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# Peel Zone

# Minutes

25 June 2020

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Hosted by the Shire of Boddington

39 Bannister Road Boddington

Thursday 25 June 2020 commenced at 2:05 pm

## Minutes

### MEMBERS

### 2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

Shire of Boddington	Cr Garry Ventris (between 3.15pm – 3.32pm) Cr Earl Schreiber
City of Mandurah	Mayor Rhys Williams Cr Caroline Knight
Shire of Murray	President David Bolt Cr Douglas McLarty (from 2.25pm)
Shire Serpentine Jarrahdale	President Michelle Rich - <b>Chair</b> Cr Lauren Strange Mr Paul Martin, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Waroona	President Michael Walmsley
WALGA Representatives	Ms Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager Planning & Improvement Mr Sebastian Davies-Slate, Policy Officer, Transport and Roads
Guest Speakers	Professor Giles Hardy - Tree Decline

### APOLOGIES

Shire of Waroona	Cr Naomi Purcell
DLGSC Representative	Ms Jodie Holbrook – Local Government Policy and Engagement
City of Mandurah	Mr Mark Newman, Chief Executive Officer
Shires of Murray/Waroona	Mr Dean Unsworth, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Boddington	Mr Graham Stanley, Acting Chief Executive Officer

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nil

## **ATTACHMENTS WITHIN THE AGENDA**

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

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## **1. DEPUTATIONS**

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### **1.1 Tree Decline – Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions**

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Professor Giles Hardy, Riverbank Program, presented to the Zone on Eucalyptus rudis problems in WA and the research currently being undertaken by DBCA and Murdoch University. Outlined the causes of tree decline and invasive pests, and studies undertaken in Guilford to reverse the tree decline.

Seeking 'in principle support' to assist in applying to the ARC for further research and trials to be undertaken to achieve mitigation and restoration. A total of \$30,000 - \$50,000 from the Local Government sector will be matched by DBCA, therefore, seeking around \$3,000 - \$5,000 from each Local Government per year, which can also be an 'in kind' contribution, either through staff time, mapping resources or volunteers for monitoring and management.

The Peel Zone requests that the prospectus for funding be provided to the WALGA secretariat for distribution for Peel Zone members for further consideration and a meeting of the environmental officers within the Zone will be arranged.

The Peel Harvey Catchment Council may also be interested in the prospectus and Professor Giles Hardy will be referred to this group for further discussions.

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## **3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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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

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## **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved** Cr Douglas McLarty  
**Seconded** Cr Lauren Strange

**That the Minutes of the meeting of the Peel Zone held on 30 April 2020 confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, with the amendment that the Mandurah representatives had technical issues and left the meeting before State Council agenda items were considered.**

**CARRIED**

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#### **4. BUSINESS ARISING**

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

**Noted**

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#### **5. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION**

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<https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/9d6cd564-6fdd-486b-afbf-80472db6b3d7/Agenda-State-Council-1-July-2020.pdf>

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##### **Item 4.1 COVID-19 Pandemic – WALGA**

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#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved** President David Bolt  
**Seconded** Mayor Rhys Williams

**That Item 4.1 of the June 2020 State Council Agenda be endorsed.**

**CARRIED**

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##### **Item 5.1 WA Public Libraries Agreement**

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#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved** President David Bolt  
**Seconded** Mayor Rhys Williams

**That Item 5.1 of the June 2020 State Council Agenda be endorsed.**

**CARRIED**

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#### **6. REPORTS FROM MEMBER COUNCILS**

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##### **6.1 Mandurah**

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Post COVID recovery 'Restart Mandurah' campaign has been initiated. New Planning Scheme has been endorsed by the WAPC.

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##### **6.2 Murray**

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The WALGA weekly meetings with the Ministers have been very well received, and would encourage the continuation of these information sessions for the sector. The cost of the Local Government response needs to be clearly articulated to both State and Federal Government, this advocacy needs to continue.

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##### **6.3 Boddington**

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Concerns on rates and continuing to support its local community.

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## **6.4 Serpentine Jarrahdale**

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Working with the community in the recovery phase. Several major infrastructure projects may be brought forward to help with local jobs. New Planning Scheme about to be submitted to the WAPC in the next month to assist in managing the growth in the region and retain the rural feel.

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## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

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### **7.1 GRV and Rates**

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New advertisements on GRV and rates are excellent and could be developed into a toolkit for elected members to refer to.

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### **7.2 Recent Planning and Development Act changes**

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Discussion on the recent changes to the Planning and Development Act and the impact on local planning schemes.

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### **7.3 Alcoa in the Peel region**

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Broad discussion about Alcoa's forward plans in the region, particularly the impact on the towns of Dwellingup and Jarrahdale and local tourism, and the status of the EPA referral.

This item will be discussed at the next Peel Zone meeting.

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## **8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

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### **8.1 WALGA President's Report**

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Vanessa Jackson, WALGA presented the President's Report, the Report was distributed with the Agenda.

**Noted**

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### **8.2 State Councillors report to the Zone**

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WALGA State Councillor, President Michelle Rich presented on the previous State Council meeting.

Nominated on the Metropolitan position on the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee to assist in the allocation of the funding for local roads.

COVID Pandemic support from the Federal Government was discussed, and the need for formal position statements to be created to help ALGA in future advocacy.

**Noted**

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

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Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representative was an apology, however, a link to an Update from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. Featuring was provided:

- Community Resilience Scorecard
- Local Government (COVID-19) Response Order 2020
- Financial Assistance Grants 2020-21 and Advance Payment
- Restrictions on Travel to remote Aboriginal communities
- National Reconciliation Week 2020
- CSRFF – Updated timeframes
- Sport and Recreation Recovery Framework

[DLGSC Update June 2020](#)

**Noted**

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**9. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

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**That the next ordinary meeting of the Peel Zone will be held on 27 August 2020 at the City of Mandurah, commencing at 2pm.**

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**10. CLOSURE**

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There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.40pm.