

South West Country Zone Minutes

25 August 2023

Shire of Nannup



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South West Country Zone

Meeting to be held at
Nannup Function Centre, Warren Road, Nannup
2pm, Friday 25 August 2023

Minutes

The Chair opened the meeting at 2:01pm.

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

We, the South West Country Zone of WALGA acknowledge the Nyoongar people, the Traditional Custodians of this land, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and future.

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance

Shire of Augusta Margaret River	Cr Julia Meldrum (Deputy) Mr David Nicholson, Manager Asset Services
Shire of Boyup Brook	Cr Helen O'Connor Mr Leonard Long, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Bunbury	Mr Mal Osborne, Chief Executive Officer
City of Busselton	Cr Paul Carter (Deputy) Mr Tony Nottle, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Capel	President Cr Doug Kitchen Gordon MacMile, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Collie	Cr Ian Miffing (Deputy) Ms Nicole Wasmann, Director Corporate Services non-voting delegate



Shire of Dardanup	President Cr Michael Bennett Mr, André Schönfeldt, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate Ms Elizabeth Stacey, Migration Agreements Officer (Observer)
Shire of Donnybrook Balingup	Mr Ben Rose, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Harvey	President Cr Paul Gillett Ms Annie Riordan, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Manjimup	Hon President Cr Paul Omodei Mr Brian Robinson, Temporary Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Nannup	President Cr Tony Dean Mr David Taylor, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate Cr Patricia Fraser (Observer) Cr Ian Gibb (Observer)
WALGA Secretariat	Mr Chris Hossen, Policy Manager, Planning and Building Ms Emma Heys, Governance Specialist
South West Development Commission	Ms Mellisa Teede, Chief Executive Officer
RDA South West	Ms Vickie Walker, Project Officer & Administration
NEMA	Ms Sam Ramsay
<u>Apologies</u>	
Shire of August Margaret River	President Cr Paula Cristoffanini Ms Stephanie Addison-Brown, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Boyup Brook	President Cr Richard Walker
Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes	Mr Tim Clynch, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate President Cr Jenny Mountford
City of Busselton	Mayor Grant Henley
City of Bunbury	Mayor Jaysen de San Miguel Cr Amanda Yip (Deputy)
Shire of Collie	President Cr Sarah Stanley Mr Stuart Devenish, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

Shire of Donnybrook Balingup	Commissioner Gail McGowan PSM
Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries	Mr Brendan McNally, Regional Manager Peel-South West
RDA South West	Mr Charles Jenkinson, Director Regional Development
Australia's South West	Ms Catrin Allsop, Chief Executive Officer

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Attachments

The following were provided as attachments to the Agenda:

1. South West Country Zone Minutes – 23 June 2023
2. WALGA President's Report
3. State Council Agenda link – [State Council Agenda 13 September 2023](#)
4. DLGSC August Update

5. GUEST SPEAKERS / DEPUTATIONS

5.1 Shire of Nannup

President Cr Tony Dean and Mr David Taylor Chief Executive Officer

Mr David Taylor Chief Executive Officer provided an update to the meeting on priorities and key projects.

5.2 Nicole Walton South West Gateway Alliance

Nicole Walton, Community & Stakeholder engagement Manager, South West Gateway Alliance provided information on the local impact on the economy and success stories from local businesses that have been involved in the project as well as:

- Overview of project
- Construction update
- Social outcomes update

- Local business spend
- Employment initiatives
- A look at the project when it is finished

6. MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes from the South West Country Zone meeting held Friday 23 June 2023 (Attachment 1)

The Minutes of the South West Country Zone meeting held on Friday, 23 June 2023 have previously been circulated to Member Councils and are provided as an attachment to the agenda.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Michael Bennett
Seconded: President Cr Paul Gillett

That the Minutes of the South West Country Zone meeting held Friday, 23 June 2023 are confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

6.1.1 Business Arising

Nil.

7. ZONE BUSINESS

7.1 Shire of Capel – Local Planning Policy LPP 6.2 Extractive Industries

By Shire of Capel

BACKGROUND

The Shire of Capel have adopted an Extractive Industries Policy. Item as presented to the Shire of Capel is below and the adopted Policy is attached with the minutes for the Zone's information.

14.4 Local Planning Policy 6.2: Extractive Industries - Consideration of Submissions and Final Adoption

Proposal

The Shire has prepared a series of local planning policies which will complement the provisions of the new scheme and assist in the implementation of a robust local planning framework, as part of the Western Australian Planning Commission's Ministerial approval of the Shire's draft Local Planning Scheme No. 8 (LPS8).

Specifically, the Shire has sought to provide a comprehensive planning framework for the assessment of Extractive Industry development applications. The objective of introducing such a policy is to apply contemporary measures to Extractive Industry applications and adopt an 'evidenced-based' approach when considering future impacts from these types of development. Shire Officers presented a suite of draft Local Planning Policies at the November 2022 and

December 2022 Ordinary Council Meetings, allowing Council to consider each item and consent to advertising each draft policy.

Draft Local Planning Policy 6.2 - Extractive Industries was presented as part of this process.

Recommendation

That Council in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2, Part 2, Clause 4 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015*:

1. Adopts the draft Local Planning Policy 6.2 - Extractive Industries as shown in Attachment 1; and
2. Publishes a public notice in the local newspaper circulating within the district and on the Shire's website, notifying of the adoption of the local planning policy.

Background

Shire Officers presented a draft suite of Local Planning Policies throughout the second half of 2022, which were identified as being critical to complementing the Shire's existing and future planning framework. The suite would form part of the Shire's planning framework and would be separate to the soon-to-be gazetted Local Planning Scheme No. 8. By introducing several planning provisions in the form of policies, it enables the Shire to consider future amendments and updates without the need to apply for a scheme amendment.

One concept which was identified as necessary to the Shire's statutory powers was a policy specifically dedicated to the governing and assessment of Extractive Industry development applications. The Shire has received a significant increase in the number of Extractive Industry development applications being lodged, several of which are seeking variation to requirements under the Shire's Local Law for Extractive Industry licences.

Shire Officers have identified the need to create a local planning policy that provides contemporary measures for assessing such applications. The policy promotes an 'evidence-based' approach, enables the Shire to assess an application on performance criterion, and allows for considerations such as steeper batter slopes to pits on the basis that significant justification accompanies such applications. The policy also outlines the bond scheduling for riskier proposals.

The policy was presented to Council in draft form at the November 2022 meeting for consent to advertise. Given the completion of the public advertising period, this report is referred to Council with recommendations incorporating comments received during the advertising period.

The policy was then presented to the March 2023 meeting for final adoption, however the Council resolved to defer the item until the May 2023 OCM to allow for a workshop to be held with industry representatives. The desire of Council was to enable further critiquing of the policy, and for the Shire Officers to specifically focus on key themes arising from the consultation period to be addressed through any further revisions once discussions were held.

Decision Framework

Shire of Capel Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031

Direction 1 - Strengthen and enhance the well-being of our community

1.1 A more engaged community

1.2 A capable community that drives community activation and participation

Direction 4 - Deliver good leadership, governance and decision-making

4.1 Effective and compliant governance

4.2 Informed and transparent decision making

4.3 Contemporary planning and local development

Corporate Business Plan 2021-2025

DEVS 3 -

Review and prepare new local planning policies to support implementation of Local Planning Scheme No.8.

DEVS 27 -

Develop draft EIL Rehabilitation Policy in consultation with key stakeholders.

Statutory Framework

Local Framework

There are no local frameworks relevant to this item.

State Framework

Clauses 4(1) and 4(2) of Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 - Schedule 2 — Deemed provisions for local planning schemes.

Federal Framework

There are no state frameworks relevant to this item.

Policy Framework

A planning policy does not form part of a Scheme and cannot bind the decision maker in respect of an application or planning matter. However, the decision maker is required to have due regard to the provisions and objectives of the policy in its decision making.

The Shire can adopt local planning policies relating to matters of local development under Part 2, Division 2 of the Deemed Provisions. This Policy has been made pursuant to this legislation. Furthermore, provisions of Schedule 2, Clause 4 of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 require advertising to occur, and a period for making submissions to be no less than a period of twenty-one days after the day on which the notice is first published.

Implications

Risk Implications

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Mitigation
Risk 1 Environmental Rating: High	Possible	Major	Adopt the Local Planning Policy for the purposes of enforcing the Shire's existing Planning Framework, and ability to scrutinise Extractive Industry applications.
Risk Description: Failed Rehabilitation Implementation Outcome The Local Planning Policy requires a high level of detail to be submitted to the Shire for consideration. This information pertains to the rehabilitation of the site once the extraction ceases. Failure of the Shire's Officers to obtain and scrutinise the applicant's implementation of the Rehabilitation Plan may result in a less desirable outcome for a site's future useability.			
Risk 2 Reputation Rating: High	Possible	Major	Adopt the Local Planning Policy for the purposes of enforcing the Shire's existing Planning Framework, and ability to scrutinise Extractive Industry applications.

Risk Description: Lacking Planning Framework

The Shire's intention is that applicants provide a significant level of justification from specialist consultants, should they wish to propose development on a 'performance-based criteria' approach. This Local Planning Policy is the mechanism for the Shire to request such a level of information to form judgement.

Without adopting a comprehensive approach to the assessment and acceptance of Extractive Industry development applications, such as the approach outlined in the Local Planning Policy, the Shire would likely experience difficulty in requesting this level of information for assessment purposes.

Opportunity:

Adopt a leading approach in the assessment of Extractive Industry applications.

The policy framework is unique and offers a far more comprehensive approach to the assessment of Extractive Industries within the space of local government. By adopting the policy, other local governments may choose to adopt or model their planning framework on the Shire's policy, which has the potential to result in uniformity when assessing applications within the South West.

Financial ImplicationsLong Term

Operational Costs

As part of monitoring the civil works and future Rehabilitation Plans required under this policy, the ongoing operational costs to the Shire are expected to be much greater than at present. The Shire will undertake a more thorough approach to compliance given the potential and nature of variations in proposed batter slopes and the need to scrutinise the implementation of the site's rehabilitation. There is an expectation that adoption of this policy will lead to the implementation of a specialised position within the Shire for an employee who would be solely responsible for monitoring an applicant's Rehabilitation Plan and undertake potential compliance.

However, these costs will be largely offset by the recently updated administration fees for Extractive Industry developments adopted by Council at its meeting on 27 July 2022.

Sustainability ImplicationsClimate Change and Environmental

The ongoing extraction of minerals such as sand has detrimental effects on the climate. Direct and indirect impacts on the climate include coastal erosion, loss of vegetation, and emissions from transportation of minerals.

Adopting the policy and administering the policy effectively will result in a greater level of detail and information required by applicants at the stage of lodgement. The greater level of detail and research will shift the decision-making towards a more 'evidence-based' approach and is likely to mean a greater environmental outcome from a rehabilitation perspective.

Social

There are no relevant social implications relevant to this item.

Economic

There are no relevant economic implications relevant to this item.

Asset

There are no relevant asset implications relevant to this item.

Consultation/Engagement

External Consultation

The draft policy was advertised for a period of at least twenty-one (21) days in accordance with clauses 4(1) and 4(2) of the Deemed Provisions. Given the complexity of this draft policy, the Shire had chosen to advertise for a period of 49 days. Notices were placed in the local newspaper circulating within the Shire and uploaded to the Shire's website.

The Shire Officers took a calculated approach to the consultation process, which included seeking feedback from industry operators and neighbouring local governments. It was important to engage the key stakeholders impacted by the changes and understand the implications from a business perspective.

Furthermore, the targeting of comments from neighbouring local governments would assist the Shire in responding to any concerns or planning framework shortfalls experienced elsewhere which could be addressed in the policy prior to formal adoption.

Shire Officer's acknowledge that the initial consultation attempt contained only the Local Planning Policy but did not include *Appendix 1 – Extractive Industry Application Requirements and Assessment Processes*. An updated version containing Appendix 1 was then redistributed on 24 January 2023 and uploaded to the Shire website once the Shire was notified of this error.

The Regulations state that a minimum 21-day timeframe is applicable to consultation of the policy but does not mention whether it also applies to appurtenant documents that are to be read in conjunction with the policy (Appendix 1 in this instance). Appendix 1 more so outlines the information/material needed to make application, rather than containing objectives or provisions of the policy, and for this reason is not considered to require the full 21 days for public consultation.

At the conclusion of the public consultation period, which was 6 February 2023, the Shire received seven submissions. Key themes presented at the previous March OCM, and the accompanying schedule of submissions containing all matters raised can be found in **Attachment 2** of this report.

Post-March OCM Consultation

The Shire conducted an industry workshop on Thursday 27 April 2023, which included industry leaders and representatives who maintain frequent contact and conversations with Shire staff. Furthermore, several Shire Councillors were in attendance.

The intention of the workshop was firstly for the Shire Officers to establish the origin of several key concerns arising from the initial consultation period, and secondly provide the Shire Officers an opportunity to present on how the policy is intended to be administered.

Specifically, the key concerns arising from the consultation included:

- The conflict between the policy's stringent criteria and the need to provide easier access to basic raw material for extraction purposes under State Planning Policy 2.4 - Basic Raw Materials.
- The level of acceptable impacts for sites zoned 'Rural' vs. 'Priority Agriculture;' and
- Differentiating the Performance Criteria or expectations for hard rock extraction sites.

Further to the above points which formed part of the workshop's agenda, the other two consistent themes arising from the industry feedback included more transparency behind the updating of the fees and charges schedule (including bond amounts) and further refinement of suitable transport routes for haulage.

As a result of the workshop, the following amendments have been made to the draft local planning policy presented to the March OCM:

- Redefining the criteria for the Transport element to become less prescriptive. The previous draft had been written in a manner that did not account for the changes in school bus routes, nor did it account for an opportunity to share school bus routes for haulage purposes, despite also being classified as part of the restricted access vehicle (RAV) network.
- The validity of approval timeframe has been extended from 8 years to a period of 'up to 10 years' for non-hard rock extraction sites, whilst maintaining at least 3 years towards the rehabilitation of the site (no extraction to occur 3 years prior to expiration of the approval's validity). Furthermore, the validity of approval timeframe for a hard rock extraction will be 'up to 20 years' for the initial approval, with minimum 10-year periods issued for any extensions of validity.
- Delaying the end-of-life pit plan for hard rock extractions. Prior to the revisions of the draft policy taking place, the provisions required that a rehabilitation implementation plan or equivalent would be required for all developments prior to commencement of works. Given the extraction period of a hard rock pit is typically between 25 and 50 years, it would be more logical for the applicant to provide an end-of-life plan towards the end of operations. By doing so, the applicant would have more certainty of the land's future capabilities, and access to advanced technologies that could unlock use opportunities that may not have previously been possible at the time the extraction was initially approved.

Fees and Charges

In relation to the updating of the fees and charges and rehabilitation bonds for 2022-2023, the Shire engaged in an environmental consultant to undertake a review of the current rehabilitation bonds. The consultant's expert review of documentation pertaining to a State Administrative Tribunal case had identified costs of rehabilitating a 1:4 slope as being significantly higher than the current rehabilitation bonds held by the Shire.

As such, the Shire requested that a review be undertaken for several batter slope gradients. Based upon precedent projects and the consultant's experience, the current fees and charges (bonding rates) were reflective of the financial risks for failure to successfully undertake reinstatement to pasture or native

vegetation. Furthermore, the steeper batter slopes of 1:4 required a premium due to the reduced success rates of rehabilitation, and increased mortality rates for vegetation.

Regard to State Planning Policy 2.4

The Shire does not believe further changes would be required with respect to the concerns regarding SPP2.4. Despite the request from industry to provide easier access and conditions for extraction under SPP2.4, the Shire Officers reviewed the relevant information and believe the policy provides a balanced approach that recognises the importance of the State Planning Policy whilst enabling the Shire to protect its interests, which would be for development to occur in a respectful manner without long term implication of land degradation.

The State Planning Policy does not merely allow for the application of an Extractive Industry to neglect all elements of reasonable development in order to achieve and fulfil obligations for basic raw material supply. If this were to be the case, the land use would more than likely be classified as a 'P' use through the review process of the draft scheme undertaken by DPLH. Instead, the land use is discretionary in the draft scheme as opposed to being 'P' (permissible) and therefore requires amenity and environmental elements to be addressed prior to being considered for support.

Lastly, the objectives of the Priority Agriculture zone under draft LPS8 requires development to respect the land for future agricultural production. The Priority Agriculture Zone in LPS8 is reflective of the Greater Bunbury Region Scheme Priority Agricultural Land Policy 2017. Whilst the Shire's LPS8 contains a Special Control Area (SCA6) identifying land affected by State Planning Policy 2.4, the provisions and objectives stating that development is to promote the rehabilitation and restoration of mining and extraction sites, after works have been completed, in a way that is consistent with the long-term use of the land. This provision refers to the future viability of sites and the predominant agricultural activity for which the site is intended to accommodate for, is preserved.

It would be considered that in the event of conflict, the scheme's zone objectives would take precedent over the State Planning Policy.

Summary

Adoption of the local planning policy and its minor amendments to the advertised version will improve the assessment of such applications and tighten the statutory power for future compliance. The intent and rigor of the overall policy has only been further reinforced through the consultation process. With consideration of comments received, Shire Officers intends to present the final version to Council for adoption with aspirations of setting a new benchmark for Extractive Industry outcomes.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Officer's Recommendation – 14.4

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Shire of Capel's Resolution:

OC/2023/110 - Officer's Recommendation / Council Decision - 14.4

Moved Cr Kitchen, Seconded Cr Terrantroy.

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Carried 7 / 0

For - Cr Andrew, Cr Dillon, Cr Kitchen, Cr Mogg, Cr Noonan, Cr Schiano and Cr Terrantroy

Against - Nil

Cr Kitchen provided an overview of the item.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Doug Kitchen
Seconded: President Cr Michael Bennett

That the South West Country Zone notes the Shire of Capel's adopted Policy as above.

CARRIED

7.2 Commonwealth Disaster Ready Fund – Round Two

By Rachel Armstrong, Senior Policy Advisor Emergency Management

Executive Summary

1. The [Disaster Ready Fund](#) (DRF) is a \$200 million Commonwealth Government fund that provides grants to government and non-government organisations to help them reduce disaster risk.
2. Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for DRF Round 2 are open now and applications for Round 2 will open in early 2024.
3. Benefits to Local Governments in applying for the DRF include building partnerships with other organisations and receiving financial assistance for projects that reduce community vulnerability to disasters.
4. The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) is actively engaging with organisations in preparation for Round 2 of the DRF, to identify projects that are most likely to be successful, as well as providing support and advice to develop strong applications.
5. DFES is encouraging Local Governments interested in applying for DRF Round 2 to start planning now.
6. DFES is holding a [grants webinar](#) on **Monday 4 September**, 10am to 12pm, which will provide more detail on how to submit a successful grant application, and the support available.

Background

The first round of the DRF opened on 10 January and closed 6 March 2023. 19 out of 23 successful Western Australian projects involved Local Governments. Although many WA Local Governments that applied to Round One of the DRF were successful, WA were only allocated just over \$8 million of the total \$200 million available. Successful projects from the first round are listed [here](#).

EOIs for DRF Round 2 are open now and applications for Round 2 will open in early 2024.

Comment

Examples of the types of projects that were successful across Australia, and may be of interest to Local Governments considering applying for a DRF grant in Round Two include:

- Evacuation centre upgrades
- Coastal erosion mitigation
- Flood resilience
- Community disaster risk reduction and resilience projects
- Green canopy initiatives
- Community engagement, education, and preparedness
- Improving natural environments to build resilience.

The extra support being provided by DFES through the early EOI process may help increase DRF funding to Local Governments in Round Two. A key factor in funding success is a well substantiated application, which can be resource intensive to develop.

DFES will hold a grants webinar 10am - 12pm, **Monday 4 September**, with information on how to submit a successful grant application, and what support is available. Register your interest [here](#).

Further information is available on the [SEMC website](#) or semc.grants@dfes.wa.gov.au.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mr Mal Osborne
Seconded: President Cr Michael Bennett

That the South West Country Zone notes that Expressions of Interest for Round 2 of the Disaster Ready Fund are now open, and that the Department of Fire and Emergency Services is providing support to Local Governments to assist with the development of high-quality applications.

CARRIED

7.3 2025 Election Priorities – SWCZ Regionally Collaborative Approach

Coordinated by the Shire of Capel

Background

The South West Zone local governments took a united and collaborative approach to advancing regional-level and more localised priorities to the previous State and Federal.

The next State Election will be held on 8 March 2025. The next Federal Election is also expected to be held during 2025.

Recent discussions at SW Country Zone meetings have been to commence the development of electoral priorities during 2023, with a view to producing an advocacy document and lobbying strategy by mid-2024.

Initial discussion on priorities was sought at the April 2023 meeting to provide initial guidance to CEOs.

The South West CEOs met at a Shire of Capel hosted workshop on 19 May 2023 to develop initial ideas and potential requests, in relation to Federal and State election priorities as agreed. The workshop included:

- A review of the 2021 election priorities and reflection on the success (or otherwise) of each throughout the campaigns.
- Consideration whether each individual initiative remained a priority or whether the circumstance had changed.
- Preliminary development of potential election priorities for the 2025 cycle.

Summary

Following an update to the SWALGA Country Zone meeting in July 2023, the SW LG CEOs met again in early July 2023 to further the develop the draft election priority information. This meeting focused on:

- Agreeing on separate regional-level and local individual LG election priorities.
- Developing the regional-level priorities into key pillar areas of (working titles):
 - Social and Community.
 - Commercial Infrastructure.
 - Public Infrastructure.
 - Climate and Environment.
- Developing the detail regarding individual local government priorities, noting that some initiatives have localised importance and others more sub-regional.
- Also noted is that some local priorities will be potential targets for both State and Federal funding.

Discussion

The preliminary work completed to date includes

1. Regional-level (Attachment 1) LG election priorities with early commentary.
2. Local individual (Attachment 2) LG election priorities, noting information is to follow from Boyup Brook and Nannup.

Next Steps

The agreed timeline to finalise the priorities and advocacy strategy is as follows:

- August 2023 Country Zone Workshop – Agreed Prioritisation and Lobbying Approach
- October 2023 Local Government elections
- November 2023 Consideration of first draft advocacy document February 2024
Final consideration

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Julia Meldrum
Seconded: President Cr Paul Omodei

That the South West Country Zone, WALGA and Local Governments:

1. **Notes the progress work on future election priorities**
2. **Discusses and finalises agreement on the regional-level priorities to progress.**
3. **Requests the South West CEOs to continue to progress the advocacy priority work.**
4. **Seeks to host both a regional Cabinet meeting and a Director's General meeting as part of the future advocacy strategy.**

CARRIED

7.4 DAMA Update

By The Shire of Dardanup

South-West DAMA – August update for SWALGA

FY 22/23 – 69 applications for endorsement from South-West businesses

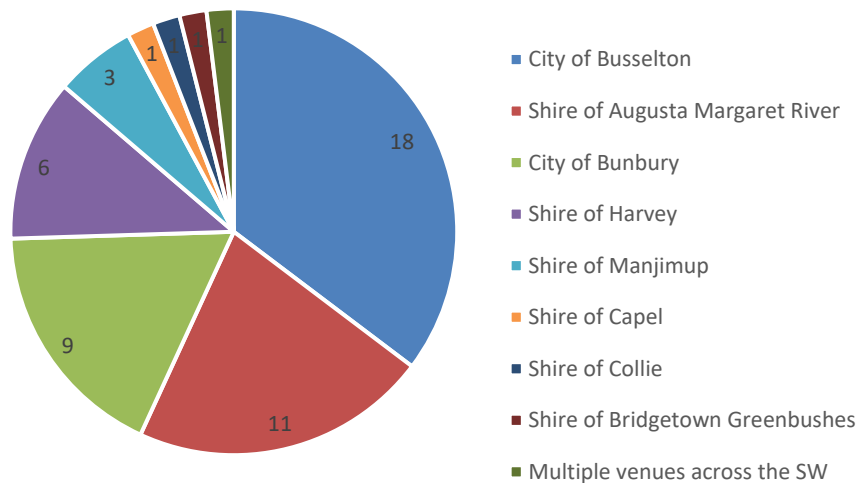
FY 22/23 – 230 nominations

Total applications for endorsement – 2023 Calendar Year

As of 31 July 2023, we have had a total of 51 applications for endorsement in 2023, from the following LGAs:

- City of Busselton (18)
- Shire of Augusta Margaret River (11)
- City of Bunbury (9)
- Shire of Harvey (6)
- Shire of Manjimup (3)
- Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes (1)
- Shire of Capel (1)
- Shire of Collie (1)
- Multiple venues in the South-West (1)

Total Applications for Endorsement - 2023

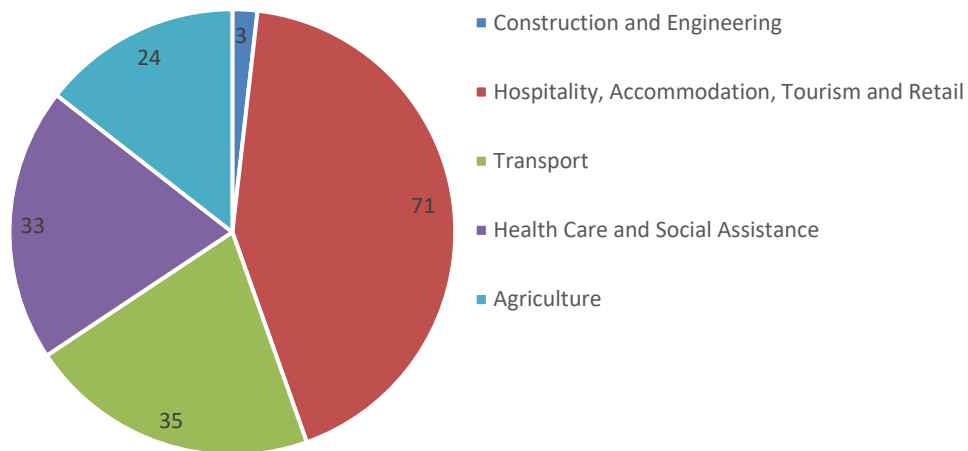


Applications for Endorsement – Occupations

As of 31 July 2023, 166 positions have been nominated of an annual ceiling of 200 positions (due for review). The nominated occupations are as follows:

No. of positions	Occupation
33	Truck Drivers
31	Cooks
19	Nursing Support Workers
17	Retail Supervisors
10	Vegetable Farm Workers
7	Child Care Workers
6	Bakers
5	Bar Supervisor
5	Waiters
4	Dairy Cattle Farm Workers
4	Waiter Supervisor
3	Enrolled Nurse
3	Fruit or Nut Farm Worker
3	Panelbeaters
2	Aged or Disabled Carers
2	Diesel Motor Mechanics
2	Hotel Service Managers
2	Motorcycle Mechanic
2	Pastrycook
1	Café or Restaurant Manager
1	Earthmoving Plant Operator
1	Loader Operator
1	Motor Mechanic
1	Vegetable Picker
1	Vineyard Worker
166	TOTAL

Industries represented in applications for nominations - 2023



Temporary Skilled Migration Income Threshold (TSMIT) Increase

As part of the independent review into Australia’s current migration system, in April 2023 it was announced by Hon. Clare O’Neill, Minister for Home Affairs that the minimum salary requirements for employer-sponsored visas will be increased to \$70,000 for all new nominations from July 1, 2023. The previous rate of \$53,900 had remained unchanged since 2013.

As the South-West DAMA includes lower-skilled occupations, generally not included in the current skilled occupation list, this new salary requirement has the potential to have a negative impact on the program, particularly in the Agriculture and Hospitality space where there has been most of the take-up. At the time of the announcement, half of the applications for endorsement made in 2023 would not meet the new salary requirements, even with a 10% concession.

Salary Concession

The South-West DAMA had an existing concession to the TSMIT requirements of 10% (equal to 90% of TSMIT), provided there was evidence that the Award or Market rate aligned with this lower amount. Due to the increase from July 1, the salary concession makes for a minimum salary requirement of \$63,000, which is still out of reach of the Award rates for many of the occupations that have utilised the DAMA (Child Care workers, Nursing Support Workers, Aged Care workers, Fruit and Vegetable Farm workers, Waiters).

In May 2023, an application was made as part of our outstanding Deed of Variation request to increase our current TSMIT concession to 20% to allow for inclusion of those occupations of which Market or Award rate fall below the current TSMIT requirements.

Deed of Variation request

After a consultation period over the new year with South-West businesses, an application was lodged with the Department of Home Affairs in early March to vary our current South-West DAMA agreement.

The request included the following:

- A change to the post-code range to only include the post-codes of the participating 12 local government areas
- An increase to the number of nominations from 200 to 400 per calendar year for the remainder of the agreement
- Request to include 52 additional occupations to the current list (in addition to 56 occupations currently on the list)
- Request to remove the requirement for promotion to a higher skill level in an associated occupation for the skill level 5 pathway to Permanent Residency
- Requested an increase to the TSMIT concession from 10% to 20%

There is currently no indication from the Department of Home Affairs if or when any of these changes may take effect.

Aged Care Labour Agreement – May 2023

In May 2023 an industry specific Labour Agreement was signed for the Aged Care Sector. This may have future impacts on the South-West DAMA in the Aged Care specific occupations (Aged or Disabled Carer and Nursing Support Worker) as it offers some benefits not applicable to the South-West DAMA, such as direct entry to Permanent Residency, is not location-specific, has larger nomination ceilings and a lower salary requirement not linked to TSMIT.

Migration Review

Further announcements have been made in relation to the Migration review undertaken by the Federal Government, including a permanent residency pathway for all employer-sponsored visa holders. More information on this and further details on the Migration Review will be released later this year.

Noted

7.5 2023 Local Government Elections – Zone Office Bearer Elections

By Chantelle O'Brien, Governance Support Officer

BACKGROUND

With the bi annual Local Government elections being held on Saturday, 21 October 2023, Zones will also be required to hold an election process for State Council representatives.

A chronological overview of the process is detailed below:

- Local Government elections occur on Saturday, 21 October 2023.
- Member Councils to elect/appoint their Zone Delegates and to advise the Zone Executive Officer, as soon as possible but preferably by 3 November 2023.
- For the purpose of electing their representatives and deputy representatives to the WALGA State Council, the Zones are required to hold these elections at their November 2023 meeting.
- Zones to advise WALGA, in writing, of their elected State Council representative and deputy representative immediately following the 2023 November Zone meeting.
- A State Councillor Induction Session will be held for all State Council representatives and deputy representatives before the first meeting in December.
- The new State Council will take office at the Ordinary Meeting of State Council on **6 December 2023**.

In relation to the nominations and election process to be followed by each Zone in electing a representative and deputy representative to the WALGA State Council, the below process has been instituted by State Council:

1. *Zone Executive Officer to write to all Member Councils no later than 1 month prior to the Zone meeting at which the election is to be held calling for nominations from Delegates to the Zone for the positions of representative and deputy representative to State Council. The correspondence is to state that all nominations are to be made in writing to the Zone Executive Officer, and only Elected Members who are a nominated Zone Delegates are eligible to nominate. The time period for the receipt of nominations is preferably to be **one week prior** to the Zone meeting at which the election will be held. However, Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Zone meeting.*
2. *Zone Executive Officer to receive written nominations from Zone Delegates for the positions of representative and deputy representative to State Council and then provide written confirmation to Member Councils of the nominations received.*
3. *Elections are to be held at the next Zone meeting as the first item of business. Nominations will be permitted from the floor at the Zone meeting. Where there is more than one nomination for each vacant position, an election will be conducted using a secret ballot, with the Zone Executive Officer to represent WALGA as the returning officer for the election. Prior to the ballot, nominees for each position are to be extended the opportunity to provide a 2 minute election bid to Delegates.*
4. *All voting Delegates to the Zone are entitled to cast one (1) vote in the ballot process. The candidate with the greater or greatest number of votes is elected to the office.*
5. **Tied vote** – *in the event of a tied vote, election will be determined by drawing names from a box. The Secretariat will put the names of the candidates concerned in a box and the first name drawn is the Elected Member.*
6. *Zone Executive Officer to advise WALGA in writing immediately following the Zone meeting of the outcome of their elections.*

If you have any questions or require further information in relation to the above mentioned process, please contact Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services on 9213 2051 or email tbrown@walga.asn.au.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Julia Meldrum
Seconded: Cr Paul Carter

That the South West Country Zone note the process for election of Zone Representative and Deputy Representative to the WALGA State Council.

CARRIED

7.6 Acknowledgement of Leaving Members

Members of the South West Country Zone would like to take this opportunity to thank the below Elected Members and Chief Executive Officer's that will be departing their Local Government role and have provided their support and commitment to the South West Country Zone during their tenure.

We wish them all the very best for what the future may hold and again thank you on behalf of the South West Country Zone members, Local Governments and their Communities.

- President Cr Paul Gillett – Shire of Harvey
- Mayor Grant Henley – City of Busselton
- President Cr Michael Bennett – Shire of Dardanup
- President Cr Sarah Stanley – Shire of Collie
- Tim Clynch Chief Executive Officer – Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes
- Mal Osbourne Chief Executive Officer – City of Bunbury

Noted

8. WALGA BUSINESS

8.1 WALGA Status Report

By Chantelle O'Brien, Zone Executive Officer

BACKGROUND

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

Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update	WALGA Contact
3 May State Council Agenda Item 7.4 Speed Management Reform Advocacy Position	<p>That the Speed Management Advocacy Position as follows, be endorsed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. This will include applications that are deemed to be approved when the application: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. is based on assessments by competent Local Government practitioners, 	<p>State Council Resolution</p> <p>That the Speed Management Advocacy Position as follows, be endorsed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. This will include applications that are deemed to be approved when the application: 	Ongoing	<p>Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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, and <u>provides a greater weighting for community views on speed changes.</u> <p>b. Allows for Main Roads WA to decline an application, within a mutually agreed timeframe, on the basis that it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. does not meet the above criteria, and ii. provides specific evidence for declining the application. <p>4. That WALGA seeks to work with Main Roads WA and other stakeholders, to develop a speed management guide for Local Governments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>b. Allows for Main Roads WA to decline an application, within a mutually agreed timeframe, on the basis that it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. does not meet the above criteria, and ii. provides specific evidence for declining the application. <p>4. That WALGA seeks to work with Main Roads WA and other stakeholders, to develop a speed management guide for Local Governments.</p>		
23 June 2023 Zone Agenda Item 7.2 - Mining Tenements Applications – DMIRS Procedural Review	That the South West Country Zone request the WALGA State Council to adopt an advocacy position that seeks the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety to undertake: 1. A formal review of the current statutory consultation procedures as they relate to mining tenements; and 2. Improved public consultation for mining tenement applications, particularly for private landowners, regardless of the depth of land applicable.	The WALGA secretariat will review this request and provide a response for a future Zone meeting.	August 2023	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walg a.asn.au 9213 2039
23 June 2023 Zone Agenda Item 7.5 - Strategic Waste Management Discussion	That the South West Country Zone requests WALGA to: 1. Call on the Waste Authority to support a deferral of the draft State Waste Infrastructure Plan to allow alignment between a new Waste Strategy and an infrastructure plan that is to implement waste strategy direction; 2. Request the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation to defer consideration of the draft State Waste Infrastructure Plan until the terms of a new Waste Strategy are determined, so as to allow alignment between document; 3. Incorporate within a submission to the Waste Authority, the following in relation to a new Waste Strategy: a. Vigorous support for the circular economy principle, encouraging new technologies to regenerate resources from waste; b. Support for localized (close to source) waste processing initiatives that can regenerate waste as a resource; c. Maximise the value of waste as a resource, creating commodity value; d. Actively encourage innovation in-line with circular economy principles: and	Noted. MWAC and the Environment Policy Team considered this issue at a joint meeting on 28 June 2023. The WALGA Submission was updated to emphasise that the State Waste Strategy and the Infrastructure Plan must align.	August 2023	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walg a.asn.au 9213 2039

	e. Outline pathways that will enable innovative solutions, including alternative waste processing practices.			
23 June 2023 Zone Agenda Item 7.6 - Cessation of Funding – Regional Climate Alliance Program	That the South West Country Zone supports the request from the Warren Blackwood Alliance of Councils Board and: 1. Requests WALGA advocate to the Minister for Environment; Climate Action for the reinstatement of the Regional Climate Alliance Program; 2. Writing directly to the South West Members of Parliament seeking the reinstatement of the Regional Climate Alliance Program.	The WALGA President wrote to the Minister for Environment and Climate Action, Hon Reece Whitby on 28 June 2023 to urge him to consider the results of the evaluation and funding for the Program as a priority. The Environment and Waste Policy Team noted the Zone resolution and that WALGA will continue to advocate for the continuation and expansion of the Regional Climate Alliance Program.	August 2023	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walg a.asn.au 9213 2039
23 June 2023 Zone Agenda Item 7.7 - Mining Royalties Funding	That the South West Country Zone seeks the support of WALGA to both lobby for the establishment of a Resources Fund Payment to be collected and used within the South West region.	Royalties are a payment in recognition that minerals are owned by the people of Western Australia and that they should receive fair payment for the depletion of their natural resources. WA's resource endowments are owned by the whole state, rather than the communities where they are mined. While there is a clear need for additional funding to support regional communities, the proposal put forward by the South West Country Zone would not deliver sector-wide benefits and would be most appropriately pursued by the Zone.	August 2023	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walg a.asn.au 9213 2039
5 July 2023 State Council Agenda Item 7.1 - Review of Urban Forest Advocacy Position	That the advocacy position be amended to include that urban forest outcomes should be realised for all urban areas across the state.	State Council Resolution That WALGA endorse a new Advocacy Position 4.6 Urban Forest as follows: To promote the growth of Western Australia's urban forest the State Government should: 1. <i>Identify a lead agency with responsibility for setting the strategic direction and oversight of urban forest initiatives.</i> 2. <i>Provide recurrent funding for a comprehensive and accessible Urban Greening Grant program to support Local Government investment in public realm planting, focusing on high urban heat areas and enhancing biodiversity outcomes.</i> 3. <i>In consultation with Local Government:</i> a. <i>Develop a <u>state-wide</u> Urban Forest Strategy, based on the overarching principles of a resilient, connected, expanded and equitable urban forest including:</i> i. <i>a <u>minimum tree canopy target of 30% by 2040</u> for the Perth and Peel regions,</i> ii. <i>robust and contemporary data to inform decision making,</i> iii. <i>funding mechanisms to support growth in urban canopy.</i>	August 2023	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walg a.asn.au 9213 2039

		<p>b. <i>Develop contemporary legislative and policy mechanisms to enable the protection and growth of urban forest, including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <i>an effective and efficient regulatory mechanism that allows Local Government to consider the removal or alteration of a significant tree as a form of development,</i> ii. <i><u>incentivising the provision and retention of trees on private property within the state planning framework,</u></i> iii. <i>prioritisation of trees and vegetation as a key structural element in the design of new neighbourhoods to facilitate climate resilient and liveable communities,</i> iv. <i>consideration of public realm design to maximise opportunities for tree retention and new planting consistent with any tree canopy targets.</i> <p>4. <i>Work with Local Government and other stakeholders to increase community awareness and promote behaviour change in relation to urban forest growth and retention to support State and Local Government targets and action.</i></p> <p><u>RESOLUTION 460.3/2023</u></p> <p><u>CARRIED</u></p> <p>In response to the recommendation of the South West Country Zone the words, “state-wide”, were included to point 2a of to clarify the intent of any strategy to cover all urban centres around Western Australia, including those in regional areas.</p> <p><u>COMPLETE</u></p>		
<p>5 July 2023 State Council Agenda Item 7.6 - Amendments to WALGA’s Constitution</p>	<p>That State Council endorse putting two items to the 2023 Annual General Meeting that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>firstly</u>, propose a new Constitution to give effect to the alternate model as per the attached; and 2. <u>secondly</u>, in the event that 1 is not <u>carried</u> amend the Constitution to retain the current governance model with necessary changes, as per the attached mark-up. 	<p>The WALGA recommendation was in line with State Council’s previous resolution. State Council added some additional amendments to the resolution as per below.</p> <p>State Council Resolution</p> <p>That State Council endorse putting two items to the 2023 Annual General Meeting that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>considers</u> a new Constitution to give effect to the alternate governance model as per the attached, <u>subject to amending clause 2 in respect to the definition of “Special Majority” by inserting the words “the Board or of” after the words “in relation to” and inserting the words “the Board Members or” after the words</u> 	<p>August 2023</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Director, Member Services 9213 2051 tbrown@walga.as n.au</p>

		<p><u>“comprising enough of” and amending clause 32 as per the following:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Replace “An Absolute” with “A Special”; and</u> b. <u>Insert the word “Special” before majority and delete “of not less than 75%”; and</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. amend the Constitution to retain the current governance model with necessary changes, as per the attached mark-up. <p><u>RESOLUTION 466.3/2023</u> <u>CARRIED BY 75% SPECIAL MAJORITY</u></p>		
<p>26 August 2022 Zone Agenda Item 7.2 Renergi Waste Processing</p>	<p>That the South West Country Zone request WALGA to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt a position that supports the utilisation of emerging waste processing technologies; and 2. Advocate to the Minister for Environment to review the regulatory framework surrounding environmental approvals and operational obligations to allow new, alternative treatment processes and technologies that will reduce landfill reliance by improving resource recovery rates, including the processing of FOGO and un-separable, co-mingled material. 	<p>The MWAC / Policy Team response was included in the original Zone item. As noted in the Zone item, WALGA does not support any particular waste technology. WALGA does not have the expertise or resourcing to assess every waste technology, therefore does not lend its support to any particular technology, but instead develops overarching policy guidance and parameters for Local Government to consider. Local Governments and Regional Councils identify and use technology based on their needs, parameters and procurement processes. A blanket support of emerging waste technologies would mean that WALGA was supporting any emerging technology without limit as to its efficacy and impact.</p> <p>The second action was for WALGA to advocate regarding the regulatory framework does not disadvantage new technologies. DWER are currently progressing the Regulatory Reform process and WALGA will include in any future submissions and discussions with the Department the request regarding new technologies and regulatory frameworks.</p>	<p>August 2023</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walg a.asn.au 9213 2039</p>

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Carter
Seconded: President Cr Paul Gillett

That the South West Country Zone WALGA August 2023 Status Report be noted.

CARRIED

8.2 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda

BACKGROUND

WALGA State Council meets five times each year and as part of the consultation process with Member Councils circulates the State Council Agenda for input through the Zone structure.

The full State Council Agenda can be found via link: [State Council Agenda 13 September 2023](#)

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

Matters for Decision

7.1 Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Advocacy Position

That WALGA endorse the following position on Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA):

1. *The State Government should fund the implementation of the Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Improvement Plan endorsed by the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC).*
2. *A reformed LEMA system should:*
 - a) *Clearly articulate the roles and responsibilities of Local Governments in emergency management;*
 - b) *Simplify the reporting processes and reduce the administrative burden of maintaining compliance;*
 - c) *Provide a suite of scalable tools and guidance materials that are accessible through an online knowledge hub;*
 - d) *Build the emergency management capacity and capability of Local Governments through the provision of targeted training, exercising support, human resources and sustainable funding;*
 - e) *Assist Local Governments to continue to deliver their core business activities and provide public information during an emergency event;*
 - f) *Improve the connectivity of Local Governments' various risk management and hazard planning processes through an integrated approach; and*
 - g) *Enable resource sharing and collaboration across the Local Government sector.*

7.2 Advocacy Position on Road Works during Total Fire Ban

That WALGA endorse the following principles in relation to the exemptions and conditions under which road works may be undertaken during a Total Fire Ban:

1. Road Activity Tiers: That there be a tiered risk approach for road work activities and associated controls, based on the proposed activities and fire danger forecast.
2. Local Government operations: That any controls specified in regulations to provide effective risk mitigation and response be able to be implemented within the works crew deployed for the task.
3. Reduce Red Tape: That the processes where repeated notification to DFES for the same task at the same location is required be streamlined.

Policy Team and Committee Reports

- 8.1 Environment and Waste Policy Team Report
- 8.2 Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team Report
- 8.3 Infrastructure Policy Team Report
- 8.4 People and Place Policy Team Report
- 8.5 Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) Report

Matters for Noting

- 9.1 Flying Minute – Consistent Local Planning Schemes
- 9.2 Flying Minute – Submission on the Draft State Waste Infrastructure Plan
- 9.3 Flying Minute – Submission on Directions Paper: Review of the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2023
- 9.4 Flying Minute – Submission on Discussion Paper: Stage 3 Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 Review
- 9.5 Flying Minute – Independent Strategic Review of the Infrastructure Investment Program Submission
- 9.6 Flying Minute – Submission on Discussion Paper – Wired for Change: regulation for small electrical products and solar photovoltaic system waste
- 9.7 Concurrent Commonwealth Disaster Reviews

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Michael Bennett

Seconded: President Cr Paul Omodei

That the South West Country Zone:

- 1. **Supports all Matters for Decision, Policy Team and Committee Reports as listed above in the 13 September 2023 State Council Agenda; and**
- 2. **Notes all, Matters for Noting as listed in the 13 September 2023 State Council Agenda.**

CARRIED

9. AGENCY REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS

9.1 WALGA President's Report

WALGA representative, Chris Hossen provided a brief update to the Zone on behalf of the WALGA President.

9.2 South West Development Commission

Mellisa Teede, Chief Executive Officer, provided a brief update to the Zone.

9.3 Regional Development Australia – South West

Projects Officer & Administration, Vickie Walker, provided a brief update to the Zone.

9.4 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Brendan McNally, Regional Manager Peel South-West was an apology for this meeting.

The DLGSC August Update was distributed with the Agenda.

9.5 Australia's South West

Chief Executive Officer, Catrin Allsop was an apology for this meeting.

9.6 National Emergency Management Agency

Sam Ramsay, NEMA, provided a brief update to the Zone.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT

10.1 Financial Report

South West Country Zone			
Cashflow			
Year Ending 30 June 2023			
	Budget	Actual	Comments
	FY23	FY23	
	\$	\$	
Opening Cash Balance	12,748	12,748	
Income			
Subscription Income	7,200	7,200	12 @ \$600 each
Total Income	7,200	7,200	
Expenses			
Bank Charges	72	65	12 months @ \$6
Total Expenses	72	65	
Closing Cash Balance	19,876	19,883	

Bank Account Signatories

With the recent change of staff at WALGA, two of the four South West Country Zone bank account signatories have since left the organisation, being Tim Lane and Tina Mosscrop. Therefore, it is proposed to update the signatories to include WALGA's current Finance Manager Nilpa Shah-Smith, Tony brown and Rick Murray will remain unchanged.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Doug Kitchen

Seconded: Mr Mal Osborne

That:

1. **The signatories for the South West Country Zone bank account be updated to be the following WALGA officers:**
 - **Nilpa Shah-Smith, Finance Manager**
 - **Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services**
 - **Rick Murray, Chief Financial Officer**
2. **the Financial Report be received.**
3. **CEO's confer on possible strategic projects to fund and make recommendation to the next meeting.**

CARRIED

11. EMERGING ISSUES

11.1 Not-for-profit Organisations

Mal Osborne and Paul Omodei.

Not-for-profit support organisations are currently facing difficulties with rising costs, no additional income being received, no additional state funding being received and increase in state referrals. Volunteer fatigue is also cause for concern.

Very well organised organisations do well as they have a strong structure. Small or lower tier organisations struggle more.

Sector perspective sought through WALGA.

Noted

12. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETINGS

12.1 Future Meeting Dates

Meeting dates for 2023 are listed below.

MEETING DATE	HOST LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Friday 21 April 2023	Bridgetown Greenbushes
Friday 23 June 2023	Busselton
Friday 25 August 2023	Nannup
Friday 24 November 2023	Capel

12.2 Next Meeting

MEETING DATE	HOST LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Friday 24 November 2023	Capel

13. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 4:32pm.