

South East Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

19 April 2023

South East Metropolitan Zone

Hosted by the City of Canning

1317 Albany Highway, Cannington – 9231 0606

Wednesday 19 April 2023 commenced at 6:00 pm

Acknowledgement of Country

We, the Zone members acknowledge the continuing connection of Aboriginal people to Country, culture and community. We embrace the vast Aboriginal cultural diversity throughout Western Australia, including Boorloo (Perth), on the land of the Whadjuk Noongar People, where this meeting is being held and we acknowledge and pay respect to Elders past and present.

Minutes

MEMBERS

2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Armadale

Mayor Ruth Butterfield (SC)
Cr Melissa Northcott
Ms Joanne Abbiss, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate

City of Canning

Cr Jesse Jacobs
Mr Michael Littleton, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate

City of Gosnells

Cr David Goode JP
Cr Peter Abetz (Deputy)
Mr Grant Bradbrook, Director Business Services - non-voting delegate

City of South Perth

Cr Jennifer Nevard
Cr Mary Choy
Mr Mike Bradford, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate

Town of Victoria Park

Cr Bronwyn Ife – **Chair**
Cr Peter Devereux
Mr Anthony Vuleta, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate

WALGA Secretariat

President Cr Karen Chappel JP, President
Nicole Matthews, Executive Manager Policy

Guest Speakers

Tiffany Allen, CEO Construction Training Fund

APOLOGIES

City of Canning

Mayor Patrick Hall JP

City of Gosnells

Cr Sarah Patterson
Mr Ian Cowie, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate

WALGA

Vicki Coles, Governance Specialist

DLGSC Representative

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation of Attendance, an attendance sheet was circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

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.

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 Chairperson 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.

Cr David Goode declared an interest in relation to Item 7.5 of the State Council Agenda.

2. DEPUTATIONS

2.1 Construction training Fund

The Construction Training Fund collects a levy on all WA construction projects over the value of \$20,000 at 0.2% of the project value. These funds are then used to support the construction industry to train new apprentices and trainees and to cover the cost of additional skills training for building and construction workers in residential, civil, commercial or resource sector projects. Our other purpose is to promote construction as a career of choice and provide entry level pathways to the community such as Try-a-Trade, scholarships and para-professional certificates.

We are keen to ensure that training our local communities is reinforced as a culture in the industry and that supporting diversity and inclusion is fundamental to a future workforce. Our vision is that the construction industry is a career of choice and is safe, skilled and sustainable.

Tiffany Allen, CEO of Construction Training Fund provided more information to the Zone on the Construction Training Fund.

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

The Department of Local Government Sports and Cultural Industries was an apology for this meeting. An update was provided with the agenda.

Noted

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr David Goode
Seconded: Cr Melissa Northcott

That the Minutes of the meeting of the South East Metropolitan Zone held on 15 February 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

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: [State Council Agenda 3 May 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 Best Practice Governance Review – Feedback on Governance Model

That:

1. This report summarising feedback from Members on the Best Practice Governance Review Final Report be received; and
2. Two sets of constitutional changes be developed for consideration by State Council at the July 2023 meeting to be put to the 2023 Annual General Meeting, that:
 - a. Give effect to the revised Model 1, as per the Best Practice Governance Review Final Report; and

- b. Refine the constitution to address inconsistencies and other issues while maintaining the current governance model.

7.2 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' Child Safe Awareness Policy Template

That State Council:

1. Supports the draft Child Safe Awareness Policy Template being provided to Local Governments to assist with their implementation of Recommendation 6.12 of the Royal Commission (Child Safety Officers in Local Government); and
2. Notes the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' commitment to providing ongoing support and resourcing assistance to Local Governments to assist with implementation of the draft Child Safe Awareness Policy Template and other relevant actions relating to child safeguarding, through the Child Safeguarding Implementation Unit.

7.3 Abandoned Shopping Trolleys Advocacy Position

That State Council endorse the following position on Abandoned Shopping Trolleys:

The Local Government Sector advocates for State Government to consult with the Sector and prioritise legislative reforms that require retailers to contain shopping trolleys within shopping centre property boundaries, inclusive of enforcement and modified penalty mechanisms that are a realistic economic imperative for retailers to comply with containment requirements.

7.4 Speed Management Reform Advocacy Position

That the Speed Management Advocacy Position as follows, be endorsed:

1. *That WALGA supports Local Governments wishing to manage travel speeds, including speed limit changes, as a means of achieving the many health, social and environmental benefits for communities.*
2. *That Main Roads WA (MRWA) retain the overarching authority for speed limit setting/zoning.*
3. *That Main Roads WA speed zoning policies and processes be reformed so that Local Governments are more influential in the determination of speed limit decreases or increases for local roads.*
 - a. *This will include applications that are deemed to be approved when the application:*
 - i. *is based on assessments by competent Local Government practitioners,*
 - ii. *contains evidence-based identification of the benefits,*
 - iii. *contains preliminary designs for infrastructure safety upgrades associated with applications to increase speed limits, and*
 - iv. *includes an engagement strategy for managing community and stakeholder expectations.*
 - b. *Allows for Main Roads WA to decline an application, within a mutually agreed timeframe, on the basis that it:*
 - i. *does not meet the above criteria, and*
 - ii. *provides specific evidence for declining the application.*
4. *The WALGA seeks to work with Main Roads WA and other stakeholders, to develop a speed management guide for Local Governments.*

Cr David Goode declared an interest in relation to Item 7.5 of the State Council Agenda.

7.5 State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement 2023/24 to 2027/28

That the State Roads Funds to Local Government Agreement 2023/24 – 2027/28 be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Ruth Butterfield
Seconded: Cr Peter Devereaux

That the South East Metropolitan Zone

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

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS

6.1 2023 May Regional State Council Meeting

At the last South East Metropolitan Zone meeting, the Zone appointed the City of Armadale as the host Local Government for the May Regional State Council meeting.

Regional meetings afford State Council the opportunity to meet with Elected Members and senior officers from Local Governments within a Zone, to discuss issues of local and regional significance.

The Regional meeting be held on Wednesday, 3 May at the City of Armadale Function Room, level 1, 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale.

The proposed program for the day is below:

State Council Business – 10:00am - 2:00pm

9:30am - 10:00am	Morning tea on arrival
10:00am - 12:00pm	State Council Strategic Forum
12:00pm - 12:30pm	Lunch
12:30pm - 2:00pm	State Council Meeting
2:00pm - 2:30pm	Afternoon Tea

Zone Forum – 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Introduction and Welcome

Zone Member Presentations (10-15 minutes each)

Sundowner – 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Email correspondence was sent to all Elected Members and CEOs from the South East Metropolitan Zone on 7 March inviting attendance at the Regional meeting (in particular, to the Zone Forum in the afternoon).

If you are interested in attending, or if you have any questions about any of the above, please contact Kathy Robertson, Executive Officer Governance, on (08) 9213 2036 or krobertson@walga.asn.au.

Noted

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 WALGA President's Report

The WALGA President, Cr Karen Chappel JP, presented the President's Report, in particular her meetings with State Government Ministers, and the Shadow Minister for Regional Development; and Local Government and Territories, Hon Darren Chester MP.

The President thanked the Zone's State Council representatives, Mayor Ruth Butterfield and Mayor Patrick Hall and Deputy State Councillor, Cr Melissa Northcott for their work.

Mayor Ruth Butterfield thanked the President for her efforts to attend many WALGA Zone meetings around the State.

Noted

8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

WALGA State Councillor, Mayor Ruth Butterfield, presented on the previous State Council meeting. Report is **attached** with the Minutes

Noted

9. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the South East Metropolitan Zone be held on Wednesday 21 June 2023 at the City of Gosnells commencing at 6:00 pm.

10. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:43pm.