



FULL VROC MEETING MINUTES

Tambellup Sports Complex

16 August 2019

MEMBERSHIP

Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup

Cr Scott Thompson

Cr Mark Paganoni

CEO Keith Williams

Shire of Cranbrook

Cr Colin Egerton-Warburton

Cr Phillip Horrocks

CEO Peter Northover

Shire of Kojonup

Cr Ronnie Fleay

Cr Jill Mathwin

CEO Rick Mitchell-Collins

Shire of Plantagenet

Cr Chris Pavlovich

Cr John Oldfield

CEO Rob Stewart

Executive Support – Nolene Wake

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Cr Pavlovich welcomed delegates and declared the meeting opened at 10.15am

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup

Cr Scott Thompson

Shire President

Keith Williams

Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Cranbrook

Cr Colin Egerton-Warburton

Shire President

Trish Standish

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3 APOLOGIES

Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup

Cr Mark Paganoni

Shire of Cranbrook

Cr Phillip Horrocks

Peter Northover

Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Plantagenet

Cr John Oldfield

Nolene Wake

4 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Agreement at the creation of the Southern Link VROC allowed for the Member Councils to share the Chairman and secretarial duties on a rotational basis for a one year term. In 2016 it was resolved to elect the Chair at the May meeting of the Full VROC each year.

The Shire of Cranbrook took on the inaugural Chair and secretary role. Each Local Government has since undertaken this role. The rotational roster for the Chair and secretary is as follows:

Cranbrook - Broomehill-Tambellup - Plantagenet - Kojonup

In 2012 it was agreed that the secretarial role would be performed by the Shire of Plantagenet's executive officer. In 2017 it was agreed that the secretarial role would transfer back the Local Government that is chairing the VROC.

The role of Chair and secretary is therefore due to be undertaken by the Shire of Kojonup for the 2019/2020 term.

Recommendation:

Moved: Cr Scott Thompson

Seconded: Cr Jill Mathwin

- 1. That the Shire of Kojonup be appointed the Chair of the Southern Link VROC for the 2019/2020 term.**

Carried unanimously

Cr Fleay assumed the chair and on behalf of delegates thanked Cr Pavlovich for his chairmanship and the executive support of CEO – Rob Stewart and Nolene Wake which is very much appreciated.

Moved: Cr Chris Pavlovich

Seconded: Cr Jill Mathwin

- 2. That the Shire of Kojonup provide secretarial services for the Southern Link VROC for the 2019/2020 term.**

Carried unanimously

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr Scott Thompson

Seconded: Cr Colin Egerton-Warburton

- 1. That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Southern Link VROC, held on 3 May 2019 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.**

Carried unanimously

Moved: Cr Chris Pavlovich

Seconded: Cr Scott Thompson

- 2. That the Minutes of the Southern Link VROC CEO Meeting held 10 July 2019 be received.**

Carried unanimously

6 BUSINESS ARISING

6.1 LOCAL LAW REVIEW (PLANTAGENET)

Plantagenet engaged the services of Darrell Forrest to review and complete Plantagenet's proposed Local Laws. Cemeteries, Extractive Industries and Pest Plants Local Laws were approved by Plantagenet Council at its meeting held on 16 July 2019. Some Local Laws are now being advertised.

CEO Rob indicated the process has taken longer than anticipated following work conducted by Keith Williams and Judy Stewart (no relation). Five (5) Local Laws have been presented to Council and currently being advertised. Council input to Standing Orders being requested. Plantagenet happy to undertake statutory gazettal with VROC Shires and share work undertaken to date.

Kojonup via CEO Rick advised that Council had reviewed its Local Laws and was awaiting Broomehill-Tambellup and Cranbrook to advise direction they wish to take at next VROC CEO Meeting.

6.2 GREAT SOUTHERN HOUSING INCENTIVE (BBRF) (BROOMEHILL-TAMBELLUP)

The BBRF is progressing well. Eleven tenders have been received with pricing being competitive.

CEO Keith reported that the coordinating group is making good progress and the most concerning issue is the Commonwealth releasing BBRF progress payments as each member council were at different milestone stages which did not necessarily accord with the signed agreement. CEO Keith has been in regular contact with BBRF Officer and submitted variation for an extension until 31 March 2020.

A site had to be remediated in Tambellup and Kojonup were still in negotiations with Main Roads regarding access onto Katanning/Kojonup Road and finalising design elements for GROH dwellings. Katanning via Heidi is now making good progress.

VROC prepared to assist CEO Keith in his discussions with the Commonwealth regarding agreement variations and milestone payments in addition to approaches made to Rick Wilson MP.

6.3 JOINT APPROACH – HEALTH PLANS (KOJONUP)

Joanna Steel, Population Health Coordinator for WA Country Health Service Great Southern presented to the VROC CEOs at the meeting held 10 July 2019.

It was agreed that VROC member CEOs contact Joanna to prepare Public Health Plan profiles similar to Plantagenet given the generous offer. Profiles once completed to be presented at a full VROC by CEO's showing similarities and variances.

Each member Council has an allocation of \$5,000.00 in their respective 2019/2020 budgets to enable final version of Public Health Plans to be prepared.

6.4 EMERGENCY AIRSTRIP PROPOSAL (CRANBROOK)

Trish advised this item can be withdrawn from the agenda.

Cr Pavlovich highlighted the approach by DFES to engage Fire Bomber planes and that on ground training for refilling planes was a priority. CEO Rick also advised that refuelling planes may be an issue depending on where the planes are situated as a ground support vehicle tracked their movements in order to coordinate fuel refill stops.

6.5 RESOURCE SHARING – FORMATION OF A REGIONAL SUBSIDIARY (PLANTAGENET)

After due consideration of options, CEOs believe that centralised information technology is the area most needing shared attention, including the appointment of an Information Technology Officer serving the region.

CEOs agreed that each Council should seek an allocation of \$2,500.00 in their respective 2019/2020 budgets. CEO Rob indicated that the Gilfellon Report some years ago listed a number of 'back office' opportunities worth exploring from a resource sharing perspective including HR, IT, and more uniform/common forms which has not progressed in detail given the VROC consists of 4 separate entities.

Regional Subsidiaries have not been established in the past due to the legislative difficulties and fear of creating another level of bureaucracy. WALGA is attempting to improve the workability of the legislation and the State may also provide assistance to Councils to consider moving to subsidiary rather than a regional council or incorporated association.

Cr Pavlovich referred to the transport industry where the number of small operators is decreasing due to the cost of compliance. Farms for example now need to be 5,000 acres rather than 1,000 acres in order to survive.

Cr Thompson reported on the meeting he called which was attended by Presidents and CEO's to explore opportunities of greater regional co-operation including relationship building with Katanning. Woodanilling CEO- Stephen Gash undertaking S.W.O.T type assessment of possibilities that could be further explored given diversity, commonalities, resource and funding of shires.

Cr Fleay stated from Kojonup's Community Strategic Plan - 'SMART Possibilities' perspective that such discussions and assessments should not be considered a threat but an opportunity to review the ever-changing business of Local Government.

Emily Hardie and Stephanie Clarke – Lloyd (Great Southern Treasures) had recently met with 8 CEO's about incorporation and the future of Great Southern Treasures, especially Local Government involvement, structure, governance and support mechanisms with tourism, marketing and promotion.

Emily is focussing on Bloom and RED Grant and emphasised important criteria that shire delegates must have a commitment to Tourism, Marketing, Promotion, Branding and Product Development, otherwise a new structure will not achieve beneficial outcomes.

Gnowangerup has expressed an interest to join the VROC on a similar arrangement with Katanning in order to keep informed of potential projects/resource sharing considerations. Cr Thompson wishes to explore what could be achieved if we cast the net wider. Cr Pavlovich indicated that Plantagenet does not wish public perception to be seen as being in the shadow of Albany as whilst there are joint projects to be achieved there are also synergies with Upper Great Southern Shires.

It was also important for Councils to lodge a submission with the Select Committee highlighting the vast differences Rural Shires face regarding declining population, revenue streams, asset management and attracting/retaining staff despite community expectations seeking higher levels of service.

6.6 IMMIGRATION (PLANTAGENET)

Matter to be progressed through the WALGA Great Southern Zone. Kojonup was still frustrated that attempts to secure an overseas Registered Nurse for Springhaven continues to be hampered by Immigration Department 'Red Tape' and lack of recognition regarding the tyranny of distance for WA Rural Shires.

6.7 AGRICULTURAL PROMOTION

CEO Keith confirmed this has been picked up at the WALGA Great Southern Zone meeting. The VROC as presently exists relies on member Shires for resource allocation whereas the Great Southern Zone does have access to WALGA resources.

6.8 TRAINING – ELECTED MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES

Plantagenet cancelled a WALGA course for Councillors on Infrastructure Asset Training on 20 September 2019 due to insufficient interest. Places were available for neighbouring Council elected members to attend, but were not taken up.

7 REPORTS

Verbal reports by elected representatives:

7.1 BROOMEHILL-TAMBELLUP

- CEO Keith contract extended 5 years.
- Community meeting to be held to look at options regarding future of Broomehill Pub.
- Community support services and inter agency meetings being held regarding the recent murder in Tambellup as community in shock.
- DFES funding of \$400k secured for the construction of a new Fire Station in Broomehill.

7.2 CRANBROOK

- Cranbrook also received DFES funding under the Local Government Grant Scheme (Tunney Brigade).
- CEO Peter attending mediation with S.A.T regarding Blue Gum/Pine Plantation Development Application that has received public exposure via media.
- ILU & Staff Housing tenders called with completion expected by March 2020.
- Appointed 0.5 FTE CESM Officer and Works Admin Officer (Qualified Civil Engineer with RAMM experience) working 3 days per week. Opportunity for resource sharing?

7.3 KOJONUP

- Registered Nurse finally secured for Springhaven Frail Aged Care Facility.
- Manager Community Development & Tourism resigned and taking up position with Ravensthorpe in October.
- Major application for Stage 1 works at Sports Complex finalised for BBRF and CSRFF/Lotterywest consideration.
- Community Medical Centre Committee incorporated and has full carriage of realising project. Council has sold land to committee for \$1 and donated \$140,000 towards Headworks/Infrastructure costs.
- In conjunction with District High School and Stephen Michael Foundation is conducting a very successful 'Nightfields' Program for our youth each Friday afternoon during School Terms 2 & 3.

7.4 PLANTAGENET

- New Director of Nursing appointed for Mt Barker facility. Albany now classified as a specialist hospital but 90% of Cranbrook and Frankland residents would use Mt Barker facility.
- Council emphasis on community ambience and sense of place – recognising that whilst a person may find work, if the family not settled, they may invariably move on. Council looking at Parks, PCYC (indigenous) activities/support, linking Mountains and Murals as have received funding support from GSDC/Bunnings and Local Mitre 10 store allowing 3 Artists

from America to undertake mural paintings culminating with a special event during the first week of December.

- Murals will have a licence agreement with Building/Property owner and for example form part of the Silo Trail and as a region we need to integrate with these types of initiatives to attract visitors and prospective residents to our area.
- Aboriginal Reconciliation Rural Access Plan – WALGA may be able to provide a draft Plan which we can then 'mirror' or amend to reflect what happens to unallocated Crown Land and the most suitable outcomes for the area now and in the future.
- Organisational restructure has occurred with Directors appointed allowing CESM and Economic Development positions to be resourced.
- Three VROC CEO's retiring within next 2 years leaving a huge gap in Local Government Intellectual knowledge and experience and what are options moving forward including possibly sharing a new CEO?

8 REVIEW OF SOUTHERN LINK VROC STRATEGIC PLAN

8.1 ACTIVITIES/OUTCOMES AGAINST STRATEGIC PLAN

CEO's to provide status report on items and activities identified within the strategic plan for the next full VROC meeting. Members recognise that WALGA has capability to resource Zones including Policy Teams which is not always achievable for the VROC given the resource demands placed on smaller local governments.

A good discussion point for today's workshop on the future direction of the Great Southern Zone.

9 VROC MEETING SCHEDULE

Proposed schedule for remainder of 2019.

Day	Date	Type	Venue	Time
Friday	6 September 2019	CEO	Cranbrook	1.00pm
Friday	8 November 2019	FULL	Plantagenet	10.00am**

** With lunch

10 MEETING CLOSURE

Cr Fleay thanked members for their attendance/input, Broomehill-Tambellup's hospitality and declared the meeting closed at 12.45pm.

Presiding Member

Date



FULL VROC MEETING MINUTES

Plantagenet Council Chambers
Mt Barker

8 November 2019

MEMBERSHIP

Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup

Mark Paganoni

Michael White

Keith Williams

Shire President

Deputy Shire President

Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Cranbrook

Cr Phillip Horrocks

Cr Ruth Bigwood

Peter Northover

Trish Standish

Shire President

Deputy Shire President

Chief Executive Officer

(Proxy for Chief Executive Officer)

Shire of Kojonup

Cr John Benn

Cr Ronnie Fleay

Rick Mitchell-Collins

Cr Sandra Pedler

Shire President

Councillor

Chief Executive Officer

(Councillor Proxy)

Shire of Plantagenet

Cr Chris Pavlovich

Cr John Oldfield

Rob Stewart

Shire President (Proxy Cr B Bell)

Deputy Shire President (Proxy Cr J Moir)

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Support

Lorraine Wyatt

Shire of Kojonup

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chair, Cr John Benn declared the meeting open and Cr Pavlovich on behalf of the Shire of Plantagenet welcomed members and observer, Cr Len Handasyde to Mt Barker.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup

Cr Mark Paganoni
Keith Williams

Shire President
Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Cranbrook

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Shire President
(Proxy for Chief Executive Officer)

Shire of Kojonup

Cr John Benn
Cr Sandra Pedler
Rick Mitchell-Collins

Shire President
(Proxy for Cr Fleay)
Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Plantagenet

Cr Chris Pavlovich
Cr John Oldfield
Rob Stewart

Shire President
Deputy Shire President
Chief Executive Officer

OBSERVER

Cr Len Handasyde

Plantagenet

APOLOGY

Cr Michael White
Cr Ruth Bigwood
Cr Ronnie Fleay
Peter Northover

Deputy Shire President
Deputy Shire President
Councillor
CEO – Cranbrook

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr C Pavlovich

Seconded: Cr P Horrocks

1. *'That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Southern Link VROC, held on 16 August 2019 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.'*

CARRIED

Moved: Cr M Paganoni

Seconded: Cr J Oldfield

2. *'That the Minutes of the Southern Link VROC CEO Meeting held 13 September 2019 be received.'*

CARRIED

4 BUSINESS ARISING

A. LOCAL LAW REVIEW

Since the previous Full VROC Meeting, each Member Council has been busy progressing Local Laws including Council resolutions on which Laws to retain, amend, replace or delete. Mr Stewart provided background on process to date undertaken by Plantagenet. Five (5) Local Laws have been to Council and now being advertised. The Model Local Laws process is straight forward but time consuming. The Local Laws sent to the Department at the same time as advertising and the Department has provided a timely response which is pleasing.

The Standing Committee on Legislation is now providing feedback prior to gazettal which reduces both time and unnecessary cost if amendments are required.

In Plantagenets case whilst there were minor changes required the process should assist the remaining member Councils undertake their respective Local Law Reviews.

CEO Keith thanked Plantagenet (CEO Rob) for the work undertaken.

CEO Rick advised that Cranbrook, Broomehill-Tambellup and Kojonup were progressing their respective reviews with the assistance of Judy Stewart with an aim to have gazettal prior to Easter 2020.

B. GREAT SOUTHERN HOUSING INCENTIVE (BBRF)

CEO Keith advised that the project involved the construction of 52 dwellings across 7 shires consisting of 21 Units and 31 Key Worker Accommodation.

Shires were at different stages of the project, with Kent and Katanning being of concern to meet the milestones of the BBRF Agreement as the present project completion date is 31 March 2020.

There is also an issue accessing Commonwealth Funds as Shires must expend \$8.8M before being able to claim back an initial \$4.4M (50%). Cash Flows will be affected as a result as this amount of expense is a major cost burden for Shires.

The Project Control Group will discuss in greater detail at its next meeting. On a more positive note the Tambellup Police Sargent after viewing the new dwelling footprint has agreed to extend his tenure which is welcomed by the community.

Cranbrook has framing up for Key Worker Accommodation and slabs poured for ILU's.

Kojonup has finally received approval for access onto the Kojonup/Katanning Road and Tenders accepted at the 5 November 2019 Special Council Meeting.

Plantagenet via Cr Pavlovich regretted his shires absence from the project which was compounded by the McGowan government reneging on the previous Barnett Government commitments despite school population increasing, review of Police numbers and GROH opportunities not available at the time.

C. JOINT APPROACH – HEALTH PLANS

Joanna Steel, Population Health Coordinator for WA Country Health Service Great Southern is preparing Public Health Plan profiles for Broomehill-Tambellup, Cranbrook and Kojonup for comparative assessment which will mirror approach taken by Plantagenet.

Profiles once completed will be subjected to a Gap Analysis by CEO's and Officers and subsequently presented at a full VROC Meeting showing similarities and variances. Health Plans are more Community Development/Services (Health and Well-Being) orientated not the prescriptive Public Health approach.

CEO – Rob will invite Plantagenet EHO to next CEO meeting to provide an overview and once Gap Analysis completed the VROC/other shires may wish to engage a consultant to undertake community consultation with each shire.

Delegates supported such an approach.

D. RESOURCE SHARING – FORMATION OF A REGIONAL SUBSIDIARY

CEO's Rob and Keith to update members on discussions held regarding establishment of a regional subsidiary and any assistance that can be provided by WALGA and State Government in relation to Resource Sharing or new Tourism Model for Great Southern Treasures, etc.

CEO – Rob advised members that a regional subsidiary does not exist in WA and even Great Southern Treasures is looking more at governance oversight in order to address its owners (Local Government) aims and objectives.

The meeting with Duncan Ord – Director-General Local Government, was positive and supportive of assisting CEO's prepare a draft constitution for the regional

subsidiary despite the Government not wishing to change the current regulations. CEO's – Keith, Rob and Julian will prepare a draft constitution with input from Tony Brown – WALGA, as WALGA similarly supportive of establishing a regional subsidiary.

In relation to Great Southern Treasures a draft Charter focussing on Governance was a step to ensuring member interests and the organisations performance measures were documented given that Broomehill-Tambellup continues to provide financial services and generate reports.

Cr Pavlovich asked if Shires were receptive to or had an appetite to forming a Regional Subsidiary instead of a VROC? A regional subsidiary would require a new structure and level of funding whereas Resource Sharing required Agreements and exchange of letters/resolutions between Shires. Alternatively, a governance template similar to that being considered for Great Southern Treasures may be another option moving forward given the disparity between Shires ability to sustain income streams?

Cr Paganoni indicated that in 3 – 5 years' time when more certainty of the benefits of a Regional Subsidiary are known in comparison to an Incorporated Body, etc., his Council may be able to provide a commitment. CEO – Keith indicated that recent discussions regarding the Tambellup Delicatessen and Broomehill Hotel showed that a Co-Operative was another model instead of Incorporation.

CEO – Rick indicated that the challenge for Kojonup at the moment, was ensuring officers were receptive to Resource Sharing and that Position Descriptions identified same when advertising was undertaken. Kojonup may also have a high officer turnover in the next 2 – 3 years therefore depth, intellectual knowledge and capacity may be an issue. There must also be reference in member shire Community Strategic Plans in support of VROC.

Cr Benn indicated that Kojonup has 4 new elected members who needed to become familiar with the aims and objectives of VROC.

Cr Pavlovich closed discussion by acknowledging that delegates certainly encouraged Resource Sharing but not a formal model at this stage.

E. MEMBERSHIP – Katanning/Gnowangerup

Moved Cr M Paganoni

Seconded Cr C Pavlovich

"That an invitation be extended to the Shire President, Deputy Shire President and CEO of the Shires of Katanning and Gnowangerup to attend Full VROC and CEO meetings respectively for the 2020 calendar year to gauge interest in joining the Southern Link VROC."

CARRIED

F. CENTRALISED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

CEO's are aware that ICT is a major imperative for Local Government that not only includes main frame servers and computers but also Smart phones, iPads, laptops, printers, photocopiers, projectors, internet connectivity, etc.

There was recognition that we don't want to put "all our eggs in one basket" by an over reliance on one or two team members who upon leaving create a huge void. CEO's supported the formation of a working group to progress centralised Information Technology (CIT) by initially undertaking an audit of what each shire possesses, age, condition, cost, etc., as baseline data and starting point with option for an independent IT person required to then formalise a more definitive brief, once knowns and needs identified, in order to assess market including backup servicing, trouble shooting, training, product development, etc.

Names nominated for the Work Group:

Broomehill -Tambellup – Pam Hull

Cranbrook – Trish Standish

Katanning – Refer to Lisa Hannagan

Kojonup – Anthony Middleton

Plantagenet – John Fathers

Moved: Cr J Oldfield

Seconded: Cr M Paganoni

"That the Southern Link VROC supports the establishment of a Centralised Information Technology Work Group by Member Council's based on the Scoping Paper, 9 September 2019."

CARRIED

5 REPORTS

Verbal reports by elected representatives:

A. BROOMEHILL-TAMBELLUP

- Two new Councillors – Steve Penney and Doug Barritt elected. Council farewelled Gary Sheridan and Scott Thompson and acknowledged their respective contributions.
- BBRF/RAAP – 2 houses completed by Christmas and 8 completed by Jan/Feb 2020.
- Disappointed at Minister Saffioti's response to Road Network Funding that the Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup may approach CBH directly to discuss maintenance agreements for roads immediately adjacent to CBH sites, if the Shire is not able to maintain the roads to a safe standard. Broomehill-Tambellup is extremely disappointed with this response that we consider to be poorly considered and shows no regard for the original question. Listed for discussion at next Zone meeting.
- Police very approachable, proactive and connecting with community at both Broomehill and Tambellup following devastating incident a few months ago. There is now a part-time Youth Worker in Tambellup. Important that the community reports crime as Police budgets very restricted and statistics determine police numbers.
- In an article on ABC Great Southern's Facebook page on September 17, President of the WA Local Government Association says the damage done to Wheatbelt roads by grain trucks justifies the idea of a road user charge. We have no objection to specific agreements between road users and Local Government in situations where a specific impact can be identified from a single user, such as exists between Local Governments and mining companies. However, given that grain freight road users are typically using roads across multiple Local Governments, it is entirely impractical to expect grain operators to enter into agreements with Local Governments. Listed for discussion at next Zone meeting.

B. CRANBROOK

- Two new Councillors - Jennifer Quick and Robert Johnson elected. Council farewelled and acknowledged the contributions of Colin Edgerton-Warburton and David Adams.
- St Johns Ambulance building almost completed.
- CEO- Peter, addressing Planning aspects of 'Transport Operators' being a Permitted Use on Farms and restricting Tree Farming on prime agricultural land. Cr Benn advised that Forrest Products walking away from eucalypt plantations.

C. KOJONUP

- Main Roads and Road Wise cannot assist in funding of Speed Display Solar Units for the Main Street despite being a State Controlled Highway.
- Policing issues an ongoing saga but hopefully GROH housing will make rural areas more attractive to personnel.
- Medical Centre progressing by a Community Incorporated Committee following Coalition re-election and \$750k funding commitment honoured.
- Harvest Movement restrictions suggested by McGowan Government on specific roads unrealistic for farmers especially if properties North/South of the Albany Highway.

D. PLANTAGENET

- Main Roads is currently consulting with local government about the upcoming removal of CA07 and the proposed alternative access condition, which has been referred to as 'CA88'. The impending removal of CA07 is as a result of complaints received from the transport industry and legal advice obtained by Main Roads, the Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) access condition CA07, requiring the transport operator to obtain a letter of support from the relevant local government, will be removed from all permits and orders. Listed for discussion at next Zone meeting.
- New OIC Police – taking a proactive approach regarding education and being actively part of the community including PCYC activities incorporating indigenous interaction.
- The timber industry in our region are major employers and exceed most traditional farms with every 125ha employing around one FTE.
- In the final stages of the feasibility study for the Mt Barker Swimming Pool.
- CEO retiring July next year.
- Larger than normal road funding of \$1.3M under Commodity Funding Program.
- Mountains and Murals Week – 6-8 Dec 2019 incorporating up to 14 artists with paintings having a point of difference forming part of Tourist Trails.
- Medical Centre – Stage 2 works to progress as presently 9 Doctors rotate from Albany and increased footprint will provide for Dentist/Physio and Pathology services. District Hospital showing its age and Council lobbying Minister for funding.
- Long term water strategy being undertaken to review recycled water usage etc., and needs for Sounness Park and Mt Barker town site.
- Seniors Week – Minister visiting and a full program organised.

6 REVIEW OF SOUTHERN LINK VROC STRATEGIC PLAN

6.1 ACTIVITIES/OUTCOMES AGAINST STRATEGIC PLAN

Discussion on progress of items and activities identified within the strategic plan. With the potential of Katanning and Gnowangerup being future VROC members it is prudent to review the Strategic Plan in June 2020 which addresses such questions as:

- Where do we want to be as a VROC?
- What service levels do and can we provide?
- How do we achieve objectives under existing structure?
- What resources including finances are required?

Moved: Cr C Pavlovich

Seconded: Cr P Horrocks

“That CEO’s prepare a scoping paper (recognising Katanning and Gnowangerup Shires will be invited attend Full and CEO meetings in 2020) regarding a review of the existing VROC Strategic Plan around June 2020 and how this review will be facilitated.”

CARRIED

7 VROC MEETING SCHEDULE

Proposed schedule for 2020

Day	Date	Type	Venue	Time
Friday	28 February 2020	CEO	Kojonup	1.00pm**
Friday	27 March 2020	FULL	Cranbrook	1.00pm**
Friday	29 May 2020	CEO	Plantagenet	1.00pm**
Friday	26 June 2020	FULL	Broomehill-Tambellup	1.00pm**
Friday	28 August 2020	CEO	Cranbrook	1.00pm**
Friday	25 September 2020	FULL	Kojonup	1.00pm**
Friday	27 November 2020	CEO	Plantagenet	1.00pm**

** Lunch provided

Moved: Cr M Paganoni

Seconded: Cr C Pavlovich

“That the proposed VROC Meeting Schedule for 2020 be adopted with lunch at 1.00pm prior to a 1.30pm start for Full and CEO meetings.”

CARRIED

Changes may be required to above schedule as WALGA Zone meetings for 2020 not yet determined.

8 MEETING CLOSURE

Cr J Benn thanked delegates and Cr Handasyde for their attendance and Plantagenet for its hospitality which is much appreciated and closed the meeting at 3.40pm

Signed: _____
Cr John Benn

Date: