

State Council Summary Minutes 1 July 2026

Ordinary meeting no. 3 of 2026 of the
Western Australian Local Government
Association State Council held at
ONE70, LV3, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville
at 4:15pm.

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1 OPENING, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

1.1 OPENING

The meeting commenced at 5:02pm.

1.2 ATTENDANCE

Members	WALGA President - Chair WALGA Deputy President Avon-Midland Country Zone Central Country Zone Central Metropolitan Zone Central Metropolitan Zone East Metropolitan Zone East Metropolitan Zone Gascoyne Country Zone Goldfields Esperance Country Zone Great Eastern Country Zone Great Southern Country Zone Kimberley Country Zone Murchison Country Zone North Metropolitan Zone North Metropolitan Zone North Metropolitan Zone Northern Country Zone Peel Country Zone Pilbara Country Zone South East Metropolitan Zone South East Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South West Country Zone	Mark Irwin AM Chris Antonio Phillip Blight Helen Sadler Paul Kelly Paige McNeil Cate McCullough Matthew Niikkula Laurene Bonza Stephen Strange Scott Crosby Chris Mitchell JP Les Price Suzanne Migdale Rob Papparde (<i>Deputy</i>) Eman Seif JP Elizabeth Sudlow Mike Walmsley Audra Smith Patrick Hall Terresa Lynes Robert Schmidt Karen Wheatland Chontelle Stone (<i>Deputy</i>) Donelle Buegge
Ex Officio	Deputy Lord Mayor – City of Perth Local Government Professionals WA President	Cr David Goncalves Mr Anthony Vuleta
Secretariat	Chief Executive Officer Executive Manager Member Services Executive Manager Infrastructure Executive Manager Policy A/Executive Manager Advocacy Chief Financial Officer Manager Association and Corporate Governance Policy Manager Environment and Waste A/Policy Manager Planning and Building State Council Governance Officer	Nick Sloan Kirsty Martin Ian Duncan Nicole Matthews Eli Gould Rick Murray Kathy Robertson Rebecca Brown Coralie Claudio Habiba Farrag
Observers	Avon Midland Country Zone Central Metropolitan Zone	Lincoln Stewart (<i>Deputy</i>) Liam Gobbert (<i>Deputy</i>)

1.3 APOLOGIES

Members	North Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone	Lewis Hutton Barry Winmar
Ex Officio	The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor – City of Perth	Lord Mayor, Bruce Reynolds
Secretariat	Executive Manager Advocacy	Rachel Horton

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WALGA acknowledges the continuing connection of Aboriginal people to Country, culture and community. We embrace the vast Aboriginal cultural diversity throughout Western Australia, including Boorloo (Perth), on the land of the Whadjuk Noongar People, where WALGA is located and we acknowledge and pay respect to Elders past and present.

WALGA is committed to supporting the efforts of WA Local Governments to foster respectful partnerships and strengthen relationships with local Aboriginal communities.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil.

4 MINUTES

4.1 MINUTES OF THE STATE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7 MAY 2026

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the WALGA State Council meeting held on [7 May 2026](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 033.3/2026

CARRIED

4.1.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE STATE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7 MAY 2026

Nil.

4.2 FLYING MINUTE – SELECTION COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING – 7 APRIL 2026

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the [Flying Minute – Selection Committee Special Meeting – 7 April 2026](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of decision.

RESOLUTION 033.3/2026

CARRIED

4.2.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FLYING MINUTE – SELECTION COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING – 7 APRIL 2026

Nil.

4.3 FLYING MINUTE – WALGA SUBMISSION ON THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL BIOSECURITY RESPONSE AGREEMENT (NEBRA)

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the [Flying Minute – WALGA Submission on the National Environmental Biosecurity Response Agreement \(NEBRA\)](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of decision.

RESOLUTION 033.3/2026

CARRIED

4.3.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FLYING MINUTE – WALGA SUBMISSION ON THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL BIOSECURITY RESPONSE AGREEMENT (NEBRA)

Nil.

4.4 FLYING MINUTE – WALGA SUBMISSION ON THE EXPOSURE DRAFT OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD FOR MATTERS OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the [Flying Minute – WALGA Submission on the Exposure Draft of the National Environmental Standard for Matters of National Environmental Significance](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of decision.

RESOLUTION 033.3/2026

CARRIED

4.4.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FLYING MINUTE – WALGA SUBMISSION ON THE EXPOSURE DRAFT OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD FOR MATTERS OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE

Nil.

4.5 FLYING MINUTE – STATE HAZARD PLAN HOSTILE ACT – WALGA DRAFT SUBMISSION

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the [Flying Minute – State Hazard Plan Hostile Act - WALGA Draft Submission](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of decision.

RESOLUTION 033.3/2026

CARRIED

4.5.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FLYING MINUTE – STATE HAZARD PLAN HOSTILE ACT – WALGA DRAFT SUBMISSION

Nil.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pursuant to our Code of Conduct, State Councillors must declare to the Chair any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before State Council as soon as they become aware of it.

- Helen Sadler declared an interest in item 8.2 - Train Station Precincts Advocacy Position, as a Councillor from an affected Local Government.
- Paul Kelly declared an interest in item 8.10 - LGISWA Board Appointments, as a member of the LGISWA Board.
- Chris Antonio declared an interest in item 8.10 - LGISWA Board Appointments, as a member of the LGISWA Board.
- Donelle Buegge declared an interest in item 8.10 - LGISWA Board Appointments, as a Councillor from the same Local Government as the nominee.
- Robert Schmidt an interest in item 8.10 - LGISWA Board Appointments, as a Councillor from a Local Government where the nominee previously was employed.

Karen Wheatland joined the meeting.

6 EX OFFICIO REPORTS

6.1 CITY OF PERTH REPORT

Deputy Lord Mayor David Goncalves provided the report to the meeting.

6.2 LG PROFESSIONALS REPORT

Mr Anthony Vuleta, President, LG Professionals WA, provided the report to the meeting.

7 EMERGING ISSUES

Notification of emerging issues must be provided to the Chair no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Nil.

8 MATTERS FOR DECISION

8.1 CLIMATE CHANGE ADVOCACY POSITION

By Rebecca Brown, Policy Manager, Environment and Waste

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Matthew Niikkula

Seconded: Teresa Lynes

That State Council replace the Climate Change Policy Statement and Advocacy Position 4.1 with a new Climate Change Advocacy Position as follows:

- 1. *Local Government acknowledges the risks associated with, and is committed to addressing, climate change to meet the needs of their communities.***
- 2. *WALGA calls on the Australian and Western Australian Governments to:***
 - a. *Provide the necessary climate leadership, coordination and action to ensure an orderly transition to achieve emission reduction targets and address the impacts of climate change.***
 - b. *Ensure that Local Government has the funding, guidance and practical support required to meet increasing risk and expanded legislative requirements to plan for, mitigate and adapt to climate impacts.***

RESOLUTION 034.3/2026

CARRIED

8.2 TRAIN STATION PRECINCTS ADVOCACY POSITION

By Coralie Claudio, A/Manager Planning and Building

Anthony Vuleta left the meeting and did not return.

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Chontelle Stone

Seconded: Robert Schmidt

That State Council endorse the following new Advocacy Position:

Train Station Precincts

1. *Local Government supports a coordinated approach to the planning and development of train station precincts that is transport orientated, place responsive and provides for increased housing density and diversity.*
2. *In developing Train Station Precinct Improvement Plans and Schemes the State Government must:*
 - a. *Give comprehensive and genuine consideration to existing and progressing local planning frameworks, ensuring effective integration and alignment with broader local planning instruments and community infrastructure planning.*
 - b. *Ensure effective collaboration, partnerships and coordination across Government agencies and with Local Government.*
 - c. *Where appropriate, prioritise redevelopment of State-owned land to deliver optimal housing and mixed-use outcomes.*
 - d. *Undertake meaningful and ongoing community engagement.*
 - e. *Directly fund and/or implement funding mechanisms to deliver public realm and infrastructure requirements.*
3. *Decisions on future State-led train station precincts must be evidence-based, transparent, made in consultation with Local Government, and give due consideration to Local Government requests for State-led train station precinct planning.*

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cate McCullough

Seconded: Paige McNeil

To make the following amendments to point 2c:

- Remove the words "where appropriate"; and
- Add at the end of the sentence *"excluding Bush Forever sites, environmental reserves and other protected sites."*

RESOLUTION 035.3/2026

CARRIED

THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT

That State Council endorse the following new Advocacy Position:

Train Station Precincts

1. *Local Government supports a coordinated approach to the planning and development of train station precincts that is transport orientated, place responsive and provides for increased housing density and diversity.*
2. *In developing Train Station Precinct Improvement Plans and Schemes the State Government must:*
 - a. *Give comprehensive and genuine consideration to existing and progressing local planning frameworks, ensuring effective integration and alignment with broader local planning instruments and community infrastructure planning.*
 - b. *Ensure effective collaboration, partnerships and coordination across Government agencies and with Local Government.*
 - c. *Prioritise redevelopment of State-owned land to deliver optimal housing and mixed-use outcomes excluding Bush Forever sites, environmental reserves and other protected sites.*
 - d. *Undertake meaningful and ongoing community engagement.*
 - e. *Directly fund and/or implement funding mechanisms to deliver public realm and infrastructure requirements.*
3. *Decisions on future State-led train station precincts must be evidence-based, transparent, made in consultation with Local Government, and give due consideration to Local Government requests for State-led train station precinct planning.*

RESOLUTION 036.3/2026

CARRIED

8.3 SUBMISSION ON THE CAT ACT REVIEW

By Rebecca Brown, Policy Manager Environment and Waste and Felicity Morris, Manager Governance and Procurement

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Karen Wheatland

Seconded: Chontelle Stone

That State Council endorse the submission on the Review of *Cat Act 2011*.

RESOLUTION 037.3/2026

CARRIED

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY STATE COUNCILLORS (UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

8.4 STATE COUNCIL CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CHARTER AND STATE COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS REVIEW AND UPDATE

By Kathy Robertson, Manager Association and Corporate Governance

WALGA RECOMMENDATION 1

Moved: Helen Sadler

Seconded: Karen Wheatland

That State Council endorse the updated Corporate Governance Charter and Code of Conduct, with the following additional amendments:

- 1. Delete section 14.2.4 Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) and all references to MWAC in the Corporate Governance Charter, in recognition that it has been wound up, effective 30 June 2026.**
- 2. Remove the names of the Advisory Groups (formerly Policy Teams) from the Corporate Governance Charter to allow for flexibility.**

RESOLUTION 038.3/2026

CARRIED

WALGA RECOMMENDATION 2

Moved: Karen Wheatland

Seconded: Robert Schmidt

That State Council endorse the updated State Council Standing Orders, with the following additional amendments:

- 1. Include the power for individual State Councillors to have their dissention on a particular vote recorded in the Minutes (a power previously contained in the Corporate Governance Charter).**
- 2. Include a new requirement to record the President's casting vote in the Minutes.**
- 3. Remove the word "motion" from section 13.**

RESOLUTION 039.3/2026

CARRIED BY SPECIAL MAJORITY

Rebecca Brown and Coralie Claudio left the meeting and did not return.

David Goncalves left the meeting and did not return.

Chontelle Stone left the meeting and did not return.

8.5 FINANCE AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES – 17 JUNE 2026

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Paul Kelly
Seconded: Cate McCullough

That State Council:

- 1. Endorse the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee meeting held on 17 June 2026.**
- 2. Endorse the WALGA Budget 2026-27, being for the year ended 30 June 2027 as recommended by the Finance and Services Committee.**

RESOLUTION 040.3/2026

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

8.6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE TRUST MINUTES – 17 JUNE 2026

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Chris Antonio
Seconded: Chris Mitchell JP

That State Council endorse the Minutes of the Local Government House Trust Board of Management meeting held on 17 June 2026.

RESOLUTION 041.3/2026

CARRIED

8.7 SELECTION COMMITTEE MINUTES – 15 JUNE 2026

By Chantelle O'Brien, Zones Governance Officer

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Chris Antonio
Seconded: Les Price

That State Council endorse the recommendations contained in the 15 June 2026 Selection Committee Minutes.

RESOLUTION 042.3/2026

CARRIED

8.8 CEO PERFORMANCE REVIEW REPORT 2025-26 – CONFIDENTIAL

All WALGA staff left the meeting.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Karen Wheatland
Seconded: Robert Schmidt

That State Council:

- 1. Note the appraisal of Mr Nick Sloan Chief Executive Officer has been completed for the period of July 2025 to June 2026.**
- 2. Endorse the findings of the 2025-26 Annual Performance Review Report as presented by Price Consulting.**
- 3. Endorse the recommendations on Page 5 of the Summary Report to Council on Employment Contract Terms to be distributed via email by WALGA's Manager People and Culture, Lauren Mathison.**
- 4. Endorse the proposed CEO's Performance Criteria for the 2026-2027 period, as per Attachment 1 within the Summary Report to Council, to be distributed via email by WALGA's Manager People and Culture, Lauren Mathison.**

RESOLUTION 043.3/2026

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Patrick Hall left the meeting and did not return.

All WALGA staff returned to the meeting.

8.9 LGISWA BOARD MINUTES INCLUDING ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO SCHEME MANAGER REMUNERATION, TRUSTEE FEES, AND CASH FLOW PROJECTIONS – CONFIDENTIAL

By Sam McLeod, Manager Commercial Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Chris Antonio

Seconded: Helen Sadler

That State Council:

- 1. Note the Minutes of the LGISWA Board meeting held on 29 May 2026;**
- 2. Approves, in line with the recommendation of the LGISWA Board, a 3.4% increase to the remuneration of the Scheme Manager for 2026-27;**
- 3. Approves a corresponding 3.4% increase to WALGA's Trustee fee for the LGISWA Scheme for 2026-27;**
- 4. Notes and approves the June 2026 projection of WALGA's cash flows over the next 12 months; and**
- 5. Notes that WALGA is continuing to engage with JLT in relation to the Scheme Management Agreement.**

RESOLUTION 044.3/2026

CARRIED

8.10 LGISWA BOARD APPOINTMENTS – CONFIDENTIAL

By Sam McLeod, Manager Commercial Services

Chris Antonio declared an interest in this item and left the meeting.

Paul Kelly declared an interest in this item, left the meeting and did not return.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Stephen Strange

Seconded: Matthew Niikkula

That State Council re-appoint Mr Ben Rose as the Non-Metropolitan Officer Director on the LGISWA Board for a further three-year term, concluding on 1 July 2029.

RESOLUTION 045.3/2026

CARRIED

Chris Antonio returned to the meeting.

9 POLICY TEAM AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Paige McNeil left the meeting.

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY TEAM REPORT

Presented by Policy Team Chair, Stephen Strange

NOTED

9.2 PEOPLE AND PLACE POLICY TEAM REPORT

Presented by Policy Team Chair, Phillip Blight

Paige McNeil returned to the meeting.

NOTED

9.3 GOVERNANCE POLICY TEAM REPORT

Presented by Policy Team Member, Scott Crosby

NOTED

9.4 ENVIRONMENT POLICY TEAM REPORT

Presented by Policy Team Chair, Les Price

NOTED

9.5 MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL (MWAC) REPORT

Presented by Chair, Karen Wheatland

NOTED

Matthew Niikkula left the meeting and did not return.

10 MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

10.1 WALGA 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SURVEY FINDINGS

By Sam Kennedy, Senior Policy Advisor - Emergency Management

NOTED

10.2 PLANNING AND BUILDING PERFORMANCE MONITORING PROJECT

By Kieran McGovern, Acting Senior Policy Advisor Planning

NOTED

10.3 WALGA BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT ROUNDTABLE

By Rachel Armstrong, Policy Manager Emergency Management

NOTED

10.4 FLYING MINUTES ENDORSED BY STATE COUNCIL

NOTED

11 ORGANISATION REPORTS

11.1 KEY ACTIVITY REPORTS

11.1.1 REPORT ON KEY ACTIVITIES, ADVOCACY PORTFOLIO

By Rachel Horton, Executive Manager Advocacy

NOTED

11.1.2 REPORT ON KEY ACTIVITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE PORTFOLIO

By Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure

NOTED

11.1.3 REPORT ON KEY ACTIVITIES, MEMBER SERVICES PORTFOLIO

By Kirsty Martin, Executive Manager Member Services

NOTED

11.1.4 REPORT ON KEY ACTIVITIES, POLICY PORTFOLIO

By Nicole Matthews, Executive Manager Policy

NOTED

11.2 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NOTED

11.3 CEO'S REPORT

NOTED

12 ADDITIONAL ZONE RESOLUTIONS

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Robert Schmidt
Seconded: Laurene Bonza

That the additional Zone resolutions from the June 2026 round of Zones meetings as follows be referred to the relevant portfolio for consideration and appropriate action.

RESOLUTION 046.3/2026

CARRIED

AVON MIDLAND COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio and Member Services Portfolio)

Cost Shifting to Local Government – Great Southern Country Zone Advocacy

That the Avon-Midland Country Zone support the Great Southern Country Zone's request that WALGA advocate on behalf of the sector to both State and Federal Governments on the impact of cost shifting onto Local Governments. Advocacy to:

1. Raise awareness of the cumulative financial and operational impacts of cost shifting;
2. Promote fair and transparent funding arrangements aligned with responsibilities;
3. Ensure Local Governments are not disproportionately burdened with functions beyond their core role; and
4. Reinforce the need for proper policy frameworks, particularly in emerging areas such as renewable energy and climate transition.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE (Infrastructure Portfolio)

Water Corporation – Vegetation Maintenance of Scheme Pipelines and Regional Infrastructure Advocacy

That the Central Country Zone requests WALGA to:

1. Note concerns relating to vegetation encroachment and apparent lack of maintenance surrounding sections of Water Corporation regional scheme pipeline infrastructure; and
2. Advocate to the Water Corporation, State Government, Minister for Water and Shadow Minister for Water for improved vegetation management, corridor maintenance and preservation of regional scheme pipeline infrastructure assets servicing rural and regional communities, as a matter of urgency.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

Major Land Transaction Provisions – Regional Workforce Housing Projects

That the Central Country Zone:

1. Supports advocacy to the Minister for Local Government and to the Minister for Planning and Lands; Housing and Works seeking a review of the Major Land Transaction exemption provisions contained within the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* as they relate to Local Government-led workforce housing projects undertaken for a public purpose.
2. Requests WALGA State Council investigate and advocate for regulatory amendments which recognise workforce housing projects delivered by Local Governments to support essential services, workforce attraction and workforce retention in regional Western Australia.
3. Requests WALGA engage with the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety and relevant State Government agencies to identify opportunities to reduce unnecessary regulatory barriers impacting delivery of Local Government workforce housing projects.

CENTRAL METROPOLITAN ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

Advocacy for Public Health Plans

That the Central Metropolitan Zone requests WALGA to develop an advocacy position consistent with the State Government's Public Health Plan regarding advertising of unhealthy food and beverages, alcohol, smoking, e-cigarettes, and gambling products or services.

EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Member Services Portfolio)

Councillor Use of Social Media and Applicability of the State Records Act 2000

That the East Metropolitan Zone request WALGA to form a draft advocacy position for the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety to provide a clear, practical, and workable procedure that doesn't impose unreasonable administrative burdens on either Local Governments or individual Council Members.

NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

Request for Inland, Centrally Located, Wind-Rated Evacuation Centre for Midwest Residents

That WALGA advocate and requests that the relevant authorities undertake:

1. A feasibility assessment for site selection and design.
2. Community consultation across affected Midwest towns.
3. Budget allocation for planning and construction.
4. Integration of the centre into the region's disaster resilience and climate adaptation framework.

NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE (Infrastructure Portfolio)

Train and Passive Rail Crossing Lighting

That WALGA through the State Council;

1. Call on the State Government to urgently amend the WA Rail Safety National Law Application Act 2024 to mandate that all rail operators install and maintain high-visibility flashing beacon lighting and continuous illumination along the full length of trains, including all rolling stock.
2. Call on the State Government to commit to a time-bound, fully funded program to address the estimated 491 passive rail crossings that remain without adequate safety controls. The continued existence of such crossings—many lacking both active

warning systems and basic lighting—represents an unacceptable and avoidable public safety risk.

NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

Greater State Government Regulation for Massage Premises

That the North Metropolitan Zone request that WALGA State Council:

1. Acknowledges the model land use definition of “Shop” under the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* is very broad and does not provide sufficient clarity to deter non-legitimate massage premises within activity centres and areas frequented by the general public; and
2. Advocate for greater State Government regulation for massage premises in Western Australia to ensure businesses operating in activity centres and areas frequented by the general public provide legitimate massage services and are not associated with provision of sexual services.

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Member Services Portfolio)

Support for WALGA Advocacy Position 2.13 – Abandoned Shopping Trolleys (Advocacy for State Legislative Reform)

That the South East Metropolitan Zone requests WALGA to:

1. Escalate its advocacy for State Government legislative reform to give Councils greater capacity to regulate and manage the problem of abandoned shopping trolleys including:
 - a. Mandate trolley containment systems: Require retailers operating above a defined threshold (e.g. 20+ trolleys) to install and maintain approved containment systems such as wheel-lock technology or equivalent solutions;
 - b. Strengthen penalty mechanisms: Introduce modified penalties that represent a realistic economic imperative for retailers to comply with containment requirements;
 - c. Provide adequate head of power: Amend the *Local Government Act 1995* or introduce stand-alone legislation that enables Local Governments to create dedicated shopping trolley containment Local Laws with enforceable provisions;
 - d. Facilitate cost recovery: Enable Local Governments to recover costs associated with the collection, impoundment, and disposal of abandoned trolleys from the retailers responsible, with fee structures that reflect true operational costs.
2. Hold a forum of interested Local Governments to discuss the issues of abandoned shopping trolleys and options and opportunities to proactively manage them.

SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE (Member Services Portfolio)

Psychosocial Hazards for Elected Members

That the South West Country Zone request WALGA to:

1. Establish a working group to discuss this issue and get feedback as to what the next steps could be (i.e. training options);
2. Following this working group, prepare a survey to send to all Elected Members to collect data regarding this issue; and
3. Explore other options for addressing this matter, such as Employee Assistance Programs and legal mechanisms, such as restraining orders and access to the State Protection Unit.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the WALGA State Council will be a Regional meeting, hosted by the Central Metropolitan Zone in the City of Perth, on Wednesday, 2 September 2026.

14 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:53pm.