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Growing Greater Geraldton

Annual Report 2019 – 2020



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Message from the Chairman

I would sincerely like to thank our member organisations for their resilience and increased co-operation towards supporting the Progress Midwest objectives.

Our objectives focus on growing the traded economy and thereby diversifying the regional economy, retaining wealth in the region and creating employment. To achieve this, we followed a growth approach, which was led by industry and supported by government and research institutions.

We have followed the principle of planning by doing, and significant time and resources have been invested by public sector and industry stakeholders to continue the groundwork that was set by the 2017 Growing Greater Geraldton Growth Plan.

The current year presented us with a complicated environment which disrupted our economy and forced us to respond to an uncertain environment with many challenges we had not faced before. Despite these challenges, our members exhibited an ongoing and committed effort towards achieving our vision for Greater Geraldton as a “Diverse and globally connected regional capital”.

We have come a long way since the development of the 2017 Growing Greater Geraldton Growth Plan due to the contributions made by our member organisations.

The 2020 – 2023 Geraldton Jobs and Growth Plan now includes a well-considered and refined Program of Action, with many accomplishments achieved. Game changing initiatives include:

- Release of funding for the development of the Abrolhos Islands as a tourist destination
- Development of tourism attractions and infrastructure such as the Kalbarri Skywalk
- Extension of the Geraldton Health Campus
- Continued investment in the revitalisation of the Geraldton city centre
- Development of the Geraldton Port Masterplan
- Development of the Oakajee Strategic Industrial Area with a focus on the production of renewable hydrogen

All of our member organisations contributed towards accomplishing the objectives of the 2020 – 2023 Geraldton Jobs and Growth Plan, which have been translated into three “Focus Areas” and five “Platforms for Success” which are:

Focus Areas:

- Growth Engine : Cluster development
- Strong Heart: City centre revitalisation
- Healthy Circulation: Plugging the leaks from our economy

Platforms for Success:

- Economic participation

- Quality infrastructure
- Investment attraction
- Innovation and entrepreneurship
- Positive reputation

There are many outcomes which have been achieved by the work and commitment from our members towards the “Focus Areas” and “Platforms for Success” and they are included in the progress section of this report.

I look forward to the continued success of Progress Midwest which is built on a solid foundation of research, discussion, co-operation and commitment as reflected in the 2020 – 2023 Geraldton Jobs and Growth Plan.



Shane Van Styn
Chairman Progress Midwest

Office Holders 2019/2020

			Committee meetings attended 2019/2020		
			Nov 18	May 25	Aug 10
Chairperson	Mayor: City of Greater Geraldton or proxy	Shane Van Styn	Y	Y	Y
Deputy Chairperson	Chair of the Mid West Development Commission Board	Todd West	Y	Y	Y
Secretary	Director: Corporate and Commercial Services City of Greater Geraldton	Paul Radalj	Y	Y	Y
Treasurer	Director: Corporate and Commercial Services City of Greater Geraldton	Paul Radalj	Y	Y	Y
Committee Member	Mayor: City of Greater Geraldton	Shane Van Styn	Y	Y	Y
Committee Member	President of the Mid West Chamber of Commerce & Industry or Board member nominated by that Board	Viki Fennell or Joanne fabling	Y	Y	Y
Committee Member	Chair Regional Development Australia MWG or Board member nominated by that Board	Yvonne Messina or Mark Holdsworth	Y	Y	Y
Committee Member	Chair of the Mid West Development Commission Board or Board member nominated by that Board	Todd West	Y	Y	Y

Ordinary Members 2019/2020 (cont)

Ordinary Members			Committee meetings attended 2019/2020		
			Nov 18	May 25	Aug 10
CEO Mid West Development Commission	Ordinary Member	Gavin Treasure	Y	Y	Y
President or CEO Mid West Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Ordinary Member	Viki Fennel or Joanne Fabling	Y	Y	Y
Chair Regional Development Australia MWG or proxy	Ordinary Member	Yvonne Messina or Mark Holdsworth	Y	Y	Y
Chair Elect or CEO Mid West Ports Authority	Ordinary Member	Noel Hart or Rochelle Macdonald	Y	Y	Apology
Chair Tourism Geraldton Mid West	Ordinary Member	Matthew Rutter (Grant Pitman)	Y	Apology	Apology
Chair Mid West Horticulture Growers' Group	Ordinary Member	Bao Nguyen	Y	Apology	Skype
Chair Pollinators Inc. or proxy	Ordinary Member	Natasha Colliver or proxy	Y	Apology	Y
Chair or Director Geraldton Universities Centre	Ordinary Member	Steve Douglas or Natalie Nelmes	Y	Apology	Y
CEO City of Greater Geraldton	Ordinary Member	Ross McKim	Y	Y	Y
CEO Geraldton Fishermen's Co-Operative (GFC)	Ordinary Member	Matthew Rutter	-	Apology	Apology
Master Builders' Association	Ordinary Member	Paul Kerr	-	Apology	Apology

Meeting Dates 2019/2020

18 November 2019: Annual General Meeting and Committee Meeting

25 May 2020: Committee meeting

10 August 2020: Committee meeting

26 October 2020: Annual General Meeting and Committee Meeting (quorum failed)

23 November 2020: Annual General Meeting

Annual Financial Report

There were no financial transactions during the 2019/2020 financial year.

Performance: Program of Action progress snapshot report

The program of Action progress snapshot report is on the Progress Midwest website at

https://www.progressmidwest.com.au/profiles/progressmidwest/assets/clientdata/documents/geraldton_jobs_and_growth_plan_-_action_program.xlsx

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