

Northern Country Zone

MINUTES

21 MARCH 2019



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Zone Delegates are requested to provide written notice on amendments to recommendations within the State Council agenda ASAP to the Zone Chair and Secretariat, to allow Zone members time to vote on the alternative recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS TO THE AGENDA

- Item 5: Minutes of the meeting of the Northern Country Zone of WALGA held 26 November 2018 (Flying Minute)
- Item 8.1: Bank Statement
- Item 10/11: State Council Agenda
- Item 12.2: Correspondence from Rural Water Council of WA Inc.
- Item 13.1: WALGA Presidents' Report
- Item 13.2: Zone Status Report

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10:05 am, welcomed guests and noted apologies received.

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

MEMBERS

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| Shire of Carnamah | Cr Merle Isbister
Ms Karen Oborn, Chief Executive Officer non-voting Delegate |
| Shire of Chapman Valley | Cr Anthony Farrell
<i>Cr Kirrilee Warr non-voting</i>
Mr Maurice Battilana, Chief Executive Officer non-voting Delegate
<i>Mr Simon Lancaster, Deputy Chief Executive Officer non-voting</i> |
| Shire of Coorow | Cr Moira Girando
Mr Peter Crispin, Chief Executive Officer non-voting Delegate |
| City of Greater Geraldton | Mr Ross McKim, Chief Executive Officer non-voting Delegate |
| Shire of Irwin | Cr Michael Smith
Mr Shane Ivers, Acting Chief Executive Officer non-voting Delegate |
| Shire of Mingenew | Cr Helen Newton
Mr Nils Hay, Chief Executive Officer non-voting Delegate |
| Shire of Morawa | Cr Karen Chappel (Chair)
Mr Chris Linnell, Chief Executive Officer non-voting Delegate |
| Shire of Northampton | <i>Cr Shane Krakouer</i>
<i>Mr Grant Middleton, Deputy Chief Executive Officer non-voting Delegate</i> |

Shire of Perenjori Cr Laurie Butler
 Mr Paul Bawden, Chief Executive Officer non-voting Delegate

Shire of Three Springs Cr Chris Lane
 Ms Sylvia Yandle, Chief Executive Officer non-voting Delegate

GUESTS

Member for Moore Mr Shane Love MLA

WALGA Mr James McGovern, Manager Governance

DLGSC Mr Luke Stevens
 Mr Richard Malacari

Mid West Development Mr Gavin Treasure
Commission

APOLOGIES

Shire of Irwin Cr Ian West (Deputy Chair)
 Cr Michael Smith
 Mr Shane Ivers, Acting Chief Executive Officer non-voting Delegate

City of Greater Geraldton *Mayor Shane Van Styn*

Member for Agricultural Hon. Laurie Graham MLC (Parliamentary sitting day)
Region

Member for Agricultural Hon. Darren West MLC (Parliamentary sitting day)
Region

Member for Geraldton Mr Ian Blayney MLA (Parliamentary sitting day)

3. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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.

No Declarations of Interest.

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5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Northern Country Zone of WALGA held on 26 November 2018 (by Flying Minute) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Cr Butler

Seconded: Cr Newton

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Northern Country Zone of WALGA held on 26 November 2018 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil.

7. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR / STATE COUNCILLOR – 21 MARCH 2019

Northern Country Zone
The Presidents Report 21 March 2019

The following report was tabled at the meeting:

The Local Government Act Review has dominated in the months since we last met. Our Zone had a great turn out at the workshop in Geraldton and we were well represented at the Forum in Bentley on the 30th January.

Many Local Govts have done their own submission and I encourage all Elected Members to take time to do the 11 surveys that are on the Departments website. Last I saw only 15% of individual members had done the survey and it would be great to have that increase somewhat. There is 10 days left.

You may have received communications re the composition of the Local Government Act Review reference group membership. It is a very big group, with WALGA having 4 representatives. I am one of those members, we are not a decision making group just a reference group ably Chaired by David Michael.

We farewelled Ricky Burgess in February after 20 years at the helm of WALGA. On behalf of the Northern Country Zone I offered our thanks and best wishes to Ricky upon her retirement.

State Council undertook an intensive recruitment process during Dec, Jan and February and have appointed Nick Sloan as the new CEO of WALGA. Nick will join the organisation in early April.

As you can see by the State Council Agenda there has been many submissions and reports completed in the last few months. I attended the launch of Managing Alcohol in Communities guide, I can recommend that you read this guide. It has some valuable take home lessons.

Currently in our Zone burning off seems to be our greatest risk. May everyone stay safe, and the season ahead be kind to us all.

Our next meeting is a flying minute so we will meet in June again after we return from the ALGA conference in Canberra. Hope to see many of you there.

Karen Chappel

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Cr Girando

Seconded: Cr Lane

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA notes the report from the Chair/State Councillor for 21 March 2019.

Carried

8. FINANCE

8.1 Detailed Income and Expenditure Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 28 February 2019

Prepared by: Dianne Daniels, Executive Officer

Attachments: Bank Statement

Recommendation:

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA receives the Detailed Income Statement and Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 28 February 2019.

Comments:

The Detailed Income Statement shown below represents the cash position of NCZ at 28 February 2019, as reconciled to the Bank Statement.

NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE OF WALGA

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

For the period ending 28 February 2019

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Ref</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Description</i>
Statement Balance B/F	01-07-18		32,822.20	
Deposits			350.00	Attendance at State Council Dinner x 10
			3,400.00	2017-18 subscription x 2
			3,036.00	\$3036 paid in error by Perenjori - refunded 23/11/2018
			592.00	WALGA reimburse NCZ for catering at LGA Reform Forum 22/10/18
			17,000.00	2018-19 subscriptions x 10
Bank Interest Received			1.66	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			24,379.66	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE			57,201.86	
Payments Made	01-08-18		-2,478.60	Chq 370 - Jenni Law EO services 1 May - 30 June 2018
(o/s 30/06/2018)	07-08-18		-254.99	Chq 369 - Reimburse Shire of Mingenew for catering NCZ meeting 26/02/2018
	07-08-18		-363.00	Chq 372 - Reimburse Shire of Mingenew for Catering NCZ meeting 25/06/2018
	12-10-18		-3,248.00	Internet tsf - Jenni Law EO services 1 July - 30 September 2018
	12-10-18		-300.00	Internet tsf - Reimburse Shire of Mingenew for catering NCZ meeting 27/08/2018
	25-10-18		-592.00	Internet tsf - Dagleish Catering morning tea for 40 at LGA review forum 22/10/2018
	31-10-18		-275.00	Internet tsf - North Midlands Accounting Service - 2017-18 Audit
	23-11-18		-3,036.00	Internet tsf - Refund payment received in error to Perenjori
	28-11-18		-2,800.00	Internet tsf - Dianne Daniels - EO services 1/10/18-26/11/2018
TOTAL PAYMENTS MADE			-13,347.59	
Closing Cash Balance	28-02-19		43,854.27	

NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE OF WALGA

BANK RECONCILIATION SUMMARY

For the period ending 28 February 2019

Statement Balance B/F	01-07-18		32,822.20	
Deposits and Credits			24,379.66	01/07/2018 to 31/01/2019
Cheques and Payments			-13,347.59	01/07/2018 to 31/01/2019
Total Cleared Transactions	28-02-19		43,854.27	
Add back o/s				
Reconciled Balance			43,854.27	
Bank Statement	28-02-19		43,854.27	
Difference I&E to Bank Statement			0.00	

Northern Country Zone Resolution:
Moved: Cr Lane

Seconded: Cr Newton

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA receives the Detailed Income Statement and Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 28 February 2019.

Carried

8.2 Northern Country Zone Domain Name and Mail Box

Prepared by: Dianne Daniels, Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

Recommendation:

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA withdraws its decision of the 21 November 2018 at Item 4.4, resolving to engage 2V.NET IT to host a domain name and mail box; and

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA pays a biennial fee (currently \$55) to Norris & Hyde I.T to host the Domain name 'notherncountryzone.com.au'; and

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA pays an annual fee (currently \$72.60) to Norris & Hyde I.T to host the mailbox 'eo@notherncountryzone.com.au'.

Comment:

Unfortunately, when it came time to engage 2VNet IT to host the NCZ domain and mail box, they required credit card details and NCZ does not have a credit card. 2VNet IT were not willing to invoice NCZ for the provision of the hosting services.

Another local Geraldton company, Norris & Hyde I.T are willing to invoice NCZ on seven-day terms, with up-front costs totaling \$127.60 (\$55 for the domain name plus \$72.60 for the mail box), which is cheaper than the original hosting option.

The Domain name 'notherncountryzone.com.au' is still available.

A website can be hosted at a later date if required for an annual fee of \$165.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Cr Farrell

Seconded: Cr Lane

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Carried

9. CORRESPONDENCE

14 February 2019 Email from Callum Crofton, Manager Heritage Support Services, regarding the new Heritage Act 2018. Contact details sent to members 25 February 2018 and notification that Callum has requested to present at the 24 June meeting;

21 February 2019 Email from Vanessa Sprunt, Communications Officer for the Office of the Auditor General, requesting time at the 26 August 2019 meeting to give an update on the latest financial and performance audits;

10. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION

The following items have been taken directly from the WALGA State Council Agenda for 27 March 2019.

The Matters for Decision in the State Council agenda are numbered 5.1 to 5.11.

The Recommendation and Brief only have been included. Please refer to the attached PDF version of the State Council Agenda for more detail.

10.1 5.1 Local Government Act Review – Sector Positions Following Feedback from Submissions (05-034-01-0001 TB)

By Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services and James McGovern, Manager Governance

Recommendation:

That WALGA endorse and submit to the Minister for Local Government and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries:

1. The Local Government Act Review Report contained in this agenda; and,
2. The attached WALGA Advocacy Positions.

In Brief:

- The Local Government Act review process commenced in 2017 with Phase 1 resulting in an Amendment Bill being tabled before Parliament in March 2019
- Phase 2 of the Local Government Act review process will result in a complete review of the Act, the first time this has occurred since the legislation commenced in July 1996
- State-wide forums have been held gaining input on Act review issues
- WALGA has requested Local Governments provide submissions to enable sector positions to be established.
- This item provides information on the submissions received and information gathered through the various forums.
- A Schedule of Local Government Act Advocacy Positions is recommended for endorsement.

**Northern Country Zone Resolution:
Moved: Cr Lane**

Seconded: Cr Butler

That the Northern Country Zone endorses the WALGA officers' recommendation for State Council Agenda item 5.1.

Carried

The following items were endorsed En Bloc:

10.2 5.2 Economic Development Project (05-088-03-0001 ABM DM)

By Anne Banks-McAllister, Regional Capacity Manager and Dana Mason, Policy Manager Economics

Recommendation:

That State Council endorses the:

1. Local Government Economic Development: Research Findings and Future Directions Discussion Paper; and,
2. Local Government Economic Development Framework.

In Brief:

- In 2018, WALGA commenced a project to help Local Governments to understand their role in supporting their local economy, and to provide practical tools to help the sector to understand the types of activities that they can undertake.
- The project outputs will include:
 - i. Local Government Economic Development Framework – Tool to assist the sector to understand its role and inform economic development activities.
 - ii. Discussion paper – Research summary and policy agenda to support Local Governments to undertake their role in driving local economic development.

iii. Ongoing support to WALGA members.

- WALGA has engaged broadly with its members and other stakeholders in scoping and progressing the project with the assistance of an Industry Reference Group. The project has received positive feedback to date both within the sector and from key stakeholders.

10.3 5.3 Interim Submission to Salaries and Allowances Tribunal – Elected Member Fees and Allowances (05-034-01-0019 TL)

By Tim Lane, Manager Strategy and Association Governance

Recommendation:

That the interim submission to the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal relating to Elected Member Fees and Allowances be endorsed.

In Brief:

- WALGA has prepared a submission to the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal relating to Fees and Allowances payable to Elected Members to input into the Tribunal's 2019 determination;
- The Submission argues for an increase on the basis of the following four main arguments:
 1. Vibrant democracy and good governance: fees and allowances payable to Elected Members should be sufficient to ensure that a diversity of candidates from a range of backgrounds seek election to local Government leadership positions. Further, corporate governance literature suggests that diverse leadership groups make better decisions;
 2. Demands of the role: as the complexity of Local Government increases, and the demands placed upon Elected Members grow in the social media age, the remuneration paid to Elected Members for their significant time commitment must compensate them for the personal and opportunity costs of taking on significant community leadership positions;
 3. Skills and training: as Elected Members continue to undertake training – and with the implementation of the State Government's universal Elected Member training policy likely to occur in the near future – the time that Elected Members spend on professional development should be recognised by the fees and allowances framework; and,
 4. Economic erosion: in recent years there have been a number of 'no increase' determinations in relation to Elected Member fees and allowances, which means that the relative value of Elected Member fees and allowances have eroded over time. WALGA contends that this trend should be arrested and fees and allowances should be increased.
- WALGA's submission argues for an increase to the Elected Member fees and allowances payable to Elected Members in the order of three percent, with the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal to consider appropriate economic indicators and increasing training requirements in future years.

10.5 5.5 Interim Submission – Draft Position Statement: Container Deposit Scheme Infrastructure (05-036-03-0064 VJ)

By Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager Planning and Improvement

Recommendation:

That the interim submission to the WA Planning Commission on Draft Position Statement: Container Deposit Scheme Infrastructure, be endorsed.

In Brief:

- On 21 December 2018, the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) released the draft position statement for Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) Infrastructure for public comment.

- The position statement aims to provide guidance on how container deposit scheme infrastructure could be considered and assessed in the Western Australian planning system.
- The public comment period closed on 19 February 2019, therefore an interim submission was prepared.

10.6 5.6 Interim Submission – Parliamentary Inquiry into Short-Stay Accommodation (05-036-03-0016 CH)

Christopher Hossen, Senior Planner – People & Place

Recommendation:

That the interim submission to the Economics and Industry Standing Committee’s Inquiry into Short-Stay Accommodation be endorsed.

In Brief:

- WALGA has previously requested a review of the planning framework in relation to short-stay accommodation.
- WALGA recognises that Local Government is best placed to determine specific controls on short-term rental accommodation.
- Additional guidance is required from the State Government to ensure a robust planning framework exists to support the establishment of local controls, and
- On 13 February 2019 the Association appeared before a hearing of the Committee to provide clarification and elaborate on the interim submission.

10.7 5.7 Interim Submission – State Planning Policy 2.4 Basic Raw Materials (05-036-03-0017 CH)

Christopher Hossen, Senior Planner – People & Place

Recommendation:

That the interim submission to the Western Australian Planning Commission on draft State Planning Policy 2.4 Basic Raw Materials and the Draft Basic Raw Materials Guidelines be endorsed.

In Brief:

- On 5 November 2018, the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) released a revised version of State Planning Policy 2.4 Basic Raw Materials (SPP2.4) and accompanying guidelines (Guidelines) for public comment.
- The revised State Planning Policy aims to provide guidance on planning decisions that will enable responsible extraction of basic raw materials (BRM) used in building and development while ensuring the protection of people and the environment.
- The public comment period closed on 25 January 2019, therefore an interim submission was prepared.
- The interim submission concludes with a recommendation that the Association is not in a position to support the draft SPP2.4 as advertised, due to no exemption being provided to Local Governments undertaking extraction of basic raw materials under Schedule 3.2(3) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

10.8 5.8 Community Policy Reform Project (05-018-02-0010 KD)

Kirstie Davis, Policy Manager Community

Recommendation:

That State Council receives the Community Policy Reform Report and endorses the establishment of a Community Technical Reference Group.

In Brief:

- WALGA's People and Place: Community Policy team completed a Community Policy Reform Project to gather and analyse community development issues affecting WA Local Governments and establish a framework that will prioritise work for the future.
- Members were engaged via a workshop and online survey with 40% of WALGA members participating in developing the outcomes.
- The Project identified challenges and opportunities for improvement within the Local Government systems and processes, strategies, policies and tools, and determined some high level recommendations to proceed in addressing them.

10.9 5.9 Submissions – Draft WA Cultural Infrastructure Strategy (05-012-03-0015 SM)

Susie Moir, Policy Officer, Community

Recommendation:

That the Submission on the Draft WA Cultural Infrastructure Strategy be endorsed.

In Brief:

- Strategic Directions 2016-2031 (SD31) is the first long term strategic direction developed for the arts and culture sector in Western Australia. Pursuant to the aspirations outlined in SD31 Culture and the Arts (WA), a division of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC), has produced the first Draft WA Cultural Infrastructure Strategy (Cultural Infrastructure Strategy).
- The Cultural Infrastructure Strategy has been designed to support the State Government's priorities of job creation and economic diversification, and supporting vibrant, liveable and sustainable communities.
- A series of stakeholder consultations on the Cultural Infrastructure Strategy occurred between June and November 2018.
- WALGA engaged with Local Governments to produce a response to the Cultural Infrastructure Strategy.

10.10 5.10 Interim Submission - Public Health Act 2016 Aquatic Facilities and Public Buildings Regulation Review (05-031-01-0001 EDR)

Evie Devitt-Rix, Senior Policy Advisor, Community

Recommendation:

That the Interim Submissions provided to the Department of Health *Public Health Act 2016* Discussion Papers on Regulations for Aquatic Facilities and Public Buildings be endorsed.

In Brief:

- The Public Health Act 2016 (the Public Health Act) is progressing through a five-stage process of implementation and is currently at Stage 4.
- All regulations from the previous Health Act 1911 will be repealed and replaced with new regulations at the commencement of Stage 5, which is anticipated to commence in 2021.
- To inform the content of new Aquatic Facilities and Public Buildings Regulations, the Department of Health (DOH) released the Management of Public Health Risks Associated with Aquatic Facilities in Western Australia and Managing Public Health Risks in Public Buildings in Western Australia Discussion Paper (the Discussion Papers) in late 2018. The Discussion Papers were circulated for Local Government consultation for a period of twelve weeks.

- WALGA engaged with Local Governments, including representatives of the Metropolitan Environmental Health Managers Group (MEHMG) to prepare an Interim Submission to each of the Discussion Papers.

10.11 5.11 WA Foodborne Illness Reduction Strategy (05-031-01-0001 EDR)

Evie Devitt-Rix, Senior Policy Advisor, Community

Recommendation:

That the WA Foodborne Illness Reduction Strategy 2018-2021+ be endorsed.

In Brief:

- In May 2018 the Department of Health approached the Association with the request that State Council endorse the WA Foodborne Illness Reduction Strategy 2018-2021+ (the WA Strategy) and Priorities to reduce Salmonellosis (Priorities).
- The WA Strategy and Priorities were developed concurrently to a national Foodborne Illness Reduction Strategy, with the input of WA Local Governments through early consultation in March 2018, and representation on a Strategy Across-Government Advisory Group.
- WALGA assisted the Department of Health in seeking feedback from Local Governments on the WA Strategy and Priorities through our communications channels and contact list. Consultation was open for a period of four weeks in July and resulted in no changes to the WA Strategy and Priorities. The Australian Strategy was developed with input from the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).
- The WA Strategy involves no additional costs to Local Governments but provides tailored resources to focus attention on the food safety risks that are causing the greatest burden of disease
- The WA Strategy was presented to WALGA State Council in September 2018, at which time an alternative motion was endorsed, which requested more information on roles, responsibilities and costs to Local Governments. This information is located in the comment.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Cr Butler

Seconded: Cr Farrell

That the Northern Country Zone endorses the WALGA officers' recommendation for items 5.2, 5.3 and 5.5 through to 5.11.

Carried

10.4 5.4 Review of the Administrative Road Classification Methodology - Regional Roads within Rural/Non Built Up Areas (05-001-03-0033 MM)

By Marissa MacDonald, Policy Officer – Transport and Roads

Recommendation:

That State Council supports the proposed Administrative Road Classification Methodology - Regional Roads within Rural/Non Built Up Areas.

In Brief:

- The Administrative Road Classification Methodology is used to guide determination of whether a road is managed by Main Roads WA or Local Governments in accordance with the provisions of the *Main Roads Act 1930*.
- WALGA State Council endorsed the revised Administrative Road Classification Methodology for the metropolitan area in March 2018.
- The development of the revised regional classification methodology was undertaken by Main Roads WA in consultation with WALGA and Main Roads WA's Regional Managers and Regional Asset Managers.

- Consultation was undertaken with all Regional Road Groups between September and December 2018 which were largely supportive.
- Regional Roads Groups have been requested by Main Roads WA to submit roads that are Significant Local Government Roads for assessment using the proposed methodology to determine whether they can become State administered roads.

Chapman Valley Shire expressed concern about how Local Government would be consulted on the declassification of roads from State back to Local Government and would like clarification on WALGAs' position on this.

**Northern Country Zone Resolution:
Moved: Cr Farrell**

Seconded: Cr Girando

Northern Country Zone seeks clarification on when declassification and re-classification of rural roads is to be considered and the flow on effect to local governments.

Carried

11. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

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The Matters for Noting/Information in the State Council agenda are numbered 6.1 to 6.9.

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The following items were endorsed En Bloc.

11.1 6.1 ERA Business Licensing Inquiry – WALGA Response to Draft Report (05-049-03-0001 DM)

By Dana Mason, Policy Manager, Economics

Recommendation:

That State Council note WALGA's response to the ERA's draft report Inquiry into Reform of Business Licensing in WA.

In Brief:

- The Economic Regulation Authority has released its Inquiry into Reform of Business Licensing in WA draft report. Overall, WALGA is supportive of the recommendations identified by the ERA, to the extent that these will be an important step toward reducing the regulatory burden if implemented by Government.
- While the Association is supportive of the overall direction of the Inquiry's findings, it is concerned that the draft report does not adequately take into account the sector's concerns about fees and charges for licences that have been established under State Government legislation.
- WALGA has written to the ERA requesting that it examines this issue in further detail in the final report.

11.2 6.2 Local Government Performance Monitoring Project 2017/2018 (05-036-04-0004 VJ)

By Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager Planning and Improvement

Recommendation:

That State Council note the results of the *Local Government Performance Monitoring Report (2017/2018)*.

In Brief:

- In 2016, WALGA initiated the Local Government Performance Monitoring Project and through this project prepared the *Local Government Performance Monitoring Report (2016/2017)*. This report demonstrated the planning and building performance of eleven Local Governments during the 2016/17 financial year.
- Due to the positive reception of the project, WALGA encouraged other Local Governments to participate in the project, which resulted in eight additional Local Governments participating in the 2017/2018 financial year report.
- This new report: *Local Government Performance Monitoring Report (2017/2018)*, demonstrates the planning and building performance of 19 Local Governments in the Greater Perth area.

11.3 6.3 Review of Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaption Planning (CHRMAP) Guidelines (05-036-03-0065 AR)

By Ashley Robb, Project Officer, Planning and Improvement

Recommendation:

That State Council note the Association's input into the review of the *Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Planning (CHRMAP) Guidelines*.

In Brief:

- In October 2018, the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) advised the State's Coastal Management Advisory Group (CMAG) that the DPLH will be completing its review of the CHRMAP Guidelines before December 2018. WALGA is represented on the CMAG.
- WALGA strongly encouraged the DPLH to invite comment from all coastal Local Governments, in accordance with the requirements of the State Partnership Agreement.
- As a result of this advocacy, the comment period for Local Governments was extended from 14 December 2018 to 21 January 2019. WALGA staff aggregated all feedback received and submitted comments to the DPLH on 21 January 2019.
- WALGA staff are confident that the feedback provided, if utilised by the DPLH, will improve the usefulness of the Guidelines for Local Governments who are preparing CHRMAPs for the first time and for those who are reviewing existing CHRMAPs.

11.4 6.4 Completion of the Changing Places and Community Infrastructure Grant Programs (06-072-01-0001 and 06-071-01-0001 Respectively KD)

By Kirstie Davis, Policy Manager Community

Recommendation:

That State Council note the completion of the *Changing Places and Community Infrastructure Grant Programs*.

In Brief:

- In May 2015, Disability Services Commission approached WALGA to lead the Changing Places program and the Community Infrastructure program. These two Grant Programs had a combined value of \$2.85 million.
- The Grant Programs funded projects that provide community equipment, facilities and spaces which improves access and supports people with disability to join in community life.

- The process was very competitive, with WALGA receiving over \$4.45 million in requests for funding.
- WALGA has now acquitted the Grant Program to the Department of Communities: Disability Services (formerly Disability Services Commission).

11.5 6.5 Update on Building and Energy's State Wide Cladding Audit (05-015-02-0010 VJ)

By Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager, Planning and Improvement

Recommendation:

That State Council note the progress of Building and Energy's State Wide Cladding Audit.

In Brief:

- The State Government has initiated a State Wide Cladding Audit (Audit) following the Grenfell Tower disaster in June 2017.
- The Audit involves the Building and Energy division of the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) investigating whether buildings are 'low' 'medium' or 'high' risk based on the type of cladding on the building.
- Building and Energy are currently finalising the risk reports and are advising Local Governments of the results of their investigation.
- WALGA and LGIS have prepared a series of documents to assist members in progressing any compliance and enforcement activities upon receipt of the report.

11.6 6.6 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (01-006-03-0008 RNB)

By Rebecca Brown, Manager, Waste & Recycling

Recommendation:

That State Council note the resolutions of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its 12 December 2018 meeting.

In Brief:

- This item summaries the outcomes of the MWAC meeting held on 12 December 2018.

11.7 6.7 Electric Scooter Shared Services (05-005-03-0010MM)

By Marissa MacDonald, Policy Officer-Transport and Roads

Recommendation:

That State Council note the discussion paper on Electric Scooter Shared Services.

In Brief:

- Electric scooters, known as e-scooters, are powered by a rechargeable battery and have a maximum speed of approximately 25km/hour.
- In the past two years e-scooter shared services have rapidly expanded across the world offering increased transport mobility choice and convenience.
- Any operation of an e-scooter shared service in WA will, in the first instance, require consideration by the State Government to provide an exemption or amend the *Road Traffic Code 2000*, to legally allow the operation of e-scooters to travel over 10km/h.

- Should the State Government provide exemptions or amend the legislation, an operator will require permission from the relevant Local Government to operate an e-scooter shared service through applying for a permit pursuant to relevant local laws.
- A Local Government will need to set out terms and conditions in support of issuing a permit to an operator. The terms and conditions establishes the principles, practices and obligations that an operator of an e-scooter shared service is required to comply with as a condition of a permit to mitigate public amenity and safety risks.

11.8 6.8 Systemic Sustainability Study Actions Update (05-034-02-0003 TB)

Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance & Organisational Services

Recommendation:

That State Council note the update relating to the Actions from the Systemic Sustainability Study Report.

In Brief:

- The Systemic Sustainability Study (SSS) was a key research and consultation process undertaken by WALGA during the second half of last decade;
- The SSS culminated in a final report containing 39 Actions aimed at addressing Local Government sustainability issues associated with revenue, financial management, capacity and expertise, service delivery and leadership;
- In the context of the Review of the Local Government Act, State Council requested the secretariat to report on the status of Actions from the SSS report;
- Of the 39 Actions, 19.5 have been completed through WALGA undertakings or advocacy successes;
- Of the remaining half, 7 were referred to the State Government and 12.5 require ongoing advocacy, particularly through the Local Government Act Review process;
- A full table of the Actions and their status is included in the 'Comment' section of this agenda item.

11.9 6.9 2018 WALGA Annual General Meeting Action updates (01-003-02-0003 TB)

By Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance & Organisational Services

Recommendation:

That State Council note the action taken on 2018 WALGA Annual General Meeting motions.

In Brief:

- The WALGA Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, 1 August 2018 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre;
- Four motions were adopted by the meeting;
- Item 4.1 amended the WALGA Constitution and the amendments have now taken effect;
- Items 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 were also endorsed by the meeting; and,
- In September 2018 State Council resolved that items 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 be forwarded to the relevant Policy Teams of State Council for action, and that a report be prepared for the March 2019 meeting on progress of action taken.
- Action on each item is provided in this report for Noting.

The Chair brought the members attention to Item 11.8, noting that of the 39 actions listed in the Systematic Sustainability Study, that 19.5 had been completed, 7 had been referred to the State Government and the remaining 12.5 had been considered as part of the Local Government Act review process.

**Northern Country Zone Resolution:
Moved: Cr Girando**

Seconded: Cr Isbister

That State Council Agenda Items numbers 6.1 to 6.9 be noted.

Carried

12. BUSINESS

12.1 Regional Tourism

*Prepared by: Dianne Daniels, Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil*

Recommendation:

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA establishes a Regional Tourism Working Group to map a way forward for regional tourism initiatives in the Mid West and to work with the Mid West Development Commission to develop a 'Mid West Pathways' project.

Background:

At the 27 August 2018 meeting, members discussed the need for a zone-wide approach to tourism. It was agreed that the February 2019 meeting have a strong focus on this issue and that the Executive Officer work with WALGA to assist with the process to bring all the players together and commence the formulation of a regional tourism strategy.

Comments:

Prior to contacting WALGA, the Executive Officer did some research into some of the regional tourism initiatives currently available in the Mid West region. This is summarised below:

Mid West Tourism Development Strategy

Link to Strategy - <http://www.mwdc.wa.gov.au/f.ashx/Mid-West-Tourism-Development-Strategy.pdf>

The Mid West Development Commission, in conjunction with Regional Development Australia, the Department of Planning and the Mid West Tourism Alliance, developed the Mid West Tourism Development Strategy (Strategy) during January to June 2014. All local governments were visited during the consultation period and regional workshops were held at Meekatharra, Mingenew and Geraldton. A desktop review was undertaken of 40 strategies and plans across the Mid West, including the local governments' and city's corporate plans.

The Strategy aims to facilitate a coordinated, collaborative approach to grow regional tourism and maximise the Mid West's existing tourism capacity.

The Strategy addresses fundamental gaps and opportunities in Mid West tourism while recognising differences in the tourism life-cycles of three sub-regions – Batavia Coast, Murchison and North Midlands. The Batavia Coast sub-region is made up of the City of Greater Geraldton and the Shires of Irwin, Northampton and Chapman Valley. The North Midlands sub-region is made up of the balance of the NCZ members – the Shires of Coorow, Carnamah, Mingenew, Morawa, Perenjori and Three Springs. The Murchison sub-region is made up of the Shires of Cue, Meekatharra, Mount Magnet, Murchison, Sandstone, Wiluna and Yalgoo.

The Strategy lists the strategic aims for regional tourism development as:

1. Increase accommodation capacity from camping through to resorts;
2. Open up sites and places previously overlooked or under-developed to enhance the Mid West's appeal as a destination;

3. Improve the quality and distribution of information for pre-trip planning and way finding;
4. Attract more high-yield visitors and the growing self-drive and RV market;
5. Increase the range of eco nature-based activities, attractions and experiences.

50+ development options were assessed against gaps/opportunities/trends/competition. 10-12 were shortlisted for each sub-region at the sub-regional workshops and then further assessment identified the top 6 priorities for the Mid West and the top 5 priorities for each of the sub-regions, as listed below.

Mid West regional priorities:

1. Develop and open up Abrolhos Islands
2. Develop Kalbarri National Park and Skywalk
3. Develop Coastal Nodes
4. Develop Zuytdorp Coast 4WD trail
5. DPAW Conservation Estate
6. Geo Tourism and Geo Park

NB: Some of the Mid West regional priorities will be important to some but not all members.

Batavia Coast sub-region priorities:

1. Kalbarri to Shark Bay 4WD trail;
2. Kalbarri NP iconic skywalk, road sealing, naturebank eco camp, campground, enhanced trails;
3. Coastal campsites and visitor nodes from Greenhead to Kalbarri;
4. Eco accommodation and amenities on Abrolhos Islands;
5. Headworks and pre-approvals for a co-located Geraldton conference function centre.

North Midlands sub-region priorities:

1. Extend and enhance the Wildflower Way;
2. Develop interactive components of the Artbelt Project, creating a drive 'loop' with year-round appeal;
3. Develop half/full day self-drive routes with rest and overnight areas;
4. Upgrade a selection of trails to multi use (walk, bike, horse, 4WD) and/or create new trails at popular sites; and
5. Audit potential campsites and develop 4-5 eco campgrounds.

Murchison sub-region priorities:

1. Develop tourism infrastructure on DPaW's conservation blocks (e.g. Muggon Block - six properties, Doolgunna Mooloogool Block - two properties and Dalgaranga Block - four properties);
2. Develop a geo park across the subregion;
3. Develop prospecting reserves for visitors;
4. Support pastoral properties to develop tourism infrastructure; and
5. Develop lookouts and safe viewing sites for flash rain events

Sub-regional Action Plans focusing on:

1. Marketing, Branding and Promotion
2. Capacity Building; and
3. Improved standards and service delivery

were developed and imbedded into the Strategy (Batavia Coast sub-region pages 58-60; North Midlands pages 69-71; and Murchison pages 63-65).

As well as highlighting regional and sub-regional priorities, the Strategy drills down even further and highlights local initiatives that each Shire in the sub-regions can monitor and/or develop into new infrastructure/activities/experiences.

The strategy recognises that Australia's Coral Coast and Australia's Golden Outback are the collaborative marketing organisations for the Mid West, under the umbrella of Tourism WA. They are tasked with marketing and branding for the region, aligned closely to the State's tourism goals.

Australis's Coral Coast

Australia's Coral Coast undertakes an annual program of strategic marketing activities. These activities are designed to attract visitors to the region and to increase the region's international and domestic profile.

Link to the marketing opportunities available to members -

<https://www.australiascoralcoast.com/page/marketing-opportunities-tourism-members>

One of those activities is the publishing of an annual Holiday Planner and all members except Morawa and Perenjori have advertised in Australia's Coral Coast Holiday Planner 2019. Morawa and Perenjori have advertised in the Australia's Golden Outback Holiday Planner 2019.

Road trip itineraries are included at the back of the planners, including two wildflower trip itineraries:

'The Weekend Wildflowers' trip goes from Perth to Eneabba and back down the coast through Green Head.

'Fields of Everlastings' trip goes from Perth through Coorow, Carnamah, Three Springs, Mingenew, Mullewa, Nabawa (Chapman Valley), Northampton, Kalbarri, Geraldton, with side-trips to Pindar and Dongara.

Australia's Coral Coast Holiday Planner 2019 is available at Tourist Bureaus across the State and available for download from the Australia's Coral Coast website.

Australia's Golden Outback

Australia's Golden Outback is the recognised marketing organisation (for the outback) under the umbrella of Tourism Western Australia and has the specific task of marketing and undertaking promotional activities that

will establish the region as a highly desirable tourism destination for intrastate, interstate and international visitors. Its mission is to increase visitor numbers to the region, extend the average length of stay and encourage visitor spending.

Link to the website - <https://www.australiasgoldenoutback.com/>

The Golden Outback is divided into four regions, with Morawa and Perenjori being included in the Wheatbelt Region. They feature in the 'Everlastings Trail' and the '3 Day Wildflower Country' trip (Midlands route).

Australia's Golden Outback Holiday Planner 2019 is available at Tourist Bureaus across the State and available for download from the Australia's Golden Outback website.

Gascoyne Murchison Outback Pathways

Back in 2004, the Gascoyne Murchison Outback Pathways project, initiated by the Gascoyne and Midwest Development Commissions, was officially opened. Eleven local governments - Carnarvon, Cue, Exmouth, the City of Geraldton, Meekatharra, Mt. Magnet, Mullewa, Murchison, Sandstone, Upper Gascoyne and Yalgoo participated in the project.

This is a great example of a cross regional initiative that still provides economic benefits to the regions to this day.

Links to the media statement and website are shown below:

<https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Gallop/2004/04/New-tourist-trails-highlight-the-outback-appeal-of-Gascoyne-and-Murchison.aspx>

<https://www.outbackpathways.com/>

Summary:

- the Mid West region has a tourism development strategy – the Mid West Tourism Development Strategy;
- Regional advertising is currently supported by Australia’s Coral Coast and Australia’s Golden Outback;
- The Northern Country Zone member councils do not currently collaborate in the sphere of tourism promotion and may like to consider a project similar to the Gascoyne Murchison Outback Pathways project.

There are currently more questions than answers.

1. Does the group feel that the Mid West Tourism Development Strategy addresses their needs as far as regional tourism goes ie is it a document that is relevant five years on?
2. If not, is it time to request a review of the Strategy rather than to embark on the development of a new one?
3. If members are looking to develop a new strategy, how much money are they willing to commit to its development?
4. If the Strategy is still relevant, are the members willing to start working through the Action Plans, including establishing a regional tourism website (with links to it from individual council websites); developing regional branding; and establishing pooled funding?
5. Does the group feel that the Gascoyne Murchison Outback Pathways project sets a suitable standard for a Mid West regional tourism project (whatever that may be called)?
6. If so, would the members consider including the Murchison Shires in such a project?

Mr Gavin Treasure was invited to update the meeting on the status of the various regional and sub-regional priorities within the Mid West Tourism Development Strategy:

Kalbarri Skywalk – supporting infrastructure has been completed; Skywalk construction contract has been awarded with completion expected late 2019;

Abrolhos Islands – set to become one of WA’s newest National Parks; funding of \$10 m has been granted by the state over 2 financial years to upgrade the jetty and to provide airstrip and camping facilities;

Coastal Nodes – the coastal Shires have completed many coastal nodes, from Sandy Cape in the South through to Lucky Bay in the north. Developing these camping sites along the coast will encourage tourists to stay in the region for more than one night;

Kalbarri to Shark Bay 4wd track – need agreement between two shires for unsealed road along the Zuytdorp Cliffs; similar to Bibbulmun track. Terms of Reference have been drafted;

DPaW Conservation Parks – sites were bought for a reason and earmarked for conservation parks. Karara block has been used as a test site and is currently being developed;

Geo tourism – Geoparks are recognised by UNESCO as an area of important geology which encourages conservation, community growth and economic development; there are Geo parks all over the world, but none in Australia; the Murchison region has the oldest rocks in the world; oldest working mine (Wilgie Mia) in the world; many other key locations; the seven Murchison Shires are working towards establishing a geopark in their region; it’s about marketing – putting the natural sites on the map.

The MWDC Board are very keen to maintain tourism with new projects being considered at the moment, such as Geraldton Museum; astro tourism; Mid West Tourism Drive. The Board are project focussed, so that if funding becomes available, the projects are ready to go.

There was no support from members to establish a working group to look at regional tourism initiatives. The general consensus was that a working group would replicate work already being done by groups within the region and that it would be preferable for the zone meeting to provide opportunity for individual councils to bring their projects to the table. Mr Treasure is happy to work with the zone on this matter.

As there was no mover for the Recommendation, it lapsed.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved:

Seconded:

Carried/Lost

12.2 Invitation to Join Rural Water Council of WA Inc

Prepared by: Dianne Daniels, Executive Officer

Attachments: Correspondence from Robert Dew, EO Rural Water Council of WA Inc

Recommendation:

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA join Rural Water Council of WA Inc and appoint two voting delegates.

Background:

A letter from the Rural Water Council of WA Inc (RWC) was received by our Chair on 5 October 2018 and forwarded to the EO on 8 October 2018 for inclusion in the next in-person meeting agenda. The invitation summarises the aims and objectives of RWC, notes that it meets three times each year in March, July and October, lists the current members, notes the 2018 membership fee as \$100 per member and notes that each member is entitled to two voting delegates.

Comments:

In order to get a better understanding of what benefits RWC can offer NCZ members, I phoned Executive Officer Robert Dew on 7 March 2019.

The core membership of RWC to date has been the Eastern Wheatbelt Shires, but the issues dealt with and lobbied for are relevant across all dryland agricultural areas, including the Northern Country Zone council/city areas. These issues include but are not limited to the availability and cost of water for agricultural use; ground water licensing; local government-controlled sewerage plants including effluent disposal; issues around cost and quality of town water supplies; access to standpipes including use of swipe cards; community water supply scheme; desalination; farmlands smart meter project; water harvesting projects.

Representatives from the Water Corporation and Department of Environment Regulation regularly attend and report at meetings, as do relevant Members of Parliament.

When asked why NCZ should join, Robert responded that the greater the member numbers, then the louder the voice when lobbying to government on issues relevant to members. Not all issues dealt with are relevant to all members all the time, but members unite behind each other to ensure a better outcome on individual council or regional issues.

According to the NCZ Constitution, two of the Objects of NCZ are to provide a united voice for local governments in the Northern Country Zone and to work collectively to enhance the sustainable social, environmental and economic development of the Northern Country Zone at strategic and project levels.

Sound management of our water resources and infrastructure is imperative to ensure the survival of rural towns and farming communities. Any work undertaken on a collaborative regional level to ensure the

sustainability of a quality and affordable water supply would certainly fall within the above-mentioned Objects of the NCZ.

The Shire of Three Springs attended the Rural Water Council of WA Inc meeting during the week as they had decided to join as an individual council.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Cr Girando

Seconded: Cr Lane

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA join Rural Water Council of WA Inc and that Cr Girando and Cr Lane be the Zones' voting delegates.

Carried

It was noted after the vote that the next meeting of RWC is on 5th July in Moora and that fees have increased to \$200 pa.

12.3 Update on New Strategy to Strengthen WA's Country Ambulance Services

Prepared by: Dianne Daniels, Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

Recommendation:

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA notes the status of the New Strategy to Strengthen WA's Country Ambulance Services.

Background:

At the NCZ November 2018 meeting, it was agreed to adopt the NCZ Draft Submission on the WA Country Health Services' New Strategy to Strengthen WA's Country Ambulance Services and to submit it to WA Country Health Service via the online portal.

The Submission was uploaded by the EO on the 27th November 2018.

Comments:

According to the WA Health website as viewed on 7 March 2019:

The final Strategy is expected to be released in coming months, with implementation commencing. It is recognised there is a lot of work to do in progressing the recommendations, so this will occur in stages.

Provision of feedback is now closed.

Over the consultation period, WA Country Health Service received 27 submissions and 937 people provided feedback through a structured survey.

The feedback received during public consultation is now being reviewed and incorporated into, the final Strategy. This will then be submitted to the Minister for Health. Work on policy development is already underway.

A plan is being developed to guide the next stages to meet and action the recommendations.

Zone members can follow the progress of the Strategy on the website:

<http://www.wacountry.health.wa.gov.au/index.php?id=986>

The Chair offered Cr Isbister the opportunity to comment on the new Strategy. Cr Isbister noted that it is yet to be implemented and that the new model may see a depletion of volunteers. Ambulances won't be based in each town so there will be less available services to respond – more like the Queensland model.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:
Moved: Cr Isbister

Seconded: Cr Lane

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA notes the status of the New Strategy to Strengthen WA's Country Ambulance Services.

Carried

Items 12.4, 12.5 and 12.6 were considered En Bloc.

12.4 Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage – Request to Present

Prepared by: Callum Crofton, Manager Heritage Support Services
Attachments: Nil

Recommendation:

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 24 June 2019 Zone meeting.

Comments:

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.

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.

12.5 WA Country Health Service – Invitation to Present

Prepared by: Dianne Daniels, Executive Officer
Attachments: Nil

Recommendation:

That the Zone invites a representative from the WA Country Health Service (WACHS) to the 24 June 2019 Zone meeting to provide a presentation on regional health/mental health services currently provided by WACHS in the Mid West and to give an update any planned improvements or changes to health services.

Comments:

On the 18th of January 2018, I received an email from Nils Hay, CEO of Mingenew, noting that he had met with Jeff Calver of WACHS to discuss mental health services for Mingenew and the Mid West and suggesting that there might be some value in a representative of WACHS attending a future zone meeting.

As well as updating members on the role WACHS plays in the health of our communities it will give members the opportunity to address any health matters of regional interest.

12.6 Auditor General – Request to Present

Prepared by: Dianne Daniels, Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

Recommendation:

That the Zone invites Caroline Spencer, Auditor General, to present an update on the latest financial and performance audits, tentatively at the 26 August 2019 meeting.

Comments:

On 21 February 2019, I received an email from the Communications Officer from the Office of the Auditor General for WA, requesting some time during our August meeting to update zone members on the latest financial and performance audit reports.

It should be interesting for zone members to be updated on how the sector has been performing since the Auditor General became responsible for local government financial audits.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Cr Lane

Seconded: Cr Butler

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA invites:

- a representative from the Department of Planning, Lands & Heritage to provide a presentation on the Heritage Act 2018 to the 24 June 2019 Zone meeting; and
- a representative from the WA Country Health Service (WACHS) to the 24 June 2019 Zone meeting to provide a presentation on regional health/mental health services currently provided by WACHS and to give an update on any planned improvements or changes to health services; and
- invite Caroline Spencer, Auditor General, to present an update on the latest financial and performance audits, tentatively at the 26 August 2019 meeting.

Carried

13. REPORTS

13.1 WALGA Presidents Report to the Zone

The WALGA President's Report is attached.

Mr James McGovern presented the WALGA Presidents' Report – taken as read - noting that there has been quite a shift in the waste space with the 3-bin system being introduced. WALGA is concerned that the Waste Levy goes to fund a government department and not to waste reduction strategies.

Mr Ross McKim noted that the City of Greater Geraldton sits on the Municipal Waste Advisory Council and that the 3-bin system is only being introduced to urban areas initially – the regions will be dealt with separately. The City is also concerned that the Waste Levy is only a levy if it is used on waste, if not, it's a tax. There is pressure from community members to introduce recycling to the City – a study is underway on a trial to recycle next year.

**Northern Country Zone Resolution:
Moved: Cr Girando**

Seconded: Cr Isbister

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA notes the WALGA Presidents Report for March 2019.

Carried

13.2 Zone Status Report

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

**Northern Country Zone Resolution:
Moved: Cr Isbister**

Seconded: Cr Newton

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA notes the March 2019 Status Report outlining actions taken on the Zone's resolutions.

Carried

14. OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 Regional Issues

Background:

As per the resolution at Item 9.1 of the February 2018 minutes, Regional Issues are open for discussion.

No issues raised.

The Chair invited Shane Love MLA, Luke Stevens, Gavin Treasure and Luke Malacari to address the meeting. Updates on matters of interest in their respective fields were given to members.

15. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

That the next ordinary meeting of the Northern Country Zone will be held on 29 April 2019 by Flying Minute.

**Northern Country Zone Resolution:
Moved: Cr Butler**

Seconded: Cr Isbister

That the next ordinary meeting of the Northern Country Zone will be held on 29 April 2019 by Flying Minute.

Carried

16. MEETING CLOSURE

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11:16 am.