

**Imagined Futures
Leadership Group Meeting
Minutes**

9.30 – 11.30 2 March, 2018
Fremantle Town Hall

Attendees:

Organisation	Representative
St Patrick's Community Support Centre	Michael Piu
Imagined Futures	Judy Walls
Imagined Futures	Jenni Gordon
Maureen Colgan	Maureen Colgan
Gary Ryan	Gary Ryan
Access Housing	Allison Paterson
City of Fremantle	Beverley Bone
City of Cockburn	Gail Bowman
Dept of Communities -CPFS	Vania Dapaz
Dept of Communities – Disability Services	Colin Alston
Dept of Education	Gary Anderson
Uniting Care West	Kim Brooklyn
CAMHS	Catherine Hollingworth
Palmerston Association	Bram Dickens
Palmerston Association	Simone Ryan
Wanslea	Pauline Dixon
Wanslea	Estelle McDonald
Guests	
Dept of Communities – Disability Services	Marion Hales-MacDonald
Dept of Premier & Cabinet	Natalie Contos
Dept of Premier & Cabinet	Sarah Charbonneau

1. Welcome, apologies, & introductions

The Chair made the acknowledgment of country, and thanked the City of Fremantle for hosting the meeting. The guests were introduced and the following apologies were noted:

- Philippa Maczkowiak (Anglicarewa)
- Peter Kemp (Business Foundations)
- Jennie Gray (WACOSS)
- Jennifer Victory (FHS)
- Dylan Smith (Fremantle Foundation)
- Tony Carabetta (WAPOL)
- Julie Mitchell (SMYL)

2. District Leadership Group – introduction by Marion Hailes-McDonald (ADG - Dept of Communities)

Marion explained her role in providing the link between the Regional Managers Forums (RMFs) and the Executive of the Dept of Communities. (attached please find copy of PPT).

A question was raised concerning resourcing issues of the RMFs, which Marion has suggested that she will take forward with the executive.

3. South West Native Title Settlement – Community Development Framework – Natalie Contos (Dept of Premier & Cabinet)

Natalie provided a comprehensive outline of the SWNTS, and status to date. It was noted that the Agreements were likely to be registered by the end of 2018, and only after that would the Noongar Boodja Trust be established along with the Regional Corporations. (a copy of the PPT is attached, along with the Principles for Engagement document referred to during the discussion).

4. Discussion of above opportunities

The Chair facilitated a discussion of the preceding presentations. Issues raised include:

- Suggestion of co-chair arrangements between RMFs & Regional Corporations (RCs), and the need for preparation for this arrangement
- Different priorities of RMFs & RCs and the need to align these
- Consideration of reporting to RCs by various agencies / RMFs on indicators which relate to Aboriginal communities
- Should we consider identifying KPIs for our region on which we report to the Dept of Communities executive
- Complexity of the diversity of Aboriginal heritage resident in the region, and how to be inclusive
- There is a significant opportunity for us to learn from Aboriginal organisations, and improve our cultural competency and service delivery by partnering with RCs
- Need for greater recognition of the wealth of skills and knowledge within the aboriginal community, and an acknowledgment of the monetary value of those skills
- Distinction between gaining opinions vs advice, which should be paid for.
- Whadjuk land extends from Waneroo to Armadale Rd – does not include Kwinana/Rockingham.
- The lack of representation of Aboriginal people on the Leadership Group was noted, and Bram suggested that through their engagement with elders in the Peel region, they could investigate opportunities to engage with elders in this region.
- Our engagement with aboriginal issues is stronger at the working group level, and the emergence of the Regional Corporations will provide a great opportunity for us to engage with recognized/legitimate voices and leaders in our region.
- The team from DPC will keep us informed as things progress in this space.

Action: Bram to follow up on potential engagement with Aboriginal elders.



5. Approval of minutes of last meeting (25 July 2017 & Annual Event Nov 2017)

Minutes were approved as written.

6. Actions arising from the minutes of last meeting (25 July 2017 & Annual Event Nov 2017)

No actions were noted.

7. Executive Director's update

Due to time restrictions, Judy referred the group to the Leadership Group Update Report circulated prior to the meeting. The issues discussed related to the financial situation of the Forum and MoUs, as follows:

i. Financial situation:

Much fundraising activity is underway.

Member contributions

- To date 6 agencies have contributed to SWMPF – (DCPFS, Black Swan, FMC, Anglicare, City of Fremantle, Fremantle Foundation)
- We have had commitments from City of Fremantle, City of Cockburn, however they are contingent upon the City of Melville approving an application which is being negotiated.

a) Other potential funding sources

- We have submitted a large proposal to DSS for their Inclusive Communities Grant, but await a decision.
- We have also submitted a large proposal to the Navitas Educational Trust – (May)

ii. MoUs

- 13 Signed MoUs
- 6 remain unsigned.
- We continue to follow up on those outstanding & encourage members to sign & return.

8. Update on Davis Park

Judy provided an update on Davis Park (in Julie's absence), as per Leadership Group Update Report previously circulated.

9. Update on Imagined Futures Youth Initiative

The Chair of Imagined Futures Youth Initiative – Simone Ryan from Palmerston Assoc. provided an update, as per Leadership Group Update Report previously circulated.

Simone was congratulated on receiving the City of Fremantle Citizen of the Year Award, and Bev was thanked for the nomination.

UCW suggested that they had backpacks & stationary available which may be provided to families in need. Access Housing also had resources available to support families accessing their housing facilities.

10. Next meeting date:

Remind members that the next meeting is set for **4 May 2018**.