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Peel Zone

Minutes

27 February 2020

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Hosted by the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale

6 Paterson Street, Mundijong - 9526 1111

Thursday 27 February 2020 commenced at 2:05 pm

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MEMBERS

2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

Shire of Boddington	Cr Rod McSwain
Shire of Murray	President David Bolt Cr Douglas McLarty
Shire Serpentine Jarrahdale	President Michelle Rich - Chair Cr Lauren Strange Mr Paul Martin, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Waroona	President Michael Walmsley (left 2.45pm) Cr Naomi Purcell
WALGA Representatives	Ms Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager Planning & Improvement Ms Jade Mains, Policy Officer, Environment
DLGSC Representative	Mr Gordon MacMile, Director Strategic Coordination and Delivery
Guest Speakers	Nil

APOLOGIES

City of Mandurah	Mayor Rhys Williams Cr Caroline Knight Mr Mark Newman
Shire of Boddington	Mr Chris Littlemore Cr Garry Ventris
Shires of Murray and Waroona	Mr Dean Unsworth

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zone Delegates were requested to provide sufficient written notice, wherever possible, on amendments to recommendations within the State Council or Zone agenda prior to the Zone meeting to the Chair and Secretariat.

Agenda Papers were emailed 7 days prior to the meeting date to your Council for distribution to Zone Delegates.

Confirmation of Attendance an attendance sheet was circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Acknowledgement of Country All attendees acknowledged the traditional owners of the land that the meeting is held on and paying respects to Elders past, present and future.

ATTACHMENTS WITHIN THE AGENDA

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

1. DEPUTATIONS

1.1 Lifeline WA Services

Unfortunately, Laura from Lifeline is leaving the organisation and is no longer available to present to the Zone. Zone Executive Officer will pursue with Lifeline to present at a future meeting in 2020.

Noted

1.2 Department of Local Government and Sports and Cultural Industries

As resolved at the November Peel Country Zone meeting, Mr Gordon MacMile from the Department presented to the Zone on relevant key projects for this first Zone meeting of 2020.

The Department will continue to provide an update to each future Zone meeting based on the topics of interest that are provided from the Zone. A summary of the main areas of DLGSC and focus areas of their Department was provided and an update was provided to the Zone on the National Redress Scheme and what Local Governments involvement will entail.

Noted

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Lauren Strange
Seconded: Cr Naomi Purcell

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Peel Zone held on 28 November 2019 confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

3. 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.

Nil

4. BUSINESS ARISING

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

Noted

5. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION

Items 5.1, 5.2 & 5.3

RESOLUTION

Moved: President David Bolt
Seconded: President Mike Walmsley

That the State Council Agenda items 5.1, 5.2 & 5.3 be endorsed 'en bloc'.

CARRIED

Items for Noting

RESOLUTION

Moved: President David Bolt
Seconded: Cr Rod McSwain

That the State Council Agenda Items for Noting be endorsed 'en bloc'.

CARRIED

6. Reports for Member Councils

Members discussed the recent media reports on the Cleanaway fires, the contract negotiations and a recent meeting of Metropolitan Councils on recyclable materials being diverted to landfill.

Updates sought on the following issues:

- The outcome of the meeting of 12 Metropolitan Councils regarding Cleanaway.
- The recently released waste discussion paper and the proposed WALGA consultation process. Specifically concerns around waste to energy.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Request to Present – Tree Decline Investigation

By Executive Officer, Chantelle O'Brien

Background

Eucalyptus rudis also known as swamp gum or flooded gum, is a temperate eucalypt and a vital, endemic component of the southwestern Australian ecosystem. It is a key feature and keystone species of our riparian areas and wetlands, and provides critical ecosystem functions such as foreshore stabilisation, habitat and foraging provision, water maintenance, as well as landscape, cultural, social and economic values.

Unfortunately, *E. rudis* is in severe decline across much of its range and has been for many decades. It has experienced many threatening processes since settlement, such as clearing, climate change, weed invasion, understorey removal, nutrient enrichment of land and waterbodies, altered water table levels, grazing, and changes in beneficial soil microbes. Little is known about the key underlying causal factors, and what actions to take to mitigate the decline. Although treatments trialled previously include tree injections, nutrient implants, and revegetation, few have been highly successful.

Preliminary research has indicated that the decline is complex and there are multiple drivers involved and no single cause. Therefore, we will use the Manion 'Tree Decline Spiral' (Manion 1981) as a template to understand the 'predisposing', 'inciting' and 'contributing' factors that are likely to be drivers. We have used this method successfully for marri and tuart. This approach will allow us to develop an integrated, cross-disciplinary and cross-scale approach to understand the decline syndrome and how best to mitigate the decline. We are keen to work with key stakeholders including friends of groups to help with various aspects of the different trials.

A Representative from the Parks and Wildlife Service from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions have requested to attend a future Zone meeting to discuss this matter further and seek feedback.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Douglas McLarty
Seconded: Cr Rod McSwain

That a Representative from the Parks and Wildlife Service from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions attend the April or June 2020 Peel Country Zone meeting to present on the above.

CARRIED

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 WALGA President's Report

Vanessa Jackson, from WALGA presented the President's Report.

Noted

8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

WALGA State Councillor, Cr Michelle Rich presented on the previous State Council meeting in December 2019. Changes to the State Council Agenda Process have now been put into place. The Zone was also advised on the upcoming State Council meeting and the election of a new WALGA President and Deputy President.

Noted

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

As per the presentation at the commencement of the meeting, a Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representative will update the Zone at all future meetings on topics of interest to the Zone that have been provided prior. Please see link below for the full update:

[DLGSC Zone Update February – March 2020](#)

Noted

8.4 Topics for next meeting update by the DLGSC

The Zone would like an update and/or information on the following topics at the next Zone meeting.

- Local Government Act review and progress
- Rural doctors and pharmacy benefits concerns

Noted

9. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

That the next ordinary meeting of the Peel Zone will be held on 30 April 2020 at the Shire of Waroona, commencing at 2pm.

10. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2.56pm.