



THE
KIMBERLEY
REGIONAL GROUP

Meeting Minutes

24 August 2023

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1. Meeting Open: 8:45

Chair acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the different lands on which people met today, and paid respect to all the Elders past, present and emerging.

2. Attendance and Apologies

Name	Shire / Council / Organisation	Method
Members		
Cr David Menzel (Chair)	President, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	In person
Cr Geoff Haerewa	President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	In person
Cr Malcolm Edwards	President, Shire of Halls Creek	In person
Cr Desiree Male	President, Shire of Broome	In person
Observers		
Cr Chris Mitchell,	Deputy Shire President, Shire of Broome	In person
Sam Mastrolembo	CEO, Shire of Broome	In person
Peter McCumstie	Deputy President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Zoom
Amanda Dexter	CEO, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	In person
Phillip Cassell	CEO, Shire of Halls Creek	In person
Vernon Lawrence	CEO, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	In person
Executive Support Team		
Paul Rosair	Principal, NAJA Business Consulting Services	Zoom
Michelle Mackenzie	Principal, Mira Consulting	Zoom
Jane Lewis	Principal, Redit Research	Zoom
Apologies		
Cr Tony Chafer	Deputy Shire President, SWEK	
Nick Kearns	Director of Planning / Community SWEK	
Guests		
Grant Robinson	Assistant Auditor General	In person
Mala Hajjali	CEO West Kimberley Futures – Empowered Communities	Zoom
Christy Hawker	CEO Binarri-binyja Yarrwoo Aboriginal Corporation	Zoom

3. Disclosures, Conflicts and Declarations of Interest:

Financial Interest / Impartiality			
Member	Item Number	Item	Nature of Interest
Nil			

4. Minutes of the last meeting

Item for Decision

Submitted by: Secretariat

Attachment 1: Matters Arising and Outstanding Business

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Resolution/s		Action(s) / Budget Implications	
<p>That the Minutes of the Kimberley Regional Group held on 15 June 2023, as published and circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.</p>		<p>See Attachment 1 – Matters Arising and Outstanding Business</p>	
Moved:	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Responsible:	See Attachment
Seconded:	Shire of Broome	Due date:	As appropriate
Carried: 4 / 0			

Attachment 1 Matters Arising and Outstanding Business

Date / Item	Action / Progress	Responsible
Resilience and Recovery		
15/06/2023 Item 14	<p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Executive Team will seek to engage with the WALGA Working Group on behalf of the KRG 2. Members note that the KRG will make a written submission to the two inquiries taking into consideration the State Emergency Services Minister's advice 3. Members approve the drafting of a Emergency Services position paper <p>Status / Progress:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In progress: The Executive has sought information from WALGA on how local governments can have input into the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) Review. 2a. Complete: A submission to the Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding was lodged along with a case study from the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley directly to the Review team 2b. In Progress: The WA LEMA Review, progressed by the WA Local Government Association and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, has been presented to the State Emergency Management Committee for consideration. 3. In progress <p>See Item 9</p>	Executive Officer and CEO SDWK
KRG Website and Social Media		
15/06/2023 Item 17	<p>Action:</p> <p>The members provide feedback on the KRG website and Linked In pages by 29/06/2023 for potential go-live date on 1/07/2023</p> <p>Status / Progress:</p> <p>Complete: Website is live and is being updated regularly with LinkedIn Posts and submissions as appropriate. Linked In page is live.</p>	Executive Team

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Banned Drinkers Register		
15/6/2023	<p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the KRG writes to the Minister and the Opposition to support the progress of the Bill and to reinforce the KRG's policy positions. 2. Seeks clarification whether the banned drinkers register will be enforced in public bars 3. Shire of Broome to send a copy of their current restrictions to the Shire of Derby West Kimberley <p>Status / Progress:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete: Letters sent. See Correspondence Item 5 2. In Progress 3. In Progress: Broome to advise 	Executive Team
BBY and WKFEC invitation to present to KRG		
15/6/2023	<p>Action:</p> <p>That the KRG invites the CEOs of Binarri-binyja yarrowoo and West Kimberley Futures – Empowered Communities to present at Kimberley Regional Group meetings.</p> <p>Status / Progress:</p> <p>Complete: Emails sent, CEOs of BBY and WKFEC to attend meeting 24 August 2023</p>	Executive Team
Governance		
15/6/2023	<p>Action:</p> <p>Executive Team to simplify governance compliance papers.</p> <p>Status / Progress:</p> <p>In Progress</p>	Executive Team
Priority Action List		
15/6/2023	<p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. KRG members to provide any feedback to the Executive Team before 7/7/2023. 2. Executive Team allocates resources from contract hours to implement. 3. Executive Team scope out project costings for additional consultancy work as required 	Executive Team

Date / Item	Action / Progress	Responsible
	<p>Status / Progress:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete 2. Complete 3. In progress <p>See Item 8</p>	

Watching Brief

Aboriginal Heritage Act: Now pending Department updates on rescinded legislation
WA Development Index – response received from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.
Banned Drinkers Register – Bill progressing
State government funding to address juvenile crime in the Kimberley Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee is key to recommending funding partnerships with government for youth projects across the Kimberley. The KRG is an observer on this committee. Cr McCumstie to provide updates as appropriate
Tanami Road funding – Letter sent to Minister Catherine King on 28/05/23. No response as yet and this is being followed up by the Executive Team. The Executive Officer raised this matter with both the Minister for Emergency Services and Director General of Communities at his recent briefings.
Office of the Auditor General – Audit issues

Resolved

Media and Communications Policy and Stakeholder Engagement Plan
Letters of congratulations to new State Ministers
Audited statements circulated
KRG meeting dates set and circulated
Service Level Agreement
Policy Position Papers
Investment Prospectus
North West Defence Alliance (NWDA) Funding Request
Media Policy
Lord Mayors Distress Relief Funding
MOU finalised and signed
Insurance Costs relief as a result of flood impacts
Potential tourism opportunities for total eclipse events, provided by Kym Francesconi
Regional Road Group: Shire allocations

5. Correspondence

Item for Noting

Submitted by: Secretariat

Attachment 2: Correspondence In: Roger Cook MLA Premier WA

Attachment 3: Correspondence In: Appointment Secretary for David Michael, MLA

Attachment 4: Correspondence Out: Media Release: Tanami Road – Concerns re delays

Attachment 5: Correspondence Out: Jennifer Shelton, Executive Director Racing, Gaming and Liquor

Attachment 6: Correspondence Out: Hon. Reece Whitby MLA, Minister for Environment, Climate Action, Racing and Gaming

Attachment 7: Correspondence Out: Ms Divina D’Anna MLA, Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Tourism

Attachment 8: Correspondence Out: Hon. John Carey MLA, Minister for Planning; Lands; Housing; Homelessness

Attachment 9: Correspondence Out: Hon. David Michael MLA, Minister for Ports, Local Government; Road Safety; Minister assisting the Minister for Transport

Attachment 10: Correspondence Out: Hon. Rita Saffioti MLA, Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Tourism

Attachment 11: Correspondence Out: Hon. Roger Cook MLA, Premier

Note: Correspondence considered of an administrative nature, such as meeting invites etcetera, will not be tabled.

Correspondence In	
Date	3/07/2023
From	Hon. Roger Cook MLA, Premier WA
Topic	Thank you for congratulations letter
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Date	3/07/2023
From	Appointment Secretary for Hon. David Michael MLA, Premier WA
Topic	Thank you for congratulations letter
Attachment	3
Correspondence Out	
Date	24/06/2023
From	David Menzel
To	Media Release
Topic	Tanami Road – concerns re delays
Attachment	4

Correspondence Out	
Date	14/07/2023
From	Paul Rosair, Executive Officer KRG
To	Jennifer Shelton, Executive Director Racing, Gaming and Liquor
Topic	Proposed Banned Drinker Area - Kimberley
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Correspondence Out	
Date	14/07/2023
From	Paul Rosair, Executive Officer KRG
To	Hon. Reece Whitby MLA, Minister for Environment, Climate Action, Racing and Gaming
Topic	Proposed Banned Drinker Area - Kimberley
Attachment	6
Date	16/06/2023
From	Cr David Menzel, KRG Chair
To	Ms Divina D'Anna MLA, Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Tourism
Topic	Congratulations on your appointment
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Date	12/06/2023
From	Cr David Menzel, KRG Chair
To	Hon. John Carey MLA, Minister for Planning; Lands; Housing; Homelessness
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Resolution/s		Action(s) / Budget Implications	
That the Correspondence be received and noted, and that the Executive Officer be directed on a response, if required.		Nil	
Moved:	Shire of Broome	Responsible:	
Seconded:	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Due date:	
Carried 4 / 0			

Attachment 2 Correspondence In: Thank you for congratulations letter

From Roger Cook MLA; Premier WA 3/07/2023



Premier of Western Australia

Our Reference: 60-056827/MLU

Councillor David Menzel
Chair
Kimberley Regional Group
Michelle@mira-consulting.com.au

Dear Councillor Menzel *David,*

Thank you for your letter regarding my recent appointment as the 31st Premier of Western Australia.

I am proud and honoured to be leading a strong Labor Cabinet team and be in the position to continue to govern this wonderful State.

Our experienced team will continue to deliver on the positive and responsible platform Western Australians voted for in 2021.

I look forward to addressing the challenges ahead and will continue to work hard to ensure the future success of the State in the years to come.

Once again, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



ROGER COOK MLA
PREMIER

3 July 2023

Attachment 3 Correspondence Out: Media Release: Tanami Road – Concerns re delays

From Appointment Secretary, Hon. David Michael MLA 05/07/2023

Our Ref:83-00067

Good Morning Michelle

On behalf of the Hon David Michael MLA, Minister for Minister for Local Government, I would like to thank you for your letter of congratulations and request to meet.

The Minister would like to visit the Kimberley Region and arrange a meeting in the future when time allows.

Once again, thank you for your letter.

Kind Regards,

DEBORAH DAWSON Appointment Secretary

Office of the **Hon. David Michael MLA**
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Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport
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Attachment 4 Correspondence Out: Media Release: Tanami Road – Concerns re delays

From David Menzel, Chair KRG 24/06/2023

Concerns delays in Tanami Road sealing will impact on community resilience

The Kimberley Regional Group congratulates the State and Federal government on work to commence sealing the Western Australian section of Tanami Road but urges government to bring forward funding to deliver this critical project as a priority.

“It is terrific that the Australian and Western Australian governments have committed \$542.8 million to complete sealing of the 313-kilometre WA section of the road,” said Cr David Menzel, Chair of the Kimberley Regional Group. “However, we are concerned that this is scheduled to occur over the next ten years with the bulk of funding for works pushed out beyond 2025/26. This will significantly delay delivery of the project.”

“Sealing the Tanami is a priority for all four Kimberley Shires,” said Cr Malcom Edwards, President of the Shire of Halls Creek. “The Kimberley floods led to road closures between Broome and Derby, and the East and West Kimberley, showing how vulnerable our communities are with one sealed road connecting Kimberley towns with each other and to Perth.”

The Tanami Road is critical for supply chain resilience and reducing the impact of severe weather events across the Kimberley. A sealed road will be safer and more reliable for travellers. Also, it should lead to reduced freight costs and facilitate new employment and business growth in the region. “This project will provide significant employment and training opportunities for local communities, in particular for Aboriginal people and local businesses,” said Cr Menzel “There is no reason to delay project delivery.”

“Kimberley towns would not have run out of food, goods and services if the Tanami Road were sealed.” said Cr Edwards. “Sealing the road needs to be done as a priority so we have an alternative transport route into the region. We urge government not to delay delivery.”

About the Kimberley Regional Group

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Fast Facts

- The Tanami Road is 1,016 kilometres long and mostly unsealed.
- 300 kilometres of the 703-kilometre section of road in the Northern Territory has been sealed, with an additional 30 kilometres from Alice Springs due for completion mid-this year, and a further 90 kilometres due for completion during 2025.
- Funding to complete the sealing of the 313-kilometre WA section of the road has been pushed out in government budgets, which will lead to significant delays in project delivery.

Media Contact

Paul Rosair
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Attachment 5 Correspondence Out: Proposed Banned Drinker Area - Kimberley
From Paul Rosair Executive Officer KRG 14/07/2023



Jennifer Shelton
Executive Director
Racing, Gaming and Liquor

Via email – bdr@dlgsc.wa.gov.au

14th July 2023

Dear Ms Shelton

PROPOSED BANNED DRINKER AREA - KIMBERLEY

Thank you for your work to progress the introduction into State Parliament of the *Liquor Control Amendment (Banned Drinkers Register) Bill 2023* (the Bill) which will amend the *Liquor Control Act 1988* (the Act). The Kimberley Regional Group of local governments fully support the Kimberley region being established as a banned drinker area. Also, we are supportive that the banned drinker area boundaries can be amended in future by amending the regulations subject to the Minister consulting with the Commissioner of Police, relevant local government authorities and any other person the Minister considers appropriate. We would urge Aboriginal community-controlled organisations in the Kimberley being consulted as part of this amendment.

The Kimberley Regional Group presented a submission on the Consultation on Options to Strengthen the Banned Drinkers Register (BDR) Trial in November 2022. We highlighted that the BDR was ineffective as a harm minimisation tool with only 83 people are on the register in the Kimberley. We are pleased that key issues that we raised in our submission including the establishment of a legislative framework, mandating that all outlets in an area must participate, enabling protective orders to occur beyond licensed premises and including additional pathways to include relevant individuals on the BDR and a broader range of professionals who can seek to place someone on the BDR.

The KRG support creating an offence for supplying alcohol to people on the BDR, and that the offence applies to any other person who knowingly supplies packaged liquor to a banned drinker to address the issue of family and friends being coerced into buying liquor. However, we believe that the impact of this coercion on the individual, such as the fear of family and domestic violence or other forms of harm, must be considered when issuing a monetary penalty and/or BDO to this person. The focus must be on the person on the BDR, and unintended consequences on family members, in particular women and mothers, must be considered.

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Decisions on whether someone goes on the Kimberley BDR need to be made quickly and with local knowledge in order for the ban to be the most effective. We would recommend that there is a body similar to the Northern Territory's BDR Registrar and for that body to be established in the Kimberley. The KRG supports an urgent overhaul of the BDR to broaden the pathways for referral to a local oversight body that can make well considered and immediate decisions. This could be identical to, or based on, the Territory model. This local oversight body of the BDR must have appropriate community representation. Also similar to the Northern Territory Government, we recommend that there is monthly public report on the performance of the BDR.

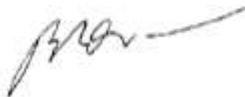
Alcohol related harm continues to have a devastating social and economic impact on many individuals, families and communities across the Kimberley. A stronger BDR provides a unique opportunity to engage in assertive health promotion activities and influence the behaviour and alcohol use. The BDR should be a pathway for therapeutic support rather than punishing people who have a drinking problem. This compassionate response, as opposed to punitive approach, is critical. A range of therapeutic support options must be in place to allow people who are placed on the Banned Drinker Register to get the help and support they need.

To complement the BDR there must be a prioritisation of a health-driven responses as part of alcohol and other drug policy. Also, more investment in preventive health measures that are locally driven and informed. The limited availability of treatment and support services in the Kimberley, the complexity of peoples' needs, and the stigma, prejudice and discrimination directed at those experiencing alcohol related harm must be considered too. We urge that a review us undertaken of the level of support services for alcohol dependency currently available in the Kimberley to inform new investment.

We note that a comprehensive evaluation of the BDR trial will be undertaken, starting in late 2023, to inform the future of the program prior to the amendments lapsing. The framework for this evaluation must be developed through a co-design process with Kimberley based services and their clients. Also, with local government. We would appreciate being engaged on the progress of the evaluation.

If you would like further information on our response, please contact me on 0419 930 467 or paul@naia.com.au.

Yours sincerely



Paul Rosair
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Attachment 6 Correspondence Out: Proposed Banned Drinker Area - Kimberley
From KRG Executive Officer 14/07/2023



The Hon Reece Whitby MLA
Minister for Environment; Climate Action; Racing and Gaming
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West Perth WA 6005

Via email – Minister.Whitby@dpc.wa.gov.au

14th July 2023

Dear Minister

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Congratulations on the introduction into State Parliament of the *Liquor Control Amendment (Banned Drinkers Register) Bill 2023* (the Bill) which will amend the *Liquor Control Act 1988* (the Act). The Kimberley Regional Group of local governments fully support the Kimberley region being established as a banned drinker area. We are supportive that the banned drinker area boundaries can be amended in future by amending the regulations subject to the Minister consulting with the Commissioner of Police, relevant local government authorities and any other person the Minister considers appropriate. We would urge Aboriginal community-controlled organisations in the Kimberley being consulted as part of this amendment.

The Kimberley Regional Group presented a submission on the BDR. A key concern was that it was ineffective as a harm minimisation tool with only 83 people are on the banned list in the Kimberley. We are pleased that key issues that we raised in our submission including the establishment of a legislative framework, mandating that all outlets in an area must participate, enabling protective orders to occur beyond licensed premises and including additional pathways to include relevant individuals on the BDR and a broader range of professionals who can seek to place someone on the BDR.

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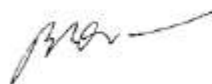
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Congratulations again on the Bill. If you would like further information on our response, please contact me on 0419 930 467 or paul@naja.com.au.

Yours sincerely



Paul Rosair
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Attachment 7 Correspondence Out: Congratulation on Appointment

From David Menzel: Chair KRG. 12/06/2023



Ms Divina D'Anna MLA
Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier;
Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Tourism
PO Box 3643
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Via email – Divina.DAnna@mp.wa.gov.au

16th of June 2023

Dear Divinia

Congratulations on your appointment

On behalf of the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) of Local Governments, congratulations on your appointment as Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Tourism. The four Kimberley Shires are delighted that you have been appointed to this important role.

As you are aware, the KRG can only achieve our vision to enhance the rich diversity and liveability of the Kimberley through strong partnerships with government, the community sector and local communities. Our partnership with government is a critical if we are to harness and to build on the economic development opportunities across the Kimberley region.

The Kimberley Regional Group looks forward to meeting with you to learn more about your new role and to discuss how we can work together to deliver great outcomes across the Kimberley region. Our executive team will be in touch to progress a time to meet.

Congratulations again on your appointment.

Your sincerely



Cr David Menzel
Chair
Kimberley Regional Group

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Attachment 8 Correspondence Out: Congratulation on Appointment

From David Menzel: Chair KRG. 12/06/2023



The Hon John Carey MLA
Minister for Planning; Lands; Housing; Homelessness
11th Floor Dumas House
2 Havelock Street
West Perth 6005

Via email – Minister.Carey@dpc.wa.gov.au

12th of June 2023

Dear Minister

Congratulations

On behalf of the Kimberley Regional Group of Local Governments, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Minister for Planning.

The Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) is an alliance of the four Shires in the Kimberley, being the Shires of Broome, Derby West-Kimberley, Halls Creek, and Wyndham East-Kimberley. Our vision is to maintain and enhance the rich diversity and liveability of the Kimberley for its people and the world. Collectively we support positive outcomes across our region through improved social and economic opportunities for all.

The KRG can only achieve our vision through strong partnerships. The WA Government is a key partner in driving our vision. This partnership and ensuring that we good social and affordable housing in our communities, is a critical if we are to harness and to build on the economic development opportunities across the Kimberley region.

The Kimberley Regional Group would welcome the opportunity to meet with you, to discuss your policy priorities and how we can work in partnership with your office to deliver great outcomes across the Kimberley region. Our executive team will be in touch to progress a time to meet.

Congratulations again on your appointment. We look forward to working with you.

Your sincerely



Cr David Menzel
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Attachment 9 Correspondence Out: Congratulation on Appointment

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The Hon David Michael MLA
Minister for Ports; Local Government; Road Safety; Minister assisting the Minister for Transport
7th Floor Dumas House
2 Havelock Street
West Perth 6005

Via email – Minister.Michael@dpc.wa.gov.au

12th of June 2023

Dear Minister

Congratulations on your appointment

On behalf of the Kimberley Regional Group of Local Governments, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Minister for Ports, Local Government and Road Safety.

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From David Menzel: Chair KRG. 12/06/2023



The Hon Rita Saffioti MLA
Treasurer
13th Floor Dumas House
2 Havelock Street
West Perth 6005

Via email – Minister.Saffioti@dpc.wa.gov.au

12th of June 2023

Dear Treasurer

Congratulations on your appointment

On behalf of the Kimberley Regional Group of Local Governments, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Treasurer of Western Australia.

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Your sincerely



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Attachment 11 Correspondence Out: Congratulation on Appointment

From David Menzel: Chair KRG. 12/06/2023



The Hon Roger Cook MLA
Premier
13th Floor Dumas House
2 Havelock Street
West Perth 6005

Via email – wa-government@dpc.wa.gov.au

12th of June 2023

Dear Premier

Congratulations

On behalf of the Kimberley Regional Group of Local Governments, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Premier of Western Australia.

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6. Financial Report

Item for Decision

Submitted by: Vernon Lawrence, KRG Secretariat and Felicity Heading

Attachment 12: Kimberley Regional Group Interim Financial Report to 30 June 2023

Purpose

To update the KRG members on the financial position of the Group.

Summary

This report presents the Kimberley Regional Group Interim Financial Activity Statement for the period ended 30 June 2023. The report recommends that the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) receives the Financial Activity Statement.

BACKGROUND

Previous Considerations

The KRG adopted its annual budget for the 2022/23 Financial year at the meeting on 13 April 2023. At this meeting a report relating to the finances for the financial year to 28 February 2023 was approved by the KRG. At the 15 June 2023 KRG Meeting the financial report for the period to 30 April 2023 was presented to the meeting for approval.

COMMENT

The Financial Activity Statement presents a current surplus position of \$217,476. Invoices for the 2022/23 financial year have been sent out to the members of the KRG of which two were received before the 30 June 2023 and one after 30 June 2023. One contribution is yet to be received.

Executive and Administrative consultancy invoices have been received to June 2023 and indicate that services will be delivered materially within budget at year end.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As at the 30 June 2022 the Kimberley Regional Group cash balance carried forward to the new financial year was \$289,435.

The Kimberley Regional Group budget was put forward to this meeting as a balanced budget with the opening cash balance of \$298,435. A budget was approved to raise \$185,700 and have the same amount of expenditure for a projected end cash balance for the 2022/23 financial year of \$298,435.

For the period ending 30 June 2023 Expenses of \$170,977 were paid against a year-to-date budget of \$185,700. The KRG has received \$90,000 in membership dues as the only income received against a year-to-date budget of \$185,700. The year-to-date actual budget deficit is \$80,977. Outstanding membership fees of \$90,000 is sufficient to cover this deficit and fund the remainder of the year's expenditure, of which \$45,000 was received shortly after the financial year end.

The total Kimberley Regional Group cash balance at 28 February 2023 is \$217,476 with an amount of receivables of \$90,000. Total funds due to the KRG amount to \$307,476.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Effective governance protocols and systems for business efficiency and improved services through collaboration

Secure funding for regional initiatives

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

Resolution/s		Action(s) / Budget Implications	
<p><i>That the Kimberley Regional Group notes:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. the Interim Financial Report to 30 June 2023;</i> <i>2. the \$80,977 year to date budget deficit;</i> <i>3. the \$90,000 in members contributions outstanding at the financial year end;</i> <i>4. the \$217,476 cash surplus position; and</i> <i>5. the total members interests of \$307,476 at 30 June 2023.</i> 		Nil	
Moved:	Shire of Broome	Responsible:	
Seconded:	Shire of Halls Creek	Due date:	
Carried: 4 / 0			

Attachment 12 Kimberley Regional Group Interim Financial Report to 30 June 2023

Kimberley Regional Group - Interim Financial Statement for the period ending 30 April 2023	Annual Budget	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date
Expenditure			
Kimberley Regional Group - Zone & RCG Meeting Expenses	12,000	12,000	4,907
Kimberley Regional Group - Annual Financial Audit	5,000	5,000	5,000
Kimberley Regional Group - IT Support	1,500	1,500	-
Kimberley Regional Group - Sundry Expenses	1,000	1,000	-
Kimberley Regional Group - Policy creation	-	-	4,278
Kimberley Regional Group - Website upgrade	4,000	4,000	921
Kimberley Regional Group - Executive Consultancy	116,200	116,200	110,319
Kimberley Regional Group - Executive Consultancy - reimbursable costs	6,000	6,000	5,553
Kimberley Regional Group - North West Defence Alliance	40,000	40,000	40,000
	<u>185,700</u>	<u>185,700</u>	<u>170,977</u>
Income			
Kimberley Regional Group - Reimbursement Zone & RCG Meetings Expenses - Op Inc -	3,000	- 3,000	-
Kimberley Regional Group - Members Contribution Secretariat Costs - Op Inc	- 180,000	- 180,000	- 90,000
Kimberley Regional Group - Interest on Reserve - Op Inc.	- 2,700	- 2,700	-
	<u>- 185,700</u>	<u>- 185,700</u>	<u>- 90,000</u>
Net Operating Result	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,977</u>
Opening Cash Balance	298,453	298,453	298,453
Closing Cash Balance	<u>298,453</u>	<u>298,453</u>	<u>217,476</u>
Outstanding contributions at year end			90,000

7. Formal Presentations

Submitted by: Executive Officer

Purpose

To receive presentations from key stakeholders.

Background:

In accordance with the priorities of the KRG, stakeholders have been secured to present and discuss relevant topics with the members.

Details:

Time	Name	Position	Topics for discussion
9:00 – 9:20	Grant Robinson	Assistant Auditor General	Auditing Fees and Processes
9.30 - 9.45	Christy Hawker	CEO Binarrri-binyja Yarrwooo Aboriginal Corporation	Current projects and opportunities for collaboration
9.45 - 10.00	Mala Hajiali	CEO West Kimberley Futures – Empowered Communities	Current projects and opportunities for collaboration

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications
People Place Prosperity Performance	Advocate Partner Promote	Facilitate Fund Monitor
Resolution/s		Action(s)
For information only		

8. Kimberley Regional Group Priority Action List

Item for Noting

Submitted by: Executive Team

Attachment 13: KRG Prioritised Action List

Purpose

To provide a status update on the progression of action items.

In summary

- In November 2022 the Kimberley Regional Group workshopped key priorities.
 - From this a Priority Action List for 2023/24 was developed and presented to the June 2023 meeting - members were asked to provide feedback to the Executive Team before 7/7/2023.
 - The Executive Team is allocating resources to drive actions, and scoping out project costings for additional consultancy work as required.
 - This paper presents a status update on the priority actions. Note this will be a standing item on the agenda.
 - It must be noted that the priority actions do not preclude other activities from occurring, in particular seizing opportunities as they arise.

Background:

- As above

Details:

- As above.

Risk:

- Operational - Without agreement on the priority work to be progressed by KRG members and the Executive Team opportunities may be missed

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<p>People Place Prosperity Performance</p>	<p>Advocate Partner Promote</p> <p>Facilitate Fund Monitor</p>	Additional consultancy money to progress some actions to be considered after a scope of works has been presented for endorsement	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
1. That the KRG notes the progress of the action items		Executive Team to continue working on priority actions and scope out projects for external consultancy work if appropriate	
Moved:	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Responsible:	Executive Team
Seconded:	Shire of Broome	Due date:	As appropriate
Carried:	4 / 0		

Attachment 13 KRG Prioritised Action List

Legend

Ongoing	Complete	On track	Warning	Behind
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Type of Activity	Actions	Status Update
Advocate	<p>Develop a stakeholder engagement and communications plan, and advocacy strategy, to drive the actions identified in the Housing Policy Position ie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State and federal social and affordable housing investment programs target the Kimberley. The DPLH support Shires to review housing needs in each town. Changes to Government Regional Officer Housing and Home Ownership Subsidy Scheme policies Government incentives for new supply Changes to finance lending practices for home purchase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data requested for Social housing status HSS / GROH policy updates SHERP Kimberley allocation <p>This data will inform advocacy strategy</p>
Advocate	Advocate for policy changes to the transfer of Crown land to freehold for the provision of housing, with savings allocated for headworks or other activities to facilitate development.	Adopted paper being updated
Facilitate and Partner	Develop strong relationships with NHFIC (National Housing Finance Investment Corporation), Development WA and the Department of Communities – invite CEOs to KRG meeting to discuss partnership opportunities.	NHFIC invited to October 2023 meeting
Advocate Facilitate	Update the KRG Investment Prospectus	Complete
Advocate	Develop White Paper with clear positions	Complete – Policy Positions Developed

Type of Activity	Actions	Status Update
Advocate	Develop a stakeholder engagement, communications and advocacy strategy in line with the Policy Positions.	Pending
Advocate Facilitate	Review the KRG land policy and strategy	Review underway
Monitor and Advocate	Develop a scope of works and commission research to understand the funding shortfall facing Kimberley Councils to inform an advocacy strategy for increased financial assistance from state and federal government.	Scope of works for consultant being prepared
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase support for mitigation measures, infrastructure replacement to be more resilient. Removal of the distinction between ordinary and additional costs in NDR payments. Streamlined contracting and procurement processes, surety to payments, and immediate access to NDR funds. 	Submission made to Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding Submission to Senate Inquiry being prepared EM policy position in development
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of mental health services. Expansion of family and domestic violence services. Expansion of Aged care services. Health facilities that are fit for purpose in Aboriginal communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data needed Opportunity to lead joint advocacy with NGOs
Facilitate and partner	Develop a collective a Kimberley Housing Investment Strategy and pitch that outlines what's been done to date and future opportunities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of priority projects Cost to deliver these homes and partnership opportunities. Funding strategy to implement identified projects. 	Project scope being progressed
Partner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a joint project to quantify shire expenditure on vandalism/property crime. Develop a Local Government community safety package for Ministers Winton, Carey and Papalia – ie Street lighting (LED), CCTV, infrastructure, policing, child centred – preventative services and wrap around services. 	Scope of work for consultant to be progressed
Advocate	Advocate for whole of family approach and wrap around services to be located in the Kimberley.	Ongoing advocacy
Advocate	Develop advocacy strategies to encourage economic diversification including; mining; tourism; agriculture; defence; creative Industries; small business; Indigenous business growth	Ongoing advocacy and engagement
Advocate	Advocate for MOG initiatives around better place based regional service delivery to be progressed.	Ongoing advocacy and engagement.
Monitor	Understand the level of subsidy Shires are providing for core government services.	Benchmarking exercise to be discussed with KRG

9. Natural Disaster Resilience and Recovery Inquiries

Item for Noting

Submitted by: Executive Team

Purpose:

To provide an update to members on current emergency management review processes and work being progressed by the KRG.

In summary

- Three Federal emergency management review processes are underway;
 1. Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding,¹ ;
 2. The Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) Review²; and
 3. A Senate Select Committee on Australia's Disaster Resilience.³
- A submission to the Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding was lodged along with a case study from the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley to the Review team
- The Executive has sought information from WALGA on how local governments can have input into the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) Review.
- The WA LEMA Review, progressed by the WA Local Government Association and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, is progressing.

Background:

Kimberley Shires consistently have raised concerns with Federal, State and local emergency management arrangements. These two inquiries provide an opportunity to again highlight the emergency management issues facing Kimberley Councils.

Details:

The following provides more details on each of these inquiries.

One - Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding

The Australian Government's [Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding](https://nema.gov.au/about-us/governance-and-reporting/reviews/Independent-Review-Disaster-Funding). Is considering how Commonwealth arrangements for disaster funding can be optimised to enable a system which supports wellbeing, national productivity, prosperity, and economic security and maintains state, territory and local government roles and responsibilities in the context of projected increase in natural disasters over the coming decades.

¹ <https://nema.gov.au/about-us/governance-and-reporting/reviews/Independent-Review-Disaster-Funding>.

² <https://nema.gov.au/about-us/governance-and-reporting/reviews/DRFA>.

³ https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Disaster_Resilience.

Andrew Colvin AO is the Independent Reviewer supported by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) Review Taskforce and a Deloitte Disaster Funding Review Team. A final report is expected to be provided to Government in April 2024.

Submissions closed on the 4th August. A KRG submission was lodged, along with a case study provided by the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley. An online survey closes on the 25th August which has been completed by the KRG. The KRG Executive Officer attended a briefing by the Deloitte’s review team and the following slides provide an overview of the review:

Introduction to the Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding

The Review will consider all Australian Government disaster funding to ensure its investment in risk reduction, resilience, recovery and response is effective and offers maximum benefit to Australian communities and the economy. The Review will explore:



Australia’s funding environment, in the context of the projected escalating costs of recovery due to the likely increase of natural disasters.



Areas of duplication, gaps and opportunities to streamline funding to align with leading practice.



Processes, protocols and guidelines (e.g., funding activations, evidence and eligibility criteria, audit requirements).

Session Objectives

- ✓ Understand your experiences with Commonwealth arrangements for funding disaster risk reduction, preparedness, response and recovery
- ✓ Identify potential areas of reform for the Commonwealth to uplift the current system and better support Local Government
- ✓ Explore options to embed resilience and risk reduction into response and recovery funding
- ✓ Explore options to streamline processes and promote confidence in the disaster management system

Other Parallel Review Processes

Recognising that many Australian communities have experienced the impacts of natural hazards over the past few years, the Australian Government is prioritising initiatives to ensure that disaster governance and funding arrangements are targeted and appropriate.



THE DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS REVIEW

The DRFA Review will ensure equitable access to support so Australians impacted by disasters are treated consistently and fairly; streamline processes so governments can respond quickly and appropriately to severe disasters; and encourage jurisdictions to build back better and generate greater investment in resilience during the recovery effort.



THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF NATIONAL NATURAL DISASTER GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

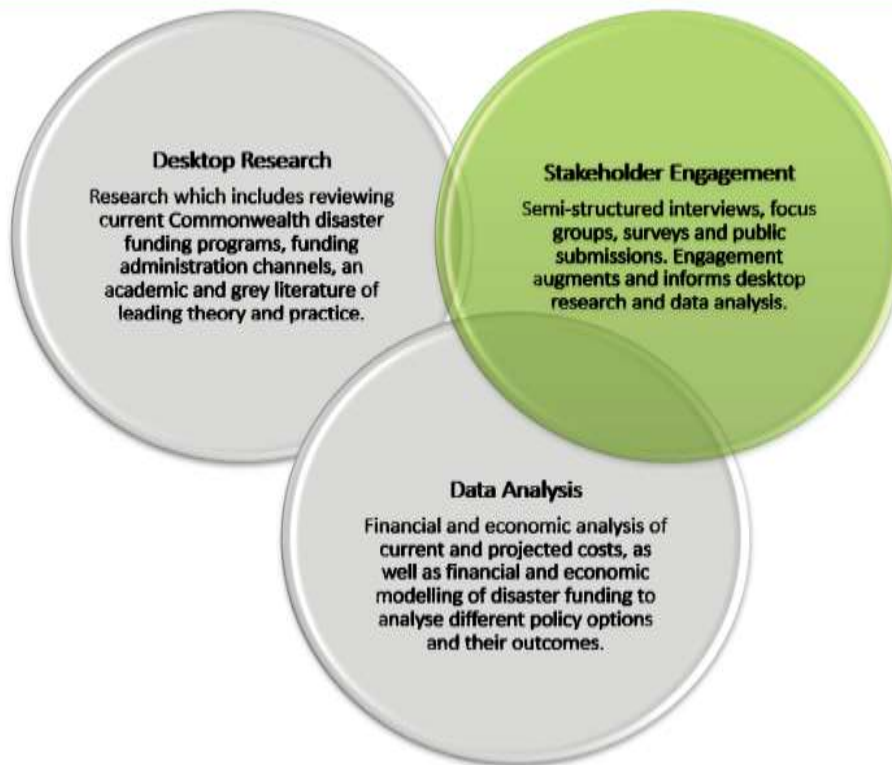
Will consider how all levels of government work together effectively in relation to emergency management. This will include how the government serves the current and future state of national natural disaster preparedness, adaption, response, recovery, resilience, and long-term policy requirements in Australia.



HOW IS THIS REVIEW DIFFERENT?

The DRFA Review and the Governance Review are separate but complementary to the Independent Review. Outcomes from the DRFA Review will feed into the overarching objective of the Independent Review. Each review will ultimately seek to improve outcomes across the prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery aspects for disaster-affected communities

Methodological approach



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The current state

-  Major disasters have become common due to climate change, with more severe and frequent compounding and cascading disaster events projected to occur across Australia, into the future.
-  Current funding arrangements are complex. The Australian Government currently provides significant and varied disaster funding support. Over 20 Australian Government agencies provide support.
-  Since FY2018-19 there has been a significant increase in Commonwealth funding. Recent reports have projected significant financial costs to manage the anticipated increase in natural disasters, estimating the cost to the Australian economy to be \$73 billion by 2060¹.
-  Disasters have deeply affected Australian communities and will continue to do so. Disasters have been found to increase rates of stress, depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, alcohol and substance abuse, aggression and violence, suicide, and exacerbation of other underlying mental health conditions.²
-  Natural disasters are becoming increasingly more destructive. Insurance claims for storms and floods between 2020-2022 cost \$12.3 billion to combat property damage. This impacted one in 25 adult Australians over this three year period.³

¹Deloitte Access Economics, Special report: Update to the economic costs of natural disasters in Australia (2021)

²Royal Commission, Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements Report (2020)

³Insurance Council of Australia, Three-year weather bill reaches \$12.3 billion (2020)

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1.1 Current roles and responsibilities

- What do you see as the current role of local government in disaster preparedness, risk reduction, response and recovery?
- How do the state and territory governments, the not-for-profit sector, private sector and the Commonwealth help or hinder you in doing your role?
- What capacity do you have to meet these roles and responsibilities?

1.2 Considering the future system

- What should the role of local governments be in disaster preparedness, risk reduction, response and recovery?
- How should the roles of state, territory, commonwealth governments, and the private and not-for-profit sectors work together?



Two - The Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)

The Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) Review is addressing recommendations by the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements aimed at ensuring Australians impacted by disasters are treated consistently and fairly, governments can respond quickly and appropriately, and communities are built back better.

The aim is to ensure the DRFA is fit-for-purpose, appropriately targeted and accessible in the context of more frequent and severe natural disasters. The Review will also consider how to build resilience during the recovery phase, including by empowering communities and encouraging investment in risk reduction and infrastructure betterment.

The Commonwealth are working collaboratively with each state and territory to improve the national disaster recovery funding arrangements.

Three - The Senate Select Committee on Australia's Disaster Resilience

This Committee, appointed by resolution of the Senate on 30 November 2022 is inquiring into Australia's preparedness, response and recovery workforce models, as well as alternative models to disaster recovery. The committee will consider the role of the Australian Defence Force, volunteer groups, not-for-profit organisations and state-based services, and the support required to improve Australia's resilience and response to natural disasters. The Chair of the Committee is Senator Jacqui Lambi. The Hon. Linda Reynolds, Senator for WA, is a committee member.

The Committee held hearings across the Kimberley in May 2023 with good representation from the Kimberley Regional Group with all four Shires appearing at the hearings. The committee is currently accepting submissions on a rolling basis with no specific closing date.

Risk:

Reputational - if key issues facing Kimberley communities are not submitted to these inquiries

Financial – An opportunity cost to prosecute the case for increased and more timely investment into emergency management in Kimberley.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
People Place Prosperity Performance	Advocate Partner Promote	Facilitate Fund Monitor	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
That the KRG note the information in this paper.		Nil	
Moved:	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	Responsible:	Executive Officer
Seconded:	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Due date:	As required
Carried:	4 / 0		

10. Kimberley Crime Statistics

Item for Noting

Submitted by: Submitted by: Secretariat

Attachment 14: Monthly Crime Statistic Trend data for 2022/23 for each Kimberley Town and Annual Crime Statistic Trend Data for Regional WA

Purpose:

To provide regional crime trend data to inform advocacy.

In summary

- The KRG Priority Action Plan lists community safety and crime prevention and juvenile just as a priority action area, with the presentation of regional crime statistics and trends at each KRG meeting.
- Trend data is presented for Kimberley towns for 2022/23, noting that this data was updated in July 2023
- Crime Statistics for Regional WA as a benchmark comparison. It must be noted that this presents annual from 2013/14, and the last column presents data for 2022/23.
- The Crime Statistics as presented are raw data. There is no whole of Kimberley statistics or analysis of them, for example offences as a percentage of the population or demographic characteristics.

Background:

- WA Police Crime statistics are updated onto the WA Police website on a quarterly basis in the last week of January, April, July and October, noting that offence count data is subject to revision as police investigations may not be finalised at the time the data is published.
- The crime statistics are reported based on the location the offence occurred.
- It must be noted that crime statistics may be influenced by a wide range of factors; including, but not limited to, population size, infrastructure (such as shopping centres and entertainment precincts), seasonal trends, and the extent to which crime is reported to or detected by police. Consideration should be given to factors influencing crime when interpreting statistics.

Details:

From the data the major offence across the Kimberley is Assault (Family). This is the case for regional WA. Other key offences are stealing, property damage, dwelling burglary and breaches of violence restraining orders. Broome has fraud and related offenses that are not seen in other towns, apart from Kununurra which is at a lower percentage. The key offences are mirrored in the crime statistics for regional WA. The key difference between the Kimberley and the regional statistics relates to graffiti and drug offences.

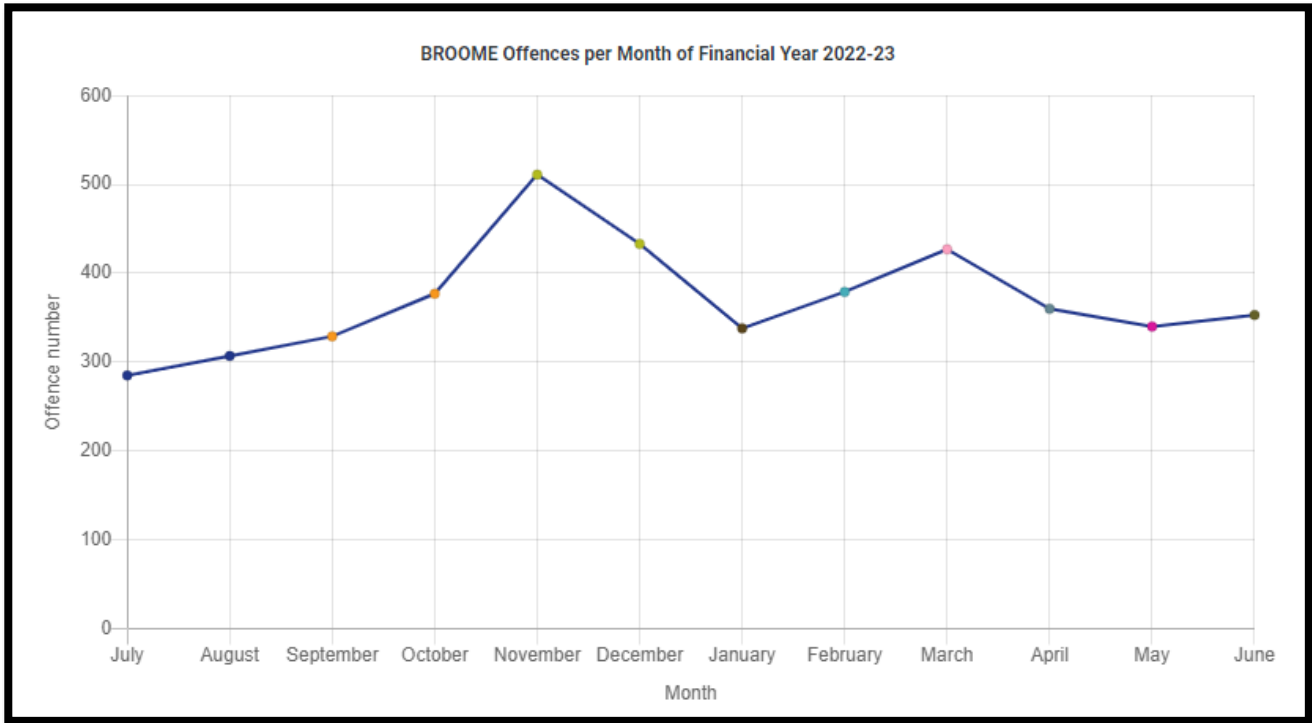
It would be interesting to know if the impact of the Kimberley floods led to reduced crime in Fitzroy Crossing and increasing crime in Derby and Broome in January and February 2023.

Risk:

Reputational risk - Advocacy may not be credible if not informed by an evidence base.

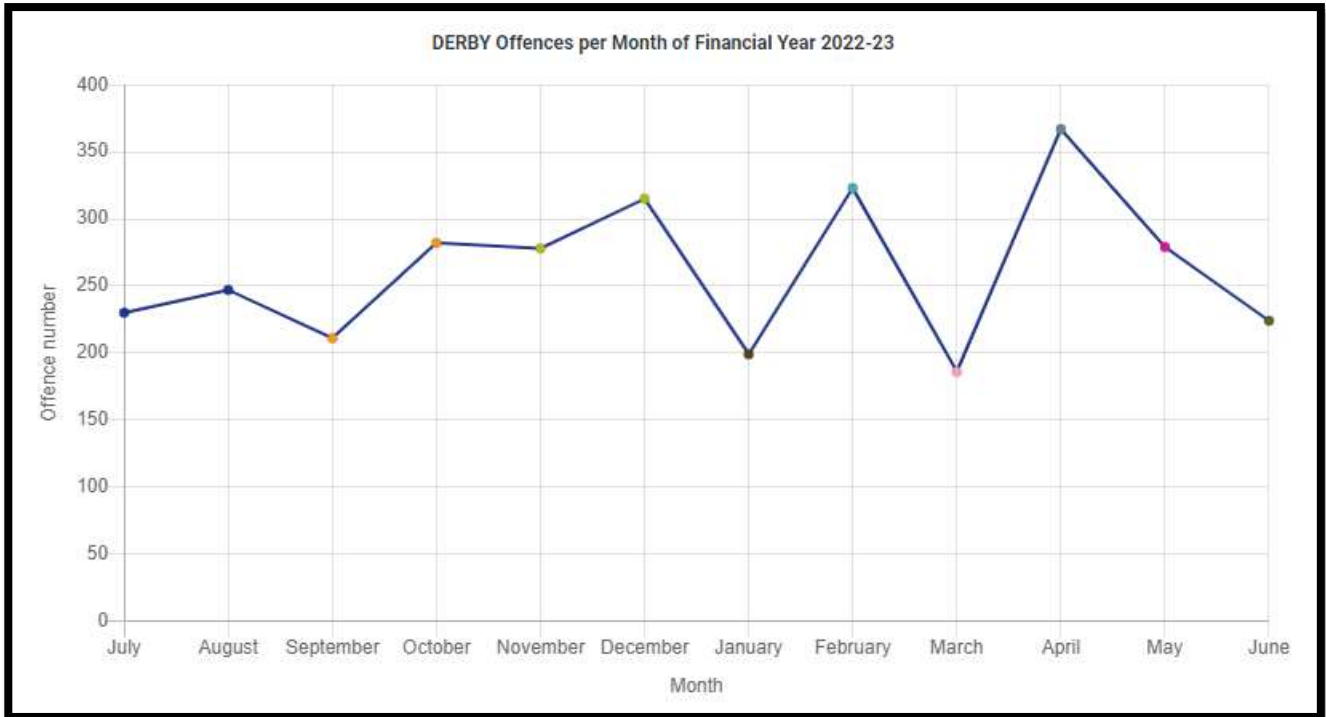
Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
People Place Prosperity Performance	Advocate Partner Promote	Facilitate Fund Monitor	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
That 1. Members note the regional crime statistics as presented		Executive Team to include Crime Statistics (as they become available) in future meeting papers	
Moved:	Shire of Broome	Responsible:	Executive Team
Seconded:	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	Due date:	As required
Carried:	4/0		

Attachment 14 2022/23 Kimberley Crime Statistic Trends by Town

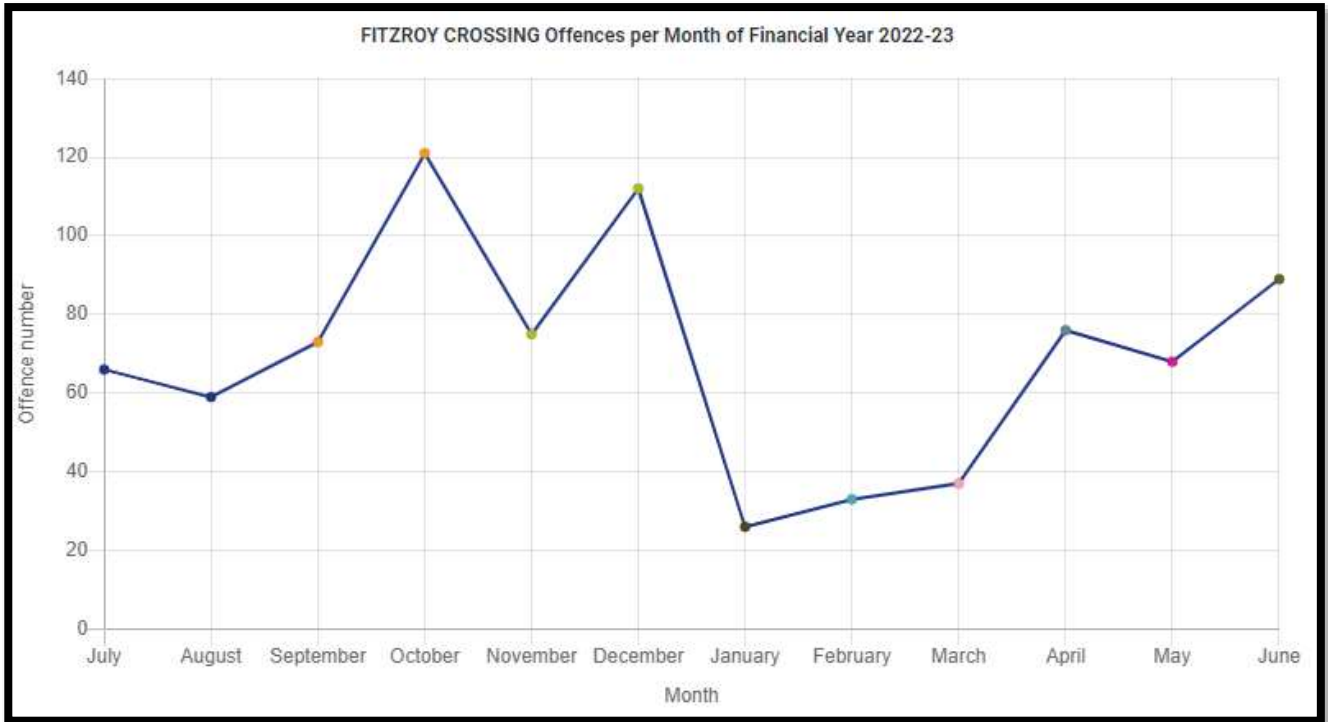


Type of Offence	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual Offences	4	8	9	1	3	6	4	2	10	7	3	11
Assault (Family)	57	72	94	92	88	110	76	108	113	75	78	79
Assault (Non-Family)	26	23	29	25	28	37	32	30	32	20	35	21
Threatening Behaviour (Family)	9	11	18	23	17	38	24	34	25	24	26	33
Threatening Behaviour (Non-Family)	3	10	6	2	5	9	3	6	6	7	10	10
Deprivation of Liberty	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Robbery	1	1	3	-	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	-
Dwelling Burglary	29	42	20	15	39	25	40	36	38	23	19	26
Non-Dwelling Burglary	6	15	7	7	20	8	25	22	17	17	16	14
Stealing of Motor Vehicle	7	14	7	6	8	14	7	10	20	9	8	7
Stealing	39	35	41	36	47	51	36	29	46	57	47	64
Property Damage	34	32	38	41	37	39	30	37	31	35	28	30
Arson	-	2	-	12	-	2	-	1	2	2	2	1
Drug Offences	26	11	13	32	22	7	11	24	13	33	31	20
Graffiti	1	2	1	2	-	2	1	1	1	2	3	-
Fraud & Related Offences	18	2	21	28	23	36	27	8	32	21	5	4
Breach of Violence Restraint Order	25	26	21	55	173	48	21	29	40	27	27	33
Total of Selected Offences	285	307	329	377	511	433	338	379	427	360	340	353

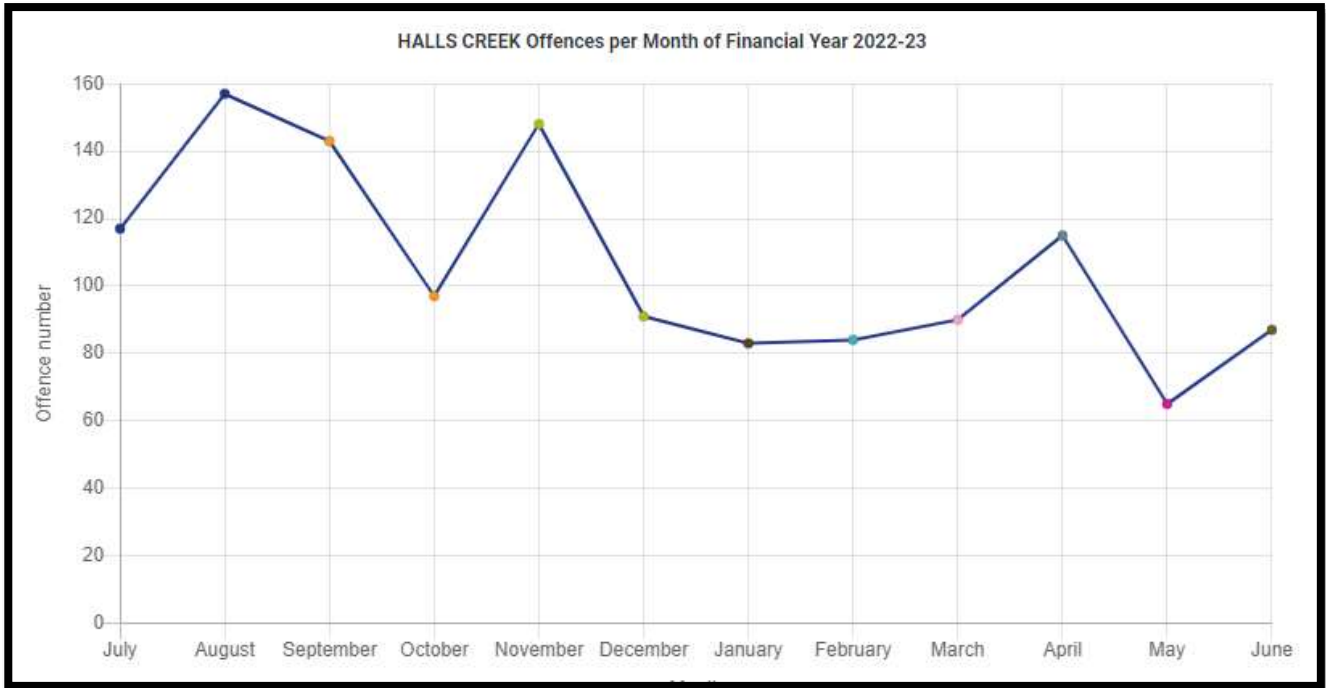
Notes:
 - Crime statistics are extracted quarterly from the WA Police Force Incident Management System.
 - Crime statistics are provisional and subject to change.



Type of Offence	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual Offences	3	4	1	5	1	5	3	5	4	8	4	2
Assault (Family)	74	84	89	85	91	122	47	53	59	95	78	62
Assault (Non-Family)	11	6	16	16	6	27	17	8	18	27	20	14
Threatening Behaviour (Family)	16	18	18	24	36	36	30	29	17	28	32	26
Threatening Behaviour (Non-Family)	2	7	2	3	4	5	3	12	1	2	-	4
Deprivation of Liberty	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	4	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	1
Dwelling Burglary	9	12	6	20	5	17	15	28	25	43	56	28
Non-Dwelling Burglary	12	9	3	3	6	2	6	13	1	5	6	7
Stealing of Motor Vehicle	7	7	4	-	2	6	7	3	5	10	5	4
Stealing	18	17	15	11	11	14	11	12	12	15	24	9
Property Damage	20	26	14	17	26	21	16	16	16	21	19	23
Arson	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	1
Drug Offences	10	13	16	18	11	11	20	120	9	79	5	8
Graffiti	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Fraud & Related Offences	2	1	2	3	41	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
Breach of Violence Restraint Order	41	39	25	76	38	42	24	23	19	34	24	35
Total of Selected Offences	230	247	211	282	278	315	199	323	186	367	279	224

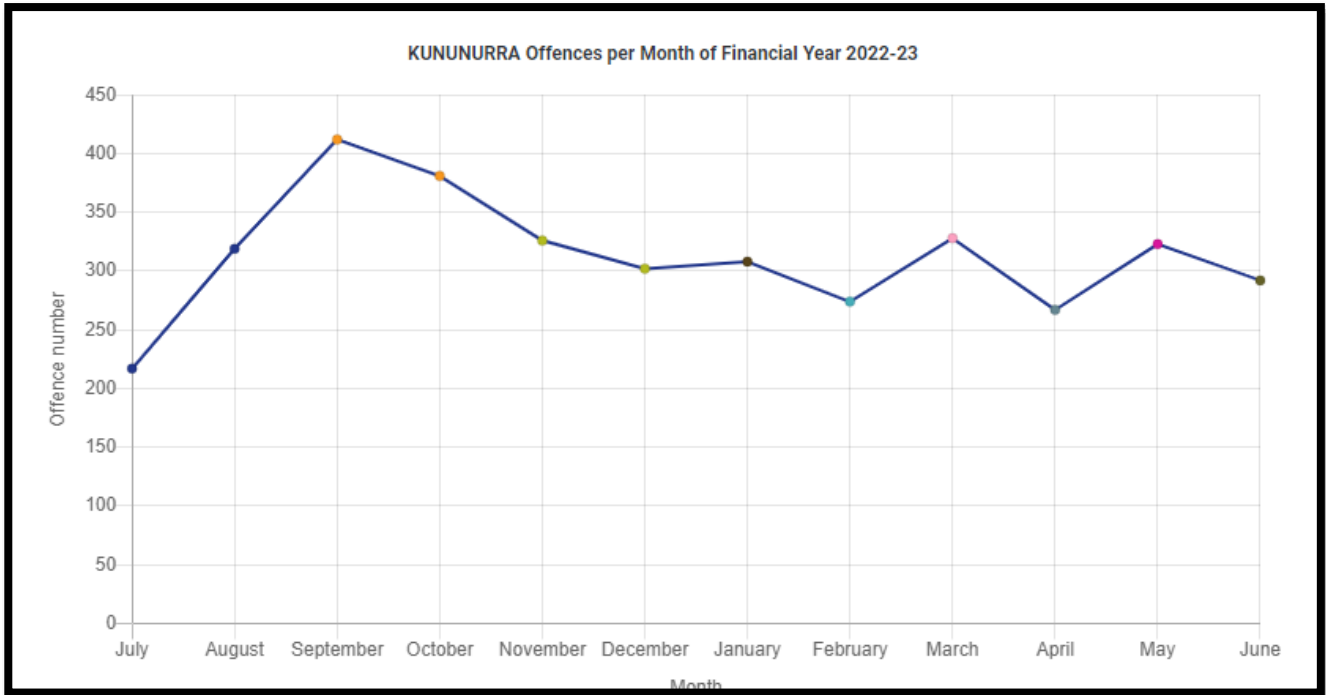


Type of Offence	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual Offences	-	2	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	2	7	1
Assault (Family)	28	25	26	45	20	43	6	16	14	19	18	31
Assault (Non-Family)	5	4	4	3	14	8	1	1	2	4	4	16
Threatening Behaviour (Family)	4	1	1	6	3	7	3	3	2	9	6	8
Threatening Behaviour (Non-Family)	-	1	1	2	6	1	-	1	-	-	1	-
Deprivation of Liberty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dwelling Burglary	-	2	6	5	1	9	3	1	-	9	6	3
Non-Dwelling Burglary	1	2	4	8	3	7	5	1	-	4	-	-
Stealing of Motor Vehicle	-	-	1	2	2	4	1	1	1	4	2	1
Stealing	7	7	8	14	9	10	2	1	4	6	3	10
Property Damage	8	7	12	16	11	5	4	2	5	8	11	17
Arson	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Drug Offences	4	-	1	4	2	6	-	-	4	-	2	-
Graffiti	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
Fraud & Related Offences	3	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Breach of Violence Restraint Order	5	6	6	9	2	9	1	5	4	9	8	2
Total of Selected Offences	66	59	73	121	75	112	26	33	37	76	68	89

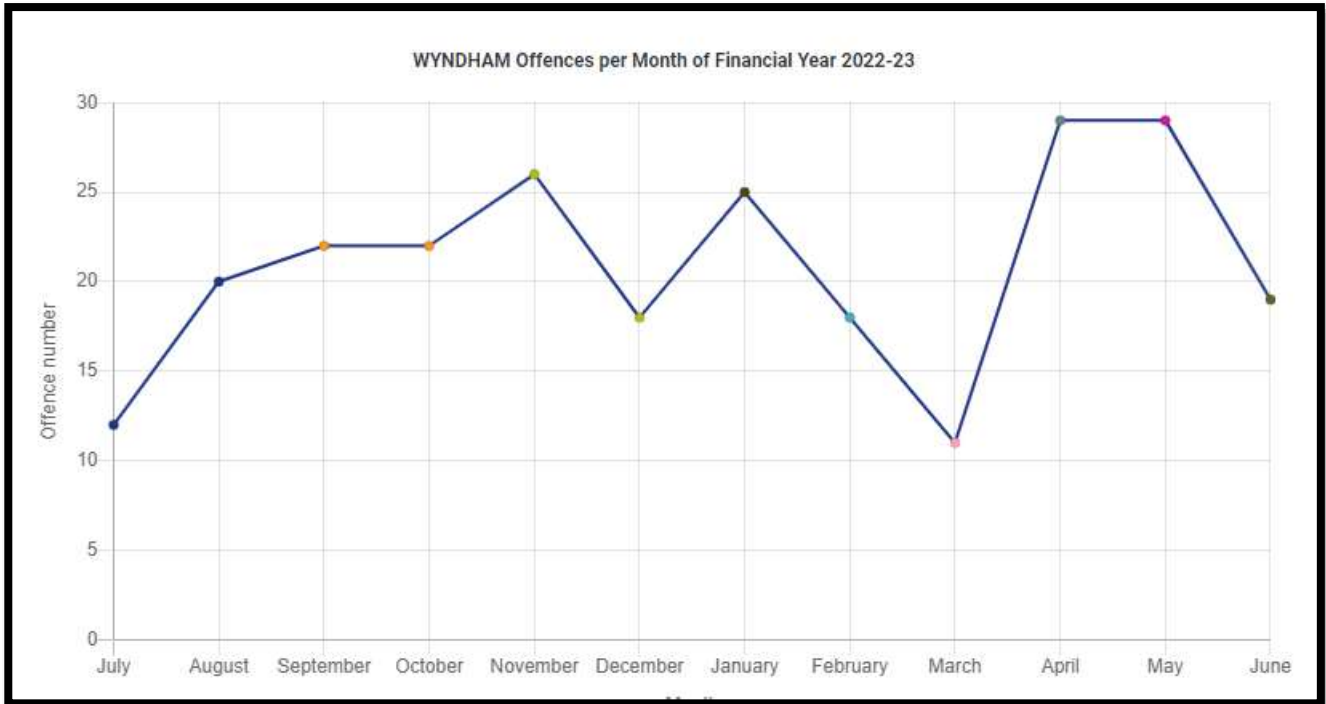


Type of Offence	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual Offences	1	1	-	1	-	2	-	1	2	-	2	1
Assault (Family)	38	32	31	24	28	28	20	21	18	25	22	27
Assault (Non-Family)	10	17	6	11	16	9	9	5	8	14	10	12
Threatening Behaviour (Family)	8	4	5	3	2	5	4	2	3	2	3	5
Threatening Behaviour (Non-Family)	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	2	-	1	4
Deprivation of Liberty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	-
Dwelling Burglary	5	15	27	11	14	9	12	9	7	16	9	1
Non-Dwelling Burglary	5	9	9	2	3	2	9	7	6	2	1	-
Stealing of Motor Vehicle	5	6	9	5	17	3	4	4	7	4	-	-
Stealing	11	23	12	10	15	8	5	5	9	13	6	3
Property Damage	20	30	22	22	43	14	9	11	23	26	2	22
Arson	2	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-
Drug Offences	-	1	1	1	3	-	1	1	-	-	2	3
Graffiti	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fraud & Related Offences	-	7	13	1	-	1	-	12	3	8	1	-
Breach of Violence Restraint Order	11	9	7	6	3	10	8	3	1	3	3	8
Total of Selected Offences	117	157	143	97	148	91	83	84	90	115	65	87

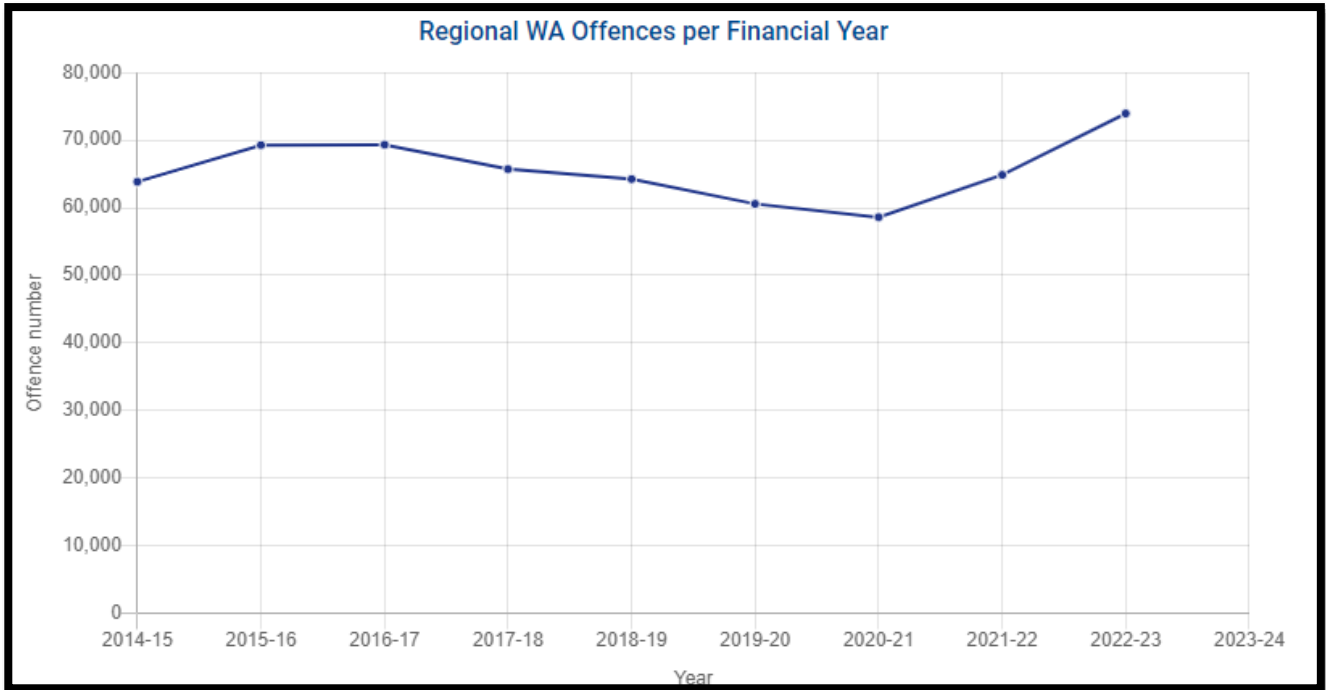
Notes:
 - Crime statistics are extracted quarterly from the WA Police Force Incident Management System.
 - Crime statistics are provisional and subject to change.



Type of Offence	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual Offences	1	5	2	2	12	3	2	1	3	5	9	5
Assault (Family)	77	96	84	122	96	99	83	71	93	76	81	82
Assault (Non-Family)	17	15	36	34	16	34	14	19	29	22	41	18
Threatening Behaviour (Family)	18	17	13	22	16	19	17	17	13	11	10	11
Threatening Behaviour (Non-Family)	5	2	6	4	5	9	3	5	5	4	5	10
Deprivation of Liberty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Dwelling Burglary	7	20	29	31	22	15	47	17	27	16	27	25
Non-Dwelling Burglary	3	7	4	5	9	5	10	4	6	10	6	4
Stealing of Motor Vehicle	2	3	7	9	19	8	8	11	14	17	18	7
Stealing	18	38	34	42	29	19	25	26	41	29	33	27
Property Damage	20	50	42	34	36	44	51	37	40	38	48	47
Arson	1	1	4	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	1
Drug Offences	10	11	11	6	14	6	2	9	16	4	7	13
Graffiti	-	2	-	7	2	4	2	2	1	4	1	8
Fraud & Related Offences	5	21	9	29	2	1	9	20	4	9	5	6
Breach of Violence Restraint Order	33	31	130	32	48	35	35	35	36	22	28	27
Total of Selected Offences	217	319	412	381	326	302	308	274	328	267	323	292



Type of Offence	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual Offences	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1
Assault (Family)	4	4	6	7	7	2	6	6	6	5	9	6
Assault (Non-Family)	4	2	1	3	1	3	1	-	-	5	-	1
Threatening Behaviour (Family)	2	2	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	5	2	-
Threatening Behaviour (Non-Family)	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deprivation of Liberty	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dwelling Burglary	-	3	-	-	1	2	3	4	-	4	2	1
Non-Dwelling Burglary	-	1	5	1	4	3	6	-	1	-	2	-
Stealing of Motor Vehicle	-	2	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1
Stealing	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	-	-	2	-	1
Property Damage	1	4	3	3	8	1	3	4	2	4	9	4
Arson	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Drug Offences	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-
Graffiti	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fraud & Related Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Breach of Violence Restraint Order	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	4	2	2	4	3
Total of Selected Offences	12	20	22	22	26	18	25	18	11	29	29	19



Type of Offence	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Homicide	38	30	40	46	38	40	34	34	39
Sexual Offences	1,350	1,606	1,580	1,896	1,543	1,668	1,973	1,761	1,989
Assault (Family)	5,398	6,601	7,583	7,451	7,811	8,554	10,039	10,931	12,857
Assault (Non-Family)	3,226	3,206	3,469	3,434	3,292	3,559	3,929	4,428	5,148
Threatening Behaviour (Family)	482	678	1,020	993	1,021	1,194	1,441	1,822	2,790
Threatening Behaviour (Non-Family)	780	837	873	900	860	888	945	1,110	1,510
Deprivation of Liberty	47	57	67	55	53	63	66	70	77
Robbery	154	163	169	161	153	151	172	197	262
Dwelling Burglary	5,829	5,961	5,764	6,138	5,632	4,961	3,905	5,111	4,880
Non-Dwelling Burglary	2,669	3,091	2,954	2,680	2,361	2,167	1,893	3,066	2,431
Stealing of Motor Vehicle	1,687	1,726	1,687	1,758	1,625	1,407	1,586	2,287	2,077
Stealing	14,909	15,155	15,285	13,353	13,589	11,222	9,326	10,820	13,022
Property Damage	9,719	10,059	10,632	9,120	8,534	8,366	8,577	9,439	9,735
Arson	434	363	373	409	360	378	352	428	459
Drug Offences	9,736	10,949	10,666	10,583	9,741	9,096	7,094	5,574	7,451
Graffiti	428	359	435	398	377	300	405	621	512
Fraud & Related Offences	4,293	4,884	2,971	2,676	3,346	2,267	2,795	2,819	3,626
Breach of Violence Restraint Order	2,662	3,531	3,761	3,664	3,891	4,291	4,063	4,348	5,083
Total of Selected Offences	63,841	69,256	69,329	65,715	64,227	60,572	58,595	64,866	73,948

11. Website and Social Media

Item for Noting

Submitted by: Executive Officer

Purpose:

To update the members on the Kimberley Regional Group Website and Linked In Page.

In summary

- The KRG Website and Linked In page are live
- Feedback on these platforms has been positive and increased the KRG's profile and reach
- It would be appreciated if KRG Members could get their staff to follow the KRG Linked In page, invite their followers to connect and share KRG posts.

Background:

The KRG is a powerful voice for the Kimberley region taking a whole of region perspective on social and economic issues. To maximize opportunities to drive the KRG agenda, a communications and media policy has been developed for KRG endorsement. This policy recommends a website as a tool to raise the profile of the KRG and the KRG's policy and advocacy agenda. The KRG members resolved at the February 2023 meeting to establish a website and a LinkedIn Page.

Details:

Website

The KRG website went live on the 20th July 2023. The site is found at <https://kimberleyrg.com.au>. A google analytics function showed that 249 people have viewed the business profile.

Updates to the site are made on an as-needs basis including updated documents, submissions, and reporting on KRG events and advocacy.

Linked In

The Linked in page was established on the 5th July. As at the 10th August the page has 317 followers. Followers include the WA Premier, State Government Ministers including the Ministers for Local Government and Ports, Community Services, Agriculture, and Regional Development, and Federal Ministers including the Minister for Agriculture and Emergency Services. The page is also followed by a number of Ministerial Chiefs of Staff and Director Generals, along with CEOs of key non-government stakeholder agencies. It is a good vehicle to drive the KRG advocacy agenda.

Along with posting original content the page shares and like posts of key stakeholders. A strategy and schedule have been developed to ensure posts drive the advocacy agenda, keep KRG in the political gaze and foster political and stakeholder support of KRG advocacy positions. Analytics are being tracked to optimise postings and ensure that content is relevant and correctly strategically aligned to the KRG objectives.

To expand our reach, it would be appreciated if KRG Members could encourage their staff to follow the Linked In page, invite followers to connect and share the KRG posts.

Risk:

Reputational – If posts do not align with our advocacy agenda and the KRG brand, it could cause reputational damage. To manage this a strategy and schedule is in place.

Financial –to manage financial risk the sites can be updated by the Executive.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
People Place Prosperity Performance	Advocate Partner Promote	Facilitate Fund Monitor	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
That members note the progress off the website and Linked In page.			
Moved:	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Responsible:	Executive Officer
Seconded:	Shire of Halls Creek	Due date:	As required
Carried:	4 / 0		

12. Executive Officer Report

Item for Noting

Submitted by: Executive Officer

Attachment 15: EO Report April, May 2023

Purpose:

To update the KRG on the Executive Officer services provided for the period April 2023 – May 2023 inclusive.

Background:

The attached report provides information about the services provided, activities undertaken and time allocation over the past two months.

Details:

As in included attachment.

Risk:

Nil

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
People Place Prosperity Performance	Advocate Partner Promote	Facilitate Fund Monitor	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
That the Executive Officers Report be received and endorsed		As per Outstanding Actions	
Moved:	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Responsible:	Executive Officer
Seconded:	Shire of Halls Creek	Due date:	As required
Carried:	4 / 0		

Attachment 15: EO Report – April to May 2023
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Project Work / Activity

Refer to business arising and KRG action lists for all activities the Executive is working on.

Project / Activity	Status	Item
Administrative Matters and Meetings	Ongoing	-
General Stakeholder Engagement	Ongoing – see Stakeholder list	12
Office of the Auditor General	Attending Meeting 24 th August 2023	-
Banned Drinkers Register	Letter	5
BBY and WKFEC Engagement	Attending Meeting 24 th August 2023	7
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill	Updated information	General Business
KRG MOU and Governance	Agreement to be simplified	Outstanding Actions
Strategic Planning	Preparation of the KRG Prioritized Action List	8
Natural Disaster Resilience and Recover Enquiries	Preparation of paper, attendance at meetings. Pending resolution	9
Kimberley Crime Statistics	Research and preparation of paper for member information	10
Website and Social Media	Website development and Linked In page completed	11

Stakeholder Engagement

Date	Stakeholders	Purpose
1/6/2023	Hon. Steven Dawson MLA	KRG matters and invitation to meeting
7/6/2023	Tayanah O'Donnell	WA Briefing: Independent Disaster Funding Review
8/6/2023	Mike Rowe, Dept of Communities	KRG matters, invitation to meeting
8/6/2023	KRG CEOs	CEO Ringaround
17/6/2023	Vernon Lawrence	KRG administrative and financial matters
22/6/2023	Organised by IM Governance	East Kimberley Leadership Forum
3/7/2023	Nick Sloan, Tony Brown WALGA	KRG matters and meeting arrangements
19/7/2023	Stacey Hutt, EO Inner City Councils	August meeting
20/07/2023	Candy Choo, LGPro	August meeting
26/7/2023	Nic Sloan, WALGA	ACHA, August meeting
28/7/2023	Local Government Focus Group: Deloitte	Independent Review into Disaster Funding
2/8/2023	Richard Aspinall, NIAA	Collaboration opportunities, August meeting
2/8/2023	Boyd Brown, Telstra Regional	Kimberley telecommunications update

Time Allocation September 2022 – August 2023

Total Yearly Contract: 864 Hours: Monthly from 8th of the month to 7th of the next month

	Paul Rosair		Michelle Mackenzie		Jane Lewis		Joshua Turner	
	Contract	Actual	Contract	Actual	Contract	Actual	Contract	Actual
Sept 22	32	34	20	18	23	29	4	2
Oct 22	32	22	20	8	23	24	4	1
Nov 22	32	40	20	36	23	28	4	0
Dec 22	15	12.5	10	26.25	10	1.5	2	0
Jan 23	15	19	10	11	10	36	2	0
Feb 23	32	15.5	20	9	23	25.5	4	0
Mar 23	32	34	20	9.25	23	14.5	4	0
Apr 23	32	19	20	9.5	23	24	4	0
May 23	32	35	20	23.5	23	18.5	4	0
June 23	32	37.5	20	21.25	23	27	4	0
July 23	32	46	20	14.25	23	45	4	0
Aug 23	32		20		23		4	
TOTALS	318/350	314.5/318	200/220	186/200	227/250	273/227	40/44	3/40
OVERALL CONTRACT: 785 / 864 ACTUALS: 776.5 / 785								

13. Most Accessible Community WA Awards (MACWA)

Matter for Noting

Submitted by: Executive Team

Purpose:

To advise the members on the Kimberley Regional Group about the opening of the Most Accessible Community WA Awards (MACWA) and to encourage nominations.

In summary

- The Regional Capitals Alliance of WA (RCAWA) facilitates the running of the MACWA Awards
- The MACWA Awards opened for nominations on 15/8/2023, with closing date being 13/10/2023
- The Awards are based on Local Government Disability Access Inclusion Plans and seek to recognise demonstrated work in the Inclusion and Accessibility space.
- Members of the KRG are strongly encouraged to nominate their Shire

Background:

At the August 2016 WALGA AGM, the City of Bunbury recommended that WALGA:

1. Develop assessment criteria to formally recognise the contribution that Western Australian Local Governments are taking to promote and improve accessibility within their jurisdictions.
2. Conduct an annual awards process coinciding with Local Government Week to recognise Local Governments nominated for work undertaken in no. 1 above based on metropolitan, regional, and remote categories.
3. Nominate the winning Local Government from each category for the National Awards for Local Government – Disability Access and Inclusion Awards conducted by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development.

This item was carried and State Council resolved that the item be forwarded to the Planning and Community Development Policy Team for consideration. By August 2017, RCAWA had been asked to take carriage of this Award.

Discussion

The 2023 MACWA awards are now open for nominations from Local Governments who wish to showcase their commitment to inclusive and accessible communities.

Based on Local Government Disability Access Inclusion Plans, the MACWA Awards seek to recognise those Cities, Towns and Shires who demonstrate that they have exceeded minimum legislative requirements with a creative and innovative approach to buildings and services, public open spaces, communication, and employment.

Important Information

Opening Date: 15/8/2023
 Closing Date: Close of Business 13/10/2023
 Awards Event: Information coming soon

Online nominations: Regional Capitals Alliance WA (RCAWA Website: <https://waregionalcapitals.com.au/documents-research/>)

Award categories (Nominations invited for 1 or more of the following):

- 1 – Accessible Buildings / Facilities / Services. \$500 sponsorship by Jointly Planning
- 2 – Public Open Spaces. \$500 sponsorship by NAJA Business Consulting Services
- 3 – Communication. \$500 sponsorship ALYKA
- 4 – Employment. \$500 sponsorship by WALGA

Judging Panel:

- Bruce Langoulant AM, Board and Council Member, Disability Assembly WA
- Julie Waylen: CEO Diversity South
- Melissa Northcott: MACWA Ambassador
- Terina Grace: Western Australian Disability Advisory Council
- Alina Hobson: Western Australian Local Government Association
- TBC: Department of Local Government, Sport, and Cultural Industries

Facilitator: Regional Capitals Alliance WA.
 Contact: Jane Lewis, Executive Assistant.
 Email: jane@reditresearch.com.au .
 Phone: 0419322779

Members of the Kimberley Regional Group are encouraged to nominate their Shire in order to gain recognition for their work in the access and inclusion space.



Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:	Budget Implications		
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Resolution/s	Action(s)		
For Information only	Members to consider nomination for the MACWA Awards		

14. Around the Grounds

Matter for Discussion

Submitted by: Executive Team

Purpose:

This session provides an opportunity for members to share information of a local or regional nature that may provide opportunities for collaboration, or may serve the purposes of sharing a learning that could impact the region as a whole.

Details:

Since the inception of this agenda item in February 2023, two events were deemed major enough to steer discussion: the floods and the Canberra visit. For this meeting, it has been left to each Shire to introduce a topic/s of their choice that they deem relevant for the group. It is the intention that each Shire can hold the floor for up to 5 minutes, after which the item can either be followed up out of session or raised as an agenda item for the next meeting.

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Resolution/s		Action(s)		
For Information only		Nil		

15. General Business

Item	Responsible	Actions Arising
Release of National Housing and Homelessness Plan Issue Papers	Executive Team	The Executive Team signed up for updates and the KRG have now been invited to prepare a submission. (See invitation below). The Executive Team will draft a response and will circulate to members for approval before submission
24 th August agenda	Executive Team	
Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill	Executive Officer	
October meeting	Executive Officer	Meeting confirmed for 4 th Oct, Zoom KRG meeting only

Release of the National Housing and Homelessness Plan Issues Paper [SEC=OFFICIAL] External > Inbox

Housing and Homelessness Plan <HousingandhomelessnessPlan@dss.gov.au>
to *

Mon, 7 Aug, 11:05 (6 days ago) ☆ ↵ ⓘ

We want to hear from you

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your interest in the development of the National Housing and Homelessness Plan (the Plan). We are pleased to advise the Australian Government has released an Issues Paper on Housing and Homelessness in Australia.

The Issues Paper provides a brief overview of some of the known issues in different parts of the housing and homelessness systems and poses a series of discussion questions.

You are invited to share your ideas and experiences by either responding to guided, short-form questions or lodging a written submission **by 11:59pm AEST, Friday, 22 September 2023**.

There will also be opportunities to contribute to the plan through a range of face-to-face workshops and online forums across the country.

To view the Issues Paper, or to receive updates on consultation opportunities, please visit <https://engage.dss.gov.au/developing-the-national-housing-and-homelessness-plan>

Kind regards,

Housing and Homelessness Plan Team
Housing and Homelessness Policy Branch
E: issuesandhomelessnessplan@dss.gov.au

The Department of Social Services acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Australia, and their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to Elders both past and present.

Meeting Closure: 10:30