

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

- 16<sup>th</sup> June            *WSFN Zoom meeting – Teams*
- 20<sup>th</sup> June            *WSFN Steering Committee meeting - Teams*
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June            *Webinar: Trails & Local Government*
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June            *Darren West meeting @ Nungarin Council Chambers*
- 4<sup>th</sup> July                *WNE SRRG Zoom meeting*
- 6<sup>th</sup> July                *NCDG meeting @ Nungarin*
- 8<sup>th</sup> July                *RWC meeting @ Cunderdin/Zoom*

**WHEATBELT SECONDARY FREIGHT NETWORK**

A urgent Confidential Teams meeting for the Steering Committee was called. I attended.

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The Steering Committee was going to have a Teams meeting to discuss the proposal put forward by RDA re being 'Host'. This was cancelled as RDA withdrew their offer on the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup> June.

Three Shire Councils were interested and put forward proposals. Delegates voted by e-mail on their preference. Kellerberrin were the successful Council.

The Draft Governance Document was sent out to all member Shire Councils for further input and comment on the 4<sup>th</sup> July, and depending on what comes back as to whether we need to have another workshop

**WEBINAR: TRAILS & LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

I was unable to attend the Webinar as it clashed with the meeting with Darren West. However, I received all the information.

**MEETING WITH DARREN WEST**

I attended this meeting. Congratulations to our Chief Executive Officer on his Presentation.

**WHEATBELT NORTH EAST SUB REGIONAL ROAD GROUP**

I attended as Nungarin's Delegate and Chair of WNE SRRG. Our Chief Executive Officer and our Works Manager attended. The meeting went for less than an hour.

Business included:

1. All member councils have completed their 2021-22 Road Projects and recouped all funding. This was a great result. The final unrecouped percentage for the WN RRG is 15%. All other three SRRG's had some unrecouped.
2. Revisions to 2022-23 Road Programs: The Shire's of Mt Marshal, Nungarin, Yilgarn, and Trayning Programs changed.
3. Ratification of WN SRRG Representatives to WSFN Steering Committee and Technical Committee.
4. My Report as chair was discussed.
5. Works Managers & Grader Operation Replacement Issues
6. Road Upgrade Treatment Costs Vs Road Funding Levels

**NUNGARIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

Meeting was cancelled due to lack of Committee Members being able to attend.

**RURAL WATER COUNCIL MEETING**

I attended this meeting by Zoom. I initially was going to attend in Person but after seeing the Agenda I decided it would be better to attend by Zoom. I put in Deputy President Cr Coumbe's apologise as he was unable to attend.

Discussion included:

1. Expanding Stakeholder Base
2. Recognition of Water issues specific to the Western Wheatbelt
3. Energy and Power Outages
4. Reports from Water Corporation, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, and Region
5. Brief Comment from Steve Martin: Water Reform (reforms to aging water acts) – concern as to how this will affect farming communities.
6. Meeting with Minister for Water - hopefully early next year.

**NOTES:**

1. I have had numerous discussions with Cr Wayne Gibson in his role as RRG Chair and Chair of the WSFN
2. I have been in contact with Rod Munns regularly and we had a pre WNE SRRG Zoom meeting on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

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

NCDG meeting	Nungarin	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August
WSFN Steering Committee meeting	Northam	Monday Early August
WN RRG meeting	Northam	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> August
WNE SRRG meeting	Mukinbudin	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September
LG Convention	Crown Perth	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> October
Rural Water Council	Toodyay	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October

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