

COUNCILLOR O'Connell
REPORT - MEETINGS / FUNCTIONS ATTENDED

- 21st October RWC meeting – Toodyay/TEAMS
- 21st October Community Quiz night: Joint Shire/CWA Sponsored
- 28th October Paul Cosson – Retirement send off
- 2nd November NCDG meeting
- 7th November WSFN meeting at Northam/TEAMS
- 8th November Lorraine Seward – send off morning tea
- 11th November Remembrance Day at Nungarin
- 11th November LHAG meeting

RURAL WATER COUNCIL MEETING

I attended the meeting by ZOOM. Cr Coumbe was an apology. After considering the Agenda and taking into account the distance I decided to attend via ZOOM. However due to technique issues eventually I attended via phone.

Business Arising from previous minutes:

1. Expanding stakeholder base
2. Recognition of Water Issues Specific to the Western Wheatbelt
3. Meeting with the Minister for Water: *Next meeting date to be adjusted to when the Minister can attend. Members requested to provide matters that they wish to discuss with the Minister for Water. Details are also to be provided.*

Reports:

1. Water Corporation
2. Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Report
3. Regional Reports

Business:

1. Western Wheatbelt
2. WaterSmart Farms: *Next meeting an update/presentation – larger overview as Minister will be there.*
3. Invitation to Bureau of Meteorology: *for the July 2023 meeting. Presentation on climate change and expectation that dry seasons will become more frequent and Future predictions.*
4. Impact of Mining on Water Availability: *information paper being put together by Cr Madacsi and to be circulated separately.*
5. Water Legislation Reform: *modernisation of water resources management legislation and consolidation of the six current Acts into one. Feedback given. More information available if wanted.*
6. On-Line Banking: *has been organized.*

COMMUNITY QUIZ NIGHT: JOINT SHIRE/CWA SPONSORED

Numbers were low but those who attended indicated they appreciated the support received from the Shire and CWA. Several who attended for the first time made very positive comments.

Thanks you to Cr Coumbe and Dayman for their continued support for this Event.

PAUL COSSON – RETIREMENT SEND OFF

I attended this function.

NUNGARIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP MEETING

As Chair, I cancelled this meeting as only three committee members were able to attend. Reports have been sent out to members.

With our Vice Chair Jim Taylor, I had a meeting with the Chair and Secretary of the Nungarin Community & Men's Shed to try and resolve the issues we have. The meeting was very productive and hopefully the problems will be resolved and both groups can work together.

With Tracy Scott (NCDG Secretary), discussion has started with the Tidy Town Committee on a joint Project.

WHEATBELT SECONDARY FREIGHT NETWORK MEETING AT NORTHAM/TEAMS

I attended this meeting as the Delegate for the North East Sub Regional Road Group.

It went for just over three hours. Plus a informal discussion afterwards.

I attended in person as TEAMS has not proved very successful.

Reports: following comments taken from the reports:

1. Future funding: Need to promote WSFN, meet with Senior people. Media releases.
2. Documents being reviewed and going to Tech Committee.
3. Templates being done. Main one being reporting template. = monthly reports re progress and Aboriginal participation.
4. Long range forecasting being looked at.

Program Director Position Endorsement:

John Nuttall was endorsed by the committee for this position. He will commence mid January.

Programme Report:

- a) Things that are approved aren't to be changed
- b) WSFN to help – LG to deliver
- c) Stimulus funding ending (Koorda). This was the initial funding to commence the Project.
- d) Website: were shown where it is at. Hoping to be available end of November-beginning of December. Will have plenty of information.
- e) Leith Collins (Program Director): engagement extended to end of January 2023
- f) Development Construction Timing: reviewing the timing of development funding
- g) All variations recommended by Technical Committee were approved
- h) Securing future funding:
- i) Linemarking: application to Main Roads to be exempt all WSFN projects from the criteria imposed to limit line marking in WA
- j) Main Roads Travel Map: won't put LG roads on
- k) Permit Assistance:

LORRAINE SEWARD – SEND OFF MORNING TEA

I attended with President deLacy, Deputy President Coumbe and Cr Dayman, our Chief Executive Officer and members of the staff.

REMEMBRANCE DAY AT NUNGARIN

I was requested to organize the program. Thank you to Crystal for her help.

LOCAL HEALTH ADVISORY GROUP

I was unable to attend as it was at the same time as our Remembrance Day Ceremony.

FUTURE MEETINGS / EVENTS:

(that I attend as a Council Delegate/Representative)

Shire meeting	Nungarin	Wednesday 7 th December
NCDG meeting	Nungarin	Wednesday 7 th December (7pm)
Rural Water Council	Northam	Friday March 2023
NE SRRG meeting	Mukinbudin	Monday early February
WN RRG Meeting	Northam	Monday Late February
WSFN meeting	Northam	Monday February

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