



South Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

24 February 2020

South Metropolitan Zone

Hosted by the City of Fremantle
Fremantle Town Hall, 8 William Street, Fremantle
Monday 24 February 2020 commenced at 5:30 pm

Minutes

MEMBERS

3 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Cockburn	Mayor Logan Howlett JP Cr Chamonix Terblanche Cr Chontelle Stone Mr Stuart Downing, Acting Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate
Town of East Fremantle	Cr Cliff Collinson Cr Tony Natale Cr Kerry Donovan
City of Fremantle	Cr Doug Thompson Cr Geoff Graham Cr Andrew Sullivan Mr Philip St John, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
City of Kwinana	Mayor Carol Adams OAM Cr Sandra Lee Cr Matthew Rowse Mr Graeme Mackenzie, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Melville	Cr June Barton Cr Duncan McPhail Cr Steve Kepert
City of Rockingham	Cr Mark Jones Cr Deb Hamblin Mr Michael Parker, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate
WALGA Secretariat	Mr Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services Ms Felicity Morris, Governance Advisor
DLGSC Representative	Mr Ben Armstrong, Senior Policy and Project Delivery Officer Ms Courtney Allen, Senior Legislation and Strategy Officer
Guest Speaker	

APOLOGIES

City of Rockingham	Cr Hayley Edwards
Town of East Fremantle	Mr Gary Tuffin, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
City of Melville	Mr Marten Tieleman, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zone Delegates were requested to provide sufficient written notice, wherever possible, on amendments to recommendations within the State Council or Zone agenda to the Zone Chair and Secretariat prior to the Zone meeting.

Agenda Papers were emailed 7 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Acknowledgement of Country All attendees acknowledged the traditional owners of the land that the meeting is held on and paying respects to Elders past, present and future.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes of previous meeting
2. Zone Status Report
3. President's Report
4. Standing Orders

1. DEPUTATIONS

1.1 Update National Redress Scheme

Mr Ben Armstrong, Senior Policy and Project Delivery Officer provided an update to the Zone on the National Redress Scheme and what Local Governments involvement will entail.

In response to a question about whether the template report to be provided by the Department will include template delegations of authority, Mr Armstrong stated that template delegations will be provided.

1.2 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

As resolved at the November South Metropolitan Zone meeting, Ms Courtney Allen, Senior Legislation and Strategy Officer from the Department presented to the Zone on relevant key projects for this first Zone meeting of 2020.

The Department will continue to provide an update to each future Zone meeting based on the topics of interest that are provided from the Zone.

A copy of the presentation is attached with the minutes.

Delegates asked when the new Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates would be available. Cr Chontelle Stone asked when the new standards for CEO recruitment, selection, performance review and early termination would be available.

Mr Tony Brown advised that the relevant working groups needed to reconvene to consider draft proposals.

Cr Deb Hamblin asked whether funding under the Asian Engagement Through Sport Funding Program might be available to support WA athletes attending the 2021 World Masters Games in Kansai Japan. Cr Sandra Lee asked whether funding to support senior participation in sport might be reintroduced under the Targeted Participation Program.

Cr Mark Jones asked whether support for Local Governments is likely to be included in the WA Cultural Infrastructure Strategy.

Ms Allen took these questions on notice and offered to provide further information via the WALGA Secretariat.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the Minutes of the meeting of the South Metropolitan Zone held on 25 November 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Pursuant to our Code of Conduct, Councillors 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. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Membership of Development Assessment Panel (item 5.8)

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Cliff Collinson
Seconded: Cr Sandra Lee¹

That the WALGA recommendation be endorsed

CARRIED

Cr Chontelle Stone asked whether it was possible for Elected Members sitting on a Development Assessment Panel to have access to the Director General of Planning, in a similar way to the way non-Elected Members do. Secretariat took question on notice and will provide the response to Cr Chontelle Stone.

Secretariat Comment

¹ Error corrected as per Confirmation of Minutes (refer to Item 3 of the Minutes of the South West Metropolitan Zone Meeting held on 28 April 2020) deleted "Cr Lee-Anne Smith" and inserted "Cr Sandra Lee".

Unless prescribed differently in the Development Assessment Panel's (DAP's) Standing Orders each member would have the same access to the Director General. Without the specific context, it is difficult to advise why the member would require access to the Director General.

The Zone discussed that at Joint Development Assessment Panel members training, Department of Planning staff advised that independent members have access to briefings from the Director General and this is not afforded to Elected Member representatives on Joint Development Assessment Panel's.

Resolved:

That WALGA make representations to the Department of Planning that all Joint Development Assessment Panel members should have the same briefings and access to the Department of Planning Director General and staff.

4.2 Submission on the Climate Change in Western Australia Issues Paper (Item 5.15)

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Cr Sandra Lee

That the WALGA recommendation be endorsed

CARRIED

Cr Collinson provided some comments on potential exceptions.

WALGA's submission is generally supported by administration, however, additional matters could be raised in relation to favouring renovation and adaption of existing buildings rather than new buildings; preference for lower carbon footprint building materials (like timber rather than concrete or brick); and allowing small/tiny houses and alternative housing models (e.g. community housing models with shared communal gardens) that have smaller carbon footprints and use land efficiently but are not large projects or multi-storey towers.

WALGA secretariat will provide responses to the requested information.

Secretariat Comment

The secretariat notes the suggestions made with regard to building stock renovation and low carbon materials, however this is largely market driven. Appropriate land use zoning and other local planning instruments would be required in many instances, and the economics need to equally be sustainable.

The Development WA White Gum Valley development in the City of Fremantle is one exemplar of for the development industry and planning authorities of what can be achieved in undertaking a collaborative approach to incentivising low carbon developments.

Noted

4.3 Status Report

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

Noted

5. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA – MATTERS FOR DECISION

Item 5.2 Submission on Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the submission to the Department of Premier and Cabinet in response to the Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy be endorsed, subject to the following amendment:

1. That where the phrase 'Aboriginal people being empowered to live good lives and aspire to futures of their own choosing from a secure foundation', appears on pages 10 and 17, the word 'good' is deleted and the word 'fulfilling' inserted.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That all remaining items for decision of the March 2020 State Council Agenda be endorsed 'en-bloc'.

CARRIED

Item 6.8 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)

ACTION

That WALGA make further information on the membership of the Waste Authority FOGO Reference Group available at the March State Council meeting. In particular, whether the Reference Group includes Council Members, and representatives of Local Governments that do not currently have FOGO.

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Change April Meeting Date

Currently, the next South Metropolitan Zone meeting is scheduled for Monday April 27. Due to Monday 27 April being a Public Holiday in acknowledgment of Anzac Day, the Zone may want to consider changing the day of the April Zone meeting to the following day.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the South Metropolitan Zone change the April Zone meeting to Tuesday 28 April at the City of Kwinana commencing at 3.00pm.

CARRIED

6.2 Regional State Council Meeting Update

As resolved at the November South Metropolitan Zone meeting, the 2020 Regional State Council meeting in May will be hosted by the South Metropolitan Zone and the location has been confirmed to be hosted by the City of Cockburn.

Please see below the indicative program for the day, and note that all Zone delegates are welcome to attend.

State Council Regional Meeting South Metropolitan Zone



WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY 2020 – VENUE TBC, HOSTED BY CITY OF COCKBURN

State Council Business – 8:30am-1:00pm

8:30am-9:30am	State Council Policy Team Meetings
9:45am-10:45am	Strategic Forum*
10:45am-11:00am	Morning Tea
11:00am-1:00pm	State Council Meeting*

** Zone Forum attendees are welcome to attend the strategic forum and State Council meeting as observers.*

Zone Forum – 1:00pm-6:00pm

1:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm	Introduction and Welcome – Zone Chair, Cr Doug Thompson
	Zone Member Presentations – 30 minutes each
	City of Cockburn
	Town of East Fremantle
	City of Fremantle
3:30pm-4:00pm	Afternoon Tea
4:00pm	City of Kwinana
	City of Melville
	City of Rockingham
5:30pm	Forum close and networking drinks

Dinner – 6:00pm

Noted

6.3 Request to Present - Western Australian Disability Enterprises

By Executive Officer, Chantelle O'Brien

Ms Lil Paskos, Procurement Manager from Western Australian Disability Enterprises has requested an opportunity to present at the April 2020 South Metropolitan Zone meeting.

Ms Lil Paskos, WADE Procurement Manager has previously presented at the Metropolitan Zone meetings in 2016/17. With the 2019 Local Government elections and subsequent new Elected Members.

In Brief

The presentation will provide a brief overview of the eight Western Australian Disability Enterprises (WADEs) - they collectively employ more than 2,200 individuals with disability across a range of commercial operations. WADEs provide a broad range of quality products and services and now include new service categories.

As you may be aware, a change to the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 with effect from October 2015, permit Local Governments to source products and services from WADEs (including Indigenous businesses) without the need to conduct a competitive and costly tendering process (i.e. for purchases greater than \$150,000). The operation of this amendment being contingent on fair value and quality.

This policy change provides councils with an avenue to embed social procurement in their buying practices and in turn, increase supplier diversity and inclusion.

Local Governments spend more than a billion dollars annually and since 2015, \$5 million of commercial contracts have been awarded to WADEs, but predominantly through a competitive tender process.

This briefing provides an opportunity to showcase all services as well as seeking support to leverage upon Local Government buying power to directly engage with organisations that employ people with disability and contribute to broader sustainable initiatives.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

- 1. That Lil Paskos from WADE provide a presentation to the April 2020 South Metropolitan Zone Meeting to provide the information as above.**
- 2. That Rebecca Brown, WALGA Manager Waste and Recycling, provide a presentation to the April 2020 South Metropolitan Zone Meeting to provide an update on the Container Deposit Scheme.**

CARRIED

6.4 Request to Present – Tree Decline Investigation

By Executive Officer, Chantelle O'Brien

Background

Eucalyptus rudis also known as swamp gum or flooded gum, is a temperate eucalypt and a vital, endemic component of the southwestern Australian ecosystem. It is a key feature and keystone species of our riparian areas and wetlands, and provides critical ecosystem functions such as foreshore

stabilisation, habitat and foraging provision, water maintenance, as well as landscape, cultural, social and economic values.

Unfortunately, *E. rudis* is in severe decline across much of its range and has been for many decades. It has experienced many threatening processes since settlement, such as clearing, climate change, weed invasion, understorey removal, nutrient enrichment of land and waterbodies, altered water table levels, grazing, and changes in beneficial soil microbes. Little is known about the key underlying causal factors, and what actions to take to mitigate the decline. Although treatments trialled previously include tree injections, nutrient implants, and revegetation, few have been highly successful.

Preliminary research has indicated that the decline is complex and there are multiple drivers involved and no single cause. Therefore, we will use the Manion 'Tree Decline Spiral' (Manion 1981) as a template to understand the 'predisposing', 'inciting' and 'contributing' factors that are likely to be drivers. We have used this method successfully for marri and tuart. This approach will allow us to develop an integrated, cross-disciplinary and cross-scale approach to understand the decline syndrome and how best to mitigate the decline. We are keen to work with key stakeholders including friends of groups to help with various aspects of the different trials.

A Representative from the Parks and Wildlife Service from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions have requested to attend a future Zone meeting to discuss this matter further and seek feedback.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That a Representative from the Parks and Wildlife Service from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions attend the June 2020 South Metropolitan Zone meeting to present on the above.

CARRIED

6.5 Request to Present – Financial Counselling Network

By Executive Officer, Chantelle O'Brien

A representative from the Financial Counselling Network have requested the possibility of attending a future South Metropolitan Zone meeting to provide a presentation on payment difficulties, financial hardship and council rates. It is appreciated the work undertaken by Local Government and would like an opportunity to demonstrate how their organisation can assist in achieving mutually beneficial outcomes.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That a representative from Financial Counselling Network, attend the June 2020 South Metropolitan Zone meeting to discuss payment difficulties, financial hardship and council rates.

CARRIED

6.6 Request to Present – Grow it Local

By Executive Officer, Chantelle O'Brien

A representative from Grow it Local, has approached WALGA and requested an opportunity to Present to the South Metropolitan Zone. Grow It Local is a grass roots and purpose-driven mission to get more people growing, sharing and eating locally grown foods.

What they are aiming to achieve is:

- Make growing more accessible
- Increase the production & consumption of locally grown foods
- Provide a connection to nature
- Inspire positive health & wellbeing
- Help build stronger and more resilient communities
- Increase composting and reduce organic waste to landfill
- Do something delicious & have a little fun

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That a representative from Grow it Local, attend the August 2020 South Metropolitan Zone meeting to provide further information about their organisation and the assistance it may provide to Local Governments.

CARRIED

6.7 Local Government Agricultural Freight Group

By Executive Officer, Chantelle O'Brien

The South Metropolitan Zone Executive Officer has been contacted to enquire as to whether the Zone would like to nominate a representative for the Local Government Agricultural Freight Group, as the Zone has been represented in the past.

Noted with no nomination.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 State Council Presidential Elections

Mr Tony Brown provided an update on the candidates for election as President and Deputy President.

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 WALGA President's Report

Mr Tony Brown, WALGA representative presented the President's Report.

Noted

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Cr Sandra Lee

That the South Metropolitan Zone write to President Cr Lynne Craigie OAM, to express the Zone's gratitude for her leadership and dedication, and to wish President Craigie all the best for her future endeavours.

CARRIED

8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

Mayor Adams provided the following State Councillor report;

The December meeting of State Council was the first meeting of the new State Council: State Councillors were elected from Zones in November 2019 following the Local Government elections in October. Six new State Councillors were elected to join 18 continuing State Councillors.

The following key issues were considered;

- Emerging Issue – Bushfire Fighting Vehicles

State Council considered and endorsed an emerging issue brought forward by the Goldfields-Esperance Country Zone relating to issues with the current fleet of bushfire fighting vehicles.

- State Budget Submission

State Council considered WALGA's submission to the State Government in advance of their 2020/21 budget deliberations. The submission aims to align with the State's priorities, demonstrate value for money, and be specific, clear and succinct.

- Mandatory Code of Conduct and Guidelines for CEO Recruitment and Selection

Two draft outputs from phase one of the *Local Government Act 1995* review were considered by State Council:

1. Mandatory Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates; and,
2. Standards and Guidelines for CEO Recruitment and Selection, Performance and Termination.

In both cases, State Council identified a number of issues and concerns that require further clarification. State Council resolved to request the Government to reconvene the working groups to work through the issues identified by the sector in the consultation process.

Noted

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

As per the presentation at the commencement of the meeting, a Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representative will update the Zone at all future meetings on topics of interest to the Zone that have been provided prior.

Please see link below for the full update

[**DLGSC Zone Update February – March 2020**](#)

Noted

8.4 Topics for next meeting update by the DLGSC

ACTION

The Zone will provide topics to the Chair or Secretariat, for update and information by the Department at the next Zone meeting.

10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the South Metropolitan Zone will be held Monday 28 April at the City of Kwinana, commencing at 3.00 pm, with afternoon tea to be available before the meeting.

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.35pm.

