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## GVROC Council Meeting – Action Arising

From the GVROC meeting on Friday 13th November 2020

Item	Action	Responsibility	Due Date
7.2	<b>Draft Audited Financial Statement for 30 June 2020</b> – Chair and Executive officer to sign the Draft Financial Statement for 30 June 2020 and return to auditors AMD for finalisation and issuing.	Mal Cullen Andrew Mann	<b>November 2020</b> <b>Completed and emailed to AMD on 16/11/20</b>
8.1	<b>Goldfields Records Storage Facility – Update</b> – CKB CEO to update at the next meeting on any further interest shown to purchase the property.	John Walker	<b>January 2021</b>
9.1	<b>GVROC Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 2020-2022 and Meeting Procedures Update and Future of GVROC</b> – All members to execute the current MOU but review in 12 months' time or as and when the Local Government Act Review recommendations are implemented by the State Government, effectively abolishing the regional council model.	Andrew Mann All LGAs	<b>December 2020</b> <b>Outstanding members to execute are CKB and Shires of Coolgardie and Wiluna</b>
	<b>Payment of 2020/21 Subscriptions</b> – As the GVROC endorsed that only GVROC members that are financially paid up contributors are allowed a voting right and that 2020/21 invoices for subscriptions have been sent, all members to ensure payment made to vote.		<b>December 2020</b>
9.2	<b>Establishing a Camel Industry – Update Report</b> – Chair to provide an update at next meeting based on outcome of the first Camel Industry Working Group meeting to be held on 23 November 2020	Mal Cullen	<b>27 November 2020</b>
9.3	<b>Camel Solutions Australia – Funding Request towards WA Feral Camel Tracking and Management program</b> – GVROC Executive Officer to notify CSA of the GVROC Resolution to their request for funding Re: Support in principle for the business case proposal, subject to the State Government providing a commitment to fund the project; and that the GVROC will consider future funding options once the Camel Industry Working Group has met on 23 November 2020 and the outcomes of that meeting are known.	Andrew Mann	<b>November 2020</b> <b>CSA advised of outcome via phone on 16/11/20 and letter drafted for Chair to formalise GVROC position.</b>
9.4	<b>GVROC Drought Relief Committee update</b> - GVROC LGAs to provide their views and feedback on the <a href="#">Review of Australian Government Drought Response</a> direct to June Bell - Regional Recovery Officer (South WA) - National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency.	All	<b>December 2020</b>
9.5	<b>Prioritising social and affordable housing</b> - the GVROC Executive Officer with the GVROC Chair, to work with the GEDC to prepare a scope of works to engage a consultant to commence collecting the required data to highlight the current status and issues with government public and social housing and affordable residential housing for the region.	Mal Cullen Andrew Mann Amy Hallam	<b>December 2020</b>
9.8	<b>GVROC Support to Shire of Wiluna to be formally recognised as part of the RDA Goldfields Esperance Boundary</b> – GVROC Executive Officer to place item back on agenda for 27 November 2020 meeting and request Shire of Wiluna to present its case on it.	Andrew Mann Laura Dwyer	<b>27 November 2020</b> <b>Andrew advised Laura via phone 16/11/20 of outcome from meeting and requirement to be placed on next meeting for decision.</b>

Item	Action	Responsibility	Due Date
9.9	<b>Finalisation of Withdrawal of the Shire of Ravensthorpe from the GVROC</b> – GVROC Executive Officer to inform Shire of Ravensthorpe of Financial Statements for year ended 30 June 2020 being completed and endorsed and request an invoice to be provided for the amount of \$38,940.60 be raised by the Shire to completed the withdrawal process.	Andrew Mann	<b>November 2020</b> <b>Email sent to CEO Shire of Ravensthorpe on 16/11/20 requesting invoice to be provided for payment.</b>



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# GVROC Council Meeting

Friday 13th November 2020

In person and video conference meeting  
hosted by Shire of Coolgardie  
Kambalda Community Recreation Facility  
Barnes Drive, Kambalda  
10.30am – 12:30pm

## Unconfirmed Minutes

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## GOLDFIELDS VOLUNTARY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (GVROC)

A in person and video conference meeting of the GVROC Council was held Friday 13 November 2020 commencing at 10:30am hosted by the Shire of Coolgardie at the Kambalda Community Recreation Facility, Barnes Drive, Kambalda.

# AGENDA

### 1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss business related to the activities of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils.

### 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Pursuant to the Code of Conduct, Councillors and CEOs must declare to the Chairman any potential conflict of interest they may have in a matter before the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils as soon as they become aware of it. Councillors, CEOs and Deputies may be directly or indirectly associated with some recommendations of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

#### Declaration of Interest

Cr Shelley Payne, Shire of Esperance declares a standing interest as a member of the GEDC for this and all future GVROC meetings.

Cr Shelley Payne, Shire of Esperance declares a standing conflict of interest until March 2021 in relation to her selection on the agricultural region ticket for the Legislative Council for the upcoming State Election.

### 3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

#### 3.1 Attendance

Cr Mal Cullen (Chair)	President, Shire of Coolgardie	
Mr James Trail	CEO, Shire of Coolgardie	
Cr Tracey Rathbone	Councillor, Shire of Coolgardie	
Cr John Bowler	Mayor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder	
Mr John Walker	CEO, City of Kalgoorlie Boulder	
Cr Laurene Bonza	President, Shire of Dundas	
Mr Peter Fitchat	CEO, Shire of Dundas	
Cr Ian Mickel	President Shire of Esperance	
Mr Shane Burge	CEO, Shire of Esperance	
Cr Shelley Payne	Councillor, Shire of Esperance	(Via Zoom Video)
Cr Patrick Hill	President, Shire of Laverton	
Cr Peter Craig	President, Shire of Leonora	
Mr Jim Epis	CEO, Shire of Leonora	
Mr Kevin Hannagan	CEO, Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku	(Via Zoom Video)
Mr Cary Green	Director Governance & Corporate, Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku	(Via Zoom Video)
Mr Andrew Mann	Executive Officer, GVROC	

### **3.2 Apologies**

Cr Sharon Warner	Councillor, Shire of Dundas
Cr David Grills	Councillor, City of Kalgoorlie Boulder
Mr Peter Naylor	CEO, Shire of Laverton
Cr Shaneane Weldon	Councillor, Shire of Laverton
Cr Keith Mader	Councillor, Shire of Menzies
Cr Jill Dwyer	Councillor, Shire of Menzies
Cr Damian McLean	President, Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku
Cr Jim Quadrio	President, Shire of Wiluna
Cr Timothy Carmody	Councillor, Shire of Wiluna
Ms Laura Dwyer	CEO, Shire of Wiluna

### **3.3 Guests**

Hon Kyran O'Donnell, MLA                      Member for Kalgoorlie

### **3.4 WALGA Representatives**

Tony Brown                      Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services (Via Zoom Video)  
Carol-Anne Bradley              Goldfields-Esperance Road Safety Advisor

### **3.5 DLGSCI Representatives**

Darrelle Merritt                      A/Director – Strategic Initiatives (Via Zoom Video)  
Liz Toohey                      Manager Local Government Policy and Engagement (Via Zoom Video)  
Kelly Waterhouse                      A/ Regional Manager - Goldfields

### **3.6 GEDC Representatives**

Amy Hallam                      Director

### **3.7 RDAGE Representatives**

Jo Swan                      Director

## **4. GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Hon Kyran O'Donnell, MLA**

Member for Kalgoorlie

General Update was provided by Hon. Kyran O'Donnell on matters of interest to the Region followed by short Q&A session.

## **5. PRESENTATIONS**

### **5.1 Shire of Coolgardie (15 minutes)**

Presentation was provided by CEO, James Trail on current projects and priorities for the Shire of Coolgardie.





## 6.4 Correspondence for Noting

The following correspondence is presented for noting.

Letters were sent via email on 19 October 2020 from the GVROC Chair to the following people with a copy of the final endorsed GVROC Economic Policy Paper for the Region. (**Attachment 6**)

- Premier, Hon Mark McGowan MLA
- Minister for Local Government; Heritage and Culture and Arts, Hon David Templeman MLA
- Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; and Ports, Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC
- Treasurer and Minister for Finance; Lands and Aboriginal Affairs, Hon Ben Wyatt MLA
- Minister for Transport and Planning, Hon Rita Saffioti MLA
- Member for Mining and Pastoral Region, Hon Kyle McGinn MLC
- Member for Kalgoorlie, Mr Kyran O'Donnell MLA
- Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Ports, Hon Darren West MLC
- Member for North West Central, Mr Vince Catania MLA
- Nationals Party Leader and Member for Central Wheatbelt, Hon Mia Davies MLA
- Liberal Party Leader and Member for Scarborough, Hon Liza Harvey MLA
- Member for Mining and Pastoral Region, Hon Robin Chapple MLC
- Member for Mining and Pastoral Region, Hon Robin Scott MLC
- Member for Roe, Mr Peter Rundle MLA
- Federal Member for O'Connor, Rick Wilson MP
- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, Hon Michael McCormack MP
- Director General, DLGSC, Mr Duncan Ord
- Director General, DPIRD, Mr Ralph Addis
- CEO, GEDC, Mr Kris Starcevich
- CEO, WALGA, Mr Nick Sloan
- The Nationals WA, Kalgoorlie Candidate, Ms Rowena Olsen

Correspondence received:

- Letter from the Parliamentary National Party of Australia (WA) Chief of Staff to Mia Davies re GVROC Economic Policy Paper for the Region dated 20 October 2020 (**Attachment 7**)
- Emails received regarding the GVROC Economic Policy Paper for the Region being sent out from (**Attachment 8**):
  - Office of Liza Harvey, Liberal Party Leader and Member for Scarborough on 20 October 2020
  - Nick Sloan, CEO WALGA on 20 October 2020
  - Ralph Addis, Director General – Department Primary Industries and Regional Development on 26 October 2020
  - Office of Kyran O'Donnell MLA, Member for Kalgoorlie on 26 October 2020.

### RECOMMENDATION:

That the correspondence listed for noting be received.

### RESOLUTION:

**Moved: Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton**  
**Seconded: Cr Laurene Bonza, Shire of Dundas**

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Carried

## 7. GOLDFIELDS VOLUNTARY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS FINANCE

### 7.1 Financial Statement for 30 September 2020

**Reporting Officer:** James Trail, Chief Executive Officer Shire Coolgardie

**Disclosure of Interest:** No interest to disclose

**Date:** 02 November 2020

**Attachments:** Financial Statement and accounts paid to 30 September 2020 (**Attachment 9**)

#### Background:

Presenting the financial statement for the period 1 July 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and the accounts approved for payment for the period 1 July 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

#### Financial Statement:

The Officer provides the following comment:

Note No	Account No	Details
1	575.01	Interest - Interest on funds held by GVROC
2	1513	Executive Officer - Professional Services
3	0501	Payment of 2019/2020 Annual Contributions
4	Other	Payment as per GVROC Resolution for equity share in Records Facility

#### Accounts Paid:

GVROC Expenses 01st July 2020 to 30th September 2020				
Payment Type	Date	Payee	Details	Amount inc GST
<i>EFT</i>	<i>21-Jul-20</i>	<i>Shire Menzies</i>	<i>Payment from GVROC re Contribution Resolution</i>	<i>\$25,000.00</i>
<i>EFT</i>	<i>21-Jul-20</i>	<i>Shire Wiluna</i>	<i>Payment from GVROC re Contribution Resolution</i>	<i>\$25,000.00</i>
<i>EFT</i>	<i>21-Sep-20</i>	<i>Mann Advisory</i>	<i>Executive Fees for July and August</i>	<i>\$22,000.00</i>
<i>EFT</i>	<i>7-Aug-20</i>	<i>Mann Advisory</i>	<i>Executive Fees for June</i>	<i>\$11,000.00</i>
<i>EFT</i>	<i>9-Jul-20</i>	<i>Mann Advisory</i>	<i>Executive Fees for May</i>	<i>\$11,000.00</i>
<b>Total Expenses paid</b>				<b>\$94,000.00</b>

Accounts for 2020/2021 annual contributions have been raised and sent the GVROC Members

**Consultation:** Nil

**Financial Implications:** Funds for the expenditure is included in the 2020/2021 Budget

**Strategic Implications:** GVROC Strategic Plan 2017-2022 Objective 3

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That GVROC:

1. Endorse the Statement of Financial Position for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 September 2020 and the accounts approved for payment for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 September 2020 totalling \$94,000.
2. Endorse the actions taken by the Shire of Coolgardie Chief Executive Officer to pay for GVROC expenses and receipt of GVROC Revenue.

**RESOLUTION:**

**Moved: Cr Ian Mickel, Shire of Esperance**

**Seconded: Cr Peter Craig, Shire of Leonora**

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**Carried**

## **7.2 Draft Audited Financial Statement for 30 June 2020**

**Reporting Officer:** James Trail, Chief Executive Officer Shire of Coolgardie

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** 9 November 2020

**Attachments:** Representation letter (**Attachment 9.1**)  
Management Report (**Attachment 9.2**)  
GVROC Audited Financial Statements to 30 June 2020 (**Attachment 9.3**)

**Background:**

Presenting the draft Audited Financial Statement, Representation Letter and Management Letter for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

**Executive Officer Comment:**

GVROC's Auditor, AMD Chartered Accountants, has provided the Executive Officer with the following documents for consideration:

- Draft Financial Report;
- Representation Letter; and
- Draft Management Letter.

The Auditor has requested that the Financial Report be reviewed, the "Statement by Members of the Committee" within the Draft Financial Report be signed by the Chair and Executive Officer and the Representation Letter reviewed and signed by the Executive Officer. This process is particularly important if the Management Letter contains recommendations as it gives the GVROC an opportunity to comment before the final report is provided by the Auditor for consideration and adoption.

It should be noted that once the draft reports have been signed and returned to the Auditors the final Audit Report will be provided to the GVROC.

**Consultation:** GVROC Auditors AMD Chartered Accountants

**Financial Implications:** Audit Fees included in 2019/2020 Budget

**Strategic Implications:** GVROC Strategic Plan 2017-2022 Objective 3

**RECOMMENDATION:**

GVROC approve the Draft Financial Report, Representation Letter and Draft Management Letter for the period ending 30 June 2020 and authorise the Chair and Executive Officer to sign as indicated.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Mayor John Bowler, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder**  
**Seconded: Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton**

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**Carried**

## 8. GOLDFIELDS RECORDS STORAGE FACILITY

### 8.1 Goldfields Records Storage Facility – Update

**Reporting Officer:** Andrew Mann, Executive Officer GVROC

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** November 2020

**Attachments:** Nil

**Background:**

At the Special Meeting of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) held 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020, Council resolved;

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC Council in relation to recommendations 1 to 4:

1. Note the report on the Goldfields Records Storage Facility Draft Financials 2019-20
2. Request a final detailed financial report for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 be presented to the GVROC Council Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020.
3. Note invoices need to be raised to the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Shires of Coolgardie, Dundas, Leonora and Menzies for 12 months to cover the 2019/20 operational costs of the facility.
4. Note the current market valuation of the Goldfields Records Storage Facility of \$500,000 (with a market range of \$475,000 to \$525,000).

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Mr Kevin Hannagan - Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku**  
**Seconded: Cr Timothy Carmody - Shire of Wiluna**

**Carried**

5. That GVROC reject the recommendation as proposed at its meeting of 15 May 2020 which was laid on the table as follows:
  - a. Note this update and that the CEOs will each receive a copy of the Variation Deed for execution in the coming weeks.
  - b. Note when all ten executed copies are received the eligible Withdrawing Regional Group will receive their cash distribution of \$25,000.00 (exc GST).
  - c. Note that for the four remaining parties will also need to execute the new replacement agreement and Transfer of Land as outlined in the above comments.
  - d. Note this will then conclude the GVROC's responsibilities for the Records Facility and the four remaining parties will manage its operations outside of the GVROC.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Mr Kevin Hannagan - Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku**  
**Seconded: Cr Jim Quadrio - Shire of Wiluna**

**Carried**

6. That the GVROC Council as representative of the Regional Group Members of the Joint Venture (the Parties to the Archives and Record Management Agreement) endorse and adopt the without prejudiced proposed solution to the records storage facility as detailed below, with the condition that should the facility not immediately be disposed all original members continue to meet their obligations under the Archives and Record Management Agreement until such time of its disposal in regards to:
  - 6a) All members share equally the specified fixed expenses for the facility e.g. insurance, rates, building maintenance; and
  - 6b) Current members that are still utilising the facility for records storage remain responsible for all other operating costs.
- 6.1 The Original Members, as the local governments named in the Records Agreement and as beneficial owners as tenants in common in equal shares of the archives and records storage facility located at Unit 2, 12 Federal Road, South Kalgoorlie (Facility), agree to dispose of the Facility currently held in the name of the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder as bare trustee for the Original Members.

- 6.2 The method of disposal for the facility will be discussed and agreed by the members at the next meeting of GVROC scheduled for 24 July 2020.
- 6.3 After the disposal of the Facility the Joint Venture promptly be wound up.
- 6.4 As part of the process of winding up of the Joint Venture an account be taken of the finances of the Joint Venture from its creation to the date of winding up to determine the annual income and expenditure of the Joint Venture during the period of its operation and to determine the assets and liabilities of the Joint Venture as at the winding up.
- 6.5 The net assets of the Joint Venture be distributed in accordance with the terms of the Records Agreement equally between the Original Members.
- 6.6 All third-party costs of the sale of the Facility and the winding up of the Joint Venture be paid for from the assets of the Joint Venture.
- 6.7 Each of the Original Members otherwise pay their own costs of the dispute and of the disposal of the Facility and winding up of the Joint Venture.
- 6.8 The winding up of the Joint Venture and payment to each of the Original Members their share of the Joint Venture assets pursuant to this proposal will be:
- 6.8.1 in full and final satisfaction of all claims any Original Member may have against any other Original Member or the Joint Venture with regard to the Joint Venture, the Records Agreement and the Facility; and
- 6.8.2 upon payment each Original Member releases and discharges every other Original Member and the Joint Venture from and against all such claims whether or not the Original Members were or could have been aware of such claims which an Original Member:
- (a) now has;
- (b) at any time had;
- (c) may have; or
- (d) but for this settlement, could or might have had, against any other Original Member or the Joint Venture with regard to the Joint Venture, the Records Agreement and the Facility.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Mr Kevin Hannagan - Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku**  
**Seconded: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**

**Carried**

At the last GVROC meeting held on 24 July 2020, the GVROC further resolved:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC Council as representative of the Original Parties to the Records Facility Agreement:

1. Endorse the CKB as the asset holder to engage a commercial real estate agent to place the facility for sale on the open market as the agreed method of disposal.
2. Accept a selling price based on the existing market evaluation in the range of \$475,000 to \$525,000 with this price to be reviewed and amended by agreement of all parties subject to any feedback from the open market disposal method which is contrary to the current valuation.
3. Request that the CKB provide an update report regarding the progress of the above recommendations at the next GVROC meeting in September 2020.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Cr Ian Mickel, Shire of Esperance**  
**Seconded: Cr Jim Quadrio, Shire of Wiluna**

**Carried**

**Officer's Report:**

Discussions are still ongoing between the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder and the Shires of Coolgardie, Dundas, Leonora and Menzies to discuss an approach to purchase the facility as a joint consortium, given they still require the facility for records storage requirements.

The City Kalgoorlie Boulder CEO, John Walker has advised that since the building was listed by listed by Daniel Lavery of John Matthew and Sons, in September 2020, as yet there has been no interest shown by any party to purchase.

**Consultation:** GVROC Chair  
GVROC CEOs Group

**Financial Implications:** Nil to the GVROC but could have implications based on disposal price for those LGAs that wish to remain or purchase the facility.

**Strategic Implications:** Disposal of the Facility will remove the item from the GVROC agenda

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC Council as representative of the Original Parties to the Records Facility Agreement note the current update in the progress to wind up the Records Storage Facility.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Mr Jim Epis, Shire of Leonora**  
**Seconded: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**

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**Carried**

## 9. GOLDFIELDS VOLUNTARY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS BUSINESS

### 9.1 GVROC Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 2020-2022 and Meeting Procedures Update and Future of GVROC

**Reporting Officers:** Andrew Mann, Executive Officer GVROC

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** September 2020

**Attachments:** Nil

**Background:**

GVROC is a regional grouping of local governments that operates by way of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

At the meeting of GVROC held on 15 May 2020, it was revealed that the last GVROC MOU that was executed was for the period July 2015 – October 2017 and had not been reviewed or renewed on the annual basis as it stipulated. As a result, a new MOU was drafted and presented at the meeting for execution between all parties for the period 2020 to 2022.

At its meeting on 24 July 2020 the GVROC carried the following resolution:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the GVROC:

1. Note and endorse the updated MOU and new Meeting Procedures.
2. Request each GVROC Local Government President/Mayor and CEO execute under seal Schedule 1 of the MOU and return via scanned pdf page to the Executive Officer for collation with the MOU.
3. Note on receipt of all nine executed sections the Executive Officer will distribute the final executed copy to all CEOs for their records.

**RESOLUTION:** Moved: *Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie*  
 Seconded: *Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton*

Carried

Following the MOU being presented back to the GVROC at its meeting held 11 September 2020, GVROC carried the following resolution:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC:

1. note the status of the signing and execution of the MOU.
2. based on the Local Government Act Review Panel Recommendations on the future of regional councils, request each GVROC LGA take the current MOU and its principles back to their Council for discussion and to develop their position on the future structure and operations of the GVROC.
3. request the Executive Officer to organise a two-hour workshop to be held on 13 November 2020 prior to the next GVROC meeting to discuss and agree the future of the GVROC, based on each LGA having a position following recommendation 2.

**RESOLUTION:** Moved: *Cr Timothy Carmody - Shire of Wiluna*  
 Seconded: *Cr David Grills - City of Kalgoorlie Boulder*

Carried



**Officer Comment:**

As per the resolution above from last GVROC meeting, a workshop was organised and held prior to this meeting to discuss and agree the future of the GVROC and the execution of the current MOU for the next twelve months.

Options considered at the workshop include:

Option 1: Remain as is and execute current MOU and review in 12 months' time.

Option 2: Wind-up the GVROC and reform as a regional subsidiary or similar cooperation body not bound under the current regional council model.

Option 3: Wind-up the GVROC permanently and only partner with ex-member LGAs as required on a project by project basis.

The outcome of this workshop will be presented by the GVROC Chair during this meeting and reflected in the recommendation below.

**Consultation:** GVROC and all LGA members

**Financial Implications:** N/A

**Strategic Implications:**

**Voting Requirement:** Simple majority

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC:

1. note the outcomes from the workshop held prior to this meeting as advised by the GVROC Chair.
2. endorse Option 1 to remain as is and execute the current MOU but review in 12 months' time or as and when the Local Government Act Review recommendations are implemented by the State Government, effectively abolishing the regional council model.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**  
**Seconded: Cr Ian Mickel, Shire of Esperance**

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**Carried**

In addition to the two recommendations above, following the workshop preceding this meeting to discuss the MOU and future of the GVROC, the following recommendation was also added.

3. Endorse that only GVROC members that are financially paid up contributors are allowed a voting right.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Cr Ian Mickel, Shire of Esperance**  
**Seconded: Mayor John Bowler, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder**

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**Carried**

## **9.2 Establishing a Camel Industry – Update Report**

<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Mann, Executive Officer GVROC
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	November 2020
<b>Attachments:</b>	Camel Industry Working Group Draft ToR ( <b>Attachment 10</b> )

### **Background:**

The Camel Industry Analysis Report undertaken by the GEDC in partnership with GVROC, DPIRD and the GNRBA has been completed.

Of note in the report is the recommendation for the GVROC to be the champion to bring this all together. To do this it is recommended that the GVROC establish a Beneficial Enterprise as the parent entity for accountability, program acquittal & development oversight (e.g. Board / Management Committee) for the camel industry in the region, with funding supplied through the Federal Government Regional Deal Program.

The recommendations from the report are as follows:

1. Government and stakeholders adopt a long-term view; pursue a minimum 10-year industry development program; that camel population reduction and camel commercialisation be viewed as complementary tasks of critical importance.
2. Immediately develop a camel industry strategy and business case to accompany grant applications and investment proposals.
3. Actively pursue a 'Regional Deals' partnership through engagement with Federal and State members of parliament; to better manage Australia's feral camel population and generate economic benefits for remote and regional communities across the Goldfields.
4. Encourage and support private investors to form partnerships, resources and feasibilities /business plans to develop the ventures outlined in this report.
5. Seek grant funding and investment support to establish a GPS monitoring system, a network of self-mustering yards on pastoral and Aboriginal lands, and technical support to help pastoralists adopt co-grazing. Aim is to ensure camel supply is reliable and sustainable from the outset.
6. Call expressions of interest to establish a panel of experts with 'deep' experience in breeding, handling and farming of camels to provide expertise to new operators, contractors, communities, GVROC and Government.
7. Establish a GVROC sub-committee to facilitate grant and investment applications, coordinate and support private investors, and provide guidance to locating and developing the required infrastructure (in collaboration with the panel of experts).
8. Aim to appoint a commercial project manager to liaise with stakeholders and implement the industry strategy that will deliver a sustainable camel industry within ten years.
9. Compile a register (online library) of education / training materials for pastoralists and Aboriginal stakeholders on issues relating to camel handling, domesticating, grading (age, health, condition), transporting, breeding / farming, processing, value-adding & marketing.

On 10 September 2020 a workshop was held with representatives from GEDC, GVROC, DPIRD, GRNBA, other WA Government Departments, Pastoralists and Industry to further progress the recommendations from the report. An outcome of the workshop was to establish a Camel Industry Working Group to progress the recommendations from those people that showed interest at the attendance at the workshop.

On 11 September 2020 the GVROC resolved the following:

**That the GVROC:**

1. note the update and the outcomes from the workshop held on the 10 September 2020 to progress the recommendations from the Camel Industry Analysis Study Report.
2. Request the Executive Officer to prepare a letter of thanks to Camel Solutions Australia for their updated presentation to the GVROC and request they submit a formal proposal in writing outlining the assistance being sought from the GVROC.

**RESOLUTION:**                    **Moved: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**  
    **Seconded: Cr Keith Mader - Shire of Menzies**

**Carried****Comment:**

The GEDC has advised that the fourteen people had expressed interest in participating in the Camel Industry Working Group:

EOI's have been received from:

- Colin and Brie Campbell – Mundrabilla Station
- David Geraghty – Yandal Station
- Tim Carmody – Prenti Downs Station
- Jo Swan – RDAGE (Director)
- Nigel Wessels – DBCA (Manager)
- Magdalena Zabek – DPIRD (Invasive Species Specialist)
- Peter Backshall – Marketrade
- Marcel Steingiesser – Good Earth Dairy
- Nat James and Gilad Berman – Camel Solutions Australia
- Andrew Parker – Eastern Districts Pet Meat
- Stephen Hoffrichter – Shark Lake Piggery
- Amanda Day – Elders (Livestock Production/ On-Road Sales/ Pastoral)

And tentative interest from:

- Brett and Dot Day – Gunnadorah Station
- Debbie Barrington – Tukahara Camel Company

It is proposed that during the initial stages, all interested stakeholders will be included in the working group, as there is likely to be some drop-off along the way.

Draft Terms of Reference for the Camel Industry Working Group (see **Attachment 10**) have been drafted by the GEDC and sent to the GVROC Chair for comment. It should be noted that the GEDC has requested that the GVROC Chair this working group.

The GVROC Chair is hesitant for GVROC inclusion on this Working Group until it receives some direction from the industry representatives of the working group. The GVROC Chair has stated to the GEDC that should there be five industry members keen to progress with the Camel Initiative then subject to GVROC endorsement, the GVROC would take on the Chair role of the working group.

The Camel Industry Working Group is scheduled to have its first meeting on 23 November 2020.

**Consultation:** GVROC Chair & Executive Officer, GEDC, GNRBA, DPIRD, CSA

**Financial Implications:** Nil

**Strategic Implications:** GVROC Strategic Plan 2017-2022  
Objective 1, Goal 1.1

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC note the update and progress in establishing a camel industry in the region.

**RESOLUTION:**                    **Moved: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**  
    **Seconded: Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton**

**Carried**

### **9.3 Camel Solutions Australia – Funding Request towards WA Feral Camel Tracking and Management program**

**Reporting Officer:** Andrew Mann, Executive Officer GVROC

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** November 2020

**Attachments:** Camel Solutions Australia Cover Letter and Business Case (**Attachment 11.1 and 11.2**)

#### **Background:**

A presentation was provided to the GVROC at its meeting on 11 September 2020 from Camel Solutions Australia on progress with their project proposal to develop a Camel Hub and its WA Feral Camel Tracking and Management program.

Following this presentation, the GVROC resolved the following:

#### **That the GVROC:**

**Request the Executive Officer to prepare a letter of thanks to Camel Solutions Australia for their updated presentation to the GVROC and request they submit a formal proposal in writing outlining the assistance being sought from the GVROC.**

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**  
**Seconded: Cr Keith Mader - Shire of Menzies**

**Carried**

#### **Comment:**

Camel Solutions Australia (CSA), following the presentation to GVROC at the meeting on 11 September 2020, have now provided a formal letter and business case to the GVROC requesting a funding commitment totalling \$545,246 over three years towards implementation of its WA Feral Camel Tracking and Management Business Case proposal (**Attachments 11.1 and 11.2**).

The WA Feral Camel Tracking and Management proposal is what CSA see as Stage One towards the establishment of the Camel Hub plan and its required infrastructure, which would be Stage 2. This Stage is required to build the data required to understand the camel numbers and movements, which will assist in developing up the locations for and required infrastructure for establishing the Camel Hub.

CSA has identified six GVROC LGAs that would greatly benefit from the project, totalling 60 collars. These shires are:

- Wiluna
- Laverton
- Leonora
- Kalgoorlie - Boulder
- Dundas
- Ngaanyatjaraku

The first year of requested funding will be \$256,886, followed by \$144,180 for years two and three. Dividing the project funding between the six GVROC LGAs amounts to \$90,875 per LGA, which means a commitment of \$42,815 for the first year following by \$24,030 for years two and three for each LGA. CSA also state that given the minimum guaranteed battery life is four years, they therefore feel it is a wasted resource to not utilise this data and the Geo-fence feature during a fourth year. This resource provides the potential for CSA to extend the project further and should GVROC LGAs decide to go ahead with the fourth year of the project, a price will be negotiated appropriately for that year.

#### **Funding options**

In response to the CSA request there are the following options in regard to funding this request for consideration if the GVROC support the request.

1. The GVROC pursue grant funding to meet the cost as was recommended in the Quantum Consulting Camel Industry Analysis Report recommendations by seeking a 'Regional Deals' partnership through engagement with Federal and State members of parliament; with the aim to better manage Australia's feral camel population and generate economic benefits for remote and regional communities across the Goldfields-Esperance. The Regional Deals partnership program is a ten-year project between Federal, State and Local Governments to facilitate community-identified projects addressing the needs of regional Australia (see <https://www.regional.gov.au/regional/deals/> )
2. The GVROC fund it through existing finances.
3. The GVROC endorse the proposal but request the individual GVROC LGAs that will greatly benefit from the project, seek their own Councils' approval to fund their contributions and enter into direct agreements between their LGA and CSA.

In consideration of the above options, Option 2 can be ruled out as based on current finances and LGA annual contributions the GVROC does not have the financial capacity to fund it from existing finances.

Option one, could be considered but it may take some considerable time (more than 12 months) to have a Regional deal agreed and executed.

Given that not all of the GVROC LGAs would be participating or benefit from this proposal, it is therefore recommended that if the CSA business case is supported by GVROC then Option 3 is endorsed.

**Consultation:** GVROC Chair & Executive Officer, CSA

**Financial Implications:** Nil

**Strategic Implications:** GVROC Strategic Plan 2017-2022  
Objective 1, Goal 1.1

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC:

1. Note the request for funding assistance from Camel Solutions Australia.
2. Support in principle the business case proposal, subject to the State Government providing a commitment to fund the project.
3. Consider future funding options once the Camel Industry Working Group has met on 23 November 2020 and the outcomes of that meeting are known.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton**  
**Seconded: Cr Laurene Bonza – Shire of Dundas**

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**Carried**

## 9.4 GVROC Drought Relief Committee update

**Reporting Officers:** Peter Fitchat – CEO Shire of Dundas  
Andrew Mann, Executive Officer - GVROC

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** September 2020

**Attachments:** Nil

### **Background:**

On 15 November 2019 at the GVROC meeting a motion was adopted to establish a Drought Relief Committee subject to terms of reference being established and endorsed out of session by the GVROC.

On 31 January 2020 at the GVROC meeting it was resolved:

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the GVROC:**

1. **Note the Final ToR and formally endorse the establishment of a Drought Committee to further address this issue.**
2. **Endorse the following representatives as members of the Drought Relief Committee:**
  - a. **Chair of GVROC: Cr Mal Cullen – Shire of Coolgardie**
  - b. **Three GVROC delegates as follows: Cr Laurene Bonza – Shire of Dundas, Cr Jim Quadrio and Cr Tim Carmody – Shire of Wiluna**
  - c. **Two GVROC CEOs as follows: Mr Peter Fitchat – Shire of Dundas and Mr Colin Bastow – Shire of Wiluna**

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Cr Laurene Bonza – Shire of Dundas**  
**Seconded: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire of Coolgardie**

**CARRIED**

Peter Fitchat has taken on the role of organising the Committee from the Shire of Wiluna and is keeping note of any drought focussed information coming from the Federal or State Governments in the interim until such time that this committee can start to meet.

### **Officer Comment:**

Following on from the presentation by June Bell - Regional Recovery Officer (South WA) - National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency - Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, at our 11 September 2020 meeting, June has provided the recently released Review of the Australian Government Drought Response (see link below).

### [Review of Australian Government Drought Response](#)

June is interested to hear our views on the review and is happy to pass these on to the Federal Government so that future directions around Drought can be influenced.

Additionally, June has also sent through the following grant funding opportunities:

### On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme

The Federal Government has committed additional funding to this scheme from the original funding. In WA the scheme was managed through the Department of Water, Environment and Regulation, but it was over subscribed and no further applications were being accepted. There are over 400 farmers that missed out in the first round. June advised while the Federal Government has committed further funding it needs to be matched by the State Government and as yet this has not been announced by the WA State Government. June advised to watch to see what the State Government does going forward. For further details look at the attached link:

### [On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme](#)

Grants now open: 'Drought Resilience Research and Adoption Program'.

Organisations can now apply on the [Community Grants Hub](#). These grants are for organisations or groups of organisations to set up Adoption and Innovation Hubs in 8 regional centres across Australia. Organisations can also visit the Programs [Have Your Say webpage](#) to register their interest to form or join a consortia. Total funding available is \$64 million to support the 8 hubs through to June 2024. Each hub can receive up to \$2 million per year.

**Consultation:** GVROC

**Financial Implications:** TBD

**Strategic Implications:** Improved Sustainability, Job creation and retention of Primary Industry well into the future.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC:

1. note the Review of the Australian Government Drought Response.
2. Request GVROC LGAs to provide their views and feedback on the response direct to June Bell - Regional Recovery Officer (South WA) - National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency.
3. Note the current grant funding opportunities available.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton**  
**Seconded: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**

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**Carried**

## 9.5 Prioritising social and affordable housing

**Reporting Officers:** Mal Cullen, GVROC Chair

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** September 2020

**Attachments:** Nil

### **Background:**

Even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, affordability gaps in housing were increasing and apparent in both regional and metropolitan areas. The economic downturn has only aggravated inequalities in Australia's affordable housing market which needs serious attention. This is also becoming a major issue for the GVROC LGAs.

In this respect it is suggested that the GVROC could investigate further how it may be able to develop a model for delivering cost effective affordable housing and maintenance programmes, funded through the State Government, but run and managed locally, creating ongoing employment in the GVROC region.

At the meeting on 11 September 2020 the GVROC resolved:

### **That the GVROC:**

1. **agree on the need for an immediate solution towards addressing the maintenance and quality of current social housing and addressing affordable housing options in the region; and**
2. **endorse the GVROC Chair and Executive Officer to further develop a proposal to address this matter for consideration and approval by the GVROC prior to submission to the WA Government seeking funding.**
3. **endorse the GVROC Chair and Executive Officer as part of this process to engage with the DLGSC District Leadership Group to raise and discuss this matter.**

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**  
**Seconded: Cr Laurene Bonza – Shire of Dundas**

**Carried**

### **Officer Comment:**

As per recent conversations that have been held amongst various GVROC LGAs on this matter, I believe there is an opportunity in the current economic climate to make a concerted effort to target this space on a regional level should the GVROC agree it is a priority.

The WA Minister for Housing, Peter Tinley, launched the State Government 2020/21 Budget in a function in Kalgoorlie on 8 October 2020. The Minister stated the Budget was built around Covid Stimulus Recovery supporting small, medium business along with major infrastructure projects to create jobs and boost the economy. It was also emphasized that the State Government would be focused on infrastructure and economic development throughout WA over the next 4 - 5 years. The Minister also made the point this State Government would favour a regional approach for project funding rather than having to deal with individual LGAs. Following on from this budget launch, as GVROC Chair, I had an opportunity for a 30-minute meeting with Minister Tinley and his advisor at which I discussed social and affordable housing in the Goldfields Esperance Region. The following is an outline of what was discussed.

### Public and Social housing

Q: how are LGAs able to become involved with public housing matters in their communities?

A: the response from the Minister was for LGAs to identify their issues and needs i.e. land requirements, long or short-term housing needs, amount and types of housing, affordable village style housing, joint venture opportunities with Government.

The Minister also advised that the best opportunity for outcomes to resolve outdated - dilapidated government housing stock in each of the GVROC LGAs districts would be a joint submission to the Minister prior to the end of December, so that it would be in front of the Government before the State Election.



In relation to GROH Housing it was advised that the Department of Communities do not determine the demand or supply for new or updated GROH Housing stock in WA. This is a responsibility of each State Government Department, i.e. Police, Education, Health etc. The advice was that LGAs have to lobby these departments directly rather than the Department of Communities to ascertain demand for renewal and upgrades of GROH housing in our towns to attract and retain government employees.

If and when LGAs can identify these gaps, the most effective option is to collaborate and work together with a proposal - scope - costings of building housing together with a joint contractor at the same time, then lease back the properties under the current 10 year arrangement that exists.

At the same time other initiatives to incentivise and attract Government employees to the Goldfields Region could be actioned prior to the state election, i.e. housing subsidies, retention packages, increased zone allowances, longer terms of stay in positions, i.e. police officers increased to 3yr terms from current 2yrs, etc.

In addition to the meeting held with Minister Tinley following the State Budget Launch, the Minister launched on 14 October 2020 the State Government's new WA Housing Strategy 2020-2030, which details a social and affordable homes plan that will:

- connect 150,000 WA households to a home;
- build liveable, inclusive and connected communities that improve social and economic participation;
- create jobs and contribute to the State's economy; and
- improve outcomes through a more integrated approach to housing and service assistance.

To view the WA Housing Strategy 2020-2030 click on the following link:

<http://www.communities.wa.gov.au/wahousingstrategy>

However, one of the major obstacles with the current State and Federal Governments stimulus packages and strategies at the moment, is that they still do not consider the involvement nor the needs of LGAs in any area. Thus taking on the advice of Minister Tinley above, the GVROC and each of its LGA members need to come together to develop a joint proposal/submission to the State Government through the Minister on the region's needs, requirements and how the GVROC and its member LGAs propose to partner with the State Government to deliver on it.

**Consultation:** GVROC

**Financial Implications:** TBD

**Strategic Implications:** Improved Liveability, social and community wellbeing.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC:

1. note the update on prioritising improved government public and social housing and affordable residential housing for the region.
2. Request that the GVROC Executive Officer with the GVROC Chair, to work with the GEDC to prepare a scope of works to engage a consultant to commence collecting the required data to highlight the current status and issues with government public and social housing and affordable residential housing for the region.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton**  
**Seconded: Cr Peter Craig, Shire of Leonora**

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**Carried**

## 9.6 Local Government Financial Ratios - Sector Reference Group Update

<b>Reporting Officers:</b>	James Trail, CEO Shire of Coolgardie
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	November 2020
<b>Attachments:</b>	Local Government Financial Ratios Working Group Agenda meeting 22 October 2020 ( <b>Attachment 12</b> ) Local Government Financial Ratios Working Group Defining Terms ( <b>Attachment 12.1</b> ) Asset Sustainability Ratio – Comments from Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia ( <b>Attachment 12.2</b> ) An extract from the Local Government Victoria Local Government Better Practice Guide: Performance Reporting Indicator Workbook 2019-20 ( <b>Attachment 12.3</b> )

### **Background:**

WALGA has established a Local Government Financial Ratios - Sector Reference Group and Working Group. The membership of the Working Group has now been confirmed, as follows:

Jason	Lyon	Executive Director Corporate Services	City of Armadale
James	Trail	CEO	Shire of Coolgardie
Paul	Breman	Executive Manager Corporate and Community	Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup
Peter	Kocian	Executive Manager Corporate and Community	Town of East Fremantle
Alan	Ellingham	Senior Financial Analyst	City of Joondalup
Ryan	Ferts	Coordinator Strategic Infrastructure Asset Management	City of Joondalup
Gary	Ticehurst	Director Corporate Services	City of Kalamunda
Casey	Mihovilovich	Director Corporate Services	City of Mandurah
Jeremy	Clapham	Finance and Administration Manager	Shire of Mingenew
Grant	Middlton	DCEO	Shire of Northampton
Khushwant	Kumar	Financial Controller	City of Rockingham
Michael	Cole	Chief Financial Officer	Town of Victoria Park
Alan	Carmichael	Senior Project Officer	Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
Richard	John	Chief Advisor	Western Australia Treasury Corporation
Ron	Back	Consultant	R J Back & Associates

### **Officers Comment:**

The Working Group has held two meetings, the first an establishment meeting held on 17 September 2020 and the second held on 22 October 2022 (see agenda and referred attachments at Attachment 12, 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3).

The purpose of that meeting was to review the proposed ratios and develop final recommendations for consideration by the Financial Ratios Sector Reference Group. This will include consideration of definitions of terminology and recommended indicators/thresholds in relation to each proposed ratio.

The proposed ratios included:

- Operating Surplus Ratio
- Debt Service Coverage Ratio
- Asset Sustainability Ratio
- Current Ratio; and the
- Net Financial Liability Ratio

**Consultation:** WALGA

**Financial Implications:** N/A

**Strategic Implications:** GVROC Strategic Plan 2017-2022

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC note the update on Local Government Financial Ratios – Sector Reference Group and Working Group.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Mayor John Bowler, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder**  
**Seconded: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**

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**Carried**

## 9.7 Goldfields Esperance Regional Road Group (GERRG) - Draft Guidelines and Criteria for the Identification of Significant Local Government Roads and option for the LGAs to seek a preferred supplier panel of road construction and maintenance contractors

<b>Reporting Officers:</b>	Cr Mal Cullen, President Shire of Coolgardie
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	November 2020
<b>Attachments:</b>	Draft Guidelines and Criteria for the Identification of Significant Local Government Roads August 2020 ( <b>Attachment 13</b> ) Local Roads Program Manager Report 2019-20 ( <b>Attachment 13.1</b> ) Goldfields-Esperance RRG - reference information for Elected Members Nov 2019 ( <b>Attachment 13.2</b> ) State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee Minutes of meeting 02/2020 ( <b>Attachment 13.3</b> )

### **Background:**

The State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement mandates the existence and operation of Regional Road Groups, which the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee oversees.

*The Agreement is intended to ensure that the funds available from State Government sources for local roads are allocated across the State of Western Australia, focusing on areas of strategic importance and areas that will provide maximum benefit. The needs of all road users and the Western Australian community will be considered during the distribution process. (State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement, Guiding Principles, page 2).*

A Regional Road Group may establish Sub Groups to:

- Assist to identify road funding priorities
- Consider local road issues to inform decision making by the Regional Road Group
- Provide advice to the Regional Road Group

A Regional Road Group may establish a Technical Group(s) to:

- Assist with management and consideration of local road issues
- Provide technical advice to the Regional Road Group

The Regional Strategies for Significant Local Government Roads short title Significant Local Government Roads are a documented list of regionally significant Local Government roads for each Regional Road Group (RRG) and the development strategies for them.

The first editions, Roads 2020 Regional Road Development Strategies, were released during 1997 and 1998 and were an initiative of the 1992 Memorandum of Understanding between the State Government and the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA), then known as the Western Australian Municipal Association (WAMA). Main Roads is currently in the process of reviewing the draft guidelines and criteria for significant roads and the revised document (see draft **Attachment 13**) will inform the compilation of the latest version, which will supersede Roads 2030 published in 2013.

Local Governments (via RRGs) work collaboratively to review and update the current list of Significant Local Roads to produce the latest strategy. This provides an agreed, strategic approach to the allocation of limited funding across the extensive road network within the state of Western Australia. Only projects on local roads included in the Regional Strategies for Significant Local Government Roads will be eligible for Road Project Grant funding under the latest State Roads Funds to Local Government Agreement.

### **Officers Comment:**

Under the Goldfields Esperance WALGA Zone, all LGAs have a requirement to have an elected member participating on the GERRG (refer **Attachment 13.2**).

Following the GERRG Technical Officers Group meeting in Kalgoorlie on 16 October 2020, there was some discussion regarding the revised criteria and whether the GVROC member LGAs could investigate options to seek a preferred supplier panel of road construction and maintenance contractors.

The Road Classification Working Group (consisting of representatives from Main Roads and WALGA) has been reviewing the current criteria and policy for determining if a road qualifies for listing in the Regional Strategies for Significant Local Government Roads. Considerable time has been spent formulating the draft to date as well as a large number of roads tested against the criteria by way of sensitivity studies. The identification of significant roads within built up urban areas has also been addressed by adding selective criteria. The Working Group has strived to make the criteria more objective thereby driving a more consistent approach to the selection of significant roads.

Following the GERRG Technical Officer Group meeting, Joanne Brown, Business Services Co-Ordinator - Goldfields-Esperance Region for Main Roads WA has requested LGAs review the information provided and advise her of your responses by COB 11th November 2020.

It is proposed that following acceptance and adoption of the Criteria, each Regional Road Group, including the GERRG will be tasked to form a working group to review all of the roads currently showing on the their Roads 2030 list of roads. To inform the RRG review workshop, Main Roads will issue instructions including a data sheet of all the roads currently depicted in the Roads 2030 documents, along with any additions made through the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee (SAC) in later years. The final document will be live to enable amendments to be made quickly to each RRG document and be available online.

The CEO of Shire of Dundas, Peter Fitchat has advised that the new proposed criteria will exclude roads currently eligible for RRG funding, which could be seen as another cost shifting from State Government regarding Road Funding. In this respect the GVROC LGAs need to understand the impact that the changes to the criteria will have.

It has also been mentioned that any roads chosen to be funded need to be shovel ready, fully costed, with business cases and approval plans in place. Timeframes for expending funding must be met, especially given funding has a connection to the economic stimulus packages including road funding.

This raised the question of RRG LGAs having the capacity and capability to deliver on the requirements and it was suggested at the GERRG Technical Officers Group meeting in Kalgoorlie on 16 October 2020 by the GVROC Chair the possibility of a GVROC Regional Supplier Panel List for our Region that will assist the GVROC LGAs to easily contract road construction and maintenance contractors to deliver against any of the requirements placed on the funding.

**Consultation:** WALGA, GERRG

**Financial Implications:** A preferred supplier panel could reduce costs of individual LGAs on a project by project basis.

**Strategic Implications:** GVROC Strategic Plan 2017-2022

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC:

1. Note that Under the Goldfields Esperance WALGA Zone, all LGAs have a requirement to have an elected member participating on the GERRG.
2. Note the Main Roads WA and WALGA Draft Guidelines and Criteria for the Identification of Significant Local Government Roads, the potential changes and impacts to current roads that will now be excluded, and the requirement for LGAs to provide feedback on these back to Main Roads WA.
3. Note once the criteria is adopted that the GERRG will be tasked to form a working group to review all of the roads currently showing on the their Roads 2030 list of roads, which will require input from each GVROC LGA.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton**  
**Seconded: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**

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**Carried**

## **9.8 GVROC Support to Shire of Wiluna to be formally recognised as part of the RDA Goldfields Esperance Boundary**

<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Mann, GVROC Executive Officer
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	No interest to disclose
<b>Date:</b>	November 2020
<b>Attachments:</b>	GVROC Letter of Support to Shire of Wiluna ( <b>Attachment 14</b> )

### **Background:**

On 29 October 2020, the CEO of Shire of Wiluna formally requested a letter of support from the GVROC towards its business case required to be submitted to the Australian Government's Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development to be considered to change its RDA regional boundary from the Midwest to Goldfields Esperance.

The process for this change of boundary is set out in the RDA Better Practice Guide (pg17 [https://www.rda.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2019\\_rda\\_better\\_practice\\_guide.pdf](https://www.rda.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2019_rda_better_practice_guide.pdf) ), which in summary states:

#### *1.7 RDA Boundaries*

*In a small number of cases a local government area may be divided between two RDA Committees where a clearly definable district aligns better with one RDA Committee, whilst the remainder aligns better with another RDA Committee. Such arrangements are only entered into with the agreement of both RDA Committees and the support of relevant stakeholders such as the local governments affected and partner State or Territory governments.*

#### *1.7.1 RDA Boundary Adjustments*

*RDA Boundaries may be adjusted where changes to local government boundaries, changing demographics or other relevant factors make such changes desirable.*

*RDA Committees, and partner State or Territory governments and local governments, may request RDA Boundary adjustments. The Department may initiate boundary changes where necessary. Boundary adjustment requests must be made in writing to the Department's liaison officer specified in the Funding Agreement, and include:*

- a clear business case for the proposed change;*
- written support from all RDA Committees affected by the proposed changes;*
- where relevant, written support from a partner State or Territory government; and*
- written support from other relevant stakeholders such as local chambers of commerce, local members of parliament and the like.*

*Consideration of requests for boundary changes will be on a case-by-case basis by the Commonwealth Minister with responsibility for the RDA program, in conjunction with their State or Territory Ministerial counterpart in partner jurisdictions, and with the President of the Local Government Association of South Australia for RDA Committees in South Australia.*

*Changes to funding to support any changes resulting from boundary adjustments will be negotiated with the affected RDA Committees prior to a decision to change a Boundary. The views of partner State or Territory governments may also be considered in any changes to respective RDA Committees' Funding allocations.*

*Any changes to Boundaries of an RDA Committee will require a variation to their Funding Agreement(s) to reflect the changes to the area covered.*

The Shire of Wiluna is also in the process of having its State Development Commission boundary changed as well from the Midwest Development Commission to the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission.

The changes to the Development Commission boundaries is a State matter and with Federal Boundaries this is with RDAs.

State Development Commission boundary changes require legislative changes to the *WA Regional Development Commissions Act 1993* to accommodate, however for Federal just a business case submitted between 15 January and 15 February of each calendar year to the Department of Regional Development addressed to the relevant Commonwealth Minister, hence this request for a letter of support from the GVROC.

In regard to the changes of the State Development Commission Boundary, the GEDC has confirmed with the Shire of Wiluna that they are just waiting on the change to go through legislation.

**Officer Comment**

An out of session in-principle letter of support was circulated to all GVROC delegates, other than the Shire of Wiluna on 2 November 2020 for approval and confirmation of support.

All GVROC LGAs responded their approval for the letter.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC now endorse the previous in principle letter of support to the Shire of Wiluna circulated out of session, to be formally recognised as part of the RDA Goldfields Esperance Boundary.

**RESOLUTION:**                    **Moved: Cr Ian Mickel, Shire of Esperance**  
   **Seconded: Cr Laurene Bonza – Shire of Dundas**

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**Defeated 5 to 4**

Following discussion and debate on this item a vote for and against was called on the recommendation.

The vote was 5 to 4 not in favour of endorsing support, on the basis that no representatives from the Shire of Wiluna were present at the meeting to present their case.

**Motion called**

That the GVROC request the item be presented back at the next meeting on 27 November 2020, at which time the Shire of Wiluna can present its case regarding the application to be recognised under RDA Goldfields Esperance.

**RESOLUTION:**                    **Moved: Cr Ian Mickel, Shire of Esperance**  
   **Seconded: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**

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**Carried**

## 9.9 Finalisation of Withdrawal of the Shire of Ravensthorpe from the GVROC

**Reporting Officers:** James Trail, CEO Shire of Coolgardie

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** November 2020

**Attachments:** Nil

### **Background:**

At a special meeting of the GVROC held 26 June 2020 on the request of the Shire of Ravensthorpe to formally withdraw from the GVROC, it was resolved:

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

#### **That the GVROC Council:**

1. **Accept the withdrawal from GVROC request of the Shire of Ravensthorpe date 19 June 2020, which will take effect as at close of business 30 June 2020.**
2. **Endorse that the disbursement of an equal tenth share of proceeds and any surplus funds to the Shire of Ravensthorpe, or recovery of liabilities or debts, will be based on the GVROC financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 once they have been finalised and audited.**
3. **Authorise the President and CEO of the Shire of Coolgardie and the Executive Officer for GVROC, to work with the Shire of Ravensthorpe President and Chief Executive Officer to finalise all associated documentation to bring effect of this withdrawal.**

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Mr Kevin Hannagan - Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku**  
**Seconded: Cr Ian Mickle – Shire of Esperance**

**Carried**

### **Officers Comment:**

As per Item 7.2 – Draft GVROC Audited Financial Statements 2019/20, the GVROC can now finalise the withdrawal of the Shire of Ravensthorpe through the disbursement of an equal tenth share of proceeds and any surplus funds to the Shire of Ravensthorpe, or recovery of liabilities or debts, based on the GVROC audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

This equates to a payment of **\$38,940.60** to the Shire of Ravensthorpe, being one tenth of the GVROC surplus funds (\$389,406) sitting in the GVROC accounts as of 30 June 2020.

To finalise this process, it is recommended that the GVROC endorse this payment to the Shire of Ravensthorpe.

**Consultation:** GVROC Chair  
Shire of Ravensthorpe

**Financial Implications:** GVROC Finances reduced by \$38,940.60 as per the disbursement made.

**Strategic Implications:** N/A

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC based on the resolution of Item 7.2 on this agenda in relation to the accepting of the 2019/20 draft audited GVROC financial statements, endorse the disbursement of an equal tenth share of proceeds and any surplus GVROC funds less recovery of liabilities or debts to the Shire of Ravensthorpe, equating to a payment of \$38,940.60.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Cr Ian Mickel, Shire of Esperance**  
**Seconded: Cr John Bowler, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder**

**Carried**



## **10. AGENCY REPORTS**

### **10.1 WALGA**

WALGA verbal update report by Tony Brown

### **10.2 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries**

DLGSCI verbal update report by Darelle Merritt

### **10.3 Goldfields Esperance Development Commission**

Introduction to Amy Hallam, GEDC Director Regional Development and GEDC update report.

### **10.4 RDA Goldfields Esperance**

RDAGE verbal update report provided by Ms Jo Swan

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC note the Agency Reports as provided.

#### **RESOLUTION:**

**Moved: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**  
**Seconded: Cr Ian Mickel, Shire of Esperance**

Carried

## **11. LATE ITEMS as notified, introduced by decision of the Meeting**

Nil.

## **12. FUTURE GVROC COUNCIL MEETINGS/FUNCTIONS**

### **Next Meetings**

With the continuing and evolving situation of the COVID-19 “Corona Virus” scheduling of future meetings as in person is a watching brief. This will be reviewed at each meeting by GVROC and decisions made on whether the meetings are held as in person meetings or conducted through Zoom video conferencing.

In noting the above, the following suggested dates in 2021 have been set for the remaining GVROC meetings.

- 29 January 2021 (hosted by Shire of Esperance in Esperance)
- 26 March 2021 (central meeting hosted by CKB in Kalgoorlie)
- 28 May 2021 (hosted by Shire of Dundas)
- 30 July 2021 (Aligned with LGA week in Perth possibly August tbc)
- 24 September 2021 (hosted by Shire of Leonora)
- 26 November 2021 (tbc)

The following are the WALGA State Council meeting dates in 2021 with suggested GVROC Zoom video conference meeting dates prior to these to inform the GVROC’s representatives attending the meetings with relevant input for State Council Agenda Items:

- 2 December 2020 - (GVROC Video conference on 27 November 2020)
- 3 March 2021 – (GVROC Video Conference on 19 February 2021)
- 5 May 2021 – (GVROC Video Conference on 23 April 2021)
- 7 July 2021 – (GVROC Video Conference on 25 June 2021)
- 2-3 September 2021 – (GVROC Video Conference on 20 August 2021)
- 1 December 2021 – (GVROC Video Conference on 19 November 2021)

## **13. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 1:26pm.



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## GVROC Council Meeting – Action Arising

From the GVROC meeting on Friday 13th November 2020

Item	Action	Responsibility	Due Date
7.2	<b>Draft Audited Financial Statement for 30 June 2020</b> – Chair and Executive officer to sign the Draft Financial Statement for 30 June 2020 and return to auditors AMD for finalisation and issuing.	Mal Cullen Andrew Mann	<b>November 2020</b> <b>Completed and emailed to AMD on 16/11/20</b>
8.1	<b>Goldfields Records Storage Facility – Update</b> – CKB CEO to update at the next meeting on any further interest shown to purchase the property.	John Walker	<b>January 2021</b>
9.1	<b>GVROC Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 2020-2022 and Meeting Procedures Update and Future of GVROC</b> – All members to execute the current MOU but review in 12 months' time or as and when the Local Government Act Review recommendations are implemented by the State Government, effectively abolishing the regional council model.	Andrew Mann All LGAs	<b>December 2020</b> <b>Outstanding members to execute are CKB and Shires of Coolgardie and Wiluna</b>
	<b>Payment of 2020/21 Subscriptions</b> – As the GVROC endorsed that only GVROC members that are financially paid up contributors are allowed a voting right and that 2020/21 invoices for subscriptions have been sent, all members to ensure payment made to vote.		<b>December 2020</b>
9.2	<b>Establishing a Camel Industry – Update Report</b> – Chair to provide an update at next meeting based on outcome of the first Camel Industry Working Group meeting to be held on 23 November 2020	Mal Cullen	<b>27 November 2020</b>
9.3	<b>Camel Solutions Australia – Funding Request towards WA Feral Camel Tracking and Management program</b> – GVROC Executive Officer to notify CSA of the GVROC Resolution to their request for funding Re: Support in principle for the business case proposal, subject to the State Government providing a commitment to fund the project; and that the GVROC will consider future funding options once the Camel Industry Working Group has met on 23 November 2020 and the outcomes of that meeting are known.	Andrew Mann	<b>November 2020</b> <b>CSA advised of outcome via phone on 16/11/20 and letter drafted for Chair to formalise GVROC position.</b>
9.4	<b>GVROC Drought Relief Committee update</b> - GVROC LGAs to provide their views and feedback on the <a href="#">Review of Australian Government Drought Response</a> direct to June Bell - Regional Recovery Officer (South WA) - National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency.	All	<b>December 2020</b>
9.5	<b>Prioritising social and affordable housing</b> - the GVROC Executive Officer with the GVROC Chair, to work with the GEDC to prepare a scope of works to engage a consultant to commence collecting the required data to highlight the current status and issues with government public and social housing and affordable residential housing for the region.	Mal Cullen Andrew Mann Amy Hallam	<b>December 2020</b>
9.8	<b>GVROC Support to Shire of Wiluna to be formally recognised as part of the RDA Goldfields Esperance Boundary</b> – GVROC Executive Officer to place item back on agenda for 27 November 2020 meeting and request Shire of Wiluna to present its case on it.	Andrew Mann Laura Dwyer	<b>27 November 2020</b> <b>Andrew advised Laura via phone 16/11/20 of outcome from meeting and requirement to be placed on next meeting for decision.</b>

Item	Action	Responsibility	Due Date
9.9	<b>Finalisation of Withdrawal of the Shire of Ravensthorpe from the GVROC</b> – GVROC Executive Officer to inform Shire of Ravensthorpe of Financial Statements for year ended 30 June 2020 being completed and endorsed and request an invoice to be provided for the amount of \$38,940.60 be raised by the Shire to completed the withdrawal process.	Andrew Mann	<b>November 2020</b> <b>Email sent to CEO Shire of Ravensthorpe on 16/11/20 requesting invoice to be provided for payment.</b>



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# GVROC Council Meeting

Friday 13th November 2020  
In person and video conference meeting  
hosted by Shire of Coolgardie  
Kambalda Community Recreation Facility  
Barnes Drive, Kambalda  
10.30am – 12:30pm

## Unconfirmed Minutes

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## GOLDFIELDS VOLUNTARY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS (GVROC)

A in person and video conference meeting of the GVROC Council was held Friday 13 November 2020 commencing at 10:30am hosted by the Shire of Coolgardie at the Kambalda Community Recreation Facility, Barnes Drive, Kambalda.

# AGENDA

### 1. OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss business related to the activities of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils.

### 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Pursuant to the Code of Conduct, Councillors and CEOs must declare to the Chairman any potential conflict of interest they may have in a matter before the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils as soon as they become aware of it. Councillors, CEOs and Deputies may be directly or indirectly associated with some recommendations of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

#### Declaration of Interest

Cr Shelley Payne, Shire of Esperance declares a standing interest as a member of the GEDC for this and all future GVROC meetings.

Cr Shelley Payne, Shire of Esperance declares a standing conflict of interest until March 2021 in relation to her selection on the agricultural region ticket for the Legislative Council for the upcoming State Election.

### 3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

#### 3.1 Attendance

Cr Mal Cullen (Chair)	President, Shire of Coolgardie
Mr James Trail	CEO, Shire of Coolgardie
Cr Tracey Rathbone	Councillor, Shire of Coolgardie
Cr John Bowler	Mayor, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Mr John Walker	CEO, City of Kalgoorlie Boulder
Cr Laurene Bonza	President, Shire of Dundas
Mr Peter Fitchat	CEO, Shire of Dundas
Cr Ian Mickel	President Shire of Esperance
Mr Shane Burge	CEO, Shire of Esperance
Cr Shelley Payne	Councillor, Shire of Esperance (Via Zoom Video)
Cr Patrick Hill	President, Shire of Laverton
Cr Peter Craig	President, Shire of Leonora
Mr Jim Epis	CEO, Shire of Leonora
Mr Kevin Hannagan	CEO, Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku (Via Zoom Video)
Mr Cary Green	Director Governance & Corporate, Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku (Via Zoom Video)
Mr Andrew Mann	Executive Officer, GVROC

### **3.2 Apologies**

Cr Sharon Warner	Councillor, Shire of Dundas
Cr David Grills	Councillor, City of Kalgoorlie Boulder
Mr Peter Naylor	CEO, Shire of Laverton
Cr Shaneane Weldon	Councillor, Shire of Laverton
Cr Keith Mader	Councillor, Shire of Menzies
Cr Jill Dwyer	Councillor, Shire of Menzies
Cr Damian McLean	President, Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku
Cr Jim Quadrio	President, Shire of Wiluna
Cr Timothy Carmody	Councillor, Shire of Wiluna
Ms Laura Dwyer	CEO, Shire of Wiluna

### **3.3 Guests**

Hon Kyran O'Donnell, MLA                      Member for Kalgoorlie

### **3.4 WALGA Representatives**

Tony Brown                      Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services (Via Zoom Video)  
Carol-Anne Bradley              Goldfields-Esperance Road Safety Advisor

### **3.5 DLGSCI Representatives**

Darrelle Merritt                      A/Director – Strategic Initiatives (Via Zoom Video)  
Liz Toohey                      Manager Local Government Policy and Engagement (Via Zoom Video)  
Kelly Waterhouse                      A/ Regional Manager - Goldfields

### **3.6 GEDC Representatives**

Amy Hallam                      Director

### **3.7 RDAGE Representatives**

Jo Swan                      Director



## **4. GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Hon Kyran O'Donnell, MLA**

Member for Kalgoorlie

General Update was provided by Hon. Kyran O'Donnell on matters of interest to the Region followed by short Q&A session.

## **5. PRESENTATIONS**

### **5.1 Shire of Coolgardie (15 minutes)**

Presentation was provided by CEO, James Trail on current projects and priorities for the Shire of Coolgardie.



## 6.4 Correspondence for Noting

The following correspondence is presented for noting.

Letters were sent via email on 19 October 2020 from the GVROC Chair to the following people with a copy of the final endorsed GVROC Economic Policy Paper for the Region. (**Attachment 6**)

- Premier, Hon Mark McGowan MLA
- Minister for Local Government; Heritage and Culture and Arts, Hon David Templeman MLA
- Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; and Ports, Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC
- Treasurer and Minister for Finance; Lands and Aboriginal Affairs, Hon Ben Wyatt MLA
- Minister for Transport and Planning, Hon Rita Saffioti MLA
- Member for Mining and Pastoral Region, Hon Kyle McGinn MLC
- Member for Kalgoorlie, Mr Kyran O'Donnell MLA
- Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Ports, Hon Darren West MLC
- Member for North West Central, Mr Vince Catania MLA
- Nationals Party Leader and Member for Central Wheatbelt, Hon Mia Davies MLA
- Liberal Party Leader and Member for Scarborough, Hon Liza Harvey MLA
- Member for Mining and Pastoral Region, Hon Robin Chapple MLC
- Member for Mining and Pastoral Region, Hon Robin Scott MLC
- Member for Roe, Mr Peter Rundle MLA
- Federal Member for O'Connor, Rick Wilson MP
- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, Hon Michael McCormack MP
- Director General, DLGSC, Mr Duncan Ord
- Director General, DPIRD, Mr Ralph Addis
- CEO, GEDC, Mr Kris Starcevich
- CEO, WALGA, Mr Nick Sloan
- The Nationals WA, Kalgoorlie Candidate, Ms Rowena Olsen

Correspondence received:

- Letter from the Parliamentary National Party of Australia (WA) Chief of Staff to Mia Davies re GVROC Economic Policy Paper for the Region dated 20 October 2020 (**Attachment 7**)
- Emails received regarding the GVROC Economic Policy Paper for the Region being sent out from (**Attachment 8**):
  - Office of Liza Harvey, Liberal Party Leader and Member for Scarborough on 20 October 2020
  - Nick Sloan, CEO WALGA on 20 October 2020
  - Ralph Addis, Director General – Department Primary Industries and Regional Development on 26 October 2020
  - Office of Kyran O'Donnell MLA, Member for Kalgoorlie on 26 October 2020.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the correspondence listed for noting be received.

### **RESOLUTION:**

**Moved: Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton**  
**Seconded: Cr Laurene Bonza, Shire of Dundas**

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**Carried**

## 7. GOLDFIELDS VOLUNTARY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS FINANCE

### 7.1 Financial Statement for 30 September 2020

**Reporting Officer:** James Trail, Chief Executive Officer Shire Coolgardie

**Disclosure of Interest:** No interest to disclose

**Date:** 02 November 2020

**Attachments:** Financial Statement and accounts paid to 30 September 2020 (**Attachment 9**)

#### Background:

Presenting the financial statement for the period 1 July 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and the accounts approved for payment for the period 1 July 2020 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

#### Financial Statement:

The Officer provides the following comment:

Note No	Account No	Details
1	575.01	Interest - Interest on funds held by GVROC
2	1513	Executive Officer - Professional Services
3	0501	Payment of 2019/2020 Annual Contributions
4	Other	Payment as per GVROC Resolution for equity share in Records Facility

#### Accounts Paid:

GVROC Expenses 01st July 2020 to 30th September 2020				
Payment Type	Date	Payee	Details	Amount inc GST
<i>EFT</i>	<i>21-Jul-20</i>	<i>Shire Menzies</i>	<i>Payment from GVROC re Contribution Resolution</i>	<i>\$25,000.00</i>
<i>EFT</i>	<i>21-Jul-20</i>	<i>Shire Wiluna</i>	<i>Payment from GVROC re Contribution Resolution</i>	<i>\$25,000.00</i>
<i>EFT</i>	<i>21-Sep-20</i>	<i>Mann Advisory</i>	<i>Executive Fees for July and August</i>	<i>\$22,000.00</i>
<i>EFT</i>	<i>7-Aug-20</i>	<i>Mann Advisory</i>	<i>Executive Fees for June</i>	<i>\$11,000.00</i>
<i>EFT</i>	<i>9-Jul-20</i>	<i>Mann Advisory</i>	<i>Executive Fees for May</i>	<i>\$11,000.00</i>
<b>Total Expenses paid</b>				<b>\$94,000.00</b>

Accounts for 2020/2021 annual contributions have been raised and sent the GVROC Members

**Consultation:** Nil

**Financial Implications:** Funds for the expenditure is included in the 2020/2021 Budget

**Strategic Implications:** GVROC Strategic Plan 2017-2022 Objective 3

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That GVROC:

1. Endorse the Statement of Financial Position for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 September 2020 and the accounts approved for payment for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 September 2020 totalling \$94,000.
2. Endorse the actions taken by the Shire of Coolgardie Chief Executive Officer to pay for GVROC expenses and receipt of GVROC Revenue.

**RESOLUTION:**

**Moved: Cr Ian Mickel, Shire of Esperance**

**Seconded: Cr Peter Craig, Shire of Leonora**

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**Carried**

## **7.2 Draft Audited Financial Statement for 30 June 2020**

**Reporting Officer:** James Trail, Chief Executive Officer Shire of Coolgardie

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** 9 November 2020

**Attachments:** Representation letter (**Attachment 9.1**)  
Management Report (**Attachment 9.2**)  
GVROC Audited Financial Statements to 30 June 2020 (**Attachment 9.3**)

**Background:**

Presenting the draft Audited Financial Statement, Representation Letter and Management Letter for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020

**Executive Officer Comment:**

GVROC's Auditor, AMD Chartered Accountants, has provided the Executive Officer with the following documents for consideration:

- Draft Financial Report;
- Representation Letter; and
- Draft Management Letter.

The Auditor has requested that the Financial Report be reviewed, the "Statement by Members of the Committee" within the Draft Financial Report be signed by the Chair and Executive Officer and the Representation Letter reviewed and signed by the Executive Officer. This process is particularly important if the Management Letter contains recommendations as it gives the GVROC an opportunity to comment before the final report is provided by the Auditor for consideration and adoption.

It should be noted that once the draft reports have been signed and returned to the Auditors the final Audit Report will be provided to the GVROC.

**Consultation:** GVROC Auditors AMD Chartered Accountants

**Financial Implications:** Audit Fees included in 2019/2020 Budget

**Strategic Implications:** GVROC Strategic Plan 2017-2022 Objective 3

**RECOMMENDATION:**

GVROC approve the Draft Financial Report, Representation Letter and Draft Management Letter for the period ending 30 June 2020 and authorise the Chair and Executive Officer to sign as indicated.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Mayor John Bowler, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder**  
**Seconded: Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton**

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**Carried**

## 8. GOLDFIELDS RECORDS STORAGE FACILITY

### 8.1 Goldfields Records Storage Facility – Update

**Reporting Officer:** Andrew Mann, Executive Officer GVROC

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** November 2020

**Attachments:** Nil

**Background:**

At the Special Meeting of the Goldfields Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (GVROC) held 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020, Council resolved;

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC Council in relation to recommendations 1 to 4:

1. Note the report on the Goldfields Records Storage Facility Draft Financials 2019-20
2. Request a final detailed financial report for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 be presented to the GVROC Council Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020.
3. Note invoices need to be raised to the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Shires of Coolgardie, Dundas, Leonora and Menzies for 12 months to cover the 2019/20 operational costs of the facility.
4. Note the current market valuation of the Goldfields Records Storage Facility of \$500,000 (with a market range of \$475,000 to \$525,000).

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Mr Kevin Hannagan - Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku**  
**Seconded: Cr Timothy Carmody - Shire of Wiluna**

**Carried**

5. That GVROC reject the recommendation as proposed at its meeting of 15 May 2020 which was laid on the table as follows:
  - a. Note this update and that the CEOs will each receive a copy of the Variation Deed for execution in the coming weeks.
  - b. Note when all ten executed copies are received the eligible Withdrawing Regional Group will receive their cash distribution of \$25,000.00 (exc GST).
  - c. Note that for the four remaining parties will also need to execute the new replacement agreement and Transfer of Land as outlined in the above comments.
  - d. Note this will then conclude the GVROC's responsibilities for the Records Facility and the four remaining parties will manage its operations outside of the GVROC.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Mr Kevin Hannagan - Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku**  
**Seconded: Cr Jim Quadrio - Shire of Wiluna**

**Carried**

6. That the GVROC Council as representative of the Regional Group Members of the Joint Venture (the Parties to the Archives and Record Management Agreement) endorse and adopt the without prejudiced proposed solution to the records storage facility as detailed below, with the condition that should the facility not immediately be disposed all original members continue to meet their obligations under the Archives and Record Management Agreement until such time of its disposal in regards to:
  - 6a) All members share equally the specified fixed expenses for the facility e.g. insurance, rates, building maintenance; and
  - 6b) Current members that are still utilising the facility for records storage remain responsible for all other operating costs.
- 6.1 The Original Members, as the local governments named in the Records Agreement and as beneficial owners as tenants in common in equal shares of the archives and records storage facility located at Unit 2, 12 Federal Road, South Kalgoorlie (Facility), agree to dispose of the Facility currently held in the name of the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder as bare trustee for the Original Members.

- 6.2 The method of disposal for the facility will be discussed and agreed by the members at the next meeting of GVROC scheduled for 24 July 2020.
- 6.3 After the disposal of the Facility the Joint Venture promptly be wound up.
- 6.4 As part of the process of winding up of the Joint Venture an account be taken of the finances of the Joint Venture from its creation to the date of winding up to determine the annual income and expenditure of the Joint Venture during the period of its operation and to determine the assets and liabilities of the Joint Venture as at the winding up.
- 6.5 The net assets of the Joint Venture be distributed in accordance with the terms of the Records Agreement equally between the Original Members.
- 6.6 All third-party costs of the sale of the Facility and the winding up of the Joint Venture be paid for from the assets of the Joint Venture.
- 6.7 Each of the Original Members otherwise pay their own costs of the dispute and of the disposal of the Facility and winding up of the Joint Venture.
- 6.8 The winding up of the Joint Venture and payment to each of the Original Members their share of the Joint Venture assets pursuant to this proposal will be:
- 6.8.1 in full and final satisfaction of all claims any Original Member may have against any other Original Member or the Joint Venture with regard to the Joint Venture, the Records Agreement and the Facility; and
- 6.8.2 upon payment each Original Member releases and discharges every other Original Member and the Joint Venture from and against all such claims whether or not the Original Members were or could have been aware of such claims which an Original Member:
- (a) now has;
- (b) at any time had;
- (c) may have; or
- (d) but for this settlement, could or might have had, against any other Original Member or the Joint Venture with regard to the Joint Venture, the Records Agreement and the Facility.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Mr Kevin Hannagan - Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku**  
**Seconded: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**

**Carried**

At the last GVROC meeting held on 24 July 2020, the GVROC further resolved:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC Council as representative of the Original Parties to the Records Facility Agreement:

1. Endorse the CKB as the asset holder to engage a commercial real estate agent to place the facility for sale on the open market as the agreed method of disposal.
2. Accept a selling price based on the existing market evaluation in the range of \$475,000 to \$525,000 with this price to be reviewed and amended by agreement of all parties subject to any feedback from the open market disposal method which is contrary to the current valuation.
3. Request that the CKB provide an update report regarding the progress of the above recommendations at the next GVROC meeting in September 2020.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Cr Ian Mickel, Shire of Esperance**  
**Seconded: Cr Jim Quadrio, Shire of Wiluna**

**Carried**

**Officer's Report:**

Discussions are still ongoing between the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder and the Shires of Coolgardie, Dundas, Leonora and Menzies to discuss an approach to purchase the facility as a joint consortium, given they still require the facility for records storage requirements.



The City Kalgoorlie Boulder CEO, John Walker has advised that since the building was listed by listed by Daniel Lavery of John Matthew and Sons, in September 2020, as yet there has been no interest shown by any party to purchase.

**Consultation:** GVROC Chair  
GVROC CEOs Group

**Financial Implications:** Nil to the GVROC but could have implications based on disposal price for those LGAs that wish to remain or purchase the facility.

**Strategic Implications:** Disposal of the Facility will remove the item from the GVROC agenda

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC Council as representative of the Original Parties to the Records Facility Agreement note the current update in the progress to wind up the Records Storage Facility.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Mr Jim Epis, Shire of Leonora**  
**Seconded: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**

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**Carried**

## 9. GOLDFIELDS VOLUNTARY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS BUSINESS

### 9.1 GVROC Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 2020-2022 and Meeting Procedures Update and Future of GVROC

**Reporting Officers:** Andrew Mann, Executive Officer GVROC

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** September 2020

**Attachments:** Nil

**Background:**

GVROC is a regional grouping of local governments that operates by way of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

At the meeting of GVROC held on 15 May 2020, it was revealed that the last GVROC MOU that was executed was for the period July 2015 – October 2017 and had not been reviewed or renewed on the annual basis as it stipulated. As a result, a new MOU was drafted and presented at the meeting for execution between all parties for the period 2020 to 2022.

At its meeting on 24 July 2020 the GVROC carried the following resolution:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the GVROC:

1. Note and endorse the updated MOU and new Meeting Procedures.
2. Request each GVROC Local Government President/Mayor and CEO execute under seal Schedule 1 of the MOU and return via scanned pdf page to the Executive Officer for collation with the MOU.
3. Note on receipt of all nine executed sections the Executive Officer will distribute the final executed copy to all CEOs for their records.

**RESOLUTION:** Moved: *Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie*  
 Seconded: *Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton*

Carried

Following the MOU being presented back to the GVROC at its meeting held 11 September 2020, GVROC carried the following resolution:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC:

1. note the status of the signing and execution of the MOU.
2. based on the Local Government Act Review Panel Recommendations on the future of regional councils, request each GVROC LGA take the current MOU and its principles back to their Council for discussion and to develop their position on the future structure and operations of the GVROC.
3. request the Executive Officer to organise a two-hour workshop to be held on 13 November 2020 prior to the next GVROC meeting to discuss and agree the future of the GVROC, based on each LGA having a position following recommendation 2.

**RESOLUTION:** Moved: *Cr Timothy Carmody - Shire of Wiluna*  
 Seconded: *Cr David Grills - City of Kalgoorlie Boulder*

Carried

**Officer Comment:**

As per the resolution above from last GVROC meeting, a workshop was organised and held prior to this meeting to discuss and agree the future of the GVROC and the execution of the current MOU for the next twelve months.

Options considered at the workshop include:

Option 1: Remain as is and execute current MOU and review in 12 months' time.

Option 2: Wind-up the GVROC and reform as a regional subsidiary or similar cooperation body not bound under the current regional council model.

Option 3: Wind-up the GVROC permanently and only partner with ex-member LGAs as required on a project by project basis.

The outcome of this workshop will be presented by the GVROC Chair during this meeting and reflected in the recommendation below.

**Consultation:** GVROC and all LGA members

**Financial Implications:** N/A

**Strategic Implications:**

**Voting Requirement:** Simple majority

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC:

1. note the outcomes from the workshop held prior to this meeting as advised by the GVROC Chair.
2. endorse Option 1 to remain as is and execute the current MOU but review in 12 months' time or as and when the Local Government Act Review recommendations are implemented by the State Government, effectively abolishing the regional council model.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**  
**Seconded: Cr Ian Mickel, Shire of Esperance**

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**Carried**

In addition to the two recommendations above, following the workshop preceding this meeting to discuss the MOU and future of the GVROC, the following recommendation was also added.

3. Endorse that only GVROC members that are financially paid up contributors are allowed a voting right.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Cr Ian Mickel, Shire of Esperance**  
**Seconded: Mayor John Bowler, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder**

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**Carried**

## **9.2 Establishing a Camel Industry – Update Report**

<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Mann, Executive Officer GVROC
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Date:</b>	November 2020
<b>Attachments:</b>	Camel Industry Working Group Draft ToR ( <b>Attachment 10</b> )

### **Background:**

The Camel Industry Analysis Report undertaken by the GEDC in partnership with GVROC, DPIRD and the GNRBA has been completed.

Of note in the report is the recommendation for the GVROC to be the champion to bring this all together. To do this it is recommended that the GVROC establish a Beneficial Enterprise as the parent entity for accountability, program acquittal & development oversight (e.g. Board / Management Committee) for the camel industry in the region, with funding supplied through the Federal Government Regional Deal Program.

The recommendations from the report are as follows:

1. Government and stakeholders adopt a long-term view; pursue a minimum 10-year industry development program; that camel population reduction and camel commercialisation be viewed as complementary tasks of critical importance.
2. Immediately develop a camel industry strategy and business case to accompany grant applications and investment proposals.
3. Actively pursue a 'Regional Deals' partnership through engagement with Federal and State members of parliament; to better manage Australia's feral camel population and generate economic benefits for remote and regional communities across the Goldfields.
4. Encourage and support private investors to form partnerships, resources and feasibilities /business plans to develop the ventures outlined in this report.
5. Seek grant funding and investment support to establish a GPS monitoring system, a network of self-mustering yards on pastoral and Aboriginal lands, and technical support to help pastoralists adopt co-grazing. Aim is to ensure camel supply is reliable and sustainable from the outset.
6. Call expressions of interest to establish a panel of experts with 'deep' experience in breeding, handling and farming of camels to provide expertise to new operators, contractors, communities, GVROC and Government.
7. Establish a GVROC sub-committee to facilitate grant and investment applications, coordinate and support private investors, and provide guidance to locating and developing the required infrastructure (in collaboration with the panel of experts).
8. Aim to appoint a commercial project manager to liaise with stakeholders and implement the industry strategy that will deliver a sustainable camel industry within ten years.
9. Compile a register (online library) of education / training materials for pastoralists and Aboriginal stakeholders on issues relating to camel handling, domesticating, grading (age, health, condition), transporting, breeding / farming, processing, value-adding & marketing.

On 10 September 2020 a workshop was held with representatives from GEDC, GVROC, DPIRD, GRNBA, other WA Government Departments, Pastoralists and Industry to further progress the recommendations from the report. An outcome of the workshop was to establish a Camel Industry Working Group to progress the recommendations from those people that showed interest at the attendance at the workshop.

On 11 September 2020 the GVROC resolved the following:

**That the GVROC:**

1. note the update and the outcomes from the workshop held on the 10 September 2020 to progress the recommendations from the Camel Industry Analysis Study Report.
2. Request the Executive Officer to prepare a letter of thanks to Camel Solutions Australia for their updated presentation to the GVROC and request they submit a formal proposal in writing outlining the assistance being sought from the GVROC.

**RESOLUTION:**                    **Moved: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**  
    **Seconded: Cr Keith Mader - Shire of Menzies**

**Carried****Comment:**

The GEDC has advised that the fourteen people had expressed interest in participating in the Camel Industry Working Group:

EOI's have been received from:

- Colin and Brie Campbell – Mundrabilla Station
- David Geraghty – Yandal Station
- Tim Carmody – Prenti Downs Station
- Jo Swan – RDAGE (Director)
- Nigel Wessels – DBCA (Manager)
- Magdalena Zabek – DPIRD (Invasive Species Specialist)
- Peter Backshall – Marketrade
- Marcel Steingiesser – Good Earth Dairy
- Nat James and Gilad Berman – Camel Solutions Australia
- Andrew Parker – Eastern Districts Pet Meat
- Stephen Hoffrichter – Shark Lake Piggery
- Amanda Day – Elders (Livestock Production/ On-Road Sales/ Pastoral)

And tentative interest from:

- Brett and Dot Day – Gunnadorah Station
- Debbie Barrington – Tukahara Camel Company

It is proposed that during the initial stages, all interested stakeholders will be included in the working group, as there is likely to be some drop-off along the way.

Draft Terms of Reference for the Camel Industry Working Group (see **Attachment 10**) have been drafted by the GEDC and sent to the GVROC Chair for comment. It should be noted that the GEDC has requested that the GVROC Chair this working group.

The GVROC Chair is hesitant for GVROC inclusion on this Working Group until it receives some direction from the industry representatives of the working group. The GVROC Chair has stated to the GEDC that should there be five industry members keen to progress with the Camel Initiative then subject to GVROC endorsement, the GVROC would take on the Chair role of the working group.

The Camel Industry Working Group is scheduled to have its first meeting on 23 November 2020.

**Consultation:** GVROC Chair & Executive Officer, GEDC, GNRBA, DPIRD, CSA

**Financial Implications:** Nil

**Strategic Implications:** GVROC Strategic Plan 2017-2022  
Objective 1, Goal 1.1

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC note the update and progress in establishing a camel industry in the region.

**RESOLUTION:**                    **Moved: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**  
    **Seconded: Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton**

**Carried**

### **9.3 Camel Solutions Australia – Funding Request towards WA Feral Camel Tracking and Management program**

**Reporting Officer:** Andrew Mann, Executive Officer GVROC

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** November 2020

**Attachments:** Camel Solutions Australia Cover Letter and Business Case (**Attachment 11.1 and 11.2**)

#### **Background:**

A presentation was provided to the GVROC at its meeting on 11 September 2020 from Camel Solutions Australia on progress with their project proposal to develop a Camel Hub and its WA Feral Camel Tracking and Management program.

Following this presentation, the GVROC resolved the following:

#### **That the GVROC:**

**Request the Executive Officer to prepare a letter of thanks to Camel Solutions Australia for their updated presentation to the GVROC and request they submit a formal proposal in writing outlining the assistance being sought from the GVROC.**

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**  
**Seconded: Cr Keith Mader - Shire of Menzies**

**Carried**

#### **Comment:**

Camel Solutions Australia (CSA), following the presentation to GVROC at the meeting on 11 September 2020, have now provided a formal letter and business case to the GVROC requesting a funding commitment totalling \$545,246 over three years towards implementation of its WA Feral Camel Tracking and Management Business Case proposal (**Attachments 11.1 and 11.2**).

The WA Feral Camel Tracking and Management proposal is what CSA see as Stage One towards the establishment of the Camel Hub plan and its required infrastructure, which would be Stage 2. This Stage is required to build the data required to understand the camel numbers and movements, which will assist in developing up the locations for and required infrastructure for establishing the Camel Hub.

CSA has identified six GVROC LGAs that would greatly benefit from the project, totalling 60 collars. These shires are:

- Wiluna
- Laverton
- Leonora
- Kalgoorlie - Boulder
- Dundas
- Ngaanyatjaraku

The first year of requested funding will be \$256,886, followed by \$144,180 for years two and three. Dividing the project funding between the six GVROC LGAs amounts to \$90,875 per LGA, which means a commitment of \$42,815 for the first year following by \$24,030 for years two and three for each LGA. CSA also state that given the minimum guaranteed battery life is four years, they therefore feel it is a wasted resource to not utilise this data and the Geo-fence feature during a fourth year. This resource provides the potential for CSA to extend the project further and should GVROC LGAs decide to go ahead with the fourth year of the project, a price will be negotiated appropriately for that year.

#### **Funding options**

In response to the CSA request there are the following options in regard to funding this request for consideration if the GVROC support the request.

1. The GVROC pursue grant funding to meet the cost as was recommended in the Quantum Consulting Camel Industry Analysis Report recommendations by seeking a 'Regional Deals' partnership through engagement with Federal and State members of parliament; with the aim to better manage Australia's feral camel population and generate economic benefits for remote and regional communities across the Goldfields-Esperance. The Regional Deals partnership program is a ten-year project between Federal, State and Local Governments to facilitate community-identified projects addressing the needs of regional Australia (see <https://www.regional.gov.au/regional/deals/> )
2. The GVROC fund it through existing finances.
3. The GVROC endorse the proposal but request the individual GVROC LGAs that will greatly benefit from the project, seek their own Councils' approval to fund their contributions and enter into direct agreements between their LGA and CSA.

In consideration of the above options, Option 2 can be ruled out as based on current finances and LGA annual contributions the GVROC does not have the financial capacity to fund it from existing finances.

Option one, could be considered but it may take some considerable time (more than 12 months) to have a Regional deal agreed and executed.

Given that not all of the GVROC LGAs would be participating or benefit from this proposal, it is therefore recommended that if the CSA business case is supported by GVROC then Option 3 is endorsed.

**Consultation:** GVROC Chair & Executive Officer, CSA

**Financial Implications:** Nil

**Strategic Implications:** GVROC Strategic Plan 2017-2022  
Objective 1, Goal 1.1

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC:

1. Note the request for funding assistance from Camel Solutions Australia.
2. Support in principle the business case proposal, subject to the State Government providing a commitment to fund the project.
3. Consider future funding options once the Camel Industry Working Group has met on 23 November 2020 and the outcomes of that meeting are known.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton**  
**Seconded: Cr Laurene Bonza – Shire of Dundas**

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**Carried**

## 9.4 **GVROC Drought Relief Committee update**

**Reporting Officers:** Peter Fitchat – CEO Shire of Dundas  
Andrew Mann, Executive Officer - GVROC

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** September 2020

**Attachments:** Nil

**Background:**

On 15 November 2019 at the GVROC meeting a motion was adopted to establish a Drought Relief Committee subject to terms of reference being established and endorsed out of session by the GVROC.

On 31 January 2020 at the GVROC meeting it was resolved:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the GVROC:**

1. **Note the Final ToR and formally endorse the establishment of a Drought Committee to further address this issue.**
2. **Endorse the following representatives as members of the Drought Relief Committee:**
  - a. **Chair of GVROC: Cr Mal Cullen – Shire of Coolgardie**
  - b. **Three GVROC delegates as follows: Cr Laurene Bonza – Shire of Dundas, Cr Jim Quadrio and Cr Tim Carmody – Shire of Wiluna**
  - c. **Two GVROC CEOs as follows: Mr Peter Fitchat – Shire of Dundas and Mr Colin Bastow – Shire of Wiluna**

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Cr Laurene Bonza – Shire of Dundas**  
**Seconded: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire of Coolgardie**

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**CARRIED**

Peter Fitchat has taken on the role of organising the Committee from the Shire of Wiluna and is keeping note of any drought focussed information coming from the Federal or State Governments in the interim until such time that this committee can start to meet.

**Officer Comment:**

Following on from the presentation by June Bell - Regional Recovery Officer (South WA) - National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency - Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, at our 11 September 2020 meeting, June has provided the recently released Review of the Australian Government Drought Response (see link below).

[Review of Australian Government Drought Response](#)

June is interested to hear our views on the review and is happy to pass these on to the Federal Government so that future directions around Drought can be influenced.

Additionally, June has also sent through the following grant funding opportunities:

[On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme](#)

The Federal Government has committed additional funding to this scheme from the original funding. In WA the scheme was managed through the Department of Water, Environment and Regulation, but it was over subscribed and no further applications were being accepted. There are over 400 farmers that missed out in the first round. June advised while the Federal Government has committed further funding it needs to be matched by the State Government and as yet this has not been announced by the WA State Government. June advised to watch to see what the State Government does going forward. For further details look at the attached link:

[On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme](#)



Grants now open: 'Drought Resilience Research and Adoption Program'.

Organisations can now apply on the [Community Grants Hub](#). These grants are for organisations or groups of organisations to set up Adoption and Innovation Hubs in 8 regional centres across Australia. Organisations can also visit the Programs [Have Your Say webpage](#) to register their interest to form or join a consortia. Total funding available is \$64 million to support the 8 hubs through to June 2024. Each hub can receive up to \$2 million per year.

**Consultation:** GVROC

**Financial Implications:** TBD

**Strategic Implications:** Improved Sustainability, Job creation and retention of Primary Industry well into the future.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC:

1. note the Review of the Australian Government Drought Response.
2. Request GVROC LGAs to provide their views and feedback on the response direct to June Bell - Regional Recovery Officer (South WA) - National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency.
3. Note the current grant funding opportunities available.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton**  
**Seconded: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**

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**Carried**

## 9.5 Prioritising social and affordable housing

**Reporting Officers:** Mal Cullen, GVROC Chair

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** September 2020

**Attachments:** Nil

### **Background:**

Even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, affordability gaps in housing were increasing and apparent in both regional and metropolitan areas. The economic downturn has only aggravated inequalities in Australia's affordable housing market which needs serious attention. This is also becoming a major issue for the GVROC LGAs.

In this respect it is suggested that the GVROC could investigate further how it may be able to develop a model for delivering cost effective affordable housing and maintenance programmes, funded through the State Government, but run and managed locally, creating ongoing employment in the GVROC region.

At the meeting on 11 September 2020 the GVROC resolved:

### **That the GVROC:**

1. **agree on the need for an immediate solution towards addressing the maintenance and quality of current social housing and addressing affordable housing options in the region; and**
2. **endorse the GVROC Chair and Executive Officer to further develop a proposal to address this matter for consideration and approval by the GVROC prior to submission to the WA Government seeking funding.**
3. **endorse the GVROC Chair and Executive Officer as part of this process to engage with the DLGSC District Leadership Group to raise and discuss this matter.**

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**  
**Seconded: Cr Laurene Bonza – Shire of Dundas**

**Carried**

### **Officer Comment:**

As per recent conversations that have been held amongst various GVROC LGAs on this matter, I believe there is an opportunity in the current economic climate to make a concerted effort to target this space on a regional level should the GVROC agree it is a priority.

The WA Minister for Housing, Peter Tinley, launched the State Government 2020/21 Budget in a function in Kalgoorlie on 8 October 2020. The Minister stated the Budget was built around Covid Stimulus Recovery supporting small, medium business along with major infrastructure projects to create jobs and boost the economy. It was also emphasized that the State Government would be focused on infrastructure and economic development throughout WA over the next 4 - 5 years. The Minister also made the point this State Government would favour a regional approach for project funding rather than having to deal with individual LGAs. Following on from this budget launch, as GVROC Chair, I had an opportunity for a 30-minute meeting with Minister Tinley and his advisor at which I discussed social and affordable housing in the Goldfields Esperance Region. The following is an outline of what was discussed.

### Public and Social housing

Q: how are LGAs able to become involved with public housing matters in their communities?

A: the response from the Minister was for LGAs to identify their issues and needs i.e. land requirements, long or short-term housing needs, amount and types of housing, affordable village style housing, joint venture opportunities with Government.

The Minister also advised that the best opportunity for outcomes to resolve outdated - dilapidated government housing stock in each of the GVROC LGAs districts would be a joint submission to the Minister prior to the end of December, so that it would be in front of the Government before the State Election.

In relation to GROH Housing it was advised that the Department of Communities do not determine the demand or supply for new or updated GROH Housing stock in WA. This is a responsibility of each State Government Department, i.e. Police, Education, Health etc. The advice was that LGAs have to lobby these departments directly rather than the Department of Communities to ascertain demand for renewal and upgrades of GROH housing in our towns to attract and retain government employees.

If and when LGAs can identify these gaps, the most effective option is to collaborate and work together with a proposal - scope - costings of building housing together with a joint contractor at the same time, then lease back the properties under the current 10 year arrangement that exists.

At the same time other initiatives to incentivise and attract Government employees to the Goldfields Region could be actioned prior to the state election, i.e. housing subsidies, retention packages, increased zone allowances, longer terms of stay in positions, i.e. police officers increased to 3yr terms from current 2yrs, etc.

In addition to the meeting held with Minister Tinley following the State Budget Launch, the Minister launched on 14 October 2020 the State Government's new WA Housing Strategy 2020-2030, which details a social and affordable homes plan that will:

- connect 150,000 WA households to a home;
- build liveable, inclusive and connected communities that improve social and economic participation;
- create jobs and contribute to the State's economy; and
- improve outcomes through a more integrated approach to housing and service assistance.

To view the WA Housing Strategy 2020-2030 click on the following link:

<http://www.communities.wa.gov.au/wahousingstrategy>

However, one of the major obstacles with the current State and Federal Governments stimulus packages and strategies at the moment, is that they still do not consider the involvement nor the needs of LGAs in any area. Thus taking on the advice of Minister Tinley above, the GVROC and each of its LGA members need to come together to develop a joint proposal/submission to the State Government through the Minister on the region's needs, requirements and how the GVROC and its member LGAs propose to partner with the State Government to deliver on it.

**Consultation:** GVROC

**Financial Implications:** TBD

**Strategic Implications:** Improved Liveability, social and community wellbeing.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC:

1. note the update on prioritising improved government public and social housing and affordable residential housing for the region.
2. Request that the GVROC Executive Officer with the GVROC Chair, to work with the GEDC to prepare a scope of works to engage a consultant to commence collecting the required data to highlight the current status and issues with government public and social housing and affordable residential housing for the region.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton**  
**Seconded: Cr Peter Craig, Shire of Leonora**

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**Carried**

## 9.6 Local Government Financial Ratios - Sector Reference Group Update

**Reporting Officers:** James Trail, CEO Shire of Coolgardie

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** November 2020

**Attachments:** Local Government Financial Ratios Working Group Agenda meeting 22 October 2020 (**Attachment 12**)  
Local Government Financial Ratios Working Group Defining Terms (**Attachment 12.1**)  
Asset Sustainability Ratio – Comments from Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (**Attachment 12.2**)  
An extract from the Local Government Victoria Local Government Better Practice Guide: Performance Reporting Indicator Workbook 2019-20 (**Attachment 12.3**)

### **Background:**

WALGA has established a Local Government Financial Ratios - Sector Reference Group and Working Group. The membership of the Working Group has now been confirmed, as follows:

Jason	Lyon	Executive Director Corporate Services	City of Armadale
James	Trail	CEO	Shire of Coolgardie
Paul	Breman	Executive Manager Corporate and Community	Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup
Peter	Kocian	Executive Manager Corporate and Community	Town of East Fremantle
Alan	Ellingham	Senior Financial Analyst	City of Joondalup
Ryan	Ferts	Coordinator Strategic Infrastructure Asset Management	City of Joondalup
Gary	Ticehurst	Director Corporate Services	City of Kalamunda
Casey	Mihovilovich	Director Corporate Services	City of Mandurah
Jeremy	Clapham	Finance and Administration Manager	Shire of Mingenew
Grant	Middlton	DCEO	Shire of Northampton
Khushwant	Kumar	Financial Controller	City of Rockingham
Michael	Cole	Chief Financial Officer	Town of Victoria Park
Alan	Carmichael	Senior Project Officer	Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
Richard	John	Chief Advisor	Western Australia Treasury Corporation
Ron	Back	Consultant	R J Back & Associates

### **Officers Comment:**

The Working Group has held two meetings, the first an establishment meeting held on 17 September 2020 and the second held on 22 October 2022 (see agenda and referred attachments at Attachment 12, 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3).

The purpose of that meeting was to review the proposed ratios and develop final recommendations for consideration by the Financial Ratios Sector Reference Group. This will include consideration of definitions of terminology and recommended indicators/thresholds in relation to each proposed ratio.

The proposed ratios included:

- Operating Surplus Ratio
- Debt Service Coverage Ratio
- Asset Sustainability Ratio
- Current Ratio; and the
- Net Financial Liability Ratio

**Consultation:** WALGA

**Financial Implications:** N/A

**Strategic Implications:** GVROC Strategic Plan 2017-2022

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC note the update on Local Government Financial Ratios – Sector Reference Group and Working Group.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Mayor John Bowler, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder**  
**Seconded: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**

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**Carried**

## 9.7 Goldfields Esperance Regional Road Group (GERRG) - Draft Guidelines and Criteria for the Identification of Significant Local Government Roads and option for the LGAs to seek a preferred supplier panel of road construction and maintenance contractors

**Reporting Officers:** Cr Mal Cullen, President Shire of Coolgardie

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** November 2020

**Attachments:** Draft Guidelines and Criteria for the Identification of Significant Local Government Roads August 2020 (**Attachment 13**)  
Local Roads Program Manager Report 2019-20 (**Attachment 13.1**)  
Goldfields-Esperance RRG - reference information for Elected Members Nov 2019 (**Attachment 13.2**)  
State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee Minutes of meeting 02/2020 (**Attachment 13.3**)

### **Background:**

The State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement mandates the existence and operation of Regional Road Groups, which the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee oversees.

*The Agreement is intended to ensure that the funds available from State Government sources for local roads are allocated across the State of Western Australia, focusing on areas of strategic importance and areas that will provide maximum benefit. The needs of all road users and the Western Australian community will be considered during the distribution process. (State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement, Guiding Principles, page 2).*

A Regional Road Group may establish Sub Groups to:

- Assist to identify road funding priorities
- Consider local road issues to inform decision making by the Regional Road Group
- Provide advice to the Regional Road Group

A Regional Road Group may establish a Technical Group(s) to:

- Assist with management and consideration of local road issues
- Provide technical advice to the Regional Road Group

The Regional Strategies for Significant Local Government Roads short title Significant Local Government Roads are a documented list of regionally significant Local Government roads for each Regional Road Group (RRG) and the development strategies for them.

The first editions, Roads 2020 Regional Road Development Strategies, were released during 1997 and 1998 and were an initiative of the 1992 Memorandum of Understanding between the State Government and the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA), then known as the Western Australian Municipal Association (WAMA). Main Roads is currently in the process of reviewing the draft guidelines and criteria for significant roads and the revised document (see draft **Attachment 13**) will inform the compilation of the latest version, which will supersede Roads 2030 published in 2013.

Local Governments (via RRGs) work collaboratively to review and update the current list of Significant Local Roads to produce the latest strategy. This provides an agreed, strategic approach to the allocation of limited funding across the extensive road network within the state of Western Australia. Only projects on local roads included in the Regional Strategies for Significant Local Government Roads will be eligible for Road Project Grant funding under the latest State Roads Funds to Local Government Agreement.

### **Officers Comment:**

Under the Goldfields Esperance WALGA Zone, all LGAs have a requirement to have an elected member participating on the GERRG (refer **Attachment 13.2**).

Following the GERRG Technical Officers Group meeting in Kalgoorlie on 16 October 2020, there was some discussion regarding the revised criteria and whether the GVROC member LGAs could investigate options to seek a preferred supplier panel of road construction and maintenance contractors.

The Road Classification Working Group (consisting of representatives from Main Roads and WALGA) has been reviewing the current criteria and policy for determining if a road qualifies for listing in the Regional Strategies for Significant Local Government Roads. Considerable time has been spent formulating the draft to date as well as a large number of roads tested against the criteria by way of sensitivity studies. The identification of significant roads within built up urban areas has also been addressed by adding selective criteria. The Working Group has strived to make the criteria more objective thereby driving a more consistent approach to the selection of significant roads.

Following the GERRG Technical Officer Group meeting, Joanne Brown, Business Services Co-Ordinator - Goldfields-Esperance Region for Main Roads WA has requested LGAs review the information provided and advise her of your responses by COB 11th November 2020.

It is proposed that following acceptance and adoption of the Criteria, each Regional Road Group, including the GERRG will be tasked to form a working group to review all of the roads currently showing on the their Roads 2030 list of roads. To inform the RRG review workshop, Main Roads will issue instructions including a data sheet of all the roads currently depicted in the Roads 2030 documents, along with any additions made through the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee (SAC) in later years. The final document will be live to enable amendments to be made quickly to each RRG document and be available online.

The CEO of Shire of Dundas, Peter Fitchat has advised that the new proposed criteria will exclude roads currently eligible for RRG funding, which could be seen as another cost shifting from State Government regarding Road Funding. In this respect the GVROC LGAs need to understand the impact that the changes to the criteria will have.

It has also been mentioned that any roads chosen to be funded need to be shovel ready, fully costed, with business cases and approval plans in place. Timeframes for expending funding must be met, especially given funding has a connection to the economic stimulus packages including road funding.

This raised the question of RRG LGAs having the capacity and capability to deliver on the requirements and it was suggested at the GERRG Technical Officers Group meeting in Kalgoorlie on 16 October 2020 by the GVROC Chair the possibility of a GVROC Regional Supplier Panel List for our Region that will assist the GVROC LGAs to easily contract road construction and maintenance contractors to deliver against any of the requirements placed on the funding.

**Consultation:** WALGA, GERRG

**Financial Implications:** A preferred supplier panel could reduce costs of individual LGAs on a project by project basis.

**Strategic Implications:** GVROC Strategic Plan 2017-2022

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC:

1. Note that Under the Goldfields Esperance WALGA Zone, all LGAs have a requirement to have an elected member participating on the GERRG.
2. Note the Main Roads WA and WALGA Draft Guidelines and Criteria for the Identification of Significant Local Government Roads, the potential changes and impacts to current roads that will now be excluded, and the requirement for LGAs to provide feedback on these back to Main Roads WA.
3. Note once the criteria is adopted that the GERRG will be tasked to form a working group to review all of the roads currently showing on the their Roads 2030 list of roads, which will require input from each GVROC LGA.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Cr Patrick Hill, Shire of Laverton**  
**Seconded: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**

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**Carried**

## **9.8 GVROC Support to Shire of Wiluna to be formally recognised as part of the RDA Goldfields Esperance Boundary**

<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Andrew Mann, GVROC Executive Officer
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	No interest to disclose
<b>Date:</b>	November 2020
<b>Attachments:</b>	GVROC Letter of Support to Shire of Wiluna ( <b>Attachment 14</b> )

### **Background:**

On 29 October 2020, the CEO of Shire of Wiluna formally requested a letter of support from the GVROC towards its business case required to be submitted to the Australian Government's Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development to be considered to change its RDA regional boundary from the Midwest to Goldfields Esperance.

The process for this change of boundary is set out in the RDA Better Practice Guide (pg17 [https://www.rda.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2019\\_rda\\_better\\_practice\\_guide.pdf](https://www.rda.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2019_rda_better_practice_guide.pdf) ), which in summary states:

#### *1.7 RDA Boundaries*

*In a small number of cases a local government area may be divided between two RDA Committees where a clearly definable district aligns better with one RDA Committee, whilst the remainder aligns better with another RDA Committee. Such arrangements are only entered into with the agreement of both RDA Committees and the support of relevant stakeholders such as the local governments affected and partner State or Territory governments.*

#### *1.7.1 RDA Boundary Adjustments*

*RDA Boundaries may be adjusted where changes to local government boundaries, changing demographics or other relevant factors make such changes desirable.*

*RDA Committees, and partner State or Territory governments and local governments, may request RDA Boundary adjustments. The Department may initiate boundary changes where necessary. Boundary adjustment requests must be made in writing to the Department's liaison officer specified in the Funding Agreement, and include:*

- *a clear business case for the proposed change;*
- *written support from all RDA Committees affected by the proposed changes;*
- *where relevant, written support from a partner State or Territory government; and*
- *written support from other relevant stakeholders such as local chambers of commerce, local members of parliament and the like.*

*Consideration of requests for boundary changes will be on a case-by-case basis by the Commonwealth Minister with responsibility for the RDA program, in conjunction with their State or Territory Ministerial counterpart in partner jurisdictions, and with the President of the Local Government Association of South Australia for RDA Committees in South Australia.*

*Changes to funding to support any changes resulting from boundary adjustments will be negotiated with the affected RDA Committees prior to a decision to change a Boundary. The views of partner State or Territory governments may also be considered in any changes to respective RDA Committees' Funding allocations.*

*Any changes to Boundaries of an RDA Committee will require a variation to their Funding Agreement(s) to reflect the changes to the area covered.*

The Shire of Wiluna is also in the process of having its State Development Commission boundary changed as well from the Midwest Development Commission to the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission.

The changes to the Development Commission boundaries is a State matter and with Federal Boundaries this is with RDAs.



State Development Commission boundary changes require legislative changes to the *WA Regional Development Commissions Act 1993* to accommodate, however for Federal just a business case submitted between 15 January and 15 February of each calendar year to the Department of Regional Development addressed to the relevant Commonwealth Minister, hence this request for a letter of support from the GVROC.

In regard to the changes of the State Development Commission Boundary, the GEDC has confirmed with the Shire of Wiluna that they are just waiting on the change to go through legislation.

**Officer Comment**

An out of session in-principle letter of support was circulated to all GVROC delegates, other than the Shire of Wiluna on 2 November 2020 for approval and confirmation of support.

All GVROC LGAs responded their approval for the letter.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC now endorse the previous in principle letter of support to the Shire of Wiluna circulated out of session, to be formally recognised as part of the RDA Goldfields Esperance Boundary.

**RESOLUTION:**                    **Moved: Cr Ian Mickel, Shire of Esperance**  
   **Seconded: Cr Laurene Bonza – Shire of Dundas**

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**Defeated 5 to 4**

Following discussion and debate on this item a vote for and against was called on the recommendation.

The vote was 5 to 4 not in favour of endorsing support, on the basis that no representatives from the Shire of Wiluna were present at the meeting to present their case.

**Motion called**

That the GVROC request the item be presented back at the next meeting on 27 November 2020, at which time the Shire of Wiluna can present its case regarding the application to be recognised under RDA Goldfields Esperance.

**RESOLUTION:**                    **Moved: Cr Ian Mickel, Shire of Esperance**  
   **Seconded: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**

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**Carried**

## 9.9 Finalisation of Withdrawal of the Shire of Ravensthorpe from the GVROC

**Reporting Officers:** James Trail, CEO Shire of Coolgardie

**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

**Date:** November 2020

**Attachments:** Nil

**Background:**

At a special meeting of the GVROC held 26 June 2020 on the request of the Shire of Ravensthorpe to formally withdraw from the GVROC, it was resolved:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the GVROC Council:**

1. **Accept the withdrawal from GVROC request of the Shire of Ravensthorpe date 19 June 2020, which will take effect as at close of business 30 June 2020.**
2. **Endorse that the disbursement of an equal tenth share of proceeds and any surplus funds to the Shire of Ravensthorpe, or recovery of liabilities or debts, will be based on the GVROC financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 once they have been finalised and audited.**
3. **Authorise the President and CEO of the Shire of Coolgardie and the Executive Officer for GVROC, to work with the Shire of Ravensthorpe President and Chief Executive Officer to finalise all associated documentation to bring effect of this withdrawal.**

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Mr Kevin Hannagan - Shire of Ngaanyatjaraku**  
**Seconded: Cr Ian Mickle – Shire of Esperance**

**Carried**

**Officers Comment:**

As per Item 7.2 – Draft GVROC Audited Financial Statements 2019/20, the GVROC can now finalise the withdrawal of the Shire of Ravensthorpe through the disbursement of an equal tenth share of proceeds and any surplus funds to the Shire of Ravensthorpe, or recovery of liabilities or debts, based on the GVROC audited financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

This equates to a payment of **\$38,940.60** to the Shire of Ravensthorpe, being one tenth of the GVROC surplus funds (\$389,406) sitting in the GVROC accounts as of 30 June 2020.

To finalise this process, it is recommended that the GVROC endorse this payment to the Shire of Ravensthorpe.

**Consultation:** GVROC Chair  
Shire of Ravensthorpe

**Financial Implications:** GVROC Finances reduced by \$38,940.60 as per the disbursement made.

**Strategic Implications:** N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC based on the resolution of Item 7.2 on this agenda in relation to the accepting of the 2019/20 draft audited GVROC financial statements, endorse the disbursement of an equal tenth share of proceeds and any surplus GVROC funds less recovery of liabilities or debts to the Shire of Ravensthorpe, equating to a payment of \$38,940.60.

**RESOLUTION:** **Moved: Cr Ian Mickel, Shire of Esperance**  
**Seconded: Cr John Bowler, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder**

**Carried**

## **10. AGENCY REPORTS**

### **10.1 WALGA**

WALGA verbal update report by Tony Brown

### **10.2 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries**

DLGSCI verbal update report by Darelle Merritt

### **10.3 Goldfields Esperance Development Commission**

Introduction to Amy Hallam, GEDC Director Regional Development and GEDC update report.

### **10.4 RDA Goldfields Esperance**

RDAGE verbal update report provided by Ms Jo Swan

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the GVROC note the Agency Reports as provided.

#### **RESOLUTION:**

**Moved: Cr Tracey Rathbone – Shire Coolgardie**

**Seconded: Cr Ian Mickel, Shire of Esperance**

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Carried

## **11. LATE ITEMS as notified, introduced by decision of the Meeting**

Nil.

## **12. FUTURE GVROC COUNCIL MEETINGS/FUNCTIONS**

### **Next Meetings**

With the continuing and evolving situation of the COVID-19 “Corona Virus” scheduling of future meetings as in person is a watching brief. This will be reviewed at each meeting by GVROC and decisions made on whether the meetings are held as in person meetings or conducted through Zoom video conferencing.

In noting the above, the following suggested dates in 2021 have been set for the remaining GVROC meetings.

- 29 January 2021 (hosted by Shire of Esperance in Esperance)
- 26 March 2021 (central meeting hosted by CKB in Kalgoorlie)
- 28 May 2021 (hosted by Shire of Dundas)
- 30 July 2021 (Aligned with LGA week in Perth possibly August tbc)
- 24 September 2021 (hosted by Shire of Leonora)
- 26 November 2021 (tbc)

The following are the WALGA State Council meeting dates in 2021 with suggested GVROC Zoom video conference meeting dates prior to these to inform the GVROC’s representatives attending the meetings with relevant input for State Council Agenda Items:

- 2 December 2020 - (GVROC Video conference on 27 November 2020)
- 3 March 2021 – (GVROC Video Conference on 19 February 2021)
- 5 May 2021 – (GVROC Video Conference on 23 April 2021)
- 7 July 2021 – (GVROC Video Conference on 25 June 2021)
- 2-3 September 2021 – (GVROC Video Conference on 20 August 2021)
- 1 December 2021 – (GVROC Video Conference on 19 November 2021)

## **13. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 1:26pm.