



East Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

22 April 2021

East Metropolitan Zone

Hosted by the City of Belmont

Function Room, 215 Wright Street Cloverdale – Phone 9477 7222

Thursday 22 April 2021. Commenced at 6:30 pm

Minutes

MEMBERS

3 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

Town of Bassendean	Cr John Gangell
City of Bayswater	Cr Catherine Ehrhardt Cr Stephanie Gray Cr Giorgia Johnson
City of Belmont	Mayor Phil Marks Cr George Sekulla Cr Bernie Ryan
City of Kalamunda	Cr Brooke O'Donnell – Chair Cr Margaret Thomas JP (Deputy) Ms Rhonda Hardy, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Mundaring	Cr Kate Driver
City of Swan	Cr Rod Henderson Cr Patty Jones
WALGA Secretariat	Mr Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure Mr Ashley Robb, Planning Project Officer
DLGSC Representative	Marina Sucur, Senior Project Officer, Regulatory Services Local Government
Guest Speakers	Mr Andrew Valder, Co-Founder, Grow it Local

APOLOGIES

Town of Bassendean	Ms Peta Mabbs, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Mundaring	Cr Jason Russell
Town of Bassendean	Mr Jonathan Throssell, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
	Cr Chris Barty
	Cr Sarah Quinton
City of Bayswater	Mr Andrew Brien, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Belmont	Mr John Christie, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Kalamunda	Cr Janelle Sewell
Shire of Mundaring	Cr Simon Cuthbert
City of Swan	Cr Cate McCullough
	Mr Jeremy Edwards, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zone Delegates were 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 were emailed 7 days prior to the meeting date to your Council for distribution to Zone Delegates.

Confirmation of Attendance An attendance sheet was circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Acknowledgement of Country All attendees acknowledged the traditional owners of the land that the meeting is held on and paying respects to Elders past, present and future.

ATTACHMENTS WITHIN THE AGENDA

1. Draft Minutes of the previous meeting
2. Zone Status Report
3. President's Report
4. Standing Orders

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.

2. DEPUTATIONS

All Deputations have a time limit of 20 minutes, which includes questions time.

2.1 Grow it Local

Mr Andrew Valder from Grow it Local presented to the Zone on the program and what it can offer to the Community.

2.2 Deputation Adjustment

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage have advised that information on the new Legislation and Noongar Agreement will now be provided to Local Governments via an alternative format. Further information on this will be communicated in due course. Therefore will no longer be presenting at the Zone meeting.

Noted

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Georgia Johnson
Seconded Cr Patty Jones

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the East Metropolitan Zone held 18 February 2021 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 was 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-5-May-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 Local Government Financial Ratios

That WALGA:

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

5.2 Roads Asset Preservation Model Review

That WALGA:

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

5.3 Western Australian Development Index

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

5.4 Review of the State Industrial Relations System

That WALGA:

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

Matters for Noting

- 6.1 New Regulations Update – Model Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates; and CEO Standards for Recruitment, Performance Review and Termination
- 6.2 State Election Campaign
- 6.3 Draft Position Statement: Dark Sky and Astrotourism
- 6.4 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Gangell
Seconded: Cr Kate Driver

That the East Metropolitan Zone

1. **Supports all Matters for Decision as listed above in the May 2021 State Council Agenda; and**
2. **Notes all Matters for Noting and Organisational Reports as listed in the May 2021 State Council Agenda.**

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS

6.1 NIL

OTHER BUSINESS

NIL

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 WALGA President's Report

The WALGA representative, Mr Ian Duncan presented the President's Report.

Noted

8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

WALGA State Councillor, Cr Catherine Ehrhardt presented on the previous State Council meeting.

Noted

8.3 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Update

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representative, Marina Sucur, updated the Zone on DLGSC issues.

Noted

8.4 Topics for next meeting update by the DLGSC

To assist the content of the DLGSC's updates each Zone meeting, feedback is sought on what topics may be of particular relevance to the Zone. The DLGSC's portfolio is as follows:

DLGSC business areas

- Local Government
- Racing, Gaming and Liquor
- Infrastructure
- Sport and Recreation
- Regional Services
- Culture and the Arts
- Aboriginal History Unit
- Office of Multicultural Interests

The Zone would like an update and/or information on the following topics at the next Zone meeting.

- Nil advised

Noted

9. NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING

Councillor Patty Jones (City of Swan) gave notice of the following proposed motion to be considered at the next meeting:

That the East Metropolitan Zone requests WALGA to lead an advocacy program to the State Government and major retailers on behalf of Local Governments for improvements related to the management of shopping trolleys in public spaces.

This could include an amendment to the Local Government Act, which includes the power for a dedicated shopping trolley containment system Local Law to be created, or any other suitable mechanism that will reduce the number of abandoned shopping trolleys.

Noted

10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

That the next ordinary meeting of the East Metropolitan Zone be held on 24 June 2021 at the City of Belmont commencing at 6:30pm.

Noted

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:34pm.