

Pilbara Country Zone

Minutes

27 April 2023

Pilbara Country Zone

Held via MS Teams

The Chair opened the meeting at 11.40am

Acknowledgement of Country

We, the Zone members acknowledge the continuing connection of Aboriginal people to Country, culture and community. We embrace the vast Aboriginal cultural diversity throughout Western Australia, including the lands on which everyone is remotely participating in this meeting and we acknowledge and pay respect to Elders past and present.

Minutes

MEMBERS

2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Karratha

Cr Daiva Gillam
Ms Virginia Miltrup, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

Town of Port Hedland

Mayor Peter Carter – **Deputy Chair**
Cr Tim Turner
Mr Carl Askew, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate

Shire of East Pilbara

Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks
Mr Steven Harding, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

Shire of Ashburton

Cr Linton Rumble

WALGA Secretariat

President Cr Karen Chappel, President
Tim Lane, Manager Association and Corporate Governance
Chantelle O'Brien, Governance Support Officer

Regional Development
Australia – Pilbara

Mr Tony Simpson

GUEST SPEAKERS

Craig Doyle

CEO, Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility

APOLOGIES

City of Karratha

Mayor Peter Long – **Chair**

Shire of Ashburton

President Cr Kerry White
Mr Kenn Donohoe, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

Shire of East Pilbara

President Cr Anthony Middleton

Roadwise

Mr Greg Hayes, Roadwise

DLGSC Representative

Mr Toby Cotterell, Regional Manager, Pilbara

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zone Delegates were requested to provide sufficient written notice, wherever possible, on amendments to recommendations within the State Council or Zone agenda prior to the Zone meeting to the Chair and Secretariat.

Agenda Papers were emailed 7 days prior to the meeting date to your Council for distribution to Zone Delegates.

Confirmation of Attendance an attendance sheet was circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS WITH THE AGENDA

1. President's Report
2. Status Report
3. DLGSC update

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Elected Members must declare to the Chairman any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before the Zone as soon as they become aware of it. Councillors and deputies may be directly or indirectly associated with some recommendations of the Zone and State Council. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

Nil.

2. DEPUTATIONS

2.1 National Australia Infrastructure Facility

As discussed at the February 2023 Pilbara Country Zone meeting, Craig Doyle from the National Australian Infrastructure Facility was invited to share and provide further information on relevant projects and funding opportunities for community projects in the Pilbara.

Craig Doyle, Chief Executive Officer provided an update to the Zone. His presentation is **attached** to the minutes.

Craigs contact details are also here:

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3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks
Seconded: Cr Daiva Gillam

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Pilbara Country Zone held on 16 February 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

The Pilbara Country Zone would like to request a deputation from Terry Hill, Chief Executive Officer at the Pilbara Development Commission at the June meeting.

Noted

4.1 Status Report

By Chantelle O'Brien, Zone Executive Officer

BACKGROUND

Presenting the Status Report for **April 2023** which contains WALGA's responses to the resolutions of previous Zone Meetings.

Zone	Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update	WALGA Contact
Pilbara C	1 March 2023 State Council Agenda Item 7.1 Proposed Advocacy Position on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	That the Pilbara Country Zone postpones a decision on State Council item 7.1 pending member Council consideration.	State Council Resolution That WALGA: 1. Supports respectful conversations about constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and the Voice to Parliament. 2. Requests that the Commonwealth Government ensure that Local Governments and communities are kept informed on the proposal. COMPLETE	April 2023	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walga.a sn.au 9213 2039
Pilbara C	2022, 17 February Zone Agenda Item 7.1 Anti-Social Behaviour	That the Pilbara Country Zone requests the WALGA Secretariat to prepare a report for State Council's consideration on advocacy to State Government to extend the Kimberly Justice Strategy into the Pilbara Region.	WALGA undertook further investigation with Dept. Justice and Dept. Communities contacts in the Pilbara and Kimberley regions to ascertain the current youth justice approaches. Correspondence received from the Department of Communities dated 4 August 2022 was circulated to the Zone. It is recommended that the Zone invite representatives from the Department of Communities and WA Police to discuss the issue at a Zone meeting. The Zone is encouraged to liaise with regional State Government representatives to explore appropriate options.	Ongoing	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walga.a sn.au 9213 2039

			The WALGA President raised youth justice issues at a meeting with the Minister for Training; Water; Youth on 14 March.		
Pilbara C	23 June 2022 Zone Agenda Item 7.2 Local Government Act Review	That the Zone requests guidance from WALGA on how it may be possible to propose an amendment to the Local Government Act that will allow Elected Members to attend their Ordinary Council Meetings virtually when not in the State.	WALGA has received advice from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries who have confirmed that Elected Members can attend meetings electronically outside of WA in-accordance with Regulation 14A of the <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996</i> . The reference to "a townsite" can be anywhere.	February 2023	Tony Brown Executive Director, Member Services 9213 2051 tbrown@walga.asn.a u

This is an opportunity for Member Councils to consider the response from WALGA in respect to the matters that were submitted at the previous Zone Meeting.

REOLUTION

Moved: Cr Linton Rumble
Seconded: Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks

That the Pilbara Zone notes the Status Report.

CARRIED

5. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION

(Zone delegates to consider the Matters for Decision contained in the WA Local Government Association State Council Agenda and put forward resolutions to Zone Representatives on State Council)

The full State Council Agenda can be found via link: [State Council Agenda 3 May 2023](#)

The Zone is able to provide comment or submit an alternative recommendation that is then presented to the State Council for consideration.

Matters for Decision

7.1 Best Practice Governance Review – Feedback on Governance Model

That:

1. This report summarising feedback from Members on the Best Practice Governance Review Final Report be received; and
2. Two sets of constitutional changes be developed for consideration by State Council at the July 2023 meeting to be put to the 2023 Annual General Meeting, that:
 - a. Give effect to the revised Model 1, as per the Best Practice Governance Review Final Report; and
 - b. Refine the constitution to address inconsistencies and other issues while maintaining the current governance model.

7.2 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' Child Safe Awareness Policy Template

That State Council:

1. Supports the draft Child Safe Awareness Policy Template being provided to Local Governments to assist with their implementation of Recommendation 6.12 of the Royal Commission (Child Safety Officers in Local Government); and
2. Notes the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' commitment to providing ongoing support and resourcing assistance to Local Governments to assist with implementation of the draft Child Safe Awareness Policy Template and other relevant actions relating to child safeguarding, through the Child Safeguarding Implementation Unit.

7.3 Abandoned Shopping Trolleys Advocacy Position

That State Council endorse the following position on Abandoned Shopping Trolleys:

The Local Government Sector advocates for State Government to consult with the Sector and prioritise legislative reforms that require retailers to contain shopping trolleys within shopping centre property boundaries, inclusive of enforcement and modified penalty mechanisms that are a realistic economic imperative for retailers to comply with containment requirements.

7.4 Speed Management Reform Advocacy Position

That the Speed Management Advocacy Position as follows, be endorsed:

1. *That WALGA supports Local Governments wishing to manage travel speeds, including speed limit changes, as a means of achieving the many health, social and environmental benefits for communities.*
2. *That Main Roads WA (MRWA) retain the overarching authority for speed limit setting/zoning.*
3. *That Main Roads WA speed zoning policies and processes be reformed so that Local Governments are more influential in the determination of speed limit decreases or increases for local roads.*
 - a. *This will include applications that are deemed to be approved when the application:*
 - i. *is based on assessments by competent Local Government practitioners,*
 - ii. *contains evidence-based identification of the benefits,*
 - iii. *contains preliminary designs for infrastructure safety upgrades associated with applications to increase speed limits, and*
 - iv. *includes an engagement strategy for managing community and stakeholder expectations.*
 - b. *Allows for Main Roads WA to decline an application, within a mutually agreed timeframe, on the basis that it:*
 - i. *does not meet the above criteria, and*
 - ii. *provides specific evidence for declining the application.*
4. *The WALGA seeks to work with Main Roads WA and other stakeholders, to develop a speed management guide for Local Governments.*

7.5 State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement 2023/24 to 2027/28

That the State Roads Funds to Local Government Agreement 2023/24 – 2027/28 be endorsed.

Matters for Noting

- 9.1 2023 Policy Priorities**
- 9.2 Local Emergency management Arrangements (LEMA) Review Project**
- 9.3 Submission to the Independent Review of WA's COVID-19 Management and Response**
- 9.4 Submission to the DWER E-waste to landfill Ban Consultation Paper**
- 9.5 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)**
- 9.6 March 2023 Economic Briefing**

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Daiva Gillam
Seconded: Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks

That the Pilbara Country Zone

- 1. Supports all Matters for Decision as listed above in the May 2023 State Council Agenda; and**
- 2. Notes all Policy Team Reports, Organisational Reports and Matters for Noting and as listed in the May 2023 State Council Agenda.**

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Construction Training Fund – Request to Present

The Construction Training Fund collects a levy on all WA construction projects over the value of 20,000 at 0.2% of the project value. These funds are then used to support the construction industry to train new apprentices and trainees and to cover the cost of additional skills training for building and construction workers in residential, civil, commercial or resource sector projects. Our other purpose is to promote construction as a career of choice and provide entry level pathways to the community such as Try-a-Trade, scholarships and para-professional certificates.

They are keen to ensure that training our local communities is reinforced as a culture in the industry and that supporting diversity and inclusion is fundamental to a future workforce. Their vision is that the construction industry is a career of choice and is safe, skilled and sustainable.

Tiffany Allen, CEO of Construction Training Fund would like to provide more information to the Zone on the Construction Training Fund.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks
Seconded: Cr Linton Rumble

That the Pilbara Country Zone supports a presentation from Tiffany Allen, CEO of the Construction training fund at the June 2023 Zone meeting.

CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

The CEO Operational Group (COG) have had their first meeting and have Terms of Reference agreed to in principle. Steven Harding said it was a positive meeting and looks forward to what opportunities this group may bring to resolving some of the shared issues for the Pilbara.

Noted

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 President's Report to the Zone

President, Cr Karen Chappel, WALGA President, presented her Report.

Noted

8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

WALGA State Councillor, Mayor Peter Long was an apology for this meeting.

Noted

8.3 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Representative Update Report.

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representative Toby Cotterell, Regional Manager, was an apology for this meeting. The update was provided with the Agenda.

Noted

8.4 Regional Development Australia – Pilbara Region.

The Regional Development Australia – Pilbara Region Chief Executive Officer, Tony Simpson provided an update to the Zone. Some of the points highlighted were:

- Visa holders - changes to the minimum wage for skilled workers to \$70K
- It has been identified that there is a lack of defense in the West
- NBN has had a reduction in 500 jobs and has resulted in there being no North West based representative.
- Deposit has been paid for the Showcase WA event.

Noted

9. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Secretariat will liaise with the member Local Governments to confirm the date of the June meeting to avoid conflicts with other events occurring at that time and will be hosted by Teams, commencing at 11.30am.

10. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at **12.45pm**

