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**KIMBERLEY ZONE &  
KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP  
JOINT MEETING**

**UNCONFIRMED  
MINUTES**

**19 APRIL 2022**

Commencing at

**1:00PM**

**VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**KIMBERLEY ZONE AND  
KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP JOINT MEETING**

**TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2022**

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<b>1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS</b>
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<b>2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES</b>
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**ATTENDANCE:**

Cr Chris Mitchell	Shire of Broome
Cr Harold Tracey	Shire of Broome
Sam Mastrolembo	Shire of Broome
Amanda Dexter	Shire of Derby West Kimberley
Cr Geoff Haerewa	Shire of Derby West Kimberley
Cr David Menzel	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
Vernon Lawrence	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
Nick Kearns	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
Phillip Cassell	Shire of Halls Creek
Cr Malcolm Edwards	Shire of Halls Creek
Debra Goostrey	Zone Executive - ATEA

**APOLOGIES:**

Cr Tony Chafer	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
Cr Jeanette Young	Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands
Cr Hua (Helen) Liu	Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands
Kelli Small	Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands
Phill Cassel	Shire of Halls Creek
Chris Loessl	Shire of Halls Creek
Cr Peter McCumstie	Shire of Derby/West Kimberley
Natasha Maher	Australia's North West Tourism
Tim Bray	Kimberley Development Commission

### 3. Declarations Of Interest

Nil

### 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### **KIMBERLEY ZONE & KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:**

**Minute No. KRG/0224/001**

**Moved: Cr G Haerewa**

**Seconded: Shire of Broome**

***That the Minutes of the Kimberley Regional Group held on 15 February 2022, as published and circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

### 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

### 6. PRESENTATIONS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Mr Dickie Bedford – Executive Director, Aanja.

### 7. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

#### **7.1 RDA KIMBERLEY**

Janine Hatch, Executive Officer

#### **7.2 KIMBERLEY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Chuck Berger, Chief Executive Officer

#### **7.3 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SPORT AND CULTURAL INDUSTRIES**

Kristina Dickman, Regional Manager Kimberley

#### **7.4 WALGA**

Tim Lane, Manager Strategy and Association Governance  
Bec Waddington Policy Officer Community



**8. REPORTS FROM KIMBERLEY COUNTRY ZONE****8.1 WALGA STATE COUNCIL AGENDA AND PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	KRG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	CEO SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil

**SUMMARY:**

To consider the recommendations on Matters for Decisions that will be considered at the WALGA State Council meeting held 5 May 2021.

**COMMENT**

The next WALGA State Council meeting will be held 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The following matters for decision will be considered.

	<b>Matters for Decision</b>	<b>WALGA Recommendation</b>	<b>Zone Comment &amp; Recommendation</b>
5.1	Submission to Statutory Review of the <i>Food Act 2008</i> (05-031-01-0006 BW)	That the submission to the Department of Health relating to the Statutory Review of the Food Act 2008 be endorsed.  Overall, feedback from Local Governments is that the Act is an effective piece of legislation. The enforcement tools of improvement notices and infringements provisions have proved very successful. Some areas for improvement are highlighted in the submission and include emerging industries, access to appropriate expertise, temporary and mobile food businesses, registrations, company structures and powers under the Act.	SUPPORTED
5.2	Local Government Grant Scheme Funding (05-024-03-0006 VJ)	That WALGA advocates to the Minister for Emergency Services and the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner for:  1. An allocation of Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) funding to undertake an audit of existing facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment for both Local Government Volunteer Bushfire Brigades (BFB) and State Emergency Services (SES).  2. Following the completion of the audit, an allocation of funding through the Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) to	SUPPORTED  In addition to the real funding gap that has emerged in the cost of equipment, the implications under the new workplace laws should also be seen as a trigger for this funding review.

		<p>prepare a Comprehensive Asset Management Plan that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Aligns with the principles in the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' (DLGSC) Asset Management National Framework and Guidelines, and the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.</li> <li>b. Forecasts the emergency response needs of communities across Western Australia over the next 10 years, to estimate the quantum of the facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment that will be needed.</li> <li>c. Outlines a 10 year forward plan of modifications, replacements and additions required.</li> <li>d. Investigates the extent to which future BFB facilities can be co-located with other emergency services facilities.</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. The establishment of a Working Group involving WALGA, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and LGIS to oversee the preparation of the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan.</li> <li>4. Support for the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan to be reviewed every five years.</li> <li>5. Support for an increase in Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGs) funding to support the unsuccessful capital grants funding applications by Local Governments to the 2020 21 LGGs Capital Grants Committee.</li> </ol>	
5.3	Draft Active Travel to School Roadmap (05-001-03-0051 SDS)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Endorses the Draft Active Travel to School Roadmap, subject to amending Urban Environment Initiative No 1 to "Consult local governments to identify sub-regional school transport challenges and amend existing planning guidelines and develop new guidelines where gaps exist"; and</li> <li>2. Works with the Department of Transport to finalise the Roadmap and encourage Local Government participation in the initiatives identified where these offer solutions to the local issues encountered in each area.</li> </ol>	<p>Supported</p> <p>Note: this is a Perth based item</p>
5.4			

Matters for Noting:

- 6.1 Draft National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children (05 086-03-0004 VB)
- 6.2 Feedback on Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Discussion Paper (05-024-02-0067 VJ)
- 6.3 2021 CoastWA Local Government Survey (06-085-01-0002 LS)
- 6.4 Update on draft WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026 (05-012-03-0001 SM)
- 6.5 Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Review Project (05-024-03-0040 SR)
- 6.6 Comment on Draft Health Promotion Strategic Framework 2022-2026 (05-031-03-0005 BW)
- 6.7 Wooroloo Bushfire Independent Review Final Report (05-024-03-0011 CM)
- 6.8 2022-23 Federal Budget Update (05-088-03-0002 DT)
- 6.9 Local Government Emergency Management Survey Results (05-024-03-0042 CM)  
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Organisational Reports

- 7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Commercial and Communications Unit (01 006-03-0017)
- 7.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services Unit (01 006-03-0007 TB)
- 7.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure (05-001-02-0003 ID)
- 7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, Strategy, Policy and Planning Unit (01-006-03-0017 NM)
- 7.2 Policy Forum Report (01-006-03-0007)
- 7.3 Policy Team Reports
  - 7.3.1 Environment and Waste Policy Team Report
  - 7.3.2 Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team Report
  - 7.3.3 Infrastructure Policy Team Report
  - 7.3.4 People and Place Policy Team Report

**WALGA State President's Report**

(Summary below, report attached)

- COVID-19 Update
- Special Electors' Meetings: WALGA has received feedback from numerous Local Governments regarding Special Electors Meetings which are being requested by pro-choice vaccination groups in the community and WALGA has provided responses to approximately 50 separate enquiries in the first quarter of 2022.
- State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement looking at options and strategies that WALGA has the opportunity to put before the State Government regarding an agreement to provide funding to Local Governments from vehicle licence fee revenue. The current five-year agreement expires in June 2023.
- Local Government Legislative Reform WALGA will provide regular updates to State Council and the sector more broadly as the legislative reform process progresses.
- 2022 Local Government Honours Program - nomination forms and further information can be found on the WALGA website. Nominations will close at 5:00pm on Friday, 24 June.

- Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) - WALGA is working alongside ALGA and other state and territory Local Government Associations on a Federal Election campaign with the theme "Don't leave local communities behind". The campaign highlights five key areas and 17 opportunities for Federal Members and Candidates to work with Local Governments.

## 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

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

Sustainable Local Government revenue

## VOTING REQUIREMENTS

*Simple Majority*

### **KIMBERLEY ZONE & KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:**

**(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Minute No. KRG/0224/002**

**Moved: G Haerewa**

**Seconded: M Edwards**

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

- 1. Notes the State Council Agenda Items as circulated.***
- 2. Notes the report from the WALGA President as circulated.***
- 3. Supports the recommendations in the Matters for Decision contained within the State Council Agenda.***

## Attachments

1. WALGA State Council Agenda 5 May 2021 (under separate cover).
2. WALGA President's Report May 2021.



# President's Report

## May 2022

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This is my first report as your President, I consider it a privilege to undertake this leadership role and will endeavour to represent you and the Local Government sector with consideration and courage at all times. I welcome all contact and communication, to be fully informed is critical to effective leadership.

### COVID-19 – Update

Since the last State Council meeting, COVID-19 has taken hold across WA and there have been frequent changes to the level of restrictions in place. WALGA has sought to keep the sector across developments as they occur through frequent COVID-19 updates and a number of very well attended webinars.

### Special Electors Meetings

WALGA has received feedback from numerous Local Governments regarding Special Electors Meetings which are being requested by pro-choice vaccination groups in the community and we have provided responses to approximately 50 separate enquiries in the first quarter of 2022.

WALGA is aware of 14 Local Governments who have had or been requested to hold Special Electors Meetings. These meetings are being conducted with approximately 350 to 400 people attending (mostly outdoors) and some Local Governments have expressed concern for the safety of their staff and Elected Members attending these meetings.

In 2020, as part of the Government's response to COVID-19, the previous Minister for Local Government made a Ministerial Order under the *Local Government Amendment (COVID-19 Response) Act 2020* that Local Governments could not hold Special Electors Meetings under sections 5.27 and 5.28 of the *Local Government Act 1995* due to the public health risk they presented.

I wrote to Minister Carey requesting that he consider reinstating this order as a priority, or alternatively, allow for Electors Meetings to be held electronically. In making the request, I was clear that Local Governments are not seeking to stifle community debate or involvement on important issues.

The Minister has [responded](#) advising that he is considering the potential for Electors Meetings to be held electronically, as well as looking to make other changes relating to Electors Meetings as part of his legislative reform package.

### State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement

I have been focussing attention on options and strategies that WALGA has the opportunity to put before the State Government regarding an agreement to provide funding to Local Governments from vehicle licence fee revenue. The current five-year agreement expires in June 2023. I am actively supported by Cr Rich, Cr Pavlovich and Cr Sadler in this work.

The State Government has made it clear that it wants to see clearly demonstrable social outcomes from road investment, including use of recycled materials, Aboriginal employment and improved safety. I know that Local Governments are heavily dependent on State road funding and am very aware that as a whole, our sector's performance in committing to regionally significant projects and delivering them on time has been inconsistent.

I firmly believe that we will need to commit to doing things differently if we are to secure a new agreement with critical funding. Perhaps the most challenging conversations will be within our sector to agree what we are prepared to change to ensure the continuation of this agreement.

## **Local Government Legislative Reform**

At a meeting in early April, the Minister for Local Government confirmed that WALGA will be key members on the working group tasked with the detailed design of the new legislation.

A schedule of meetings for the working group has been developed and WALGA will be represented by our CEO Nick Sloan, Tony Brown and senior members of the Governance and Organisational Services team.

We will provide regular updates to State Council and the sector more broadly as the legislative reform process progresses.

## **2022 Local Government Honours Program**

The Local Government Honours Program affords significant public recognition and celebration of the outstanding achievements and lasting contributions made by Elected Members and employees to their respective Councils, the Local Government sector and the wider community.

Nominations for this year's Program are now open. Following a thorough review of the Program last year, two new awards have been added, alongside four existing awards:

1. Local Government Medal
2. Life Membership
3. Eminent Service Award
4. Merit Award (*new for 2022*)
5. Local Government Distinguished Officer Award
6. Young Achievers Award (*new for 2022*)

The new Merit Award has combined two previous awards (Merit and Long & Loyal Service) and is intended to recognise notable contributions to WALGA, Local Government and/or the Local Government sector. The Young Achievers Award is open only to Elected Members and employees aged 35 years or younger, recognising notable commitment and demonstrated potential for professional success.

Nomination forms and further information can be found on the WALGA website. Nominations will close at 5:00pm on Friday, 24 June.

## **Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)**

WALGA is working alongside ALGA and other state and territory Local Government Associations on a Federal Election campaign with the theme “*Don’t leave local communities behind*”. The campaign highlights five key areas and 17 opportunities for Federal Members and Candidates to work with Local Governments. Each week, WALGA is sending members and candidates letters, and producing social media posts and media statements to highlight the five areas in a Western Australian context. We have also invited Federal Members to host webinars for the sector.

Can I encourage you to consider attending the National General Assembly in Canberra this June. Western Australia generally has a strong contingent attend and this year we have quite a few motions coming from WA Councils. It has a great program, plus WALGA hosts a breakfast for our attendees with WA Federal members of Parliament. If you have never been take a peek at the [program](#).

Easter is just around the corner, may you and all your loved ones stay safe and take the opportunity to enjoy life. Remember to call me if you need, good or bad, on 0428 958 305.

**Cr Karen Chappel JP**

**WALGA President**

## **President’s Contacts**

The President’s contacts since 2 March and scheduled before 4 May are as follows:

### **State Government Relations**

- Minister for Housing: Lands; Homelessness; Local Government, Hon John Carey MLA
- Minister for Emergency Services; Innovation and ICT; Medical Research; Volunteering, Hon Stephen Dawson MLC
- Minister for Disability Services; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing; Small Business, Hon Don Punch MLA
- Minister for Police; Road Safety; Defence Industry; Veterans Issues, Hon Paul Papalia MLA
- State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee
  - Delegate Workshop
  - Meeting
- Roundtable on General Practitioner tendering for Regional/Rural Local Government areas – Hosted by the Minister for Local Government, Hon John Carey, MLA
- Public Accounts Committee - Hearing Student Transport Services submission
- Webinar - Development Assessment Panel Regulations reform - Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage

### **Zone Meetings**

- Murchison Country Zone Meeting
- Northern Country Zone Meeting
- South Metropolitan Zone Meeting

### **Local Government Relations**

- State Council Meeting
  - Special State Council Meeting
  - Strategic Forum
  - Finance and Services Committee Meeting
- LGIS
  - Board induction
  - Board Meeting
- ALGA
  - Board Meeting – Canberra
  - NGA Sub-Committee Meeting
- Department Local Government; Sport Cultural Industries Director General, Lanie Chopping, Deputy Director General, Erin Gauntlett, Executive Director Local Government, Tim Fraser and WALGA Deputy President, Cr Paul Kelly
- Regional Capitals Alliance WA Meeting
- Shire of Ashburton Chief Executive Officer, Kenn Donohoe and Director Infrastructure Services, Matthew Fanning
- Local Government Convention (LGC22) Committee meetings x 2
- WALGA Webinar - WA Federal Member Budget
- Webinar - National Reconciliation Week

### **Conferences, Workshops, Public Relations**

- 2022 WA Women's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
- Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia Gala Dinner
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA Business Breakfast
- Mining Communities Policy Forum



**8.2 WALGA ZONE STATUS REPORT**

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	KRG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	CEO SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil

**SUMMARY:**

This Status Report provides an update on the WALGA response to relevant Kimberley Zone Resolutions.

**BACKGROUND**

Previous Considerations

**COMMENT**

Following the submission of resolutions from the Kimberley Zone, WALGA has provided responses in the attached Zone Status Report April 2022 (attached). The following summary is provided for each of the resolutions submitted to WALGA, noting that Item 9.8 is acknowledged by WALGA but not included in their report.

*Kimberley Zone Item 11.1 20 April 2021 Disaster relief and recovery funding arrangements*

**KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:**

**(REPORT RECOMMENDATION) Minute No. KRG/0421/007**

**Moved: Cr D Menzel Seconded: Cr M Edwards**

**That the Kimberley Zone:**

- 1. Express dissatisfaction with current disaster relief and recovery funding arrangements and call for urgent action from the State Government to investigate and address these shortcomings.**
- 2. Seek WALGA advocacy to support the motion.**

**WALGA Response**

WALGA has endorsed advocacy positions seeking improvements to disaster relief and recovery funding including assessment periods, eligibility of certain costs and improving resilience of reconstructed infrastructure. Regular meetings with DFES and Main Roads officers are on-going. Detailed evidence of examples where the process is not effective have been collected and continue to be. Timelines for decision-making and an escalation process would seem to be an important addition to the process.

Note: The KRG met with the Hon Stephen Dawson MLC to discuss the roll out of the disaster relief funding arrangements in WA.

*Kimberley Zone Item 9.8 29 June 2021 Rating of Aboriginal Land***KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:  
(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)****Minute No. KRG/0621/010****Moved: Cr G Haerewa****Seconded: Cr M Edwards****That the Kimberley Regional Group writes to WALGA to:**

- 1. Highlight the emerging issue of the rating process on Aboriginal lands, and**
- 2. Request that WALGA write to the State Government to seek clarification about how land uses on Aboriginal Lands should be treated across a range of contexts and tenures.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0****WALGA Response**

The issue of Rating Exemptions is one of the main areas of WALGA's advocacy in respect to Local Government Act amendments. The rating exemptions that are of concern for the sector relate to the following:

- Rating of Charitable Purpose properties
- Department of Housing: Leasing to Charitable Organisations
- Government Trading Entities
- State Agreement Act projects
- State Owned Unallocated Crown Land

On this basis, the Local Government sector supports an independent review of all rating exemptions to enhance equity among ratepayers in the community.

The State Government has been advised of the WALGA position and a copy of the WALGA Rating Review Advocacy item is attached.

**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

Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities

**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:**

Sustainable Local Government revenue

Improved regional infrastructure

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

**KIMBERLEY ZONE & KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:**

**(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Minute No. KRG/0224/003**

**Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell**

**Seconded: Cr D Menzel**

*That the Kimberley Zone notes the WALGA Zone Status Report April 2022.*

**Attachments**

There are no attachments for this report.

**8.3 VEHICLES BEING DRIVEN ON UNSEALED ROADS CLOSED DUE TO WET CONDITIONS**

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	KRG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	CEO SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil

**SUMMARY:**

This Status Report provides an update on the WALGA response to relevant Kimberley Zone Resolutions.

**BACKGROUND***Previous Considerations*

Nil

**COMMENT**

Local Governments in the Gascoyne Country Zone have identified significant costs and risks arising from motorists ignoring road closures or being unaware of road closures, driving on and damaging wet roads. The Zone has resolved to seek that WALGA investigate:

1. Technologies available to physically close roads remotely (using booms, gates or some other approach); and
2. The practices, legislation, regulations and penalties currently available to effectively enforce road closures.

The Infrastructure Policy Team is seeking advice from WALGA Zones with large, remote unsealed road networks regarding the significance of damage from vehicles being operated on closed, wet roads. This will assist to inform decisions about the scope and priority of addressing this matter.

Specifically:

1. Have Shires estimated the frequency of and costs incurred to repair damage to roads caused by vehicles being driven on them while closed due to wet conditions?
2. Are Shires aware of situations where offenders have been successfully prosecuted (under the Road Traffic (Administration) Act 2008 or Local Laws) and the extent to which these cases have been effective in deterring others?
3. Have Shires identified any practices that are more effective in increasing compliance with road closures during wet conditions?

Other general advice or suggestions relating to this matter will be appreciated.

The information was circulated to member Shires on the 25 February 2022, with no advice received to date. It is noted that flooding events and potential damage by vehicle access when the road is closed may occur concurrently and not be costed separately.

**REPORT RECOMMENDATION****Moved: Cr G Haerewa****Seconded: Cr Malcolm Edwards**

That the Kimberley Zone:

1. Acknowledges the request by WALGA for feedback on damage on closed roads.
2. Informs WALGA that vehicle damage for roads closed due to saturation and flooding events:
  - a. are not recorded separately.
  - b. is a component of annual damage to road infrastructure.
  - c. damage to unsealed roads servicing remote communities is complex as alternative access to food and fuel supplies during wet season closures may only be through plane or helicopters freight services, in at significant expense.
3. Provides feedback to WALGA that vehicle damage from commercial operations are the key issue in the Kimberley.

**KIMBERLEY ZONE & KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:****Minute No. KRG/0224/004****Moved: Cr G Haerewa****Seconded: Cr Malcolm Edwards**

**That the Kimberley Zone:**

1. **Acknowledges the request by WALGA for feedback on damage on closed roads.**
2. **Informs WALGA that vehicle damage for roads closed due to saturation and flooding events:**
  - a. are not recorded separately.**
  - b. is a component of annual damage to road infrastructure.**
  - c. damage to unsealed roads servicing remote communities is complex as alternative access to food and fuel supplies during wet season closures may only be through plane or helicopters freight services, in at significant expense.**
3. **Provides feedback to WALGA that vehicle damage from commercial operations are the key issue in the Kimberley, noting that unsealed road infrastructure is not fit-for-purpose for commercial operations in the Kimberley region.**

## 9. REPORTS FROM KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP

### 9.1 PROPOSAL TO HAVE WALGA ADMINISTER THE KIMBERLEY ZONE AND KRG

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	KRG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	CEO SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil

#### SUMMARY:

The Kimberley Regional Group currently engages a consultant to coordinate the administration of the WALGA Kimberley Zone meetings and all matters relating to the KRG including administration and executive functions including research and advice. It is proposed to transfer the WALGA Kimberley Zone matters and administrative aspects of KRG meetings to WALGA as this is a free member service.

#### BACKGROUND

##### Previous Considerations

Nil.

#### COMMENT

The Kimberley Regional Group was established in 2010 and engaged an officer to focus on matters of importance in the Kimberley. In 2018 this role was outsourced and is currently out for expressions of interest.

WALGA has offered to provide the Kimberley Country Zone with Executive Support including:

- A dedicated Zone Executive Officer as the principal point of contact for all Zone business;
- Liaison with the President and Executive as required;
- Preparation of agendas and minutes of all meetings;
- Organisation of meeting logistics, in relation to meeting room bookings and set-up;
- Preparation of correspondence and action items;
- Arrangement of guest speakers for Zone meetings; and,
- Organisation of any other meetings or deputations including Ministerial appointments.

WALGA's Governance & Organisational Services Team will provide the service and one dedicated senior officer will be assigned to the Zone. This will assist with continuity, relationship and stakeholder management, and follow up of any issues.

WALGA currently provides this service to the following twelve (seven country, five metropolitan) WALGA Zones:

- Gascoyne Country
- Central Metropolitan
- Great Eastern Country
- East Metropolitan
- Central Country
- Peel Country
- South Metropolitan
- South East Metropolitan
- Pilbara Country
- North Metropolitan
- South West Country
- Great Southern Zone (Commencing May 2022)

WALGA can undertake the services outlined above at no cost to the Zone, as this function aligns with their Corporate Strategy. The Kimberley Shires will benefit through the release of current funds for the outsourced administration tasks and reduction in duplication.

## **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

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 & KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:****(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)****Minute No. KRG/0224/005****Moved: Cr C Mitchell****Seconded: Cr G Haerewa**

1. That the Kimberley Regional Group accepts the offer by WALGA to provide the Kimberley Country Zone with Executive Support including:
  - a. A dedicated Zone Executive Officer as the principal point of contact for all Zone business;
  - b. Liaison with the President and Executive as required;
  - c. Preparation of agendas and minutes of all meetings;
  - d. Organisation of meeting logistics, in relation to meeting room bookings and set-up;
  - e. Preparation of correspondence and action items;
  - f. Arrangement of guest speakers for Zone meetings; and,
  - g. Organisation of any other meetings or deputations including Ministerial appointments.

**Attachments**

Nil



**9.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NOEL MASON, FORMER CEO SHIRE OF HALLS CREEK**

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	KRG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	CEO SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil

**SUMMARY:**

The Kimberley Regional Group is pleased to welcome the new Shire of Halls Creek CEO, Mr Phillip Cassell and acknowledges the contribution of Mr Noel Mason in his time in that role.

**BACKGROUND***Previous Considerations*

Nil.

**COMMENT**

Mr Phillip Cassell has been appointed by the Shire of Halls Creek as the new Chief Executive. Mr Cassell's previous role was as the senior contracts administrator at Cassowary Coast Regional Council.

Mr Cassell has a strong background in road works as well as significant academic qualifications including a Masters in Business Law, and Diplomas in Accounting, Civil Construction Management and Civil Engineering.

Mr Cassell replaced Mr Noel Mason, who resigned in February 2022.

The KRG acknowledges the significant progress made during Mr Mason's three year tenure including the initial funding for the Tanami Road upgrades, the re-establishment of Shire road workcrews for creation of training and employment opportunities in the Shire, the support for Olabud Doogethu which includes the introduction of Evening Youth Engagement Officers and engagement programs as part of a Justice Reinvestment Program which have provided the foundation of other programs implemented throughout the Kimberley and beyond.

**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

Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities

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

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

Integrated waste management

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Adequate land supply

High standard of infrastructure planning

Reliable and adequate power and communications.

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Better alcohol management across the Kimberley.

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Generational advantage that captures the wealth for the region

Improved outcomes in employment

Improved regional infrastructure

### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

#### **KIMBERLEY ZONE & KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:**

**(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Minute No. KRG/0224/006**

**Moved: Cr D Menzel**

**Seconded: Cr C Mitchell**

*That the Kimberley Regional Group:*

- 1. Notes the appointment of Mr Phillip Cassell as CEO of the Shire of Halls Creek:  
and*
- 2. Acknowledges the contribution of Mr Noel Mason, former CEO Shire of Halls  
Creek and instructs the secretariate to write a letter of acknowledgement of  
the contribution made by Mr Mason.*

#### **Attachments**

1. Nil

**9.3 FEDERAL BUDGET OVERVIEW**

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	KRG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	CEO SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil

**SUMMARY:**

The Federal Budget was handed down on Tuesday 29 March 2022 with two major projects in the Kimberley

**BACKGROUND***Previous Considerations*

Nil.

**COMMENT**

The Federal Treasurer handed down the budget on the 29th March 2022 with two major projects being funded in the Kimberley being:

- \$400m to upgrade the Tanami from Halls Creek to the Border with a further \$110m to finish the upgrades from the border to Alice Springs.
- \$244m to upgrade and refurbish a range of facilities at RAAF Base Curtin, including communications capabilities, roads, hangars for aircraft, security, workshops and electrical services.

Both projects are subject to further works including an updated business plan for the Tanami Road.

Other matters of interest include:

Page 119: The Government will provide an additional \$50.0 million over 2 years from 2022-23 through Round 6 of the Safer Communities Fund. Grant funding will be available for local government and community organisation initiatives that address crime and anti-social behaviour.

P144; The Government will provide \$501.7 million over 3 years from 2022-23 to extend the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program to support local councils to maintain and deliver social infrastructure, improve road safety and bolster the resilience of the local road network.

The Australian Local Government Association Federal Budget analysis is provided as an attachment.

**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

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Improved regional infrastructure

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

**KIMBERLEY ZONE & KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:**

**(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Minute No. KRG/0224/007**

**Moved: Cr C Mitchell**

**Seconded: Cr M Edwards**

*That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the Federal Budget overview.*

**Attachments**

ALGA Federal Government Budget Analysis



## Fact Sheet 1 – Financial Assistance Grants

- The 2022-23 Budget maintains the system of payments to support local government, through Financial Assistance Grants.
- In 2022-23 the Australian Government will provide **\$2.8b** in Financial Assistance Grants funding. This includes **\$2.1b** which will be brought forward from the 2022-23 estimate and paid to State and Territory Governments in 2021-22
- The Financial Assistance Grants as a proportion of Commonwealth Tax Revenue in 2022-23 is therefore estimated to be **0.55%**. In 2021-22 – this was 0.6%
- Financial Assistance Grants continue to comprise two components: general purpose assistance grants; and untied local roads grants.

*Table 1 - Overview of Financial Assistance Grants 2022-23*

<b>Table 1: Financial Assistance Grants 2022-23 \$M</b>	
General Purpose Component	487.9
Local Road Component	216.5
<b>Total Financial Assistance Grants</b>	<b>704.4</b>

*\*Note \$2.1 b will be brought forward into the 2021-22 financial year (BP3 P97)*



Table 2 Financial Assistance Grants for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26.

Table 2: Total Financial Assistance Grants to local government 2022-23 to 2025-26				
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
General Purpose Component	487.9	2,027.6	2,111.3	2,195.4
Local Road Component	216.5	899.7	936.9	974.2
<i>Total financial assistance grants</i>	704.4	2,927.3	3,048.2	3,169.5

Note a bring forward payment of \$2.1B from 2022-23 will be provided in 2021-22. (BP3 P97)

Table 3 Financial Assistance Grants by jurisdiction – 2022-23

Table 3: Financial Assistance Grants by jurisdiction 2022-23									
	NSW \$m	VIC \$m	QLD \$m	WA \$m	SA \$m	TAS \$m	ACT \$m	NT \$m	TOTAL \$m
General Purpose Component	154.9	125.9	99.3	51	33.7	10.3	8.2	4.7	487.9
Local Road Component	62.8	44.6	40.6	33.1	11.9	11.5	6.9	5.1	216.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	217.7	170.6	139.9	84.1	45.6	21.8	15.1	9.8	704.4

Note a bring forward payment of \$2.1B from 2022-23 will be provided in 2021-22. (BP3 P97)



## Fact Sheet 2 - Transport - A local government perspective

### Commonwealth funding for Local Roads in 2022-23:

Roads to Recovery \$m	\$491
Identified Local Road Grants \$m	\$216.5**
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program \$m	\$649.3
Black Spots \$m	\$129
Bridges Renewal \$m	\$131.1

Total road funding allocation for local governments, by State/Territory in 2022-23 is set out in the table below:

State/Territory	Roads to Recovery \$m	Bridges Renewal \$m	Identified Local Roads Grants \$m	Local Roads and Community Infrastructure \$m	Black Spots \$m	TOTAL \$m
New South Wales	\$136.2	\$47.5	\$62.8	\$184.5	\$35.5	\$466.5
Victoria	\$101.2	\$35.4	\$44.6	\$136.3	\$35.4	\$352.9
Queensland	\$101.4	\$26.0	\$40.6	\$131.5	\$26.7	\$326.2
Western Australia	\$70.5	\$12.7	\$33.1	\$91.7	\$14.2	\$222.2
South Australia	\$44.6	\$6.2	\$11.9	\$57.3	\$9.0	\$129.0
Tasmania	\$16.3	\$1.9	\$11.5	\$20.2	\$3.9	\$53.8
Australian Capital Territory	\$8.0	\$1.2	\$6.9	\$10.3	\$2.4	\$28.8
Northern Territory	\$12.8	\$0.2	\$5.1	\$17.5	\$1.9	\$37.5
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$491.0</b>	<b>\$131.1</b>	<b>\$216.5</b>	<b>\$649.3</b>	<b>\$129.0</b>	<b>\$1,616.9</b>

\* Note: South Australia also received \$40m over two years from 2021-22 to continue supplementary local roads funding

Sum of the components above may not add to the total due to rounding,

\*\*also note that \$2.1B of Financial Assistance Grant funding has been bought forward to 2021-22.

ALGA 2022-23 Federal Budget Analysis (29<sup>th</sup> March 2022)





## Fact Sheet 3: 2022-23 Budget Overview

### 1. General overview and economic outlook:

- Deficit of 1.6% of GDP by 2025-26
- Working towards 4% unemployment
- Wages growth 3%
- 3.5% econ growth in 2022-23

### 2. Budget Priorities:

- Living relief for Australians
- Supporting small business
- Investing in roads, & infrastructure
- Flood relief and response

### 3. Key initiatives and savings measures:

- Temporary cut to fuel excise
- Continued funding of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund
- Bring forward FA Grants of \$2.1B into 2021-22
- \$37.9B regions & infrastructure



#### 4. ALGA Board Priorities and Federal Budget initiatives

ALGA Board Priorities	Coalition Budget 2022-23 Measures
Financial Assistance Grants	<p>In 2022-23 the Australian Government will provide <b>\$2.804B</b> [\$2,652B in 2021-22] in Financial Assistance Grants funding. This includes <b>\$2.1B</b> [\$1.3B in 2021-22] which will be brought forward from the 2022-23 estimate and paid to States and Territory Governments in 2021-22. The remainder is <b>\$704.4M</b> in 2022-23 [\$1.3B in 2021-22]. (BP3 P97)</p> <p><b>Cash injection of \$2.1B provided in this financial year</b></p> <p>Commonwealth estimated taxation revenue (on accruals basis) for 2022-23 is <b>\$508.4</b> (Budget Paper 1, Statement 4 Revenue Table 4.1 P112).</p> <p>The Financial Assistance Grants as a proportion of Commonwealth Tax Revenue in 2022-23 is therefore estimated to be <b>0.55 %</b>. In 2021-22 it was 0.6% partly due to lower revenue.</p>
Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program	<p>An additional \$501.7M over 3 years in 2022-23 Budget - BP2 P144, BP3 P65</p> <p>2022-2023 – additional \$0.3M          2023-2024 – \$250.7M          2024 –2025 - \$250.7M</p> <p><b>Total expenditure of this program is now \$3b.</b></p>
Local Roads Investment Program	<p>Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program BP3 P59</p> <p>2022-2023 - \$67.2M          2023-2024 - \$101.6M          2024-2025 - \$69.3M          2025 –2026 - \$69.3</p>



ALGA Board Priorities	Coalition Budget 2022-23 Measures
Roads to Recovery	BP3 P61 2022-2023 - \$490.9M [\$499.5M in 2021-22] 2023-2024 - \$485.3 2024-2025 - \$499.5M 2025-2026 - \$499.5M
Black Spot Program	BP3 P57 2022-2023 - \$128.9M [\$137M in 2021-22] 2023-2024 - \$121.1M 2024-2025 - \$121.1M 2025-2026 - \$110M
South Australia Road Funding	\$20m per year over two years from 2021-22 No additional funding provided in 2022-23
Disaster Mitigation Program	\$20.9M Total (BP3 P72) – Disaster Risk Reduction \$50M (BP3 P73) – Coastal and Estuaries Risk Mitigation \$10.5M (BP3 P76) Regional Drought Resilience Planning  \$150M (BP3 P74) for NSW and Qld only – post disaster resilience measures Flood Recovery and Resilience Package, split 50/50  (BP2 P60-63) \$150M– 2022-23 Emergency Response Fund for post disaster resilience measures for Nthn Rivers Region of NSW \$31.2M over 2 years for mental health of residents in flood affected areas NSW and Qld \$3B over forward estimates to accommodate additional C`wealth expenditure on floods response in NSW and Qld Jointly fund an estimated \$2B in support measures including to councils.  NSW and Qld Flood Relief and mitigation, various measures – see further information in BP2 P60-63  [\$41.6M (BP3 P90) – DRFA – expense estimates \$2,468.7M (BP3 P91) – DRFA – cash estimates]
Stronger Regional Digital Connectivity Package	Government response to Regional Telecomm Review BP2 P134 - Includes expanding mobile coverage in regional Australia (\$811.8M over 5 years)



ALGA Board Priorities	Coalition Budget 2022-23 Measures
Circular Economy	\$84.6M (BP3 P84 and BP2 P51) – Recycling Infrastructure various Includes \$60.4 million for plastic recycling through the Recycling Modernisation Fund
Local Government Climate Response Partnership Fund	See Disaster Mitigation Funding above

### 5. Other measures of interest for local governments in the Coalition Federal Budget:

- Temporary reduction in fuel excise BP2 P15
- Future Drought Fund - \$84.5M over 4 years BP2 P53
- Great Barrier Reef leadership and stewardship- \$1B over 9 years BP2 P56
- Women's Safety – BP2 P66
- Boosting Participation and Building Australia's workforce \$153.5M over 5 years BP2 P74
- Investing in Skills apprenticeships BP2 P76
- Supporting rural health \$224.4M over 4 years BP2 P98
- Preventative Health - \$30.1M includes community health/physical activity BP2 P107
- Safer Communities Fund Round 6 – an additional \$50M over 2 years from 2022-23 – available for local governments to apply BP2 P119
- Community Development Grants – nominated projects \$67.7M over 3 years BP 2 P130
- COVID 19 - additional arts sector support BP2 P131
- COVID 19 - additional aviation support BP2 P132
- Infrastructure Investment – priority regional infrastructure - \$1.5B over 10 years - various projects
- Regional Accelerator Program - \$2B over 5 years – drive economic growth in regional areas
- Stronger Communities Program \$29.2 M over 2 years – small projects. BP2 P152
- Supporting regionalisation – new childcare centres, employment opportunities \$67.7M over 8 years BP2 P152
- Digital Economy Strategy – includes Office of Future Transport Technology BP2 P157



- Disaster Support – NFP – various BP2 P158
- \$31.8M in 2022-23 to commence establishment of 35 regional/local voice bodies across Australia (BP2 P161) –
- Affordable Housing and Home Ownership – increase to 50 000 places/year BP2 P170
- Funding for remote indigenous housing – NT only \$223.8M in 2022-23 (BP3 P54)



### Population Assumptions used in the Budget (BP3 P113)

**Table A.1: Population by state, at 31 December**

million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total(a)	Australia
2021	8.199	6.664	5.256	2.696	1.781	0.544	0.434	0.248	25.821	25.826
2022	8.242	6.727	5.330	2.730	1.798	0.549	0.437	0.250	26.063	26.068
2023	8.322	6.835	5.405	2.767	1.814	0.554	0.441	0.252	26.389	26.394
2024	8.415	6.960	5.477	2.803	1.828	0.558	0.447	0.253	26.742	26.747
2025	8.511	7.088	5.551	2.839	1.844	0.562	0.453	0.255	27.104	27.109

(a) 'Total' is the sum of the states and territories shown, and excludes Jervis Bay Territory, Christmas Island, the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Norfolk Island.

**Table A.2: Population by state, at 30 June**

million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total(a)	Australia
2020-21	8.189	6.649	5.221	2.682	1.773	0.541	0.432	0.246	25.735	25.739
2021-22	8.209	6.679	5.290	2.711	1.789	0.547	0.435	0.249	25.908	25.913
2022-23	8.276	6.775	5.370	2.749	1.807	0.552	0.439	0.251	26.219	26.223
2023-24	8.367	6.896	5.440	2.785	1.821	0.556	0.443	0.252	26.560	26.565
2024-25	8.463	7.024	5.514	2.821	1.836	0.560	0.450	0.254	26.923	26.928
2025-26	8.559	7.152	5.588	2.857	1.852	0.565	0.456	0.256	27.284	27.289

(a) 'Total' is the sum of the states and territories shown, and excludes Jervis Bay Territory, Christmas Island, the Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Norfolk Island.

### Net interstate migration (BP3 P115)



**Table A.5: Net overseas migration, for years ending 30 June**

	2020-21(a)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Net overseas migration, Australia	-89,900	41,000	180,000	213,000	235,000	235,000

(a) Outcome for 2020-21 from ABS National, state and territory population, September 2021.

**Net Overseas Migration (BP3 P115)****Table A.6: Net interstate migration by state, for years ending 30 June**

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT
2020-21	-16,700	-18,300	30,900	4,600	700	0	900	-2,200
2021-22	-40,600	-17,300	41,000	7,600	4,500	2,800	900	1,100
2022-23	-30,200	-5,000	30,000	3,200	100	1,700	700	-400
2023-24	-20,000	6,900	19,200	-1,200	-4,200	700	500	-1,800
2024-25	-20,200	6,400	19,400	-1,200	-4,100	800	600	-1,700
2025-26	-20,200	5,900	19,600	-1,200	-4,000	900	600	-1,600

**9.4 OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET – PROJECTS 2022-23**

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	KRG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	CEO SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil

**SUMMARY:**

It is a requirement under the Kimberley Regional Group MOU for a Operational Plan and budget, including a list of projects, be presented prior to the end of the financial year.

**BACKGROUND**Previous Considerations

Nil

**COMMENT**

Item 10.7 of the Kimberley Regional Group Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) requires that an Operational Plan and budget for each financial year must be submitted to the Board for approval no later than one month prior to the commencement of the financial year to which the Operational Plan and budget applies. Once approved by the Board, the Operational Plan and budget will be submitted by the Host CEO or their delegate to each of the Participants for approval.

In order to develop the budget, proposed projects need to be identified, including those where external grant funding will be sought and, the costs identified for administering the functions of the KRG.

Two projects have been previously identified for the period being the:

- Workforce needs analysis, which has been approved as an outsourced project; and
- Housing Needs Analysis which will benefit from the release of Census Data in June 2022 and the outcomes of the of the Workforce needs analysis. Costing for this project has not been undertaken, and is contingent upon the degree that inhouse projects will be utilised going forward.

These two projects are strongly related with the housing of employees a major issue in the Kimberley.

The operation cost of the Kimberley Regional Group will be available when the RFQ process concludes.



It is anticipated that for the 2022-23 period, that identified project and administrative costs can be covered within the current reserves of the KRG with membership funding levels unchanged from the 2021-2022 financial year.

## 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

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## VOTING REQUIREMENTS

*Simple Majority*

### **KIMBERLEY ZONE & KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:**

**(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Minute No. KRG/0224/008**

**Moved: Cr C Mitchell**

**Seconded: Cr G Haerewa**

*That the Kimberley Regional Group:*

1. Approves the projects as listed;
2. Notes the advice that, for 2022-23 period, that identified costs can be covered within the current reserves of the KRG and membership fees unchanged from the 2021-2022 financial year; and
3. Defers formal budget decisions until the outcomes of the KRG consultant procurement process are concluded.

## Attachments

Nil

**9.5 INFRASTRUCTURE PROSPECTUS**

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	KRG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	CEO SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil

**SUMMARY:**

The Kimberley Regional Group developed the Infrastructure Prospectus in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This item provides the 2022-23 update for approval.

**BACKGROUND**Previous Considerations

Nil.

**COMMENT**

In August 2020 it was agreed to development an advocacy document which focused on infrastructure investment as part of the COVID-19 recovery strategy.

Given the scale and diversity of possible projects, the concepts were workshopped with the following criteria being applied to create a short list of projects for consideration:

1. Deliver local jobs and business opportunities during project construction and over the longer term.
2. Projects should be “shovel ready” (or where a high priority project that requires planning/business case development), deliverable within a 3 year period.
3. Leverage existing projects or deliver investment growth.
4. Facilitate resilience.
5. Are related to local government (such as LG project coordination, use of LG land etc) and/or are State Government or Traditional Owner Projects.

Over time the detail of projects is updated and amended to ensure that the Infrastructure Prospectus remains current and relevant to the needs of the region.

In 2022, several projects have been replaced with the following new entries:

- Wyndham Community Boating Facility.
- Sanctuary Road Caravan Park (key worker housing) Project, Broome.

The updating of the Infrastructure Prospectus is an ongoing however this review has been comprehensive and therefore should remain current for some time.

**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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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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Improved regional infrastructure

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

**KIMBERLEY ZONE & KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:**

**(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Minute No. KRG/0224/009**

**Moved: Cr C Mitchell**

**Seconded: Cr D Menzel**

*That the Kimberley Regional Group endorses the Kimberley Investment Prospectus.*

**Attachments**

1. Kimberley Investment Prospectus 2022-23 (under Separate Cover)

**9.6 2022 National General Assembly of Local Governments Motion**

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	KRG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil

**SUMMARY:**

The Shire of Derby West Kimberley has the opportunity to progress (on behalf of the Kimberley Region) an important disaster recovery motion at the June 2022 National General Assembly of Local Governments in Canberra. This report provides background and seeks support for the motion from the KRG.

**BACKGROUND**Previous Considerations

Nil

**COMMENT**

For a number of years the Kimberley Regional Group has been advocating for a more streamlined system of approval for disaster relief funding.

The current Disaster Relief Funding Arrangements (WA) were introduced with an intent of betterment to overcome repetitive damage to the same infrastructure which, over the longer term, will provide significant cost savings.

The 2022 National General Assembly of Local Governments will be held in Canberra at the National Convention Centre, from 19– 22 June. Convened annually by the Australian Local Government Association, the National General Assembly of Local Government is the peak annual event for Australian Local Governments, attracting in excess of 800 Mayors, Presidents, and Councillors each year. This event provides a unique opportunity for Local Government representatives to engage directly with the Federal Government, to develop national policy, and to influence the future direction of our districts and their respective communities.

The Shire of Derby West Kimberley has the opportunity to progress (on behalf of the Kimberley Region) an important disaster recovery motion at the June 2022 National General Assembly of Local Governments in Canberra. The proposed position and motion is as follows:

## DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

Motion

*This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:*

- 1. Commit to ensuring that building back resilient public infrastructure is a core element of disaster recovery funding arrangements at Commonwealth and jurisdiction level.*
- 2. Provide clear guidance on appropriate standards for resilience for public infrastructure to support decisions regarding additional investment.*
- 3. Commit to providing up-front funding to Local Governments that will enable counter disaster operations and reconstruction of essential public assets to proceed without financial impediments.*

Attached is the item provided by the Shire of Derby West Kimberley which has the unanimous support of the that Council.

## CONSULTATION

Nil

## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

***Local Government Act 1995***

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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

Liveable towns supporting regional communities

High standard of infrastructure planning

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

Improved regional infrastructure

## VOTING REQUIREMENTS

*Simple Majority*

**KIMBERLEY ZONE & KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:****(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)****Minute No. KRG/0224/010****Moved: Cr G Haerewa****Seconded: Cr M Edwards**

*That the Kimberley Regional Group endorses the motion proposed by the Shire of Derby West Kimberley to lodge the following motion for the convention's consideration.*

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:

- a) Commit to ensuring that building back resilient public infrastructure is a core element of disaster recovery funding arrangements at Commonwealth and jurisdiction level;
- b) Provide clear guidance on appropriate standards for resilience for public infrastructure to support decisions regarding additional investment; and
- c) Commit to providing up-front funding to Local Governments that will enable counter disaster operations and reconstruction of essential public assets to proceed without financial impediments.

**Attachments**

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**6.2 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - MOTION****File Number:** 4065**Author:** Neil Hartley, Director - Strategic Business**Responsible Officer:** Amanda Dexter, Chief Executive Officer**Authority/Discretion:** Advocacy**SUMMARY**

The Shire has the opportunity to progress (on behalf of the Kimberley Region) an important disaster recovery motion at the June 2022 National General Assembly of Local Governments in Canberra.

This report promotes that Council should take advantage of the opportunity to gain national exposure of the issue, which has specific relevance to the Kimberley Region.

**DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST**

Nil.

**BACKGROUND**

Convened annually by the Australian Local Government Association, the National General Assembly of Local Government is the peak annual event for Australian Local Governments, attracting in excess of 800 Mayors, Presidents, and Councillors each year. This event provides a unique opportunity for Local Government representatives to engage directly with the Federal Government, to develop national policy, and to influence the future direction of our districts and their respective communities.

The theme for the 2022 NGA is *Partners in Progress*. The 2022 National General Assembly of Local Governments will be held in Canberra at the National Convention Centre, from 19– 22 June.

The proposed position and motion is as follows:

***DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS******Motion***

*This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:*

- 1. Commit to ensuring that building back resilient public infrastructure is a core element of disaster recovery funding arrangements at Commonwealth and jurisdiction level.*
- 2. Provide clear guidance on appropriate standards for resilience for public infrastructure to support decisions regarding additional investment.*
- 3. Commit to providing up-front funding to Local Governments that will enable counter disaster operations and reconstruction of essential public assets to proceed without financial impediments.*



**National Objective**

*Local Governments are at the forefront of preparing for and recovering from disasters. The destruction of essential public infrastructure during natural disasters has a significant negative impact on the resilience and recovery of communities, particularly when people remain isolated for an extended period and are unable to access services or support.*

*More resilient public infrastructure will support communities recovering more quickly and reduce the financial impact of disasters on all tiers of Government.*

**Summary of Key Arguments**

- *97% of Commonwealth disaster funding is spent on recovery with only 3% allocated to preparation and mitigation; yet investment in mitigation saves tens of dollars in post-disaster recovery expenditure.*
- *Many local governments experience the same infrastructure being destroyed or damaged by repeated events, particularly flooding.*
- *In many instances modest investments such as increasing the diameter of culverts, installing scour protection to bridge embankments and redesigning floodway crossings will significantly reduce the likelihood that subsequent flooding will destroy the infrastructure.*
- *Several inquiries have concluded that the current disaster recovery funding arrangements are systematically biased against betterment and in favour of rebuilding to the pre-disaster standard<sup>1</sup>. There have been some changes since this conclusion was reached and now the approach to responding to the need to build back more resilient essential public infrastructure varies across the jurisdictions, despite operating under consistent Commonwealth Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).*
- *The current reimbursement arrangements, with payments taking several months in some situations place local governments under serious cash-flow pressure in order to continue to pay contractors undertaking reconstruction work. There are situations where work has had to be slowed in order to maintain adequate cash-flow.*

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

**Local Government Act S 2.7 (Role of council)** outlines that the Council governs the local government's affairs, and is responsible for the performance of the local government's functions. It is also charged with overseeing the allocation of the local government's finances and resources; and determine the local government's policies.

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<sup>1</sup> Productivity Commission 2014 Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements p101 ([Volume 1 - Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements \(pc.gov.au\)](#)) Accessed 15 March 2022

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### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

**C1 Elected Member and Chief Executive Officer Attendance at Events and Functions**, meets the requirements of Section 5.90A of the Local Government Act, by establishing guidelines for appropriate disclosure and management of acceptance of invitations to events or functions, or other hospitality occasions, where Elected Members and the Chief Executive Officer are invited free of charge, whether as part of their official duties as Shire representatives or not.

**C3 Caretaker (Electoral Period)**, establishes protocols for the purpose of avoiding actual and perceived advantage or disadvantage to a candidate in a Government Election (Federal, State, or Local).

**C8 Public Statements by Councillors and CEO**, provides clarity as to the roles and responsibilities of the President, the Deputy President, Councillors, and the Chief Executive Officer when speaking publically/issuing public statements.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There will be costs associated with conference registrations, travel, accommodation, etc. The Shire has historically had attendance at the National General Assembly of Local Governments and the current budget provides the capacity to meet these costs.

### **CONSULTATION**

No community consultation is considered to be required.

### **COMMENT**

Many local governments take advantage of attendance at the National General Assembly to press home the point on specific issues of state and national significance. This particular issue has national significance, but also has a direct relevance to the local governments and their communities in the Kimberley Region.

### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple majority

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

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**RESOLUTION 19/22****Moved:** Cr Andrew Twaddle**Seconded:** Cr Linda Evans**That Council:**

1. Endorses attendance at the 2022 National General Assembly of Local Governments (Canberra, 19– 22 June) of the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer; and
  
2. Supports the lodging of the following motion for the convention's consideration:

*This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to:*

- a) Commit to ensuring that building back resilient public infrastructure is a core element of disaster recovery funding arrangements at Commonwealth and jurisdiction level;*
  
- b) Provide clear guidance on appropriate standards for resilience for public infrastructure to support decisions regarding additional investment; and*
  
- c) Commit to providing up-front funding to Local Governments that will enable counter disaster operations and reconstruction of essential public assets to proceed without financial impediments.*

**In Favour:** Crs Geoff Haerewa, Paul White, Geoff Davis, Andrew Twaddle, Rowena Mouda, Pat Riley, Keith Bedford, Linda Evans and Peter McCumstie

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED 9/0**

**9.7 UNDERGROUND POWER**

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	KRG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	CEO SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil

**SUMMARY:**

The opportunity to increase the amount of underground power lines in the Kimberley has been seen as a desirable outcome for some time and this item refers this matter to WALGA for further consideration.

**BACKGROUND**Previous Considerations

Nil

**COMMENT**

The need for underground power in the Kimberley has been considered by the KRG over time to both improve safety and the aesthetic for communities.

The State Underground Power Program (the Program) was an initiative that replaces overhead power lines in established areas with underground power infrastructure. The Program is a partnership between the Government of Western Australia, Western Power and local governments. Funding for projects is shared between program partners. The objectives of the Program are to

- improve reliability and security of electricity supply for consumers;
- enhance streetscapes and visual amenity;
- reduce street tree maintenance costs for local governments;
- improve street lighting and community safety; and
- reduce maintenance costs for Western Power.

The Program was established in 1996 to improve the reliability of electricity supply, after a severe storm in 1994 caused major disruptions in Perth and southern parts of Western Australia. Western Power later reported that 80 per cent of the power failures could be attributed to trees and branches falling on power lines. The most recent funding round was in January 2017. This project appears to have been limited to the SW interconnected network. Pilbara appears to be the only project to have occurred in the north west.

Horizon Power has been approached previously by the KRG about available plans or funding for an undergrounding program however feedback is that the matter is best progressed through WALGA as it has implications out side of this region. On that basis this item has been prepared with the intention to seek the support of the KRG to refer this matter to WALGA for further consideration and discussion.

## **CONSULTATION**

Nil

## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

*Local Government Act 1995*

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

## **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

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

Liveable towns supporting regional communities

High standard of infrastructure planning

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

Improved regional infrastructure

## **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

### **KIMBERLEY ZONE & KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:**

**(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Minute No. KRG/0224/011**

**Moved: Cr C Mitchell**

**Seconded: Cr M Edwards**

*That the Kimberley Regional Group requests that WALGA enter into discussions with Horizon Power in relation to programs and funding to transition overhead wires to underground power.*

## **Attachments**

Nil

**9.8 BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS REPORT**

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	KRG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	CEO SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil

**SUMMARY:**

The Strategic Community Plan and Business Plan for the period 2020-2024 was adopted in June 2021. This report provides an update on progress towards the achievement of the Business Plan which has a four year horizon.

**BACKGROUND***Previous Considerations*

Nil.

**COMMENT**

The Strategic Community Plan and Business Plan for the period 2021-2025 was adopted in June 2021. The summary report attached provides an update on progress towards the achievement of the Business Plan in this period.

Key matters addressed in the Business Plan include:

- Coordination of the KRG delegation to Perth in February 2022 meeting, to discuss critical matters with the following Ministers:
  - Hon Tony Buti MLA, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs; Racing and Gaming Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
  - Hon Sue Ellery MLC, Minister for Education and Training
  - Hon Simone McGurk, Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services
  - Hon Bill Johnston MLA, Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services; Industrial Relations.
  - Hon John Carey, Minister for Housing; Lands; Homelessness; Local Government.
- Follow up letters to Ministers summarising discussions.
- Media support including press releases, media engagement and briefing notes.
- Liaison with ongoing projects including the Kerbside Wates Collection contract, DAMA, alternative energy in the Kimberley.
- Support for the transition of the Secretariate to the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley.

- Noting the transition to a new consultant, the update of key documents including the Infrastructure Prospectus and the Annual Performance Report.
- Ongoing liaison with key stakeholders in the lead up to the Federal Budget.

The attached report provides the linkages to the Strategic Community Plan and Business Plan for the period 2020-2024.

## **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

Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities

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

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

Integrated waste management

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

Liveable towns supporting regional communities

Improved regional arterial road network, ports and airports

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

Improved regional infrastructure

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

**KIMBERLEY ZONE & KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:**

**(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

**Minute No. KRG/0224/012**

**Moved: Cr D Menzel**

**Seconded: Cr G Haerewa**

*That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the Business Plan Update as attached.*

**Attachments**

1. Business Plan Update April 2022



## ACTIVITY AGAINST THE BUSINESS PLAN

NOTE: Only matters in the Business Plan responded to this period are reported.

### Our People

Goal 1: A vibrant community based on equity, inclusion and opportunity for all.

OUTCOME	STRATEGY	ACTIONS	
1.1 Substance abuse and associated harm is reduced.	1.1.2 Advocate for fit for purpose and consistent alcohol management systems in the Kimberley.	1.1.2.1	Meet with relevant Ministers to discuss next steps to reduce alcohol related harm.
		1.1.2.2	Meet with State Government officers to discuss next steps to reduce alcohol related harm.
ACTION: Meeting with the Minister for Racing and Gaming, follow up letters, media coordination			
1.2 Kimberley regional health outcomes improve.	1.2.1 Advocate for key health equipment, such as dialysis machines, to be available throughout the Kimberley.	1.2.1.1	Correspond and meet with relevant Ministers to discuss timeframes in relation to budget items and election promises.
		ACTION: Coordination of Meetings with the Ministers: for Racing and Gaming (re Alcohol); Housing; Family and Domestic Violence and follow up letters.	
1.3 Crime is reduced both across the region and by location	1.3.2 Advocate for improved management of youth anti-social behaviour including funding for diversion programs.	1.3.2.1	Monitor funding allocated or committed to the provision of diversion programs across the Kimberley.
		ACTION: Coordination of Meetings with the Ministers for: Police; Racing and Gaming; Housing; Family and Domestic Violence; Corrections and follow up letters.	
1.5 School attendance improves with a higher number of students graduating year 12.	1.5.1 Advocate for fit for purpose education facilities and pedagogy to improve school attendance and outcomes.	1.5.1.1.	Develop and advocacy document to support the provision of fit-for-purpose education facilities and pedagogy.
	1.5.2 Advocate for enhanced post school employment pathways.	1.5.2.1	Develop an advocacy document (in conjunction with 1.5.1.1) to support the provision of enhanced post school employment pathways.

ACTION: Coordination of Meetings with the Ministers for: Education, Child Protection and follow up letters.		
1.6 Fit for purpose housing is available to meet individual and community needs.	1.6.1 Advocate for appropriate housing typology, location and volume to meet the changing needs of the community.	1.6.1.1 Monitor housing availability and affordability. 1.6.1.2 Advocate for improved housing affordability and availability when stock levels fall below market expectations.
ACTION: Coordination of Meetings with the Ministers for: Housing; Community Services and follow up letters. Housing briefing paper prepared and circulated to support the meeting.		

## Our Place

### Goal 2.

Our region will become a leader in creating a sense of place and liveability whilst preserving history, culture and our unique environment.

OUTCOME	STRATEGY	ACTIONS
2.1 Our towns provide a variety of public spaces that welcome local residents and visitors with shaded spaces and safe access.	2.1.1 Advocate for funding to support master planning and urban renewal.	2.1.1.1 Ensure the Infrastructure Prospectus remains up to date. 2.1.1.2 Advocate to relevant Ministers in relation to the Infrastructure Prospectus.
ACTION: Infrastructure Prospectus updated in cooperation with member Shires, including the replacement of some existing projects due to a higher priority or funding received.		
2.3 We have liveability attractors including sufficient and fit for purpose recreation areas, aquatic facilities, libraries, sporting facilities and a variety of leisure experiences.	2.3.1 Advocate for funding for liveability attractors.	2.3.1.1 Ensure the Infrastructure Prospectus remains up to date.
ACTION: As per Action for 2.1		

2.5 A reduced ecological footprint for the region (cont).	2.5.4 Advocate for affordable and reliable energy with a lower carbon footprint.	2.5.4.1 Develop an advocacy paper on energy with that will deliver affordable and reliable energy with a lower carbon footprint.
ACTION: Information sought and received from Horizon Power to inform the report.		

## Our Prosperity

### Goal 3.

The potential of the Kimberley as a strong and diversified economy is realised with benefits retained in the region and the opportunity to participate available to all.

OUTCOME	STRATEGY	ACTIONS
3.1 The Kimberley region is prosperous with a diversified and sustainable economy.	3.1.1 Advocate for the infrastructure required to attract and retain business and projects in the region.	3.1.1.1 Monitor the Kimberley Infrastructure Prospectus and update annually.  3.1.1.2 Advocate for agreed infrastructure to attract and retain business and projects in the Kimberley.
ACTION: The advocacy for the funding of the Tanami Road to be sealed from Halls Creek to Alice Springs was achieved with the Federal Budget 2022 announcement. Coordination of media etc.		
3.2 Local businesses and jobs are enhanced through opportunity created through private and government investment.	3.2.2 Advocate for local jobs creation in all new projects to reduce reliance on a FIFO workforce.	3.2.2.1 Promote opportunities and benefits in the Kimberley for the use of a local workforce.  3.2.2.2. Monitor and identify current and potential barriers to a local workforce and advocate mitigation of those issues.
ACTION: Liaised with the Regional Development Australia - Pilbara and the East Kimberley Chamber of Commerce and Industry on the approval of the Designated Area Migration Agreements (DAMA) for which they will be the Designated Area Representative (DAR) including the release of the Workforce Study RFQ.		
3.5 Our infrastructure is protected from known and	3.5.1 Advocate for improved protection and recovery from natural and other disasters.	3.5.1.1 Advocate for appropriate processes and timeframes for state responses to disasters including funding for recovery projects.

potential threats.	3.5.2 Advocate for improved Protection from global threats.	3.5.2.1 Monitor global threats and provide and intermittent report on any increased threat.  3.5.2.2 Advocate on the vulnerability of the north of the State to hostile actions towards key infrastructure.
<p>ACTION: Coordination of a meeting with the Minister for Emergency Services in relation to delays and red tape associated with DRFWA.</p> <p>Attended the North West Defence Force Alliance meeting on 5 April.</p>		

Our Performance

Goal 4

As a collective, we will support the delivery of excellence in governance and service delivery that is relevant and of value.

Outcomes		Strategy		Action	
4.1	Shire resources are maximised.	4.1.1	Facilitate shared tendering and contracting where regional benefit can be achieved.	4.1.1.1	Identify projects where shared tendering and contracting processes will be mutually beneficial.
<p>ACTION: Ongoing support for the Kerbside tender contract review including the extension of contract arrangements.</p>					

**9.9 CONSULTANT REPORT**

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Nil
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Nil
<b>FILE:</b>	KRG01
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	Zone Executive
<b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>	Nil
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	CEO SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY
<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:</b>	Nil

**SUMMARY:**

This report provides an overview of the activity undertaken by the consultant to support the activities of the WALGA Kimberley Country Zone (Zone) and the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG).

**BACKGROUND**Previous Considerations

Nil.

**COMMENT**

The key focus areas for this period were the:

- Coordination and follow up of the delegation to Perth to meet with relevant State Ministers.
- The Coordination of the Zone/KRG meeting in Perth and follow up.
- Liaison in relation to the transition of the Secretariate to the SWEK and supporting the process for ensuring administrative and executive continuity for the Zone and KRG including ensuring that upcoming governance requirements are in process.
- Media liaison including briefing note preparation.
- Liaison with the Federal Government in relation to the Regions of Growth.

The full report has been attached.

**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.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Simple Majority*

**KIMBERLEY ZONE & KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:****(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)****Minute No. KRG/0224/013****Moved: Cr David Menzel****Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell**

*That the Kimberley Regional Group:*

- a) notes the Consultant Report provided by ATEA Consulting; and*
- b) express their thanks and gratitude to Debra Goostrey and ATEA Consulting for the excellent service they have provided to the Kimberley Zone and Kimberley Regional Group.*

**Attachments**

Consultant Report April 2022.

# Consultant Report April 2022



Summary of Activities since Previous Report (to 6 April 2021) not covered in the Business Plan Report.

This period included the February KRG meeting in Perth and the associated Ministerial meetings. The volume and sensitivity of the meetings meant that the logistics took considerable time. Initial briefing papers and meeting summaries were also prepared.

The close out of existing works and ensuring that the transition to the new host shire and the new consultant is efficient has also been a priority. This includes “getting ahead” to ensure that requirements under the MOU for documents such as the Annual Performance Report are well progressed or completed prior to the finalisation of the ATEA Consulting Contract, as well as deferred procurement is advanced. Current projects are also being finalised to reduce handover complexities.

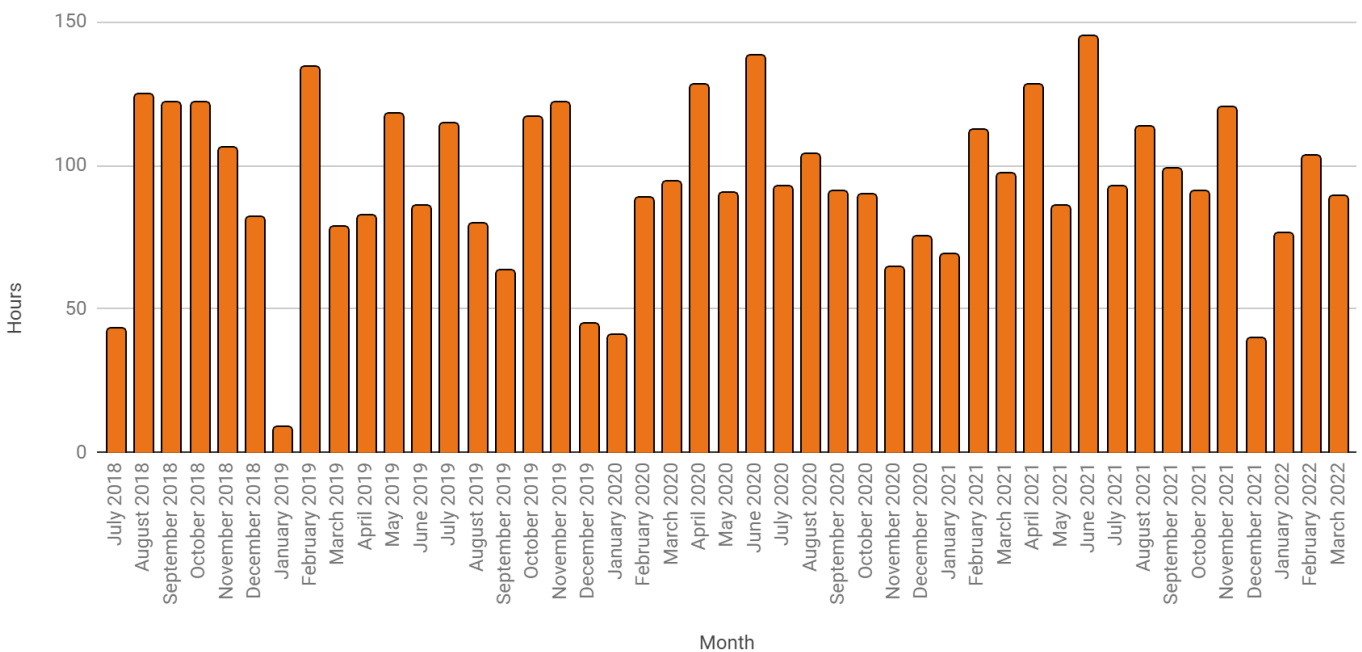
Engagement was also undertaken in the lead up to the Federal budget which saw the Tanami Road funding announcement of \$400m and the Curtin Airbase funding of \$242m for upgrades.

As this will be my last report, noting the imminent procurement process for the KRG consultant, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff at the Shires over the years and the incredibly dedicated councillors who have given their time so generously to the greater good of all.

## Summary of Hours

The wet season was similar to many previous years with a significant dip over the December/January period, followed by a more active period in the lead up to the February Zone KRG meeting.

## Rolling Contract Hours



<b>10. CORRESPONDENCE</b>
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<b>CORRESPONDENCE OUT</b>	
<b>To</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Hon Bill Johnston MLA	Thank you and summary of discussions at the meeting.
Hon Simone McGurk MLA	Thank you and summary of discussions at the meeting.
Hon Sue Ellery MLC	Thank you and summary of discussions at the meeting.
Hon Tony Butil MLA	Thank you and summary of discussions at the meeting.
Hon Tony Butil MLA	Thank you and summary of discussions at the meeting.
Hon Stephen Dawson MLC	Thank you and summary of discussions at the meeting.
Hon John Carey MLA	Thank you and summary of discussions at the meeting.

**Attachments**

1. Correspondence Out





15 March 2022

Hon Tony Buti MLA  
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs; Racing and Gaming  
Citizenship and Multicultural Interests  
5th Floor, Dumas House  
2 Havelock Street  
WEST PERTH WA 6005

By email: Minister.Buti@dpc.wa.gov.au

Dear Minister

**Re Meeting Discussion Follow-up**

On behalf of member Shires, I want to thank you for making the time on Monday 15 February 2022 to discuss matters relating to the spiralling antisocial behaviour in the Kimberley and the implementation of the Banned Drinkers Register.

As you are aware, the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) is an alliance of the four Shires of the Kimberley, being the Shire of Broome, the Shire of Derby West Kimberley, the Shire of Halls Creek and the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley. Collaboratively the group seeks to support outcomes for the region through improved social, economic and cultural outcomes.

We have provided below our key comments and our takeaway messages from the meeting.

**KRG Key Comments:**

1. The KRG has deep concern that there are less people on the Banned Drinkers Register (BDR) than prior to the trial as Licensees in the East Kimberley can no longer upload persons banned from their establishment and the timeframes for Prohibition Orders and Barring Notices are excessive.
2. The KRG queried whether the State Emergency Act could be used to bring the improvement of pathways forward, noting that some of the alcohol restrictions fit within that mandate.
3. There appears to be a gap in the current service provision and limited options for people to get help in some locations.
4. With a fully functional BDR the level of violence would be reduced with an example provided that the over fifty Domestic Violence presentations at Derby Hospital could be halved and there would be less children on the street as they would not be afraid to go home.
5. The secondary supply of alcohol - the sly grogging market - has become more profitable due to mandates and ID requirements with a carton increasing from \$150 to \$200.
6. The BDR could be a conduit to services, with non-attendance resulting in no release from BDR.

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Key Takeaway Messages.

1. This is a trial so that we can consider new approaches prior to legislative reform. Pathways for placing problem drinkers onto the Banned Drinkers Register will be considered by the Minister after the finalisation of the interim report by the University of Western Australia. That report is due in March 2022.
2. We are trying to work out what is policy and what is legislation within this process.
3. A Ministerial committee is looking into the integrated issue across agencies and we will ensure you are consulted through Ms Divina D'Anna MLA.

We seek to continue this dialogue on these critical matters and will seek a follow up meeting in the week commencing 20 June 2022 when we next meet in Perth.

Your sincerely

Cr David Menzel  
Chair  
Kimberley Regional Group



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15 March 2022

Hon John Carey  
Minister for Housing; Lands;  
Homelessness; Local Government  
7th Floor, Dumas House  
2 Havelock Street  
WEST PERTH WA 6005

By email: Minister.Carey@dpc.wa.gov.au

Dear Minister

**Re Meeting Discussion Follow-up**

On behalf of member Shires, I want to thank you for making the time on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 to discuss the current and long term housing crisis in the Kimberley.

As you are aware, the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) is an alliance of the four Shires of the Kimberley, being the Shire of Broome, the Shire of Derby West Kimberley, the Shire of Halls Creek and the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley. Collaboratively the group seeks to support outcomes for the region through improved social, economic and cultural outcomes.

We have provided below our key comments and our takeaway messages from the meeting. We also requested in the meeting that you consider supporting proposals to improve the pathways for inclusion onto the Banned Drinkers Register during Cabinet discussions as this is a vital tool for improving the lives of young people by making homes safer, reducing their presence on the streets at night and increasing school attendance.

**KRG Key Comments:**

1. There is a significant issue – to the point of crisis – in the private rental market, both availability and affordability. The same situation exists for home buyers.
2. Land availability varies between the Shires with some towns having no current options for expansion with others constrained by the priorities of DevelopmentWA.
3. Building costs have gone up significantly with a set of steel frames rising from \$23,000 to \$40,000. Historically, increased materials costs rarely contract after a boom period.
4. Social housing is at crisis level with overcrowding and third world conditions in some locations which is a driver in the current record youth anti-social behaviour and poor schooling outcomes.
5. There have been four housing Ministers in five years and there has been no action to address the issues. For example, there is an MOU with the Department of Housing for McMahon Estate (Broome) which has not been progressed. This is important as it will decrease the intensity of nearby social housing.
6. We need clarification on how much is being spent in the Kimberley to address the housing crisis. The group queried the ratio of new housing coming on line and the demolition of uninhabitable stock. Note: the Minister stated now public housing was being demolished.
7. High employment private investment, such as Seafarms, Sorby Hills and the Cotton Gin are at risk if there is no housing in Kununurra. Starting point is 150 homes required with more to follow but services and capacity are currently missing.
8. It is essential that head contractors use local content to support the region.

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Key Takeaway Messages.

1. The government is not specifically allocating funding at this stage as we look at the factors such as whether it is spent by the Government on public housing or it is spent on community housing where they can get matching funds or through programs such as the NW Aboriginal Housing Fund.
2. A surplus land register being developed with the intent of finding lazy land or surplus land that can be used to deliver to address housing affordability/availability. LG may be interested in participating.
3. Only two percent of WACHS housing sits within housing.
4. \$60m in SHERP grants – across the Kimberley for community housing to tackle aging stock and the government can commit to purchasing GROW housing to support get projects started.
5. We need meat on the bone, \$522m set aside for 2 or 3 years to work on the best approach when the boom ends.
9. Modular is seen as a pathway for affordable housing with two constructed in Albany. The KRG representatives noted the on the ground experiences in the north is previous attempts are deteriorating rapidly and the approach is not suitable due to the conditions.
10. There will be big projects in the Kimberley but that cannot be released until after it has been through the Cabinet process.

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Hon Sue Ellery MLC  
Minister for Education and Training  
Leader in the Legislative Council  
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Dear Minister

### **Re Meeting Discussion Follow-up**

On behalf of member Shires, I want to thank you for making the time on Friday 18 February 2022 to discuss a range of matters relating to the poor school attendance rates across the Kimberley and complex issues that underpin this situation.

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KRG Key Comments:

1. We need to get rid of the notion that school is optional. In Halls Creek attendance of 10 – 20 percent in some years is unacceptable. Young people are not graduating Year 12 and many leave school unable to read or write.
2. Target 120 is good but should be expanded and we also we need diversity of approaches with strong local ownership.
3. There is a lot of money spent on engagement programs but we need to look at what is being taught and how is it delivered when considering attendance. Maybe more focus on cultural training – in Halls Creek the program started with an intent of six but had sixteen participants. Making education relevant is essential - there are currently 16 recruits in the Cert III in Civil Construction.
4. We need much greater transparency of what is happening in our schools and enforcement of laws around school attendance.
5. Across the Kimberley we are seeing those that can afford it sending their children to boarding school or families leaving town altogether. This leaves the disrupters and the dwindling group of students remaining feel unsafe. Schools did not create the issue with violence but they have a role in stopping it.

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6. Indigenous run hostels could ensure young people are fed, have uniforms and supported study facilities.
7. Consideration should be given to alternative sites for education and alternative learning centres, one in the East and one in West Kimberley for disruptive students. Consider alternatives, even if controversial such as full language emersion.

Key Takeaway Messages.

1. The police are at the end of the line, the two agencies in between are Education and Child Protection.
2. Working on a package across government of a nuanced range of strategies to help tackle the issues, and we invite you to forward any ideas through.
3. One of the complexities is that government Departments do not always work together – we are now making that a priority.
4. The Minister queried what Shires, who sit outside of the education system, can do and suggested ranger programs and volunteer programs.
5. The investment in the science lab in Halls Creek was to bring that school into line with other schools.

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#### KRG Key Comments:

1. There is major concern about the spiralling anti-social and criminal activity in Kimberley. This is causing fear for individuals and problems for businesses that cannot attract staff.
2. There is frustration with the disconnect between what is happening in the Kimberley and the understanding of Ministers. Social media is adding to the dysfunction.
3. A minority group of youths have become criminals, the larger group must be stopped from anti-social behaviour as they roam the streets in packs of 30-50 children and youths.
4. There is a need for pathways for the Police to efficiently add people to the Banned Drinkers Register. The consideration of prohibition of all but light strength alcohol is not supported as it will negatively impact on the Kimberley and boost sly grogging.
5. We would like to better understand what the master plan is for the Kimberley and be involved in the solutions, including having a place at the discussion table. This is already happening at a local level and we need to elevate this discussion to Ministers.
6. We need a category below Banksia Hill and have on country diversion and safe houses.
7. There is growing concern in relation to vigilantly action.
8. People are frustrated that the phone diverts to Perth where they don't know the streets.
9. The Police are not being criticised in the Kimberley – most believe they are trying but overworked.
10. We need better boarder management for returning residents and seasonal workers, particularly for the mustering season, but going forward tourism and harvesting. We need to broaden the skilled worker list.
11. The use of Shire or regional borders as a COVID-19 management strategy is not supported.

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Key Takeaway Messages.

1. Some of these matters, including the Kimberley Youth Justice Strategy, are not in my portfolio but I am aware of the issues.
2. The police are working hard and the rate of sanctions is high. Serge policing, such as Operation Heat Shield has been used to get an outcome. Looking at research and intelligence capacity to get a better outcome.
3. Target 120 is working well with MG Corp delivering wrap around services.
4. There are more youth in Banksia than there have been for some years but we are trying to break the pipeline with the young people through the use of sanctions. We are dealing with the minority who are repeat offenders, noting that three years is a long sentence.
5. The KJJS is funding night patrols and other smaller things have been initiated and funded. What is taking the time is the co-design to provide a longer term solution.
6. Minister McTiernan is coordinating a group that is working on a range of responses and other Ministers are focused on it. Feedback by Shires is appreciated.
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**11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**KIMBERLEY ZONE & KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:**

**Minute No. KRG/0224/014**

**Moved: Cr David Menzel**

**Seconded: Cr G Haerewa**

***That the Kimberley Regional Group prepare a letter to the Minister for Corrective Services, the Hon Bill Johnston, in relation to the location of the new Kimberley Prison.***

**12. Matters Behind Closed Doors**

**13. Meeting Closure at 15:10**