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Peel Zone

Minutes

15 February 2023

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Hosted by MS Teams

Wednesday 15 February 2023, commenced at 2:00 pm

Acknowledgement of Country

We, the delegates of the Peel Country 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

2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Mandurah	Mr Mark Newman, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Murray	President David Bolt Mr Dean Unsworth, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Shire Serpentine Jarrahdale	President Michelle Rich - Chair Cr Lauren Strange Mr Paul Martin, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Shire of Waroona	President Cr Michael Walmsley Cr Naomi Purcell
WALGA Representatives	Ms Nicole Matthews, Executive Manager Policy Mr Willem Bouwer, Governance Specialist Ms Coralie Claudio, Senior Policy Advisor Planning
DLGSC Representative	Joanne Hender, A/Principal Strategy Officer
Guest Speakers	Tom Fleming, Principal Policy Officer, and Alexa Wilkins, Child Safeguarding Implementation Unit, DLGSC

APOLOGIES

Shire of Boddington	Cr Eugene Smallberger Cr Garry Ventris Ms Julie Burton, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
City of Mandurah	Mayor Rhys Williams Cr Caroline Knight
Shire of Murray	Cr Douglas McLarty
Shire of Waroona	Mr Mark Goodlet, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate

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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

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Elected Members must declare to the Chair 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 Construction Training Fund

Tiffany Allen, Chief Executive Officer of the Construction Training Fund, was an apology for this meeting and will be rescheduled to a future meeting.

Noted

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

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Representative, Joanne Hender, A/Principal Strategy Officer provided an update on DLGSC matters. If there were any further questions, please contact her on joanne.hender@dlgsc.wa.gov.au

Noted

The Minister advised that legislative reform would occur in two tranches. LG Alerts and the Department's website would provide updates. Proposals related to electoral reform were a priority and local governments were encouraged to contact the WA Electoral Commission (WAEC), by the end of March 2023, if they were seeking their assistance to run their elections. For those local governments running their own elections, they could request a license from the WAEC for the Count WA calculating software (costs to be confirmed).

2.2.1 Child Safe Awareness Policy Template

Tom Fleming from the Child Safeguarding Implementation Unit, within the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, presented on the current status of the Child Safe Awareness Policy template for Local Government.

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.

A copy of the presentation was distributed to Zone members after the meeting was held.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr David Bolt
Seconded: Cr Lauren Strange

- 1. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Peel Zone held on 24 November 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.**
- 2. That the August 2022 minutes be amended, regarding confirmation of the August 2022 Minutes, that President Michael Walmsley and Cr Douglas McLarty had declared an interest in being fire brigade members, when discussing the Brigade item.**

CARRIED

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: President Cr Michael Walmsley
Seconded: Mr Mark Newman

That the Peel Country Zone postpone this item and lay a decision on the table until the next Zone Meeting.

CARRIED

7.2 Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Submission

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

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Michael Walmsley
Seconded: Mr Mark Newman

That the Zone supports item 7.2 of the State Council Agenda.

CARRIED

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: Mr Mark Newman
Seconded: Cr Lauren Strange

That the Peel Country Zone supports item 7.3 of the State Council Agenda.

CARRIED

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

Moved: Mr Mark Newman
Seconded: Cr Lauren Strange

That the Peel Country Zone supports item 7.4 of the State Council Agenda.

CARRIED

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

Moved: President Cr Michael Walmsley
Seconded: Cr David Bolt

That the Peel Country Zone supports item 7.5 of the State Council Agenda.

CARRIED

RESOLVED

That the Peel Country Zone Notes all Policy Team Reports, Matters for Noting and Organisational Reports as listed in the March 2023 State Council Agenda.

6. ZONE 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. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

7.1 WALGA President's Report

The State Council representative, President Cr Michelle Rich will present the President's Report. Report was distributed with the Agenda.

Noted

7.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

WALGA State Councillor presented on the previous State Council meeting.

Noted

8. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

That the next ordinary meeting of the Peel Zone will be held on 13 April 2023 at the Shire of Boddington, commencing at 2pm.

Note that the with April location meeting change, the June 2023 Peel Zone meeting will now be held at the Shire of Waroona.

9. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at **3.22pm**.