

**COUNCILLOR O'Connell**  
**REPORT - MEETINGS / FUNCTIONS ATTENDED**

- *18<sup>th</sup> February*      *NCRC meeting*
- *23<sup>rd</sup> February*      *CEACA meeting - Kellerberrin*
- *26<sup>th</sup> February*      *WNE SRRG ZOOM meeting*
- *3<sup>rd</sup> March*              *Council Audit Exit meeting (Skype)*
- *3<sup>rd</sup> March*              *NCDG Committee meeting*
- *8<sup>th</sup> March*              *WBN RRG meeting - Northam*
- *8<sup>th</sup> March*              *Council Audit meeting (ZOOM)*

**NUNGARIN COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE MEETING**

I acted as Councils representative (proxy) as our Delegate Cr deLacy was unable to attend.  
Discussion included:

1. 2021 NCRC Events: this Committee is being very active and involved and many new ideas are being put forward.
2. Building Update: very positive re our Chief Executive Officer's contact with the NCRC Co-Ordinator.
3. Financially the NCRC continues to do well. Having the three separate businesses continues to work well.
4. Policy Reviews

**CENTRAL EAST AGED CARE ALLIANCE MEETING**

I attended this meeting. Apologies were put in for our Chief Executive Officer.  
Discussion at this meeting included:

1. Chief Executive Officer update
2. Action Items
3. Operational report
4. Pindan defects
5. Appointment of new CEO
6. Amendment to Constitution
7. Full year forecast to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021
8. Tenants
9. Website update: applications will be able to complete application form online
10. Maintenance Work in progress, work completed, building defects
11. Rate Exemption update

**NOTE:**

It had been announced that CEACA won the Innovations for Supply Award at the Shelter WA Awards 2020 held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

Affordable Living Options: This collaboration by eleven local governments, the State and local communities led to 71 affordable living units being built across the Eastern Wheatbelt providing housing options for people on low incomes enabling older people to stay in their local communities and remain connected.

**WHEATBELT NORTH-EAST SUB REGIONAL ROAD GROUP - ZOOM**

I attended this meeting as Council Delegate and Chair of the Group. Our Chief Executive Officer was also in attendance.

Business discussed included:

1. Funding Recoup Items: I am delighted to report than Nungarin had recouped all their 2020/21 Road Program funding. This is the first time since I have represented Council on this group that we had completed this program and recouped so early. Congratulations to all involved.

The average un-recouped funding for our group was 37% - the second lowest in our RRG

2. Alteration to Shire of Mt Marshall 2020/21 Road Program – they completed their program and had underspent. They put in a request to re-allocate the under-spend. This was agreed to by Delegates in an Out-of-Session request. It will be taken to the WNE RRG meeting for endorsement.
3. WNE SRRG Response to the Review of Guidelines & Criteria for Identifying Significant Local Government Roads Document. Discussed at last SRRG meeting.

#### **COUNCIL AUDIT EXIT MEETING**

I attended this meeting by Skype. Unfortunately, due to circumstances explained to me by our Chief Executive Officer afterwards, I missed the beginning of the meeting due to its early commencement.

I felt this process was an improvement as it involved the whole of Council.

#### **NUNGARIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP MEETING**

I had put my apologies in as I was going to be in Perth receiving treatment. However the meeting was cancelled as they could not get a quorum.

The Executive of the Nungarin Community and Men's Shed had been invited to a meeting before the Monthly meeting. However, they were unable to attend so this meeting to discuss the future of the building and the Solder Memorial Project has been delayed again.

#### **WHEATBELT NORTH REGIONAL ROAD GROUP**

I attended this meeting as the Delegate for our SRRG and as Deputy Chair of the RRG. Our Chief Executive Officer attended as an Observer. This was encouraging and proved to be of benefit later in the meeting.

##### **Discussion included:**

1. Internal reports:
  - a) Direct Grants, Road Projects, Black Spots, Commodity Route and State Initiatives funding.
  - b) 2021/2022 WGN RRG Road Project Funding
  - c) 2021/2022 Federal and State Spot
  - d) State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement
2. External Presentations, Reports and State Advisory Committee (SAC) minutes
  - a) Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network: this had a surprise in it for us and Shire of Mukinbudin – and our Chief Executive Officer. Another \$100million has been received from the Federal Government. This has caused the Project to move forward more quickly than anticipated. We thought Nungarin and Mukinbudin roads would not come up before 2023-24 at the very earliest. It was indicated that it will be 2022-23. I spoke to our Chief Executive Officer and recommended that he contact Garrick Yandle (PTD) to get an overview of the Project and information re our part in it. I could have given the overview but felt Garrick would be able to give a more complete and quicker overview. I did indicate to Leonard my thoughts re Nungarin North Road in particular, and also Danberrin Road, especially as it is being brought forward.
  - b) State Advisory Committee
  - c) State Black Spot Programme Review
  - d) WALGA Regional Road Group Review
  - e) WALGA RoadWise report
  - f) DWER
3. Endorsement of matters arising from SRRG meetings

4. Local Government Roles & Responsibilities – Bridges: this came up at our SRRG meeting and hopefully our SRRG won't be continually requested to fill the forms in – we don't have any bridges.
5. Report on Severe Weather Event Estimates & Claims – WANDRRA (replaced 01/11/18) by DFRAWA (Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements).

**COUNCIL AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING**

I attended this meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS / EVENTS: (that I attend as a Council Delegate)

Rural Water Council meeting	Merredin	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March (attending ZOOM)
NCDG meeting	Nungarin	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April
LHAG meeting	Kununoppin Hospital	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April
WNE SRRG	Zoom meeting	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
CEACA meeting	Kellerberrin	end April
RRG meeting	Northam	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July

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