



# Summary Minutes

**STATE COUNCIL MEETING**

**5 May 2021**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting No. 2 of 2021 of the Western Australian Local Government Association State Council to be held via MS Teams on Wednesday, 5 May 2021.

### 1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 1.1 Attendance

Members	President of WALGA - <b>Chair</b>	Mayor Tracey Roberts JP
	Deputy President of WALGA, Northern Country Zone	President Cr Karen Chappel JP
	Avon-Midland Country Zone	Cr Ken Seymour
	Central Country Zone	President Cr Phillip Blight
	Central Metropolitan Zone – Deputy	Cr Joanne Fotakis
	Central Metropolitan Zone	Cr Jenna Ledgerwood
	East Metropolitan Zone - Deputy	Cr Kate Driver
	East Metropolitan Zone	Cr Cate McCullough
	Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	President Cr Malcolm Cullen
	Gascoyne Country Zone	President Cr Cheryl Cowell
	Great Eastern Country Zone	President Cr Stephen Strange
	Great Southern Country Zone	Cr Ronnie Fleay
	Kimberley Country Zone	Cr Chris Mitchell JP
	Murchison Country Zone	Cr Les Price
	North Metropolitan Zone	Cr Frank Cvitan JP
	North Metropolitan Zone	Mayor Mark Irwin
	North Metropolitan Zone – Deputy	Mayor Albert Jacob JP
	Peel Country Zone	President Cr Michelle Rich
	Pilbara Country Zone	Mayor Peter Long
	South East Metropolitan Zone	Cr Julie Brown
	South East Metropolitan Zone	Mayor Ruth Butterfield
	South Metropolitan Zone	Cr Doug Thompson
	South Metropolitan Zone	Mayor Carol Adams OAM
	South Metropolitan Zone	Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Ex Officio	Local Government Professionals WA	Mr Jamie Parry
Secretariat	Chief Executive Officer	Mr Nick Sloan
	EM Commercial & Communications	Mr Zac Donovan
	EM Governance & Organisational Services	Mr Tony Brown
	EM Infrastructure	Mr Ian Duncan
	EM Strategy, Policy & Planning	Ms Narelle Cant
	Manager Strategy & Association Governance	Mr Tim Lane
	Intergovernmental Relations & Risk	Ms Joanne Burges
	Chief Financial Officer	Mr Rick Murray
	Manager Governance	Mr James McGovern
	Executive Officer Governance	Ms Katherine Robertson

#### 1.2 Apologies

Central Metropolitan Zone	Cr Paul Kelly
North Metropolitan Zone	Cr Russ Fishwick
East Metropolitan Zone	Cr Catherine Ehrhardt
South West Country Zone	President Cr Tony Dean
Lord Mayor – City of Perth	Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas

## **ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS**

### **OPEN and WELCOME**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 12:52pm.

- **Acknowledgement of Country**

I would like to acknowledge the Whadjuk Nyoongar People who are the Traditional Custodians of this land we meet on today and I would like to pay my respects to their Elders past, present and future.

Welcome to:

State Councillors and WALGA secretariat

Deputy State Councillor Cr Joanne Fotakis, Central Metropolitan Zone

Deputy State Councillor Mayor Albert Jacob JP, North Metropolitan Zone

Deputy State Councillor Cr Kate Driver, East Metropolitan Zone

### **APOLOGIES**

- Cr Paul Kelly Central Metropolitan Zone
- Cr Russ Fishwick North Metropolitan Zone
- Cr Catherine Ehrhardt East Metropolitan Zone
- Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas Lord Mayor, City of Perth
- President Cr Tony Dean South West Country Zone

### **OBSERVERS**

- President Katrina Crute Central Country Zone (Deputy State Councillor)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nil

### **DECLARATION 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.

- *Cr Karen Chappel declared an interest in item 5.6 as a candidate for Member – Elected Member, on the WA Local Government Grants Scheme Working Group.*

### **PAPERS**

State Councillors have been distributed the following papers under separate cover:

- Strategic Forum Agenda
- Item 5.5 Finance and Services Committee Meeting Minutes 28 April 2021
- Item 5.6 Selection Committee Meeting Minutes 21 April 2021

- Item 5.7 Use of Common Seal
- Item 5.8 LGIS Board Meeting Minutes
- CEO's Report to State Council
- May President's Report (previously emailed to your Zone meeting)

## **2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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### **2.1 Minutes of Meeting Held 3 March 2021**

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Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett  
Seconded: Mayor Peter Long

That the Minutes of the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) State Council Meeting held on [Wednesday, 3 March 2021](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**RESOLUTION 200.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

#### **2.1.1. Business Arising from the Minutes of 3 March 2021**

Nil

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### **2.2 Flying Minute – Draft Position Statement: Dark Sky and Astrotourism (05-036-03-0068 AR) – 26 March 2021**

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Moved: Cr Karen Chappel  
Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That the Flying Minute - [Flying Minute: Draft Position Statement: Dark Sky and Astrotourism](#), be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**RESOLUTION 201.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

#### **2.2.1 Business Arising from the Flying Minute of the Flying Minute: Draft Position Statement: Dark Sky and Astrotourism – 26 March 2021**

Nil

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### **2.3 Flying Minute – WALGA Submission: Child Safety Officer (05-065-03-006 BW) – 31 March 2021**

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Moved: Cr Karen Chappel  
Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That the Flying Minute - [Flying Minute – WALGA Submission: Child Safety Officer](#), be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**RESOLUTION 202.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

#### **2.3.1 Business Arising from the Flying Minute – WALGA Submission: Child Safety Officer – 31 March 2021**

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Nil

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**2.4 Flying Minute – State Planning Policy 3.1 Residential Design Codes Volume 1 – Medium Density Code (05-015-02-002 CH) – 14 April 2021**

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Moved: Cr Karen Chappel  
Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That the Flying Minute - [Flying Minute – State Planning Policy 3.1 Residential Design Codes Volume 1 – Medium Density Code](#), be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**RESOLUTION 203.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

**2.4.1 Business Arising from the Flying Minute – State Planning Policy 3.1 Residential Design Codes Volume 1 – Medium Density Code – 14 April 2021**

Nil

## 5. MATTERS FOR DECISION

### 5.1 Local Government Financial Ratios (05-034-01-001 FM)

#### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA:

1. Advocate to the Minister for Local Government to amend the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* to prescribe the following ratios:
  - a. Operating Surplus Ratio,
  - b. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio,
  - c. Debt Service Coverage Ratio, and
  - d. Current Ratio.
2. Recommend that Local Governments consider including Asset Management ratios in their Annual Report.
3. Request the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to review the Asset Management ratios in consultation with the Local Government sector.
4. Continue the Local Government Financial Ratios Working Group as a reference group for the development of a Model set of Financial Statements and Budget Statements, and to establish new financial indicators.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

#### SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE

That the South Metropolitan Zone supports:

That WALGA:

1. Advocate to the Minister for Local Government to amend the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* to prescribe the following ratios:
  - a. Operating Surplus Ratio,
  - b. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio,
  - c. Debt Service Coverage Ratio,
  - d. Current Ratio, and
  - e. Asset Management Ratio

2. Request the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to review the Asset Management ratios in consultation with the Local Government sector to determine the most appropriate asset management ratio to be reported upon.
3. Continue the Local Government Financial Ratios Working Group as a reference group for the development of a Model set of Financial Statements and Budget Statements, and to establish new financial indicators.

### **SECRETARIAT COMMENT**

State Council resolved in December 2019, to form a Sector Reference Group to review the financial ratios. A reference group was formed that included 42 representatives from the Local Government sector plus representatives from the Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries, WA Treasury Corporation and the Office of the Auditor General. In addition WALGA employed the services of a Local Government Finance consultant, Ron Back and Associates. The Reference Group and then working group considered the ratios over a 6 month period and concluded with the recommendations listed in this agenda item.

The Working Group recognised that Asset Management is one of Local Government's central responsibilities. However, the inclusion of the Asset Management ratios in the Annual Financial Report is problematic for a number of reasons.

- The Asset Management ratios are not calculated from information that can be sourced from the Annual Financial Report, so the ratios do not have a connection to the report and users cannot verify the calculation from information in the financial report.
- For the above reason, attesting to these ratios (particularly the Asset Consumption and Asset Renewal Funding Ratios) as part of the audit is problematic.
- Inclusion of the asset management ratios in the Annual Financial Report makes it difficult to present the user with a full explanation of the ratios in the context of the asset management maturity levels of the Local Government, or the particular circumstances that may have led to the ratio calculation outcome.

As a result, it is recommended that the Asset Management ratios should not be prescribed for inclusion in the Annual Financial Report. Instead, it is recommended that Local Governments could consider including Asset Management information in the Annual Report.

This recommendation is consistent with the sector position of requesting reduced regulation and supportive of the general competence principle for Local Governments to consider what is best for their Local Government and community.

All other Zones supported the recommendation.

**Moved: Cr Malcolm Cullen**  
**Seconded: Mayor Ruth Butterfield**

**That WALGA:**

- 1. Advocate to the Minister for Local Government to amend the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* to prescribe the following ratios:
  - a. Operating Surplus Ratio,**
  - b. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio,**
  - c. Debt Service Coverage Ratio, and**
  - d. Current Ratio.****
- 2. Recommend that Local Governments consider including Asset Management ratios in their Annual Report.**
- 3. Request the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to review the Asset Management ratios in consultation with the Local Government sector.**
- 4. Continue the Local Government Financial Ratios Working Group as a reference group for the development of a Model set of Financial Statements and Budget Statements, and to establish new financial indicators.**

**RESOLUTION 204.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

## 5.2 Roads Asset Preservation Model Review (05-001-03-0051 SD)

### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA:

1. Seek support from the WA Local Government Grants Commission to provide presentations on the inputs, operation of and outputs of the Road Asset Preservation Model at Zone or Regional Road Group meetings where requested.
2. Advocate to the WA Local Government Grants Commission to improve the formatting and labelling of the model and make it available via the Commission's website.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

Moved: Cr Stephen Strange  
 Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That WALGA:

1. Seek support from the WA Local Government Grants Commission to provide presentations on the inputs, operation of and outputs of the Road Asset Preservation Model at Zone or Regional Road Group meetings where requested.
2. Advocate to the WA Local Government Grants Commission to improve the formatting and labelling of the model and make it available via the Commission's website.

**RESOLUTION 205.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

### 5.3 Western Australian Development Index (05-104-01-0001 TL)

#### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the development and implementation of the Western Australian Development Index, led by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, be supported.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

#### PEEL ZONE

That the Peel Zone supports:

That consideration of support for the development and implementation of the Western Australian Development Index be deferred until further information can be provided regarding its implementation, specifically:

- how the WADI will be implemented and operationalised;
- information about the subsets/indicators within each of the 12 domains;
- expectations for how LGs will be required to capture, measure and report on subjective wellbeing data;
- how the information will be aggregated and used; and
- practical impacts to the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework (Strategic Community Plan).

#### **SECRETARIAT COMMENT**

As per the report in the State Council agenda, the Western Australian Development Index (WADI) is in the development phase with substantial work still to be done, in terms of the implementation, development of indicators and involvement of the Local Government sector.

Fundamentally, the WADI aims to provide information to all spheres of government, civil society and the community about how we are doing as a people, and how we are doing in our communities across WA. At this stage, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) is seeking in-principle support from the Local Government sector to further develop the concept, and progress towards implementation which is likely to take around five years.

In relation to the concerns of the Peel Zone, there are a number of points to note:

1. The WADI project is bigger than the Local Government sector: the WADI will include data from a number of sources including the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the WADI project

itself, and the WADI will be used by State Government, Local Government and the community.

2. The WADI project is at a concept phase, with significant work to be undertaken. As the project progresses, there will be further consultation and collaboration opportunities for the Local Government sector, Zones and State Council to be involved.
3. DLGSC has made a commitment that the Local Government sector will be represented on the governance body overseeing the project. The governance body will be responsible for addressing the Local Government sector's concerns relating to implementation as the project progresses.
4. DLGSC has committed to reviewing the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework regardless of the WADI project. It is intended that, once implemented, the WADI will provide a useful tool Strategic Community Plans, both in terms of development, in the identification of priorities for instance, and in terms of measurement, with a greater focus on outcomes and impact, instead of outputs.

It is noted that all other Zones supported the recommendation to provide in-principle support to the development of the WADI. The composite recommendation below is put forward to address the Peel Zone's concerns.

**Moved: Cr Frank Cvitan**  
**Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell**

**That the development and implementation of the Western Australian Development Index, led by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, be supported, subject to:**

- 1. WALGA and the Local Government sector being represented on the governance group providing oversight to the project, and**
- 2. The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries committing to provide further consultation opportunities to the Local Government sector as the project progresses.**

**RESOLUTION 206.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

## 5.4 Review of the State Industrial Relations System (05-034-01-0001 DH)

### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA:

1. Seek confirmation from the State Government on whether it intends to re-introduce legislation for Local Governments to operate solely in the State Industrial Relations System.
2. If the State Government reintroduces legislation to require all Local Governments to operate within the State Industrial Relations System, continue to advocate for the State Government to:
  - a. Amend the *Industrial Relations Act 1979 (WA)* to include additional provisions to modernise the State IR system; and
  - b. Provide adequate funding and resourcing to ensure Local Governments are equipped with the appropriate tools and training to enable a smooth transition.

<b>Avon Midland Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Supported
<b>Central Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Supported
<b>Central Metropolitan Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Supported
<b>East Metropolitan Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Supported
<b>Gascoyne Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Supported
<b>Goldfields Esperance Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Supported
<b>Great Eastern Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Supported
<b>Great Southern Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Supported
<b>Kimberley Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Supported
<b>Murchison Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Supported
<b>North Metropolitan Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Supported
<b>Northern Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Supported
<b>Peel Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Supported
<b>Pilbara Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Supported
<b>South East Metropolitan Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Supported
<b>South West Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Supported

### SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE

That the South Metropolitan Zone support:

That WALGA:

1. Seek confirmation from the State Government on whether it intends to re-introduce legislation for Local Governments to operate solely in the State Industrial Relations System.
2. If the State Government reintroduces legislation to require all Local Governments to operate within the State Industrial Relations System, continue to advocate for the State Government to:
  - a. Amend the *Industrial Relations Act 1979 (WA)* to include additional provisions to modernise the State IR system; and
  - b. Provide adequate funding and resourcing to ensure Local Governments are equipped with the appropriate tools and training to enable a smooth transition.
3. Subject to positive confirmation of the government's intention to re-introduce legislation that will require all Local Governments to operate within the State Industrial Relations System, State Council on behalf of the Local Government sector, consider informing each member of

Parliament to the costs to be borne by local government (and ultimately the rate payer) should the legislation be introduced without modernising the State Industrial Relations System.

**SECRETARIAT COMMENT**

If the State Government re-introduce legislation for Local Governments to operate solely in the State Industrial Relations System, there will be costs incurred by Local Governments even if the State Industrial Relations System is modernised. The intent of the Zone's amendments are addressed in recommendation 2b.

All other Zones have supported the recommendation.

**Moved: Cr Doug Thompson**  
**Seconded: Cr Malcolm Cullen**

**That WALGA:**

- 1. Seek confirmation from the State Government on whether it intends to re-introduce legislation for Local Governments to operate solely in the State Industrial Relations System.**
- 2. If the State Government reintroduces legislation to require all Local Governments to operate within the State Industrial Relations System, continue to advocate for the State Government to:**
  - a. Amend the *Industrial Relations Act 1979 (WA)* to include additional provisions to modernise the State IR system; and**
  - b. Provide adequate funding and resourcing to ensure Local Governments are equipped with the appropriate tools and training to enable a smooth transition.**

**RESOLUTION 207.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY STATE COUNCILLORS  
(UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**

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**5.5 Finance and Services Committee Minutes (01-006-03-0006 TB)**

Moved: Cr Karen Chapel  
Seconded: Cr Malcolm Cullen

That the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee Meeting held 28 April 2021 be endorsed.

**RESOLUTION 208.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

**5.6 Selection Committee Minutes (01-006-03-0011 CO) – CONFIDENTIAL**

*Cr Karen Chappel declared an interest in item 5.6 and left the meeting at 1:07pm*

Moved: Cr Les Price  
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That:

1. The resolution contained in the 21 April 2021 Selection Committee Minutes be noted, and
2. President Cr Karen Chappel be appointed as Member – Elected Member, on the WA Local Government Grants Scheme Working Group.

**RESOLUTION 209.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

*Cr Karen Chappel returned to the meeting at 1:08pm.*

**5.7 Use of the Association's Common Seal (01-004-07-0001 NS)**

Moved: Cr Frank Cvitan  
Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That the use of the Association's Common Seal be noted.

**RESOLUTION 210.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

**5.8 LGIS Board Minutes – CONFIDENTIAL**

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell  
Seconded: Cr Karen Chappel

That State Council note the summary of the LGIS Board Planning Workshop held on 18 March 2021.

**RESOLUTION 211.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

## 6. MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

### 6.1 New Regulations Update – Model Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates; and CEO Standards for Recruitment, Performance Review and Termination (05-034-01-0001 JM)

#### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the information update on the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2021* and *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021* be noted.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted

Moved: Cr Karen Chappel  
 Seconded: Cr Cheryl Cowell

That the information update on the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 2021* and *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021* be noted.

**RESOLUTION 212.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

## 6.2 State Election Campaign (04-001-03-0001 TL)

### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the update on the 2021 State Election Campaign be noted.

<b>Avon Midland Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Central Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Central Metropolitan Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>East Metropolitan Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Gascoyne Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Goldfields Esperance Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Great Eastern Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Great Southern Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Kimberley Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Murchison Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>North Metropolitan Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Northern Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Peel Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Pilbara Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>South Metropolitan Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>South East Metropolitan Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>South West Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted

Moved: Cr Karen Chappel  
 Seconded: Cr Cheryl Cowell

That the update on the 2021 State Election Campaign be noted.

**RESOLUTION 213.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

**6.3 Draft Position Statement: Dark Sky and Astrotourism (05-036-03-0068 AR)**

**WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

That the endorsed submission on the *Draft Position Statement: Dark sky and Astrotourism*, be noted.

<b>Avon Midland Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Central Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Central Metropolitan Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>East Metropolitan Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Gascoyne Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Goldfields Esperance Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
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<b>Peel Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Pilbara Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>South Metropolitan Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>South East Metropolitan Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>South West Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted

Moved: Cr Karen Chappel  
 Seconded: Cr Cheryl Cowell

That the endorsed submission on the *Draft Position Statement: Dark sky and Astrotourism*, be noted.

**RESOLUTION 214.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

<b>6.4 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (01-006-03-0008 RNB)</b>
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**WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

That State Council note the resolutions of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its 24 February meeting.

<b>Avon Midland Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Central Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Central Metropolitan Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>East Metropolitan Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Gascoyne Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Goldfields Esperance Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Great Eastern Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Great Southern Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Kimberley Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Murchison Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>North Metropolitan Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Northern Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Peel Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>Pilbara Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>South Metropolitan Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>South East Metropolitan Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted
<b>South West Country Zone</b>	WALGA Recommendation Noted

**Moved: Cr Karen Chappel**  
**Seconded: Cr Cheryl Cowell**

That State Council note the resolutions of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its 24 February meeting.

**RESOLUTION 215.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

## **7. ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS**

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### **7.1 Key Activity Reports**

#### **7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Commercial and Communications (01-006-03-0017 ZD)**

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett  
Seconded: Mayor Carol Adams

That the Key Activity Report from the Commercial and Communications Unit to the May 2021 State Council meeting be noted.

**RESOLUTION 216.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

#### **7.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services (01-006-03-0007 TB)**

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett  
Seconded: Mayor Carol Adams

That the Key Activity Report from the Governance and Organisational Services Unit to the May 2021 State Council meeting be noted.

**RESOLUTION 217.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

#### **7.1.3. Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure (05-001-02-0003 ID)**

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett  
Seconded: Mayor Carol Adams

That the Key Activity Report from the Infrastructure Unit to the May 2021 State Council meeting be noted.

**RESOLUTION 218.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

#### **7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, Strategy, Policy and Planning (01-006-03-0017 NC)**

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett  
Seconded: Mayor Carol Adams

That the Key Activity Report from the Strategy, Policy and Planning Unit to the May 2021 State Council meeting be noted.

**RESOLUTION 219.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

### **7.2 President's Report**

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell  
Seconded: Cr Cheryl Cowell

That the President's Report for May 2021 be received.

**RESOLUTION 220.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

**7.3 CEO's Report**

Moved: Cr Julie Brown  
Seconded: Cr Malcolm Cullen

That the CEO's Report for May 2021 be received.

**RESOLUTION 221.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

**7.4 Ex-Officio Reports**

**7.4.1 LG Professionals Report**

LG Professionals President, Mr Jamie Parry, provided the LG Professionals Report to the meeting.

**7.4.2 City of Perth Report**

Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas was an apology for the meeting.

## **8. ADDITIONAL ZONE RESOLUTIONS**

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**Moved:** Cr Les Price  
**Seconded:** Cr Chris Mitchell

That the additional Zone Resolutions from the May 2021 round of Zones meetings as follows be referred to the appropriate policy area for consideration and appropriate action.

**RESOLUTION 222.2/2021**

**CARRIED**

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### **CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE**

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#### **Engagement of Executive Officer Services for the Central Country Zone (Governance and Organisational Services)**

That:

1. The Central Country Zone accept WALGA's proposal to provide it with Executive Support, for a period of 12 months from 1st July 2021 to the 30th June 2022, at no cost to the Zone or its members, acknowledging that the service will include:
  - A dedicated Zone Executive Officer as the principal point of contact for all Zone business;
  - Liaison with the President and Executive Committee as required;
  - Preparation of agendas and minutes of all meetings;
  - Organisation of meeting logistics, in relation to meeting room bookings and set-up;
  - Preparation of correspondence and action items;
  - Arrangement of guest speakers for Zone meetings; and,
  - Organisation of any other meetings or deputations.
2. Should the Central Country Zone require work outside any of the services provided by WALGA and detailed above, WALGA agrees it will facilitate the appointment of consultants for specialist work as required. The costs associated with this work would be borne by the Zone.
3. The Central Country Zone retain the existing financial management arrangements until the review on executive support services beyond the 2021/2022 financial year has been concluded.

#### **Zone Discussion on the *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021* (Zone item)**

1. That the Central Country Zone strongly supports WALGA's position on the *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021* which reads:

"WALGA:

  - Does not support the inclusion of local level complaints about alleged behavioural breaches and Local Governments dealing with complaints provisions in Division 3, Clauses 10 and 11; and
  - Supports an external oversight body to manage local level complaints involving council members."
2. That the Central Country Zone write to the Minister for Local Government and Leader of the Opposition advocating WALGA's position.

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## **GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE**

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### **Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021 (Zone item)**

That the Great Eastern Country Zone write to the Minister for Local Government and advise that the Zone;

1. Does not support the inclusion of local level complaints about alleged behavioural breaches and Local Governments dealing with complaints provisions in Division 3, Clauses 10 and 11; and
2. Supports an external oversight body to manage local level complaints involving council members

### **Covid-19 – Regional areas (Zone item)**

That the Zone write to the Premier, relevant Ministers and the Leader of the Opposition, requesting clearer guidelines to the regions for possible lockdowns in the future.

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## **KIMBERLEY ZONE**

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### **Disaster Relief and Recovery Funding Arrangements (Strategy, Policy and Planning)**

That the Kimberley Zone:

1. Express dissatisfaction with current disaster relief and recovery funding arrangements and call for urgent action from the State Government to investigate and address these shortcomings.
2. Seek WALGA advocacy to support the motion.

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## **MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE**

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### **Mental Health (Strategy, Policy and Planning)**

That the Murchison Country Zone request WALGA to make a representation to the Minister for Health highlighting the high rate of suicide in the Midwest Region and lobby the State Government to urgently address the lack of adequate mental health resources in the region and investigate what actions could be taken to address the underlying causes of suicidal ideation.

and

That the State Government be requested to fully restore proper and adequate levels of service to the Murchison Sub-region in the departments of Child Protection, Youth Justice and Adult Corrective Services.

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## **SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE**

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### **Food Security – Food stress index project support (Strategy Policy and Planning)**

The South East Metropolitan Zone request WALGA to explore the partnership opportunities for the Local Government sector to be involved in this project including a sector funding contribution.

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## **SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE**

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### **Weather Station Upgrade Request (Strategy, Policy and Planning)**

That the South West Country Zone of WALGA:

1. Notes the concerns of the Shire of Augusta Margaret River's Bush Fire Advisory Committee in relation the need for accurate weather forecasting.
2. Requests that WALGA write to the Bureau of Meteorology requesting upgrades to the weather stations in the South West Corner to include a weather radar to improve weather forecasting in the Lower South West region.

## **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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The next meeting of the Western Australia Local Government Association State Council will be a Special Meeting (WALGA Budget) to be held at WALGA, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville on Wednesday, **2 June** commencing at 4:00pm.

The next ordinary meeting of the Western Australia Local Government Association State Council will be held at the City of Cockburn Administration Centre, 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood on Wednesday, **7 July**.

## **10. CLOSURE**

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There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 1:50pm.