



Western Australian
Regional Capitals Alliance

Western Australian Regional Capitals Alliance Meeting

Minutes

**The Meeting of the Alliance was held in the Wattle Room of WALGA on
February 18, 2016**

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AGENDA

1 OFFICIAL OPENING

The meeting held in the Wattle Room of WALGA on Thursday, 18 February 18 2016 was declared open at 11.30am.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / ABSENCE

Members:

Peter Long	Mayor City of Karratha (Chair)
Chris Adams	CEO City of Karratha
John Bowler	Mayor City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
John Walker	CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Shane van Styn	Mayor City of Greater-Geraldton
Gary Brennan	Mayor City of Bunbury
Andrew Brien	CEO City of Bunbury
Dennis Wellington	Mayor City of Albany
Andrew Sharpe	CEO City of Albany
Kelly Howlett	Mayor of the Town of Port Hedland
Mal Osborne	CEO of the Town of Port Hedland

Guests:

Sam Mastrolembo	Director of Corporate Services, Shire of Broome (Proxy for Kenn Donohoe)
Allan Pandal	Deputy Mayor City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Sally Haslam	Secretariat
Maureen Keegan	EO City of Kalgoorlie - Boulder

Apologies:

John Bowler	Mayor City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Ken Diehm	CEO City of Greater Geraldton
Kenn Donohoe	CEO Shire of Broome
Ron Johnston	Mayor Shire of Broome
Fiona Haslam-McKenzie	UWA

Absent:

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

That the Minutes of the Western Australian Regional Capitals Alliance Meeting held on Thursday, 10 December 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved Mayor Dennis Wellington
Seconded Mayor Kelly Howlett

CARRIED

5 WARCA STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2016

Report Author:	CEO – City of Karratha
Date of Report:	19 January 2016
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachment(s)	DRAFT WARCA Strategic Directions 2016

Purpose

To seek WARCA’s consideration of the proposed WARCA Strategic Direction 2016 document.

Background

At the WARCA meeting that was held on 10/12/15 there was considerable discussion regarding the current and future direction of WARCA. At that meeting WARCA members indicated, that while the organisation had had some successes, there needed to be a focus on tangible, measurable outcomes from the organization in 2016. Clarity was sought on the roles, functions a deliverables of WARCA in the immediate term (0- 6months)

Subsequent to this meeting a Draft 2016 WARCA Strategic Directions was developed and circulated to WARCA CEO’s. This intent of this document was to identify the:

- Key focus areas for WARCA in 2016
- Actions that WARCA would undertake in each focus area in 2016
- Measures on how we’ll judge whether WARCA has achieved

The Draft document was not meant to replace the WARCA Establishment Agreement and was not meant to be a long term plan or a financial plan. A teleconference workshop between WARCA CEO’s was held on 14/1/16 to discuss the content of the Strategic Directions Document. The document was subsequently revised/updated to reflect the commentary from CEO’s (See attachment).

The draft document indicates that the key focus areas for 2016 will be on:

- Advocacy and policy influence;
- Research;
- Promotion; and
- Information sharing

Link to Strategic Directions

N/A

Budget Implications

Nil

Options

Option 1 – Support the Recommendation

Option 2 – That WARCA Board Modify the Draft WARCA Strategic Directions 2016 Document.

Option 3 – That WARCA Board consider alternative directions/options for the future of WARCA.

Conclusion

While it is not a comprehensive Strategic Plan, the Draft WARCA Strategic Directions 2016 document does briefly outline the proposed immediate future and priorities of the WARCA. This should assist in providing focus for the group and clear direction for the short term.

RECOMMENDATION

That WARCA:

- 1. Adopts the WARCA Strategic Directions 2016 document**
- 2. Receives a report on the Status of the implementation of the Strategic Directions at each WARCA meeting**

ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

That WARCA:

- 1. Supports the proposed WARCA Strategic Directions 2016 document and agrees in principal its content subject to:**
 - a. Modifying Section 3.1 Advocacy and Policy to be more focused on Partnership with Government and Key Stakeholders; and**
 - b. Modifying Section 3.3 Promotion to include reference to the plan to promote WARCA Cities as a genuine alternative to capital city living.**
- 2. Considers the updated/revised version of the WARCA Strategic Directions document at its March meeting**
- 3. Receives a report on the status of the implementation of the Strategic Directions at each WARCA meeting.**

Moved : Mayor Kelly Howlett
Seconded : Mayor Shane van Styn

CARRIED

Reason for change:

WARCA members felt that greater clarity should be provided on specific items listed in the draft document (as listed in 1(a) and 1(b) above).

DRAFT WARCA STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2016 (Attachment)

1. Vision

WARCA will assist in enabling the member regional capital communities to evolve into fully-fledged alternatives to the Perth metropolitan area.

2. WARCA Objectives

2.1 Cooperation

To provide a strong and cohesive regional group that has the capacity to provide leadership and practical projects that will enhance the regional capitals within Western Australia

2.2 National Participation

To promote and participate in national forums which seek to enhance the role, stature and effectiveness of regional cities and regional capitals across Australia.

2.3 Resource Sharing

To promote inter-council cooperation and resource sharing opportunities where these add value and do not diminish the way individual councils provide services to their communities.

3. Key Focus Areas (2016)

3.1 Advocacy & Policy Influence:

WARCA will contribute and meaningfully influence policy Agendas of the State and Federal Governments that relate to the development of regional cities.

3.1.1 2016 Actions:

- Relevant State Minister and/or Director General (DG's) to attend each WARCA meeting. CEO's to meet a minimum of two weeks prior to WARCA meeting establish a draft list of items for discussion with relevant Minister/DG's and circulate the list to Mayors/Shire President for review and input. Initial 'targets' for discussion in 2016 are:
 - WA Premier
 - Minister for Local Government
 - Minister for Regional Development
 - Minister for Planning
 - Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
- Subsequent to meetings with Ministers/ DG's, WARCA will seek to send a delegation to meet with the opposition spokesperson on the relevant issue.
- WARCA will make submission and/or delegations regarding State policies and/or legislative reforms that potentially impact on WA Regional Cities.
- A WARCA specific submission to be made to political parties prior to the 2017 State Government Election.

- WARCA will actively participate in RCA lobbying and advocacy positions particularly relating to regional cities policy development, the Federal budget and other relevant matters if/when they arise.

3.2 Research:

Through its partnership with UWA, WARCA will develop quality demographic, social and economic indicators that demonstrate the value, importance and significance of the WARCA members to the State and Nation.

3.2.1 2016 Actions:

- Implementation the agreed UWA/WARCA research program.
- UWA research findings and implications to be presented to each member Council throughout 2016.

3.3 Promotion:

WARCA will actively promote the importance of Western Australia's regional cities, WARCA's Policy Agenda and the significance of the UWA research findings through appropriate mediums.

3.3.1 2016 Actions

- WARCA (or its partners) will present at a minimum of two (2) State or National conferences in 2016 on relevant WARCA issues.
- Press releases will be distributed on WARCA's activities through local, statewide and/or national media when relevant and appropriate.
- Profile of WARCA activities/agenda in journals or industry publications when relevant and appropriate.
- A 'one pager' to be developed on "What is WARCA?"
- A 'one pager' to be developed on "Why is WARCA necessary?"
- Secretariat to prepare a database of email contacts and dissemination of information to occur as appropriate.
- Regular updates on website by UWA/Secretariat

3.4 Information Sharing

As the largest regional local governments in Western Australia, there is an opportunity to learn from each other through discussion and information sharing amongst CEO's and elected members.

3.4.1 2016 Actions:

- At the joint CEO's WARCA pre-meeting, a Regional Cities Contentious and Emerging issues list will be developed. This list, along with a short description on the matter/s will be included for discussion on the subsequent WARCA Agenda.
- Where deemed appropriate by WARCA, a more comprehensive Agenda items and/or WARCA position statement will be subsequently developed on the relevant contentious or emerging issues.
- Development status, challenges and opportunities pertaining to the State Government Growth Plan process will be discussed at WARCA meetings.
- At least one meeting per year to be held at a regional capital with a field visit to be arranged to a local organisation which showcases innovation.

4. Areas that WARCA is not planning to be extensively involved in.

While there may be some value in pursuing the following matters at a later date, WARCA is not planning to actively engage in the following matters extensively throughout 2016:

- Joint Procurement
- Internal Policy Development
- Advocacy on matters being pursued/managed on a Statewide basis by WALGA (except when the WALGA position varies significantly from WARCA's)
- Resource Sharing between WARCA Members

5. Review & Reporting

A brief snapshot report on the status of the above listed 2016 Actions will be prepared and distributed as a component of each WARCA Agenda

6 WARCA PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE 2016

Meeting Date	Comments
Wednesday 2 March 2016 Confirmed.	Premier in attendance Venue – UWA
Wednesday 1 June 2016	
Tuesday 2 August 2016	Local Government Week starts 3 August.
Tuesday 25 October 2016	Proposal to meet in Albany as the SEGRA (Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia conference will be on in Albany at the same time.) This is an opportunity to meet the WARCA commitment to hold a meeting in member town/city and for members to attend the conference and network with relevant politicians who will also be present.)
December	To be confirmed at the October meeting.

Meeting Date	Comments	Available	Not Available
Wednesday 2 March 2016 Confirmed.	Premier in attendance Venue – UWA	Chris Adams (all meetings) City of Greater Geraldton (all meetings) Kelly Howlett	
Wednesday 1 June 2016		Mayor Gary Brennan Kelly Howlett	
Tuesday 2 August 2016	Local Government Week starts 3 August. Meeting to start later in the day to allow Members to travel.		Gary Brennan Kellie Howlett
Tuesday 25 October 2016	Proposal to meet in Albany as the SEGRA (Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia conference will be on in Albany at the same time.) This is an opportunity to meet the WARCA commitment to hold a meeting in member town/city and for members to attend the conference and network with relevant politicians who will also be present.)	Kelly Howlett Chris Adams City of GG	Gary Brennan
December	To be confirmed at the October meeting.	Kelly Howlett Chris Adams City of GG	

RESOLUTION

That the following WARCA dates be listed as 'in-principal' WARCA meeting dates/locations for 2016.

Moved : **Andrew Brien**
Seconded : **Mayor Kelly Howlett**

CARRIED

The Members resolved that the proposed dates be accepted however these are indicative of meeting dates only and that confirmation of the date of the next meeting for the Alliance will be confirmed during that meeting. The August 2 date is confirmed for Local Government Week however Members asked that the meeting start time be made as late as possible to allow for travel to Perth.

7 WARCA MEETING WITH PREMIER

Report Author:	CEO – City of Karratha
Date of Report:	9 February 2016
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachment(s)	Nil

Purpose

To seek WARCA member's consideration and agreement regarding the topics that the group would like to raise with the Premier and the process that it proposes to use during the discussions

Background

The Premier of WA has agreed to meet with WARCA members on Wednesday 2nd March at 1pm for one hour to discuss WARCA matters. At this point there is no agreed topics for discussion and no agreed process between WARCA members re how the discussions/presentation to the Premier should be held. To get the greatest value from the meeting it would be prudent to advise the Premier of the topics that WARCA intend raising with him.

Link to WARCA Strategic Directions/Establishment Agreement

The Draft WARCA Strategic Directions 2016 document includes the following statements that are relevant to this matter:

Advocacy & Policy Influence:

WARCA will contribute and meaningfully influence policy Agendas of the State and Federal Governments that relate to the development of Regional Cities.

3.1.1 2016 Actions:

- Relevant State Minister and/or Director General (DG's) to attend each WARCA meeting. CEO's to meet a minimum of two weeks prior to WARCA meeting establish a draft list of items for discussion with relevant Minister/DG's and circulate the list to Mayors/Shire President for review and input. Initial 'targets' for discussion in 2016 are:
 - WA Premier
 - Minister for Local Government
 - Minister for Regional Development
 - Minister for Planning
 - Minister for Aboriginal Affairs
- Subsequent to meetings with Ministers/ DG's, WARCA will seek to send a delegation to meet with the opposition spokesperson on the relevant issue.

Budget Implications

Nil

Options

Topics

Currently, there is no consolidated list of topics that WARCA would advocate to the Premier/Ministers on. It is suggested that topics that should be discussed be:

- Regional City focused and not on a particular LG issue or project.
- Topical to the current agenda of the State Government
- Relevant to the majority of WARCA members

Some preliminary suggestions for topics (as thought starters) include:

- WARCA's Role and Agenda
- UWA Research Findings and Implications for State Policy and Budget.
- Growth Plans – Transitioning from planning to implementation
- State Budget Cuts/Employment Freeze: Impacts on WARCA communities
- Need for Decentralisation of State Government bureaucracy
- Future of R4R funding
- Local Government reform
- Airline Ticket Pricing – Government support/intervention
- Others

Process

There is no standard process for WARCA delegations. When WARCA last met with the Premier the process that was held was for the WARCA Chair to make some introductory comments, followed by the Premier making some comments then a general Q&A session with members. The Agenda was not particularly preconceived and the discussion (while interesting) roamed across multiple topics.

Other delegations to Ministers/Members by WARCA have been 'introductory' in nature, whereby small delegations of WARCA members have discussed 'What WARCA is' and what issues are impacting WARCA members within their respective portfolios. While these meetings have potentially raised the profile of WARCA somewhat, they have achieved little in the way of tangible outcomes. Options for the engagement with the Premier include:

- A presentation by WARCA representative/s followed by questions and discussion.
- Pre-submitting a list of topics and questions that we would like addressed and answered.
- Sending Briefing Notes to the Premier that provide some background to the issues and seek a commitment from the Premier on the matter.
- A combination of any or all of the above.

Conclusion

The proposed meeting with the Premier is an opportunity for WARCA to re-start its profile raising within the WA Government. To make the best use of this opportunity, clarity is required in relation to topics that will be discussed and the process/tactics that WARCA proposes for the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION**That:**

1. **The Premiers Office be advised that the proposed topics for discussion with WARCA at the 2/3/16 meeting are:**
 - **WARCA’s Role and partnering with the State Government**
 - **UWA Research Findings and implications for State Policy and Budget**
 - **Growth Plans – Transitioning from planning to implementation including resource sharing opportunities**
 - **State Budget Cuts/Employment Freeze: Impacts of WARCA communities and regional areas**
 - **Question and Answer session**
2. **WARCA members agree that the process for the discussion with the Premier is to be positive. The Chair, Mayor Peter Long will present a short overview of WARCA and keep the discussion at a high level.**
3. **In accordance with the Draft WARCA Strategic Directions document, an appointment be sought with the Opposition Leader, Mark McGowan, on the afternoon of the 2/3/16 to discuss the WARCA related matters listed in Point 1 above.**
4. **That the delegation to the proposed Opposition Leader meeting include the following WARCA representatives:**
 - **Chair, Mayor Peter Long**
 - **Other delegates to be confirmed**

Moved : **Mayor Kelly Howlett**
Seconded : **Mayor Dennis Wellington**

CARRIED

8 PROPOSED WARCA CONTENTIOUS AND EMERGING ISSUES LIST

Report Author:	CEO - City of Karratha
Date of Report:	9 February 2016
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachment(s)	Proposed template for WARCA Contentious and Emerging Issues List

Purpose

For WARCA members to consider the potential introduction of a more structured process for the emergence of issues on the WARCA Agenda.

Background

WARCA Agenda issues have traditionally been raised by individual members with limited process or structure as to how projects and issues are selected and progressed as WARCA matters. It is proposed to introduce a WARCA Contentious and Emerging Issues List to provide greater clarity on how matters/projects are selected by WARCA.

Link to WARCA Strategic Directions/Establishment Agreement

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2016 Actions:

- At the joint CEO's WARCA pre-meeting, a Regional Cities Contentious and Emerging Issues List will be developed. This list, along with a short description on the matter/s will be included for discussion on the subsequent WARCA Agenda.
- Where deemed appropriate by WARCA, a more comprehensive Agenda items and/or WARCA position statement will be subsequently developed on the relevant contentious or emerging issues

Budget Implications

Nil

Options

Option 1 – Support the Recommendation

Option 2 – That WARCA modify the Draft Contentious and Emerging Issues List template (as attached) by including/excluding the following information

Option 3 – That WARCA not support the introduction of the Draft Contentious and Emerging Issues List template and determine an alternate manner of establishing agreed WARCA Agenda matters.

Conclusion

For discussion/decision

RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

That WARCA:

- 1. Note and support the proposed use of WARCA Contentious and Emerging Issues List as Attached**

- 2. Receive and discuss the WARCA Contentious and Emerging Issues List at each scheduled WARCA meeting.**

Moved : Mayor Dennis Wellington

Seconded : Mayor Gary Brennan

CARRIED

ATTACHMENT 1

WARCA Contentious and Emerging Issues List

No	Issue	Description	Potential WARCA Involvement	Raised By	WARCA AGREED DIRECTION
	'Headline' statement of the issue	Description of issue (Max 50 word)	How WARCA could be involved (Max 30 words)	Who raised issue.	Can be 'Noted', 'Progress to Next WARCA Agenda' or 'Additional Info Required'
eg.	Airline Ticket Prices	Airline ticket prices to WARCA cities are extremely high when compared to interstate, international and intrastate flights in other Australian states. While some advocacy has occurred on this matter, limited traction has been gained.	Potential advocacy to Min for Regional Development and Min for Transport on this issue seeking government intervention.	City of Karratha	
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3					
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9 UWA RESEARCH UPDATE

Date of Report:	12 February 2016
Report Author:	Fiona Haslam-McKenzie
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachment(s)	Nil

- 17th December, 2015 Meeting and presentation by Profs Plummer and Haslam McKenzie re. *The Evolution of Regional Economies in Western Australia: Albany, Broome, Busselton, and Geraldton, 1984-2014* to Department of Regional Development with invitees from Landcorp, Department of Agriculture, Department of State Development and Department of Planning in attendance.

Precis:

- detailed insights into the spatial performance and levels of economic integration within Western Australia using four Western Australian regional economies.
- Assessment of the opportunities and barriers to regional growth and resilience across Western Australia.
- Contributing to evidence-based policy, indicating specific areas of policy that may require revision.
- Invitation, (and acceptance by FMcK), to present findings of 2015 WARCA research (competitive and comparative advantage) work to the Regional Capitals Australia conference April 2016.
- Disappointingly, it appears that the Western Australian Centre for Regional Development (WA-CRD) submission has not been successful. Two CEOs of Regional Development Commissions argued against it and the Minister for Regional Development has decided to defer the establishment of the Centre for Regional Development (date unknown).
- The WARCA Regional Analysis workshop dates for 2016 need to be decided ASAP.
- The Research Update meeting date needs to be decided ASAP, preferably before June when the School of Earth and Environment Head of School (Professor Matthew Tonts) will be going on sabbatical.

10 BUDGET UPDATE AND DRAFT 2016/17 BUDGET



Report Title:	Treasurers Report - January 2016
Report Author:	K Diehm, Treasurer
Date of Report:	12 th February 2016
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachment(s)	One

Please find attached the following financial reports for the consideration of the Board:

1. *Balance Sheet as at 31st January 2016*
2. *Budgeted Profit and Loss for the period ending 31st January 2016*
3. *Customer Balance Enquiry as at 31st January 2016*
4. *Supplier Balance Enquiry as at 31st January 2016*

The following notes are provided as an explanation to significant variances in the Budgeted Profit and Loss Statement:

1. ***UWA – Media Relations*** – *The invoice received from the UWA Secretariat has not been broken down into the respective cost allocations. This will be corrected in next month's report.*
2. ***UWA – Secretariat*** – *The invoice received from the UWA Secretariat has not been broken down into the respective cost allocations. This will be corrected in next month's report.*
3. ***UWA – Website Development*** – *The invoice received from the UWA Secretariat has not been broken down into the respective cost allocations. This will be corrected in next month's report.*

*Ken Diehm
RCA Treasurer
Date: 12th February 2016*

Recommendation

That the Board receive and note the Treasurer's Report for the period ending 31st January 2016 and accompanying financial statements.

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Accrual Basis

WARCA
Balance Sheet
As of January 31, 2016

	Jan 31, 16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Cash at Bank	80,346.62
Total Chequing/Savings	80,346.62
Other Current Assets	
Accounts Receivable	32,165.69
Prepayments	17,333.33
Total Other Current Assets	49,499.02
Total Current Assets	129,845.64
TOTAL ASSETS	129,845.64
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Trade creditors	52,356.00
Total Accounts Payable	52,356.00
Other Current Liabilities	
Tax Payable	14,055.58
Total Other Current Liabilities	14,055.58
Total Current Liabilities	66,411.58
TOTAL LIABILITIES	66,411.58
NET ASSETS	63,434.06
EQUITY	
Opening Bal Equity	136,570.00
Retained Earnings	70,637.00
Net Income	-143,772.94
TOTAL EQUITY	63,434.06

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Accrual Basis

WARCA
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2015 through January 2016

	<u>Jul 15 - Jan 16</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Interest received	336.81			
Memberships 2015/16	153,041.56			
Total Income	<u>153,378.37</u>			
Gross Profit	153,378.37			
Expense				
Accountancy fees	1,500.00	2,500.00	-1,000.00	60.0%
Meetings & Functions	1,400.64	2,000.00	-599.36	70.0%
RCA Memberships 2015/16	56,000.00	56,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Secretariat	11,160.00	11,160.00	0.00	100.0%
Strategic Planning	7,080.00	7,080.00	0.00	100.0%
Travelling expenses	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.0%
UWA - Media Relations	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
UWA - Secretariat	34,666.67	27,000.00	7,666.67	128.4%
UWA - Website Development	0.00	8,000.00	-8,000.00	0.0%
UWA Research Contribution	185,344.00	185,344.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Expense	<u>297,151.31</u>	<u>308,084.00</u>	<u>-10,932.69</u>	<u>96.5%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-143,772.94</u>	<u>-308,084.00</u>	<u>164,311.06</u>	<u>46.7%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-143,772.94</u></u>	<u><u>-308,084.00</u></u>	<u><u>164,311.06</u></u>	<u><u>46.7%</u></u>

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WARCA
Customer Balance Summary
As of January 31, 2016

	<u>Jan 31, 16</u>
Shire of Broome	<u>32,165.69</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>32,165.69</u></u>

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WARCA
Supplier Balance Summary
As of January 31, 2016

	<u>Jan 31, 16</u>
Guild of Undergraduates	356.00
University of Western Australia	<u>52,000.00</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>52,356.00</u></u>

11 STATE GOVERNMENT BUDGET CUTS: IMPACT ON WARCA MEMBERS

Link to WARCA Strategic Directions/Establishment Agreement

Budget Implications

Nil

Options:

1. Town of Port Hedland recommendation (as presented)
2. WARCA determines to take no further action on this matter

Conclusion

Regional centres are best placed to capture the evidence of reduced services by State Agencies into our communities.

Ongoing reduced levels of service to regional centres by the State Agencies will see Member LGA's finding it more difficult to support "WARCA ... evolve(ing) into fully fledged alternatives to the Perth metropolitan areas with populations of at least 50 000 by 2026." (WARCA Purpose)

RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION

That WARCA requests that Member local governments:

1. **Collect evidence of reduced State Government agency services being delivered into regional centres; and**
2. **Forward that information to the WARCA Secretariat to enable a monthly update to be produced for discussion with relevant Government and Opposition Members of Parliament**

Moved : Mal Osbourne
Seconded : Mayor Dennis Wellington

CARRIED

12 OTHER BUSINESS

- Members agreed to publish the Minutes of WARCA meetings on the website
- RCA Conference:
 - Shane van Styn attending
 - Delegates from the City of Albany will also be attending.

13 CLOSURE & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 12.25.

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 2 March 2016 at 12 noon at the University of Western Australia.