

# Peel Country Zone

## Minutes

13 April 2023

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Hosted by MS Teams

Thursday, 13 April 2023 commenced at 2:00 pm

## 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 land on which people are virtually meeting from today, and we acknowledge and pay respect to Elders past and present.

## Minutes

### MEMBERS

### 2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

Shire of Boddington

Cr Eugene Smallberger

City of Mandurah

Cr Caroline Knight  
Mr Mark Newman, Chief Executive Officer (Deputy)

Shire of Murray

President Cr David Bolt

Shire Serpentine Jarrahdale

President Cr Michelle Rich - **Chair**  
Cr Lauren Strange  
Mr Paul Martin, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

Shire of Waroona

President Cr Michael Walmsley

WALGA Representatives

Cr Paul Kelly, Deputy President  
Mr Chris Hossen, Manager Planning and Building  
Ms Lucy Sheehy, CoastWA Local Government Facilitator  
Ms Katherine Celenza, Regional Road Safety Advisor

### APOLOGIES

Shire of Boddington

Cr Garry Ventris  
Ms Julie Burton, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

City of Mandurah

Mayor Rhys Williams – **Deputy Chair**

Shire of Murray

Cr Douglas McLarty  
Mr Dean Unsworth, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

Shire of Waroona

Cr Naomi Purcell  
Mr Mark Goodlet, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

Guest Speakers

Christine Comer, Assistant Director, National Emergency Management Agency

DLGSC Representative

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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 attendance was confirmed prior to the commencement of the meeting.

## **ATTACHMENTS WITHIN THE AGENDA**

1. Draft Minutes of previous meeting
2. Zone Status Report
3. President's Report (was distributed separately)
4. DLGSC Update Report

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### **1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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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**

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### **2. DEPUTATIONS**

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#### **2.1 National Emergency Management Agency**

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Christine Comer, Assistant Director, Engagement Branch was an apology for this meeting due to a tropical cyclone in the Pilbara.

The secretariat will liaise with Christine to confirm the presentation at a future meeting.

**Noted**

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## **2.2 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Representative Update Report**

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Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representative was apology for this meeting. A report was attached with the agenda.

### **For Noting**

*Note: due to other commitments, Tiffany Allen, CEO of Construction training Fund, has been rescheduled to present at the Peel Zone meeting in November.*

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## **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** President Cr Michael Walmsley  
**Seconded:** President Cr David Bolt

**That the Minutes of the meeting of the Peel Country Zone held on 9 February 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.**

**CARRIED**

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## **4. BUSINESS ARISING**

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A Status Report outlining the actions taken on the Zone's resolutions is enclosed as an attachment.

**Noted**

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## **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 [here](#).

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.

### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Mr Mark Newman  
**Seconded:** President Cr Michael Walmsley

**That the Peel 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, Matters for Noting and Organisational Reports as listed in the May 2023 State Council Agenda.**

**CARRIED**

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## **6. ZONE BUSINESS**

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**Nil**

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## **7. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

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### **7.1 WALGA President's Report**

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The WALGA Deputy President, Cr Paul Kelly presented the President's Report. Report was distributed with the Agenda.

**Noted**

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**7.2 State Councillor's Report to the Zone**

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WALGA State Councillor, President Michelle Rich presented on the previous State Council meeting.

**Noted**

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**8. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

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**That the next ordinary meeting of the Peel Country Zone will be held at the Shire of Waroona on a date to be advised.**

Please note the change in location as previously resolved by the Zone.

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**9. CLOSURE**

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There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2.22pm.