

COUNCILLOR O'Connell
REPORT - MEETINGS / FUNCTIONS ATTENDED

- 22nd August *SRRG ZOOM*
- 23rd August *Special Shire meeting*
- 25th August *LHAG meeting - CANCELLED*
- 1st September *WSFN Meeting*

WHEATBELT NORTH-EAST SUB REGIONAL ROAD GROUP

I attended from home. I chaired the meeting and our Acting Chief Executive Officer and Works Manager attended.

Discussion/decisions included:

1. Funding Recoup Items:
 - a) Review of Direct Grant Funding
 - b) A reminder to all Councils to claim first 40% of approved project funds
2. Trayning – request to alter 2023-24 Road Program. For the first time, the Group did not support the change to their program
3. Endorsement of 2024-25 SRFLGA Program

SPECIAL SHIRE MEETING

I attended this meeting for the Adoption of the 2023-24 Budget.

WHEATBELT SECONDARY FREIGHT ROUTE

I attended this meeting as the representative for North East SRRG at the new offices on Keane Street, Midland.

Discussions/Decisions included:

- Variations: involved four Shire Councils.
- Multi Criteria Analysis: Gravel Roads, KSI 2023, % w2eighting 2023.
- Basis of Design
- Employment of casual staff
- Steering Committee membership
- Contractor Price Rise
- Financial Overview
- Discussion Points: Escalation, Program Directors KPI,s

A Reminder that:

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.

FUTURE MEETINGS / EVENTS:

(that I attend as a Council Delegate/Representative)

WALGA Conference	Perth	18 th & 19 th September
LHAG meeting	Kununoppin	Friday 22 nd September
NCDG AGM	Nungarin	Wednesday 4 th October
Rural Water Council meeting	Cunderdin	Friday 13 th October
LHAG Meeting	Kununnoppin	Friday 24 th November

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