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CITY OF ARMADALE
Chief Executive Officer's Report

Mayor and Councillors
City of Armadale

Following is my Report for the period
ended 11 February 2019

***1.1 - NATIONAL GROWTH AREAS ALLIANCE (NGAA) - CATCH UP WITH THE
OUTER SUBURBS CAMPAIGN LAUNCH, FEDERAL BUDGET ADVOCACY
SUBMISSION AND MEMBERS MEETING - 18 FEBRUARY 2019***

WARD : ALL
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REF : SJ
RESPONSIBLE : Chief Executive
MANAGER : Officer

In Brief:

- NGAA's Catch Up with the Outer Suburbs Campaign Launch, Federal Budget Advocacy Submission and Members Meeting, will be held in Canberra on Monday 18 February 2019.
- In past years, the City has been represented by the Mayor, CEO and Manager Economic Development.
- It is recommended registrations be made for the Mayor, and Manager Economic Development and Tourism at this event.

Tabled Items

Nil

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil

Strategic Implications

- 3.1 Encourage Infrastructure and Investment
 - 3.1.1.1 Develop and maintain a priority projects overview for advocacy purposes (education facilities, health industry, infrastructure, community facilities and transport)
 - 3.1.1.2 Together with regional partners, pro-actively lobby State and Federal Governments on key regional projects
- 4.1 Visionary Civic leadership and sound governance.
 - 4.1.1.1 Represent local concerns and needs for service to other tiers of government
 - 4.1.1.2 Contribute to the advocacy programs of the National Growth Areas Alliance (NGAA) and Growth Areas Perth & Peel (GAPP)
 - 4.1.1.3 Investigate and implement the Armadale Advocacy Plan

Legislation Implications

Nil

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

Council Policy ADM-3 (Conferences, Seminars and Training) and relevant management practice.

Budget/Financial Implications

Conference Costs (including registration, travel and accommodation) is approximately \$1,500 per delegate. Funds are available in the current Budget for elected member attendance.

Consultation

Mayor
CEO
A/CEO

BACKGROUND

More than 20 of the fastest growing councils around Australia are members of the National Growth Areas Alliance (NGAA).

As the peak advocacy group for outer suburbs – from Penrith in Sydney's west to Wanneroo in Perth's north – the Alliance works with its members to lobby state and federal governments for a fair go for outer suburbs.

NGAA areas are growing at double the national rate. Collectively, Australia's outer suburbs are currently home to five million people – and counting. In just 15 years, another 2.5 million people will call these areas home.

In addition to highlighting the challenges – and opportunities – presented by such growth, the Alliance also works with industry and other stakeholders to ensure residents get the infrastructure and services they need and deserve.

Focussing at the Federal level, NGAA's key objectives as outlined in successive Strategic Plans, have included:

- growth area issues reflected in Government policy
- fairer and more stable funding for growth area infrastructure
- NGAA would be the 'go-to' organisation on growth area issues

This past year has seen significant political attention on the challenges and opportunities brought on by rapid population growth. The focus on these issues, and the significant outcomes in funding and policy that have been announced were influenced by NGAA's solid evidence based research and associated advocacy efforts.

There is no doubt that NGAA has impacted Federal policy and funding decisions. Their hard work over recent years has played a key role in delivering the:

- City deal model adopted by the Federal Government
- Western Sydney City Deal, in particular the North-South rail line

- \$1 billion Urban Congestion Fund as well as numerous major projects included in the 2018-19 Federal Budget such as \$220 million for the electrification of the Gawler Rail line in Adelaide's north, \$1.1 billion for the extension of Metronet in Perth's south east and \$107.5 million for the extension of the Mitchell Freeway in Perth's north

It is clear that the strength of the united NGAA voice with membership from across Australia, expressed through campaigns like the Fund our Future and National Nightmare Commute Day campaigns, as well as ongoing advocacy work and research, has ensured that the issues faced by growth area councils and communities are firmly on the national political agenda.

During 2017-18, NGAA completed two major research projects - The State of Australia's Fast Growing Outer Suburbs and Transformational Research Projects in Australia's Fast Growing Outer Suburbs.

Both reports have been well received by Federal (and State Ministers) and Shadow Ministers, Members of Parliament, peak bodies, the media and by NGAA Member Councils.

This research has been used to bolster the NGAA advocacy efforts, including the formulation of the new federal election advocacy strategy, which ties together the best parts of previous NGAA advocacy campaigns, focussing on community involvement and a renewed list of priority projects from NGAA Members.

COMMENT

The challenges of population growth have been at the forefront of political debate in 2018 and a number of significant Federal Government policy and funding decisions have supported a renewed focus on cities policies. Political volatility, and significant swings against the Coalition at states elections in 2018 (VIC) and 2017 (WA) indicate potential for major changes during the 2019 Federal election, including swings against sitting Liberal Members and swings towards popular Independent candidates.

Given the prominence of the population growth debate, it is expected to be a key feature of all major parties' 2018-19 Federal election campaigns. NGAA welcomes the development of policies that result in better planning for future growth, however it will be important to maintain the spotlight on the existing challenges and opportunities in growth areas.

Targeted Key issues have been identified as follows:-

- The rate of population growth in Australia's outer suburbs is faster than any Government expected or planned for – so now it is time to catch up.
- Even as recently as 2007, government predictions were that the Australian population would reach 25 million in 2027.1. But we have arrived at that number nearly a decade early.
- Current political and media commentary is heavily focussed on planning for a booming population – but we're already here.
- Five million people already live in the fast growing outer suburbs on the outskirts of Australia's capital cities - and they need some attention from the Federal Government.

- New suburbs being built so quickly means that vital infrastructure is behind schedule. New residents are ready and waiting for the public transport, roads, hospitals and schools that will assure they enjoy the same quality of life as people who live closer to the city.
- It is time for Government policies and funding to catch up with the outer suburbs.
- Since the last Federal Election in 2016, around 340,000 additional people have moved to Australia's fast-growing outer suburbs. By April 2019, that number will be around 400,000. During that same period of time, Government investment in essential and non-essential services and infrastructure, while welcome, has not kept pace with population growth.

The NGAA will launch its 2019 Federal Election platform, 'Catch Up with the outer suburbs' at Parliament House on Monday 18 February.

This event will be NGAA's main opportunity to make an impact in Canberra prior to the Federal Election due in May 2019. All growth area MPs, relevant Ministers, Shadow Ministers and cross bench MPs have been invited. The Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition have been invited to address our Members at a separate meeting immediately before the launch event.

The Program for the day is as follows:-

- Photo session for NGAA Member Mayors and Councillors - 10:00am
- NGAA Members Meeting - 11:00am-12:15pm
- Official Launch - 12:30pm-1:30pm.

As at 6 February, the following MP's and Shadow Ministers have confirmed attendance at the NGAA launch function on 18th February 2019.

- The Hon. Alan Tudge MP, Minister for Cities, Urban Infrastructure and Population
- The Hon. Anthony Albanese MP, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure
- Pat Conroy MP, Shadow Assistant Minister for Infrastructure
- Stephen Jones MP, Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government
- Rebekha Sharkie MP, Member for Mayo
- Emma Husar MP, Member for Lindsay
- Chris Hayes MP, Member for Fowler
- Angus Taylor MP, Member for Hume
- Dr Mike Freelander MP, Member for Macarthur
- Anne Stanley MP, Member for Werriwa
- Maria Vamvakinou, Member for Calwell
- Andrew Giles MP, Member for Scullin
- Rob Mitchell MP, Member for McEwen
- Dr Anne Aly MP, Member for Cowan
- Andrew Hastie MP, Member for Canning
- Nick Champion MP, Member for Wakefield

NGAA Councils who have registered or are intending to register include:

- Playford - SA
- Wanneroo - WA
- Cockburn - WA
- Armadale - WA
- Swan - WA
- Penrith - NSW
- Wollondilly - NSW
- Liverpool - NSW
- Melton - Vic
- Wyndham - Vic
- Cardinia - Vic
- Hume - Vic
- Casey - Vic

The CEO has approved the attendance of the Manager Economic Development and Tourism, Mr Scott Jarvis. It will be recommended that the City also be represented by the Mayor at this significant event.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

RECOMMEND

That Council

- 1. nominate the Mayor to attend as Council delegate at the NGAA's Catch Up with the Outer Suburbs Campaign Launch, Federal Budget Advocacy Submission and Members Meeting, to be held in Canberra on Monday 18 February 2019, with costs to be charged to the Members Development account.**
- 2. note the attendance of the Manager Economic Development and Tourism at these events.**

1.2 - COUNCILLORS INFORMATION BULLETIN - ISSUE NO 2/2019

WARD : ALL
FILE No. : M/60/19
DATE : 24 January 2019
REF : MC
RESPONSIBLE : Chief Executive Officer
MANAGER

In Brief:

- Councillor's Information Bulletin – Councillor's are advised to take note of the information submitted in Issue No. 2/2019 to be received by Council

Strategic Implications

The following general information and memorandums were circulated in Issue No 2/2019 on 7 February 2019.

COMMENT

Correspondence & Papers

WA Local Government Association (WALGA) News
Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) News
WALGA Quarterly Report
2017/18 Spend and Save Report – City of Armadale

Information from Human Resources

Employee Movements

Information from Technical Services

Nil

Information from Community Services

Nil

Information from City Strategy

Progress Report

Progress Report on Contingency, Operational & Strategic Project

Outstanding Matters & Information Items

Economic Development

Tourism & Visitor Centre Report

Donations/Grants/Contributions

2018/19

Annual Contributions

Accounting Reports

Rates Report

Report of the Common Seal

Information from Development Services

Outstanding Matters & Information Items

Report on Outstanding Matters - Development Services Committee
Review before the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT)

Health

Health Services Manager's Report – January 2019

Planning

Planning Applications Report – January 2019

Town Planning Scheme No.4 - Amendment Action Table

Subdivision Applications - WAPC Approvals/Refusals – January 2019

Subdivision Applications - Report on Lots Registered for 2018/2019

PAW Closure Report - Significant Actions during January 2019

Compliance Officer's Report – January 2019

Building

Building Services Manager's Report – January 2019

Building Health/Compliance Officer's Report – January 2019

Building Applications Monthly Statistics – January 2019

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

RECOMMEND

That Council acknowledge receipt of Issue 2/2019 of the Information Bulletin