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

- 26<sup>th</sup> January Australia Day Celebrations
- 2<sup>nd</sup> February NCDG meeting
- 7<sup>th</sup> February WNE SRRG meeting @ Mukinbudin Shire

## AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

I attended. There was a great crowd (between 60 to 70 people). Congratulations to all involved in organizing the Event. Special thanks to Vanessa for her great success in once again gaining funding.

## NUNGARIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP MEETING

I attended as Councils Representative. Seven Committee members attended. We had our meeting outside on the path. Two vehicles drove fast and dangerously several times. Apparently this is a continuous problem – especially late at night <u>Discussion included:</u>

- 1. Café: Eileen to contact Shire re information for running Café and Markets the Hall for the Markets
- 2. Mangowine sheep dip
- 3. Projects for 2022: working with Tidy Town Committee contact Shire re helping to upgrade Cemetery looking very 'tired'.

## WHEATBELT NORTH REGIONAL ROAD GROUP

I attended this meeting via Teleconference. Our Chief Executive Officer attended as an Observer. The meeting was held for the election of the WBN RRG Chair, Deputy Chair and other positions as required by the four Delegates.

RRG Chair:Cr Wayne Gibson, Shire of Dandaragan (re-elected)RRG Deputy Chair:Cr Eileen O'Connell (re-elected)

9<sup>th</sup> November: An out of session endorsement was agreed to as a Motion from the Kellerberrin Sub Group was not included in the WBN RRG Agenda.

## WHEATBELT NORTH-EAST SUB REGIONAL ROAD GROUP

I attended as Councils Representative and Chair of the Group. Our Works Manager also attended.

Business included:

1. Funding Recoup Items: a) review of Direct Grant Funding - claims

b) All projects re claiming first 40% of approved project funds

c) Road Project Funding – estimated completion dates

Average unrecouped Funding for our SRRG -47%. This is better that previous years but needs to be lower for this time of the financial year.

The 3 other SRRG in our RRG are worse but this seems to be due to Secondary Freight Route projects.

 Endorsement of Revised 2022/23 Yr Road Program: Our previous Program was \$484,759 under-allocated – approximate 7% increase in funding from this current financial year. All Shires except for one had provided their revised MCA's. The changes were endorsed.

Alteration to Shire of Wyalkatchem's Current Program: this was endorsed.

3. Reallocation of funding for Shire of Wyalkatchem's 20/21 Program: this had been endorsed out of session and was ratified at this meeting.

- 4. Revised Project Information Summary Sheet
- 5. DFES Total Fire Ban Effect on Roadworks: this had been there since 2019 but with no consultation, no-one seems to have realized the ramifications. Cr Karin Day from Shire of Westonia suggested it needed to go to the GECZ meeting, and contacted WALGA to alert them. It will be discussed at the Zone meeting. Our SRRG is also going to follow up.
- 6. Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network (WSFN) presentation: This was given by Rod Munns our Group secretary. As well as giving an overview, he also discussed concerns that he and others have.

Our RRG Chair Cr Wayne Gibson has been in contact with Rod. I am contacting Cr Gibson to see how our SRRG can support him and Rod is going to give points to ask when the WSFN report is given at the RRG. This is something that needs sorting out quickly as both Nungarin and Mukinbudin are involved in Stage 2 which needs \$50milion but at this point, due to over runs in Stage 1, only \$30million is available.

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

Health Advisory Group meeting WN RRG meeting NCDG meeting Rural Water Council AGM WNE SRRG meeting Kununoppin Northam Nungarin Zoom? Zoom Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April

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