



East Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

29 November 2018

East Metropolitan Zone

Hosted by the City of Bayswater

61 Broun Avenue MORLEY – Phone 9272 0622

Thursday 29 November 2018. Commenced at 6:05 pm

Minutes

MEMBERS

Town of Bassendean

City of Bayswater

City of Belmont

City of Kalamunda

Shire of Mundaring

City of Swan

WALGA Secretariat

DLGC Representative

Guest Speakers

APOLOGIES

Town of Bassendean

City of Belmont

City of Kalamunda

Shire of Mundaring

City of Swan

3 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

Cr John Gangell

Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

Cr Chris Cornish

Cr Giorgia Johnson

Mr Andrew Brien, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

Cr Lauren Cayoun

Cr Sara Lohmeyer

Ms Rhonda Hardy, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

Cr Jason Russell (Chair)

Cr Lynn Fisher

Cr Darrell Jones

Mr Jonathan Throssell Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

Cr Patty Jones

Mr Mike Foley Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

Ms Joanne Burges, Executive Manager People & Place

Ms Alison Maggs, Strategic Sourcing Manager

Nil

Ms Renee Wockner, LGIS

Mayor Renee McLennan

Cr Sarah Quinton

Mayor Phil Marks

Cr Steve Wolff

Mr John Christie, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

Cr Brooke O'Donnell

Cr Cameron Blair

Cr Kate Driver

Cr Mark Elliott

Cr Adam Kovalevs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation of Attendance, an attendance sheet was circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting to record your name for the minutes.

ATTACHMENTS WITHIN THE AGENDA

1. LG Act Review Report
2. Draft Minutes of the previous meeting
3. President's Report
4. Standing Orders
Zone Status Report – No Outstanding Items

1. DEPUTATIONS

1.1 Presentation by Youth Affairs Council of WA (YACWA)

Unfortunately CEO of YACWA, Mr Ross Wortham, is unable to present to the Zone and has asked if he can present to the Meeting on 28 February 2019.

RESOLUTION

Moved **Cr Fisher**
Seconded **Cr Jones**

That the Zone invites Mr Ross Wortham, CEO YACWA, to present at the meeting to be held 28 February 2019.

CARRIED

Note: Mr Ross Wortham, CEO YACWA, has been invited to present at the East Metropolitan Zone meeting being held on 21 March as per the change resolved in item 6.1.

1.2 LGIS Presentation

Ms Renee Wockner presented to the Zone regarding Job Dictionaries.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved **Cr Fisher**
Seconded **Cr Jones**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the East Metropolitan Zone held 30 August 2018 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

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 was enclosed as an attachment within the Agenda.

Noted

5. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION

<https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/About-WALGA/Structure/State-Council/Agendas-and-Minutes/Agenda-State-Council-5-December-2018.pdf.aspx>

Item 5.2 Bus Stop Infrastructure Partnership Agreement 2018/19 – 2022/23

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Fisher
Seconded Cr Lohmeyer

Amend the motion to read:

1. That the Bus Stop Infrastructure Partnership Agreement be endorsed; and
2. WALGA advocate for an increase in funding support for Bus Shelters.

For: 3
Against: 6
LOST

The substantive motion was then:

Moved Cr Darrell Jones
Seconded Cr Ehrhardt

That the Zone supports the WALGA recommendation for Item 5.2.

CARRIED

Item 5.3 2019-20 State Budget Submission

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Lohmeyer
Seconded Cr Fisher

That the East Metropolitan Zone supports the WALGA recommendation subject to the following sentence being included in the Sport and Recreation section of the submission:

‘The State Government fund a Strategic Sports and Facilities Plan for the Metropolitan area’.

CARRIED

Item 5.5 Waste Levy Policy Statement

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Lohmeyer
Seconded Cr Ehrhardt

The Zone supports the WALGA recommendation for Item 5.5 subject to a further point 2:

That

1. The Waste Levy Policy Statement 2018 be endorsed;
2. The Waste Levy Policy Statement is submitted to the State Government.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Darrell Jones
Seconded Cr Patty Jones

That all remaining items within the December 2018 State Council Agenda be endorsed ‘en-bloc’.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Notice of Meetings 2019

By Chantelle O'Brien, Zone Executive Officer

A Schedule of the proposed meeting dates for the East Metropolitan Zone 2019 has been prepared and is set out below. The dates have been set to coincide with the WALGA State Council meetings.

The proposed meeting dates for the East Metropolitan Zone for 2019 require adoption by delegates. As with previous years, the venue for each meeting is held at the office of the East Metropolitan Regional Council.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS
EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE MEETING
2019

| Zone Meeting Date Thursday | Time | HOST COUNCIL | State Council Meeting Date 2019 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 21 March | Thursday 6.00 pm | To be confirmed | Tuesday 26 March 2019 |
| 2 May | Thursday 6.00 pm | EMRC | Wednesday 8 May 2019 |
| 27 June | Thursday 6.00 pm | EMRC | Wednesday 3 July 2019 |

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| 29 August | Thursday 6.00 pm | EMRC | Regional Meeting 5-6 September 2019 |
| 28 November | Thursday 6.00 pm | EMRC | Wednesday 4 December 2019 |

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Cornish
Seconded Cr Patty Jones

That the 2019 proposed schedule of meetings for the East Metropolitan Zone be adopted including the change to the date of the first meeting to 21 March 2019.

CARRIED

6.2 Invitation for Women’s Council to present at a future Zone meeting

By Lauren Cayoun, City of Belmont

Background

Women's Council for Family and Domestic Violence provide initiatives on Family Domestic Violence and the support that Councils around Western Australia have been doing to for victims in their communities.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Cayoun
Seconded Cr Ehrhardt

That the Zone invite a representative from the Women's Council for Family and Domestic Violence to present at the 21 March 2019 meeting.

CARRIED

6.3 Local Government Act Review Forum – Report Attached

A report had been provided by the facilitator from the Local Government Act Review Forum held in Mundaring on 25 October 2018. This report was attached to the Agenda for your information.

The WALGA process from here is as follows;

- 16 November 2018 – WALGA distributed an InfoPage requesting Local Governments (Council decision required) to provide a submission on the Act review process. A submission to WALGA is requested by 1 February 2019. This will enable Councils to consider an item at their December meetings.
- November Zone Meetings/December 2018 State Council Meeting – Item for noting will be prepared that will cover information on the LG Act review process and a summary of the forums held in October/November and general themes coming through.
- Late January/Early February 2019 – State-wide Forum on the future of Local Government – The forum will include a review of the information coming through from the Local Government Act forums and submissions, in addition there will be guest speakers presenting on the future of Local Government.
- February Zone Meetings/March 2019 State Council Meeting – Item for Decision on sector positions feedback following feedback from Local Government submissions.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Cornish
Seconded Cr Patty Jones

That the Report from the Local Government Act Review Forum and process from here be noted.

CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

The East Metropolitan Zone request that future electronic copies of the State Council Agenda be indexed and linked to the contents page for ease of reading the agenda via mobile devices.

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 WALGA President's Report

The President's Report was presented as read.

Noted

8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

No WALGA State Councillors were in attendance to present on the previous State Council meeting.

Noted

8.3 Department of Local Government and Communities Representative Update Report.

No Department of Local Government and Communities representative was in attendance to update the Zone on DLGC issues. However a Report has been provided and is attached. Attachment 1.

Noted

9. NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING

10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Lohmeyer
Seconded Cr Patty Jones

That the next ordinary meeting of the East Metropolitan Zone be held on Thursday 21 March 2019 at the EMRC commencing at 6:00pm.

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:56pm.

November – December 2018 Edition

Hello, and welcome to the last edition of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) Update for 2018.

It was a great opportunity to be part of the Local Government Professionals WA annual conference held earlier this month. The Department hosted a session on the on the review of the *Local Government Act 1995* and staff enjoyed being part of the DLGSC booth at the Trade Exhibition, discussing our programs and services with representatives from the local government sector. It was a terrific event and we look forward to being involved next year.

A significant milestone local government came to fruition this month with the passing of the *Suspension and Dismissal Bill*. The Bill amends the *Local Government Act 1995* to enable the Minister to suspend and/or order an individual council member to undertake remedial action.

The consultation continues across the State to inform the development of the new *Local Government Act*. We have partnered with WALGA to host a series of workshops and talked extensively with the community of WA. A Forum is being planned for early next year with WALGA and LG professional and will provide an update on the consultation and feedback on the *Local Government Act 1995* review and consider the future of the sector. The Department has received almost 500 submissions to date. It's a fantastic effort and I'm certain we will receive many more by 31 March 2019.

To assist, the department has prepared a series of discussion papers which I encourage you to read and [have your say on the matters that impact you](#). Your input is crucial to informing a new legislative framework and improving the ways that you conduct business.

With summer nearly upon us, it's a timely reminder of the resources available. A performing arts guide which aims to increase the use of local government arts centres, boost attendance and reduce reliance on rates funding was recently launched.

[Performing Spaces - Local government guide to growing community wellbeing through the performing arts](#) is an initiative of Circuitwest, funded by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and Department of Primary industries and Regional Development through the Creative Regions program. governments are encouraged to use the guide to maximise the potential of existing arts centres and plan arts and culture needs of your communities.

The Aboriginal History unit have been hard at work on No Less Worthy. The publication that acknowledges the significant contribution of WA Aboriginal servicemen to the World War One effort, [No Less Worthy will be available for download from our website](#).

Wishing you a safe festive season. Until next time.

Duncan Ord, OAM

Director General

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Review of the Local Government Act 1995

In 2017 the McGowan Government announced a review of the Local Government Act 1995. This is the first significant reform of local government conducted in more than two decades. The objective is for Western Australia to have a new, modern Act that empowers local governments to better deliver for the community. Our vision is for local governments to be agile, smart and inclusive.

Local governments and community were invited to have their say on the priority reforms earlier this year and the drafting of a Bill which includes universal training for candidates and council members, council member code of conduct, improvements to CEO recruitment and performance review and a simplified gift framework. [Read the policy positions on the priority reforms.](#)

Minister Templeman expects to introduce a Bill to Parliament in late 2018 giving effect to these reforms.

The next stage will result in a new *Local Government Act* and focuses on delivering for the community based on the themes Agile, Smart and Inclusive. Nine key topic areas are outlined below, and local governments and community members invited to have a say on some or all the reform areas. Click on one of the below topic areas to read more about the proposed reforms and complete the survey.

Surveys are open until **31 March 2019**. For more information please visit www.dlgc.wa.gov.au/lgareview or Email actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au

Agile

Agile includes topics that focus specifically on how local governments can best use their resources to adapt to changing conditions. It is important that they can strike a balance between community expectations, the practical limitations of revenue and expenditure and external pressures.

- [Beneficial enterprises](#)
- [Financial management](#)
- [Rates, fees and charges](#)

Smart

Smart includes topics that focus specifically on enabling local governments to better meet the needs and expectations of their communities through being transparent and accountable.

- [Administrative efficiencies — local laws](#)
- [Council meetings](#)
- [Interventions](#)

Inclusive

Inclusive focuses specifically on local governments representing and involving their communities in decision-making. As the tier of government closest to the community, there is an expectation that local governments represent the whole community, recognise diversity within their district and are responsive to community needs.

- [Community engagement — IPR](#)
- [Complaints management](#)
- [Elections](#)

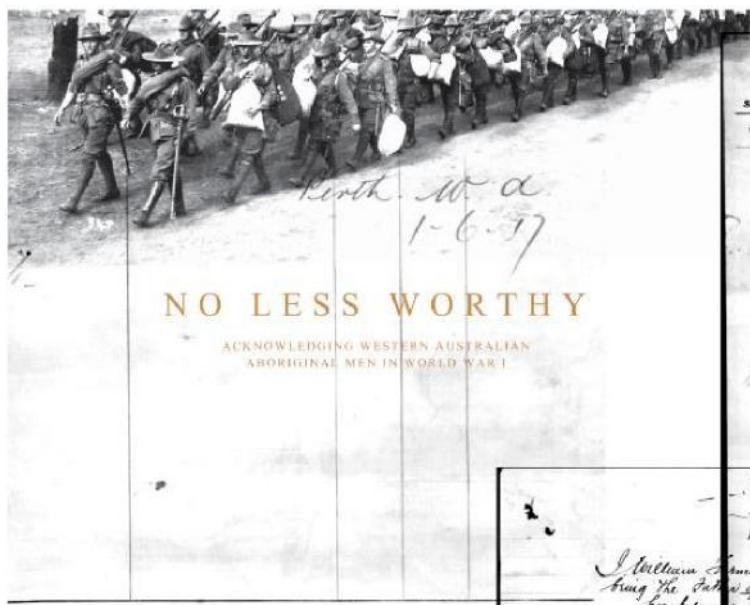
Suspension and Dismissal Bill 2018

The McGowan Government's Local Government Amendment (Suspension and Dismissal) Bill 2018 enables the Minister for Local Government to suspend or dismiss an individual council member, resulting in suspension of their pay. Previously, the Minister could only take action against an entire council, which has impeded the local government's ability to get on with the job of providing good governance to their community due to the actions of an individual.

The new laws will also enable a local government to recover any fees or allowances paid in advance to the member, for the period of suspension, ensuring they are held accountable for their actions.

Under the legislation, the Minister will also be able to provide an order for remedial action, with or without suspension, and suspend an individual councillor during a local government inquiry if it is likely the inquiry would be seriously prejudiced otherwise. More information is available in documents on the Parliament House website www.parliament.wa.gov.au.

No Less Worthy



Extensive genealogical and historical research undertaken by Aboriginal History WA has uncovered the stories of the Western Australian Aboriginal men who volunteered in World War One.

The research has been brought to life in the publication *No Less Worthy*, which will be unveiled on Friday at a commemorative ceremony at the Western Australian Maritime Museum. The release of the book coincides with Remembrance Day on Sunday 11 November, marking the centenary of the signing of the Armistice leading to the end of World War One.

State Local Government Partnership Agreement

The [State Local Government Agreement](#) seeks to strengthen the partnership between the State and local government sector for the benefit of local communities. The Agreement was signed at the 2017 WA Local Government Convention.

The Leadership Group will meet again on the 29^h of November 2018. A meeting communique will be available following the meeting. For more information about the Partnership Agreement [click here](#)

