



WALGA

Great Southern Zone

MINUTES

of an ordinary meeting
(2 voting delegates per council)

held on

Monday 29 April 2019

Starting at 2pm
(immediately after Minister's presentation)

Venue:
Bremer Bay Sports Club
142 Frantom Way
Bremer Bay

1. OPEN: 2.05pm Welcome by Shire of Jerramungup President, Cr Rob Lester

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cr Keith House
Annabel Paulley

Zone President (Shire of Gnowangerup)
Zone Executive Officer

City of Albany
Broomehill / Tambellup
Cranbrook
Denmark
Gnowangerup
Jerramungup
Katanning
Kent
Kojonup
Plantagenet
Woodanilling

Mayor Dennis Wellington and Cr Anthony Moir
Cr Michael White, Cr Mark Paganoni and CEO Keith Williams
Cr Phil Horrocks and CEO Peter Northover
Cr Ceinwen Gearon, Cr Janine Phillips and CEO Bill Parker
Cr Lex Martin and CEO Shelley Pike
Cr Rob Lester, Cr Andrew Price and Deputy CEO Charmaine Solomon
Nil
Cr Alan Smith, Cr Craig Bamess and CEO Rick Miller
Cr Ronnie Fleay, Cr Jill Mathwin and CEO Rick Mitchell-Collins
Cr Chris Pavlovich, Cr Jon Oldfield and CEO Rob Stewart
Cr Russel Thomson, Cr Dale Douglas and CEO Stephen Gash

Total of 19 and out of a possible 22 voting delegates in attendance.

Guests

Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure, WALGA
Russell Pritchard, Great Southern Development Commission
Cr Peter Caron, Shire of Denmark - Observer
Cr Graeme Hobbs, Shire of Kojonup - Observer
Cr Scott Crosby, Shire of Kent - Observer
C Paul Terry, City of Albany - Observer

Apologies

Andrea Smithson, WALGA Road Safety Adviser
Cr Liz Guidera, Cr John Goodheart and CEO Julian Murphy
Dept of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
Cr Colin Egerton-Warburton, Shire of Cranbrook
Cr Scott Thompson, Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Ronnie Fleay declared an interest in items 5.2 and 5.3 on the May 2019 WALGA State Council Agenda due to her being a member of the WA Planning Commission.

REMINDER: All delegates present at a Zone meeting shall vote, as per Zone Standing Order 28.1

4. GUEST SPEAKER

1pm - 2pm WA Minister for Transport, Rita Saffioti.
Also in the Minister's party were Member for Albany Peter Watson, Veronica Jeffery (Special Adviser) and John Clydesdale (Policy Adviser – Roads).

5. MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of Minutes

5.1.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY ZONE MEETING – 22 March 2019

MOVED Cr Ceinwen Gearon **SECONDED** Cr Mark Paganoni
That the minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Great Southern Zone of the WALGA held on Friday 22 March 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.
CARRIED 19-0

5.1.2 MINUTES OF THE WALGA STATE COUNCIL MEETING – 27 March 2019

MOVED Cr Ronnie Fleay **SECONDED** Cr Anthony Moir
That the Minutes of meeting of the State Council of WALGA held on 27 March 2019 be received.
CARRIED 19-0

5.2 Business Arising

Refer to Status Report from WALGA to the Zone dated May 2019 for the following items:-

5.2.1 WALGA looking at holding a Regional State Council meeting in Katanning in early September 2020.

5.2.2 Fires affecting mobile phone service in regional areas - Shire of Jerramungup

Cr Ronnie Fleay - there were 3 major fires in Kojonup during summer and communication issues have got people nervous. Telstra towers need to find space for Local Government emergency services as a condition of funding. Process to lease the space is onerous. Should have a template lease for Local Government and streamline the process. Requested justification for the \$30,000 fee. Need emergency access to Telstra towers. We need to take this up as a region.

Cr Rob Lester - Telstra will attend the next Shire of Jerramungup council meeting. Ranger could hook up generator to charge the batteries. Zone could approach Telstra. Does Telstra want to face a coronial inquiry to explain why they would not let Local Government hook up a generator?

CEO Keith Williams raised this issue at District Emergency Management Committee (DEMC) meeting on 10 April. DEMC agreed with connecting generator (could be ranger or works manager) and keen to escalate this through the SEMC. Shire of Jerramungup to provide name of Telstra representative to Zone for guest speaker.

Cr Jon Oldfield - vegetation maintenance around Telstra sites is required.

5.2.3 Appeals against native vegetation clearing permits - Shire of Jerramungup
WALGA held roadside management event in Margaret River on 12 April and will hold another one in Northam on 3 May.

Other ongoing issues:-

5.2.4 Migrant visa issue
Information provided by the WA Dept of Training and Workforce Development is quite complex but staff advised that the Zone needs to feed in through the Industry Training Councils if it has occupations it wants to put on the State visa occupation lists.

ACTION: Executive Officer to read through the latest email from Dept of Training and Workforce Development received on 21 March 2019 and then email councils to ask for occupations to put forward through Industry Training Councils. Also, find out more about the process and timelines. Ongoing.

5.2.5 Local Government Act Review

Councils were urged to email Ken Parker at DLGSC with comments on stage 2 reforms for the Local Government Act Review.

Councils were urged to review the 2006 SSS Report commissioned by WALGA

5.2.6 Policy for Restricted Access Vehicles on Roads not on an Approved Network During Harvest

- Proposed abolition of the CA07 condition - refer to the motion carried at item 5.1 in the WALGA State Council minutes of December 2018.
- Dept of Transport's Review of Regulations for Towed Agricultural Implements. Public consultation closed on 16 November.

ACTION: Questions on the above two issues were put to the Minister for Transport.

5.2.7 Target Issues for the Zone in 2019

- **Roads**
Councils put forward questions to Transport Minister Rita Saffioti at 29 April meeting.
- **Unmet labour need in the Great Southern / Migrant Visa Occupation Lists**
Executive Officer has been liaising with staff in Rick Wilson's office and staff at the WA Department of Training and Workforce Development. Refer to attached information

ACTION: Executive Officer to canvass Zone councils to identify any unmet labour needs in their areas to see if those jobs are on any existing Federal or State migrant visa occupation lists. This will then determine any actions to get them put on the appropriate lists.

- **Economic development**

5.2.8 Review of Emergency Services Legislation

WALGA was due to make enquiries to progress the Ministerial decision. WALGA to keep councils updated.

5.2.9 Regional Training Opportunities

CEO Performance Appraisals course for Elected Members will be held in Tambellup on Tuesday 25 June 2019.

Planning Practices (The Essentials) will possibly be held in Albany at a date to be decided.

Further Elected Member training in the Great Southern to be organised after the October 2019 Local Government Elections.

5.2.10 Follow up with guest speakers from previous meetings

There were no guest speakers at the March Zone meeting.

5.2.11 Review of WALGA's Strategic Plan 2015 - 2020 and WALGA CEO's KPIs

This matter will be progressed with the new WALGA CEO Nick Sloan.

5.2.12 Frequency and impact of power outages in the Great Southern – Shire of Denmark

Cr Ceinwen Gearon said there had been further power outages in Peaceful Bay and Nornalup over the Easter period and the Shire of Denmark will be requesting a meeting with Western Power about this problem.

None of the above items to be removed from the agenda at this time.

6. ZONE BUSINESS

6.1 Reflection on presentation and Q&A with Minister for Transport, Rita Saffioti

Refer to list of strategic questions and extended list of questions attached.

Cr Janine Phillips was disappointed that all the Zone's questions were not answered.

Cr Keith House explained that there was insufficient time to answer the extensive list of questions during the Minister's 1 hour presentation and that answers would be provided by the Minister's office soon.

6.2 Emerging Issues for Local Governments - not discussed due to time restraints.

6.3 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

No updates from the Director General since the March meeting.

6.4 Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030

WALGA ran information sessions on the Strategy and Action Plan on 10, 11 and 17 April.

The session on 17 April at WALGA had an online facility.

7. REVIEW OF WALGA STATE COUNCIL AGENDA – 8 May 2019

7.1 WALGA State Council President's Report - Cr Lynne Craigie

WALGA President's report was not received prior to the agenda being circulated.

Cr Keith House read aloud the key points in the report.

7.2 State Councillor's Report

Cr Keith House to report on the 22 March 2019 State Council meeting.

- Local Government Minister David Templeman addressed WALGA State Council. He wants to see stage 1 of the Local Government Act Review go through Parliament by 30 June 2019.
- Matters for Decision were carried without much debate.
Container Deposit Scheme has infrastructure issues with closing the cycle - getting markets to receive the recycled materials. NSW spends \$20 million handling recycled materials.
Submission on short stay accommodation - concerns that recommendation did not address the online issues but these concerns were addressed in the submission.
5.8 - Community Policy Reform Project = Terms of Reference timeframes, outcomes and costs were queried. This will come back to State Council.
- Concern about revenue being raised by Preferred Supplier List.
- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development is re-mapping salinity. This will identify the impact on preservation of the road network and townsites.
- Cr House attended the Presidents and Mayors Forum. The feeling is that there will be a change of Federal Government. No Western Australian MP in Cabinet - will be lobbying about this.

Moved Cr Chris Pavlovich

SECONDED Cr Rob Lester

That the State Councillor Cr Keith House's report be received.

CARRIED 19-0

7.3 Matters for Decision – Zone consideration required

Consideration of the May 2019 WALGA State Council Agenda - Matters for Decision.

Cr Ronnie Fleay left the room at 2.27pm

Mayor Dennis Wellington said the City of Albany is opposed to Third Party Rights of Appeal because it stifles development.

MOVED Mayor Wellington **SECONDED Cr Chris Pavlovich**
That the Zone opposes Third Party Appeals in relation to Item 5.2 in the May 2019
WALGA State Council Agenda.

CARRIED 18-0

MOVED Cr Chris Pavlovich **SECONDED Cr Anthony Moir**
That the Great Southern Zone supports the recommendation for Item 5.3 in the May
2019 WALGA State Council Agenda.

CARRIED 18-0

Cr Ronnie Fleay entered the room at 2.33pm.

MOVED Cr Rob Lester **SECONDED Cr Russel Thomson**
That the Great Southern Zone supports the recommendations for items 5.1, 5.4 and 5.5
in the May 2019 WALGA State Council Agenda.

CARRIED 19-0

7.4 Matters for Noting – Zone information

Ian Duncan said waste was a key issue. WA has opportunity to learn from problems in other states.

7.5 State Council Status Report

No discussion.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Executive Officer's Report

As training is so costly, the Zone resolved to delay training until after October 2019 Local Government Elections. Look to organised Elected Member training in the Great Southern in February/March 2020. Cr Ronnie Fleay raised concerns about the cost of training. Cr Keith House urged councils to consider online training or negotiate prices with WALGA.

8.2 Other Reports

8.2.1 Local Government Agricultural Freight Group (LGAFG) – Delegates Cr Keith House & Cr Ronnie Fleay

Next meeting due on 2 May 2019. Staff from Heavy Vehicle Services will attend. Cr Keith House requested feedback on having blanket RAV7 network and the maintenance consequences of that.

Cr Chris Pavlovich explained that minor roads could be excluded from the RAV7 network. CEO Stephen Gash - need to have more local control to allow access to First Mile, Last Mile. Shire of Kent - open up all roads but have speed restrictions on certain roads.

ACTION: Cr Keith House to raise the issue of HMMS not being left until last minute before harvest at the 2 May Local Government Agricultural Freight Group meeting.

8.2.2 Great Southern District Leadership Group (formerly Great Southern Human Services Forum) – Rani Param (City of Albany)

Next meeting due to be held on 29 May 2019.

8.2.3 Great Southern District Emergency Management Committee (DEMC) – CEO Keith Williams.

Keith Williams to report on the following issues raised at the DEMC meeting held on 10 April:-

- Resiliency of Mobile Phone Towers during emergencies - 15 hours is insufficient for emergencies that may result in power outages of 30+ hours. See 5.2.2 above.
- Declaration of Total Fire Ban in areas where fire ban conditions are not reached. Discussion with Wayne Green who agreed that errors had been made. Said it was an operational issue. Keith Williams suspects this problem may continue. He didn't feel there was a commitment to discuss in other districts but will monitor the issue. Councils can apply for exemptions to continue roadworks on a case-by-case basis.

Remaining DEMC meetings in 2019 are: 12 June, 11 September and 11 December.

8.2.4 South Coast Natural Resource Management (NRM) - Delegate: Cr Anthony Moir. Proxy: Keith Williams

No meeting since restructure. Cr Moir will provide a report to Zone's June meeting.

8.2.5 Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) - Bruce Manning / Russell Pritchard

- Regional Development Fund
- Update on Regional Blueprint Strategy due mid-July 2019.

8.2.6 Great Southern RoadWise - Andrea Smithson

Not present to report.

8.2.6 Joint meetings of the Zone and Great Southern Regional Road Group

Steve Hutchings said GSRRG business had not been impeded.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Doctor Shortage in Regional Areas - Cr Ronnie Fleay

Mayor Dennis Wellington said there had been reports that doctors were turning away older patients because they have too many problems and take up too much time.

Cr Ronnie Fleay spoke about GP shortages and health services.

Zone needs to take up the above issues with the WA Primary Health Alliance.

MOVED Cr Ronnie Fleay SECONDED Mayor Dennis Wellington

That the doctor shortage issue be put back on the Zone agenda.

CARRIED 19-0

10. FINANCIAL REPORT

10.1 Financial Report for the period 1 March to 31 March 2019 attached.

Opening balance as at 1 March 2019	\$8,496.07
Total debits	(\$1,925.48)
Total credits	Nil
Closing balance as at 31 March 2019	\$6,570.59

MOVED Cr Ceinwen Gearon

SECONDED Mayor Dennis Wellington

That the financial statement for the period 1 March to 31 March 2019 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the Zone finances.

CARRIED 19-0

11.0 REMAINING ZONE MEETINGS FOR 2019

Friday 28 June

Shire of Gnowangerup (1-day mini conference)

Guest Speakers:

- Callum Crofton, Manager Heritage Support Services, Dept of Planning, Lands and Heritage
Local Government input to the consultation process for the Heritage Act 2018 closed in mid-April.
Further information can be found at 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.
- Karl Hansom, Project Officer, Great Southern Centre for Outdoor Recreation Excellence (GSCORE).
- Telstra representative to discuss mobile phone services during emergencies.

Friday 30 August

Shire of Jerramungup

Friday 29 November

Shire of Katanning (AGM and ordinary meeting)

ACTION: Zone Councils to suggest guest speakers for the August and November meetings.

Close: 2.58pm