



South Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

26 August 2019

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Hosted by the City of Cockburn
9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood
Monday 26 August 2019 commenced at 5:32 pm

Minutes

MEMBERS

3 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Cockburn	Mayor Logan Howlett JP Cr Lee-Anne Smith OAM Mr Stephen Cain, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate
Town of East Fremantle	Cr Cliff Collinson Cr Tony Natale Mr Gary Tuffin, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
City of Fremantle	Cr Doug Thompson Cr Jon Strachan
City of Kwinana	Mayor Carol Adams OAM Cr Sheila Mills Ms Joanne Abbiss, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Melville	Cr Tim Barling Cr Duncan McPhail
City of Rockingham	Cr Andrew Burns Cr Mark Jones Cr Deb Hamblin Mr Michael Parker, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate
South West Group	Mr Tom Griffiths, Director
WALGA Secretariat	Mr Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services Ms Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager Planning and Improvement
DLGSC Representative	Ms Kirsty Martin - Principal Strategy Officer

APOLOGIES

Town of East Fremantle	Cr Michael McPhail
City of Cockburn	Cr Carol Reeve-Fowkes
City of Melville	Cr Nicole Robins Cr Karen Wheatland Mr Marten Tieleman, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Fremantle	Mr Philip St John, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate Cr Sam Wainwright
City of Kwinana	Cr Sandra Lee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Confirmation of Attendance An attendance sheet was circulated 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 payed respects to Elders past, present and future.

ATTACHMENTS

The following attachments were distributed with the Agenda:

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

1. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett
Seconded: Mayor Carol Adams

That the Minutes of the meeting of the South Metropolitan Zone held on 24 June 2019 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.

Nil

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

4.2 Status Report

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

Noted

5. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA – MATTERS FOR DECISION

Items 5.1, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 & 5.7.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett
Seconded: Mayor Carol Adams

That the South Metropolitan Zone endorses Items 5.1, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6 & 5.7 of the September 2019 State Council agenda.

CARRIED

The following items were excised for further comments

Item 5.2 - Interim Submission on the WA Motor Sport Strategy

The City of Kwinana was not involved in the preparation of the Strategy, and expressed their disappointment that as one of the main motorsport facilities in WA that MotorSport did not consult with the City.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Cr Sheila Mills

That the Interim submission on the WA Motorsport Strategy be endorsed.

CARRIED

Item 5.8 – Interim Submission – Revitalising Region Freight Study

The City of Kwinana queried whether it was possible to add in the commentary on the bottom of Page 81 of the Agenda papers, into the interim submission itself? WALGA advised that this issue would be followed up with the Infrastructure team.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Cr Sheila Mills

That the interim submission to the Department of Transport on the draft Revitalising Agricultural Regional Freight Strategy be endorsed, subject to the following paragraph being included in the Submission.

“Industry investment to increase road transport efficiency, largely through increased payloads per truck, inevitably requires increased investment in roads if these vehicles are able to operate end to end. There is currently no mechanism to enable part of the productivity benefit to be used to fund the infrastructure improvement needed. This potentially results in lost opportunities”.

CARRIED

Item 5.9 – Policy Templates: (1) Works in the Local Government Road Reserve; and (2) Events in the Local Government Road Reserve

The City of Kwinana highlighted that at the bottom of Page 96 of the State Council agenda, it only mentions those utility providers having exemptions under the Telecommunications Act. There are however other utility providers that have exemptions, therefore this should be included in the model policy templates. WALGA advised that this issue would be followed up with the Infrastructure team and the additional information included in the Templates.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Cr Sheila Mills

That the following Policy Templates be endorsed:

- 1. Works in the Local Government Road Reserve, subject to adding, “other utility providers that have exemptions” in Item 5 of the template; and**
- 2. Events in the Local Government Road Reserve**

CARRIED

Item 6.4 – Public Health Advocacy Plans

The City of Kwinana raised concerns about the imposition of the Public Health Plan on the sector, specifically that the State needs to acknowledge and support Local Government in implementing the requirements of the plans. Point of clarity provided, that it there is a difference between the Public Health Plans and the sponsorship arrangements from various state bodies, however, the State should be more vocal in supporting Local Government when issues are raised in the implementation of the Public Health Act.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Cr Sheila Mills

That State Council note the WALGA Public Health Advocacy Plan.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Advocacy for Improvement in the Provision of Pavement Marking Services by Main Roads WA – South Metropolitan Zone

By City of Rockingham

BACKGROUND

WALGA has written to Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) and have met with the Asset Manager, Metropolitan and Southern Regions.

In accordance with the Main Roads Act 1930, MRWA is the sole authority for the approval, installation and maintenance of pavement marking on all Western Australia roads.

For any road under the care and control of Local Government Authority (LGA) that requires new pavement marking, the LGA is required to submit a design drawing to MRWA for approval. Upon approval the LGA is required to prepare the site and send a 'Site Availability for Signing and Pavement Marking Works' (SA) form to MRWA. The site preparation includes construction of road layout according to design, removal of redundant pavement markings and signage, sweeping the surface and spotting of proposed pavement marking.

MRWA will then install the pavement marking within 20 days as stipulated in the SA form. The LGAs are invoiced later for the job. In recent times however, the City of Rockingham (City) has been experiencing long delays, in the range of 2.5 to 3.5 months, in getting pavement markings installed. The City understands that most LGAs in the metropolitan area are experiencing the same issue.

The City has been in regular liaison with MRWA, however they have been unable to meet the committed dates for linemarking works on multiple occasions. In some cases, these have been on major roundabouts or high profile roadworks with large traffic volumes.

It should be noted that if the LGA identifies maintenance requirement of existing pavement marking, then it can be reported by MRWA website. Maintenance does not require the LGA to undertake site preparation and is undertaken at no expense to the LGA.

Of relevance to this item, the City of Kwinana tabled an emerging issue at the WALGA State Council meeting of 3 July 2019 regarding finalisation of payments for Regional Road Group Projects. Specifically this related to the impact that delayed invoicing from Main Roads WA for linemarking was having on finalising grant funding arrangements and requests for new funding. State Council resolved as follows:

That:

- 1. WALGA write to MRWA seeking an urgent meeting to call for procedure changes to ensure timely delivery and invoicing of linemarking.*
- 2. Where a request for linemarking was submitted on or before 30 April 2019 the outstanding claim amount (final 20%) is accrued at 30 June, the project recorded as being complete in 2018/19 and no penalties on future grants be applied.*
- 3. Through the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee, WALGA seek a change to the Procedures so that invoices are always provided within four weeks of linemarking work being completed and Main Roads WA to invoice on the basis of an estimate where this is not achieved.*

RESOLUTION 65.5/2019

The City of Rockingham requests that WALGA pursue the issue of delays in the provision of linemarking services from a community safety, resident dissatisfaction and additional cost perspective in addition to the issues raised by City of Kwinana.

COMMENT

The delay in the installation of new pavement marking poses a road safety risk. While the risk can be mitigated by roadwork traffic management, it has the following implications:

- Resident dissatisfaction
- Resources associated with dealing with customer enquiries regarding the delay; and
- Additional cost for the LGA including:
 - Longer deployment of contractor and internal resources; and
 - Monitoring traffic management over the extended period.

Considering the safety and other implications due to the delay in the installation of pavement marking and noting that the issue is impacting across the Local Government sector, it is recommended that WALGA raise the issue with MRWA with the aim of improving the service provision for Local Governments. This direction was endorsed by the City at its Ordinary Council meeting held on 23 July 2019.

Discussion from members on the impact that occurs on this issue, the complaints from the public, the impact on traffic safety and the finalisation of the road project. An additional motion was presented to the meeting: that WALGA approach Main Roads to set up a panel contract that Local Government can access for line marking, to create greater efficiencies in the line marking process.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Deb Hamblin

Seconded: Cr Mark Jones

1. That WALGA raise with Main Roads Western Australia concerns regarding the long delays being experienced by Local Governments in the provision of pavement marking services, the implications of these delays and advocate for improvement in this service.

Amendment to Resolution – to add an additional point 2.

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett

Seconded: Cr Tony Natale

2. That WALGA approach Main Roads WA to request that they set up a panel contract that Local Government can access for the line marking contractors, to create greater efficiencies.

CARRIED

THE MOTION NOW READS

That WALGA:

1. Raise with Main Roads Western Australia concerns regarding the long delays being experienced by Local Governments in the provision of pavement marking services, the

implications of these delays and advocate for improvement in this service.

2. **Approach Main Roads WA to request that they set up a panel contract that Local Government can access for the line marking contractors, to create greater efficiencies.**

MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT AND CARRIED

6.2 Grant Program Advocacy – Local Government Greening Perth

By City of Fremantle

BACKGROUND

The Town of Victoria Park Mayor, Trevor Vaughan recently reached out to Local Governments within the Perth metropolitan area calling for support to request that the State Government establish a 'Local Government Greening Perth' grant program as follows:

"At its Ordinary Council Meeting of 18 June 2019, the Town of Victoria Park (the Town) resolved to seek support for metropolitan Local Governments and the Western Australia Local Government Association (WALGA) for the introduction of 'Local Government Greener Perth' grant program, funded by the State Government.

The rate of urban deforestation across the Perth metropolitan area has been increasing, with a loss of tree canopy impacting on the quality of health and amenity enjoyed by the community.

In response, Local Governments have been developing and implementing urban forest strategies (and similar initiatives) aimed at reducing the loss of trees, as well as increasing tree canopy cover.

The Town endorsed its urban forest strategy in September 2018, which sets an ambitious tree canopy target to increase the Town's tree canopy cover from 10% to 20%, which will require the planting of up to 256,000 trees.

This will require dedicated resources and significant financial investment to achieve. As a start, the Town has committed \$1 million from its 2019/2020 Annual Budget to implement its Urban Forest Strategy.

We seek to advocate to the State Government for financial assistance to help Perth metropolitan Local Governments deliver their urban forest strategies (and similar initiatives).

It is proposed that this is provided through a dedicated grants program similar to the 'Five Million Trees for Greater Sydney' grants program which exists in New South Wales. This program supports Local Governments in Greater Sydney to enhance their urban tree canopy by co-funding tree planting projects in public spaces such as streets, parks and plazas.

The Town plans to request that the State Government establishes a 'Local Government Greening Perth' grant program allocating \$10 - \$20 million annually, for Perth metropolitan Local Governments to grow and maintain their urban forests."

The City of Fremantle's **Greening Fremantle Strategy** goals support the motion as follows:

- aiming for every resident/worker to be within walking distance (400m) of a public green space
- applying nature play principles to new and existing Fremantle parks and their upgrades
- working towards a target of 20% canopy cover for tree planting
- developing strategy and policy to deliver a range of high quality landscaped environments capable of meeting the often competing needs placed on open spaces
- improving habitat that supports biodiversity

- ensuring water sensitive design
- being responsive and adapting to climate change

The City of Fremantle's Finance and Policy Standing Committee passed a resolution advocating WALGA reps taking a motion to the next Zone meeting.

COMMENT

Discussion on whether it could be expanded to Regional and Rural areas, why is it only within this area and could it be expanded to these regions? Delegates outlined that the canopy cover was the lowest in the Perth metropolitan area, hence the specific request. The amount of funding was also discussed, with a possible suggestion that it should be much higher, or set at an appropriate \$ amount. Agreed to request the band as a starting point, as further discussions will assist in aligning the exact funding required.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Strachan
Seconded: Cr Tim Barling

That as the voice of Local Government in Western Australia, that WALGA advocates for a 'Local Government Greening Perth grant program allocating \$10 - \$20 million annually, for Perth metropolitan Local Governments to grow and maintain their urban forests.

CARRIED

6.3 United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

By Cr Jon Strachan, City of Fremantle

During LG Week Prof Ruff from ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear weapons) made a presentation to the Mayor's and Presidents Forum. He also presented to a meeting in Fremantle and Curtin University.

On 7 July 2017 – following a decade of advocacy by ICAN and its partners – an overwhelming majority of the world's nations adopted a landmark global agreement to ban nuclear weapons, known officially as the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. It will enter into legal force once 50 nations have signed and ratified it.

To some extent the global fear of a nuclear war abated with the end of the Cold War and destruction of the Berlin Wall. Recently global tensions are recalibrating with the USA interacting with North Korea and Iran.

Images of the devastation wrought on Hiroshima and Nagasaki are familiar to many and have created a fear factor, however they would pale compared to deployment of a nuclear bomb today. While the nuclear bomb stockpile has reduced in numbers the size of these bombs has increased by orders of magnitude.

In our region the greatest threat of nuclear devices being detonated relates to the India-Pakistan conflict, this is because both countries have stated politically, they would use a nuclear device if they felt it warranted.

This is in contrast to many countries such as China who state their stockpiles are as a deterrent and would not be deployed. Should either India or Pakistan deploy a nuclear bomb and the other country respond, even with (relatively) small devices this would have devastating effects on our region.

Depending on climatic conditions the nuclear winter has the potential to impact on Australia. What can be certain is that thousands of square kilometres of arable land would be devastated, throwing millions

and millions of marginal people into famine. The whole global order will be thrown into disarray with nuclear refugees overwhelming the existing refugee crisis.

The Australian Federal Government has refused to sign the treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons, presumably because it sees the sale of uranium for weapons as a beneficial trade. Nobody wins a nuclear war, even the suppliers of the uranium. In the scenario of a limited and contained nuclear exchange outlined above Australia would suffer significantly.

WALGA can play a crucial role in advocating to Federal and State Government the importance of Australia signing up to a nuclear disarmament treaty.

COMMENT

Members discussed the item and whether advocating for this issue is the role of Local Government and WALGA. WALGA does not currently have a position on this matter, therefore it could go through the Zone process for consideration by all of the sector.

Queries raised: -

- As this was presented as a late item, could it go back to the individual Council's for consideration? Agreed that it could be a matter for investigation first, and then presented to the Zone to consider it further.
- In preparing the report on the issue, will WALGA consult with the sector? Yes, WALGA will.
- City of Rockingham - How does this item impact the operations at Garden Island specifically when visiting naval vessels attending the island? The City does not consider that this is an issue for the Local Government sector to look into, and that it is well outside the scope of the sector and WALGA. Any report should address this issue in more detail.

Comments made against the motion:-

Do not consider that this is an issue for the Local Government sector to deal with, and do not need to prepare a report and consult with other members.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Strachan
Seconded: Cr Tim Barling

WALGA uses its lobbying opportunities to advocate for the Australian government signing up to the United Nations Treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons. Lobby the State Government to support this action.

Amendment to Resolution – proposed revision to the wording

AMENDED RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Strachan
Seconded: Cr Tim Barling

That WALGA investigate and prepare a report to consider whether the Australian Government is able to sign up to the United Nations treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons.

MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT AND MOTION WAS LOST

7. OTHER BUSINESS

The City of Kwinana advised that this meeting is Joanne Abbiss's last meeting for the South Metropolitan Zone, as she is moving to the City of Armadale.

Joanne thanked the Zone and the Zone chair for the proactive items raised at the Zone.

The Zone acknowledged Joanne for her years of service to the Zone and wished her well in her new position.

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 WALGA President's Report

The State Council representative or WALGA representative presented the President's Report, specifically highlighting the recent conference, upcoming training opportunities and the Parliamentary Select Committee hearing.

Noted

8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

WALGA State Councillor presented on the previous State Council meeting.

Items highlighted:

- Zone's amendments to the Homelessness item were supported by State Council.
- Discussions on the role of LGIS, has resulted in WALGA's President writing to all members on the upcoming distribution of funds.

Noted

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

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representative, Ms Kirsty Martin, updated the Zone on DLGSC issues.

Noted

9. SOUTH WEST GROUP – DIRECTOR UPDATE

Tom Griffiths provided an update to the Zone.

The South West Group is finalising the advocacy document which will be presented at the next Board Meeting for endorsement.

10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett
Seconded: Mayor Carol Adams

The next meeting of the South Metropolitan Zone will be held Monday 25 November 2019 at the City of East Fremantle commencing at 5.30 pm.

CARRIED

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.35pm.

