



State Council Agenda

Special Meeting

22 August 2022

NOTICE OF MEETING

Special meeting of the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) State Council to be held via Microsoft Teams on **Monday, 22 August 2022** beginning at **4:00pm**.

Protocols for electronic meeting:

- The Chair will go through the attendance list at the start of the meeting.
- Please mute your microphone once attendance has been taken.
- Cameras do not need to be turned on for the duration of the meeting (especially if connection is unreliable).
- Please use the hand symbol if you wish to speak during the meeting.
 - Once identified by the Chair, please turn on your camera and unmute your microphone.

1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1. 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 Goldfields Esperance Country Zone Gascoyne 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	President Cr Karen Chappel JP Cr Paul Kelly Cr Ken Seymour President Cr Phillip Blight Cr Helen Sadler Cr Paige McNeil (Deputy) Cr John Daw President Cr Laurene Bonza President Cr Cheryl Cowell President Cr Stephen Strange President Cr Chris Pavlovich Cr Chris Mitchell JP Cr Les Price Cr Frank Cvitan JP Mayor Mark Irwin Cr Russ Fishwick JP Cr Isabelle Scott (Deputy) President Cr Michelle Rich Mayor Peter Long Cr Carl Celedin Mayor Ruth Butterfield Cr Doug Thompson Mayor Carol Adams OAM Mayor Logan Howlett JP President Cr Tony Dean
Secretariat	Chief Executive Officer Executive Director Member Services Executive Manager Advocacy Executive Manager Infrastructure Executive Manager Policy Manager Strategy & Association Governance Executive Officer Governance	Mr Nick Sloan Mr Tony Brown Ms Narelle Cant Mr Ian Duncan Ms Nicole Matthews Mr Tim Lane Ms Kathy Robertson

1.2. Apologies

State Councillor, East Metropolitan Zone	Cr Catherine Ehrhardt
State Councillor, Northern Country Zone	President Cr Moira Girando JP

1.3. Announcements

1.3.1. Acknowledgement of Country

WALGA acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which people are remotely participating in this meeting and pays respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

2. 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.

3. MATTERS FOR DECISION

3.1. WALGA Best Practice Governance Review – Principles – CONFIDENTIAL

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services and Tim Lane, Manager Corporate and Association Governance

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The principles to inform WALGA's future governance model, as per the attached *Principles* document, be endorsed, and
2. The Annual General Meeting agenda item, as attached, be endorsed.

Executive Summary

- State Council commissioned a Best Practice Governance Review to consider and engage with members to ensure that WALGA's governance model is contemporary and agile and maximises engagement with members.
- The Steering Committee, appointed by State Council to oversee the project, has put forward principles for State Council consideration with the intent of the principles being considered by members at the 2022 Annual General Meeting.
- Following consideration of the principles at the 2022 Annual General Meeting, a thorough consultation and engagement process will be undertaken with members on potential future models.

Attachments

1. Best Practice Governance Review Principles
2. Draft Annual General Meeting Agenda Item – WALGA Best Practice Governance Review Principles

Background

State Council commissioned the Best Practice Governance Review in March 2022 and appointed a Steering Committee comprising the WALGA President, Deputy President, State Councillors, and sector representatives to guide the project.

The attached draft Annual General Meeting agenda item provides an overview of the Best Practice Governance Review project and the Steering Committee's deliberations to date. Accordingly, that material is not repeated in this report.

The Steering Committee, at their 10 August 2022 meeting, endorsed principles, as attached, to guide the development of potential governance models for member consultation and engagement.

As detailed in the draft AGM item, embedded in the governance implications are considerations for potential changes as well as principles that will be adhered to in the development of models.

Following consideration of the principles at the 2022 Annual General Meeting, an extensive consultation and engagement process will be undertaken with members on potential governance model options.

The consultation and engagement process will be undertaken during October, November, and December 2022. The intent is that feedback from member submissions, workshops, and discussions will inform a final report to be considered at February 2023 Zone meetings and subsequently, the March 2023 State Council meeting.

Constitutional amendments will then be prepared for consideration by State Council and the broader membership at the 2023 Annual General Meeting. As per WALGA's Constitution, amendments to the Constitution require endorsement by a 75 percent majority at both State Council and a general meeting of members.

Comment

The principles and a draft AGM agenda item are put forward for State Council consideration.

3.2. Local Government Honours Program – Recommendation to provide for the Troy Pickard Young Achievers Award – CONFIDENTIAL

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

RECOMMENDATION

That State Council endorse the Young Achievers Award in the Local Government Honours Program be renamed to the ‘Troy Pickard Young Achievers Award’ in honour of Mr Troy Pickard’s contributions to Local Government.

Executive Summary

- The Local Government Honours Program affords significant public recognition and celebration of the outstanding achievements and lasting contributions made by Elected Members and employees to their respective Councils, the Local Government sector and the wider community.
- The Honours Panel met on Thursday, 7 July to consider the nominations received for the 2022 Program and select the recipients for each award.
- In light of the recent passing of Mr Troy Pickard, the Panel resolved to recommend to State Council that the Young Achievers Award be renamed in Mr Pickard’s honour.

Background

Mr Troy Pickard passed away in January this year. Mr Pickard is remembered for his commitment to bringing about positive change for his local governments in Stirling and Joondalup and as a passionate advocate for the sector at both the State and National level as President of WALGA and ALGA.

The Local Government Honours Program is conducted annually by WALGA to recognise the contributions of Elected Members and Local Government officers to their respective Local Governments, WALGA and the broader WA Local Government sector.

The Young Achievers Award is a new award in the 2022 Honours Program. It is open to Elected Members and Local Government officers aged 35 years or younger in recognition of notable contributions and commitment to Local Government and demonstrated potential for professional success.

Troy began his Local Government career at the age of 28, and his dedication and work ethic quickly propelled him into a position of leadership. The Troy Pickard Young Achievers Award will encourage and celebrate young people doing great things within the Local Government sector.

Comment

The Honours Panel met on Thursday, 7 July to consider the nominations received for the 2022 Program and select the recipients for each award.

The Honours Panel resolved to posthumously award Mr Pickard the 2022 Local Government Medal at its meeting on 7 July.

The Panel also resolved to recommend to State Council that the newly introduced Young Achievers Award be renamed in Mr Pickard’s honour.

Honours Awards recipients are kept confidential until they are announced as part of the WALGA AGM in October, so as to not detract from the impact of the awards ceremony.

4. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at ___pm.