Minutes of Wheatbelt North East SRRG 28th October 2025





WHEATBELT NORTH-EAST

















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Unconfirmed Minutes of the Sub Regional Road Group meeting held at the Shire of Mukinbudin Administration Centre on Tuesday the 28th October 2025 commencing at 10.01 am.

1. **DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

Following the recent Local Government elections, the position of Chairperson was declared vacant and I assumed the position of Chairperson. I declared the meeting open at 10.01 am and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

Attendance

Shire of Koorda (Voting Delegate) Cr Nick Chandler Cr Tanya Gibson Shire of Mt Marshall (Voting Delegate) Cr Ashley Walker Shire of Mukinbudin (Via Teams - Voting Delegate) Cr Adam Eksanow Shire of Nungarin (Voting Delegate) Cr Dale Naughton Shire of Trayning (Voting Delegate) Shire of Wyalkatchem Cr Justin Begley (Voting Delegate) Cr Daimon Geier Shire of Westonia (Voting Delegate) Cr Bryan Close Shire of Yilgarn (Voting Delegate) Cr Clayton Marchant Shire of Trayning (Proxy Delegate) Cr Callum McGlashan Shire of Mukinbudin (Proxy Delegate)

Ms Tanika McLennan CEO - Shire of Mukinbudin Mr Dave Navda CEO - Shire of Nungarin Mr Bill Price CEO - Shire of Westonia Mr Nic Warren CEO - Shire of Yilgarn

Mr Darren West Manager of Works - Shire of Koorda Manager of Works – Shire of Trayning Manager of Works – Shire of Wyalkatchem Mr Paul Healy Mr Aldo Lamas

Mr John Nuttall Program Director - WSFN

Consulting Engineer - RMECS Mr Rod Munns (Secretary)

Apologies

Mr Peter Naylor CEO - Shire of Trayning

Mr Ian McCabe Acting CEO - Shire of Wyalkatchem

CEO - Shire of Mt Marshall Mr Ben McKav CEO - Shire of Mt Koorda Mr Zac Donovan

Mr Glen Brigg Manager of Works - Shire of Yilgarn Manager of Works - Shire of Nungarin Mr Aaron Wootton Manager of Works - Shire of Mt Marshall Mr Santo Leotta Consultant - Shire of Wyalkatchem Mr Allister Butcher Ms Allison Hunt Secretary WN RRG - MRWA

3. ENDORSEMENT OF MEMBER COUNCIL DELEGATES

Following the Local Government Elections held on Sat 18th October 2025, the following Council Delegates and Deputies have been nominated by their Council to the Wheatbelt North East SRRG (WNE SRRG):

Resolution 2025 - 014	
That the WNE SRRG endorse the two (2) year period:	e following appointments to the WNE SRRG for the next
1. Shire of Koorda	Cr Nick Chandler – Delegate Cr Gary Grieves – Deputy
2. Shire of Mt Marshall	Cr Tanya Gibson – Delegate Cr Stuart Putt – Deputy
3. Shire of Mukinbudin	Cr Ash Walker – Delegate Cr Callum McGlashan – Deputy
4. Shire of Nungarin	Cr Adam Eksanow – Delegate Cr Pippa De Lacey – Deputy
5. Shire of Trayning	Cr Dale Naughton – Delegate Cr Clayton Marchant – Deputy
6. Shire of Westonia	Cr Daimon Geier – Delegate Cr Denver Simmonds – Deputy
7. Shire of Wyalkatchem	Cr Justin Begley – Delegate Cr Steven Gamble – Deputy
8. Shire of Yilgarn	Cr Bryan Close – Delegate Cr Bianca Bradford – Deputy
Moved Cr J Begley Carried: Yes (8/0)	Seconded Cr D Naughton

4. ELECTION OF WNE SRRG OFFICE BEARERS

4.1 Election of WNE SRRG Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson

The positions of WNE SRRG Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson are declared vacant.

Nominations were called for the position of WNE SRRG Chairperson. The term is for two years. Since there were no nominations, I suggested that we consider adopting the same arrangement that the Kellerberrin SRRG has adopted in electing the SRRG Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson for the two year Local Government election term. As described to the Group, the Kellerberrin SRRG:

- have a host Member Council each two year Local Government election cycle that is rotated in alphabetical order based upon the first letter of the Member Council names.
- the Delegate from the host Member Council automatically assumes the role of Chairperson for the Group during this period.
- the Delegate from the following host Member Council automatically assumes the role of deputy Chairperson for the Group during this period.

While this can be problematic where the host Member Council Delegate is new to the SRRG and / or Council system, this is a rare occurrence. On the positive side, this arrangement does promote some inclusivity and participation across the Member Council Delegates.

Resolution 2025 - 015

That:

- a) The Group's Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson are automatically selected as the Delegates of the host and following host Member Councils respectively for the two year Local Government election term.
- b) The host Member Council is rotated for each two year Local Government election term, via alphabetical order based upon the first letter of the Member Council names
- c) For the next two year period, the Koorda Shire is the host Member Council and the Mt Marshall Shire is the following host Member Council.
- d) **Cr N Chandler** as the Shire of Koorda Delegate, automatically assumes the position as the **Chairperson for the WNE SRRG**
- e) Cr T Gibson as the Shire of Mt Marshall Delegate, automatically assumes the position as the Deputy Chairperson for the WNE SRRG

Moved Cr B Close	Seconded Cr T Gibson
Carried: Yes (8/0)	

The Chairperson, Cr Chandler, assumed the Chair.

4.2 Election of WNE SRRG Delegate and Proxies to Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group Positions

The position of WNE SRRG **Voting Delegate to the WBN RRG** is declared vacant. Nominations were called for the position of WNE SRRG Voting Delegate to the WBN RRG. The term is for two years.

Nomination of **Cr D Naughton** was received by Cr D Naughton and seconded by Cr B Close. There were no other nominations. **Cr D Naughton** accepted the nomination of WNE SRRG Voting Delegate to the WBN RRG.

The position of WNE SRRG **First Proxy Delegate to the WBN RRG** is declared vacant. Nominations were called for the position of WNE SRRG First Proxy Delegate to the WBN RRG. The term is for two years.

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Nomination of **Cr J Begley** was received by Cr J Begley and seconded by Cr D Naughton. There were no other nominations. Cr J Begley accepted the nomination of WNE SRRG First Proxy Delegate to the WBN RRG.

The position of WNE SRRG Second Proxy Delegate to the WBN RRG is declared vacant.

Nominations were called for the position of WNE SRRG Second Proxy Delegate to the WBN RRG. The term is for two years.

Nomination of **Cr A Walker** was received by Cr A Walker and seconded by Cr T Gibson. There were no other nominations. Cr A Walker accepted the nomination of WNE SRRG Second Proxy Delegate to the WBN RRG.

Resolution 2025 - 016

That **Cr D Naughton** be elected as the WNE SRRG Voting Delegate to the Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group.

That **Cr J Begley** be elected as the WNE SRRG First Proxy Delegate to the Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group.

That **Cr A Walker** be elected as the WNE SRRG Second Proxy Delegate to the Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group.

Moved Cr D Naughton	Seconded Cr B Close
Carried: Yes (8/0)	

4.3 Election of WNE SRRG Secretary

Consultant Rod Munns has been secretary of the Group for a long period of time under an agreement to be paid annually on a Fee for Service basis, with costs shared equally between the Member Councils – for preparing Meeting Agendas and Minutes, attending SRRG and WN RRG meetings and any other RRG based committees / working groups on behalf of the Group.

The position of WNE SRRG Secretary is declared vacant.

Nominations are called for the position of WNE SRRG Secretary. The term is for two years. Nomination of **Rod Munns** was received by Cr T Gibson and seconded by Cr A Walker. There were no other nominations. **Rod Munns** accepted the nomination of WNE SRRG Secretary.

Resolution 2025 - 017

That **Rod Munns** be elected as the WNE SRRG Secretary under the same agreement to be paid annually on a Fee for Service basis, with costs shared equally between the Member Councils.

Moved Cr T Gibson	Seconded Cr A Walker
Carried: Yes (8/0)	

4.4 Election of WNE SRRG Representative and Proxy to the Wheatbelt North Technical Working Group Positions

The position of WNE SRRG **Representative to the WBN TWG** is declared vacant. Nominations were called for the position of WNE SRRG Representative to the WBN TWG. The term is for two years.

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Nomination of **Rod Munns** was received by Cr T Gibson and seconded by Cr D Naughton. There were no other nominations. **Rod Munns** accepted the nomination of WNE SRRG Representative to the WBN TWG.

The position of WNE SRRG Proxy Representative to the WBN TWG is declared vacant.

Nominations were called for the position of WNE SRRG Proxy Representative to the WBN TWG. The term is for two years.

Nomination of **Darren West** was received by Cr J Begley and seconded by Cr D Naughton. There were no other nominations. **Darren West** accepted the nomination of WNE SRRG Proxy Representative to the WBN TWG.

Resolution 2025 - 018

That **Rod Munns** be elected as the WNE SRRG Representative to the Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group Technical Working Group.

That **Darren West** be elected as the WNE SRRG Proxy Representative to the Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group Technical Working Group.

Moved Cr D Naughton	Seconded Cr D Geier
Carried: Yes (8/0)	

4.5 Election of WNE SRRG Voting Delegate and Proxy to the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network (WSFN) Steering Committee and Technical Committee Positions

The position of WNE SRRG Voting Delegate to the WSFN SC is declared vacant.

Nominations are called for the position WNE SRRG Voting Delegate to the WSFN SC. The term is for two years. Only elected delegates are eligible for these roles.

Nomination of **Cr A Walker** was received by Cr A Walker and seconded by Cr B Close. There were no other nominations. **Cr A Walker** accepted the nomination of WNE SRRG Voting Delegate to the WSFN SC.

The position of WNE SRRG Proxy Delegate to the WSFN SC is declared vacant.

Nominations were called for the position of WNE SRRG Proxy Delegate to the WSFN SC. The term is for two years. Only elected delegates are eligible for these roles.

Nomination of **Cr A Eksanow** was received by Cr A Eksanow and seconded by Cr T Gibson. There were no other nominations. **Cr A Eksanow** accepted the nomination of WNE SRRG Proxy Delegate to the WSFN SC.

The position of WNE SRRG Representative to the WSFN TC was considered.

Currently Glen Brigg is the Group's Representative to the WSFN TC. There is no requirement for this position to be declared vacant, since the position is filled generally via non elected members. Regardless, nominations were called for the position WNE SRRG Representative to the WSFN TC. The term is for two years.

Nomination of **Glen Brigg** was received by Rod Munns and seconded by Cr Close. There were no other nominations. **Glen Brigg** accepted the nomination of WNE SRRG Representative to the WSFN TC.

The position of WNE SRRG Proxy Representative to the WSFN TC was considered.

Currently Consultant Rod Munns is the Group's Proxy Representative to the WSFN TC. There is no requirement for this position to be declared vacant, since the position is filled generally via non elected members. Regardless, nominations were called for the position of WNE SRRG Proxy Representative to the WSFN TC. The term is for two years.

Nomination of **Rod Munns** was received by Cr T Gibson and seconded by Cr D Naughton. There were no other nominations. **Rod Munns** accepted the nomination of WNE SRRG Proxy Representative to the WSFN TC.

Resolution 2025 – 019

That **Cr A Walker** be elected as the WNE SRRG Voting Delegate to the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network Steering Committee.

That **Cr A Eksanow** be elected as the WNE SRRG Proxy Delegate to the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network Steering Committee

That **Glen Brigg** be elected as the WNE SRRG Voting Representative to the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network Technical Committee.

That **Rod Munns** be elected as the WNE SRRG Proxy Representative to the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network Technical Committee

Moved Cr B Close	Seconded Cr J Begley
Carried: Yes (8/0)	

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING 19th SEPTEMBER 2025

Resolution 2025 - 020

That the Minutes of the WNE SRRG Zoom Video Conference Meeting, held on the 19th September 2025, be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved Cr D Naughton	Seconded Cr J Begley
Carried: Yes (8/0)	

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Correspondence In

- a) Advice of Out-of-Session Endorsement of the Shire of Mt Marshall's 2026/27 Yr RRG Road Program (Att 2a) – received via email from all eight (8) Group Delegates from 26th September to 2nd October 2025.
- b) Request for Shovel Ready RRG Projects Details to be funded via additional RRG Funding (Att 2b) received via email from Allison Hunt on 30th September 2025.
- c) Advice of link to attached Agenda for scheduled WN RRG Meeting to be held 6th October 2025 (Att 2c) received via email from Allison Hunt on 30th September 2025.
- d) Request for Group's endorsement of a slight financial alteration to the Shire of Wyalkatchem's 2025/26 Yr RRG Road Project on the Wyalkatchem North Rd (Att 2d) – received via email from Allister Butcher, consultant for the Shire of Wyalkatchem on 7th October 2025.
- e) Advice of Draft Template for SRRG Meeting Agenda for election of Office Bearers (Att 2e) received via email from Allison Hunt on 9th October 2025.
- f) Advice of current WN RRG Funding Recoup Register (Att 2f) received via email from Allison Hunt on 24th October 2025.
- g) Advice of link to attached Minutes of WN RRG Meeting held 6th October 2025 (Att 2g) received via email from Allison Hunt on 24th October 2025.

7.2 Correspondence Out

- h) Request for Out-of-Session Endorsement of the Shire of Mt Marshall's 2026/27 Yr RRG Road Program (Att 2h) sent via email from myself to all eight (8) Group Delegates on 25th September 2025.
- Advice of received Out-of-Session Endorsements of the Shire of Mt Marshall's 2026/27 Yr RRG Road Program by six (6) of the eight (8) Group Delegates (Att 2i)
 – sent via email from myself to Allison Hunt on 30th September 2025.

Resolution 2025 - 021		
That the Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence be accepted.		
Moved Cr T Gibson	Seconded Cr A Eksanow	
Carried: Yes (8/0)		

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Funding Recoup Items.

The following default items require discussion:

- a) Review of Direct Grant Funding claims to MRWA by no later than 31 August
- b) All projects claiming first 40% of approved project funds
- c) Road Project Funding estimated completion dates and maximising expenditures as at 30 June

The WNE SRRG parts of the current WN RRG Funding Recoup Register for the 25/26 Yr (provided 24th October 2025 – as per Att 2f) is attached for reference, being:

- Att 3A Recoup Status of Direct Grant Funding
- Att 3B Recoup Status of RRG Road Project Funding

All Direct Grant funding has been recouped and the first 40% for all Road Project Funding for Projects has been recouped – except the Shire of Trayning's Reconstruction Project on the Kellerberrin – Bencubbin Rd South – as a result of a scope of works alteration (that has since been endorsed). The Shire of Trayning will recoup this first 40% Road Project funding for this project.

7.2 Ratification of Out-of-Session Endorsement of Mt Marshall's 26/27 Yr RRG Road Program

At our last SRRG Meeting held 19 September 2025 we endorsed our 2026/27 Yr RRG Road Program, except the Shire of Mt Marshall's Program – which had not been provided at that time. The Shire of Mt Marshall provided this program and I send out an email to all Group Delegates on the 25th September 2025 requesting their Out-of-Session endorsement of this Program (see Att 2h). From the 26th September to the 2nd October 2025, I received confirmation endorsement emails from all eight (8) Group Delegates. On the 30th September 2025, I sent the six (6) endorsement emails I'd received at that time to Alli Hunt at MRWA, so she could add the Shire of Mt Marshall's 26/27 Yr Program into the WN RRG Meeting Agenda for consideration at the 6th October 2026 meeting (see Att 2i). This program was endorsed by the WN RRG at that meeting.

For the record, the Shire of Mt Marshall's 26/27 Yr RRG Road Program is shown in Table 1 below.

	Bimbily Rd	68	11.02 - 17.97	6.95	Reseal - following some minor pavement failure patches remedial stabilisation works	р	\$226,529	\$113,265	\$339,794	
	Burakin / Włalki Rd	73	0.97 - 4.60		Reseal - following some minor pavement failure patches remedial stabilisation works	Р	\$203,063	\$101,532	\$304,595	
Mt Marshall	Burakin / Wialki Ad	73	50.1 - 51.15	1.05	Reseal - following some minor pavement failure patches remedial stabilisation works	P	\$77,430	\$38,715	\$116,145	\$838,375
	Koorda / Bullfinch Rd	87	6.00 - 8.63		Reconstruct existing Type 4 to Type 6 sealed pavement - to Minm 10m carriagevay width & minm 8.0m primerseal width.	С	\$304,472	\$152,236	\$466,708	
	Koorda / Bullfinch Rd	74	47.16 - 47.96	0.80	Reseal	Р	\$26,880	\$13,440	\$40,320	

Table 1

All Out-of-Session endorsements require ratification at the following Group Meeting.

Resolution 2025 - 022

That the Shire of Mt Marshall's 2026/27 Yr RRG Road Program as provided in Table 1 above, and endorsed Out-of-Session, be ratified.

Moved Cr B Close	Seconded Cr D Geier
Carried: Yes (8/0)	

7.3 Change to Wyalkatchem's 25/26 Yr RRG Road Project on Wyalkatchem North Rd

On the 7th October 2025, Consultant Allister Butcher sent me a request for a slight alteration to the Shire of Wyalkatchem's 25/26 Yr Road Project on the Wyalkatchem North Rd (Project # 30004465), on behalf of the Shire of Wyalkatchem (see Att 2d). The alteration does not involve a change to the scope of works, but the addition of the historical \$ 5,560 of RRG Funding available (as a result of an underspend on this same Road by the Shire of Wyalkatchem in the 2023/24 Yr), to the current endorsed Funding allocation. This takes the Total Funding allocation for this Project to \$ 615,273, comprising \$ 410,182 of RRG Funding.

The Shire of Wyalkatchem have provided an updated Project MCA reflecting the additional \$ 5,560 of RRG Funding being added to this Project, with no change in the scope of works.

Resolution 2025 - 023

That the Shire of Wyalkatchem's 2025/26 Yr RRG Funded Project on the Wyalkatchem North Rd from SLK 6.91 to 8.40 (Project # 30004465), be increased in value to a Total Project cost of \$ 615,273, via addition of the historical \$ 5,560 of RRG Funding available (as a result of an underspend on this same Road by the Shire of Wyalkatchem in the 2023/24 Yr) plus \$ 2,780 of matching funding, to the current endorsed Funding allocation, be endorsed.

Moved Cr J Begley	Seconded Cr D Naughton
Carried: Yes (8/0)	

8 OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Cr O'Connell and Della Bosca – Letters of Appreciation for Service

As a gesture of appreciation, the secretary will write letters to recently retiring Councillors that have served significant periods acting within this Group. Cr Eileen O'Connell has been the elected Delegate for the Shire of Nungarin from 1998 to 2025, and within that period has acted as Chairperson of the Group and the Group's elected Delegate on the WN RRG and WSFN Steering Committee. Cr Wayne Della Bosca has been the elected Delegate for the Shire of Yilgarn from 2013 to 2025, and within that period has acted as Deputy Chairperson of the Group and the Group's elected Proxy Delegate on the WN RRG and WSFN Steering Committee.

As the Group's secretary, I would personally like to thank both ex Councillors for their support and the considerable amount of work that they have both provided for the ongoing welfare of this Group.

8.2 WSFN Update

John Nuttall provided an update on the WSFN and information on the WSFN for new Group Members. He advised:

- The WSFN was originally allocated \$187.5 Million of Funding in 2019 (comprising 80% Federal Funding, 13.33% State Funding and 6.67% Local Government Funding). It is expected that this funding will be expended by the 2026/27 EOFY.
- The WSFN is currently applying for an additional \$ 140 Million over the next four
 (4) year period from the Federal and State Governments.
- The WSFN Office is based in Midland at 37/5 Keane St. The WSFN staff comprises himself as the Program Director, Peter Hall is the Program Manager and Racelis Rose is the Executive Officer.

8.3 Increased RAV Traffic through Mukinbudin on Koorda – Bullfinch Route Cr Walker raised concerns about the amount of additional N7 RAV Traffic that appears to be travelling through Mukinbudin via the Koorda - Bullfinch Route, and that it appears to be minesite plant and equipment and other Heavy Freight. There are concerns that these Freight Operators are bypassing the MRWA highways and are using the Local Government managed Road Network as a convenience. For the Shire of Mukinbudin, the additional concern is that this "additional" heavy freight is travelling along the main street (Shadbolt St), where there is parking located along both sides of the street. While there is a Heavy Vehicle bypass (Strugnell St) for N7 RAVs approaching Mukinbudin from the west side of the Koorda – Bullfinch Rd, there is a gap in connectivity preventing N7 RAVs approaching Mukinbudin from the east, accessing the Heavy Vehicle Bypass. The gap is as a result of a lack of suitable stacking distance between the Koorda - Bullfinch Rd and Rail Level Crossing across the Mukinbudin - Wialki Rd. In Addendum 1 at the rear of these minutes are marked up N7.1 RAV Access Maps from off MRWA HVS's RAV Mapping Tool showing gaps and issues in the N7.1 connectivity in the northern Wheatbelt Region and Mukinbudin Townsite.

To alleviate this issue the Shire of Mukinbudin have discussed and planned to construct a Heavy Vehicle Bypass from the eastern approach of the Koorda – Bullfinch Rd – north around the Mukinbudin CBH Facility and connect into the Mukinbudin – Wialki Rd in line with Strugnell St. The Shire of Mukinbudin would like to be able to leverage some road funding to construct this Heavy Vehicle Bypass to alleviate this issue (Heavy Traffic travelling along the main street), if possible.

8.4 Lights on Burakin / Wialki Rd Rail Level Crossing near Ayres Rd

Cr Gibson advised that Arc Infrastructure have advised they will soon be erecting warning lights at the Rail Level Crossing on the Burakin / Wialki Rd west of Beacon, near the Ayres Rd intersection. She also advised that three (3) other nearby Rail Level Crossings are also having warning lights installed.

9 NEXT MEETING DATES

9.1 Next WN RRG Meeting

Date for this meeting is TBA. Please note that the new Delegates from each of the four (4) SRRG's within the WBN RRG will be requested to attend a Teams Meeting early November to consider and endorse the Elected Members to the WBN RRG and WSFN Steering Committee and the Representatives on the WBN RRG Technical Working Group and WSFN Technical Committee. The next Ordinary WBN RRG is expected to be held in early March 2026 (normally held at the Shire of Northam Recreation Centre).

9.2 Next WN RRG Technical Committee Meeting

Date for this meeting is TBA.

9.3 Next WNE SRRG Meeting

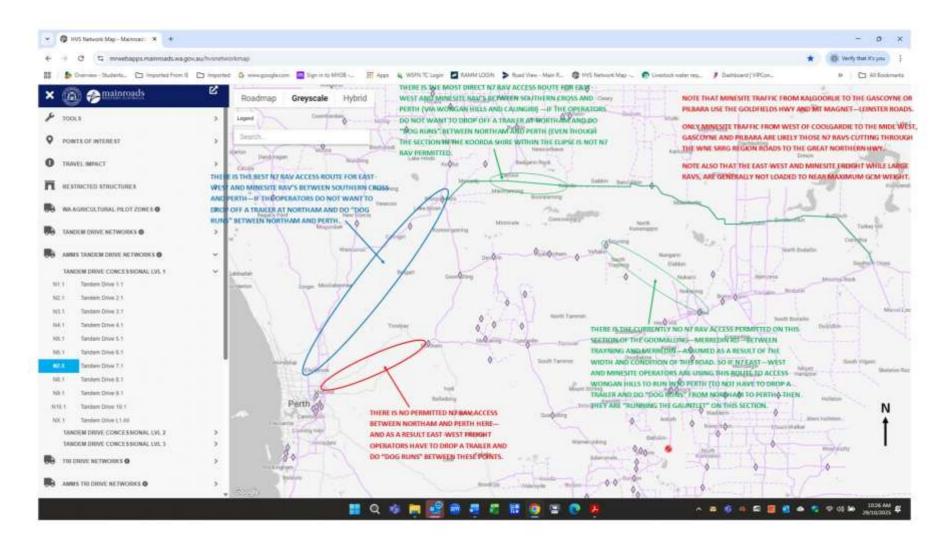
The next WNE SRRG meeting was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday 10th February 2025, commencing at 9.00am – likely via Teams video conference – approximately 2-3 weeks prior to the WN RRG Meeting which is generally scheduled in early March 2026. The main reason for this meeting is to check on the status of the current year RRG Program Projects.

10 CLOSURE OF MEETING

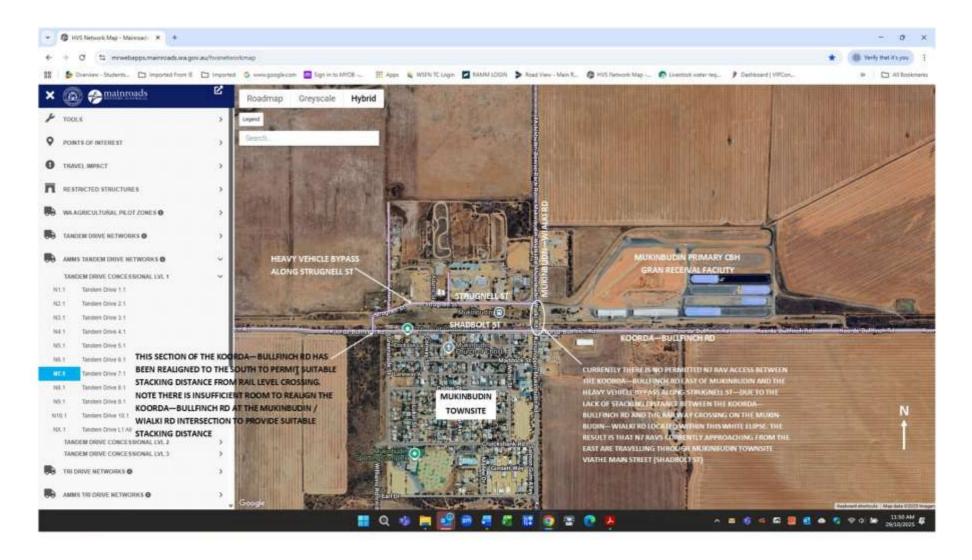
The Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 10.46 am.

Addendum 1 – Marked up Map of the permitted N7.1 RAV Routes through the Northern Wheatbelt Region



N7 RAV ACCESS ISSUES BETWEEN SOUTHERN CROSS AND PERTH



N7 RAV ACCESS ISSUES IN MUKINBUDIN TOWNSITE