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UAE, State Government meet on live cattle

■ Ben Harvey

A high-level trade delegation from the United Arab Emirates was in Perth last week to thrash out a way to secure more live cattle and wheat from WA farmers.

UAE Economy Minister Sultan bin Saeed Al Mansouri met Premier Colin Barnett and Agriculture Minister Ken Baston as part of the oil power's bid to secure its food supply in coming decades.

Expanding the amount of WA grain shipped to the UAE by getting rid of supply chain bottlenecks, particularly with regards to how the commodity could be cheaply stored, was high on the agenda.

It is understood the delegation also examined ways to boost the number of live cattle sent to the region, with the goal of turning the UAE into a central beef market for the Middle East.

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opportunities,” Minister Al Mansouri said at a lunch facilitated by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA, the Department of State Development and the Australian Arab Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

“We looked at the issue of food security and how we can make sure that the right logistics are provided for storage and supply.”

“This is not an important issue for you, food security, but it is for us as we are a desert country and we very much rely on imports from other parts of the world.”

Minister Al Mansouri's concerns about inefficiencies in the grain supply chain were echoed by law firm Clyde & Co, which has a big presence in the Middle East.

The firm, which set up in Perth in September last year, said bottlenecks and access issues were challenges for grain trade.

Partners Maurice Thompson and Jenny Thornton, who attended yesterday's lunch, said overcoming these problems would open fresh markets for local Australian farmers and traders.

Mr Barnett declined to detail specifics about his meeting with the delegation.

The UAE is WA's 11th biggest trading partner, soaking up almost \$900 million a year in goods and services from WA.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY ELECTION RESULTS
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The results of the ordinary election conducted as a voting in-person election on Saturday 19 October 2013 are as follows:

Ward	Position	Candidates	Votes	Term of Office
Broome Ward	3 Councillors	MALE, Desiree	1424	21 Oct 2017
		YU, Eunice	486	
		SIBOSADO, Cherie	777	
		TRACEY, Harold Norman	1462	21 Oct 2017
		MAHER, Chris	890	
Dampier Ward	2 Councillors	BLOOM, Jenny	1382	21 Oct 2017
		WELLS, Robyn	862	
		WILLIAMS, Mena	216	17 Oct 2015
		FRANCIS, Greg	102	
		MATSUMOTO, Philip	218	21 Oct 2017
		GARSTONE, Tyronne	153	

Desiree MALE, Harold Norman TRACEY and Jenny BLOOM are elected as Councillors for the Broome Ward and will hold office until 21 October 2017.

Philip MATSUMOTO is elected as Councillor for the Dampier Ward and will hold office until 21 October 2017.

Mena WILLIAMS is elected as Councillor for the Dampier Ward and will hold office until 17 October 2015.

David Payne
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Roebuck Bay Working Group member Grant Pearson and RBWG project co-ordinator Kandy Curran, with CSBP Environment and Laboratory Services manager Trevor Naughton. Picture: Awards Office

Conservation group recognised for work

■ Nicola Kalmar

A local conservation group has been recognised for its outstanding commitment to the environment.

The Roebuck Bay Working Group was selected from a strong field of nominees and received the CSBP Environment Award in the 2013 Regional Achievement and Community Awards.

RBWG representatives attended a gala presentation at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on October 18 to collect the award.

This was the second time the group was recognised on a State-wide level, having previously received a State Coastal award in 2007.

The organisation was also shortlisted in the WA Landcare Awards.

RBWG project co-ordinator Kandy Curran said it was “thrilling” to receive the environment award.

“I believe that our group, which has been growing strong for 10 years, is innovative, creative,” she said.

“We’re very community-minded — we work with stakeholders from industry and business to

conservationists and ornithologists and scientists — we all work co-operatively and intelligently to find practical solutions to problems that occur and also to develop a good community-based management plans.

“We advocated for Roebuck Bay to become national-heritage listed, which occurred in 2012, and also lobbied for Roebuck Bay Marine Park which Yawuru have been also advocating for.”

Ms Curran said RBWG worked in great partnership with Yawuru traditional owners and the community.

“It’s really a credit to the community group, which has been working together for ten years, and I believe that we’re achieving some great outcomes.”

Since launching in 2004, RBWG has addressed community behaviour and impact on the local environment.

It has rolled out three holistic collaborative projects: Keep Our Bay Clean, Gardening the Roebuck Bay Friendly Way and National Science Week events.

Ms Curran said one of the group’s proudest achievements was the continuous work it undertook to reduce toxic linybba blooms in Roebuck Bay.

“That included bringing scientists to Broome to investigate why the blooms were occurring, and then we worked with the Shire and developers to try and look at the way they were engineering and maintaining the drains in Broome,” she said.

“We worked with the community to try and get them to reduce the amount of fertilisers and garden waste that can flow down those drains into Roebuck Bay and become food for linybba.”

The group also worked with local students on a local drain stencilling project, which resulted in students cleaning up 83kg of rubbish from drains surrounding their school.

“We continue to educate and raise that profile that we have this outstanding embayment on our doorstep that holds incredible pearling history, incredible cultural value to the Yawuru people and also this incredible biodiversity that is unparalleled in the world and we need as a community to really look after it,” Ms Curran said.

For more information on RBWG visit www.roebuckbay.org.au.

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