



# Pilbara Country Zone

## Minutes

21 April 2022

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## Minutes

### MEMBERS

### 2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Karratha	Mr Chris Adams, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Town of Port Hedland	Mayor Peter Carter – <b>Deputy Chair</b> Mr Carl Askew, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Shire of East Pilbara	President Cr Anthony Middleton Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks Mr Steven Harding, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Ashburton	Cr Linton Rumble Mr Kenn Donohoe, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
WALGA Secretariat	Craig Hansom, Acting Executive Manager, Commercial Dana Mason, Manager Economics
Guests	Mr Tony Simpson, Chief Executive Officer RDA - Pilbara
DLGSC Representative	Julie Knight, Principal Strategy Officer

### APOLOGIES

City of Karratha	Mayor Peter Long - <b>Chair</b> Cr Daiva Gillam
Town of Port Hedland	Cr Tim Turner
Shire of Ashburton	President Cr Kerry White
Guests	Greg Hayes, Roadwise

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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 attendance was noted prior to the commencement of the meeting.

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

## **ATTACHMENTS WITH THE AGENDA**

1. President's Report
2. Status Report

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### **1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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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.

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### **2. DEPUTATIONS**

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Nil

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### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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## **RESOLUTION**

Moved: President Cr Anthony Middleton  
Seconded: Cr Linton Rumble

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Pilbara Country Zone held on 19 February 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

**CARRIED**

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### **4. BUSINESS ARISING**

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#### **4.1 Status Report**

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

**Noted**

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## **5. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION**

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***(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)***

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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.

## **Matters for Noting**

- 6.1 Draft National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children
- 6.2 Feedback on Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Discussion Paper
- 6.3 2021 CoastWA Local Government Survey
- 6.4 Update on draft WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026
- 6.5 Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Review Project
- 6.6 Comment on Draft Health Promotion Strategic Framework 2022-2026
- 6.7 Wooroloo Bushfire Independent Review Final Report
- 6.8 2022-23 Federal Budget Update
- 6.9 Local Government Emergency Management Survey Results

## **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Cr Linton Rumble  
**Seconded:** Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks

### **That the Pilbara Country 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.**

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## **6. BUSINESS**

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### **6.1 More Than Mining Campaign**

*By City of Karratha*

## **BACKGROUND**

Led by a consortium local government and the Karratha & Districts Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KDCCI), the More Than Mining policy reform is the solution required to achieve sustainable, stable, and inclusive regional communities that are home to skilled and diverse residential workforces – necessary foundations for continuing to drive our Nation's economic prosperity.

Mining communities' dependency on resource sector employers sees them suffer at the hand of these companies' investment decisions. Cities and town swell and contract in response to project lifecycles, and those employed in sectors outside of the dominant resources industry are hardest hit by housing, labour, and cost of living pressures

## **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Cr Linton Rumble  
**Seconded:** President Cr Anthony Middleton

**That the Pilbara Country Zone seeks that WALGA supports the More than Mining Campaign and to work with the NSW counterpart to lobby for reform to include FBT benefit to regionally based employees of participating councils of the Pilbara Country Zone.**

**CARRIED**

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## **6.2 WALGA Training to delivery Emergency Management for Local Government Leaders**

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WALGA is considering delivering the Emergency Management for Local Government Leaders course in conjunction with future upcoming Zone meeting in August and November.

A specialised and approved trainer will come to the Zone to deliver the 3.5 hour course. The course is targeted at CEO's, Directors, Managers, Mayors/Presidents and Elected Members.

### Course Overview

As the sphere of Government closest to the community, Local Government is a key player when it comes to local Emergency Management preparedness, prevention, response and recovery. In a disaster, the community turns first to their Local Government for trusted leadership.

This course provides an essential overview of the role of Local Government leaders before, during and after an emergency. With a focus on the skills necessary to excel as a leader under pressure, this course will equip leaders with invaluable skills and tools to draw upon when your community is impacted by an emergency.

More information can be obtained at <https://walga.asn.au/training/book-a-course/emergency-management-courses/emergency-management-for-local-government-leaders>

The Zone consideration is requested to see if there is any interest in holding a training session on this subject following a future Zone meeting in June, August or November 2022.

### **Noted**

*The Pilbara Country Zone supports the intent of the training sessions and request that WALGA distribute information to the Zone after the meeting to gauge interest from Councils.*

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## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

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- Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks raised the issue of housing in the Pilbara and will put forward an item for consideration at the next Zone meeting.
- The Zone discussed options for a separate resolution sheet for meetings and requested advice from the WALGA Governance team on options.

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## **8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

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### **8.1 President's Report to the Zone**

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The WALGA representative, Craig Hansom, presented the President's Report.

### **Noted**

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**8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone**

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The WALGA representative, Craig Hansom, presented on the previous State Council meeting.

**Noted**

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

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The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representative Simone Fountain is an apology for this meeting. However, Julie Knight was in attendance and provided an update to the Zone.

**Noted**

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**8.4 Regional Development Australia – Pilbara Region.**

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The Regional Development Australia – Pilbara Region Chief Executive Officer, Tony Simpson will provide an update the Zone.

**Noted**

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**9. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

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**RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Cr Linton Rumble  
**Seconded:** Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks

**That the next ordinary meeting of the Pilbara Country Zone be held on 23 June 2022, hosted by Shire of Ashburton, location to be (Onslow /Tom Price), commencing at 1.30pm.**

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**10. CLOSURE**

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There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at **12:22PM**.