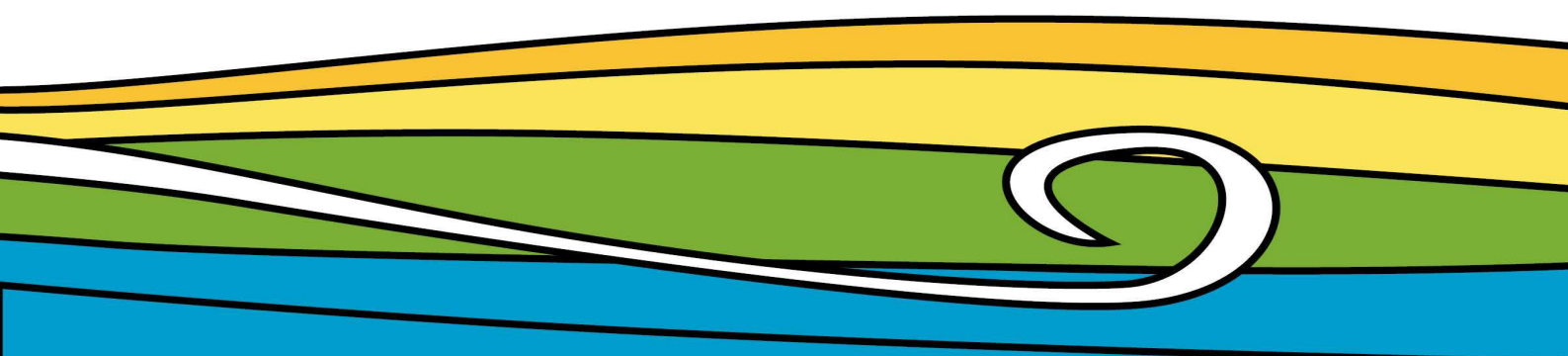




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Governance Alliance Group and Councillor Meeting

On the 23rd of August 2010, a meeting of Governance Alliance Group members and City of Geraldton-Greenough Councillors for the following purpose:

- To overview public deliberation progress thus far regarding 2029 and Beyond project
- To determine how this group will work together to jointly determine priorities and actions to be taken from ideas collected from community consultation thus far
- To confirm/amend the prioritisation of the 'quick wins' from the World Cafes
- To determine the next steps forward in terms of actioning the priorities and disseminating information

The meeting was facilitated by Professor Janette Hartz-Karp and the agenda for this meeting was as follows:

- Overview of public deliberation process
- How this session will be conducted – ground rules
- Special world café for this group
- Prioritisation of low hanging fruit from the world cafes
 - Any suggested amendments to the priorities already selected
 - Selection of 6-8 actionable ideas from the low hanging fruit
 - Table discussions on how to action the idea (what, who, when, what support)
- How can we best disseminate this information?

The Special World Café

The World Café for this group focused on the following questions:

1. *What are your hopes for pioneering collaborative governance?*
2. *What are your concerns about this collaborative governance?*
3. *How can we make it work?*

After following the world café process of rotating table discussions, the group decided on the following response:

1. *What are your hopes for pioneering collaborative governance?*
 - Diminishing community apathy
 - Identify and retaining our 'Gero' identity
 - Active citizenship and participation
 - Decrease expectations that 'the council should fix it)
2. *What are your concerns about this collaborative governance?*
 1. Risk of "all talk - no action"
 2. Valuing and 'weighting' opinions
 3. Undue influence of 'power-brokers' or 'interest group' hijacking
 4. People are time poor
 5. Risk of slowing down decision making process / need to ensure timeliness
 6. Communication process and outcomes
 7. Maintaining realistic expectations



3. How can we make it work?

- People need to see action
- Linking the story to the process/idea
- Allocate sufficient resources to achieve measurable and transparent results
- Good communication in both directions
- Effective recommendations and ideas to council from stakeholders
- Communicating outcomes – wins and losses (avoiding smoke and mirror – no spin)
- Publish the result/decision and explain the outcomes/impact and reason for decision making

Prioritisation of Ideas from the World Cafes

More than 35 world cafes were run between April and July. Every comment or idea that was recorded in these cafes was reviewed by an independent researcher who identified some of the recurring ideas and picked out some of the potential 'quick wins' that may be able to be actioned in the short term.

This list was reviewed by approximately 10 community champions and by 6 Governance Alliance Group members. Individuals were given 100 points and asked to divide their points among the activities they thought would be things that could be actioned quickly and would be popular in the community. The points were then tallied and used to identify the actions which the champions and the Alliance group considered as priorities for the community that could be actioned in the short term.

The tables below identify the top 15 priorities from the champions, from the alliance and the priorities when both were combined.

Combined Top Priorities

IDEA	POINTS
Establish more wind, solar and tidal power sources;	121
Everything is recycled, storm water, waste, glass, paper, plastics, etc	118
Bike capital- parking; incentives for bike use; bike-friendly paths/ tunnels	102
1 million trees planted in 2010 are flourishing	82
Display all the butcher paper ideas at Northgate for everyone in town to see what people are thinking and saying, and encourage to become involved	72
Music – more festivals- Regular “concerts in the park	65
Many community (permaculture) gardens can be found	57
Community Aboriginal Education precinct has been built and includes:	57
Block off the road down mall have like tables chairs and performances	53
Passenger train service to Perth.	45
Make safe events that every one will feel safe and enjoy together	45
Bridge the gap between council and community	45
More <u>public art</u> : particularly by local artists, local Aboriginal art, art celebrating Aboriginal history and culture.	43



Youth Centre: Somewhere to hang out after school, and on weekends. A place to get advice on EVERYTHING. A place that runs programs to help young people get a job / keep out of trouble.	42
Young people have more of a say - Give us a chance to speak our mind - Get young people into politics	35
Councilors need to get out to speak to the community – visit people in their homes	35
Aboriginal voices to be included in town planning and any changes to Geraldton	35

Alliance Group Top Priorities

IDEA	POINTS
Establish more wind, solar and tidal power sources;	53
Everything is recycled, storm water, waste, glass, paper, plastics, etc	31
Bike capital- parking; incentives for bike use; bike-friendly paths/ tunnels	30
Community Aboriginal Education precinct has been built and includes:	27
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Bridge the gap between council and community	25
Aboriginal voices to be included in town planning and any changes to Geraldton	25
Block off the road down mall have like tables chairs and performances	23
Reserved Aboriginal land has been reclaimed, Bundiyarra land has been developed, and as a result Aboriginal culture is more strongly in evidence via:	20
Change racist attitudes: admit it. Attitudes have to change, people need to be made aware of their prejudices (e.g. Geraldton hospital staff). so Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people are treated with the same respect	20
survey, preserve and increase native bush land	19
Allow residential use of upstairs spaces in CBD	19
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Champions Top Priorities

IDEA	POINTS
Everything is recycled, storm water, waste, glass, paper, plastics, etc	87
Bike capital- parking; incentives for bike use; bike-friendly paths/ tunnels	72
Establish more wind, solar and tidal power sources;	68
Music – more festivals- Regular “concerts in the park	60
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Improved public transport – better bus service, cheap and accessible	27

Participants at the meeting on the 23rd of August were offered the opportunity to nominate one extra idea per table that they believed were an appropriate ‘quick win’ that they felt had been overlooked. Participants nominated only two other ideas:

1. Cat bus circling constantly for all community/tourism use
2. Marine terrace – restore verandas and facades of heritage buildings

Participants were then asked to decide on 6-8 ideas from the lists above (and including the 2 extra ideas) that they felt could be actioned quickly and would be important to the community. The decision on which ideas were selected was made after table discussion and consensus was sought at each table. Each table’s priority ideas were then listed and tallied; the ideas with the most number of votes were selected. A shortlist of 8 ideas from the World Cafes to action now was collated and is listed below:

1. Plants 1 million trees & up community (permaculture) gardens
2. Display all butcher paper ideas at Northgate and Stirlings
3. Establish more wind, solar, tidal (wave), geothermal & biomass
4. Bike capital – incentives for bike use
5. Youth centre – a place to get advice on everything
6. Give young people a greater say, speak their mind and get involved into politics
7. Introduce a cat bus to service residents and tourists
8. Community Aboriginal education precinct

Participants were encouraged to take part in a group discussion on the idea they were most interested in. Each group was asked to explore how their idea could be actioned. The actions for each idea are listed below:

Top Eight Priorities from the World Cafes for Action NOW

1. Plant 1 Million Trees & Up Community (Permaculture) Gardens

1. What needs to happen
 1. Use local species
 2. Plantings across the district
 3. Get people across the board
 4. Include all ‘private’ individual tree plantings
 5. Tree planting counter on web-site



2. Who needs to do it?
 1. Local government
 2. Coastcare/'friends of' groups
 3. Northern Agricultural Catchment Council/Men of the Trees
 4. Landcare/farmers
 5. Schools
3. What is a realistic target date?
 1. Collect seeds – October
 2. Winter 2011 (organise seedlings for major event)
 3. Concept to be launched as part of Big Ideas festival
4. What support is needed
 1. Register of participants
 2. Resource
 3. Communicate to the community and stakeholders

It was noted that the City has already started the process of establishing a community garden in collaboration with other stakeholder groups. This project links with the tree planting idea.

2. Display All Butcher Paper Ideas at Northgate/Stirlings

1. What needs to happen
 - Space is already booked at the shopping centre in the week leading up Big Ideas festival, the world café ideas can be displayed at this time.
2. Who needs to do it?
 - 2029 project coordinator and marketing coordinator
3. What is a realistic target date?
 - 18th September
4. What support is needed?
 - Printing and design for display

3. Establish More Wind, Solar, Tidal (Wave), Geothermal & Biomass

1. What needs to happen
 1. Take current report into Midwest renewables to next phase
 2. Communicate what is already happening to community and industry
 3. Advocate reports to government and industry
 4. State government has to finish 'state energy initiative strategy'
 5. Lobby to change market model
2. Who needs to do it?
 1. Local government
 2. Midwest Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MWCCI) & Geraldton Iron Ore Alliance (GIOA)
3. What is a realistic target date?
 1. Disseminate information better **now!**
4. What support is needed
 1. Local government
 2. Community and industry to strongly lobby government



4. Bike Capital – Incentives for Bike Use

1. What needs to happen
 1. Implement the adopted bike plan
 2. Implement Travelsmart plan
 3. More paths, on-roads cycle lanes & end-of-trip facilities
 4. Communicate with the community about what is happening
2. Who needs to do it?
 1. Local government
 2. Department of transport
3. What is a realistic target date?
 1. Implement end-of –trip facilities in a high profile area by Christmas
4. What support is needed
 1. Additional funding
 2. Community participation in travel behaviour change

5. Youth Centre – A Place to Get Advice on Everything

1. What Needs To Happen
 1. Use Forums Such As Step-Up Forum To Get Messages And Ideas
 2. Preliminary Design
 3. Consultation Process To Identify Location
 4. Define A Management Plan
2. Who Needs To Do It?
 1. City Youth Officer Within 8 Weeks
 2. Creative Communities Needs To Lead
3. What Is A Realistic Target Date?
 1. Youth ideas graffiti wall by ?
 2. Incorporate Something into 2011/12 Local Government Budget
4. What Support Is Needed
 1. Local Government
 2. Youth Groups (Advisory Council, Indigenous Youth Advisory Council)

6. Give Young People Greater Say, Speak Their Mind And Get Involved Into Politics

1. What needs to happen
 1. Reform youth advisory council into a youth council (eg youth mayor and offices)
 2. Identify venue (take first option on lotteries house)
 3. Copy off places where it has worked
2. Who needs to do it?
 1. Youth advisory council & indigenous youth council
 2. Local government
 3. MWCCI (through youth chamber)
 4. Guardian (junior journalist program/media training)
3. What is a realistic target date?
 1. Prepare port to council by November 2010
 2. Get councillors and staff to visit schools on a roster



4. What support is needed
 1. Local government
 2. Youth advisory council & indigenous youth council

7. Introduce a Cat Bus to Service Residents and Tourists

1. What needs to happen
 1. Develop business case and plan (where will it run, what are the key drivers e.g. activity centres; define end users)
 2. Coordinate existing services
 3. Promotion of concept
 4. Do a trial
2. Who needs to do it?
 1. Local government
 2. Public transport authority (PTA), and their contractor
3. What is a realistic target date?
 1. July 1, 2011 (business plan)
4. What support is needed
 1. Local government
 2. PTA budget (state government commitment)
 3. Industry and community to lobby government
 4. MWCCI, industry & education facilities

8. Community Aboriginal Education Precinct

5. What Needs To Happen
 1. Consultation with Aboriginal community and existing organisations that provide educational and training to Aboriginal students
 2. Advocacy role
 3. Identify need, develop plan and seek funding
6. Who Needs To Do It?
 1. Education and training organisations
7. What Is A Realistic Target Date?
 1. ?
8. What Support Is Needed
 1. Education Department
 2. Geraldton University Centre
 3. Durack Institute
 4. Football and netball academies
 5. Bundiyarra, Wila Guthra, Streeties

