

State Council Summary Minutes 5 September 2025

Ordinary meeting no. 4 of 2025 of the Western
Australian Local Government Association State
Council held at the Norseman Town Hall
at 11:00am.

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1 OPENING, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

1.1 OPENING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11:00am.

1.2 ATTENDANCE

Members	WALGA President - Chair WALGA Deputy President Central Metropolitan Zone Avon-Midland Country Zone Central Country 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 South East Metropolitan Zone South East Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone	Karen Chappel AM JP Paul Kelly Chris Antonio Phillip Blight Helen Sadler Paige McNeil Haeden Miles Eddie Smith Laurene Bonza Tony Sachse (Deputy) Scott Crosby Chris Mitchell JP Les Price Michael Dudek Lewis Hutton Patrick Hall Terresa Lynes Cliff Collinson (Deputy) Karen Wheatland Barry Winmar
Secretariat	Chief Executive Officer Executive Director Member Services Acting Executive Manager Infrastructure Executive Manager Policy Executive Manager Advocacy Acting Chief Financial Officer Policy Manager Community Manager Association and Corporate Governance State Council Governance Officer	Nick Sloan Tony Brown Terri-Anne Pettet Nicole Matthews Rachel Horton Al Singh Hannah Godsave Kathy Robertson Habiba Farrag
Guests	Chief Executive Officer LGIS	James Sheridan

1.3 APOLOGIES

Members	Great Eastern Country Zone North Metropolitan Zone Northern Country Zone Northern Country Zone Peel Country Zone Pilbara Country Zone	Stephen Strange Bronwyn Smith Elizabeth Sudlow Jude Sutherland (Deputy) Caroline Knight Wendy McWhirter-Brooks
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South Metropolitan Zone
South West Country Zone
South West Country Zone

Logan Howlett JP
Tony Dean
Julia Jean-Rice (Meldrum)
(Deputy)

Ex Officio The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor – City of Perth
Local Government Professionals WA
President

Bruce Reynolds
Anthony Vuleta

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. We recognise the Ngadju and Mirning People as the Traditional Custodians of the land we meet on today, 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

3.1 LGIS ANNUAL UPDATE

LGIS Chief Executive Officer, Mr James Sheridan, provided an LGIS update.

4 MINUTES

4.1 MINUTES OF THE STATE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2 JULY 2025

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Chris Antonio

Seconded: Phil Blight

That the Minutes of the WALGA State Council meeting held on [2 July 2025](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 048.4/2025

CARRIED

4.1.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE STATE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2 JULY 2025

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 impartiality interest in Item 8.6 Advocacy Positions for Active Transport and Micromobility as an Independent Director on the WestCycle Board.

6 EX OFFICIO REPORTS

6.1 CITY OF PERTH REPORT

City of Perth Deputy Lord Mayor, Cr Bruce Reynolds, was an apology for this meeting.

6.2 LG PROFESSIONALS REPORT

Mr Anthony Vuleta, President, LG Professionals WA, was an apology for this meeting, however, has provided the following report:

Local Government Professionals WA update

- *LG Pro are developing a Local Government Competency Framework, which has now been launched via a survey to local government officers on 17th July 2025. This will be followed by various focus groups with the sector, with an expected launched time to be Quarter 1 of 2026. This framework will help articulate what is needed to be a successful officer in the Local Government sector.*
- *The Local Government Career Campaign Phase 2 have finished accepting EOIs from local governments, production work is now in progress.*
- *Data Drives Decisions Program (our benchmarking program) is going strong with 4 new local governments signing up to the program.*
- *As you may be aware our CEO Candy Choo has resigned, and we are now actively recruiting for the new CEO position. We expect the process to be completed by mid-end September 2025.*
- *Our new round of Age-Friendly Connectivity Grants has been launched for the 3rd year in partnership with the Department of Communities – applications closing 14th August with the grant monies expected to be distributed by end of October 2025.*
- *Conferences:*
 - *Community Development Conference 10 – 11 September*
 - *Annual State Conference 5 – 6 November*

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 RATING OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES

By Kirsty Martin, Manager Commercial Management and Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Karen Wheatland

Seconded: Eddie Smith

That WALGA advocate to the State Government for:

- 1. Legislative amendments to enable WA Local Governments to rate large-scale renewable energy facilities using current rating mechanisms (differential rating based on UV, differential rating based on GRV, or GRV alone) with certainty; and**
- 2. A commitment to implement a Payment in Lieu of Rates (PiLoR) framework in Western Australia.**

RESOLUTION 049.4/2025

CARRIED

8.2 RATING OF MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Laurene Bonza

Seconded: Terresa Lynes

That WALGA:

- 1. Advocate for Local Governments to continue to have the ability to rate miscellaneous licences under the *Mining Act 1978*, and**
- 2. Oppose legislative amendments that seek to exempt occupied miscellaneous licence land from rating.**
- 3. Continue to advocate for a broad review to be conducted into the justification and fairness of all rating exemption categories currently prescribed under section 6.26 of the Local Government Act 1995.**

RESOLUTION 050.4/2025

CARRIED

8.3 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY SPORTING AND RECREATION FACILITIES FUND ADVOCACY POSITIONS

By Rebecca Hicks, Policy Advisor Community

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA:

- 1. Replace Advocacy Position 3.71 Community Infrastructure with the following:**

Local Governments own, lease, and maintain vital community infrastructure across Western Australia that delivers essential benefits to local communities. Local Governments face significant funding pressures to ensure this infrastructure is effectively planned, developed, maintained, and enhanced to meet evolving community needs and population growth.

- 1. WALGA calls on the Australian Government to provide \$500 million per annum for community infrastructure through a national formula based, targeted Local Government funding program.*
- 2. WALGA calls on the State Government to:*
 - a. Provide \$30 million per annum for the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund,*
 - b. Provide \$30 million per annum for community arts and cultural infrastructure,*
 - c. Provide funding for retrofitting accessible design features to community infrastructure,*
 - d. Align all community infrastructure funding with existing State co-contribution of at least two-thirds.*

- 2. Retire Advocacy Position 3.72 Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund.**

ALTERNATE MOTION

Moved: Terresa Lynes

Seconded: Patrick Hall

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- 1. WALGA calls on the Australian Government to provide \$500 million per annum for community infrastructure through a national formula based, targeted Local Government funding program.*

2. WALGA calls on the State Government to:

- a. Provide \$60 million per annum for the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund,**
- b. Provide \$60 million per annum for community arts and cultural infrastructure,**
- c. Provide funding for retrofitting accessible design features to community infrastructure,**
- d. Align all community infrastructure funding with existing State co-contribution of at least two-thirds.**

2. Retire Advocacy Position 3.7.2 Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Michael Dudek

Seconded: Lewis Hutton

To amend point 2a. as follows:

- a. Provide \$60 million per annum for the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund, separate to the PlayOn WA 2030 Funding commitments.**

RESOLUTION 051.4/2025

CARRIED

THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT

That WALGA:

1. Replace Advocacy Position 3.7.1 Community Infrastructure with the following:

Local Governments own, lease, and maintain vital community infrastructure across Western Australia that delivers essential benefits to local communities. Local Governments face significant funding pressures to ensure this infrastructure is effectively planned, developed, maintained, and enhanced to meet evolving community needs and population growth.

- 1. WALGA calls on the Australian Government to provide \$500 million per annum for community infrastructure through a national formula based, targeted Local Government funding program.**
- 2. WALGA calls on the State Government to:**
 - a. Provide \$60 million per annum for the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund, separate to the PlayOn WA 2030 Funding commitments.**
 - b. Provide \$60 million per annum for community arts and cultural infrastructure,**
 - c. Provide funding for retrofitting accessible design features to community infrastructure,**
 - d. Align all community infrastructure funding with existing State co-contribution of at least two-thirds.**

2. Retire Advocacy Position 3.7.2 Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund.

RESOLUTION 052.4/2025

CARRIED

8.4 RURAL AND REMOTE HEALTH SERVICES ADVOCACY POSITION

By Hannah Godsave, Policy Manager Community

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Phil Blight
Seconded: Eddie Smith

That WALGA replace Advocacy Position 3.2.2 Regional Health Services with the following:

The Western Australian and Australian Governments are responsible for ensuring that all West Australians have equitable access to primary healthcare services, regardless of their location. Local Governments should not have to step in to support the provision of these services for their communities.

- 1. WALGA calls on the Western Australian and Australian Governments to address the systemic failures in the provision of rural and remote primary healthcare services, including through:**
 - a. the development and implementation of adequate, appropriate and sustainable funding models**
 - b. incentivising rural and remote healthcare workforce recruitment and retention.**
- 2. Local Governments should be reimbursed for costs incurred to support the provision of primary healthcare services until sustainable funding and workforce models are in place.**

RESOLUTION 053.4/2025

CARRIED

8.5 HEALTH ADVOCACY POSITION

By Hannah Godsave, Policy Manager Community

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Phil Blight
Seconded: Chris Antonio

That WALGA retire Advocacy Position 3.2 Health.

RESOLUTION 054.4/2025

CARRIED

8.6 ADVOCACY POSITIONS FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORT AND MICROMOBILITY

By Negar Nili, Policy Officer Transport and Roads

Helen Sadler declared an impartiality interest.

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA endorse the proposed advocacy positions on Active Transport and micromobility subject to the inclusion of:

1. The following item added to the Priority Actions of the Funding Position Statement:

Allocate dedicated funding to deliver safe, pedestrian- and bicycle-priority crossing points on local and distributor roads, particularly around schools, community hubs, and public transport nodes, to support safe and accessible active transport journeys.

ALTERNATE MOTION

Moved: Helen Sadler
Seconded: Laurene Bonza

That WALGA endorse the proposed advocacy positions on Active Transport and micromobility subject to:

1. The following item added to the Priority Actions of the Funding Position Statement:

Allocate dedicated funding to deliver safe, pedestrian- and bicycle-priority crossing points on local and distributor roads, particularly around schools, community hubs, and public transport nodes, to support safe and accessible active transport journeys.

2. Request the CEO to prepare an Active Transport Advocacy Plan for WALGA including, but not limited to, funding models to achieve the advocacy positions.
3. That the Plan be brought back to the Infrastructure Policy Team for discussion.

RESOLUTION 055.4/2025

CARRIED

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY STATE COUNCILLORS (UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

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

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services and Kathy Robertson, Manager Association and Corporate Governance

WALGA RECOMMENDATION 1

Moved: Chris Mitchell

Seconded: Helen Sadler

That State Council endorse the updated:

- 1. Corporate Governance Charter; and**
- 2. Code of Conduct.**

AMENDMENT

Moved: Terresa Lynes

Seconded: Haeden Miles

Amend section 4.9 of the Corporate Governance Charter to include:

State Councillors are entitled to undertake two WALGA training courses per term. Additional training may be approved where a skills gap is identified.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved: Patrick Hall

Seconded: Paige McNeil

That the item be deferred (Debate be adjourned).

RESOLUTION 056.4/2025

CARRIED

WALGA RECOMMENDATION 2

That State Council endorse the updated State Council Standing Orders.

SPECIAL MAJORITY REQUIRED

WALGA RECOMMENDATION 3

That State Council endorse the updated AGM Standing Orders.

8.8 FINANCE AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES - 20 AUGUST 2025

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Chris Antonio

Seconded: Chris Mitchell

That State Council endorse the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee meeting held on 20 August 2025.

RESOLUTION 057.4/2025

CARRIED

8.9 LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE TRUST BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MINUTES – 20 AUGUST 2025

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Phil Blight

Seconded: Chris Antonio

That State Council note the Minutes of the Local Government House Trust Board of Management meeting held on 20 August 2025.

RESOLUTION 058.4/2025

CARRIED

8.10 SELECTION COMMITTEE – 19 AUGUST 2025 CONFIDENTIAL

By Chantelle O'Brien, Zones Governance Officer

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Paul Kelly
Seconded: Chris Mitchell

That State Council:

- 1. Notes the resolutions contained in the 19 August 2025 Selection Committee Minutes.**
- 2. Endorse the Selection Committee's recommendation contained in the 19 August 2025 Selection Committee Minutes.**

RESOLUTION 059.4/2025

CARRIED

8.11 LGISWA INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT PANEL REPORT – CONFIDENTIAL

By Sam McLeod, Manager Commercial Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Chris Antonio
Seconded: Helen Sadler

That Ms Sarah Van Gent be appointed to the LGISWA Board as Independent Director for a three-year term, commencing on 1 January 2026.

RESOLUTION 060.4/2025

CARRIED

8.12 LGISWA BOARD MINUTES (11 JULY 2025) AND TRUSTEE MATTERS - CONFIDENTIAL

By Sam McLeod, Manager Commercial Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Phil Blight
Seconded: Chris Mitchell

That State Council note the Minutes of the LGISWA Board meeting held on 11 July 2025.

RESOLUTION 061.4/2025

CARRIED

9 POLICY TEAM AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY TEAM REPORT

Presented by Policy Team Member, Laurene Bonza

NOTED

9.2 PEOPLE AND PLACE POLICY TEAM REPORT

Presented by Policy Team Chair, Phillip Blight

NOTED

9.3 GOVERNANCE POLICY TEAM REPORT

Presented by Policy Team Chair, Patrick Hall

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

MOTION

Moved: Michael Dudek

Seconded: Haeden Miles

That State Council note:

1. all Policy Team and Committee Reports; and
2. that Policy Team and Committee Agendas be distributed with sufficient time for Members to consider the information.

LOST

RESOLUTION

Moved: Helen Sadler

Seconded: Phil Blight

That all Policy Team and Committee Reports be noted.

RESOLUTION 062.4/2025

CARRIED

10 MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

10.1 POLYPHAGOUS SHOT-HOLE BORER (PSHB): TRANSITION TO MANAGEMENT

By Rebecca Brown, Policy Manager Environment and Waste

NOTED

10.2 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SURVEY

By Sam Kennedy, Senior Policy Advisor – Emergency Management

NOTED

10.3 WALGA 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FORUM

By Sam Kennedy, Senior Policy Advisor - Emergency Management

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 Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

NOTED

11.1.4 REPORT ON KEY ACTIVITIES, POLICY PORTFOLIO

By Nicole Matthews, Executive Manager, Policy

NOTED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Karen Wheatland
Seconded: Chris Mitchell

That Items 11.1.1 to 11.1.4, Key Activities Reports, be noted.

RESOLUTION 063.4/2025

CARRIED

11.2 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the President's Report for September 2025 be received.

11.3 CEO'S REPORT

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the CEO's Report for September 2025 be received.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Chris Mitchell

Seconded: Paige McNeil

That the President's Report and CEO's Report for September 2025 be received.

RESOLUTION 064.4/2025

CARRIED

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Les Price
Seconded: Chris Antonio

That the additional Zone Resolutions from the August 2025 round of Zones meetings as follows be referred to the appropriate portfolio for consideration and appropriate action.

RESOLUTION 065.4/2025

CARRIED

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE (MEMBER SERVICES PORTFOLIO)

To Address Anomalies Arising from Changes to the Audit Function of Local Government in Western Australia

That the Central Country Zone request WALGA to support a representation to the State Government to remove the Office of Auditor General (OAG) as the sole auditor of Local Government in Western Australia.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE (MEMBER SERVICES PORTFOLIO)

To Rationalise the Audit Function for Local Government in Western Australia

That the Zone request WALGA to advocate for the choice of an auditor of Local Governments in Western Australia be opened to individuals who are Registered Company Auditors with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) as well as the Office of Auditor General OAG).

EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (POLICY PORTFOLIO)

Advocacy for Improved Action and Communication from State Government Agencies

That the East Metropolitan Zone requests that WALGA prioritise their advocacy to the State Government for the following:

1. A joint review by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) and the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) into the first year of operation of the Short-Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) regulatory framework, including:
 - a. The number of properties operating under the 90-day exemption for hosted and unhosted STRA under the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015;
 - b. The impact of exempt STRA on long-term rental housing supply, particularly in the context of the current housing availability crisis;
 - c. The compliance and enforcement burden placed on local governments due to the exemption, including the resourcing and the absence of management controls for exempt STRA; and
 - d. The limitations of the current DMIRS registration system under the Short-Term Rental Accommodation Act 2024, with particular regard to:
 - i. The reactive nature of the system, which relies on local governments to identify and prove breaches and issue formal notices, rather than preventing non-compliant listings through automated or upfront checks.
 - ii. The absence of upfront checks for development approval on registration;

- iii. The ability for operators to continue accepting bookings beyond the exemption period, even when no development approval has been obtained; and
 - iv. The misuse of the “hosted” STRA exemption category.
- 2. Advocate for reforms to the STRA framework to:
 - a. Place greater onus on operators to demonstrate valid development approval (or valid exemption) at the point of registration, including automated cross-checking where possible;
 - b. Automatically suspend properties from the register when the exemption threshold is exceeded, unless evidence of development approval is provided;
 - c. Strengthen verification of hosted STRA to ensure bona fide use.
 - d. Shift the registration system from a reactive model to a preventative one, by requiring system-led validation steps and reducing the burden on local governments to initiate compliance actions.
- 3. Advocate for removal or reduction of the 90-day exemption under the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 to reduce the compliance burden on local governments and to support long-term housing supply.

GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE (MEMBER SERVICES PORTFOLIO)

Local Government Elections – Four Year Terms, Two Yearly Election Cycle

That the Great Eastern Country Zone request that WALGA continues to advocate to the State Government to retain the current system of four-year terms with a two-year spill for Local Government elections.

GREAT SOUTHERN COUNTRY ZONE (MEMBER SERVICES PORTFOLIO)

WA Electoral Commission Returning Officer Service Levels

That the Great Southern Zone:

- 1. EXPRESSES its concern to State Council regarding the WAEC’s decision to not allow Returning Officers to attend Candidate Information Sessions and reduction in service levels without commensurate reduction in fees charged to Local Governments to conduct the upcoming Local Government elections in October 2025.
- 2. REQUESTS that WALGA make representation to the Minister for Electoral Affairs, Hon. David Michael MLA, to ensure that the smooth and efficient running of the 2025 Local Government elections.

PILBARA COUNTRY ZONE (MEMBER SERVICES PORTFOLIO)

Gross Rental Value Rating of Mining Tenements

That the Pilbara Country Zone requests WALGA to approach the Department of Local Government to:

- 1. Reaffirm Policy: The Department of Local Government should reaffirm the 2011 policy and clarify that it applies to all tenement types, including Miscellaneous Licences.
- 2. Legislative Amendments: The Department of Local Government be requested to make legislative changes to Section 6.26 of the *Local Government Act*, to remove current ambiguity.
- 3. Stakeholder Engagement: Engage with local governments, mining companies, and other stakeholders to discuss the implications of the Supreme Court decision and ensure a collaborative approach to any policy changes; and
- 4. Suggest: That the Department of Local Government instruct local governments to not immediately commence Unimproved Value (UV) rating of Miscellaneous Licences until 1 to 3 above have been completed.

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (MEMBER SERVICES PORTFOLIO)

Mandatory Training for Mayors on Leadership and Governance

That the South East Metropolitan Zone:

1. requests WALGA to advocate to the Minister for Local Government for an amendment to the *Local Government Act 1995* and/or associated regulations to require all directly elected or Council-elected Mayors and Presidents to undertake mandatory training upon election, in addition to the current mandatory Elected Member training, specifically addressing:
 - a. Leadership and team dynamics;
 - b. Chairing meetings and procedural fairness;
 - c. Collaborative governance and relationship-building;
 - d. Strategic oversight and performance of the CEO.
2. notes the importance of equipping Mayors and Presidents with the skills necessary to lead their councils effectively, foster a high-functioning and respectful culture, and manage the unique responsibilities of civic leadership.
3. requests WALGA to consider the development or endorsement of such a training module, in consultation with Local Governments and subject matter experts.
4. requests WALGA advocate to the Minister for Local Government for an amendment to the Local Government (Elections) Regulations to require candidates for the role of directly elected Mayor or President to have completed an additional induction course specific to the role of Mayor / President.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE (MEMBER SERVICES PORTFOLIO)

Advocacy for Four-Year Local Government Election Cycle in Western Australia

That the South Metropolitan Zone:

1. Supports the advocacy position that Local Government elections in Western Australia be held every four years, replacing the current biennial (two-year) cycle; and;
2. Requests WALGA to examine the case for legislative reform to implement a four-year Local Government election cycle in Western Australia, bringing it into alignment with other Australian States and Territories and New Zealand.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE (POLICY PORTFOLIO)

Request for WALGA Advocacy to State Government on WA Planning System

That the South Metropolitan Zone:

1. Notes the City of Melville's concerns regarding the discretion under the WA Planning System; and
2. Refers the matter to WALGA Secretariat for advice on alignment with existing advocacy positions, with a report back to the Zone.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the WALGA State Council will be held in the Boardroom at WALGA, ONE70, LV3, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville on Wednesday, 3 December commencing at 4:15pm.

14 CLOSURE

President Karen Chappel thanked Laurene Bonza and the Shire of Dundas for hosting State Council for the Regional meeting. Karen also thanked all State Councillors for their service over the past two years and wished those up for election in October the best of luck.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 1:06pm.