

# State Council

# Summary Minutes

## 6 July 2022

## **ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS**

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### **OPEN and WELCOME**

The Chair declared the meeting open at **4:15pm**.

### **PAPERS**

State Councillors were distributed the following papers under separate cover:

- Item 5.4 Finance and Services Committee Minutes incorporating the 2022-23 Budget;
- Item 5.5 Selection Committee Minutes
- Item 5.6 Selection Committee Guidelines
- Item 5.7 Use of the Association's Common Seal
- Item 5.8 LGIS Board Minutes
- Item 5.9 Honours Panel – Appointment of Non-executive Member
- CEO's Report to State Council for July 2022;
- President's Report for July 2022 (previously emailed to your Zone meeting).

## **1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **1.1 Attendance**

The Chair welcomed:

- State Councillors and Deputy State Councillor Cr Cliff Collinson, South Metropolitan Zone
- The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas
- LG Professionals WA President, Ms Annie Riordan
- Deputy State Councillor Cr Melissa Northcott, South East Metropolitan Zone (observer)
- WALGA secretariat

### **1.2 Apologies**

- State Councillor Mayor Peter Long, Pilbara Country Zone
- State Councillor President Cr Cheryl Cowell, Gascoyne Country Zone
- State Councillor Cr Doug Thompson, South Metropolitan Zone
- Deputy State Councillor Mayor Peter Carter, Pilbara Country Zone
- Deputy State Councillor President Cr Eddie Smith, Gascoyne Country Zone

### **1.3 Announcements**

- 1.3.1 WALGA acknowledged the Whadjuk Nyoongar People who are the Traditional Custodians of this land we meet on today and pays respects to their Elders past and present.

## **2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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### **2.1 Minutes of meeting held 4 May 2022**

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Moved: Mayor Carol Adams OAM  
Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

That the Minutes of the WALGA State Council meeting held on [Wednesday, 4 May 2022](#) be confirmed as a true and correct records of proceedings.

**RESOLUTION 353.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

#### **2.1.1 Business arising from the Minutes of meeting held 4 May 2022**

Nil.

### **2.2 Flying Minute – WALGA Submission Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-Design Process, Phase 1**

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Moved: Mayor Carol Adams OAM  
Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

That the [Flying Minute – WALGA Submission Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-Design Process, Phase 1](#), be confirmed as a true and correct records of proceedings.

**RESOLUTION 353.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

#### **2.2.1 Business arising from the Flying Minute – WALGA Submission Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-Design Process, Phase 1**

Nil.

## **3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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Nil.

## **4. EMERGING ISSUES**

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Nil.

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## 5. MATTERS FOR DECISION

### 5.1 Review of advocacy positions relating to Emergency Management (05-024-02-0059 SM)

*By Susie Moir, Policy Manager, Resilient Communities*

#### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council:

1. Endorse the removal of the following Emergency Management Advocacy Positions
  - 8.1 Community Resilience
  - 8.2 Disaster Mitigation
  - 8.3 Emergency Services Levy
2. Endorse the following Emergency Management Advocacy Positions:
  - 8.1 Emergency Management Principles
  - 8.2 State Emergency Management Framework
  - 8.3 Sustainable Grant Funding Model for Emergency Management
  - 8.4 Consolidated Emergency Services Act
  - 8.5 Resource Sharing
  - 8.6 Lessons Learnt Management
  - 8.7 Emergency Services Levy
  - 8.8 Local Government Grants Scheme (LGGS)

#### COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mayor Ruth Butterfield

Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan

That State Council:

1. Endorse the removal of the following Emergency Management Advocacy Positions
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  - 8.2 State Emergency Management Framework
  - 8.3 Sustainable Grant Funding Model for Emergency Management
  - 8.4 Consolidated Emergency Services Act
  - 8.5 Resource Sharing
  - 8.6 Lessons Learnt Management
  - 8.7 Emergency Services Levy, with point 3 of the position amended, so it states: The ESL should be collected by the State Government, but failing that, the administration fee should recompense Local Governments for the complete cost of administering the ESL;
  - 8.8 Local Government Grants Scheme (LGGS)

**RESOLUTION 354.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

## **5.2 New Emergency Management Advocacy Position – Community Emergency Service Manager Program (05-024-02-0059 SM)**

*By Susie Moir, Policy Manager, Resilient Communities*

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

That the following WALGA Advocacy Position relating to the Community Emergency Service Manager (CESM) Program be endorsed:

#### **8.9 Expansion of the Community Emergency Services Manager Program**

*That the Association advocates for an expansion of the Community Emergency Service Manager (CESM) Program, as follows:*

- 1. All Local Governments should have the option of participating in the CESM Program.*
- 2. The full cost of the CESM Program should be funded through the Emergency Services Levy.*

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved:** President Cr Michelle Rich

**Seconded:** Cr Chris Mitchell

That the following WALGA Advocacy Position relating to the Community Emergency Service Manager (CESM) Program be endorsed:

#### **8.9 Expansion of the Community Emergency Services Manager Program**

*That the Association advocates for an expansion of the Community Emergency Service Manager (CESM) Program, as follows:*

- 1. All Local Governments should have the option of participating in the CESM Program.*
- 2. The full cost of the CESM Program should be funded through the Emergency Services Levy.*

**RESOLUTION 355.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

## **5.3 Draft WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026 and Updated Advocacy Position**

*By Susie Moir, Policy Manager, Resilient Communities*

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**That:**

- 1. the draft WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026 be endorsed.**
- 2. WALGA's existing Advocacy Position on Public Libraries be deleted and replaced as follows:**

#### **3.8 Public Libraries**

- 1. Western Australian Local Government public libraries provide valuable local cultural infrastructure, creating social and community hubs for community**

- capacity building, recreation, education and literacy, digital inclusion, and social connection, cohesion and inclusion.*
2. *WALGA supports the provision of Public Library services in Western Australia through a formal partnership between Local Government and the State Government of Western Australia, governed by the Library Board Act 1951, namely the State and Local Government Agreement for the Provision of Public Library Services in Western Australia (2020).*
  3. *The WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026 provides a framework for a shared vision, strategic direction and collaborative action in the provision of a vibrant and sustainable 21<sup>st</sup> century public library network.*
  4. *It is essential that a sustainable funding model enables Local Governments to continue to deliver library services to support continued growth and adaptation to changing community needs.*

## COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Les Price  
Seconded: Cr Helen Sadler

That:

1. The draft WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026 be endorsed.
2. Local Governments to be engaged in the development of the implementation plan to support the Strategy.
3. WALGA's existing Advocacy Position on Public Libraries be deleted and replaced as follows:  
  
3.8 *Public Libraries*
  1. *Western Australian Local Government public libraries provide valuable local cultural infrastructure, creating social and community hubs for community capacity building, recreation, education and literacy, digital inclusion, and social connection, cohesion and inclusion.*
  2. *WALGA supports the provision of Public Library services in Western Australia through a formal partnership between Local Government and the State Government of Western Australia, governed by the Library Board Act 1951, namely the State and Local Government Agreement for the Provision of Public Library Services in Western Australia (2020).*
  3. *The WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026 provides a framework for a shared vision, strategic direction and collaborative action in the provision of a vibrant and sustainable 21<sup>st</sup> century public library network.*
  4. *It is essential that a sustainable funding model enables Local Governments to continue to deliver library services to support continued growth and adaptation to changing community needs.*
4. The State Government to consult with the Local Government sector to identify the constraints experienced by the sector due to the requirements of the Library Act 1955 and the potential benefits of reviewing the Library Act 1955.

**RESOLUTION 356.5/2022**

**CARRIED**



## **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY STATE COUNCILLORS (UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**

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### **5.4 Finance and Services Committee Minutes incorporating the 2022-23 Budget (01-006-03-0006 TB)**

*By Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services*

**Moved:** President Cr Moira Girando JP  
**Seconded:** Mayor Logan Howlett

**That:**

1. The Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee meeting on 29 June 2022 be endorsed.
2. The 2022-23 Governance Budget for the Association as recommended by the Finance and Services Committee be endorsed.

**RESOLUTION 357.5/2022**

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

#### **5.4.1 City of Perth Report**

The City of Perth Report was brought forward.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas provided the City of Perth report to the meeting.

### **5.5 Selection Committee Minutes – CONFIDENTIAL (01-006-03-0011 CO)**

*By Chantelle O'Brien, Governance Support Officer*

**Moved:** Cr Chris Mitchell  
**Seconded:** Mayor Logan Howlett

**That:**

1. The recommendations contained in the 29 June 2022 Selection Committee Minutes be endorsed; and
2. The resolutions contained in the 29 June 2022 Selection Committee Minutes be noted.

**RESOLUTION 358.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

### **5.6 Selection Committee Guidelines (01-006-02-0001 TL)**

*By Tim Lane, Manager Strategy and Association Governance*

**Moved:** President Cr Moira Girando JP  
**Seconded:** Cr Les Price

**That the Selection Committee Guidelines – *Selection Process for Appointments to State Government, Federal Government, WALGA and Other Boards and Committees* – be endorsed.**

**RESOLUTION 359.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

## **5.7 Use of the Association's Common Seal (01-004-07-0001 NS)**

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell  
Seconded: President Cr Stephen Strange

That the use of the Association's Common Seal be noted.

**RESOLUTION 360.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

## **5.8 LGIS Board Minutes – CONFIDENTIAL**

*By Craig Hansom, LGIS Contract Manager*

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight  
Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan

That State Council:

1. Approve the annual Scheme Management fee payable to JLT be increased by 2.15% for the 2022-23 financial year as recommended by the LGIS Board.
2. Approve payment of \$80,000 to JLT for the Journey Protection management fee under the expansion of Scheme covers.
3. Approve a 2% increase to the WALGA Trustee Fee from the Scheme.
4. Note the minutes of the LGISWA Scheme Board meeting held on 12 May.

**RESOLUTION 361.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

## **5.9 Honours Panel – Appointment of Non-executive Member**

*By Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services*

Moved: Cr Les Price  
Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

That Ms Lynne Craigie OAM be appointed to the WALGA Honours Panel as Non-executive Member representing country interests.

**RESOLUTION 362.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

## **6. MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION**

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### **6.1 2020/21 Local Government Performance Monitoring Project (05-047-01-0011 CH)**

*By Chris Hossen, Policy Manager, Planning and Building*

#### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

That the results of the 2020/21 Local Government Performance Monitoring Project and publication of the Performance Monitoring Dashboard be noted.

#### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett  
Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

That the results of the 2020/21 Local Government Performance Monitoring Project and publication of the Performance Monitoring Dashboard be noted.

**RESOLUTION 363.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

### **6.2 Proposed Advocacy Position on Arrangements for Management of Volunteer Bushfire Brigades (05-024-02-0059 SM)**

*By Susie Moir, Policy Manager, Resilient Communities*

#### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

That the Proposed Advocacy Position Paper regarding the arrangements for the management of Bush Fire Brigades be noted.

#### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett  
Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

That the Proposed Advocacy Position Paper regarding the arrangements for the management of Bush Fire Brigades be noted.

**RESOLUTION 363.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

### **6.3 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-design Process, Phase 1 Submission**

*By Susie Moir, Policy Manager, Resilient Communities*

#### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

That the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-design Process, Phase 1 Submission* endorsed via Flying Minute on 26 May 2022 be noted.

#### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett  
Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

That the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-design Process, Phase 1 Submission* endorsed via Flying Minute on 26 May 2022 be noted.

**RESOLUTION 363.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

### **6.4 Western Power Access Arrangement Review Submission (05-001-03-0019 ID)**

*By Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure*

#### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

That the submission to the Economic Regulation Authority concerning the proposed Western Power Access Arrangement 2022-23 – 2026/27 endorsed via Flying Minute on 20 April 2022 be noted.

#### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett  
Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

That the submission to the Economic Regulation Authority concerning the proposed Western Power Access Arrangement 2022-23 – 2026/27 endorsed via Flying Minute on 20 April 2022 be noted.

**RESOLUTION 363.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

## **6.5 Economic Development Research (05-088-03-0004 DM)**

*By Dana Mason, Manager Economics and Strategic Projects*

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

That the research into the Local Government sector's economic development priorities and activities be noted.

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett  
Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

That the research into the Local Government sector's economic development priorities and activities be noted.

**RESOLUTION 363.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

## **6.6 Development of Child Safe Policy for Local Government (05-065-03-006 BW)**

*By Bec Waddington, Policy Advisor Community*

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

That the update on the development of the Child Safe Policy for Local Government be noted.

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett  
Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

That the update on the development of the Child Safe Policy for Local Government be noted.

**RESOLUTION 363.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

## **6.7 National Reconciliation Week Local Government Activation Program (05-032-03-0011 VB)**

*By Vikki Barlow, Senior Policy Advisor Community*

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

That the update on the National Reconciliation Week Local Government Activation Program be noted.

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett  
Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

That the update on the National Reconciliation Week Local Government Activation Program be noted.

**RESOLUTION 363.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

## **6.8 WA Strategic Trails Blueprint 2022-2027 – Draft for Comment (05-053-03-007 BW)**

*By Bec Waddington, Policy Officer Community*

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

That the update on the WA Strategic Trails Blueprint 2022-2027 – Draft for Comment be noted.

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett  
Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

That the update on the WA Strategic Trails Blueprint 2022-2027 – Draft for Comment be noted.

**RESOLUTION 363.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

## **6.9 Issues Paper: Local Government Approaches to Tree Retention (05-036-03-0020 RP)**

*By Ruby Pettit, Policy Officer Planning*

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**That the WALGA Issues Paper: Local Government Approaches to Tree Retention (May 2022) be noted.**

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett**  
**Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt**

**That the WALGA Issues Paper: Local Government Approaches to Tree Retention (May 2022) be noted.**

**RESOLUTION 363.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

## **6.10 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (01-006-03-0008 RNB)**

*By Rebecca Brown, Manager, Environment and Waste*

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**That the resolutions of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council from its 27 April 2022 meeting be noted.**

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett**  
**Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt**

**That the resolutions of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council from its 27 April 2022 meeting be noted.**

**RESOLUTION 363.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

## 7. ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

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### 7.1 Policy Team Reports

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#### 7.1.1 Environment and Waste Policy Team Report

*Presented by Policy Team Chair, Cr Les Price*

Moved: Cr Frank Cvitan  
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the matters considered by the Environment and Waste Policy Team be noted.

**RESOLUTION 364.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

#### 7.1.2 Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team Report

*Presented by Policy Team Chair, Cr Russ Fishwick*

Moved: Cr Russ Fishwick JP  
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That State Council:

1. retains Advocacy Positions:
  - a. 2.5.56 Rating Exemptions – Charitable Purposes
  - b. 2.9.1 Cyber Bullying Protections
2. amends Advocacy Positions:
  - a. 2.2.2 Local Government Audit Structure, by inserting items 5 to 8 as follows:
    5. *Local Government Annual Financial Audits should be completed by the 31 October each year, so that Local Governments can reasonably comply with legislative provisions for Annual Reports and Elector Meetings.*
    6. *Completion of Local Government Annual Financial Audits should not be delayed to enable completion of financial audits of a third party entity to which the Local Government is a participant or member, on the basis that each Local Government and Regional Local Government is a separate and independent entity and Australian Accounting standards equity accounting provisions already apply.*
    7. *Audit issues should be raised with a Local Government no more than four weeks from submission of the Annual Financial Statements to the Office of the Auditor General.*
    8. *Requests the OAG to review the accounting treatment for road assets transferred from Local Government to Main Roads WA, as the approach applied in 2020/21 resulted in significant distortion of operating results for Local Government in the year in which the transfer occurs.*
  - b. 2.5.69 Surveillance Devices Act 1998 Amendment, as follows:

**WALGA advocates for amendment of Regulation 4 of the Surveillance Devices Regulations 1999 (WA) so that it includes “Local Government–Authorised Persons’ employees as defined in the Local Government Act 1995 section 5.36(1)(b) who perform law enforcement functions on behalf of the Local**



**Government” as a class of Law Enforcement Officers for the purposes of the Surveillance Devices Act 1998 (WA).**

**c. 2.7 Elected Member Training, as follows:**

- i. Delete items 3 and 4 as these items have been achieved, AND
- ii. Amend item 2:

**2. Requests the State Government through the Minister for Local Government to provide funding assistance to compensate Local Governments for Elected Members ~~to receive~~ participation in universal training;**

**3. adopts WALGA Advocacy Position – Legislative Council Member Allowances – Regional Representation, as follows:**

<b>Position Statement</b>	<b><i>WALGA advocates to State Government through the Minister for Electoral Affairs and the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal to provide additional allowances to Members of the Legislative Council (MLC), on the proviso that they have a staffed office in country areas, to facilitate a regional presence of MLCs.</i></b>
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**RESOLUTION 365.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

**7.1.3 Infrastructure Policy Team Report**

*Presented by Policy Team Chair, President Cr Chris Pavlovich*

**Moved: President Cr Chris Pavlovich**

**Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett**

**That the matters considered by the Infrastructure Policy Team be noted.**

**RESOLUTION 366.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

#### **7.1.4 People and Place Policy Team Report**

*Presented by Policy Team Chair, President Cr Tony Dean*

**Moved:** President Cr Tony Dean  
**Seconded:** Cr Frank Cvitan

**That State Council:**

1. note the matters considered by the People and Place Policy Team at its meetings on 6 April and 18 May 2022;
2. rescind its decision (resolution no. 326.2/2022) of 2 March 2022 where it relates to Advocacy Position 6.9; and
3. reinstate the Advocacy Position subject to the changes endorsed by the People and Place Policy team on 22 February, that reads:

**6.9 Sex Industry Regulation**

**Position Statement** *The Local Government sector supports in principle, the recognition and licensing of sex work in WA as it allows normal regulatory controls to be put in place, on condition that brothels should be excluded from predominantly residential areas.*

**Background** *The Association has been involved in discussions / proposals to decriminalise sex work since 1999. State Council has determined the position through consultation with all member Councils (on several occasions), and consideration of feedback and representative position papers, workshops, discussions with other government agencies, support groups and members of the sex industry. The Association will only comment on regulatory, operational, amenity and cost implications that arise for Local Government from any sex work legislation – not moral issues.*

**RESOLUTION 367.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

## 7.2 Key Activity Reports

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### 7.2.1 Report on Key Activities, Commercial and Communications Unit (01-006-03-0017)

*By Andrew Blitz, Acting Executive Manager Commercial, and Narelle Cant, Acting Executive Manager Marketing and Communications*

**Moved:** President Cr Michelle Rich  
**Seconded:** Cr John Daw

That the Key Activities Report from the Commercial and Communications Unit to the July 2022 State Council meeting be noted.

**RESOLUTION 368.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

### 7.2.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services (01-006-03-0007 TB)

*By Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services*

**Moved:** President Cr Michelle Rich  
**Seconded:** Cr John Daw

That the Key Activities Report from the Governance and Organisational Services Unit to the July 2022 State Council meeting be noted.

**RESOLUTION 368.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

### 7.2.3 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure Unit (05-001-02-0003 ID)

*By Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure*

**Moved:** President Cr Michelle Rich  
**Seconded:** Cr John Daw

That the Key Activities Report from the Infrastructure Unit to the July 2022 State Council meeting be noted.

**RESOLUTION 368.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

#### **7.2.4 Report on Key Activities, Strategy, Policy and Planning Unit (01-006-03-0017 NM)**

*By Nicole Matthews, Acting Executive Manager, Strategy, Policy and Planning*

**Moved: President Cr Michelle Rich**  
**Seconded: Cr John Daw**

**That the Key Activities Report from the Strategy, Policy and Planning Unit to the July 2022 State Council meeting be noted.**

**RESOLUTION 368.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

### **7.3 Policy Forum Report**

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**Moved: President Cr Michelle Rich**  
**Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell**

**That the report on the key activities of the Mining Communities Policy Forum to the July 2022 State Council meeting be noted.**

**RESOLUTION 369.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

### **7.4 President's Report**

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**Moved: Mayor Ruth Butterfield**  
**Seconded: President Cr Phillip Blight**

**That the President's Report for July 2022 be received.**

**RESOLUTION 370.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

### **7.5 CEO's Report**

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**Moved: Mayor Ruth Butterfield**  
**Seconded: President Cr Phillip Blight**

**That the CEO's Report for July 2022 be received.**

**RESOLUTION 370.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

## 7.6 Ex-Officio Reports

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Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett  
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the City of Perth Report and the LG Professionals Report be received.

**RESOLUTION 371.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

### 7.6.1 City of Perth Report

The City of Perth report was moved forward and provided as item 5.4.1.

### 7.6.2 LG Professionals Report

Ms Annie Riordan, President, LG Professionals WA, provided a report to the meeting.

## 8. ADDITIONAL ZONE RESOLUTIONS

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Moved: President Cr Michelle Rich  
Seconded: Cr Paul Kelly

That the additional Zone Resolutions from the June 2022 round of Zones meetings as follows be referred to the appropriate policy area for consideration and appropriate action and noting that some have already been referred.

**RESOLUTION 372.5/2022**

**CARRIED**

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### **ZONE ITEM: Proposed Advocacy Position for Management of Bushfire Brigades Discussion Paper (Strategy, Policy and Planning Unit)**

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#### **Gascoyne Country Zone**

That the Gascoyne Country Zone support the “Hybrid Model” for the Management of Bushfire Brigades.

#### **Goldfields Esperance Country Zone**

That GVROC:

1. notes the discussion paper and WALGA’s support for the hybrid model option for the management of BFBs.
2. Requests all GVROC Local Government members to provide a written response to this Paper or to complete the survey as requested.
3. Note that the Shire of Dundas was granted an extension to 26 July 2022 for responses and recommends all LGAs request extension to ensure responses meet the requirements for LGAs.
4. Requests WALGA to note and consider the GVROC comments/concerns listed below in its proposed advocacy position and discussion paper.

GVROC comments:

*In progressing any model for management of Bushfire Brigades there needs to be assurances that there are fair and equitable resources provided to all Bushfires Brigades whether they are continued to be retained by LGAs or if they are transferred over to DFES. There are concerns that DFES operated Bushfire Brigades will be focussed on and well resourced, while LGA retained ones are left*

*behind to fend for themselves, effectively then forcing them to be transferred to DFES with DFES then retaining all Bushfire Brigades. This is not the best solution as in some cases the Bushfire Brigades can be more effectively managed and operated through the LGA. Another concern that has been raised that needs to be considered is the continuing decrease in volunteers and how this can be addressed in any future management model.*

### **Great Eastern Country Zone**

That the Zone encourage individual Local Governments to provide a submission to WALGA and the Zone consider this item at the August 2022 Zone meeting.

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## **CENTRAL METROPOLITAN ZONE**

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### ***State Grant-Funding Equality for Local Government Active Transport Infrastructure*** (Infrastructure Unit)

That the Central Metropolitan Zone request the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) to adopt advocacy positions that support:

1. Increased flexibility in the purposes for which State grant funding to Local Government road infrastructure can be used – broadening the uses to include pedestrian and cycle infrastructure.
2. Funding contributions for cycle infrastructure grants to be 2/3 State: 1/3 Local Government, aligning with the ratios for State road infrastructure grant funding.
3. That the equality in funding ratios for cycle infrastructure grants in Point 2 is achieved through an increase in State funding contribution.

That the advocacy position is used to lobby the State Government to achieve equality in funding for all modes of transport infrastructure under the jurisdiction of Local Government, for the benefit and well-being of the community.

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## **GASCOYNE COUNTRY ZONE**

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### ***Intensive Family Community Intervention*** (Strategy, Policy and Planning Unit)

That the Gascoyne Country Zone seeks WALGA's support to advocate to the State Government to allocate funds and/or resources to fund and implement the Intensive Family Community Intervention in Carnarvon and other communities impacted by youth crime and social issues and support fundamental change to policy position to ensure it can be implemented.

### ***DFES Working Group*** (Strategy, Policy and Planning Unit)

That the Gascoyne Country Zone recommend WALGA request DFES to form a working group of participants from affected Shires to review the current process and report back on outcomes and solutions.

### ***Management Orders on State Owned Land*** (Strategy, Policy and Planning Unit)

That the Gascoyne Country Zone recommend that WALGA in consultation with Zone delegates, advocate to the State Government for a review of the Management Orders pertaining to State Land that is managed by Local Government especially in relation to Local Government leasing such land to other parties.

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## **GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE**

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### ***WALGA Best Practice Governance Review Update*** (Governance and Organisational Services Unit)

GVROC note the update on the WALGA Best Practice Governance Review Project and request WALGA respond to the below comments and questions.

GVROC comments:

- *The GVROC would like more information regarding the consultation plan proposed for the next phase of the project. What will be the opportunity for LGAs to provide feedback into the process or is just through the Steering Committee and State Council?*
- *It was also suggested that the Steering Committee should travel out to each Zone to meet and discuss with the Zones (GVROC) on the process.*
- *Based on the above comments/questions the Timeframes for the project also seem short to make well informed decisions, with a final report due in October, presented at Zone meeting in November and then to State Council in December. GVROC suggest that to ensure good consultation and feedback into the process it may be better to push this timeframe out into 2023.*

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## **GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE**

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### **Roadworks During a Total Fire Ban** (Strategy, Policy and Planning Unit)

That the Great Eastern Country Zone request WALGA to advocate for modifications to the current exemptions, to provide for a harvest and movement ban, not a total fire ban.

### **Office of Auditor General** (Governance and Organisational Services Unit)

That the Great Eastern Country Zone request WALGA to advocate to the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) that:

1. The OAG should be responsible for any additional costs incurred and not the individual Local Governments when a contract auditor cannot complete their contract.
2. The OAG should consider removing the duplicity in the current audit process and look to provide a more efficient service.

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## **GREAT SOUTHERN COUNTRY ZONE**

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### **Cat Local Laws** (Governance and Organisational Services Unit)

That the Great Southern Zone of WALGA;

1. Acknowledge the challenges with gazettal of Cat Local Laws, which meet community expectations, under current legislation, particularly in relation to cat containment within the property of the owner, and control of cats in public places and;
2. Write to WALGA State Council seeking an update and feedback on resolution 232.4/2021; and;
3. Write to the Honourable John Carey, Minister for Housing, Lands, Homelessness and Local Government requesting an update and timelines associated with updates to the Dog and Cat Acts.

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## **NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE**

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### **Safe Use of eRideables** (Infrastructure Unit)

That the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) advocate for State Government to implement a State-level campaign to further promote and support the safe use of eRideables in addition to media circulated by the Road Safety Council.

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## **SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE**

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### **Elected Members Sustainability Network** (Strategy, Policy and Planning Unit)

That the suggestion of an Elected Member Sustainability Network be referred to the Environment Policy Team meeting, 6 July 2022, for consideration.

## **8.1 ALGA Board meeting and 2022 National General Assembly**

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WALGA Deputy President Cr Paul Kelly provided an update on the recent ALGA Board meeting and National General Assembly.

## **8.2 WALGA Staff Movements**

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WALGA President Cr Karen Chappell welcomed Mr Graham Mason, Manager Media and Communications.

State Council were advised that Ms Kelly Mc Manus, Principal Policy and Strategy, will be leaving WALGA and has been appointed as the Policy Advisor to the Federal Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Kristy McBain MP.

## **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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The next meeting of the WALGA State Council will be a Regional meeting hosted by the Peel Country Zone at the City of Mandurah on Friday, 9 September.

## **10. CLOSURE**

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There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at **5:45pm**.