

COUNCILLOR O'Connell
REPORT - MEETINGS / FUNCTIONS ATTENDED

- 24th August *Shire Land Auctions*
- 25th August *WSFN TEAMS meeting*
- 30th August *WNE SRRG ZOOM meeting*
- 5th September *WBN RRG meeting @Northam*
- 7th September *NCDG meeting*

SHIRE LAND AUCTIONS

I attended both Land Auctions. Deputy President Cr Coumbe also attended. Lorraine and Vanessa from Administration were also present due to our Chief Executive Officer being unavailable. First Auction I have attended. Only one buyer for each property but both reached the Minimum/Market price. I feel both buys will be an advantage to our community.

WHEATBELT SECONDARY FREIGHT NETWORK (TEAMS)

I attended this meeting as Delegate for WNE SRRG.

Business included:

1. Interim Program Director: Been advertised since mid July. No application received and recruitment ongoing.
Leith Collins engaged to PD role on an interim basis.
SC to continue to look for a permanent PD
2. Look at Scope with additional points being added
3. Steering Committee to receive monthly updates and any additional that can be sent through to the SC.

WHEATBELT NORTH-EAST SUB REGIONAL ROAD GROUP (ZOOM)

I attended this meeting with our Chief Executive Officer, Works Manager and Rod Munns in our Council Chambers. Some technical issues occurred, especially when the Internet dropped out, but was quickly solved.

General Business:

1. E-mails received from Ms Alli Hunt included:
WSFN - Final Draft Governance Plan:
WSFN Governance Plan Review Comments July 2022
Operational Guideline 1
Operational Guideline 20
Discussion followed. Questions raised included:
 - a) Technical Committee: will be reviewing MCA Tool re prioritizing Funding in the future
 - b) 10.2.6: re non-majority vote result being cumbersome. Chair advised SC had already discussed and gave reasons
 - c) 11.2.3: non-LGA TC members not able to vote. Chair advised TC only gives recommendations to SC. Chair also voiced disappointment that only two members (Nungarin & Koorda) responded re vote. (14/8)
 - d) Attachment 1 (2nd Table) – Concern over the ‘dates related to the Budget Process’ Point 1
2. WSFN Project Status
3. WSFN: Acquittal of REDS Grant & LG Funding
4. Extraordinary Road Construction Costs: Rod gave an update to recent responses to LG RFQs for Bitumen Surfacing and Stabilisation/Wetmixing Services showing higher than expected cost rates.
5. 2023-2024 Year Road Program Status: SRRG meeting to accept

WHEATBELT NORTH REGIONAL ROAD GROUP

I attended with our Works Manager.

All usual reports were given.

Business included:

1. Status of Sub-Groups as at 30th June 2022
North East Sub Group were the only Group who's Overall Status was 100% claimed
2. 2022-23 WBN RRG Project funding. Additional funding (2%)
3. Bus sign specifications
4. Wheatbelt Vegetation Bank Project

NUNGARIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Unfortunately I was unable to attend.

NOTES:

1. WSNF: Have dealt with numerous 'flying minutes' and phone calls.

FUTURE MEETINGS / EVENTS:

(that I attend as a Council Delegate)

WNE SRRG meeting	Zoom	Friday 23 rd September
NCDG AGM	Nungarin	Wednesday 5 th October
WN RRG meeting	Northam	Monday 20 th February 2023
LG Convention	Crown Perth	3 rd & 4 th October
Rural Water Council	Toodyay	Friday 21 st October

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