



South East Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

26 April 2018

South East Metropolitan Zone

Hosted by the City of Armadale

7 Orchard Ave Armadale, Phone 9394 5000

Thursday 26 April commenced at 6:00 pm

Minutes

MEMBERS

2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Armadale

Mayor Henry Zelones AM JP
Cr Ruth Butterfield
Mr Ray Tame, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

City of Canning

Cr Ben Kunze
Cr Sara Saberi
Mr Graeme Bride, Acting Chief Executive Officer, - non-voting delegate

City of Gosnells

Cr Julie Brown
Cr Liz Storer
Mr Grant Bradbrook, Acting Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate

City of South Perth

Mayor Sue Doherty
Cr Greg Milner
Mr Geoff Glass, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

Town of Victoria Park

Cr Bronwyn Ife
Cr Brian Oliver
Mr Anthony Vuleta, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

WALGA Secretariat

Ms Lyn Fogg, Governance Advisor, Sector Support and Advice
Ms Dana Mason, Policy Manager Economics

Guest Speakers

Mr Mark Everett, Sargent WA Police
Mr Mark Kimber, Senior Constable WA Police

APOLOGIES

City of Canning

Mr Arthur Kyron Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

City of Gosnells

Mr Ian Cowie, Chief Executive Officer

WA Police

Mr Garry Nicolau

DLGC Representative

Mr Nick Sloan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation of Attendance, an attendance sheet was circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting to register attendance for the minutes and apologies were noted.

Acknowledgement of Country: Mayor Sue Doherty declared the meeting open at 6.01 pm, acknowledging the traditional owners of the land that the meeting is held on and paying respects to Elders past and present.

Mayor sue Doherty welcomed Sargent Mark Everett and Senior Constable Mark Kimber from the WA Police as well as the attending deputy members, Mr Graeme Bride, Acting Chief Executive Officer (Canning) and Mr Grant (Gosnells).

ATTACHMENTS WITHIN THE AGENDA

1. Draft Minutes of the previous meeting
2. Zone Status Report
3. President's Report
4. Meeting Guidelines and Protocols
5. Standing Orders

1. DEPUTATIONS

1.1 Presentation – Policing Major Events Legislation Briefing with WA Police

Sergeant Mark Everett and Senior Constable Mark Kimber from the WA Police presented to the Zone.

In Brief

The completion and commissioning of the new Perth Stadium has given rise to moves to reinvigorate Major Events or 'User Pays' legislation that will allow WA Police to recover costs for policing events within WA.

Whilst the new stadium is the catalyst for these discussions, the application of cost recovery is intended to be state wide. WA Police would like to provide a high level briefing to the Zone on plans for the future in relation to policing services for major events which may be of interest to Local Governments.

<https://www.police.wa.gov.au/Our-Community/Policing-Major-Events>

Noted

6.35pm Sergeant Mark Everett and Senior Constable Mark Kimber left the meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Brian Oliver

Seconded Cr Julie Brown

That the Minutes of the meeting of the South East Metropolitan Zone held on 28 February 2018 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Pursuant to our Code of Conduct, Councillors 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.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mayor Henry Zelones declared an Impartiality Interest in Item 5.3 “Interim Submission – State Planning Policy 4.1 Industrial Interface”. The nature of the interest is that Mayor Zelones chairs the committee responsible for review of this Policy on behalf of the WA Planning Commission.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

A Status Report outlining the actions taken on the Zone’s resolutions was enclosed as an attachment to the Agenda.

Noted

5. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION

5.1 Submission to ERA – Inquiry into Business Licensing

RESOLUTION

**Moved Mayor Henry Zelones
Seconded Mayor Sue Doherty**

**The South East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 5.1 within the May 2018 State Council agenda.
CARRIED**

5.2 Interim Submission – Development Control Policies 1.1, 1.2, 1.7, 2.5, and 5.1

RESOLUTION

**Moved Cr Julie Brown
Seconded Cr Liz Storer**

**The South East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 5.2 within the May 2018 State Council agenda.
CARRIED**

5.3 Interim Submission – State Planning Policy 4.1 Industrial Interface

Mayor Zelones noted his previous Declaration of Impartiality Interest in regard to this item – see item 3 above.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Julie Brown
Seconded Cr Liz Storer

The South East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 5.3 within the May 2018 State Council agenda.
CARRIED

Mayor Henry Zelones requested that his abstention from voting on this matter be recorded in the minutes.

5.4 Third Party Appeal Rights – Consultation with members

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Bronwyn Ife
Seconded Cr Sara Saberi

The South East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 5.4 within the May 2018 State Council agenda.
CARRIED 6/4

5.5 Community Resource Centre Funding Cuts

RESOLUTION

Moved Mayor Sue Doherty
Seconded Cr Ben Kunze

The South East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 5.5 within the May 2018 State Council agenda.
CARRIED

5.6 Interim Submission on Infrastructure WA

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Ben Kunze
Seconded Cr Liz Storer

The South East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 5.6 within the May 2018 State Council agenda.
CARRIED

5.7 Interim Submission on 'Australia's Strategy for Nature 2018 – 2030: Australia's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and Action Inventory

RESOLUTION

**Moved Cr Ruth Butterfield
Seconded Cr Sara Saberi**

**The South East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 5.7 within the May 2018 State Council agenda.
CARRIED**

5.8 Submission on the Emissions Reduction Fund Safeguard Mechanism

RESOLUTION

**Moved Mayor Henry Zelones
Seconded Cr Julie Brown**

**The South East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 5.8 within the May 2018 State Council agenda.
CARRIED**

5.9 Surveillance Devices Act 1998 (WA) – Body Worn Camera use in Local Government Law Enforcement

RESOLUTION

**Moved Cr Ruth Butterfield
Seconded Cr Liz Storer**

**The South East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 5.9 within the May 2018 State Council agenda.
CARRIED**

5.10 Vexatious or Malicious Freedom of Information Applications

RESOLUTION

**Moved Mayor Henry Zelones
Seconded Cr Bronwyn Ife**

**The South East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 5.10 within the May 2018 State Council agenda.
CARRIED**

5.11 Social Media – Cyber Bullying

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Julie Brown

Seconded Cr Ruth Butterfield

That WALGA endorse a request to ALGA for its advocacy for changes to Commonwealth legislation to provide for implementing:

1. Cyber-bullying protections for all Australians, similar to those provided to Australian children under the *Enhancing Online Safety Act 2015 (Cth)*;
2. Identification validation checks before a new social media account can be establish, including a timeframe by which social media providers must ensure that all existing active accounts retrospectively comply;
3. A social media / communications control order, similar to a violence restraining order, which prevents a person from contacting any other person through social media.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved Cr Ben Kunze

Seconded Cr Bronwyn Ife

That Part 2 of the substantive motion be deleted.

CARRIED

The Substantive Motion as amended was put:

That only Part 1 and 3 of the WALGA recommendation are supported.

CARRIED 9/1

5.12 Proposed Amendments to the WALGA Constitution

RESOLUTION

Moved Mayor Henry Zelones

Seconded Cr Liz Storer

WALGA recommendation supported.

1. That Clause 18 and Clause 19 of the Association Constitution be amended as follows:
 - I. Clause 18, sub-clause (1) be amended with the addition of the underlined words, as follows:
 - (1) Following determination of the election of the President pursuant to clause 17 of this Constitution, the State Council shall elect a Deputy President from amongst its metropolitan and country representatives, provided the Deputy President represents the alternate constituency to the President elected pursuant to clause 17.
 - II. Clause 19 be amended with the addition of the underlined words and the deletion of the strikethrough words, as follows:

- (1) If the office of the President becomes vacant or if for any other reason the President is unable to take or hold office at a period which exceeds six months from the date of the next scheduled election for that office, then the State Council shall meet to elect from among their number a President who, subject to this Constitution shall hold the office of President for the balance of the term of the President replaced.
- (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the office of President at a period which is six months or less from the date of the next scheduled election for that office, the State Council may convene a meeting to elect from among their number a President who, subject to this Constitution, shall hold the office of President for the balance of the term of the President replaced, or the State Council may in its discretion, determine that the vacancy be filled by the Deputy President until the date of the next scheduled election.
- (3) An election pursuant to sub-clause 19(1) or sub-clause 19(2) shall cause the office of Deputy President to be declared vacant immediately prior to the conduct of the election.
- (4) Following an election pursuant to sub-clause 19(1) or sub-clause 19(2) an election pursuant to Clause 19(5) will be conducted for the office of Deputy President from amongst representatives of the alternate constituency to that of the President just elected.
- ~~(3)(5)~~ If the office of Deputy President becomes vacant or if for any other reason the Deputy President is unable to take or hold office, then the State Council shall meet to elect from among their number a Deputy President who shall hold the office for the balance of the term of the Deputy President replaced, provided the Deputy President represents the alternate constituency to that of the President.
- ~~(4)(6)~~ A State Council representative elected to fill a vacancy of President or Deputy President pursuant to clause 18 19 shall still be eligible for election to a subsequent two (2) full consecutive terms.

2. That Clause 17A – Rotation of Presidency be added to the Association Constitution, as follows:

17A – Rotation of Presidency

1. At an election for the position of President conducted under sub-clause 17(2), only the incumbent President, subject to complying with sub-clause 17(5), or State Councillors from the alternate constituency to the incumbent President will be eligible to be elected.
 2. At an election for the position of President conducted under Clause 19, only State Councillors from the alternate constituency to the incumbent President will be eligible to be elected.
3. That Clause 20 of the Association Constitution be amended with the addition of the underlined words as follows:

A person shall cease or be disqualified from being a representative or deputy representative on the State Council, or from being President or Deputy President of the Association, or from attending State Council in an ex-officio capacity, if that person:

4. That sub-clause 20(j) of the Association Constitution be amended with the addition of the underlined words and the deletion of the strikethrough words as follows:
 - (j) Is a Councillor that has been suspended by the Minister for Local Government under Part 8 of an Ordinary Member that has been peremptorily suspended under Section 8.15C(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1995.
5. That sub-clause 10(2) of the Association Constitution be amended with the addition of the underlined words as follows:
 - (2) Each representative on the State Council shall be entitled to exercise one (1) deliberative vote on any matter considered by the State Council provided that this clause shall not apply to any ex-officio members of the State Council. The President shall exercise a casting vote only, in the event of there being an equality of votes in respect of a matter considered by the State Council but excluding an election held in accordance with Clause 16 in which the President is entitled to a deliberative vote only.
6. That sub-clauses 2(1), 5(7)(a), 9(1)(d), and 31(4)(b) be amended as follows:
 - I. That the following strikethrough words be replaced with the following underlined words in sub-clause 2(1):

“Local Government Managers Australia” means the Western Australian Division of the Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA), which body is incorporated under the Victorian Companies Act 1961.

“Local Government Professionals Australia WA” means the Western Australian Division of Local Government Professionals Australia.
 - II. That sub-clause 5(7)(a) of the Association Constitution relating to Associate Members of WALGA be amended with the words “Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA)” to be replaced with the words “Local Government Professionals Australia WA”.
 - III. That sub-clause 9(1)(a) of the Association Constitution relating to ex-officio members of State Council be amended to replace the words “Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA)” with the words “Local Government Professionals Australia WA”.
 - IV That sub-clause 31(4)(b) of the Association Constitution relating to a dispute resolution panel be amended by replacing the word “LGMA” with the words “Local Government Professionals Australia WA”.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved Mayor Henry Zelones
Seconded Cr Liz Storer

That following Part 7 be included in the motion:

7. That WALGA consider, similar to Part 4, that Zone Membership cease where a Councillor is suspended by the Minister for Local Government under Part 8 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved Cr July Brown
Seconded Cr Liz Storer

That Parts 1 and 2 of the substantive motion be deleted.

CARRIED 8/2

The Substantive Motion as amended was put:

That Parts 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the WALGA Recommendation are supported, with the insertion of Part 7 as follows:

7. That WALGA consider, similar to Part 4, that Zone Membership cease where a Councillor is suspended by the Minister for Local Government under Part 8 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

CARRIED

6.3 Update on the Building Commission's State Wide Cladding Audit

Moved Cr Julie Brown
Seconded Mayor Henry Zelones

That State Council:

1. Note the progress of the Building Commission's State Wide Cladding Audit and its possible implications on the Local Government sector, and
2. Seeks an urgent audience with the Premier expressing Local Governments extreme concern at the apparent withdrawal of the Building Commission from this process.

CARRIED

The South East Metropolitan Zone also asked that WALGA seek legal advice on the ramifications of Local Government's collectively refraining from issuing Building Orders.

6.7 Waste Levy Policy Review

The City of Gosnells provided the following statement in response to Item 6.7 and the meeting requested that the statement be included in the minutes.

City of Gosnells Statement:

This item requests feedback from the Zones. The following feedback is provided.

Support for the ongoing operation of the Waste Levy appears completely inappropriate with only 25% of the monies raised allocated to the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (WARR) Account for use by Local Government. The amount allocated to the WARR Account should be significantly greater than this.

The Paper's Executive Summary is even more accommodating of the State Government's money grab (taking 75% of the monies raised for its own use) by stating – "it is vital that the 25% of Levy Funds allocated to the WARR Account are expended on strategic waste management initiatives". This implicitly accepts the 25% allocation and infers that the 25% amount could further reduce.

As the Levy is not being hypothecated to strategic waste management initiatives, the Levy should be opposed in its current form.

In terms of the question; *“should the Policy Statement be amended to focus only on the portion of the Levy that is allocated to the WARR Account?”*. Here, it is stated that “the Better Bins Program provides up to \$30 per household to Local Governments that move to a three bin system. This is only a fraction of the cost associated with such a service change and may not be enough of an incentive to encourage Local Governments to progress this option”. This statement is absolutely supported. If the WARR Account was fully hypothecated, there would be ample money to support Local Governments to make the strategic move to a three bin system. However, with 75% of the monies being taken for consolidated revenue (as reported elsewhere in the paper), the WARR account can only provide limited assistance.

6. BUSINESS

Nil

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Late Item 7.1 Extend the Period of Agency Consultation during December and January

By Mayor Sue Doherty, City of South Perth

In Brief

The South East Metropolitan Zone asks WALGA to request the State Government that where agency consultation with Local Government is undertaken over the December and January periods, the submission closing period is extended, as the majority of Local Government Councils are in recess during this period, and therefore unable to consider and submit a formal submission.

Reasons for the Motion

There have been occasions when the City has received applications from agencies such as the Department of Planning and WAPC in December and January requiring community consultation within a statutory period of time. As most Councils are in recess during January there is no opportunity to undertake consultation. An acknowledgement by the State Government that local government Council comprise of volunteers needs to be taken into account, with many taking holidays during the recess period in January as do residents.

Also, this year, there was the possibility of at least 3 Joint Development Application Panel meetings being held during January. It was fortunate these did not eventuate with only one occurring. Trained elected panel members also take leave during January and JDAP meetings are virtually controlled by the applicant and where their application is up to. Additionally, State appointed JDAP members are employees/contractors of the State and do not face the constraints that elected panel members do in terms of time and availability.

The exclusion of engagement during the Christmas break is already detailed in the Council's policy P301 Community Engagement in Planning which states:

Due to the special nature of the popular holiday period between mid-December and mid-January, other than for development applications, advertising or other forms of community engagement required for any Planning proposal will not be undertaken during this period. Any such advertising or other forms of community engagement shall be timed so as to conclude prior to mid-December or not commence until mid-January.

For development applications, an extended duration of consultation is prescribed in clause 9.2(c)(ii) for the period between 20 December and 4 January.

RESOLUTION

**Moved Mayor Sue Doherty
Seconded Cr Greg Milner**

That the South East Metropolitan Zone request WALGA to lobby the State Government to extend the period of agency consultation during December and January.

LOST 4/6

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 WALGA President's Report

Dana Mason presented the President's Report.

Noted

8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

Cr Julie Brown, WALGA State Councillor presented on the previous State Council meeting.

Noted

8.3 Department of Local Government and Communities Representative Update Report.

The DLGSC Representative was an apology.
Information provided by the DLGSC is circulated as an attachment to the Minutes.

Noted.

9. MEETING ASSESSMENT

Cr Bronwyn Ife, Town of Victoria Park, provided feedback as to the effectiveness of the meeting.

10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the South East Metropolitan Zone will be held on Wednesday 27 June 2018 at the City of Gosnells commencing at 6:00 pm.

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.28pm.

Hello, and welcome to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) Update.

As we approach the one-year mark since the Machinery of Government changes to the public sector were announced, the Department is really starting to take shape. Through necessity our changes have focused on the internal integration of systems and processes. We have produced our [Strategic Plan 2018-2021](#) which articulates the vision, mission, values and key priorities for the Department. It is a significant milestone for our Department.

Over the coming months, we will embark on a review of our engagement with Local Government, including our contribution to the WALGA Zone process. We will seek your views and expectations to shape and inform our thinking. We will be looking for opportunities to foster innovation and better collaboration.

I have attended several local government events and meetings across WA which continues to sharpen my thinking about how the Department can best support local governments. I look forward to continuing these conversations with the sector, notably through the Local Government Act 1995 review.

I'm pleased to report at the close of the public consultation (9 March 2018) the Department had received 243 submissions. Currently, the team is busy analysing the submissions and preparing a report on what we heard. This will be available on our website shortly.

As you will recall, the reform of Public Libraries is a key Government objective and an enduring partnership between State and Local Government. Last year, The Hon. David Templeman MLA, Minister for Culture and the Arts, released the WA Public Libraries Strategy and accompanying Background Paper in December 2017 for public consultation.

The WA Public Libraries Strategy was the result of extensive research and consultation through the Public Libraries Working Group. The Strategy identified five priority areas that can be addressed over the next four years to deliver an improved and more sustainable public library service to the Western Australian community. Submissions have now closed, and analysis is underway. Further information can be found on the [State Library website](#).

Thanks for your continued commitment to the Western Australian community. Until next time.

Duncan Ord, OAM
Director General
Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Local Government Act 1995 Review

- The Act review provides a rare opportunity to shape the future of local government in Western Australia. It is being undertaken in two parts.
- Phase 1 is focused on modernising local government, including elected member behaviour, training, transparency and red tape reduction.
- In November and December, the Department conducted workshops in 15 locations across the State. Approximately 530 people attended. The workshops provided insights into the diverse views held on potential directions for the future of local government.
- Written submissions closed 9 March 2018, with 243 received.
 - 42 submissions from local government (14 metro, 28 non-metro) plus the Great Eastern Zone and Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council.
 - 30 submissions from elected members and one each from the administration at the Cities of Canning and Perth.
 - 11 submissions from peak bodies.
- Submissions that were not requested to remain confidential or that were not defamatory were published on the Department's website on 16 March 2018.
- The Department has completed the analysis of these submissions and of the input provided at the workshops.
- Minister Templeman is considering this information.
- The Minister wishes to have a Bill on the Phase 1 changes introduced to Parliament before the end of the year.
- The Department is working with WALGA and LGPro and Reference Group meeting will be held on 2 May 2018.
- For more information please visit www.dlgc.wa.gov.au/lgareview or contact: Sheryl Siekierka, Director, Strategic Initiatives on 9492 9839 or email actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

Local Government (Suspension and Dismissal) Bill 2018

- The *Local Government (Suspension and Dismissal) Bill 2018* was read into Parliament on 14 March.
- The Bill provides for remedial orders and/or suspension of individual elected members where their conduct is adversely impacting upon the ability of other elected members, the staff or the local government to carry out their functions and responsibilities.
- Suspension may also be imposed where an elected member is charged with a disqualification offence or where a serious breach has been referred to the State Administrative Tribunal.
- More information is available in documents on the Parliament House website www.parliament.wa.gov.au.
- For specific questions, you can contact Luke Stevens, Senior Legislation and Strategy Officer on 9492 9805 or email actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

Office of Multicultural Interests – Search Diversity

- The new 'Search Diversity WA' website is a searchable source of information on the demographic, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds of Western Australians.
- The website, launched by the Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI) was built on data from the 2016 Census and includes profiles of all WA electoral divisions and local government areas. Its aim is to help government, non-government agencies and corporations to better understand WA's population.
- The easily-accessible data will assist with decision making and community planning for services that meet the needs of WA's culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) communities.
- Search Diversity WA makes it easy to find out statistics on:
 - demographic data—age group and gender
 - education and work—qualifications, educational institutions attendance, employment status, occupation, weekly personal income, and volunteering by gender
 - cultural diversity—ancestry, birthplace, year of arrival, language spoken at home, proficiency in English, religion, and citizenship rates
 - households—household size, family composition, dependent children, grandparent families, and household income
 - disability and carers—need for assistance, and carers by age group and gender.
 - Search Diversity WA can be accessed through the 'Stats, info & guides' tab on OMI's website www.omi.wa.gov.au or click [here](#)

Puppy Farming

- DLGSC is currently developing options to address the State's key election commitment to stop puppy farming and the number of unwanted dogs in Western Australia.
- Key actions proposed include a centralised dog registration system, compulsory de-sexing of dogs, and pet shops being transitioned to adoption centres.
- A community consultation paper will be released on 3 May 2018 at the RSPCA headquarters in Malaga.
- A two-page feature article about the puppy farming initiative has been prepared for the next edition of WALGA's *Western Councillor* magazine.
- Targeted consultation will occur with the local government sector to ensure the impacts of implementation can be fully understood.
- See more information at the Department's website or contact: Courtney Allen, Project Lead, Stop Puppy Farming puppyfarming@dlgsc.wa.gov.au



Every Club

- There are 5,500 community sporting and recreation clubs in WA are run by volunteers across WA.
- *Every Club* is the latest program launched by the Sport and Recreation (WA) to provide sport and active recreation clubs in the State with access to best practice resources for the specific needs of their local club.
- Whether it is bookkeeping, how to run a club Facebook page, ideas for fundraising, fiscal management, or any of the other hundreds of small tasks club volunteers want to master.
- More information visits the DLGSC website and follow the links to sport and recreation <https://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/clubs/every-club>

True Sport

- True Sport supports local sporting clubs and associations to promote eight values that share the benefits of sport and recreation to the whole community. True Sport provides tools and resources to help clubs and associations share the positive, good news stories that sport provides every day. True Sport aims to;
 - Remind people of the broad benefits that sport brings to the community and that what we learn on the field translates into how we act off the field.
 - Recognise that sport helps shape kids into happy, proactive members of their community.
 - Encourage all sports clubs and people to recognise and display the eight values of True Sport on and off the field.
 - Increase the understanding of the importance of playing multiple sports for kids
 - Increase participation and retention rates in junior sport in Western Australia.
- The eight values poster is attached to this newsletter. More information visit the True Sport Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/truesportwa/> or the DLGSC website and follow the links to sport and recreation.



Ministerial Circulars

Circular 01-2018 Local Government Amendment (Suspension and Dismissal) Bill 2018
<https://www.dlgs.wa.gov.au/Publications/Pages/Ministerial-Circular-01-2018---Suspension-and-Dismissal-Amendment-Bill-2018.aspx>

Department Circulars

Circular 01-2018: Registration exemption for cats in foster care with SAFE - See more at:
https://www.dlgs.wa.gov.au/Publications/Pages/Circular-01_2018.aspx#sthash.X2WzRMEL.dpuf

WA Government News

For the latest updates, visit the official Facebook for WA Government News.
<https://www.facebook.com/wagovnews/>

Rural Fire Service announced

- The State Government has announced it will establish a rural fire arm within the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES).
- The rural fire division is expected to be fully established ahead of the coming summer.
- For more information review the *DFES RDF Statement* attached to this newsletter or visit the DFES website www.dfes.wa.gov.au

Cyber Security Cooperative Research Centre (CRC)

- Earlier this month, the Cyber Security Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) was launched. Based at Edith Cowan University. The Cyber Security CRC will focus on three key areas:
 1. ensuring the security of critical infrastructure by developing innovative approaches, tools and techniques to predict, prevent, detect, and respond to cyber threats
 2. enabling Australian individuals, businesses and industries to access cyber security solutions which build national and international confidence in Australia as a safe and trusted place to do business and access cyber space
 3. building the next generation of industry, government and research cyber security leaders, and increasing maturity, capability and collaboration in the sector.
- More information about the Cyber Security CRC can be found at www.business.gov.au/CRC-grants-selection-rounds

TRUE SPORT⁺

Be a True Sport

The way we play together shapes the way we live together

#HaveFun

It's healthy, it's a game, it's sport
– enjoy it! Have fun training
and competing at all levels.

#GiveBack

Volunteer, embrace
opportunities to give back
and thank those involved
with bringing you the game.

#BeSafe

Ensure participants
are safe on and off
the field.

#PlayFair

Be honourable –
do the right thing on
and off the field.



#BeHealthy

Look after the physical
and mental wellbeing of
yourself and others.

#BringYourBest

Bring your best to every game
and enjoy the challenge – win,
lose or draw.

#ShowRespect

Demonstrate mutual respect
for everyone – team-mates,
opposition, clubs, community
and treat others how you
want to be treated.

#IncludeAll

Invite everyone to participate
and make sport meaningful
for the whole community.



Department of
Local Government, Sport
and Cultural Industries

Share your stories about the true value
of sport and recreation @TrueSportWA





RURAL FIRE DIVISION

WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER



**HON FRANCIS
LOGAN MLA
MINISTER FOR
EMERGENCY SERVICES**

For the first time ever, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services will have a division dedicated to rural and regional bushfire management.

The creation of the Rural Fire Division is a significant step forward for Western Australia to broaden and improve the focus of our emergency services to help keep our communities safe.

The Rural Fire Division is a new structure within the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, with its own Executive Director and its own budget.

It has been developed to meet the needs of our geographically diverse State and demonstrates the commitment from the McGowan Labor

Government to improve community safety and strengthen our emergency services.

At the heart of the division will be the greater coordination of resources and knowledge, and improved collaboration.

These are important components in improving bushfire management for our State.

The Rural Fire Division will focus on:

- Improved communications - including more support for volunteers and a greater focus on volunteer relations.
- Unprecedented mitigation funding with a \$35 million boost, bringing the total to an historic almost \$50 million. This funding will be targeted where it is needed most.
- Enhanced bushfire fighting skills and research - a first-of-its-kind \$18 million Bushfire Centre of Excellence will enhance volunteer training and develop new initiatives in fighting bushfires by leveraging local knowledge and bushfire science and research.
- Safer WA communities - spatial computer planning to identify the highest bushfire risks across local governments.

This division meets the intention of the Waroona Special Bushfire Inquiry to enhance rural and bushfire risk management at a State, regional and local level.

In a State as large and diverse as WA, it is critical that we all work together to address the bushfire risks that our communities increasingly face.



**DARREN KLEMM
AFSM
FIRE AND
EMERGENCY
SERVICES
COMMISSIONER**

The Rural Fire Division provides a new direction for emergency services that will enable greater collaboration between the Department of

Fire and Emergency Services, government agencies and bushfire volunteers.

The establishment of this new division is the first step towards a united approach to bushfire prevention and management across our vast, bushfire-prone State.

The Rural Fire Division will ensure we are tapping into that knowledge and expertise, and working alongside bushfire volunteers across the full scope of rural bushfire management. It will also give volunteers greater input into the decisions that are made at a State-wide level.

I'm excited to see this new chapter take shape and the impact it will have on creating safer communities. I look forward to collaborating with volunteers and government stakeholders as we work towards making Western Australia a safer and more resilient State.



**MURRAY CARTER
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

The establishment of a Rural Fire Division is a historic investment into WA's bushfire resources, and one that puts a greater emphasis on mitigation, bush fire management, and listening to volunteers.

It will help us move the emphasis from responding to and recovering from major destructive bushfires, to better managing the risk of such bushfires occurring. Bushfires are inevitable but the work of the Rural Fire Division will mean we can increase efforts at minimising the scale and destruction of them through better risk management, planning and training.

Incorporating a Bushfire Centre of Excellence, the Office of Bushfire Risk Management, increased investment in Bushfire Risk Management Planning, and a focus on strengthening volunteer relations, the division will bring a more holistic approach to the way we tackle bushfires.

I am honoured to undertake the important role of harnessing the expertise and wisdom of the experts, the bushfire community, and I look forward to working with them all.

