

South Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

28 November 2022

South Metropolitan Zone

Hosted by the City of Kwinana
Cnr Gilmore Avenue & Sulphur Road, Kwinana – 9439 0200
Monday 28 November 2022 commenced at 5:34 pm

The Chair, Cr Doug Thompson declared the meeting open at 5:34pm.

Acknowledgement of Country

Cr Barry Winmar provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

We, the delegates of the South Metropolitan Zone acknowledge the traditional owners of this land that we are meeting on today and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.

Minutes

MEMBERS

3 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Cockburn	Cr Phoebe Corke (Deputy) Joe Saraceni – non-voting delegate
Town of East Fremantle	Cr Cliff Collinson Cr Tony Natale (Deputy) Mr Gary Tuffin, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
City of Fremantle	Cr Doug Thompson – Chair Cr Frank Mofflin
City of Kwinana	Cr Barry Winmar Cr Sherilyn Wood
City of Melville	Cr Duncan Macphail Cr Karen Wheatland Cr Katy Mair (Deputy) Mr Marten Tieleman, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Rockingham	Cr Caroline Hume Cr Haley Edwards Mr Michael Parker, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate
WALGA Secretariat	Mr Tim Lane, Manager Corporate and Association Governance Ms Cassandra Mora, Policy Officer, Emergency Management
Guest Speaker	Ms Christine Comer, Team Leader, National Recovery and Resilience Agency

APOLOGIES

City of Cockburn	Mayor Logan Howlett JP Cr Tom Widenbar Cr Chontelle Stone Cr Michael Separaovich Mr Anton Lees, Acting Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate
Town of East Fremantle	Cr Laura Mascaro Cr Kerry Donovan
City of Fremantle	Cr Geoff Graham Mr Glen Dougall, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
City of Kwinana	Mayor Carol Adams OAM Cr Glynis Barber Mr Wayne Jack, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Rockingham	Mayor Deb Hamblin
WALGA	Ms Nicole Matthews, Executive Manager Policy
DLGSC Representative	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zone Delegates are 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 are emailed 7 days prior to the meeting date.

Confirmation of Attendance An attendance sheet will be circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting, please register your attendance by printing your name against your Council on the attendance sheet.

ATTACHMENTS

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

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.

2. DEPUTATIONS

2.1 National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)

NEMA provide an avenue to information and opportunities at the Federal level, as well as advocating back to the NEMA the experiences of communities.

With a current focus on recovery following a natural disaster and building resilience in community, emergency management and response will be part of the greater National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) from September 1st, 2022.

Christine Comer provided a presentation to the Zone on this matter.

2.2 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

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: Cr Frank Mofflin

That the Minutes of the meeting of the South Metropolitan Zone held on 29 August 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 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

(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 7 December 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 2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions

That:

1. the following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be endorsed for action:

3.8 Review of the Rating Methodology used by the Valuer-General

Advocate for a full review of the rating methodology used by the Valuer-General to value all land in the State of Western Australia.

3.10 Reform of the Cat Act 2011

That the WA Local Government sector requests the WA State Government prioritise reforms to the Cat Act 2011, in accordance with the Statutory Review undertaken and tabled in the State Parliament on 27 November 2019.

2. the following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the relevant Policy Team for further work to be undertaken:

3.1 Road Traffic Issues

That WALGA advocate on behalf of the local government sector to the State Government and in particular, Main Roads, to increase importance and weight given to local knowledge and input regarding road traffic issues including requests for speed reduction, intersection treatments and overall preventative and traffic safety measures.

3.2 Car Parking and Traffic Congestion Around Schools

That WALGA engages with the State Government on behalf of Local Government to review issues associated with car parking and traffic congestion around school sites including but not limited to:

1. Reviewing car parking standards for schools;
2. Ensuring sufficient land is set aside for the provision of parking on school sites;
3. Reviewing the co-location of schools to avoid issues being exacerbated;
4. Restricting school access from major roads;
5. Developing plans to enable schools to manage school traffic;
6. Develop programs to educate drivers; and
7. Develop options and implement initiatives to encourage alternative modes of transport to school.

3.3 Proposal for Regional Road Maintenance Contracts with Main Roads WA

That WALGA assist Local Governments and work with the Hon Minister Rita Saffioti to introduce a similar program that is currently in play in Queensland and introduce a sole invitee Program for Local Governments to engage in a Road Maintenance Performance Contract with Main Roads WA.

3.4 Northern Australia Beef Roads Program

That WALGA work with the Hon Madeleine King MP Minister for Resources and Minister for Northern Australia to make Beef Road Funding available to all Australian Local Governments

north and south, or establish a Southern Australia Beef Road Funding Program to allow for equitable support across Australia's beef and agriculture industries.

3.5 3D House Printing Building Compliance

That WALGA requests:

1. Assistance from Minister for Industry and Science The Hon Ed Husic MP, Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Small Business The Hon Julie Collins MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government The Hon Catherine King MP to work with Ministers from all State and Territory Governments who have Building and Construction in their portfolios, to collaborate and to consider removing impediments within the National Construction Code Series and associated Australian Standards, that dissuade industry from adopting 3D printing as a building method.
2. That the Government provide instruments to incentivise private industry to develop 3D printing and include this as an acceptable building practice.

3.6 South West Native Title Settlement

That WALGA advocate to the State Government that Local Governments be provided with the full list of potential land to be requested for transfer as part of the South West Native Title Settlement and that a minimum of three months be provided for Council to provide feedback.

3.7 Land Offset Compensation to Local Governments

That WALGA advocate to the State Government that the Developer requiring land offsets should be required to provide the offsets within the Local Government where the clearing occurs and where this is not possible, the Developer requiring land offsets within another Local Government be required to pay a fee to the Local Government for the loss of rates and ongoing maintenance of infrastructure to the Land.

3.12.1 Abandoned Shopping Trolleys

That this meeting supports the recent petition to be tabled in the Legislative Council, Parliament of Western Australia, "Removal and Abandonment of Shopping Trolleys 22-0017" calling on the State Government to implement stringent and uniform shopping trolley containment laws for the whole state of Western Australia.

3. the following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be noted:

3.11 WALGA Best Practice Governance Review – Principles

That:

1. The update on the Best Practice Governance Review project be noted, and
2. The principles to inform WALGA's future governance model, as follows and as per the attached Principles document, be endorsed:
 - a. Representative – WALGA unites and represents the entire Local Government sector in WA and understands the diverse nature and needs of members, regional communities and economies.
 - b. Responsive – WALGA is an agile association which acts quickly to respond to the needs of members and stakeholders.
 - c. Results Oriented – WALGA dedicates resources and efforts to secure the best outcomes for Local Government and supports the delivery of high-quality projects, programs and services.

3.12.2 Mandatory Superannuation for Elected Members in Band 1 and 2 Councils

That this meeting supports requesting WALGA to advocate for the Local Government reforms to include mandatory superannuation for elected members of Band 1 and Band 2 Councils and supports the optional payment of superannuation for Band 3 and 4 Councils.

5.2 Elected Member Superannuation

That WALGA:

1. advocates for superannuation to be required to be paid to Elected Members of Local Governments in Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (SAT) Band 1 and Band 2; and
2. supports the position that superannuation payments to Elected Members of Local Governments in SAT Band 3 and Band 4 should be optional and determined by Council.

5.3 Biosecurity Advocacy Position

That State Council endorse replacing Advocacy Position 4.5 Post Border Biosecurity with a new Biosecurity Advocacy Position as follows:

4.5 Biosecurity

Western Australia's economy, environment and the community are facing increasing challenges posed by already established and new pests, weeds and diseases.

Local Government has a significant role in biosecurity management, as land managers and regulators, and therefore has an interest in ensuring that Western Australia's biosecurity system, including control of declared pests, is effective and appropriately resourced.

WALGA considers significant changes to the operation of the State's biosecurity system, including the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007, are required to ensure these risks can be managed now and into the future.

To be effective the Western Australian biosecurity system must:

1. Take a transparent approach to the notion of 'shared responsibility' by ensuring that:
 - a) The respective roles and responsibilities of Commonwealth, State and Local Government, industry, landholders, community groups and individuals are agreed and clearly articulated; and
 - b) There is improved pest management on State Government managed land and a formalised structure for State Government agencies with responsibilities for biosecurity management to work together and coordinate their activities.
2. Be underpinned by a strategic framework, developed in collaboration with stakeholders, that:
 - a) Establishes priorities for biosecurity threats in geographically defined regions, sets measurable targets and guides investment in biosecurity activities; and
 - b) Is regularly evaluated and reported on.
3. Have a greater focus on environmental biosecurity, through the increased recognition and management of pest species that have significant ecological impacts.
4. Be adequately, sustainably and equitably funded:
 - a) The appropriateness and effectiveness of the Declared Pest Rate (DPR) and Recognised Biosecurity Group (RBG) model as key mechanisms for the management of widespread and established declared pests should be reviewed and alternate mechanisms considered;
 - b) Increased and more equitable distribution of funding for every step in the biosecurity continuum and adequate resourcing for all stakeholders, including Local Government; and
 - c) The provision of funding for declared pest management in metropolitan areas.

5. Ensure that the criteria and process for listing of declared pests is evidence-based, timely and transparent.
6. Have an increased emphasis on compliance through education and enforcement activity, to ensure land managers are aware of their legislative responsibilities and are supported to implement biosecurity actions.
7. Facilitate the use of new technologies, strategic monitoring, and the establishment of data management systems to inform biosecurity investment decisions and support adaptive management.
8. Improve the community's understanding, awareness and action in relation to biosecurity to assist with threat surveillance and timely response to incursions.

5.4 Submission on *Environmental Regulation Reform: A Strategic Review of Regulatory Delivery and Fees for Industry Regulation*

That the submission on *Environmental Regulation Reform: A Strategic Review of Regulatory Delivery and Fees for Industry Regulation* be endorsed.

5.5 Updated Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advocacy Position

That State Council endorse the following updated Advocacy Position on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage:

3.1.3 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 and South West Native Title Settlement

WALGA acknowledges Noongar people as the traditional owners of the South West Region. Local Government is supportive of conserving and protecting the State's Aboriginal cultural heritage.

WALGA supports the introduction of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 which will provide a modern framework for the recognition, protection, conservation and preservation of Aboriginal cultural heritage and recognises the fundamental importance of Aboriginal cultural heritage to Aboriginal people. The State Government must ensure that:

- 1. The legislation balances the need to protect Aboriginal cultural heritage with the requirement for Local Government to undertake activities in a timely and affordable manner;*
- 2. The implementation and ongoing operation of the legislative system for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage is adequately resourced to ensure that all parties have the capacity, capability and resources to discharge their statutory obligations;*
- 3. Support is provided to Local Governments to ensure that they have the resources, capacity and capability to comply with a complex legislative framework; and*
- 4. Local Governments have the ability to deliver essential infrastructure works and emergency activities efficiently and effectively in order to maintain public safety.*

5.6 Review of Coastal Planning Policy Position

That State Council endorse replacing Advocacy Position 6.8 Coastal Planning with a new Coastal Planning Advocacy Position as follows:

6.8 Coastal Planning

WALGA calls for:

1. Equitable legislative, regulatory and policy changes that preserve public coastal access for current and future generations.
2. The provision of sustainable and adequate long-term funding for Local Governments to manage the impacts of coastal erosion and inundation.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Haley Edwards

Seconded: Cr Karen Wheatland

That the South Metropolitan Zone

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

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament

By City of Fremantle

BACKGROUND

The proposal for a constitutionally recognised Voice emanates from the 2017 Uluru Statement from the Heart. The Uluru Statement is an invitation from First Nations Peoples to all Australians. It calls for legal and structural reforms to reshape the relationship between First Nations Peoples and the Australian population. The Uluru Statement calls for the establishment of:

- A Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Constitution; and
- A Makarrata Commission to supervise agreement making and truth telling.

The Australian Government has committed to the Uluru Statement in full and has announced that a referendum will be held in this term of Parliament and proposed a draft question to be put to the Australian people at a referendum:

- Do you support an alteration to the Constitution that establishes an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice?

Other Local Government Association Positions

The following Motion was carried at the 2022 ALGA AGM:

- This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to continue to demonstrate strong leadership in support of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples by supporting a constitutionally enshrined voice to Parliament for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and endorsing the Uluru Statement from the Heart.
- Request that the Australian Local Government Association work with the Uluru Statement from the Heart's campaign to develop a resource kit for councils seeking to host public forums to inform their communities about the proposed referendum.

Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)

- That the MAV call upon all Victorian local government authorities to consider supporting the Uluru Statement from the Heart which calls on the Australian people to walk with First Nations in a people's movement for Voice, Treaty and Truth, and encourage all Councils to write to their respective Federal Member of Parliament calling on the Australian Government to support Constitutional Recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the key principles of the "Uluru Statement from the Heart". (June 2022) Local Government.

Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ)

Motion being put to the 2022 Annual Conference: The LGAQ support the Uluru Statement from the Heart, an Indigenous Voice to Parliament and the Makarrata Commission. The LGAQ:

- To make a statement of support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart, an Indigenous Voice to Parliament and the Makarrata Commission
- To engage with the State and Federal governments, Indigenous leaders and organisations to develop communication materials to support an informed vote at the proposed referendum.

Local Government Association of New South Wales (LGNSW) Resolution 39 of the LGNSW 2022 Special Conference: That Local Government NSW:

- Supports the Statement from the Heart's call for Indigenous constitutional recognition through a Voice and that a referendum is held in the next term of federal parliament to achieve it.
- Develops a kit in partnership with the Traditional Custodians to assist councils to hold public forums to inform their communities about the Statement from the Heart and the proposed referendum.
- Develops an advisory body model for a First Nations Voice to Council for local Indigenous communities; with the structure, terms of reference and membership for the First Nations Voice to Council to be determined by consultation with local Indigenous community stakeholders including Local Aboriginal Land Councils, native title holders and elders in conjunction with local councils.

Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT), Local Government Association of South Australia (LGASA), Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT): No current position.

Western Australian Local Governments in support of Uluru Statement from the Heart and/or constitutional recognition:

- City of Bayswater
- City of Fremantle
- City of Vincent

COMMENT

While there is no compulsion for WA Local Governments to have a position on this issue, there is a strong argument to do so given the critical role of Local Government representatives as leaders of communities, and the ongoing work of Local Governments in progressing reconciliation and Closing the Gap.

Sector support for constitutional recognition would demonstrate the constructive and progressive role of Local Government on a matter of national significance with which all Australians should be engaged, and which is of particular relevance and importance to First Nations people in their communities.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Frank Mofflin

Seconded: Cr Karen Wheatland

That South Metro Zone requests WALGA to take an advocacy position on establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Constitution.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Barry Winmar

Seconded: Cr Cliff Colinson

That the motion be amended to read:

That:

1. The South Metropolitan Zone supports the Commonwealth Government with its intent to implement the Uluru Statement from the Heart in full
2. The South Metro Zone requests WALGA to prepare an advocacy position **SUPPORTING** establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Constitution.
3. The Advocacy position be circulated to WALGA Zones for their next meeting for consideration and feedback.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

That:

1. The South Metropolitan Zone supports the Commonwealth Government with its intent to implement the Uluru Statement from the Heart in full.
2. The South Metropolitan Zone requests WALGA to prepare an advocacy position **SUPPORTING** establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Constitution.
3. The Advocacy position be circulated to WALGA Zones for their next meeting for consideration and feedback.

CARRIED

6.2 2023 Proposed Meetings Dates

By Chantelle O'Brien, Zone Executive Officer

BACKGROUND

A schedule of the proposed meeting dates for the South Metropolitan Zone 2023 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 South Metropolitan Zone for 2023 require adoption by delegates.

As with previous years, the venue for each meeting has been rotated amongst Members.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE MEETING 2023

Zone Meeting Dates Monday	Time	HOST COUNCIL	State Council Meeting Date 2023
20 February	Monday 5.30 pm	City of Rockingham	Wednesday 1 March 2023
24 April	Monday 5.30 pm	City of Cockburn	Regional Metro Wednesday 3 May 2023

26 June	Monday 5.30 pm	Town of East Fremantle	Wednesday 5 July 2023
28 August	Monday 5.30 pm	City of Fremantle	Regional Meeting 7-8 September 2023
27 November	Monday 5.30 pm	City of Kwinana	Wednesday 6 December 2023

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Phoebe Corke

Seconded: Cr Cliff Collinson

That the 2023 proposed schedule of meetings for the South Metropolitan Zone be adopted.

CARRIED

6.3 Requests to Present in 2023

Construction Training Fund

The Construction Training Fund collects a levy on all WA construction projects over the value of \$20,000 at 0.2% of the project value. These funds are then used to support the construction industry to train new apprentices and trainees and to cover the cost of additional skills training for building and construction workers in residential, civil, commercial or resource sector projects. Our other purpose is to promote construction as a career of choice and provide entry level pathways to the community such as Try-a-Trade, scholarships and para-professional certificates.

The Organisation is keen to ensure that training our local communities is reinforced as a culture in the industry and that supporting diversity and inclusion is fundamental to a future workforce. Our vision is that the construction industry is a career of choice and is safe, skilled and sustainable.

Tiffany Allen, CEO of Construction Training Fund would like to provide more information to the Zone on the Construction Training Fund at a future meeting in 2023.

NBN 2022 Emergency Management Preparedness Campaign

National Broadband Network (nbn) have launched their 2022 Emergency Management Preparedness Campaign.

Part of nbn's purpose to lift the digital capability of Australia is to help adequately prepare communities for a loss of nbn connectivity due emergency or disaster events that can disrupt our network. This campaign is intended to provide education on preparing for, responding to, and recovering from these events.

Key Audiences:

- Communities – residents and businesses (particularly those likely to be impacted by a natural disaster)
- Stakeholders – emergency services, councils, organisations community groups.

Key Objectives:

- Educate communities about the operation of the nbn network before, during and after a disaster event and the steps they can take to prepare themselves and their businesses or groups if the nbn network is impacted.
- Build an understanding among key stakeholders and the broader community of nbn's role in disaster preparedness, response, restoration, and recovery including how we prepare and support the community to become more resilient.

A representative from nbn has offered to attend a future Zone meeting and provide further information on this matter. Attached with the Agenda was further information on this campaign

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Phoebe Corke
Seconded: Cr Cliff Collinson

That the South Metropolitan Zone supports representatives from each organisation as below to present as follows to a 2023 Zone meeting:

February – Asbestos Diseases Society of Australia
April – National Broadband Network

CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 WALGA President's Report

The WALGA representative presented the President's Report.

Noted

8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

WALGA State Councillor presented on the previous State Council meeting.

Noted

9. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the South Metropolitan Zone will be held Monday 20 February 2023 at the City of Rockingham commencing at 5.30 pm.

10. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:21pm.