

**Northern Country Zone Breakfast
Skeetas Restaurant, Geraldton Foreshore
Wednesday 5 June, 2019**

Hosts: Hon Laurie Graham MLC, Members for Agricultural Region

Staff Contact:

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7.30am Guests and Minister to arrive

7.35am Laurie Graham to welcome Minister and guests, advise that breakfast will be served and outline proceedings

7.55am Minister to say few words – open up for general discussion

8.50am Laurie Graham to wind up and thank everyone for attending

9.05am party to depart

Darren West

MEMBER FOR AGRICULTURAL REGION



MEDIA RELEASE

30 November, 2018

CreativeHub Supporting Arts & Culture in Geraldton CBD

The McGowan Labor Government has fulfilled its commitment to CreativeHub in Marine Terrace with the completion of the new amenities facility.

Local MLC Darren West said he was extremely pleased to be able to check out the new amenities, funded through Local Projects, Local Jobs.

"CreativeHub powered by Pollinators provides a fantastic space for local artists across all forms.

"A lack of suitable facilities was hindering the delivery of programs in the community.

"The improved amenities bring the space up to council standards for events and will assist with building plan alterations to enable it to be used to host big arts events as well as for the expansion of local programs and activities," he said.

CreativeHub is home to a number of local groups including Pollinators, Headspace, and Mara Art Aboriginal Corporation and is the annual venue of choice for the Geraldton Fringe World Festival, Funtavia.

It provides vibrancy to the city and is a valuable part of the Mid West economy.

Mr West said that he is a huge supporter of the arts and was pleased the upgrades were completed in time for the summer season activities.

Angie West from Pollinators Inc said the initial funding allowed Pollinators to apply to Lotterywest for funding to complete the project.

"These new amenities will enable us to continue to activate empty spaces in our CBD for arts, culture and youth," she said.

Local Projects, Local Jobs supports a range of projects across Western Australia.

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TO: MINISTER FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS

FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DATE: 29 MAY 2019

ISSUE

The Hon David Templeman MLA, Minister for Culture and the Arts, is visiting Geraldton on 4 and 5 June 2019 and meeting with the Batavia Coast Maritime Heritage Association (BCMHA). The following briefing note has been prepared for the Minister's reference.

Background

The following outlines key points regarding the BCMHA.

- The BCMHA was established in 1993 as a community group based in Geraldton, aiming to promote the maritime history and heritage of the 'Batavia Coast'.
- The current President is [REDACTED] local historian and author. [REDACTED] is also a member of New Museum for WA Community Panel for Teachers and Educators.
- The organisation has built strong community support to mark the 400th anniversary of the sighting and naming of the Houtman Abrolhos Islands by Frederik de Houtman on 29 July 1619.
- The BCMHA holds annual commemorative events to mark the anniversary of the wreck of the *Batavia* which took place on the 4 June 1629, with support from local sponsors, including the Museum of Geraldton.
- The BCMHA has been instrumental in the establishment of 'Batavia Park' in the Geraldton CBD, with various interpretive elements added since 2013, including, most recently, a replica of Wiebbe Hayes' 1629 'fort' at the Abrolhos Islands, Australia's earliest known European- built structure; and 'A perspective of time' timeline of plaques marking key dates and events in the area's maritime history. The next interpretive element being planned for installation in Batavia Park is a 'Discoverer's Globe'.
- The BCMHA is working with the City of Greater Geraldton and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority to open the Point Moore Lighthouse as a tourism attraction and for the nearby lighthouse keeper's cottage to be used as a visitor and display facility. The organisation has previously organised an annual Point Moore Lighthouse Open Day for several years, to coincide with International Lighthouse Weekend and National Science Week. This year, the event is not being held due to the focus of efforts on the Houtman 400th anniversary.

- The BCMHA is working to establish a Fishing Heritage Centre at Geraldton's Fishing Boat Harbour.

Current Status

- An event committee has developed plans to mark the 400th anniversary of Houtman Abrolhos Islands with the Balayi: Open Your Eyes! Houtman 400 Festival led by Ms Rebecca Millar. The Festival will be held in Rockingham on 17 July and Geraldton on 27-28 July 2019. The theme of the Festival is built around two perspectives: a Dutch discovery viewed from the ocean, and a First Nations people's view from the land.
- BCMHA has been successful in seeking funding to develop and run Houtman anniversary events, but is still awaiting the outcome of several funding applications, which will determine the final scope of the Festival.
- The WA Museum is supporting the anniversary program through provision of the Museum of Geraldton as a venue for an exhibition of Yamaji culture, a community art project and a lecture program. WA Museum CEO [REDACTED] is a speaker in the program.

Contentious Issues

Nil.

Media Opportunity

Nil.

Agency Action Required

To prepare this briefing for the Minister's information.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Minister to note this briefing.

Approved / Not approved / Noted

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Minister for Culture and the Arts

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[REDACTED]
**Chief Executive Office
Western Australian Museum**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

MINISTER TEMPLEMAN VISITING GERALDTON – 4 & 5 June 2019

General Information

- Shire of Irwin has a new Chief Executive Officer who commenced on 24 May 2019, [REDACTED] had been acting in the role since July 2018 and has an engineering background.
- Northern Zone local governments include the City of Greater Geraldton and the Shires of Irwin, Northampton, Chapman Valley, Morawa, Mingenew, Three Springs, Perenjori, Coorow and Carnamah.
- Collectively, the northern councils have a strong focus on:
 - ensuring an appropriately skilled workforce to meet their future labour needs;
 - investment in priority infrastructure that will improve productivity and create jobs over the longer term;
 - creating a planning system that enables appropriate development and provides certainty for future investors;
 - unlocking the potential as tourism destinations; and
 - supporting local businesses to engage in government work.
- The City of Greater Geraldton is developing Wind and Water promotional videos to promote the Mid-West as a premier destination for wind and water enthusiasts.
- The Shire of Chapman Valley is looking into developing a masterplan for Coronation Beach.
- Mid-West Sports Tourism Project – Local governments have been cooperating in the collection of data and the results of the report are being shared with them.
- The Shire of Mingenew is developing a North Midlands Trails Masterplan.
- The City of Greater Geraldton is receiving Every Club funding (\$25,000 over two years) as well as the Mid-West Sports Federation (\$45,000 over two years).
- Major Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund projects under development:
 - Shire of Coorow swimming pool redevelopment (this year);
 - City of Greater Geraldton Courts Strategy (this year); and
 - City of Greater Geraldton swimming pool redevelopment (next year or two).

The big-ticket item that is happening currently is the 400th anniversary of the landing of Dirk Hartog and the development of the Abrolhos Islands National Park.

Local Government Act Review

Local governments in the Northern Country Zone have been active in providing responses to the review.

Reflecting the size and capacity of local governments in the Zone, a common theme in responses has been for calls to reduce oversight and removing or loosening requirements pertaining to thresholds for advertising tenders, audit and risk committees, asset management and financial reporting.

Responses provided on behalf of the local governments appear to be largely informed by administrative viewpoints with few council members taking the opportunity to provide their own response.

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) held four workshops in the mid-west in relation to the Local Government Act Review:

17 October 2018	Community	Community Drop-in Session	Greater Geraldton
18 October 2018	Local Government - Staff	Local Government Staff Workshop	Greater Geraldton
18 October 2018	Community	Community Drop-in Session	Irwin
22 October 2018	Local Government	Northern Country Zone Meeting	Greater Geraldton

Approximately 14 vocal members of the public attended a community drop-in session held in the Shire of Irwin. This participation did not translate into the completion of responses, with all surveys received from the Shire of Irwin originating from two council members.

	Population	Size (Km2)	FHI	Operating revenue	Cash reserves	Provided Act review response?
Carnamah	546	2,873	74	\$4,245,917	\$2,917,728	No
Chapman Valley	1,482	3,983	74	\$4,749,066	\$786,850	Yes
Coorow	1,029	4,189	66	\$5,815,937	\$1,135,633	No
Greater Geraldton	39,046	9,889	71	\$78,166,041	\$16,221,735	Yes
Irwin	3,610	2,372	50	\$7,958,478	\$1,637,246	Yes
Mingenew	452	1,935	76	\$3,377,060	\$406,325	Yes
Morawa	742	3,513	53	\$5,458,475	\$5,673,997	Yes
Northampton	3,265	12,618	74	\$8,546,491	\$937,841	Yes
Perenjori	608	8,300	71	\$7,920,210	\$2,100,386	No
Three Springs	593	2,635	96	\$3,553,691	\$1,724,052	No

CULTURE AND THE ARTS/COMMUNITY INFORMATION
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Pollinators

- Pollinators is a member based social enterprise collective that provides capacity building, working space and some infrastructure for small social enterprises – similar to the Sports House model but for small social enterprises. It has an independent board and 60 per cent of its income is derived from membership fees and fee for service, with the remainder being received from grants. Pollinators has been supported by the Mid-West Development Commission. Important people are:
 - [REDACTED] (Chair);
 - [REDACTED] leads spaces including CityHive and CreativeHub;
 - [REDACTED]—leads community services; and
 - [REDACTED] leads learning programs.

Pollinators received \$50,000 from Lotterywest to upgrade amenities and expand the Creative Hub in Geraldton's West End to enable better use of the facility to support Geraldton creatives and youth services.

Euphorium Creative is a local arts organisation led by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and housed at the Creative Hub. As part of an extended annual program of activity the Ravensthorpe Arts Council will partner with Euphorium Creative to present three comedy galas in Ravensthorpe, Hopetoun and Jerdacuttup with the aim of engaging a younger audience. This project is funded through the Creative Regions, Raise the Roof program.

Pollinators was awarded a \$120,000 grant from the Regional New Industries Fund *to incubate eco-tourism business opportunities to promote the Mid-West as an internationally recognised tourism destination.* Through the Local Jobs Local Projects program Geraldton's Pollinator's received \$80,000 to enable rent subsidies for start-ups. [REDACTED] is the contact for Pollinators and can be contacted on [REDACTED]

Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre

- The Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre is a museum attached to the Catholic Cathedral that celebrates the contribution to Mid-West heritage and religious architecture. The Centre relies on grants funding to assist with ongoing running costs.

Queens Park Theatre

- Queens Park Theatre is a theatre owned and run by the City of Greater Geraldton. This is an important Culture and the Arts infrastructure element and allows Geraldton to host most touring performing artists.

- The Queens Park Theatre received \$102,220 for the Upgrades to Technical Equipment from the Regional Venues Improvement Fund in 2016, and in 2018, a total of \$160,000 over two years from the Raise the Roof program, to create and present a new community theatre production with Creative Producer Annette Carmichael. The story will explore Geraldton's history and contemporary culture.
- Theatre 8 is a membership-based not for profit community theatre company with its own venue. Theatre 8 encourages participation in theatre both onstage and back stage. Alongside the main adult membership, they have a children's group and a teenager's group, and they are committed to making the performing arts accessible to everyone. The contact person for bookings is [REDACTED] and she can be contacted on mob [REDACTED]

General Information

- Marra Aboriginal Corporation received \$95,000 from the most recent round of the Future Focus for Aboriginal Art Centres program towards the development of an Aboriginal Cultural Tourism project called, Yamiji Art Cultural Trails.
- The greater Geraldton region has been selected by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) as one of four creative "hot spots" in WA to participate in an Australian Research Council Linkage Project called, Australian cultural & creative activity: A population & hotspot analysis. The aim of the research project is to investigate factors producing local and regional creative 'hotspots', which have well above average creative and innovative growth and potential. Led by the Centre for Creative Industries and Innovation at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT). DLGSC is a partner organisation, along with Arts Queensland, Creative Victoria, Arts NSW, and Arts SA.

The project will deliver data that will enable better targeted policy and program initiatives.

Funding to the Region

Recent funding to the region includes:

- In 2018, the Midwest Multicultural Association received Community Grants Program (CGP) funding of \$5000 for their Harmony Festival in March, and \$5000 for their Festival of Lights event held in November.
- The Midwest Multicultural Association currently has a CGP application for \$5000 for the 2019 Festival of Lights event in November pending Ministerial approval.
- In 2018, the Shire of Three Springs received CGP funding of \$2300 for their 'Welcome to Three Springs' event in March.
- In 2019, the Shire of Three Springs was awarded CGP funding of \$2000 for the 'Finding Harmony in Three Springs' event planned for March. This event was cancelled, and the funding was returned to the Office of Multicultural Interests.

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Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage

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MINISTER FOR HERITAGE

VISIT TO GERALDTON

ISSUE

Briefing information to support your visit to Geraldton on 4-5 June 2019.

CURRENT STATUS

Batavia Coast Maritime Heritage Association

[REDACTED] one of the founding members of the Association in 1993, was recognised in the 2015 WA Heritage Awards as winner in the Voluntary Individual Contribution category.

The Abrolhos Islands has been assessed for potential inclusion in the State Register of Heritage Places but a recommendation has not yet been made. Consultation with other State agencies has been ongoing, noting the existing complexity of managing the Islands and development of relevant management plans. The latest update notes agreement to defer assessment until the decision on the potential declaration of the Islands as a national park.

Pollinators

No relationship with Heritage.

Theatre 8

No relationship with Heritage.

Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre

The Heritage Centre highlights the life and work of Monsignor Hawes, whose architecture is represented in a number of sites around the North West region in particular. Many of these are also included in the State Register. The Centre won the 2017 WA Heritage Award in the Interpretation Project category. It is closely linked with the State registered St Francis Xavier Cathedral, which was also recognised with a commendation at the 2018 Heritage Awards for Conservation or Adaptive Reuse.

Queens Park Theatre

No relationship with Heritage.

Geraldton Museum

No relationship with Heritage.

Local government matters

The City of Greater Geraldton partnered with the Heritage Council and Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage on a successful Regional Heritage Conference in 2018, on the theme of 'Sacred Heritage'. The choice of Geraldton for this conference was prompted by the conservation project on the Cathedral, and the innovative work of the Monsignor Hawes group in both the development of the heritage centre and the broader heritage tourism trail.

Department representatives are briefing the WALGA Northern Country Zone at its meeting on 24 June 2019, followed by a public forum in Geraldton. The subject is the *Heritage Act 2018*.

There are no further matters relating to local governments in the region.

CONTENTIOUS ISSUES

The Heritage Council has identified the Abrolhos Islands as a 'significant omission' from the State Register. This recognises that there is likely to be reasonable expectation within the WA community that the site would be included in the Register.

RECOMMENDATION

That you note this information.

☐ NOTED



DIRECTOR GENERAL

Date 30/5/19

MINISTER FOR HERITAGE