



**WALGA**

# **Great Eastern Country Zone**

## **Minutes**

**Merredin Leisure Centre  
Function Room**

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# Great Eastern Country Zone

Meeting was held at the Merredin Leisure Centre

Commenced at 9.30am, Monday 18 March 2019

## Minutes

### 1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Zone President, Cr Rhonda Cole opened the meeting at 9.31am welcoming all in attendance.

### 2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

#### Attendance

<b>Shire of Bruce Rock</b>	President Stephen Strange
<b>Shire of Cunderdin</b>	Cr Dennis Whisson Mr Neville Hale Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
<b>Shire of Dowerin</b>	Cr Darrel Hudson Ms Rebecca McCall Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
<b>Shire of Kellerberrin</b>	Cr Rodney Forsyth Mr Raymond Griffiths Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
<b>Shire of Kondinin</b>	President Sue Meeking Ms Mia Dohnt Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
<b>Shire of Merredin</b>	Cr Mal Willis Cr Julie Flockart Mr Greg Powell Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
<b>Shire of Mount Marshall</b>	Cr Tony Sachse Mr John Nuttall Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
<b>Shire of Mukinbudin</b>	President Gary Shadbolt Mr Dirk Sellenger Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
<b>Shire of Narembeen</b>	President Rhonda Cole <b>Chair</b> Mr Chris Jackson Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
<b>Shire of Nungarin</b>	President Cr Eileen O'Connell Cr Gary Combe Mr Adam Majid Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
<b>Shire of Tammin</b>	Mr Neville Hale Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
<b>Shire of Trayning</b>	Cr Geoff Waters Mr Paul Sheedy Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
<b>Shire of Wyalkatchem</b>	Cr Quentin Davies

Ms Taryn Dayman Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

## Shire of Yilgarn

Cr Wayne Della Bosca  
Mr Peter Clarke Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

## WALGA Representatives

Mr Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance & Organisational Development

Ms Chantelle O'Brien, Governance Support Officer

## Guests

Craig Manton, Regional Manager, Main Roads – Wheatbelt

Mr Boyd Brown, Regional General Manager, Telstra

Gordon MacMile, Director Strategic Coordination and Delivery, DLGSC

Ms Karen Strange, Deputy Chair, RDA Wheatbelt

## Apologies

Shire of Bruce Rock	Cr Ramesh Rajagopalan Mr Darren Mollenoyux, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Cunderdin	Cr Alison Harris
Shire of Kellerberrin	Cr Scott O'Neill
Shire of Kondinin	Cr Kent Mouritz
Shire of Koorda	President Ricky Storer Cr Pamela McWha Mr Gary Martin, Acting Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Merredin	Cr Ken Hooper
Shire of Mount Marshall	Cr Nick Gillett
Shire of Mukinbudin	Cr Sandie Ventris
Shire of Narembeen	Cr Kellie Mortimore
Shire of Tammin	Cr Glenice Batchelor Cr Tania Daniels
Shire of Trayning	Cr Melanie Brown
Shire of Westonia	President Karin Day Cr Bill Huxtable Mr Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Wyalkatchem	Cr Owen Garner
Shire of Yilgarn	President Onida Truran

Sharon Broad, Regional Manager, Water Corporation

Mandy Walker, Director Regional Development, RDA Wheatbelt

Kathleen Brown, Electorate Officer, Central Wheatbelt

Mia Davies MLA, member for Central Wheatbelt

The Hon Melissa Price MP, Minister for the Environment

Dennis O'Reilly, General Manager Regional Services, Regional Services, Department of Transport

Tim Woolerson, PTA General Manager, Transwa

## Attachments

The following were provided as attachments to the agenda:

1. Great Eastern Country Zone Minutes 29 November 2018.
2. Great Eastern Country Zone Executive Committee Minutes 7 March 2019.
3. State Council Agenda – via link:  
<https://walga.asn.au/About-WALGA/Structure/State-Council/Agenda-and-Minutes.aspx>
4. President's Report

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

President Rhonda Cole declared an impartiality interest in Item 7.2.

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nil

### **5. GUEST SPEAKERS / DEPUTATIONS**

#### **5.1 Telecommunications**

The Zone had identified Telecommunication as a priority issue. Based on this the Zone invited Boyd Brown, Telstra Retail and Regional, Regional General Manager from Telstra who addressed the meeting. Please see presentation attached (Attachment 1)

#### **5.2 Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and Redress**

Gordon MacMile, Director Strategic Coordination and Delivery, presented to the Zone.

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) has previously consulted with the WA Local Government Association (WALGA), Local Government Professionals Western Australia (LGPro) and WA Local Governments on the overall recommendations, findings and (potential) key implications of the Royal Commission.

A key recommendation made by the Royal Commission was for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse to have access to redress. In response to this Royal Commission recommendation, the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (the Scheme) has been established. The WA Government commenced participation in the Scheme from 1 January 2019.

DLGSC and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet are engaging with WA Local Governments to raise awareness regarding redress for institutional abuse survivors and to consider how survivors of abuse within the community may be acknowledged, treated and supported. This engagement commenced with a WALGA hosted webinar on 23 January 2019.

Mr MacMile presented on the following:

- provide a brief update on progress on the Royal Commission's reforms;
- discuss the potential impact and approach to redress for WA Local Governments; and
- answer any queries Council representatives have.

Please see presentation attached (Attachment 2).

## 6. MINUTES

### 6.1 Confirmation of Minutes from the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held Thursday 29 November 2018 (Attachment 1)

The Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held on Thursday 29 November 2018 have previously been circulated to Member Councils.

#### RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Eileen O'Connell  
Seconded: Cr Sue Meeking

That the minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held Thursday 29 November 2018 are confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

### 6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting Thursday 29 November 2018

Nil

### 6.3 Minutes from the Great Eastern Country Zone Executive Committee Meeting held Thursday 7 March 2019

#### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Quentin Davies  
Seconded: Cr Stephen Strange

That the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Great Eastern Country Zone held Thursday 7 March 2019 be endorsed.

CARRIED

## 7. ZONE BUSINESS

### 7.1 The Tobacco Products Control Act 2006 Amendment

Shire of Narembeen

#### BACKGROUND

- A review of the Act was conducted in 2011, with a Discussion paper released in April 2011.
- The Discussion paper was developed to encourage community comment on issues relevant to the Act and Regulations.
- The Department of Health (DOH) undertook a public consultation process during May and June of 2011.
- As well as publicly advertising the consultation process, the DOH directly notified a number of organisations (including WALGA and the Department of Local Government). A total of 69 submissions were received.

- The amendments to the Act pertaining to the appointment of restricted investigators were developed to broaden of the categories of local government employees who may be appointed as restricted investigators.
- Local Government officers, specifically Local Government Environmental Health Officers (EHOs), have been appointed as restricted investigators to enforce a range of regulations relating to smoking in public places since 1999.
- These responsibilities have historically been carried out alongside the regular duties of EHOs without unduly adding to the regulatory burden or costs to local government.
- The DOH has written to Local Governments seeking to appoint restricted investigators prior to 18 March 2019, to avoid interruption to the ability to enforce certain parts of the Act and Regulations.
- These appointments will continue to be valid once the amendments to the legislation have occurred.
- The DOH will provide LGAs and WALGA with detailed information relating to the relevant amendments to the appointment of restricted investigators, and the guidelines and procedures that LGAs may follow should they wish to directly appoint such investigators in the future, following the implementation of the latest amendments, expected to commence on 18 March 2019.

## **COMMENT**

WALGA has received emails from CEOs concerned around cost shifting, however Local Governments are not obliged to take any action should they choose not to.

## **Noted**

## **7.2 Doctor Availability – Merredin Hospital**

### **Proponent – Shire of Mukinbudin**

President Rhonda Cole declared an interest of impartiality to this item.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Shire of Mukinbudin was advised by St Johns Ambulance Kununoppin Sub centre coordinator, Mr Peter Geraghty recently that the Merredin Hospital would be without a Doctor for a period of 48 hours from 8.00am 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 until 8.00am on 2nd February 2019.

Mr Geraghty advised that this was not the first instance of Doctors not being available at what is in this region our large regional hospital and as St John Sub Centre coordinator this is obviously very concerning to Peter.

The Shire of Mukinbudin shared their concerns and considered a joint approach from relevant Local Government was considered best in this instance and that WALGA Zone may be the best direction for the various Local Governments to make clear our concerns as a combined voice as it is considered likely that each of the other member Councils would share this same concern.

## **COMMENT**

This matter was discussed at the Zone Executive Committee Meeting held on 7 March, that the Zone should consider requesting a deputation to the Minister for Health on the availability of doctors at the Merredin Hospital.

## RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Gary Shadbolt  
Seconded: Cr Quentin Davies

**That the Zone request a deputation to the Minister for Health on the availability of doctors at the Merredin Hospital.**

**CARRIED**

### Action

**The Zone Executive Officer will provide researched information to assist with the deputation.**

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11.05am and resumed at 11.17am.

## 7.3 Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage – Request to Present

**Proponent – Mr Tony Brown, Executive Officer**

WALGA has been supporting the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage in the final stages of consultation that will support the implementation of the Heritage Act 2018. This process will take submissions on an initial set of regulations to accompany the Act; develop guidelines for local heritage surveys; and seek expressions of interest for a new Heritage Council, which will be appointed once the new Act is proclaimed. Local government input to the consultation process is strongly encouraged, with submissions taken until mid-April. Further information can be found at [www.stateheritage.wa.gov.au](http://www.stateheritage.wa.gov.au).

Following the consultation process, the Department has offered to give a short presentation to each Zone noting highlights of the new Act of relevance to Local Government, and identifying further opportunities for training and information.

## COMMENT

The Zone currently has 2 presentations scheduled for the April meeting, being on Education and Transport (Heavy Vehicle Issue).

The Zone could consider a presentation at the April or June meetings.

**The Zone confirmed that should there be no other pressing matters, a presentation from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage will be invited to the June 2019 GECZ meeting.**

## 8. ZONE REPORTS

### 8.1 Zone President Report

**Cr Rhonda Cole**

Zone President presented a verbal report including the following items:

- a) Acknowledging the WALGA CEO, Ricky Burges and her contribution to the Local Government Sector;
- b) The Executive Committee will review the Executive Officer arrangements at the next meeting; and
- c) Zone consider if they would prefer rotating meetings between Local Governments.

## RESOLUTION



**Moved:** Cr Stephen Strange  
**Seconded:** Cr Wayne Della Bosca

**That the Zone President's Report be received.**

**CARRIED**

## **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Cr Stephen Strange  
**Seconded:** President Cr Eileen O'Connell

**That the Zone write a letter of appreciation to Ms Ricky Burges for her contribution to the Local Government sector in her role as Chief Executive Officer of WALGA.**

**CARRIED**

## **8.2 Local Government Agricultural Freight Group**

### **Cr Rod Forsyth**

Cr Forsyth advised that there has been no meetings this year. It was highlighted that the issue of increased grain on roads will again be an issue.

## **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Cr Gary Shadbolt  
**Seconded:** Cr Wayne Della Bosca

**That the Report be received**

## **8.3 Wheatbelt District Emergency Management Committee**

### **Cr Tony Sasche**

#### Wheatbelt District Emergency Management Committee (Wheatbelt DEMC)

The Wheatbelt DEMC met at the St John Ambulance facility in Northam on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2019.

There was a guest presentation from the Deputy State Recovery Coordinator, Suellen Flint covering an overview of recovery and the new piloted impact statement.

In relation to the Action List and backup batteries at Telstra Exchanges failing during power outages, the GECZ reported that the Bruce Rock Telstra Exchange failed almost immediately during a power outage late in 2018. This outage was complicated with multiple fires (due to lightning) occurring at that time.

Item 6 dealt with DEMC Membership and LGs not attending within the Wheatbelt EM district. On this matter the Shire of Mukinbudin LEMA has been completed and checked for compliancy. The Shire of Nungarin LEMC and the Shire of Trayning LEMC currently do not meet. This is related to the resources available and the Wheatbelt DEMC Executive Officer, Yvette Grigg, has had discussions with these Councils on this matter. Other LG LEMC's in the Wheatbelt EM area are functional.

The Natural Disaster Resilience Program has budgeted funding of \$4M which is available for LG Risk Mitigation on a \$ for \$ basis.

## Agency Reports

The GECZ reported that the St John Ambulance have reported that there have been closures at the Merredin Regional Hospital, due to a Doctor not being in residence. This has, on occasions, meant longer road trips for St John Ambulance Volunteer Staff to Northam and even Perth. The Wheatbelt DEMC Chair, Superintendent Martin Cope, will contact the Regional Director of Health, WACHS, for comment.

WA Police reported that 2018 was the worst fatal crash year on record. There was also an increase in arson of 15%.

DPIRD reported that there was an emergency relating to Northern WA Animal Welfare. DPIRD have been helping manage this emergency.

DFES and DPAW reported on some major fires during the season to date, and how this had been managed. There has been significant damage to 75,000 ha of pine tree plantations, which will have a high economic impact.

## Proposed Meeting in Merredin

The Wheatbelt DEMC has proposed that its June 2020 meeting will be in Merredin. This will hopefully allow more LG staff and Elected Members, as well as those local people involved in EM, to attend.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved: Cr Quentin Davies**  
**Seconded: President Sue Meeking**

**That the Report be received**

**CARRIED**

## **9. WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (WALGA) BUSINESS**

### **9.1 State Councillor Report**

*Cr Stephen Strange*

Cr Strange provided an update on State Council, noting the appointment of a new WALGA Chief Executive Officer, Mr Nick Sloan. Nick commences on 8 April 2019.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved: Cr Rodney Forsyth**  
**Seconded: President Cr Eileen O'Connell**

**That the Report be received**

**CARRIED**

**9.2 WALGA Status Report**

Mr Tony Brown, Executive Officer

**BACKGROUND**

Presenting the Status Report for March 2019 which contains WALGA’s responses to the resolutions of previous Zone Meetings.

Zone	Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Up-date	WALGA Contact
Grt Eastern C	<b>2018 November 29 Zone Agenda Item</b> 7.4 Water Corporation - New management and billing structure for standpipes	That the Great Eastern Country Zone request WALGA to advocate opposing the WA Water Corporation proposed fee structure in remote parts of the eastern Wheatbelt and;  1. Request the Water Corporation look to possible subsidised billing to remote user standpipes for users without any other possible means of potable water;  2. Write to the Department of Water suggesting that as a result of the increased Standpipe water costs that they re-introduce the Farm Water Grants to allow effected landholders the ability to create on-farm water storage and water connections	The Water Corporation has agreed to engage directly with every Local Government affected by the proposed changes to management and billing arrangements for standpipes across WA. WALGA has been regularly monitoring this process, ensuring that the issues identified by each Council are addressed.  The Water Corporation has made a commercial decision to apply commercial rates to water supplied through high flow standpipes when used for commercial purposes. As Local Governments are the customer billed for these services there is likely to need to be changes to the arrangements for metering and security. The requirements will differ in each situation.  The intent is that domestic and stock water can continue to be accessed at the community rate – which is the rate charged to those who access water through the scheme.  Frequent use of high flow standpipes has the potential to compromise town water supplies.	May 2019	<b>Ian Duncan</b> Executive Manager Infrastructure <a href="mailto:iduncan@walga.asn.au">iduncan@walga.asn.au</a> 9213 2031
Grt Eastern C	<b>2017 November 30 Zone Agenda Item 9.2</b> WALGA Status Report	That the Great Eastern Country Zone notes the: 1. State Councillor Report; and 2. WALGA Status Report and requests that WALGA express its disappointment to the Office of Emergency Management that there has been no progress on this important emergency management issue and in the event that the matter cannot be progressed WALGA be requested to take the issue up with the Minister for Emergency Management.	WALGA has reopened discussions with the Office of Emergency Management on this matter and will advise the zone of feedback directly.  The Emergency Management Policy Unit are coordinating further briefings and are collecting information from the relevant zones to ensure the sectors concerns can be raised with the relevant parties. Great Southern and Great Eastern Country are both experiencing issues in this area.  WALGA have raised this as an urgent matter with the Emergency Services Network Operators Reference Group to provide recommendations to the sector. This group includes all the lifeline agencies along with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development to include the regional black spots funding and communications providers. WALGA will provide further updates as information is received.	Ongoing	<b>Joanne Burges</b> Executive Manager, People and Place <a href="mailto:jburges@walga.asn.au">jburges@walga.asn.au</a> 9213 2018

Zone	Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Up-date	WALGA Contact
Grt Eastern C	<b>2018 November 29 Zone Agenda Item 7.1 Draft Waste Strategy</b>	<p>The Great Eastern Country Zone request that WALGA continue to advocate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For a consultative partnership approach to the development of any better practice or other guidance for Local Government.</li> <li>2. That the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Levy should not be applied to the non-metropolitan area.</li> </ol>	<p>State Council determined at the December 2018 meeting to pursue the potential for a State Local Government Partnership Agreement on Waste Management and Resource Recovery. The matter was subsequently referred to the Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC). At its meeting of 1 February, MWAC referred the matter to the Officers Advisory Group (OAG). With the State Waste Strategy launched on 10<sup>th</sup> February, OAG will now undertake analysis of the State Waste Strategy to consider and recommend to MWAC and State Council the elements to be included in a draft Partnership Agreement. WALGA is also liaising with the Waste Authority on the issue.</p> <p>State Council considered the Waste Levy Policy Statement at its December 2018 meeting and determined that the Waste Levy Policy Statement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be adopted in the current form by State Council</li> <li>2. Be updated once the Waste Strategy 2030 is released to reflect the use of Levy funds to reflect the targets and priorities of the Waste Strategy 2030</li> <li>3. Be communicated to the State Government.</li> </ol>	March 2019	<p><b>Mark Batty</b>  <b>Executive Manager</b>  <b>Environment and Waste</b>  <a href="mailto:Mbatty@walga.asn.au">Mbatty@walga.asn.au</a>  <b>9213 2078</b></p>
Grt Eastern C	<b>2018 November 29 Zone Agenda Item 7.3 Container Deposit Scheme Locations</b>	<p>That the Great Eastern Country Zone requests that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All Local Governments be guaranteed, as a minimum, one flexible refund point in their area.</li> <li>2. A flexible access point should be defined as a refund point which, as a minimum, is open 16 hours each two week period, including at least 8 hours at weekends</li> </ol> <p>The State Government provide appropriate funding for the refund points.</p>	<p>WALGA provided an extensive Submission to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) Draft Customer Service Standard for the Container Deposit Scheme. In relation to the Zone's recommendation, WALGAs Submission supported the approach of ensuring that all Local Governments be guaranteed a flexible refund point and the operating hours for a flexible refund point be clearly defined. WALGA will continue to advocate for State Government funding for infrastructure to assist the sector in implementing the CDS. It is anticipated the final Customer Service Standard will be released in March/April 2019.</p>	Ongoing	<p><b>Mark Batty</b>  <b>Executive Manager</b>  <b>Environment and Waste</b>  <a href="mailto:Mbatty@walga.asn.au">Mbatty@walga.asn.au</a>  <b>9213 2078</b></p>

## **ZONE COMMENT**

This is an opportunity for Member Councils to consider the response from WALGA in respect to the matters that were submitted at the previous Zone Meeting.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved:** Cr Quentin Davies  
**Seconded:** Cr Wayne Della Bosca

**That the Great Eastern Country Zone notes the WALGA Status Report.**

**CARRIED**

### **9.3 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda – Matters for Decision**

*Mr Tony Brown, Executive Officer*

#### **BACKGROUND**

WALGA State Council meets five times each year and as part of the consultation process with Member Councils circulates the State Council Agenda for input through the Zone structure.

The full State Council Agenda can be found via link: <https://walga.asn.au/About-WALGA/Structure/State-Council/Agenda-and-Minutes.aspx>

The Zone is able to provide comment or submit an alternative recommendation that is then presented to the State Council for consideration.

#### **5.1 Local Government Act Review – Sector Positions Following Feedback from Submissions**

##### **WALGA Recommendation**

That WALGA endorse and submit to the Minister for Local Government and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries:

1. The Local Government Act Review Report contained in this agenda; and,
2. The attached WALGA Advocacy Positions.

**Please refer to item 12.1**

#### **5.2 Economic Development Project**

##### **WALGA Recommendation**

That State Council endorses the:

1. Local Government Economic Development: Research Findings and Future Directions Discussion Paper; and,
2. Local Government Economic Development Framework.

#### **5.3 Interim Submission to Salaries and Allowances Tribunal – Elected Member Fees and Allowances**

## **WALGA Recommendation**

That the interim submission to the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal relating to Elected Member Fees and Allowances be endorsed.

### **5.4 Review of the Administrative Road Classification Methodology - Regional Roads within Rural/Non Built Up Areas**

## **WALGA Recommendation**

That State Council supports the proposed Administrative Road Classification Methodology - Regional Roads within Rural/Non Built Up Areas.

### **5.5 Interim Submission – Draft Position Statement: Container Deposit Scheme Infrastructure**

## **WALGA Recommendation**

That the interim submission to the WA Planning Commission on Draft Position Statement: Container Deposit Scheme Infrastructure, be endorsed.

### **5.6 Interim Submission – Parliamentary Inquiry into Short-Stay Accommodation**

## **WALGA Recommendation**

That the interim submission to the Economics and Industry Standing Committee's Inquiry into Short-Stay Accommodation be endorsed.

### **5.7 Interim Submission – State Planning Policy 2.4 Basic Raw Materials**

## **WALGA Recommendation**

That the interim submission to the Western Australian Planning Commission on draft State Planning Policy 2.4 Basic Raw Materials and the Draft Basic Raw Materials Guidelines be endorsed.

### **5.8 Community Policy Reform Project**

## **WALGA Recommendation**

That State Council receives the Community Policy Reform Report and endorses the establishment of a Community Technical Reference Group.

### **5.9 Submissions – Draft WA Cultural Infrastructure Strategy**

## **WALGA Recommendation**

That the Submission on the Draft WA Cultural Infrastructure Strategy be endorsed.

## **5.10 Interim Submission - Public Health Act 2016 Aquatic Facilities and Public Buildings Review**

### **WALGA Recommendation**

That the Interim Submissions provided to the Department of Health *Public Health Act 2016* Discussion Papers on Regulations for Aquatic Facilities and Public Buildings be endorsed.

## **5.11 WA Foodborne Illness Reduction Strategy**

### **WALGA Recommendation**

That the WA Foodborne Illness Reduction Strategy 2018-2021+ be endorsed.

### **RESOLVED**

**That the Zone endorse all items for decision within the State Council Agenda.**

## **9.4 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda – Matters for Noting / Information**

*Mr Tony Brown, Executive Officer*

- 6.1 ERA Business Licensing Inquiry – WALGA Response to Draft Report**
- 6.2 Local Government Performance Monitoring Project 2017/2018**
- 6.3 Review of Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaption Planning**
- 6.4 Completion of the Changing Places and Community Infrastructure Grant Programs**
- 6.5 Update on Building and Energy's State Wide Cladding Audit**
- 6.6 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)**
- 6.7 Electric Scooter Shared Services**
- 6.8 Systemic Sustainability Study Actions Update**
- 6.9 2018 WALGA Annual General Meeting Action updates**

## **9.5 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda – Organisational Reports**

### **7.1 Key Activity Reports**

- 7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Environment and Waste Unit**
- 7.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services**
- 7.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure**
- 7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, People and Place**

## **9.6 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda – Policy Forum Reports**

### **7.2 Policy Forum Reports**

- 7.2.1 Mayors/Presidents Policy Forum**
- 7.2.2 Mining Community Policy Forum**

### 7.2.3 Container Deposit Legislation Policy Forum

### 7.2.4 Economic Development Forum

## 9.7 WALGA President's Report

The WALGA Presidents Report was attached to the Agenda.

### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Quentin Davies

Seconded: Cr Greg Waters

That the Great Eastern Country Zone notes the following reports contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda.

- Matters for Noting/Information
- Organisational Reports
- Policy Forum Reports; and
- WALGA President's Report

**CARRIED**

## 10. AGENCY REPORTS

### 10.1 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Please find link below to the Department's March Update.

[Read Local Matters](#)

### 10.2 Mainroads Western Australia

Craig Manton, Regional Manager, Main Roads - Wheatbelt

Please find presentation attached (Attachment 3).

### 10.3 Wheatbelt RDA

Karen Strange, Wheatbelt RDA provided a report to the Zone and was attached to the Agenda.

## 11. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Nil



## **12. EMERGING ISSUES**

### **12.1 Local Government Act Review Process**

#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Cr Wayne Della Bosca**  
**Seconded: President Cr Eileen O'Connell**

**That the Great Eastern Country Zone submit a submission on the Local Government Act Review to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries in accordance with the WALGA submission and the Great Eastern Country Zone Local Government Act Forum (24 October 2018) notes.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved: Cr Tony Sasche**  
**Seconded: Cr Geoff Waters**

**That the Zone reject the proposal from the meeting hosted by the Town of Cambridge and advise of its satisfaction with the current Act process and WALGA representation.**

**CARRIED**

### **12.2 Office of the Auditor General (OAG) Audit Fee Increase**

The Shire of Nungarin raised concerns regarding the increase cost of the Audit from the Office of the Auditor General.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved: President Eileen O'Connell**  
**Seconded: Cr Rodney Forsyth**

**The Zone request WALGA to undertake research into the audit costs including why the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) fees have increased significantly and what is the criteria for the fee increases.**

### **12.3 Telstra - Power Outages Effecting Communications**

#### **RESOLVED**

- 1. Requests WALGA to advocate through the State Emergency Management Committee for action in respect to power outages effecting telecommunications and the eligibility for Local Governments to turn generators on.**
- 2. Write to Boyd Brown, Telstra to seek a written response in respect to power outage procedures in place, what is the Battery Back-up Program and what is a better procedure going forward using the latest technology. (Local member to be provided a copy of letter).**

3. **Executive Officer to support a Zone Local Government in providing an Agenda Item to the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly in regards to the failing of telecommunications in regional Australia.**

**13. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

**14. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the Great Eastern Country Zone will be held in Kellerberrin on Thursday 24 April, commencing at 9.30am.

**15. CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12.19pm.

