



COUNCIL MEETING – 14 AUGUST 2018

ITEM 4 – PETITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

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2. Representing (name of organisation/group/business/self)

3. Title of Petition/Presentation
*Flags Aboriginal hoping to have put*.....
*up in Town*.....

4. Summary of Petition/Presentation

5. Copy forwarded to Executive Officer yes/no

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Rodyn Stahl	12 Morpeth St	[Signature]	29/7/18
Phae Collins	47 Martin Street	[Signature]	29/7/18
Carlene Penn	30 Hassell St.	[Signature]	29/7/18
VERDON 1707145	10299 MT BARKER	[Signature]	3/8/18
Jo Wortel	7 ORMOND Rd	[Signature]	3/8/18
Rose Julia Despatch	7 ORMOND RD.	[Signature]	6/08/2018
Jennifer Hengill	16 Hassell St	[Signature]	6/08/2018
Shirley Pocock	37 Booth St	[Signature]	7/08/18
Brookings-ellison	79 Hassell Street	[Signature]	07/08/18
Jenny Spencer	51 Lowood Road	[Signature]	09/08/18
M PEARCE	1/8 12 Monston St M.B.K.	[Signature]	9-8-18
M WOOLGARD	30 MONTOM ST	[Signature]	9-8-18
B Birchall	54 Montem St	[Signature]	9-8-18
O. ROBERTS	40 ALFRED ST, ALBANY	[Signature]	9-8-18
T. Farmer	ALBANY	[Signature]	9/8/18
M. REES	MILLINUP Rd	[Signature]	9-8-18
J. Redlich	Wilson Rd	[Signature]	9.8.18
D KITCHING	HASSELL RD.	[Signature]	9.8.18
R KIRBY	Mount Barker	[Signature]	9.8.18
Leah Thompson	MT Barker	[Signature]	9.8.18

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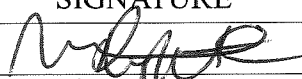
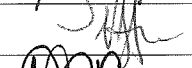


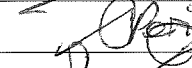
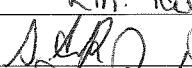
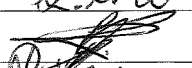

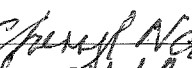
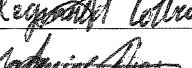


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Mick Rynbout	21 HASSELLS		28/7/18.
Helen Belfield	35 OAMOND RD MT BARKER	Hg. Belfield	25/7/18
Edna McVale	145 Hassell ST Mt Barker	Edna McVale	25/07/2018
LISA HORTON	1/7 HASSELL ST MT BARKER	Lisa Horton	25/7/18
Helene Felton	35 BARNARD RD MT BARKER	H. Felton	25/7/18
P. Scilla Sutton	Monkton St Mt Barker	P. Sutton	26/7/18
IANESSA SEPARCHICH	570 SUTLAND RD KENDENUP		26-7-18
ALANNA ROBINS	PORONGURUP		26/07/18
S DOWNHAM	32 MARION ST		26-7-18
SANDRA PERRY	51 LOWOOD RD MT BARKER		26/7/18
Rhonda Taylor	90 JONES ROAD MOUNT BARKER	Rm. Taylor	27/7/18
Sheree Rainbird	468 BEVAN RD Mt Barker		28/7/18
DEAN RAINBIRD	468 BEVAN RD MT BARKER	D. Rainbird	29-7-18.
Lorraine Wallings	Mt Barker	L. L. W.	29/7/18
Gail Richards	2400 Worgenellup		2/8/18
BRENDA WILLIAMS	7 Booth St. Mt Barker	B. Williams	2/8/18.
Anita Penny	43 Muir St. Mt Barker	A. Penny	2/8/18
CAROLINE NARKLE	MT BARKER		2/8/18
CHERYL NARKLE	MT BARKER		28-8-18
REG COLBUNG	27 MENSTON ST		28-8-18
JASMINE DANN	27 MENSTON ST		28-8-18
AMANDA ENGLISH	160 MCKEAG RD PERILLUP		3-8-18

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John Wyatt	50 Montem St, Mt B	<i>John Wyatt</i>	26/7/18
Tiph Wyatt	9 Lord St, Mt B	<i>Tiph Wyatt</i>	26/7/18
Leandra Adams	105 Riches Road Mt B	<i>Leandra Adams</i>	2/8/2018.
HUNE ENRIGHT	Bamboo Lodge Mt B.	<i>H. Enright</i>	2/8/2018
Kym Cawthray	67 Korongrup Rd	<i>Kym Cawthray</i>	2/8/2018
Heleen JEFFERY	58 LANTON Rd Mt B	<i>Heleen Jeffery</i>	2/8/2018
Karen Lanigan	80 CLIMEST CRANBROOK	<i>Karen Lanigan</i>	2/8/2018
Barb Taylor	Mt Barker	<i>Barb Taylor</i>	2/8/2018
Brett Sutton	Mt Barker	<i>B. Sutton</i>	2/8/2018
RUTH MCPARTLAND	127 Second Ave Kerdrup	<i>R. McPartland</i>	2/8/2018
KARA ENTWISTLE	MT BARKER	<i>K. Entwistle</i>	2/8/18
Sophie Haynes	Mt Barker	<i>S. Haynes</i>	2/8/18
Carla Fricke	31426 Auburn Hwy Mt Barker	<i>Carla Fricke</i>	2.8.18.
Tahlia Robinson-Solcizaniuk	2875 Red Gum Pass Rd, Kerdrup	<i>T. Robinson-Solcizaniuk</i>	2.8.18.
Ron Lewis	38 Lantton Road Mt Barker	<i>Ron Lewis</i>	2/8/18
Dot Gorman	31 Muir St Mt Barker	<i>Dot Gorman</i>	2/8/18
DEREK GORMAN	31 MUIR ST MT BARKER	<i>D. Gorman</i>	2/8/18
Len Greeny	MT BARKER STREET	<i>Len Greeny</i>	2/8/18
T. PACTREY	MT BARKER R.D.	<i>T. Pactrey</i>	2-8-18
M FRANCE	MT. Barker Rd	<i>M. France</i>	2-8-18
Paul Entwistle	PCHS Mt Barker	<i>P. Entwistle</i>	2-8-18

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Daphne Cross	1615 Porongurup Road PORONGURUP	DCCross	04/08/18
Tony Rose	78 Fifth Ave Kenderup	AmRose	4/8/18
Jenny Rose	" " "	Jenny Rose	5/8/18
Leon Rose	55 Hassell Avenue Kenderup	Leon Rose	5/8/18
Jacob Rose	71 Hassell Avenue	Jacob Rose	5/8/18
Lien + Brian C	19 oatland Rd	LPC Bsc	5/8/18
Jess Rose	55 Hassell Avenue Kenderup	Jess Rose	5/8/18
Rachel Anne Sambell	41 Booth St, Mt Barker	R. Sambell	5/8/18
Peter & Gen M. H.	Hawker Rd Kenderup	Peter & Gen M. H.	5/8/18
Toby Leach	112 Hare St Myny	Toby Leach	5/8/18
Barry Cross	1615 Porongurup Rd	Barry Cross	5/8/18
Maddy Ballus	Lot 988 Peever Val Mt Barker	M. M. Ballus	7/8/18
Val Sagger	2205 Red Gum Pass Rd Kenderup	Val Sagger	7/8/18
HEATHER FERGIE	71 HAWKER RD KENDERUP	H. Fergie	7/8/18
ANNE FORBES	16 JACKSON ST, MT BARKER	Anne Forbes	7/8/18
BERRY TOONEY	MT BARKER	Berry Tooney	9/8/18
DAVID WRIGHT	Mt Barker	David Wright	09/08/18

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MELANIE McQUILLAN	1 MARGARET ST, MT BARKER	[Signature]	24/7/18
Barbara James	unit 2/4 Eaton Ave	BA James	24/7
Miepke Coleman	PO Box 296 Mt Barker	Miepke Coleman	24/7/18
Lyn Griffiths	LOT 21 PUGH MT BARKER	Lyn Griffiths	26/7/18
J. GILLEN	P.O. Box MT BARKER	J. Gillen	26/7/18
P. PIKE	TORONGURUT	P. Pike	26/7/18
Nelen Arnold	26 Ashburn Rd. Mt Barker	Nelen Arnold	26/7/18
7/F/K	NO FIXED ADDRESS	[Signature]	11/11
CINDY ROBERTS	9 PUGH ST MT BARKER	[Signature]	26/7/18
Rose Glasgow	316 St Werburghs Rd	RCSL	6/8/18
Homeless Noongar MAN from Mt BARKER (i)			

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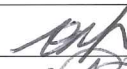
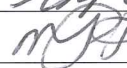
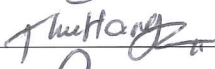



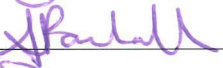
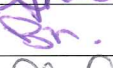
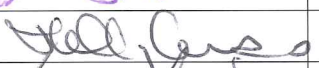


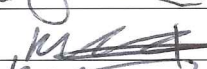
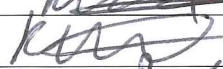


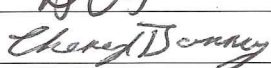

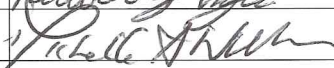
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Madeline Feister	4123 Montem street Mt Barker		20.7.18
Helena Pham	11 Osborne Rd Mt Barker		23.7.18
Amanda Willis	Lot 20 Orient Rd Mt Barker		23/7/18
Tiffany Parsons	30 Muir ST MT Barker		27/7/18
Samantha Bielecki	34 Cattards Rd Mt Barker		27.7.18
Simone Pantall	27 Mt Barker Rd Mt Barker		31.7.18
B. Newton	52 Osborne Mt Barker		31.7.18
H. Cousins	362 Quangelup Rd		10.8.18
Keli Allison	12452 Muir Highway		14.8.18
Alison Reddington	6/23 Montem St. Mt Barker		14.8.18
Kacie West	2B Ormond RD Mt Barker		14.8.18
Kristy Kellett	89 Healy Rd Nannup		14.8.18
Paul Baxter	696 Hay River Rd MB		14.8.18
Kaylyn Wilkoff	5 Margaret St		14.8.18
Cheryl Bonney	29B Deane St		14.8.18
REUBEN UGLE			
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Michelle Williams	29B Deane St		14.8.18

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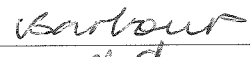




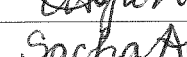
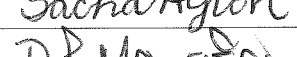





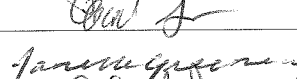


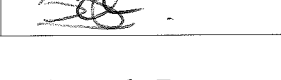
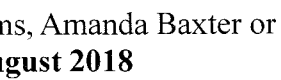
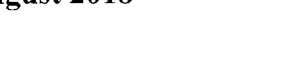
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Alice York	"		17/7/18
BRAD MITCHELL	598 McDOWALL AVE		18/7/18
ISOBEL BARBOUR	41 LOWOOD RD MT BARKER		18/7/18
Lisa Lynch	3301 Denmark/Mt Barker Rd		18/7/18
Rebekah Stone	23 VANDER RD SPENCER PARK		19/7/18
Elizabeth Beech	1271 Carbarup Rd, Kendenup		19/7/18
Josslyn Elsc	301 CONO RD CRANBROOK		19/7/18
Georgina Ayton	19 Wylie Crescent, Albany		19/7/18
Sacha Ayton	19 Wylie Cres, Albany		19/7/18
D. MORRISON	3 Banks St Albany		20/7/18
Chris Pearce	10 HENSON PATH HEIGHTS M.B.		20-7-18
Tracy Powell	20 Mt Barker Rd		21/7/2018
Karen Zutt	1258 TAKALUP RD		23/7/18
Carly LeCeref	177 Braidwood Rd Mt B.		24/7/18
SOLAN KERR	112 FOURTH AVE KENDENUP		24-7-18
CAROL SPANN	29 Webster St Mt B		24-7-18
Janelle Greenly	8 Deane St Mt Barker		24-7-18
DOM LE CERF	177 BRAIDWOOD RD		26-7-18
GEOFF PARLAND	19 TARGEET RD ALBANY		26/7/18
Davina McKenzie	10 ORMOND RD		27/7/18

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David Carpenter	701 Mill Road Rocky Gully		27/7/18
Tricia White	P.O Box 20 Mt Barker		27/7/18
MILWA LYONS	PO BOX 40 DENMARK 6313		27/7/18
Atsuko Kagi	PO Box 1405 Albany		27/7/18
Daniel Leary	15 Ban St. Albany		27/7/18
Dean Ryan	17 OSBORNE RD MT BARKER		28-7-18
Heather Mahol	Box 552 Mt Barker		28/7/18
Joel Villis	PO Box 356 Mt Barker		31/7/18
BOYD RAE	244 STIRLING TCE ALB		1/8/18
Allison Arthur	92 Warren RD Albany		1/8/18
Katie Baesja	1/45 Osborne rd		1/8/18
Peter Gillett	156 Hare Street Albany		1-8-18
Lee Davies	122 Miraflores Ave Perangin		2.8.18
Katharina Barlage	20/215 Perangurup Rd, Mt Barker		02/08/18
Sharon Johnson	134 Sutherland St Collingwood		3/8/18
Brae Fabes	305 Siding Rd Redman		4/8/18
Morgan Preece	Adelaide Tce, Perth		6-8-18
Taya Rundle	Frankland River		6/8/18
Pip Rundle	" "		6/8/18
Jan Fure	31463 Albany Highway Mt Barker		7/8/18

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Vivienne Wynne	44 HASSELL ST MT BARKER		24.7.18
DAVID ROBERTS	4 Deane St MT BARKER		11.11.17
Rennay Burt	4 Deane St Mt Barker	R. Burt	11.11.17
Peter Sando	Muir Street		11.11.17
Joyce Kerkowek	63 Hassell St		24.7.18
Marilyn Krakauer	20 Nampund Rd		24-7-18
Matthew Krakauer	63 Hassell St		24-7-18
S. Duker	Lowood		24-7-18
Christine	Anderson		24-7-18
S. PLOWRIGHT	108 Spencer Rd	S. Plowright	25-7-18
A. COWIE	Hospital	A. Cowie	25-7-18
D. HINDS	7 Webster St Mt Barker		25-7-18
RUTH BARNESLEY	845 CARBARUP RD		25/7/18
TERRY BARNESLEY	845 CARBARUP RD		25/7/18
Karen Mildwaters	11 Mt Barker Rd		25/07/18
Margalyn Wyatt	50 Montem St, Mt Barker		25/7/18
R.B. Johnston	38 Deane St Mt Barker		25/7/18
N. Kilington	Mt Barker Rd.		25/7/18
W. HAMBLEY	4 Lowood Rd Mt Barker		25/7/18
CINDY WATKIN	4 Lowood Rd		25/7/18
Jodie Hambley	4 Lowood Rd	A. Hambley	25/7/18

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JACK SHINER	1536 FORONGURUP RD WA	/ -	10/AUG/18
RUTH KERSHAW	41 LOWWOOD RD		10/8/18
Jody Beck	96 McCook Road		13/8/18
Perer Aslin	96 McCook Rd		13/8/18
Kat Taylor	21 Angus RD.		13/9/18

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SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET COUNCIL MEETING 14 AUGUST 2018

9.3 Community Services Report

AIRSTRIp CONSULTATION

9.3.1 KARRI OAK Airstrip

LACK OF INFORMATION

SHIRE AGENDA - WEBSITE.

As the recently retired Chief Bushfire Control Officer I am very concerned that an officer of this Shire can present such a negative report.

It is a well-known fact that the effectiveness of Water Bombers diminishes rapidly outside of a thirty kilometre radius of an airport.

This then clearly shows that our most populated area has poor coverage from either Albany or possibly Cranbrook airstrips. KARRIOAK would give coverage to Mt Barker, Porongurup, Kendenup and large areas of rural land through the centre of our Shire. RURAL RESIDENTIAL.

Bush fire is known to be the biggest hazard for the Plantagenet community as per LEMC stats. Your Local Government Fire Advisory Committee has unanimously requested that KARRIOAK airstrip come under your management.

This would provide much needed support for all our volunteers and thus more safety for many of our residents. STRATIC IMPLICATIONS.

STRATEGY 1.9.2 AND 1.9.4.

During the past four years we have not used the Water Bombers very often, but that is more by good luck and lack of a major fire than any other reason.

This Shire has had at least ten major fires in the last twenty years at which the use of Water Bombers would now be expected.

We urgently need a Shire managed central airstrip to be able to achieve this outcome. Having Shire control of the airstrip and thus the filling of the Water Bombers is our responsibility. Cranbrook or Albany volunteers can't be expected to take on our role. COMMUNITY. DPAW.

Bushfire Brigade volunteer numbers have decreased markedly in recent years, with those remaining doing an amazing job for this Shire. HOWEVER THEY ALSO REQUIRE YOUR SUPPORT.

2017/18 was a reasonably quiet fire season if you can call forty four callouts quiet.

These events have been at all hours of the day and night. Please note that almost half of these were on *road reserves or crown land*.

Volunteers also achieved eight hazard reduction burns on *public land*.

I repeat.....road reserves, crown land, public land. LOCAL GOVT RESPONSABILLITY.

Without effective Water Bomber coverage, I suggest that the cost associated with KARRIOAK maintenance would be minimal over a period of years compared to the community damage and recovery after a major fire disaster.

The airstrip is already there, all it requires is management and maintenance.

Please support your Shire of Plantagenet Fire Advisory Committee recommendation/report. In their role they are there to advise you on all fire matters and should be taken seriously.

THANK YOU,

H. M. Forbes. AM.

Iain Mackie farmer West Mt Barker, middle ward brigade captain, and deputy bush fire chief although I am representing three people as I speak about Karri Oak airstrip becoming a secure fire protection asset in the Plantagenet shire

These are a farmer/ landholder, a firefighter and a ratepayer

As the first two, farmer and firefighter, I realise that it's essential to protect property and life in a fire situation, that response time is critical. It's not simply a case of get there when you can and leave when you want it's about rapid knockdown of the WHOLE headfire. Bombers are critical in this role. With repeated drops within minutes allows fires to be contained quickly. I have been to several fires where escalation of the fire has been within the first two hours so quickly resources have been to those fires for a week. Resources which have included volunteers, local and state agencies which all come at a cost. Karri Oak with the ability to secure tenure for this purpose of water bombing site, at low or negligible cost, and the facilities such as pumps, tanks, and piping all in situ seems common sense I would hope that the letter of agreement that I have managed to get from Karri Oak owners has already been tabled to show this is low cost. I have heard the argument of ongoing cost. What cost? The airstrip is useable today. I understand that certain standards are supposedly meant to be achieved but why does that standard have to be achieved today? Some gravel roads in this shire today don't meet standard but they are still being used. If you have tenure then grants, or planned works can be undertaken. A risk that may not be apparent is also that at the moment the opportunity to secure this critical asset is open. Not so long ago, a private person living outside the shire had interest in purchasing and the deal almost finalised, but fell through. If this opportunity to secure tenure is not pursued you might be standing beside a charred house or worse tragedy site and say "IF ONLY"

Finally as a ratepayer, I don't play cricket, hockey, footy, tennis, bowls, golf, darts. I'm not dramatic, although some people tend to differ, I don't even skateboard. What I do is farm, and as a landowner for me essential services include fire protection assets. We as a shire have I would suggest one of the most cohesive active fire brigades systems in the state. I don't know how many active members other brigades have on their call list. Fortunately I have 61. Multiply that by the brigades and you realise how important fire protection is to this community

So finally, at no cost now, and no forced expenditure in the future why wouldn't you do it? If you required I have in my hand the maximum total budget for the foreseeable future; \$1. I presume local government has got similarities to business, you are never sitting still you are either going forward or backwards. I think this is an opportunity to go forward. I think this a first step in regards to having a strategic shire wide water bombers sites

Dear Councillors,

Regarding the Karri Oak strip, I ask this to be maintained for water bombers use. To help with public safety in the fire season we need the facility to be kept for use please. Not sure of the how but please make sure this comes together somehow.

Thanks Norm Handasyde

CBFCO for Shire of Plantagenet.



Shire Presidents Attendance Register 11th August 2018

- 27th July 2018. Plantagenet Village Homes. Attended along with many other Councillors the official opening of the stages 2 & 3 with the new housing development and clubhouse. This ceremony was very well attended and we appreciate this achievement that Linda and her team have accomplished. The Clubhouse with covered decking will be a great asset for seniors to meet and socialise.
- 31st July – 3rd August 2018. WALGA Local Government Convention. For myself this event consumed pretty much the whole week. This year's theme was "Ready and Relevant" however possibly not quite as informative and as interesting as last year's event. I guess the takeaway was that in 20 years' time the younger population will be embracing technology especially the digital transformation of everyday life. Each community will need to predict their specific needs or place in our wider community and work hard to deliver "liveable" communities.

My report on the WALGA convention will provide an overview of the presentations and speakers I attended.

WALGA LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONVENION 2018 by Cr Pavlovich

1. Tuesday 31st Mayors and Presidents Policy Forum

This first event involved two guest speakers. Rachell McIntyre gave a brief presentation on the rollout of the NBN networks which is all but complete in regional WA. Rachell advised that the data highway is *fit for purpose* however users need to shop around to ensure their service providers are not over subscribing peak times generally from 4-10pm. The market has well over 100 registered service providers which may maybe too many and reduce to 20-30 over time. Service contracts can gain access to the NBN network on a monthly basis and consumers should not be signing up for long terms. With monthly agreements the option to change providers can be done at any time.

The second was from Andrew Hammond with a distinguished career as a Local Government CEO is now a commissioner of Perth City. Andrew had a bit of an awakening, as the role of commissioner is more like that of an elected member. He is now very aware of the difficulty experienced by elected members as being active in the community and their position on Council. One issue he found is the people or groups voicing or lobbying concerns in the community to elected members and then Councillors (Commissioners) making decisions that may not be palatable to all members of the community. He commented that elected members at times can be under pressure to make their preferred decisions when the public can scrutinize the outcomes. (either by in the gallery or by public notices like minutes).

Andrew concluded with commentary like "The role of Councillors is fundamental in our Local government system and this role should not be undervalued".

2. Wednesday 1st Beneficial Enterprises

A breakfast session with a number of guest speakers on the topic of Council Controlled Organisations or stand-alone business units. This is a widely used process in the east and that WA will need a change of the legislation for our LG to be able to utilize these options. This change may form part of the next phase of LG reform by Minister Templeman.

The process of LG is complex and, in some circumstances, could not compete with a private company in delivering some services. The process of LG is more administrative, slower to react and conservative by nature compared to Companies or Incorporated bodies. The governance structure of elected members (and staff) are not skill based for every prescribed area covered by a local government which is a real risk in any municipality. Sure, we can simply contract services out to professional service providers however the profits or operating margins also leave the fraternity.

Our eastern state cousins (and in the USA/UK) can split off specific areas into business units that can be from 51-100% owned by the LG. some possible examples for SOP may be;

- Saleyards. Form a company with a majority shareholding controlled by the SOP and sell shares to the agents or other stakeholders. This will assist in all stakeholders supporting, marketing and driving the business of the saleyards and profits distributed as dividends. SOP can over time recoup a return on this commercial venture and direct this funding into other areas. The Directors would be skill based and therefore only well qualified elected members would qualify for a position along with industry.

- Waste Management. To handle any product more efficiently comes with volume. With larger volumes the overheads, compliance, labour and equipment costs are all reduced per unit. SOP in conjunction with our Alliance and VROC partners could form a company to handle all our waste while utilising our licensed landfills. Another advantage is that larger volumes of recyclables provides efficiency in transport which in many cases is the limiting factor in commercial sustainability. In our region with 50,000 tonnes per annum growing to 100,000 pa in the next 20 years would provide lower unit costs to hook lift trucks, compactors, tarpomatic systems, recycling just to name a few. Again, this business unit can be profitable and returning dividends to shareholders (our LG organisations). The board of directors and staff will be all skill based to add value to the purpose and outcomes of this organisation.
- Sport & Recreation. A business unit can be created to take on the responsibility of managing the PSC, rec centre and swimming pool. Again, run by skill-based team there may be efficiencies in sharing resources around as required for seasonal or specific events. This organisation can look at marketing our assets for regional or state-wide carnivals and events which will add value. If 100% ownership, our Council can wind up or terminate this option at any time so no long-term risk or commitment.

Other examples from LG are land development, car parks that over time return valuable funds to the LG. It was noted that due to funding decline (in real terms) the LG with these profitable business units in the east are moving ahead where others are more flat-footed and in “care and maintenance” mode.

Process; Listen to the community and define future needs, set a simple charter (no need to note legislation), ensure compliance with both the commercial sector and that of LG, set policies and guidelines and chose a skill-based team.

Another advantage with commercial enterprises is the reduction of risk to the LG. They can be a little more risk adverse as they are limited by liability (no risk to LG other than any capital commitment)

Very interesting forum and insight into the future of progressive LG.

3. Wednesday 1st Ministerial Presentations

Mr David Templeman, Minister for LG. The LG act review is underway. Stage one is completed and stage two now out for comment. The Minister urged all LG to put in submissions as phase one returned very little from our industry which is extremely disappointing.

Mr Dave Kelly, Minister for Water, fisheries, forestry. Water procurement for WA's future is a real challenge and desal is a very expensive solution. Water wise councils are leading the charge in reducing consumption and need to be commended.

Alanah McTienan, Minister for Agriculture and regional development. New funding streams available for both feasibility and capital projects!!!!!! Alannah noted that It is very difficult to attract population to locate in the rural areas. The regions need to do more to promote themselves as a good option to relocate and also attract new economic development.

Mr Fran Logan, Minister for Emergency Services, spoke on the new Regional Fire Division and the bush fire mitigation program for which funding has been increased and carried over to reduce high risk areas in LG.

Mrs Rita Saffiotti, Minister for Transport, Planning and Lands. Rita had a lot to comment on however main topic were; planning reforms underway, metro net, aviation regional cost study, road safety initiatives rollout, local contact in civil works legislation.

Mr Ben Wyatt, Minister for Finance, Energy and Indigenous affairs. Deliver a balanced budget by 2020-21. Energy, reform of the regulatory authorities and a number of factors in indigenous affairs.

LG Concerns noted:

- BAL fire assessments effectively sterilising land and restricting development in regional WA.
- Stakeholders to define priority freight routes in our agricultural region.
- LG act review to reduce red tape and small gifts declarations
- GST carve-up and funding direction within WA for the proposed Federal solution.
- Funding for local employment opportunities. Digital solutions in agriculture, automation in mining and environmental actions will challenge the existing regional skill set.
- Street lights, funding to implement LED and lighting innovation to provide a better medium to long term solutions.
- Reduce unnecessary costs in providing traffic management plans for roadside burning.

4. Wednesday 1st Direct meeting with the planning, lands and heritage department.

Mt Stewart and myself met with Matt Darcey, the assistant to Director General and stated the land swap arrangement for our future waste site. Hopefully a suitable outcome can be forthcoming in a few weeks from his one on one meeting opportunity. This process may not be as complicated as originally thought.

5. Wednesday 1st WALGA AGM.

Minutes to be distributed to all Councillors by WALGA.

6. Thursday 2nd Special guest presentation Mr Anh Do.

Ahn Do. An enlightening and touching journey on this man's life from boat refugee from war torn Vietnam to Sydney's West. From very humble beginnings and family disruption to a practicing lawyer, comedian and entertainer. The takeaway here is that with effort, passion and calculated risk we can all be achievers in our own right.

7. Thursday 2nd Big picture Economy

Dr Geoff Raby made comment on the “Old World Order” is almost gone and gone forever. No longer will USA control or influence the world trade and market stability. China, Russia, Europe and Nth Korea have and will continue to influence “World order”

Trump has strained the world order with his decision making of late which is only to benefit the US. Australia can get caught in the middle of trade tensions and new agreements.

In short, local and international markets are sound and looking ok however influences of many countries like India, eastern Asia, China are in a state of flux and can look after their interests over that of their trading allies, can cause market disruption.

8. Thursday 2nd Futurist, Australia snapshot to 2020.

Mr Mark McCrindle spoke on the changing environment of today. People spend more time looking at screens than face to face interaction. Ten years ago, we did not even have a smart phone so in 2028 (another ten years) drones, robotics, automation, autonomous vehicles and online purchases will all have a big influence on our changing environment.

The Australian population is growing fast than predicted so we have demand for food, services and investment. We have a very multi-cultural population, increasing average age with 75% living in the Metro area of Perth.

The most popular meeting places for Australians are the shopping centres and liveability attracts new residents. *This was a very important comment for all LG to note.*

What works now or in the past will not work in the future. Be prepared, innovate and change.

9. Thursday 2nd “Leading Local Economies” with Economic Development.

The first speaker promoted the need for “Economic Development Strategy” for every LG. he suggested we Google to see what others have done. Some key points from his presentation.

- Be “Open for Business”. The “glass half full” approach is fundamental and vital at all times.
- Work with local business and educators.
- Define industry boundaries. They may flow over into your neighbours. Regional approach.
- This is an ongoing process, evolutionary.
- Planning vision, need to target visions and high-level outcomes.

The second speaker followed on with;

- Friendly face to all contacts
- Single point of contact to build a positive rapport with industry and investors.
- Use local content whenever possible for Council functions, development and processes.
- How do you engage and communicate with industry? EG: welcome packs.
- Have an online local services or supplier register. Maybe facilitate a local business day annually.
- Maybe a \$10 voucher for visitors to your community. They will spend a lot more than that.

The third speaker continued with some Victoria Park examples. The suggestions;

- Define *development* in the “local Planning Strategy”.
- Market events, laneway activation, artwork and markets. Keep it small and simple.
- Talk to small business, DO NOT JUST SEND LETTERS. Build rapport and mutual respect.
- LG to drive a positive culture, say no to the use of the word “can’t” and yes to the use of “can”.
- Positive culture is to be a good facilitator and not just a regulator or concierge.
- LG philosophy is to *wish for economic development then knock development down with “the computer says no”* response. LG needs to work with applicants to drive sustainable development.

The last speaker in this session was the CEO from Manjimup and they have done some great work with a \$32m town centre redevelopment with a small \$1.3m leverage from municipal funding. Andrews commentary was;

- Talk to your industry groups and organisations for economic development opportunities.
- Economic development must be managed by the LG and stakeholders. Consultants will not give you the best outcomes.
- Create a point of difference for your region, sub region or townsites. What can you do or your areas provide that may be better than other LG areas? Define these attributes in the public domain.
- Copy what others have already done, rework and improve to implement a local or personal touch. Faster and less risky than starting from scratch.
- Create a “development control unit” to assist with new investment. Members to be skill based.
- Open trading regulations (ie: retail on footpaths).
- “ATTENDO” app for sharing information!

Conclusion: all these speakers reinforced the need for local economic development or fade into a degradation spiral. This is not new and communities have been facing this for thousands of years. Ironically most of us are more than happy with our community today however when we look back 20 years, we prefer what we have today. We have to look forward and implement positive change but how do we do this? Speakers in this forum were united on the need to talk to industry and the community, define areas for investment and *market* that to the world. Facilitate the ideas from conception to delivery so as not to let investment drive past to the next available community.

10. Thursday 2nd The Granny Whisperer.

This presenter took us on her individual quest to make life more meaningful for a group of very elderly New Zealanders. Quite a good feel story and reminds us that the elderly are too important to simply park up in an old age housing estate, left to sit out their final years. Seniors like to be challenged, entertained and to interact just like the rest of our community.

11. Friday 3rd Breakfast with Brad Hogg (Cricket)

Hoggy give us a very interesting overview of his life and quest to be a champion Australian test cricketer. He had to work hard and with plenty if disappointments, setbacks and failure on both professional and private fronts. The takeaway here was again *to be an achiever or successful we need to work very hard with passion and purpose.*

12. Friday 3rd Conversation Panel

This was an interesting and entertaining discussion with Jacqui Lambie, Natasha Stott Despoja and Bob Carr with Liam Bartlett facilitating. Plenty of alternate opinions and lively responses made this both interesting and confusing when Australia has supposedly one of the best democratic and governance structures in the world however to many it may seem a little more than a less structured mix of opposing personalities and opinions.

13. Friday 3rd City of Cockburn Landfill Site Tour

I was somewhat surprised this was not a newish well laid out facility but more of a 1970's aging rubbish tip. It is however very functional and I noted that *LG is better to spend funding upgrading public use assets then a rubbish tip.* The tip only needs to enable the waste to be received, contained and dealt with in a sustainable and compliant manner. The Cockburn tip does achieve all that.

This site had very little in the way of concrete, sealed roads and buildings. Customers dump rubbish over a curb onto the ground or into low sided hook lift bins for recyclables. Staff are always at the dump points to enable compliance and best practice with municipal waste, green waste and recycling.

Only recycling of commercial rubbish is undertaken and plastic still all goes into landfill. Mattress and dangerous chemicals are disposed of at a loss. All other recyclable items are collected and bulked up to make transport the most efficient to obtain the most profitable return.

This is a standalone business model available to anybody from anywhere. The annual volume is approx. 55,000 tonnes and works to a budget of approx. \$4.7m.

Pits are lined and methane is collected and used for a 3Mwh turbine. All leachate is collected and used for dust control, fire mitigation (keeping cover material damp) and the rest evaporated off.

My take is that in the future the handling and compliance cost of the SOP 5,000 – 7,000 tonnes per annum may be too small volume to remain efficient. We should monitor this situation and options.

14. Conference wind-up.

Paul Huschilt performed a very comical summery and closed yet another WALGA LG convention. The ideas, information and networking opportunities I believe was well worth my time in Perth for this event.