



Kalgoorlie Boulder Tourist Centre Inc.

Eyre Highway Traders Assoc Working Group.

Nullabor Links Meeting /Teleconference

9.00am, Thursday, 2nd June 2005

At the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Hannan Street, Kalgoorlie

MINUTES

1.0 Attendance

Ian Fletcher	City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
Alf Caputo	Kalgoorlie-Boulder Tourist Centre Inc.
Clive Holt	Kalgoorlie Goldfields Tourism Marketing
Paula Bennet	Tourism Western Australia
Annaliese Walster	Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission
Bob Bonjorno	(Teleconference)
Kim Hastie	Teleconference
Tony Irvine	Teleconference

2.0 Discussion

Alf Caputo opened the meeting for discussion by introducing all representatives present in person and via teleconference.

Ian Fletcher announced that he was looking at travelling to Ceduna in July 2005 to meet with the CEO's there and added that Joe Baker would also be going to Ceduna soon so as to become familiar with the types and standards of accommodation in the area.

Mr Caputo mentioned that he had recently had a meeting with Annaliese Walster from the Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission(GEDC) and had had discussions with Paula Bennet from Tourism WA regarding the funding application for a Feasibility Study of the Nullabor Links project.

Ms Bennet explained that GIRDS (Development Strategy) could potentially supply the feasibility funding, with applications opening in August 2005. She added that once feasibility was achieved, it could be used to back other funding.

Mr Caputo asked whether there would be any assistance from local government when putting the application together. Ms Bennet said that such assistance from the local government would be very supportive. Mr Fletcher, speaking on behalf of the Mayor and City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, replied that it was his belief that the application for funding should be collated by the Western Australian Tourism Commission (WATC), as the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder (CKB) does not have the available resources to handle such a task. Kim Hastie agreed and added that he did not have the required resources either. Ms Bennet was not in agreement with these comments.

Ms Walster told the representatives that some initiative had come out of the Eyre Highway Traders Association (EHTA) regarding the project's funding. She said that there needed to be support from those whom the project will affect if the Nullabor Links is valued.

Mr Caputo told Ms Walster that the EHTA did not have the appropriate resources to handle the project and that the project would affect and benefit the whole of Australia. He went on to say that a person would need to be selected to take on the project. Ms Walster said she would be happy to assist.

After much discussion, Mr Caputo announced that Kalgoorlie Goldfields Tourism would take on the task and complete the application to GEDC as long as they received some form of support.

Mr Fletcher said it was his understanding that Ms Bennet should be involved in the process because he did not want the responsibility to fall with the CKB.

Mr Caputo confirmed that KGT would take on the task with help from the WATC and mentioned that after the collation of the application a person would need to be delegated the task of completing the feasibility study. The representatives at Ceduna (via teleconference) agreed with this.

Clive Holt from KGT enquired as to how the application would be put together. AC said this would need to be discussed with Ms Bennet and Ms Walster.

Mr Fletcher and Ms Walster had made some suggestion as to what would need to be done, e.g. requests for letters of support and quotes. Ms Bennet added that more would be discussed once the feasibility study had been completed.

Mr Fletcher informed the group that Graham Marsh would be designing the new Kalgoorlie Golf Course, with discussions currently revolving around the size of the complex. Mr Fletcher also added that the estimated costs of the project were currently lower than expected.

Mr Caputo made it clear to Mr Fletcher that the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Tourist Centre Inc. was concerned solely with the Nullabor Links project, not the establishment of the new Kalgoorlie Golf Course.

Mr Caputo told the group that he had scheduled a meeting with Mark McGowan on the 11th July 2005 to discuss the proposal. Minister McGowan had shown considerable interest in the project.

The working group decided that a meeting would be scheduled for Ceduna later in the year.

Meeting Closed.