**COUNCILLOR O’Connell**

**REPORT - MEETINGS / FUNCTIONS ATTENDED**

* *21th July Rural Water Council Meeting: ZOOM*
* *2nd August NCDG meeting*
* *14th July Draft Budget Workshop/Special Meeting*
* *17th July SRRG meeting*

**Rural Water Council: ZOOM**

I attended, giving Deputy President Cr Coumbe’s apologies.

**Presentation**: Climate Change: Both speakers were from the WA Bureau of Meteorology

Speakers were Robert Lawry (WA Senior Hydrologist), and Vjeko Matric (BSC Customs Lead, Water Section). This was very interesting. They are sending the presentation to Robert who is sending it to all Delegates. I will forward on to Acting CEO who can send it out to all interested Councillors.

**Minister for Water meeting:** Minister McGurk is attending our October meeting Friday 13th 10am in Person. This meeting has taken nearly 18 months to organize due to available dates.

Any questions/issues Councillor/Councils wish to be discussed with the Minister need to send to Robert to be sent to the Ministers office.

It is hoped that Richard George (Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development) will be also able to attend to give an update on the WaterSmart Farms project including Smart Farms and other groundwater initiatives.

**Reports included:** Water Corporation, Department of Water & Environmental Regulation,

 Region Reports

 **Business Discussed:**

1. Impact of Mining on Water Authority
2. Water Resilience – Flood Mapping & Risk Management
3. Water Legislation Reform: Noted at April meeting that the process for the reform of Water Legislation is underway. Rural Water Council being active in the consultation period. The Department has noted that RWC are interested in a Briefing.

**Nungarin Community Development Group**

I attended this meeting a Councils Representative, and also Chair of the Group.

 Discussed:

1. Markets Café: going well with changes proving popular
2. Soldiers Memorial:
3. letter to be sent the Shire Council re placement.
4. Contact to be made with Maxine re the suitable wording to be on the Plaque.
5. Mural: NCDG committee agreed to have a mural on a wall of the building owned by the NCDG.
6. Mangowine Sheep dip: Positive comments by some tourists that have stopped there. Will be mowed again when needed.
7. Meetings: No meeting in September as members away.

 Next meeting: AGM – 4th October @ 7pm

**FUTURE MEETINGS / EVENTS:**

**(that I attend as a Council Delegate/Representative)**

LHAG meeting Kununoppin Friday 25th August

WSFN meeting Midland Friday 1st September

WN RRG Meeting Northam Monday 4th September

Rural Water Council meeting Cunderdin Friday 13th October



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