

MINUTES OF THE ZONE MEETING

held at Bendigo Bank Building, Gingin Recreation Centre, Weld Street, Gingin
Friday 28 June May 2019 commencing at 10:00 am

1 OPENING & WELCOME

The Zone President and Chair of the meeting, Cr Court, welcomed delegates and observers and introduced Cr Sam Collard, President, Shire of Gingin. Cr Collard welcomed delegates to Gingin and gave a brief background of the Shire –

- In 1960 the bitumen road ended at the Post Office; Gingin had the only football oval; Guilderton comprised 3 people; Seabird just a fishing village; Lancelin had no direct road access; 28 farmers in the Shire; sheep and cattle only.
- Today the Shire has horticulture, feedlots, piggeries and not many broadacre farms.
- A lot of change over the years
- In 1968 the Shire held a referendum to raise a loan to buy a grader.

Cr Collard introduced the Shire CEO, Mr Aaron Cook, who gave a brief overview of significant projects and proposed developments in the Shire –

- Gingin South Bushfire Brigade/VFRS Collocation Level 3 Incident Control Centre.
- Gingin Outdoor Activity Space
- Lancelin Foreshore Development
- Coastal Erosion Grace Darling Park, Lancelin
- Seabird Seawall
- Ingham's Hatchery Development
- Golden Beach Tourism Development Plan
- Moore River South Development Plan.
- Gingin Lifestyle Village
- Gingin Rural Subdivision – 360 lifestyle blocks.

2 ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

2.1 Attendance

Delegates -

Cr Gordon Houston	Shire of Chittering
Cr Jan Court	Shire of Gingin (Zone President)
Cr Barry Haywood	Shire of Goomalling
Cr Ken Seymour	Shire of Moora
Cr Brian Rayner	Shire of Toodyay
Cr Pauline Bantock	Shire of Victoria Plains
Cr Peter Macnamara	Shire of Wongan-Ballidu
Cr Denese Smythe	Shire of York (Zone Deputy President)

Observers –

Mr Neil Hartley	Shire of Chittering
Cr Sam Collard	Shire of Gingin
Cr Frank Johnson	Shire of Gingin
Mr Aaron Cook	Shire of Gingin
Mr Peter Bentley	Shire of Goomalling
Mr Stan Scott	Shire of Toodyay
Mr Darren Wallace	Shire of York
Hon Martin Aldridge MLC	Member for Agricultural Region
Mr Shane Love MLA	Member for Moore (from 10:36 am)
Mr John Filippone	Executive Manager Business Solutions, WALGA
Mr Chris Hossen	Senior Planner People & Place, WALGA
Mr Cliff Simpson	Road Safety Advisor, Wheatbelt North, WALGA (from 10:24 am)
Ms Mandy Walker	Director Regional Development, RDA Wheatbelt (from 10:20 am)
Robert Dew	Zone Executive Officer

2.2 **Apologies**

Cr Peter Osborn	Shire of Chittering
Cr Darren Slyn	Shire of Dandaragan
Mr Jason Whiteaker	Shire of Northam
Cr David Lovelock	Shire of Victoria Plains
Mr Paul Martin	Shire of York
Hon Colin de Grussa MLC	Member for Agricultural Region
Hon Laurie Graham MLC	Member for Agricultural Region
Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries	

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

4 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

5 **MINUTES**

5.1 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes of the Zone Meeting held 3 May 2019 at Goomalling. Copies of these Minutes have been circulated to all member Councils.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Zone Meeting held on 3 May 2019, as printed and circulated, be confirmed.

RESOLUTION

Cr D Smythe moved and Cr P Macnamara seconded –

That the Minutes of the Zone Meeting held on 3 May 2019, as printed and circulated, be confirmed.
CARRIED

5.2 **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Off Road Vehicles and Local Government (Item 5.2(b))

Last meeting noted that Mr Gordon MacMile, Director Strategic Coordination and Delivery, Planning and Service Delivery, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, has advised that he would be pleased to attend a Zone meeting to speak on off-road vehicles. Mr MacMile is the Chair of the Off-Road Vehicle Advisory Committee. Unfortunately, he is unavailable to attend this meeting and arrangements have been made for him to attend our November meeting.

Recommendation

For Noting

NOTED

(a) Other

No other matters were brought forward.

6 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

6.1 WALGA State Council Agenda

Review of the Agenda for the State Council meeting to be held Wednesday 3 July 2019. The Agenda has been circulated by WA Local Government Association to member Councils for distribution to delegates. The Zone is able to provide comment or submit alternate recommendations to State Council for consideration.

Matters for Decision

5.1 National Redress and Local Government (Page 5)

WALGA Recommendation

That WA Local Government participation in the State's National Redress Scheme declaration with full financial coverage by the State, be endorsed in principal, noting that further engagement with the sector will occur in the second half of 2019.

In Brief

- The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (the Royal Commission) was established in January 2013.
- The WA Parliament passed the legislation required to allow the Government and WA based non-government institutions to participate in the Scheme. The National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (Commonwealth Powers) Act 2018 (WA) took effect on 21 November 2018.
- The Association, together with the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) consulted with the Local Government sector to develop the Western Australian State Government Child Safety Implementation Plan which was provided as an Item for Decision at the WALGA State Council December 2018 meeting.
- From February 2019, DLGSC has been consulting Local Government on their preference and capacity to join the National Redress Scheme, with one option to join as a State Government agency under the definitions contained within the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Act 2018 (Cth).
- This report outlines outcomes from this consultation and provides a recommendation for final endorsement that is then subject to State Government consideration.

Executive Officer Comment

Ahead of the current round of Zone meetings the State Government, through DLGSC, has released an update on the scheme. A copy of the update, titled *National Redress Scheme – Update from the State Government on Engagement with WA Local Government regarding participation in the National Redress Scheme*, is attached to the Agenda.

Member Councils have been requested to consider the attached document in conjunction with the WALGA State Council item.

Arrangements have been made for Mr Gordon MacMile, Director Strategic Coordination and Delivery, Planning and Service Delivery, Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries to attend the Zone's November meeting.

The meeting recommended that the Zone support the recommendation to State Council.

Ms Mandy Walker entered the meeting at 10:20 am.
Mr Cliff Simpson entered the meeting at 10:24 am

5.2 Draft Guidelines Local Heritage Surveys & Heritage Act 2018 Proclamation Regulations (Page 14)

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission on the Draft Guidelines for Local Heritage Surveys and Heritage Act 2018 Proclamation Regulations be endorsed.

In Brief

- State Parliament passed the *Heritage Bill 2017* on 12 September 2018, effectively giving Western Australia a new Heritage Act (to be known as the *Heritage Act 2018*).
- Before the new Act can be proclaimed, a series of regulations must be approved by the Governor to ensure the new Act will have its intended effects. The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) sought input on the draft Proclamation Regulations and various supporting guidelines and publications, including Draft Guidelines for Local Heritage Surveys (previously called Heritage Inventories).
- Consultation with Local Government was undertaken between January and April 2019.
- An interim submission was prepared to meet the submission deadline of 3 May 2018 and is now presented to State Council for final endorsement.

The meeting recommended that the Zone support the recommendation to State Council.

5.3 Review of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 (Phase Two) (Page 19)

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission on the Aboriginal Heritage Act Review Phase Two be endorsed.

In Brief

- In March 2018 the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs initiated a review of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* (the AHA). More than 130 written submissions were received by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) (including from WALGA). Feedback received during the 2018 review indicated that the scope and the purpose of the AHA needed to change and new legislation was needed.
- In March 2019, the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs released a Discussion Paper and additional materials setting out proposals for a new Aboriginal heritage system that will recognise, protect, manage and celebrate the places and objects that are important to Aboriginal people while providing an efficient land use proposal framework.
- Consultation with Local Government was undertaken between March and May 2019.
- An interim submission was prepared to meet the submission deadline of 31 May 2019 and is now presented to State Council for final endorsement.

The meeting recommended that the Zone support the recommendation to State Council.

5.4 Planning for Bushfire Guidelines: Element 3 Vehicular Access (Page 35)

WALGA Recommendation

That:

1. *the interim submission to the Western Australian Planning Commission on the proposed modifications to Appendix 4 Element 3: Vehicular Access of the Planning for Bushfire Guidelines, be endorsed; and*
2. *WALGA formally advise the Western Australian Planning Commission that draft Appendix 4 Element 3 is not supported, due to significant concerns with the proposed modifications to road designs and difficulties in implementing the draft Guidelines.*

In Brief

- In late January 2019, the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) released proposed modifications to Appendix 4 Element 3 of the Planning for Bushfire Protection Guidelines for targeted stakeholder comment.
- The interim submission does not support the proposed modifications to Element 3.
- The comment period closed on the 12 April 2019, therefore an interim submission was prepared.

The meeting recommended that the Zone support the recommendation to State Council.

5.5 Remote Area Tax Concessions (Page 50)

WALGA Recommendation

That WALGA's interim submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Remote Area Tax Concessions be endorsed.

In Brief

- Treasurer Josh Frydenberg has provided the Productivity Commission with a terms of reference to undertake a study into the zone tax offset and related remote area tax concessions and payments.
- WALGA has for a number of years called for the review and reform of the zero tax offset. The Association's submission has been prepared on the basis of existing State Council policy positions, the Economic Development project and feedback from individual Local Governments. Members were also provided the opportunity to contribute to the submission.
- The interim submission was provided to the Executive Committee out of session, and has been submitted to the Productivity Commission.

The meeting recommended that the Zone support the recommendation to State Council.

5.6 Directions Paper for the 10 Year Strategy on Homelessness (Page 67)

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission to the Directions Paper for the 10-Year Strategy on Homelessness be endorsed.

In Brief

- In March 2019, the Department of Communities released a Directions Paper for the 10-Year Strategy on Homelessness: Western Australia 2019-2029
- The Association garnered input to an Interim Submission through the normal communication channels and provided this by the deadline of 17 May 2019.
- The Association has been represented on the Supporting Communities Forum Homelessness Working Group by senior staff since its inception in mid-2018.

The meeting recommended that the Zone support the recommendation to State Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the above recommendations and comments be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Cr D Smythe moved and Cr G Houston seconded –

That the above recommendations and comments be endorsed.

CARRIED

Matters for Noting/information

6.1 Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure 2017/18 (Page 75)

WALGA Recommendation

That State Council note the Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure 2017/18

In Brief

- The Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure 2017/18 has been finalised.
- This Report provides information, statistics and trends on:
 - the length and types of roads and bridges managed by Local Governments;
 - sources of funding and the use of funds in expanding, upgrading, renewing and maintaining roads, paths and bridges;
 - actual expenditure relative to that needed to sustainably maintain the road network.
- The Report is intended to underpin advocacy for continued and increased Federal and State funding for Local Government roads and to support Councils wishing to benchmark aspects of their own roads programs with similar or neighbouring areas.

6.2 2019-2020 State and Federal Budgets (Page 86)

WALGA Recommendation

That State Council note the key outcomes for Local Governments in the 2019-20 State and Federal Budgets.

In Brief

State Budget

- The 2019-20 State Budget provides a balance between the need for fiscal restraint and spending on important community priorities. Most importantly, the expected surplus in 2019-20 will allow the State Government to begin the task of paying down the State's record levels of debt. This will free up future funds to be used for critical services and infrastructure, rather than interest repayments on debt.
- It is pleasing that the State Government is continuing to deliver on its election commitments and progress important Local Government priorities including METRONET, the container deposit scheme, insurance payments for volunteer bush fighters, and additional funding for local roads.
- There were some key Local Government initiatives that were not progressed in the 2019-20 State Budget, including funding for the implementation of the State Public Library Strategy and a review of Local Government Fees and Charges.

Federal Budget

- The 2019-20 Federal Budget is predicting a return to surplus in 2019-20 of \$7.1 billion, which would be the first Federal Budget Surplus in over a decade. While the Government deserves credit for the efforts it has made to rein in spending, the return to surplus has also been helped along by other factors such as reduced spending on the National Disability Insurance Scheme compared to previous forecasts; changes to the point at which excise is applied to tobacco, along with stronger than expected tax collections.
- Some key expenditure measures announced in the Federal Budget included large personal income tax cuts and a \$1 billion infrastructure package. From a Local Government perspective, some key initiatives included increases to funding for the Roads to Recovery, Roads Safety Federal Blackspots and Bridges renewal programs, as well as additional funding for regional airports and community sports facilities.

6.3 Public Library Assets (Page 93)

WALGA Recommendation

That State Council note the pending consultation to the public library collection assets.

In Brief

- The Western Australian Public Libraries Strategy Consultation Report was endorsed by WALGA State Council and the Library Board of WA in July 2018.
- The Public Libraries Working Group (PLWG), with representatives from State and Local Governments identified the development of a new tiered model for public library service delivery across WA with support for regional and remote public library services as the initial priority.
- WALGA State Council and the Library Board of WA respectively endorsed the new Public Library Tiered Service Model at their May 2019 meetings.
- The PLWG are now progressing with the next priority to consult on reforming public library assets to a more effective, efficient and flexible model that will deliver better value for money and deliver essential outcomes to community members.
- A Forum is being held on 21 June 2019 at WALGA to consult members on the proposed repurposing of funds and asset management for public library materials.

The meeting suggested that the WA Local Government Association look at the criteria for Board Members. Currently the criteria refers to a representative from a Town. Recommend that this be changed to a representative from a country Shire.

6.4 Climate Change Policy Advocacy Update (Page 96)

WALGA Recommendation

That State Council note this update on WALGA's key climate change advocacy priorities, the development of the State Climate Change Policy and related initiatives.

In Brief

- The WALGA Climate Change Policy Statement represents the consolidated view of the sector and forms the basis of WALGA's climate change advocacy.
- Drawing on the Climate Change Policy Statement, WALGA has identified five key areas for advocacy to the State Government:
 1. Accelerated action and fast tracked reform to remove regulatory barriers and facilitate the transition to a low carbon, energy efficient economy;
 2. The setting of a State based emissions reduction target and/or renewable energy target;
 3. Planning for climate proof communities (including funding for innovative climate change projects);
 4. Comprehensive, effective adaptation planning; and
 5. Role for the EPA in emissions reduction.
- WALGA is pursuing these priorities with the State Government through direct representations and submissions on the development of the State Climate Change Policy (a release of a discussion paper is expected in mid-June 2019) and other related initiatives including the EPA Greenhouse Gas Guidelines, the WA Climate Health Inquiry and the implementation of the Energy Transformation Strategy.
- WALGA will keep the Sector informed of opportunities to input to these processes and encourages Local Governments to make submissions directly and/or contribute to WALGA's submissions.

Cr K Seymour pointed out that the correct name for what is generally referred to as climate change is Anthropogenic Climate Change (ie climate change that is caused by human activity). He queried whether local government needs to be involved as the issue is a State and Federal Government responsibility.

Mr Shane Love MLA entered the meeting at 10:36 am.

6.5 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (Page 99)

WALGA Recommendation

That State Council note the resolutions of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its 17 April 2019 meeting.

In Brief

- This item summaries the outcomes of the MWAC meeting held on 17 April 2019.

Cr J Court reported on her attendance at the recent Waste Conference in Broome.

Mr S Scott commented on Toodyay's Adopt-a-Spot scheme and that a Cash for Cans promotion was held at the recent Toodyay Farmers Markets. A good promotion – collected 12 recycle bins in 4 hours.

Hon M Aldridge MLC pointed out that local governments who wished to participate in the collection network should register their interest with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

The meeting requested a copy of the collection point map.

RECOMMENDATION

That the above matters for noting/information be noted.

RESOLUTION

**Cr D Smythe moved and Cr K Seymour seconded –
That the above matters for noting/information be noted.**

CARRIED

Organisational Reports

7.1 Key Activity Reports

- 7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Environment and Waste Unit (Page 101)
- 7.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services (Page 106)
- 7.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure (Page 109)
- 7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, People and Place (Page 112)

7.2 Policy Forum Reports

- 7.2.1 Mayors/Presidents Policy Forum (Page 115)
- 7.2.2 Mining Community Policy Forum (Page 115)
- 7.2.3 Container Deposit Legislation Policy Forum (Page 116)
- 7.2.4 Economic Development Policy Forum (Page 116)

RECOMMENDATION

That the above organisational reports be noted.

RESOLUTION

**Cr D Smythe moved and Cr P Bantock seconded –
That the above organisational reports be noted.**

CARRIED

6.2 WALGA President's Report

Presentation of the WALGA President's Report (attached to Agenda).

RECOMMENDATION

That the WALGA President's Report be received.

RESOLUTION

**Cr D Smythe moved and Cr B Haywood seconded –
That the WALGA President's Report be received.**

CARRIED

6.3 State Councillor's Report

Report by Cr Jan Court.

RECOMMENDATION

That the State Councillor's report be received.

Cr J Court advised that she would circulate a written report.

6.4 Zone Status Report

Report by WA Local Government Association on status of Zone resolutions for action by the Association – June 2019 (attached to Agenda).

RECOMMENDATION

That the May 2019 Status Report be received.

RESOLUTION

**Cr D Smythe moved and Cr G Houston seconded –
That the May 2019 Status Report be received.**

CARRIED

7 ZONE REPORTS

7.1 Local Government Agricultural Freight Group

The Local Government Agricultural Freight Group has not met since the last Zone meeting.

The next meeting of the Group is scheduled for 4 July 2019 and will be considering the draft Revitalising Agricultural Region Freight Strategy recently released by the State Government for public comment. Comments close 12 July 2019.

Recommendation

For Noting.

NOTED

Cr B Rayner advised that he would be unable to attend this meeting. Cr D Smythe indicated that she was available to attend.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:58 am.

RESUMPTION: The meeting resumed at 11:15 am. All those present at the time of adjournment were present on resumption.

Item 14.1 was brought forward for consideration.

14.1 Corellas & Recognised Biosecurity Groups

Mr Craig Gault, Grain Covers & Portable Infrastructure Manager, CBH Group gave a presentation on CBH's Bird Management Plan.

The meeting –

- (a) Requested that the WA Local Government Association –**
 - follow up the Corella Control Program for extension to cover all rural local governments; and
 - advocate for a State policy on Corella control.
- (b) Noted the need to quantify the cost of damage caused by Corellas (eg CBH, Western Power, Local Governments, etc).**
- (c) Noted that CBH's netting could be made available to assist local governments in control programs.**

- (d) **Expressed interest in the possibility of joint CBH/local government control programs being undertaken. It was suggested that CBH's gun club contact local governments when shoots are to take place on CBH receival sites to see if they could be coordinated with a program in adjoining area.**

Ms Glenice Batchelor, Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development gave a presentation on Recognised Biosecurity Groups and control of established pests.

8 AGENCY REPORTS

8.1 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Presentation and report from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Report be received.

No report.

8.2 RDA Wheatbelt

Presentation of report from RDA Wheatbelt (attached to Agenda).

Recommendation

That the RDA Wheatbelt Report be received.

RESOLUTION

**Cr D Smythe moved and Cr B Haywood seconded –
That the RDA Wheatbelt Report be received.**

CARRIED

8.3 Wheatbelt Development Commission

Presentation of report from the Wheatbelt Development Commission.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wheatbelt Development Commission Report be received.

No report.

8.4 Roadwise (Wheatbelt North)

Presentation of report from Roadwise (Wheatbelt North).

Mr Cliff Simpson commented on –

- Community Consultation Forums on new Road Safety Strategy – Moora, Northam and Merredin.
- Road Safety Commission not well serviced on the coast and he will try and facilitate a meeting in Gingin.
- Advocacy in Northam with the Northam Roadwise Committee and the state of Great Eastern Highway.
- Cost to society of crashes.

Cr K Seymour commented on the amount of fuel excise returned to WA – currently 28c and could go down to 11c. Mr Simpson replied that fuel excise goes to roads but not specifically to road safety.

Hon M Aldridge commented that the fuel excise problem was similar to the GST issue, that Federal MPs need to do more on this issue, that the amount raised by the fuel excise can be calculated and queried how do you rate electric vehicles.

Mr S Scott commented that statistics show that most crashes are due to driver error and as such there is a need to spend on creating a safer road environment.

RESOLUTION

**Cr B Rayner moved and Cr B Haywood seconded –
That the Roadwise (Wheatbelt North) Report be received.**

CARRIED

9 FINANCE

9.1 Financial Reports

Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Report for the period ending 31 May 2019 are attached.

RECOMMENDATION

That the financial reports for the period ending 31 May 2019, as attached, be received.

RESOLUTION

**Cr K Seymour moved and Cr P Bantock seconded –
That the financial reports for the period ending 31 May 2019, as attached, be received.**

CARRIED

9.2 Accounts for Payment

The following accounts are submitted for payment -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Amount</u>
R W & S Dew	Secretarial Services to Local Government Agricultural Freight Group – May 2018 to April 2019	2,066.47
	TOTAL (no GST)	<u>\$2,066.47</u>

RECOMMENDATION

That the accounts as listed totalling \$2,066.47 be approved for payment.

RESOLUTION

**Cr D Smythe moved and Cr B Haywood seconded –
That the accounts as listed totalling \$2,066.47 be approved for payment.**

CARRIED

10 ZONE BUSINESS

10.1 ALGA National General Assembly of Local Government 2019

BACKGROUND

The Zone's June 2018 meeting resolved that provision be made in the Zone's 2018/2019 budget for two representatives of the Zone to attend the 2019 National General Assembly of Local Government. Last meeting appointed the Zone President and Executive Officer as its delegates to the General Assembly.

COMMENT

The Zone President and Executive Officer attended the Regional Cooperation and Development Forum and the National General Assembly (Report attached to Agenda).

Zone member Councils represented at the Assembly were –

- Shire of Gingin – Mr Aaron Cook
- Shire of Moora – Cr Ken Seymour and Mr Alan Leeson
- Shire of Victoria Plains – Cr Pauline Bantock.

Delegates attending the Assembly may care to comment.

RECOMMENDATION

That the reports on the National General Assembly 2019 be received.

Cr J Court thanked the Zone for allowing the Zone representatives to attend the National General Assembly and commented that there were 880 delegates attending, 121 motions put forward for discussion and that the Assembly was very friendly.

Cr K Seymour commented that the ALGA President had stressed the need to thank State and Federal Governments for funding they provided to local governments.

Cr P Bantock presented a written report.

Mr A Cook commented that the Assembly was very interesting and was worthwhile attending, debate was healthy and agreed on the need for more representatives to attend the Assembly as otherwise WA is forgotten.

Cr J Court commented on –

- There is a need for a higher presence from WA.
- Interest shown in the Zones and how these are organised and operate.
- Thanked Hon Mia Davies MLA and Mr Shane Love MLA for arranging a meeting with the Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management's Office in regard to coastal erosion.
- Deputy Prime Minister, Hon Michael McCormack, was adamant that the Government was keen to look at business cases for funding any projects.
- Andrew Howe, Emergency Management Advisor, Civil Defence and Emergency Management, Canterbury, was amazing in describing the disasters in Christchurch and how they were handled.
- Kurt Fearnley, Paralympic Champion, was inspirational. Recommend that you take the opportunity to hear him when you can.
- Unfortunately tripped and fell on an uneven footpath. Thanked Aaron Cook, Nicole Matthews (WALGA) and the Executive Officer for their help.

RESOLUTION

Cr B Rayner moved and Cr G Houston seconded –

That the reports on the National General Assembly 2019 be received.

CARRIED

11 URGENT BUSINESS (as permitted by the Presiding Member)

11.1 Wheatbelt Conference

The Executive Officer commented that the next Wheatbelt Conference is scheduled to be held in 2020 and advised that the Central Country Zone had recently considered the issue of the future of the Conference. While the Central Country Zone acknowledged that previous conferences had been successful, it was concerned at the difficulty in developing new and interesting topics and finding suitable keynote speakers as well as the issue of time and cost for attendees. At its May meeting the Central Country Zone resolved –

That the Central Country Zone does not support the holding of a Wheatbelt Conference in 2020 however the Zone will review the decision in relation to future Wheatbelt Conferences in May 2020.

The meeting requested that consideration of the future of the Wheatbelt Conference be deferred for consideration at the Zone's next meeting.

12 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Mr Shane Love MLA commented on –

- The Local Government Amendment Bill has passed Parliament with some amendments.
- There are serious concerns in the community with the way local government was heading.

Hon Martin Aldridge commented on –

- Container Deposit Scheme – Flexible refund points under the Scheme are to be established at Dalwallinu, Gingin, Goomalling, Lancelin, Moora, Toodyay and York. The hours of operation for these points are a minimum of 16 ordinary business hours per fortnight. A fulltime collection point is to be established in Northam.
- Corellas – Hon David Templeman took an interest in control of Corellas when he was in Opposition. Suggest he be written to regarding continuation of his support.
- Local Government Amendment Bill –
 - Has passed Parliament
 - Although the Legislative Council has sat for 5 weeks the first opportunity to comment on the Bill was the last day of this period.
 - New provisions include universal induction requirements and mandatory training for elected members.
- The Legislative Council has established a Select Committee to enquire into local government. He is a member of the Committee together with 4 others. The enquiry is scheduled to go for 12 months. See the enquiry as a positive opportunity to raise funding issues and the burden placed on local governments by the State and how to make local government stronger. Concerned that this could be another opportunity to ‘flog’ local governments, particularly as there is misinformation being put out with regard to local government.

RESOLUTION

**Cr B Rayner moved and Cr B Haywood seconded –
That the reports by Members of Parliament be received.**

CARRIED

13 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Future meetings of the Zone are scheduled for –

23 August 2019	Shire of Northam
22 November 2019	Shire of Dalwallinu

RECOMMENDATION

That the next ordinary meeting of the Zone be held Friday 23 August 2019 and be hosted by the Shire of Northam.

RESOLUTION

**Cr G Houston moved and Cr B Rayner seconded –
That the next ordinary meeting of the Zone be held Friday 23 August 2019 and be hosted by the
Shire of Northam.**

CARRIED

14 GUEST SPEAKERS

14.1 Corellas & Recognised Biosecurity Groups

Mr Craig Gault, Grain Covers & Portable Infrastructure Manager, CBH Group, and Ms Glenice Batchelor, Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development.

Dealt with earlier.

15 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairman thanked attendees, the Shire of Gingin for hosting the meeting and declared the meeting closed at 12:53 pm.

CERTIFICATION

These Minutes were confirmed by the meeting held on

Signed:
(Chairman of meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed)