




Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley - Stakeholder Advisory Group		
<b>MINUTES of Meeting</b>		
Meeting of:	Monday 27 March 2017 at 5pm	
Location:	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley Council Chambers	
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No.	Item	Minutes		
<b>1</b>	<b>Meeting opening</b>			
	Chair:	Derek Gallagher welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country		
	Present:	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> Heidi Mippy  Shane Seers  Derek Gallagher  Coral Gore-Birch  Stanley Nangala  Paul Cavanagh  Kathryn Radford  Deb Pearce  Michele Pucci  Keith Wright  Vivienne McEvoy  Carl Askew  Louise Gee  Ron Yuryevich  Chris Grant  Mark Davidson  Chris Meisl </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> Wunan  Wunan  Balanggarra Aboriginal Corporation  Balanggarra Aboriginal Corporation  Ngnowar-Aerwah Aboriginal Corporation  Wyndham Early Learning Activity Centre  Kununurra Neighbourhood House  Community Resource Centre – Kununurra  Kununurra Chamber of Commerce and Industry  The immediate past Deputy Shire President.  Kununurra Visitor Centre  Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley  Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley  Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley  Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley  Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley  Worley Parsons / Advisian </td> </tr> </table>	Heidi Mippy Shane Seers Derek Gallagher Coral Gore-Birch Stanley Nangala Paul Cavanagh Kathryn Radford Deb Pearce Michele Pucci Keith Wright Vivienne McEvoy Carl Askew Louise Gee Ron Yuryevich Chris Grant Mark Davidson Chris Meisl	Wunan Wunan Balanggarra Aboriginal Corporation Balanggarra Aboriginal Corporation Ngnowar-Aerwah Aboriginal Corporation Wyndham Early Learning Activity Centre Kununurra Neighbourhood House Community Resource Centre – Kununurra Kununurra Chamber of Commerce and Industry The immediate past Deputy Shire President. Kununurra Visitor Centre Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley Worley Parsons / Advisian
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<b>2</b>	Election of Rotating Chair	Heidi Mippy was elected unopposed as the next Chairperson		
<b>3</b>	Ratification of previous minutes and Business arising from the minutes	Questions taken on notice were noted Grammatical error in item 4.1 was noted by Stanley Nangala (SN) Keith Wright (KW) Proposed that the minutes be adopted, Heidi Mippy (HM) seconded.		
<b>3.2</b>	Business arising from the minutes	<u>Increasing participation in Shire Election</u> <i>Regarding the use of postal voting to increase participation the following comments were made pointing out the groups negative perceptions of postal voting:</i> KW: Pointed out his experience with plane operators and that airmail is not a priority for them, reported the fact that Broome voted against postal voting, outlined that the cost		

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		<p>is more expensive, and commented the current system works and should stick with it. Recommended that the Shire wait until postal services are more reliable.</p> <p>Reported that Aboriginal people will need help as the letters will be junk mail to them:</p> <p><i>The following comments were made by the group pointing out the positive perceptions impacts of postal voting:</i></p> <p>DP: Commented that an additional \$3,000 seems to be small price to pay to increase the participation rate.</p> <p>PC: Suggested that it is worth doing this time and see what increase or decrease we see on participation</p> <p>VM: Mentioned that most people spoken with already do postal voting</p> <p>Aboriginal people will need help as it will be junk mail to them</p> <p>HM: Suggested people need to be able to make an informed choice. A communications strategy for Aboriginal people would be great, as this will also increase participation. HM supported the idea of postal voting, on the basis that it is less confronting for Aboriginal people as no one is giving out instructions on how to vote.</p> <p>MP: Believed postal voting to be a great idea and supported it; concern was raised about the number of people who are care of the post office.</p> <p>RY: Advised from experience in Kalgoorlie, Aboriginal people found postal voting very positive as it gave them weeks to consider and read about the candidates.</p> <p><i>The group also made comment about how the process can be improved:</i></p> <p>KR: Suggested that to increase participation we all have the power to influence and help those around us. We can remind people about voting and help people through the process.</p> <p>SS: recommended that an education campaign to inform people about the process and the type of skills needed for the roles would benefit all via newspaper ads and even consider using native languages.</p> <p>SN: Reported a new education program involving native language could attract funding to support it.</p> <p>The commissioner closed the discussion item stating that, overall, there seems to be support for postal voting and the Commissioner will consider the important advice given today and at the last meeting.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters Referred by the Shire</b>	
4.1	Wyndham Boat Ramp Concept Design Study	<p>A presentation of the concept plans for upgrading the Shire's primary Gulf access was provided to the group by Mark and Chris. There were concepts for upgrading the existing site and alternative locations. Mark invited people to consider what they would like a new boat ramp to look like if replaced.</p> <p>Funding of up to 75% of the cost is available to the Shire from the recreational boating scheme. As the Shire is currently in the concept stage and cost will depend on the final design, Chris was only able to provide an estimate of costing. Chris stated that a new ramp would cost in the region of \$800,000 and a new pontoon \$1.6m.</p> <p><b>Advice from the group on the concepts:</b></p> <p>Some history about the current boat ramp was given by the group members and concerns about the cost to ratepayers in developing boat ramp concept were raised.</p> <p><u>Fixed Jetty</u></p>

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		<p>Particular concerns raised; the build-up of mud and people slipping, crocodiles being able to easily get onto the jetty, the hazards of a submerged structure to boats and people.</p> <p><u>Floating Jetty</u></p> <p>The group expressed that this would be the preferred concept as it afforded the best safety to users and visitors.</p> <p><u>Inland concept</u></p> <p>Concerns were raised about how quickly the excavation would silt up given the levels of suspended solids in the water.</p> <p>The group's Wyndham members explained that on a previous job, involving an excavation of the bank, a 20 metre section slipped into the river and advised any excavation should be carefully planned.</p>
4.2	Regional Centres Development Plan	<p>The CEO Carl Askew provided an overview of the Regional Centres Development Plan and how it might help in the development of both towns within the Shire. Carl advised that with a change in State Government there would be a period of time before we started to see any activity.</p>
4.3	Community Scorecard	<p>Overview of the Community Scorecard 2017 being undertaken by the Shire using an independent organisation. Members were encouraged to spread the word about the survey and get their community groups to participate and help shape the future services that the Shire and other organisations provide. Results of the survey will be made available at the end of May.</p> <p>Overall the group supported the idea of regularly giving the community an opportunity to have its say.</p> <p>The group also commented that it was a good idea to use an external organisation.</p> <p>The group commented that some of the questions did not seem relevant to our Shire.</p> <p>Catalyse in producing the survey keep most of the questions generic to allow the Shire to bench mark against other similar Shires. Any feedback on the questions asked are welcome and will be considered in the review and preparation for the next survey in 2019.</p>
4.4	White Gum Park Radio Project	<p>Overall the group were in favour of the proposal to install speakers in the park but did not support the proposal that they be 24 hours.</p> <p>The group advised that there needed to be limits on volume, hours of operation to consider the local residents around the park.</p> <p>Group members supported the idea and said it was a great way to get health messages out to the community.</p>
4.5	Unnamed Creek Crossing	<p>Summarising the item, the item seeks to officially name a creek with no name, unofficially referred as Philchowski or Philchowskis Crossing, as Gulberang Crossing as recommended by the MG Corporation.</p> <p>The group commented on the detailed historical background and appreciated the level of detail provided.</p> <p>The group supported the use of the name Gulberang Crossing as suggested by MG Corporation</p> <p>It was commented that MG had provided a name and that it should be accepted and that the community should not be consulted to respect the Traditional Owners.</p>

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		The Commissioner advised that in his experience there was a need to go to community for comment and that it should be done with the utmost respect for the Traditional Owners.
<b>5</b>	<b>General Business</b>	
	De-sexing animals	Stanley Nangala <i>advised that</i> Ngnowar-Aerwah Aboriginal Corporation would happily support the Shire's Rangers by providing a safe facility for the animals.
	Unmaintained Properties	<p>Stanley Nangala raised concern about properties in Wyndham that are not maintained and pose a safety risk to other residents, such as long grass harbouring snakes and a fire risk.</p> <p>The CEO advised that the Shire can issue notices to the owner to address a health issue  MP: Commented that this is an issue across the Shire including Kununurra and Lakeside. The Shire should be issuing letters to the owners to clean up.</p> <p>PC: Offered to assist the residents in Wyndham with grounds maintenance</p> <p>HM: Asked that people consider residents ability to cut the grass, stating that the cashless card is an issue for people to pay for services.</p> <p>PC: Stated that grass only needs one cut to last until November at the end of the wet.</p> <p>The Commissioner agreed that the Shire could issue notices and if not actioned, undertake the work and seek reimbursement from the owner.</p>
	School holiday program	Heidi Mippy reminded the group that the School Holiday Program would be on during Easter and would be open to all. The program is looking for support from the community
	Child Protection	Shane Seers informed the group that some child protection services were being outsourced by the State and that Wunan will be tendering, as only Aboriginal organisations are qualified. Wunan are hoping to support the young people in our community to have a better future.
	Video Conference	Members asked if the meetings could have video conference between the towns to save people having to travel in the dark. The commissioner stated that he would be happy for people to use the existing facilities in the Shire officers.
<b>6</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	12 June 2017 confirmed as the date of the next meeting.
	Meeting Close	7.05pm

Administration of Minutes	
Administrative item	Action
<i>A copy of the minutes is to be sent to the Shire's Chief Executive Officer electronically within 10 working days of the meeting.</i>	Sent: 2/04/2017
<i>Disputes as to the accuracy of the minutes are to be put to a vote and changes if agreed to by the majority of members in attendance.</i>	Disputes Notes:
<i>Minutes are ratified at the following Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting by two people who can verify the accuracy of those minutes.</i>	Minutes Ratified: 12/06/2017
<i>The minutes of a Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting are made available to the community via the Shire's website.</i>	Minutes posted