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# Peel Zone

# Minutes

# 20 March 2019

# Peel Zone

Hosted by the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale

6 Paterson Street, Mundijong 6123

Wednesday 20 March commenced at 2:10 pm

## Minutes

### MEMBERS

### 2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

Shire of Boddington	Cr David Smart Mr Chris Littlemore, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Mandurah	Mayor Rhys Williams Cr Caroline Knight Mr Mark Newman, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Murray	President Cr David Bolt
Shire Serpentine Jarrahdale	President Cr Michelle Rich - <b>Chair</b> Cr David Atwell Cr Helen Sarcich
Shire of Waroona	Mr Ian Curley, Chief Executive Officer
WALGA Representatives	Cr Lynne Craigie OAM, President WALGA Ms Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager Planning & Improvement Ms Jade Mains, Policy officer, Environment
DLGSC Representative	Ms Sheryl Siekierka
Guest Speakers	Dr Katherine Clift, Executive Director of Biosecurity, DPIRD Ms Victoria Aitken, Director, Invasive Species, DPIRD Mr Gordon MacMile, Director Strategic Coordination and Delivery Planning and Service Delivery, DLGSC

### APOLOGIES

Shire of Murray	Cr Steve Lee
Shire of Boddington	President Martin Glynn
Shire Serpentine Jarrahdale	Mr Kenn Donohoe, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Waroona	President Michael Walmsley
Shire of Murray	Mr Dean Unsworth, Chief Executive Officer

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Confirmation of Attendance an attendance sheet was circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting to register your name for the minutes.

## **ATTACHMENTS WITHIN THE AGENDA**

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

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## **1. DEPUTATIONS**

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### **1.1 Department of Local Government, Sports and Cultural Industries**

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Ms Katherine Clift and Ms Victoria Aitken from Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) presented to the Zone on strategic role out of the Peel Biodiversity Rate and future planned works program within the Peel Local Government district and other associated areas that the Biodiversity Rate will service.

A map was provided to attendees on the different biodiversity groups that are established around WA. Presentation outlined the types of pests being targeted, the use of the BAM Act to control these declared pests, and how regions have established a Recognised Biosecurity Groups (RBG) to provide a coordinated role. 16 groups established across WA, supported by DPIRD, with another 2 groups about to come on line in the next few years.

The Peel Harvey RBG was established in 2014, with a \$30 per property rate, with the group focused on foxes, rabbits and cotton bush. The implementation of the rating process was explained, only for properties over 1Ha. CEO of the Peel Harvey RGB can present to the Peel Zone if required.

Commentary and issues provided from members

- Clearer communication is needed on how the rate is collated and used;
- better marketing is needed to explain the \$30 fee;
- reminder for Elected members to attend the RBG meetings to ensure representation;
- local response to the local pests is a preferred model;
- Feral cats are about to be included as a declared pest;
- Success of the program was outlined, eradication is never possible, but trying to control the pests to a more controlled and acceptable level;
- Concerns raised about the Peel Harvey PBG's poor community consultation process prior to the rate being established, and the lack of information and communication from the group. DPIRD to provide assistance to the Peel Harvey group to improve the skill set and professionalism for the Region;
- Trail in Shire of Murray to authorized Shire officers to undertake actions under the BAM Act – the model to be circulated to the group for their information.

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### **1.2 Department of Local Government, Sports and Cultural Industries**

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Mr Gordon MacMile from Department of Local Government, Sports and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) presented to the Zone on Royal Commission into Child Abuse and Redress.

Presentation was circulated to members on the Royal Commission findings, and Gordon provided a copy of the discussion paper that has been circulated to members in January. Only one recommendation on the Royal Commission directly mentioned Local Government, specifically to provide support in the future on dissemination of information and to assist in future discussions on the National Redress Scheme.

Discussions around the changes that Local Government are implementing include ensuring all recreational staff have Working with Children checks (WWC), promotion of the 'Safe Clubs for Kids' project, and encouraging volunteer groups to follow due diligence in their WWC Checks. Queries about the local sporting clubs and how a Local Government might be included in any redress. Statue of limitations will be around 40 years. Suggestion to provide Local Governments with additional support on the principles of 'Safe' spaces for children.

The discussion paper has a range of questions for the Local Government sector to consider, with feedback to be collated and presented to the May 2019 State Council meeting. Currently no applications for redress have included Local Government at this stage, the Department is seeking advice on whether Local Government will be included in the Scheme.

Request that each Local Government consider the questions in the paper, either from Administration or Council, and submit the feedback to the Department.

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## **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Mr Ian Curley  
**Seconded:** Mr Chris Littlemore

**That the Minutes of the meeting of the Peel Zone held on 29 November 2018 were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.**

**CARRIED**

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## **3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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Pursuant to our Code of Conduct, Councillors 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.

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## **4. BUSINESS ARISING**

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

**Noted**

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

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**Items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10 & 5.11**

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**RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Mayor Rhys Williams  
**Seconded:** Cr David Atwell

**That the WALGA March 2019 State Council Agenda Items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10 & 5.11 be considered and moved EN BLOC.**

**CARRIED**

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**6. REPORTS FROM MEMBER COUNCILS**

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**Nil**

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**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**7.1 Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage – Request to Present**

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WALGA has been supporting the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage in the final stages of consultation that will support the implementation of the Heritage Act 2018. This process will take submissions on an initial set of regulations to accompany the Act; develop guidelines for local heritage surveys; and seek expressions of interest for a new Heritage Council, which will be appointed once the new Act is proclaimed. Local government input to the consultation process is strongly encouraged, with submissions taken until mid-April. Further information can be found at [www.stateheritage.wa.gov.au](http://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.

**RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Mr Chris Littlemore  
**Seconded:** Mayor Rhys Williams

**That the Zone invites a representative from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to provide a presentation on the *Heritage Act 2018* to the 2 May 2019 Zone meeting.**

**CARRIED**

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**8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

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**8.1 WALGA President's Report**

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President Lynne Craigie presented her President's Report. Report is distributed with the Agenda.

**Noted**

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## **8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone**

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WALGA State Councillor, Michelle Rich presented on the previous State Council meeting. Several State Council meetings on the appointment of the new WALGA CEO. Conversations about the role of the Zones, and getting information through to State Council.

Suggest that members meet one hour before the next Zone meeting to discuss the processes of WALGA State Council and Zones and the role of the Zone and ways for the Zone to progress Peel Zone issues through to State Council.

**Noted**

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

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Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representative, Ms Sheryl Siekierka updated the Zone on DLGC issues and provided the Zone with a handout on the key reforms being proposed for the sector.

**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 2 May 2019 at the Shire of Waroona, commencing at**

- **1pm for Peel Zone members to discuss the Zone and State Council**
- **2pm for all members to attend the Peel Zone meeting.**

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## **10. CLOSURE**

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There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 4.13 pm.