



**WALGA**

# Great Southern Zone of WALGA

## **MINUTES**

(Unconfirmed)

of an Ordinary meeting  
(2 voting delegates per council)

held on

**Friday 22 April 2022**

Venue:  
Sporting Complex  
Yougenup Road  
Gnowangerup

1. OPEN: 10.10am

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners by Cr Greg Stewart, Shire of Gnowangerup.

## 2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cr Chris Pavlovich	Zone President and Chair of the meeting
Annabel Paulley	Zone Executive Officer
<b>City of Albany</b>	Mayor Dennis Wellington and Cr Sandie Smith
<b>Broomehill / Tambellup</b>	Cr Julian Wills and Acting CEO Rob Stewart
<b>Cranbrook</b>	CEO Linda Gray (from 12.09pm until 1.33pm)
<b>Denmark</b>	Nil
<b>Gnowangerup</b>	Cr Greg Stewart and CEO Bob Jarvis
<b>Jerramungup</b>	Nil
<b>Katanning</b>	Cr Liz Guidera (from 10am until 1.02pm)
<b>Kent</b>	Cr Scott Crosby and Cr Kate Johnston
<b>Kojonup</b>	Cr Kevin Gale and Cr Colin Egerton-Warburton
<b>Plantagenet</b>	Cr Jon Oldfield and CEO Cameron Woods
<b>Woodanilling</b>	Cr Stephen Jefferies, Cr Russel Thomson and CEO Kellie Bartley

Total of 13 out of a possible 22 voting delegates were in attendance at the start of the meeting.

### Guests

Nick Sloan, CEO, WALGA

Kelly McManus, Principal, Policy and Advocacy, WALGA

Mel Estough, Acting Regional Manager, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Stuart Nahajski, General Manager Regional, DevelopmentWA - via video link.

Cesar Rodriguez, Dept of Planning, Lands and Heritage – via video link.

### Apologies

Natasha Monks, CEO, Great Southern Development Commission

Vivienne Gardiner, WALGA RoadWise Road Safety Adviser

Cr Fiona Gaze and Cr Kate O'Keeffe, Shire of Gnowangerup

Grant Thompson, CEO, Shire of Kojonup

Cr Julie Leenhouders, Cr Andrew Price and CEO Martin Cuthbert, Shire of Jerramungup

Cr John Goodheart and CEO Julian Murphy, Shire of Katanning

Cr Janine Phillips and Cr Donna Carman, Shire of Denmark

Cr Matt Benson-Lidholm, City of Albany

CEO Adam Majid, Shire of Kent

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

**REMINDER: All delegates present at a Zone meeting shall vote, as per Zone Standing Order 28.1**

## 4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – ZONE AND WALGA STATE COUNCIL

### 4.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY ZONE MEETING – 18 FEBRUARY 2022

**MOVED** Cr Chris Pavlovich

**SECONDED** Cr Kevin Gale

**That the minutes motions be moved en bloc.**

**CARRIED 13-0**

**MOVED** Cr Stephen Jefferies

**SECONDED** Cr Scott Crosby

**That the minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Great Southern Zone of the WALGA held on Friday 18 February 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.**

**CARRIED 13-0**

#### **4.2 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WALGA STATE COUNCIL MEETING – 23 February 2022**

**MOVED** Cr Stephen Jefferies

**SECONDED** Cr Scott Crosby

That the Minutes of special meeting of the State Council of WALGA held on 23 February 2022 be received.

**CARRIED 13-0**

#### **4.3 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY WALGA STATE COUNCIL MEETING – 2 March 2022**

**MOVED** Cr Stephen Jefferies

**SECONDED** Cr Scott Crosby

That the Minutes of meeting of the State Council of WALGA held on 2 March 2022 be received.

**CARRIED 13-0**

### **5. WALGA UPDATES & REVIEW OF WALGA STATE COUNCIL AGENDA – 4 May 2022**

#### **5.1 Status Report from WALGA to the Zone – attached.**

Received with no further discussion.

#### **5.2 WALGA State Council President's Report – Cr Karen Chappel – attached.**

WALGA President's report dated May 2022 is attached.

- Local Government Legislative Reform is currently being considered by Cabinet. WALGA is represented on the working group. Final reform package is due to be announced soon.
- WALGA is lobbying both major political parties on WA issues in the run up to the Federal Election.

#### **5.3 State Council Representative's Report - Cr Chris Pavlovich – verbal report.**

- New WALGA President is very proactive and keen for reform where change is required.
- There are very experienced and passionate people on the Policy Forum teams so Cr Pavlovich urged the Zone to use these platforms for structured change within the Local Government sector.

**ACTION: Zone to distribute WALGA process flow chart to Zone councils.**

#### **5.4 Matters for Decision – Zone consideration required**

Consideration of the 4 May 2022 WALGA State Council Agenda - Matters for Decision:-

5.1 Submission to Statutory Review of the Food Act 2008.

5.2 Local Government Grant Scheme Funding.

5.3 Draft Active Travel to School Roadmap.

#### **5.2 Local Government Grant Scheme Funding.**

Discussion on the recommendation for this item resolved to amend point 5 by removing the words '**Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS)**' and replace them with '**State Government**'.

**MOVED** Cr Russel Thomson

**SECONDED** Cr Scott Crosby

That the recommendation on Matters for Decision Item 5.2 – Local Government Grant Scheme Funding be amended as follows:-

5. Support for an increase in **State Government** funding to support the unsuccessful capital grants funding applications by Local Governments to the 2020-21 LGGS Capital Grants Committee.

**CARRIED 13-0**

**MOVED** Cr Liz Guidera

**SECONDED** Cr Scott Crosby

That the Great Southern Zone of WALGA supports the recommendations for Matters for Decision items 5.1 to 5.3 in the WALGA State Council Agenda dated 4 May 2022 **including the amendment to point 5 of the recommendation for item 5.2 – Local Government Grant Scheme Funding.**

**CARRIED 13-0**

**5.5 Matters for Noting** – for Zone information.  
Received without further discussion.

**5.6 State Council Status Report**  
Received without further discussion.

## **6. ACTION REGISTER AND ZONE PRIORITY STRATEGIC ISSUES 2022**

### **6.1 Action Register**

6.1.1 Short-term Action Register – February 2022 actions were merged into Master Action Register.

6.1.2 Master Action Register – updated document attached.

### **6.2 Zone Priority Strategic Issues for 2022**

#### **1. Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 and Regulations**

Refer to attached presentation given by guest speaker Cesar Rodriguez from the Dept of Planning, Lands and Heritage. Stakeholder workshops scheduled in Albany on 26 April at 10am at the Aboriginal Corporation.

**ACTION: Zone councils to report back to the Zone on areas of concern from this workshop.**

#### **2. Housing – also refer to item 7.1 below.**

Issues raised include:

- Availability of land. Market failure. Most Zone Local Governments have residential property 'shovel-ready' for subdivision and development but the increasing cost of headworks is a barrier for developers.
- Advocate for lower deposits for bank loans on residential housing.
- Review of Planning Act to see if it is appropriate for regional areas and amend it to cut out any barriers to building, eg. building codes changed to allow more innovative and sustainable construction methods.
- Problem with builders not being able to hire enough staff to undertake building projects.
- Current difficulty sourcing building materials.
- State Government requires more GROH housing in the region.
- Job, House and Land packages.
- Carbon reduction – stand-alone sustainable housing developments for communities. Matter for WA Planning Commission.

**ACTION: Each Zone council to discuss and prioritise key outcomes to be achieved to increase housing in regional areas. Quantify the housing needs of each community.**

#### **3. Review Accredited Mass Management Scheme (AMMS)**

Refer to item 8.1 below.

*CEO Linda Gray entered the meeting at 12.09pm.*

#### **4. Reliable digital connectivity / telecommunications**

Delegates to discuss with their councils about issues to bring to the Zone on this matter.

Mayor Wellington suggested submitting joint Zone proposal to local members prior to elections.

Need shovel-ready projects for this proposal.

Councils can ask City of Albany CEO for the City's investment prospectus.

What is the one project we could go to the next State Government election with? Possibly housing and telecommunication connectivity.

**ACTION: Each Zone council to discuss and prioritise key outcomes to be achieved to improve telecommunications in regional areas and report back to the Zone.**

## 5. Jobs and Investment

How do we attract more people to move from cities to live in regional areas?

**ACTION:** WALGA to gather information and required key outcomes from Zone councils on points 2 and 4 above, and then create a Zone proposal to take to State and Federal Governments. Zone councils to liaise with Kelly McManus at WALGA.

## 7. GUEST SPEAKERS LINKED TO ZONE PRIORITIES IN 2022

**ACTION:** Councils to decide which Ministers, Politicians, Directors General and other speakers they wish to attend Zone meetings in 2022. Recommend Education Minister Sue Ellery or Departmental Head, and regional building capacity through a Great Southern representative on the Master Builders' Association.

Zone meeting dates 2022	Guest Speakers
Friday 24 June	Yet to be decided.
Friday 26 August	Yet to be decided.
Friday 4 November	Yet to be decided.

### 7.1 **Stuart Nahajski, General Manager Regional, DevelopmentWA**

Subject: Regional housing development issues.  
Refer to attached powerpoint presentation.

### 7.2 **Cesar Rodriguez, Dept of Planning, Lands and Heritage**

Subject: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 and Regulations  
Refer to attached powerpoint presentation.

*Cr Liz Guidera left the meeting at 1.02pm leaving 12 voting delegates.*

## 8. ZONE BUSINESS FOR ACTION

**Note:** Matters brought before the Zone should be ratified by the relevant Zone Council and rated according to the adopted **Policy and Advocacy Prioritisation Framework**.

### 8.1 **Creation of a Heavy Haulage Working Group**

**MOVED** Cr Kevin Gale

**SECONDED** Cr Stephen Jefferies

**That:**

- 1. The Great Southern WALGA Zone create a Heavy Haulage Working Group to review the Main Roads WA control systems of Restricted Access Vehicles (RAV) & Accredited Mass Management Scheme (AMMS) on Local Government roads in the Great Southern.**
- 2. Working Group charter to include:**
  - a) Reviewing the impact and compliance of AMMS concessional loading on the Local Government road network and,**
  - b) The compliance and implications of RAV access to the Local Government road network and effectiveness in the Local Government CA07 conditions.**
- 3. Working Group to comprise of Cr Kevin Gale, Cr Scott Crosby, Cr Russel Thomson and Chair of the Great Southern Regional Road Group, with technical support from WALGA.**
- 4. Working group make recommendations to the Great Southern Zone, and will disband in one year or the end of June 2023.**

**CARRIED 12-0**

**8.2 Creation of the Great Southern Roads Sub-Committee** - Cr Len Handasyde, Chair, Regional Road Group. Report attached.

**MOVED Cr Jon Oldfield**

**SECONDED Cr Kevin Gale**

**That the Great Southern Zone of WALGA supports the formation of the Great Southern Roads Sub-Committee.**

**CARRIED 12-0**

Sub-Committee Terms of Reference:

1. To investigate the current road infrastructure right across the networks (State, Regional Road Group roads and other local roads) as to their fit for purpose from a freight task and road safety and efficiency perspective both now and in the next 20 years.
2. Once the data is known, make recommendations to the Great Southern Zone of WALGA in order for them to advocate and seek funding to remedy the shortfalls.
3. Co-opt members as required to fulfil the above task as there will be outside technical expertise required from time to time.
4. Report progress of sub-committee to the Great Southern Zone of WALGA at each of its meetings.
5. Finalise a report for publishing prior to the end of 2023-24 financial year.
6. Group to cease operations on 30 June 2024.

Members: Cr Mark Paganoni, Cr Kevin Gale, Cr Dale Douglas, Cr George Pollard, Cr Scott Crosby, Simon Lyas (RDA Great Southern) and Cr Len Handasyde.

Kojonup CEO Grant Thompson offered technical support to the sub-committee on an adhoc basis.

**8.3 Vote of Thanks to Outgoing Executive Officer**

On behalf of the Zone, Cr Chris Pavlovich thanked Annabel Paulley for her 22 years of service as Executive Officer to the Zone and presented her with gifts.

**9. REPORTS**

Note: Reports will be taken as read unless delegates would like to give prompt feedback on any items of interest.

No	Organisation / Delegates	Updates / Info
9.1	Local Government Agricultural Freight Group (LGAFG) Delegate: Cr Russel Thomson (Shire of Woodanilling)	Minutes of meeting held on 4 February 2022 are attached. Meeting held with Transport Minister on 29 March 2022. LGAFG meeting scheduled for Friday 8 April was deferred until follow up information is received from the Transport Minister's Office and Main Roads. Meeting held with Dept of Transport on 21 April 2022 to discuss:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agricultural Supply Chain Improvements Program.</li> <li>• Online Mapping System for Road and Rail Initiatives.</li> <li>• Tractor Speed Limits and Regulation of Over-Sized Agricultural Machinery.</li> </ul> Cr Thomson said the Great Southern should lobby governments for road funding.
9.2	Great Southern Human Services Forum representative	Nominated candidates are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cr Donna Carman, Shire of Denmark</li> <li>• Cr Kevin Gale, Shire of Kojonup</li> </ul> Both nominees to be given 2 minutes to promote their credentials after which a vote will be conducted. <b>ACTION: Vote to be held at June 2022 meeting due to Cr Carman not being able to attend April meeting.</b>

9.3	Great Southern District Emergency Management Committee (DEMC)	Remove this line item due to having no Zone representative on the DEMC.
9.4	South Coast Natural Resource Management (SCNRM) Land & Water Reference Group Delegate: Cr Jon Oldfield	Refer to attached South Coast NRM flyer.
9.5	Great Southern Development Commission	No report. CEO Natasha Monks was an apology.
9.6	Great Southern RoadWise – Vivienne Gardiner (based in Albany).	Refer to attached report dated April 2022.
9.7	Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries	Acting Regional Manager, Mel Estough, gave a brief report on the following key points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Manager Chris Thompson has formally resigned (currently on extended leave) and finishes with the Department on 30 June 2022 after 21 years of service.</li> <li>Mel Eastough is Acting Regional Manager until 30 June 2022.</li> <li>Recruitment process will commence in near future for the Regional Manager role.</li> <li>Two strategic Sport and Recreation projects to commence in near future are the Great Southern Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan, and Great Southern Outdoor Recreation Strategy.</li> <li>Great Southern 2050 Cycle Strategy project (Dept of Transport).</li> </ul>

## 10. FINANCIAL REPORT

### 10.1 Financial Report for the period 1 February to 31 March 2022.

Opening balance as at 1 February 2022	<b>\$7,001.70</b>
Total debits	(\$2,796.06)
Total credits	Nil
Closing balance as at 31 March 2022	<b>\$4,205.64</b>

**MOVED Cr Scott Crosby**

**SECONDED Cr Russel Thomson**

That the financial statement for the period 1 February to 31 March 2022 be accepted as true and accurate records of the Zone's finances.

**CARRIED 12-0**

### 10.2 Online access to Zone bank account for WALGA

**MOVED Cr Scott Crosby**

**SECONDED Cr Russel Thomson**

That the Great Southern Zone of the WA Local Government Association gives permission for WA Local Government Association staff at the Perth head office to have online viewing of the Great Southern Zone's Commonwealth Bank of Australia bank account number 1008 9139 held at the Katanning branch BSB 066-515.

**CARRIED 12-0**

## 11. EMERGING ISSUES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Not discussed due to lack of time.

## 12. REMAINING ZONE MEETINGS FOR 2022

WALGA will take over meeting administration from June onwards.

<b>Friday 24 June</b>	<b>Shire of Jerramungup (1-day mini conference)</b>
<b>Friday 26 August</b>	<b>Shire of Katanning</b>
<b>Friday 4 November</b>	<b>Shire of Woodanilling (AGM and ordinary meeting)</b> (Joint meeting with Great Southern Regional Road Group)

Meeting closed at 1.33pm.