

Pilbara Country Zone

Minutes

23 November 2023

Pilbara Country Zone

Hosted by WALGA, LGIS Board Room
Level 3, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville
Thursday, 23 November 2023.

WALGA secretariat assumed the Chair and opened the meeting at 11:36am

Acknowledgement of Country

We, the delegates of the Pilbara 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 Karratha

Mayor Daniel Scott
Cr Brenton Johannsen

Town of Port Hedland

Mayor Peter Carter (arrived at 11.50am)
Cr Ash Christensen (arrived at 11.50am)
Mr Carl Askew, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate (arrived at 11.50am)

Shire of East Pilbara

Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks
Cr David Kular (Deputy)
Mr Steven Harding, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

Shire of Ashburton

President Cr Audra Smith
Cr Alana Sullivan
Mr Kenn Donohoe, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

WALGA Secretariat

Rachel Armstrong, Senior Policy Advisor, Emergency Management
Chantelle O'Brien, Governance Support Officer

Shadow Minister for
Environment, Lands,
Planning & Heritage

Hon Neil Thomson MLC

Guest Speakers

Telstra

Boyd Brown, Regional Manager Telstra

Department of Fire and
Emergency Services

Tim McNaught, Director Recovery Funding
Robbie Stainton, Manager Disaster Recovery Funding

National Emergency
Management Agency

Kieran Vassallo, Director DRFA Engagement and Technical

APOLOGIES

Shire of East Pilbara

President Cr Anthony Middleton

City of Karratha Ms Virginia Miltrup, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

DLGSC Representative Mr Toby Cotterell, Regional Manager

Regional Development Australia – Pilbara Roadwise Tony Simpson, Chief Executive Officer

Department of Fire and Emergency Services and Kate Vivien, Assistant Commissioner, Resilience and Recovery

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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. Department of Local Government, Sport, and Cultural Industries – November Update

Deputations were brought forward to allow time for all delegates to arrive.

1. DEPUTATIONS

1.1 Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) are combining to engage with Local Governments about changes to disaster recovery arrangements that are being implemented and hear the experiences of Local Governments using the systems to support recovery efforts.

Topics include:

- Delivery of recovery funding
- Arrangements to support cash-flow during recovery
- Engagement processes with the Recovery Funding Team
- Roles, structure and function of State Recovery and interactions with government and community
- Update on NEMA reviews into recovery funding.

Tim McNaught from DFES and Kieran Vassallo from NEMA provided a presentation on the above.

Other matters that were raised by members were:

- The need for further information on biosecurity recovery. Interagency MOUs, and the need for engagement with the pastoral sector
- Can the State coordinate the use of drone technology annually to set baseline condition for assets as is done in Queensland.
- The need for a rapid response team / hit team to support LGs in recovery, and for stockpiles that can be immediately deployed to support communities
- Positive feedback from the East Pilbara relating to the conversations coming through the LEMC and the Local DFES team relating to recovery
- Issue raised relating to the early closure of the Evacuation Centre in East Pilbara, before residents from Remote Aboriginal Communities were able to return home.

1.2 Telstra

Boyd Brown, Regional General Manager provided some information to the Zone on the following matters:

3G

- 3G being turned off by June 2024, with software change to 4G. Half way through this process to support the June closure.
- Requested feedback if there are any areas where service is worse now (after the upgrade) where there was a better service. Telstra wants to provide coverage equivalence.
- Also noted that there are some still using EFTPOS devices that will only work on the 3G network.
- Discussion of the opportunity to work with mining companies. Telstra noted that these locations would not have been priorities via the Telstra system.

Satellite Technology

- Temporary satellite facilities are available to support an event however there is a cost.
- Telstra has an arrangement with Starlink and will be a re-seller when available.
- Co-investment opportunities
- Fibre optic cable build project

2. ELECTIONS

2.1 Elections of Chair and Deputy Chair of the Pilbara Country Zone

Pursuant to the WALGA Constitution, the Secretariat assumed the Chair for conducting the election of office bearers, State Council Representatives and Deputy State Council Representatives.

Guidelines for elections were distributed to Member Councils via email dated 17 October 2023.

The election for the Chair and Deputy Chair was conducted and the term set at two years expiring in November 2025, in line with the terms of State Council representatives and in sync with Local Government Elections.

Chair

The following written nomination was received for the position of Chair for 2 years, November 2023 to November 2025.

- Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks Shire of East Pilbara

Nominations were also called from the floor. No further nominations were received.

DECLARATION

That Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks is elected as Chairperson of the Pilbara Country Zone for the term of 2 years, November 2023 to November 2025.

Deputy Chair

The following written nomination was received for the positions of Deputy Chair for 2 years, November 2023 to November 2025.

- Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks Shire of East Pilbara

Cr McWhirter-Brooks withdrew her nomination. Nominations were called from the floor.

- President Cr Audra Smith Shire of Ashburton

As only one nomination was received, no election was held.

DECLARATION

That President Cr Audra Smith is elected as Deputy Chairperson of the Pilbara Country Zone for the term of 2 year, November 2023 to November 2025.

2.2 Elections of State Council Representatives and Deputy State Council Representatives to the Pilbara Country Zone

In accordance with sub-clause 9(3) of the WALGA Constitution representatives and deputy representatives to the State Council shall be elected by Zones of the Metropolitan and Country constituencies for two (2) year terms, commencing from the Ordinary Meeting of State Council in December 2023 and concluding on the day before the Ordinary Meeting of State Council in December 2025.

For the Pilbara Country Zone, there is one (1) representative position on State Council and one (1) deputy representative position. The term is from the Ordinary Meeting of State Council in December 2023 and concluding the day before the Ordinary Meeting of State Council in December 2025.

State Councillor

The following written nominations were received for the position of State Council Representative:

- President Cr Daniel Scott City of Karratha
- Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks Shire of East Pilbara

Nominations were also called from the floor. No further nominations were received. As more than one nomination was received, ballot papers were distributed and an election by secret ballot took place.

In accordance with the guidelines endorsed by State Council, candidates were afforded the opportunity to make a 2 minute election bid prior to the secret ballot being taken.

DECLARATION

That Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks is elected as State Council Representative of the Pilbara Country Zone to the State Council for the term of 2 years, December 2023 to December 2025.

Deputy State Councillor

No written nominations were received for the position of Deputy State Council Representative.

Nominations were called from the floor. Two nominations were received:

- President Cr Audra Smith Shire of Ashburton
- Cr Brenton Johanssen City of Karratha

As more than one nomination was received, ballot papers were distributed and an election by secret ballot took place.

DECLARATION

That President Cr Audra Smith is elected as Deputy State Council Representative of the Pilbara Country Zone to the State Council for the term of 2 years, December 2023 to December 2025.

Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks assumed the Chair.

3. 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.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: **Mayor Peter Cater**
Seconded: **Cr David Kular**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Pilbara Country Zone held on 22 August 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 Status Report

By Chantelle O'Brien, Zone Executive Officer

There are no outstanding items for the Pilbara Zone Status Report.

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: [State Council Agenda 6 December 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 2023 Annual General Meeting Resolutions

That:

1. the following resolutions from the 2023 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the People and Place Policy Team for further work to be undertaken:

- 5.1 Local Governments' representation at the State Administrative Tribunal relating to planning matters within its district

That WALGA lobby the State Government for legislative reform to enable Local Governments the automatic right to be a represented party at all State Administrative Tribunal hearings related to planning matters within its district.

- 5.2 Land Use Policy

That WALGA establish and promote policies to protect and prioritise the preservation of agricultural land against its displacement by non-agricultural activities that lead to a net reduction of the State's productive agricultural land.

- 5.4 Regional and Remote Housing

That WALGA advocates to the WA State and Commonwealth Governments to address the dire shortage of affordable key worker family housing options in regional and remote towns to encourage families to live and work in regional and remote towns. Social housing is addressed at both the State and Federal levels.

2. State Council notes that the following resolution is being considered in Agenda item 7.2 of this meeting Agenda:

- 5.3 Transparency – Management Order Determinations

That WALGA:

1. *Advocates for Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to consult and collaborate with Local Governments in reviewing and publishing its policies, decision making criteria, guidelines and procedures associated with the administration of management orders;*
2. *Ensure the review recognises the cost burden on local governments in managing reserves and options for supporting local governments in meeting that responsibility; and*
3. *Calls for proactive consultation and advice to Local Government management bodies.*

7.2 Advocacy Position – Crown Land and Management Order Administration – Land Administration Act 1997

That WALGA endorse the below Advocacy Position:

Crown Land and Management Order Administration - Land Administration Act 1997

WALGA advocates to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) to:

1. Apply the following principles when dealing with matters affecting Local Government's role in managing Crown land:
 - a. Local Government is an equal partner with State Government in managing, developing and administration of Crown land for community benefit.
 - b. Local Government should be provided timely advice and consulted where State Government proposals impact management of or investment in Crown land.
 - c. Ensure timely communication with Local Government where DPLH intends to challenge an intention to levy leasing or land use revenues under a power to lease arrangement.
 - d. Decision-making criteria, policy and procedure transparency contributes to whole of government efficiency, effectiveness and accountability.
2. Publish the policies and procedures that underpin decision making regarding:
 - a. Establishing, varying or revoking management orders.
 - b. Leasing Crown land or facilities, subject to a management order.
 - c. Decision review where a management body or proponent lessee is dissatisfied with a decision or process.

7.3 Review of Public Open Space Advocacy Positions

That WALGA endorse:

1. the deletion of Advocacy Position 4.3 *Water Management*,
2. the deletion of Advocacy Position 4.4 *Public Open Space*; and
3. new Advocacy Position 6.11 *Public Open Space* as follows:

6.11 Public Open Space

New subdivisions and developments should provide appropriate Public Open Space (POS) or POS contributions to provide environmental benefits and meet the needs of the community.

The State Government should take a leadership role in the strategic planning of POS, in consultation with Local Government, including:

1. *Reviewing the requirement for a minimum 10 per cent of all new residential land to be provided as POS to determine if this metric is still appropriate.*
2. *Developing a 10+ year regional level sporting facilities plan to identify and prioritise gaps in regional sporting facilities and acquire and fund regional open spaces, specifically sporting facilities, in a timely manner to align with population growth.*
3. *Developing contemporary legislative and policy mechanisms to ensure that:*
 - a. *POS design and delivery:*
 - i. *appropriately allocates different POS uses and purposes, balancing environmental, recreational, sporting and community needs.*
 - ii. *does not have its use impeded by drainage and utilities facilities.*
 - iii. *is accessible and appropriately distributed.*
 - iv. *is cost effective to enable sustainable maintenance and replacement by Local Government.*
 - v. *is responsive to urban ecology, regional climatic conditions, and climate change.*
 - vi. *considers water requirements and availability as a priority, includes water sensitive urban design principles, and prioritises water allocations for the irrigation and maintenance of functional active recreational and sport facilities.*
 - b. *POS cash in lieu contributions are equitable, transparent, and simplified by:*

- i. *streamlining the process to collect and expend cash in lieu contributions by delegating functions to Local Government.*
 - ii. *broadening how cash in lieu funds can be spent to include works beyond the current scope.*
 - iii. *allowing for the collection of cash in lieu contributions at development application stage and for all forms of subdivision, including two lot subdivisions or developments.*
 - iv. *investigating the option of a standard fixed rate contribution fee per lot or dwelling when contributions are intended for public open space upgrades.*
4. *Providing guidance documents and support to assist Local Governments with their strategic POS planning.*

7.4 2024 Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Remuneration Inquiry for Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members

That WALGA endorse the submission to the 2024 Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Remuneration Inquiry for Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members.

7.5 Household Hazardous Waste Policy Statement and Advocacy Position

That WALGA:

1. Rescind the 2003 WALGA *Household Hazardous Waste Policy Statement and Advocacy Position 7.10 Household Hazardous Waste*; and
2. Endorse a new Household Hazardous Waste Policy Statement and Advocacy Position as follows:

7.10 Household Hazardous Waste

1. *Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is a small but significant component of the waste stream which requires specialised management strategies to protect human health, property and the environment.*
2. *This requires:*
 - a. *Effective Product Stewardship for all HHW; and*
 - b. *The maintenance and expansion of the HHW Program, funded by the State Government and Product Stewardship Schemes, to provide for the management of HHW collected from the community by Local Government.*

7.6 Waste Education Policy Statement and Advocacy Position

That WALGA:

1. Rescind the existing WALGA *Waste Management Education Policy Statement 2008 and Advocacy Position 7.8 Waste Management Education*; and
2. Endorse a revised WALGA *Waste Education Policy Statement 2023 and Advocacy Position* as follows:
 1. *Waste education is essential part of waste management that empowers the community to engage in waste avoidance, reuse and recovery, and to use services correctly.*
 2. *Effective waste education requires:*
 - a. *Consistent communications by all stakeholders to ensure messages are clear and the community has confidence in the information provided.*
 - b. *A strategic and long-term investment from the State Government, with funding mechanisms in place to support and enable collaboration between Local Governments and Regional Councils.*
 - c. *Recognition of waste education in the definition of 'waste service' in the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007, in order to allow a charge for waste education as part of the waste service charge.*
 - d. *Identification of priority problematic materials within the waste stream and ongoing advocacy for evidence based alternative approaches.*

7.7 Submission E-Waste Landfill Ban Regulations

That WALGA endorse the Submission on the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (e-waste) Regulations 2023*.

7.8 Submission on Philanthropic Engagement Framework for Emergency Management

That WALGA endorse the submission to the State Emergency Management Committee on the Draft Philanthropic Engagement Framework for Emergency Management.

7.9 Submission to the WA Action Plan for Young People Consultation Paper

That WALGA endorse the submission to the *WA Action Plan for Young People Consultation Paper*.

Matters for Noting

- 9.1 Planning and Development Amendment Bill 2023 and Associated Regulations and Guidelines
- 9.2 WALGA Emergency Management Survey 2023
- 9.3 WALGA Submission on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Legislation dated 26 September 2023 and Update
- 9.4 Legal Response to the Local Government Approaches to Tree Retention Issues Paper
- 9.5 Flying Minute: Submission to the Review of the Main Roads Pedestrian Crossing Facilities Guidelines
- 9.6 Flying Minute – Draft Operational Policy 2.3: Planning for Public Open Space
- 9.7 Flying Minute – Submission on Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding Arrangements
- 9.8 Flying Minute – Objection to the 2023 WA Electoral Distribution Commission Proposed Boundaries
- 9.9 Flying Minute: Submission on the Exposure Draft of the Recycling and Waste Reduction (Export – Paper and Cardboard) Rules
- 9.10 Flying Minute: Submission on National Asbestos Strategic Plan
- 9.11 Flying Minute: Draft Code of Practice for On-Site Wastewater Disposal
- 9.12 Flying Minute – 2024-25 WALGA State Budget Submission

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Daniel Scott
Seconded: Mayor Peter Carter

That the Pilbara Country Zone:

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

CARRIED

7. BUSINESS

7.1 2024 Proposed Meeting Dates

By Chantelle O'Brien, Zone Executive Officer

BACKGROUND

A schedule of the proposed meeting dates for the Pilbara Country Zone 2024 has been prepared and is set out below. The dates have been set to coincide with the WALGA State Council meetings.

The proposed meeting dates for the Pilbara Country Zone for 2024 require adoption by delegates.

As with the previous year, it is proposed to continue with the three in person meetings per year. The June meeting to be a Regional Zone meeting and on a rotational basis amongst each Local Government with a dinner to follow as previously resolved by the Zone. February and November meetings are retained to be hosted by WALGA and two meetings being held via TEAMS.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS
PILBARA COUNTRY ZONE MEETING
2024

Zone Meeting Dates Thursday	Time	HOST COUNCIL	State Council Meeting Dates 2024
22 February	Thursday 11.30 am	WALGA	Wednesday 6 March 2024
18 April	Thursday 11.30 am	TEAMS	Regional Metro Wednesday 1 May 2024
20 June	Thursday 11.30 am	City of Karratha (Dinner)	Wednesday 3 July 2024
22 August	Thursday 11.30 am	TEAMS	Regional Meeting 5-6 September 2024
21 November	Thursday 11.30 am	WALGA	Wednesday 4 December 2024

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Alana Sullivan
Seconded: Mayor Daniel Scott

That the 2024 proposed schedule of meetings for the Pilbara Country Zone be adopted.

CARRIED

7.2 Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements WA

By Shire of Ashburton

BACKGROUND

The Shire of Ashburton has experienced significant delays in the initial cost estimate process. Many cost estimates taking more than 12 months to get approved by DFES. Given that the funding is for the reinstatement of essential public assets following a disaster event, this is an unacceptable delay. The

standard response you will generally receive from DFES if you raise this is that local governments should proceed with the work without waiting for approval from DFES as if the work is really essential then it will be done regardless of whether it is funded directly by the LG or by the DRFAWA. This can increase the risk to the Shire should funding not be fully approved/reimbursed.

Below is a list of current Shire of Ashburton outstanding claims;

1.	AGRN920:	Severe Weather:	5 May 2020,	\$ 1,637,997.64
2.	AGRN951:	Tropical Low:	28/1-8/2021,	\$ 1,382,103.50
3.	AGRN1015:	Flooding Pilbara:	7-10 February 2022,	\$ 1,925,869.99
4.	AGRN1031:	Flooding Pilbara:	29 May -1 June 2022,	\$ 609,625.81

There have been significant delays in obtaining reimbursement for costs incurred during the reinstatement works. Shire's Flood Damage consultants track the time taken by DFES to approve each claim for reimbursement and it can be seen to be more than 100 days for some local governments(LG). At a typical contractor expenditure rate of \$300 – 400k per month, LGs can easily be holding several million in costs waiting for DFES to approve. The response DFES generally provides is that they provide working capital as an upfront payment of 20%. However, this can easily be exceeded with a 100-day wait for approval of claims. They will also advise the Shire that they now part-approve claims if there is an element they are unsure of. Again, this misses the point in that if it still takes 100 days for a part approval, then the LG is not much better off.

This is an ongoing issue affecting many local governments across the state and current engagement attempts including writing to the DFES Deputy Commissioner Strategy and Emergency Management(dated 22/09/2022), has not seen any noticeable improvement. This not only increases the risk to the shire but, also the community that use the impacted road infrastructure. Seeking the support through WALGA will escalate the issue to higher levels of government to highlight the problems being experienced and to encourage new or revised arrangements to better manage the process in a more timely and responsive manner.

The Shire of Ashburton request aligns with the WALGA Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding Submission – Dated August 2023.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

WALGA has been active in advocating to eliminate delays in approving proposed works programs and claims made under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. This has included advocating to the responsible Ministers at Federal and State level, and with senior officers at the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA).

It was encouraging to see a significant injection of funding into DFES recovery claims processing from 1 July 2023 which has resulted in staff numbers being increased from 6 FTE to 24 FTE.

It is recognised that there is still significant work required to develop this expanded team and review the processes, including the data sought from Local Governments.

WALGA hosted a webinar on the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements with DFES and NEMA during October. A recording of the webinar is available via the WALGA website at [Emergency Management | WALGA | WALGA](#) (under Webinar Recordings) or directly at [Supporting recovery following natural disasters webinar - YouTube](#).

WALGA is working to arrange face to face meetings involving Local Government officers and elected members with senior officers from DFES and NEMA to share a deeper understanding of the challenges and develop solutions.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Audra Smith
Seconded: Cr Alana Smith

That the Pilbara Country Zone request WALGA:

1. to raise the matter and seek action to find solutions for the excessive delays in processing and approving of claims with the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements WA, with the appropriate agency; and
2. the appropriate agency be requested to engage proactively with the Shire of Ashburton to address current outstanding claims for Natural disaster events dating back to 2020.

CARRIED

7.3 Friendship Games

By Chantelle O'Brien, Zone Executive Officer

BACKGROUND

Friendship Games

Andrew Vlahov from Friendship Games would like the opportunity to provide a deputation before an event that is being coordinated for next year.

The purpose of the initiative is as follows:

Global

Create a globally recognised youth event in Western Australia. To enhance strategic relationships by providing pathways and platforms for inclusion and to build enduring relationships for Western Australia, our First Nations Communities and global partners.

Local

To bring together our youth in communities including Remote and Regional participants with a sport, culture and education platform for the broader community of Western Australia (WA) including Government, Industry and Corporate WA for social and economic benefit.

Sports Diplomacy 2030

To create a globally recognised sports event aligned to the Sports Diplomacy 2030 strategic priorities. Increase awareness of the Australian cultural exchange opportunities, leveraging the positive international connections during the Games, enhancing Australia's reputation as an inclusive and respectful country.

The Friendship Games is a multisport "carnival style" program. A condensed program format is proposed in 2024 with 11 targeted sports and approximately 4500 participants from International, WA Regional and Metropolitan youth aged between 13-16 years of age and inclusive of all abilities.

Andrew would like to provide further information prior to the event in 2024.

It is proposed that the deputation be provided at the February 2024 Zone meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Audra Smith
Seconded: Cr Alana Sullivan

That the Pilbara Country Zone supports a deputation from Andrew, Friendship Games at the February 2024 Zone meeting.

CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Invited Guests

Chair, Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks raised the matter of invited representatives attending Zone meetings, It was proposed that only Zone Delegates, Chief Executive Officers, representatives from Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries and the Secretariat shall be permanently on the attendance list and when a relevant issue arises that the appropriate representative be invited to attend the relevant meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks
Seconded: Mayor Daniel Scott

That the permanent representation of the Pilbara Country Zone be Pilbara Member Local Government Zone Delegates and Chief Executive Officers, WALGA Secretariat and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural industries representative only. Other representatives will be on an invitation basis only.

CARRIED

9. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

9.1 President's Report to the Zone

The WALGA representative presented the President's Report as read.

Noted

9.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

WALGA State Councillor report was provided as an attachment to the Agenda.

Noted

9.3 Regional Development Australia – Pilbara Region.

The Regional Development Australia – Pilbara Region Chief Executive Officer, Tony Simpson was an apology for this meeting.

Noted

9.4 Roadwise Update

Roadwise was an apology for this meeting.

Noted

10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the Pilbara Country Zone be held on 22 February 2023, to be held in person, at WALGA, commencing at 11.30pm.

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at **1.43am.**