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Peel Zone Minutes

24 November 2022

Peel Zone

Hosted by the Shire of Murray

1915 Pinjarra Rd, Pinjarra

Thursday 24 November 2022, commenced at 2:00 pm

Acknowledgement of Country

We, the delegates of the Peel Country Zone acknowledge the traditional owners of this land that we are meeting on today and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.

Minutes

MEMBERS

2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

Shire of Boddington

Cr Eugene Smallberger
Ms Julie Burton, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

City of Mandurah

Mayor Rhys Williams

Shire of Murray

President David Bolt
Cr Steve Lee
Mr Dean Unsworth, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

Shire Serpentine Jarrahdale

President Michelle Rich - **Chair**

Shire of Waroona

President Michael Walmsley
Mr Mark Goodlet, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

WALGA Representatives

President, Cr Karen Chappel
Mr Ashley Robb, Acting Manager Planning
Ms Rachel Armstrong, Senior Policy Advisor, Emergency Management
Ms Claire Lings, Project Officer, Policy

DLGSC Representative

Ms Leanne Pebbles, A/Regional Manager Peel

Guest Speakers

Nil

APOLOGIES

Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale

Cr Lauren Strange,
Mr Paul Martin, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
delegate

Shire of Boddington

Cr Garry Ventris

City of Mandurah

Cr Caroline Knight
Mr Mark Newman, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
delegate

Shire of Murray

Cr Douglas McLarty

Shire of Waroona

Cr Naomi Purcell

Department of Fire and
Emergency Services,

Mr Murray Carter, Executive Director

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zone Delegates are requested to provide sufficient written notice, wherever possible, on amendments to recommendations within the State Council or Zone agenda prior to the Zone meeting to the Chair and Secretariat.

Agenda Papers are emailed 7 days prior to the meeting date to your Council for distribution to Zone Delegates.

Confirmation of Attendance an attendance sheet will be circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting. Please register your attendance by printing your name against your Council on the attendance sheet.

ATTACHMENTS WITHIN THE AGENDA

1. Draft Minutes of previous meeting
2. Zone Status Report
3. President's Report

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Elected Members must declare to the Chairman any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before the Zone as soon as they become aware of it. Councillors and deputies may be directly or indirectly associated with some recommendations of the Zone and State Council. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

Nil.

2. DEPUTATIONS

2.2 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Representative Update Report.

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representative, Leanne Pebbles updated the Zone on DLGSC issues.

Noted

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Michael Walmsley
Seconded: President Cr David Bolt

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Peel Zone held on 25 August 2022 as amended to change Item 5.2 Amendment to be President Cr David Bolt as the Seconder be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

A Status Report outlining the actions taken on the Zone's resolutions is enclosed as an attachment.

Noted

5. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION

(Zone delegates to consider the Matters for Decision contained in the WA Local Government Association State Council Agenda and put forward resolutions to Zone Representatives on State Council)

The full State Council Agenda can be found via link: [State Council Agenda 7 December 2022](#)

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

Matters for Decision

5.1 2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions

That:

1. the following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be endorsed for action:

3.8 Review of the Rating Methodology used by the Valuer-General

Advocate for a full review of the rating methodology used by the Valuer-General to value all land in the State of Western Australia.

3.10 Reform of the Cat Act 2011

That the WA Local Government sector requests the WA State Government prioritise reforms to the Cat Act 2011, in accordance with the Statutory Review undertaken and tabled in the State Parliament on 27 November 2019.

2. the following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the relevant Policy Team for further work to be undertaken:

3.1 Road Traffic Issues

That WALGA advocate on behalf of the local government sector to the State Government and in particular, Main Roads, to increase importance and weight given to local knowledge and input regarding road traffic issues including requests for speed reduction, intersection treatments and overall preventative and traffic safety measures.

3.2 Car Parking and Traffic Congestion Around Schools

That WALGA engages with the State Government on behalf of Local Government to review issues associated with car parking and traffic congestion around school sites including but not limited to:

1. Reviewing car parking standards for schools;
2. Ensuring sufficient land is set aside for the provision of parking on school sites;
3. Reviewing the co-location of schools to avoid issues being exacerbated;
4. Restricting school access from major roads;
5. Developing plans to enable schools to manage school traffic;
6. Develop programs to educate drivers; and
7. Develop options and implement initiatives to encourage alternative modes of transport to school.

3.3 Proposal for Regional Road Maintenance Contracts with Main Roads WA

That WALGA assist Local Governments and work with the Hon Minister Rita Saffioti to introduce a similar program that is currently in play in Queensland and introduce a sole invitee Program for Local Governments to engage in a Road Maintenance Performance Contract with Main Roads WA.

3.4 Northern Australia Beef Roads Program

That WALGA work with the Hon Madeleine King MP Minister for Resources and Minister for Northern Australia to make Beef Road Funding available to all Australian Local Governments north and south, or establish a Southern Australia Beef Road Funding Program to allow for equitable support across Australia's beef and agriculture industries.

3.5 3D House Printing Building Compliance

That WALGA requests:

1. Assistance from Minister for Industry and Science The Hon Ed Husic MP, Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Small Business The Hon Julie Collins MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government The Hon Catherine King MP to work with Ministers from all State

and Territory Governments who have Building and Construction in their portfolios, to collaborate and to consider removing impediments within the National Construction Code Series and associated Australian Standards, that dissuade industry from adopting 3D printing as a building method.

2. That the Government provide instruments to incentivise private industry to develop 3D printing and include this as an acceptable building practice.

3.6 South West Native Title Settlement

That WALGA advocate to the State Government that Local Governments be provided with the full list of potential land to be requested for transfer as part of the South West Native Title Settlement and that a minimum of three months be provided for Council to provide feedback.

3.7 Land Offset Compensation to Local Governments

That WALGA advocate to the State Government that the Developer requiring land offsets should be required to provide the offsets within the Local Government where the clearing occurs and where this is not possible, the Developer requiring land offsets within another Local Government be required to pay a fee to the Local Government for the loss of rates and ongoing maintenance of infrastructure to the Land.

3.12.1 Abandoned Shopping Trolleys

That this meeting supports the recent petition to be tabled in the Legislative Council, Parliament of Western Australia, "Removal and Abandonment of Shopping Trolleys 22-0017" calling on the State Government to implement stringent and uniform shopping trolley containment laws for the whole state of Western Australia.

3. the following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be noted:

3.11 WALGA Best Practice Governance Review – Principles

That:

1. The update on the Best Practice Governance Review project be noted, and
2. The principles to inform WALGA's future governance model, as follows and as per the attached Principles document, be endorsed:
 - a. Representative – WALGA unites and represents the entire Local Government sector in WA and understands the diverse nature and needs of members, regional communities and economies.
 - b. Responsive – WALGA is an agile association which acts quickly to respond to the needs of members and stakeholders.
- c. Results Oriented – WALGA dedicates resources and efforts to secure the best outcomes for Local Government and supports the delivery of high-quality projects, programs and services.

3.12.2 Mandatory Superannuation for Elected Members in Band 1 and 2 Councils

That this meeting supports requesting WALGA to advocate for the Local Government reforms to include mandatory superannuation for elected members of Band 1 and Band 2 Councils and supports the optional payment of superannuation for Band 3 and 4 Councils.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Michael Walmsley
Seconded: President Cr David Bolt

That the Peel Country Zone supports item 5.1

CARRIED

5.2 Elected Member Superannuation

That WALGA:

1. advocates for superannuation to be required to be paid to Elected Members of Local Governments in Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (SAT) Band 1 and Band 2; and
2. supports the position that superannuation payments to Elected Members of Local Governments in SAT Band 3 and Band 4 should be optional and determined by Council.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Michael Walmsley
Seconded: President Cr David Bolt

That the Peel Country Zone supports item 5.2

CARRIED

5.3 Biosecurity Advocacy Position

That State Council endorse replacing Advocacy Position 4.5 Post Border Biosecurity with a new Biosecurity Advocacy Position as follows:

4.5 Biosecurity

Western Australia's economy, environment and the community are facing increasing challenges posed by already established and new pests, weeds and diseases.

Local Government has a significant role in biosecurity management, as land managers and regulators, and therefore has an interest in ensuring that Western Australia's biosecurity system, including control of declared pests, is effective and appropriately resourced.

WALGA considers significant changes to the operation of the State's biosecurity system, including the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007, are required to ensure these risks can be managed now and into the future.

To be effective the Western Australian biosecurity system must:

1. Take a transparent approach to the notion of 'shared responsibility' by ensuring that:
 - a) The respective roles and responsibilities of Commonwealth, State and Local Government, industry, landholders, community groups and individuals are agreed and clearly articulated; and
 - b) There is improved pest management on State Government managed land and a formalised structure for State Government agencies with responsibilities for biosecurity management to work together and coordinate their activities.
2. Be underpinned by a strategic framework, developed in collaboration with stakeholders, that:
 - a) Establishes priorities for biosecurity threats in geographically defined regions, sets measurable targets and guides investment in biosecurity activities; and
 - b) Is regularly evaluated and reported on.
3. Have a greater focus on environmental biosecurity, through the increased recognition and management of pest species that have significant ecological impacts.
4. Be adequately, sustainably and equitably funded:
 - a) The appropriateness and effectiveness of the Declared Pest Rate (DPR) and Recognised Biosecurity Group (RBG) model as key mechanisms for the management of widespread and established declared pests should be reviewed and alternate mechanisms considered;
 - b) Increased and more equitable distribution of funding for every step in the biosecurity continuum and adequate resourcing for all stakeholders, including Local Government; and
 - c) The provision of funding for declared pest management in metropolitan areas.
5. Ensure that the criteria and process for listing of declared pests is evidence-based, timely and transparent.

6. Have an increased emphasis on compliance through education and enforcement activity, to ensure land managers are aware of their legislative responsibilities and are supported to implement biosecurity actions.
7. Facilitate the use of new technologies, strategic monitoring, and the establishment of data management systems to inform biosecurity investment decisions and support adaptive management.
8. Improve the community's understanding, awareness and action in relation to biosecurity to assist with threat surveillance and timely response to incursions.
9. That any flora or fauna pest that is declared in other States of Australia be evaluated for potential risk to Western Australia.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Michael Walmsley
Seconded: President Cr David Bolt

That the Peel Country Zone supports item 5.3 with the amendment to include a point 9 so it reads:

9. **That any flora or fauna pest that is declared in other States of Australia be evaluated for potential risk to Western Australia.**

CARRIED

5.4 Submission on *Environmental Regulation Reform: A Strategic Review of Regulatory Delivery and Fees for Industry Regulation*

That the submission on Environmental Regulation Reform: A Strategic Review of Regulatory Delivery and Fees for Industry Regulation be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Michael Walmsley
Seconded: President Cr David Bolt

That the Peel Country Zone supports item 5.4

CARRIED

5.5 Updated Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advocacy Position

That State Council endorse the following updated Advocacy Position on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage:

- 3.1.3 *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 and South West Native Title Settlement*

WALGA acknowledges Noongar people as the traditional owners of the South West Region. Local Government is supportive of conserving and protecting the State's Aboriginal cultural heritage.

WALGA supports the introduction of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 which will provide a modern framework for the recognition, protection, conservation and preservation of Aboriginal cultural heritage and recognises the fundamental importance of Aboriginal cultural heritage to Aboriginal people. The State Government must ensure that:

1. *The legislation balances the need to protect Aboriginal cultural heritage with the requirement for Local Government to undertake activities in a timely and affordable manner;*
2. *The implementation and ongoing operation of the legislative system for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage is adequately resourced to ensure that all parties have the capacity, capability and resources to discharge their statutory obligations, including the creation of a transition period sufficient to enable effective transition and alleviate potential bottlenecks;*
3. *Support is provided to Local Governments to ensure that they have the resources, capacity and capability to comply with a complex legislative framework; and*
4. *Local Governments have the ability to deliver essential infrastructure works and emergency activities efficiently and effectively in order to maintain public safety.*

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Michael Walmsley
Seconded: President Cr David Bolt

That the Peel Country Zone supports item 5.5 as amended and underlined in point 2 to read:

2. *The implementation and ongoing operation of the legislative system for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage is adequately resourced to ensure that all parties have the capacity, capability and resources to discharge their statutory obligations, including the creation of a transition period sufficient to enable effective transition and alleviate potential bottlenecks;*

CARRIED

5.6 Review of Coastal Planning Policy Position

That State Council endorse replacing Advocacy Position 6.8 Coastal Planning with a new Coastal Planning Advocacy Position as follows:

6.8 Coastal Planning
WALGA calls for:

1. Equitable legislative, regulatory and policy changes that preserve public coastal access for current and future generations.
2. The provision of sustainable and adequate long-term funding for Local Governments to manage the impacts of coastal erosion and inundation.
3. The State Government to establish a taskforce with State Agency and Local Government representation to help Local Governments implement complex, long-term adaptation responses identified in CHRMAPs.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Michael Walmsley
Seconded: President Cr David Bolt

That the Peel Country Zone supports item 5.6 with the amendment to include a point 3 so it reads:

3. **The State Government to establish a taskforce with State Agency and Local Government representation to help Local Governments implement complex, long-term adaptation responses identified in CHRMAPs.**

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Rhys Williams
Seconded: President Cr David Bolt

That the Peel Country Zone notes all Matter for Noting in the December State Council Agenda.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Michael Walmsley
Seconded: President Cr David Bolt

That the Peel Country Zone notes the Policy Team Report and Organisational Report as listed in the December 2022 State Council Agenda.

CARRIED

6. ZONE BUSINESS

6.1 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament

By Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale

The members of the Peel zone are disappointed that as a result of the position taken by the WALGA Policy Team that this item has not been referred to State Council.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Rhys Williams
Seconded: President Cr Michael Walmsley

The Peel Zone requests that WALGA

- 1. Supports a robust and respectful national debate on the Voice to Parliament**
- 2. Requests that the Commonwealth Government provide further details on the proposed constitutional changes in relation to the Voice to Parliament**
- 3. Requests that the Commonwealth Government ensure that Local Governments and local communities across WA are meaningfully engaged with on this issue**

CARRIED

6.2 2023 Proposed Meeting Dates

By Chantelle O'Brien, Zone Executive Officer

BACKGROUND

A schedule of the proposed meeting dates for the Peel Country Zone 2023 has been prepared and is set out below. The dates have been set to coincide with the WALGA State Council meetings.

The proposed meeting dates for the Peel Country Zone for 2023 require adoption by delegates.

As resolved at the June 2022 Zone meeting, the location and/or format has been left to be determined. A suggestion of location has been provided for when/if there is to be a meeting held in person.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Rhys Williams
Seconded: Cr Caroline Knight

That the Zone adopt the protocol that the meeting attendance format (electronic or in person) be determined at the time that Zone meeting dates are set each year.

CARRIED

Typically, Zone hosting is rotated alphabetically. If the Zone decides for some of the meetings below to be held electronically, it is suggested that the rotation be updated to continue the in person alphabetical rotation.

**PEEL COUNTRY ZONE MEETING
2023**

| Zone Meeting Dates Thursday | Time | LOCATION/FORMAT | State Council Meeting Date 2023 |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 16 February | Thursday 2.00 pm | TBD (Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale) | Wednesday 1 March 2023 |
| 20 April | Thursday 2.00 pm | TBD – (Shire of Waroona) | Regional Metro Wednesday 3 May 2023 |
| 22 June | Thursday 2.00 pm | TBD – (Shire of Boddington) | Wednesday 5 July 2023 |
| 24 August | Thursday 2.00 pm | TBD – (City of Mandurah) | Regional Meeting 7-8 September 2023 |
| 23 November | Thursday 2.00 pm | TBD – (Shire of Murray) | Wednesday 6 December 2023 |

RESOLUTION

Moved: **President Cr Michael Walmsley**
Seconded: **Mayor Rhys Williams**

That the 2023 proposed schedule of meetings for the Peel Country Zone be adopted for June to November and that the Zone will respond to the Secretariat this week regarding the February and April dates.

Note: Confirmation of revised meeting dates have since been confirmed following the Zone meeting and are noted in this resolution as follows:

**PEEL COUNTRY ZONE MEETING
2023**

| Zone Meeting Dates Thursday | Time | LOCATION/FORMAT |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 9 February | Thursday 2.00 pm | Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale |
| 13 April | Thursday 2.00 pm | Shire of Waroona |
| 22 June | Thursday 2.00 pm | Shire of Boddington |
| 24 August | Thursday 2.00 pm | City of Mandurah |
| 23 November | Thursday 2.00 pm | Shire of Murray |

CARRIED

6.3 Request to Present in 2023

Construction Training Fund

The Construction Training Fund collects a levy on all WA construction projects over the value of \$20,000 at 0.2% of the project value. These funds are then used to support the construction industry to train new apprentices and trainees and to cover the cost of additional skills training for building and construction workers in residential, civil, commercial or resource sector projects. Our other purpose is to promote construction as a career of choice and provide entry level pathways to the community such as Try-a-Trade, scholarships and para-professional certificates.

We are keen to ensure that training our local communities is reinforced as a culture in the industry and that supporting diversity and inclusion is fundamental to a future workforce. Our vision is that the construction industry is a career of choice and is safe, skilled and sustainable.

Tiffany Allen, CEO of Construction Training Fund will provide more information to the Zone on the Construction Training Fund.

National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)

A request has been received to present at WALGA Zone meetings by a representative from National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). Candy Hudson covers the Peel region along with other regions.

Attached with the Agenda was a Media Release that provides some further information.

NBN 2022 Emergency Management Preparedness Campaign

National Broadband Network (nbn) have launched their 2022 Emergency Management Preparedness Campaign.

Part of nbn's purpose to lift the digital capability of Australia is to help adequately prepare communities for a loss of nbn connectivity due emergency or disaster events that can disrupt our network. This campaign is intended to provide education on preparing for, responding to, and recovering from these events.

Key Audiences:

- Communities – residents and businesses (particularly those likely to be impacted by a natural disaster)
- Stakeholders – emergency services, councils, organisations community groups.

Key Objectives:

- Educate communities about the operation of the nbn network before, during and after a disaster event and the steps they can take to prepare themselves and their businesses or groups if the nbn network is impacted.
- Build an understanding among key stakeholders and the broader community of nbn's role in disaster preparedness, response, restoration, and recovery including how we prepare and support the community to become more resilient.

A representative from nbn has offered to attend a future Zone meeting and provide further information on this matter. Attached with the Agenda was further information on this campaign.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Rhys Williams
Seconded: President Cr David Bolt

That the Peel Country Zone supports representatives from each organisation as above to present as follows to a 2023 Zone meeting:

1. **February – Construction Training Fund**
April – National Emergency Management, Resilience and Recovery Agency
June – National Broadband Network
2. **That Murray Carter's presentation (DFES) is rescheduled to June 2023**

CARRIED

7. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

7.1 WALGA President's Report

President Cr Karen Chappel, WALGA President presented her Report. Report was distributed with the Agenda.

Noted

7.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

WALGA State Councillor presented on the previous State Council meeting.

Noted

8. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

President Cr Michelle Rich, Chair, will follow up and confirm the date of the February Peel Zone meeting prior to the State Council Meeting.

Noted

9. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at **3.48pm**.