



Gascoyne Country Zone

Minutes

Meeting held via teleconference

10:00am

Wednesday 1 May 2019

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Commencing at 10:00am, Wednesday, 1 May 2019

MINUTES

The Chair, Cr Cheryl Cowell opened the meeting at 10:00am.

ATTENDEES

Shire of Carnarvon	President Karl Brandenburg David Burton – Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Exmouth	Cameron Woods – Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Shark Bay	President Cr Cheryl Cowell (Chair) Paul Anderson – Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Upper Gascoyne	President Cr Don Hammarquist John McCleary – Chief Executive Officer
WALGA	Tim Lane, Manager Strategy and Association Governance Alison Maggs, Strategic Sourcing Manager Engel Prendergast, Senior Road Safety Consultant

GUESTS

Dept. of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries	Gordon MacMile, Director Strategic Coordination and Service Delivery
Dept. of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries	Benita Donda, Regional Officer Gascoyne

APOLOGIES

Shire of Exmouth	Cr Ben Dixon
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1. Attachments

The following were provided as attachments to the agenda:

1. Minutes March 2019 Meeting
2. National Redress Scheme Paper
3. National Redress Scheme Presentation
4. State Council Agenda – via link: <https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/2b9f150e-cedb-40f2-86ab-71c844ca9efc/State-Council-Agenda-8-May-2019.pdf>
5. President's Report

2. DEPUTATIONS

2.1 Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse – National Redress Scheme

Mr Gordon MacMile, Director Strategic Coordination and Delivery, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, presented to the Zone on the National Redress Scheme relating to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

The following were provided as attachments to the agenda:

1. Information and Discussion Paper – National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse; and,
2. Presentation – Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

NOTED

The following papers are provided as attachments to the minutes:

1. *WALGA National Redress and Local Government Directions Paper; and,*
2. *LGIS Update: National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse*

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. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the 22 March 2019 Meeting of the Gascoyne Country Zone

RESOLUTION

Moved **Cr Don Hammarquist**
Seconded **President Karl Brandenburg**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Gascoyne Country Zone held on 22 March 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

4.2 Business Arising

Nil.

5. ZONE BUSINESS

5.1 Zone Status Report

Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	WALGA Contact
2019 March 22 Zone Agenda Item 2.1 Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) Peer Support Program	That the Gascoyne Zone request WALGA to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support Local Government in their tourism endeavours as a key component of the Economic Development project; 2. Continue to prosecute the economic development and tourism agenda; 3. Advocate to the State Government to review the regional development commission and tourism structures in WA aiming for a more strategic and collaborative approach; and, 4. Advocate to the State for revitalization of the regional development commission regional plans. 	<p>State Council adopted the <i>Local Government Economic Development: Research Findings and Future Directions Discussion Paper</i> and <i>Local Government Economic Development Framework</i> at its meeting of 27th March 2019. This includes the endorsement of a range of Economic Development policy positions, including those relating to tourism. With the support of State Council's Economic Development Policy Forum, WALGA will now implement its Advocacy Strategy to prosecute this policy agenda.</p> <p>In response to the Gascoyne's resolution, as a matter of priority, WALGA will seek a response from the Minister of Regional Development on the status of the Regional Development Commissions and the development of regional plans.</p>	Tony Brown Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services 9213 2051 tbrown@walga.asn.au
2019 March 22 Zone Agenda Item 5.2 Restricted Access Vehicle Operating Condition	That the Gascoyne Zone request WALGA to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advocate for thorough consultation with the Local Government sector regarding alternative approaches to the CA07 operating condition; and, 2. Establish a Working Group consisting of representatives from MRWA, WALGA, LGIS, DoT and the Local Government sector incorporating at least one member from each affected WALGA Zone to consider alternative approaches. 	The Association is seeking an agreement from Main Roads WA to participate in the reference group as proposed by the Zone.	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031
2019 March 22 Zone Agenda Item 5.4 Ningaloo Coast Regional Strategy Carnarvon to Exmouth – Nyngulu (Ningaloo) Coastal Reserves, Draft Joint Management Plan.	That the Gascoyne Zone requests WALGA to advocate to the State Government to undertake an independent economic assessment of Wilderness Camping in the Shire of Exmouth and the broader Gascoyne Region.	WALGA has commenced discussions with the Shire, the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions and the Gascoyne Development Commission on the development of the Regional Strategy, and the concerns raised by the Shire of Exmouth.	Mark Batty Executive Manager Environment and Waste Mbatty@walga.asn.au 9213 2078

Tim Lane provided an update from Executive Manager Infrastructure, Ian Duncan, in relation to the formation of a working group to consider alternatives to the CA07 operating condition, as follows:

Senior staff from Main Roads Heavy Vehicles Services have agreed to participate in a reference group with Local Governments to consider alternatives to the CA07 condition that applies to RAV access on some Local Government roads. The officers are required to provide a briefing to the Minister for Transport prior to working with Local Governments on this matter, given both the legal considerations and that this matter has been the subject of several questions in Parliament. It is our understanding that the Ministerial briefing has been prepared but not yet approved for forwarding to the Minister. The CA07 condition remains in place while work on an alternative or modified approach continues.

NOTED

5.2 Financial Assistance Grants Allocations

By Shire of Upper Gascoyne

Secretariat Comment

WALGA has consistently supported advocacy, through ALGA and other channels, for increases in funding from the Commonwealth Government to Local Government through Financial Assistance Grants.

ALGA's number one priority in their Federal Election advocacy strategy is to restore Financial Assistance Grant funding to one percent of Commonwealth taxation revenue.

There have been discussions over the years relating to the method of distribution of Financial Assistance Grants, which are guided by Commonwealth legislation. In particular, these issues were considered as part of the Systemic Sustainability Study (SSS) (2005-2009), and the Commonwealth Grants Commission conducted a review of Financial Assistance Grants in 2012-2013.

The National Principles for the allocation of grants under the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995*, are:

1. Horizontal Equalisation
2. Effort Neutrality
3. Minimum Grant (per capita basis)
4. Other Grant Support
5. Aboriginal People and Torres Strait Islanders
6. Council Amalgamation

State Council's submission to the review conducted by the Commonwealth Grants Commission in 2013 argued that the quantum of funding to Local Government should be increased, and argued in favour of the following:

- Improved service provision for Indigenous communities would be more appropriately addressed through tied grants, rather than untied FAGs funding;
- FAGs funding should remain an untied, rather than tied, source of funding for Local Governments; and,
- The Minimum Grant principle should be retained in its current form.

RESOLUTION

That WALGA:

- 1. Be requested to review the current Grant Commission allocation methodology, including the minimum grant, and the continuing suitability of the allocation methodology; and,**
- 2. Advocate to the Minister for Local Government and ALGA to request a review of the Financial Assistance Grants methodology, particularly the continuing applicability of the minimum grant.**

CARRIED

6. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA – MATTERS FOR DECISION

(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)

MATTERS FOR DECISION

5.1 Road Safety Audit Local Government Policy Template

That the Road Safety Audit Local Government policy template be endorsed.

5.2 ‘Preferred Model’ for Third Party Appeal Rights for Decisions Made by Development Assessment Panels

That WALGA:

1. Continues to advocate for the State Government to introduce Third Party Appeal Rights for decisions made by Development Assessment Panels; and
2. Endorses the ‘Preferred Model’ as the third party appeals process for decisions made by Development Assessment Panels.

5.3 Interim Submission – Draft Position Statement: Tourism Land Uses within Bushfire Prone Areas

That the interim submission to the Western Australian Planning Commission on Draft Position Statement: Tourism land uses within bushfire prone areas, be endorsed.

5.4 Public Library Tiered Service Framework

That the new tiered model to support public library service delivery in WA be endorsed.

5.5 Community Technical Reference Group

That the establishment of a Community Technical Reference Group be endorsed.

MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

6.1 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)

ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

- 7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Environment and Waste Unit
- 7.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services
- 7.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure
- 7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, People and Place
- 7.2 Policy Forum Reports

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mr Woods

Seconded: President Brandenburgy

That the Gascoyne Country Zone endorse State Council items 5.1 – 5.5.

CARRIED

7. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

7.1 State Councillor's Report to the Zone

President Karl Brandenburg provided an update to the Zone.

NOTED

7.2 President's Report to the Zone

Tim Lane outlined the President's Report on behalf of Cr Lynne Craigie.

NOTED

7.3 RoadWise Report

Engel Prendergast provided an update to the Zone.

NOTED

7.4 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Report to the Zone

Nil.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Gascoyne Development Commission

The Zone discussed the current activities of the Gascoyne Development Commission and the Commission's relationship with Zone members.

NOTED

8.2 Regional State Council Meeting – Shark Bay, 5-6 September 2019

Zone members are invited to attend the regional meeting of State Council to be held in Shark Bay on 5-6 September 2019. The four Shires of the Zone are requested to present to the Zone Forum to be held on the afternoon of Thursday, 5 September 2019. Formal invitations will follow shortly.

NOTED

8.3 Gascoyne Zone Meeting – 20 June 2019 – Mt Augustus

Zone members are reminded to book accommodation for the night of 20 June 2019 at the Mt Augustus Tourist Park.

NOTED

9. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the Gascoyne Country Zone will be held at 1:00pm on Thursday 20 June 2019 at the Mt Augustus Tourist Park.

10. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 11:25am.