



Regional Capitals Alliance

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**Regional Capitals Alliance Western Australian
Meeting**

**Minutes
19th February 2021**

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Agenda

1 OFFICIAL OPENING

Meeting opened at: 08:30

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Attendees:

Dennis Wellington	Mayor City of Albany (Chair)
Andrew Sharpe	CEO City of Albany
Malcolm Osborne	CEO City of Bunbury
Mike Archer	CEO City of Busselton
Ian Mickel	Shire President of Esperance
Shane Burge	CEO Shire of Esperance
John Bowler	Mayor City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
John Walker	CEO City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Peter Long	Mayor City of Karratha
Chris Adams	CEO City of Karratha
Jason Whiteaker	CEO Shire of Northam
Peter Carter	Mayor Town of Port Hedland
Carl Askew	CEO Town of Port Hedland
Paul Rosair	Executive Officer, RCAWA
Jane Lewis	Executive Assistant, RCAWA

Dial in:

Grant Henley	Mayor City of Busselton
Gary Brennan	Mayor City of Bunbury

Guests:

Hon. Nola Marino	Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories
Hon. Dr. Steve Thomas	Shadow Minister for Finance; Agriculture and Food; Regional Development; Royalties for Regions, Deputy Chair of Committees
Brian Sharp	Benchmarking Project

Apologies:

Shane van Styn	Mayor City of Greater-Geraldton
Ross McKim	CEO City of Greater Geraldton

Harold Tracey Shire President of Broome
Sam Mastroleambo CEO Shire of Broome
Chris Antonio Shire President Shire of Northam

3 FORMAL PRESENTATIONS

Date of Report: **19th February 2021**
Report Author: **Executive Officer, Paul Rosair**
Disclosure of Interest: **Nil**
Attachment(s) **Nil**

Purpose:

The Alliance to receive presentations from:

9.00 – 10.00 Presentation:

- Hon. Nola Marino, *Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories*
- Hon. Dr. Steve Thomas Shadow Minister for Finance; Agriculture and Food; Regional Development; Royalties for Regions Deputy Chair of Committees

10.00 – 10.30 Presentation

- Brian Sharp: Benchmarking Project

Link to Strategic Directions:

Advocacy and Policy Influence
Representation
Partnership and Collaboration

Budget Implications:

Nil

Resolution:

Nil

4 STRATEGIC WORKSHOP

Date of Report:	19th February 2021
Report Author:	Executive Officer, Paul Rosair
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachment(s)	Workshop Slides: Power Point Presentation

Purpose:

To continue the strategic planning as per 7th August 2020

Discussion

As per workshop slides.



AGENDA

- 08.30 – 09.00 Research Project
- 09.00 – 10.00 Guests
- 10.00 – 10.45 Strategic approach for WALGA engagement, WALGA state councils, Zones and amalgamation.
- 10.45 – 11.15 Benchmarking – next steps

We lead the sustainable, strategic growth of Western Australia's regional capitals, with a focus on excellence and opportunity creation.



BACKGROUND



The Strategic Planning Session in August 2020 resulted in a list of priorities for the Alliance consisting of:

- Key stakeholders
- Focus areas

HOW ARE WE GOING?

KEY MINISTERIAL STAKEHOLDERS



MINISTERIAL STAKEHOLDERS	LATEST CONTACT	NOTES
Mark McGowan; Premier, Minister for Public Sector Management, State Development, Jobs and Trade, Federal-State Relations	3 Dec 2020	EO spoke with the Premier and invited him to attend Alliance meeting and he informally accepted. EO will follow up.
Alannah MacTiernan; Minister for Regional Development, Agriculture and Food, Ports; Minister assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade	10 Dec 2020	Attended 10 th Dec 2020
Mia Davies; Leader of the Nationals WA	15 Jan 2021	Email sent and phone call received regarding Infrastructure Framework announcement. Letter received. Met with Josh Nyman at the Pivot in the Park Offices on two occasions.
Zak Kirkup; Leader of the Opposition	28 Jan 2021	Email received from his office - unavailable until after election but keen to meet. EO met with Deputy, Hon. Dr Steve Thomas at the Pivot in the Park offices on 20 th January 2021, he will be attending February 19 th meeting.
Roger Cook; Deputy Premier, Minister for Health, Mental Health	3 Dec 2020	EO spoke with the Minister and invited him to attend Alliance meeting and he informally accepted. Email with 2021 meeting dates to follow – EO to follow up.
Ben Wyatt; Treasurer Minister for Finance, Aboriginal Affairs, Lands	15 Nov 2020	Resigning – replacement to be contacted. Spoke to Hannah Beazley, Ben's local member replacement at Pivot in the Park.
Michael Barnes; Under Treasurer	In progress	EO to contact the Under Treasurer and arrange meeting and RCAWA attendance.
David Templeman; Minister for Local Government, Heritage, Culture and the Arts	10 Dec 2020	EO in regular contact to endeavour to get the Minister to future meeting. Meeting was booked with EO at the Pivot in the Park offices, however David apologised at the last minute.
Nola Marino; Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories	31 Jan 2021	Invitation letter sent, return phone call 31 Jan. Attending February 19 th meeting.
Rita Saffioti; Minister for Transport, Planning	3 Dec 2020	EO spoke with the Minister and invited her to attend Alliance meeting and she informally accepted. Email with 2021 meeting dates to follow.
Paul Papalia; Minister for Tourism, Racing and Gaming; Small Business, Defence Issues; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests	In progress	EO in regular contact to endeavour to get the Minister to future meeting.
Peter Tinley; Minister for Housing; Fisheries; Veterans Issues; Asian Engagement	In progress	EO in regular contact to endeavour to get the Minister to future meeting.

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INDUSTRY/ASSOC. STAKEHOLDERS



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Kitty Prodonovich, CEO Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry	15 Oct 2020	Attended 15 th October 2020 meeting
Chamber of Minerals and Energy	4 Dec 2020	EO met with Warren Pearce, CEO Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC). EO to follow up future meeting attendance with Paul Everingham, CEO CME.
WALGA	18 Feb 2020	Attending Feb 18 th , 2021 meeting
Brendon Hammond	30 Jan 2021	EO made contact.
Mining companies – Rio, FMG, Hancock Prospecting	14 Dec 2020	Meeting held with Katherine Savage, Government Relations Manager, Hancock Prospecting at Pivot in the Park offices. EO contacted Andrew Forrest to update him on RCAWA matters and subsequently met with the FMG CIO, John Hartman from the Fortescue Tattarang Group.
CBH	In progress	
Airlines – Qantas, Virgin and Rex	In progress	

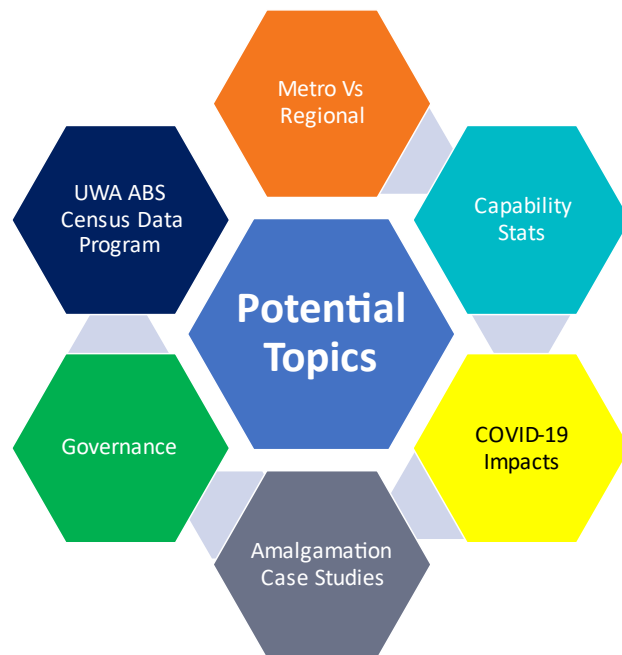
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FOCUS AREAS



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State election strategy	Infrastructure Framework (IF) was presented to all political parties. The Executive Officer held one-on-one meetings with a number of politicians, chiefs of staff and policy officers briefing them about the IF and other RCAWA priorities.	No further action, election March 2021.
Regional Investment Framework	Letter to key stakeholders posted with flyer. Investment Framework report on RCAWA Website and EO briefing a range of key stakeholders.	EO will continue to promote with stakeholders
Annual Report	Report printed and distributed to members at the February 18 th meeting.	No further action required.
MACWA	Update paper on February 18 th agenda. Award nomination invitations to be sent out mid-March.	WALGA, Department of Communities, Alliance members.
Research	Topics to be chosen. Possible topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metro vs regional local government – where is the level playing field; • Statistical research on the Capitals capability/ Prospectivity justification; • Covid-19 – impacts and opportunities; • Amalgamation case studies and models; • Governance; • UWA ABS census data program. 	Discussion to be held during February 19 th strategic planning session.
Advocacy and communications strategy	Alliance needs to develop a strategic approach to its future engagement with WALGA.	Matter up for discussion on February 19 th .
Benchmarking and baselining	Ongoing.	Paper presented February 18 th and discussions to be held on February 19 th strategic planning session. Brian Sharp
Federal election strategy	TBD.	Nola Marino attending Feb 19 meeting.
State aviation strategy	No further action at this point.	

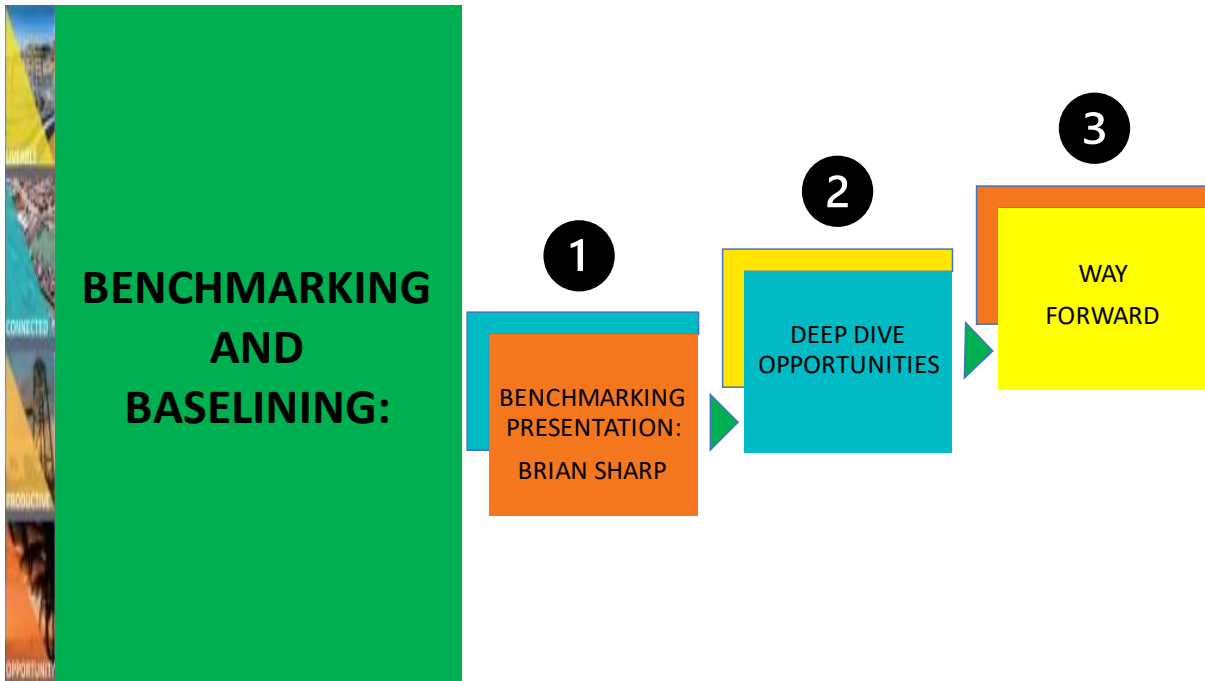
List may need to be re-established post the State election.



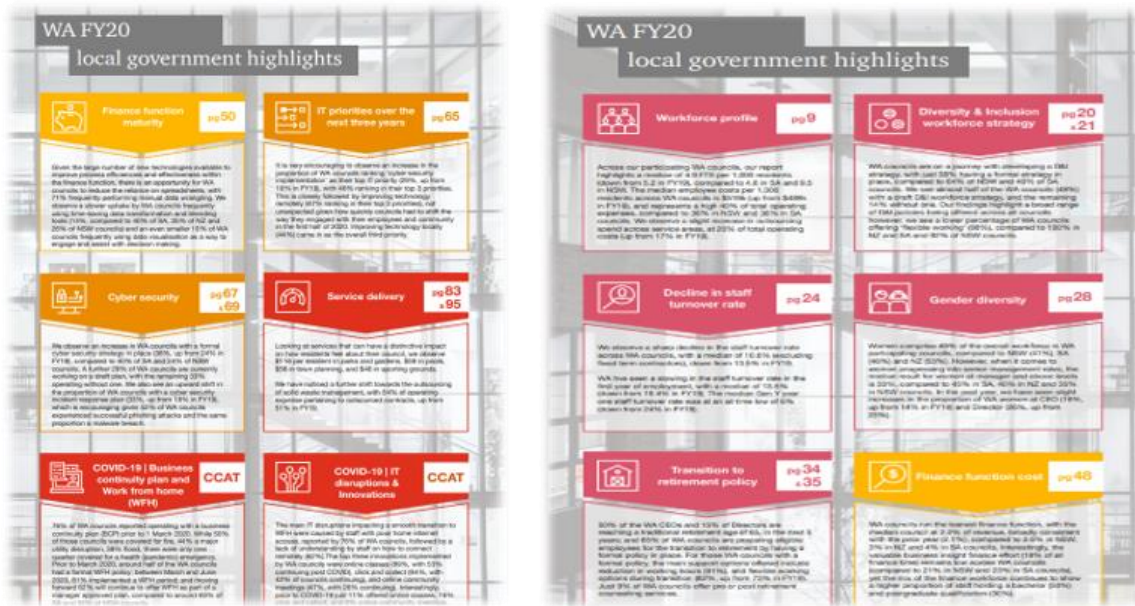
Action: Executive Officer to present a scope of works for a research project from suggestions received from the floor.



Action: Executive Officer to write paper regarding a new Local Government structure taking into account views from the members discussed at the meeting.



BENCHMARKING : DEEP DIVE OPPORTUNITIES



Action: Executive Officer to work with Brian Sharp - enhance the benchmarking to include State and Federal services such as health, education and policing etc so as to allow comparisons between metropolitan and regional servicing.

MEETING CLOSED: 11:15