



THE
KIMBERLEY
REGIONAL GROUP

Meeting Minutes

20 June 2024

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1. Meeting Open: 9:02am

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 Peter McCumstie	President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	In Person
Cr Malcolm Edwards	President, Shire of Halls Creek	In Person
Cr Chris Mitchell	President, Shire of Broome	In Person
Observers		
Sam Mastrolembo	CEO, Shire of Broome	In Person
Cr Geoff Haerewa (Deputy)	Deputy President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	In Person
Amanda Dexter	CEO, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	In Person
Susan Leonard	CEO, Shire of Halls Creek	In Person
Vernon Lawrence	CEO, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	In Person
Cr Kerrissa O'Meara	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	In Person
Cr Brett Angwin	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	In Person
Executive Support Team		
Paul Rosair	Principal, NAJA Business Consulting Services	In Person
Michelle Mackenzie	Principal, Mira Consulting	Zoom
Jane Lewis	Principal, Redit Research	In Person
Rebecca Billing	Administrative Assistant, NAJA Business Consulting Services	In Person
Presentations		
NBN Local	Regional Development and Engagement Manager, Jennifer Thomas	Zoom
WA Indigenous Tourism Operators (WAITOC)	CEO, Robert Taylor	In Person
Shire of Irwin	CEO, Shane Ivers	In Person

3. Disclosures, Conflicts and Declarations of Interest:

Financial Interest / Impartiality			
Member	Item Number	Item	Nature of Interest
Executive Officer	8	Shared Services	Perceived declaration of interest as EO is providing consulting services to the Shire of Irwin

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	
That the Minutes of the Kimberley Regional Group held on 19 April 2024, as published and circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.		See Attachment 1 – Matters Arising and Outstanding Business	
Moved:	Shire of Broome	Responsible:	See Attachment
Seconded:	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	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	<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 an Emergency Services position paper <p>Status / Progress:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In Progress: Information sought 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 to the Review team and a submission lodged with the Senate Inquiry. 2b. Complete: The WA LEMA Review, progressed by the WA Local Government Association and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, was endorsed by SEMC in August. The plan has been uploaded to the SEMC website - https://www.wa.gov.au/government/announcements/lema-review-project-outcomes 3. Complete: The Position Paper was endorsed 23/11/2023 	Executive Officer and CEO SDWK
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 4. EO to commence preparations for a strategic workshop to be held later in the year which will also refresh the priority action list as a result. <p>Status / Progress:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete 2. Complete 3. In progress 4. See item 19 (General Business) 	Executive Team

Date / Item	Action / Progress	Responsible
	Note an updated on the Priority Action List is a standing item on the KRG agenda. See Item 9.	
Administrative Matters		
21/02/2024	<p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Officer to work with Dr Allan Dale regarding CRCNA. Around the grounds: SDWK and SoHC to send through bridge issues to the EO. The KRG write to State and Federal Government raising these issues. Executive Officer to invite Grey Mackay from the Land Alliance to the October KRG meeting to present on bushfire issues in the Kimberley. <p>Status / Progress:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In Progress. Information provided by SDWK – letter drafted regarding need for investment in key road infrastructure across the Kimberley and circulated to members for input and approval to be sent. In progress 	Executive Team
State and Federal Government Election Strategy		
4/10/2023	<p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Team to work on providing materials and methodology for the election strategy. Executive Team to proceed on developing the election strategy in accordance with the proposal tabled 23/11/2023 16/02/2024 – Executive Team to follow up with Shire of Derby regarding projects for the Investment Prospectus 16/02/2024 – Kimberley Disaster Resilience to be used as the flag ship project on the front of the Prospectus 19/04/2024 - Executive Officer negotiating with Liz Ritchie, CEO, RAI to attend the August 13th-15th Summit in Canberra 19/04/2024 - Refreshed Position Papers to be uploaded onto the KRG Website <p>Status / Progress:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complete In Progress. See Item 10 Complete. Information received. Complete. Disaster resilience has been included at the front of the Prospectus as a flagship project. See Item 12 Refreshed Position Papers uploaded onto the KRG website. 	Executive Team

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Kimberley Development Commission Funding Proposal		
4/10/2023	<p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Further research is to be conducted into the KDC data funding proposal before a decision is made 2. Letter to be sent to the KDC requesting a meeting to discuss the outcomes of the research and other regional issues 3. A copy of the letter sent to KDC to be sent to Cr Geoff Haerewa to follow up. <p>Status / Progress:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In Progress 2. Letter sent. No response received as yet 3. Complete. Letter sent to Cr Geoff Haerewa 27/02/2024. 	Executive Team
Kimberley Housing Roundtable		
16/02/2024	<p>Action</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Executive Team to write to the Kimberley Development Commission seeking \$10,000 towards the cost of the Kimberley Housing Roundtable 2. Executive Team to write to Regional Development Australia Kimberley seeking up to \$5,000 towards the cost of the Kimberley Housing Roundtable 3. KRG committed \$5,000 at the February 16th meeting. 4. Executive to liaise with members out of session to discuss and decide on the date and location and EO to report back to the KRG. <p>Status / Progress:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Letter sent 26/02/2024. KDC approved \$10,000. See Item 9 & Correspondence. 2. Letter sent 26/02/2024. RDA Kimberley approved \$2,500 3. In Progress 4. Out of session determined to be held week of the 29th of July in Broome. Calendar Invite sent to members. CEOs met with Housing Australia on the 13th of June. See Item 14 	Executive Team
Advocacy Strategy Management & Maintenance of Social Housing		
16/02/2024	<p>Action</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Executive Officer to develop a strategy and discuss at the April 2024 meeting. 2. Shire of Derby West Kimberley to provide Executive Team with the work that they have progressed. 3. Executive Officer to develop a template for members to populate to support the advocacy strategy. <p>Status / Progress:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategy developed and members supported the proposed advocacy strategy at 19th April 2024 meeting 	Executive Team

Date / Item	Action / Progress	Responsible
	2. SDWK provided a copy of their Infill Housing and Investigations Report for the Derby Townsite 3. In progress	
Alcohol Restrictions		
16/02/2024	Action Executive Team to work with RCAWA and Hotels Association (AHA) on advocacy and submission letter. Status / Progress: AHA has shared their Show Cause notice for liquor restrictions. A joint advocacy letter to the WA Government from KRG, RCAWA and AHA has been drafted and circulated to KRG, RCAWA and AHA members for feedback.	Executive Team
Kimberley Volunteer Resource Centre		
16/02/2024	Action Members to take the Regional Volunteering Strategy 2020 to their individual council meetings for endorsement and to report back to the Executive Officer to action a whole of KRG endorsement. Status / Progress: Completed	Members
Review of Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs)		
23/11/2023	Action: SWEK is running a procurement process and has issued an RFQ Status / Progress: NAJA undertaking preliminary research and meeting with SWEK CEO to be held on the 19 th of June to scope out next stages of the work. Early research material presented in the KRG Submission into Local Government Sustainability.	Vernon Lawrence
Community Safety and Crime Prevention Investment Package		
23/11/2023	Action: SWEK is running a procurement process and has issued an RFQ Status / Progress: Preliminary research being undertaken.	Vernon Lawrence
Benchmarking		
23/11/2023	Action:	Executive Team / Members

Date / Item	Action / Progress	Responsible
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Team to approach RCAWA and request the use of the benchmarking templates. Executive Team to email CEO's requesting a contact to send the spreadsheet to start collecting the information. <p>Status / Progress:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complete: RCAWA approved KRG to use the benchmarking template. In Progress: Emails sent and information received from Broome and SWEK. Derby working on providing the information by the 19th of April. Follow up email sent to Halls Creek 05/04/2024. Follow up emails sent in May to Derby and Halls Creek 	
Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability		
19/04/2024	<p>Action</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> KRG noted at April meeting that a submission is being prepared to the Federal Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability and supported the framework. Members to provide case studies to illustrate the points made in the submission Executive Officer to circulate draft submission to members out of session for feedback prior to finalising the submission by the 31st of May. <p>Status / Progress:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Complete Complete. Submitted 30th May 2024 – See Item 15 	

Watching Brief

Aboriginal Heritage Act: Now pending Department updates on rescinded legislation. On 15 November 2023, the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* was restored as the legislation that manages Aboriginal heritage in Western Australia some amendments drawn from feedback from consultation. Approval is only required where there is potential for any harm to an Aboriginal site.

WA Development Index – response received from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. To be raised with the new Minister for Local Government.

Banned Drinkers Register – Legislation passed. KRG media release issued and picked up in local papers. Implementation and outcomes will be monitored.

State government funding to support young people in the Kimberley. Cr McCumstie is the KRG observer member on the Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing Steering Committee (AYWSC) and will provide updates as required. Note the Aboriginal Regional Governance Group (ARRG) has been undertaking media expressing disappointment at the lack of government commitment to implement recommendations of reports into youth suicide in the Kimberley. New \$4M community-led Immediate Response Night Space (IRNS) service for young people in Broome. There is no overarching youth justice strategy for the region.

Tanami Road funding – Letter sent to Minister Catherine King on 28/05/23. Response received. Commonwealth confirmation that the project would proceed and an additional \$200M funding announced 16/11/2023. KRG media release issued and picked up in local papers. Shire of Halls Creek leading work on a Tanami Activation Strategy.
First Point of Entry (FPOE) Wyndham and Broome - Minister King announced in February 2024 that work will be undertaken for the enhanced FPOE status for Broome. This includes working with Border Force and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.
North West Defence and Border Security – April 2024 letter sent to State and Federal Government expressing concern. No response received to date
Planning Reform: EO monitoring reform status and will advise accordingly as issues arise

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 2023/24
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
KRG Website and LinkedIn profile - operational
BBY and WKFEC invitation to present to KRG
National Housing and Homelessness Plan submitted 20/10/2023. Published DSS Engage Website
Service Level Agreement Assessment – 5% increase endorsed 23/11/2023
July – September quarterly report – 23 November 2023 meeting.
Simplified Governance Compliance Papers – endorsed 23 November 2023 meeting
Regional Road Group Road Projects Funding Allocation – wrote to WALGA outlining KRG's position
Emergency Management Policy Position – Wrote to Matt Reimer DFES
Members advised Cr Mitchell of their response to the Regional Road Group Project grant funding
Ministerial notes 15/02/24 – Minister Papalia, Minister Beazley, Premier. Sent to members 26/02/24
Requirements for the Deputy Chair position clarified and stands endorsed as per November 2023

5. Correspondence

Item for Noting

Submitted by: Secretariat

Attachment 2: Correspondence In: Paul Zinkel, Committee Secretary, Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport

Attachment 3: Correspondence In: Federal and State Ministers, Premier, Departments, Industry and Peak Bodies

Attachment 4: Correspondence In: Hon Roger Cook MLA, Premier

Attachment 5: Correspondence Out: Committee, Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport

Attachment 6: Correspondence Out: Federal and State Ministers, Premier, Departments, Industry and Peak Bodies

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

Correspondence In	
Date	30/05/2024
From	Paul Zinkel, Committee Secretary, Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport
Topic	Timeframe for the Inquiry into Local Government Financial sustainability and hearing locations
Attachment	2
Date	April & May 2024
From	Federal and State Ministers, Premier, Departments, Industry and Peak Bodies
Topic	Kimberley Regional Group & Regional Capitals Alliance Government Forum & Networking Lunch
Attachment	3
Date	06/05/2024
From	Hon Roger Cook MLA, Premier
Topic	Meeting with the KRG February 2024
Attachment	4
Correspondence Out	
Date	30/05/2024
From	Michelle Mackenzie, Executive Support, Kimberley Regional Group
To	Committee, Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport
Topic	Timeframe for the Inquiry into Local Government Financial sustainability and hearing locations
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Date	April & May 2024
From	Kimberley Regional Group Executive Team
To	Federal and State Ministers, Premier, Departments, Industry and Peak Bodies
Topic	Kimberley Regional Group & Regional Capitals Alliance Government Forum & Networking Lunch
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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: Timeframe for the Inquiry into Local Government Financial sustainability and hearing locations

From: Zinkel, Paul (REPS) <Paul.Zinkel.Reps@aph.gov.au> On Behalf Of Committee, RDIT (REPS)
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 11:00 AM
To: Michelle Mackenzie <michelle@mira-consulting.com.au>
Cc: Committee, RDIT (REPS) <RDIT.reps@aph.gov.au>
Subject: [SEC=OFFICIAL] RE: Time-frame for the Inquiry into Local Government Financial sustainability and hearing locations

OFFICIAL

Dear Ms Mackenzie

Thank you for your correspondence. The Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport has not yet had an opportunity to consider when public hearings for the inquiry will be held. We will contact you as soon as the Committee starts to make any plans.

There are also no time-frames as yet when the Committee is likely to finalise its work and publish a report. The APH website has a functionality where you can track a Committee. Tracking committee Inquires will send you email notifications for:

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- Submissions opening
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Thank you for your assistance with the Committee's inquiry.

Kind regards

Paul

Paul Zinkel | *Committee Secretary*

Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport

Joint Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

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At the Department of the House of Representatives we recognise and pay our respects to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

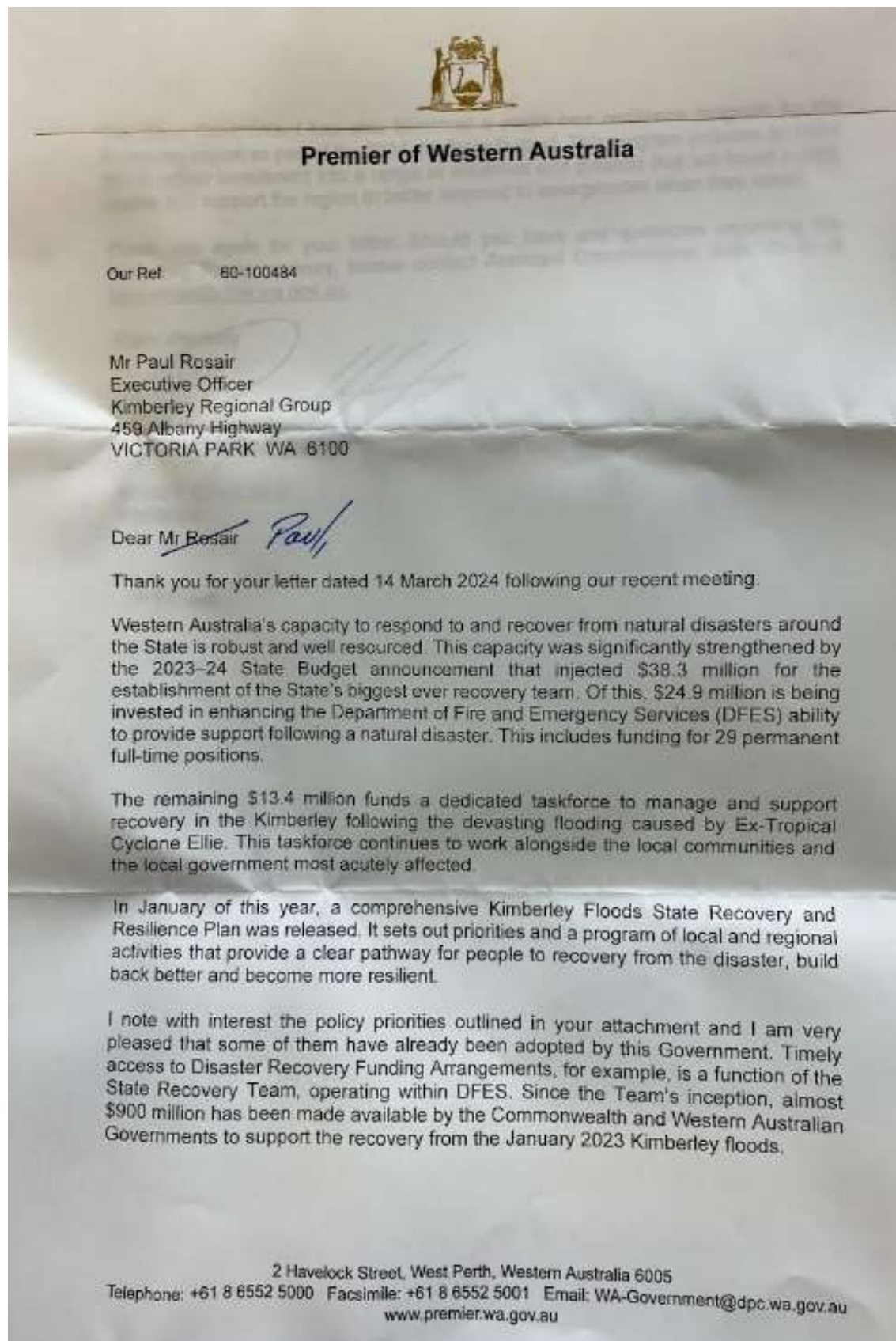
Attachment 3 Correspondence In: Kimberley Regional Group & Regional Capitals Alliance Government Forum & Networking Lunch

Federal Ministers		
Name	Position	Attending
Hon. Tony Burke MP	Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations Minister for the Arts	
Hon. Catherine King MP	Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	
Hon. Linda Burney MP	Minister for Indigenous Australians	
Hon. Madeleine King MP	Minister for Resources Minister for Northern Australia	NO
Senator the Hon Murray Watt	Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Minister for Emergency Management	NO
Hon. Kristy McBain MP	Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories	
Hon. Dr Anne Aly MP	Minister for Early Childhood Education Minister for Youth	
Hon. Patrick Gorman MP	Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Assistant Minister for the Public Service	YES
Hon. Matt Keogh MP	Minister for Veterans' Affairs Minister for Defence Personnel	
State Ministers		
Hon Roger Cook BA GradDipBus MBA MLA	Premier; Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade; Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations	NO
Hon Rita Saffioti BBus MLA	Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Tourism	NO
Hon Sue Ellery BA MLC	Minister for Finance; Commerce; Women's Interests	NO
Hon Stephen Dawson MLC	Minister for Emergency Services; Innovation and the Digital Economy; Science; Medical Research; Minister Assisting the Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade	NO
Hon Paul Papalia CSC MLA	Minister for Police; Corrective Services; Racing and Gaming; Defence Industry; Veterans Issues	NO
Hon Dr Tony Buti BPE DipEd MIR LLB DPhil MLA	Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests	NO
Hon Simone McGurk BA(Arts) BA(Comms) MLA	Minister for Training and Workforce Development; Water; Industrial Relations	
Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson BA MLA	Minister for Health; Mental Health	NO
Hon Don Punch BPsych BSocwk MBA MLA	Minister for Regional Development; Disability Services; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering	NO
Hon Reece Whitby MLA	Minister for Energy; Environment; Climate Action	NO
Hon Sabine Winton BA BPS MLA	Minister for Early Childhood Education; Child Protection; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services	NO
Hon David Michael MLA	Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Ports; Road Safety; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport	NO
Hon Hannah Beazley BA MLA	Minister for Local Government; Youth; Minister Assisting the Minister for Training and Workforce Development	NO

Hon John Carey MLA BA (Hons)	Minister for Planning; Lands; Housing; Homelessness	NO
Hon. Darren West MLC	Member for Northam, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Energy; Environment; Climate Action	YES
Hon. Suzanne (Sue) Mary Ellery MLC BA	Minister for Finance; Commerce; Women's Interests, Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council	
Lara Dalton MLA	Member for Geraldton	
Simon Millman MLA	Member for Mount Lawley	
Rebecca Stephens MLA	Acting Speaker	NO
Divina D'Anna MLA	Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Tourism	YES
Ali Kent MLA	Acting Speaker	NO
Tracey Robers MP	Member for Pearce	
Hon Jackie Jarvis MLC	Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Small Business	NO
Departments		
Caroline Spencer	Office of the Auditor General	
Emily Roper	Director General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet	NO
Mike Rowe	Director General, Department of Communities	YES
Glenn Mace	Executive Director Service Delivery Department of Communities	
Leon McIvor	Deputy Director General, Housing and Assets, Department of Communities	
Dean Mudford	Acting Chief Executive, DevelopmentWA	NO
Lanie Chopping	Director General Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries	NO
Erin Gauntlett	Deputy Director General Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries	
Tim Fraser	Executive Director - Infrastructure Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries	YES
Anthony Kannis	Director General DPLH	YES
Stuart Smith	Director General Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions	YES
Rebecca Brown	Director General, Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation	NO
Heather Brayford	Director General Department Primary Industries and Regional Development	
Paul Isaachsen	Deputy Director General, Industry and Economic Development Department Primary Industries and Regional Development	YES
Kylie Maj	Acting Director General Department of Justice	
Karen Ho	Director General Training and Workforce Development	NO
Richard Sellers	Director General Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety	NO
Industry and Peak Bodies		
Anthony Vuleta	President LGPro	
Candy Choo	CEO LGPro	YES
Rebecca Tomkinson	Chief Executive Chamber of Minerals and Energy	
Bradley Woods	Chief Executive Officer Australian Hotels Association	NO

Tanya Steinbeck	UDIA	
Kitty Prodonovich	CEO Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry of WA	NO
Aaron Morey	Chief Economist Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA	
Tiffany Allen	Chief Executive Construction Training Fund	NO
Nick Sloan	Chief Executive Officer WALGA	YES
Tony Brown	Executive Manager Governance & Organisational Services, WALGA	YES
Karen Chappell	President WALGA	
Paul Kelly	Deputy President WALGA	
Renee Gioffre	Kimberley Executive, Department of Communities	YES
Richard Aspinall	Regional Manager NIAA	YES
Kym Francesconi	Chair Australia's North West Tourism	YES
Christine Colmer	Assistant Director WA and SA Engagement Branch National Emergency Management Agency	
Boyd Brown	Regional General Manager WA Telstra Retail & Regional	YES
Chuck Berger	CEO Kimberley Development Commission	
Pilar Kasat	CEO Regional Arts WA	YES
Robert Taylor	CEO WAITOC	YES
David Eaton	Small Business Commissioner	NO
Peter Woronzow	Director General Transport Portfolio Department of Main Roads	
Pat Donovan	CEO Water Corporation	
Kath Snell	CEO Shelter WA	
Mark Glasson	CEO Anglicare	
Louise Giolitto	CEO Western Australian council of Social Service (WACOSS)	
Frances Buchanan	WA State Manager NDS	
Maureen Lewis	Commissioner Mental Health Commission	
Evan Hall	WA Tourism Council	YES
Nicole Lockwood	Chair Infrastructure WA	YES
Phil Helberg	CEO Infrastructure WA	

Attachment 4 Correspondence In: Meeting with the KRG February 2024



The State Government has also launched a major new resilience program for the Kimberley region as part of the 2024–25 State Budget. This program includes an initial \$67.5 million investment into a range of initiatives and projects that will boost supply chains and support the region to better respond to emergencies when they occur.

Thank you again for your letter. Should you have any questions regarding the Kimberley floods recovery, please contact Assistant Commissioner Kate Vivian at kate.vivian@dfes.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



ROGER COOK MLA
PREMIER

- 6 MAY 2024

Attachment 5 Correspondence Out: Timeframe for the Inquiry into Local Government Financial sustainability and hearing locations

From: Michelle Mackenzie <michelle@mira-consulting.com.au>
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 10:39 AM
To: Committee, RDIT (REPS) <RDIT.reps@aph.gov.au>
Subject: Time-frame for the Inquiry into Local Government Financial sustainability and hearing locations

Good morning

I hope things are going well.

I've just uploaded a submission into this inquiry from the Kimberley Regional Group of local governments.

Are you able to advice -

- The time-frame for when the Committee is likely to publish its findings
- If there are likely to be public hearings in Western Australia and / or the Kimberley

Kind regards

Michelle

Michelle Mackenzie

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Jaru and Gija Country

Attachment 6 Correspondence Out: Kimberley Regional Group & Regional Capitals Alliance Government Forum & Networking Lunch

Federal Ministers	
Hon. Tony Burke MP	Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations Minister for the Arts
Hon. Catherine King MP	Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
Hon. Linda Burney MP	Minister for Indigenous Australians
Hon. Madeleine King MP	Minister for Resources Minister for Northern Australia
Senator the Hon Murray Watt	Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Minister for Emergency Management
Hon. Kristy McBain MP	Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories
Hon. Dr Anne Aly MP	Minister for Early Childhood Education Minister for Youth
Hon. Patrick Gorman MP	Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Assistant Minister for the Public Service
Hon. Matt Keogh MP	Minister for Veterans' Affairs Minister for Defence Personnel
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Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson BA MLA	Minister for Health; Mental Health
Hon Don Punch BPsych BSocwk MBA MLA	Minister for Regional Development; Disability Services; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering
Hon Reece Whitby MLA	Minister for Energy; Environment; Climate Action
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Emily Roper	Director General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet
Mike Rowe	Director General, Department of Communities
Glenn Mace	Executive Director Service Delivery Department of Communities
Leon McIvor	Deputy Director General, Housing and Assets, Department of Communities
Dean Mudford	Acting Chief Executive, DevelopmentWA
Lanie Chopping	Director General Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
Erin Gauntlett	Deputy Director General Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
Tim Fraser	Executive Director - Infrastructure Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
Anthony Kannis	Director General DPLH
Stuart Smith	Director General Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
Rebecca Brown	Director General, Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation
Heather Brayford	Director General Department Primary Industries and Regional Development
Paul Isaachsen	Deputy Director General, Industry and Economic Development Department Primary Industries and Regional Development
Kylie Maj	Acting Director General Department of Justice
Karen Ho	Director General Training and Workforce Development
Richard Sellers	Director General Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety
Industry and Peak Bodies	
Anthony Vuleta	President LGPro
Candy Choo	CEO LGPro
Rebecca Tomkinson	Chief Executive Chamber of Minerals and Energy
Bradley Woods	Chief Executive Officer Australian Hotels Association
Tanya Steinbeck	UDIA
Kitty Prodonovich	CEO Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry of WA
Aaron Morey	Chief Economist Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA
Tiffany Allen	Chief Executive Construction Training Fund
Nick Sloan	Chief Executive Officer WALGA

Tony Brown	Executive Manager Governance & Organisational Services, WALGA
Karen Chappell	President WALGA
Paul Kelly	Deputy President WALGA
Renee Gioffre	Kimberley Executive, Department of Communities
Richard Aspinall	Regional Manager NIAA
Kym Francesconi	Chair Australia's North West Tourism
Christine Colmer	Assistant Director WA and SA Engagement Branch National Emergency Management Agency
Boyd Brown	Regional General Manager WA Telstra Retail & Regional
Chuck Berger	CEO Kimberley Development Commission
Pilar Kasat	CEO Regional Arts WA
Robert Taylor	CEO WAITOC
David Eaton	Small Business Commissioner
Peter Woronzow	Director General Transport Portfolio Department of Main Roads
Pat Donovan	CEO Water Corporation
Kath Snell	CEO Shelter WA
Mark Glasson	CEO Anglicare
Louise Giolitto	CEO Western Australian council of Social Service (WACOSS)
Frances Buchanan	WA State Manager NDS
Maureen Lewis	Commissioner Mental Health Commission
Evan Hall	WA Tourism Council
Nicole Lockwood	Chair Infrastructure WA
Phil Helberg	CEO Infrastructure WA

6. Financial Report

Item for Noting

Submitted by: Vernon Lawrence, KRG Secretariat

Attachment 7: Kimberley Regional Group Interim Financial Report to 31 March 2024

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 31 March 2024. 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 2023/24 Financial year at the meeting on 13 April 2023. At this meeting a report relating to the finances for the financial year to 30 June 2023 was approved by the KRG. This report is for the financial activity for Quarter 3 of the 2023/24 financial year. Quarterly reports will be tabled at meetings as soon after the end of each quarter as is practical.

Discussion

The Financial Activity Statement presents a current surplus position of \$391,962 which is represented by a cash balance held in a Reserve with the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley. All outstanding amounts have been paid by members.

Adjustments arising from the approval of the 2023/24 Annual Budget were included at the last KRG meeting. It was agreed the contributions were maintained at \$45,000. The surplus cash was allocated to a line item "Kimberley Regional Group – Projects" in the amount of \$20,000 in order to maintain parity between income and expenditure. Four projects were considered and approved. The first two projects below were subject to a procurement process and were awarded to NAJA Business Consulting Services as providing the best value for money. The remaining two were approved for the Secretariat to conduct the work. The projects are:

- Review of Financial Assistance Grants – estimated \$24,500
- KRG Community Safety and Crime Prevention Investment Package – estimated \$18,000
- Benchmarking – estimated \$15,000
- Pre State and Federal Government Election Strategy – estimated \$7,600

The total of these projects is \$65,100 against a budget of \$20,000. It was proposed that the projects budget be increased by \$45,000 to \$65,000 and funded from cash reserves. No expenses were recorded against the projects at the reporting date.

As reported previously, Members will note that there still remains an amount of \$10,000 for the North West Defence Alliance (NWDA). This is retained for members should the KRG require any budget for activity related to this initiative.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

Financial Implications

As at the 30 June 2023 the Kimberley Regional Group cash balance \$262,476 and outstanding contributions of \$45,000 carried forward to the 2023/24 financial year giving a total surplus position of 307,476.

For the period ending 31 March 2024 Expenses of \$97,082 were paid against a year-to-date budget of \$172,500. No disbursements have been made against Canberra Delegation Expenses (\$5,250) and NWDA (\$7,500) so far. Only \$1350 has been disbursed for Projects as at 31 March 2024 against a year-to-date budget of \$48,750. A Canberra trip is planned for August 2024 and these expenses are expected to fall in the next financial year. Some project expenses are expected to be paid before the end of the financial year but the majority will be expected to be paid into the next financial year.

The year-to-date budget income was \$228,750 while the actual income is \$226,569. No reimbursements have been recouped from members as expenditure has been well under budget for the year thus far. An interest allocation will be made at the end of the financial year. The year-to-date actual budget surplus is \$129,487.

The total Kimberley Regional Group cash balance at 31 March 2024 is \$391,962 which represents the total of the Members interests at that date.

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.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div> <div>People Place Prosperity Performance</div> <div> <div>Advocate Partner Promote</div> <div>Facilitate Fund Monitor</div> </div> </div>			
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
<p><i>That the Kimberley Regional Group notes:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. the Interim Financial Report to 31 March 2024;</i> <i>2. the \$129,487 year to date budget surplus;</i> <i>3. no members contributions are outstanding for the 2023/24 financial year; and</i> <i>4. the total members interests of \$391,962 at 31 March 2024 represented by cash held in Reserves</i> 		Executive Officer to work with Secretariat on 2024-25 Budget	
Moved:	Shire of Broome	Responsible:	EO & Secretariat
Seconded:	Shire of Halls Creek	Due date:	As appropriate
Carried:	4/0		

Attachment 7: Kimberley Regional Group Interim Financial Report to 31 March 2024

Kimberley Regional Group - Year to date Income and expenditure for the period ended 31 March 2024	Annual Budget 2023/24	Adjusted Annual Budget 2023/24	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date
Expenditure				
Kimberley Regional Group - Zone & RCG Meeting Expenses	6,000	6,000	4,500	1,102
Kimberley Regional Group - Canberra Delegation Expenses	7,000	7,000	5,250	-
Kimberley Regional Group - Annual Financial Audit	6,000	6,000	4,500	-
Kimberley Regional Group - IT Support	1,000	1,000	750	-
Kimberley Regional Group - Sundry Expenses	1,000	1,000	750	-
Kimberley Regional Group - Policy creation	4,000	4,000	3,000	-
Kimberley Regional Group - Website upgrade	2,000	2,000	1,500	1,933
Kimberley Regional Group - Projects	20,000	65,000	48,750	1,350
Kimberley Regional Group - Executive Consultancy	120,000	120,000	90,000	89,147
Kimberley Regional Group - Executive Consultancy - reimbursable costs	8,000	8,000	6,000	3,550
Kimberley Regional Group - North West Defence Alliance	10,000	10,000	7,500	-
	<u>185,000</u>	<u>230,000</u>	<u>172,500</u>	<u>97,082</u>
Income				
Kimberley Regional Group - Reimbursement Zone & RCG Meetings Expenses - Op Inc	- 2,000	- 2,000	- 1,500	-
Kimberley Regional Group - Members Contribution Secretariat Costs - Op Inc	- 180,000	- 180,000	- 180,000	- 225,000
Kimberley Regional Group - Disbursement from Reserve	-	- 45,000	- 45,000	-
Kimberley Regional Group - Interest on Reserve - Op Inc	- 3,000	- 3,000	- 2,250	- 1,569
	<u>- 185,000</u>	<u>- 230,000</u>	<u>- 228,750</u>	<u>- 226,569</u>
Net Operating Result	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,250</u>	<u>129,487</u>
Opening Cash Balance	<u>262,476</u>	<u>262,476</u>	<u>262,476</u>	<u>262,476</u>
Outstanding Contributions	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Appropriation from Reserve		- 45,000	- 45,000	-
Closing Surplus Balance	<u>307,476</u>	<u>262,476</u>	<u>318,726</u>	<u>391,962</u>

7. Formal Presentations

Item for Discussion

Submitted by: Executive Team

Purpose

To provide a forum for guests to address the KRG on relevant topics.

Attendees

Time	Name	Position	Organisation
9.05am to 9.25am	Shane Ivers	CEO	Shire of Irwin
10.00am to 10.15am	Jennifer Thomas	Regional Development and Engagement Manager	NBNCO – Northern Region WA
11.00am to 11.15am	Robert Taylor	CEO	WA Indigenous Tourism Operators (WAITOC)

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications
<div> People Place Prosperity Performance </div>	<div> Advocate Partner Promote </div> <div> Facilitate Fund Monitor </div>	Nil
Resolution/s		Action(s)
For noting		TBD

8. Shared Services

Item for Discussion

Submitted by: Executive Team

Attachment 8: Shire of Irwin PowerPoint Presentation

Purpose

To commence discussion on whether shared services is something that KRG members would like to explore.

In summary

- Due to remoteness, skill shortages and cost it can be difficult for local governments to access the services that they require in a cost effective way.
- One way Western Australian Councils have addressed this is through a shared services approach to access greater economies of scale.
- There are a number of different models used by Councils to share services.
- Before considering a shared services model, discussion is needed on the drivers for this approach and what benefits may accrue. This includes identifying what services could be effectively shared, by whom, and why. Following this, discussion should occur on the best way to progress this including a governance model.
- It must be noted that shared services are distinguished from managed services, where an organisation outsources specific functions to another entity – i.e. outsourcing management of an airport or financial management to another Council. .

Background

The aim of this discussion is not a governance model for shared services but whether at an operational level sharing services would assist Kimberley Shires to make operations more efficient and effective.

In June 2023 the KRG considered governance models for the KRG's operation. The models examined included:

1. A Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils
2. A Regional Local Government Model
3. Regional Subsidiary Model
4. Establishing a Not For Profit Entity

It was agreed that a voluntary regional organisation of Councils was the best governance model at this time for the KRG. It must be noted that a number of these models are used by Councils to share services.

Details

A 2022 Report from the University of Tasmania 2022, *Options for Sharing Services in Tasmanian Local Governments*, establishes principles for the successful sharing of services, then outlines a range of government models relevant to Tasmanian councils¹. Whilst the focus of the research was Tasmanian Councils, the principles apply to local governments in any jurisdictions considering sharing services. These are:

1. Address an agreed problem	Identify and agree on the problem to be solved and the desired outcome (e.g., efficiency, effectiveness, expanded service offerings, more sustainable staffing systems, etc). Robust and reliable baseline data are essential to determining the most suitable model of service sharing and evaluating its performance over time.
2. Engage authentically and try to build consensus	Arrangements built on trust and mutual goodwill are likely to present a more attractive reform proposition than forced or compulsory ones. While differences of opinion are inevitable, genuine engagement with the sector is more conducive to progress than unilateral or antagonistic approaches.
3. Focus on areas of common interest and need	At least initially, focus on areas where there are common interests and mutual benefits and value from sharing
4. Aim to build scale and scope incrementally	Many shared services arrangements gradually evolve and 'snowball' over time into more comprehensive, enduring partnerships. Supporting evolution towards a more systematic shared services framework not only pays dividends in its own right, but also helps to build the compatibility and complementarity that prepare councils for more involved or far-reaching shared services reforms.
5. Ensure local accountability and responsiveness to local need	Arrangements in which councils lose too much autonomy or feel disempowered, can threaten local governments' ability to represent local preferences. Agree on longer-term outcome targets and report progress and benefits (or otherwise) over time.
6. Share risks and rewards	Arrangements in which one council shoulders more risk than others – or, alternatively, reaps greater rewards – are more likely to end in conflict than ones in which equitable sharing is a guiding and intentional design feature.
7. Incentivise and support the transition	Shared service arrangements almost inevitably involve at least some degree of realignment of council priorities or resources. Sensitive and equitable transition arrangements are vital to ensure that councillors, staff, and communities are kept on side.
8. Discuss and agree upon the best governance model	This should be done while noting that there will be trade-offs and compromises. Even the most successful shared service arrangements can succumb to self-interest or internal disagreement unless robust, independent governance structures are in place.

Principles for the successful implementation of shared services

¹ https://www.utas.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/1623203/FoLGR-UTas-Paper-4-Options-for-sharing-services-in-Tasmanian-Local-Government.pdf.

The Shire of Irwin and the Shire of Chapman Valley have been advancing a project to implement a shared services model for Corporate Services. The two Shires are setting up a Local Government Corporate Services Alliance (LGCSA) Association. The LGCSA will be a single independent service delivery entity responsible for delivering selected Corporate Services functions for its members. The LGCSA Association will purchase and manage the software required to deliver its services. Member LGAs would in turn have access to the software to view and manage their individual LGAs data.

Shire of Irwin CEO, Shane Ivers, has offered to share his learnings and provide an update on the project to the KRG.

Risk

Financial: A strategic approach to considering shared services is required.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div> <div> People Place Prosperity Performance </div> <div> Advocate Partner Promote </div> <div> Facilitate Fund Monitor </div> </div>		Nil	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
That the KRG discuss the appetite for exploring a shared services model between the Kimberley Councils.		Executive Officer and CEO's to discuss next steps out of session and to report back to the KRG.	
Moved:	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	Responsible:	EO & CEO's
Seconded:	Shire of Halls Creek	Due date:	As appropriate
Carried:	4/0		

Attachment 8: Shire of Irwin PowerPoint Presentation



Local Government Corporate Services Alliance Project Overview

June 2024

Shane Ivers, CEO Shire of Irwin

Problem

It has become increasingly difficult for small LGAs to comply with the ever-increasing burden of legislative and community expectations..



The challenge is to investigate options to deliver services to our constituents in the most efficient and effective manner possible, without overburdening the rate base and with the retention of each participating LGAs identity.



Challenges

Compliance with Legislation

Legislative and governance burden imposed on LGAs is making it almost impossible for small LGAs to be fully compliant across all areas.



There is a general consensus **larger local government entities** have an improved capacity to strengthen legislative compliance and improve deliver of essential services to its constituents than smaller entities.

Contemporary, Reliable ICT

Shires manage a suite of ICT systems, often outdated or not fit for purpose due to limited budgets



Larger local government entities have the capacity to establish stronger IT Platforms to address corporate compliance and service delivery issues more effectively.

Attraction & Retention

Regional and Remote Shires can find it difficult to attract and retain skilled staff



Larger local government entities have the capacity to employ more skilled specialist staff

Cost

Shires must finance staff and systems to support business processes with limited budgets and rising licensing costs and salaries



Larger local government entities have a significantly larger revenue base

Duplicated Effort

Regional local governments are currently working independently to deliver almost identical services into their respective communities whilst maintaining a high level of compliance.



Working together there is the opportunity to systemise common processes and at the same time enhance compliance

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Consolidated Service Model

A consolidated services model will remove a significant overhead from individual shires and reduce duplication

Compliance with Legislation

Legislative and governance burden imposed on LGAs is making it almost impossible for small LGAs to be fully compliant across all areas.



- Single Entity Accountable

Contemporary, Reliable ICT

Shires manage a suite of ICT systems, often outdated or not fit for purpose due to limited budgets



- One instance of software serving multiple organisations
- Specialised Resources proficient in software

Attraction & Retention

Regional and Remote Shires can find it difficult to attract and retain skilled staff



- Shared Resources
- Based in Perth or larger Regional Capital with access to wider resource pool
- Attractive Employment proposition

Cost

Shires must finance staff and systems to support business processes with limited budgets and rising licensing costs and salaries



- Costs 'shared' across multiple LGAs
- Economies of scale/greater purchasing power

Duplicated Effort

Regional local governments are currently working independently to deliver almost identical services into their respective communities whilst maintaining a high level of compliance.



One independent service delivery entity, removing the burden from the smaller LGAs and allowing them to focus on the important on-ground services to their constituents.

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Supported Local Functions



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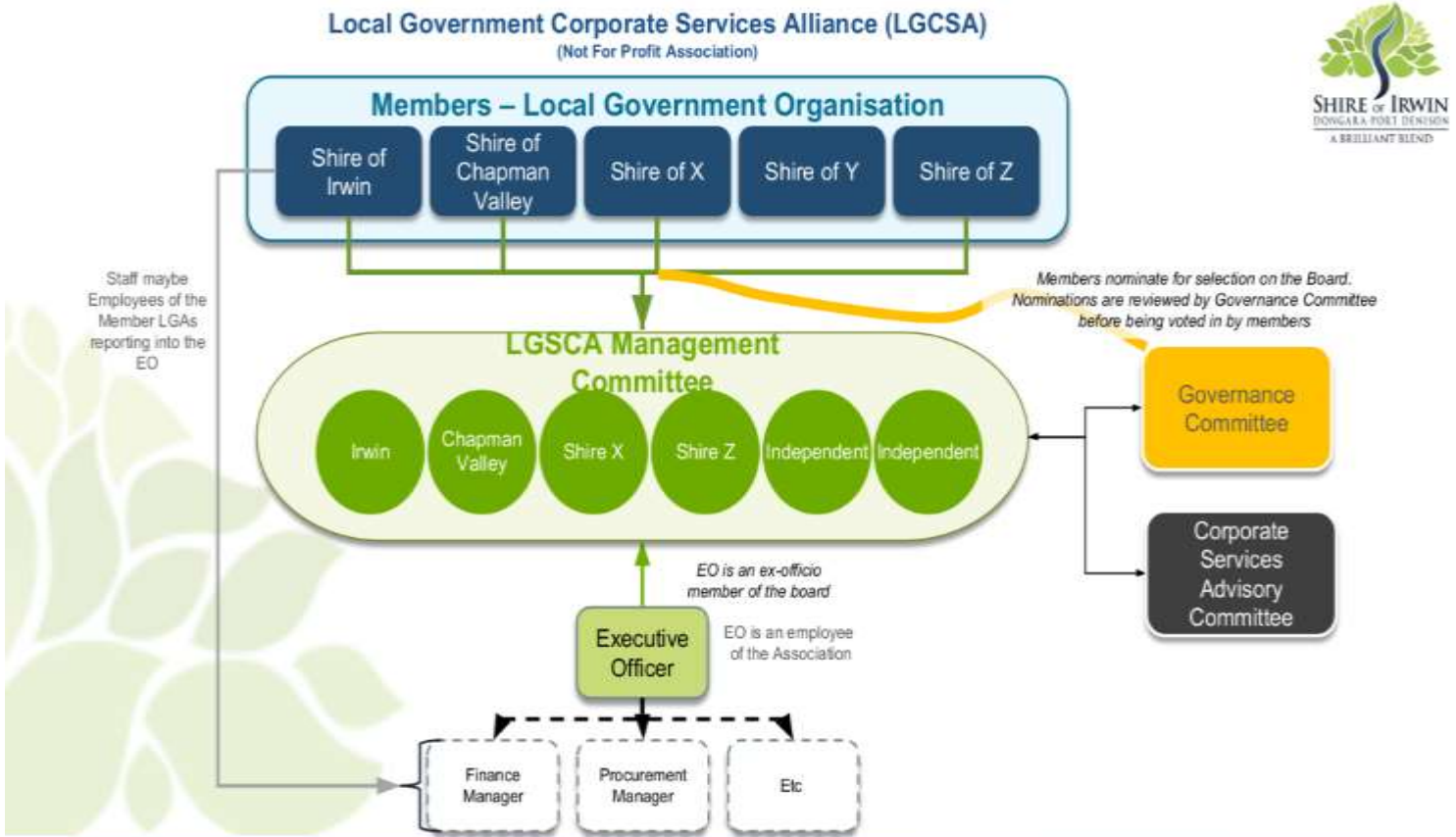
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Consolidated Services Model



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Any Questions?



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9. Kimberley Regional Group Priority Action List

Item for Discussion

Submitted by: Executive Team

Attachment 9 Status Report, KRG Prioritised Action List

Purpose

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

In summary

- The Priority Action List for 2023/24 was developed from a November 2022 workshop, and presented to members for feedback and become a standing item on the agenda
- The Executive Team is allocating resources to drive actions, and scoping out project costings for additional consultancy work as required.
- This paper provides a status update on priority actions.
- 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	
<div> <div>People</div> <div>Place</div> <div>Prosperity</div> <div>Performance</div> </div>	<div> <div>Advocate</div> <div>Partner</div> <div>Promote</div> </div> <div> <div>Facilitate</div> <div>Fund</div> <div>Monitor</div> </div>	Additional consultancy money to progress some actions to be considered after a scope of works has been presented for endorsement	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
That the KRG notes the progress of the action items			
Moved:	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	Responsible:	Executive Team
Seconded:	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Due date:	As appropriate
Carried:	4/0		

Attachment 9 KRG Prioritised Action List Status June 2024

Legend

Ongoing		Complete	On track	Pending	Behind
Type of Activity	Actions			Within contract scope	Status Update
Facilitate and partner	Develop a collective 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. 			No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Advocacy Strategy endorsed at November 2023 meeting. Housing Roundtable a key step in developing a collective Kimberley Housing Investment Strategy. Roundtable endorsed at February 2024 meeting
Facilitate and Partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host a Kimberley Housing Roundtable 			No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$10K received from KDC \$2.5K received from RDA Kimberley Housing Australia agreed to participate and to provide in kind support KRG committed \$5K To be hosted in Broome Monday 29th July 2024.

Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Maintenance Advocacy Strategy 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy to be developed for KRG endorsement
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tanami Activation Strategy 	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KDC is leading this work Likely a funding application for a precinct plan will be lodged KRG will continue to liaise with KDC and Shire of Halls Creek Activation strategy is included in the Investment Prospectus and Election Strategy
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the KRG land policy and strategy 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. 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted paper to be updated
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 – i.e., Street lighting (LED), CCTV, infrastructure, policing, child centred – preventative services and wrap around services. 	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scope of works endorsed at November 2023 meeting. RFQ released by SWEK for consultants NAJA engaged to undertake this project and start date TBC.
Improve performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving performance by learning from others (Benchmarking Project) All services provided to improve efficiencies and learning from others 	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benchmarking project endorsed at November 2023 meeting. Emails sent to CEO's requesting a contact for the information. Information received from SWEK and Broome. Derby working to provide information by the 19th of April. Follow up emails sent to Derby and Halls Creek
Monitor and Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop scope of works and commission research to understand the funding shortfall facing Kimberley Councils to inform an advocacy strategy for increased financial assistance (FAGS) from state and federal government. 	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scope of works endorsed at November 2023 meeting. RFQ released by SWEK for consultants. NAJA engaged to undertake this project and start date TBC.
Advocate	Execute Pre-election strategy		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop pre-election summary document 	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop pitch and layout
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch Pre-election document 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint meeting in Perth
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake advocacy 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings in Perth and Canberra
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential summit with Regional Australia Institute, 14-15 August, Canberra 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAJA negotiating reduced conference package and opportunities Proposal in the June agenda for discussion
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. 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data needed – an opportunity to lead joint advocacy with NGOs
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for whole of family approach and wrap around services to be located in the Kimberley. 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll into pre-election strategy. Benchmarking exercise to assist with this.
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a stakeholder engagement, communications and advocacy strategy in line with the Policy Papers 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll into pre-election strategy.
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop advocacy strategies to encourage economic diversification including mining; tourism; agriculture; defence; creative Industries; small business; Indigenous business growth 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing advocacy and engagement
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for MOG initiatives around better place based regional service delivery to be progressed. 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing advocacy and engagement.
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission to the Federal Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability. 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission Framework on the April 2024 agenda for discussion and input. Submissions due 3rd May 2024. Submission lodged 30th May 2024
Advocate Facilitate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather government election priorities 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review government commitments
Advocate Facilitate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create Investment Prospectus 2024 	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding allocated by KRG. Information sought from Councils. Item of April 2024 agenda. for endorsement
Advocate Facilitate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update KRG Investment Prospectus 	90%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete
Advocate Facilitate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop communication and advocacy plan 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key messages / key stakeholders

Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop White Paper with clear positions 	Yes	Complete – Instead of White Paper individual Position Papers Developed- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prosperous and Diverse Economy Housing Management of Alcohol and Other Drugs Juvenile Justice Community Safety and Crime Prevention Provision of Government Services Emergency Management
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. 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding Submission endorsed and submitted. Senate Inquiry submission endorsed and submitted. EM Policy Paper endorsed and submitted. These points included in submissions and EM Policy Paper.
Facilitate and Partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHFIC, now Housing Australia, attended November 2023 meeting. Will be engaged through Housing Advocacy Strategy.
Advocate	Develop a stakeholder engagement and communications plan, and advocacy strategy, to drive the actions identified in the Housing Policy Position, i.e.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State and federal social and affordable housing investment programs target the Kimberley Community housing partnerships. 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 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item for November 2023 meeting
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission to Aviation Green Paper 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission endorsed at November 2023 meeting and submitted
Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review KRG Governance Documents 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance documents endorsed at November 2023 meeting.

Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission to National Housing and Homelessness Plan 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission lodged based on Housing Policy Position
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Port of Entry Status 	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letters sent to State and Federal Government Ministers – continued to be raised in meetings with government. Expanded FPOE status being progressed for Broome

10. Election Strategy

Item for Noting

Submitted by: Executive Team

Attachment 10: KRG Investment Prospectus 2024/25 (Separately attached)

Purpose

To provide an update on the Kimberley Regional Group State and Federal government election strategy.

In summary

- The KRG endorsed an election strategy at the November 2023 meeting – the strategy's aim is pre-election commitments for investment in Kimberley infrastructure and services
- Up to \$7,600 was allocated by the KRG towards this strategy.
- Due to the additional time required on the Investment Prospectus, in particular removing and updating projects, a variation was agreed to by the Secretariat.
- This paper provides a progress update on the strategy.

Background

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Details

Election strategy actions and timetable status update

The following is a status update of the pre-election strategy

Action	When	Material Required / comments	Status update
Gather federal and state priorities for the Kimberley	January 2024	Research undertaken.	Complete
Update Investment Prospectus	March 2024	An item to endorse the final Prospectus is in the June agenda papers.	Complete
Refresh Position Papers	March 2024	The refreshed position papers were in the April 2024 agenda. The papers have been updated and loaded on the KRG website.	Complete
Develop an Election Summary document to front the election pack	April / May 2024	2-4 page document summarising Kimberley statistics and compelling election asks from the prospectus and position paper. To be finalised after State and Federal Government budgets are handed down. On track pending input on the key messages,	On track

Action	When	Material Required / comments	Status update
		advocacy and communications plan and finalisation of the Investment Prospectus	
Develop key messages and a communication plan	May / June 2024	Strategy in June 2024 Agenda for endorsement Under current contract	Complete
Develop an advocacy and engagement plan	May / June 2024	Strategy in June 2024 Agenda for endorsement Under current contract	Complete
Launch Pre-Election document	June 2024	Potential to launch at the 20 June Perth Joint Forum with the RCAWA.	On track
Undertake advocacy and engagement	July 2024 – March 2025	Will be executed once strategy endorsed. Link with KRG Canberra visit	TBD

Printing Costs have been sourced from A-team Printing who have provided the KRG with publications in the past and have been found to be professional, reliable and value for money.

Document	Number of Copies	Price \$ EX GST	Recommended
Presentation Folder: This will have artwork produced by Eclipse designs and will be made with a wider gusset that normal so as to able to accommodate the Strategy documents	25	229	\$309 for 50
	50	309	
	100	422	
Summary document – 4 pages	25	57	\$78 for 50
	50	78	
	100	114	
Investment Prospectus 44 pages plus cover	25	333	\$540 for 50
	50	540	
	100	908	
Policy Positions: it is envisioned that these will be utilized beyond the scope of the Election Strategy	100 each of 5 papers	\$544	\$544 for 100 of each
Total of printing costs if recommendations followed			\$1,471 plus GST

Risk

Operational and Reputational: Without a pre-election strategy, opportunities to drive the KRG's policy and advocacy agenda may be missed.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div> <div>People Place Prosperity Performance</div> <div> <div>Advocate Partner Promote</div> <div>Facilitate Fund Monitor</div> </div> </div>		<p>Up to \$7,600 plus GST was allocated towards the documents for the election strategy. Additional time was required on the Investment Prospectus including working with members to obtain information and removing and updating. A variation was discussed with secretariat to cover this additional time.</p> <p>Printing costs, dependent on number of copies to be printed.</p>	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
<p>1. That the KRG note the progress of the 2025 election strategy.</p> <p>2. Members note the presentation of the draft Investment Prospectus for feedback</p> <p>3. Members approve the printing of 100 Election Strategy documents.</p>		<p>Members to provide feedback on the draft Investment Prospectus by 8th July.</p> <p>Executive Team to send out 4 page summary document for out of session endorsement and finalise all documents</p> <p>Executive Team to organise printing in time for the Canberra visit.</p>	
Moved:	Shire of Halls Creek	Responsible:	Members and Executive Team
Seconded:	Shire of Broome	Due date:	8 th July 2024
Carried:	4/0		

11. Election Advocacy, Communications & Engagement Plan

Item for Endorsement

Submitted by: Executive Team

Attachment 11: Election Advocacy, Communications & Engagement Plan

Purpose

To endorse an Advocacy, Communications and Engagement Plan for the 2025 State and Federal elections.

In summary

- The KRG endorsed an Election Strategy at the November 2023 meeting
- The Strategy included development of an advocacy, communications and engagement plan
- This plan is presented to the KRG for endorsement

Background

As above

Details

As per the attached Plan. The Plan has been developed to be implementation and cost effective.

Risk

Reputational and Operational: Without a plan to inform the election strategy, opportunities to drive the KRG's policy and advocacy agenda may be missed.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div> <div> People Place Prosperity Performance </div> <div> Advocate Partner Promote </div> <div> Facilitate Fund Monitor </div> </div>		The implementation of the Strategy through this plan will be undertaken through core resourcing, apart from areas of the plan which require attendance at meetings in Canberra and Perth.	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
That the KRG endorses Advocacy, Communications and Engagement Plan for the 2025 State and Federal elections.		Executive Team to execute the Plan.	
Moved:	Shire of Broome	Responsible:	Executive Team
Seconded:	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Due date:	As required
Carried:	4/0		

Attachment 11: Election Advocacy, Communications & Engagement Plan

Kimberley Regional Group Election Strategy

Advocacy, communications, and engagement plan

Context

Election Dates

- The 2025 Western Australian state election is scheduled to be held on 8 March 2025
- The next Australian federal election will be held on or before 27 September 2025

Election Context

- State and Federal elections will be delivered in a challenging social and economic environment.
- International instability – impact on supply chains, commodity prices
- Global changing economic conditions (i.e. China)
- Cost of living pressures
- Housing insecurity
- Risk of high inflation – increasing costs of services and infrastructure
- WA budget - 2023/24 operating surplus of \$3.2 billion – strong surplus across outyears
- Federal Budget - \$9.3B surplus – reducing across outyears.

State Environment

- Seat of Kimberley – Hon Divina D'Anna MLA - Safe Labor seat (margin of 13.1% & held by Labor since 1980)
- Labor left faction (AMWU) (Labor left factions include Roger Cook (UW), Don Punch (AMWU))

WA Labor Priorities (Treasurer's budget speech 2024)

- responsible financial management
- create more jobs and a strong economy
- improve services and infrastructure
- diversifying regional economies and creating quality local jobs

WA Liberal Priorities

- jobs, tax relief for workers and small businesses, investment in transport and water infrastructure,
- support for industries that will be critical to WA's future. - resources, defence, renewable energy, manufacturing, and agriculture.
- build a stronger WA economy
- Help more West Australians buy their first home
- Guaranteeing essential services
- Tough on Crime
- Cost of Living Pressures

State policy pressures in the media

- Housing
- Cost of living
- Community safety / crime
- Family violence

Federal Environment

- Seat of Durack – Liberal, Melissa Price MP elected 2013. Opposition Whip.
- Marginal seat (-11% swing last election - Labor won 26 of 29 booths north of Carnarvon)
- Boundary redistribution – likely to favour LNP

Federal Labor Priorities (Federal budget 2024)

- *Cost of living help and a future made in Australia –*
 - Easing pressures today and investing in a better future.¹
- Keeping pressure off inflation, delivering cost-of-living relief, supporting sustainable economic growth and strengthening public finances
- Initiatives were framed within the following areas, with details of initiatives in these areas attached:
 - easing cost-of-living pressures.
 - building more homes for Australians.
 - investing in a Future Made in Australia.
 - strengthening Medicare and the care economy.
 - broadening opportunity and advancing equality.



Liberal Party Priorities - Get Australia Back on Track

- Alleviate pressure on the housing market
- Support small business
- Deliver more affordable and reliable energy
- Increase workforce participation
- Deliver better healthcare
- Improve community safety
- Boost defence

¹ <https://budget.gov.au/content/overview/index.htm>

Federal policy pressures in the media

- Housing affordability
- Tackling climate change - transition to a net zero economy
- Closing the Gap
- Migration
- Border security
- Family violence

Green Party Policy Priorities

Here's our plan: We will tax the billionaires & big corporations and provide the things we all need for a better life. Treaty. Replacing coal and gas with 100% renewables. Dental and mental healthcare covered under Medicare. Wiping student debt and free education for all. Affordable housing. Secure, well paid jobs. An end to all forms of discrimination...

**National Party Policy Priorities**

Regional Health	Land and Water Management	Small Business and Tourism
Education	The Economy and Taxation	Transport
Food Security and Agriculture	Regional Development	Communications
Social Justice	Climate Change	Trade

**KRG Election Approach**

- Politically neutral
- Credible
- Implementational and cost effective
- Leverage member Council media / communication channels
- Leverage key partners / stakeholders
- Positive and upbeat – selling the benefits

Advocacy Strategy**Aim**

- Election commitments from major parties for new investment in the Kimberley

How

- Compelling case for investment
- Share information, build relationships, generate support third party endorsement
- Engagement approach - Inform and consult

Advocacy Strategy		
Aim		
Election Commitments from major parties		
Primary Target		
Influential State and Federal Members of Parliament		
Tactic	Who	Resources
Clear, compelling ask	Members Executive	Investment Prospectus Position Papers Election Summary Document
Story bank - economic / social impact benefits – the why	CEOs/ Presidents	KRG Members People who illustrate the why of our ask needed

Engage with key stakeholders	CEOs/ Presidents	Members
Third party endorsement by key stakeholders	CEOs/Presidents	Members and key partners
Implement Media and communication plan	Executive	Members
Measure success	Executive	Executive

Communication Plan

Internal Communication Objectives

- To raise awareness of the KRG initiatives within each Council;
- To leverage off internal communication opportunities of each Council;
- To increase internal coverage of KRG stories within Shires;
- To ensure that Council employees are KRG advocates.

External Communication Objectives

- To align asks with driving State and Federal policy priorities
- To raise positive awareness of KRG across the Kimberley;
- Position KRG as a credible partner with State and Federal Government;
- Increase external coverage of KRG stories
- Leverage community partners

Key messages

- Key messages are designed to speak to all sides of government
- Reference to Projects in the Investment Prospectus

Key message	Proof point
KRG Members are working in partnership with our communities to drive positive economic and social outcomes and contribute to a vibrant Kimberley region delivering value for all Australians.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alliance of 4 Kimberley Shires • Population of • Deliver essential infrastructure and services – i.e. roads, airports, recreation facilities, libraries, evacuation facilities,
The Kimberley is closer to Asia than capital cities – major export opportunities and front line to Australia's defence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kununurra to Perth – 3018km / Kununurra to Jakarta – 2614km • Broome to Singapore – 2944km / Broome to Sydney – 5156km • 3 major boat arrivals in 2024 on the Kimberley coast
We are seeking a strategic package of enabling investment to:	
Deliver sustainable, long term growth and prosperity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical infrastructure i.e. roads, airports, telecommunications, ports, affordable housing, community infrastructure drive growth and community amenity
Create jobs, diversify, and grow our industries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.5B annual economic output – opportunities for growth in - • Agriculture – Ord River • Pastoral industry • Resources - Iron ore, cobalt, and nickel: Copper, gold, and silver: Construction materials: Crude oil and dimension stone • Aboriginal cultural industries • Tourism • Aboriginal workforce and Designated Migration Area Agreement
Protect our borders and support our nation's defence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12,000k of coastline facing Indian Ocean/Asian region • Curtin Defence Base • Norforce • North West Defence Alliance
Tackle climate change challenges and support a low carbon future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro Power (Lake Argyle), Tidal Power, wind, solar • Abundant sunshine • Abundant Land • Strong relationships with Traditional Owner Groups for joint ventures on land.
Reduce vulnerability and building community resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highest frequency of cyclone activity in Australia • Over 150 remote Aboriginal communities requiring support to build resilience.
Support strong families and communities reducing crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local governments deliver a range of crime prevention initiatives through community safety plans, ranger services, street lighting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kimberley has the highest rates of FDV offences across WA with family violence rates up almost 50 per cent in five years. (19 incidents per day) Youth crime is a significant problem deterring tourists and essential workers Poverty and disadvantage driving many crimes
Close the Gap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 percent of population is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Over 150 remote Aboriginal communities requiring infrastructure and services Investment will deliver positive outcomes for Aboriginal people and communities Strong partnership with Aboriginal community controlled organisations to implement key strategies to Close the Gap – i.e. <i>Commitment to Aboriginal Youth Wellbeing, Learnings from the Message Stick: The Report of the Inquiry into Aboriginal Youth Suicide</i>
Local Government Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to low rate bases, Kimberley Councils reliant on Grants which are competitive and do not provide ongoing financial sustainability. Financial Assistant Grants have not kept pace with Councils costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WA Councils require \$279.9m (this excludes any minimum grant payment) but only receives \$205m (WA Local Government Grants Commission). Indexation does not consider rural and regional cost escalations The cost to build and to maintain assets in the Kimberley is estimated 70–100% higher than metropolitan areas, putting enormous strain on Council finances. Average employee expenses are higher in our region due requirement to provide incentives i.e. housing/allowances Government rate exemptions impact on our ability to raise own source revenue The increasing requirement to implement legislation has real costs – ie the Public Health Plan will cost the Shire of Broome \$90K to implement. Tax concessions are not optimised to support living in regional and remote Australia

Communication and Media Plan

KRG Collateral

- 2024/25 Investment Prospectus
- KRG Position Papers
- Election Summary Document

KRG Distribution Channels

- Website
- Linked In
- Shire Websites
- Shire Newsletters
- Media Releases

Timeframe	What	Channel/ Tool
By 7 June 2024	Position papers – load onto website	Linked in Post
20 June 2024	Launch of Prospectus Load onto website	Linked in Post Media Release
June / July	Distribution of Prospectus and Position Papers	Letter to key stakeholders with copy of document Copy of document at Shire counters Link to documents on Council websites Email by CEOs to Council staff Information in Council newsletters
August	Launch Pre-election RAI Event Canberra Load onto website	Linked in Post Media Release
	Meet with key stakeholders in Canberra	Table collateral at meetings in Canberra
	Write to Prime Minister, LOOP & Premier and LOOP	Invitation to Prime Minister / Key Ministers to visit Kimberley
	Meet with key stakeholders in Canberra	Table at meetings in Perth
September	Write an Opinion Piece for West and Australian	Opinion Piece
October	Host a journalist tour of Kimberley hotspots	
November	Highlight projects on Linked-In	
December	Highlight projects on Linked-In	
January	Highlight projects on Linked-In	
February	Host a Pre-election forums - Kimberley State Candidates & Federal Candidates (noting maybe additional cost)	Shire facility to host meeting
March		
April		

Media Targets

- Newspapers – West Australian, Kimberley Echo, Broome Advertiser; the Australian
- ABC Radio and TV
- Kimberley community radio stations

Talent

- KRG members
- Identified residents and business people

Key Stakeholders

State Government

Organisation Position	Who
Member for Kimberley / Parliamentary Secretary Deputy Premier	Hon Divina D'Anna MLA
Premier	Hon Roger Cook MLA
Minister for Regional Development	Hon Don Punch MLA
Mining and Pastoral Region	Neil Thompson MLC (Lib)
Mining and Pastoral Region	Rosie Sahanna MLC (ALP)
Leader of the Liberal Party	Libby Mettam MLA
Leader of the National Party	Shane Love MLA
Premier Chief of Staff	Veronica Jeffries
KDC CEO & Chair	Chuck Berger / Tom Stephens
Key Director Generals and Regional Directors	

Federal Government

Organisation Position	Who
Prime Minister	Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Member for Perth / Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister	Hon Patrick Gorman MP
Minister for Northern Australia / Resources	Hon Madelaine King MP, Member for Brand
Senator for WA	Senator Glenn Sterle (ALP)
Leader of the Liberal Party	Hon Peter Dutton MP
Member for Durack	Melissa Price MP (Lib)
Leader of the National Party	Hon David Littleproud MP
RDA Kimberley	Janine Hatch, Elsie Archer, Susan Bradley
Office for Northern Australia	
Northern Australia Infrastructure Fund	Ana-Marija Jurisic, Director, Investment

Industry

Organization / Position	Who
WAITOC CEO	Robert Taylor
WA Tourism Council CEO	Evan Hall
Australia's North West Tourism CEO	Bill Tatchell
Regional CCI CEO	Kitty Prodovich
EKCCI CEO	Keda Bond
Broome CCI CEO	Sharni Foulkes
Derby CCI President	Stewart Milne
Western Roads Federation CEO	Cam Dumesny

Community Sector

Organisation / Position	Who
Kimberley Land Council CEO	Tyrone Garstone
BBY CEO	Fran Haintz (acting)
Empowered Futures West Kimberley	Mala Haji-Ali

12. RAI Summit – Canberra Trip 2024

Item for Noting

Submitted by: Executive Team

Attachment 12: Email sent to CEO's 06/06/2024

Attachment 13: KRG & RCAWA RAI Proposal

Purpose

To provide an update on the 2024 Regions Rising National Summit in Canberra.

In summary

- The Executive Officer has been working with Liz Ritchie the CEO of Regional Australia Institute (RAI) regarding the Kimberley Regional Group attending the 2024 RAI Summit in Canberra from the 13th of August to the 15th of August.
- Calendar invites for the above dates have been sent out to all members.
- This will be a combined trip with the Regional Capitals Alliance WA members.
- An email (attachment 11) was sent out to the CEO's on Thursday the 6th of June detailing the bespoke partnership package (attachment 12) as well as the actions required from members in regard to confirming attendance, accommodation and flights.

Background

As above

Details

As per attachments 11 and 12

Attachment 12: Email sent to CEO's 06/06/2024

NAJA Administration <info@naja.com.au>
to Musa, Sam, Vernon, Amanda, Paul ▾

6 Jun 2024, 11:07 (6 days ago)

Good morning,

An update on the Regions Rising 2024 National Summit in Canberra from Tuesday the 13th of August to Thursday the 15th of August.

Please note we have tentatively booked the accommodation so that check out is Friday the 16th.

The 2024 Canberra trip will include:

- **Tuesday 13 August** – RAI Summit welcome reception (from 5pm).
 - o Politician one on one meetings (To be organised by the Executive Officer - TBC)
- **Wednesday 14 August** – Full day conference and Summit Dinner
- **Thursday 15 August** – Full day conference (finishing at 3pm) and a **KRG** meeting

Paul has negotiated with Liz Ritchie a bespoke partnership package of \$9,000 (Excl GST) which includes:

- 5 full tickets (members only). This also includes attendance at the Summit dinner.
- Additional 3 full tickets (members only) at a 50% discounted rate of \$775 (Excl GST). This also includes attendance at the Summit dinner.
- KRG & RCAWA branding on appropriate Summit hardcopy and digital promotions, including the Summit Program and all Summit-focussed EDMs.
- Involvement in a Panel Session and moderated by a representative from our group.
- A detailed post-summit report analysing Summit attendance and engagement.

The \$9,000 plus additional member costs (ie 2 members per Shire) will be paid for from the KRG budget.

- Additional full tickets for non-members can be purchased at the 50% discounted rate of \$775 (Excl GST) - The additional tickets will be recovered from the Shire's.

Accommodation is to be paid by members directly.

We have tentatively booked rooms for 3 nights (check in 3 pm on Tuesday the 13th and check out 11 am on Friday the 16th) at the Crowne Plaza (1 Binara Street Canberra) as they have a reduced rate for people attending the Summit.







A **non-refundable deposit** of 1 night's stay is **due by the 15th of July**. Members will need to call the Crowne Plaza directly on (02) 6274 5500 to provide payment details. Remaining balance will be paid on check out.

Please note that the hotel is filling up quickly so if you would like to arrive earlier than Tuesday the 13th or leave later than Friday the 16th please ring the Crowne Plaza directly and organise asap so you do not miss out







Flights are to be booked and paid by members directly.

Below are some flight options currently showing on flight centre.

Monday 12th of August Departure:

	11:00am Mon 12 Aug		4:50pm Mon 12 Aug	QF856	From \$804
	1:20pm Mon 12 Aug		8:40pm Mon 12 Aug		From \$401
	2:25pm Mon 12 Aug		10:05pm Mon 12 Aug		From \$703

Return Friday 16th of August

	7:20pm Fri 16 Aug		9:55pm Fri 16 Aug	QF857	From \$723
	6:50pm Fri 16 Aug		11:10pm Fri 16 Aug		From \$372
	9:05am Fri 16 Aug		1:35pm Fri 16 Aug		From \$844

Can you please confirm by **Wednesday the 12th of June** who will be attending.

The current list is:

		YES	NO
Cr David Menzel (Chair)	President, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley		
Cr Peter McCumstie	President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley		
Cr Malcolm Edwards	President, Shire of Halls Creek		
Cr Geoff Haerewa	Deputy President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley		
Amanda Dexter	CEO, Shire of Derby West Kimberley		
Musa Mono	Director Health & Regulatory Services, Shire of Halls Creek		
Cr Tony Chafer	Deputy Shire President, SWEK		
Vernon Lawrence	CEO, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley		
Tamara Clarkson	CEO, Shire of Derby West Kimberley		
Jeff	SWEK		
Cr Brett Angwin	Shire of Derby West Kimberley		
Cr Kerrissa O'Meara	Shire of Derby West Kimberley		

Attachment 13: KRG and RCAWA RAI Proposal



REGIONAL
AUSTRALIA
INSTITUTE

3 May 2024

Dear Paul & Bec,

**Partnership Proposal | 2024 Regions Rising National Summit 'The New Frontier'
& Regional Capitals Alliance WA & Kimberley Regional Group of Council**

It was great to connect with you recently and to discuss our mutual endeavours to elevate regional Australia. As you know Paul, Western Australia holds such a special place in my heart, particularly the beautiful north.

The RAI team and I are excited at the prospect of working more closely Regional Capitals Alliance WA & Kimberley Regional Group of Councils. In particular, the potential to more boldly reflect the unique the challenges, but most of all significant opportunities of northern WA in the work of the RAI-led 10 year plan for regional Australia: the [Regionalisation Ambition 2032 – A Framework to Rebalance the Nation](#).

To this end, below is a proposal for a collaboration between Regional Capitals Alliance WA & Kimberley Regional Group of Council and the RAI for this year's 2024 Regions Rising National Summit in Canberra 13-15 August.

Partnership objective: To elevate the role; contribution and potential of northern Western Australia in the national regional development conversation and embed the shared vision of the Regional Capitals Alliance WA & Kimberley Regional Group of Councils in the RAI's *Regionalisation Ambition 2032 – A Framework to Rebalance the Nation*.

Bespoke partnership benefit inclusions:

- X10 full National Summit registrations includes attendance at Summit dinner (a 50% discount on additional registrations).
- Dedicated northern Western Australia panel concurrent session curated in collaboration with KRCG & RCAWA and moderated by a KRCG & RCAWA representative.
- KRCG & RCWA branding in appropriate Summit hardcopy and digital promotions, including the Summit Program and all Summit-focussed EDMs.
- A detailed post-summit report analysing Summit attendance and engagement.

Investment: \$18,000 plus GST

The team will work with you to design a package that suits your business and budget imperatives. A member of our team will be in touch shortly to coordinate a time to discuss the proposal.

Yours sincerely,



Liz Ritchie
Chief Executive Officer

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div> <div> People Place Prosperity Performance </div> <div> Advocate Partner Promote </div> <div> Facilitate Fund Monitor </div> </div>		To be discussed with Secretariat out of session.	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
<p>That the KRG:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm Shire attendees by Wednesday the 26th of June 2024. Note that the discounted rate only applies to tickets organised by the Executive Team. Note that accommodation must be confirmed and paid by each Shire directly to the hotel (Crowne Plaza) by the 15th of July. Note that flights are to be booked and paid by members directly. 		As per resolution	
Moved:	Shire of Broome	Responsible:	Members & Executive Team
Seconded:	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Due date:	26 th June 2024
Carried:	4/0		

13. State and Federal Budget 2024/25 Overview Kimberley Perspective

Item for Noting

Submitted by: Executive Team

Attachment 14: Kimberley Fact Sheet WA Budget 2024

Attachment 15: Federal Budget Initiatives 2024

Purpose

To provide a brief summary of regional and Kimberley initiatives in 2023/24 Federal and State government budgets to inform the election strategy and advocacy.

In summary

- The Western Australian Budget 2024/25 was handed down on the 9th of May 2024.
- The Federal Budget 2024/25 was handed down on the 14th of May 2024.
- Both budgets have been delivered in the year before a State and Federal Election which means there are likely to be new budget announcements over the next 12 months.
- A high-level summary of initiatives has been compiled by the Executive Team.
- Information from these budgets will be used to inform the KRG election strategy, advocacy, and engagement.

Background

As above

Details

State Budget 2024/25

Kimberley residents will benefit from the WA Government's \$762 million investment in cost of living relief measures, \$1.1 billion in housing and homelessness services, \$3.2 billion investment in health, \$6.4 B investment in country roads and regional transport infrastructure funding focused on diversifying regional economies and creating quality local jobs and \$536 million new investment for environmental protections. A summary overview is attached. Specific Kimberley initiatives include the following²:

- \$5 million for the Broome North Waranyjarri Estate, delivering sustainable housing in the Kimberley.
- \$2.6 million for stockyard upgrades at the Kununurra checkpoint.
- \$14.6 million to continue the Kimberley Ambulance Service.

² Premier Kimberley Media Release <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/media-statements/Cook%20Labor%20Government/Cook-Government-delivering-on-what-matters-for-the-Kimberley-20240509>

- \$53.6 million towards the replacement of the single-lane Brooking Channel Bridge, which will enhance road safety and provide ongoing employment for Fitzroy Valley workers\$6 million in new infrastructure at the Port of Broome to build greater import capabilities and boost supply chains.
- 6 million in new infrastructure at the Port of Broome to build greater import capabilities and boost supply chains.
- \$1.2 million for four full-time staff to repair stream gauging stations damaged by Tropical Cyclone Ellie.
- \$4.5 million for Horizon Power to buy out existing power stations at Ardyaloon, Bidadanga, Beagle Bay, Djarindjin-Lombadina and Warmun.
- \$1.9 million for the Buccaneer Archipelago Marine Park.
- \$1.6 million for the Fitzroy River National Park.
- \$1 million to upgrade the Kurrajong and Walardi campgrounds at Purnululu National Park.
- \$1.8 million to continue establishment and operation of the East Kimberley Place-Based Partnership (BBY Kununurra).
- \$1.3 million to continue the Bidadanga project, a placed-based partnership to enable a 'town like' community in Bidadanga.

Other initiatives outlined in Minister Buti's release as Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Release ³

- \$8 million invested in further priority airstrip renewals in remote communities in the Kimberley.
- \$4.5 million in 2024-25 for the remediation of illegally dumped asbestos within the Nyamba Buru Yawuru's Yinajalan Ngarrungunil Health and Wellbeing Campus site in Broome;
- \$2.7 million to support implementation of the Kimberley Partnership Agreement by the Mental Health Commission.

Other critical infrastructure projects currently being delivered and recently completed including⁴:

- the replacement of the Fitzroy River Bridge (\$250 million);
- the replacement of three single-lane bridges on the Great Northern Highway at Arthur Creek, Tickalara Creek and Frog Hollow Creek (\$33 million joint Federal and State Government investment);
- sealing 313 kilometres of the Tanami Road (\$542.7 million joint Federal and State Government investment); and
- sealing the runway at Warmun airstrip (\$5 million).

Federal Budget 2024/25

The Federal Budget highlighted Cost of living help and a future made in Australia as the key measures from the 2024–25 Budget; Easing pressures today and investing in a better future.⁵ The Budget aimed to strike the right balance between keeping pressure off inflation, delivering cost-of-living relief, supporting sustainable economic growth, and strengthening public finances. Initiatives were framed within the following areas, with details of initiatives in these areas attached:

- easing cost-of-living pressures.
- building more homes for Australians.
- investing in a Future Made in Australia.
- strengthening Medicare and the care economy.

³ Minister But Media Release - <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/media-statements/Cook%20Labor%20Government/State-Budget-delivers-support-for-Aboriginal-Western-Australians-20240509>

⁴ <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/media-statements/Cook-Labor-Government/New-multimillion-dollar-program-to-build-Kimberley-resilience-20240409>

⁵ <https://budget.gov.au/content/overview/index.htm>

- broadening opportunity and advancing equality.

Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) analysis⁶

ALGA's summary of the Federal budget is as follows -

- No restoring Financial Assistance Grants to at least one per cent of Commonwealth taxation revenue
- A \$155 million increase in Financial Assistance Grants this year. However, this increase is the result of the legislated indexation formula, and far below the fair increases promised by the Government.
- Celebrate the aim of the Government's new \$100 million National Active Transport Fund, but it doesn't make sense to exclude councils from applying
- An extra \$150 million for the Roads to Recovery program, as well as a commitment to increase this funding to \$1 billion per year over the forward estimates.

The budget outlines in the chapter on Better transport for cities, regions and suburbs, investment in infrastructure for each jurisdiction. The budget has \$8.9B of investment in WA with \$132.8 million allocated for the Great Northern Highway Corridor. Along with \$1.7B for Metronet, this is the Great Northern Corridors is the only other highlighted initiative for WA. The following is a summary of this initiative.

Kimberley - Investment in Great Northern Highway Corridor⁷

Total AGC	\$357.4 million
Corridor description	The Australian Government has committed funding to upgrade the Great Northern Highway Corridor in WA.
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved safety • Reduced congestion and improved travel time reliability • Improved freight efficiency • Enhanced social outcomes, economic development, and environmental sustainability
Funding program	Investment Roads – Infrastructure Investment Program
Transport mode	Road
State	Western Australia

Projects within the Great Northern Highway Corridor:

Great Northern Highway – Brooking Channel Bridge

The project will upgrade the Great Northern Highway with construction of a two-lane bridge over the Brooking Channel at Fitzroy Crossing, improving the resilience of the Great Northern Highway in the Kimberley region.

⁶ <https://alga.com.au/councils-left-out-in-the-cold-on-budget-night/>

⁷ <https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/wa-great-northern-highway-corridor.pdf>.

Great Northern Highway – Fitzroy to Gogo (Kimberley Resilience Program)

The project will deliver 11 kilometres of road reconstruction and replacement of two single lane bridges along the Great Northern Highway Fitzroy Crossing to Gogo Section to ensure continued improvement in social and economic outcomes for First Nations people of Fitzroy Crossing.

Port Hedland Airport Deviation

The project will construct a five-kilometre single carriageway to realign the Great Northern Highway away from the Port Hedland International Airport, construct a single-span concrete road bridge over a duplicated rail line, construct two access roads and relocate a tourist information bay.

Great Northern Highway - Broome to Kununurra (Nellie Springs to Sally Downs Well and Arthur Creek)

The project will upgrade the Great Northern Highway by replacing a single lane bridge with a two-lane bridge at Arthur Creek, and upgrading four floodways' to bridges between Nellie Springs and Sally Downs Well.

Great Northern Highway Upgrade Ord River North Section (Stage 2)

The project will widen and overlay 11.2 kilometres of road along the Great Northern Highway and construct a new bridge over Tickalara Creek including approach works and removal of the existing bridge.

Great Northern Highway Upgrade – Ord River North Section, Stage 3

The project will comprise of two stages:

- Stage 3a: includes widening and overlay, reconstruction, and realignment of the Great Northern Highway, replacing and extending culverts, improving off-road drainage, and constructing road safety barriers as required.
- Stage 3b: includes widening and overlay, reconstruction and realignment of the Great Northern Highway, construction of a north bound passing lane and new bridge over Frog Hollow.

Great Northern Highway Upgrade - Newman to Port Hedland Overtaking Lanes

The project will construct up to 18 high priority overtaking lanes along Great Northern Highway from Newman to Port Hedland.

Great Northern Highway Upgrade – Broome to Kununurra (Deep Creek, Logue River and Wonjil)


The project involves upgrading approximately 33 kilometres of the Great Northern Highway between Roebuck and Fitzroy Crossing, including rehabilitation, and widening of existing pavement on various sections, improvements to the road formation and drainage, construction of a heavy vehicle parking bay and road signs, safety barriers and road marking.

Risk


Reputational: Without an understanding of State and Federal policy context advocacy may not be targeted where needed.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div> <div> People Place Prosperity Performance </div> <div> Advocate Partner Promote </div> <div> Facilitate Fund Monitor </div> </div>		Nil	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
That the KRG notes Kimberley initiatives in the 2024 State and Federal Government budgets.			
Moved:	Shire of Broome	Responsible:	-
Seconded:	Shire of Halls Creek	Due date:	-
Carried:	4/0		

Attachment 14: Kimberley Fact Sheet WA Budget 2024



WA State Budget
2024-25



Delivering for the Kimberley

The Cook Labor Government is doing what's right for the Kimberley, with the 2024-25 State Budget delivering significant cost of living relief while investing in health facilities and services, housing, quality jobs and targeted training programs.


The 2024-25 State Budget is focused on WA's regions, with a record \$12.8 billion investment in regional infrastructure, and billions more to fund regional service delivery.

This Budget delivers measures that will drive regional economic growth, diversify regional economies and create jobs for our kids in the regions.

In addition, \$4 billion in Royalties for Regions funding will go towards projects which enrich regional communities, ensuring they remain great places to live, work and raise a family.

Cost-of-Living Relief for Kimberley Residents

A family living in the Kimberley with two kids could receive:




- \$400 Household Electricity Credit
- Two WA Student Assistance Payments totalling up to \$500
- Around \$2,000 from capped airfares (depending on frequency of travel)

Total assistance Almost \$3,000

And they'll benefit from:

- \$147m for free regional school buses or transport subsidies
- \$706m for regional water and electricity subsidies
- Free flu immunisation

A pensioner living in the Kimberley could receive:



- \$400 Household Electricity Credit
- \$334 Energy Assistance Payment
- \$107 Seniors Cost of Living Rebate
- 50% rebate, up to \$750, on local government rates
- 50% rebate, up to \$600, for water service charges
- Around \$180 in vehicle licence fee discounts
- \$675 Regional Pensioner Travel Card

Total assistance More than \$3,000

And they'll benefit from:

- Up to 50% discount on the Emergency Services Levy
- \$706m for regional water and electricity subsidies
- Free flu immunisation

- \$492.4 million to provide a **\$400 electricity credit** for every WA household and small business, including across the Pilbara
- \$103.5 million **WA Student Assistance Payment** to ease the pressure of school expenses, which provides \$150 for WA kindergarten and primary school students and \$250 for secondary school students
- \$64.5 million in additional investment to continue the popular **Regional Airfare Zone Cap Scheme** that caps airfares at \$299 one way for regional residents living over 1,000 kms driving distance from Perth, including for travel from Perth to Broome and Kununurra
- \$20.3 million to increase the value of the **Regional Pensioner Travel Card** (formerly the Country Age Pension Fuel Card) by \$100, bringing the total annual amount to \$675, from 1 July 2024

- \$8.2 million to provide **free flu vaccinations** to all Western Australians in preparation for the 2025 flu season
- \$8 million to extend the highly successful **Fee Free TAFE program** through the 2025 training year
- \$3 billion to subsidise the cost of providing **water and electricity to regional Western Australians**, including Kimberley residents, to keep services affordable for everyone

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$10.6 million program to create energy bill savings and reducing carbon emissions through **rooftop solar on social housing** in Beagle Bay, Djarindjin/Lombadina, Ardyaloon, Bidyadanga and Warmun
- \$147.3 million in 2024-25 to provide **free regional school bus services** and the Student Transport Allowance – which has more than doubled from 25.24c per kilometre to 55.6c per kilometre – to assist kids in regional and remote areas who aren't able to access free regional school bus services

Delivering Regional Housing

- Massive \$1.1 billion additional investment to **boost housing supply and affordability**
- \$400 million for **social and affordable housing projects**, including in the Kimberley
- \$5 million to unlock 26 development-ready lots in Stage 13 of **Broome North's Waranyjarri Estate**, including a new public open space
- \$60 million for a **Regional Community Housing Grants Program**, to support community housing providers to deliver new dwellings or refurbish existing dwellings
- \$43.8 million in additional investment for **Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH)**, to fund new builds, spot purchases, refurbishments and land acquisitions
- \$8.9 million to **strengthen protections for renters** following the passing of the Residential Tenancies Act, and to support the Consumer Protection Commissioner in dispute resolution processes

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$15.9 million for the **Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO) Aboriginal Employee Housing Grants Program** through the North-West Aboriginal Housing Fund which will provide ACCOs in the Kimberley and Pilbara the opportunity to apply for capital grant funding to build, refurbish, or spot purchase homes to provide as affordable rentals to their Aboriginal employees

Investing in Regional Health and Mental Health

- \$2.6 billion per annum in **regional healthcare** investment
- \$14.6 million to continue the delivery of the **Kimberley Ambulance Service**
- \$10.7 million to construct a new **Sobering Up Centre in Broome** to provide a safe place for intoxicated people
- \$2.4 million to **upgrade nurse call and duress systems** in Broome and Kununurra
- \$405 million to **boost regional health service delivery**, including \$11.9 million to incentivise nurses and midwives to work in regional WA
- \$32.5 million boost to the **Patient Assisted Travel Scheme**
- \$10.9 million to **vaccinate young babies** under eight months old, against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)

- \$8.6 million to expand **Child Development Services** in the regions
- \$4.7 million to extend the WA Country Health Service **Brief Crisis Intervention Service**, providing virtual post-ED follow up for children, adolescents and their families or carers who have been discharged from a regional ED following a mental health-related presentation
- \$7.7 million to refurbish outdated **staff accommodation**
- \$2.5 million to develop an extension plan for the **Ronald McDonald House facility**, supporting families travelling to Perth for medical treatment

Diversifying Regional Economies and Creating Local Jobs

- \$6 million for infrastructure to support **First Point of Entry designation for Broome Port**
- \$1.9 million towards the **Buccaneer Archipelago Marine Park** to construct facilities at the operational base on the Dampier Peninsular, extend DBCA's Broome office and for the installation of radio towers
- \$1 million to upgrade campgrounds and facilities at Kurrajong and Walardi Campground in the **Purnululu National Park**
- \$2.7 million towards the joint management of the **Yawuru Nagulagun/Roeback Bay Marine Park** with the Yawuru Traditional Owners
- \$1.2 million to employ four full-time staff to repair **stream gauging stations** damaged by Tropical Cyclone Ellie
- \$4.5 million to bring the power stations at Ardyaloon, Bidadanga, Beagle Bay, Djarindjin, Lombadina and Warmun into public hands, securing power supply and supporting the renewable transition for these communities
- \$36.4 million to **slash green tape and facilitate approvals** for job-creating projects in the regions
- \$16.4 million over the next three years for **biosecurity management**
- \$6.8 million to **upgrade biosecurity border facilities** to improve traffic flow and install power generation systems and CCTV surveillance, including at Kununurra
- \$3 million to manage the significant impact of **wild dogs, feral deer and pigs** on the environment and farming communities

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$75 million as part of the **Aviation Recovery Fund** for more direct flights into Western Australia, including the Broome to Singapore non-stop seasonal service, which will commence in June 2024
- The **Affordable Airfares Program** for discounted flights between Perth and Broome, Perth and Kununurra, and Broome and Kununurra to cut the cost of travel and encourage more regional visitation
- New **Camping with Custodians sites** owned and operated by the community, including the Lombadina campground opened in May 2024
- Funding for **events to attract visitors to the region**, such as the Ord Valley Muster, Shinju Matsuri, Lake Argyle Swim, A Taste of Broome Festival, and The Gibb Challenge

Delivering a Pipeline of Skills

- **\$1.7 billion per annum** to provide regional Western Australian students with access to a quality education
- \$10 million boost to the **School of Isolated and Distance Education**, to ensure the highest quality learning experiences to students, no matter their location
- \$224.3 million **boost to individual disability loading allocations**, to enable schools to help support and educate students with a disability
- Extending the provision of **free period products** to WA public primary schools, with students being able to access them from Term 3, 2024
- **\$1.1 billion in training programs** across regional WA, to prepare Western Australians for the jobs of the future
- \$11.6 million to continue and expand the **Driving Access and Equity Program** to help disadvantaged people in remote and regional locations access a driver's licence, including the continuation of the program in the Kimberley
- \$21.2 million for the **Apprenticeship Support Package** to provide building and construction apprentices with an annual \$1,000 milestone payment during their training
- \$15.1 million to provide additional support to employers in the **building and construction industry** with increased grant amounts to assist with the cost of training an apprentice
- \$16 million for the **Apprentice Tool Allowance** to provide eligible building and construction apprentices with a \$1,000 rebate to help them purchase tools or safety equipment at commencement and completion of their training
- \$470,000 to provide regional building and construction apprentices with an **increased travel and accommodation allowance** when required to travel for training
- \$5 million to the Capital Grant Program so private registered training organisations can invest in facilities and equipment to **expand their training capacity**
- \$4.2 million to continue providing **specialist services for Aboriginal People** at Jobs and Skills Centres, including in Broome and Kununurra

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$4.4 million for canteen upgrades and a new STEM classroom at **Broome Senior High School**, construction underway
- \$10 million for a new classroom block and upgrades at **Halls Creek District High School**, construction underway
- \$27.9 million for a major upgrade to **Derby District High School**, construction underway

Investing in our Regional Roads and Infrastructure

- \$169 million in **additional funding for regional roads**, which forms part of our \$4.5 billion investment in regional roads over the next four years
- \$121 million **Kimberley Resilience Program** to boost the supply chain and support the region to better respond to emergencies including:
 - \$107.1 million towards the replacement of the single-lane **Brooking Channel Bridge** with a dual land crossing, providing ongoing employment for workers in the Fitzroy Valley
 - \$6 million for new infrastructure at the **Port of Broome** to build greater import capabilities and boost supply chains
 - \$8 million for upgrades to airstrips through the **Aboriginal Community Airstrip Renewal Program**, keeping communities connected

- Funding for a **new jetty crane** for Broome Port
- \$29.3 million towards upgrades at **regional and remote airstrips** across the State including East Kimberley, keeping communities connected

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$118 million for upgrades on the **Great Northern Highway, Ord River North project**, with stages 1 and 2 complete and construction on stage 3 underway
- \$51 million to upgrade **Duncan Road and Gordon Downs Road** in the Browns Range, underway
- \$151 million for the **Gibb River Road upgrades**, between Derby and Wyndham, underway
- \$110 million for upgrades to **Tanami Road**, near Sturt Creek, underway
- \$60 million for upgrades to **Great Northern Highway**, from Nellie Springs to Sally Downs Well and Arthur Creek, underway
- \$12 million to upgrade 59 kilometres of roads in the Kimberley through the **Regional Road Safety Program**, underway

Building Strong and Fair Regional Communities

- \$460 million per annum to provide **police services across regional WA**
- \$23.4 million to extend **Operation Regional Shield**, which allows WA Police to rapidly deploy officers to the regional areas where they are needed most
- \$8.6 million to support WA's vitally important **emergency service volunteers** with communications equipment, road crash rescue equipment and station upgrades
- \$46.3 million to continue the successful **Home Stretch WA program**, which provides support for young people leaving Out of Home Care, including in the regions
- \$26.4 million for programs and initiatives to address family and domestic violence across regional WA, including **boosting Family and Domestic Violence Response Teams in Broome and Kununurra**
- \$15.6 million to support the 10-year **Early Years Partnership initiative** which operates in two Kimberley regions of Bidyadanga and Derby including Pandanus Park and Mowanjum, and aims to support and improve early childhood outcomes
- \$5.8 million to continue the **Aboriginal Representative Organisation** and **Aboriginal Family Led Decision Making** programs
- \$3.1 million to continue delivering the for the **Aboriginal Community Connectors Program** to provide place-based support to street-present community members including in Broome, Derby, Halls Creek, Kununurra and Wyndham
- \$1.8 million to continue establishment and operation of the **East Kimberley Place-Based Partnership**
- \$1.3 million to continue the **Bidyadanga project**, a placed-based partnership to enable a 'town like' community in Bidyadanga

Plus we're continuing to deliver:

- \$18.2 million to deliver the **Marlamanu on-country diversionary program**, currently underway
- Ngurra Buru, a \$4 million investment for the **Immediate Response Night Space** in Broome to keep young people safe and off the streets at night
- An expanded **Safe at Home program** for victim-survivors of family and domestic violence, including in Kununurra
- The **Broome one stop hub for victim survivors** of Family and Domestic Violence
- \$10.9 million towards the redevelopment of the **Kununurra Aquatic and Leisure Centre**, planning underway
- \$2.3 million for upgrades to the **Warmun Community sporting facility**, planning underway

Attachment 15: Federal Budget Initiatives 2024

Key Budget initiatives



Easing cost-of-living pressures

- ✓ All 13.6 million Australian taxpayers will get a tax cut, averaging \$36 a week
- ✓ \$3.5 billion for \$300 in energy bill relief to all Australian households; plus relief for one million small businesses
- ✓ Waiving \$3 billion in student debt for more than 3 million Australians
- ✓ \$19 billion to increase Commonwealth Rent Assistance by a further 10 per cent, benefiting nearly 1 million households
- ✓ Cheaper medicines as part of the up to \$3 billion agreement with community pharmacies



Building more homes for Australians

- ✓ New housing investment of \$6.2 billion, for a total of \$32 billion under this Government
- ✓ An additional \$1 billion to help states and territories build more homes
- ✓ More student accommodation
- ✓ \$16.5 billion additional funding for infrastructure projects to connect our cities and towns



Investing in a Future Made in Australia

- ✓ \$22.7 billion to become a renewable energy superpower and strengthen our economic resilience
- ✓ \$1.1 billion to reform higher education and support future productivity
- ✓ \$466.4 million to advance Australia's quantum computing capabilities



Strengthening Medicare and the care economy

- ✓ \$2.8 billion to strengthen Medicare, including a further 29 Medicare Urgent Care Clinics
- ✓ \$3.4 billion for new and amended listings on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme
- ✓ \$2.2 billion to improve the aged care system
- ✓ \$888.1 million to help people get the mental health care they need
- ✓ Funding set aside towards increased aged care and child care wages



Broadening opportunity and advancing equality

- ✓ \$925.2 million for victim-survivors leaving violent intimate partner relationships
- ✓ \$1.1 billion to pay superannuation on Government-funded Paid Parental Leave



Underpinned by responsible economic management

14. Kimberley Housing Roundtable

Item for Noting

Submitted by: Executive Team

Attachment 16: Draft Agenda

Attachment 17: Draft Invitation List

Purpose

To provide an update on progress of the Kimberley Housing Roundtable.

In summary

- An out of session decision was made to hold the Kimberley Housing Roundtable the week of the 29th of July in Broome.
- After discussion with the Shire of Broome the date for the Roundtable is scheduled for Monday 29th of July at the Shire of Broome.
- The Executive Team is working with Housing Australia and NOUS Group on the agenda and the Shire of Broome on logistics.
- Housing Australia met with the CEOs on the 13th June to discuss the development of a Kimberley Investment Package that had a pipeline of investment opportunities over a 5 year time horizon.
- opportunities
- Invitations have been issued to speakers and guests
- KRG members will be advised of the Roundtable's progress out of session.

Background

As above

Details

- Housing Australia outlined their interest in piloting a new way of doing business in regional communities to deliver their mandate of 40,000 social and affordable homes.
- Housing Australia have a range of investment products – i.e. debt financing, no interest loans, yearly subsidies for up to 25 years and grants.
- They are interested in a new approach to invest in the region, piloting this in the Kimberley, which is not a project-based investment approach, but presents a collective staged investment plan to deliver new homes across the region.
- Their thinking is between 100-150 homes over a five-year time horizon which leverages Housing Australia and State Government funding with contributions from Local Government and the non-government sector – i.e. land.
- This will be teased out at the Housing Roundtable.

Risk

Reputational: if the Kimberley Housing Roundtable is not a success

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div> <div> People Place Prosperity Performance </div> <div> Advocate Partner Promote </div> <div> Facilitate Fund Monitor </div> </div>		\$5,000 allocated by KRG. \$10K granted by Kimberley Development Commission \$5K granted from Regional Development Australia Kimberley Housing Australia providing in kind support - facilitator and support for the report on proceedings.	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
That the KRG notes progress of the Kimberley Housing Roundtable			
Moved:	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	Responsible:	Executive Team
Seconded:	Shire of Broome	Due date:	As appropriate
Carried:	4/0		

Attachment 16: Draft Agenda

Draft Agenda pending Nous input.

Venue – Broome

Date – Week 29th July

Time – 9.30 to 3.30 - including lunch

Agenda	Presenter	Time
Morning tea on arrival		
Welcome and introductions	Kimberley Regional Group	10 mins
Overview of the day	Facilitator	5 mins
Part A – Background and context		1 hour
Kimberley data and housing pressures	KDC	
Overview funding opportunities	RDA Kimberley / Housing Australia / Communities	
Constraints and opportunities for each Kimberley town	DevWA / Communities / Shires	
Kimberley Case Studies – flesh out roles / funding / what supported success		75 mins
Community housing	CHL	
Local Government	Broome / SWEK	
State Government	DevWA / Communities	
NGO sector	NBY	
Non-Kimberley case studies – Wheatbelt / Townsville	RDA Kimberley	
Ingredients for success to increase supply	Workshop	30 mins
LUNCH		30 mins
Part B – Potential projects Attendees to split into East Kimberley and West Kimberley to focus on:	Facilitated Discussion	1 hour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current projects - How to drive success - Opportunities for collaboration and to deliver economies of scale 		
Part C – Next steps	Facilitated Discussion	1 hour
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value of a Kimberley Housing Alliance? • Kimberley strategic investment plan? • Aggregation of projects to deliver economies of scale? • Other 		
Thank-you and close	Kimberley Regional Group	15 mins

Attachment 17: Draft Invitation List

Roundtable Attendees – Draft List 1

Organisation	Who	Link	Contact
Government			
Kimberley Regional Group	CEOs and Presidents and Planning Staff	Land, Planning and development approval, funding, advocacy, development FUNDING EVENT	
Housing Australia	Luke Boshier - Head of Program Strategy and Impact Laura Royce	Policy, funding	Luke.Boshier@housingaustralia.gov.au Laura.Royce@housingaustralia.gov.au
Nous Group	Tim Tucker (might be somebody else)	Facilitator	Tim.Tucker@nousgroup.com
Office of Northern Australia	TBA	Policy, funding	
Northern Australia Infrastructure Fund	Darren Chong – Director, Indigenous Outcomes Ana-Marija Jurisic – Director, Investment Ella Drake – Senior Associate, Investment	Policy, funding	Darren.Chong@naif.gov.au Ana-Marija.Jurisic@naif.gov.au Ella.Drake@naif.gov.au
NIAA	Bec Smith – Regional Manager	Federal links and funding	bec.smith@official.niaa.gov.au
Regional Development Australia Kimberley	Janine Hatch – Director	Federal links – policy and advocacy FUNDING EVENT	j.hatch@rdakimberley.com.au
WA Department of Communities	Leon McIvor - Deputy Director General, Housing and Assets Renee Gioffre – Kimberley Regional Manager Jane Murphy – East Kimberley Shane Hill – West Kimberley Melanie Jones - North-West Aboriginal Housing Fund	Data, land, investment, tenancy management	Leon.mclvor@communities.wa.gov.au Renee.gioffre@communities.wa.gov.au Jane.murphy@communities.wa.gov.au Shane.hill@communities.wa.gov.au Melanie.jones@communities.wa.gov.au
WA Department of Treasury	Emma Colombero - Director	Housing investment	Emma.colombero@treasury.wa.gov.au
Kimberley Development Commission	Chuck Berger - CEO Michelle Pucci – Director People and Place	Data, policy FUNDING EVENT	chuck.berger@kdc.wa.gov.au michele.pucci@kdc.wa.gov.au
DevelopmentWA	Paul Ferrente - Manager Regional North Megan Buckland – Development Manager (Broome North)	Planning, Land, investment, large developments.	Paul.Ferrante@developmentwa.com.au Megan.Buckland@developmentwa.com.au
NGO Sector			
Shelter WA	Kath Snell	Policy, Advocacy	kath.snell@shelterwa.org.au
Binarri-binyja yarrawoo (BBY)	Fran Haintz– A/CEO	Advocacy, member representation	ceo@bbv.org.au
West Kimberley Empowered Futures (WKEF)	Mala Haji-Ali - COO	Advocacy, member representation	mala.hajiali@wkfec.org.au
Kimberley Land Council	Tyrone Garston - CEO	Advocacy, representation, links to PBCs	tyronne.garstone@kic.org.au
Nirumbuk	Joe Grande - CEO	Housing & Health	

Emama Ngudu	Ben Burton - CEO	Property management, RSP	osm@enac.net.au
Marra Worra Worra	TBA	Property management, RSP	
Foundation Housing	Chris Smith - CEO	CHO - Affordable housing/key worker housing - Property development, management	
Community Housing Ltd	Jill Keefe - State Operations Manager	CHO - Social and affordable housing, Property development, management- RSP.	jill.keefe@chl.org.au
Juniper	Angela Slater - Director of Home Care and Retirement Living	Seniors Housing	angie.slater@juniper.org.au
Mercycare	Jennie Burns	Short stay accommodation Broome and Derby	
MG Corporation	Lawford Benning	PBC - Kununurra	chair@mgcorp.com.au
Wunan	Prue Jenkins	Accommodation and hostels	ceo@wunan.org.au
Balanggarra Aboriginal Corporation	TBA	PBC - Wyndham	
Nyamba Buru Yawuru (NBY)	Nini Mills - CEO	PBC - Broome	Nini.Mills@yawuru.org.au
Ngarrawanji Native Title Claim	Greg Tait	Halls Creek	greg.tait68@gmail.com
Bidjadjanga Aboriginal Community	Jordan Alai - Senior Project Manage	Bidjadjanga Land Activation Pilot Project	

Business and Industry			
Broome CCI	Sharni Foulkes	Advocacy, representation, small business	ceo@broomechamber.com.au
East Kimberley CCI	Keda Bond	Advocacy, representation, small business	ceo@ekcci.com.au
Derby CCI	Stewart Milne	Advocacy, representation, small business	admin@dcci.com.au

15. Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability

Item for Noting

Submitted by: Executive Team

Attachment 18: KRG Submission LG Sustainability Inquiry 2024 (attached separately).

Purpose

To note that a submission was lodged by the KRG into the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability.

In summary

- The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport has been tasked to inquire into and report on local government sustainability.
- The inquiry was adopted on 21 March 2024 following a referral from the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Catherine King MP.
- The Committee sought written submissions by 31 May 2024.
- It was agreed via an out of session discussion with the KRG Chair and secretariat that the KRG should lodge a submission raising sustainability issues and solutions.
- At the April 2024 meeting KRG members endorsed the proposed framework for the submission, agreed to provide case studies and noted that the submission would be circulated out of session for endorsement.

Both a draft and final submission were circulated out of session by the Executive Team for their input prior to lodging the submission.

- Advice has been sought from the Committee on the location of public hearings and the timeframe to publish their report.

Background

The Committee terms of reference are as follows:

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport will inquire into and report on local government matters, with a particular focus on:

- *The financial sustainability and funding of local government*
- *The changing infrastructure and service delivery obligations of local government*
- *Any structural impediments to security for local government workers and infrastructure and service delivery*
- *Trends in the attraction and retention of a skilled workforce in the local government sector, including impacts of labour hire practices*
- *The role of the Australian Government in addressing issues raised in relation to the above*
- *Other relevant issues.*

- Details on the inquiry can be found at https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Regional_Development_Infrastructure_and_Transport/Localgovernmentsustainability.

Details

The KRG submission was framed around the following areas highlighting their impact on financial sustainability, with case studies teasing out the points raised in the submission along with recommendations to deliver local government sustainability:

1. Changing infrastructure and service delivery obligations
2. Financial Assistance Grants
3. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
4. Revenue Sources
5. Taxation, rebates and concessions
6. Impact of regulatory reform

Risk

That the sustainability issues facing KRG Members are not addressed without an evidence-based submission.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div> <div>People Place Prosperity Performance</div> <div> <div>Advocate Partner Promote</div> <div>Facilitate Fund Monitor</div> </div> </div>		Nil.	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
That the KRG note that a submission has been lodged to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability.		Executive Officer to try and seek a hearing if possible.	
Moved:	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	Responsible:	Executive Officer
Seconded:	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Due date:	As appropriate
Carried:	4/0		

16. Kimberley Town Crime Data

Item for Noting

Submitted by: Secretariat

Attachment 19: 2023/24 Crime Data by Kimberley Town

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 justice as a priority action area, with the presentation of regional crime statistics and trends at each KRG meeting.
- There are no Kimberley regional statistics on the WA Police website.
- 2023/24 trend data is presented for Kimberley towns including the type of crime per month
- These statistics are raw data with no data analysis.

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

The trend data shows a spike in crime over the Christmas/New year holiday period in most towns. Data indicates that the major offence across the Kimberley is Assault (Family).

The Kimberley has the highest rates of Family and Domestic Violence (FDV) offences across Western Australia, with reports that family violence rates are up almost 50 per cent in five years.

Other key offences include 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 difference between the Kimberley and the regional statistics relates to graffiti and drug offences

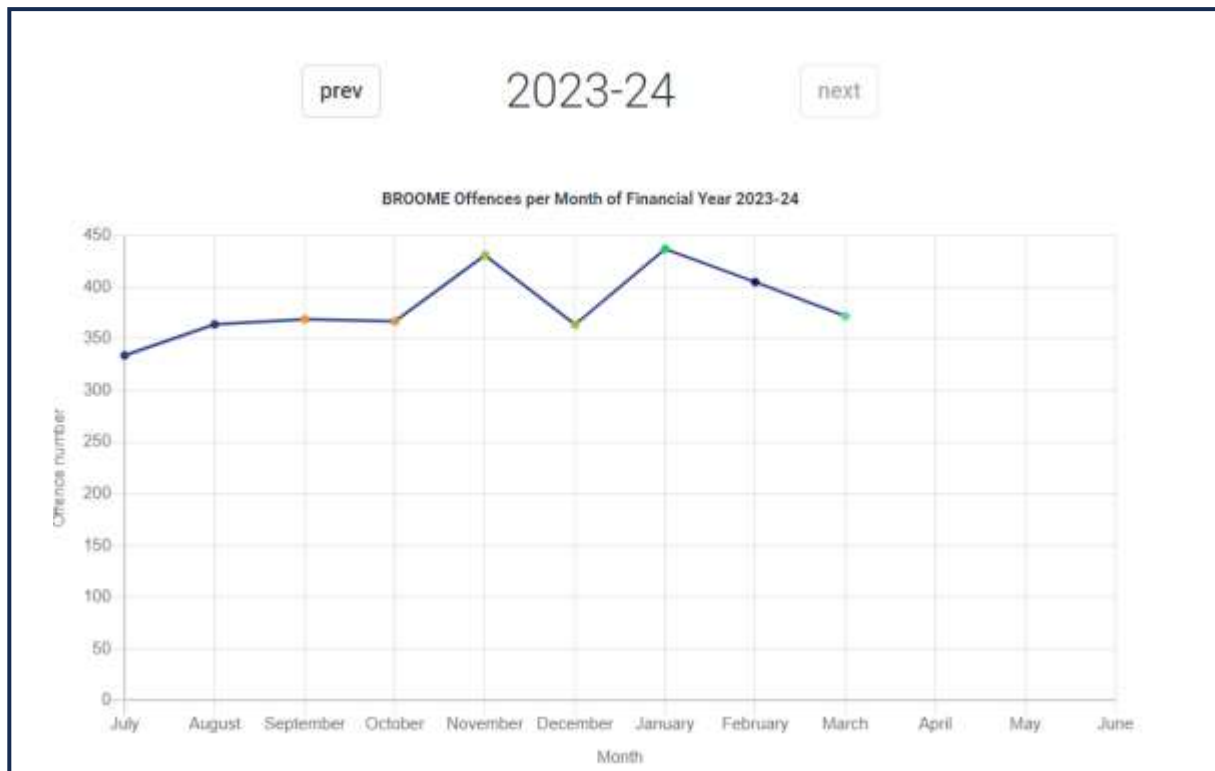
Risk

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

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div> <div> People Place Prosperity Performance </div> <div> Advocate Partner Promote </div> <div> Facilitate Fund Monitor </div> </div>			
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
That the KRG note the regional crime statistics as presented.			
Moved:	Shire of Broome	Responsible:	-
Seconded:	Shire of Halls Creek	Due date:	-
Carried:	4/0		

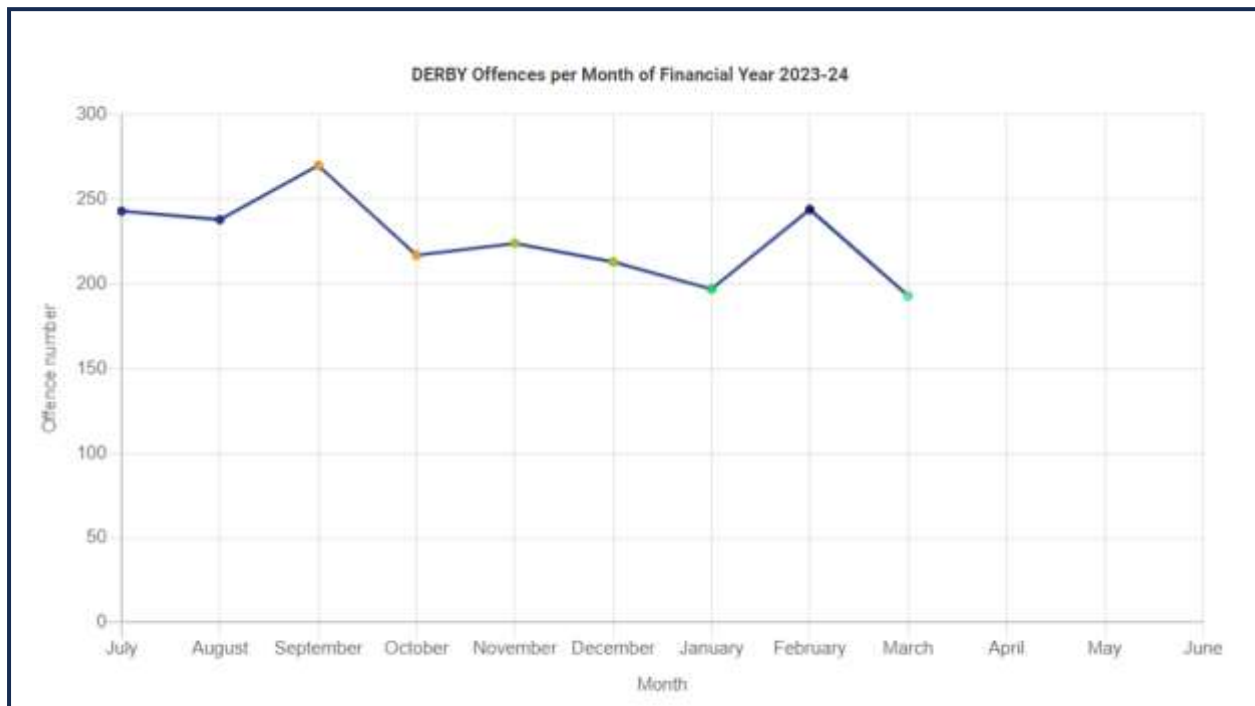
Attachment 19: 2023/24 Crime Data by Kimberley Town

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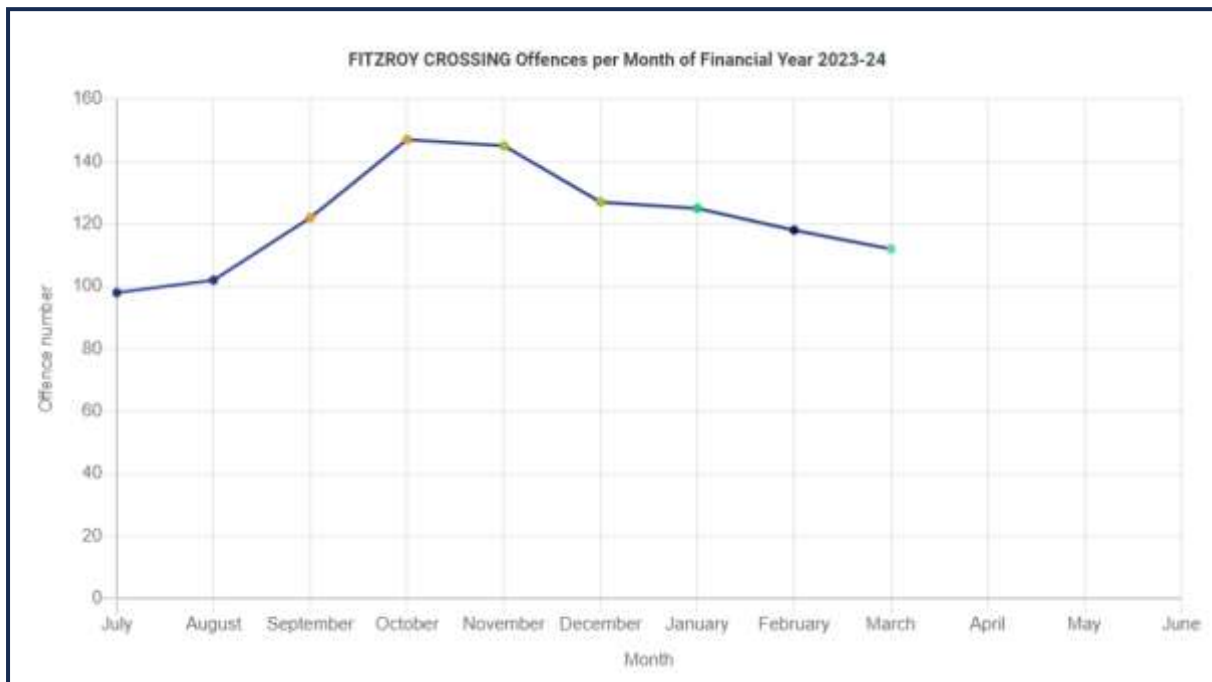
Type of Offence	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual Offences	6	6	5	2	13	3	25	1	4			
Assault (Family)	77	74	65	65	96	83	102	87	85			
Assault (Non-Family)	26	32	28	35	30	30	29	28	34			
Threatening Behaviour (Family)	30	10	20	23	30	18	21	24	19			
Threatening Behaviour (Non-Family)	6	11	10	6	13	8	8	13	4			
Deprivation of Liberty	-	-	2	-	2	-	1	-	4			
Robbery	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	2	1			
Dwelling Burglary	18	24	37	33	24	26	43	38	15			
Non-Dwelling Burglary	6	16	15	10	18	22	9	17	17			
Stealing of Motor Vehicle	3	7	9	9	10	6	18	10	18			
Stealing	49	41	73	57	66	43	75	63	71			
Property Damage	25	36	31	56	32	41	40	50	25			
Arson	1	3	1	5	4	-	1	-	4			
Drug Offences	29	46	16	32	19	28	21	15	17			
Graffiti	1	1	2	-	-	3	2	-	1			
Fraud & Related Offences	11	9	17	3	47	8	7	23	15			
Breach of Violence Restraint Order	45	48	37	30	26	45	35	34	38			
Total of Selected Offences	334	364	369	367	431	364	437	405	372	0	0	0

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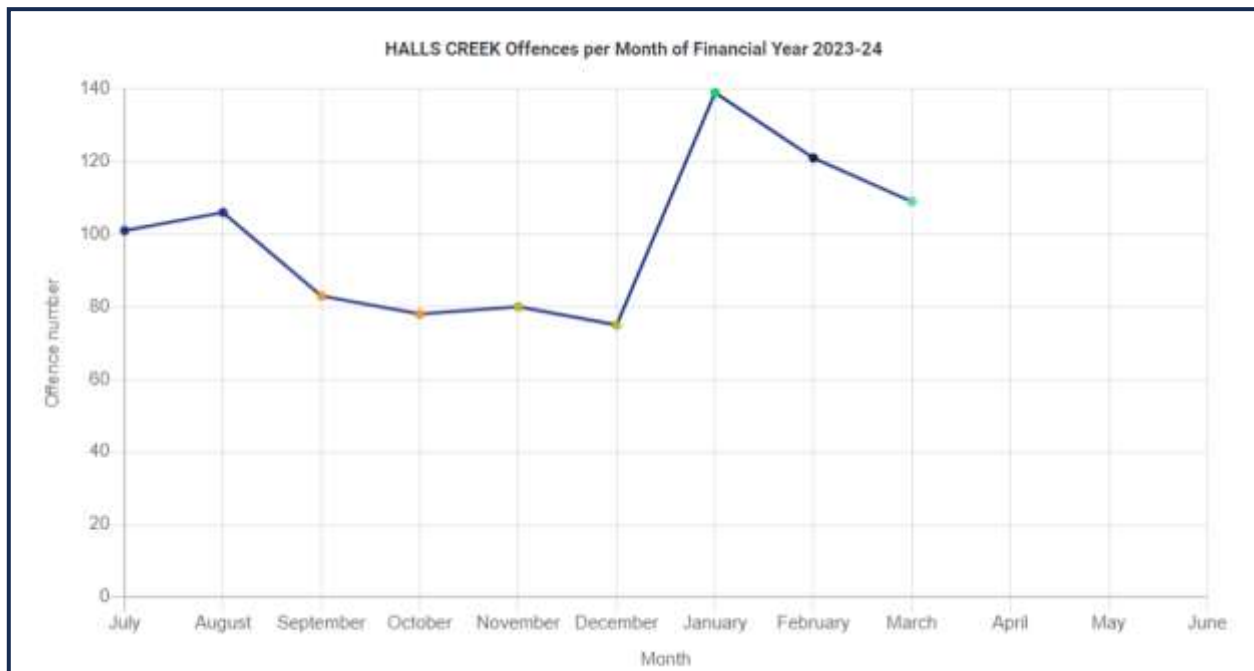
Type of Offence	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual Offences	6	1	3	-	4	3	1	3	3			
Assault (Family)	89	94	98	73	79	82	65	83	88			
Assault (Non-Family)	25	8	15	15	15	15	18	5	19			
Threatening Behaviour (Family)	18	20	27	19	19	23	11	16	10			
Threatening Behaviour (Non-Family)	2	2	2	6	2	-	3	-	5			
Deprivation of Liberty	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-			
Robbery	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Dwelling Burglary	14	10	17	18	15	10	11	8	7			
Non-Dwelling Burglary	3	6	8	7	4	5	1	5	4			
Stealing of Motor Vehicle	14	6	3	7	2	4	3	2	2			
Stealing	11	11	15	13	5	5	13	9	3			
Property Damage	21	23	23	15	28	23	29	16	17			
Arson	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	4	1			
Drug Offences	7	19	14	10	14	-	12	44	6			
Graffiti	1	1	-	3	-	2	-	-	1			
Fraud & Related Offences	-	1	2	-	5	3	1	-	-			
Breach of Violence Restraint Order	30	33	41	31	32	38	27	47	27			
Total of Selected Offences	243	238	270	217	224	213	197	244	193	0	0	0

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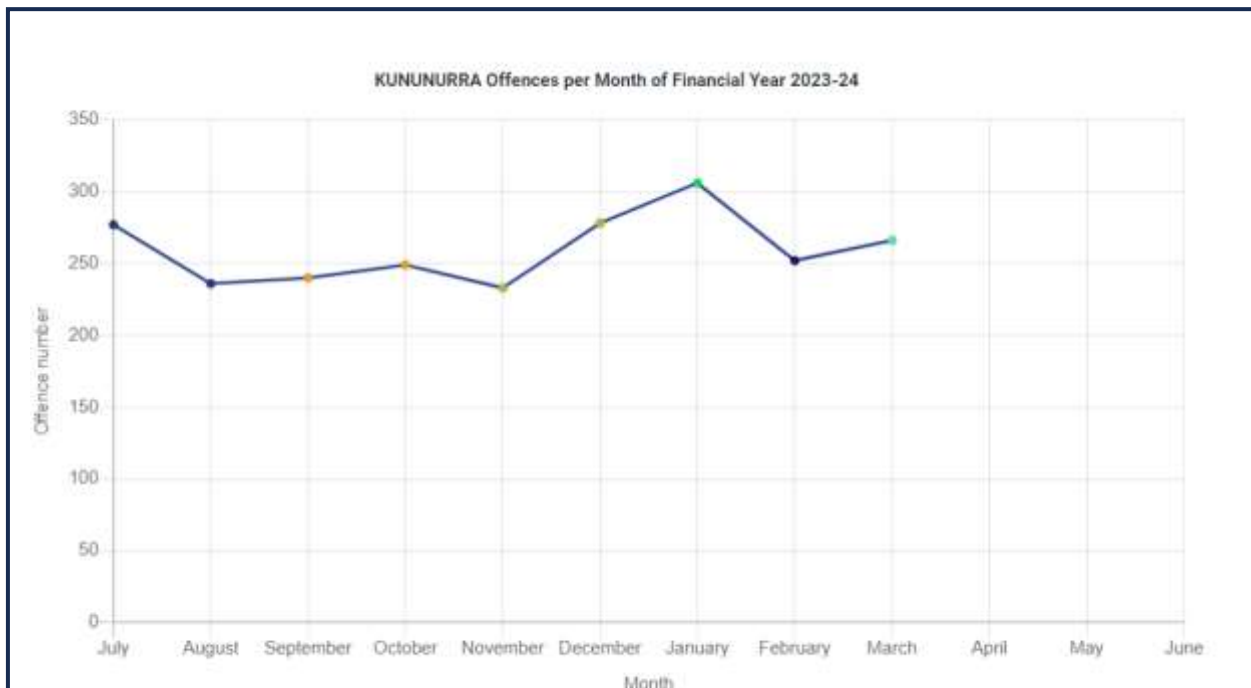
Type of Offence	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Homicide	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual Offences	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	4	-	-	-
Assault (Family)	34	43	49	41	41	45	23	34	34	-	-	-
Assault (Non-Family)	12	8	10	9	15	17	6	7	12	-	-	-
Threatening Behaviour (Family)	11	8	11	15	8	18	10	15	6	-	-	-
Threatening Behaviour (Non-Family)	1	-	3	5	3	1	4	3	3	-	-	-
Deprivation of Liberty	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Dwelling Burglary	5	9	4	9	13	3	12	8	12	-	-	-
Non-Dwelling Burglary	1	2	7	4	9	1	16	4	1	-	-	-
Stealing of Motor Vehicle	2	4	6	11	6	3	14	8	12	-	-	-
Stealing	2	5	1	14	6	4	10	6	5	-	-	-
Property Damage	16	8	12	14	25	18	15	12	13	-	-	-
Arson	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Drug Offences	5	4	1	3	4	3	3	5	2	-	-	-
Graffiti	2	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Fraud & Related Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Breach of Violence Restraint Order	6	9	15	20	13	12	11	12	7	-	-	-
Total of Selected Offences	98	102	122	147	145	127	125	118	112	0	0	0

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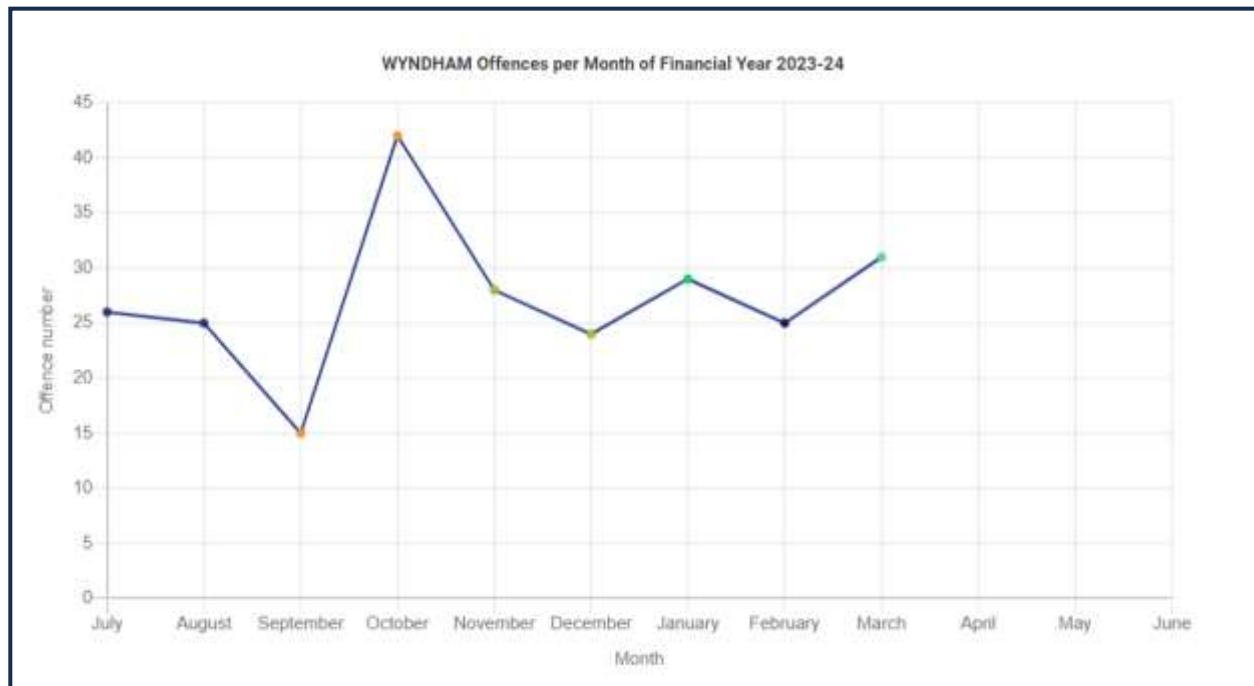
Type of Offence	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual Offences	2	2	2	1	2	-	1	3	1			
Assault (Family)	24	23	22	30	28	35	38	36	34			
Assault (Non-Family)	10	21	14	8	6	6	9	9	10			
Threatening Behaviour (Family)	3	4	2	2	4	6	9	5	12			
Threatening Behaviour (Non-Family) <small>against their will</small>	2	-	2	2	2	1	2	6	2			
Deprivation of Liberty	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-			
Robbery	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1			
Dwelling Burglary	10	12	5	8	14	5	18	5	7			
Non-Dwelling Burglary	1	1	-	-	2	2	10	5	4			
Stealing of Motor Vehicle	5	1	2	4	-	-	12	4	4			
Stealing	13	7	6	1	4	3	7	8	11			
Property Damage	19	21	14	14	12	8	17	22	12			
Arson	-	-	2	1	-	1	1	-	-			
Drug Offences	5	6	2	1	1	2	7	6	2			
Graffiti	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Fraud & Related Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-			
Breach of Violence Restraint Order	4	7	7	5	5	6	8	10	9			
Total of Selected Offences	101	106	83	78	80	75	139	121	109	0	0	0

KUNUNURRA



Type of Offence	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Homicide	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual Offences	4	2	4	2	2	3	1	4	7	-	-	-
Assault (Family)	67	58	73	62	79	67	79	73	86	-	-	-
Assault (Non-Family)	22	22	13	18	19	24	31	19	20	-	-	-
Threatening Behaviour (Family)	16	10	19	17	22	17	27	19	17	-	-	-
Threatening Behaviour (Non-Family)	5	2	5	7	4	17	11	6	10	-	-	-
Deprivation of Liberty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Robbery	-	1	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Dwelling Burglary	8	18	13	19	5	12	20	10	10	-	-	-
Non-Dwelling Burglary	5	7	7	12	3	11	3	3	9	-	-	-
Stealing of Motor Vehicle	7	10	5	17	4	5	1	5	2	-	-	-
Stealing	31	27	19	19	10	15	29	27	20	-	-	-
Property Damage	38	24	23	35	37	37	35	41	38	-	-	-
Arson	3	2	-	1	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-
Drug Offences	13	18	6	2	11	16	7	4	12	-	-	-
Graffiti	1	4	1	3	10	8	12	6	2	-	-	-
Fraud & Related Offences	3	2	21	18	7	1	10	4	1	-	-	-
Breach of Violence Restraint Order	33	29	30	15	19	24	38	31	29	-	-	-
Total of Selected Offences	277	236	240	249	233	278	306	252	266	0	0	0

WYNDHAM



Type of Offence	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual Offences	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Assault (Family)	6	8	4	13	9	4	9	12	8	-	-	-
Assault (Non-Family)	1	4	1	3	4	5	5	-	4	-	-	-
Threatening Behaviour (Family)	3	3	-	6	-	3	5	3	1	-	-	-
Threatening Behaviour (Non-Family)	-	-	-	5	-	2	3	-	1	-	-	-
Deprivation of Liberty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dwelling Burglary	2	3	1	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	-
Non-Dwelling Burglary	1	2	-	4	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
Stealing of Motor Vehicle	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Stealing	1	-	2	1	1	-	1	-	3	-	-	-
Property Damage	5	2	4	3	6	3	2	3	2	-	-	-
Arson	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drug Offences	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-
Graffiti	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Fraud & Related Offences	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Breach of Violence Restraint Order	4	1	1	5	4	6	1	3	5	-	-	-
Total of Selected Offences	26	25	15	42	28	24	29	25	31	0	0	0

17. Around the Grounds

Item 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.

In summary

- 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.

Background

As above.

Risk

Operational and reputational: if key issues facing KRG members are not understood by the KRG.

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		TBD

18. Executive Officer Report

Item for Noting

Submitted by: Executive Officer

Attachment 20: EO Report May 2024

Purpose

To update the KRG on the Executive Officer services provided for the period May 2024 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:	
Seconded:	Shire of Broome	Due date:	
Carried:	4/0		

Attachment 20: EO Report – May 2024

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	-
Website and social media	LinkedIn posts continuing	-
State and Federal Government Election Strategy	Implementing Strategy	10
Strategic Planning	Implementation of the KRG Prioritised Action List	9
Advocacy Strategy Management of Social Housing	Implementing Strategy	Pending
Kimberley Housing Roundtable	Funding received and roundtable progressing	14
Submission to the Federal Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability	Submission completed and sent to the Inquiry	15
General Stakeholder Engagement	Ongoing – see Stakeholder list	18

Stakeholders

Stakeholders	Purpose
Luke Boshier, Head of Program Strategy and Impact, Housing Australia	Meeting with the CEOs to discuss funding opportunities. Housing Roundtable.
Janine Hatch, Director, RDA Kimberley	Kimberley initiatives in the Federal Budget 2024 Housing Roundtable
Michele Pucci, Director People and Place, Kimberley Development Commission	Kimberley initiatives in the State Budget 2024
KRG members	Investment Prospectus, Housing Australia Meeting, Regional Precinct Funding
KRG Secretariat	Agenda items, advocacy discussions, finance administrative matters
Paul Zinkel, Committee Secretary. Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport Joint Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, Department of the House of Representatives	Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability

Stakeholders	Purpose
Allan Dale, Co-operative Research Centre Northern Australia (CRCNA) Chief Scientist	Northern Australia White Paper Action Plan Refresh
Liz Ritchie, CEO, Regional Australia Institute	Regions Rising 2024 National Summit Canberra 13th-15th August
Divina D'Anna MLA	Attendance at East Kimberley Community Meeting Kununurra
Sam McLeod, Local Government Policy Advisory, Minister Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Local Government	KRG member issues with the Office of Auditor General local government audits.
Dr Paul Harvey, Joint Capabilities Group, Australian Defence Force	Approach and narrative to Defence Department for increased investment in the Kimberley
Various Ministers as per Briefing Note	Prosecuting KRG advocacy agenda

Time Allocation September 2022 – May 2024

Total 2-Yearly Contract: 1,728 Hours: Monthly from 8th of the month to 7th of the next month

Paul Rosair			Michelle Mackenzie		Jane Lewis		Support	
	Contract	Actual	Contract	Actual	Contract	Actual	Contract	Actual
Sep 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	54.5	20	35	23	58	4	6
Sep 23	29	34.5	22	21.25	26	13	4	0
Oct 23	29	30	22	27.5	26	25	4	8
Nov 23	29	26	22	14.75	26	41.5	4	4
Dec 23	15	18	11	12.50	14	6.5	2	10
Jan 24	15	12	11	12	14	5	2	13.5
Feb 24	29	35.5	22	22.75	26	17	4	11.5
29 Feb 24	-	-29	-	-1	-	-31	-	8
Mar 24	29	28	22	22.25	26	9	4	12
Apr 24	29	24	22	24.50	26	6	4	7
May 24	29	38	22	24	26	15	4	8
TOTALS	583	586	396	400.75	460	438	76	91
OVERALL CONTRACT: 1515 ACTUALS: 1515.75								

Note: A one off payment was made by the KRG to reconcile outstanding hours to the 29th of February 2024.

19. General Business

Item	Responsible	Comments /Actions Arising
Canberra Visit 2024	Executive Team	See Item 11
Strategic Workshop	Executive Officer	Commence preparations for a strategic workshop to be held later in the year. Priority Action list will also be refreshed as a result.
Hon Melissa Price MP KRG Meeting request - Member for Durack	Executive Team	Melissa Price has expressed interest in attending a meeting.
October Meeting – clash with WALGA AGM	Executive Team	To discuss alternative dates, venue ie possible meeting to be held in conjunction with the WALGA AGM in Perth - exhibition opening on Tue 8 October – do we want the KRG meeting to be in the morning?
Ministerial events in Kununurra June 2024 (see attached summary)	Executive Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write to Premier and local member thanking them for the Ministerial visit and reinforcing issues raised • Seek information from Minister Punch regarding South West Ministerial Working Group • Write to Premier seeking joint KRG/Ministerial working group
Contacts in Department of Defence regarding North West investment	Executive Team	Email Dr Paul Harvey to progress contacts in Department of Defence for August 2024 Canberra meeting.

Attachment 21 Ministerial Events in Kununurra June 2024

Summary of Ministerial Events 6th and 7th June 2024, Kununurra

KRG attendees – Cr David Menzel, Cr Geoff Haerewa, Cr Tony Chafer, Vernon Lawrence
Executive team attendance – Michelle Mackenzie

Ministerial Community Event

Government attendees

- Premier; Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade; Public Sector Management; Federal-State Relations
- Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Tourism
- Minister for Police; Corrective Services; Racing and Gaming; Defence Industry; Veterans Issues
- Minister for Planning; Lands; Housing; Homelessness
- Minister for Regional Development; Disability Services; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering
- Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- Member for the Kimberley / Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Tourism
- Members of the business, NGOs and local government

East Kimberley Chamber of Commerce and Industry Business After Hours

Government attendees

- Minister for Police; Corrective Services; Racing and Gaming; Defence Industry; Veterans Issues
- Minister for Planning; Lands; Housing; Homelessness
- Minister for Regional Development; Disability Services; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering
- Minister for Education; Aboriginal Affairs; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
- Member for the Kimberley / Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Tourism
- Members of the business community

Opening of refurbished KDC Office

Government attendees

- Minister for Regional Development; Disability Services; Fisheries; Seniors and Ageing; Volunteering
- Minister for Emergency Services; Innovation and the Digital Economy; Science; Medical Research; Minister assisting the Minister for State and Industry Development; Jobs and Trade.

Key issues raised

- Dedicated Ministerial team working with the KRG (Model similar to that used to upgrade Fitzroy Crossing Bridge) – raised by Cr. Geoff Haerewa and taken on notice by Premier who will give it further thought. Minister Punch said that the model used in the Greater Bunbury Area around planning could be one to replicate and that he would provide information.
- First Port of Entry (FPOE) – Cr Tony Chafer raised FPOE requirements and the need for the State Government to commit an infrastructure budget for Port of Wyndham upgrades before proceeding with a new FPOE application to the Federal Government.

- Upgrade of the Great Northern Highway - Minister Saffioti indicated that it is a long program of planning and construction of dual lane bridges that they are committed to. Planning for Willare Bridge will commence soon.
- Housing – Minister Carey did not discuss anything new in terms of housing. Minister Rita Saffioti indicated that they are reviewing the State Government market-led proposal assessment process.
- Youth crime and low school attendance rate - Minister Buti did not discuss anything new in terms of education. Minister Papalia committed to continuing Operational Regional Shield.
- Funding for businesses –increasing REDS Grants Pool and State Government partner with NAIF to offer a small loans scheme (similar to what the Northern Territory is doing). Minister Punch did not commit to increasing REDS and Minister Cook indicated that they are investigating the NAIF option. DPIRD have put a consultant onto this.
- Liquor restrictions – raised by Cr Tony Chafer Liquor Accord wanting to have a 2L cask option instead of glass wine bottles. Minister Paul Papalia indicated that he is in favour of reducing the days in the week for sale of alcohol (e.g. currently being assessed in Derby).
- State Government contracts not going to local organisations – East Kimberley of Chamber and Industry raised recent Kimberley Small Business Support contract going to Business Foundations (Fremantle based). Premier took the question on notice.
- Childcare –Premier reiterated he understood the importance of childcare and they are working with the Commonwealth.
- Banking – Minister Punch committed to raising the reduced banking services in the East Kimberley at his next meeting with Bankwest/CommBank.

In addition, David Menzel and Geoff Haerewa had dinner with Ministers Punch and Minister Papalia.

Actions

- **KRG to seek information from Minister Punch on the ministerial co-ordination group facilitated by him in the South West**
- **Write to Premier progressing Ministerial / KRG Co-ordinating Group**

Below are media statements that accompanied the Ministerial visits:

Kimberley Aboriginal mud crab surveys

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/media-statements/Cook%20Labor%20Government/Kimberley-Aboriginal-mud-crab-surveys-set-to-expand-20240606>

Repurpose the former aged care facility in Warmun into workers accommodation

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/media-statements/Cook%20Labor%20Government/Funding-to-transform-former-facility-into-worker-accommodation-20240606>

Aboriginal Pastoral Academy expands across Kimberley

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/media-statements/Cook%20Labor%20Government/Aboriginal-Pastoral-Academy-expands-across-Kimberley-20240605>

Foundations laid for cotton gin

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/media-statements/Cook%20Labor%20Government/Foundations-laid-for-sustainable-cotton-industry-in-WA's-north-20240605>

Attachment 22 2024 Meeting dates

CEO Ringaround

In Person Meetings

Zoom meetings

State Council

Month	Meeting	Date	Time	Location	Notes
June	CEO Ringaround	13/6/24	8.30am – 9.00am	Zoom	
	KRG	20/6/24	9-10.30am	City of Vincent	
	Kimberley Zone		10.30am-12.00		
June	Government Forum	20/6/24	12 – 2pm	City of Vincent	
	Dinner		6.30-9.30pm	Le Vivant or similar	
July	State Council meeting	3/7/24	-	WALGA	
August	CEO Ringaround	8/8/24	8.30am – 9.00am	Zoom	
	Kimberley Zone	15/8/24	1pm - 2.30am	Zoom	
	KRG		2.30pm – 4.30pm		
September	State Council meeting	5-6/9/24	-	South West Country Zone	

Month	Meeting	Date	Time	Location	Notes
October	CEO Ringaround	3/10/24	8.30am – 9.00am	Zoom	
	KRG	9/10/24	9am - 5pm	Shire of Halls Creek	Travel
		10/10/24	9 – 11.00am		Strategic Planning
			11.30-3pm		Meeting and lunch
			3-5pm		Tour
			6-10pm		Dinner
		11/11/24	9am - 5pm		Travel
November	Kimberley Zone	15/11/24	1-3.30pm	Zoom	
December	State Council meeting	4/12/24	-	WALGA	

Meeting Closure: 10:40am