



THE
KIMBERLEY
REGIONAL GROUP

Meeting Minutes

13 April 2023

In Person at City of Perth Council Offices

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Meeting Open: 15:15pm

- Chair acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the different lands on which people are meeting today, and to paid respect to all the Elders past, present and emerging.

2. Attendance and Apologies

Name	Shire / Council / Organisation	Method
Members		
Cr Chris Mitchell	Shire of Broome	In person
Cr Geoff Haerewa	President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	In person
Cr Malcolm Edwards	President, Shire of Halls Creek	Zoom
Cr David Menzel	President, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	In person
Observers		
Sam Mastrolembo	CEO, Shire of Broome	In person
James Watt	Director Corporate Services, Shire of Broome	Zoom
Peter McCumstie	Deputy President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Zoom
Neil Hartley	Director Strategic Business, SDWK	In person
Phillip Cassell	CEO, Shire of Halls Creek	Zoom
Cr Tony Chafer	Deputy Shire President, SWEK	Zoom
Vernon Lawrence	CEO, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	In person
Executive Support Team		
Paul Rosair	Principal, NAJA Business Consulting Services	In person
Michelle Mackenzie	Principal, Mira Consulting	Zoom
Jane Lewis	Principal, Redit Research	In person
Josh Turner	NAJA Business Consulting Services	In person
Apologies		
Cr Desiree Male	President, Shire of Broome	
Amanda Dexter	CEO, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	
Nick Kearns	Director of Planning / Community SWEK	

Name	Shire / Council / Organisation	Method
Guests		
Rob Cossart	State Recovery Coordinator	In Person
Christine Comer	Assistant Director WA and SA. National Emergency Management Agency	In Person
Glenn Mace	Executive Director Service Delivery, Department of Communities	In Person
Stuart Cowie	SWICC, Department of Communities	

3. Disclosures, Conflicts and Declarations of Interest:

Financial Interest / Impartiality

Member	Item Number	Item	Nature of Interest
Nil			

4. Minutes of the last meeting

Item for Decision

Submitted by: Secretariat

Attachment 1: Matters Arising and Outstanding Business

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Resolution/s	Action(s) / Budget Implications
That the Minutes of the Kimberley Regional Group held on 17 February 2023, as published and circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.	See Attachment 1 – Matters Arising and Outstanding Business

Moved:	SDWK	Responsible:	See Attachment
Seconded:	SoB	Due date:	As appropriate
Carried: 4 / 0			

Attachment 1 Matters Arising and Outstanding Business

Date / Item	Action / Progress	Responsible
North West Defence Alliance (NWDA) Funding Request		
24/8/2022 Item 11.4	<p>Action: The KRG approves, in principle, a contribution up to \$40,000 from the KRG surplus for the 2022-23 financial year, towards the lobbying and advocacy efforts of the North West Defence Alliance, subject to the development of a formal budget to be considered by circular resolution.</p> <p>Status / Progress: Cr Haerewa to liaise with Secretariat</p>	Cr Haerewa and Secretariat
Kimberley Regional Group Memorandum of Understanding		
21/6/2022 Item 9.4	<p>Action: MOU to be finalised</p> <p>Status / Progress: Executive Officer discussed with Secretariat and CEO's. A final MOU to be tabled at April meeting. Governance arrangements to be discussed.</p>	Members and Executive Officer
Resilience and Recovery		
18/02/2023 Item 8	<p>Action: Executive Team to contact Rob Cossart, State Recovery Coordinator. Look at opportunities to be involved with the review of DRFAWA.</p> <p>Status / Progress: The CEO SDWK has been liaising with the State Recovery Co-ordinator. The Commonwealth Review of DRFAWA, led by Andrew Colvin APM OAM, will determine the strengths and weaknesses of the current system to help bolster WA's resilience to hazards. It is expected to be completed by 2024. The KRG could consider submission into the review.</p>	Executive Officer and CEO SDWK
Media Policy		
18/02/2023 Item 10	<p>Action: The Executive Team to update the draft media and communications policy to with a modification to "Speaking on behalf of the Kimberley Regional Group" to include the Secretariat.</p> <p>Status / Progress: Resolved</p>	Executive Officer

Date / Item	Action / Progress	Responsible
KRG Website		
18/02/2023 Item 11	<p>Action: Executive Team and Secretariat to negotiate a contract and purchase order with the chosen web developer.</p> <p>Status / Progress: The website is in development. Content will need to be written for the site in partnership with the members, and approved by the KRG, before it goes live.</p>	Executive Team
General Business		
18/02/2023	<p>Action: Insurance Costs: Executive Officer EO to discuss with CEO Broome and talk to Jonathan Seth, CEO LGIS regarding relief on Insurances as a result of impact of the floods.</p> <p>Status / Progress: Jonathan Seth is no longer the CEO. Contact is being made with James Sheridan, the new CEO.</p>	Executive Officer
18/02/2023	<p>Action: April meeting to be changed to a Perth venue. Executive Team to organise.</p> <p>Status / Progress: The Executive Team has secured the City of Perth for the meeting.</p>	Executive Assistant
18/02/2023	<p>Action: Letter to be sent on behalf of the KRG to request that funding from the Lord Mayors Distress Relief Fund be directed to evacuation centres across the Kimberley.</p> <p>Status / Progress: Correspondence was sent to the City of Perth. Awaiting a response.</p>	Executive Assistant

Watching Brief

Federal Grant Growing Regions Program - Information on program guidelines, eligibility criteria and the application process will be provided by the Commonwealth in due course.
Minister McBain Kimberley Tour – await sitting dates for Parliament (in contact with Gabrielle Said)
Aboriginal Heritage Act third round approx. Feb 2023. EO spoke to Anthony Kannis, DG DPLH
WA Development Index – response received from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. Tabled in correspondence.
Banned Drinkers register - The McGowan Government advised on the 2nd of March 2023 that it will introduce new legislation to parliament as soon as possible to strengthen the Banned Drinkers Register. It is anticipated that many of the recommendations made by the KRG will be addressed in this legislation.
State government funding to address juvenile crime in the Kimberley – response received from the Department of Justice. Tabled in correspondence. The Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee is key to recommending funding partnerships with government for youth projects across the Kimberley. The KRG is an observer on this committee. See correspondence.

Resolved

Media and Communications Policy and Stakeholder Engagement Plan
Letters of congratulations to new State Ministers
Audited statements circulated
KRG meeting dates set and circulated
Service Level Agreement
Policy Position Papers
Investment Prospectus

5. Correspondence

Item for Noting

Submitted by: Secretariat

Attachment 2: Correspondence In: Dr Adam Tomison, Aboriginal Justice Transformation
Attachment 3: Correspondence In: Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Team
Attachment 4: Correspondence In: WA Development Index
Attachment 5: Correspondence In: Online Composite Engineering
Attachment 6: Correspondence Out: Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Team

Note: Correspondence considered of an administrative nature, will not be tabled.

Correspondence In	
Date	14/02/2023
From	Adam Tomison, Director General Department of Justice
Topic	Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy (KJJS)
Attachment	2
Date	27/03/2023
From	Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Team
Topic	Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee
Attachment	3 - also includes email attachments
Date	27/02/2023
From	Jennifer McGrath, Deputy Director General, DLGCI
Topic	KRG Support for the WADI - Response
Attachment	4
Date	30/03/2023
From	Online Composite Engineering
Topic	New product release - Cementcrete Composite Blanket
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Correspondence Out	
Date	28/03/2023
From	CR David Menzel, KRG Chair
To	Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Team
Topic	Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee
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Resolution/s		Action(s) / Budget Implications	
That the Correspondence be received and noted, and that the Executive Officer be directed on a response, if required.		Nil	
Moved:	SoB	Responsible:	Executive Support Team
Seconded:	SWEK	Due date:	As appropriate
Carried: 4 / 0			

Attachment 2 Correspondence In: Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy (KJJS)

From Adam Tomison, Director General Department of Justice 14/02/2023



Government of Western Australia
Department of Justice
Office of the Director General

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Our Ref: D23/208579

Ms Michelle Mackenzie
Principal
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HALLS CREEK WA 6770

Dear Ms Mackenzie

Response to information request from the Kimberley Regional Group

Thank you for your email dated 4 February 2023 in which you requested information on behalf of the Kimberley Regional Group, regarding the Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy (KJJS).

As you may be aware, the KJJS is led by the Department of Justice. It aims to work in partnership with the Kimberley community to develop local solutions to keep young people out of the justice system.

The KJJS commenced in 2019 with initial Royalties for Regions funding of \$900,000 over a three-year period. This supported extensive Kimberley-wide community consultation and initial place-based activities. In March 2020, the State Government announced KJJS funding of \$6.2 million, part of its Commitment to Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing. Of this \$6.2 million, \$1.2 million was utilised to deliver the North Regional TAFE alternative education program in Broome and Kununurra. The remaining funding was allocated to place-based initiatives across the Kimberley.

As part of the 2021-22 State Budget, an additional \$7.8 million was allocated to continue KJJS, and establish a new night patrol program in Fitzroy Crossing and to explore options for safe places and on-Country alternatives to detention.

The majority of KJJS grants are delivered by Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations. The remainder are delivered by local governments. KJJS funds a range of place-based activities that are currently operational in Broome, Derby, Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek, Kununurra and Wyndham.

The KJJS is not a document, but rather a suite of initiatives. The Department would be pleased to meet with the KRG to discuss the KJJS, and I extend an offer for Ms Gina Hill, Director Aboriginal Justice Transformation, to do so. I note a similar briefing was provided to the Shire of Broome.

In response to your question regarding the \$40.4 million Kimberley Youth and Community Justice Response (Kimberley Response) announced in May 2022, this is

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a cross-portfolio package that is complementary to the KJJS, delivered by a range of agencies outside of the Department of Justice.

Under the Kimberley Response, the Kimberley Development Commission (KDC), Department of Communities (Communities), Department of Education (Education) and the Western Australia Police Force (WAPOL) are working closely together to deliver a package of initiatives, with support from Justice, where applicable. The Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) and the Department of Treasury are also involved as central agencies.

The table below provides a breakdown of each initiative and the corresponding lead agency.

Kimberley Response Initiative	Lead Agency
Kimberley On-Country Residential Youth Facilities (includes \$15m for the development of an on-Country residential facility for young people as an alternative to detention and \$500,000 to plan and develop other safe place proposals)	KDC
Target 120 Expansion	Communities
Kimberley Schools Project Extension	Education
Operation Regional Shield	WAPOL
Broome Night Patrol and Youth Service Expansion and Intensive Family Support (West Kimberley)	Communities
Kimberley Community Action Fund	KDC
Feasibility study WA College of Agriculture in Kimberley	Education
Further Aboriginal-led initiatives (targeted initiatives identified by ARGG and supported by KAYWSC)	DPC

In response to your final question - which was around useful information for the Kimberley shires to know about juvenile justice issues - the KJJS and the Kimberley Response are strongly linked to broader Government commitments, including the National Agreement on Closing the Gap (CTG) as part of a whole-of-government response to addressing juvenile crime in the region.

In addition, the Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee (KAYWSC) was formed to ensure a partnership approach with the Kimberley Aboriginal community to progress implementation of actions related to the WA Governments' *Commitment to Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing* report ('the Commitment') and the 86 recommendations identified in the State Coroner's 2019 *Inquest into the deaths of thirteen children and young persons in the Kimberley Region, Western Australia*, and the 2016 Parliamentary Inquiry, *Learnings from the Message Stick: the report of the Inquiry into Aboriginal youth suicide in remote areas*.

The purpose of the KAYWSC is to bring together all relevant State Government agencies, along with Kimberley Aboriginal community-controlled organisations (ACCOs) represented on the Kimberley Aboriginal Regional Governance Group (ARGG), to support and enable Aboriginal community-led place-based solutions to improve Aboriginal youth wellbeing outcomes. Other workstreams that may be

considered by the KAYWSC include certain elements of the KJJS, in addition to initiatives linked to the Commitment such as the Kimberley Empowered Youth Network and the Kimberley Regional Aboriginal Suicide Prevention Plan.

Finally, we recognise the local knowledge and expertise that the KRG offer to the KJJS and would welcome the opportunity to work with you. As mentioned previously, may I suggest that Ms Hill attend one of your meetings to present to the KRG and answer any further questions you may have.

Yours sincerely



Dr Adam Tomison
DIRECTOR GENERAL

14 FEBRUARY 2023

Attachment 3 Correspondence In: Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee

From Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Team 27/03/2023

Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee

External

Inbox



MHC Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing <kaywsc@mhc.wa.gov.au>

to paul@naja.com.au, me, MHC

Morning Paul and Jane,

We have been advised that you are providing secretarial support to the KRG. Apologies we previously sent correspondence to tlane@walqa.asn.au. Please find the correspondence below and related attachments. Please do not hesitate to contact us via kaywsc@mhc.wa.gov.au if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Team

Mental Health Commission

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Sent: Wednesday, 22 March 2023 7:32 AM

To: tlane@walqa.asn.au

Cc: MHC Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing <kaywsc@mhc.wa.gov.au>

Subject: Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee

Good Morning,

Following the Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee (KAYWSC) meeting held on the 9 March an endorsed **KAYWSC – Communiqué** has been released (please see Communiqué attached) for distribution to the Kimberley Regional Group and Kimberley Zone.

Please note, the Communiqué will be published on the Mental Health Commission website, a link will be distributed once available. Please also find attached correspondence from the Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee Co-Chairs inviting the Kimberley Regional Group to nominate the Chair or Deputy Chair of the Kimberley Regional Group to attend the KAYWSC as an observer. The next KAYWSC meeting will be held via MS teams in May 2023. To ensure the meeting invitation and meeting papers are sent to the delegate it would be greatly appreciated if you could confirm the name and contact details of the delegate.

If you have any queries, please contact kaywsc@mhc.wa.gov.au

Kind Regards,

Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Team Mental Health Commission

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COMMUNIQUE: Meeting of the Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee (KAYWSC)

9 March 2023

COMMUNIQUE – ‘Relationships before transactions’ – Establishing a partnership is about confirming our commitment to an ongoing relationship for common purpose.

The Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee (KAYWSC) met in Broome on 9 March 2023. The meeting was opened with a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony from Maree Edgar at the Mangrove Hotel.

The meeting was facilitated by Jonathan Ford and Caris Collard from Yonga Solutions and supported by the KAYWSC Co-Chairs Lindsay Hale and Desmond Hill.

The purpose of the KAYWSC is to bring State Government agencies together with the Kimberley Aboriginal Regional Governance Group (ARGG), to **support and enable Aboriginal-led solutions to improve Aboriginal youth wellbeing.**

The Parties are committed to working in partnership to progress implementation of actions related to the State Government's **Commitment to Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing (2020)** and the 86 recommendations arising from the 2016 Parliamentary Inquiry, Learnings from the Message Stick: The report of the Inquiry into Aboriginal youth suicide in remote areas and the 2019 WA State Coroner's Inquest into the deaths of 13 children and young persons in the Kimberley.

To ensure the success of this partnership Jonathan highlighted, 'the importance of the establishment of strong, trustworthy and honest, open and transparent relationships before we can collectively move towards the transactions', and the delivery of agreed KAYWSC priorities.

The key items discussed and considered by the Steering Committee included the following:

Empowered Young Leaders (EYL)

Tonii (Wajayi) Skeen shared the voices of EYL by presenting to the KAYWSC, EYL's priorities for 2023. Wajayi is the EYL Coordinator, West Kimberley (with West Kimberley Futures – Empowered Communities). EYL are the representative body for Aboriginal young people in the Kimberley region – they advocate for place-based representation and actively engage and partner with government agencies, corporate organisations and other stakeholders that are involved in decision-making and service delivery, enabling authentic co-design and collaboration.

Wajayi spoke of one of the key functions of EYL is to provide avenues for young people in the Kimberley to have a voice for issues that are important to them and that impact their lives. Wajayi spoke of how young people in the Kimberley report of 'forum trauma' whereby they feel they are one of the most heavily consulted populations in Australia and emphasised that it is critical that young people are guarded and protected throughout engagement with consultants and government agencies and departments; and that they are compensated for the services they provide.

The KAYWSC was informed of how the EYL continues to connect young people with consultation opportunities, and that EYL establish clear boundaries for consulting parties to adhere to, to ensure safe and culturally appropriate engagements with young people.

KAYWSC members provided in principle support for the priorities of EYL in 2023; and agreed to continue to utilise EYL as a key governance group for Aboriginal youth leadership and decision making in the Kimberley. It was agreed that the KAYWSC secretariat facilitate a workshop with the EYL and State Government representatives to explore how this would apply at an agency level.

Members also supported the transition of EYL to become a separately incorporated body.

Members were encouraged to access the QR CODE below for more information on EYL.



Authorising Environment – resourcing and funding pathways

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet and Department of Finance provided a joint presentation on the State Government budgetary process and commissioning pathways. This aimed to provide clarity on what is required to request funding for new initiatives in the Kimberley that support and enable Aboriginal-led solutions to improve Aboriginal youth wellbeing.

Partnership Agreement

The ARGG tabled a draft Partnership Agreement and Implementation Plan at the Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee (KAYWSC) on 28 October 2022. The Agreement included an Implementation Plan that reflects the ARGG's prioritisation of the 86 recommendations arising from the Coroner's Report, Message Stick Report, and the Kimberley Statement.

Prior to the KAYWSC meeting, WA Government provided consolidated feedback on the draft Partnership Agreement and Implementation Plan and as a result, the ARGG produced a revised version for in principle endorsement at the meeting.

There was a productive discussion regarding the Partnership Agreement and Implementation Plan, and further work will now occur to progress both.

Yiriman Project

Merle Carter, Women's Chair of KALACC and Damien Giles, Project Coordinator Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Cultural Centre provided a presentation and overview of the development of the Yiriman Justice Project. The presentation was well received and the Steering Committee contributed advice on how to progress the project further.

Next Meeting

The KAYWSC will meet again in May 2023, via MS Teams. A key focus of the meeting will be to finalise the Partnership Agreement and Implementation Plan.

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Name	Representing
Allan Adams	WA Police Force
Jim Bell	Department of Education (DoE)
Jodi Cant	Department of Finance
Merle Carter	Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Cultural Centre
Paula Chatfield	WA Country Health Service (WACHS)
Lanie Chopping	Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC)
Raymond Christophers	Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Ltd
Pepita Wilson	Kimberley Language Resource Centre
Tyronne Garstone	Kimberley Land Council
Damien Giles	Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Cultural Centre
Mala Haji-Ali	West Kimberley Futures - Empowered Communities
Lindsay Hale	Mental Health Commission (MHC)
Christy Hawker	Binarri-binyja yarrowoo Aboriginal Corporation (East Kimberley Empowered Communities)
Desmond Hill	Binarri-binyja yarrowoo Aboriginal Corporation (East Kimberley Empowered Communities)
Gina Hill	Department of Justice (DoJ)
Fiona Hunt	Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC)
Jacqueline McGowan-Jones	Commission for Children and Young People (CCYP)
Vicki O'Donnell	Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Ltd
Lawrence Panaia	WA Police Force
Mike Rowe	Department of Communities
Tonii Skeen	Empowered Young Leaders

FURTHER INFORMATION

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ARGG Secretariat: kimberlevaroq@kamsc.org.au

Artist acknowledgement:

Danica Manado is an Aboriginal Artist and Graphic Designer from Broome with cultural ties and connections to Yawuru, Djugun, Nimanburr and Bard groups of the Kimberley. The artwork represents the connection liyan has between yourself, your relationships, culture, country and purpose or interest whilst the colours chosen represents the many Kimberley landscapes.

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Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee

TERMS OF REFERENCE

28 October 2022

1. Background

The *Commitment to Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing* (the Commitment) was released in March 2020. The Commitment outlines how the Government proposes to work towards reducing the rate of suicide and enhancing the wellbeing of young Aboriginal people. The Commitment is the Government's response to the State Coroner's 2019 Inquest into the deaths of thirteen children and young persons in the Kimberley Region, Western Australia, and the 2016 Parliamentary Inquiry, *Learnings from the Message Stick: the report of the Inquiry into Aboriginal youth suicide in remote areas*. The reports made a combined 86 recommendations that highlight the need for the WA Government to work with Aboriginal people and ensure they are empowered to formulate the policies and services that affect their own communities.

There have been many reports into Aboriginal youth suicide in Western Australia over past decades, carrying many of the same messages and recommendations as the Coroner's Inquest and Message Stick reports. While Governments considered these reports when they were released, implementation of their recommendations was often limited, ad hoc, not resourced or did not address the issue holistically. The Government acknowledges that it must do better in responding to these reports and being accountable to the Aboriginal communities and families that continue to be impacted by suicide.

In March 2021, the Commitment was transitioned from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet to the Mental Health Commission (MHC) which now leads the coordination and progression of the State Government's response. The MHC recognises the importance of working with Aboriginal people as outlined in the National Agreement on Closing the Gap and the Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy and identified the need to engage with Kimberley Aboriginal people to deliver an appropriate response that is place-based, community-led and supports the development of genuine partnerships between the State Government, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) and Aboriginal communities.

A Strengthening Partnerships Workshop was held in Broome in April 2021 and the MHC has committed to work in partnership with Kimberley ACCOs to prioritise and develop place-based, community-led action that works toward the 12 Commitments. The workshop was attended by State Government senior executives and senior representatives from Kimberley ACCOs.

The aim of the workshop was to initiate discussions between State Government and Kimberley ACCOs on how to strengthen partnerships and identify new ways of working between the State Government, ACCOs and Aboriginal communities. The proposed new ways of working challenges Government to do business in a truly new way. One that acknowledges that Aboriginal people are the experts and need to be heard and listened to as equal partners when decisions are made that affect Aboriginal people and lead the co-creations of solutions.

Following the workshop, further collaboration has occurred between the State Government Departments and the Kimberley ACCOs to formalise the partnership and to define processes and commitments. An agreed definition of partnership, co-design and shared decision making will be established which will then lead to the prioritisation of the implementation of the 86 recommendations and the 12 Commitments, including the five priorities outlined by the Call to Action letter sent to Government in May 2020 from the Kimberley ACCOs.

Kimberley Aboriginal leaders have agreed to establish the Aboriginal Regional Governance Group (ARGG) to provide unified Aboriginal leadership and to partner with the WA Government in relation to Aboriginal youth wellbeing. The ARGG will function on an interim basis until a Kimberley Aboriginal Regional Body is established. Once established, it is envisaged that that structure will replace the ARGG; however, this will be a decision for the Regional Body.

2. Purpose of the Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee

The purpose of the Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee (KAYWSC) is to bring together all relevant State Government agencies, together with Kimberley ACCOs represented on the Kimberley Aboriginal Regional Governance Group (ARGG) to support and enable Aboriginal community-led solutions to improve Aboriginal youth wellbeing outcomes. In particular, the State Government is committed to working in partnership with the Kimberley Aboriginal community to progress implementation of actions related to the WA Governments' *Commitment to Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing* report and the 86 recommendations identified in the State Coroner's 2019 *Inquest into the deaths of thirteen children and young persons in the Kimberley Region, Western Australia*, and the 2016 Parliamentary Inquiry, *Learnings from the Message Stick: the report of the Inquiry into Aboriginal youth suicide in remote areas*.

Other initiatives that will be considered in this partnership include the Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy, Kimberley Empowered Youth Network and the Kimberley Regional Aboriginal Suicide Prevention Plan.

3. Approach and Principles

The KAYWSC will not be considered a formal partnership under Closing the Gap. However, the partnership will utilise the strong partnership elements as described in Closing the Gap. The strong partnership elements describe the following:

- The partnership includes Aboriginal representatives who are appointed by Aboriginal people in a transparent way, with the voices of Aboriginal parties holding as much weight as the Government's.
- The partnership includes State Government representatives from Tier 1 and Tier 2 delegation and have negotiating and decision-making authority.
- The partnership is underpinned by a formal agreement which defines the parties, their roles and objectives as well as what is in scope of shared decision-making.
- Decision-making is by consensus and in a transparent way where all parties have enough information to understand the implications of the decision.
- The voices of a wide variety of groups should be heard, including women, young people, elders and people with a disability.
- Funding for relevant programs and services align with jointly agreed community priorities.

The partnership will also build on the four priority reform areas identified in Closing the Gap:

1. Formal partnerships and shared decision making.
2. Building the community-controlled sector.
3. Transforming government organisations.
4. Shared access to data and information at a regional level.

4. Initial Deliverables:

- Develop a co-design framework to support the development and implementation of the priorities outlined in this document.
- Design and implementation of an appropriate partnership model including the development of a Partnership Agreement.
- Progress the immediate actions identified by the Kimberley Stakeholder call for action letter dated 18 May 2020.
- Consider, prioritise and agree on the actions and investment for the 86 recommendations, noting Government retain responsibility for funding decisions.
- Partnering in response to other initiatives including the Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy, Kimberley Empowered Young Leaders and the Kimberley Regional Aboriginal Suicide Prevention Plan.

- Develop and implement a community engagement plan on the partnership and shared decision-making agreement.
- Contribute to the WA Government Annual Progress report on the Commitment to Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing.
- Create an implementation plan with identified timeframes, roles and responsibilities to implement the Partnership Agreement.

5. Membership

The KAYWSC will consist of Director Generals or proxy (Tier 2) from State Government Agencies and representatives from the Kimberley ACCOs.

Proposed membership of the KAYWSC is outlined below:

State Government	Kimberley Stakeholders
Mental Health Commission (MHC) Position Title: Commissioner	Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Ltd (KAMS) Position Titles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair • Chief Executive Officer • Chief Operating Officer
Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) Position Title: Deputy Director General	Kimberley Land Council (KLC) Position Titles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair • Chief Executive Officer
WA Police (WAPOL) Position Title: Assistant Commissioner	Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Cultural Centre (KALACC) Position Titles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair • Coordinator
Department of Justice (DoJ) Position Title: Director General	Kimberley Language Resource Centre (KLRC) Position Titles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair • Manager
Department of Education (DoE) Position Title: Director General	West Kimberley Futures – Empowered Communities (WKF-EC) Position Titles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Strategy Officer • Chief Implementation Officer
Department of Communities (DoC) Position Title: Director General	Empowered Young Leaders representatives Position Titles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair • Coordinator/Lead
Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) Position Title: Director General	Binarri-binyja yarrowoo Aboriginal Corporation (BBY) – East Kimberley Empowered Communities Position Titles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair • Chief Executive Officer
Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) Position Title: Director General	Independent Commissioner for Young People and Children Position Title: Commissioner
WA Country Health Service (WACHS) Position Title: Executive Director	
Department of Health (DoH) Position Title: Director General	

Department of Treasury (DoT) Position Title: Under Treasurer	
Department of Finance Position Title: Director General	

6. Proxies

Members may nominate a proxy to attend the meetings on their behalf by advising the Co-Chairs through the Secretariat. State Government proxy representatives must be Tier 1 or Tier 2. Proxies will have the same responsibilities as members.

7. Observers

Standard Observers who can attend each meeting include:

- Minute taker
- KAYWSC secretariat staff
- ARGG secretariat staff

Approved Observers that will be invited to each Steering Committee is a representative from the following:

- National Indigenous Australians Agency
- Kimberley Regional Zone of Local Governments

The Co-Chairs may agree to invite or accept any other individual or organisational representative to participate in the meeting (or some parts of a meeting) as an observer as required. Members may request to invite observers, through the Secretariat prior to the meeting. It will be at the discretion of the Co-Chairs if the observer is to be provided with meeting papers.

All other observers are to be approved by the Co-Chairs prior to attendance.

8. Governance Structure

The KAYWSC is the main body established to drive the development and implementation of the partnership.

State Government members will report to the Human Services Director General Group.

The Aboriginal Regional Governance Group (ARGG) will provide unified Aboriginal leadership for this work.

The KAYWSC may establish Project Implementation Working Groups at its own discretion. These will consist of Government and ARGG representatives at officer level, may be time limited or ongoing, and will report to the KAYWSC.

The KAYWSC will be advised by the Empowered Young Leaders in regard to Empowered Young Leaders involvement and participation in working groups.

9. Confidentiality

The information provided to the KAYWSC is considered confidential. Members are not to communicate, or on-forward material received without pre-approval by the Chair/s.

When meetings are conducted via video-conference the meetings will be recorded and will only be used to write minutes, and to be provided to members who were not able to attend the meeting.

10. Chairperson

The KAYWSC will be co-chaired by representatives from WA Government and representatives elected by the ARGG.

The Co-Chairs are responsible for overseeing and monitoring the work of the group, and for facilitating appropriate communication between ARGG and WA Government and reporting through respective accountability structures.

11. Minutes/Action register

Minutes with an Actions Register will be recorded and distributed promptly to each member of the KAYWSC.

An approved communique will be developed following each meeting summarising the key outcomes of the meeting that can be used if the ARGG and State Government wish to provide updates on the work of the KAYWSC to stakeholders.

12. Executive support

The MHC will manage the executive support responsibilities to the KAYWSC and will be responsible for providing timely and effective secretariat support including:

- acting as a focal point for information and advice on meeting processes; and
- coordinating and disseminating meeting agendas and supporting papers.

13. Quorum

The quorum of the KAYWSC shall be 50% plus one with a minimum of half of the representatives in attendance representing the ARGG, and half representing the WA Government. Where there is an unequal number of representatives, excess representatives will abstain from voting.

14. Meetings

The KAYWSC will meet quarterly via video-conference and at a minimum meet twice a year in-person in the Kimberley.

15. Conflict of Interest

If a conflict of interest is thought to exist, members are required to declare this interest prior to discussion/involvement. The KAYWSC shall determine whether such a conflict of interest exists.

If a conflict of interest is found to exist, the affected member shall withdraw from the meeting until the issue is resolved by the KAYWSC.

16. Review

The Terms of Reference once agreed will be reviewed every 12 months or sooner if required. The review will be undertaken with the KAYWSC members, and outcomes agreed to by KAYWSC members.



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Our ref : MHC23/12032
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Cr David Menzel
Chair
Kimberley Regional Group and Kimberley Zone
C/O Tim Lane
Secretariat

Email: tlane@walga.asn.au

Dear Cr Menzel,

KIMBERLEY ABORIGINAL YOUTH WELLBEING STEERING COMMITTEE

We thank you kindly for the nomination of Peter McCumstie as delegate of the Kimberley Regional Zone of Local Governments to attend the Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee (Steering Committee) as an observer.

Since our last correspondence, representatives from the Aboriginal Regional Governance Group (ARGG) have met with Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA, Minister for Mental Health and Hon Dr Tony Buti MLA, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs to express their concerns regarding progress on the Commitment to Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing and the current structure of the Steering Committee.

Through the discussions, several actions have been progressed to improve the operation of the KAYWSC, including following through on a commitment from Ministers Sanderson and Buti that State Government representation on the Steering Group is consistent and at Tier 1 or 2 delegation. To align to this, we are asking that observers representing external agencies hold a similar delegated authority and therefore request that your nominated representative is either the Chair or Deputy Chair of the Kimberley Regional Group. A copy of the endorsed Terms of Reference are attached (see **Attachment**).

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled in Broome for 9 March 2023, 9am - 1pm. To ensure the meeting papers are sent to the nominated delegate it would be appreciated if you could please confirm the name and contact details of the delegate directly to the project team via email to kaywsc@mhc.wa.gov.au.

Should you have any questions about this request, please contact the Project team by email on the above-mentioned email address.

We look forward to working closely with the nominee/s to progress this important work.

Yours sincerely



Jenny Bedford
Co-Chair
Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee
February 2023

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Desmond Hill
Co-Chair
Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee
February 2023



Lindsay Hale
Co-Chair
Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee
February 2023

Attachment 4 Correspondence In: DLGCI response to KRG WADI support letter

From Jennifer McGrath, Deputy Director General 27/01/2023



Department of
Local Government, Sport
and Cultural Industries

Our ref: M23000980
Enquiries: Kim Lazenby
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Email: Kim.Lazenby@dlgsc.wa.gov.au

Ms Michelle Mackenzie
Kimberley Regional Group
michelle@mira-consulting.com.au

Dear Ms Mackenzie

KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP - SUPPORT FOR THE WA DEVELOPMENT INDEX (WADI)

Thank you for your correspondence dated 4 January 2023 to Hon John Carey MLA, Minister for Local Government, regarding the WA Development Index. The Minister has requested that I respond to you on his behalf.

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) recognises the value in ensuring that there are ways to measure short, medium and long-term development outcomes. In December 2020, at the request of the former Minister for Local Government, Hon David Templeman MLA, DLGSC engaged Ernst and Young (EY) to prepare a business case for the development of a Western Australian Development Index (WADI), with assistance from the Australian National Development Index (ANDI) represented by Director, Professor Fiona Stanley AC, and Mr Mike Salvaris.

Since this initial work, Local Government Act reform has been a primary focus for DLGSC. On 23 February 2023, the Local Government Amendment Bill 2023 (the Bill) was introduced into Parliament. The Bill introduces principles for the functions of local government including 'to promote the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the district' and 'to consider potential long-term consequences and impacts on future generations'. These principles will guide the scope and service delivery focus of local governments.

Depending on the preferences of local communities and other stakeholders, it might be possible for the WADI to provide useful approaches and information to demonstrate economic, social and environmental sustainability of regions, as well as possible long-term impacts. With this in mind, DLGSC is continuing to receive information and updates from stakeholders regarding the development of a WADI.

Yours sincerely



Jennifer McGrath
Deputy Director General
27 March 2023

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Attachment 5 Correspondence In: Online Composite Engineering

Dear, Paul Rosair
WALGA, Kimberly Country Zone

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our NEW product release here in Australia and New Zealand,

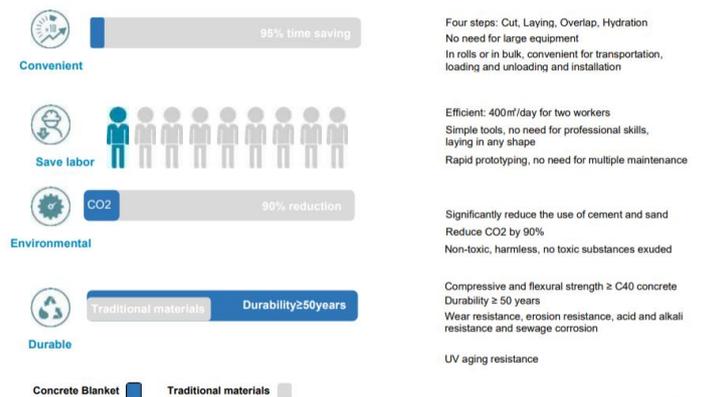
The Cementcrete Composite Blanket is a Concrete infused composite blanket that can be laid to fit almost any shape and location, then simply hydrate to harden, for a semi-permanent structure. It is really that simple Cut, Laying, Overlap, and Hydration. No need for large equipment. That it!!

The Cementcrete Composite Blanket comes in 2-meter-wide x 45-meter-long rolls in 6mm and 10mm thick, and 1.2-meter-wide x 20-meter-long rolls for the 15mm thick. The Cementcrete Blanket is perfect for the control of any soil erosion caused by water or wind, control of weeds and vegetation, and is even fire and chemical resistant! Has multiple usages across Water Conservation, Roads, Rail, Agriculture, Electricity Utilities, Mine sites, Bunts, Dams and Drains and so much more.

The use of our CEMENTCRETE COMOPSITE BLANKET, with an 90% reduction in CO2 , can reduce labour cost by up to 95%, Efficiency with up to 400SQM laydown a day, for two workers, is durable for up to 50 years, can be laid under water, and hydrated with any water supply, is Non-toxic, Harmless with no toxic content used in the manufacturing process. Is ASTM D8058, D8329, D6768, D4885, CTC & SGS TESTED

Please contact me directly via my mobile 0497 952 194, or via the contacts page at our web site onlinecompositeengineering.com.au if you would like to find out more, or would like to know how this new CEMENTCRETE COMPOSITE BLANKET can work for you?

Comparison



Kind regards



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Attachment 6 Correspondence Out: Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee

From KRG Chair, Cr David Menzel 28/03/2023



Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Team
Mental Health Commission

Via Email – kaywsc@mhc.wa.gov.au

28/03/2023

Dear KAYWSC Co-Chairs and team,

Thank you very much for your correspondence received 27/03/2023 with information regarding the KAYWSC meeting. I also acknowledge the letter regarding the stipulation that representation as observers on the Steering Committee be from either the Chair or the Deputy Chair of the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG).

When the KRG originally proposed Cr Peter McCumstie it was done so with a great deal of consideration. Cr McCumstie, Deputy President Shire of Derby West Kimberley, was chosen as the most appropriate councillor to attend due to his extensive experience in Aboriginal youth wellbeing. Aside from being a councillor for over 20 years, including 10 years as Shire President, he has had many roles including CEO of the Dambimangari Board.

The KRG respectfully request that this nomination be accepted, as unfortunately I, and Deputy Chair are currently unavailable due to demanding workloads, heightened as a consequence of the recent floods.

Please advise of your decision and advise accordingly to David.menzel@swek.wa.gov.au (and please cc our Executive Officer, Paul Rosair Paul@naja.com.au and the Executive Administrator Jane@reditresearch.com.au)

Yours sincerely



Cr David Menzel
Chair
Kimberley Regional Group

6. Financial Report

Item for Decision

Submitted by: Vernon Lawrence, KRG Secretariat and Felicity Heading

Attachment 7: Kimberley Regional Group Interim Financial Report to 28 February 2023

Purpose

To update the KRG members on the financial position of the Group.

Summary

This report presents the Kimberley Regional Group Interim Financial Activity Statement for the period ended 28 February 2023. The report recommends that the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) receives the Financial Activity Statement.

Details

Background

Previous Considerations

Nil for the current financial year.

The last budget adopted by the KRG was for the 2021/22 financial year. Due to a change in Consultant to the KRG and the change of the Secretariat from the Shire of Broome to the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley an annual budget was not adopted prior to the start of the current financial year. The budget for the current year is the subject of a report to this meeting. The Annual Budget presented for the 2022/23 financial year is a balanced budget.

The Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley took over the secretariat effectively from 1 July 2022. At this date the Shire became responsible for the operating expenses of the KRG. The funds of the KRG were transferred to the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley after the financial audit was complete.

Comment

The Financial Activity Statement presents a current surplus position of \$228,072 and this is before invoices for the 2022/23 have been issued.

Executive and Administrative consultancy invoices have been received to January 2023 and indicate that services will be delivered within budget at year end. Invoices for the current years contribution from the member Shires will be sent out after the approval of the Annual Budget. Reimbursements for expenditures incurred will also be sent out to the individual Shires after the approval of the Annual Budget.

Consultation

Nil.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Financial Implications

As at the 30 June 2022 the Kimberley Regional Group cash balance carried forward to the new financial year was \$289,435.

The Kimberley Regional Group budget was put forward to this meeting as a balanced budget with the opening cash balance of \$298,435. As no invoicing for contributions has been done and no reimbursements have been refunded the year-to-date actual budget deficit is \$70,363. The total Kimberley Regional Group cash balance at 28 February 2023 is \$228,072.

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.

Voting Requirements

Absolute Majority

Resolution/s		Action(s) / Budget Implications	
<i>That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the Interim Financial Report to 28 February 2023, the \$70,363 year to date budget deficit, and the overall \$228,072 surplus position</i>		Nil	
Moved:	SDWK	Responsible:	
Seconded:	SHC	Due date:	
Carried: 4 / 0			

Attachment 7 Kimberley Regional Group Interim Financial Report to 28 February 2023

Kimberley Regional Group - Interim Financial Statement for the period ending 28 February 2023	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date
Expenditure			
Kimberley Regional Group - Zone & RCG Meeting Expenses - Op Exp	12,000	8,000	1,636
Kimberley Regional Group - Annual Financial Audit - Op Exp	5,000	3,333	5,000
Kimberley Regional Group - IT Support - Op Exp	1,500	1,000	-
Kimberley Regional Group - Sundry Expenses - Op Exp	1,000	667	-
Kimberley Regional Group - Website upgrade	4,000	2,667	-
Kimberley Regional Group - Executive Consultancy	116,200	77,467	61,106
Kimberley Regional Group - Executive Consultancy - reimbursable costs	6,000	4,000	-
Kimberley Regional Group - North West Defence Alliance	40,000	26,667	2,622
	<u>185,700</u>	<u>123,800</u>	<u>70,363</u>
Income			
Kimberley Regional Group - Reimbursement Zone & RCG Meetings Expenses - Op Inc	- 3,000	- 2,000	
Kimberley Regional Group - Members Contribution Secretariat Costs - Op Inc	- 180,000	- 120,000	
Kimberley Regional Group - Interest on Reserve - Op Inc.	- 2,700	- 1,800	
	<u>- 185,700</u>	<u>- 123,800</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Operating Result	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,363</u>
Opening Cash Balance	298,435	298,435	298,435
Closing Cash Balance	<u>298,435</u>	<u>298,435</u>	<u>228,072</u>

7. Adoption of KRG Annual Budget 2022/23

Item for Decision

Submitted by: Vernon Lawrence, KRG Secretariat and Felicity Heading

Attachment 8: Kimberley Regional Group Annual Budget 2022/23

Summary

This report presents the proposed 2022/23 Kimberley Zone of WALGA and Kimberley Regional Group Annual Budget for approval.

Background

Previous Considerations

At the 21 June 2022 KRG meeting the following motion was passed.

KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP REPORT RECOMMENDATION

Minute No. KRG/0622/007

Moved: Cr David Menzel

Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the Kimberley Regional Group:

1. Approves the deferment of the 2022/23 Kimberley Regional Group Annual Budget due to the imminent appointment of a new consultant.

2. Notes the budget will be circulated out of session for approval.

CARRIED

The Secretariat has belatedly prepared a Draft Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) 2022/23 Annual Budget which outlines proposed income and expenditure and indicates a balanced budget for the year ending June 30, 2023.

In considering the Draft KRG 2022/23 Annual Budget members should note the estimated budgeted \$289,435 overall surplus from the 2022/23 financial year. It is for members consideration to allocate the surplus funds to projects and / or reduce the required member contribution in 2023/24.

Comment

The Draft 2022/23 Annual Budget (Attachment 8) has been developed with regard to historical expenditure while also considering changes in KRG priorities, service delivery methods and increases in local government CPI.

The budget takes into account the appointment of a new consultant, NAJA, that will undertake the administrative functions of the Kimberley Regional Group and the Zone. The contract has been awarded for two years and the costs for the 2022/23 are estimated to be \$116,147 excluding GST annually. As NAJA commenced part way through the financial year the full amount has been budgeted for as well as reimbursable expenses as ATEA Consulting continued to provide services into the new financial year for which they have been reimbursed.

Meeting expenses and corresponding income have been estimated to be in line with previous years adjusted for CPI where appropriate. These costs include the hire of meeting space where necessary, catering and other incidental costs. A separate line item has been included for the Canberra Delegation trips.

A review of the priorities of the KRG was performed and most items are advocacy based and do not require funding beyond the resourcing of the Executive Officer position. Given the groups advocacy role no funding has been allocated to project delivery in the 2022/23 budget. This may change once the KRG has reviewed the past project initiatives and a budget adjustment can be made at the appropriate time.

A new item that has been included is a contribution to the North West Defence Alliance Incorporated (NDWA). This amount is \$40,000 and is substantially to fund the appointment of a consultant and fund the advocacy initiatives of the NDWA.

Operating expenditure for the 2022/23 Draft Annual Budget totals \$185,700. Member contributions have been set at to \$45,000 to cover operating costs, however members may consider further reducing this commitment given the expected \$298,435 end of year overall surplus for 2022/23.

Consultation

Nil.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995

Financial Implications

The budget is the primary financial plan for the 2022/23 financial year. The intention is that the budget will be balanced such that all expenditures are matched by revenues. The budget is presented as a balanced budget. A WALGA preferred auditor will be engaged to prepare the independent Annual Audit for the Kimberley Zone Secretariat and Kimberley Regional Group for the year ending 30 June 2023.

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

Absolute Majority

Resolution/s		Action(s) / Budget Implications	
<i>That the Kimberley Regional Group endorse the 2022/23 Kimberley Regional Group Annual Budget as attached.</i>		Nil	
Moved:	SDWK	Responsible:	
Seconded:	SoB	Due date:	
Carried: 4 / 0			

Attachment 8 Kimberley Regional Group Budget 2022/23

Kimberley Regional Group - Proposed Annual Budget 2022/23

2022/23

OPERATING EXPENDITURE

185,700

Kimberley Regional Group - Zone & RCG Meeting Expenses - Op Exp	12,000	Canberra \$8K; Face to Face \$8k
Kimberley Regional Group - Annual Financial Audit - Op Exp	5,000	Estimate based on prior year data
Kimberley Regional Group - IT Support - Op Exp	1,500	Estimate based on prior year data
Kimberley Regional Group - Sundry Expenses - Op Exp	1,000	Nominal amount - printing etc
Kimberley Regional Group - Website upgrade	4,000	Estimated cost
Kimberley Regional Group - Executive Consultancy	116,200	864 hours @ \$134.43 per hour blended rate - based on full year
Kimberley Regional Group - Executive Consultancy - reimbursable costs	8,000	Estimated amount
Kimberley Regional Group - North West Defence Alliance	40,000	Per minutes - "up to \$50,000"

OPERATING INCOME

(185,700)

Kimberley Regional Group - Reimbursement Zone & RCG Meetings Expenses - Op Inc	(3,000)
Kimberley Regional Group - Members Contribution Secretariat Costs - Op Inc	(180,000) \$45,000 x 4 councils
Kimberley Regional Group - Interest on Reserve - Op Inc.	(2,700)

Net Operating Result

0

Opening Cash Balance

298,435

Closing Cash Balance

298,435

8. Formal Presentations

Submitted by: Executive Officer

Purpose

To receive presentations from key stakeholders.

Background:

In accordance with the priorities of the KRG, stakeholders have been secured to present and discuss relevant topics with the members.

Details:

Time	Name	Position	Topics for discussion
TBA	Basil Zempilas	Lord Mayor, City of Perth	Lord Mayor's Disaster Relief Fund
2:45	Rob Cossart	State Recovery Coordinator	Recovery
3:15	Christine Comer	Assistant Director WA and SA. National Emergency Management Agency	Recovery
3.40	Stuart Cowie	Executive Director Emergency Relief and Support, Department of Communities	Recovery
	Glen Mace	Executive Director Service Delivery, Department of Communities	

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:	Budget Implications			
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Resolution/s(s)	Action(s)			
For information only				

9. Around the Grounds

Matter for Discussion – Outcome of the Canberra meetings

Submitted by: Secretariat

Purpose:

This session provides an opportunity for members to discuss the meetings held in Canberra and the next steps that they would like to pursue.

In Summary:

- KRG members and delegates attended a series of meetings over three days in Canberra with Federal politicians and senior bureaucrats. This included meetings with five Ministers and the leader of the Opposition.
- The Investment Prospectus and Policy Positions were tabled at the meetings and were well received.
- Alfred Nagaiya, the Senior Economic Development Officer at the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley, was instrumental in working with the Executive Officer to develop the itinerary. Letters have been drafted thanking people for meeting with the KRG and reinforcing key advocacy points.
- Through discussions it came to our attention that funding for the Tanami Road has been deferred. A letter has been drafted from the KRG requesting that this funding is reinstated given the impact of the recent Kimberley floods on the road network and supply chain resilience.
- The following is a list of the meetings held and key issues raised;

Canberra Visit Meetings	
Meeting with	Issues discussed
Monday, 27th March 2023	
NEMA – Coordinator-General; Deputy Coordinator-General; Assistant Coordinator-General	Disaster recovery funding: Issues with DRFAWA, particularly with timely disbursement of payments for work completed. Coordinator-General to discuss our concerns with DFES
Opposition members, including Peter Dutton	General discussion with experiences of Shires that have had the CDC abolished by the Albanese Government
Chief of Staff of Dr Anne Aly, Minister for Early Childhood Education	Discussed the dire need to address housing (particularly affordable housing) for childcare workers. SWEK provided a letter from their main childcare provider that outlined that the centre is likely to run out of funds within 4-6 months and will then shut down.

Two Senior Advisors to the Prime Minister	Raised a number of issues across many portfolios including childcare, local government sustainability, Tanami Rd funding deferral.
Tuesday, 28th March	
Meeting with	Issues discussed
Senator Dean Smith	Many issues raised, including sustainability of local governments, disaster recovery, Tanami Rd funding deferral.
Kristy McBain, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and the Territories	Discussions on local government sustainability, Tanami Rd funding deferral, DRFAWA payments issues, etc
Senator Bridget Mackenzie	Issues discussed included Tanami Rd funding deferral, CDC, regional infrastructure, disaster recovery.
Senator Linda Reynolds	General discussions on CDC, local government sustainability.
Amanda Rishworth, Minister for Social Services	CDC removal and issues being experienced (youth crime, anti-social behaviour, etc).
Julien Leesa, Shadow Minister Indigenous Affairs	Indigenous issues including CDC withdrawal impacts.
Nola Merino, Member for Forrest	General discussions on local government sustainability, CDC impacts.
Senator Matt O'Sullivan	General discussions on local government sustainability, CDC impacts, local government sustainability
Wednesday, 29th March	
Linda Burney, Minister for Indigenous Australians	Discussions on The Voice, issues after withdrawal of CDC
Madeleine King, Minister for Resources; Minister for Northern Australia	Disaster Recovery briefing, sustainability of local governments, issues with payments under DRFAWA, etc

<p>Senator Murray Watt, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Minister for Emergency Management</p> <p>Brendan Moon, Coordinator-General, NEMA</p>	<p>Issues around payments under DRFAWA. Mr Moon advised he has discussed with DFES our concerns. Will be discussing further with DFES. Delegation briefed Minister on recovery efforts in the Kimberley.</p>
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Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications
<p>People Place Prosperity Performance</p>	<p>Advocate Partner Promote Facilitate Fund Monitor</p>	<p>Nil</p>
Resolution/s(s)		Action(s)
<p>For Information only</p>		<p>Nil</p>

10. KRG MOU and Governance Arrangements

Item for Decision

Submitted by: KRG Executive Team

Attachment 9: KRG Draft MOU

Attachment 10: KRG Governance Agreement (separately attached)

Attachment 11: KRG Governance Manual (separately attached)

Purpose

That the governance arrangements for the Kimberley Regional Group are clear and fit for purpose.

In summary

The Kimberley Regional Group Governance Agreement was developed when the KRG was established. This forty-page document with five attachments was reviewed in 2021. It is the secretariat's understanding that the review recommendations have not been ratified. This Agreement is attached.

Complementing this Agreement is a Kimberley Regional Group Governance Manual. It is the secretariat's understanding that this governance manual has not been ratified and is a draft.

These documents outline important governance arrangements for the KRG such as the appointment of delegates, voting rights, meeting procedures and the role of the host shire.

- A review of these documents found that whilst acknowledging that the KRG is not a separate legal entity they are written as if the Kimberley Regional Group were a local government constituted under the Local Government Act.
- It is our understanding that these documents were developed when the KRG was looking at a project delivery type model where the KRG would drive key regional projects. The focus of the KRG has been more around collaboration, advocacy and engagement rather than project management.
- As an interim measure, it is recommended that the KRG sign a MOU that outlines the spirit of co-operation and collaboration on Kimberley wide issues, which references the Governance Agreement so that governance protocols are clear.
- Also, it is recommended that prior to creating a suite of new governance documents that the KRG discuss how it would like to be constituted, and task the secretariat to develop an options paper to look at the pros and cons of potential governance arrangements prior to investing time in updating or developing new governance documents.

Background:

As above.

Details:

A simple MOU has been prepared which outlines the vision, mission, objectives and shared values and principles of the Kimberley Regional Group and aims to capture the spirit of collaboration and co-operation between KRG members. This MOU references the current Governance Agreement which outlines important governance arrangements for the KRG such as the appointment of delegates, voting rights, meeting procedure and the role of the host shire.

Clear governance arrangements are critical to the successful operation of the KRG, and for members and key stakeholders to understand the KRG's purpose and function. Potential governance models for the KRG could include:

1. A voluntary regional organization of councils;
2. A regional local government constituted under the Local Government Act WA, with the roles, responsibilities and reporting requirements of a local government
3. An incorporated Association, with a constitution outlining the roles and functions of the KRG and reporting requirements.

The secretariat is seeking direction from the KRG on how it would like to be constituted prior to spending time on updating the current government agreement and governance manual.

To inform this discussion, the secretariat is seeking direction on whether an options paper to look at the pros and cons of potential governance arrangements would be useful to inform a decision by the KRG.

Risk:

Governance - without clear governance arrangements the functioning of the group has the potential to lack clarity and consistency.

Reputational – lack of clarity by members and stakeholders on the governance of the KRG.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications				
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People Place Prosperity Performance	Advocate Partner Promote	Facilitate Fund Monitor				
Resolution/s(s)		Action(s)				
<p>That the KRG</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ratify the draft MOU and recommend this to member Councils for signing; and 2. Task the secretariat to develop a simple options paper on potential governance arrangements for the KRG. 		MOU to be sent for signing.				
Moved:	SDWK	Responsible:				
Seconded:	SoB	Due date:	As required			
Carried:	4/0					

Attachment 9 KRG Draft MOU



Kimberley Regional Group Memorandum of Understanding – Draft 1

Background

In September 2010, the four Kimberley Shires, the Shire of Broome, Shire of Derby West Kimberley, Shire of Halls Creek and the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley, came together as the Kimberley Regional Collaborative Group for the purpose of undertaking shared regional initiatives in the Kimberley region. Known today as the Kimberley Regional Group, the four Shires continue to show collective leadership and to work together to deliver positive outcomes and impact across the Kimberley region of WA.

Purpose of this MOU

This MOU outlines the vision, mission, objectives and shared values and principles of the Kimberley Regional Group. This MOU is to be read in conjunction with the Kimberley Regional Group Governance Agreement which outlines the governance and operational arrangements for the functioning of the Kimberley Regional Group to deliver on its vision, mission and objectives.

Our Vision

To maintain and enhance the rich diversity and liveability of the Kimberley Region for its people and the world.

Our Mission

To work collaboratively for the benefit of the people and the land of the Kimberley Region.

Our Objectives

- To provide regional leadership.
- To advocate on regional issues as they are identified and supported by member Shires.
- To encourage and foster cooperation and resource sharing on a regional basis.
- To strive to achieve the Strategic Goals and Outcomes of the KRG in accordance with the KRG's Regional Strategic Community Plan, in a manner that enhances and assists the advancement of the Kimberley Region



Our Principles

- Respecting the diversity of people, environment and culture
- Working proactively
- Communicating effectively
- Valuing success
- Fostering innovation
- Adaptability
- Working efficiently
- Outcome and impact focussed.
- Consideration of the interests of all Shires

Our values

- Collaboration
- Respect
- Integrity
- Openness
- Trust

Term of the MOU

The term of this MOU mirrors the term of the Kimberley Regional Group Governance Agreement which is four years from the date of the signing of the Agreement.





	
<p>Signature of Shire President</p>	<p>Signature of Shire President</p>
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11. Kimberley Regional Group Workshop Report and Action List

Item for Noting

Submitted by: KRG Executive Team

Attachment 12: Report from the KRG November Workshop (separately attached)

Attachment 13: Workshop Priority Action List (separately attached)

Purpose

To agree on the priority actions for the KRG over the next twelve months.

In summary

- In November 2023 the Kimberley Regional Group held a workshop to discuss key priorities. The Workshop Report is presented to the KRG for noting.
- At the February 2023 meeting the KRG noted a draft action plan which was developed from the workshop.
- Over the last six months the executive team has focused on administrative and internal arrangements along with future planning.
- The executive team will use the action plan to guide its focus over the next 6 to 12 months, and with feedback from the KRG.
- Reviewing the action list, it would be useful for the KRG to discuss the actions they would like progressed over the next six months in the priority areas of housing; community safety and crime prevention; government services; juvenile justice; management of alcohol and other drugs; and prosperous diverse economy.
- It must be noted that the priority actions do not preclude other activities from occurring, in particular seizing opportunities as they arise.

Background:

- As above

Details:

- As above

Risk:

- Operational - Without agreement on the priority work to be progressed by KRG members and the Executive Team opportunities may be missed.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications				
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People Place Prosperity Performance	Advocate Partner Promote	Facilitate Fund Monitor				
Resolution/s(s)		Action(s)				
<p>That the KRG; Notes the Workshop Report November 2023 and the Priority Action List: and Confirms the priority focus areas and key actions that are to be progressed by the KRG over the next six months.</p>		Executive team to circulate the draft actions				
Moved:	SWEK	Responsible:	Executive Team			
Seconded:	SDWK	Due date:	As required			
Carried:	4/0					

12. Executive Officer Report

Item for Noting

Submitted by: Executive Officer

Attachment 14: EO Report February, March 2023

Purpose:

To update the KRG on the Executive Officer services provided for the period February 2023 – March 2023 inclusive.

Background:

The attached report provides information about the services provided, activities undertaken and time allocation over the past two months.

Details:

As in included attachment.

Risk:

Nil

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications												
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People	Advocate	Facilitate												
Place	Partner	Fund												
Prosperity	Promote	Monitor												
Performanc														
Resolution/s(s)		Action(s)												
That the Executive Officers Report be received and endorsed		As per Outstanding Actions												

Moved:	SoB	Responsible:	Executive Officer
Seconded:	SDWK	Due date:	As required
Carried:	4/)		

Attachment 14: EO Report – February to March 2023

Project Work / Activity

Refer to business arising and KRG action lists for all activities the Executive is working on.

Project / Activity	Status	Item
Administrative Matters and Meetings	Continuing	-
Website	Contract issued and development commenced.	General Business
Investment Prospectus	Revised and added new projects to the Investment Prospectus and desktop published and printed copies for distribution to members and stakeholders.	12
Position Papers	Finalised and published	12
Canberra Visit	Travelled to Canberra with group members to attend advocacy meetings	9
KRG MOU and Governance	Developed draft MOU, awaiting instruction on governance document	10
Banned Drinkers Register	Now a watching brief.	-
Strategic Planning	Revised and completed workshop report. 5 Priority areas (plus Land Policy) were agreed. Executive is now seeking guidance and direction from group as to priority actions for the secretariat to focus its attention.	11

Stakeholder Engagement

Date	Stakeholders	Purpose
1/2/2023	Minister of Emergency Services Office	Spoke to office to organise meeting and presentation to Group.
3/2/2023	Phillip Cassell, CEO Shire of Halls Creek	General KRG discussions.
6/2/2023	Vernon Lawrence, KRG Secretary	General KRG matters
8/2/2023	Rob Cossart, State Emergency Services Coordinator.	Update of Fitzroy Flood response and invitation to meet with group
10/2/2023	Vernon Lawrence, KRG Secretary	General KRG matters
14/2/2023	Nick Kearns, KRG Deputy Secretary	KRG Secretariat Arrangements.
16/2/2023	Geoff Haerewa, KRG Deputy Chair	KRG Secretariat Arrangements.
17/2/2023	KRG Members	KRG and Kimberley Zone Zoom Meeting
18/2/2023	Alfred Nagaiya, Program Manager, SWEK	KRG Prospectus and Canberra Itinerary.
27/02/2023	Emma Newman, Mayor of City of Perth Chief of Staff	General Executive Officer intro, Lord Mayor Flood Response fund and potential COP venue for next meeting.
28/2/2023	Jessica Houston, Senior Policy Officer, Minister of Regional Development Office	General discussion regarding KRG and invitation for Minister to present to group.
9/3/2022	Residential Lands and Housing Delivery Ministerial Oversight Committee (RLHDMOC)	Attended on behalf of RCAWA but used the opportunity to update Ministers and DG's on Fitzroy Flood response and associated Land and Housing issues.
17/3/2023	Chris Mitchell and Sam Mastrolemba	Issues surrounding Auditor General Office
19/03/2023	Chair KRG	Informal catch up in Kununurra and update on KRG
10/2/2023	Vernon Lawrence, KRG Secretary	General KRG matters – April agenda setting

Date	Stakeholders	Purpose
20/2/2023	Nick Kearns, KRG Deputy Secretary	KRG Secretariat Arrangements.
26/3/2023 – 30/3/2023	Federal Parliament KRG Visit	Accompanied members to Parliament House for advocacy meetings with Ministers, Politicians and Public Servants. See Around the grounds Agenda item for further details.
31/03/2023	Malcolm Edwards, and Jackie Parker SHC	Hosted Malcolm and Jackie at Perth office

Time Allocation September 2022 – August 2023

Total Yearly Contract: 864 Hours: Monthly from 8th of the month to 7th of the next month

	Paul Rosair		Michelle Mackenzie		Jane Lewis		Joshua Turner	
	Contract	Actual	Contract	Actual	Contract	Actual	Contract	Actual
Sept 22	32	34	20	18	23	29	4	2
Oct 22	32	22	20	8	23	24	4	1
Nov 22	32	40	20	36	23	28	4	0
Dec 22	10	12.5	10	26.25	10	1.5	2	0
Jan 23	10	19	10	11	10	36	2	0
Feb 23	32	15.5	20	9	23	25.5	4	0
Mar 23	32	34	20	9.25	23	14.5	4	0
Apr 23	32		20		23		4	
May 23	32		20		23		4	
June 23	32		20		23		4	
July 23	32		20		23		4	
Aug 23	32		20		23		4	
TOTALS	180/350	177/180	120/220	117.5/120	135/250	158.5/135	24/44	3/24
OVERALL CONTRACT: 459 / 864 ACTUALS: 456 / 459								

13. General Business

Item	Responsible	Actions Arising
Website	Executive Officer	Executive Team to send link for members to provide feedback
Auditor General Issues – KRG Position and recommended response.	Executive Officer	Executive Team to address with Secretariat and Shire of Broome
Meeting Dates –August clashes with Broome events	Executive Team	Executive Team to change August meeting and possibly venue
Tanami Road	Executive Team and Chair	Letter to be written to Minister regarding road funding commitment

Date	Time	KRG
15/6/2023	9-12 noon	KRG and Zone Meeting – ZOOM
16/8/2023 To be changed	1-5 pm then dinner	KRG and Zone Meeting – Halls Creek
To coincide with the WALGA AGM – 4/10/23?	TBD	KRG and Zone Meeting – Metropolitan Venue TBD
24/11/2023	9-12 noon	KRG and Zone Meeting – Zoom

13. Meeting Closure: 4.00pm