



WALGA

**GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY
ZONE**

Minutes

**Thursday 28 June 2018
In-Person Meeting**

**Kellerberrin Recreation
and Leisure Centre**

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Minutes

Great Eastern Country Zone

Thursday 28 June 2018

1.0 OPENING AND WELCOME

The Zone President, Cr Cole, opened the meeting at 9.32am welcoming all in attendance.

2.0 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance

Cr Rhonda Cole (Chair)	President, Shire of Narembeen
Mr Chris Jackson	CEO, Shire of Narembeen
Cr Ramesh Rajagoplan	Deputy President Shire of Bruce Rock
Mr Darren Mollenoyux	CEO, Shire of Bruce Rock
Mr Alan O'Toole	Shire of Bruce Rock
Cr Eileen O'Connell	President, Shire of Nungarin
Cr Jim Taylor	Deputy President, Shire of Nungarin
Cr Steven Gamble	Shire of Wyalkatchem
Claire Trenorden	Shire of Waykatchem
Cr Sue Meeking	President, Shire of Kondinin
Ms Mia Dohnt	CEO, Shire of Kondinin
Cr Onida Truran	President, Shire of Yilgarn
Cr Wayne Dellabosca	Deputy President, Shire of Yilgarn
Mr Peter Clarke	A/CEO, Shire of Yilgarn
Cr Ricky Storer	President, Shire of Koorda
Mr David Burton	CEO, Shire of Koorda
Cr Rod Forsyth	President, Shire of Kellerberrin
Mr Raymond Griffiths	CEO, Shire of Kellerberrin
Cr Karin Day	President, Shire of Westonia
Mr Jamie Criddle	CEO, Shire of Westonia
Cr Dennis Whisson	President, Shire of Cunderdin
Cr Alison Harris	Councillor, Shire of Cunderdin
Cr Glenice Batchelor	Councillor, Shire of Tammin
Mr Neville Hale	Joint CEO, Shires of Cunderdin and Tammin
Cr Geoff Waters	Deputy President, Shire of Trayning
Cr Tony Sachse	President, Shire of Mt Marshall
Mr John Nuttall	CEO, Shire of Mt Marshall
Cr Ken Hooper	President, Shire of Merredin
Cr Mal Willis	Deputy President, Shire of Merredin
Mr Greg Powell	CEO, Shire of Merredin

Mr Tony Brown, Executive Officer,
Mr Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure, WALGA

Guests

Ms Jodie Holbrook, Director Local Government Policy and Engagement, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Mr Rob Didcoe, Executive Director of Infrastructure, Department of Local

Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
Ms Mandy Walker, Director Regional Development RDA Wheatbelt
Mt Craig Manton, Regional Manager, Main Roads, WA

Apologies

Cr Stephen Strange,	President Shire of Bruce Rock
Cr Quentin Davies	President, Shire of Wyalkatchem
Mr Ian McCabe	CEO, Shire of Wyalkatchem
Cr Kellie Mortimer	Deputy President, Shire of Narembeen
Mr Adam Majid	CEO, Shire of Nungarin
Cr Melanie Brown	President, Shire of Trayning
Mr Graham Merrick,	CEO Shire of Trayning
Cr Nick Gillett	Deputy President, Shire of Mt Marshall
Cr Gary Shdbolt,	President, Shire of Mukinbudin
Mr Dirk Sellenger	CEO, Shire of Mukinbudin

Hon Mia Davies MLA, Member for Central Wheatbelt
Hon Martin Aldridge MLC, Member for Agricultural Region
Hon Laurie Graham MLC, Member for Agricultural Region
Hon Rick Mazza MLC, Member for Agricultural Region
Hon Melissa Price MP, Member for Durack

Ms Pam l'Anson, Director Central Region Regional Operations and Business
Development Industry and Development, Department of Primary Industries and
Regional Development
Ms Sharon Broad Regional Manager Goldfields and Agricultural Region Water
Corporation
Ms Wendy Newman, CEO Wheatbelt Development Commission

3.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil

5.0 GUEST SPEAKERS / DEPUTATIONS

5.1 RDA Wheatbelt – Presentation by Ms Mandy Walker, Director Regional Development, RDA Wheatbelt

Mandy Walker, Director Regional Network RDA Wheatbelt provided the Zone with information on the WA RDA forum, information on federal government funding available.

The main role of the Wheatbelt RDA is a facilitative role for the area and linking the area up with Federal Government agency assistance.

5.2 Department of Local Government, Department, Sport and Cultural Industries Update (11.45am)

Jodie Holbrook, Director Local Government Policy and Engagement, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Mr Rob Didcoe, Executive Director of Infrastructure, Department of Local Government,

Sport and Cultural Industries

Jodie and Rob provided the Zone with information on the work being carried out by the Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries

A copy of their presentation is attached.

6.0 MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes from the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting held Thursday 26 April 2018

The Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting held Thursday 26 April 2018 have previously been circulated to Member Councils.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Sachse** **Seconded: Cr Truran**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Great Eastern Country Zone held Thursday 26 April 2018 confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings subject to the following amendment to item 7.6 Power/Telecommunication Outages;

That the Great Eastern Country Zone in conjunction with WALGA and the State Emergency Management Committee seek meetings with relevant Commonwealth agencies to develop resolutions to the ongoing power & telecommunication outages being experienced in parts of the central and eastern Wheatbelt.

CARRIED

6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting Thursday 1 March 2018

7.3 Education Department Spending Cuts

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Sachse** **Seconded: Cr Harris**

That the Great Eastern Country Zone:

- 1. Write to both the Premier and the Minister for Education to express concern regarding the impact of cuts to education expenditure on the Wheatbelt Region; and*
- 2. Invite the Regional Director of Education to the next Zone Meeting to discuss the impact of all education cuts on the Wheatbelt Region.*

CARRIED

A response to correspondence written to the Premier on education funding cuts has been received. A copy of the letter formed an attachment to the meeting agenda.

An invitation to the Regional Director of Education, Ms Alison Ramm, was extended by the Zone for the April Zone Meeting but Ms Ramm was unable to attend due to prior commitments.

The Zone will need to determine on the basis of advice contained within the Premier's letter whether meeting with Ms Ramm will be of benefit.

The Executive Officer is of the view that it would be appropriate to extend another invitation to the Regional Director as it is important to establish strong communications with the education sector at the regional level.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Sachse** **Seconded: Cr O'Connell**

1. That the Great Eastern Country Zone advise that the funding cuts are not to effect the integrity of the delivery of agricultural education programs.
2. Extend an invitation to the Regional Director of Education, Ms Alison Ramm, for the August meeting of the Zone

CARRIED

6.3 Business Arising from the Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting Thursday 26 April 2018

7.6 Power/Telecommunication Outages across the Great Eastern Country Zone during the 2018 Easter Weekend

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Cr Sachse* *Seconded: Cr Hooper*

That the Great Eastern Country Zone in conjunction with WALGA and the State Emergency Management Committee seek meetings with relevant Commonwealth agencies to develop resolutions to the ongoing power outages being experienced in parts of the central and eastern Wheatbelt.

CARRIED

At the GECZ Executive Meeting held 7 June, Cr Sachse requested that this matter be raised for further discussion citing the ongoing issues associated with power outages being experienced by some Councils within the Great Eastern Country Zone.

The Shire of Mt Marshall has at Council level being working on this matter since the last Zone Meeting.

A copy of a letter from the Shire of Mt Marshall dated 21 May 2018 to Telstra and a report on a meeting held on Wednesday 13 June 2018 between senior Telstra representatives, Cr Sachse and the Shire's CEO John Nuttall form attachments to the meeting agenda.

Cr Sachse advised the meeting that Telstra will be upgrading the battery back-up facility.

Noted

9.3 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Matters for Decision (5.12 Proposed Amendments to the WALGA Constitution (01-001-01-0001))

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Cr O'Connell* *Seconded: Cr Truran*

That the matter of representation on State Council be referred to Member Councils for consideration with responses to be considered at the June Meeting of the Great Eastern Country Zone.

CARRIED

The Executive Officer received four responses, from Local Governments on this matter.

The responses were as follows:

- **Shire of Kellerberrin**

That Council advise:

1. that on review the Shire of Kellerberrin believes a membership base of twelve (12) be sufficient based on a six (6) Country, six (6) City membership.
2. The nominations for the six (6) City and Country memberships be received from the individual zones from the City or Country.

3. The voting for the successful delegates is one voting ballot per Council within the prospective City or Country portfolios should the nominations exceed the six (6) seats available.
- **Shire of Merredin**
That Council acknowledge that further analysis of the implications of a reduction are required and suggest that WALGA commission a discussion paper on the topic after the 2018 Annual General Meeting
 - **Shire of Yilgarn**
That whilst it considers that the composition of the WALGA State Council is unwieldy, Council does not have a view on reducing the representation as the primary objective of the WALGA State Council is being achieved, that being Country and City local Governments having equal representation and the fact that this has worked since the existence of WALGA.
 - **Shire of Mt Marshall**
Council does not hold any firm view regarding the current make-up of State Council and any potential change.

Comment

Tony Brown advised that WALGA State Council had a strategic Planning forum on 6 June 2018, and there was discussion on the structure of the WALGA State Council.

WALGA staff will be preparing a paper on different options for the best structure and a consultation process with Local Governments and the Zones would be undertaken.

Noted

6.4 Minutes from the Great Eastern Country Zone Executive Committee Meeting held Thursday 7 June 2018

Presenting the Minutes from the Great Eastern Country Zone Executive Committee Meeting held Thursday 7 June 2018

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Day Seconded: Cr Waters

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Great Eastern Country Zone Committee Meeting held Thursday 7 June 2018 be received.

CARRIED

6.5 Matters for Noting

- Office of Bushfire Risk Management (OBRM) Update June 2018

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr Storer Seconded: Cr Truran

That the matters listed for noting be received.

CARRIED

7.0 ZONE BUSINESS

7.1 Wheatbelt Conference 2018

Reporting Officer: Helen Westcott, Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Date: 20 June 2018
Attachments: Wheatbelt Conference 2018 Evaluation Report

Background:

The Wheatbelt Conference 2018 was held in Jurien Bay at the Jurien Bay Recreation Centre on 5-6 April 2018. The conference theme was “Small Towns – BIG Dreams – Transitioning Regional Economies”.

Executive Officer Comment:

The Wheatbelt Conference 2018 was held in Jurien Bay at the Jurien Bay Recreation Centre on 5-6 April 2018. The conference theme was “Small Towns – BIG Dreams – Transitioning Regional Economies”.

Based on the feedback received by members of the organising committee, both during and after the conference, all delegates seemed to have enjoyed themselves, with positive feedback on the venue, the conference speakers, the attendance by the Minister for Local Government; Sport; Cultural Industries, Hon David Templeman MLA and the preconference bus tour. The conference dinner was also very well attended with some 100 guests enjoying the buffet dinner prepared by the P and C Committee from the Jurien Bay District High School.

The partners program, a first for the Wheatbelt Conference, was also very well received. Covering the duration of the conference, the program was organised by the Shire of Dandaragan and really enjoyed by those who visited the many interesting sights in and around Jurien Bay, Cervantes and a little further afield.

Through Keynote Conferences, the organisation engaged to handle all registrations, a conference evaluation has been completed and forms an attachment to these meeting papers.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Rajagoplan** **Seconded: Mr Mollenoyux**

That the report be received

CARRIED

8.0 ZONE REPORTS

8.1 Zone President Report

Cr Rhonda Cole

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Truran** **Seconded: Cr O'Connell**

That the Zone President's Report be received.

CARRIED

8.2 Local Government Agricultural Freight Group

Cr Stephen Strange

Cr Rod Forsyth

Cr Forsyth and Ian Duncan provided information on the Freight Group

Noted

8.3 Wheatbelt District Emergency Management Committee (Wheatbelt DEMC)

Cr Tony Sachse

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Hooper** **Seconded: Cr Truran**

That Cr Sachse's Report be received.

CARRIED

8.4 Healthy Wheatbelt

Cr Rhonda Cole

Cr Ram Rajagopalan

Cr Eileen O'Connell (Deputy)

At a meeting held Friday 25 May 2018 the Central Country Zone (CCZ) considered its continued participation in Healthy Wheatbelt, with the meeting resolving as shown below:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Cr Ridgway* *Seconded: President Ballard*

That the Central Country Zone withdraw its membership from the Healthy Wheatbelt Group, with immediate effect and the Great Eastern Country Zone be advised.

CARRIED

In considering the CCZ's decision to withdraw from Healthy Wheatbelt at a meeting held Thursday 7 June 2018 the GECZ's Executive Committee resolved as shown below:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Cr Strange* *Seconded: Cr Sachse*

- 1. That the Great Eastern Country Executive Committee note the decision by the Central Country Zone in regard to the future of Healthy Wheatbelt; and*
- 2. That an amount of \$2,794.17 be transferred to the Central Country Zone, being 50% of the balance of funds in the Healthy Wheatbelt Account.*

CARRIED

The Executive Officer has returned an amount of \$2,794.17 to the Central Country Zone, being 50% of the balance of funds in the Healthy Wheatbelt Account.

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The Zone discussed the importance of health issues to the Wheatbelt and the need for the next iteration of Healthy Wheatbelt or some forum to continue to progress health issues.

Discussion was held on issues currently being considered by CEACA and whether there was any duplication.

Consideration of potential forum on health delivery services was put forward.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr O'Connell** **Seconded: Cr Batchelor**

That the Zones Executive Committee consider the best way of handling health issues going forward in the Wheatbelt and report back to the next Zone meeting.

CARRIED

8.5 Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group (WNRRG) Cr Ricky Storer

Cr Storer encouraged Local Governments in the zone to spend and acquit their funding.

In respect to the secondary Freight Group a meeting had been held with Federal politicians, Rick Wilson and Melissa Price. Local Governments to work together on developing priority road lists. Information will be provided through the regional road groups.

Noted

8.6 Wheatbelt South Regional Road Group (WSRRG)

Mr Chris Jackson, CEO Shire of Narembeen

The Shire of Narembeen has offered to provide Member Councils with a report on work undertaken by the WSRRG.

The next meeting will be held in July 2018. Wheatbelt South acknowledge the work being carried out by Wheatbelt North and Wheatbelt RDA

Noted

9.0 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (WALGA) BUSINESS

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

9.1 State Councillor Report

Cr Stephen Strange

In Cr Strange's absence Tony Brown presented the State Councillor report (as attached).

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Forsyth** **Seconded: Cr Rajagoplan**

That the State Councillor Report be received.

CARRIED

9.2 WALGA Status Report

From *Executive Officer*

BACKGROUND:

Presenting the Status Report for June 2018 which contains WALGA's responses to the resolutions of previous Zone Meetings

ZONE COMMENT:

This is an opportunity for Member Councils to consider the response from WALGA in respect to the matters that were submitted at the previous Zone Meeting.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Truran** **Seconded: Cr Waters**

That the Great Eastern Country Zone notes the WALGA Status Report.

CARRIED

9.3 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Matters for Decision

From *Executive Officer*

Background:

WALGA State Council meets five times each year and as part of the consultation process with Member Councils circulates the State Council Agenda for input through the Zone structure.

The Zone is able to provide comment or submit an alternate recommendation that is then presented to the State Council for consideration.

5.1 Updated Climate Change Policy Statement (05-028-03-0011 LS) WALGA Recommendation

That the revised WALGA Climate Change Policy Statement be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

5.2 Interim Submission – Model Subdivision Conditions (05-047-00003 VJ)

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission to the WA Planning Commission on the Model Subdivision Conditions be endorsed.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENT:

This matter was considered by the Great Eastern Country Zone when it met on Thursday 1 March 2018, with the meeting resolving as shown below:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: Cr Truran* *Seconded: Cr Sachse*

That WALGA advise the State Government the Local Government sector:

- 1. will not agree to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' (DFES) transferring of responsibility to the Local Government sector for the clearance of a subdivision condition for Bush Fire Management Plans, when the condition has been requested by DFES;*
- 2. requires adequate and effective consultation on any review of the model subdivision condition relating to clearance, including relating to Bush Fire Management Plans that would result in the transfer of responsibility from any agency for the clearance of a subdivision condition, when that condition has been requested by that agency.*

CARRIED

WALGA considered the issue at its March 2018 State Council meeting, when a report on the significant shift in the implementation of the Bushfire Management Plans through the subdivision process was considered, and the following recommendation endorsed (RESOLUTION 11.1/2018):

That WALGA advise the State Government the Local Government sector:

- 1. Will not agree to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) transferring of responsibility to the Local Government sector for the clearance of a subdivision condition for Bushfire Management Plans, when the condition has been requested by DFES;*
- 2. Requires adequate and effective consultation on any review of the model subdivision condition relating to clearance, including relating to Bushfire Management Plans that would result in the transfer of responsibility from any agency for the clearance of a subdivision condition when that condition has been requested by that agency.*

In the current WALGA report to State Council the following has been noted:

The main changes are the removal of DFES as a clearing authority for Bushfire Management Plans and other bush fire planning matters, which is not acceptable. If a Local Government does not want to clear these conditions, then the WAPC must also be the clearing agency, particularly if the involvement of DFES has now been removed. This will then align with the State Council resolution in March 2018, which does not support the change in DFES's approach to these subdivision conditions.

It has been pointed out in the interim submission that the 'consultation' via an email subscriber list does not align with the State and Local Government Partnership Agreement, as only those subscribing to the 'Bushfire Policy Subscriber' list would have received the information and invitation to comment.

Other suggestions in the submission include further clarity on how the conditions are implemented, as they are not entirely specific as to exactly how and why they are used. Without this clarity, they could be applied in circumstances that make them difficult to clear, or possibly be applied by the WAPC in inappropriate circumstances.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

5.3 Interim Submission – Position Statement – Housing on lots less than 100m² (05-306-03- 0062 CH)

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission to the WA Planning Commission on Position Statement – Housing on Lots less than 100m² be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

5.4 Policy for Restricted Access Vehicles on Roads Not on an Approved Network During Harvest (05-006-03-0004 ID)

WALGA Recommendation

1. That WALGA support changes to the Harvest Mass Management Scheme to enable heavy vehicles that meet the requirements of RAV 2, RAV 3 or RAV 4 to travel on roads not assessed for the RAV network between paddocks and the nearest RAV route during the harvest period.
2. Advocate that any roads assessed on the initiative of Main Roads that do not meet the requirements for addition to the RAV network at the level used under the Harvest Mass Management Scheme remain unassessed for the purpose of network definition.

ZONE COMMENT:

Discussion was held on agricultural pilot vehicles.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Sasche** **Seconded: Cr Storer**

That a new point 3 be added to the recommendation;

3. **Seek alternatives to the requirement for an agricultural pilot to accompany the RAV combination on roads that are not included in the RAV network.**

CARRIED

5.5 WA State Library Strategy Implementation Plan and Consultation Report (05-057-02-0051 KD)

WALGA Recommendation

That:

1. The WA Public Libraries Strategy be endorsed; and,
2. WALGA continue to advocate with Western Australia Public Libraries and key stakeholders to Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to prioritise funding for implementation of the strategy.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

5.6 Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 Review Submission to Stage 1 (05-032-00001 KD)

WALGA Recommendation

That the submission to Stage 1 Review of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

5.7 Interim Submission – Review of the State Industrial Relations System (05-034-01-0001 KP)

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim supplementary submission in response to the Interim Report of the Review of the State Industrial Relations System be endorsed.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENT:

It is noted in a media release by Commerce and Industrial Relations Minister, Hon Bill Johnston MLA, dated the 18 June 2018, the review has been completed with the report by Senior Counsel Mark Ritter having been handed to the Government.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr O’Connell** **Seconded: Cr Waters**

That the Great Eastern Country Zone endorses all recommendations being matters contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda other than item 5.4 recommendation separately considered.

CARRIED

9.4 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Matters for Noting/Information

- 6.1 Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure 2016/17 (06-007-03-0016 MB)
- 6.2 ERA Draft Decision – Western Power Access Arrangement (05-049-03-0001DM)
- 6.3 2017-18 State Budget (05-088-03-0001 DM)
- 6.4 Research on Verge Permit Fees and Bonds (05-036-03-0061 VJ)
- 6.5 Independent Planning Reform – Green Paper (05-047-02-0015 VJ)
- 6.6 Update on the Noongar Standard Heritage Agreement for Local Government (05-032-01-0001 KD)
- 6.7 Community Resource Centre Funding and Service Model (05-018-03-0004 KD)
- 6.8 Alternative Approaches to Volunteer Based Health Services in the Regions Survey (05-031-01-0001 EDR)
- 6.9 Public Health Act 2016 Regulation Review Program (05-031-01-0001 EDR)

9.5 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Organisational Reports

- 7.1 Key Activity Reports
 - 7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Environment and Waste Unit (01-006-03-0017 MJB)
 - 7.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services (01-006-03- 0007 TB) (Attachment)
 - 7.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure (05-001-02-0003 ID)
 - 7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, People and Places (01-006-03-0014 JB)

9.6 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Policy Forum Reports

7.2 Policy Forum Reports

7.2.1 Mayors/Presidents Policy Forum

7.2.2 Mining Community Policy Forum

7.2.3 Container Deposit Legislation Policy Forum

7.2.4 Freight Policy Forum (Attachment)

WALGA has advised that the work of the Freight Policy Forum has concluded and the group "disbanded". See attached correspondence from WALGA.

9.7 WALGA President's Report

Tony Brown presented the WALGA President's Report as attached.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Storer** **Seconded: Cr Meeking**

That the Great Eastern Country Zone notes the following reports contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda:

- **Matters for Noting/Information;**
- **Organisational Reports;**
- **Policy Forum Reports; and**
- **WALGA President's Report.**

CARRIED

10.0 AGENCY REPORTS

10.1 Regional Development Australia (RDA) Wheatbelt

Ms Mandy Walker, Director Regional Development RDA Wheatbelt presented her report as listed on item 5.1

10.2 Water Corporation

Nil report

10.3 Wheatbelt Development Commission

Nil report

10.4 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Ms Jodie Holbrook, Director Local Government Policy and Engagement Mr Rob Didcoe, Executive Director of Infrastructure Report presented as per item 5.2

10.5 Main Roads WA

Mr Craig Manton, Regional Manager Wheatbelt Region, Main Roads WA

Craig advised on WAANDRA process and encouraged feedback on the claims process.

Regional Road Group funding allocations will be determined following the signing of the road funding agreement.

10.6 WALGA Infrastructure

Ian Duncan advised on the progress of the State/Local Government Road Funding Agreement.

A decision is pending in the next week. The State Government have offered to allocate 20% of motor vehicle licence fee revenue with a review after 2 years.

As the current agreement expires on 30 June 2018 it is critical that an agreement be reached in the next week.

11.0 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Hon Mia Davies MLA, Member for Central Wheatbelt was an apology for the meeting.

12.0 EMERGING ISSUES

12.1 Closure of National Australia Bank Agency – Tammin

Cr Batchelor advised that the National Australia Bank (NAB) announced the closure of 4 bank agencies across the State today.

Hyden will also be losing their agency.

Discussion was held that a number of other towns have established their banking through Australia Post.

Noted

12.2 Live sheep/cattle export cancellation

The Zone noted the concern that the cancellation of live sheep & cattle will have on the agricultural sector.

Noted

12.3 Road Safety

The positive "Save our Country Kids" road safety campaign was noted.

Noted

12.4 Thank you to BHW Consulting

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr O'Connell Seconded: Mr Darren Mollenoyux**

That the Great Eastern Country Zone express its sincere appreciation to Helen Westcott and Bruce Wittber for their long and dedicated service to the Zone

CARRIED

13.0 **URGENT BUSINESS as permitted by the Zone President**

Nil

14.0 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Thursday 2 August 2018	In-person meeting of the Great Eastern Country Zone Executive in Perth
Thursday 23 August 2018	In-person meeting of the Great Eastern Country Zone in Merredin
Thursday 8 November 2018	Teleconference meeting of the Great Eastern Country Zone Executive
Thursday 29 November 2018	In-person meeting of the Great Eastern Country Zone in Kellerberrin

The Chair highlighted that the Executive Committee will be meeting on 2 August 2018 as part of the Local Government convention week and will hold a strategic planning session on the priorities for the Zone for the next 12 months and beyond. Zone members are encouraged to let the Executive Officer know of any specific topics they would like discussed.

The results of the strategic planning session will come back to the next Zone meeting.

15.0 **CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12 noon.