

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	WA Regional Cities Alliance (WARCA)	Meeting No.	8
Meeting Date	4 August 2011		
Meeting Time	2pm – 4pm		
Meeting Location	Meeting Room 11 on Level 2 of the Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre		
Attendees	<p>City of Greater Geraldton Mayor I Carpenter Tony Brun</p> <p>City of Bunbury Mayor David Smith Andrew Brien</p> <p>City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Don Burnett</p> <p>City of Albany Mayor Milton Evans Faileen James</p>	By Invitation	Adrian Warner, Senior Advisor to Hon Simon Crean MP - <i>Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government; Minister for the Arts</i>
Attending Observers	<p>Shire of Roebourne President Nicole Lockwood</p> <p>Shire of Broome President Graeme Campbell Ken Donohoe, CEO (left at 2.45pm returned at 3.15pm)</p>	Guest/Invitee Apologies	<p>Shire of Roebourne Colleene Longmore, CEO</p> <p>Town of Port Hedland Mayor Kelly Howlett Paul Martin, CEO</p> <p>City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Mayor Ron Yuryevich</p>
		Distribution	as above

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Recommend that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21 June 2011, as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings (as attached).

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2. Special Presentation

Adrian Warner, Senior Policy Adviser to Minister Crean

Mr Warner gave an update on the role of the Minister for Regional Australia and how he will work with regional communities. He confirmed that the RDAs are the principal source of contact with the government.

The Minister prefers 'place based' as regional planning and prioritising of funding.

A \$10M grant promoting regional living initiative was confirmed. Guidelines are currently being developed. WARCA will review making a submission once guidelines are published. WARCA already has a basis for the grant through its new website.

Commonwealth Government has a preference for RDA's and Development Commissions are merged.

Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) are not restricted by region so a combined WARCA mid may be considered.

WARCA members highlighted the need for a common definition of a regional centre to focus on cities that service a region.

\$8M has been allocated to a standalone venture to fund and develop regional research and progress to becoming a "Regional Policy Think Tank". This was noted.

3. Review Status of Actions from Previous Minutes

Action List – see Attachment 1

4. Update on observers joining WARCA (D Burnett)

Potential members were reminded of WARCA's motion from the July meeting detailing the requirements for membership.

Shire of Broome is having a budget meeting in August which will enable confirmation of their membership.

5. Regional Entertainment Centres (F James)

Action: Don Burnett to coordinate collation of data about funding and operations of the regional theatres, art galleries and museums.

6. Priority Research Work for UWA (F James)

Action: All CEOs to get priority focus areas for research

7. Draft WA Regionalisation Strategy for discussion and review (T Brun)

See Attachment 2. Item was discussed.

8. Signing of the UWA-WARCA Partnership (T Brun)

Item was discussed.

9. Urgent Business

Nil.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at the City of Bunbury on the 11 November at 8.30am. A dinner will be held on the evening of the 10 November.

Schedule of Meetings

Date	Venue
2011	
11 November	City of Bunbury (Dinner scheduled on 10 November)

Appendix 1 – Action List

Date Initiated	Action	Responsible	Updates	Status (in progress; pending; complete)
17/6/10	<p>Matthew Tonts re Proposal by UWA - The WARCA in principle support this Research Alliance Concept as a basis to undertake discussions and developing a detailed proposal.</p> <p>CGG to request Matthew Tonts to review and update the MOU Agreement to start from 1 July 2011.</p>	T Brun	<p>1 – UWA drafted a new Agreement. Matter to be discussed at meeting of 14/4/11 2 – All Councils to consider and approve funding at their April meeting 3 – Proposal to formally start 1/7/11</p> <p><i>Updated 2/2/11</i></p>	In progress
5/8/10	<p>Pilbara Cities CGG to invite Chris Adams (Director Pilbara Cities Program) to attend future meetings of WARCA.</p>	T Brun	Reissue invite to attend meeting in Bunbury on 11/11/11	In Progress
5/8/10	CGG to draft Press Release regarding formal negotiations with UWA to establish a 5 year agreement.	T Brun	To be done in conjunction with signing of Agreement to be held in Perth.	Pending.
19/10/10	<p><i>RESOLUTION:</i> <i>The Alliance resolves to allocate unspent funds at the end of each financial year in a Trust which will be held and managed by the Secretariat Local Government.</i></p>	All	<p><i>Updated 2/2/11</i> All Member CEOs to provide an estimate of their unspent allocation to Tony Brun by 20 May so that an invoice can be sent.</p>	In progress
19/10/10	<p>Proposed Policy Development - Funding for Regional City CBD Improvements THAT the Regional Cities Alliance prepare a Discussion Paper and subsequent Policy Proposal for submission to the WA Minister for Regional Development, aimed at the establishment of a new Funding Program (through Royalties for Regions) to support improvements to the Central Business Districts of WA regional cities.</p> <p>THAT the Alliance seek the support of the Minister of Regional Development, Minister of Infrastructure and Transport, Federal member for O'Connor, Forrest and Durack, to advocate and support the development of a new supporting Federal program (similar to the former Building Better Cities Program) to support revitalisation and infrastructure enhancement initiatives of regional cities.</p>	All	Seeking a meeting with Minister Albanese	In progress

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2/2/11	<p>CGG to send letters to the following Ministers requesting meetings in conjunction with ACLG in Canberra:</p> <p>Prime Minister Hon Gary Gray Special Minister of State; Special Minister of State for the Public Service and Integrity</p> <p>Hon A Albanese Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Leader of the House</p> <p>Hon S Crean Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government Minister for the Arts,</p> <p>Hon Tony Burke Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities</p>	T Brun	Requests for meetings at the ACLG conference are being sent to the Prime Minister and Ministers noted	Completed
14/4/11	<p>Enquiry into Local Government Banding</p> <p>Each Local Government to consider making their own submissions to the Salaries & Allowances Tribunal along the lines suggested above.</p>	All Members	CGG submitted a submission 20 May 2011	In progress
21/6/11	<p>Regional Performing Arts Centre funding and management support. All CEO's to review the current situation with recreation, cultural, theatre and museum assets in infrastructure in respective local government with respect to the level of capital and recurrent expenditure in terms of State/external vs local government funding.</p> <p>It was agreed this is a priority area requiring further investigation and consideration by the group. Opportunity to refer this issue as a policy review project through the WARCA-UWA Partnership.</p>	Don Burnett	D Burnett to coordinate the position of all members with respect to museums, art galleries and performance theatres.	In progress