



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

**UNCONFIRMED
MINUTES**

21 JUNE 2022

Commencing at

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**KIMBERLEY ZONE AND
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TUESDAY 21 JUNE 2022
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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chair, President Cr David Menzel, declared the meeting open at 1:03pm and welcomed all delegates and guests.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

ATTENDANCE:

Cr Chris Mitchell	Shire of Broome
Sam Mastrolembo	Shire of Broome
James Watt	Shire of Broome
Cr Geoff Haerewa	Shire of Derby West Kimberley
Cr Peter McCumstie	Shire of Derby/West Kimberley
Amanda Dexter	Shire of Derby West Kimberley
Vernon Lawrence	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
Cr David Menzel	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
Cr Tony Chafer	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
Debra Goostrey	Zone Executive – ATEA
Tim Lane, Manager Strategy and Association Governance	WALGA

GUESTS:

Janine Hatch, Executive Officer	RDA Kimberley
Greg Hayes, Regional Road Safety Advisor	WALGA RoadWise
Tim Bray, Director Regional Development	Kimberley Development Commission
Kristina Dickman, Regional Manager Kimberley	Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
Tom Chapman	Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
Craig Parkin	Superintendent Kimberley Police District

APOLOGIES:

Cr Harold Tracey	Shire of Broome
Cr Malcolm Edwards	Shire of Halls Creek

Cr Chris Loessl	Shire of Halls Creek
Phillip Cassell	Shire of Halls Creek
Cr Jeanette Young	Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands
Cr Hua (Helen) Liu	Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands
Kelli Small	Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands
Cr Gordon Thomson	Shire of Christmas Island
Cr Kee Heng Foo	Shire of Christmas Island
David Price	Shire of Christmas Island
Natasha Maher, Chief Executive Officer	Australia's North West Tourism

3. Declarations Of Interest

Nil.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

KIMBERLEY ZONE & KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RECOMMENDATION:

Minute No. KRG/0622/001

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell

Seconded: Cr Geoff Haerewa

That the Minutes of the Kimberley Regional Group held on 19 April 2022, as published and circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil.

6. PRESENTATIONS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**6.1 Kimberley Police Superintendent**

Kimberley Police Superintendent Craig Parkin presented to the Zone on Operation Regional Shield, the banned drinkers register, and other regional policing matters.

7. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**7.1 RDA KIMBERLEY**

Janine Hatch, Executive Officer

7.2 AUSTRALIA'S NORTH WEST TOURISM

Natasha Maher, Chief Executive Officer
Apology – Report circulated out of session.

7.3 WALGA ROADWISE

Greg Hayes, Road Safety Advisor.

7.4 KIMBERLEY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Tim Bray, Director Regional Development.

7.5 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SPORT AND CULTURAL INDUSTRIES

Kristina Dickman, Regional Manager Kimberley.

7.6 WALGA

Tim Lane, Manager Strategy and Association Governance.

8. REPORTS FROM KIMBERLEY COUNTRY ZONE

8.1 WALGA STATE COUNCIL AGENDA AND PRESIDENT'S REPORT	
LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Nil
APPLICANT:	Nil
FILE:	KRG01
AUTHOR:	Zone Executive
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	CEO SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil

SUMMARY:

(Zone delegates to consider the Matters for Decision and Items for Noting contained in the WA Local Government Association State Council Agenda and put forward resolutions to Zone Representatives on State Council)

The full State Council Agenda can be found via [LINK](#): The Zone is able to provide comment or submit an alternative recommendation that is then presented to the State Council for consideration.

COMMENT

The next WALGA State Council meeting will be held 6 July 2022. The following matters for decision will be considered.

	Matters for Decision	WALGA Recommendation
5.1	Review of advocacy positions relating to Emergency Management	<p>That State Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the removal of the following Emergency Management Advocacy Positions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8.1 Community Resilience 8.2 Disaster Mitigation 8.3 Emergency Services Levy 2. Endorse the following Emergency Management Advocacy Positions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8.1 Emergency Management Principles 8.2 State Emergency Management Framework 8.3 Sustainable Grant Funding Model for Emergency Management 8.4 Consolidated Emergency Services Act 8.5 Resource Sharing 8.6 Lessons Learnt Management 8.7 Emergency Services Levy 8.8 Local Government Grants Scheme (LGGS)

<p>5.2</p>	<p>New Emergency Management Advocacy Position – Community Emergency Service Manager Program</p>	<p>That the following WALGA Advocacy Position relating to the Community Emergency Service Manager (CESM) Program be endorsed:</p> <p><i>8.9 Expansion of the Community Emergency Services Manager Program</i></p> <p><i>That the Association advocates for an expansion of the Community Emergency Service Manager (CESM) Program, as follows:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. All Local Governments should have the option of participating in the CESM Program.</i> <i>2. The full cost of the CESM Program should be funded through the Emergency Services Levy.</i>
<p>5.3</p>	<p>Draft WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026 and Updated Advocacy Position</p>	<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the draft WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026 be endorsed. 2. WALGA's existing Advocacy Position on Public Libraries be deleted and replaced as follows: <p><i>3.8 Public Libraries</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Western Australian Local Government public libraries provide valuable local cultural infrastructure, creating social and community hubs for community capacity building, recreation, education and literacy, digital inclusion, and social connection, cohesion and inclusion.</i> <i>2. WALGA supports the provision of Public Library services in Western Australia through a formal partnership between Local Government and the State Government of Western Australia, governed by the Library Board Act 1951, namely the State and Local Government Agreement for the Provision of Public Library Services in Western Australia (2020).</i> <i>3. The WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026 provides a framework for a shared vision, strategic direction and collaborative action in the provision of a vibrant and sustainable 21st century public library network.</i> <i>4. It is essential that a sustainable funding model enables Local Governments to continue to deliver library services to support continued growth and adaptation to changing community needs.</i>

Matters for Noting:

- 6.1 2020/21 Local Government Performance Monitoring Project
- 6.2 Proposed Advocacy Position on Arrangements for Management of Volunteer Bushfire Brigades
- 6.3 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-design Process, Phase 1 Submission
- 6.4 Western Power Access Arrangement Review Submission

- 6.5 Economic Development Research
- 6.6 Development of Child Safe Policy for Local Government
- 6.7 National Reconciliation Week Local Government Activation Program
- 6.8 WA Strategic Trails Blueprint 2022-2027 – Draft for Comment
- 6.9 Issues Paper: Local Government Approaches to Tree Retention
- 6.10 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)

Organisational Reports

7.1 Policy Team Reports

- 7.1.1 Environment and Waste Policy Team Report
- 7.1.2 Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team Report
- 7.1.3 Infrastructure Policy Team Report
- 7.1.4 People and Place Policy Team Report

7.2 Key Activity Reports

- 7.2.1 Report on Key Activities, Commercial and Communications Unit
- 7.2.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services Unit
- 7.2.3 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure
- 7.2.4 Report on Key Activities, Strategy, Policy and Planning Unit

7.3 Policy Forum Report

WALGA State President's Report – Attached

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

KIMBERLEY ZONE & KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

Minute No. KRG/0622/002

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell

Seconded: Cr Geof Haerewa

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.**

CARRIED

Attachments

1. WALGA State Council Agenda 6 July 2022 (link provided above).
2. WALGA President's Report July 2022.

8.2 WALGA ZONE STATUS REPORT

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

SUMMARY:

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

BACKGROUND

Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	WALGA Contact
19 April 2022 Zone Agenda Item 8.3 Vehicles Being Drive on Unsealed Roads Closed Due to Wet Conditions	That the Kimberley Zone: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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, at significant expense. 3. Provides feedback to WALGA that vehicle damage from commercial operations is the key issue in the Kimberley. 	The Infrastructure Policy Team reviewed and consider the feedback concerning vehicles being driven on closed unsealed roads that was provided by 11 Shires and 3 Zones. The Policy Team resolved that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The key legislative / regulatory requirements appear to be in place; 2. Vehicles being driven on closed roads occurs in other remote Local Government areas, although the situations are different around the State; 3. In the absence of identified technology solutions an initial approach be made by WALGA to ARRB and PATREC to determine if research centres are interested in developing a research project. 	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031
19 April 2022 Zone Agenda Item 9.7 Underground Power	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.	This matter has been added to the Infrastructure Policy Team agenda for 6 July.	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031
2021 20 April Zone Agenda Item 11.1 Disaster Relief and	That the Kimberley Zone: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Express dissatisfaction with current disaster relief and recovery funding arrangements and call for urgent action from the State 	The Association has endorsed advocacy positions seeking improvements to disaster relief and recovery funding including assessment periods, eligibility of	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure

Recovery Funding Arrangements	Government to investigate and address these shortcomings. 2. Seek WALGA advocacy to support the motion.	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.	jduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031
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VOTING REQUIREMENTS*Simple Majority***KIMBERLEY ZONE & KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP REPORT RECOMMENDATION:**

Minute No. KRG/0622/003

Moved: Cr Geoff Haerewa

Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the Kimberley Zone notes the WALGA Zone Status Report June 2022.

CARRIED

8.3 WALGA BEST PRACTICE GOVERNANCE REVIEW

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Nil
APPLICANT:	Nil
FILE:	KRG01
AUTHOR:	Tim Lane
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Tony Brown
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Tim Lane
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil

BACKGROUND

WALGA has embarked on a significant project to review WALGA's governance model to ensure the organisation is governed by a contemporary, sound, and agile governance model that:

- Facilitates meaningful engagement with Local Government members,
- Enhances WALGA's legitimacy among members and stakeholders, and
- Enables sound and focused decision making to guide advocacy, policy, and service delivery.

WALGA's Corporate Strategy 2020-25 identifies "contemporary governance and engagement models" as a key strategic priority leading to State Council's commissioning of the Best Practice Governance Review project.

A further goal of the project is to fundamentally review, and subsequently amend, WALGA's governance documentation – Constitution, Corporate Governance Charter, State Council Code of Conduct, and Standing Orders – to ensure consistency and alignment.

To oversee the project, State Council appointed a Steering Committee with the following membership:

President Cr Karen Chappel JP	WALGA President (Chair)
Cr Paul Kelly	WALGA Deputy President
President Cr Phil Blight	Country State Councillor
Mayor Carol Adams OAM	Metropolitan State Councillor
President Cr David Menzel	Country Elected Member
Mayor Albert Jacob	Metropolitan Elected Member
Andrew Sharpe	Country Chief Executive Officer
David MacLennan	Metropolitan Chief Executive Officer
Nick Sloan	WALGA Chief Executive Officer

Senior WALGA staff are providing executive support and PwC has been appointed to facilitate meetings of the Steering Committee and to produce an Options Paper and a Final Report.

The Steering Committee has met twice. At the first meeting, held on 5 May 2022, the Committee:

- Adopted Terms of Reference

- Reviewed the Project Plan
- Considered existing governance documentation
- Discussed the project methodology, and
- Agreed five comparator organisations whose governance models would be reviewed:
 - i. Australian Hotels Association (AHA)
 - ii. Australian Medical Association (AMA)
 - iii. Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA (CCIWA)
 - iv. Chamber of Minerals and Energy (CME), and
 - v. Pharmacy Guild of WA

The comparator organisations were selected for their similarity to WALGA as membership organisations (with organisations as members) and their perceived effectiveness as advocacy peak bodies.

At the Steering Committee's second meeting, held on 8 June 2022, the Committee reviewed the governance models of comparator organisations presented by PwC and identified initial performance assessment criteria that will guide the evaluation of alternative governance model options.

The Steering Committee will be meeting again in late June to consider an Options Paper which will present alternative governance model options. The Options paper will be presented to State Council at the 6 July Strategic Forum. Member feedback will then be sought on the Options Paper during July and August.

Following member feedback, the Steering Committee will direct the development of an agenda item outlining high level principles and non-negotiables of a future governance model for the 2022 Annual General Meeting. This agenda item and debate will gauge members' views on the direction of the project.

The final report due to be completed by mid-October 2022 will be the subject of further consultation with members, including through a full round of Zone meetings in November in the lead-up to the December State Council meeting.

Substantive structural changes to WALGA's governance model will require amendments to the Constitution, which must be approved by a special (75 percent) majority at both a meeting of State Council and an Annual General Meeting. As such, any proposed changes will need to have strong support of members for Constitutional change to be ratified. The aim of the project is to put forward constitutional amendments to members at the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

COMMENT

The Best Practice Governance Review Project represents a significant opportunity to improve WALGA's governance model to improve decision making effectiveness while ensuring meaningful member representation and participation.

Past reviews since the formation of WALGA as the single Local Government sector peak body over 20 years ago have led to significant process and other improvements while the structure and composition of State Council has remained broadly unchanged. WALGA receives mixed feedback on its governance model through member surveys and other mechanisms suggesting there is room for improvement.

Any future governance model will need to balance member representation and participation in decision making processes with efficiency and strategic focus. The forthcoming Options Paper will present potential options that aim to balance competing objectives identified by the Steering Committee.

Member engagement and consultation will be crucial to the success of the project and very high levels of member support will be required for constitutional amendments to be ratified, as outlined above. Consequently, members should anticipate opportunities to contribute to the project and provide insight in relation to options put forward over coming months.

KIMBERLEY ZONE & KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

Minute No. KRG/0622/004

Moved: Cr David Menzel

Seconded: Cr Geoff Haerewa

That the Kimberley Zone note the update on the WALGA Best Practice Governance Review.

CARRIED

9. REPORTS FROM KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP

9.1 STATE GOVERNMENT FUNDING TO ADDRESS JUVENILE CRIME IN THE KIMBERLEY

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

SUMMARY:

The Kimberley Regional Group has advocated strongly for funding to address anti-social behaviour and juvenile crime in the Kimberley. In the lead up to the May 2022 State Budget, a \$40.4million dollar package was announced.

BACKGROUND

Previous Considerations

Nil.

COMMENT

On the 3rd of May, the McGowan government announced a package to help break the cycle of youth offending in the Kimberley including:

- \$15 million towards an on-country residential facility to provide an alternative to detention, as well as \$500,000 to plan and develop other safe place proposals
- \$4.3 million to expand the McGowan Government's successful Target 120 program in the Kimberley
- \$11.7 million to extend the Kimberley Schools Project to keep young people engaged with the education system
- \$2.5 million for Operation Regional Shield, enabling police to deploy additional resources to parts of regional WA as required
- Package also includes boost to youth night patrols, intensive support for vulnerable families, and grants for local projects to engage youth and improve community safety

The State Government has also committed \$33.98 million over four years to improve operations of residential care homes and an additional investment of \$5 million towards five new residential care homes in the Kimberley and Mid-West, to provide better care for vulnerable children.

The acknowledgement in the State Budget on the 12 May 2022 of the issues being faced in the Kimberley reflects the strong advocacy of the KRG and letters have been sent to key Ministers to thank them for their support.

The implementation of this package, noting that the Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy has not yet to be released, will be monitored for both the allocation of funds and effectiveness of the roll out of programs.

The acknowledgement in the State Budget of the issues being faced in the Kimberley reflects the strong advocacy of the KRG. Correspondence thanking the Premier in his role as Treasurer, along with Ministers MacTiernan, McGurk, Johnston, Buti, Ellery and Papalia, has been sent on behalf of the KRG.

Since the State Budget, the Kimberley Regional Zone has been invited to take up membership as an observer on the Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee and Working Group.

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.

Community Goal - A vibrant community based on equity, inclusion and opportunity for all.

Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in health.

Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in education.

Improved youth services and management of youth anti-social behaviour.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP REPORT RECOMMENDATION

Minute No. KRG/0622/005

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell

Seconded: Cr David Menzel

That the Kimberley Regional Group:

1. Notes the funding packages;
2. Requests, through the secretariat, regular updates from the relevant working groups;
3. Monitors the implementation and outcomes of these initiatives; and,
4. Invites Minister MacTiernan to the next meeting of the Kimberley Regional Group.

CARRIED

Attachments

Nil

9.2 KRG ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

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

SUMMARY:

It is a requirement under item 10.8 of the Memorandum of Understanding that a Performance Report is prepared within two months after 30 June each year. Noting the transitional arrangements currently in place, the Performance Report has been prepared in advance of the 30 June deadline.

BACKGROUND*Previous Considerations*

Nil.

COMMENT

It is a requirement under item 10.8 of the Memorandum of Understanding that a Performance Report is prepared within two months after 30 June each year.

The Host Shire Chief Executive Officer or their delegate must, in consultation with the Board, prepare and provide to each Participant an end of year performance report setting out the annual performance of the KRG and addressing the matters referred to below:

- a) a description of the activities carried out by the KRG with reference to the Strategic Goals and Outcomes;
- b) a reasonable itemisation of the Operating Expenses incurred;
- c) a comparison of Operating Expenses incurred with budget estimates and comments on any significant variations;
- d) a brief description of the KRG's planned activities for the next period, including details of any Projects anticipated to commence in the next 12 months;
- e) any other information that the Board directs to be included; and
- f) any other report the Participants may reasonably require to comply with their reporting obligations.

The Performance Report, provided under separate cover, meets the requirement of 10.8(a) and (d). The finance report will be provided when the audit for the period is completed.

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 REGIONAL GROUP REPORT RECOMMENDATION

Minute No. KRG/0622/006

Moved: Cr David Menzel

Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the Kimberley Regional Group

1. Adopts the Performance Report; and
2. Notes the Financial Report will be provided within the period stipulated in the MOU.

CARRIED

Attachments

Kimberley Regional Group Performance Report (under separate cover)

Cr Geoff Haerewa and Ms Amanda Dexter departed the meeting at 2:41pm.

9.3 KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP ANNUAL BUDGET 2022-23

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

SUMMARY:

This report seeks the deferral of the detailed 2022/23 Kimberley Regional Group Annual Budget noting the imminent commencement of the new consultant and, that there will be no impact on the Shire levies for 2022/23 due to the existing operational surplus.

BACKGROUND

Previous Considerations

Nil

COMMENT

The Secretariat is obliged under the MOU to prepare a Draft Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) 2022/23 Annual Budget which outlines proposed income and expenditure for the following period.

It is noted that the new KRG support consultancy was not finalised at the time of compiling this agenda and therefore the detailed budgetary implications are not yet documented, however there is no risk identified for the 2022/23 period in relation to levies to be charged due the existing surplus.

An extension of time for the approval of the budget is requested, with out of session finalisation of this matter.

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Secure funding for regional initiatives

Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities

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

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP REPORT RECOMMENDATION

Minute No. KRG/0622/007

Moved: Cr David Menzel

Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the Kimberley Regional Group:

1. Approves the deferment of the 2022/23 Kimberley Regional Group Annual Budget due to the imminent appointment of a new consultant.
2. Notes the budget will be circulated out of session for approval.

CARRIED

Attachments

Nil

9.4 KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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

SUMMARY:

The Kimberley Regional Group KRG operates under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which expires in August 2022. There are a number of matters included in the MOU which do not reflect the operation of the KRG in the current arrangement. This item is to delegate the review and finalisation of the MOU to the Shire CEOs for presentation and adoption at the August KRG meeting.

BACKGROUND*Previous Considerations*

Nil

COMMENT

In 2018, the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) signed the current Memorandum of Understanding, which provides the framework for the operation of the KRG. Considerable work has been undertaken over the last four years to develop a Governance Manual as a companion document to provide greater detail.

The MOU requires review to more accurately reflect the current operational arrangements, including banking and insurance and the priority activities of the KRG. The review was undertaken by the Shire of Broome and the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley in the first instance and has been provided to all participating Shires for consideration.

To progress the MOU, which needs to be finalised and adopted prior to the end of August 2022, the matter will be delegated to the CEO's to finalise the draft.

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Secure funding for regional initiatives

Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities

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

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP REPORT RECOMMENDATION

Minute No. KRG/0622/008

Moved: Cr David Menzel

Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the Kimberley Regional Group:

1. Notes the requirement to finalise the Memorandum of Understanding prior to 31 August 2022.
2. Delegates the finalisation of the drafting of the MOU to the CEOs
3. Notes that the finalised MOU will be considered at the August 2022 KRG meeting.

CARRIED

Attachments

Nil

9.5 BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Nil
APPLICANT:	Nil
FILE:	KRG01
AUTHOR:	Zone Executive
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	CEO SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	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 in this period include:

- Liaison with the Minister for Corrective Services in relation to a meeting to discuss the Kimberley Regional Prison/Kimberley Custodial Plan.
- Ongoing liaison with key stakeholders in the lead up to the Federal Election to highlight the interests of the region.
- Ongoing liaison with key stakeholders in the lead up to the State 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 REGIONAL GROUP REPORT RECOMMENDATION

Minute No. KRG/0622/009

Moved: Cr Peter McCumstie

Seconded: Cr David Menzel

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

CARRIED

Attachments

1. Business Plan Update June 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: Review the State Budget to determine investment in the Kimberley.			
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: Review the State Budget to determine the full details of the funding announced 3 May 2022.	
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: Review the State Budget to determine the full details of the funding announced 3 May 2022 that relate to school participation.			
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: Reviewed the State Budget for social housing investment.			

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: Finalisation of the Infrastructure Prospectus for the period.		
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: This matter has been referred to WALGA		

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: \$400m announced in the Federal budget with the supporting 20% (\$100m) announced in the State Budget.			
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: Ongoing liaison with key organisations with the recommendation to defer the project until 2023 when the outcomes of the initial East Kimberley DAR are available and understood.			

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.
ACTION: Kerbside tender coordination progressed			

9.6 CONSULTANT REPORT

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

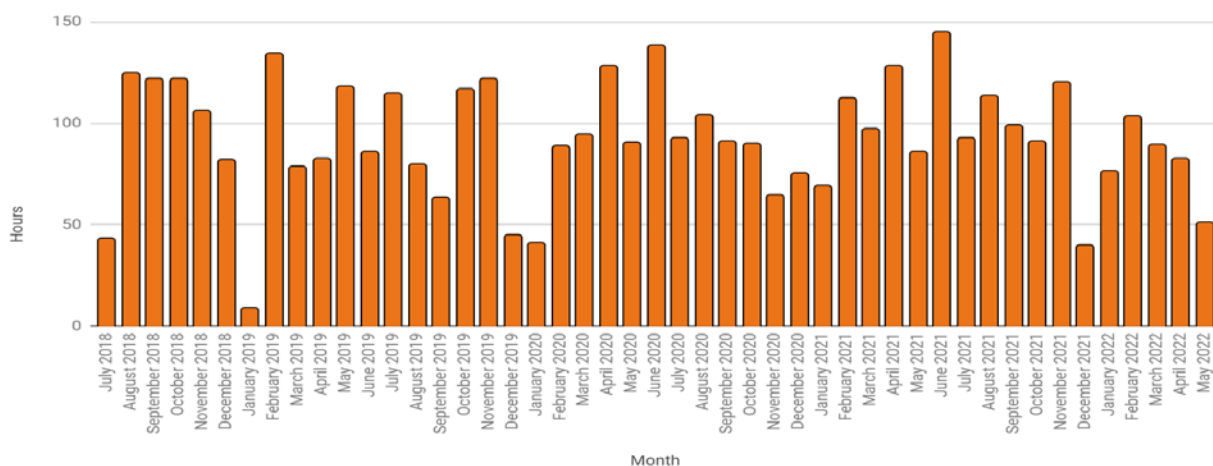
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COMMENT

The key focus areas for this period were the:

- The period included the following activities:
- State Budget and Kimberley Juvenile Crime Package liaison.
- Kimberley Custodial Plan briefing papers and organisation of Minsiterial meeting.
- Preparation for the transitioning to the incoming consultant and new arrangements.
- Progress of the Kerbside Tender
- Preparation for the June 2022 meeting.
- Updating the Infrastructure Prospectus.
- Completion of the Annual Performance Report.

Rolling Contract Hours



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 REGIONAL GROUP REPORT RECOMMENDATION

Minute No. KRG/0622/010

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell

Seconded: Cr Peter McCumstie

That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the Consultant Report provided by ATEA Consulting.

CARRIED

Attachments

Nil

9.7 KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP FINANCIAL ACTIVITY STATEMENT 31 MAY 2022

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Nil
APPLICANT:	Nil
FILE:	KRG01; RCG01
AUTHOR:	Director Corporate Services, Shire of Broome
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Director Corporate Services, Shire of Broome
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil

SUMMARY:

This report presents the Kimberley Regional Group Financial Activity Statement for the period ended 31 May 2022. The report recommends that the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) receives the Financial Activity Statement.

BACKGROUND*Previous Considerations*

Joint Meeting 28 June 2021	Item 9.4
Joint Meeting 2 September 2021	Item 9.8

The 2021/22 KRG Annual Budget was adopted at the 28 June 2021 Joint Meeting. The Annual Budget was adopted as a balanced budget.

Following the adoption of the KRG Budget for 2021/22 the group resolved to allocate \$40,000 ex GST from the surplus reserve to fund an investigation into regional labour shortages.

COMMENT

The Financial Activity Statement presents a year to date surplus position of \$278,939 and an estimated surplus position of \$238,365 to 30 June 2022.

The budget amendment approved at the 2 September 2021 Joint Meeting to increase the allocation for consultancy (Regional Labour Shortage) has been processed, with the total budget for account 22183 Consultancy now \$40,000. This has resulted in a corresponding increase in the transfer from surplus.

Executive Consultancy budget remains on target.

Invoices for Member Contributions have recently been released with payment expected to occur in late November, early December.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

As at the 30 June 2021 the Kimberley Regional Group surplus was \$278,365.

The Kimberley Regional Group budget was adopted as a balanced budget with an opening surplus balance of \$278,365.

The Kimberley Regional Group surplus at 31 May 2022 is \$319,127.

The estimated budget position to 30 June 2022 is a \$238,365 surplus position.

Acct Code	Account	Original Budget	Current Budget	Actual
OPENING SURPLUS CARRY FORWARD				
100235970	Kimberley Zone - Transfer to Kimberley Zone Reserve - Cap Exp - MUN	-\$278,365.00	-\$278,365.00	-\$278,365.00
CAPITAL INCOME				
100235980	Transfer From Kimberley Zone Reserve - Cap Inc - Kimberley Zone MUN		-\$40,000.00	-\$40,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME		\$0.00	-\$40,000.00	-\$40,000.00
REMAINING SURPLUS		-\$278,365.00	-\$238,365.00	-\$238,365.00
OPERATING EXPENDITURE				
100221290	Kimberley Zone - Zone & RCG Meeting Expenses - Op Exp MUN	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$6,755.43
100221340	Kimberley Zone - Annual Financial Audit - Op Exp MUN	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
100221360	Kimberley Zone - IT Support - Op Exp MUN	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
100221370	Kimberley Zone - Sundry Expenses - Op Exp MUN	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
100221430	Kimberley Zone - Savannah Way Membership - Op Exp MUN	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
100221810	Kimberley Zone - Executive Consultancy - Op Exp MUN	\$147,320.00	\$147,320.00	\$115,769.93
100221830	Kimberley Zone - Consultancy - Op Exp MUN	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00
104052970	Kimberley Zone - Admin Cost Allocated - Op Exp MUN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE		\$169,820.00	\$209,820.00	\$127,525.36
OPERATING INCOME				
100230130	Kimberley Zone - Reimbursement Zone & RCG Meetings Expenses - Op Inc MUN	-\$3,000.00	-\$3,000.00	-\$3,808.96
100230210	Kimberley Zone - Members Contribution Secretariat Costs - Op Inc MUN	-\$164,320.00	-\$164,320.00	-\$164,320.00
100235360	Kimberley Zone - Interest on Reserve - Op Inc. MUN	-\$2,500.00	-\$2,500.00	-\$158.77
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME		-\$169,820.00	-\$169,820.00	-\$168,287.73
TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME		\$0.00	-\$40,000.00	-\$40,000.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE		\$169,820.00	\$209,820.00	\$127,525.36
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME		-\$169,820.00	-\$169,820.00	-\$168,287.73
TOTAL		\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$80,762.37
SURPLUS/DEFICIT				
<i>**Current Surplus = Actual Income less Actual Expenditure + Opening Surplus</i>		-\$278,365.00	-\$238,365.00	-\$319,127.37

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

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VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP REPORT RECOMMENDATION

Minute No. KRG/0622/011

Moved: Cr Peter McCumstie

Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the \$319,127 year to date budget surplus and an estimated \$238,365 surplus position to the end of June 2022.

CARRIED

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE OUT	
To	Subject
Hon Tony Buti MLA	State Budget and Kimberley Juvenile Crime Package
Hon Sue Ellery MLC	State Budget and Kimberley Juvenile Crime Package
Hon Bill Johnston MLA	State Budget and Kimberley Juvenile Crime Package
Hon Alannah MacTiernan	State Budget and Kimberley Juvenile Crime Package
Hon Susan McGurk MLA	State Budget and Kimberley Juvenile Crime Package
Hon Paul Papalia MLC	State Budget and Kimberley Juvenile Crime Package
Hon Mark McGowan MLA	State Budget and Kimberley Juvenile Crime Package

CORRESPONDENCE OUT	
From	Subject
Jennifer McGrath, Mental Health Commission	Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee and Working Group.

Attachments

1. Correspondence



Our ref : MHC22/31366
Enquiries : Ann Marie Cunniffe
Phone : (08) 6553 0284

Kimberley Regional Zone of Local Government
C/- Debra Goostrey
Secretariat

By email: debra.Goostrey@kimberleyzone.com.au

Dear Members

KIMBERLEY ABORIGINAL YOUTH WELLBEING STEERING COMMITTEE

We would like to extend an invitation for a delegate of the Kimberley Regional Zone of Local Government to attend the Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee (Steering Committee) and the Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Operational Working Group (Operational Working Group) as an observer.

The Kimberley Aboriginal Regional Governance Group (ARGG) and Directors General of State Government agencies formed the Steering Committee in April 2021. The initial purpose of the Steering Committee was to bring together all relevant State Government agencies and Kimberley Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCO) to support and enable Aboriginal community-led solutions to improve Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing outcomes in the Kimberley. As the partnership progresses we would like to extend an invitation to both Commonwealth and Local Government.

The ARGG brings together seven key Kimberley ACCOs, Kimberley Land Council, Kimberley Language and Resource Centre, Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre, Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services, Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation, West Kimberley Futures Empowered Communities, Empowered Communities East Kimberley (Binarri-binyja yarrowoo) and the Empowered Young Leaders into an interim regional governance arrangement to support this partnership. Kimberley Aboriginal people have a long-standing aspiration for permanent regional governance which, when realised, will replace the ARGG.

Current State Government Agency membership on the Steering Committee includes the Mental Health Commission, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Western Australia Police Force, Department of Justice, Department of Education, Department of Communities, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, WA Country Health Service, Department of Health, Department of Treasury, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and the Commissioner of Children and Young People.

Current Government initiatives that are considered in this partnership include the Commitment to Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing (86 recommendations), Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy, Kimberley Empowered Youth Network and the Kimberley Regional Aboriginal Suicide Prevention Plan. Since April 2021, further collaboration has occurred between the State Government Departments and the Kimberley ACCOs to commence the process to formalise the partnership and to define processes and commitments. An agreed definition of partnership, co-design and shared decision making will be established. A copy of the Draft Terms of Reference is attached (see **Attachment**).

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for 17 June 2022 and will be held via MS Teams. To ensure the meeting papers are sent to the nominated delegate it would be appreciated if you could please advise the name and contact details of the delegate directly to the project team via email at kaywsc@mhc.wa.gov.au.

To support the ongoing work of the Steering Committee, an Operational Working Group (OWG) has been established. The role of the OWG is to progress actions decided on at the Steering Committee. The OWG consists of representatives from State Government agencies and Kimberley ACCOs nominated by the ARGG. Terms of Reference are still being established for the OWG.

The next OWG meeting will be held via MS teams in May 2022 (date to be confirmed). If a representative is available to attend the meeting in May or future meetings, it would be appreciated if you could please provide the details of your representative to the project team at kaywsc@mhc.wa.gov.au and an official invitation will be arranged.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the project team who will be happy to assist.

We look forward to working closely with your nominated delegate to progress this important work.

Yours sincerely



Jennifer McGrath
Co-Chair
Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee
May 2022



Jenny Bedford
Co-Chair
Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee
May 2022

Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing

Kimberley Steering Committee

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

March 2022

1. Background

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Kimberley Aboriginal Regional Governance Group (ARGG) brings together seven key Kimberley ACCOs (Kimberley Land Council, Kimberley Language and Resource Centre, Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre, Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services, Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation, West Kimberley Futures Empowered Communities, Empowered Communities East Kimberley (Binarri-binyja yarrowoo) and the Empowered Young Leaders into an interim regional governance arrangement to support this

partnership. Kimberley Aboriginal people have a long-standing aspiration for permanent regional governance which, when realised, will replace ARGG.

2. Purpose of the Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee

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

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

3. Role and Function

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

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

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

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

Initial Deliverables:

- Develop a co-design framework to support the development and implementation of the priorities outlined in this document
- Design and implementation of an appropriate partnership model including the development of a Memorandum of Understanding.
- Progress the immediate actions identified by the Kimberley Stakeholder call for action letter dated 18 May 2020.

- Consider, prioritise and agree on the actions and investment for the 86 recommendations.
- Partnering in response to other related WA Government initiatives including the Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy, Kimberley Empowered Youth Network and the Kimberley Regional Aboriginal Suicide Prevention Plan
- Develop and implement a community engagement plan on the partnership and shared decision-making agreement.
- Annual Progress report on the Commitment to Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing.
- Create an action plan with identified timeframes, roles and responsibilities.

4. Membership

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

Proposed membership of the KAYWSC is outlined below:

State Government	Kimberley Stakeholders
Mental Health Commission (MHC) Position Titles: Business Areas:	Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services (KAMS) Position Titles:
Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) Position Titles: Business Areas:	Kimberley Land Council (KLC) Position Titles:
WA Police (WAPOL) Position Titles: Business Areas:	Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Cultural Centre (KALACC) Position Titles:
Department of Justice (DoJ) Position Titles: Business Areas:	Kimberley Language Resource Centre (KLRC) Position Titles:
Department of Education (DoE) Position Titles: Business Areas:	Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation (KSGAC) Position Titles:
Department of Communities (DoC) Position Titles: Business Areas:	West Kimberley Futures (WKF) – West Kimberley Empowered Communities Position Titles:
Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) Position Titles: Business Areas:	Empowered Young Leaders representatives Position Titles:
Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) Position Titles: Business Areas:	Binarri-binyja yarrao Aboriginal Corporation (BBY) – East Kimberley Empowered Communities Position Titles:
WA Country Health Service (WACHS) Position Titles: Business Areas:	
Department of Health (DoH) Position Titles: Business Areas:	

Department of Treasury (DoT) Position Titles: Business Areas:	
Commissioner for Young People and Children Position Titles:	

5. Governance Structure

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

The Director General Implementation Group (DGIG) will be the State Government Governance group for this work.

The Aboriginal Regional Governance Group (ARGG) will be the Kimberley ACCOs governance group for this work.

Operational working groups will be established consisting of State Government and ARGG representatives. The operational working group will report directly to the KAYWSC.

The KAYWSC may establish additional working groups at its own discretion. These may be time limited or ongoing and will report to the KAYWSC.

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

Input the Governance Structure Diagram once confirmed

6. Proxies

Members may nominate a proxy to attend the meetings on their behalf by advising the Chair through the Secretariat. Proxy representatives will have the same responsibilities as members.

7. Confidentiality

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

When meetings are conducted via video-conference the meetings will be recorded and will only be used to write minutes.

8. Chairperson

The KAYWSC will be co-chaired by the Mental Health Commission and a representative elected by the ARGG.

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

9. Minutes/Action register

An Actions Register from each meeting will be recorded and distributed promptly to each member of the KAYWSC.

10. Executive support

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

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

11. Quorum

A quorum is constituted by half of the individual membership of the ARGG representatives and half of the individual membership of the Government representatives that make up the KAYWSC.

12. Meetings

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

DRAFT



18 May 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 Kimberley Youth and Community Justice Response Package

On behalf of member Shires, I want to thank you for your support in the development and approval of the package of measures announced in the State Budget to address youth antisocial behaviour and crime 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 seek to continue this dialogue on these critical matters in the new financial year to enable a period of implementation to occur. Our office will be in touch to establish a meeting, alternatively please contact Natalie Bray, Executive Officer to the CEO at the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley on (08) 9168 4100 or by email Natalie.Bray@swek.wa.gov.au.

Your sincerely

Cr David Menzel
Chair
Kimberley Regional Group



18 May 2022

Hon Sue Ellery MLC
Minister for Education and Training
Leader in the Legislative Council
12th Floor, Dumas House
2 Havelock Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

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

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Your sincerely

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Chair
Kimberley Regional Group



18 May 2022

Hon Bill Johnston MLA
Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy;
Corrective Services; Industrial Relations
9th Floor, Dumas House
2 Havelock Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

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

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We seek to continue this dialogue on these critical matters and hope you will be able to expand on these matters when we meet by video conference on the 27th June 2022.

Your sincerely

Cr David Menzel
Chair
Kimberley Regional Group





18 May 2022

Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC
Minister for Minister for Regional Development;
Agriculture and Food; Hydrogen Industry
11th Floor, Dumas House
2 Havelock Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

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

Dear Minister

Re Kimberley Youth and Community Justice Response Package

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18 May 2022

Hon Simone McGurk
Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests;
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8th Floor, Dumas House
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18 May 2022

Hon Paul Papalia MLA
Minister for Police; Road Safety;
Defence Industry; Veterans Issues
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2 Havelock Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

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

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18 May 2022

Hon Mark McGowan MLA
Premier and Treasurer of Western Australia
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2 Havelock Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

By email: wa-government@dpc.wa.gov.au

Dear Premier

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We have sought meetings with relevant Ministers early in the new financial year to gain greater understanding of the measures and to continue the important dialogue between State and Local Governments on the critical issue of juvenile and adult crime in the Kimberley.

Your sincerely

Cr David Menzel
Chair
Kimberley Regional Group

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Location of Regional Government Services

Item foreshadowed for the next meeting relating to the location of regional services.

11.2 Minister for Northern Australia

Invite newly appointed Minister for Northern Australia to the next KRG meeting.

11.3 Update on Progress of Tanami Road

Discussion regarding the progress of the Tanami Road upgrade project.

11.4 Waste Management

Discussion regarding waste management and landfill capacity in the Kimberley.

12. Matters Behind Closed Doors

Refer to confidential addendum.

13. Meeting Closure

The Chair, President Cr David Menzel, declared the meeting closed 3:22pm.