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East Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

16 February 2023

East Metropolitan Zone

Hosted by the City of Belmont

Function Room, 215 Wright Street Cloverdale – Phone 9477 7222

Thursday 16 February 2023, commenced at 6:34 pm

Acknowledgement of Country

We, the delegates of the East Metropolitan Zone acknowledge the traditional owners of this land that we are meeting on today and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.

Minutes

MEMBERS

3 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

Town of Bassendean	Cr Emily Wilding
City of Bayswater	Cr Catherine Ehrhardt Cr Giorgia Johnson - Chair
City of Belmont	Mayor Phil Marks Cr Deborah Sessions Mr John Christie, Chief Executive Officer
City of Kalamunda	Cr Brooke O'Donnell (online) Cr Janelle Sewell
Shire of Mundaring	Cr Paige McNeil Cr John Daw Mr Jonathan Throssell, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Swan	Cr Aaron Bowman Mr Stephen Cain, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
WALGA Secretariat	Mr Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure Mr Chris Hossen, Policy Manager, Planning and Building
Guest Speakers	Tom Fleming, Principal Policy Officer, Child Safeguarding Implementation Unit, DLGSC Kait McNamara, Director, Child Safeguarding Implementation Unit, DLGSC
DLGSC	Ms Amy Noon, Senior Project Officer

APOLOGIES

Town of Bassendean	Cr Jennie Carter Cr Renee McLennan Mr Luke Gibson, A/Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
City of Bayswater	Cr Josh Eveson Mr Jeremy Edwards, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Belmont	Cr George Sekulla
City of Kalamunda	Cr Sue Bilich Ms Rhonda Hardy, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Mundaring	Cr Doug Jeans
City of Swan	Cr Patty Jones Cr Rashelle Predovnik

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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 WITHIN THE AGENDA

1. Draft Minutes of the previous meeting
2. Zone Status Report
3. President's Report
4. Standing Orders

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 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Update

2.1.1 Child Safe Awareness Policy template

Tom Fleming and Kait McNamara from the Child Safeguarding Implementation Unit from within the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries provided an update on the Child Safe Awareness Policy template for Local Governments.

The presentation outlined the Policy's position within the range of child safe reforms recommended by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse that will impact Local Government, including the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations and the Reportable Conduct Scheme. The presentation also outlined the Unit's role in supporting Local Government to implement the child safe reforms.

2.1.2 Department Update

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representative Amy Noon, provided an update the Zone on DLGSC issues.

Optional preferential voting - Issue of no candidate receiving a majority vote was raised, and how this issue would be resolved were asked.

Noted

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Aaron Bowman
Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the East Metropolitan Zone held 24 November 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED (UNANIMOUSLY)

4. BUSINESS ARISING

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

Noted

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: [1 March 2023 State Council Agenda](#)

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 Proposed Advocacy Position on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

That the following Advocacy Position be endorsed:

WALGA supports constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People through the enshrining of a Voice to Parliament.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Giorgia Johnson
Seconded: Cr Brooke O'Donnell

That the East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 7.1 of the State Council Agenda.

CARRIED (UNANIMOUSLY)

7.2 Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Submission

That the submission on the draft Western Australian Community Disaster Resilience Strategy be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt
Seconded: Cr Janelle Sewell

That the East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 7.2 of the State Council Agenda.

CARRIED (UNANIMOUSLY)

7.3 Child Safeguarding Advocacy Position

That the Child Safeguarding Advocacy Position as follows be endorsed:

Child Safeguarding

1. *Local Government supports:*
 - a. *the recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse 2017, in particular Recommendation 6.12 which can be achieved by Local Government implementing and embedding child safeguarding across its functions with support from Governments at the national, state and territory levels; and*
 - b. *the ten National Principles for Child Safe Organisations (Australian Humans Rights Commission).*
2. *The State Government through an Independent Oversight Body should provide financial, resourcing and capacity building support to Local Governments to implement and embed child safeguarding across its functions, through the provision of:*
 - a. *supporting materials such as template policies, procedures and guidelines;*
 - b. *consistent key messaging and resources to promote and share in venues and facilities and online;*
 - c. *examples of best practice, including case studies;*
 - d. *self-assessment tools to assist Local Government;*
 - e. *ongoing training and skills development for Local Government staff, including online training options;*
 - f. *funding for the delivery of the child safeguarding function within smaller, less well resourced (Band 3 and Band 4) Local Governments; and*
 - g. *expert officers within each region to provide support and guidance to Local Government on child safeguarding.*
3. *The Local Government sector supports Local Government participation in the State's National Redress Scheme, with full financial coverage by the State.*

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Janelle Sewell
Seconded: Cr Brooke O'Donnell

That the East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 7.3 of the State Council Agenda.

CARRIED (UNANIMOUSLY)

7.4 Submission on Draft Guideline Minimising Noise Impact from Outdoor Community Basketball Facilities

That the submission on the Draft Guideline: Minimising noise impact from outdoor community basketball facilities be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

That the East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 7.4 of the State Council Agenda.

Moved: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt
Seconded: Cr Emily Wilding

CARRIED (UNANIMOUSLY)

7.5 Main Roads Draft Roadside Advertising Policy and Application Guidelines

That the submission to Main Roads on its Draft Roadside Advertising Policy and Application Guidelines be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

That the East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 7.5 of the State Council Agenda.

Moved: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt
Seconded: Cr John Daw

CARRIED (UNANIMOUSLY)

6. BUSINESS

6.1 2023 Local Government Honours Program

The annual Local Government Honours Program affords significant public recognition and celebration of the outstanding achievements and lasting contributions made by Elected Members and Local Government officers to their respective Councils, the WA Local Government sector and the wider community.

Nominations for the 2023 Honours Program are open now.

There are six awards in the 2023 Program:

1. Local Government Medal
2. Life Membership
3. Eminent Service Award

4. Merit Award
5. Local Government Distinguished Officer Award
6. Young Achievers Award

Nominations will close at **5:00pm on Friday, 9 June** and the awards will be presented as part of the WALGA Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 18 September.

For more information or to submit a nomination, visit the WALGA website or contact Kathy Robertson, Executive Officer Governance, on 9213 2036 or via email at honours@walga.asn.au.

Noted

7. OTHER BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Janelle Sewell
Seconded: Cr Paige McNeil

That the East Metropolitan Zone request WALGA advocate to the Minister for Local Government for the superannuation provision to be included in the first tranche of legislative amendments to the Local Government Act

CARRIED (8 for; 2 Against)

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 WALGA President's Report

The WALGA State Councillor presented the President's Report.

Noted

8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

WALGA State Councillor presented on the previous State Council meeting.

Noted

9. NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING

Nil.

10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

That the next ordinary meeting of the East Metropolitan Zone be held on 20 April 2023 at the City of Belmont commencing at 6:30pm.

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at **7:33pm**.