**Midwest-Gascoyne District Leadership Group**

**Breaking barriers between government and non-government sectors**

Each District Leadership Group (DLG) has its own way it works that speak to the regional differences and needs. From time to time, the way of working is reviewed and opportunities for improvement identified and pursued.

Since its formation the Midwest-Gascoyne DLG has been discussing on how best to represent the non-government organisations (NGO). Historically in the region, the NGO sector was represented by an individual from a major NGO, who fed in/out of a regional NGO forum. However, this NGO forum had long since been ceased.

After a DLG supported NGO forum in Geraldton and a number of ongoing discussions, a recommended position was put to the Midwest-Gascoyne DLG for consideration noting:

* NGO sector agencies/employees have already been attending Midwest-Gascoyne DLG subcommittee meetings;
* Midwest-Gascoyne DLG subcommittees encompassed:
  + Community Safety
  + Family Support and Children
  + Health and Mental Health
  + Governance, Leadership and Economic Development
  + Education
  + Carnarvon
* For each subcommittee, and NGO would Co-Chair
* The NGO Co-Chairs will attend the Midwest-Gascoyne DLG as members, at our quarterly meetings.

The above recommendations were supported by the Midwest-Gascoyne DLG and the new arrangement commenced on 4 March 2020.

*Working together, breaking barriers between different organisations and sectors for better community outcomes.*