



North Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

21 April 2022

North Metropolitan Zone

Hosted by the City of Joondalup

90 Boas Avenue, Joondalup

Thursday 21 April 2022, commenced at 6:35pm

Minutes

MEMBERS

4 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Joondalup	Cr Russ Fishwick JP Cr Adrian Hill Cr Nige Jones Mr Jamie Parry, Director Governance and Strategy – non-voting delegate
City of Stirling	Cr Felicity Farrelly Cr David Lagan - Chair Cr Elizabeth Re Mr Jamie Blanchard, Manager Governance – non-voting delegate
City of Wanneroo	Cr Jordan Wright Cr Frank Cvitan JP Cr Jacqui Huntley (Deputy) Cr Glynis Parker Mr Mark Dickson, A/Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
WALGA Representatives	Ms Lyn Fogg, Governance Specialist
Guest Speakers	Mr Grant Robinson, Office of the Auditor General

APOLOGIES

City of Joondalup	Mayor Hon. Albert Jacob JP Mr James Pearson, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
City of Stirling	Mayor Mark Irwin Mr Stuart Jardine, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
City of Wanneroo	Cr Chris Baker Mr Daniel Simms, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
WALGA	Ms Vanessa Jackson, Senior Policy Advisor, Emergency Management

ABSENT

DLGSC Representative	-
City of Wanneroo	Ms Kate Oosterhoff, Executive Manager Governance and Legal – non-voting delegate

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Agenda Papers were emailed 7 days prior to the meeting date to your Council for distribution to Zone Delegates.

Confirmation of Attendance an attendance sheet was circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting. Please register your attendance by printing your name against your Council on the attendance sheet.

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 WITHIN THE AGENDA

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

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Elected Members 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

2 DEPUTATIONS

2.1 Office of the Auditor General

Mr Grant Robinson from the Office of the Auditor General provided an update to the Zone.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Frank Cvitan
Seconded: Cr Jordan Wright

That the Minutes of the meeting of the North Metropolitan Zone held on 16 February 2022 confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Zone Status Report

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

Noted

The Zone requested additional / clarified information to be included in the Status Report (and circulated to Zone members regarding the highlighted text below:

Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update
2022, 16 February Zone Agenda Item 8.1 Power Outages Over Christmas Period	That WALGA writes to the Minister for Energy and request a report be provided to WALGA detailing specific issues relating to Western Power outages during late December 2021 and the heatwave period during Christmas.	<p>The Infrastructure Policy Team noted that WALGA and Local Governments affected by the power outages, including those in the North Metropolitan Zone had the opportunity to provide evidence to the independent inquiry initiated by the Government. WALGA contacted Local Governments in the North Metropolitan Zone to urge them to participate in the process.</p> <p>The report from the inquiry has now been published and is available at Independent Review of Christmas 2021 Power Outages Final Report (www.wa.gov.au).</p> <p>WALGA is awaiting further advice from the Zone regarding information sought that is not included in the report.</p>	June 2022

5. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION

(Zone delegates to consider the Matters for Decision contained in the WA Local Government Association State Council Agenda and put forward resolutions to Zone Representatives on State Council)

The full State Council Agenda can be found via link: [State Council Agenda - 4 May 2022](#)

The Zone is able to provide comment or submit an alternative recommendation that is then presented to the State Council for consideration.

Matters for Decision

5.1 Submission to Statutory Review of the Food Act 2008

That the submission to the Department of Health relating to the Statutory Review of the Food Act 2008 be endorsed.

5.2 Local Government Grant Scheme Funding

That WALGA advocates to the Minister for Emergency Services and the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner for:

1. An allocation of Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) funding to undertake an audit of existing facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment for both Local Government Volunteer Bushfire Brigades (BFB) and State Emergency Services (SES).
2. Following the completion of the audit, an allocation of funding through the Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) to prepare a Comprehensive Asset Management Plan that:
 - a. Aligns with the principles in the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' (DLGSC) Asset Management National Framework and Guidelines, and the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.
 - b. Forecasts the emergency response needs of communities across Western Australia over the next 10 years, to estimate the quantum of the facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment that will be needed.
 - c. Outlines a 10 year forward plan of modifications, replacements and additions required.

- d. Investigates the extent to which future BFB facilities can be co-located with other emergency services facilities.
3. The establishment of a Working Group involving WALGA, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and LGIS to oversee the preparation of the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan.
4. Support for the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan to be reviewed every five years.
5. Support for an increase in Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) funding to support the unsuccessful capital grants funding applications by Local Governments to the 2020 21 LGGS Capital Grants Committee.

5.3 Draft Active Travel to School Roadmap

That WALGA:

1. Endorses the Draft Active Travel to School Roadmap, subject to amending Urban Environment Initiative No 1 to "Consult local governments to identify sub-regional school transport challenges and amend existing planning guidelines and develop new guidelines where gaps exist"; and
2. Works with the Department of Transport to finalise the Roadmap and encourage Local Government participation in the initiatives identified where these offer solutions to the local issues encountered in each area.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Frank Cvitan
Seconded: Cr Nige Jones

That the North Metropolitan Zone

- 1. Supports all Matters for Decision as listed above in the May 2022 State Council Agenda; and**
- 2. Notes all Matters for Noting and Organisational Reports as listed in the May 2022 State Council Agenda.**

CARRIED

Cr Felicity Farrelly requested additional information on the proposed Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 (BAM Act) Review.

Procedural Motion 8.20pm:

MOTION

Moved: Cr Russ Fishwick
Seconded: Cr Adrian Hill

That the meeting move to the next item of business.

CARRIED

6. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

6.1 President's Report to the Zone

The WALGA representative presented the President's Report. Report was distributed with the Agenda.

Noted

6.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

WALGA State Councillor Cr Russ Fishwick presented on the previous State Council meeting.

Noted

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

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representative, was an apology for this meeting.

Noted

7. BUSINESS

7.1 Kangaroo Management in the Perth Metropolitan Region

By City of Wanneroo

Background

There are currently thousands of kangaroos that reside in the Perth Metropolitan Region. Outer metropolitan growth councils are facing increasing challenges and issues associated with kangaroo populations and other displaced native wildlife, on the urban periphery, particularly in the context of the urban development front. These events, often involving direct conflict between legitimate land use activities and displaced native wildlife, particularly kangaroos, can be highly traumatic for the community and often result in the accidental injury or death of kangaroos and potential damage to property. Such events have often led to media coverage and consternation from the community, particularly in circumstances where displaced native wildlife is venturing into neighbouring suburbs seeking food and water.

The overall situation is being driven by the inevitable reduction in viable wildlife habitat as land is developed, with that remaining having insufficient carrying capacity to accommodate the existing kangaroo populations. It is expected that this will worsen as more areas are urbanised and developed.

These issues extend beyond kangaroos in many instances to other native wildlife species.

An important factor in this context is that local government has no authority or jurisdiction to manage native fauna, whether on private or publicly owned land. Further, local government does not have the relevant specialist capabilities to manage native fauna.

Some local government such as the City of Wanneroo has a local planning policy on Fauna Management, which was adopted by the City Council to support the provisions of the State Government's Biodiversity Conservation Act, to ensure private landowners and developers seek expert advice, including that of the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), to ensure appropriate protection and management of fauna in greenfield development contexts. While effective in this limited application, Wanneroo's policy only addresses part of what is a wider regional kangaroo population problem on the urban front.

It is apparent to all that kangaroo population issue is a Perth Metropolitan Region (PMR) wide matter faced by all growth councils. It follows that a comprehensive PMR approach to the problem is called for. Hence, this report is submitted to request that WALGA take a lead role in helping bring about such a PMR-wide solution on behalf of all member councils.

Comment

There is an urgent need to approach the State Government to identify and implement new approaches that can contribute to a comprehensive region wide solution. These might include more effective fauna

relocation strategies, as well as fertility control to limit the size of kangaroo populations in specific sites. There are many situations where new approaches to macropod management could be investigated.

An example of the challenges faced in relation to the issue, is the sizeable Ingham property development adjacent to the Wanneroo Town Centre, which is owned by Stockland and currently being planned for future development, and the adjacent land owned by the Servite Order. Combined these land holdings represent a substantial habitat with a sizeable kangaroo population. These properties are in very close proximity to the Town Centre and are highly visible to the wider community. Addressing the kangaroo issue as the land is developed could be a highly contentious issue, particularly within the context of a lack of a coordinated approach between the developers, the local government and State Government and failing to apply the most appropriate techniques and science that could be made available.

The City is aware of two specific areas of research and investigation into more effective kangaroo population control and management on the urban periphery. These are:

- *Fertility Control*

Documented experience in the Eastern states demonstrates fertility control of Eastern Grey Kangaroos can provide an additional management tool that works with discrete populations, potentially reducing the amount and frequency of culling or relocations. The method involves administering an immune-contraceptive vaccine by either dart or injection to female kangaroos, sometimes in conjunction with male castration, to achieve a notable drop in fertility levels, and eventual reduction in population or population growth thereafter.

Fertility control on western grey kangaroos was the subject of a doctoral research program in 2011, which concluded that the management of isolated populations of western grey kangaroos by pharmaceutical control of female fertility through a capture, mark and treat approach is a practical alternative to culling. (Ref: *'Management of isolated populations of western grey kangaroos through fertility control, in south-western Australia', C Mayberry, UWA 2011*).

Local fauna management experts confirm there is potential benefit in the techniques, particularly for relatively small and isolated populations. The cost per animal is unknown at this stage but will only be slightly higher than the present cost for relocation. For the right location and context this could be a very justifiable expenditure to achieve a permanent and humane outcome.

- *Identification of Relocation Sites*

In considering or advising on relocation of macropods as a management option, both the City and voluntary native wildlife care-groups require confirmation of practical relocation sites, and more direct assistance in achieving successful relocation activities. The experience to date is that the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) has not provided comprehensive advice. There is now an urgent need to investigate the identification of wildlife relocation areas for native wildlife affected by land clearing, as well as connected native wildlife conservation corridors in Wanneroo and other local authorities experiencing similar problems.

There is a need for WALGA as representative of outer growth councils to lead discussions with the State Government to find a metropolitan-wide solution to the kangaroo (and other native wildlife) population problem, as individual local governments have limited influence. Given that the management of kangaroos and other native wildlife is a regional issue, WALGA could provide a more effective negotiating front with State Government on behalf of all growth councils.

Recommendation

It is recommended that WALGA engages with all relevant councils to determine and document the scope of the problem and prepare a case requesting State Government action to be submitted to the Minister for Environment.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jacqui Huntley
Seconded: Cr Nige Jones

That WALGA engages with all relevant councils to determine and document the scope of the problem and prepare a case requesting State Government action to be submitted to the Minister for Environment.

CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

9. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

That the next ordinary meeting of the North Metropolitan Zone will be held at 6:00pm on Thursday 23 June 2022 at the City Wanneroo, commencing at 6.30pm.

NOTED

10. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.26pm.