

# MINUTES

## Special Council Meeting

Tuesday, 14 November 2023

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## 1. Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 5.45pm and drew attention to the disclaimer on page 2 and advised that the meeting is being livestreamed.

## 2. Present and Apologies and Leave of Absence (Previously Approved)

<b>Councillors</b>	Mayor F E M Argyle (Presiding Member)	
	Councillor L J McManus	Hollywood Ward
	Councillor F J O Bennett	Dalkeith Ward
	Councillor H Amiry	Coastal Districts Ward
	Councillor K A Smyth	Coastal Districts Ward
	Councillor R A Coghlan	Melvista Ward
	Councillor B Brackenridge (online)	Melvista Ward

<b>Staff</b>	Mr T G Free	Acting Chief Executive Officer
	Mr M R Cole	Director Corporate Services
	Mr M K MacPherson	Director Technical Services
	Mr R A Winslow	Acting Director Planning & Development
	Mrs N M Ceric	Executive Officer
	Ms L J Kania	Coordinator Governance & Risk

**Public** There were 3 members of the public present and online.

**Press** Nil.

**Leave of Absence (Previously Approved)** None.

<b>Apologies</b>	Councillor B G Hodsdon	Hollywood Ward
	Councillor N R Youngman	Dalkeith Ward

## 3. Public Question Time

Public questions submitted were read at this point.

## 4. Address by Members of the Public

Addresses by members of the public who had completed Public Address Registration Forms were made at this point.



## **5. Disclosures of Financial / Proximity Interest**

The Presiding Member reminded Council Members and Staff of the requirements of Section 5.65 of the Local Government Act to disclose any interest during the meeting when the matter is discussed.

There were no disclosures of financial interest.

## **6. Disclosures of Interest Affecting Impartiality**

The Presiding Member reminded Council Members and Staff of the requirements of Council's Code of Conduct in accordance with Section 5.103 of the Local Government Act.

There were no disclosures affecting impartiality.

## **7. Declaration by Members That They Have Not Given Due Consideration to Papers**

Nil.



**8. Divisional Reports**

**8.1. Appointment of Members to the Metropolitan Regional Road Group – Western Sub Group**

<b>Meeting &amp; Date</b>	Council Meeting – 28 November 2023
<b>Applicant</b>	City of Nedlands
<b>Employee Disclosure under section 5.70 Local Government Act 1995</b>	Nil.
<b>Report Author</b>	Finn Macleod – Manager Assets
<b>Director</b>	Matthew MacPherson – Director Technical Services
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil.

**Regulation 11(da) – Not Applicable – Recommendation Adopted.**

Moved – Councillor Smyth  
 Seconded – Mayor Argyle

**Council Resolution**

**That Council appoints Councillor Bennett as the Council Representative and Councillor Brackenridge to be the Deputy Council Representative to the Metropolitan Regional Road Group - West Sub-Group.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7/-**

**Recommendation**

That Council appoints Councillor (insert name) as the Council Representative and Councillor (insert name) to be the Deputy Council Representative to the Metropolitan Regional Road Group - West Sub-Group.

**Purpose**

The Metropolitan Regional Road Group (MRRG) is a body established by Main Roads Western Australia that consists of regional representatives from sub-groups (regions). The City of Nedlands is a member of the Western Sub-Group and requires one Elected Member, and one Technical Officer Representative, as is required from each Local Government. The purpose of this report is for Council to nominate an Elected Member, as the representative for the City of Nedlands.



## Voting Requirement

Absolute Majority.

## Background

1. The State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement 2023/24 to 2027/28, provides the framework for distribution of State funds available from State Government for local roads. The State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee (SAC) oversees, monitors and recommends to the Minister for Transport the distribution of State funds under the Agreement.
2. Regional Road Groups, under the Agreement, are responsible for developing regional specific policies and procedures within the overarching framework to suit local circumstances. Membership of Regional Road Groups is to comprise of both technical representatives and elected Local Government representatives (Councillors and Commissioners as appointed under the Local Government Act) with all Local Governments regions being represented.
3. In some regions, it is necessary for logistical reasons to form Sub-Groups. These Sub-Groups will also be made up of technical and elected representatives from their member Local Governments. Each Sub-Group will also operate a Technical Group to discuss operational logistics of funding and project delivery, consisting of technical representatives only and is detailed in discussions.
4. Each Sub-Group is to provide a technical and elected member delegate's to represent the Sub-Group at the Regional Road Group meeting. The elected member is a voting member required to make decisions on recommendations from respective technical representatives and industry bodies regarding the administration of the funding in accord with agreements and guidelines.

## Discussion

The MRRG manages the Local Government Managed programs within the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement.

### Local Government Managed Programs

Local Government Managed Programs comprise the following:

- Direct Grants
- Road Project Grants
- State and Federal Black Spot
- Strategic and Technical Support



## Sub-Groups

The MRRG Policies and Practices provides information on the structure of Sub-Groups. The Metropolitan Local Governments are divided into 6 Sub-Groups comprising:

- North West
- West
- Central
- East
- South East and
- South West

The City of Nedlands is included in the West Sub-Group which also comprises:

- Town of Cambridge
- Town of Claremont
- Town of Cottesloe
- Town of Mosman Park and
- Shire of Peppermint Grove

Each Sub-Group shall consist of an Elected Member and Technical Officer Representative from each attending Local Government.

The Sub-Groups shall meet regularly and at least twice yearly. The agenda should include:

- An item to review all current funded projects.
- Quarterly Expenditure Reports are distributed by MRWA to each Local Government and the respective Sub-Group Technical Representatives to assist with the review.
- Local Governments shall provide an update on projects and report any projects that are at risk.

## Technical Group

The Technical Group is made up of nominated Local Government Technical Officers appointed by each of the Metropolitan Sub-Groups.

The role of the Technical Group:

- Review the annual rate of expenditure,
- Assist in the development and review of future year Programs; prior to endorsement by the Elected Members,
- Review the MRRG Policies and Practices document, and the Improvement and Rehabilitation Road Project Submission Guidelines; and
- Provide advice to Sub-Group members on MRRG matters.

The Group shall meet prior to the elected member meetings.





The Chair, and Deputy Chair are elected for a two-year term in line with Local Government Elections.

### **Elected Members**

Elected members are the decision-making body for the MRRG. Elected Member representatives are appointed by each of the Sub-Groups to attend the Elected Member meeting.

The MRRG Elected Members shall meet at least twice yearly, with Technical Representatives also attending. Only the Elected Members have voting rights.

The Chair, and Deputy Chair are elected for a two-year term in line with Local Government Elections.

### **Meetings**

The Technical Committee and Elected Members meetings shall meet at least twice yearly, generally in March/ April and October/November.

Sub-Group meetings are held prior to the Technical and Elected Members Meetings with Minutes forwarded to Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) for inclusion in the Agenda Papers for the Technical and Elected Members meetings.

### **Consultation**

Nil.

### **Strategic Implications**

This item relates to the following elements from the City's Strategic Community Plan.

**Vision** Our city will be an environmentally-sensitive, beautiful and inclusive place.

**Values** **High standard of services**  
We have local services delivered to a high standard that take the needs of our diverse community into account.

**Great Governance and Civic Leadership**  
We value our Council's quality decision-making, effective and innovative leadership, transparency, accountability, equity, integrity and wise stewardship of the community's assets and resources. We have an involved community and collaborate with others, valuing respectful debate and deliberation.



### **Easy to Get Around**

We strive for our City to be easy to get around by preferred mode of travel, whether by car, public transport, cycle or foot.

#### **Priority Area**

- Renewal of community infrastructure such as roads, footpaths, community and sports facilities.
- Working with neighbouring Councils to achieve the best outcomes for the western suburbs as a whole.

#### **Budget/Financial Implications**

The MRRG is a reliable source of grant revenue for the city which provides assistance in the renewal of our road assets as well as funding for improvement of blackspot and congestion locations.

#### **Legislative and Policy Implications**

- [Metropolitan Regional Road Group Policies and Practices](#)
- [State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement](#)

#### **Decision Implications**

If the Council fails to nominate an Elected Member, the City of Nedlands will be not be sufficiently represented in the assessment of MRRG funding applications.

#### **Conclusion**

The State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement 2023/24 to 2027/28 (SRFLGA) outlines the allocation of State funds for local roads. Regional Road Groups, formed under this agreement, tailor policies to suit local needs within the established framework and consist of elected Local Government representatives.

In the metropolitan region, Sub-Groups have been created who send delegates to Metropolitan Regional Road Group meetings. The City of Nedlands is part of the West Sub-Group, which includes other Western Suburb LGAs. The City requires a nominated Elected Member representative and deputy to attend the Western Sub-Group meetings.

#### **Further Information**

Nil.



## 9. Declaration of Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 5.50pm.