



**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
SOUTH WEST ZONE**

MINUTES

DATE Friday 22 June 2018

COMMENCING 9.00 am

VENUE Shire Bridgetown - Greenbushes
Nelsons of Bridgetown (Bridgetown Motel)
38 Hampton Street, Bridgetown (corner Phillips Street).

PROGRAM	9.00 am	Opening
	9.05 am	Business as per agenda
	10.15 am	Morning Tea
	10.45 am	Meeting resumes
	11.00 am	Presentations
	12.30 pm	Lunch

AGENDA FORMAT

The agenda is sent in two parts. The first, being the Zone Agenda, the second the State Council Agenda in PDF format. The State Council Agenda was emailed separately to members

E R Fisher

Executive Officer

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1. Opening

The President, Cr T. Dean will open the meeting at 9 am and welcome all present

2. Attendance & Apologies

The following attendance and apologies are recorded:

Local Government	Delegate		CEO	
Shire of Augusta – Margaret River	Cr P Townshend Cr J Meldrum	Present Present	Mr. G Evershed	Apology
Shire of Boyup Brook	Cr G Aird	Present	Mr. A Lamb	Apology
Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes	Cr T Pratico Cr P Scallan	Present	Mr. T Clynych	Present
City of Bunbury	Cr T Smith	Present	Mr. M Osborne	Present
City of Busselton	Mayor G Henley	Present	Mr. M Archer	Present
Shire of Capel	Cr M Scott	Present	Mr. P Sheedy	Present
Shire of Collie	Cr S Stanley	Present	Mr. D Blurton	Present
Shire of Dardanup	Cr M Bennett	Present	Mr. M Chester	Present
Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup	Cr B Piesse	Present	Mr. B Rose	Present
Shire of Harvey	Cr T Jackson	Present	Mr. M Parker	Present
Shire of Manjimup	Cr P Omodei	Present	Mr. A Campbell	Present
Shire of Nannup	Cr T Dean	Present	D Taylor	Present
Executive Officer			Mr. E Fisher	Present

3. Visitors:

WALGA

Mr Mark Batty, Executive Manager Environment and Waste

Mr Ashley Robb, Project Officer Planning

Other Guests

Nick Belyea - Chairman SWDC

Ms. Rebecca Ball - CEO SWDC

Billy Wellstead – SWDC

Thalia Rose – SWDC

DLGS & CI.

Ms Jodie Holbrook

4. Presentations

4.1 Host Council Presentation

Host shires are invited to provide a 15-20 minute presentation on current events affecting their local government area or to arrange an inspection of new or significant facilities of interest to members.

Cr P Scallan OAM made a presentation on the Talison Lithium mining project in the Shire of Bridgetown - Greenbushes

4.2 Presentations

Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC MINISTER Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Minister assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade

Unfortunately weather conditions prevented the Minister attending. Ms. R Ball SWDC provide some responses as listed below.

A number of questions were submitted by Councils and are circulated separately with this Agenda including responses provided by Ms R Ball of the SWDC. Ms. Ball provided verbal responses to the meeting in the absence of the Minister.

4.3 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Ms Jodie Holbrook provided a briefing to the meeting with a Powerpoint presentation. The Powerpoint and briefing document has been circulated separately to delegates.

4.3 Special Meeting

The EO is to inquire if the Minister, Hon Alannah MacTiernan, MLC¹¹¹ Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Minister assisting the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade would be able to attend a Special Meeting of the Zone in Bunbury on Friday 27 July 2018.

Contingent on the above, the EO is to seek to co-ordinate a presentation by the Waste Manager of the Shire of Augusta Margaret River and invite the Chair of the State Waste Authority to attend for discussions on regional waste management. Member Councils are invited to have key staff attend this presentation.

5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Corrections

Nil

Moved	Cr M Bennett	Seconded	Cr M Scott	Carried
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MOTION:

The minutes of the meeting held at the Shire of Boyup Brook on Friday 27 April 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting

6. Business Arising

6.1 Rural Fire Division

A copy of the Minister's response is attached to this agenda.

6.2 Landgate Revaluation Timetable

A response has been received and is included (Attachment).

6.3 Endorsed WALGA Position On Biosecurity (Attachment)

6.4 The WALGA biosecurity recommendations to Government (Post border)

Circulated separately as a 20 page PDF Document.

6.5 WALGA recent correspondence to the DPRID Director General on the issue. (Attachment)

MOTION

Moved	Cr G Aird	Seconded		
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THAT:

Reaffirm the position of WALGA on the matter of Biosecurity issues

Motion lapsed

7 Reports

7.1 Report by State Council Delegate or WALGA Representative – key points

- State Roads Funding Agreement - changes to funding arrangements
- State planning Policy - SWZ proposal relating to the position of value of regional airports be included
- Third Party Appeal provisions – policy amended to only allow appeals on DAP decisions
- Community Resource centres – Meeting with the Minister arranged
- Infrastructure WA submission by SWZ – supported
- Surveillance Devices proposal – supported
- Vexatious & malicious FOI request proposal – supported
- Changes to WALGA Constitution regarding President/Vice President adopted
- Other Matters
- WALGA CEO – contract extended 12 months
- State President re-elected
- WALGA budget approved – no fee increase

7.2 WALGA State President's Report

State / Local Government Partnership Agreement

We had the first meeting of the Partnership Executive Group (*Premier, Treasurer, Minister for Planning & Transport, Minister for Local Government, Communities and Cultural Industries, WALGA and LG Professionals*) on June 20th and;

- Established a strategic working group to underpin the executive with “arms and legs” to do the research and implementation actions that will give us outcomes and develop long term mutual agenda.
- Introduced the State to the WALGA Jobs Plan, which shows Local Governments how they can leverage off the States own jobs policy platform as part of their local economic development activity;
- Agreed on the need for implementing a major review of the planning system, which WALGA has ardently advocated for since 2016;
- Agreed on the need for a major review of local government fees and charges which are currently restricted or remain frozen due to State legislation and regulation;
- Discussed the need for relationship management in the sector at a number of levels, including elected members and CEOs;
- Agreed to explore establishing formal Partnership Agreements on Climate Change (*including Coastal Erosion*), and Procurement;
- Acknowledged the restrictions on road funding and the need for further review of this going forward.

Clearly there is value in a Partnership agenda like this and we look forward to achieving some great outcomes in the year ahead.

Local Government Act Review

The Local Government Act review process continues. The Department has finalized the position papers on the items listed below and the Minister is looking to take policy positions to Cabinet in the near future.

The Minister plans to make public the policy positions following Cabinet endorsement, which will allow sector consultation to occur. The Minister is aiming to introduce a bill before the end of this calendar year.

The items to be covered in phase 1 are as follows;

- Elected Member training;
- Gifts
- Recruitment and performance review of CEOs;
- Standards of behaviour, misconduct and breaches;
- Public Notices;
- Availability of information;
- Administrative Efficiencies

In respect to phase 2, the following topics are listed for consideration;

- Increasing participation in Local Government Elections
- Financial Management
- Procurement
- Rating
- Beneficial Enterprises (Council Controlled Organisations)
- Integrated Planning & Reporting
- Community Engagement
- Local Laws
- Administrative Efficiencies

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries are holding topic forums on the above issues and are seeking expressions of interest from Elected Members and Local Government Officers with a personal interest in contributing to these forums.

I encourage Elected Members and Officers to nominate to contribute to these forums to assist in putting forward suggested changes to the Act and Regulations.

WALGA's advocacy will focus on the following key principles adopted by the Sector;

- Retain General Competence Principle
- Provide for a Flexible, Principles-based legislative framework
- Avoid Red Tape
- Size and Scale compliance regime

State of the Regions Report

The 21st edition of the report reveals that innovation is the core driver of Australia's long-term economic growth and is typically undertaken by 'knowledge workers' who are currently concentrated in Australia's metropolitan capitals and inner cities. The research found that these workers tended to concentrate in regions where there was a wide variety of cultural and lifestyle choices.

Productivity and innovation happening in the inner cities are boosted by opportunities for human interaction, not only in offices and laboratories but also in cafes, shops, schools and recreational facilities. These interactions occur most intensively when they are within walking distance of each other and when they happen, productivity increases and this benefits the region as a whole.

Further infrastructure support, particularly telecommunications, transport, community and cultural infrastructure, will help attract knowledge workers and their families to rural and remote regions and help create the conditions that will build new economic opportunities and resilient, intelligent communities.

WALGA's Regional Economic Development Project is working to develop the capacity for WA Local Governments to understand these issues and recognise their community aspirations.

Rate Capping Likely For South Australia

The South Australian Government has introduced legislation to cap council rates in South Australia, citing its commitment to keeping down “*cost of living pressures for South Australians*”, as justification.

Apparently the scheme will still enable councils to increase their rates if they can convince ratepayers and the independent regulator that the increase is necessary.

Research sponsored by the Australian Local Government Association showed that rate capping in NSW since the mid-1970s had simply led to a massive infrastructure and maintenance under spend at the local level.

The Western Australian State Government has committed on many occasions that a rate capping regime won't be implemented in WA.

Notwithstanding, the issue highlights the importance of maintaining open and robust communications with all sides of the political spectrum, along with open and accountable governance to ensure that Local Government's expenditure and service delivery is understood and in line with community expectations.

PRESIDENT'S CONTACTS

During the May - June period, contacts that have occurred or are scheduled to take place prior to the July State Council meeting will be advised at the 4 July State Council meeting.

7.3 Annual Program of Topics for Discussion by Councils

7.3.1 A special meeting has been proposed in July at Bunbury – see item 4.3

7.3.2 The Chairman of the State Emergency Management Committee has been invited to address the next meeting.

7.3.2 The EO has been asked to arrange a presentation by TRANSWA regarding transport services in the southwest region. The propose date is the 23 November 2018

7.4 Freight Policy Forum – termination advice from WALGA – For Noting

The Freight Policy Forum was established in 2015 with the aim of developing the necessary policies; regulations and funding needed to enable Local Governments to provide a sustainable heavy vehicle road network that meets industry needs.

Under the guidance and direction of the Freight Policy Forum, the 'Heavy Vehicle Cost Recovery Policy Guideline for Sealed Roads' and the 'Policy for Assessing Applications to Operate

Restricted Access Vehicles on Local Government Roads' have been developed and endorsed by State Council. These tools are now available on the WALGA website to be adopted and adapted by Local Governments. Technical work on a model for heavy vehicle cost recovery on unsealed roads is in development and it is anticipated this will be incorporated within a revised Heavy Vehicle Cost Recovery Policy Guideline late this year.

Following discussion we have reached the view that the Freight Policy Forum has now achieved its initial objectives and will be concluded. There remain future threats and opportunities including additional axle loading (AMMS) arrangements, incremental cost recovery models and new investment in freight routes. The need to re-establish the Freight Policy Forum to address these or other issues will be considered in the future.

8. State Council Agenda

The State Council Agenda numbers and page numbers have been retained for easy reference.

5. MATTERS FOR DECISION

- 5.1 Updated Climate Change Policy Statement (05-028-03-0011 LS)
- 5.2 Interim Submission – Model Subdivision Conditions (05-047-01-0003 VJ)
- 5.3 Interim Submission – Position Statement – Housing on lots less than 100m² (05-306-03-0062 CH)
- 5.4 Policy for Restricted Access Vehicles on Roads Not on an Approved Network During Harvest (05-006-03-0004 ID)
- 5.5 WA State Library Strategy Implementation Plan and Consultation Report (05-057-02-0051 KD)
- 5.6 *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* Review Submission to Stage 1 (05-032-01-0001 KD)
- 5.7 Interim Submission – Review of the State Industrial Relations System (05-034-01-0001 KP)

6. MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

- 6.1 Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure 2016/17 (06-007-03-0016 MB)
- 6.2 ERA Draft Decision – Western Power Access Arrangement (05-049-03-0001 DM)
- 6.3 2017-18 State Budget (05-088-03-0001 DM) **Error! Bookmark not defined.**
- 6.4 Research on Verge Permit Fees and Bonds (05-036-03-0061 VJ)
- 6.5 Independent Planning Reform – Green Paper (05-047-02-0015 VJ)
- 6.6 Update on the Noongar Standard Heritage Agreement for Local Government (05-032-01-0001 KD)
- 6.7 Community Resource Centre Funding and Service Model (05-018-03-0004 KD)
- 6.8 Alternative Approaches to Volunteer Based Health Services in the Regions Survey (05-031-01-0001 EDR)
- 6.9 *Public Health Act 2016* Regulation Review Program (05-031-01-0001 EDR)

7. ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

- 7.1 Key Activity Reports

- 7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Environment and Waste Unit (01-006-03-0017 MJB)
- 7.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services (01-006-03-0007 TB)
- 7.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure (05-001-02-0003 ID)
- 7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, People and Place (01-006-03-0014 JB)
- 7.2 Policy Forum Reports (01-006-03-0007 TB)

MOTION

MOVED

THAT *the recommendations in the State Council Agenda 5.2 – 5.7 be endorsed.*

Moved	Cr B Piesse	Seconded	Cr M Scott	Carried
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8.1 Excluded Items

5.1 Updated Climate change policy

Moved	Cr S Stanley	Seconded	Cr P Townsend	Carried
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MOTION

THAT:

The WALGA recommendation that the revised Climate Change Policy Statement be endorsed be amended by the inclusion of the additional comment “and that support be provided for communities impacted by any changes to the policy”

9. Discussion Forum/Zone Agenda Items

Items submitted by Councils for discussion

9.1 City of Busselton – Police Housing

MOTION

Moved	Cr M Bennett	Seconded	Cr P Omedei	Carried
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That SW Zone WALGA:

1. Write to the Minister for Housing and the Minister for Police to highlight the concerns including:

- **Condition of housing available**
- **Costs of rent and rent increases**
- **Lack of surety in tenure to assist with rental options for Police Officers**

2. Request that WALGA also raise these concerns outlined above with the relevant Ministers and Departments as this issue is common across Regional Western Australia in relation to Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH) as a whole.

Background/Comments:

The City of Busselton has recently been approached by the WA Police Union in relation to issues that their members are experiencing with GROH allocated housing within the South West Region. In addition these issues such as increasing rents, affordability and quality of housing are not isolated concerns with Police Officers. Other government employees such as teachers, nurses, parks and wildlife officers have also outlined similar concerns.

The attraction and retention of key government personnel within the Regions is extremely important to deliver the services expected by the community. At times, the housing situation has caused some government employees to leave their positions prematurely, which has an impact on service delivery and potentially puts Regional communities at risk.

The WA Police Union states that the State Government will be increasing GROH rents by a further \$30 per week which is on top of the \$30 increase applied the previous year. These rent increases essentially make it less attractive for Police Officers to serve in regional towns. The WA Police Union states that GROH rental costs will be increased over a 2 year period by \$3,120 per annum, however, the incremental pay increase of an average Police Officer is only \$2,000 over the same period.

This financial penalty for Police Officers is clearly a deterrent for officers wishing to consider relocation to our Region. As it is also understood that the quality of housing and availability of housing are also concerns with other sectors of government.

At present, the State School Teachers Union of WA is also running an active petition to lobby against the increases in GROH housing. More specifically, they are requesting the State Government to:

- Commit to a full review of the mechanism for GROH Rent Fixing;
- Direct DoE to suspend all GROH rent increases pending the outcome of this review; and
- Guarantee GROH will not be privatised, reduced or removed.
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Basic requirements such as housing is a key attractant when recruiting staff to the Regional area. It is felt that housing should be made as an attractant and not a deterrent when government employees such as Police Officers, teachers, nurses etc. consider moving to our regional towns.

9.2 Community Resource Centres

Concern was raised by Cr B Piesse about the impact of the WA Government policy on the reduction of funding to CRCs particularly in the Wheatbelt where these centres provide a vital platform for the sustainability of communities. He went on the state that if the changes in policy resulted in his Council making up the funding deficiency it would result in a 2% rate increase overall which was a substantial impost on ratepayers.

MOTION

Moved	Cr S Stanley	Seconded	Cr P Townsend	Carried
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That SW Zone WALGA:

Advise WALGA of the concern expressed by members of the potential adverse impact to small communities by the WA Government decision to change the policy regarding the funding support of Community Resource Centres and the likely resultant impost on Council rates across communities.

9.3 Increased Waste Resulting From Tourism

Cr P Townsend made comment of the deleterious impact of the increasing waste generated by tourists in the southwest region. This is a matter that requires consideration in any regional approach to waste management and reinforces the need for a regional co-operative effort.

9.4 Presentations to CEOs

The Zone President, Cr T Dean invited Cr M Scott (Capel Shir) and Cr T Jackson (Harvey Shire) to present plaques to retiring CEO Paul Sheedy and also to CEO Michael Parker on the occasion of their leaving the Zone in appreciation of their long and sustained support for the activities of the SW Zone

10. Zone Status Report

<i>Zone</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Zone Resolution</i>	<i>WALGA Response</i>	<i>Up-date</i>	<i>WALGA Contact</i>
Sth West C	2018 April 27 State Council Agenda Item 5.1 Submission to ERA-Inquiry into Business Licensing	The WALGA recommendation be endorsed with additional comments: a) That delays are caused and costs increased due to the issues surrounding the slow and/or inadequate responses from state agencies b) Full private certification has created significant costs for local government the building industry and their clients due to their lack of understanding of planning and health controls.	The resolution from the South West Country Zone was considered at the State Council meeting and resolved as follows: STATE COUNCIL RESOLUTION MAY 2018 That WALGA's submission to the Economic Regulation Authority Inquiry into Business Licensing be endorsed subject to the inclusion of the following additional comments: a) That delays are caused and costs increased due to the issues surrounding the slow and/or inadequate responses from state agencies; and, b) Full private certification has created significant costs for local government the building industry and their clients due to their lack of understanding of planning and health controls.	June 2018	Wayne Scheggia Deputy CEO wscheggia@walga.asn.au 9213 2024
Sth West C	2018 April 27 Zone Agenda Item 9.1 Landgate Revaluation Timetable	That WALGA lobby Landgate to amend its timetable for completing annual revaluations of property rolls for all local government by 30	The Association will advocate to Landgate to amend its valuation timetable. In addition, the Financial Management provisions including rating and valuations will be considered in phase 2 of the Local Government Act review process.	June 2018	Tony Brown Executive Manager Governance & Organisational Services tbrown@walga.asn.au 9213 2051

<i>Zone</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Zone Resolution</i>	<i>WALGA Response</i>	<i>Up-date</i>	<i>WALGA Contact</i>
		April each year so that the timetables for adoption of local government annual budgets are not unduly hindered by delays in receiving valuation rolls.			
Sth West C	2018 April 27 State Council Agenda Item 5.3 Interim Submission-Development Control Policies 1.1, 1.2, 1.7, 2.5 and 5.1	That the WALGA recommendation be endorsed with the addition of a requirement that as there is a substantial economic importance attached to regional airports that need should be reflected in the environmental policy relating to aircraft noise.	<p>The report provides a number of recommendations connected to how the draft Policy relates to aircraft noise and industrial development on airport land. These comments are largely based around the lack of clarity on how planning at airports will be managed in the yet to be publicly released state-wide airports State Planning Policy. The Association raised these points as there is a clear exemptions related to aircraft noise in the draft Policy, something absent from the previous iteration.</p> <p>It is important to frame the above comments on airports in the overall intent of the draft Policy. The draft Policy seeks to ‘protect industry and infrastructure facilities from the encroachment of incompatible land uses...’, while also highlighting the ‘significant investment they represent and their current and future benefits’. As such, any inclusion of airports or aircraft noise in the draft Policy and subsequent planning decisions will need to be framed within this</p>	June 2018	Joanne Burges Executive Manager, People & Place jborges@walga.asn.au 9213 2018

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			<p>intent. The intent of the future state-wide airports State Planning Policy is unknown.</p> <p>STATE COUNCIL RESOLUTION MAY 2018</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the interim submission to the WA Planning Commission on State Planning Policy 4.1 Industrial Interface be endorsed; and 2. That WALGA advocate for the Department of Planning, Land and Heritage to include within the 'intent' of the future state-wide Airports State Planning Policy a clear position on the economic benefit of airports in regional areas. <p>The above recommendation was provided to the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage for their consideration in the review of these documents.</p>		
Sth West C	<p>2018 April 27 State Council Agenda Item 5.6</p> <p>Interim Submission on Infrastructure WA</p>	<p>That the WALGA recommendation be endorsed subject to consideration for regional projects \$50 million and above being included in the Infrastructure WA Strategy.</p>	<p>Infrastructure Australia plays a role in evaluating projects that seek more than \$100 million of Commonwealth funding. The model proposed by the State Government suggests that Infrastructure WA evaluate proposals valued above a \$100 million threshold, and high risk projects below this threshold. Infrastructure bodies in other Australian jurisdictions have adopted a range of threshold values for projects.</p> <p>For example, Building Queensland assists with evaluating projects valued between \$50 million and \$100 million and leads evaluation of projects valued at more than \$100 million. Infrastructure NSW is involved in projects valued at more than \$10 million. There is no threshold value within the legislation establishing Infrastructure Victoria.</p>	June 2018	<p>Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031</p>

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			<p>Given the limited resources that will be available to Infrastructure WA there is the need to both encourage the organisation to focus on the highest impact projects, while also providing scope for a wide range of projects that the Government may fund to be considered.</p> <p>STATE COUNCIL RESOLUTION MAY 2018</p> <p>That the interim submission to the Department of Premier and Cabinet on the proposal for establishing Infrastructure WA as a statutory body under legislation be endorsed subject to the addition of a new recommendation that projects valued at \$50 million and above are included in the Infrastructure WA Strategy.</p> <p>The Interim Submission was amended and the Association wrote to the Department of Premier and Cabinet detailing the amendment to including projects valued at \$50 million and above in the Infrastructure WA Strategy and the rationale for this.</p>		
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Sth West C	2018 February 23 Zone Agenda Item 9.2	That the SWZ request WALGA enter into negotiations with the relevant	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Commonwealth have advised that they cannot engage in said discussions until after the Austrade tender process has been completed, estimated to be late June/early July 2018. WALGA will pursue the conversation with the Commonwealth after this time. 2. The Minister has agreed to review the BAM Act, commencing in the latter half of 2018, which will provide for WALGAs advocacy on the issue. WALGA will 	June 2018	Mark Batty Executive Manager Environment and Waste Mbatty@walga.asn.au

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	Proposed Changes to Commonwealth Funding Arrangements for Environmental Groups	<p>Commonwealth departments to address:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The negative impacts of the proposed conditions that will attaché to payments of funds to voluntary environmental management groups particularly, retrospectivity of post project reimbursement and insufficiency of project administrative costs, and 2. The need to ensure that any biosecurity projects avoid duplication, work collaboratively and are consistent with the provisions of the Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act 2007. 	also raise the issue with both the Minister for Agriculture and the Minister for Environment, at the next opportunity.		9213 2078
Sth West C	2018 February 23	<p>That the South West Zone</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the correspondence from the Department of 	WALGA will raise the issue of in seeking to address long-term waste solutions for the South West at its next regular meeting with the Chair of the Waste Authority.	June 2018	Mark Batty

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	Zone Agenda Item 9.1 Regional Waste Facility – CLGF Funding Update	<p>Planning infrastructure and Regional Development to the Bunbury Wellington Group of Councils requesting the return all of the Country Local Government Funds obtained for progressing the South West Regional Waste Site.</p> <p>2. Agree to continue to collectively work together to identify long term future suitable waste solutions include alternative waste options (eg: Waste to Energy)</p> <p>3. Request that WALGA advocate on behalf of the South West Zone to the Western Australian State Government in seeking to address long-term waste solutions for the South West.</p>			Executive Manager Environment and Waste Mbatty@walga.asn.au 9213 2078
Sth West C	2017 November 24 Zone Agenda Item 9.2 Shire of Capel Submission Local Government Grant Scheme	<p>That WALGA be requested to lobby the State Government for:</p> <p>1. A comprehensive review of items of eligible expenditure under the Local Government Grant Scheme to enable the full costs of operating Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades to be met; and</p>	<p>The State Government has advised that the recommendations from the Economic Regulation Authority review of the Emergency Services Levy is being considered as part of the Machinery of Government process currently reviewing the structure of DFES. This process includes a review of the ESL governance and operational arrangements.</p> <p>WALGA will continue to lobby for a review of the items of eligible expenditure under the Local</p>	February 2018	Joanne Burges Executive Manager, People & Place jburges@walga.asn.au 9213 2018

<i>Zone</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Zone Resolution</i>	<i>WALGA Response</i>	<i>Up-date</i>	<i>WALGA Contact</i>
	(ESL) Eligible Expenditure	2. The establishment of the general principle of equality of eligible expenditure across all emergency services for operating costs associated with their activities.	<p>Government Grant Scheme to enable the full costs of operating Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades to be met; and the general principle of equality of eligible expenditure across all emergency services for operating costs associated with their activities.</p> <p>WALGA are in discussions with DFES regarding a comprehensive review of the eligible and ineligible item lists contained within the Local Government Grant Scheme Manual.</p> <p>WALGA most recently met with DFES on 21 May 2018 to discuss the Local Government Grant Scheme. The Association was pleased to hear there is recognition of the need for a review, particularly since the State Governments announcement of a Rural Fire Division and subsequent mitigation funding announced in the recent state budget. This provides a timely opportunity to review the principles and associated procedures manual. WALGA welcomed this approach and it is the Associations aim to build on the contributions of members during the Review of the ESL conducted by the Economic Regulation Authority. Further meetings with DFES will be established in late July to progress the scope of a review.</p>	<p>April 2018</p> <p>June 2018</p>	

<i>Zone</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Zone Resolution</i>	<i>WALGA Response</i>	<i>Up-date</i>	<i>WALGA Contact</i>
			<p>second workshop was open to all interested organisations and Local Governments.</p> <p>WALGA President Cr Lynne Craigie and Executive staff met with Hon Simone McGurk MLA, Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services on Wednesday 3 May 2017. WALGA raised the concerns of members with regard to recent withdrawals of funding for family centres. The Minister advised that Child Care Centres (where vested in Government) will be vested to organisations on conditional leases and that a new Fund Supporting Communities Program has been established to replace the existing Community and Neighbourhood Development Services, Individual and Family Support and Youth Support Services Programs. Valued at \$9.4 million the program will consist of two streams – a Stronger Communities sub-program and an Individual and Family Services sub-program.</p> <p>A discussion paper was released providing an overview of the program and feedback was sought until 14 July 2014 via the Tenders WA website. Organisations were encouraged to register with Tenders WA to receive further updates on the consultation process and for the development of the Request for Tender. If you require any assistance, please email tenderswa@finance.wa.gov.au</p> <p>The Tender process is expected to open in September 2017. Further information can be obtained by emailing supportingcommunities@dlgc.wa.gov.au</p>	<p>Nov 2017</p> <p>February 2018</p> <p>April 2018</p>	

<i>Zone</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Zone Resolution</i>	<i>WALGA Response</i>	<i>Up-date</i>	<i>WALGA Contact</i>
			<p>On 27 October the State Government announced a Regional Community Child Care Development Fund that will receive one-off funding of \$1.658 million to ensure regional communities have sustainable childcare services in the future.</p> <p>Further announcements about specific regional funding components will be made in the coming weeks.</p> <p>WALGA is supporting and promoting a Department of Communities 'Supporting Communities Program' workshop on 2 February. This will give Local Governments an opportunity to give comment and feedback on the new model of <i>Supporting Communities Program</i>.</p> <p>Ongoing</p>		

11. Finance

11.1 Financial Reports

**SOUTH WEST ZONE WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2018**

DETAILS	2017/18 ANNUAL BUDGET \$	2017/18 ACTUAL \$
Opening Cash Funds at 1 July	<u>12,353</u>	<u>12,387</u>
<u>Revenue</u>		
Interest on Investment	100	0
Member Council Contributions	7,200	7,200
Total Revenue	7,300	7,200
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Secretarial Service	(7,000)	(5,600)
Miscellaneous Expenses	(100)	(253)
Total Expenditure	(7,100)	(5,853)
Surplus (Deficit) for Period	200	1,347
Closing Funds at 31 May 2018	12,553	13,734

Closing Funds at 31 May 2018 Represented By:

Cash at Bank

Cheque Account	\$1,888
Term Deposit 0.5% - Holding Investment	\$11,846
Closing Funds at 31 May 2018	\$13,734

Less Creditor

Meeting Fee Due	(\$0)
Net Assets Available at 31 May 2018	\$13,734

SOUTH WEST ZONE WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2019

DETAILS	2017/18 ANNUAL BUDGET	2017/18 ACTUAL (EST)	2018/19 ANNUAL BUDGET
	\$	\$	\$
Opening Funds at 1 July	<u>12,353</u>	<u>12,387</u>	<u>12,427</u>
<u>Revenue</u>			
Interest on Investment	100	100	100
Member Council Contributions	7,200	7,200	7,200
Total Revenue	7,300	7,300	7,300
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Secretarial Service	(7,000)	(7,000)	(7,000)
Miscellaneous Expenses	(100)	(260)	(100)
Total Expenditure	(7,100)	(7,260)	(7,100)
Surplus (Deficit) for Period	200	40	200
Closing Funds at 30 June 2019	12,553	12,427	12,627

11.2 Payments

Executive Officer for administrative services	\$1400
Metal Artwork Creations Plaques	\$88.11

MOTION:

THAT:

- 1. The financial report be received,***
- 2. The accounts be approved for payment***
- 3. The budget for the year ending 30 June 2019 be adopted including the annual fees of \$600 per annum***

Moved	Cr T Pratico	Seconded	Cr P Townsend	Carried
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12. Schedule of meetings 2018

The following dates are agreed for meetings for the next 12 months retaining the practice of meeting on the 4th Friday of the month.

Month	Location	Agenda
27 July 2018	Bunbury	Special meeting (Proposed) Minister MacTiernan and Regional Waste Management Forum
24 th August	Busselton	Chair of SEMC Mr Ron Edwards
23 rd November	Capel	Senior TRANSWA Officer

13. Closure

The Deputy President thanked members and visitors for their attendance and the Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes members and their staff for the hospitality extended to the Zone Delegates and closed the meeting at 12.25 pm.



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Eliot Fisher
Executive Director
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Sent via Email

Dear Mr. Fisher

Ref: Landgate Revaluation Timetable letter of 3 May 2018

In response to your letter dated 3 May 2018 outlining your support for a request by the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes to amend our (Landgate) timetable for completion of property rolls by 30 April.

It is our intent each year to complete and deliver rolls to all our clients, every shire in the state, by 1 May. Historically we proudly maintain a great record in this regard. Occasionally in certain years a combination of factors makes this deadline more difficult. This past year was one of those years.

We always endeavour to work with our Shire customers in the best ways possible and certainly not to hinder any of their own budget or reporting requirements. From time to time we are presented with influencing circumstances beyond our control that factor in the time to deliver, for this reason I cannot commit us to this deadline as a guarantee. It is also due to these rare occurrences the *Valuation of Land Act 1978* provides the dates for delivery be at the discretion of the Valuer General. However, we can assure you and the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes all our efforts will be focussed on retaining our goal of achieving our milestone for delivery on 1 May.

We trust this will satisfy your obligation in representing your member Shire as well as Bridgetown-Greenbushes' intentions to publish their rates early.

Yours Sincerely

Michael Bryden
**SENIOR MANAGER, RATING & TAXING
VALUATION PROPERTY ANALYTICS
OPERATIONS**

5 June 2018

WALGA Position Statement

4.16 BIOSECURITY

1. Local Government believes that State Government has responsibility for the following parts of a biosecurity system:
 - Pre-border and border biosecurity measures and contingency funds to deal with new pest outbreaks;
 - Assistance to the private sector for newly established, industry-specific pests
 - Assistance to land managers for newly established pests (where the incursion has occurred despite the land owner's best biosecurity management effort);
 - Establishment of a biosecurity network and regional cooperative arrangements;
 - Enforcement of regulations;
 - Compliance with regulations on State Government managed land;
 - Specific research projects and specialised diagnostic services; and
 - Enhancement of barrier fences.
2. Local Government are not supportive of Recognised Biosecurity Groups (RBGs).
3. Local Government calls on the State Government to either reinstate the Agriculture Protection Board or develop a model similar to the NSW Local Land Services Act (2013) approach, and in consideration of either model that:
 - there are State Government approved strategic and operational plans which can be understood by landowners and other stakeholders, including Local Governments;
 - there is direct contact with Local Governments, State Government agencies and departments, and major industry groups;
 - either is resourced by State Government to undertake the required activities;
 - either be funded under the current funding arrangements as outlined in the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act (2007); and
 - it assists in the delivery of national, state and local priority species management.
4. That as matter of priority, the Government undertake a review of the operation and effectiveness of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act (2007) and its regulations.

State Council Resolution

- March 2017 - 14.1/2017
- July 2015 – 70.4/2015
- January 2006 – 023.ENV.1/2006
- January 2006 – 046.ENV.2/2006

8 June 2018

Our Ref: 05-010-01-0001MB

Mr Ralph Addis
 Director General
 Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
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 WEST PERTH WA 6872

Dear Mr Addis

REVIEW OF THE *BIOSECURITY AND AGRICULTURE MANAGEMENT ACT 2007*

I am writing with regard to the impending review of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* (the BAM Act). WALGA welcomes the review as an opportunity to address the concerns of our members with the current approach to post border biosecurity in Western Australia and the need for a more strategic and integrated approach going forward.

WALGA's biosecurity policy position, adopted by State Council in March 2017 can be summarised as:

- Recognised Biosecurity Groups are no longer supported;
- A review of the operation and effectiveness of the BAM Act 2007 must be undertaken as a matter of priority; and
- As part of this review, the State Government needs to consider either reinstatement of the APB governance model, or the biosecurity aspects of the NSW *Local Land Services Act (2013)* model.

Local Governments' concerns regarding the current approach to post border biosecurity arise from the cumulative impact of a decline in the resourcing of, and support for, post border management of invasive species by the State Government over the last two decades.

The move to a more regional and community based, Recognised Biosecurity Group (RBG) approach under the BAM Act has been poorly developed and implemented by the State, as noted by the Auditor General report of December 2013. There remains a high level of uncertainty as to how Western Australia will manage established and future incursions of invasive species.

Given the significant issues that have been raised by WALGA, the Auditor General and other stakeholders, it is imperative that the terms of reference for the review of the BAM Act are comprehensive and allow for critical examination of the effectiveness of the current approach.

It is also the sector's expectation that the review will be transparent, that Local Government and other key stakeholders will be consulted early in the process and that there will be adequate opportunity to provide submissions. The State and Local Government Partnership Agreement, signed by the Premier in August 2017, recognises the importance of State and Local Government working together constructively and commits the State Government to consult as early as possible in the process of developing, amending or reviewing State legislation, regulation, policies or programs that will significantly impact Local Government operations or resources, so as to elicit meaningful contributions.

I have attached WALGA's policy position and paper which outlines the sector's concerns and identifies opportunities in relation to improved post border biosecurity arrangements. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and the review team to discuss these issues at your earliest convenience, to ensure that the Terms of Reference provide scope for a meaningful review of the Act.

WALGA looks forward to working constructively with your Department to deliver on our shared objective of ensuring a robust, sustainable and effective post border biosecurity framework for Western Australia.

For more information, please contact Executive Manager, Environment and Waste, Mark Batty on (08) 9213 2078, or at mbatty@walga.asn.au.

Sincerely

Ricky Burges
Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Post Border Biosecurity Policy Position; Recommendations to the State Government



Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services

Our Ref: 65-04465

Mr Eliot Fisher
Executive Officer
South West Zone WA Local Government Association
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Dear Mr Fisher

Thank you for your correspondence dated 28 April 2018 regarding the location of the Rural Fire Division of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, and the Bushfire Centre of Excellence for Western Australia.

I appreciate the time that you have taken to write to me to inform me of the resolution that was moved at a recent meeting of the South West Zone WA Local Government Association.

The Rural Fire Division and the Bushfire Centre of Excellence are at the heart of recently announced reforms to the state's bushfire management sector. The Centre of Excellence is an \$18 million investment that will have benefits across our state – for governments, volunteers, industry, researchers and communities. The Centre will encourage the sharing of knowledge, expertise, and promote best practice and continual improvement in rural and bushfire management. A key focus of the Centre will be enhancing the coordination and local delivery of specialist bushfire training, acknowledging and building on the success of existing volunteer-led training models.


To ensure adaptability, accessibility and to support the needs of local communities, the activities of the Bushfire Centre of Excellence and the Rural Fire Division will be decentralised to the greatest extent possible. This means local people, working in local communities, so that activities and services are meaningful and relevant. A modest, coordination hub will support regional activities and services, with a small group of centralised staff to provide coordination and training support services. The location of this coordinating hub is yet to be determined.

I have requested that DFES explore a range of geographic options for the location of the coordination hub. Specific consideration will be given to the accessibility of the hub to volunteers across our State, from the Pilbara through to Albany. DFES will work closely with central agencies on the design and location of the Centre and present recommendations to Government for consideration.

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Thank you again for your interest in hosting the Rural Fire Division and the Bushfire Centre of Excellence and for your enthusiasm for this first-of-its-kind initiative.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Francis Logan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

HON FRANCIS LOGAN MLA

MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES; CORRECTIVE SERVICES

19 JUN 2018

