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South East Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

26 February 2020

South East Metropolitan Zone

Hosted by the City of Armadale

7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale - 9394 5000

Wednesday 26 February 2020 commenced at 6:00 pm

Minutes

MEMBERS

2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Armadale

Cr Emma Flynn
Cr Ruth Butterfield (SC)
Ms Joanne Abbiss, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

City of Canning

Cr Mark Bain
Cr Sara Saberi (Deputy)
Mr Arthur Kyron Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

City of Gosnells

Cr Julie Brown (SC)
Cr David Goode
Mr Ian Cowie, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate

City of South Perth

Cr Carl Celedin
Mr Geoff Glass, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

Town of Victoria Park

Cr Bronwyn Ife - **Chair**
Cr Ronhhda Potter
Mr Anthony Vuleta, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

WALGA Secretariat

Mr James McGovern, Manager Governance
Ms Marissa MacDonald, Senior Policy Advisor, Community

DLGSC Representative

Mr Gordon MacMile, Director Strategic Coordination and Delivery

Guest Speakers

APOLOGIES

City of South Perth

Mayor Greg Milner

City of Canning

Cr Tim Porter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

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 the previous meeting
2. Zone Status Report
3. President's Report
4. Standing Orders

1. DEPUTATIONS

1.2 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

As resolved at the November 2019 South East Metropolitan Zone meeting, Mr Gordon MacMile, Director Strategic Coordination and Delivery, from the Department presented to the Zone on relevant key projects for the first Zone meeting of 2020. An update on the National Redress Scheme and what Local Governments involvement will entail was also provided.

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.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Mayor Ruth Butterfield

That the Minutes of the meeting of the South East Metropolitan Zone held on 27 November 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

5.1 National Redress Scheme – Future Participation of WA Local Governments

Recommendation to State Council:

That State Council:

1. Acknowledge the State Government's decision to include the participation of Local Governments in the National Redress Scheme as part of the State's declaration;
2. Endorse the negotiation of a Memorandum of Understanding and Template Service Agreement with the State Government, and
3. Endorse by Flying Minute the Memorandum of Understanding prior to execution, in order to uphold requirements to respond within legislative timeframes.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Ruth Butterfield
Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That the Zone supports the WALGA recommendation.

CARRIED

5.2 Submission on Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy

Recommendation to State Council:

That the submission to the Department of Premier and Cabinet in response to the Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Ruth Butterfield
Seconded: Cr Carl Celedin

That the Zone supports the WALGA recommendation.

CARRIED

5.3 WALGA Submission on Independent Review of the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)

Recommendation to State Council:

That the submission on the Independent Review of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC) be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr David Goode

That the Zone supports the WALGA recommendation.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Request to Present - Western Australian Disability Enterprises

By Executive Officer, Chantelle O'Brien

Ms Lil Paskos, Procurement Manager from Western Australian Disability Enterprises has requested an opportunity to present at the April 2020 South East Metropolitan Zone meeting.

Ms Lil Paskos, WADE Procurement Manager has previously presented at the Metropolitan Zone meetings in 2016/17. With the 2019 Local Government elections and subsequent new Elected Members.

In Brief

The presentation will provide a brief overview of the eight Western Australian Disability Enterprises (WADEs) - they collectively employ more than 2,200 individuals with disability across a range of commercial operations. WADEs provide a broad range of quality products and services and now include new service categories.

As you may be aware, a change to the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 with effect from October 2015, permit Local Governments to source products and services from WADEs (including Indigenous businesses) without the need to conduct a competitive and costly tendering process (i.e. for purchases greater than \$150,000). The operation of this amendment being contingent on fair value and quality.

This policy change provides councils with an avenue to embed social procurement in their buying practices and in turn, increase supplier diversity and inclusion.

Local Governments spend more than a billion dollars annually and since 2015, \$5 million of commercial contracts have been awarded to WADEs, but predominantly through a competitive tender process.

This briefing provides an opportunity to showcase all services as well as seeking support to leverage upon Local Government buying power to directly engage with organisations that employ people with disability and contribute to broader sustainable initiatives.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Ruth Butterfield
Seconded: Cr Sara Saberi

That Lil Paskos from WADE provide a presentation to the April South East Metropolitan Zone Meeting to provide the information as above.

CARRIED

6.2 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: Mayor David Goode
Seconded: Cr Mark Bain

That a Representative from the Parks and Wildlife Service from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions attend the June 2020 South East Metropolitan Zone meeting to present on the above.

CARRIED

6.3 Local Government Agricultural Freight Group

By Executive Officer, Chantelle O'Brien

The Zone Executive Officer has been contacted to enquire as to whether the Zone would like to nominate a representative for the Local Government Agricultural Freight Group, as the Zone has been represented in the past.

Resolved

Zone Delegates resolved not to deal with the request until further information is provided by the WALGA Secretariat regarding the origins of this request, past Zone involvement on the Group and the reason for the request to nominate a representative.

6.6 Request to Present – Grow it Local

By Executive Officer, Chantelle O'Brien

A representative from Grow it Local, has approached WALGA and requested an opportunity to Present to the Zone. Grow It Local is a grass roots and purpose-driven mission to get more people growing, sharing and eating locally grown foods.

What they are aiming to achieve is:

- Make growing more accessible
- Increase the production & consumption of locally grown foods
- Provide a connection to nature
- Inspire positive health & wellbeing
- Help build stronger and more resilient communities
- Increase composting and reduce organic waste to landfill
- Do something delicious & have a little fun

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Emma Flynn

Seconded: Cr Sara Saberi

That a representative from Grow it Local, attend the August 2020 South East Metropolitan Zone meeting to provide further information about their organisation and the assistance it may provide to Local Governments.

CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

City of Armadale proposed that WALGA present an update to the meeting on the following matters:

1. The SE Zone request an update of the decision of the member Councils made at the WALGA AGM in August 2019 that:

“WALGA advocate to the Minister for Housing to include in the lease agreements with charitable institutions that they must pay Local Government rates on behalf of the Department of Housing recognising the services Local Government provides to its tenants.”

2. Further, the SE Zone requests an update on any further advocacy or representation made to the Panel reviewing the Local Government Act, the Minister for Local Government or Director General of the DLGSCI regarding the issue of charitable purpose rates exemptions. It is also requested that

WALGA seek an update from Department of Treasury on the survey and analysis it conducted on Rates Exemptions.

James McGovern provided the following in response:

- WALGA corresponded with the Minister for Housing Hon Peter Tinley in November 2019, who responded that the ongoing financial viability of service providers was uppermost in his considerations, and that the Department of Communities responded to the Department of Local Government's consultation on the Local Government Act Review with general support for a review of rate exemptions categorized under Section 6.26 of the Act;
- The Minister for Local Government's expert panel is presently considering Phase 2 of the Act Review and has met with WALGA for discussion on rate exemptions, among other things;
- The Department's Act Review consultation process discovered strong support from both community respondents and Local Governments for a review of all rate exemption categories and clarifying the definition of 'land used exclusively for charitable purposes'.
- WALGA expects to meet with the expert panel once again before their task is complete.

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 WALGA President's Report

James McGovern, from WALGA presented the President's Report.

Noted

8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

WALGA State Councillor, Cr Julie Brown presented on the previous State Council meeting.

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 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.

- Review of financial ratios for Local Governments.

Noted

9. MEETING ASSESSMENT

Mayor David Goode provided feedback as to the effectiveness of the meeting.

10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor David Goode
Seconded: Cr Mark Bain

That the next ordinary meeting of the South East Metropolitan Zone be held on Wednesday 29 April at the City of Canning commencing at 6:00 pm.

CARRIED

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.00pm.