

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

- *18<sup>th</sup> March*            *Rural Water Council AGM/General meeting - ZOOM*
- *1<sup>st</sup> April*              *LG Gov. Grants Commission Public Hearing – TEAMS*
- *4<sup>th</sup> April*              *WNE SRRG meeting - ZOOM*
- *6<sup>th</sup> April*              *NCDG meeting @ Nungarin*
- *12<sup>th</sup> April*             *Rick Wilson MP meet & Greet – Council Chambers*
- *Various Dates.*      *Roads meetings/Phone calls*

**RURAL WATER COUNCIL AGM/GENERAL MEETING**

I attended. Cr Coumbe gave his apologies.

**AGM:** Cr Tony Sache (Mt Marshall) was elected President. Cr Ross Chappell (election) was elected Deputy President.

Budget Adopted: Fees remained the same.

**General Meeting:**

1. **Business Arising:** a) Expanding Stakeholder Base  
d) Minyulo Brook/Dandaraga Spring

2. **Reports:** Water Corporation  
Department of Water & Environmental Regulation  
Wheatbelt Development Commission  
Regional Reports

3. **Members of Parliament:** Brief Comments

**LG GOV. GRANTS COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING**

I attended by the Microsoft Teams. It was informative and although I have attended numerous Grants Hearings I feel it was of benefit in attending. It was disappointing that more were unable to attend.

**WHEATBELT NORTH EAST SUB REGIONAL ROAD GROUP**

I chaired this meeting from the Council Chambers.. Our Works Manager also attended

A. Funding Recoup Items: All Councils indicated they were on target to complete their programs. Some concern re Wyalkatchem

B. Wyalkatchem: 2 funding reallocations endorsed

\$28,515 of unspent funding allocated to another project – agreed

C. I gave an update on the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network.

The meeting ceased due to 'timing out' as questions were being answered.

**NUNGARIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

I attended as Councils representative.

Items discussed included:

1. Correspondence from Community & Men's Shed
  - A) Rates: 2022-23 – NCDG will continue to pay Rates for the building
  - B) Insurance – NCDG will continue to pay the Building Insurance
  - C) Water – we agreed to support the NC&MS in the process of changing their classification from Commercial to 'Not-for Profit'.
  - D) Soldier's Memorial Project: noted correspondence. Secretary to send a copy to all members and to be discussed at May meeting.
2. Café: profit down at both March and April Markets. Looking at the necessary change for the sandwiches when the plastic containers can't be used – end of June.
3. Mangowine Sheep Dip: Council Representative to contact Shire Chief Executive Officer

**NOTES:**

1. **WHEATBELT SECONDARY FREIGHT NETWORK:** This is continually changing.
  - A) 28 submissions were received from Councils . This is considered a good response.
  - B) The Steering Committee had a meeting on the afternoon of the 4<sup>th</sup> April.

From that meeting it was decided that while the Governance Review is in progress, that as both Regional Road Groups were agreeing to changing the criteria for the Steering and Technical Committees, that this change will occur immediately.

Consequently, rather than calling a Zoom meeting today, a ‘flying minute’ was sent out. From this the Wheatbelt North Sub-Regional Road Groups representatives to the WSFN are: Delegate: Cr E. O’Connell  
Proxy: Cr Geoff Waters  
Technical: Representative: Rod Munns  
Glenn Brigg (Shire of Yilgarn)
  
2. I would like to congratulate all those involved in the changes at the Administration Office. It looks great – well done to Leonard and Rikki re the painting. Not a job I would have been putting my hand up for.

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

NCDG meeting	Nungarin	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
WNE SRRG meeting		Monday early July
Rural Water Council		Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July
WN RRG meeting	Northam	Monday late July

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