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Peel Zone

Minutes

10 February 2022

Peel Zone

Held via MS Teams

Thursday, 10 February 2022 commenced at 2:00 pm

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MEMBERS

2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

Shire of Boddington	Cr Earl Schreiber Ms Julie Burton, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Mandurah	Mayor Rhys Williams Mr Mark Newman, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Murray	President David Bolt Cr Douglas McLarty Mr Dean Unsworth, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire Serpentine Jarrahdale	President Michelle Rich – Chair Cr Lauren Strange - DSC Mr Paul Martin, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Waroona	President Michael Walmsley Mr Mark Goodlet, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
WALGA Representatives	Mr Chris Hossen, Policy Manager Planning and Building Mr Willem Bouwer, Governance Specialist Ms Katherine Celenza, Regional Road Safety Advisor
Guest Speakers	Mr Jason Beeley, Assistant Auditor General, Office of the Auditor General

APOLOGIES

Shire of Boddington	President Garry Ventris Cr Eugene Smallberger
City of Mandurah	Cr Caroline Knight
Shire of Waroona	Cr Naomi Purcell

ABSENT

DLGSC Representative

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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 attendance was noted 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

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

Meeting opened 2.03pm.

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

Nil

2.1 Office of the Auditor General

Jason Beeley, Assistant Auditor General, from the Office of the Auditor General, provided an audit update to the Zone.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Lauren Strange
Seconded: President Mike Walmsley

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Peel Zone held on 18 November 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

WALGA would confirm the date of the next Mining Communities Policy Forum and the frequency of meetings.

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)

5.1 Special State Council Meeting Agenda – 23 February 2022

The full State Council Agenda can be found via link: [State Council Special Meeting Agenda 23 February 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

3.1 Local Government Reform Proposal Submission

1. That the recommendations contained in the '*Local Government Reform Proposal Submission*' be endorsed.
2. That WALGA: a. seek assurance from the Minister for Local Government that further detail on the proposed reforms will be provided to the sector for comment prior to the formulation of a draft Local Government Act Amendment Bill; and b. seek a formal commitment from the Minister for Local Government that WALGA actively participates in the legislative drafting process necessary to formulate a draft Local Government Act Amendment Bill.

That the Peel Country Zone supports all Matters for Decision as listed above in the Special State Council Meeting Agenda – 23 February 2022.

ALTERNATIVE MOTION

RESOLUTION

Moved: President David Bolt
Seconded: Mayor Rhys Williams

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3. Given the strong feedback from the Sector, that the follow recommendations be removed from the reform package:
- a. Having the majority of the Audit Committee members, including the Chair, be removed;
 - b. Preferential Voting in Local Government Elections be removed;
 - c. Publicly Elected Mayor/Presidents mandate be removed;
 - d. Tiered Limits on the number of Councillors; and that
 - e. CEO Performance Review results remain confidential.

That the Peel Country Zone supports all Matters for Decision as listed above in the Special State Council Meeting Agenda – 23 February 2022.

CARRIED

5.2 Ordinary State Council Meeting Agenda – 2 March 2022

The full State Council Agenda can be found via link: [State Council Agenda 2 March 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 Short-Term Accommodation Regulatory Scheme

That the draft Short-Term Accommodation Regulatory Reform submission be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President David Bolt
Seconded: Mayor Rhys Williams

That the Peel Country Zone

1. Supports Matters for Decision, item 5.1 as listed above in the March 2022 State Council Agenda; and
2. Notes all Matters for Noting and Organisational Reports as listed in the March 2022 State Council Agenda.

CARRIED

6. ZONE BUSINESS

6.1 September 2022 Regional State Council Meeting

Each year, the WALGA State Council meets in a regional location hosted by a Zone to engage in a Zone Forum and/or a tour of local amenities, recent projects, or points of interest. There are generally two regional State Council meetings per year – one hosted by a Metropolitan Zone and another hosted by a Country Zone. Regional meeting hosts are rotated between the Zones.

It is proposed that the September 2022 regional State Council meeting be hosted by the Peel Country Zone.

Regional meetings afford State Council the opportunity to meet with Elected Members and senior officers from Local Governments within a region, to discuss issues of local and regional significance. They also allow State Councillors to meet with other regional groups of interest to gain a first-hand appreciation of the various issues confronting Local Governments in each region.

The last time a regional State Council meeting was hosted by the Peel Country Zone was in 2012 in Mandurah.

It is proposed that the 2022 regional meeting be held over two days, Thursday and Friday, 8-9 September.

The general requirements for a location to host the regional State Council meeting are:

- the ability to accommodate State Council and WALGA staff (approx. 35 rooms required);
- a venue for the Zone Forum and State Council meeting (approx. 60 attendees); and
- a venue to host a dinner for the WALGA group plus Zone members (approx. 60 attendees).

In terms of cost to the Zone, WALGA would request a contribution from Zone members for catering at the Zone Forum and dinner event on a per-head attended basis. WALGA would also be seeking use of Local Government facilities (if available) as a venue for the Zone Forum and State Council meeting. WALGA will pay for all costs associated with the State Council meeting and Strategic Forum. Zone members are welcome to be observers for these meetings.

The Zone will need to consider a program. Liaison will be with WALGA's Strategy and Association Governance Team.

Peel Zone to consider hosting the Regional Zone Forum and State Council meeting and advise WALGA accordingly.

Noted

WALGA confirmed that the only contributions from the Zone would be the cost of additional councillors or staff attendees. Mandurah indicated it was happy to host the event. The Chair would discuss this further with WALGA and then come back to the Zone offline.

7. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

7.1 WALGA President's Report

The State Council representative presented the President's Report. Report was distributed with the Agenda.

Noted

Mayor Rhys Williams left the meeting at 3pm and did not return.

7.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

WALGA State Councillor presented on the previous State Council meeting.

Noted

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

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representative was not in attendance for this meeting.

7.4 General Business

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Michelle Rich
Seconded: President David Bolt

That the Peel Zone requests WALGA to seek an update on the implementation of the Western Australian Trails Strategy (notably the Peel Trails Plan) and report back to the Zone.

CARRIED

8. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Michelle Rich
Seconded: President David Bolt

That the next ordinary meeting of the Peel Zone will be held on 21 April 2022 at the Shire of Waroona, commencing at 2pm.

CARRIED

9. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 3.12pm.