April	24 April – 1 May	Joint	Face to face Venue TBC – suggested Halls Creek	Joint Meeting – State Council 6 May. Slightly earlier than the WALGA range to accommodate Shire meetings.
22 June	19 – 26 June	Joint	Video Conference	Joint Meeting – State Council 1 July
3 – 4 August	N/A – in conjunction with WALGA Convention	Joint	Face to face Perth	Joint Meeting to be held in Perth on Monday afternoon, enabling travel to Perth in the morning. Tuesday targeted for delegations/meetings, which is both a non-cabinet day and non-sitting week.
24 August (if required)	21 – 28 August	Zone only	Video Conference	Address WALGA State Council Agenda items for meeting to be held 4 September (If required)
3 – 4 September	Nil – this is a WALGA regional meeting with Zone forum	WALGA Regional Meeting	Kimberley - TBC	The WALGA State Council Regional Meeting will be held in the Kimberley – venue to be confirmed. Details of this event are provided in a separate agenda item.
23 November	20 – 27 November	Joint	Video	Joint Meeting – State Council 2 December.

#### Notes:

- Not all meetings are held on the same day of the week or week in the month due to other scheduling imperatives.
- The status and date of the Joint Pilbara-Kimberley Forum is unknown at this time.

### 2020 Kimberley Zone and Kimberley Regional Group Meeting Schedule

Date	Event	Location
22 January	Shire Cocos and Keeling Islands	Home Island

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10 February	SWEK Audit Committee	Kununurra
11 February	Shire of Christmas Island	Christmas Island
13 February	SDWK Compliance and Strategic Review Committee	Derby
20 February	Shire of Halls Creek Council meeting	Halls Creek
24 February	Joint KRG/Kimberley Zone Meeting	Video Conference
25 February	SWEK Council meeting	Wyndham
25 February	SoB Workshop/Agenda Forum	Broome
26 February	Shire Cocos and Christmas Island	West Island
27 February	SDWK Council Meeting	Derby
27 February	SoB Council Meeting	Broome
<b>4 March</b>	<b>WALGA State Council meeting</b>	<b>Perth</b>
12 March	SDWK Compliance and Strategic Review Committee	Derby
19 March	Shire of Halls Creek Council meeting	Halls Creek
24 March	SWEK Council meeting	Kununurra
24 March	SoB Workshop/Agenda Forum	Broome
24 March	Shire of Christmas Island	Christmas Island
25 March	Shire Cocos and Christmas Island	Home Island
26 March	SDWK Council Meeting	Fitzroy Crossing
26 March	SoB Council Meeting	Broome
16 April	SDWK Compliance and Strategic Review Committee	Derby
21 April	Joint KRG/Kimberley Zone Meeting (F2F)	Halls Creek (TBC)
22 April	Shire Cocos and Christmas Island	West Island
23 April	Shire of Halls Creek Council meeting	Halls Creek
28 April	SWEK Council meeting	Kununurra
28 April	SoB Workshop/Agenda Forum	Broome
28 April	Shire of Christmas Island	Christmas Island
30 April	SDWK Council Meeting	Derby
30 April	SoB Council Meeting	Broome
<b>6 May</b>	<b>WALGA State Council Meeting</b>	<b>Sth Metro Zone</b>
11 May	SWEK Audit Committee	Kununurra
14 May	SDWK Compliance and Strategic Review Committee	Fitzroy Crossing
20 May	Shire Cocos and Christmas Island	Home Island
21 May	Shire of Halls Creek Council meeting	Frog Hollow
26 May	SWEK Council meeting	Wyndham

26 May	SoB Workshop/Agenda Forum	Broome
26 May	Shire of Christmas Island	Christmas Island
28 May	SDWK Council Meeting	Derby
28 May	SoB Council Meeting	Broome
3 June	State Council Budget Adoption and Strategic Planning	Perth
11 June	SDWK Compliance and Strategic Review Committee	Derby
18 June	Shire of Halls Creek Council meeting	Halls Creek
22 June	Joint KRG/Kimberley Zone Meeting	Video
23 June	SWEK Council meeting	Kununurra
23 June	SoB Workshop/Agenda Forum	Broome
23 June	Shire of Christmas Island	Christmas Island
24 June	Shire Cocos and Christmas Island	West Island
25 June	SDWK Council Meeting	Fitzroy Crossing
25 June	SoB Council Meeting	Broome
14 – 17 June	ALGA National General Assembly and Regional Cooperation and Development Forum	Canberra
<b>1 July</b>	<b>WALGA State Council Meeting</b>	
16 July	SDWK Compliance and Strategic Review Committee	Derby
22 July	Shire Cocos and Christmas Island	Home Island
23 July	Shire of Halls Creek Council meeting	Halls Creek
28 July	SWEK Council meeting	Kununurra
28 July	SoB Workshop/Agenda Forum	Broome
28 July	Shire of Christmas Island	Christmas Island
30 July	SDWK Council Meeting	Derby
30 July	SoB Council Meeting	Broome
3 August	Joint KRG/Kimberley Zone Meeting (F2F)	Perth
4 August	Delegations and meetings (non-Cabinet day/non-sitting wk)	Perth
<b>5-7 August</b>	<b>WALGA Convention/AGM</b>	<b>Perth</b>
10 August	SWEK Audit Committee	Kununurra
13 August	SDWK Compliance and Strategic Review Committee	Fitzroy Crossing
20 August	Shire of Halls Creek Council meeting	Halls Creek
24 August	Kimberley Zone Meeting Only – if required	Video
25 August	SWEK Council meeting	Wyndham
25 August	SoB Workshop/Agenda Forum	Broome

25 August	Shire of Christmas Island	Christmas Island
26 August	Shire Cocos and Christmas Island	West Island
27 August	SDWK Council Meeting	Derby
27 August	SoB Council Meeting	Broome
<b>3-4 September</b>	<b>WALGA Regional Meeting - KIMBERLEY</b>	<b>Broome</b>
10 September	SDWK Compliance and Strategic Review Committee	Derby
17 September	Shire of Halls Creek Council meeting	Yiyili Community
22 September	SWEK Council meeting	Kununurra
22 September	SoB Workshop/Agenda Forum	Broome
22 September	Shire of Christmas Island	Christmas Island
23 September	Shire Cocos and Christmas Island	Home Island
24 September	SDWK Council Meeting	Derby
24 September	SoB Council Meeting	Broome
15 October	SDWK Compliance and Strategic Review Committee	Fitzroy Crossing
15 October	Shire of Halls Creek Council meeting	Halls Creek
20 October	Shire of Christmas Island	Christmas Island
27 October	SWEK Council meeting	Kununurra
27 October	SoB Workshop/Agenda Forum	Broome
29 October	SDWK Council Meeting	Derby
29 October	SoB Council Meeting	Broome
4 November	Shire Cocos and Christmas Island	West Island
9 November	SWEK Audit Committee	Kununurra
12 November	SDWK Compliance and Strategic Review Committee	Derby
17 November	SoB Workshop/Agenda Forum	Broome
17 November	Shire of Christmas Island	Christmas Island
19 November	SoB Council Meeting	Broome
19 November	Shire of Halls Creek Council meeting	Halls Creek
23 November	Joint KRG/Kimberley Zone Meeting	Video
24 November	SWEK Council meeting	Wyndham
26 November	SDWK Council Meeting	Fitzroy Crossing
<b>2 December</b>	<b>WALGA State Council Meeting</b>	
8 December	SoB Workshop/Agenda Forum	Broome
8 December	Shire of Christmas Island	Christmas Island
9 December	Shire Cocos and Christmas Island	Home Island

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10 December	SoB Council Meeting	Broome
15 December	SWEK Council meeting	Kununurra
17 December	SDWK Compliance and Strategic Review Committee	Derby
17 December	SDWK Council Meeting	Derby
17 December	Shire of Halls Creek Council meeting	Halls Creek

- The date for the Kimberley Economic Forum has not been released it has previously been held in late September/early October. By rotation, it is expected that it will be held in Kununurra in 2020.
- The date of the Local Government Professionals Conference is not available online at the time of preparing this agenda item.

## 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

## VOTING REQUIREMENTS

*Simple Majority*

### **KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:** **(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Moved: Cr M Edwards**

**Seconded: Cr G Haerewa**

**That the Kimberley Regional Group endorses the 2020 Joint Meeting dates for Kimberley Zone and Kimberley Regional Group as presented.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0**

## Attachments

Nil

<b>9.3 KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2018/19</b>	
<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	RCG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	7 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** The Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) Governance Agreement dictates that the Host Shire must arrange to have the KRG's accounts and records for each accounting period audited and prepare an annual financial report of the KRG that represents a true and fair view of the financial position of the KRG. This item presents the 2018/19 Audit and Annual Financial Statement for member consideration.

**BACKGROUND**

Previous Considerations

Nil.

The KRG Governance Agreement dictates that the Host Shire must prepare an annual financial report of the KRG that represents a true and fair view of the financial position of the KRG. The report must include the results of its operation for the Accounting Period in compliance with, and in the form required by, the Local Government Act 1995 (the Act) and associated regulations including the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (FMR)*.

Additionally, the Host Shire must arrange to have the KRG's accounts and records for each Accounting Period audited by the Host Shire's auditor in accordance with the requirements of the Act and the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996 (WA)*, and have the auditor's report delivered to the Participants. The audit may form part of the Host Shire's annual auditing of its own accounts.

The Host Shire must also arrange for the KRG's auditor to conduct an audit review of the KRG's accounts and records once a year.

It should be noted that Moore Stephens are the auditors for the current and previous Host Shire, and the KRG.

**COMMENT**

Moore Stephens were engaged by the Shire of Broome to undertake an independent Audit of the 2018/19 Financials for the Kimberley Zone Secretariat and Kimberley Regional Group. Additionally, Moore Stephens were requested to undertake the following audits:

- Audit for the Volunteer Strategy Project

- Audit of the Waste Management Plan Project
- Audit of the Land Tenure Project
- Audit of the Youth Strategy Project
- Acquittal Audit of the AWARE Project.

In the auditor's opinion, the financial report presents fairly in all material respects, the income and expenditure of the Secretariat, and each project of the group for the year ending 30 June 2019.

The audit was undertaken in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards with responsibilities required under that standard described further in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of the attached Audit Report.

Moore Stephens are independent of the Secretariat, the KRG and the Shire's in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's Code of Ethics.

The signed Annual Financial Statement for the period ending 30 June 2019 and Auditors Report on the Annual Financial Statement is attached.

## CONSULTATION

Moore Stephens  
Shire of Broome

## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The signed Annual Financial Statement and Auditors Report on the Annual Financial Statement is attached. The Audited Annual Financial Statement indicates a carry-forward surplus of \$302,610.

The final Kimberley Regional Group Financial Statement for the period ending 30 June 2019 is included below.

### 2018/19 Financial Statement – Period ending 30 June 2019

Acct Code	Account	Original Budget	Current Budget	Actual
<b>OPENING SURPLUS CARRY FORWARD</b>				
100235970	Kimberley Zone - Transfer to Kimberley Zone Reserve - Cap Exp - MUN	-\$212,506.00	-\$212,506.00	-\$212,506.00
<b>CAPITAL INCOME</b>				
100235980	Transfer From Kimberley Zone Reserve - Cap Inc - Kimberley Zone MUN	-\$145,000.00	-\$12,200.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME</b>		<b>-\$145,000.00</b>	<b>-\$13,200.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>REMAINING SURPLUS</b>		<b>-\$67,506.00</b>	<b>-\$199,306.00</b>	<b>-\$212,506.00</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>				
100221280	Kimberley Zone - Forums & Conferences - Op Exp MUN	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100221290	Kimberley Zone - Zone & RCG Meeting Expenses	\$41,000.00	\$41,000.00	\$13,714.00

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	- Op Exp MUN			
100221310	Kimberley Zone - Meetings - Op Exp MUN	\$7,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00
100221320	Kimberley Zone - Darwin Forum - Op Exp MUN	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$32,784.00
100221330	Kimberley Zone - Legal Advice - Op Exp MUN	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100221340	Kimberley Zone - Annual Financial Audit - Op Exp MUN	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,100.00
100221360	Kimberley Zone - IT Support - Op Exp MUN	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,950.00
100221370	Kimberley Zone - Sundry Expenses - Op Exp MUN	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
100221430	Kimberley Zone - Savannah Way Membership - Op Exp MUN	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
100221460	Kimberley Zone - Strategic Community Plan - Op Exp MUN	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100221810	Kimberley Zone - Executive Consultancy - Op Exp MUN	\$67,925.00	\$116,840.00	\$89,230.00
100221820	Kimberley Zone - Administrative Consultancy - Op Exp MUN	\$19,360.00	\$32,560.00	\$19,460.00
104052340	Kimberley Zone - Volunteering Strategy - Op Exp MUN	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$29,000.00
104052350	Kimberley Zone - Alcohol Management Initiatives - Op Exp MUN	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
104052360	Kimberley Zone - Procurement Improvement Program - Op Exp MUN	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
104052370	Kimberley Zone - ICT & Office 365 Improvements - Op Exp MUN	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
104052380	Kimberley Zone - Kimberley Waste Management Plan - Op Exp MUN	\$19,734.00	\$29,734.00	\$29,916.00
104052390	Kimberley Zone - Kimberley Land Tenure Implementation Plan - Op Exp MUN	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
104052400	Kimberley Zone - Kimberley Regional Education / Training Business Case - Op Exp MUN	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
104052410	Kimberley Zone - Savannah Way Business Case Implementation Plan - Op Exp MUN	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
104052420	Kimberley Zone - Liquid Waste Business Case - Op Exp MUN	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
104052430	Kimberley Zone - Tanami Business Case - Op Exp MUN	\$70,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
104052970	Kimberley Zone - Admin Cost Allocated - Op Exp MUN	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
104052980	Kimberley Zone - IT/Records Cost Allocated - Op Exp MUN	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>\$574,019.00</b>	<b>\$426,134.00</b>	<b>\$225,154.00</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>				
100230130	Kimberley Zone - Reimbursement Zone & RCG Meetings Expenses - Op Inc MUN	-\$35,000.00	-\$35,000.00	-\$1,819.00
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	-\$22,255.00
100230210	Kimberley Zone - Members Contribution Secretariat Costs - Op Inc MUN	-\$206,000.00	-\$206,000.00	-\$206,000.00
100230480	Kimberley Zone - Transfer From Restricted Cash Project Accounts - Op Inc MUN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100230610	Kimberley Zone - Members Contribution - Kimberley Waste Management Plan Op Inc MUN	-\$14,710.00	-\$14,710.00	-\$14,710.00
100235360	Kimberley Zone - Interest on Reserve - Op Inc.	-\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00	-\$5,474.00

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10405370	Kimberley Zone - Kimberley Volunteer Strategy DLGC Grant	-\$65,000.00	-\$65,000.00	-\$65,000.00
10405385	Kimberley Zone - Alcohol Management Initiatives Grant	-\$30,000.00	-\$30,000.00	\$0.00
10405384	Kimberley Zone - Procurement Improvement Program Grants	-\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>		<b>-\$428,710.00</b>	<b>-\$378,710.00</b>	<b>-\$315,258.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME</b>		<b>-\$145,000.00</b>	<b>-\$13,200.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>\$574,019.00</b>	<b>\$426,134.00</b>	<b>\$225,154.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>		<b>-\$428,710.00</b>	<b>-\$378,710.00</b>	<b>-\$315,258.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$309.00</b>	<b>\$34,224.00</b>	<b>-\$90,104.00</b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>				
<i>**Current Surplus = Actual Income less Actual Expenditure + Opening Surplus</i>				<b>-\$302,610.00</b>

**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**

*Absolute Majority*

**KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:**  
**(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Moved: Cr C Mitchell** **Seconded: Cr G Haerewa**

**That the Kimberley Regional Group:**

- 1. Notes the report and receives the Annual Financial Statement for the period ending 30 June 2019 as attached; and**
- 2. Notes the carry-forward surplus as at 30 June 2019 of \$302,610.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 4/0**

**Attachments**

1. Kimberley Regional Group Audit Report and Annual Financial Report

<b>9.4 KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP FINANCIAL ACTIVITY STATEMENT OCTOBER 31 2019</b>	
<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Kimberley Region
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	RCG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	17 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** This report presents the Kimberley Regional Group Financial Activity Report for the period ended 31 October 2019. The report recommends that the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) adopt the Financial Activity Report.

**BACKGROUND**

Previous Considerations

- Joint Meeting 9 October 2018      Item 9.1
- Joint Meeting 30 April 2019      Item 9.8
- Joint Meeting 6 August 2019      Item 9.4
- Joint Meeting 3 December 2019    Item 9.2

At it's 9 October 2018 Joint Meeting the KRG received the Annual Financial Statement for the period ending 30 June 2018. The statement included a carry-forward surplus of \$292,216.

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**

The 3 December 2019 Agenda includes an item requesting that the KRG receive and endorse the Annual Financial Statement for the period ending 30 June 2019. The Annual Financial Statement for the period ending 30 June 2019 includes 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 to be completed in December 2019.
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.

### Budget Adjustments

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.

## 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 is \$480,036.

Acct Code	Account	Original Budget	Current Budget	Actual
<b>OPENING SURPLUS CARRY FORWARD</b>				
100235970	Kimberley Zone - Transfer to Kimberley Zone Reserve - Cap Exp - MUN	-\$302,610.00	-\$302,610.00	-\$302,610.00
<b>CAPITAL INCOME</b>				
100235980	Transfer From Kimberley Zone Reserve - Cap Inc - Kimberley Zone MUN	-\$70,880.00	-\$70,880.00	-\$70,880.00
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME</b>		<b>-\$70,880.00</b>	<b>-\$70,880.00</b>	<b>-\$70,880.00</b>
<b>REMAINING SURPLUS</b>		<b>-\$231,730.00</b>	<b>-\$231,730.00</b>	<b>-\$231,730.00</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>				
100221280	Kimberley Zone - Forums & Conferences - Op Exp MUN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100221290	Kimberley Zone - Zone & RCG Meeting Expenses - Op Exp MUN	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$5,633.00
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

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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	\$0.00
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	\$0.00
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	\$23,269.00
100221820	Kimberley Zone - Administrative Consultancy - Op Exp MUN	\$32,560.00	\$32,560.00	\$0.00
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	\$112.00
104052980	Kimberley Zone - IT/Records Cost Allocated - Op Exp MUN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>\$418,380.00</b>	<b>\$464,776.00</b>	<b>\$29,833.00</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>				
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	-\$7,149.00
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	-\$110.00
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
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>		<b>-\$347,500.00</b>	<b>-\$252,485.00</b>	<b>-\$207,259.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME</b>		<b>-\$70,880.00</b>	<b>-\$70,880.00</b>	<b>-\$70,880.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>\$418,380.00</b>	<b>\$464,776.00</b>	<b>\$29,833.00</b>



<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>-\$347,500.00</b>	<b>-\$252,485.00</b>	<b>-\$207,259.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$141,411.00</b>	<b>-\$248,306.00</b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>			
<i>**Current Surplus = Actual Income less Actual Expenditure + Opening Surplus</i>			
	<b>-\$231,730.00</b>	<b>-\$90,319.00</b>	<b>-\$480,036.00</b>

**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*

**KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:**  
**(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Moved: Cr M Edwards** **Seconded: Cr G Haerewa**

**That the Kimberley Regional Group:**

- 1. Notes and receives the Financial Activity Report for the period ended 31 October 2019;**
- 2. Notes the \$480,036 surplus position as at 31 October 2019 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**

There are no attachments for this report.

**9.5 KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP STATE BUDGET SUBMISSION**

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	RCG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	11 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** The State Budget is currently being developed and it is appropriate that the KRG develops a budget submission to outline the key priorities for the region.

**BACKGROUND**

Previous Considerations

Nil.

**COMMENT**

It is normal practice for representative bodies to develop a submission supporting their priorities for the State Budget.

The 2020 State Budget submission for the Kimberley Regional Group is based on five priorities which are summarised below:

1. Reliant Transport Infrastructure to underpin growth and social inclusions:
  - The express inclusion of the Tanami Road in the State Budget, to fulfil the funding obligations of the Federal Government's Roads of Strategic Importance Funding;
  - Ongoing replacement of single lane bridges on the Great Northern Highway;
  - Safety improvements to the Great Northern Highway including continuing the program of road widening, sealing the shoulders and the extending the audio road edge strips;
  - Implementation of the funded upgrades to the Duncan Road;
  - Ensure key airports are "fit for purpose" including runway upgrades to ensure that they can accommodate new fleets as older planes are phased out.
  - Supporting the development of a fit-for-purpose port network to enhance economic development in the region including tourism (cruise industry), pastoral, agricultural and the emerging mining/extraction sector which will see high volume, low value products being exported as the diamond industry contracts.
  - Ensure that access to betterment programs, where justifiable, is included in Disaster Relief Funding Arrangements.
2. Crime Mitigation, Safety and Youth Development

- Appropriate long-term funding of PCYC programs (or equivalent programs).
- Implementation and extension of structured youth diversion programs, including short term and long term on country interventions.
- Funding to support young people to transition from school to work in areas of low employment, including working with Local Government to find appropriate opportunities.
- Appropriate funding of Police to manage antisocial and criminal behaviour of both youth and adults.
- Appropriate funding of Police to reduce sly-grogging across the region.
- Development of a Kimberley based Youth Detention Centre to avoid incarceration away from family and support networks in Perth.
- Introduction of a Banned Drinkers Register including funding for the implementation of an effective Takeaway Alcohol Management System throughout the Kimberley.

3. Economic

- Support the ongoing diversification of tourism in the region through marketing and the extension of national and international visitor aviation routes.
- Improve contracting arrangements to support local delivery of services and products, including a strong buy local policy and contracts of appropriate scale to enable local businesses to tender for works.

4. Waste

- Implement a program of 100% grant funding for remote Shires, such as the Kimberley, to fund basic waste management infrastructure to support the State Waste Strategy Targets.

5. Health

- Improve aged and palliative care in the Kimberley.

**CONSULTATION**

Nil.

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

*Local Government Act 1995*

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

**Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:**

Secure funding for regional initiatives

Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities

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

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**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

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

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

Sustainable tourism market and tourism experiences

Sustainable primary industries

Improved regional infrastructure

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

**KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:  
(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Moved: Cr C Mitchell**

**Seconded: Cr M Edwards**

**That the Kimberley Regional Group:**

- 1. Endorses the Kimberley Regional Group State Budget Submission as presented; and**
- 2. Requests that the Secretariat submit the document to the State Government for consideration.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0**

**Attachments**

Nil

**9.6 ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT REPORT NOVEMBER 2019**

**LOCATION/ADDRESS:** Nil  
**APPLICANT:** Nil  
**FILE:** RCG01  
**AUTHOR:** Zone Executive  
**CONTRIBUTOR/S:** Nil  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:** Director Corporate Services  
**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil  
**DATE OF REPORT:** 13 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** To provide an update on member Shire activities in relation to Alcohol Management.

**BACKGROUND**

Previous Considerations

Nil.

**COMMENT**

It was agreed to implement a Standing Item on Alcohol Management in the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) Agenda with updates provided from each Shire.

	<b>Shire of Broome</b>	<b>Shire of Derby West Kimberley</b>	<b>Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley</b>	<b>Shire of Halls Creek</b>
Meeting Held	Nil	Nil		N/A
Change of Position	Nil	Nil		
Current Priorities	Focus on procurement and identifying additional funding source for TAMS.	To be determined by procurement processes undertaken by the Shire of Broome.	Consideration of registration of the Accord.	

Shire of Broome

1. Date of most recent meeting of the Liquor Accord  
Nil this period, last meeting 14 August
2. Any change from previous position of the Accord/Shire  
No

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

3. Current actions by, and priorities of, the liquor accord  
Actions supporting the implementation of the Takeaway Alcohol Management System including:
  - Preparation and evaluation of procurement documentation.
  - Grant application for underpinning research on the impact of TAMS and liquor restrictions.
  - Grant application for communications related to the implementation of liquor restrictions.
4. Other noteworthy items.  
Nil

#### Shire of Derby West Kimberley

1. Date of most recent meeting of the Liquor Accord  
No meeting held this period
2. Any change from previous position of the Accord/Shire
  - Nil
3. Current actions by, and priorities of, the liquor accord  
Currently waiting for the Shire of Broome to complete procurement activities for the TAMS system.
4. Other noteworthy items.  
Nil

#### Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley

1. Date of most recent meeting of the Liquor Accord  
23 October 2019, next meeting 27 November 2019.
2. Any change from previous position of the Accord/Shire  
No
3. Current actions by, and priorities of, the liquor accord
  - Review of the Accord documentation to be presented to the November meeting.
  - A working group has developed a proposal to change the current restrictions which is now being reviewed by the working group.
4. Other noteworthy items.  
Nil

#### Shire of Halls Creek

A Section 64 ban on takeaway alcohol is in place in the Shire of Halls Creek therefore no Liquor Accord is in place.

### **CONSULTATION**

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

Nil

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 1995  
Liquor Control Act 1988

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

**Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:**

Secure funding for regional initiatives

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

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

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:**

Improved outcomes in employment

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

**KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:**  
**(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Moved: Cr D Menzel**

**Seconded: Cr M Edwards**

***That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the Shire updates on Alcohol Management initiatives over the period.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0**

**Attachments**

Nil

**9.7 SAVANNAH WAY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	RCG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	11 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** The Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) is a Platinum member of the not-for profit Savannah Way Ltd at a cost of \$5,500 per annum. The organisation offers a tourism coordination and promotional service across the north of Australia. This item provides an update on the current status of Savannah Way Ltd.

**BACKGROUND**

Previous Considerations

Nil.

**COMMENT**

The KRG is a Platinum Member of Savannah Way Ltd, which was established to promote the “Savannah Way” which encompasses roads from Cairns in Queensland, through Katherine in the Northern Territory, and through the Kimberley along the Great Northern Highway. The reason for the membership was to promote tourism opportunities across the Kimberley into new markets.

The major promotion is through the website, savannahway.com.au, which is now old infrastructure and is not attracting high visitation by potential tourists. Concern has been expressed about the value for money of the \$5,500 annual investment.

Savannah Way Ltd has been contacted for feedback and have stated that they are currently working through a new direction with a strong focus on digital activities and engagement with industry, operators and other groups to bring together resources to build the Savannah Way as Australia's most adventurous drive.

Key projects include:

- redevelop the website www.savannahway.com.au including more content;
- imagery and links to operators / other resources;
- social media campaign to build a strong digital presence;
- itineraries including neighbouring regions and townships that are only accessible via the Savannah Way drive route; and
- an engagement strategy to increase input from members and partners with content, imagery and sharing of corporate information.



Other initiatives include the ongoing distribution of the Savannah Way brochure; family focused opportunities; grant funded activities for specific projects and industry development through workshops and online resources.

The return on investment for membership of the Savannah Way is currently limited and feedback received indicates the program is currently not highly regarded by tourism operators as a visitation generator.

The incoming CEO of Savannah Way Ltd has recognised the deficiencies and has approached Queensland local governments with a proposal to get their support for the new "Drive North Queensland" project.

The return on investment for Stage 1 of the proposed project "Drive North Queensland" is outlined as follows:

- Create a network both on-line, and through developing operator and industry partnerships and relationships that improves (primarily) consumer access to information and product to improve their experience of the destination. This will increase interest, intention and purchase and can be measured through Tourism and Events Queensland visitor statistics.
- Operate successful marketing initiatives to increase visitor length of stay and spend. Each stage or element of the project will have its own objective measurement. Tourism Queensland and the RTOs will work together to collate individual indicators (like expenditure, number of transactions, length of stay, etc) and measure overall impact and success.
- Increase the participation of operators and stakeholders in tourism marketing and development activity. This will be achieved by creating cost effective access to targeted campaigns and building the network's cooperative strength to add value to all associated route and destination brands. The success of this objective will be measured by the uptake of cooperative activities.
- Disperse the benefits of combined marketing impact to smaller communities and operators as well as regional centres. This will be through the program's emphasis on drive linkages rather than single destinations.
- Develop ownership from all partners to ensure the overall vision to develop Drive Northern Australia under the well-established brand of Savannah Way.

Once up and running it is envisaged that the project will be moved into the NT and WA however no timeframe has been articulated.

For consideration by the Kimberley Regional Group are the short, medium and longer term benefits of remaining a Platinum member of Savannah Way Ltd for an annual fee of \$5,500.

Should membership be discontinued in to the future, the budget will need to be adjusted in relation to both the Savannah Way Ltd membership and approved project 0405241 – Savannah Way Business Case Implementation Plan.

## **CONSULTATION**

Nil

## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

*Local Government Act 1995*

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

**Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:**

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

**Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:**

Sustainable tourism market and tourism experiences

Improved regional infrastructure

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

**KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:  
(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

***Moved: Cr D Menzel***

***Seconded: Cr M Edwards***

***That the Kimberley Regional Group:***

- 1. Notes the report; and***
- 2. Monitors service levels over 6 months to 30 June 2020.***

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0***

**Attachments**

Nil

**9.8 DELEGATION TO CANBERRA**

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	KCG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	11 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** The Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) will be undertaking a delegation to Canberra from the 25 to 27 November 2019. This item provides an overview of the planning, with a verbal update to be provided at the meeting on the 4 December 2019.

**BACKGROUND**

*Previous Considerations*

- Joint Meeting 6 August 2019 Item 9.7
- 3 September 2019 Item 9.5

**COMMENT**

A senior delegation representing the four Shires and the KRG will travel to Canberra in the sitting week commencing 25 November 2019.

A verbal update will be provided at the 4 December 2019 KRG meeting in Kununurra.

The Ministerial meetings and purpose are outlined in the table below.

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Details	Minister and portfolio	Purpose
<b>Confirmed</b>	The Hon Scott Buchholz MP Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport	To provide an update on the progress of the Tanami Road, funded through the Roads of Strategic Importance program and discuss emerging strategic opportunities and associated infrastructure required to leverage the forecast developments in mining, pastoral, aquaculture and irrigated agriculture which will potentially lead to increased jobs and economic opportunities.
<b>Confirmed</b>	Hon Trevor Evans MP Assistant Minister for Waste Reduction and Environmental Management	Waste Management in regional areas and the need for a base level of infrastructure in areas which are some of the most disadvantaged in Australia.

<p><b>Confirmed</b></p>	<p>Policy Advisor to the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP; Treasurer</p>	<p>Update on changes forecast to occur across mining, pastoral, aquaculture and irrigated agriculture which will lead to increased jobs and economic opportunities. Including emerging opportunities and the infrastructure required to facilitate sustainable growth in each sector. Productivity Commission Report on Remote Area Tax Concessions and Payments, which would see disadvantage being experienced in the region exacerbated through additional burdens on local and state governments which employ key workers including police, nurses and community workers is not supported in the region.</p>
<p><b>Confirmed</b></p>	<p>The Hon Sussan Ley MP Minister for the Environment</p>	<p>To discuss the key environmental challenges facing the region.</p>
<p><b>Confirmed</b></p>	<p>Hon Nola Marino MP Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories</p>	<p>To discuss the considerable changes forecast to occur across mining, pastoral, aquaculture and irrigated agriculture which will potentially lead to increased jobs and economic opportunities, noting the very high levels of disadvantage being experienced and the consequential social impacts that are felt across the Kimberley.</p>
<p><b>Confirmed</b></p>	<p>Hon Melissa Price MP Minister for Defence Industry Member for Durack</p>	<p>To provide a briefing on current priority matters for the region including some of the opportunities for jobs and growth along with those matters holding the region back.</p>
<p><b>Confirmed</b></p>	<p>The Hon Ken Wyatt MP Minister for Indigenous Australians</p>	<p>To discuss key matters impacting on the region where the Aboriginal people make up nearly half of the population, with some locations having close to 100 percent representation. The Kimberley is also a region of extreme disadvantage for some cohorts and communities. Unacceptably high rates of domestic violence, alcohol abuse, educational shortfalls and lack of supervision have created increasing problems with our young people who now represent a disproportional proportion of youths incarcerated in Perth at the Banksia Hill Detention Centre. We would like the opportunity to discuss initiatives being progressed at local level and highlight the key challenges facing the current and next generation of Aboriginal people in the Kimberley.</p>

SENATE

Status	Minister and portfolio	Purpose
<b>Confirmed</b>	Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan Minister for Resources and Northern Australia	To discuss the strategic importance of industry in the region, emerging opportunities and the infrastructure required to facilitate sustainable growth in each sector based on the considerable change which is forecast to occur across mining, pastoral, aquaculture and irrigated agriculture, which will lead to increased jobs and economic opportunities.
<b>Confirmed</b>	Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniham, Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Assistant Minister for Regional Tourism.	To discuss the strategic importance of tourism in the Kimberley, emerging opportunities and the infrastructure required to facilitate sustainable growth in the sector.
<b>Confirmed</b>	Senator Matt O'Sullivan	To update on progress and matters of concern in the Kimberley.
Not Yet Confirmed	Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds Minister for Defence. Member for Durack	To discuss the strategic importance of defence in the north west of Australia, with particular reference to infrastructure improvements to ensure military operations are resilient to seasonal conditions, particularly as sections of the Kimberley are routinely impassable for up to six weeks.
<b>Confirmed</b>	Senator Dean Smith	To update on progress and matters of concern in the Kimberley.

Agencies

<b>Confirmed</b>	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development.	To discuss opportunities in the north west to improve business conditions.
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**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*

**KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:**  
**(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Moved: Cr G Haerewa**

**Seconded: Cr M Edwards**

**That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the:**

- 1. Update on the Delegation to meet with Federal Ministers in Canberra from 25 November to 28 November 2019.**
- 2. Verbal outcome report provided to the meeting.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0**

**Attachments**

Nil

**9.9 KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP ADVOCACY AGENDA**

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	RCG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	27 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** An Advocacy Agenda is an important tool when making representation on matters where funding, legislative and or policy changes are required. It provides context to priorities and requests and underpins State and Federal budget submissions. This report presents a proposed Kimberley regional group (KRG) Advocacy Agenda for consideration.

**COMMENT**

An Advocacy Agenda has been developed to capture the priorities for 2020 identified in the KRG Business Plan and the KRG Position Statements. To enable a breadth of interests, priorities have been clustered as outlined below:

1. Supply Chain Resilience  
Funding for the Tanami Road corridor – with work to commence in 2020 to a standard that facilitates quad road train access, upgrades to Great Northern Highway including single lane bridges, and in-situ Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service facilities.
2. Global Market Access  
Supporting the development of port logistics including facilitating private investment, efficient management of approvals processes and consideration of additional project revenue through loans and grants.
3. Addressing Anti-Social Behaviour  
Facilitating the reduction in alcohol related harm through better alcohol management across the Kimberley including bulk alcohol tracking, banned drinkers register and legislation to support Police disrupting sly-grogging, and sustainable funding streams for youth programs.
4. Growing Tourism  
Supporting and contributing to ensure resilient access including the extension of the Kununurra runway and the floating dock in Broome to service the cruise tourism sector.
5. Youth Employment  
Funding to support “employment guarantee” programs for year 12 school leavers in remote local government areas.
6. Improved Waste Management



Ensuring that a basic level of infrastructure is available to manage waste, such as weighbridges, regardless of the level of disadvantage experienced in a local government area. Support and contribute to lifting the capability of local authorities to achieve minimum waste management service levels as outlined in the WA Governments Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030.

#### 7. Affordable Energy

The Uniform Tariff Policy is vitally important for residential customers connected to the grid, the moratorium on solar energy due to capacity constraints must be addressed. For business both on and off the grid, the cost of power can be a major barrier to investment and should be investigated by the State Government, with grant funding for small solar installations, such as pumps, made available.

#### 8. Fit for Purpose Taxation

It is essential that current remote taxation concessions are not eroded. Further, the State Government can leverage discrete payroll and stamp duty concessions for stimulus in rural and remote areas.

#### 9. Telecommunications

Blackspots along the Great Northern Highway are an unacceptable risk, both in the tourist season and in the wet. An upgrade program must continue to be rolled out. NBN must be reticulated in urban centres when in proximity. It is unacceptable that towns are bypassed when the infrastructure is on the doorstep.

#### 10. Building Our Tomorrows

Funding to improve amenity, such as the Building Better Regions Funding, must be available to support remote and disadvantaged communities to attract and retain people and maintain economic viability.

This report requests the adoption of the attached Advocacy Agenda.

### **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

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

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:**

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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

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**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*

**KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:**  
**(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Moved: Cr D Menzel**

**Seconded: Cr G Haerewa**

**That the Kimberley Regional Group:**

- 1. Adopts the Advocacy Agenda as presented; and**
- 2. Endorses the use of the Advocacy Agenda to support:**
  - a) State and Federal Budget Submissions; and**
  - b) Other opportunities to promote the priorities of the Kimberley Zone and the Kimberley Regional Group.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0**

**Attachments**

1. Kimberley Regional Group Advocacy Agenda 2020

<b>9.10 DISASTER RELIEF FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS WA BUSINESS CASE</b>	
<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	RCG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	11 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** This item provides an update on the Disaster Relief Funding Arrangements (DRFAWA) Business Case and the response from the Minister for Emergency Services, the Hon Fran Logan.

**BACKGROUND**

The review of the Western Australia Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (WANDRRA) and the subsequent establishment of the DRFAWA was considered by Shires as an opportunity to streamline cost effective treatments after extreme events such as cyclones, floods and bushfires.

At the meeting on the 10th June, the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) resolved to write to the Minster for Emergency Services and to develop an issues paper/case study concerning the application of DRFAWA funding as it has not met the expectations of Local Governments in the Kimberley.

Previous Considerations

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**COMMENT**

The review of the WANDRRA and the subsequent establishment of the new DRFAWA was considered by many Shires as an opportunity to streamline cost effective treatments after extreme events such as cyclones, floods and bushfires. The funding was to comprise three aspects being:

- immediate construction works;
- essential public asset reconstruction; and
- a mitigation fund for new mitigation projects.

The initial two stages are useful in many circumstances and allow for managing one-in-one hundred year events, however this Case Study focuses on the one-in-ten-year events, with some infrastructure damage in the region occurring even more frequently. The mitigation

fund for upgrades to improve resilience is an essential component of the DRFAWA and is critical for ensuring business continuity and ongoing access to remote communities.

The KRG resolved to develop a case study. The final case study covers the five-year DRFAWA submission period 2014-2019 and uses the Dampier Peninsula to highlight the level of repair duplication that has occurred during that time. As far as possible specific areas of damage and repair have been matched to identify opportunities for policy improvement.

Katherine Clarke, Principal Policy Officer – Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, Resilience and Recovery, Department of Fire & Emergency Services will be attending the KRG meeting to provide an update on the funding, including the funding pool for betterment.

Correspondence from the Minister and a case study are attached.

## **CONSULTATION**

Nil

## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 995  
Fire and Emergency Services Act 1998

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

## **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

### **Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:**

Secure funding for regional initiatives

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:**

Improved regional arterial road network, ports and airports

### **Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:**

Improved outcomes in employment

Sustainable primary industries

Improved regional infrastructure

## **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

## **KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:**

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

**(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Moved: Cr M Edwards**

**Seconded: Cr C Mitchell**

**That the Kimberley Regional Group:**

- 1. Notes the Case Study; and**
- 2. Authorises the Case Study for external use.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0**

**Attachments**

1. DRFAWA Kimberley Case Study
2. Response from Minister Logan

**9.11 REGIONAL ROAD FUNDING**

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	RCG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	27 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** Main Roads has written to the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) seeking endorsement of the nominated Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) road projects and proposed ROSI funding allocations.

**COMMENT**

Main Roads have written to the KRG seeking endorsement of the nominated ROSI road projects and associated proposed indicative ROSI funding allocations.

Road infrastructure upgrades have been a priority for the KRG which undertook a delegation in February 2019 and again in November to confirm the priorities with Ministers and funding agencies.

ROSI funding was announced by the Federal Government in 2019 for the Tanami Road, Duncan Road (including Gordon Downs Road), and upgrades to the Great Northern Highway.

ROSI projects require a 20% contribution from the State Government.

The following summary provides further information on the identified projects within Kimberley Region:

1. Great Northern Highway Upgrades

## (i) Great Northern Highway Upgrade 2171slk – 2186slk (Broome to Derby)

- Widen and Overlay approx. 14km section of highway
- Total Project Cost – \$12.5M
- ROSI Allocation - \$10.0M

## (ii) Great Northern Highway 2922slk – 2950slk (Ord River North)

- Reconstruct 18km of highway and upgrade 2 single lane bridges
- Total Project Cost – \$98M
- ROSI Allocation - \$37.26M

Note: the current funding allocation for the Ord River North project will be insufficient to meet full project costs.

In addition, the Port Hedland Airport Deviation – Great Northern Highway, has been listed however is outside of the remit of the KRG as it is located in the Pilbara.

- Construct Realignment
- Total Project Cost - \$36.0 million
- ROSI Allocation - \$22.74M

## 2. Alice Springs to Halls Creek (WA side of the border)

- (i) Duncan Road and Gordon Downs Road Upgrade (Halls Creek to Ringers Soak)
- Upgrade road and drainage including sealing flood-ways and gravel sheeting
  - Total Project Cost - \$51.0 million
  - ROSI Allocation - \$40.8M
- (ii) Tanami Road Upgrade (initial funding)
- Commence upgrading and sealing of Tanami Road
  - Project Cost – \$42.75M (funded amount only – total project cost unknown).
  - ROSI Allocation - \$34.2M

Combined Total Funding for funding Item 3 is \$93.75M – Commonwealth \$75M, State \$18.75M.

The amounts for the Tanami Road/Duncan Road corridor are consistent with previous State and Federal Government announcements however the scope of works associated with the \$87.5million funding listed in the state budget for works on Great Northern Highway between Broome and Kununurra has now been expanded to include the Port Hedland Airport Deviation Road in the Pilbara. Previous funding announcements are listed below:

WA State Budget Announcement 2019 (Snapshot attached).

- \$51 million towards the *Ringer Soak and Northern Minerals Access Road* in Browns Range (Duncan Road)
- \$42.7 million to upgrade *Tanami Road*
- \$87.5 million to upgrade *Great Northern Highway from Broome to Kununurra*

Announcement issued by the State Government on 20 November 2019 re-Federal Government project funding “brought forward”.

- \$36.2 million for the *Alice Springs to Halls Creek Corridor Upgrade* - Funding to flow immediately and over the next six financial years to enable the commencement of works in 2020 after the majority of funding previously being allocated beyond 2022-23. Australian Government contribution to the project is \$75 million (\$36.2 million brought forward); Western Australian Government contribution to the project is \$18.75 million.
- \$40.8 million for the *Newman to Katherine Corridor Upgrade*. Funding to flow immediately and over the next four financial years to enable the commencement of works by 2020 after the majority of funding previously being allocated beyond 2022-23. Australian Government contribution to the project is \$70 million (\$40.8 million brought forward). Western Australian Government contribution to the project is \$17.5 million.

Main Roads is seeking the endorsement of the Kimberley Regional Group, representing the Local Governments in the Kimberley Region, of the nominated road projects and associated proposed indicative ROSI funding allocations.

The funding will provide considerable benefits across the Kimberley however there appears to be some potential inconsistency with funding announced previously for the Great Northern Highway which may need to be clarified.

## 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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High standard of infrastructure planning

**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:**

Improved outcomes in employment

Sustainable tourism market and tourism experiences

Sustainable primary industries

Improved regional infrastructure

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

**KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:**

**Moved: Cr G Haerewa**

**Seconded: Cr D Menzel**

***That the Kimberley Regional Group defer consideration of the item to be decided through an out of session circular motion within 7 days.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0**

**Attachments**

1. Letter from Main Roads re Roads of Strategic Importance Funding
2. Western Australian State Budget Snapshot - Kimberley

<b>9.12 BUSINESS PLAN STATUS REPORT</b>	
<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	RCG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	11 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** This report provides an update of the Strategic Community Plan and Business Plan for the period 2018-2022.

**BACKGROUND**

*Previous Considerations*

Nil for this update.

**COMMENT**

The Strategic Community Plan and 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 Business Plan for items identified for completion by end of FY 2020.

Item 3.4.2.3 is incorrectly dated as December 2019 as the Communications Plan precedes the development of the discussion paper for alternative power. The Communications plan will occur prior to the end of the financial year and after the completion of the discussion paper.

In this period, progress has been made against the following items.

Item	Description	Comment
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. <sup>1</sup>	Infrastructure investment and grant applications has been deferred until 2019-2020.
3.2.1.1	Savannah Way Business Case Implementation Plan. Review matters	Benefits of membership of Savannah Way Ltd investigated.

<sup>1</sup> The work of the Waste TAG will inform the Discussion Paper.

	that remain outstanding in the Savannah Way Business Case and develop a Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Plan to progress those matters.	Business Case for upgrades reviewed.
3.4.3.2	Develop a Discussion Paper on opportunities for alternative power provision in the Kimberley.	Due 2020.
4.3.1.3	Alcohol Management Initiatives	The Alcohol Management Flier has been updated and a grant application submitted for the research required to underpin the implementation of the TAMS system.
3.1.1.1	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.	A presentation was made at the CCIWA and WRF Freight Conference in Perth in October.

## CONSULTATION

Nil.

## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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

**Natural Environment Goal – Responsible management of the environment:**

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Integrated waste management

Reuse of waste water

Recognition of significant heritage areas.

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

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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.

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Energy sustainability

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Improved regional infrastructure

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

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

*Simple Majority*

**KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:**  
**(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Moved: Cr M Edwards**

**Seconded: Cr C Mitchell**

**That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the Business Plan Status Report and the amended date for the Item 3.4.2.3.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0**

**Attachments**

1. Business Plan Update

**9.13 CONSULTANTS' REPORT**

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	RCG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	11 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** This report provides an overview of the activity undertaken by the consultant to support the activities of the Zone.

**BACKGROUND**Previous 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 November 2019 and is attached for consideration.

Key activities this period include:

- Preparation of the KRG submission to the Productivity Commission on the Remote Area Tax Concessions and Payments;
- Preparation of the Kimberley contribution to the WALGA response to the Discussion Paper prepared by the Department of Health on Managing public health risks associated with pesticides in Western Australia;
- Preparation of the KRG Submission to the Select Committee on the Effectiveness of the Australian Government's Northern Australia Agenda;
- Preparation and presentation of the Kimberley Region's infrastructure status at the CCIWA WRF WA Freight & Logistics Conference;
- Coordination of meetings for the delegation to Canberra and associated collateral;
- Preparation of the grant application for the research project to underpin the introduction of the Takeaway Alcohol Management System (TAMS) in Broome and Derby.
- Preparation of the Case Study on Disaster Relief Funding; and
- Update of the Alcohol Management flier.

**CONSULTATION**

Nil

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 1995

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

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**Natural Environment Goal – Responsible management of the environment:**

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**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

**KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:  
(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Moved: Cr G Haerewa**

**Seconded: Cr M Edwards**

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0**

**Attachments**

1. Executive Report November 2019

**9.14 PASTORAL ANIMALS ADVISORY GROUP REPORT**

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	RCG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	13 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** The issue of cattle straying onto the roads has led to the reinstatement of the State Government's Pastoral Animal Hazards Advisory Group (PAHAG). This item provides an update on actions.

**BACKGROUND***Previous Considerations*

Joint Meeting 4 December 2018 Item 11.1

Joint Meeting 30 April 2019 Item 11.1

Joint Meeting 11 June 2019 Item 9.3

**COMMENT**

The following is an update on the activities of the PAHAG in the period to 13 November 2019 from the WALGA representative Cr Malcolm Edwards, President, Shire of Halls Creek.

The most recent meeting was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> August.

**Matters of relevance to the Kimberley**

1. Cattle on the Roads campaign likely to be run in March 2020.
2. Consideration of installation of cattle grids in locations where there are repetitive breaches of the boundary.
3. Consideration of management of former gravel pits which fill with water and attract cattle close to roads.
4. Consideration of mustering to improve road safety.
5. Pastoralists provided with information relating to cattle hot spots.
6. Consideration of a road fencing repair crew as an Indigenous business.

**CONSULTATION**

Nil.

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 1995  
Highways (Liability for Straying Animals) Act 1983  
Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960  
Land Administration Act 1997

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

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

Improved regional arterial road network, ports and airports

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

**KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:  
(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Moved: Cr D Menzel**

**Seconded: Cr G Haerewa**

**That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the activities of the Pastoral Animal Hazards Advisory Group as provided in this update.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0**

**Attachments**

Nil

<b>9.15 PUBLIC HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH PESTICIDES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>	
<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	RCG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	11 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** A Discussion Paper was prepared by the Department of Health on Management Public Health Risks Associated with pesticides in Western Australia. WALGA provided a response, with input from the Kimberley Regional Group.

**BACKGROUND**

Previous Considerations

Nil.

**COMMENT**

A Discussion Paper was prepared by the Department of Health (DoH) on Management Public Health Risks Associated with pesticides in Western Australia. The objective of the review is to ensure appropriate measures are put in place to minimise public health risks associated with the use of pesticides in Western Australia. In total there are nine proposals being:

- Proposal 1: continue registration under the Public Health Act;
- Proposal 2: continue licensing under the Public Health Act;
- Proposal 3: licensing exemption criteria for individuals:
  - Expanding licensing criteria for individuals on land owned or occupied by that person;
  - Pesticide licensing exemption criteria for individuals employed exclusively by local government authorities and State government departments;
  - Removing licensing exemption criteria for individuals employed exclusively by local government authorities and State government departments.
- Proposal 4: the control of the use of pesticides in public places (this item relates to minimum lettering dimensions, vehicles to display flashing yellow warning lights during spraying in public places);
- Proposal 5: provide controls for safe fumigations under the Public Health Act;
- Proposal 6: provide controls for management of registered pesticides (this proposal considers secure storage, labelling, safe use and disposal of containers);

- Proposal 7: local government replacing DOH as the enforcement agency (this is a response to the logistical challenges experienced by DoH which includes the inspection of vehicles and premises in regional areas. A fee can be charged under the Act for this service. In the Kimberley there are 14 businesses, 39 pest management technicians and 2-4 vehicle inspections. Changes to the status quo are likely to have a significant impact on resources);
- Proposal 8: variable frequency of renewal for registrations and licences (up from 1 year to 3 years in response to industry requests);
- Proposal 9: introduce substance management plan (SMP) requirements. (It is proposed that all individuals exempt from licensing that use restricted (e.g. Schedule 7) chemicals be required to develop a SMP due to the risk level of risk of the chemicals being used. The SMP are proposed to have a lifespan of 5 years).

The Kimberley Regional Group supported the WALGA position which is to:

- Provide in principle support for the development of new, updated regulations under the Public Health Act 2016 (as opposed to withdrawal of the regulations without replacement or mirroring the existing regulations for the new Act).
- Reject the proposal for Local government to become the enforcement Agency, replacing the Department of Health (based on lack of resourcing to undertake that role).
- Opposes the removal of licensing exemptions for Local Government employees (the preferred option of the DOH is to license all operators of local and State government whether employed directly or indirectly as contractors – ie, each worker would need to be licensed rather than the current situation where they need to abide by OSH/Duty of Care requirements. This could have significant cost and administrative implications as well as impact on workforce availability).

The discussion Paper can be found here:

[https://consultation.health.wa.gov.au/environmental-health-directorate/pesticides-regulation-review/supporting\\_documents/Attachment%20A%20%20Pesticide%20Regulation%20Discussion%20Paper.pdf](https://consultation.health.wa.gov.au/environmental-health-directorate/pesticides-regulation-review/supporting_documents/Attachment%20A%20%20Pesticide%20Regulation%20Discussion%20Paper.pdf)

## **CONSULTATION**

Nil.

## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 1995  
Public Health Act 2016

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

## **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

**Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:**

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**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

**KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:  
(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

***Moved: Cr D Menzel***

***Seconded: Cr M Edwards***

***That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the position paper on options for the future management of pesticides.***

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0***

**Attachments**

Nil

<b>9.16 SUBMISSION TO THE PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION ON REMOTE AREA TAXATION</b>	
<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	RCG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	11 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** A submission was prepared in response to the Productivity Commission Draft Report: Remote Area Tax Concessions and Payments Review.

**BACKGROUND**

The Productivity Commission released a draft paper on 4 September 2019 examining the operation and impacts of the Zone Tax Offset and related remote area tax concessions and payments, and providing recommendations on the appropriate form and function of such assistance into the future.

The Commission sought feedback on draft report by the 11 October 2019.

A submission was circulated to members for comment prior to the deadline.

Previous Considerations

Nil.

**COMMENT**

The Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) submission expressed the concerns of the group in relation to the underpinning assumption being the existence of a functioning market that can readily adapt to changes in taxation arrangements. This is not the case in remote and very remote communities which suffer extreme isolation along with social and economic challenges.

Significant changes to the Tax Concessions may mean services will either need to be cut or additional State and Federal government funds will need to be applied to address the gap. This would seem to be less efficient than a non-reportable tax exemption.

The final study report is to be handed to the Australian Government in February 2020 and publicly released shortly after.

**CONSULTATION**

Nil

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 1995

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

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**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

**KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:  
(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Moved: Cr D Menzel**

**Seconded: Cr M Edwards**



***That the Kimberley Regional Group confirms the out of session endorsement of the submission.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0**

**Attachments**

1. Submission: Remote Area Tax Concessions

<b>9.17 SUBMISSION TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE NORTHERN AUSTRALIA AGENDA REVIEW</b>	
<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	RCG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Director Corporate Services
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	11 November 2019

**SUMMARY:** A submission was prepared in for the Select Committee on the Effectiveness of the Australian Government's Northern Australia Agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

On 4 July 2019 the Senate agreed to the establishment of the Select Committee on the effectiveness of the Australian Government's Northern Australia agenda. The intent is to inquire into and report on the effectiveness of the objectives, design, implementation and evaluation of the Australian Government's Northern Australia agenda, with reference to:

- a. facilitation of public and private investment in infrastructure and economic development;
- b. economic and social benefit arising from that investment for Northern Australians, in particular First Nations people;
- c. funding models and policy measures that capture the full value of existing and emerging industries;
- d. measures taken to develop an appropriately skilled workforce;
- e. emerging national and international trends and their impact on the Northern Australia agenda; and
- f. any related matters.

The committee is due to report on the last sitting day of 2020. Submissions were due by Friday 20 September 2019.

Previous Considerations

Nil.

**COMMENT**

A submission was prepared and noted that, whilst there is broad agreement that the Northern Australia Agenda has delivered a vitally important focus on the opportunities for this previously neglected region, there has been little progress on unpacking the

complex issues that predated the initiative. This has led to a focus on those locations that were in a position to leverage the additional funding and opportunities being made available whilst some of the most disadvantaged areas became further marginalised.

The submission noted the need to establish the basic level of service and opportunity that should be available to all Australians, including Australian businesses, not just those in larger urban centres.

Further, consideration should be given to strategies to mitigate the extreme economic contractions and equally unsustainable periods of expansion that occur in many regional areas.

## **CONSULTATION**

Nil.

## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Local Government Act 1995

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

## **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

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### **Natural Environment Goal – Responsible management of the environment:**

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**Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:**

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**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

**KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:  
(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

***Moved: Cr C Mitchell***

***Seconded: Cr G Haerewa***

***That the Kimberley Regional Group confirms the out of session endorsement of the submission.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0**

**Attachments**

1. Submission: Northern Australia Agenda Review

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

**10.1 CORRESPONDENCE OUT - CANBERRA DELEGATION**

**Correspondence Out**

Letters were sent to the following members of Federal Parliament requesting meetings for the Canberra Delegation 25-27 November 2019.

The Hon Scott Buchholz MP  
Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport

Hon Trevor Evans MP  
Assistant Minister for Waste Reduction and Environmental Management

Hon Josh Frydenberg MP  
The Treasurer

The Hon Sussan Ley MP  
Minister for the Environment

The Hon Michael McCormack MP  
Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development

Hon Nola Marino MP  
Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories

Hon Melissa Price MP  
Minister for Defence Industry; Member for Durack

The Hon Ken Wyatt MP  
Minister for Indigenous Australians

Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan  
Minister for Resources and Northern Australia

Senator the Hon Jonathon Duniam  
Assistant Minister for Forestry and Fisheries, Assistant Minister for Regional Tourism

Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds  
Minister for Defence

Hon Michaela Cash  
Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business

Senator Dean Smith  
Senator for Western Australia

Senator Matt O'Sullivan  
Senator for Western Australia

**10.2 CORRESPONDENCE IN - MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Response to letter from the Kimberley Regional Group dated 7 August 2019.

**Attachments**

1. Minister for Emergency Services

**11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

**12. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS**

Nil.

**13. MEETING CLOSURE**

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