



South West Country Zone Minutes

25 June 2021

**Shire of Capel
Council Chambers
31 Forrest Road
Capel**

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South West Country Zone

Meeting held at

Shire of Capel, Council Chambers, 31 Forrest Road, Capel WA 6271

Commenced at 9.00am, Friday 25 June 2021

Minutes

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Chair, President Cr Tony Dean, opened the meeting at 9:08am.

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

We, the South West Country Zone of WALGA acknowledge the Wardandi Nyoongar people, the Traditional Custodians of this land, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and future.

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance

Shire of Augusta Margaret River	President Cr Ian Earl Ms Stephanie Addison-Brown, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate Mr James Shepherd Director Corporate and Community Services non-voting delegate
Shire of Boyup Brook	President Cr Richard Walker <i>from 9:20am</i> Mr Dale Putland, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate <i>from 9:20am</i>
Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes	President Cr John Nicholas JP Mr Tim Clynych, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Bunbury	Cr Tresslyn Smith Mr Mal Osborne, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Busselton	Mayor Grant Henley Mr Tony Nottle, Director Finance and Corporate Services non-voting delegate
Shire of Capel	Mr Rob Stewart, Acting Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Collie	President Cr Sarah Stanley

Shire of Dardanup	President Cr Michael Bennett Mr Andre Schonfeldt, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup	Mr Ben Rose, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Harvey	President Cr Paul Gillett Ms Annie Riordan, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Manjimup	Mr Andrew Campbell, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Nannup	President Cr Tony Dean (SC) CHAIR Mr David Taylor, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
WA Local Government Association Secretariat	Tim Lane, Manager, Strategy and Association Governance Kelly McManus, Principal Policy and Advocacy Jacqui Sharp, Regional Road Safety Advisor
South West Development Commission	Mellisa Teede, Chief Executive Officer Cate Brooks, Director Business and Industry
RDA South West	Charles Jenkinson, Director Regional Development

Apologies

Shire of Capel	President Cr Michael Southwell
Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup	President Cr Brian Piesse
Shire of Manjimup	President Cr Paul Omodei
Shire of Collie	Mr Stuart Devenish, Chief Executive Officer

Hon. James Hayward MLC, Shadow Member for South West Region
Ms Kristy Cochrane, Assistant Director, Australian Bureau of Statistics
Ms Chelsea Roberts, Census Engagement Manager, Australian Bureau of Statistics
Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Item 9.1 – Cr Tresslyn Smith and Cr Paul Gillett declared an impartiality interest in discussions relating to regional waste and the Bunbury Harvey Regional Council.

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

4.1 **Attachments**

The following are provided as attachments to the agenda:

1. South West Country Zone Minutes 23 April 2021
2. Correspondence
3. Future Jobs and Skills Forum 2021 – Sponsorship Agreement
4. South West Local Government Housing Strategies Summary

5. WALGA President's Report
6. State Council Agenda – via link only: [State Council Agenda 7 July 2021](#)

5. GUEST SPEAKERS / DEPUTATIONS

5.1 Presentation by Host Local Government – Shire of Capel

Mr Rob Stewart provided an update to the Zone.

President Cr Richard Walker joined the meeting at 9:20am.

5.2 Australian Bureau of Statistics – Census

Kristy Cochrane, Assistant Director, Australian Bureau of Statistics, was unable to attend the meeting. Written material will be distributed with the Minutes.

6. MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes from the South West Country Zone meeting held Friday 23 April 2021 (Attachment 1)

The Minutes of the South West Country Zone meeting held on Friday 23 April 2021 have previously been circulated to Member Councils and are provided as an attachment to this agenda.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Grant Henley
Seconded: President Cr Ian Earl

That the minutes of the South West Country Zone meeting held Friday 23 April 2021 are confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

6.1.1 Business Arising

6.1.1.1 – Correspondence

Correspondence emanating from the April Zone meeting is attached:

1. Letter to Infrastructure WA
2. Letter to Minister for Energy – LED Lighting
3. Letter to Minister for Local Government – Transit Parks

Noted

6.1.1.2 – South West Future Jobs and Skills Forum 2021 Sponsorship Agreement

Sponsorship Agreement between the Bunbury Geographe Economic Alliance and the South West Country Zone of WALGA has been executed and is attached.

The Zone will have exhibition space at the Forum to be held on 12 August. The Executive Officer will liaise with Local Governments in the Zone about providing officers to attend the exhibition booth and marketing material.

Noted

7. ZONE BUSINESS

7.1 Housing Issues

The following update relates to housing issues in terms of:

1. Work being undertaken by WALGA on behalf of Local Government at a State Government level, and
2. Issues identified by the South West region, collated as an attachment.

WALGA Update

To provide an update on WALGA discussions in relation to housing, rental, worker and (Government Regional Officer Housing) GROH accommodation shortage.

Key issues relate to:

- Shortage of housing and rental accommodation
- Labour and materials shortage and delays
- Increased need for worker accommodation and GROH properties.

Background

WALGA has attended meetings with several government agencies to discuss the current rental and housing shortage. Conversations have been had around Local Government identifying owned properties that could be sold to accommodate workers and exploring opportunities to enter into joint ventures to develop land to provide worker accommodation, including GROH.

DPLH Land Management - identification of section 152 land held by Local Government under management order. Is the land able to be developed for social/community/GROH.

GROH – Department of Communities have established a Senior Officers Working Group (WALGA is seeking representation on this group). The working group will focus on developing a 4 year strategic plan to identify future needs for GROH accommodation and addressing the unmet housing demand.

Questions for Zone

- SHERP package – uptake of \$1.5m in grants for maintenance.
- Regional Development Assistance Program – funding for headworks
- Is there an opportunity to enter into a joint venture agreement to build worker accommodation with local businesses.
- Identify red tape and planning reforms to assist with development
- Properties available for spot purchase by the State government

Collation of South West Housing Issues

A collation of updates from Local Governments is **attached** for information. The document provides a status of existing housing strategies, provides observations on a range of issues, and identifies opportunities to guide advocacy in discussions with the State Government.

For instance, it is noted that many smaller Local Governments do not have the resources to prepare a housing strategy, and assistance from the State would enable Local Governments to undertake this planning task. Not only would such action help to mitigate housing shortages in the medium term, it would enable more coordinated local, regional and state level planning.

Noted

7.2 Local Government Standardisation and Red Tape Reduction

The Minister for Local Government, Hon John Carey MLA, has identified red tape reduction, and standardisation across the Local Government sector as a priority.

To that end, the Minister has established a Red Tape Reduction Reform Working Group. WALGA Chief Executive Officer, Nick Sloan is a member of the Working Group.

WALGA has identified a number of issues to be raised through this forum, based on existing advocacy positions.

In addition, it is acknowledged there will be opportunities at a regional and sub-regional level to standardise local laws and other processes. Tangible examples of standardisation of local laws and other processes are sought from the Local Government sector to assist in building an evidence base for advocacy.

Noted

8. WALGA BUSINESS

8.1 WALGA Status Report

By Tim Lane, Zone Executive Officer

BACKGROUND

Status Report for June 2021 which contains WALGA's responses to the resolutions of previous Zone Meetings.

Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update	WALGA Contact
2019 March 22 Zone Agenda Item 7.7 Funding Commitment Towards Strategic Transport Network Infrastructure In	1. That the South West Zone of WALGA adopts an advocacy position of seeking a commitment to funding from: a. Western Australian State Government; and/or b. Australian Federal Government; and/or	The Infrastructure Policy Team requested that the Association investigate the need for and feasibility of developing a road project advocacy tool to support Local Governments and Zones in their advocacy for specific road developments given the large number of potential projects across the State.	Ongoing	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031

South West Western Australia	<p>c. Private industry to better manage the ever increasing numbers of heavy vehicle haulage and light vehicle users within the south-west (particularly including South Western Highway), including the possibility of re-instating and re-opening the disused South West Railway, as well as the future expansion and improvements of our road networks for the south-west region as part of the investment of our future infrastructure and road networks.</p> <p>2. That the South West Zone of WALGA requests the WALGA State Council to consider adopting the advocacy position outlined in Recommendation 1, above.</p>			
2021 19 February Zone Agenda Item 7.3 Asset Preservation Model	<p>That the South West Country Zone of WALGA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supports option one of the options presented 2. Requests that discussion on this issue be referred to Regional Road Groups 3. Request Chris Berry, or an appropriate officer from the WA Local Government Grants Commission, to present to the Zone on the Asset Preservation Model methodology 	<p>At the May 2021 meeting WALGA State Council resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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; and • 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. <p>A formal letter has been sent to the WA Local Government Grants Commission accordingly.</p>	June 2021	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031
2021 23 April Zone Agenda Item 7.1 Weather Station Upgrade Request	<p>That the South West Country Zone of WALGA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>WALGA wrote to BOM 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 On 2 June 2021 (2/06/21)</p>	June 2021	Narelle Cant Executive Manager, Strategy, Policy and Planning ncant@walga.asn.au 9213 2078
2021 19 February Zone Agenda Item 7.1 Lobbying For State Government Policy Alignment With Respect to Development	<p>That WALGA writes to relevant Ministers and Directors General to request the current lack of policy alignment be addressed with respect to planning and development matters.</p>	<p>The State Government's <i>Action Plan for Planning Reform</i> has identified the need for a "new framework for the referral of planning applications to provide greater certainty regarding the timing, process and scope of referral agency input". This would include a conflict resolution arrangement where agencies hold differing views.</p> <p>This is referred to as action 'C5'. This reform was not included in the recently completed first tranche of reforms but is slated to be included in the upcoming planning reforms being developed by DPLH. WALGA has acted as a conduit between the Local Government sector and DPLH throughout these reforms and will continue to take this role as the reform agenda is rolled out by Government.</p> <p>WALGA will provide the SW Zone resolution to the DPLH's Reform Team as an example of the need for reform to the agency referral system. (23/03/2021)</p>	June 2021	Narelle Cant Executive Manager, Strategy, Policy and Planning ncant@walga.asn.au 9213 2078

		WALGA provided the SW Zone example to the DPLH Planning Reform Team (26/05/2021)		
		COMPLETE		
27 November 2020 Zone Agenda Item 7.4 Slip-on Eligibility for ESL Grant Support	That the South West Country Zone of WALGA supports the recommendation that slip-on fire units be reinstated onto the eligibility list for ESL grant funding.	State Council resolution That WALGA: 1. Supports the inclusion of capital costs of Trailer Fire Fighting Units and Slip On Fire Fighting Units including for Farmer Response Brigades (for use on private motor vehicles) on the Eligible List of the Local Governments Grants Scheme (LGGS). 2. Requests the Local Government Grants Scheme Working Group to include this matter on the Agenda of their next Meeting (expected March 2021). 3. Requests WALGA to work with the Local Government Grants Scheme Working Group to develop appropriate operational guidelines and procedures for the safe use of Slip On Fire Fighting Units funded in accordance with the LGGS. 4. Supports the update of the WALGA membership of the Local Government Grants Scheme Working Group to include one Local Government Elected Member and one Local Government Officer, with these appointments determined through the WALGA Selection Committee process. RESOLUTION 180.1/2021 CARRIED WALGA's CEO wrote to the DFES Commissioner on 16 March 2021 advising him of the State Council Resolution. The LGGS Working Group met on 20 March 2021 but did not consider the eligibility of items at that meeting. WALGA will continue to liaise with DFES on the matter (2/06/21) COMPLETE	June 2021	Narelle Cant Executive Manager, Strategy, Policy and Planning ncant@walga.asn.au 9213 2078
2020 25 June Zone Agenda Item 7.1 Regulation of Park Homes / Manufactured Homes / Lifestyle Villages	That the South West Zone seek WALGA's support to request that the State Government urgently amend the Caravan Parks Legislation to allow the continued lawful placement of new manufactured homes on caravan park sites, until approximately 2030, providing regulatory certainty in the short term to the industry, its customers and local governments, and providing time in which more comprehensive regulatory reform can be undertaken.	State Council Resolution at the September meeting. That WALGA urgently requests the State Government to undertake a full review of the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995 and associated legislation and regulations, to address manufactured homes on caravan park sites. RESOLUTION 116.4/2020 Correspondence and the background information has been sent to the Minister for Local Government for consideration of an urgent review of the <i>Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995</i> . A letter has been received from the Minister (as attached), stating that " <i>Government is considering a broader review of the regulatory system regarding lifestyle villages; however, its legislative priority will not be considered until after the 2021 election.</i> " WALGA met with the Minister for Planning's office in April 2021 and raised this as an ongoing issue for the sector. WALGA has subsequently been informed that further amendments to the Camping and Caravan Act and Regulations to address the issue of manufactured park homes remains on the State Governments legislative agenda for this term. (26/05/2021)	Ongoing	Narelle Cant Executive Manager, Strategy, Policy and Planning ncant@walga.asn.au 9213 2078
2020 April 24 Zone Agenda Item 7.1 Payments to Volunteers	That the South West Country Zone request WALGA to advocate for the State and Commonwealth Governments to introduce a payment system for emergency services	On 29 December 2019, the Prime Minister announced a Commonwealth Volunteer Compensation Scheme. On 15 January 2020, the Minister for Emergency Services convened a Ministerial Volunteer Advisory Forum to consider feedback on the compensation proposal on behalf	June 2021	Narelle Cant Executive Manager, Strategy,

Impacted by Emergency Events	volunteers to partially offset their income lost when volunteering in emergency events.	<p>of emergency services volunteers as well as explore any other concepts to support volunteers. Discussions took places around;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. feedback and suggestions about the challenges volunteers are experiencing at a local level; 2. volunteer recruitment and retention, training processes, resourcing requirements and the impact of a changing climate; and 3. the forum also provided volunteers with the opportunity to share local learnings in an open and safe environment. <p>The Minister for Emergency Services then wrote to Minister Littleproud to recognise and acknowledge the value of volunteers and to share the matters that volunteers raised on financial disincentives surrounding emergency services volunteering in Western Australia.</p> <p>DFES acknowledges the valuable contribution played by volunteers who support their local communities and has progressed a working group to review and advise on necessary changes to expenditure to ensure brigades are supported financially. DFES has embedded volunteer engagement in appliance design, testing and evaluation through Project Advisory Teams which will ensure that replacement appliances deliver improved operational and safety outcomes for volunteers. DFES has invested significantly in delivering the improved Volunteer Hub to make access to information easier and faster.</p> <p>COMPLETE</p>		Policy and Planning ncant@walga.asn.au 9213 2078
2019 June 28 Zone Agenda Item 7.2 Community Newspaper Awards	The Zone requests WALGA support a regional annual award program to recognize the significant contribution of community news publications.	Given the Local Government Minister has foreshadowed initiating an awards program for the sector, the Local Government Convention executive organizing committee has postponed consideration of any expansion of the WALGA honors and awards program until the Minister's awards have been defined.	September 2021	Zac Donovan Executive Manager, Finance and Marketing zdonovan@walga.asn.au 9213 2038

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Michael Bennet
Seconded: President Cr Paul Gillett

That the South West Country Zone WALGA June 2021 Status Report be noted.

CARRIED

8.2 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda

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: [State Council Agenda 7 July 2021](#)

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 Reviews of the *Cat Act 2011* and *Dog Act 1976*

That WALGA seek a commitment from the State Government:

1. for the conduct of comprehensive reviews of the *Cat Act 2011* and *Dog Act 1976*; and
2. that the reviews incorporate Local Government-specific consultation processes, coordinated in discussion with WALGA and Local Government stakeholders.

5.2 Amendments to WALGA's Constitution

That the WALGA Constitution be amended as follows:

1. INSERT Definition – “Present” means attendance in person or by electronic means deemed suitable by the Chief Executive Officer.
2. Clause 5 (10) – DELETE “and Associate Members”.
3. Clause 5 (11) – DELETE “Ordinary Member or”, REPLACE “State Council” with “Chief Executive Officer” in the first sentence, INSERT “or its delegate” after State Council in the second sentence.
4. Clause 6 (3) – REPLACE “31 May” with “30 June”.
5. Clause 7 (2) – REPLACE “30 June” with “31 July”.
6. Clause 11 (1) – after Chief Executive Officer, INSERT “in accordance with the Corporate Governance Charter”.
7. Clause 11 (2) – after Chief Executive Officer INSERT “by providing notice to State Councillors of the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting”
8. DELETE Clause 11 (3)
9. Clause 12 (1) – DELETE “as, being entitled to do so, vote in person”
10. DELETE Clause 12 (2)
11. Clause 12 (3) – DELETE “as, being entitled to do so, vote in person”
12. Clause 12 (4) – DELETE “as, being entitled to do so, vote in person”
13. Clause 16 (1) & (2) – After Any election INSERT “other than to elect the President or Deputy President”, REPLACE “generally in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 as amended (2) For the purposes of the election referred to in sub-section (1)” with “as follows”.
14. Clause 16 (2) (f) – REPLACE two instances of “2” with “1”.
15. INSERT Clause 16A – Election Procedure – President and Deputy President
 - (1) An election to elect the President or Deputy President shall be conducted as follows:
 - (a) the Chief Executive Officer or his/her delegate shall act as returning officer;
 - (b) representatives are to vote on the matter by secret ballot;
 - (c) votes are to be counted on the basis of “first-past-the-post”;
 - (d) the candidate who receives the greatest number of votes is elected;
 - (e) if there is an equality of votes between two or more candidates who are the only candidates in, or remaining in, the count, the count is to be discontinued, and the meeting adjourned for not more than 30 minutes;
 - (f) any nomination for the office may be withdrawn, and further nominations may be made, before or when the meeting resumes;
 - (g) when the meeting resumes, an election will be held in accordance with sub-sections 1(a), 1(b), 1(c) and 1 (d);
 - (h) if two or more candidates receive the same number of votes so that sub-section 1(d) cannot be applied, the Chief Executive Officer is to draw lots in the presence of any scrutineers who may be present to determine which candidate is elected.
16. Clause 21 (4) – REPLACE “Chairman” with “Chair”.
17. Clause 22 (1) – REPLACE “in August or September of” with “prior to 31 October”.
18. Clause 22 (3) – DELETE “in person”
19. DELETE Clause 22 (4) (b).
20. Clause 23 (3) – DELETE “in person”
21. Clause 24 (2) – DELETE “and of which vote is to be exercised in person”
22. Clause 24 (4) – DELETE “as, being entitled to do so, vote in person”
23. Clause 28 (1) – DELETE “The common seal shall be held in the custody of the Chief Executive Officer at all times.”

24. Clause 29 (1) – DELETE “as, being entitled to do so, vote in person”
25. Clause 29 (2) – DELETE “as, being entitled to do so, vote in person”
26. Clause 31 (4) (c) – DELETE “and Regional Development”.

Matters for Noting

- 6.1 Submission to Ministerial Expert Committee on Electoral Reform
- 6.2 Legal Response to the Coastal Hazard Planning Issues Paper
- 6.3 WALGA Submission: Child Safety Officer
- 6.4 State Planning Policy 3.1 Residential Design Codes Volume 1 – Medium Density Code
- 6.5 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)
- 6.6 Local Government Performance Monitoring Project
- 6.7 Review of Fire Weather Districts
- 6.8 2021-22 State Budget Submission Approach
- 6.9 Managing Public Health Risks from Wastewater Conveyance, Treatment and Disposal in WA

Key Activity Reports

- 7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Commercial and Communications 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, Strategy, Policy and Planning

RESOLUTIONS

Moved: Mr Andrew Campbell

Seconded: Mayor Grant Henley

That the South West Country Zone supports item 5.1.

CARRIED

Moved: President Cr Sarah Stanley

Seconded: President Cr Michael Bennett

That the South West Country Zone supports item 5.2.

CARRIED

Moved: President Cr Sarah Stanley

Seconded: President Cr Michael Bennett

That the South West Country Zone notes the matters for noting and key activity reports contained in the 7 July 2021 State Council Agenda.

CARRIED

8.3 WALGA President's Report

The WALGA President's Report is attached to the agenda.

NOTED

9. AGENCY REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS

9.1 South West Development Commission

Chief Executive Officer, Mellisa Teede, provided an update to the Zone.

NOTED

Cr Tresslyn Smith and Cr Paul Gillett declared an impartiality interest in discussions relating to regional waste and the Bunbury Harvey Regional Council.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tresslyn Smith
Seconded: President Cr Michael Bennett

That the South West Country Zone of WALGA write to SWDC seeking advocacy support for State Government funding for the Bunbury Harvey Regional Council regional waste solution, initially focusing on FOGO.

CARRIED

9.2 Regional Development Australia – South West

Director of Regional Development, Charles Jenkinson, presented to the Zone on the South West Regional Futures (SWRF) document.

NOTED

9.2 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representative were an apology to the meeting.

NOTED

10. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Zone's cash position is \$9,070.68 as per below:

Date	Description	Term Deposit	Current Account	Total Cash Held
12/04/2021	Opening balance	\$12,190.40	\$2,395.00	\$14,585.40
15/04/2021	Bank charges		-\$5.42	\$14,579.98
17/05/2021	Bank charges		-\$5.42	\$14,574.56
4/06/2021	Interest Received	\$1.54		\$14,576.10
4/06/2021	Transfer to current account	-\$12,191.94		\$14,576.10
4/06/2021	Transfer from term deposit		\$12,191.94	\$14,576.10
15/06/2021	Bank charges		-\$5.42	\$14,570.68
16/06/2021	Sponsorship of 2021 Future Jobs Expo		-\$5,500.00	\$9,070.68
		-	\$9,070.68	

Subscriptions for financial year 2021-22 are proposed at **\$600** per Local Government to a total of **\$7,200**.

RESOLUTION

Moved: **President Cr Ian Earl**
Seconded: **President Cr Paul Gillett**

That:

1. **The Financial Report be noted, and**
2. **The Member Contribution of \$600 per Local Government for the 2021-22 financial year be endorsed.**

CARRIED

11. EMERGING ISSUES

11.1 Invitations to Future Meetings

Member for Forrest, Ms Nola Marino MHR, and Member for O'Connor, Mr Rick Wilson MHR will be invited to the August Zone meeting.

Minister for Local Government, Hon John Carey MLA, will be invited to attend the August Zone meeting.

11.2 Busselton Margaret River Airport Update

Mayor Grant Henley provided an update to the Zone:

- Flights between Busselton Margaret River and Melbourne were due to resume on Saturday 26 June 2021, but were deferred due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Flights between Busselton Margaret River and Melbourne are now due to commence on Saturday, 3 July 2021.
- Feedback from Jetstar suggests strong interest and bookings on the route
- Discussions with airlines in relation to route expansions are ongoing.

11.3 Southern Forests Irrigation Scheme Update

Modelling will be reviewed and updated to assess the continued viability of the scheme.

11.4 Designated Area Migration Agreement (DAMA) Update

DAMA application will be presented to the Minister in late June or early July 2021.

Recruitment will commence in the near future for an officer to administer and promote the agreement.

11.5 Price Escalation in Building and Works

The Zone noted that prices for building and infrastructure works are increasing, and there is potential for costs to continue to increase due to increased demand and supply constraints for materials and labour.

12. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETINGS

12.1 2021 Meeting Dates

MEETING DATE	HOST LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Friday 19 February 2021	Bunbury
Friday 23 April 2021	Augusta Margaret River
Friday 25 June 2021	Capel
Friday 20 August 2021	Collie
Friday 19 November 2021	Dardanup

12.2 Next Meeting

MEETING DATE	HOST LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Friday, 20 August 2021	Shire of Collie

13. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 11:45am.