



THE  
**KIMBERLEY**  
REGIONAL GROUP

## Meeting Minutes

16 February 2024

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## 1. Meeting Open: 10:32am

Chair acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the different lands on which people meet today, and pay respect to all the Elders past, present and emerging.

## 2. Attendance and Apologies

Name	Shire / Council / Organisation	Method
<b>Members</b>		
Cr Peter McCumstie	President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	In Person
Cr Malcolm Edwards	President, Shire of Halls Creek	Zoom
Cr Chris Mitchell	President, Shire of Broome	In Person
Vernon Lawrence	CEO, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	In Person
<b>Observers</b>		
Jeremey Hall	Acting CEO, Shire of Broome	In Person
Cr Geoff Haerewa	Deputy President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	In Person
Amanda Dexter	CEO, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	In Person
Musa Mono	Director Health & Regulatory Services, Shire of Halls Creek	Video
<b>Executive Support Team</b>		
Paul Rosair	Principal, NAJA Business Consulting Services	In Person
Michelle Mackenzie	Principal, Mira Consulting	In Person
Jane Lewis	Principal, Redit Research	In Person
Rebecca Billing	Administrative Assistant, NAJA Business Consulting Services	In Person
<b>Presentations</b>		
BBY	CEO, Christy Hawker	Video
West Kimberley Empowered Communities	COO, Mala Haji-Ali	Video
<b>Apologies</b>		
Cr David Menzel (Chair)	President, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	
Cr Tony Chafer	Deputy Shire President, SWEK	
Sam Mastrolembo	CEO, Shire of Broome	
Cr Desiree Male	Deputy Shire President, Shire of Broome	

Cr Trish McKay	Deputy Shire President, Shire of Halls Creek	
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### 3. Disclosures, Conflicts and Declarations of Interest:

Financial Interest / Impartiality			
Member	Item Number	Item	Nature of Interest

### 4. Minutes of the last meeting

**Item for Decision**

**Submitted by: Secretariat**

**Attachment 1: Matters Arising and Outstanding Business**

### Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Resolution/s		Action(s) / Budget Implications	
<p><b>That the Minutes of the Kimberley Regional Group held on 23 November 2023, as published and circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.</b></p>		<p>See Attachment 1 – Matters Arising and Outstanding Business</p>	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	<b>Responsible:</b>	See Attachment
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Broome	<b>Due date:</b>	As appropriate
<b>Carried: 4/0</b>			

## Attachment 1 Matters Arising and Outstanding Business

Date / Item	Action / Progress	Responsible
<b>Resilience and Recovery</b>		
15/06/2023	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Executive Team will seek to engage with the WALGA Working Group on behalf of the KRG</li> <li>2. Members note that the KRG will make a written submission to the two inquiries taking into consideration the State Emergency Services Minister's advice</li> <li>3. Members approve the drafting of an Emergency Services position paper</li> </ol> <p><b>Status / Progress:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In progress: Information sought from WALGA on how local governments can have input into the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) Review.</li> <li>2a. Complete: A submission to the Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding was lodged to the Review team and a submission lodged with the Senate Inquiry.</li> <li>2b. Complete: The WA LEMA Review, progressed by the WA Local Government Association and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, was endorsed by SEMC in August. The plan has been uploaded to the SEMC website - <a href="https://www.wa.gov.au/government/announcements/lema-review-project-outcomes">https://www.wa.gov.au/government/announcements/lema-review-project-outcomes</a></li> <li>3. Complete: The Position Paper was endorsed 23/11/2023</li> </ol>	Executive Officer and CEO SDWK
<b>Governance</b>		
15/6/2023	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <p>Executive Team to simplify governance compliance papers.</p> <p><b>Status / Progress:</b></p> <p>Complete: endorsed 23/11/2023</p>	Executive Team
<b>Regional Road Group Road Projects Funding Allocation</b>		
15/06/2023	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <p>Executive Team to write to WALGA outlining the KRG's position: The preference is for the Funding Split to remain the same as it is now, however of the options presented, Option 4 is the most suitable.</p> <p><b>Status / Progress:</b></p> <p>Complete</p>	Executive Team

Date / Item	Action / Progress	Responsible
<b>Priority Action List</b>		
15/6/2023	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. KRG members to provide any feedback to the Executive Team before 7/7/2023.</li> <li>2. Executive Team allocates resources from contract hours to implement.</li> <li>3. Executive Team scope out project costings for additional consultancy work as required</li> </ol> <p><b>Status / Progress:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete</li> <li>2. Complete</li> <li>3. In progress</li> </ol> <p>Note an updated on the Priority Action List is a standing item on the KRG agenda. See Item 13.</p>	Executive Team
<b>Administrative Matters</b>		
21/02/2024	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Executive Team to write to Matt Reimer, DFES regarding the Emergency Management Policy Position</li> <li>2. Members to advise Councillor Mitchell of their response to the Regional Road Group proposed road project grant funding.</li> <li>3. Executive Team to send an invitation for the June Forum to the Premier.</li> <li>4. Executive Team to send through Ministerial notes from the meetings on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February with Minister Papalia, Minister Beazley and the Premier to members.</li> <li>5. Executive Officer to work with Alan Dale regarding CRCNA</li> </ol> <p><b>Status / Progress:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete</li> <li>2. Complete</li> <li>3. In Progress</li> <li>4. Complete</li> <li>5. In Progress</li> </ol>	Executive Team
<b>State and Federal Government Election Strategy</b>		
4/10/2023	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Executive Team to work on providing materials and methodology for the election strategy.</li> <li>2. Executive Team to proceed on developing the election strategy in accordance with the proposal tabled 23/11/2023</li> </ol> <p><b>Status / Progress:</b></p>	

Date / Item	Action / Progress	Responsible
	1. Complete 2. In Progress. See Item 10	
<b>Kimberley Development Commission Funding Proposal</b>		
4/10/2023	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Further research is to be conducted into the KDC data funding proposal before a decision is made</li> <li>2. Letter to be sent to the KDC requesting a meeting to discuss the outcomes of the research and other regional issues</li> <li>3. A copy of the letter sent to KBC to be sent to Cr Geoff Haerewa to follow up.</li> </ol> <p><b>Status / Progress:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In Progress</li> <li>2. Letter sent. No response received as yet</li> <li>3. Letter sent to Cr Geoff Haerewa 26/06/2024.</li> </ol>	
<b>National Housing and Homelessness Plan Issue Papers</b>		
21/02/2024	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <p>The Executive Team will draft a response and will circulate to members for approval before submission.</p> <p><b>Status / Progress:</b></p> <p>Complete: submitted 20/10/2023 Submission acknowledged 23/01/2024. A summary report on the key themes has been published on the DSS Engage website.</p>	Executive Team
<b>Requirements For the Deputy Chair Position</b>		
23/11/2023	<p><b>Item:</b></p> <p>At the November 2023 meeting the KRG endorsed Cr David Menzel as the KRG Chair and Cr Geoff Haerewa as the Deputy Chair.</p> <p>After the meeting, clarification was sought from the Shire of Broome on the requirements for the Deputy role. The KRG Governance Manual states - <i>The KRG Management Committee must elect a Chair and Deputy Chair (Office Bearer Positions). The Chair is responsible for ensuring good governance of the KRG.</i> It does not stipulate the delegate. There has been precedence with a Shire of Broome Councillor undertaking the role of KRG Chair. Based on the Governance Manual and precedence the deputy role can be filled by a Councillor from a member Council as endorsed by the KRG.</p> <p><b>Status</b></p> <p>The Deputy Chair role is as endorsed by the KRG.</p>	

## Watching Brief

Aboriginal Heritage Act: Now pending Department updates on rescinded legislation. On 15 November 2023, the <i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972</i> was restored as the legislation that manages Aboriginal heritage in Western Australia some amendments drawn from feedback from consultation. Approval is only required where there is potential for any harm to an Aboriginal site.
WA Development Index – response received from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. To be raised with the new Minister for Local Government.
Banned Drinkers Register – Legislation passed. KRG media release issued and picked up in local papers. Implementation and outcomes.
State government funding to support young people in the Kimberley. Cr McCumstie is the KRG observer member on the Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee (AYWSC) and will provide updates as required. Note the Aboriginal Regional Governance Group (ARRG) has been undertaking media expressing disappointment at the lack of government commitment to implement recommendations of reports into youth suicide in the Kimberley. New \$4M community-led Immediate Response Night Space (IRNS) service for young people in Broome. There is no overarching youth justice strategy for the region.
Tanami Road funding – Letter sent to Minister Catherine King on 28/05/23. Response received. Commonwealth confirmation that the project would proceed and an additional \$200M funding announced 16/11/2023. KRG media release issues and picked up in local papers. Opportunity for KRG to work with government on a Tanami activation/implementation plan to drive regional economic development.
First point of entry Wyndham and Broome.

## Resolved

Media and Communications Policy and Stakeholder Engagement Plan
Letters of congratulations to new State Ministers
Audited statements circulated
KRG meeting dates set and circulated
Service Level Agreement
Policy Position Papers
Investment Prospectus 2023/24
Lord Mayors Distress Relief Funding
MOU finalised and signed
Insurance Costs relief as a result of flood impacts
Potential tourism opportunities for total eclipse events, provided by Kym Francesconi
Regional Road Group: Shire allocations
KRG Website and LinkedIn profile - operational
BBY and WKFEC invitation to present to KRG
National Housing and Homelessness Plan submitted 20/10/2023
Service Level Agreement Assessment – 5% increase endorsed 23/11/2023
July – September quarterly report – 23 November 2023 meeting.

## 5. Correspondence

### Item for Noting

#### Submitted by: Secretariat

- Attachment 2: Correspondence In:** Mr Mike Rowe, Director General Department of Communities
- Attachment 3: Correspondence In:** Mr Tony Weir, Senior Policy Advisor Communities
- Attachment 4: Correspondence In:** Dean Haynes, Assistant Director Engagement, Office of Northern Australia
- Attachment 5: Correspondence In:** Hon Roger Cook MLA, Premier
- Attachment 6: Correspondence Out:** Hon Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Local Government
- Attachment 7: Correspondence Out:** Hon Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Local Government
- Attachment 8: Correspondence Out:** Bradley and Neil, Australian Hotels Association Western Australia
- Attachment 9: Correspondence Out:** Hon Roger Cook MLA, Premier

Note: Correspondence considered of an administrative nature, such as meeting invites etcetera, will not be tabled.

Correspondence In	
Date	18/12/2023
From	Mr Mike Rowe, Director General Department of Communities
Topic	WA Government Staff Housing Policies
Attachment	2
Date	30/01/2024
From	Mr Tony Weir, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Hon. Jackie Jarvis MLC
Topic	First Port of Entry – Wyndham and Broome
Attachment	3
Date	12/01/2024
From	Dean Haynes, Assistant Director Engagement, Office of Northern Australia
Topic	The omission of Halls Creek on the Office of Northern Australia map
Attachment	4
Date	01/02/2024
From	Hon. Roger Cook MLA, Premier; Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade; Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations

Topic	Meeting with the KRG – 15 <sup>th</sup> or 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Attachment	5
<b>Correspondence Out</b>	
Date	03/01/2024
From	President David Menzel, Chair
To	Hon. Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Local Government; Youth; Minister Assisting the Minister for Training and Workforce Development
Topic	Congratulations on your appointment as Minister
Attachment	6
Date	09/01/2024
From	Paul Rosair, Executive Officer, Kimberley Regional Group
To	Hon. Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Local Government; Youth; Minister Assisting the Minister for Training and Workforce Development
Topic	Invitation to attend the KRG Meeting and Government Forum
Attachment	7
Date	05/01/2024
From	Paul Rosair, Executive Officer, Kimberley Regional Group
To	Bradley Wood and Neil Randy, Australian Hotels Association Western Australia
Topic	Invitation to attend meeting and venue
Attachment	8
Date	19/01/2024
From	Michelle Mackenzie, Executive Support, Kimberley Regional Group
To	Hon. Roger Cook MLA, Premier; Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade; Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations
Topic	Meeting with the KRG – 15 <sup>th</sup> or 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Attachment	9

Resolution/s		Action(s) / Budget Implications	
<b>That the Correspondence be received and noted, and that the Executive Officer be directed on a response, if required.</b>		Nil	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Broome	<b>Responsible:</b>	
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Carried: 4/0</b>			

Attachment 2 Correspondence In: WA Government Staff Housing Policies



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Communities**

Our ref: 2023/44555

Mr Paul Rosair  
Executive Officer  
Kimberley Regional Group

Via Email: [info@naja.com.au](mailto:info@naja.com.au)

Dear Mr Rosair

**WA GOVERNMENT STAFF HOUSING POLICIES**

Thank you for your letter dated 1 November 2023 querying policy work being undertaken by Department of Communities (Communities) on the Government Regional Officer (GROH) Program and the Home Ownership Subsidy Scheme (HOSS). I apologise for the delay in providing a response.

The GROH Program is currently working with Treasury to undertake a review of the Tenant Rent Setting Framework (TRSF), Home Ownership Subsidy Scheme (HOSS) and other rental subsidies as means of attraction and retention of regional staff.

Communities will engage with relevant stakeholders once initial stages of this work has been completed.

If you have any further queries, please contact Andrew Sutton, GROH Program Manager at the Department of Communities on 0432 830 941 or at [andrew.sutton@communities.wa.gov.au](mailto:andrew.sutton@communities.wa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



Mike Rowe  
**Director General**

18 December 2023

Attachment 3 Correspondence In: First Port of Entry – Wyndham and Broome

**From:** "Weir, Tory" <[Tory.Weir@dpc.wa.gov.au](mailto:Tory.Weir@dpc.wa.gov.au)>  
**Date:** 30 January 2024 at 12:11:47 GMT+8  
**To:** [michelle@mira-consulting.com](mailto:michelle@mira-consulting.com)  
**Cc:** [paul@naja.com.au](mailto:paul@naja.com.au)  
**Subject:** First Port of Entry - Wyndham and Broome

OFFICIAL

Hi Michelle and Paul

Thank you for providing information on the biosecurity issues at the Wyndham and Broome Ports. I have provided this information to the Minister for Ports office, who is lead on this issue.

I will continue to liaise with the Minister for Ports office and should I require any further information, I will be in touch.

Thanks Tory



**TORY WEIR** Senior Policy Adviser

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Attachment 4 Correspondence In: Office of Northern Australia

**From:** Haynes, Dean <Dean.HAYNES@infrastructure.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 12, 2024 12:30 PM  
**To:** Michelle Mackenzie <michelle@mira-consulting.com.au>  
**Cc:** Janine Hatch <j.hatch@rdakimberley.com.au>; GREENTREE, Casey <Casey.Greentree@infrastructure.gov.au>; dhhs@hcshire.wa.gov.au; credwards@hcshire.wa.gov.au; HALL, Julia <Julia.HALL@infrastructure.gov.au>; FINITSIS, Damian <Damian.FINITSIS@infrastructure.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Office of Northern Australia map on their website does not have Halls Creek - but does have Wyndham and Fitzroy Crossing [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good Afternoon Michelle.

Thank you drawing the omission of the Halls Creek location to our attention via Regional Development Australia Kimberly.

A revised map has been created to include the Halls Creek and will be uploaded to the Office of Northern Australia website at the next opportunity.

Thank you for your time.

**Dean Haynes**

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 I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land on which we meet, work and live. I recognise and respect their continuing connection to the land, waters and communities. I pay my respects to Elders past and present and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Attachment 5 Correspondence In: Hon Roger Cook Premier – Meeting

From: Humphrey, Jessica <Jessica.Humphrey@dpc.wa.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 2:09 PM

To: Michelle Mackenzie <michelle@mjira-consulting.com.au>

Cc: Doherty, Fiona <Fiona.Doherty@dpc.wa.gov.au>

Subject: Meeting with the Kimberley Regional Group of local governments - 15th or 16th February 2024

OFFICIAL

Our Ref: 60-083594

Dear Michelle

On behalf of the Premier, the Hon Roger Cook MLA, I acknowledge and thank you for your email seeking the Premier's availability to meet with the Kimberley Regional Group of Local Governments.

The Premier would be delighted to meet with the Kimberley Regional Group of Local Governments on Thursday, 15 February 2024 at 4:45pm-5:15pm. Minister Punch will also join this meeting.

This meeting will take place at Parliament House, Harvest Terrace, West Perth.

Could you please confirm the availability of the Kimberley Regional Group of Local Governments to meet with the Premier & Minister at this time.

I look forward to your reply.

Kind regards

Jess

**JESSICA HUMPHREY** Senior Appointments Secretary

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Attachment 6 Correspondence Out: Congratulations on your appointment as Minister



The Hon Hannah Beazley MLA  
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West Perth 6005

Via email –[Minister.Beazley@dpc.wa.gov.au](mailto:Minister.Beazley@dpc.wa.gov.au)

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

Dear Minister

**Congratulations on your appointment**

On behalf of the Kimberley Regional Group of Local Governments, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Minister for Local Government; Youth; Minister Assisting the Minister for Training and Workforce Development

The Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) is an alliance of the four Shires in the Kimberley, being the Shires of Broome, Derby West-Kimberley, Halls Creek, and Wyndham East-Kimberley. Our vision is to maintain and enhance the rich diversity and liveability of the Kimberley for its people and the world. Collectively we support positive outcomes across the Kimberley through improved social and economic opportunities for all.

The KRG can only achieve our vision through strong partnerships. The WA Government is a key partner in driving our vision, and this partnership is a critical if we are to harness and to build on the social economic development opportunities across the Kimberley region.

The Kimberley Regional Group would welcome the opportunity to meet with you, to discuss your policy priorities and how we can work in partnership with your office to deliver great outcomes across the Kimberley region. Paul Rosair, our Executive Officer, will be in touch to progress a time for us to meet.

Congratulations again on your appointment. We look forward to working with you.

Your sincerely



Cr David Menzel  
Chair  
Kimberley Regional Group

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Attachment 7 Correspondence Out: Invitation to attend the KRG Meeting and Government Forum



The Hon Hannah Beazley MLA  
Minister for Local Government; Youth; Minister Assisting the Minister for Training and Workforce Development  
Dumas House  
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West Perth 6005

Via email - [Minister.Beazley@dpc.wa.gov.au](mailto:Minister.Beazley@dpc.wa.gov.au)

9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Minister

**Invitation to attend the Kimberley Regional Group Meeting and Government Forum**

Further to our LinkedIn exchanges and conversations at the recent LBR function in December, as the Executive Officer of the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG), I would like to formally invite you to attend the joint meeting of the KRG and Kimberley Zone on Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of February, to be held in Perth from 9am to 12.30pm, as well as the Government Forum on Thursday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2024, to be held at the City of Vincent from 12pm to 2pm.

The Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) is an alliance of the four Shires in 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. Members of the KRG are also part of the Kimberley Zone of WALGA which includes the Cocos Keeling Islands and Christmas Island.

Working collaboratively, the KRG's vision is to maintain and enhance the Kimberley's rich diversity and liveability; focusing on an inclusive community free of disadvantage and placed to effectively engage in economic opportunity whilst respecting the history, heritage and environment.

Our office will be in touch shortly to confirm your availability and provide further details regarding the agendas and attendees. Alternatively, please contact Paul Rosair, the Executive Officer for KRG or Jane Lewis, Executive Assistant to confirm details.

Contact details are:

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Jane: PH 0419 322 779, email: [jane@reditresearch.com.au](mailto:jane@reditresearch.com.au)

Your sincerely



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Attachment 8 Correspondence Out: Invitation to attend the KRG Meeting and Venue

**From:** Paul Rosair <[paul@naja.com.au](mailto:paul@naja.com.au)>  
**Date:** 5 January 2024 at 7:51:03 am AWST  
**To:** [exec@ahawa.asn.au](mailto:exec@ahawa.asn.au)  
**Subject:** **RCAWA and KRG meeting requests**

Dear Bradley and Neil,

I'll try calling you later today

Trust you had a happy and safe festive season.

As you may know I'm the Executive Officer for the Regional Capitals Alliance WA (RCAWA) - comprising the 10 regional capitals local governments and also the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) comprising the 4 Kimberley Local Governments.

We are meeting in Perth on the 16th and 21st of February and are wondering whether we can meet with you - there are a few topics of interest such as Banned Drinkers legislation, Tourism and Airbnb that we have in common

We are also looking for a venue close to Parliament House to hold our meetings

Please give me a ring or I will follow up later today

Kind Regards  
Paul

Paul Rosair

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Attachment 9 Correspondence Out: Invitation to meet with KRG 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Michelle Mackenzie**

to WA-Government, Paul, jane@reditresearch.com.au, me, Divina.DAnna ▾

Dear Premier

I hope things are going well and you had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

Members of the Kimberley Regional Group of local governments will be in Perth on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February.

The Presidents and CEOs of the Shires of Broome, Derby West Kimberley, Wyndham East Kimberley and Halls Creek would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss areas of common interest.

Can you advise if you are available to meet

- Anytime on the 15<sup>th</sup> February
- The morning of the 16<sup>th</sup> February

Also, we would love to invite you to attend our dinner on the evening of the 15<sup>th</sup> February in Perth.

We look forward to hearing of your availability to meet with us.

Further information on the Kimberley Regional Group can be found at <https://kimberleyrg.com.au>.

All the best and kind regards

Michelle

**Michelle Mackenzie**

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**Jaru and Gija Country**

## 6. Financial Report

### Item for Noting

Submitted by: Vernon Lawrence, KRG Secretariat

**Attachment 10: Kimberley Regional Group Interim Financial Report to 31 December 2023**

### Purpose

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

### Summary

This report presents the Kimberley Regional Group Interim Financial Activity Statement for the period ended 31 December 2023. The report recommends that the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) receives the Financial Activity Statement.

### Background

The KRG adopted its annual budget for the 2023/24 Financial year at the meeting on 13 April 2023. At this meeting a report relating to the finances for the financial year to 30 June 2023 was approved by the KRG. This report is for the financial activity for Quarter 2 of the 2023/24 financial year. Quarterly reports will be tabled at meetings as soon after the end of each quarter as is practical.

### Discussion

The Financial Activity Statement presents a current surplus position of \$426,522 comprising of a Cash balance of \$381,522 and an outstanding contribution of \$45,000. Invoices in the amount of \$180,000 for the 2023/24 financial year were sent out to the members of the KRG before the Christmas close. One contribution for the 2023/24 financial year is yet to be received.

Adjustments arising from the approval of the 2023/24 Annual Budget were included at the last KRG meeting. It was agreed the contributions were maintained at \$45,000. The surplus cash was allocated to a line item "Kimberley Regional Group – Projects" in the amount of \$20,000 in order to maintain parity between income and expenditure. Four projects were considered and approved. The first two projects below are out for procurement and will be reported at the next KRG meeting. The remaining two were approved for the Secretariat to conduct the work. The projects are:

- Review of Financial Assistance Grants – estimated \$24,500
- KRG Community Safety and Crime Prevention Investment Package – estimated \$18,000
- Benchmarking – estimated \$15,000
- Pre State and Federal Government Election Strategy – estimated \$7,600

The total of these projects is \$65,100 against a budget of \$20,000. It is therefore proposed that the projects budget be increased by \$45,000 to \$65,000 and funded from cash reserves.

As reported previously, Members will note that there remains an amount of \$10,000 for the North West Defence Alliance (NWDA). This is retained for members should the KRG require any budget for activity related to this initiative. This matter was discussed at the previous meetings and members felt that a further contribution of \$40,000 by the KRG was not appropriate on top of individual Shire contributions. In effect each Shire of the KRG would contribute \$15,000 against other contributions of \$5,000. The preferred method would be for the NWDA to determine an equitable contribution amount across all the Shires participating. At the time of writing this report there was no further detail from the NWDA noting however a meeting is scheduled for 13 February 2024.

### Financial Implications

As at the 30 June 2023 the Kimberley Regional Group cash balance \$262,476 and outstanding contributions of \$45,000 carried forward to the 2023/24 financial year giving a total surplus position of 307,476.

For the period ending 31 December 2023 Expenses of \$65,108 were paid against a year-to-date budget of \$115,000. The year-to-date budget income was \$182,500 while the actual income was \$184,155. There is one member contribution outstanding from the 2023/24 financial year of \$45,000. The year-to-date actual budget surplus is \$119,046.

The total Kimberley Regional Group cash balance at 31 December 2023 is \$381,522 with an amount of receivables of \$45,000. Total funds due to the KRG amount to \$426,522 at 31 December 2023.

### Strategic Implications

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

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

Secure funding for regional initiatives

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:	Budget Implications		
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Resolution/s	Action(s)		
<p><b><i>That the Kimberley Regional Group notes:</i></b></p>			

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>the Interim Financial Report to 31 December 2023;</i></li> <li>2. <i>the Adjusted Annual Budget comprising a budget adjustment of \$45,000 to fund projects which will be funded from cash reserves;</i></li> <li>3. <i>the \$119,046 year to date budget surplus;</i></li> <li>4. <i>the \$45,000 in members contributions outstanding for the 2023/24 financial year;</i></li> <li>5. <i>the \$381,522 cash surplus position; and</i></li> <li>6. <i>the total members interest of \$426,522 at 31 December 2023.</i></li> </ol>			
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	<b>Responsible:</b>	
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Broome	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Carried:</b>	4/0		

**Attachment 10 Kimberley Regional Group Interim Financial Report to 31 December 2023**

<b>Kimberley Regional Group - Year to date Income and Expenditure for the period ended 31 December 2023</b>	<b>Annual Budget 2023/24</b>	<b>Adjusted Annual Budget 2023/24</b>	<b>Budget Year to Date</b>	<b>Actual Year to Date</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Kimberley Regional Group - Zone & RCG Meeting Expenses	6,000	6,000	3,000	1,240
Kimberley Regional Group - Canberra Delegation Expenses	7,000	7,000	3,500	-
Kimberley Regional Group - Annual Financial Audit	6,000	6,000	3,000	-
Kimberley Regional Group - IT Support	1,000	1,000	500	-
Kimberley Regional Group - Sundry Expenses	1,000	1,000	500	-
Kimberley Regional Group - Policy creation	4,000	4,000	2,000	-
Kimberley Regional Group - Website upgrade	2,000	2,000	1,000	1,833
Kimberley Regional Group - Projects	20,000	65,000	32,500	-
Kimberley Regional Group - Executive Consultancy	120,000	120,000	60,000	59,824
Kimberley Regional Group - Executive Consultancy - reimbursable costs	8,000	8,000	4,000	2,211
Kimberley Regional Group - North West Defence Alliance	10,000	10,000	5,000	-
	<u>185,000</u>	<u>230,000</u>	<u>115,000</u>	<u>65,108</u>
<b>Income</b>				
Kimberley Regional Group - Reimbursement Zone & RCG Meetings Expenses - Op Inc	- 2,000	- 2,000	- 1,000	-
Kimberley Regional Group - Members Contribution Secretariat Costs - Op Inc	- 180,000	- 180,000	- 180,000	- 180,000
Kimberley Regional Group - Disbursement from Reserve	-	- 45,000	-	-
Kimberley Regional Group - Interest on Reserve - Op Inc.	- 3,000	- 3,000	- 1,500	- 4,155
	<u>- 185,000</u>	<u>- 230,000</u>	<u>- 182,500</u>	<u>- 184,155</u>
<b>Net Operating Result</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>- 67,500</u>	<u>- 119,046</u>
<b>Opening Cash Balance</b>	<b>262,476</b>	<b>262,476</b>	<b>262,476</b>	<b>262,476</b>
<b>Outstanding Contributions</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>45,000</b>
<b>Appropriation from Reserve</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 45,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Closing Cash Balance</b>	<u><b>307,476</b></u>	<u><b>262,476</b></u>	<u><b>374,976</b></u>	<u><b>426,522</b></u>

## 7. Formal Presentations

### Item for Discussion

Submitted by: Executive Team

### Purpose

To provide a forum for guests to address the KRG on relevant topics.

### Attendees

Time	Name	Position	Organisation
11.00 – 11.15	Christy Hawker	CEO	BBY
11.00 – 11.15	Mala Haji-Ali	CEO	West Kimberley Futures–Empowered Communities

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

## 8. Kimberley Housing Roundtable

### Item for Decision

Submitted by: Executive Team

**Attachment 11: Scope of works and agenda for a Kimberley Housing Roundtable**

### Purpose

To endorse the hosting of a Kimberley Housing Roundtable to implement the KRG Housing Advocacy Strategy.

### In summary

- The KRG endorsed a Housing Advocacy Strategy at the November 2023 meeting with the recommendation that:
  - *Budget to be determined depending on the scope of works to progress actions in the strategy. Additional budget may be needed for hosting a roundtable, brokering projects, and supporting the activities of the housing alliance. Also travel.*
- State and Commonwealth funding is available for social and affordable housing projects, with targeted funds for the community housing sector, older people and women fleeing family and domestic violence. A key focus is shovel-ready projects and leveraging funds.
- It is proposed that the KRG host a Kimberley Housing Roundtable to progress the Housing Advocacy Strategy – a scope of works for this is attached, including agencies to be invited to the roundtable.
- Discussions with the Kimberley Development Commission (KDC) and Regional Development Australia (RDA) Kimberley indicate strong support for the housing advocacy strategy and a Kimberley Housing Roundtable.
- The KDC advised that the WA Minister for Housing would be supportive of a Kimberley Housing Alliance, as it shows coordinated and aligned effort.
- RDA Kimberley and Development WA have advised that a strategic approach to seeking new investment that involves a regional bid to Housing Australia would set the Kimberley apart and could be looked on favorably by Government.

### Background

The KRG Housing Advocacy Strategy is built on:

- Aligning with government investment, policy and pressure points
- Building evidence on what needs to change and how that change can happen
- Facilitating solutions for new investment
- Developing strong local partnerships and an alliance for collective action
- Giving voice to those impacted by lack of housing supply
- Being positive – selling the benefits to government and stakeholders
- Providing confidence for those in power to take action and invest new resources

- Linking into pre-election strategy seeking government commitments

The tactics to drive the strategy are:

- Developing the housing evidence base
- Understanding local building capacity
- Engaging with key stakeholders to understand their perspective
- Hosting a roundtable to discuss housing supply pipelines, joint solutions and to develop a project list and clear ask of government.
- Understanding the appetite to forming a Kimberley Housing Alliance
- Brokering new opportunities for developments that can be pitched to government for investment
- Advocating for key policy changes
- Developing a story bank of people / organizations impacted by housing
- Developing a Housing Project Prospectus
- Schedule priority meetings
- Social / media strategy

The lack of social and affordable housing is impeding economic and social development across the region. A number of NGOs are involved in housing development and management. The North West Aboriginal Housing Fund is supporting Aboriginal community organizations to develop new housing.

There is an opportunity for the KRG to take a housing leadership role working with government and the NGO sector to better understand projects in development, and seeing if there are economies of scale to progress by bringing agencies together .

To drive the Housing Advocacy Strategy, it is proposed that the Kimberley Regional Group host a Kimberley Housing Roundtable. Attached is a scope of works and agenda for the Kimberley Roundtable. The notional cost is \$16,940.

Discussions with the KDC indicated that they may provide up to \$10K towards the Roundtable, and RDA Kimberley up to \$5K. Based on this, it is recommended that the KRG seek funding from these agencies. Also, it is recommended that the KDC allocate up to \$5K towards the cost of the Roundtable to support attendance by the KRG secretariat and other associated costs.

An outcome of the Roundtable may be the formation of a Kimberley Housing Alliance to drive new housing supply across the Kimberley. The notional cost for this is included in the Scope of Works. The KDC have advised that the WA Minister for Housing is supportive of this initiative. If this is progressed, funding to cover the cost of this could be sought from the government and participating organizations.

## Details

As above.

## Risk

- **Reputational:** if the Kimberley Housing Roundtable is not a success

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<b>People</b> <b>Place</b> <b>Prosperity</b> Performance	<b>Advocate</b> <b>Partner</b> <b>Promote</b>	<b>Facilitate</b> <b>Fund</b> <b>Monitor</b>				
Resolution/s		Action(s)				
<p><b>That the KRG</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Endose hosting a Kimberley Housing Roundtable subject to funding support from the Kimberley Development Commission and Regional Development Australia Kimberley.</b></li> <li><b>Discuss and confirm the agenda and stakeholders for the Housing Roundtable if endorsed.</b></li> <li><b>Write to the Kimberley Development Commission seeking \$10K towards the cost of the Kimberley Housing Roundtable</b></li> <li><b>Write to Regional Development Australia Kimberley seeking up to \$5K toward the cost of the Kimberley Housing Roundtable</b></li> <li><b>Allocate up to \$5K towards the cost of the Housing Roundtable to support attendance by the KRG secreteriat and other associated costs.</b></li> </ol>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Team to write to the Kimberley Development Commission seeking \$10,000 towards the cost of the Kimberley Housing Roundtable</li> <li>Executive Team to write to Regional Development Australia Kimberley seeking up to \$5,000 towards the cost of the Kimberley Housing Roundtable</li> </ol>				
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	<b>Responsible:</b>	Executive Team			
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Broome	<b>Due date:</b>	As appropriate			
<b>Carried:</b>	<b>4/0</b>					

Attachment 11 Housing Roundtable Scope of Works
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## Scope of Works

### Kimberley Regional Group Housing Advocacy Strategy

#### Kimberley Housing Roundtable

#### Context

The Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) endorsed a Housing Advocacy Strategy at the November 2023 meeting with the recommendation that the *Budget be determined depending on the scope of works to progress actions in the strategy. Additional budget may be needed for hosting a roundtable, brokering projects, and supporting the activities of the housing alliance. Also travel.*

This Scope of Works outlines two activities and their notional costs to progress a key component of the Kimberley Regional Group Housing Advocacy Strategy, a Kimberley Housing Roundtable and progression of a Kimberley Housing Alliance, if this is an outcome supported by the Roundtable.

#### Part One - Kimberley Housing Roundtable

The aim of the roundtable is to bring government and non-government agencies together to understand funding opportunities, the constraints to delivering new social and affordable housing, to identify current and potential housing projects and to determine synergies to deliver new supply. The Roundtable will discuss the value of forming a Kimberley Housing Alliance to align effort and to facilitate economies of scale and will discuss the potential benefits of a Regional Kimberley Housing Submission to the Housing Australia Future Fund Round Two. The key stakeholders to be invited to the Roundtable are at the end of this paper.

#### Work to be undertaken prior to the roundtable

Actions	Assumptions /comments	Cost
Understand the housing evidence base to understand demand	KDC Residential Land and Housing Snapshot will form the evidence base, supplemented by new information from local government	Nil
Understand funding opportunities to increase social and affordable housing supply	Pull together slides for the roundtable	3 hours \$480
The role of the community housing sector	Laise with community housing organisations in the Kimberley Pull together slides	3 hours \$480
Understand local building capacity	Local governments to provide a list of companies that build homes. Contact builders to understand current / future capacity.	3 hours \$480

Current and future pipelines of housing work	Local governments to provide development approval information and local intelligence	3 hours \$480
Engage with stakeholders on what is needed for the roundtable attendees	Stakeholder list is in place. Engagement via email	5 hours \$800
Administration - book venue, invitations/RSVPs, catering etc.	A Council may be able to provide a venue in kind?	10 hours - \$1,600
Prepare background documents to distribute to attendees.		10 hours - \$1,600
<b>Notional cost</b>		<b>\$5,920</b>

### Proposed Roundtable Agenda

Agenda	Assumptions /comments	Cost
<p><b>Part A – background and context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data and housing pressures - KDC</li> <li>Overview funding opportunities – RDA Kimberley</li> <li>Role of the community housing sector – Foundation / CHL</li> <li>Roles of different government / non-government agencies – Communities &amp; DWA</li> <li>Understand constraints to supply in Kimberley towns – DWA / Local Governments</li> </ul> <p><b>Part B - workshop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current projects</li> <li>Developments in the pipeline</li> <li>Opportunities for collaboration and to deliver economies of scale</li> </ul> <p><b>Part C – Next steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishment of a Kimberley Housing Alliance to align effort and initiatives?</li> <li>Development of a Regional Bid to Housing Australia Future Fund - Round Two?</li> </ul>	<p>Independent facilitator</p> <p>Attendees pay for their own travel and accommodation.</p> <p>Key agencies with an interest in land, housing development and property and tenancy management invited.</p> <p>Potential for venue to be provided in-kind</p> <p>If local facilitator available travel and accommodation costs reduced.</p>	<p>Welcome to Country \$500</p> <p>Venue hire – \$500</p> <p>Catering - \$30x 50 = \$1,500</p> <p>Workshop Facilitator – preparation, facilitation, report 4 days \$4,000</p> <p>Facilitator travel and accommodation \$2,000</p> <p>KRG secretariat travel/accom - \$2,520</p>
<b>Notional Cost</b>		<b>\$11,020</b>

**NOTIONAL ROUNDTABLE COST - \$16,940**

## Agencies invited to be invited to the roundtable.

Geographic Footprint	Organisation	Contact	Link
Kimberley Wide	Kimberley Regional Group Members	KRG Secretariat	Host of the event – Land, Planning and development approval, advocacy, development
	Housing Australia	TBC	Funding
	Northern Australia Infrastructure Fund (NAIF)	TBC	Funding
	Kimberley Land Council	Tyrone Garston, CEO	Advocacy, representation, links to PBCs
	Kimberley Community Legal Service	Christine Robinson, CEO	Data / advocacy / representation / TO links
	Nirumbuk	Joe Grande, CEO	Housing & Health
	Foundation Housing	Chris Smith, CEO	Affordable housing/key worker housing - Property development, management
	Community Housing Ltd	Jill Keefe, State Operations Manager	Social and affordable housing, Property development, management- RSP,
	Juniper	Angela Slater, Director of Home Care and Retirement Living	Seniors and Aged care Housing
	Department of Communities	Renee Gioffre Jane Murphy – Kimberley Regional staff Melanie Jones (North-West Aboriginal Housing Fund)	Data, land, investment, tenancy management
	Kimberley Development Commission	Chuck Berger, CEO Michelle Pucci, Director People and Place	Data, policy
	NIAA	Bec Smith, Regional Manager	Federal links and funding

	Regional Development Australia Kimberley	Janine Hatch, Director	Federal links – policy and advocacy
	Development WA	Paul Ferrente, Manager Northern and Goldfields Regions	Land, investment, large developments
	Shelter WA	Kath Snell, CEO	Housing policy and advocacy
East Kimberley	Binarri-binyja yarrowoo (BBY)	Christy Hawker, CEO	Advocacy, member representation
	Wunan	Prue Jenkins, CEO	Housing developments, housing management
	East Kimberley CCI	Keda Bond, CEO	Advocacy, representation, small business
	MG Corp	TBA	PBC
	Balangarra	TBA	PBC
West Kimberley	West Kimberley Empowered Futures (WKEF)	Mala Haji-Ali, COO	Advocacy, member representation
	Broome CCI	Sharni Foulkes, CEO	Advocacy, representation, small business
	Emama Ngudu	Ben Burton, CEO	Property management, RSP
	Marra Worra Worra	Clinton Wolf, CEO	Property management, RSP
	Mowanjum	Jenni Gould, CEO	Regional Service Provider - RSP
	Nyamba Buru Yawuru (NBY)	Nini Mills, CEO	PBC – Housing developments
	Bidjadanga Aboriginal Community	Jordan Alai, Senior Project Manage	Bidjadanga Land Activation Pilot Project

### Part two – Kimberley Housing Alliance (to be determined)

The Housing Roundtable will determine what needs to be done to drive new housing supply. The value of a Kimberley Housing Alliance will be discussed at the roundtable, The potential role for the Alliance could include:

- Develop a list of shovel ready housing projects
- Facilitate economies of scale to support developments – i.e. cross agency collaboration
- Facilitate a regional bid to Housing Australia Future Fund Round Two
- Develop an advocacy and engagement plan to align effort.

## 9. State and Federal Government Election Strategy

### Item for Discussion

Submitted by: Executive Team

**Attachment 12: 2023/24 State and Federal Government Budgets Kimberley Initiatives**

**Attachment 13: WALGA submission in advance of the 2024/25 State Government Budget**

### Purpose

To provide an update on the Kimberley Regional Group State and Federal government election strategy. Also to determine if members would like additional Position Papers developed for the election strategy.

### In summary

- The KRG endorsed an election strategy at the November 2023 meeting - the outcome sought is pre-election commitments for new investment in Kimberley infrastructure and services
- Up to \$7600 (plus GST) was allocated for research, graphic design and printing costs.
- This paper provides a progress update of the strategy with three discussion points:
  1. Are additional Position Paper are needed for the strategy
  2. Confirmation of Shire projects for an updated Investment Prospectus
  3. If there are there big, bold projects or initiatives the KRG would like to champion in a pre-election environment
- The State and Federal Government 2024/25 budgets will be announced in May 2024. These budgets will inform the KRG election requests.

### Background

As above.

### Details

#### 1. KRG Position Papers – Would members like any additional papers?

The KRG has a Position Paper on the following topics which are being refreshed as part of the pre-election strategy:

1. Provision of government services
2. Management of alcohol and other drugs
3. Juvenile Justice
4. Prosperous diverse economy
5. Community safety and crime prevention
6. Housing

## 7. Emergency management.

Key issues raised during the year by the KRG that do not have a Position Paper include childcare, aged care, aviation, land tenure and regional investment. Is there a need for additional Position Papers as part of the pre-election strategy.

**Discussion Point One - Are additional position papers are required for the election strategy?**

## 2. Investment Prospectus – Shire Projects

An email was sent to CEOs / ACEOs on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December and 31 January asking for

- Confirmation on projects for inclusion in the refreshed prospectus– what projects stay, if project info needs updating, what projects are removed, new projects to be included.
- A contact person in each Shire to work with on the project information.

Probably due to the holiday period, nor response has been received to date

### Investment Prospectus – current and proposed projects

Shire	Project in current Prospectus	Projects for refreshed Prospectus
SOHC	Tanami Road Upgrade	Tanami Activation Plan
SOHC	Blueberry Hill Housing Project	Social Housing Project
SOHC	Nil	Cultural and recreation precinct
SWEK	East Kimberley Regional Airport and Business Precinct	Yes - Modified
SWEK	Kununurra key worker housing and accommodation	Yes - Modified
SWKE	Wyndham Boat Ramp Foreshore Redevelopment Facility	Yes - Modified
SDWK	Derby Wharf Precinct Masterplan and Redevelopment	TBC
SDWK	Fitzroy Crossing Multipurpose Complex Masterplan and Redevelopment	TBC
SDWK	Great Northern Highway to Looma Road reconstruction and reseal	TBC
Broome	Cable Beach Foreshore Redevelopment	Yes- modified
Broome	Broome Boating Facility	Yes - modified
Broome	Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre Redevelopment	Yes - modified
Broome	Nil	Regional Resource Recovery Park

**Discussion Point Two - What are each Shire's projects for the refreshed Investment Prospectus?**

### **3. Big, bold projects or initiatives to champion in a pre-election environment**

A pre-election provides an opportunity to put forward cases for new projects or initiatives - something that politicians of all persuasions would feel confident promising to deliver in a pre-election environment.

The KRG Position Papers call for a range of new investment into infrastructure and services across the Kimberley region. As a policy positions the requests in these documents are broad and not specific project requests.

Attachment one, tabled at the June 2023 KRG meeting is a summary of initiatives from the 2023/24 State and Federal Government Budgets. The State and Federal Government budgets for 2024/25, noting that this is a per-election year, will be released in May 2024. These budgets will inform the KRG pre-election requests. Attachment two outlines the WALGA submission in advance of the 2024/25 State Government budget. Along with new funding for local governments, requests were made for additional funds for some State agencies to support the work of local government. This information is provided as a context for understanding the key issues WALGA has identified facing the local government sector

To understand government thinking on Kimberley investment, an email was sent to State and Federal Government agencies asking if they could share their initiatives for the 2024/25 state budget and key projects in development within their agency. BBY and West Kimberley Empowered Futures were approached seeking information on what they were championing for the Kimberley on behalf of their members.

The following is the response received to date:

#### **Kimberley Development Commission**

Key focuses include childcare, Aboriginal employment and economic development and housing.

A project for consideration is a Tanami Activation Strategy, modelled on the activation strategy developed when the Dampier Peninsula road was sealed. The strategy could include a suite of economic investment initiatives across the Shire of Halls Creek and other Shires. The KRD expressed a strong desire to work with the KRG.

#### **Main Roads WA**

Main Roads WA has submitted a pipeline of projects to Infrastructure Australia to upgrade the Great Northern Highway between Broome and Kununurra. Major Projects included in the list still not funded which may be of interest to the KRG include:

- GNH Logue River Section – reconstruct highway to upgrade pavements and widen seal
- GNH Erskine Blina Section – reconstruct highway to upgrade pavements, widen seal and improve level of serviceability

- GNH Willare Crossing Section – upgrade 2 single lane bridges
- GNH Fitzroy Crossing – Gogo Section – reconstruct road to upgrade pavements, widen seal and improve level of serviceability, as well as upgrade 3 single lane bridges
- GNH Ord River to Bow River Section - reconstruct road to upgrade pavements, widen seal and improve level of serviceability, as well as upgrade 3 single lane bridges
- Victoria Highway – Kununurra Heavy Vehicle Route Stage 1 – construct new road to bypass Kununurra Diversion Dam, includes a new bridge over the Ord River

### The Department of Justice

- The Department of Justice is unable to disclose its budget bids. The Department notes however that the Kimberley Regional Group of Local Governments are able to prepare its budget bids to send to the appropriate Minister.

### Regional Development Australia Kimberley

- I'm sure the LGs will have a good list of priorities that RDA Kimberley can help jointly support (housing, road upgrades, precinct revitalisation, boat ramps etc). Often the KRG has focused on infrastructure projects but I'm not sure if it is worth discussing First Port of Entry (FPOE) status for both Broome and Wyndham Ports?

**Discussion Point Three - Are there big, bold projects or initiatives that the KRG would like to champion in an election environment?**

## 4. Pre-election actions and timetable status update

The following is a status update of the pre-election strategy

Action	When	Material Required / comments	Status update
Gather federal and state priorities for the Kimberley	January 2024	Research undertaken A request from Kimberley State and Federal government agencies for information on their key projects for 2024/25 budget.	Complete
Update Investment Prospectus	March 2024	A request in December 2023 for a contact person liaise with to update the investment prospectus	Behind
Refresh Position Papers	March 2024	KRG asked for advice for additional Position Papers.	On track
Develop a Pre-Election Summary document to front the election pack	April / May 2024	2-4 page document summarising Kimberley statistics and compelling election asks from the prospectus and position paper. To be finalised after State and Federal Government budgets are handed down.	Warning
Develop key messages and a	May /June 2024	Under current contract	On track

Action	When	Material Required / comments	Status update
communication plan			
Develop an advocacy and engagement plan	May / June 2024	Under current contract	On track
Launch Pre-Election document	June 2024	Potential to launch at the Forum meeting	On track
Undertake advocacy and engagement	July 2024 – March 2025	Need to link this with KRG Canberra visit	TBD

## Risk

- **Operational and Reputational:** Without a pre-election strategy, opportunities to drive the KRG’s policy and advocacy agenda may be missed.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">                     People Place Prosperity Performance                 </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">                     Advocate Partner Promote Facilitate Fund Monitor                 </div>	Up to \$7,600 plus GST of funds, plus additional printing costs, were approved at the November 2023 meeting.	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
1. That the KRG discuss and resolve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If additional Position Papers are required for the pre-election strategy</li> <li>• Shire projects for the refreshed Investment Prospectus</li> <li>• If there are big bold projects or initiatives to champion as part of the pre-election environment.</li> </ul> 2. That the KRG note the progress of the pre-election strategy		1. Executive Team to follow up with the Shire of Derby regarding projects for the Investment Prospectus 2. Kimberley Disaster Resilience to be used as the flag ship project on the front of the Prospectus	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Broome	<b>Responsible:</b>	Executive Team / Shire of Derby
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	<b>Due date:</b>	As appropriate
<b>Carried:</b>	4/0		

## Attachment 12 2023/24 State and Federal Budget Initiatives

### Federal Budget 2023 - 2024

The Federal Budget 2023/24, Stronger foundations for a better future, was handed down in May 2023. A key part of this budget was preparing to respond to structural shifts shaping the economy including the growing care and support economy, expanding use of data and digital technology, and climate change and the net-zero transformation.

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) welcomed the Federal Budget as a solid investment in local government, with councils receiving \$3.1 billion in Financial Assistance Grants over the next 12 months. However, ALGA stated that it is disappointing that another Federal Budget has passed without the Government delivering on their pre-election promise of 'fair increases' to these grants. ALGA commented that Councils would miss the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program, which was not extended in the Budget<sup>1</sup>. ALGA noted that the LRCI Program will be partially offset by two new urban funding programs – a \$200 million Thriving Suburbs Program and a \$150 million Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program, alongside the Growing Regions and Regional Precinct Funds.

WALGA stated that, *"It is disappointing the Government did not deliver on its commitment to a fair and reasonable increase in Financial Assistance Grants. This year, \$3.1 billion has been provided for Financial Assistance Grants funding, with WA to receive \$376.9 million. Financial Assistance Grants now represent 0.5% of total Commonwealth Tax revenue, down from 0.52% in 2022-23."*

The information presented below outlines budget highlights for regional WA<sup>2</sup>. These initiatives include funding over the forward estimates.

- Establish a **Regional Investment Framework** (People; Places; Services and Industry) and restore the **'State of the Regions'** reporting.
- \$600 million **Growing Regions** Program for community and economic infrastructure projects.
- \$200M **Disaster Ready Fund** continues.
- \$236.0 million over 10 years to remediate **flood warning infrastructure**.
- \$10 million National **Waste Education Campaign**.
- \$1.7 million to update **'Our North, Our Future: White Paper on Developing Northern Australia**.
- \$43.6 million to **establish the National Road Safety Action Grants Program**.
- \$8.5 million to increase funding for the **Regional Arts Fund**.
- \$13.5 million for **an additional round of the Remote Airstrip Upgrade Program**.
- \$83.2 million over 4 years to **establish a national Net Zero Authority**
- \$1 billion to **strengthen Australia's biosecurity system**.
- \$5.6 million to **phase out of live sheep exports**.
- \$5 million to develop a renewed Australian **Animal Welfare Strategy**

<sup>1</sup> <https://alga.com.au/solid-budget-for-local-government-council-funding-tops-3-billion/>

<sup>2</sup> This is taken from the Regional Ministerial Budget Statement 2023–24 Working Together To Build Strong And Sustainable Regions, A Statement by The Hon Catherine King MP Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government and The Hon Kristy McBain MP Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

- 199.8 million **to address entrenched community disadvantage**, which includes \$100 million to establish a **social impact investment Outcomes Fund**.

### Housing

- Tax deductions to encourage investment and construction in **build-to-rent**.
- \$2 billion increase to **NHFIC Government-guaranteed liability cap** to enable more low-cost loans to Community Housing Providers
- Amending NHFIC's Investment mandate to allocate a **minimum of 1,200 homes to be** in each state and territory.
- \$2.7 billion **to increase the maximum rates of the Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA)** allowances by 15 per cent.
- \$1 billion **Household Energy Upgrades Fund** to improve energy performance.
- \$300 million **energy performance upgrades in 60,000 social housing properties**.
- \$36.7 million to modernise **and expand energy efficiency standards**, includes expanding Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme

## WA Government Budget 2023 / 24

The WA 2023-24 Budget, handed down in May 2023, aims to deliver cost of living support for all Western Australians. It provides further investment in health, housing supply, and WA's transition to clean energy<sup>3</sup>. Budget papers indicate;

- A \$3.3 billion **net operating surplus** forecast for 2023-24 as a result of strong increase in royalty income, Commonwealth Grants, and property tax revenues. Surpluses in excess of \$2 billion are expected to be maintained across the forward estimates.
- **Net Debt** \$27.9 billion at 30 June 2023.
- An ongoing funding commitment to the **State Road Funds to Local Government**.

The information below is taken from the budget papers, WA government media releases<sup>4</sup> and WALGA's budget analysis<sup>5</sup>. **Kimberley specific initiatives highlighted in red**.

### General interest

- \$1.25 million **Urban Greening Grants** in partnership with WALGA.
- \$40 million to **accelerate critical minerals discoveries**.
- \$7.3 million **New Industries Fund**.
- \$3 billion to **decarbonise electricity production**.
- \$2.75 million **Aboriginal Tourism Fund**.
- \$3.6 million to assist with **mid-tier transport planning**.
- \$5.5m to DPLH to integrate climate adaption into policy and planning frameworks.
- Additional \$15 million to the **Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund**.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.ourstatebudget.wa.gov.au/2023-24/budget-papers/2023-24-wa-state-budget-overview.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/McGowan/2023/05/McGowan-Government-delivering-strong-future-for-the-Kimberley.aspx#:~:text=%22Our%20significant%20regional%20investment%20continues,improve%20lives%20across%20the%20State.%22>

<sup>5</sup> <https://walga.asn.au/policy-advocacy/our-advocacy-positions/state-and-federal-budgets/state-budget-2023-24-highlights/state-budget-analysis>.

- Additional \$1.1 million to Department of Fire and Emergency for a new **Emergency Services Act**.
- \$81.7 million to upgrade and maintain the State's **emergency radio network**.
- \$24.4 million to appoint 29 dedicated **disaster recovery officers**.
- Additional \$52.5 million for **Family and Domestic Violence services**.
- \$24.4 million to implement initiatives in **Planning Reform Phase Two**. This includes the establishment of a determination pathway for State and regionally significant developments.
- \$77 million to manage and protect **Aboriginal cultural heritage** including support for new Local Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Services.

### **Regional – generic**

- \$2.7 billion to **subsidise the cost of water and electricity to regional residents**.
- \$20.7 million boost for **Regional Airfare Zone Cap**.
- \$29.9 million for regional **ports** upgrades.
- \$750,000 for a study into **Remote Aboriginal Community Airstrips**.
- \$6.5 million to **Implement the Aquaculture Development Plan for WA**
- Additional \$12 million for the **Regional Development Assistance Program** for residential, industrial, commercial and tourism-related land and infrastructure projects.
- \$13.6 million **Aboriginal Ranger Program**.
- \$3.7 million **Climate resilience in Aboriginal communities**.
- \$3.13 million **Rural Water Planning Program**.
- \$2.2 million **EV Smart Charger and Vehicle-to-Grid trial through Horizon Power**.
- \$2 million from the New Industries Fund to **support regional entrepreneurs** in the innovation sector.
- \$2.5 million to increase the travel accommodation allowance for **regional TAFE students**.
- \$2.9 million weekly allowance for **regional students studying a Diploma of Nursing**.

### **Regional health and mental health**

- Over \$2.2 billion per annum on **regional health and mental health services**.
- \$28.5 million for initiatives **to attract and retain key health and mental health professionals**, primarily to work in regional WA, with **priority given to hard-to-staff sites**.
- \$24.4 million to extend the 24/7 **Mental Health Emergency Telehealth Service**.
- **\$5.4 million to continue the delivery of psychiatric services in the East Kimberley.**
- **\$8.2 million to upgrade WA Country Health Service staff housing, including safety and security upgrades in the Kimberley.**
- \$6.3 million to extend **regional cancer services**.
- Additional \$6.7 million towards **Regional Renal Support Teams**.

### **Housing**

- \$48 million in training initiatives to **expand the residential construction workforce**.
- Additional \$61.6 million for **Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH)**.
- \$49 million to partner with community housing providers to provide **100 social homes across regional WA** in a supported landlord model for rough sleepers.
- \$450 million into the **Social Housing Investment Fund**.
- **Additional \$1.3 million through the North-West Aboriginal Health Fund to deliver more affordable accommodation for medical service employees in Halls Creek.**

### Roads, ports and airports

- Additional \$407 million on regional road projects and initiatives.
- \$175 million boost to the Commonwealth-State funded Regional Road Safety Program.
- \$15 million for **upgrades at the Port of Broome**, including a new concrete deck.
- \$1.8 million for electrical upgrades at the **ports of Wyndham and Derby**.
- \$800,000 to lock in a permanent **third weekly return air service between Kununurra, Halls Creek and Balgo**.
- \$2.3 million to **seal Warmun airstrip**.

### Key Kimberley initiatives include:

- \$3.1 million to expand the **Heavy Vehicle Driver Training Program** to Kimberley and Pilbara.
- \$8.7 million to facilitate **agricultural development in the Ord River Irrigation Area** through managing environmental obligations.
- \$3 million to extend the **Affordable Airfares program** for a further twelve months, subsidising over 34,000 airfares from Perth to Broome and Kununurra.

### Building safe, strong and fair regional communities, with initiatives in the Kimberley including:

- \$11.7 million to **extend Operation Regional Shield**, to deliver police into regional communities experiencing youth crime issues.
- \$11.8 million towards the **Kimberley Juvenile Justice Strategy**, including continuing successful night patrols and structured activities for young people.
- \$11.7 million to continue the **Target 120 rollout** across the regions.
- \$16.3 million to **establish a one-stop family and domestic violence hub in Broome**.
- \$1.1 million to continue the **Respectful Relationships Teaching Support Program** and the provision of culturally appropriate services for victims of family and domestic violence.
- \$10.4 million to enhance **the Banned Drinkers Register**, including across Kimberley.
- \$9.5 million to **consolidate accommodation in Kununurra** for WA Police and Departments of Communities and Justice.
- \$5.8 million to extend the successful **Driving Access and Equity program** to deliver driver training to disadvantaged young people.
- \$4.9 million to continue the **Regional Athlete Support Program**.
- an additional \$42.6 million for **upgrades to water and wastewater systems** in remote communities.

### Tackling climate change through a \$3 billion package and protecting the environment. Kimberley initiatives include:

- \$31.3 million for an **Industry Support and Transition Package** and to support management of **the Buccaneer Archipelago Marine Parks**.
- \$2.2 million to deliver an Electric Vehicle Smart Charger and Vehicle-to-Grid trial through Horizon Power.

### Flood Relief

- \$13.4 million to fund a taskforce to manage and support recovery - building on the multi-million-dollar support packages secured under joint Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, including funding temporary residential accommodation and a freight assistance scheme to support Kimberley businesses.

Ongoing commitments that build on the projects and programs already underway in the Kimberley, including:

- \$4.4 million for canteen upgrades and **new STEM classroom at Broome Senior High School.**
- \$10 million for a new classroom block and upgrades at **Halls Creek District High School.**
- \$51 million to **upgrade Duncan Road and Gordon Downs Road** in the Browns Range.
- \$113 million for **the Ord River North, Great Northern Highway upgrades.**
- \$110 million over the next four years for **upgrades to Tanami Road**, near Sturt Creek.
- \$15 million to deliver the **Marlamanu on-country diversionary program.**
- \$6 million towards the **redevelopment of the Kununurra Aquatic and Leisure Centre.**
- \$2.3 million for upgrades to the **Warmun Community sporting facility.**

## Attachment 13 WALGA Submission in advance of the 2024-25 State Budget

Area	Project	Amount
Safer roads	Regional Road Network Safety Improvements on high-speed Local Government Roads	\$110M over 5 years - 20% co-contribution towards the total program cost of \$552 million
	Incorporate cost-effective road safety enhancements into rural road preservation projects.	\$2M per year over 4 years
	Safer Student Crossings	\$5M over 4 years
Community Infrastructure that meets the needs of a changing population	Implement key connecting projects on the State Government's Long-Term Cycle Network	\$10 million over 4 years to support competitive grant allocations totalling up to \$2 million per year
	Increase the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund to \$25 million per annum	Increase of \$5M per year over 4 years
	Establish a Community Arts and Culture Facilities Fund	\$25 million per year from 2024-25
	Funding to improve the physical accessibility of community facilities and infrastructure.	\$10 million per year
Climate Action	Additional funding to complete and implement coastal hazard risk assessment and adaptation plans to address coastal erosion and inundation.	\$28 million over 4 years to increase funding for CoastWA
	Expand the Urban Greening Grant Program to plant 100,000 trees and develop a State Urban Forest Strategy	\$20 million over 4 years \$1million for the strategy Forest Strategy
	Expand the Regional Climate Alliance Program.	\$3 million per year to fund a Climate Alliance program
Accelerate the transition to a circular economy	Full hypothecation of the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Levy to waste initiatives focusing on waste avoidance and maximising resource recovery	80 million per annum f-25 from the WARR Levy be directed to waste initiatives  \$68 million per year from consolidated revenue for operational costs for the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) to cover the Levy reallocation waste initiatives
Disaster resilient communities	Increase Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) funding to meet the current and future needs of Local Government volunteer Bush Fire Brigades and State Emergency Service	\$2.8 million in the annual LGGS operating grant budget for Bush Fire Brigades
		\$5 million to fund an audit of assets for Local Government Bush Fire Brigades, the preparation of a Comprehensive Asset Management Plan and a strategic redesign of the LGGS to meet the future emergency services needs  \$45.5 million to clear the backlog of

		<p>unsuccessful 2023-24 Capital Grants requests for Bush Fire Brigades</p> <p>Increased funding from the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) allocated for LGGS capital grants to meet the future emergency response capability needs of Bush Fire Brigades: It is estimated that at least \$66.7 million per annum will be required from 2025-26.</p>
	Expand the Community Emergency Services Manager to all Local Governments	\$2.7 million per annum to fully fund the cost of existing Local Government employed CESMs
	Increase funding and expand the scope of the Mitigation Activity Fund Grants Program to include all bushfire risk reduction activities	\$15 million per annum
	Implement the Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Improvement Plan and provide funding to Local Governments for emergency management planning to build community disaster resilience	<p>\$1 million per annum to fund implementation of the Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Improvement Plan</p> <p>\$9 million per annum to replace the AWARE Competitive Grants Program with an enhanced program</p>
	Create a reserve fund for disaster resilient reconstruction of essential public assets following a natural disaster	\$10 million per annum
	Address existing high-risk road access in bush fire prone areas	10 million to establish an open funding pool to improve road access arrangements in bushfire prone areas
Address gaps in community services	Ensure the sustainable funding of public libraries	<p>\$34 million</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$30 million over four years</li> <li>• \$4 million in 2024-25 to implement the WA Public Library Strategy 2022-26</li> </ul>
	Local Government Primary Healthcare funding program	\$5 million per annum
	dedicated training program for 110 town planning, building surveyor and environmental health officers	\$12.3 million to support education, training and professional development for key areas of skills shortage in Local Governments
Better governance and oversight	Fund the establishment of a Chief Inspector of Local Government and Office of the Local Government Inspector	\$3.5 million per year to create an office of approximately 14 FTE staff, including accommodation and travel costs

## 10. Management of Social Housing

### Item for Discussion

Submitted by: Shire of Broome

**Attachment 14: WA Map of Department of Communities Property and Tenancy Management (attached separately)**

**Attachment 15: maintenance and property management process**

### Purpose

The Shire of Broome have requested a paper to facilitate discussion on the current status of Government owned social housing particularly around inspections and maintenance.

### In summary

- Housing is a social determinant of health impacting on people's physical and mental health. The adverse health impacts of living in poorly maintained and overcrowded homes have been well documented<sup>6</sup>.
- Local government has powers under the Public Health Act WA 2016, Health Local Laws, the Local Government Act and the Emergency Management Act in relation to serious and material public health risks, and habitable homes.
- From a Shire of Broome perspective, there are issues around cyclone clean-up for social housing due to the amount of accumulated rubbish, and the state of disrepair and lack of maintenance of homes.
- Property and tenancy management (i.e. collecting or rent / housing inspections) is separated from maintenance within the Department of Communities.
  - Property and tenancy management is undertaken directly by the Department or for Aboriginal communities and town camps outsourced to non-government agencies who are known as regional service providers (RSPs) – See attachment one
  - The management of social housing maintenance is outsourced by the Department of Communities via a head maintenance contract.
  - Attachment two shows the interaction between these two systems along with the support for social housing tenants.
- The Department of Communities has the capacity to inspect social and government Regional Officer housing (GROH) properties up to four times a year. Advice from the Department is that most tenancies are inspected annually.

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<sup>6</sup> Recent research includes Stuck in the Heat: Lived Experience of Public Housing Tenants in the Kimberley, 2023, Kimberley Community Legal Service; Reimagining Indigenous Housing, Health and Wealth, (2021) Kerry Arabena, Chris Holland and Shane Hamilton.

- To support tenants who find it difficult to maintain and sustain their tenancies, the Department of Communities funds the THRIVE program. Nirrumbuk Aboriginal Corporation has the contract for THRIVE across the Kimberley.
- Public housing tenants who are evicted as they are not able to maintain their home often end up homeless or living with relatives, and / or children taken into care.
- Housing advocates have long raised concerns to the Department of Communities regarding the efficiency and effectiveness of the head maintenance contract, and the level of investment in the THRIVE program to deliver positive outcomes
- There is an opportunity for the KRG to develop an advocacy strategy to support better housing outcomes for tenants and communities in the Kimberley.

## Background

As above.

## Details

Andrew Waters, the Co-Ordinator of Environmental Health + Health Approval at the Shire of Broome has advised that local government has powers which are authorised under the following:

**1. Health Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1911 – Houses unfit for habitation.** (However, the crown is not bound by the Health (MP) Act) so crown agencies and activities (e.g. Dept Communities) are not bound by orders

**2. Health Local Laws** (these might vary across the local government authorities). Disease risk, harbourage of pests, waste and rubbish. **Provisions for containing food and wastes, measures to eradicate cockroaches, cleanliness, rats and other vectors of disease.**

**3. Public Health Act 2016 – General public health duty.** The Crown is bound by this legislation, but it is not fully enacted as yet. 'A person must take all reasonable and practicable steps to prevent or minimise any harm to public health that might foreseeably result from anything done or omitted to be done by the person'.

**4. Local Government Act 1995.** (The Crown is generally NOT bound - **Unsightly properties provisions** (see below)

**5. Emergency Management Act 2005.** This act binds the crown but at least in Shire of Broome, Environmental Health Officers are **NOT** authorised under this Act. Some provisions apply to cyclone areas. **Local government has power to destroy dangerous vegetation or premises in a cyclone area (under certain conditions).** Not all Kimberley local governments might be deemed cyclone risk.

The Department of Communities has hybrid maintenance and property and tenancy management models for social housing across the Kimberley. For Aboriginal communities the responsibility for property and tenancy management and maintenance depends on whether a Housing Management Agreement is in place. If a Housing Management Agreement is in place, the tenancy is regulated by the Residential Tenancies Act and the Department has a role.

The lack of social homes, and poor housing design for the Kimberley climate and cultural and family ways of living, has led to chronically overcrowded homes. This has a detrimental economic and social impact on the Kimberley and contributes to anti-social behaviour.

The lack of investment in social housing and preventive and reactive maintenance by the State and Federal governments places the health and safety of social housing tenants at risk with many people living in squalor and extremely poor health conditions. This has led to increases of Rheumatic Heart Disease with currently over 800 cases in the Kimberley, over half the State's reported numbers. Poor living conditions is reflected by the number of people with glaucoma and hearing issues such as 'Glue ear'.

Community housing organisations provide an alternative to government property and tenancy management and maintenance responsibility for social housing. They take an integrated approach and research by the Productivity Commission shows they deliver better outcomes for tenants and communities.

### **Department of Communities Model of Public Housing Maintenance**

Maintenance is undertaken via a head contractor model. Social housing tenants contact the Department's housing direct team to log a maintenance issue. Maintenance is issued to a head contractor, who may utilise sub-contractors to undertake the maintenance. Maintenance is undertaken on a priority basis, and often job lotted delaying the time for works to occur. Research by the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) at Fitzroy Crossing has shown this maintenance model to be inefficient and detrimental to economic and social outcomes<sup>7</sup>.

Feedback from non-government agencies is that the head maintenance contractor model is not efficient or effective, in particular in remote Aboriginal communities, where contractors can only undertake approved work – ie they go to a community to fix one tap and can't fix other taps that are broken without a job order. Also, if the tenant is not home, they can't enter the house to do the approved work.

Repairs and maintenance jobs for WA Housing Authority managed properties are given an urgency rating: all the urgent jobs are classed as P2 (within 24 hours)<sup>14</sup>; P3 (48 hours or up to 10 days); or P4 (within 28 days). These urgency ratings are determined by the WA Housing Authority and generally relate to the level of risks and dangers to tenants.

The following is a snapshot of issues raised to Shelter WA from their members in 2023 in relation to the head maintenance contract:

- No relationship / accountability to the tenant – many times contractors do not inform tenants of arrival, and if tenants are not homework is delayed
- No complaints process for tenants
- No transparency for tenants when a job is logged
- Jobs are stockpiled – The time frame for job completion impacts on tenants and the situation often deteriorates

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<sup>7</sup> 'Normalising' Aboriginal housing in the Kimberley: challenges at the interface of new public management approaches J Hunt CAEPR WORKING PAPER NO. 123/2018 caepr.cass.anu.edu.au.

- Scope issues: the contract states the contractor only works on the specific work order, nothing else related - The process to get something out of scope approved is long-winded
- No transparency if there are audit of jobs and work done
- Concern there are no consequences for maintenance providers if jobs are not fixed
- No one accountable for maintenance time frame of completion
- Travel expenses and payment per trade / priority category is very high and not efficient
- All maintenance has to go through housing direct
- Helpline access is poor
- Gaps between who's responsible for maintenance reporting
- Continual changing of department staff and contract managers
- Lack of communication and collaboration between property manager/maintenance contractor/ Department
- Excessive charge for maintenance to tenants
- Impact on Regional Service Providers of maintenance process
- Negative Impact of the health, wellbeing, education and employment aspects of tenants of living in poorly maintained homes

Social housing tenants pay rent, and the government as landlord has an obligation to provide a home that is fit for purpose under the Act. Tenants too have obligations under the Act.

The Santa Theresa Aboriginal Community in the Northern Territory won a legal case against the Northern Territory Government as the government was not complying with their Residential Tenancies Act, by providing substandard homes.

In 2023 Slater and Gordon announced a class action investigation into housing justice for Aboriginal tenants living in remote communities in Western Australia<sup>8</sup>.

The Department's head maintenance model is under review. Aboriginal organizations want a return to the previous model where property and tenancy management and maintenance are managed at a local level. There is a precedence for this in WA. The Ngaanyatjarra Council developed a new model of maintenance for housing on their communities, and now directly manage housing maintenance.

### **Department of Communities Public Housing Property and Tenancy Management**

Property and tenancy management, i.e. collecting rent and undertaking property inspections, is separate from housing maintenance. Attachment One outlines who undertakes property and tenancy management services in towns and remote communities across WA.

A key issue raised by Regional Service Providers is that the separation of property and tenancy management from maintenance is ineffective and inefficient. They have a relationship with the tenants, yet can't progress maintenance issues when they inspect properties, having to report to the head maintenance contractor.

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<sup>8</sup> [https://www.slatergordon.com.au/class-actions/current-class-actions/wa-housing-class-action?utm\\_source=vanity&utm\\_medium=redirect&utm\\_campaign=wa-housing-ca&utm\\_id=vanity](https://www.slatergordon.com.au/class-actions/current-class-actions/wa-housing-class-action?utm_source=vanity&utm_medium=redirect&utm_campaign=wa-housing-ca&utm_id=vanity).

## **Department of Communities support for social housing tenants.**

The Department of Communities THRIVE program for Aboriginal housing and public housing tenants aims to assist tenant to improve their life skills, increase their ability to manage their household independently and participate in their community.

Nirrumbuk Environmental Health and Services co-ordinate a consortium of THRIVE providers across the Kimberley. Consortium providers include

- Winun Ngari's in Derby
- Marra Worra Worra Aboriginal Corporation in Fitzroy Crossing
- Jungarni Jutiya in Halls Creek
- Waringarri Aboriginal Corporation in Kununurra and surrounds.

The key services THRIVE providers offer include

- Tailored case coordination and management that addresses the wider needs of client
- Culturally and linguistically appropriate support
- Direct support provision
- Regular home visits
- Support service navigation and referral facilitation assistance. Potentially providing the opportunity for the greater community services sector to play its part.

Managing severely overcrowded housing is difficult. Also, many of the tenants who are supported have underlying challenges including a disability, mental health challenges, domestic violence, intergenerational trauma and grief.

Community Housing Organizations use a supportive landlord model approach to support their tenants. The WA Government has invested \$49 million for a Regional Supportive Landlord Model, largely funded from a \$46 million draw down from the Social Housing Investment Fund.

Evicting tenants is often a last resort taken by the Department given the dire impact on tenants. It is interesting to note that the majority of evictions are due to unpaid rent and bills, followed by poor property standards and disruptive behaviour<sup>9</sup>.

Some Councils have initiatives to support housing tenants such as bulk rubbish collections. The Shire of Halls Creek undertakes a twice weekly rubbish collection for all houses to assist facilitate waste management in overcrowded homes.

## **Department of Health Aboriginal Environmental Health program**

The Department of Health has funded environmental health activities in remote Aboriginal communities for many years. The program was reviewed in 2022 with the recommendation that WA Health commits to sustained investment for ongoing funding of the AEH Program. The Department has advised that it will work closely with the Aboriginal health sector and environmental health service

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providers to co-design the program moving forward, including its focus, expectations, outcomes and reporting requirements – all of which will be reflected in future contract tenders and terms.

## **Local Government Powers**

Local government has powers under the Public Health Act 2016 and Public Health Local Laws, Local Government Act 1995 and the Emergency Management Act 2005 in relation to public health, fit and habitable homes and the management of risk in emergency management preparation, response and recovery. The following is a summary of powers provided by the Shire of Broome environmental health staff:

**Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911** (for social housing this Act is limited in that it does not bind the crown and Department of Communities is a crown entity), the following provisions are relevant:

### **Part V — Dwellings Division 1 — Houses unfit for occupation**

- 135. Dwellings unfit for habitation
- 136. Such house not to be let or occupied
- 137. Condemned building to be amended or removed
- 138. Land to be cleaned up after removal of house or building therefrom
- 139. Owner may be required to clean or repair house
- 140. Local government may act in default of owner

### **Health Local Laws (these might not be uniform across the 4 local governments)**

#### **6.3.3 Food and Wastes to be kept in rodent proof Receptacles**

6.3.3 A person shall not place or cause to be placed in or on any premises, and an owner or occupier of premises shall not permit to remain in or on the premises -

- (a) any stored food, refuse, or other waste matter which might attract rodents to the premises or which might afford harbourage for rodents; or
- (b) any stored food intended for birds or other animals, unless it is contained in a rodent proof receptacle or a compartment which is kept effectively protected against access by rodents.

#### **6.4.2 Measures to be taken to eradicate Cockroaches**

6.4.2

- (1) An owner or occupier of premises shall take effective measures to eradicate any cockroaches in or on the premises.
- (2) An Environmental Health Officer may direct, orally or in writing, an owner or occupier of premises to take whatever action that, in the opinion of the Environmental Health Officer, is necessary or desirable to prevent or deter the presence of cockroaches in or on the premises.
- (3) An owner or occupier shall within the time specified comply with any direction given by an Environmental Health Officer under this Section.

#### **9.2.2 Cleanliness**

9.2.2 The occupier shall -

- (a) keep or cause to be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and in a state of good repair the floors, walls and ceilings and all other portions of the premises;
- (b) keep or cause to be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and in a state of good repair all fittings, fixtures, appliances, machinery, implements, shelves, counters, tables, benches, bins, cabinets, sinks, drain boards, drains, grease traps, tubs, vessels and other things used on or in connection with the premises;
- (c) keep the premises free from any unwholesome or offensive odour arising from the premises;

- (d) maintain in a clean and tidy condition all yards, footpaths, passage ways, paved areas, stores or outbuildings used in connection with the premises; and
- (e) clean daily and at all times keep and maintain all sanitary conveniences and all sanitary fittings and grease traps on the premises in a clean and sanitary condition.

### **9.2.3 Rats and Other Vectors of Disease**

9.2.3 The occupier shall -

- (a) ensure that the premises are kept free from rodents, cockroaches, flies and other vectors of disease; and
- (b) provide in and on the premises all effective means and methods for the eradication and prevention of rodents, cockroaches, flies and other vectors of disease.

### **General public health duty of occupiers/owners**

**Public Health Act 2016** (general provisions) The *Public Health Act* does bind the crown but is not fully enacted yet (for example, reference to 'regulations' is moot as the regulations have not been drafted yet).

### **Part 3 — General public health duty**

34. General public health duty

(1) A person must take all reasonable and practicable steps to prevent or minimise any harm to public health that might foreseeably result from anything done or omitted to be done by the person.

(2) In determining what is reasonable and practicable for the purposes of subsection (1), regard must be had, amongst other things, to the objects of this Act, and to the following —

- (a) the potential impact of a failure to comply with the duty;
- (b) any environmental, social, economic or practical implications;
- (c) any degrees of risk that may be involved;
- (d) the nature, extent and duration of any harm;
- (e) any matter prescribed by the regulations.

(3) A person will be taken not to be in breach of subsection (1) if the person is acting

- (a) in a manner or in circumstances that accord with generally accepted practices taking into account community expectations and prevailing environmental, social and economic practices and standards; or
- (b) in circumstances prescribed by the regulations.

35. Consequences of failure to comply with general public health duty

(1) A failure to comply with the general public health duty does not of itself —

- (a) give rise to any right or remedy; or
- (b) constitute an offence.

(2) However, a failure to comply with the general public health duty may constitute grounds for action to be taken under this Act, including the issue of an improvement notice or enforcement order

### **Removal of cyclone hazards**

**Emergency Management Act 2005** This Act binds the crown but in Shire of Broome environmental health officers have not been authorised under this Act. Note that Section 16 describes Designation of cyclone areas. Shires of Halls Creek and Wyndham East Kimberley might not be included. I don't know if Shire Derby West Kimberley is captured.

45. Exercise of powers under this Division The powers given to a local government by this Division can only be exercised on behalf of the local government by a person expressly authorised by it to exercise those powers.

46. Power of local government to destroy dangerous vegetation or premises in cyclone area If a local government is of the opinion that any vegetation or premises on land in a cyclone area in the district of the local government may, as a result of the cyclonic activity —

- (a) cause loss of life, prejudice to the safety, or harm to the health, of persons or animals; or
- (b) destroy or damage property or any part of the environment, the local government may remove or destroy the vegetation or remove, dismantle or destroy the premises.

47. Local government may require owner or occupier of land to take action

(1) If a local government is of the opinion that any vegetation or premises on land in a cyclone area in the district of the local government may, as a result of the cyclonic activity —

- (a) cause loss of life, prejudice to the safety, or harm to the health, of persons or animals; or
- (b) destroy or damage property or any part of the environment, the local government may give a person who is the owner or the occupier of the land a direction in writing requiring the person to take measures specified in the direction to prevent or minimise the loss, prejudice, harm, destruction or damage.

(2) A person who is given a direction under subsection (1) is not prevented from complying with it because of the terms on which the land is held.

### Unightly properties

**Local Government Act 1995.** (1.6. Crown not generally bound: This Act does not bind the Crown except to the extent expressly stated in this Act)

Schedule 3.1 — Powers under notices to owners or occupiers of land [Section 3.25(1)] Division 1 — Things a notice may require to be done

1. Prevent water from dripping or running from a building on the land onto any other land.
2. Place in a prominent position on the land a number to indicate the address.
3. Modify or repair, in the interests of the convenience or safety of the public, anything constructed as mentioned in Schedule 9.1, clause 8, or repair any damage caused to the public thoroughfare or other public place mentioned in that clause.
4. (1) Ensure that land that adjoins a public thoroughfare or other public place that is specified for the purposes of this item by a local law —
  - (a) is suitably enclosed to separate it from the public place; and
  - (b) where applicable, is enclosed with a close fence, to the satisfaction of the local government, suitable to prevent sand or other matter coming from the land onto the public place.(2) The notice cannot be given to an occupier who is not an owner.
5. (1) Ensure that unsightly land is enclosed, to the satisfaction of the local government, with a fence or other means suitable to prevent the land, so far as is practicable, from being unsightly.
  - (2) In this item — unsightly, in relation to land, means having an appearance that, because of the way in which the land is used, does not conform with the general appearance of other land in the locality.
  - (3) The notice cannot be given to an occupier who is not an owner.

5A. (1) Ensure that overgrown vegetation, rubbish, or disused material, as specified, is removed from land that the local government considers to be untidy.

(2) In this item — disused material includes disused motor vehicles, old motor vehicle bodies and old machinery.

### Points for Discussion

There is an opportunity for the KRG to develop and advocacy strategy in partnership with other organisations such as Shelter WA and the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Service for better health outcomes for tenants through the management of maintenance, property and tenancy management, tenant support and social housing supply. Based on this the following points are put forward for discussion:

- The use of local government's powers in relation to housing under the Public Health Act 2016, Public Health Local Laws, Local Government Act 1995 and the Emergency Management Act 2005.
- Working in partnership with Nirumbuk to for increased investment for social housing tenancy support programmes, including funding for practical activities such as support to clean homes and yards.
- Working with the Kimberley Regional Service Providers for a new Kimberley place-based model of social housing maintenance
- Advocating for increased investment for the Department of Health Aboriginal Environmental Health Program
- Support Shire of Broome discussions with Edith Cowen University CU regarding their diploma in Env Health program and the possibility of engaging Aboriginal Environmental Health Workers, who are not generally employed in local government, in that course and identifying qualified EHOs in local government to mentor them.
- Advocating for appropriate social housing design to increase liveability and energy efficiency
- Advocacy for increased investment into social housing to reduce overcrowding
- Engaging with community housing providers regarding their management of public housing in the Kimberley.

Community Housing is demonstrated as a good alternative to the management of social housing tenants by the WA Department of Communities. Community housing does not have a large presence in the Kimberley compared to other regions which have regionally based Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community housing providers. There is an opportunity for the KRG to facilitate discussions with government and NGOs to drive the growth of the community housing sector in the Kimberley.

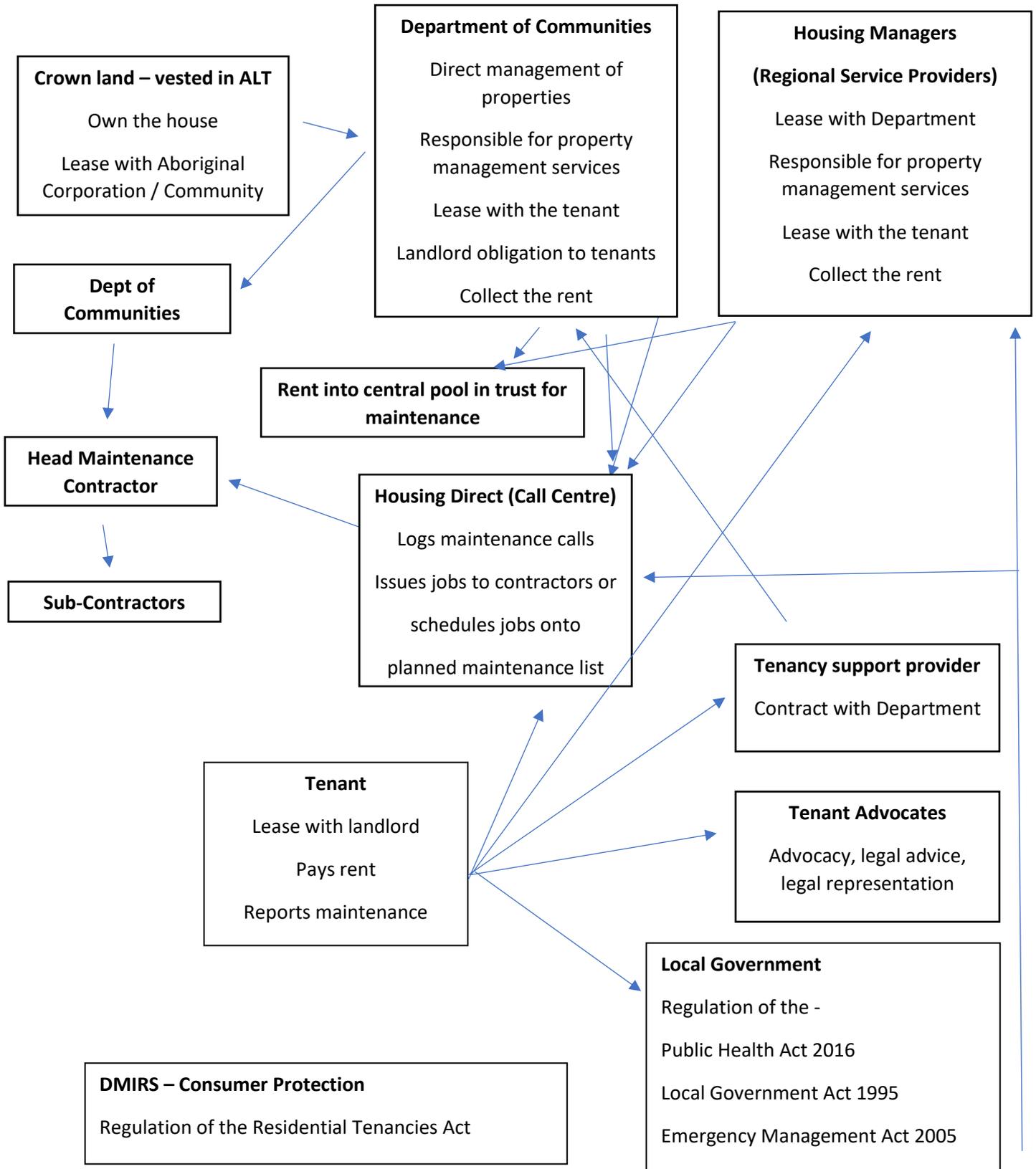
### Risk

- **Reputational:** With an agreed strategy and tactics advocacy effort may be unaligned and opportunities to drive change lost.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
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Resolution/s		Action(s)	
<p><b>That the KRG discuss an advocacy strategy to support the better management and maintenance of social housing in the Kimberley.</b></p>		Executive Officer to develop a strategy and discuss at the April 2024 meeting.	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	<b>Responsible:</b>	Executive Team
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Halls Creek	<b>Due date:</b>	19/04/2024
<b>Carried: 4/0</b>			

Attachment 15 Maintenance and property management process

**Public Housing Maintenance and Management Model**



## 11. Alcohol Restrictions

### Item for Discussion

Submitted by: Executive Team

### Purpose

To provide an opportunity to discuss the lack of uniformity of liquor sale restrictions across Kimberley and implementation of Liquor Control Amendment (Banned Drinkers Register) Act.

### In summary

- On 8 January 2024, the Director of Liquor Licensing (DLL) issued 'show-cause' notices to licensees in respect of 37 licensed premises in the Kimberley towns of Broome and Derby outlining proposed liquor sales restrictions under Section 64 of the Liquor Control Act 1988 (the Act). Separate notices proposed different restrictions for the two towns.
- The licensees have until 23 February 2024 in which to respond to the proposed restrictions and provide reasons why they should not be imposed, before a final decision is made.
- Concerns have been raised about the impact of different liquor restrictions in Derby and Broome and their impact on sly grogging and people travelling to access alcohol.
- Access to drug and alcohol services remains a key issue across the Kimberley with most towns not having a drug and alcohol rehabilitation service.
- The Liquor Control Amendment (Banned Drinkers Register) Act was passed in December 2023.
- The Banned Drinkers Register (BDR) is a register of people prohibited from purchasing and possessing packaged (takeaway) liquor in Western Australia
- Key advocacy positions of the KRG have been introduced in the legislation such as:
  - Medical practitioners and others can apply to the Director to put someone on the BDR.
  - A Police officer above the rank of sergeant can put someone on the BDR
  - Provision to allow the Police to provide the details of a banned person to the liquor outlets.
  - The offences outlined for placing someone on the BDR.
  - The periods for which someone can be put on the BDR are specified.
  - The BDR order must be revoked if the charge is withdrawn, the person is found not guilty, a restraining order is removed, or no sentence is imposed by the judge.

### Background

As above.

### Details

As above.

## Risk

- That advocacy is not informed or consistent

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications				
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People Place Prosperity Performance	Advocate Partner Promote	Facilitate Fund Monitor				
Resolution/s		Action(s)				
<p><b>That the KRG:</b></p> <p><b>1. Discuss the impact of the lack of uniformity of alcohol restrictions on Kimberley towns; and</b></p>		Executive Team to work with RCAWA and Hotels Association (AHA) on advocacy and submission letter.				
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Halls Creek	<b>Responsible:</b>	Executive Team			
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	<b>Due date:</b>	23/02/2024			
<b>Carried:</b>	<b>4/0</b>					

## 12. Kimberley Regional Group Priority Action List

### Item for Discussion

Submitted by: Executive Team

Attachment 16 Status Report, KRG Prioritised Action List

### Purpose

To provide a status update on the progression of action items.

### In summary

- The Priority Action List for 2023/24 was developed from a November 2022 workshop, and presented to members for feedback and become a standing item on the agenda
- The Executive Team is allocating resources to drive actions, and scoping out project costings for additional consultancy work as required.
- This paper provides a status update on priority actions.
- It must be noted that the priority actions do not preclude other activities from occurring, in particular seizing opportunities as they arise.

### Background

As above

### Details

As above.

### Risk

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

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:	Budget Implications		
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People Place Prosperity Performance	Advocate Partner Promote Facilitate Fund Monitor		

Resolution/s		Action(s)	
1. That the KRG notes the progress of the action items			
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Broome	<b>Responsible:</b>	Executive Team
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	<b>Due date:</b>	As appropriate
<b>Carried:</b>	4/0		

### Attachment 16 KRG Prioritised Action List Status February 2024

#### Legend

Ongoing	Complete	On track	Pending	Behind
Type of Activity	Actions		Within contract scope	Status Update
Facilitate and partner	Develop a collective Kimberley Housing Investment Strategy and pitch that outlines what's been done to date and future opportunities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of priority projects</li> <li>Cost to deliver these homes and partnership opportunities.</li> <li>Funding strategy to implement identified projects.</li> </ul>		60%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategy endorsed at November 2023 meeting.</li> <li>Item on February 2024 Agenda</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the KRG land policy and strategy</li> <li>Advocate for policy changes to the transfer of Crown land to freehold for the provision of housing, with savings allocated for headworks or other activities to facilitate development.</li> </ul>		Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted paper to be updated</li> </ul>
Partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a joint project to quantify shire expenditure on vandalism/property crime.</li> <li>Develop a Local Government community safety package for Ministers Winton, Carey and Papalia – i.e., Street lighting (LED), CCTV, infrastructure, policing, child centred – preventative services and wrap around services.</li> </ul>		No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scope of works endorsed at November 2023 meeting.</li> <li>RFQ released by SWEK for consultants</li> </ul>
Improve performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving performance by learning from others (Benchmarking Project)</li> <li>All services provided to improve efficiencies and learning from others</li> </ul>		No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Benchmarking project endorsed at November 2023 meeting.</li> </ul>
Monitor and Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop scope of works and commission research to understand the funding shortfall facing Kimberley Councils to inform an advocacy strategy for increased financial assistance (FAGS) from state and federal government.</li> </ul>		No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scope of works endorsed at November 2023 meeting</li> <li>RFQ released by SWEK for consultants</li> </ul>
Advocate	Execute Pre-election strategy			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gather government election priorities</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create Investment Prospectus 2024</li> </ul>	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information sought from Councils for updated projects.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop pre-election summary document</li> </ul>	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop pitch and layout</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop communication and advocacy plan</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key messages / key stakeholders</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch Pre-election document</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint meeting in Perth</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake advocacy</li> </ul>	Some	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meetings in Perth and Canberra</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expansion of mental health services.</li> <li>Expansion of family and domestic violence services.</li> <li>Expansion of aged care services.</li> <li>Health facilities that are fit for purpose in Aboriginal communities.</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data needed – an opportunity to lead joint advocacy with NGOs</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocate for whole of family approach and wrap around services to be located in the Kimberley.</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll into pre-election strategy.</li> <li>Benchmarking exercise to assist with this.</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a stakeholder engagement, communications and advocacy strategy in line with the Policy Papers</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll into pre-election strategy.</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop advocacy strategies to encourage economic diversification including mining; tourism; agriculture; defence; creative Industries; small business; Indigenous business growth</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing advocacy and engagement</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocate for MOG initiatives around better place based regional service delivery to be progressed.</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing advocacy and engagement.</li> </ul>
Advocate Facilitate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update KRG Investment Prospectus</li> </ul>	90%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop White Paper with clear positions</li> </ul>	Yes	<p>Complete – Instead of White Paper individual Position Papers Developed-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prosperous and Diverse Economy</li> <li>Housing</li> <li>Management of Alcohol and Other Drugs</li> <li>Juvenile Justice</li> <li>Community Safety and Crime Prevention</li> <li>Provision of Government Services</li> <li>Emergency Management</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase support for mitigation measures, infrastructure replacement to be more resilient.</li> <li>Removal of the distinction between ordinary and additional costs in NDR payments.</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding Submission endorsed and submitted.</li> <li>Senate Inquiry submission endorsed and submitted.</li> <li>EM Policy Paper endorsed and submitted.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Streamlined contracting and procurement processes, surety to payments, and immediate access to NDR funds.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These points included in submissions and EM Policy Paper.</li> </ul>
Facilitate and Partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop strong relationships with NHFIC (National Housing Finance Investment Corporation), Development WA and the Department of Communities – invite CEOs to KRG meeting to discuss partnership opportunities.</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NHFIC, now Housing Australia, attended November 2023 meeting.</li> <li>Will be engaged through Housing Advocacy Strategy.</li> </ul>
Advocate	<p>Develop a stakeholder engagement and communications plan, and advocacy strategy, to drive the actions identified in the Housing Policy Position, i.e.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State and federal social and affordable housing investment programs target the Kimberley</li> <li>Community housing partnerships.</li> <li>The DPLH support Shires to review housing needs in each town.</li> <li>Changes to Government Regional Officer Housing and Home Ownership Subsidy Scheme policies</li> <li>Government incentives for new supply</li> <li>Changes to finance lending practices for home purchase</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Item for November 2023 meeting</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission to Aviation Green Paper</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission endorsed at November 2023 meeting and submitted</li> </ul>
Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review KRG Governance Documents</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governance documents endorsed at November 2023 meeting.</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission to National Housing and Homelessness Plan</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission lodged based on Housing Policy Position</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Port of Entry Status</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letters sent to State and Federal Government Ministers – continued to be raised in meetings with government.</li> </ul>

## 13. Around the Grounds

### Item for Discussion

Submitted by: Executive Team

### Purpose

This session provides an opportunity for members to share information of a local or regional nature that may provide opportunities for collaboration or may serve the purposes of sharing a learning that could impact the region as a whole.

### In summary

- Since the inception of this agenda item in February 2023, two events were deemed major enough to steer discussion: the floods and the Canberra visit.
- For this meeting, it has been left to each Shire to introduce a topic/s of their choice that they deem relevant for the group. It is the intention that each Shire can hold the floor for up to 5 minutes, after which the item can either be followed up out of session or raised as an agenda item for the next meeting.

### Background

As above.

### Risk

**Operational and reputational:** if key issues facing KRG members are not understood by the KRG.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications
People Place Prosperity <b>Performance</b>	<b>Advocate</b> Partner <b>Promote</b>	<b>Facilitate</b> Fund <b>Monitor</b>
Resolution/s		Action(s)
For information only		TBD

## 14. Kimberley Crime Statistics

### Item for Noting

Submitted by: Secretariat

**Attachment 17: 2023 crime data for each Kimberley town and annual trend data for Regional WA.**

### Purpose

To provide regional crime trend data to inform advocacy.

### In summary

- The KRG Priority Action Plan lists community safety and crime prevention and juvenile justice as a priority action area, with the presentation of regional crime statistics and trends at each KRG meeting.
- There are no Kimberley regional statistics on the WA Police website.
- 2023 data is presented for Kimberley towns including the type of crime per month and the
- Crime Statistics for Regional WA is presented as a benchmark comparison.
- These statistics are raw data with no data analysis.

### Background

- WA Police Crime statistics are updated onto the WA Police website on a quarterly basis in the last week of January, April, July and October, noting that offence count data is subject to revision as police investigations may not be finalised at the time the data is published.
- The crime statistics are reported based on the location the offence occurred.
- It must be noted that crime statistics may be influenced by a wide range of factors; including, but not limited to, population size, infrastructure (such as shopping centres and entertainment precincts), seasonal trends, and the extent to which crime is reported to or detected by police. Consideration should be given to factors influencing crime when interpreting statistics.

### Details

The trend data shows a significant increase in crime in Broome, Derby and Kununurra over the last three years.

Data indicates that the major offence across the Kimberley is Assault (Family), as is the case for regional WA. Other key offences include stealing, property damage, dwelling burglary and breaches of violence restraining orders. Broome has fraud and related offenses that are not seen in other towns, apart from Kununurra which is at a lower percentage. The key difference between the Kimberley and the regional statistics relates to graffiti and drug offences.

As reported by the ABC, the statistics reveal family violence in the Kimberley has escalated in the past two months. While arson and burglary were down, police recorded a surge in family violence in

December. Officers recorded 453 family assaults in the final month of 2023. Instances of threatening behaviour and property damage rose, and breaches of restraining orders also hit a year high.

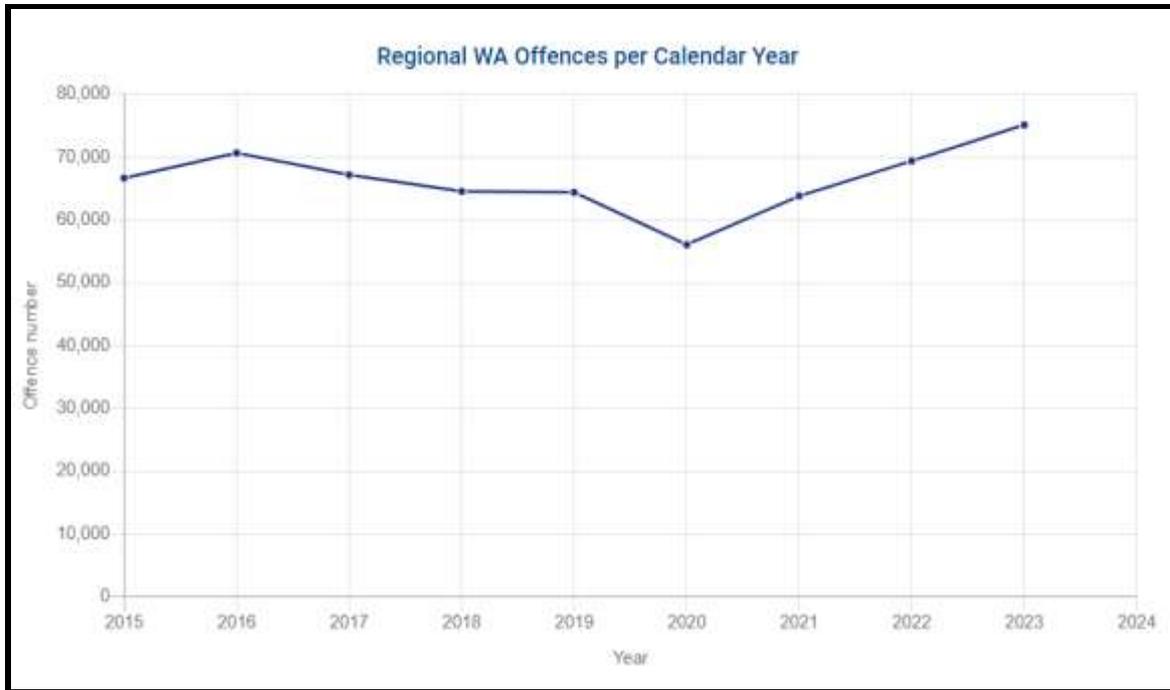
## Risk

- **Reputational:** Advocacy may not be credible if not informed by an evidence base.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
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Resolution/s		Action(s)	
<p><b>That Members note the regional crime statistics as presented.</b></p>			
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	<b>Responsible:</b>	
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Broome	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Carried:</b>	<b>4/0</b>		

Attachment 17 2023 crime data for Kimberley towns and WA regional trend data

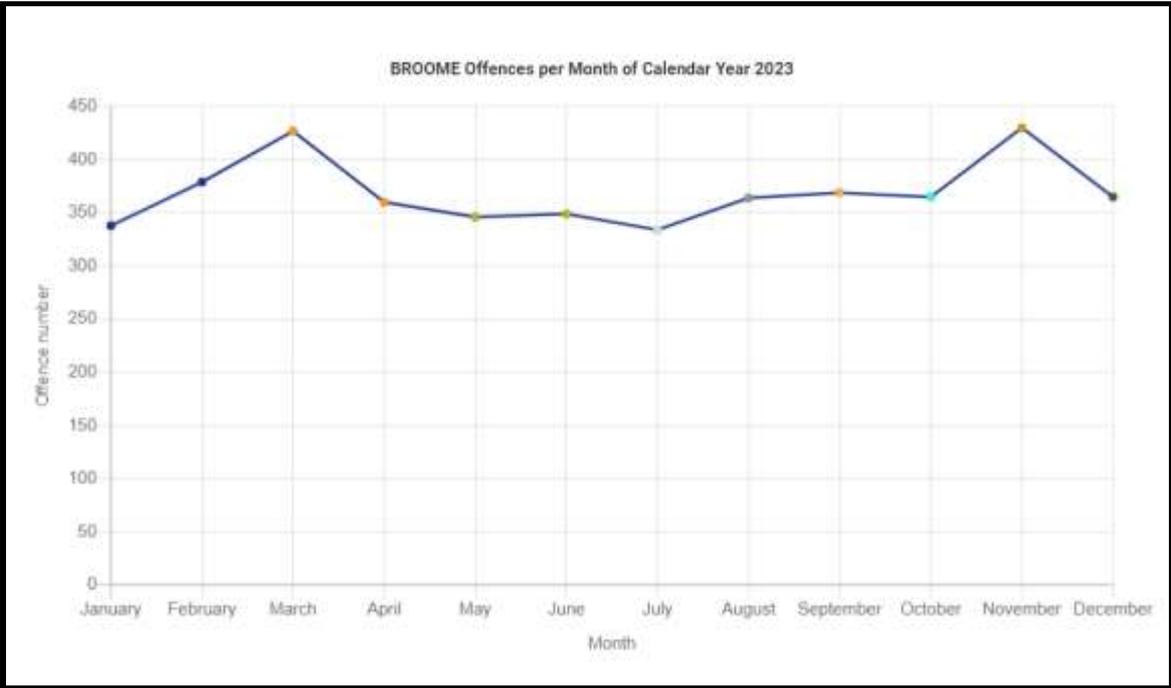
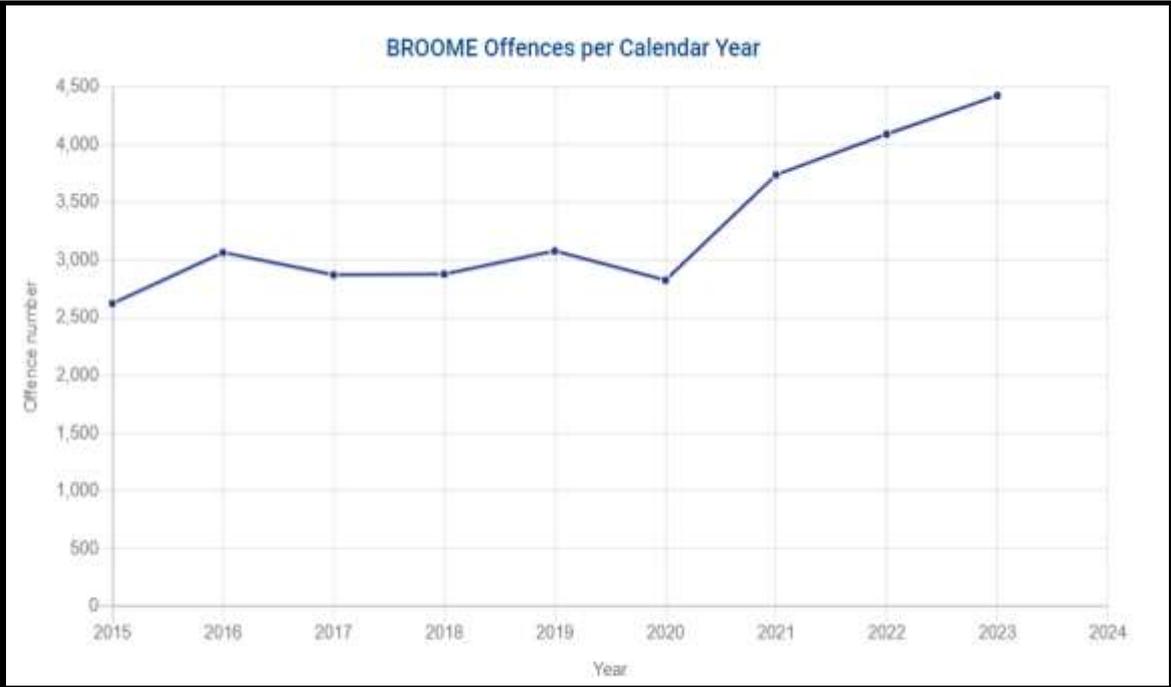
**WA REGIONAL CRIME STATISTICS**



**Regional crime statistics by offence 2023**

Type of Offence	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Homicide		1	3			2	1	2	8	5	2	2
Sexual Offences	175	178	144	142	179	125	147	168	138	122	152	111
Assault (Family)	1,136	1,036	1,142	1,091	1,040	956	1,038	1,114	1,132	1,105	1,238	1,390
Assault (Non-Family)	448	408	472	426	457	390	391	444	473	478	443	540
Threatening Behaviour (Family)	253	239	249	243	261	263	259	250	298	294	297	381
Threatening Behaviour (Non-Family)	101	141	153	121	148	124	113	137	153	182	163	158
Deprivation of Liberty	4	5	9	3	4	12	1	6	16	7	15	6
Robbery	30	19	23	24	20	21	18	20	22	17	27	15
Dwelling Burglary	473	403	385	391	402	329	259	276	293	345	345	343
Non-Dwelling Burglary	250	250	221	226	186	170	116	152	207	227	242	193
Stealing of Motor Vehicle	204	173	180	189	160	129	113	148	137	172	162	151
Stealing	1,150	1,048	1,143	1,153	1,133	1,012	900	996	1,118	1,132	1,220	1,092
Property Damage	852	738	815	820	788	751	749	746	788	807	868	835
Arson	45	42	33	35	52	31	34	47	34	39	41	55
Drug Offences	604	702	667	717	780	603	765	857	608	543	547	671
Graffiti	35	42	59	36	55	32	31	29	22	30	41	39
Fraud & Related Offences	353	322	351	348	169	179	204	217	300	165	383	255
Breach of Violence Restraint Order	420	390	455	389	413	412	507	471	493	524	612	598
<b>Total of Selected Offences</b>	<b>6,535</b>	<b>6,147</b>	<b>6,504</b>	<b>6,354</b>	<b>6,247</b>	<b>5,541</b>	<b>5,646</b>	<b>6,080</b>	<b>6,240</b>	<b>6,194</b>	<b>6,798</b>	<b>6,835</b>

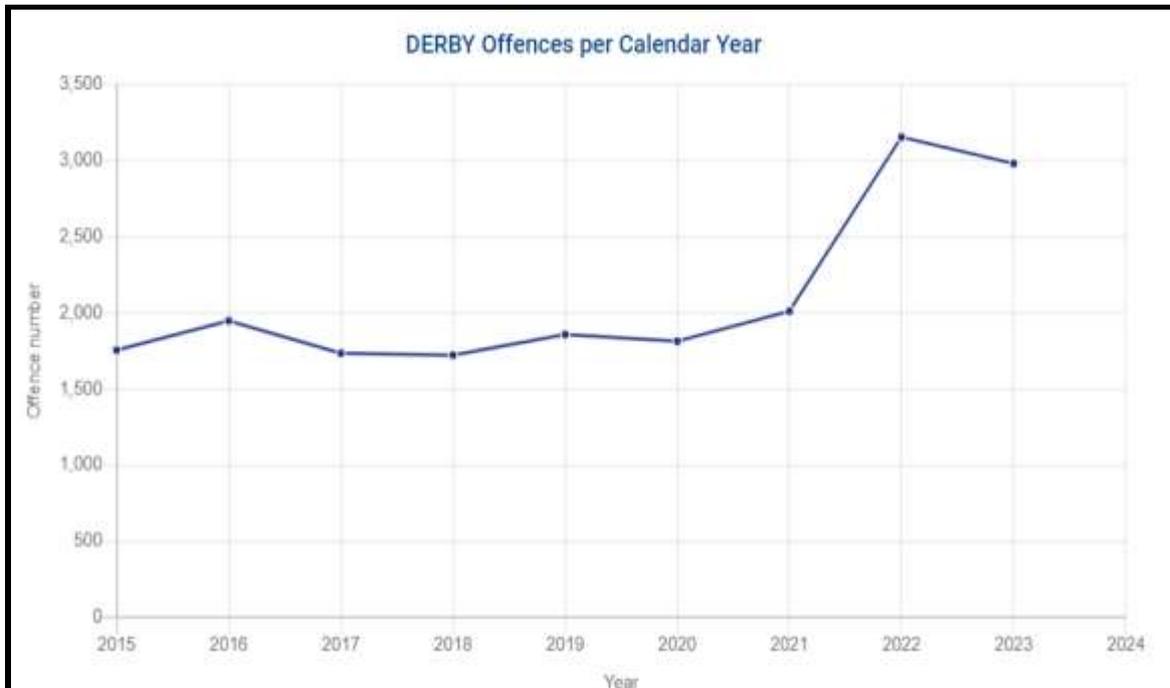
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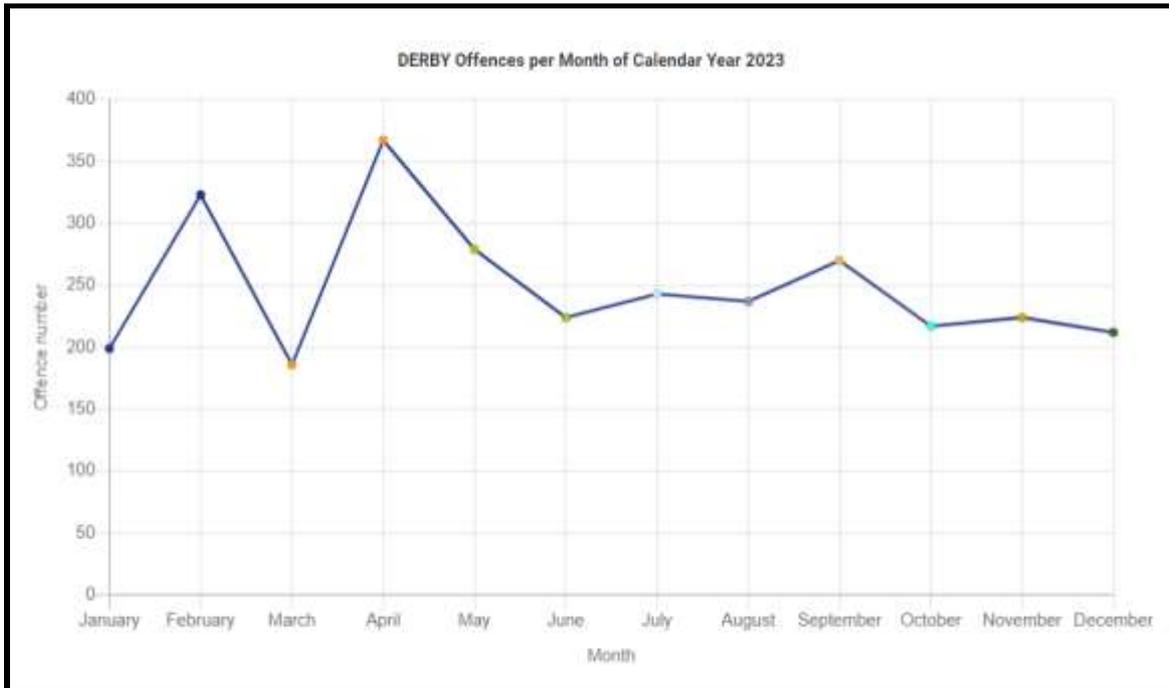


**Broome crime statistics by offence 2023**

Type of Offence	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual Offences	4	2	10	7	6	11	6	6	5	2	13	1
Assault (Family)	76	108	113	75	78	79	77	74	65	65	96	82
Assault (Non-Family)	32	30	32	20	35	20	26	32	28	32	30	30
Threatening Behaviour (Family)	24	34	25	24	26	32	30	10	20	23	30	17
Threatening Behaviour (Non-Family)	3	6	6	7	10	10	6	11	10	6	13	8
Deprivation of Liberty	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
Robbery	1	2	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	-
Dwelling Burglary	40	36	38	23	19	26	18	24	37	33	24	26
Non-Dwelling Burglary	25	22	17	17	16	14	6	16	15	10	18	22
Stealing of Motor Vehicle	7	10	20	9	8	6	3	7	9	9	10	8
Stealing	36	29	46	57	47	64	49	41	73	57	66	45
Property Damage	30	37	31	35	28	30	25	36	31	56	32	41
Arson	-	1	2	2	2	1	1	3	1	5	4	-
Drug Offences	11	24	13	33	34	20	29	46	16	32	18	27
Graffiti	1	1	1	2	3	-	1	1	2	-	-	3
Fraud & Related Offences	27	8	32	21	5	3	11	9	17	4	47	10
Breach of Violence Restraint Order	21	29	40	27	27	33	45	48	37	30	26	45
<b>Total of Selected Offences</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>365</b>

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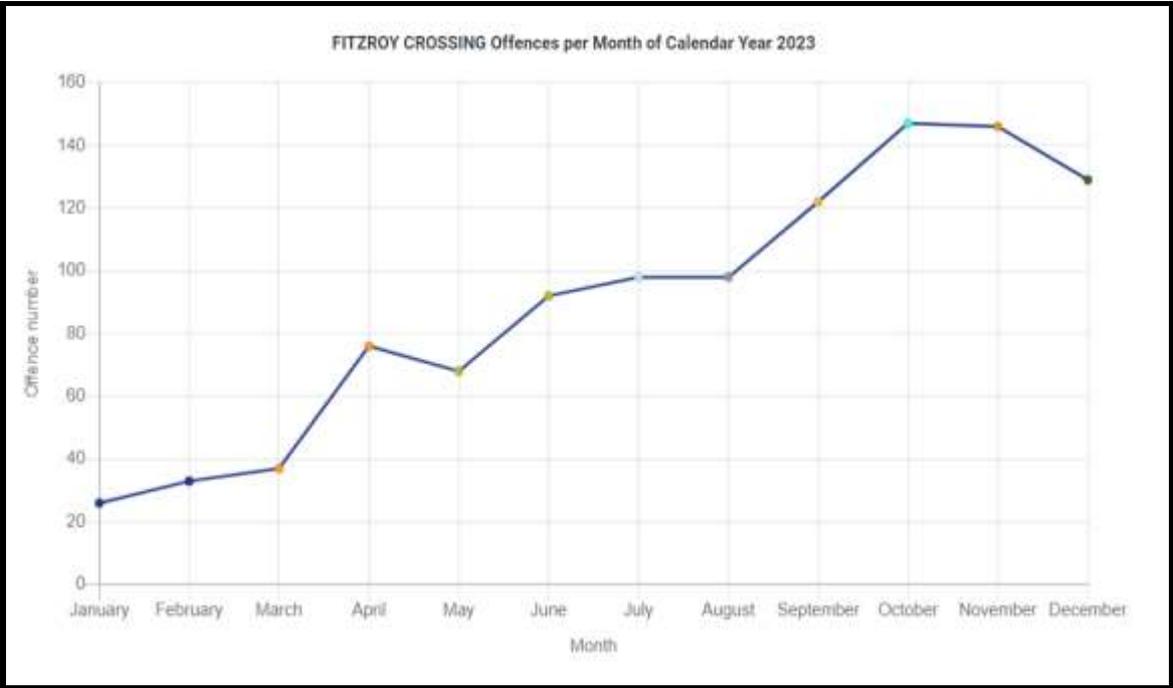
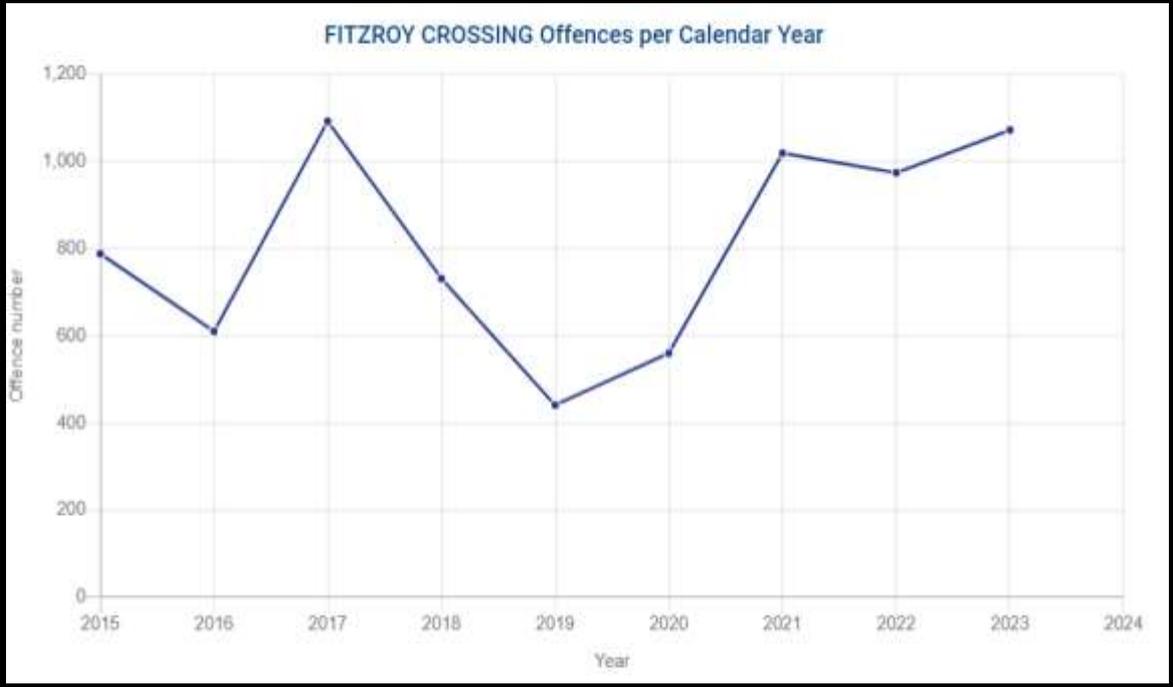




**Derby crime statistics by offence 2023**

Type of Offence	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual Offences	3	5	4	8	4	3	6	-	3	-	4	3
Assault (Family)	47	53	59	95	78	61	89	94	98	73	79	82
Assault (Non-Family)	17	8	18	27	20	15	25	8	15	15	15	15
Threatening Behaviour (Family)	30	29	17	28	32	26	18	20	27	19	19	23
Threatening Behaviour (Non-Family)	3	12	1	2	-	4	2	2	2	6	2	-
Deprivation of Liberty	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Robbery	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-
Dwelling Burglary	15	28	25	43	56	27	14	10	17	18	15	16
Non-Dwelling Burglary	6	13	1	5	6	7	3	6	8	7	4	5
Stealing of Motor Vehicle	7	3	5	10	5	4	14	6	9	7	2	4
Stealing	11	12	12	15	24	9	11	11	15	13	5	5
Property Damage	16	16	16	21	19	23	21	23	23	15	28	22
Arson	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
Drug Offences	20	120	9	79	5	8	7	19	14	10	14	-
Graffiti	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	3	-	2
Fraud & Related Offences	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	2	-	5	3
Breach of Violence Restraint Order	24	23	19	34	24	34	30	33	41	31	32	38
<b>Total of Selected Offences</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>212</b>

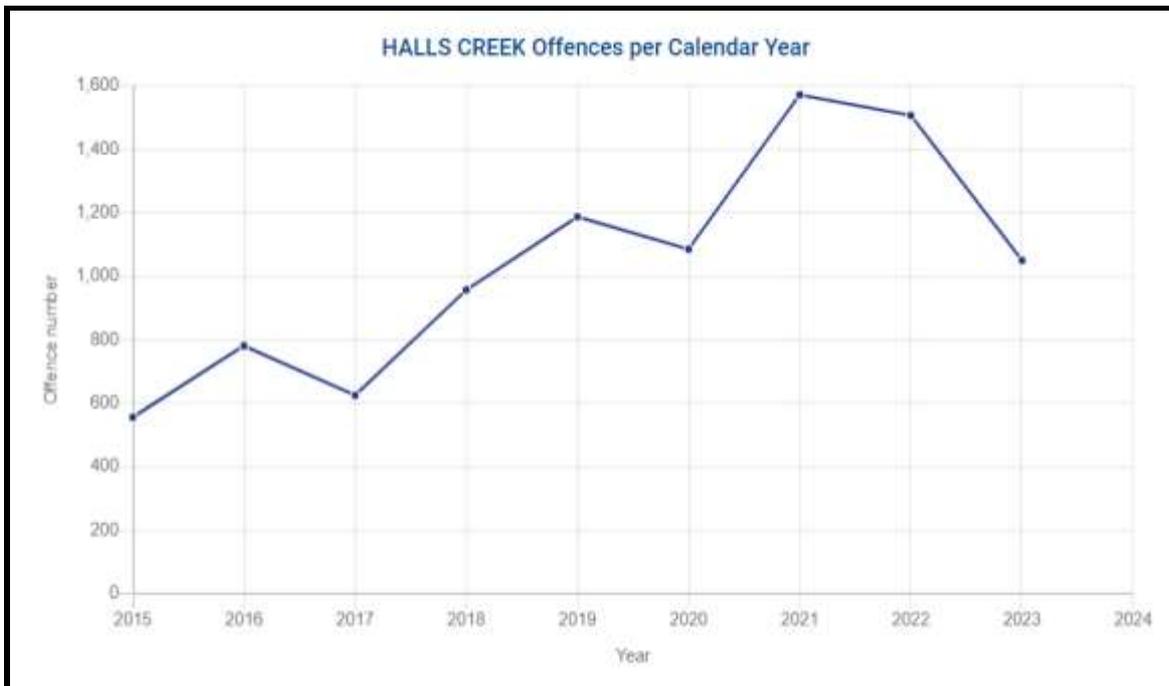
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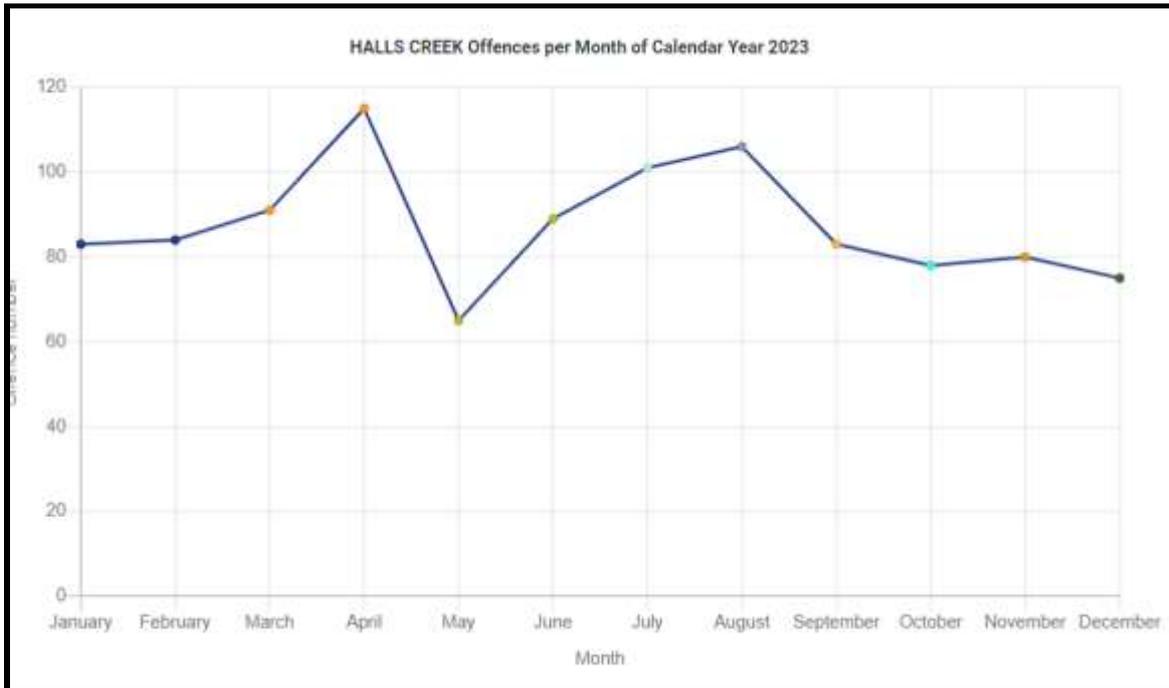


**Fitzroy Crossing crime statistics by offence 2023**

Type of Offence	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Sexual Offences	-	-	-	2	7	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
Assault (Family)	6	16	14	19	18	31	34	40	49	41	41	45
Assault (Non-Family)	1	1	2	4	4	19	12	8	10	9	15	18
Threatening Behaviour (Family)	3	3	2	9	6	8	11	7	11	15	8	18
Threatening Behaviour (Non-Family)	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	3	5	3	1
Deprivation of Liberty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Dwelling Burglary	3	1	-	9	6	3	5	9	4	9	14	3
Non-Dwelling Burglary	5	1	-	4	-	-	1	2	7	4	9	1
Stealing of Motor Vehicle	1	1	1	4	2	1	2	4	6	11	6	3
Stealing	2	1	4	6	3	10	2	5	1	14	6	4
Property Damage	4	2	5	8	11	17	16	8	12	14	25	19
Arson	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Drug Offences	-	-	4	-	2	-	5	4	1	3	4	3
Graffiti	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	1	1
Fraud & Related Offences	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Breach of Violence Restraint Order	1	5	4	9	8	2	6	9	15	20	13	12
<b>Total of Selected Offences</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>129</b>

**HALLS CREEK**

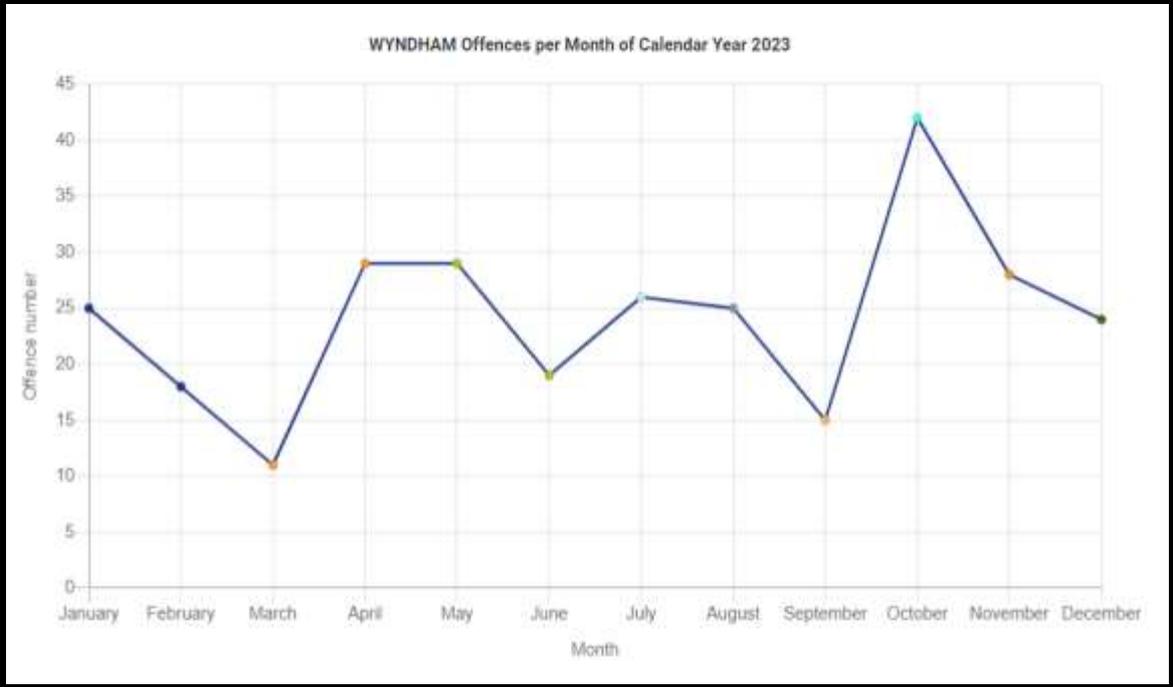
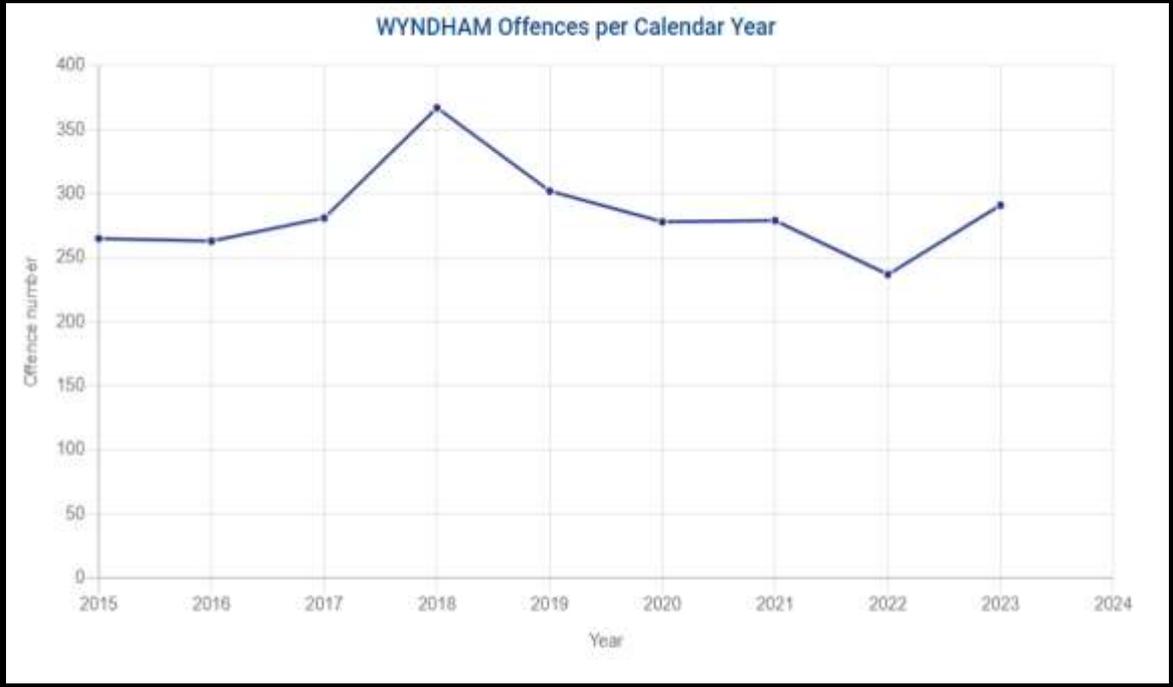




**Halls Creek crime statistics by offence 2023**

Type of Offence	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual Offences	-	1	2	-	2	3	2	2	2	1	2	-
Assault (Family)	20	21	18	25	22	27	24	23	22	30	28	35
Assault (Non-Family)	9	5	8	14	10	12	10	21	14	8	6	6
Threatening Behaviour (Family)	4	2	3	2	3	5	3	4	2	2	4	6
Threatening Behaviour (Non-Family)	1	1	2	-	1	4	2	-	2	2	2	1
Deprivation of Liberty	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
Robbery	-	1	1	2	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Dwelling Burglary	12	9	7	16	9	1	10	12	5	8	14	5
Non-Dwelling Burglary	9	7	6	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	2	2
Stealing of Motor Vehicle	4	4	7	4	-	-	5	1	2	4	-	-
Stealing	5	5	10	13	6	3	13	7	6	1	4	3
Property Damage	9	11	23	26	2	22	19	21	14	14	12	8
Arson	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	-	1
Drug Offences	1	1	-	-	2	3	5	6	2	1	1	2
Graffiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-
Fraud & Related Offences	-	12	3	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Breach of Violence Restraint Order	8	3	1	3	3	8	4	7	7	5	5	6
<b>Total of Selected Offences</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>75</b>

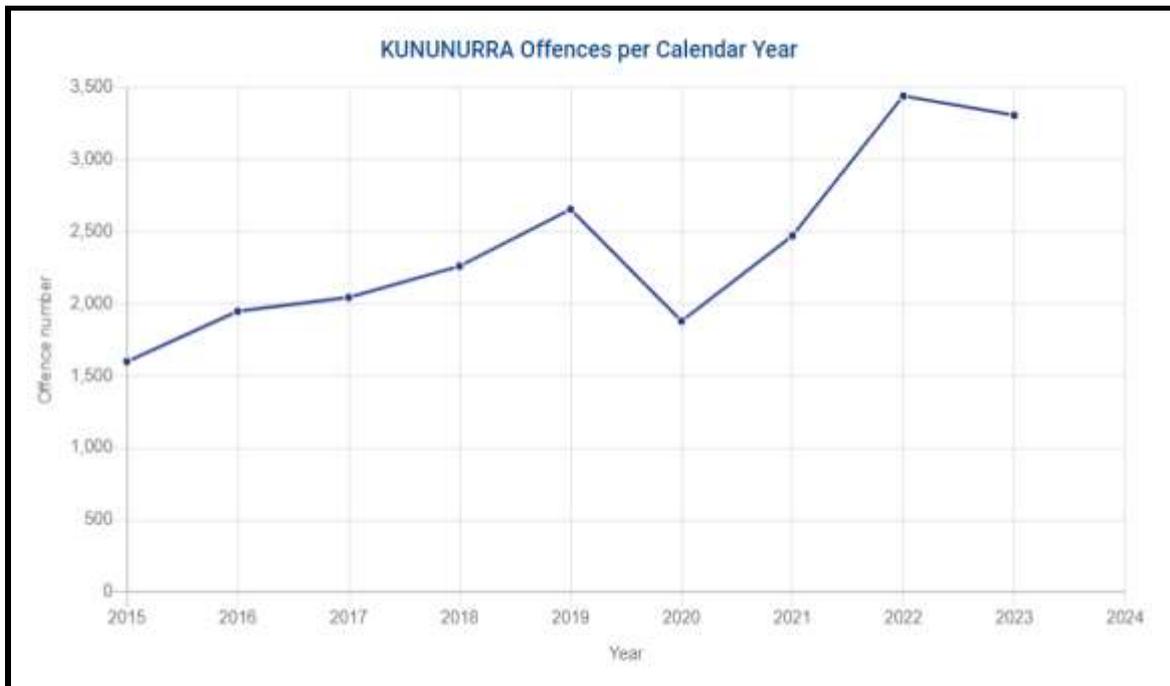
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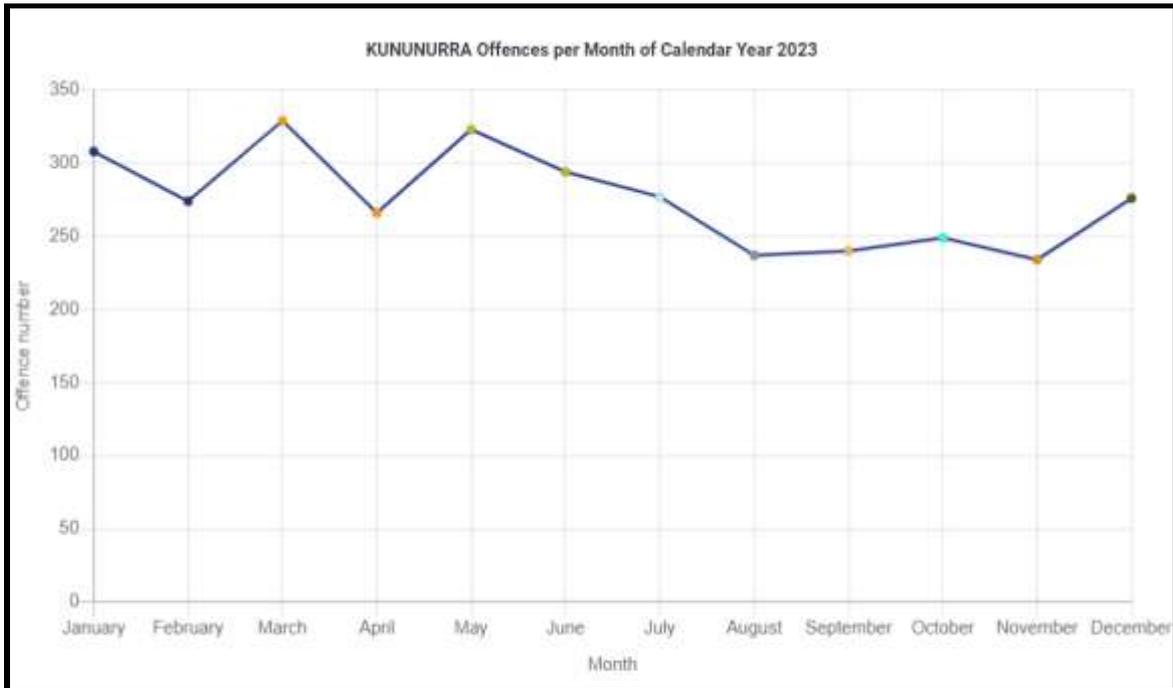


**Wyndham crime statistics by offence 2023**

Type of Offence	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual Offences	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Assault (Family)	6	6	6	5	9	6	6	8	4	13	9	4
Assault (Non-Family)	1	-	-	5	-	1	1	4	1	3	4	5
Threatening Behaviour (Family)	-	-	-	5	2	-	2	3	-	6	-	3
Threatening Behaviour (Non-Family)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	2
Deprivation of Liberty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dwelling Burglary	3	4	-	4	2	1	2	3	1	1	1	-
Non-Dwelling Burglary	6	-	1	-	2	-	1	2	-	4	1	-
Stealing of Motor Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
Stealing	2	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	2	1	1	-
Property Damage	3	4	2	4	9	4	5	2	4	3	6	3
Arson	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
Drug Offences	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Graffiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Fraud & Related Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Breach of Violence Restraint Order	3	4	2	2	4	3	4	1	1	5	4	6
<b>Total of Selected Offences</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>24</b>

**KUNUNURRA**





**Kununurra crime statistics by offence 2023**

Type of Offence	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual Offences	2	1	4	5	9	6	4	3	4	2	2	3
Assault (Family)	83	71	93	76	81	82	87	58	74	62	79	87
Assault (Non-Family)	14	19	29	22	40	18	22	22	13	18	19	23
Threatening Behaviour (Family)	17	17	13	11	10	11	16	10	19	17	22	17
Threatening Behaviour (Non-Family)	3	5	5	4	5	11	5	2	5	7	5	17
Deprivation of Liberty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	2	-	1
Dwelling Burglary	47	17	27	16	27	25	8	18	13	19	5	12
Non-Dwelling Burglary	10	4	6	10	6	4	5	7	7	12	3	11
Stealing of Motor Vehicle	8	11	14	17	18	7	7	10	5	16	4	5
Stealing	25	26	41	29	34	27	31	27	19	20	10	15
Property Damage	51	37	40	37	48	47	38	24	23	35	37	36
Arson	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	2	-	1	1	-
Drug Offences	2	9	16	4	7	14	13	18	6	2	11	16
Graffiti	2	2	1	4	1	8	1	4	1	3	10	8
Fraud & Related Offences	9	20	4	9	5	6	3	2	21	16	7	1
Breach of Violence Restraint Order	35	35	36	22	28	27	33	29	30	15	19	24
<b>Total of Selected Offences</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>276</b>

## 15. Kimberley Volunteer Resource Centre

### Item for Noting

**Submitted by: Executive Team**

**Attachment 18 Kimberley Zone and Kimberley Regional Group Volunteering Strategy 2020 (attached separately)**

### Purpose

To discuss how the Broome Circle Volunteer Resource Centre can best link with any Kimberley local government volunteering initiatives to enable them to leverage and to optimise state government funding to support and implement volunteering across the region.

### In summary

- The Kimberley Zone and Kimberley Regional Group developed the Volunteering Strategy 2020.
- The aim of this initiative is to establish a framework for Local Government involvement in volunteering services that guides a consistent, coordinated approach while allowing for the different operating contexts and delivery methods of each Shire in the Kimberley Zone.
- Page 2 of the Strategy provides the overview and key initiatives identified by each Shire to support local volunteering.
- The Strategy outlines initiatives to facilitate more integrated regional volunteering and collaboration and how this could be supported by Shires.
- Broome CIRCLE has operated the only Volunteer Resource Service (funded by the Department of Communities in the Kimberley since 2009
- Broome Circle have negotiated a significant increase in funding that will potentially include outreach support across the Kimberley shires.
- They are keen to learn how they can best link in with Kimberley local governments' volunteering initiatives to leverage and optimise state government funding to support and implement volunteering across the region.

### Background

As above

### Details

The localised initiatives outlined for each Shire in the strategy are:

- For Halls Creek, implement the Olabud Doogethu Project to build local community cohesion, capacity, leadership and infrastructure.
- For Derby, consolidate events and events volunteering.
- For Broome, expand the reach and scope of volunteering.

- For Fitzroy Crossing, explore and support more flexible volunteering opportunities.
- For Kununurra and Wyndham, improve the resourcing for volunteers.

## Risk

- Reputational – the Regional Development Minister is the Minister for Volunteering.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">                     People Place Prosperity Performance                 </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">                     Advocate    Facilitate Partner        Fund Promote       Monitor                 </div>		
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
<p><b>That the KRG note the Regional Volunteering Strategy 2020.</b></p>		<p>Members to take strategy to their individual council meetings for endorsement and to report back to Executive Officer to action a whole of KRG endorsement.</p>	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	<b>Responsible:</b>	Members
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Halls Creek	<b>Due date:</b>	As appropriate
<b>Carried:</b>	<b>4/0</b>		

## 16. Executive Officer Report

### Item for Noting

Submitted by: Executive Officer

Attachment 19: EO Report January 2024

### Purpose

To update the KRG on the Executive Officer services provided for the period January 2024 inclusive.

### Background

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

### Details

As in included attachment.

### Risk

Nil

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
People Place Prosperity <b>Performance</b>	<b>Advocate</b> Partner <b>Promote</b>	<b>Facilitate</b> Fund <b>Monitor</b>	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
<b>That the Executive Officers Report be received and endorsed</b>		As per Outstanding Actions	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Broome	<b>Responsible:</b>	
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Halls Creek	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Carried:</b>	4/0		

Attachment 19: EO Report – January 2024
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## Project Work / Activity

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

Project / Activity	Status	Item
Administrative Matters and Meetings	Ongoing	-
Website and social media	LinkedIn posts continuing	-
State and Federal Government Election Strategy	Implementing Strategy	9
Strategic Planning	Implementation of the KRG Prioritized Action List	12
Housing Advocacy Strategy	Implementing Strategy	
Kimberley Housing Roundtable	For decision	8
General Stakeholder Engagement	Ongoing – see Stakeholder list	16
Benchmarking	Preparation of material	-

## Stakeholders

Stakeholders	Purpose
Office of the Premier	KRG meeting
Office of the Minister for Local Government and Youth	KRG meeting
Office of the Minister for Police' Corrective Services; Racing and Gaming; Defence Industry; Veterans Issues	KRG meeting
Office of the Minister for Regional Development	KRG meeting
Office of the Minister for Emergency Services	KRG meeting
Sybille Rodgers, Strategy Officer Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries	KRG meeting agenda with the Minister for Local Government
Michele Pucci, Director People and Place, KDC	Housing advocacy strategy, Kimberley priority projects
Chuck Berger, CEO KDC	Election Strategy, priority projects
Janine Hatch, Director, RDA Kimberley	Housing advocacy strategy Putting Halls Creek on the Office of Northern Australia Map
Dean Haynes - Assistant Director – Engagement, Office of Northern Australia Partnerships and Projects Division	Putting Halls Creek on the Office of Northern Australia Map
KRG members	Investment Prospectus, banned drinkers register updates, finance and budget
Sarah Crawford - Journalist - The Kimberley Echo	Overview of KRG and current priorities
Mike Rowe, Director General Department of Communities	KRG Update
Amy Noon, Ethan Redshaw, Leah Horton - Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries	Local government, legislative update, benchmarking tool, FAG
KRG Secretariat	Agenda items, advocacy discussions, finance administrative matters

## Time Allocation September 2022 – January 2024

Total 2-Yearly Contract: 1,728 Hours: Monthly from 8<sup>th</sup> of the month to 7<sup>th</sup> of the next month

	Paul Rosair		Michelle Mackenzie		Jane Lewis		Support	
	Contract	Actual	Contract	Actual	Contract	Actual	Contract	Actual
Sept 22	32	34	20	18	23	29	4	2
Oct 22	32	22	20	8	23	24	4	1
Nov 22	32	40	20	36	23	28	4	0
Dec 22	15	12.5	10	26.25	10	1.5	2	0
Jan 23	15	19	10	11	10	36	2	0
Feb 23	32	15.5	20	9	23	25.5	4	0
Mar 23	32	34	20	9.25	23	14.5	4	0
Apr 23	32	19	20	9.5	23	24	4	0
May 23	32	35	20	23.5	23	18.5	4	0
June 23	32	37.5	20	21.25	23	27	4	0
July 23	32	46	20	14.25	23	45	4	0
Aug 23	32	54.5	20	35	23	58	4	6
Sept 23	29	34.5	22	21.25	26	13	4	0
Oct 23	29	30	22	27.5	26	25	4	8
Nov 23	29	26	22	14.75	26	41.5	4	4
Dec 23	15	18	11	12.50	14	6.5	2	10
Jan 24	15	12	11	12	14	5	2	13.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>489.5</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>44.5</b>
<b>OVERALL</b>		<b>CONTRACT: 1191 ACTUALS: 1265</b>						

Note: as can be seen from the hours above, there has been a lot of time invested in determining the KRG strategic agenda, getting a prospectus in place, organising the governance documents, producing policy papers, writing submissions, organising and attending external meetings as well as the general running of the KRG and Zone meetings. With 63 hours over budgeted time, the Executive Team have now laid the foundations for future work, which will entail some core hours, and some hours that will be deemed as project work outside of core hours. It is hoped that the members acknowledge that some project work (whether completed by NAJA as extra work or by an external supplier) cannot be accommodated within budgeted Executive Officer hours.

## 17. General Business

Item	Responsible	Comments /Actions Arising
Canberra Visit 2024	Vernon Lawrence	To be discussed
Benchmarking	Executive Team	RCAWA have approved the use of the template and emails have been sent out to the CEO'S requesting a contact.
Guests / representatives to be invited to the Zone or KRG meetings in 2024		Executive Team requested by CEO group to bring this topic up for discussion. Who the members would like to have reports from on a regular basis at the Zone meetings. Currently: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WALGA</li> <li>• Regional Development Australia</li> <li>• Kimberley Development Commission</li> <li>• Australia's Northwest</li> <li>• DLGSCI</li> <li>• Roads – position currently vacant</li> </ul>
Tanami Road Activation Plan		See Election Strategy Item
Review of Financial Assistance Grant (FAG)	Vernon Lawrence	SWEK is running a procurement process and has issued a RFQ
Community Safety and Crime Prevention Investment Package	Vernon Lawrence	SWEK is running a procurement process and has issued a RFQ

Attachment 20 2024 Meeting dates

CEO Ringaround	In Person Meetings	Zoom meetings	State Council
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Month	Meeting	Date	Time	Location	Notes
February	CEO Ringaround	9/2/24	8.30am – 9.00am	Zoom	
	Dinner	15/2/24	6.30-9.30pm	Perth - TBD	Parliament sitting 13-15 Meetings to be organised
	Kimberley Zone	16/2/24	9-10.30am		
	KRG		10.30am-12.30pm		
March	State Council meeting	6/3/24	-	WALGA	
April	CEO Ringaround	12/4/24	8.30am – 9.00am	Zoom	
	Kimberley Zone	19/4/24	1-2.30pm	Zoom	
	KRG		2.30am-4.30pm		
May	State Council meeting	1/5/24	-	North Metropolitan Zone	

CEO Ringaround	In Person Meetings	Zoom meetings	State Council
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Month	Meeting	Date	Time	Location	Notes
June	CEO Ringaround	13/6/24	8.30am – 9.00am	Zoom	
	KRG	20/6/24	9-10.30am	City of Vincent	
	Kimberley Zone		10.30am-12.00		
June	Government Forum	20/6/24	12 – 2pm	City of Vincent	
	Dinner		6.30-9.30pm	Le Vivant or similar	
July	State Council meeting	3/7/24	-	WALGA	
August	CEO Ringaround	8/8/24	8.30am – 9.00am	Zoom	
	Kimberley Zone	15/8/24	1pm - 2.30am	Zoom	
	KRG		2.30pm – 4.30pm		
September	State Council meeting	5-6/9/24	-	South West Country Zone	

CEO Ringaround	In Person Meetings	Zoom meetings	State Council
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Month	Meeting	Date	Time	Location	Notes
October	CEO Ringaround	3/10/24	8.30am - 9.00am	Zoom	
	KRG	10/10/24	9am - 5pm	Shire of Halls Creek	Travel
			9 - 11.00am		Strategic Planning
			11.30-3pm		Meeting and lunch
			3-5pm		Tour
			6-10pm		Dinner
			9am - 5pm		Travel
November	Kimberley Zone	15/11/24	1-3.30pm	Zoom	
December	State Council meeting	4/12/24	-	WALGA	

**Meeting Closure: 12:28pm**