



## KIMBA CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE KIMBA ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP

Thursday 8 September 2022, 8.30am arrival for 9am start  
ARWA conference room, 49 High St Kimba

### MINUTES

**Convenor:** Allan Suter – Kimba Consultative Committee

Item	Lead	Key points
1. Welcome	Allan Suter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Housekeeping</li></ul>
2. ARWA update	Sam Usher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Acknowledgement of Country</li><li>Safety thought</li><li>General update</li></ul>
3. Community engagement update	Jane Uptlen (VC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ARWA events</li><li>Grants update</li></ul>
4. Legal update	Rachael Rea (VC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ARWA update</li></ul>
5. Indigenous Engagement	Shane Holland (VC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ARWA update</li></ul>
6. KCC Meeting Calendar	Megan Rusk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Discussion and planning for upcoming KCC meetings</li></ul>
<b>10:30am-10:50am Morning tea delivered by Eileen's</b>		
7. Guest Speaker: RDAEP (30mins)	Ryan Viney, CEO RDAEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>RDAEP to present on the Strategic Regional Plan for sustainable economic growth of EP</li></ul>
8. Guest Speaker: DCK (30mins)	Mel Garibaldi, Economic Development Manager, DCK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Overview and work progression and views for future of economic development in Kimba</li></ul>
9. Other Business	Allan Suter	
<b>1pm Lunch and Meeting Close</b>		

Committee Member	RSVP
Allan Suter (Convenor)	Accepted
Dean Johnson (Deputy Convenor)	Accepted
Symon Allen	Apology
Jeff Baldock	Accepted
Heather Baldock	Apology
Pat Beinke	Accepted
Randall Cliff	Apology
Kellie Hunt	Accepted
Sally Inglis	Accepted, attended via MS Teams online
Jeff Koch	Accepted
Meagan Lienert	Accepted
Kerri Rayson	Accepted
Toni Scott	Accepted
Peter Woolford	Apology
Amy Wright	Apology
Laura Fitzgerald	Accepted, arrived at morning tea break
Debra Larwood	Accepted
Christine Lehmann	Accepted
Charlie Milton	Accepted

#### Australian Radioactive Waste Agency

##### Staff attending:

- Sam Usher, CEO, ARWA
- Megan Rusk, Assistant Manager, Communications and Engagement
- Catherine Partoon, Assistant Manager, Communications and Engagement
- Rachel Ganczarczyk, Communications Officer
- Jim Haskett, Site Supervisor

##### Staff attending via VC:

- David Osborn, General Manager, Safety and Technical
- Jane Uptlen, Manager, Communications & Engagement
- Rachael Rea, Acting Principal Legal Counsel
- Shane Holland, Manager, Indigenous Engagement

#### RDAEP

##### Presenter attending:

- Ryan Viney, CEO, Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula (RDAEP)

District Council of Kimba

Presenter attending:

- Mel Garibaldi, Economic Development Manager, District Council of Kimba

**Outstanding action items**

Item number	Detail	Status
KCC20210826/A02	Provide detailed radionuclide descriptions for the ILW coming to Kimba	<b>IN PROGRESS</b>
KCC20210826/A05	Look at getting UQ to update the social impacts of the facility aspect of their report	<b>PENDING</b>
KCC20220616/A01	Present / share more information about bore holes locations when this is further advanced	<b>PENDING</b>

**New action items**

Item number	Detail
KCC20220908/A01	ARWA to follow up with Business Grants Hub about notifying CBP applicants on the status of their grant application
KCC20220908/A02	ARWA to circulate minutes to members at the earliest opportunity, within 2 weeks following meetings.
KCC20220908/A03	ARWA to find out when the AECOM Environmental Field Technician job ad closes and to let the council know.
KCC20220908/A04	ARWA to circulate Mr Ryan Viney’s presentation about RDAEP to members.

## 1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

The Convenor opened the meeting at 9:03am (local time). The Convenor welcomed everyone to the KCC and KEWG meeting and extended a special welcome to guest speakers Mel Garibaldi from the District Council of Kimba (DCK) and Ryan Viney from Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula (RDAEP). The Convenor disclosed he is a member of the RDAEP board, however there should be no conflict of interest for the purpose of this meeting.

The Convenor communicated apologies from Heather Baldock, Amy Wright, Symon Allan, Peter Woolford and Randall Smith.

The Convenor welcomed the ARWA staff joining the meeting online, outlined housekeeping and proposed breaks throughout the meeting.

The Convenor asked if anyone had objections to ARWA staff taking photos during the meeting. No objections raised.

## **2. ARWA update**

Sam Usher provided an Acknowledgement of Country, paying respects to the Traditional Owners including both the Barngarla People and also the Kurna people, where Adelaide colleagues are attending the meeting online. Mr Usher recognised the connection of people and place for Traditional Owners, and also recognised the local Kimba community's connections to each other and to the land.

Mr Usher explained that safety, security and the protection of the environment are ARWA's priorities and offered a safety thought for the committee. Mr Usher referred to the Our Town wellbeing presentation at the previous committee meeting and advised that today is R U Okay Day. Mr Usher encouraged committee members to have ongoing wellbeing conversations with the people around them.

Mr Usher referenced his previously stated commitment to engaging with and listening to the local community. Mr Usher talked about how sometimes, in a long term partnership, we may need to have challenging conversations with each other but we can always be respectful, open and honest. Mr Usher explained that ARWA staff will act in good faith. He recognised that the community sees ARWA as representing the "face of government", even though ARWA may often not always be the decision maker. He and the team acknowledged the community frustrations about the current delays to the Community Benefit Program (CBP) Grant program.

Mr Usher referred to the ongoing judicial process with BDAC and stated that ARWA is committed to working with the Barngarla People to identify and preserve cultural heritage. ARWA is also committed to security, safety and environmental protection, and focused on developing local economic opportunities. Mr Usher acknowledged that engagement with the Barngarla People and also the Kimba community can be challenging while the judicial process is ongoing, but stated that ARWA respects and supports the judicial and the democratic process.

Mr Usher recognised that the community may feel there are often new faces around the table at ARWA and it can be difficult to build relationships when there are staff changes and additions. However ARWA is pleased to welcome two new team members to the ARWA communications and community engagement team. Mr Usher welcomed Catherine Partoon and Rachel Ganczarczyk and invited both staff members to briefly introduce themselves.

ARWA recently had some other staff visit Kimba for the first time. Matthew Fossey, Manager – Information Management, Technology, Property and Security, and Allyson Carpenter, Manager – Corporate Services. As ARWA grows it is good to introduce the team to the community and build relationships respectfully.

Mr Usher provided some further updates. He recently had a briefing with Minister King about radioactive waste in general. The Department of Industry, Science and Resources recently appointed

a new Secretary, Ms Meghan Quinn. Mr Usher attended a meeting between ARPANSA and ARWA, and the minutes of that meeting will be available on the ARPANSA website in due course.

ARWA staff attended the recent field days at Cleve to engage with the broader Eyre Peninsula community in addition to Kimba. ARWA staff will also be attending the Kimba Show and are looking forward to the event.

The National Inventory of Radioactive Waste 2021 was released this week. Mr Usher acknowledged frustrations relating to the delayed release of this report and is pleased that it is now available. The report helps inform the requirements of the future National Radioactive Waste Management Facility.

Mr Usher handed to Jane Uptlen, ARWA Communications and Engagement Manager, for the community engagement update.

### **3. Community engagement update**

#### **Grants update**

Jane Uptlen shared with the committee that unfortunately there was no update about the Round 3 Community Benefit Program Grants process. The audit process undertaken by Department of Finance is ongoing and there is no timeframe on the conclusion. Ms Uptlen recognised the difficulty this delay is bringing to applicants and explained all grants in the audit process are currently paused, meaning there are many communities across Australia that are in the same situation. Ms Uptlen assured the committee that ARWA is regularly asking for updates and passing on the concerns raised by the committee. Ms Uptlen invited feedback from the committee.

Members raised concern about the risk of the funding commitment not being honoured due to change of government and emphasised this is an important issue to be raised. Ms Uptlen acknowledged the concern and encouraged the committee to raise these matters through their local channels and to the Minister's Office.

Further concerns were raised about inflation and the difficulties of successful grant applications being able to fully fund their projects due to the ongoing delay. Members discussed how some projects may no longer be able to progress and raised the question if applicants are able to re-cost their grant. Ms Uptlen explained that applications are approved by a dollar amount and to change the amount could mean going through the application process again. Another question was asked about re-directing funds to other important projects. Ms Uptlen advised that grants are managed by the Business Grants Hub and any changes will be negotiated on an individual basis. Ms Uptlen confirmed that she has been talking to the grant managers in the Business Grants Hub about how to manage the process once approved.

Members requested that the Business Grants Hub reach out to each applicant to provide a formal update on the status of their application, as applicants had not received any notification on the progress of their grant application.

A further question was asked if applicants could be contacted and asked if they wanted to pull out, for example if they have already funded their own project, so that money could be redistributed

amongst other successful grant recipients. Ms Uptlen responded that any redistribution of funding would be part of the process once grants approved, and to try and do this now could possibly mean that the grants would need to be re-assessed and re-approved and may need to go through the audit process again, which would only add to the delay.

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Members agreed to voice their concerns to the Minister about honouring the commitments to the Kimba community regardless of the change in government, and how there are projects that are not going to be completed because of rising costs in the community. Ms Uptlen supported this decision and suggested writing letters to the Minister to raise these concerns.

Mr Usher informed members that he has an upcoming meeting with the Secretary next week and will raise these matters.

Members referred to the Kimba Council's request for GP funding and how it was too late to receive funding support for the council's strategy. A member expressed that not knowing if they are receiving a grant or not leaves business strategy and timeframes in limbo, with no ability to plan.

Ms Uptlen confirmed the Community Skills and Development Program grant is also in the audit process and design works cannot start until after the audit is complete. Ms Uptlen announced there will be a workshop later this year or early next year to discuss this. Ms Uptlen re-affirmed Mr Usher's welcome of her new team members and mentioned that Deb Francis will continue to be the main point of contact for the community, however Ms Partoon and Ms Ganczarzyk Catherine and Rachel will start to be more involved in the Kimba community.

### **ARWA events**

Ms Uptlen informed the committee of Ms Rusk and Ms Partoon's recent visit to ANSTO and how useful it was for the team to see the facility in-person.

Mr Usher shared that more ARWA staff will be returning to Kimba for the annual Kimba Show and some staff will be bringing their families too.

Ms Uptlen shared that questionnaires will be posted to local land owners to collect information about land surrounding the facility, including what it is currently used for and has been used for in the past. This information will be used to inform the site characterisation works. It will be a de-identified questionnaire run by AECOM and will explore the land within 10km of the site and registered bores within 30kms.

Ms Uptlen shared feedback with the committee about recording meetings. Some members were supportive of the idea as apologies would be able to watch the recording later in their own time. Other members were against the idea as they felt the recording would restrict the free flow of conversation. Ms Uptlen advised that ARWA prefers not to record meetings. She shared that ARWA aims to encourage members to attend the meetings and have constructive in-person discussion. The committee was invited to share their thoughts. Members provided their feedback and some shared that the recording makes people hesitant to speak up and voice their concerns.

A question was raised about if the minutes could be more detailed to reflect the discussion. Ms Uptlen explained that the minutes are not a full record of discussion, but an unidentified reflection of the free-flowing parts of discussion and are intended to record issues raised and action items to be undertaken. Members expressed their concern about receiving the previous meeting’s minutes at late notice which makes it difficult to catch up on the previous meeting and asked if the minutes could be sent to members earlier. Mr Usher and Ms Uptlen agreed to circulate meeting minutes to members at an earlier timeframe.

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Ms Uptlen updated the committee about an AECOM job advertisement for an Environmental Field Technician. Ms Uptlen shared that the job advertisement received a good response. Members asked if there is a closing date for the job and for it to be shared with the Kimba council once known, as the job is advertised on the council’s website.

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#### 4. Legal update

Rachael Rea, Acting Principal Legal Counsel, updated the Committee on legal matters. Ms Rea informed the Committee that there was a hearing on 15 August 2022 for both the judicial review and the constitutional matter. This was an interlocutory hearing on discovery, which is about which documents need to be located and handed over to the other party, and two case management hearings to set down the progress of the two matters.

Ms Rea noted that it was intended to be a half day hearing but went all day. For the discovery portion, Ms Rea shared that there are rules around what documents applicants can ask for and the documents that are requested have to be relevant to the case. At the hearing, some decisions were made by the Court – presiding Justice Charlesworth – on categories of documents that were relevant and then the matter was adjourned for a week and a half for the parties to consider and hopefully come to an agreement. In that adjournment period, we were able to reach an agreement with the Applicants on documents to be provided and Her Honour Justice Charlesworth was pleased with this result. The court has ordered that the documents be provided by 30 September.

During the hearing on 15 August there was also a case management hearing for the Constitutional matter. Orders were made by Her Honour that the other party needed to provide us with some more information about some of their arguments – this is called further and better particulars. These have been now been provided. The next step is for us to file a concise statement – this is a summary of our response to their application in no more than five pages. Following this another case management hearing will be held.

Ms Rea stated that during the 15 August hearing Justice Charlesworth confirmed that the constitutional matter and the judicial review matter will be managed together and hearing dates will be aligned.

Ms Rea shared with the Committee that the hearing for the constitutional matter and the judicial review will be heard in the week commencing 6 March 2023. There will be a few steps between now and then, mostly procedural matters.

A committee member asked what would be the delay between the hearing and the judgement being handed down. Ms Rea responded that that would be very much up to the judge and it can vary widely depending on a number of factors.

## **5. Indigenous Engagement**

The Convenor handed over to Shane Holland to provide the Indigenous Engagement update.

Mr Holland advised that AECOM have been undertaking cultural heritage assessment works for the future Facility site and for nearby transport corridors. BDAC have provided input on these works.

Mr Holland advised that a Cultural Heritage Management Plan has been drafted and that this plan will apply to site activities for the next part of program.

Mr Holland advised that other indigenous engagement activities have slowed while legal activities continue.

A member asked if the transport corridor mentioned is the Tola Road to the site. Mr Holland confirmed it was.

## **6. KCC Meeting Calendar**

Megan Rusk, Assistant Manager Community and Engagement, introduced the committee to options for next year's meeting schedule which have been mapped out to avoid farm times, public holidays and council meetings. The options also provide members how many meetings they would prefer to hold next year. Ms Rusk informed members that the members who are apologies today have provided their feedback on their preferred schedule and assured the committee that if anything needs to be discussed, an out of session meeting can be scheduled. Members were invited to share their feedback on the options and vote their preference.

Members raised questions about the reason for changing of meeting days from Thursdays and the need of scheduling a meeting if there are no updates to provide. Ms Rusk explained that based on the feedback received, varying days of the week provides more flexibility and the options aim to increase the ability to update the community on matters that are relevant, including presentations from guest speakers. Ms Rusk acknowledged there may be complexity for members to meet the schedule and stated there is also an option for a special meeting to be added outside of the schedule options. Members who cannot attend meetings are given the option of joining via teleconference through Microsoft Teams. Members shared their feedback about their preferred options. The committee voted and the option for holding four meetings in the 2023 calendar year was preferred



by the majority, with the option to call a special meeting if needed. The agreed meeting dates are Tuesday 13 December 2022, Thursday 9 February 2023, Wednesday 21 June 2023 (pm meeting), Thursday 14 September 2023 and Tuesday 12 December 2023.

A question was asked if the KCC will continue to exist in the next 12 months and if the Regional Consultative Committee (RCC) will be established by then. Ms Uptlen responded that there is no progress to report on the RCC establishment and in January, ARWA will ask members to sign new contracts, which will keep things in place as the government process can take time. A further question was asked if the community fund administered by the RCC will be in jeopardy. Ms Uptlen clarified that the RCC will be a consult to the entity and will not hold the money. The money is defined in legislation and the community fund is not linked to the RCC establishment but linked to the licensing program.

## **7. RDAEP**

The Convenor invited Mr Ryan Viney from the Regional Development Australia Eyre Peninsula (RDAEP) to present an overview of RDAEP's work within the region.

Mr Viney thanked attendees for the opportunity to present at this meeting. Mr Viney advised he has recently been appointed as CEO of RDAEP and provided information about his professional background in town planning, infrastructure and land use.

Mr Viney provided introductory information about the RDAEP and other South Australian RDAs and stated the RDAEP is unique in receiving funding from Federal, State and Local governments. Mr Viney advised the RDAEP recently went through leadership reappointments and welcomed some new board members. Mr Viney showed an organisational chart of the RDAEP.

Over the past 3 months the RDAEP board undertook strategic planning. Regional livability and topics related to that were the priority issues. Access to doctors, housing, childcare are issues in towns including Kimba and focusing on livability will help to attract workers in growing industries to stay in the regions, not just be FIFO workers.

Mr Viney advised that in terms of gross domestic product, the Eyre Peninsula and areas covered by RDAEP are doing well. RDAEP has also been working with other boards to deliver a regional prospectus to attract funding. Upcoming projects in the region include space industry hydrogen industry and the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility.

\$14 billion of investment has been identified over the next 10 years, creating 25,000 jobs in the region. Mr Viney reiterated the importance for livability building blocks to be set in place to fully harness these opportunities.

Mr Viney advised his goal to deliver a new regional strategic plan and shared that the last plan was a joint initiative between RDAEP and EPLGA in 2019 and a lot has changed since then. Consultants have been engaged, who have a wealth of knowledge around strategic planning and planning code. They are in the process of setting up workshops across the region, as well as online forums with key stakeholders.

Mr Viney outlined the planned stakeholder engagement and consultation activities and dates. He is keen to get as many people as possible to these workshops to ensure the views of the community are represented.

Mr Viney explained some other focus areas for RDAEP, including a project to review their brand, engage with tour operators and tourism business more broadly, and a focus on community leadership, involving planning and upskilling.

The Convenor asked the committee for any questions.

A member asked if RDAEP have information about how many jobs are currently vacant in the Eyre Peninsula. Mr Viney advised there is a jobs board on the website and reiterated the need for foundational livability work, to support people to work in the region.

A member asked what kind of influence RDAEP can have on housing. Mr Viney advised they can be clear to investors about what is in demand and what is needed. They can put forward a business case to investors to show the opportunities in the region. RDAEP can also lobby and advocate for policy change at state and federal government level to support the regional needs.

A member stated housing is a big issue and ARWA will need to work with the Kimba community on these issues.

Mr Usher asked what the breakdown of the \$14 billion of investment is. Mr Viney advised this is all confirmed work for the Eyre Peninsula. It includes private industry work such as mining, as well as hydrogen work, the northern water desalination project, the photon energy solar project in Cleve, and more.

Ms Rusk advised the committee that she will send Mr Viney's presentation to all members following the meeting.

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Mr Viney thanked attendees and offered to come and give an update in the future.

## 8. District Council of Kimba (DCK)

The Convenor welcomed Ms Mel Garibaldi from the District Council of Kimba and invited her to begin her presentation.

Ms Garibaldi briefly introduced herself and explained her role as Economic Development Officer, which is a new position for the DCK. She stated that she has been in the role for 15 months and has many years' experience in economic development and comes from a legal background outside of Australia.

Ms Garibaldi introduced the committee to a community and economic development strategy which was developed by a consultant and was funded by the first round of the Community Benefits Program. The strategy is based on six pillars of wellbeing and have been used to assist the council in achieving community aspirations. Ms Garibaldi referred to pillar three, Strong and Resilient

Economy. She explained that this pillar resulted in her job position as Economic Development Officer, which was funded by the DCK and ARWA, via a Community Benefit Program Grant.

Ms Garibaldi emphasised that the strategy is about bringing prosperity to the region and supporting local businesses before trying to attract external investments and opportunities. She introduced the Business Expansion & Retention (BEAR) Program which she developed to build trust and collect information with local business owners. Ms Garibaldi acknowledged that business owners are too busy operating their business and therefore do not always have the capacity to stay up to date with recent trends and opportunities. Ms Garibaldi explained that her role is to connect local businesses with opportunities and send them information to show them what potential benefits are available to them.

From the BEAR plan, Ms Garibaldi explained that she developed an action plan to support local businesses to grow as much as they want to. She presented a community and economic profile which provides a summary on the region by using data and helps businesses to identify areas to focus their resources. She explained that it is useful for people applying for grants as it shows how the grant can provide benefits to them.

Ms Garibaldi talked about Kimba council's grants hub and how it was developed from discussions with businesses. She stated that there are lots of grants available but it can be difficult for business owners to know where to look and find time to search for grants. The grants hub is a centralised location for people to find grants available in the region and they can search by categories such as businesses and community, and subscribe to receive alerts about grant opportunities.

A video was played to the committee promoting the grants hub.

The grants hub has a list of tips for applying for grants and contact details for people who can assist with grant applications. There is also a form to request a letter of support from the Kimba council.

Ms Garibaldi talked about the DCK-funded early childhood scholarship and how it was developed from discussion with a community member. The scholarship is worth \$2,000 for anyone in the community who would like to undertake education or training in Early Childhood Education studies. Ms Garibaldi informed the committee that the scholarship was picked up by the media outlet, InDaily, and that she was contacted by the Department of Education about the scholarship, which is a positive outcome.

Ms Garibaldi shared with the committee that she has an information booklet about the DCK small business grants and can provide it to anyone who is interested. The grant eligibility requires that applicants can't have received a grant from the CBP grant process and recipients will need to match the funds given by the council.

Ms Garibaldi talked about the recruitment and marketing campaign for the Kimba community and shared that it received very positive feedback with lots of media interest from all over Australia.

A video was played to the committee showcasing Kimba and the recruitment opportunities available.

Ms Garibaldi shared her personal experience about how friendly and welcoming the community was when she first came to Kimba, and her belief that this video captured that community spirit. She encouraged members to share the videos around with others if they can.

Ms Garibaldi talked about The Bread and Butter economic development newsletter and encouraged members to sign up to the newsletter.

A member raised a point that if people would like to or are considering to apply for a grant, they should do it. It is a good pilot to show the interest in the grants and may inform future budgets.

Mr Usher asked if the grants already paid are publicised to the community and if they show people what kinds of projects have been funded. Ms Garibaldi responded that the grants are shown for Kimba but not for the whole region. She stated that she is asking the region for that information to try and build a record, but doesn't have that information automatically available. She asked the committee that if they have heard of anyone who has received a grant to please let her know.

Ms Garibaldi explained that all grants can be found in the grants hub.

Ms Garibaldi stated that the council have applied for funding through a CBP grant to continue the Economic Development Officer position beyond the initial two years. She explained that even if she is not in the role, she has a system to record all information and assured the committee that her work will not be lost and all the information she has is confidential and not to be released. Only she and the CEO of the council have access to the information system.

A member shared that they can see the benefits of Ms Garibaldi's role and stated that a lot has been achieved in the past 15 months. The member said if the role isn't funded by the Community Benefits Program in the future, they hope it can be funded through the Kimba council if the council agree.

A member asked if ARWA can give the Kimba council funds to support the continuation of Ms Garibaldi's position, as ARWA haven't been able to secure their own Economic Development Position. Another member expressed that they liked the position's independence from ARWA. Ms Uptlen explained that the planned ARWA Economic Development position would require more scope than Kimba and the Facility site and that ARWA is hoping to recruit the position in the future. Ms Uptlen acknowledged that Ms Garibaldi has been a fantastic resource to the council and community.

Mr Usher shared with the committee that he understands the points raised by members and recognised the need to use imagination about how ARWA can secure their own Economic Development Officer.

Another member suggested that RDA is another avenue for potential funding for the council Economic Development position.

The Convenor thanked Mr Viney and Ms Garibaldi for their presentations.

## **9. Other business**

The Convenor called for any other business to be raised.

A member suggested the committee write a letter to the Minister to raise the commitments that were made to the community, which were mentioned earlier in the meeting. The committee agreed to draft a letter and circulate to members in the coming week. Members discussed the key commitments to include in the letter and referred to the delays to the Round 3 of the Community

Benefits Program, funding support and continuity for an Economic Development Officer, provision of a general practitioner and emergency medical service, \$2 million funding support per year for skills and workforce development, research and development support and trials for the agricultural industry, support through ANSTO for partnerships and scholarships with the Kimba Area School and improved telecommunications across the district.

Ms Rusk thanked the presenters and invited the committee to share their feedback about having external presenters and to provide suggestions on any presenters they would like to have in future meetings.

Mr Usher updated the committee about an outstanding action item from the previous meeting regarding if the Minister had visited ANSTO. Mr Usher confirmed the Minister had visited ANSTO and closed out the action item.

Mr Usher shared with the committee that Jim Haskett has been nominated for council. Mr Usher congratulated Mr Haskett, who works for ARWA and clarified that this is an independent decision made by him, and was not in any way influenced by ARWA. ARWA will seek no benefit or influence from the role. Members can contact Mr Usher, Ms Uptlen or Mr Haskett if they have any concerns. Mr Usher recognised that local members often have several roles in the community and noted that there were processes to manage conflicts of interest and emphasised that ARWA is committed to putting appropriate boundaries in place.

A question was asked by a member about the Minister visiting Kimba. Mr Usher responded that he has met with the Minister several times and has invited her to visit Kimba. Mr Usher informed the committee that the Minister has had meetings with the Barnagarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation (BDAC) and she has offered to meet BDAC on country. The Minister recognises the importance of visiting Kimba in the same trip. A member shared that the Kimba council has also invited the Minister to Kimba to open the medical centre.

Mr David Osborn apologised to the committee that he couldn't be at the meeting in-person and told members he is planning to be in Kimba for the show.

## **Meeting close**

There being no further business, the Convenor thanked the members for their attendance, participation and input, and the meeting closed at 12.28pm.