

North Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

29 November 2018

North Metropolitan Zone

Hosted by the City of Wanneroo

23 Dundobar Road Wanneroo, phone 9405 5000

Thursday 29 November commenced at 6:00 pm

Minutes

MEMBERS

4 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Joondalup	Cr Russ Fishwick JP Cr Mike Norman Mr Brad Sillence, Manager Governance – non-voting delegate
City of Stirling	Cr Giovanni Italiano JP Cr David Lagan Cr Stephanie Proud Mr Jamie Blanchard, Manager Governance & Council Support – non-voting delegate
City of Wanneroo	Mayor Tracey Roberts (Chair) Cr Frank Cvitan Cr Samantha Fenn Cr Natalie Sangalli Mr Mustafa Yildiz, Manager Governance and Legal – non-voting delegate
WALGA Representatives	Mr Zac Donovan, Executive Manager Finance & Marketing Mr Mal Shervill, Policy Officer, Road Safety
DLGC Representative	Sheryl Siekierka
Guest Speakers	Mr Michael Sparks, LGIS

APOLOGIES

City of Joondalup	Cr Nige Jones Cr Christopher May Mr Garry Hunt, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
City of Stirling	Mayor Mark Irwin – non-voting delegate Cr Suzanne Migdale Mr Stuart Jardine, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
City of Wanneroo	Cr Domenic Zappa Mr Daniel Simms, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation of an attendance sheet was circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting to record your name for the minutes.

ATTACHMENTS WITHIN THE AGENDA

1. LG Act Review Forum Report
2. Draft Minutes of previous meeting
3. President's Report
4. Zone Status Report
5. Standing Orders

1. DEPUTATIONS

1.1 LGIS Presentation

Mr Michael Sparks from LGIS presented to the Zone on Business Continuity Planning.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Fishwick
Seconded Cr Cvitan

That the Minutes of the meeting of the North Metropolitan Zone held on 30 August 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 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.

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

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

The Status Report outlining the actions taken on the Zone's resolutions was noted.

5. REPORTS FROM MEMBER COUNCILS

No reports from member Councils were tabled

6. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION

<https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/About-WALGA/Structure/State-Council/Agendas-and-Minutes/Agenda-State-Council-5-December-2018.pdf.aspx>

Item 5.3 2019-20 State Budget Submission

The following inclusion, (point 1 of the resolution), was proposed for the "Submission to the State Government in advance of the 2019-20 Budget" – *Better Cities, Towns and Regions - Infrastructure* in the column "Reform Priority" (top of page 53 of the State Council agenda).

1. That Western Power should investigate and, where appropriate, implement stand-alone solar powered with battery storage capability street lighting.

The following amendment, (point 2 of the resolution), was proposed for the "Submission to the State Government in advance of the 2019-20 Budget" – *Healthy Western Australians – Public Health* in the column "Spending Priority" (page 54 of the State Council agenda).

2. That the State Government must continue to fund the implementation of the *Public Health Act 2016* including the provision of funding to support the development of local health plans.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Cvitan
Seconded Cr Fenn

That WALGA's submission to the State Government in advance of the 2019-20 Budget be endorsed, subject to:

1. That Western Power should investigate and, where appropriate, implement stand-alone solar powered with battery storage capability street lighting; and,
2. That the State Government must continue to fund the implementation of the *Public Health Act 2016* including the provision of funding to support the development of local health plans.

CARRIED

Item 5.5 Waste Levy Policy Statement

The following amendment was proposed for the "Waste Levy Policy Statement", part 2 c. (page 98 of the State Council agenda).

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Cvitan
Seconded Cr Fenn

That Part 2 c. of the Waste Levy Policy Statement be replaced with the following:

The levy must be applied to all licensed landfills in the metropolitan area, and regional areas based on a population threshold or a sliding scale taking into consideration fluctuations in residential population on an annual basis.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Italiano
Seconded Cr Proud

That the North Metropolitan Zone supports all remaining items within the December 2018 State Council Agenda en-bloc.

CARRIED

7. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

7.1 President's Report to the Zone

Mayor Roberts presented the President's Report. Mayor Roberts also highlighted a meeting between WALGA representatives and the Premier and the Minister for Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

Noted

7.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

Cr Italiano presented on the previous State Council meeting hosted by the Shire of Irwin.

Noted

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

Department of Local Government and Communities representative, updated the Zone on issues and highlighted that the *Local Government Amendment (Suspension and Dismissal) Act 2018* came into effect on 19 November 2018; and the on-going review of the *Local Government Act 1995* and associated forums. Update Report Attached. Attachment 1.

Noted

8. BUSINESS

8.1 Notice of Meetings 2019

By Chantelle O'Brien, Zone Executive Officer

A Schedule of the proposed meeting dates for the North Metropolitan Zone 2019 has been prepared and is set out below. The dates have been set to coincide with the WALGA State Council meetings.

The proposed meeting dates for the North Metropolitan Zone for 2019 require adoption by delegates. As with previous years, the venue for each meeting has been rotated amongst Members.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS
NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE MEETING
2019

Zone Meeting Dates Thursday	Time	HOST COUNCIL	State Council Meeting Dates 2019
21 March	Thursday 6.00 pm	City of Joondalup	Tuesday 26 March 2019
2 May	Thursday 6.00 pm	City of Stirling	Wednesday 8 May 2019
27 June	Thursday 6.00 pm	City of Wanneroo	Wednesday 3 July 2019
29 August	Thursday 6.00 pm	City of Joondalup	Regional Meeting 5-6 September 2019
28 November	Thursday 6.00 pm	City of Stirling	Wednesday 4 December 2019

RESOLUTION

Moved **Cr Fenn**
Seconded **Cr Norman**

That the 2019 proposed schedule of meetings for the North Metropolitan Zone be adopted subject to verification and discussions at State Council.

8.2 Local Government Act Review Forum

A report had been provided by the facilitator from the Local Government Act Review Forum held in Wanneroo on 15 November 2018. This report was attached to this Agenda for your information.

The WALGA process from here is as follows;

- 16 November 2018 – WALGA distributed an InfoPage requesting Local Governments (Council decision required) to provide a submission on the Act review process. A submission to WALGA is requested by 1 February 2019. This will enable Councils to consider an item at their December meetings.
- November Zone Meetings/December 2018 State Council Meeting – Item for noting will be prepared that will cover information on the LG Act review process and a summary of the forums held in October/November and general themes coming through.
- Late January/Early February 2019 – State-wide Forum on the future of Local Government – The forum will include a review of the information coming through from the Local Government Act forums and submissions, in addition there will be guest speakers presenting on the future of Local Government.
- February Zone Meetings/March 2019 State Council Meeting – Item for Decision on sector positions feedback following feedback from Local Government submissions.

Noted.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

10. 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 21 March 2019 at the City of Joondalup, commencing at 6pm.

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.25pm.

WALGA Zone Update

November – December 2018 Edition

Hello, and welcome to the last edition of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) Update for 2018.

It was a great opportunity to be part of the Local Government Professionals WA annual conference held earlier this month. The Department hosted a session on the review of the *Local Government Act 1995* and staff enjoyed being part of the DLGSC booth at the Trade Exhibition, discussing our programs and services with representatives from the local government sector. It was a terrific event and we look forward to being involved next year.

A significant milestone local government came to fruition this month with the passing of the *Suspension and Dismissal Bill*. The Bill amends the *Local Government Act 1995* to enable the Minister to suspend and/or order an individual council member to undertake remedial action.

The consultation continues across the State to inform the development of the new *Local Government Act*. We have partnered with WALGA to host a series of workshops and talked extensively with the community of WA. A Forum is being planned for early next year with WALGA and LG professional and will provide an update on the consultation and feedback on the *Local Government Act 1995* review and consider the future of the sector. The Department has received almost 500 submissions to date. It's a fantastic effort and I'm certain we will receive many more by 31 March 2019.

To assist, the department has prepared a series of discussion papers which I encourage you to read and [have your say on the matters that impact you](#). Your input is crucial to informing a new legislative framework and improving the ways that you conduct business.

With summer nearly upon us, it's a timely reminder of the resources available. A performing arts guide which aims to increase the use of local government arts centres, boost attendance and reduce reliance on rates funding was recently launched.

[Performing Spaces - Local government guide to growing community wellbeing through the performing arts](#) is an initiative of Circuitwest, funded by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development through the Creative Regions program. governments are encouraged to use the guide to maximise the potential of existing arts centres and plan arts and culture needs of your communities.

The Aboriginal History unit have been hard at work on No Less Worthy. The publication that acknowledges the significant contribution of WA Aboriginal servicemen to the World War One effort, [No Less Worthy will be available for download from our website](#).

Wishing you a safe festive season. Until next time.

Duncan Ord, OAM

Director General

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Review of the Local Government Act 1995

In 2017 the McGowan Government announced a review of the Local Government Act 1995. This is the first significant reform of local government conducted in more than two decades. The objective is for Western Australia to have a new, modern Act that empowers local governments to better deliver for the community. Our vision is for local governments to be agile, smart and inclusive.

Local governments and community were invited to have their say on the priority reforms earlier this year and the drafting of a Bill which includes universal training for candidates and council members, council member code of conduct, improvements to CEO recruitment and performance review and a simplified gift framework. [Read the policy positions on the priority reforms.](#)

Minister Templeman expects to introduce a Bill to Parliament in late 2018 giving effect to these reforms.

The next stage will result in a new *Local Government Act* and focuses on delivering for the community based on the themes Agile, Smart and Inclusive. Nine key topic areas are outlined below, and local governments and community members invited to have a say on some or all the reform areas. Click on one of the below topic areas to read more about the proposed reforms and complete the survey.

Surveys are open until **31 March 2019**. For more information please visit www.dlgc.wa.gov.au/lgareview or Email actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au

Agile

Agile includes topics that focus specifically on how local governments can best use their resources to adapt to changing conditions. It is important that they can strike a balance between community expectations, the practical limitations of revenue and expenditure and external pressures.

- [Beneficial enterprises](#)
- [Financial management](#)
- [Rates, fees and charges](#)

Smart

Smart includes topics that focus specifically on enabling local governments to better meet the needs and expectations of their communities through being transparent and accountable.

- [Administrative efficiencies — local laws](#)
- [Council meetings](#)
- [Interventions](#)

Inclusive

Inclusive focuses specifically on local governments representing and involving their communities in decision-making. As the tier of government closest to the community, there is an expectation that local governments represent the whole community, recognise diversity within their district and are responsive to community needs.

- [Community engagement — IPR](#)
 - [Complaints management](#)
 - [Elections](#)

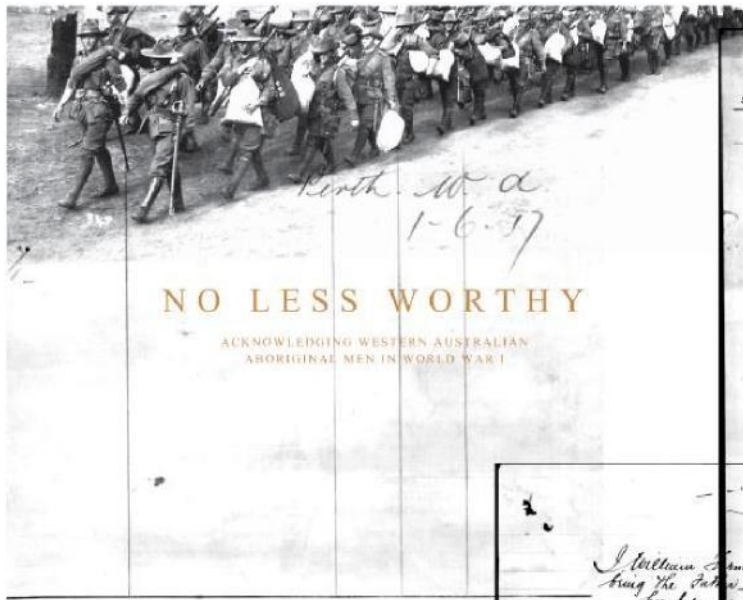
Suspension and Dismissal Bill 2018

The McGowan Government's Local Government Amendment (Suspension and Dismissal) Bill 2018 enables the Minister for Local Government to suspend or dismiss an individual council member, resulting in suspension of their pay. Previously, the Minister could only take action against an entire council, which has impeded the local government's ability to get on with the job of providing good governance to their community due to the actions of an individual.

The new laws will also enable a local government to recover any fees or allowances paid in advance to the member, for the period of suspension, ensuring they are held accountable for their actions.

Under the legislation, the Minister will also be able to provide an order for remedial action, with or without suspension, and suspend an individual councillor during a local government inquiry if it is likely the inquiry would be seriously prejudiced otherwise. More information is available in documents on the Parliament House website www.parliament.wa.gov.au.

No Less Worthy



Extensive genealogical and historical research undertaken by Aboriginal History WA has uncovered the stories of the Western Australian Aboriginal men who volunteered in World War One.

The research has been brought to life in the publication *No Less Worthy*, which will be unveiled on Friday at a commemorative ceremony at the Western Australian Maritime Museum. The release of the book coincides with Remembrance Day on Sunday 11 November, marking the centenary of the signing of the Armistice leading to the end of World War One.

State Local Government Partnership Agreement

The [State Local Government Agreement](#) seeks to strengthen the partnership between the State and local government sector for the benefit of local communities. The Agreement was signed at the 2017 WA Local Government Convention.

The Leadership Group will meet again on the 29^h of November 2018. A meeting communique will be available following the meeting. For more information about the Partnership Agreement [click here](#)