



# Central Metropolitan Zone

## Minutes

2 May 2019

**Central Metropolitan Zone**  
**Hosted by the City of Subiaco**  
**Thursday 2 May 2019 commenced at 6:00 pm**

**Minutes**

**MEMBERS**

**2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council**

Town of Cambridge	Cr Rod Bradley Cr Jo McAllister
Town of Claremont	Cr Paul Kelly Cr Kate Main
Town of Cottesloe	Cr Helen Sadler Cr Lorraine Young (arrived 6.10pm) Mr Mat Humfrey, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Town of Mosman Park	Mayor Brett Pollock Cr Jenna Ledgerwood – Chair
Shire Peppermint Grove	Cr Charles Hohnen
City of Subiaco	Mayor Penny Taylor Cr Julie Matheson Mr Scott Hawkins, Acting Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Vincent	Cr Alex Castle Cr Joanne Fotakis (arrived 6.10pm) Mr David MacLennan Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
WALGA Secretariat	Mr Nick Sloan, WALGA Chief Executive Officer Mr James McGovern, Manager Governance Ms Alison Maggs, Strategic Sourcing Manager, Business Solutions
DLGSC Representative	Dr Ken Parker

**APOLOGIES**

Town of Cottesloe	Mayor Philip Angers
Shire of Peppermint Grove	Cr Greg Peters Mr Don Burnett, Chief Executive Officer
City of Subiaco	Ms Rochelle Lavery, Acting Chief Executive Officer
City of Perth	Ms Gaye McMath Mr Eric Lumsden, Commissioner Mr Andrew Hammond, Commissioner Mr Murray Jorgensen, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Town of Claremont	Ms Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer
City of Vincent	Cr Roslyn Harley
Town of Cambridge	Mr John Giorgi, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Town of Mosman Park	Mr Stephen Goode, Acting Chief Executive Officer

## **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.

## **ATTACHMENTS WITHIN THE AGENDA**

1. Draft Minutes Previous Meeting
2. President's Report (emailed prior to the meeting)
3. Zone Status Report
4. Standing Orders

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### **1. DEPUTATIONS**

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Nil

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### **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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Cr Helen Sadler requested the minutes be amended to reflect that she left the meeting at 7pm and was not present for further voting.

## **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Cr Jo McAllister  
**Seconded:** Cr Kate Main

**That the Minutes of the meeting of the Central Metropolitan Zone held on 21 March 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings, with the addition of an amendment to reflect that Cr Helen Sadler departed at 7pm and took no further part in the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

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### **3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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Nil

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### **4. BUSINESS ARISING**

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Nil

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## 5. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION

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*(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)*

<https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/2b9f150e-cedb-40f2-86ab-71c844ca9efc/State-Council-Agenda-8-May-2019.pdf>

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### Item 5.1 Road Safety Audit Local Government Policy Template

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#### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jo McAllister  
Seconded: Cr Kate Main

Support the WALGA Recommendation.

CARRIED

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### Item 5.2 'Preferred Model' for Third Party Appeal Rights for decisions made by Development Assessment Panels

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#### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Helen Sadler  
Seconded: Cr Jo McAllister

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 original December 2018 'Preferred Model' as the third party appeals process for decisions made by the Development Assessment Panels with the following amendments:
  - a. DOT POINT 1 "which could possibly be expanded later if it proves to be beneficial" to be removed
  - b. DOT POINT 4 to be replaced with "Other affected parties would be able to appeal a DAP decision"

CARRIED

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### Item 5.3 Interim Submissions – Draft Position Statement: Tourism Land Uses within Bushfire Prone Areas

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#### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Helen Sadler  
Seconded: Cr Rod Bradley

Support the WALGA Recommendation.

CARRIED

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## Item 5.4 Public Library Tiered Service Framework

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### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Helen Sadler  
Seconded: Cr Jo McAllister

Support the WALGA Recommendation.

CARRIED

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## Item 5.5 Community Technical Reference Group

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### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly  
Seconded: Cr Rod Bradley

That WALGA defers a decision relating to Item 5.5 pending further information being provided that relates to the activity based costs and other relevant resources and costs associated with the proposed purpose of the Community Technical Reference Group.

CARRIED

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## 6. BUSINESS

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### 6.1 Public Transport Authority (PTA) Bus Stop Renewal Program

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*By Cr Julie Matheson, City of Subiaco*

Request WALGA to advise the next zone meeting about the Public Transport Authority (PTA) Bus Stop Renewal Program noting that some Local Government Councillors are not being made aware of the program in a timely fashion so as to engage residents in the process, and advise the next zone meeting about the purpose of the partnership agreement with the PTA for the Bus Stop Renewal Program.

#### SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The Bus Stop Infrastructure Partnership Agreement 2018/19 to 2022/23 with the Public Transport Authority (PTA) was endorsed by the WALGA State Council in December 2018 and was signed by the parties. The new Agreement supercedes the 2015 Bus Stop Infrastructure Partnership Agreement for Perth and Peel that was varied in 2016 to include regional Local Governments with Smart Rider-ticketed regular public transport services. During 2018 WALGA and the PTA reviewed the Agreement and feedback from Local Governments indicated the Agreement was valuable in its current form with only minor amendments required.

The Agreement defines the roles and responsibilities for providing and maintaining bus stop infrastructure. It is intended to assist in ensuring that investments in bus stop infrastructure by the PTA and Local Government deliver maximum benefit to the community. In particular, the Agreement outlines the communication required between the PTA and Local Governments before works commence at or around bus stops. The Agreement also details the responsibilities of each party when bus stop infrastructure is upgraded, removed or relocated.

The bus stop renewal program is known as the Bus Stop Accessibility Works Program (BSAWP). The PTA are upgrading bus stops through the BSAWP to meet the legislative requirements set by the *Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002*. BSAWP works typically include: installation of a bus stop pole or information module in correct position; construction of a level concrete hard-stand passenger boarding area at correct kerb height; installation of tactile ground surface indicators; and construction of up to three metres of connecting pathway to the existing footpath network (as specified in the PTA Bus

Stop Design Guidelines). Bus stop upgrades are planned and managed by the PTA with external contractors undertaking all site works. Prior to undertaking any works, the PTA will firstly validate that the existing bus stop location meets all of its safety, operational and community requirements and that it can be physically upgraded to comply with the Disability Standards. If these requirements cannot be met, the PTA will typically select an alternative suitable stop location and consult with the relevant Local Government about that location. As stipulated in the WALGA and PTA Bus Stop Infrastructure Partnership Agreement 2018/19-2022/23 (page 10) the PTA will “consult and work with the relevant Local Government about the planned works with the intention of minimising any adverse impacts from these works (as far as reasonably practicable) and notify nearby residents about any planned works prior to commencement. Any issues or complaints about these works received by Local Government from the public or affected residents should be directed as soon as reasonably practicable to the PTA for resolution by the PTA.”

The agreement has been included as an attachment with the agenda.

With regard to upcoming work, the PTA has advised WALGA that bus stops along route 24 will be upgraded during May/June. This route travels through City of Perth, Subiaco, Nedlands and Town of Claremont.

## **RESOLUTION:**

**That the information on the Bus Stop Renewal Program be noted.**

**Moved:** Cr Julie Mathieson  
**Seconded:** Cr Rod Bradley

**CARRIED**

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## **6.2 Third Party Appeal Rights**

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*By Cr Julie Matheson, City of Subiaco*

That WALGA advise the next zone meeting about the progress of the Third Party Appeal Rights advocacy.

## **SECRETARIAT COMMENT**

A State Council agenda item has been prepared on this matter, please refer to item 5.2.

**Noted**

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## **6.3 Request to Present – Local Government Insurance Services WA**

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LGIS have requested an opportunity to present to Local Governments that may be interested in learning more about LGIS and your self-insurance scheme.

LGISWA developed a number of presentations which may be of interest to Zone delegates and Chief Executive Officers. If, however, there is interest on another topic please advise and LGISWA can tailor a presentation to the Zone’s needs.

### **Presentations**

- **Your LGIS, what ownership delivers**  
What is a mutual and how is it different to traditional transactional insurance providers? This presentation will include the history of LGIS, organisation structure, relationship with WALGA and provide examples of service delivery – highlighting the benefits of membership.
- **Know your risks - identifying and managing local government risks**  
The risks faced by Local Governments across WA continue to change. In this presentation LGIS

risk experts will outline the strategies which can be used by Local Governments to strategically identify and manage risks. They'll also talk about the experiences of other WA Local Government members in identifying and managing their risks.

- **The human factor – emerging risks for 2019 and beyond**

People are a crucial success factor for Local Government organisations they're the human face of Local Government services. In this presentation LGIS human risk experts will discuss the emerging trends in managing people from the diverse needs of an aging workforce to increases in workplace stress. They'll use real examples from WA Local Governments to explore potential strategies in managing and reducing human risks.

- **Elected members – managing risks and protection**

Elected members are passionate about improving their community, going above and beyond in their service. However, as part of their role elected members also carry significant risks which they need to be aware of. In this presentation an LGIS Local Government risk expert will cover the risks which elected members must be aware of and manage, and the services and cover included in LGIS membership. They'll use real examples from WA Local Governments to explore strategies in managing and reducing elected member risks.

- **Local government first – a claims strategy that benefits LGIS members**

How does LGIS handle claims differently? When LGIS receives a claim we consider the best interest of the member and the broader Local Government sector. This presentation outlines the LGIS claims strategy which plans for long term, sustainable protection of the WA Local Government sector. We'll look at a variety of WA Local Government claims and explore the lessons learned.

The Secretariat noted that Central Metropolitan Zone delegates agreed to provide any questions they have for the LGIS presentation at least one week prior to the Zone meeting of 27 June 2019.

## RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Mayor Brett Pollock  
**Seconded:** Mayor Penny Taylor

**That the Zone invites a representative from the Local Government Insurance Services WA to provide a presentation to the 27 June 2019 Zone meeting on an overview of its operations with 30 minutes allocated for this purpose.**

**CARRIED**

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## 6.4 Funding Support on Government Initiatives

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*By Cr Jenna Ledgerwood, Town of Mosman Park*

### BACKGROUND

1. The State Government has moved to make significant governance changes including the involvement of the State Auditor General in the local government sector and the Local Government Act Amendment Bill 2019.
2. These changes appear to be a response to a number of high profile failings in a small number of local governments. As is usual the failings of a few impose onerous bureaucratic burdens on all local governments, most of which are doing perfectly well.
3. The involvement of the State Auditor General simply adds an additional cost to the audit cost of a local government. As an example, the cost of the annual audit at Town of Mosman Park doubled while adding no discernible value: same audit firm, same audit partner, same audit manager, same audit scope. No doubt this cost impact will be replicated across the state's local government sector (perhaps less for very small local governments but quite substantial for the big agencies; and in any case the costs are proportionately a considerable burden) and in total will be a not insignificant cost (if it was to average at only the cost imposed on Mosman Park the cost to the sector is over

\$2million – wasted ratepayer money). It defies common sense that the State imposes on ratepayers such an unneeded cost while continually urging councils to keep costs down, as in keep rate increases low.

4. The Local Government Act Amendment Bill 2019 has extensive governance changes. They vary from welcome tidy ups to burdensome new requirements. Even those local governments with the very highest standards of governance practices and documentation will confront a requirement to adhere to new model requirements. Some provisions allow the model standard to be adopted with changes (which have to be publicly advertised). The implementation will be a mighty burden. Many local governments will have to employ a resource to manage the impact – either at the cost of a rate increase or at the cost a loss of existing services. It is difficult to predict the ongoing cost of adhering to the new governance regime, especially reporting requirements, but it is beyond obvious that new bureaucracy must equal additional costs.
5. This is not an argument about the State Government's right to impose bureaucratic requirements of this nature, nor to try to argue the value being added. It is simply the case that you can't have it both ways. Local government (at least many, perhaps most) will not be able to meet these requirements from existing resources. The costs are created by the State and reasonable funding should be provided rather than follow the usual cost shift approach of previous State Governments.

James McGovern informed the meeting that WALGA is finalising a survey question to member Local Governments regarding the cost associated with the Office of Auditor General assuming audit responsibility for Local Government. The survey is expected to be released within the next fortnight. The meeting was also informed that WALGA is conscious of the cost of legislative compliance, particularly universal training for Elected Members, and this forms part of WALGA's advocacy position on both the current Bill and Phase 2 of the Local Government Act Review.

#### **Motion**

**Moved:** Cr Jenna Ledgerwood  
**Seconded:** Cr Julie Mathieson

1. **The Central Metropolitan Zone urges WALGA to undertake a review to understand the costs being imposed upon Local Governments by the governance initiatives of the WA State Government; and**
2. **The Central Metropolitan Zone requests WALGA to become proactive in lobbying the WA State Government to provide funding to assist with the introduction of governance changes and the ongoing cost of adhering to them.**

#### **AMENDMENT:**

**Moved:** Cr Helen Sadler  
**Seconded:** Cr Paul Kelly

**The Central Metropolitan Zone requests that WALGA undertake a review to assess the likely costs to be imposed on Local Government by the Local Government Legislation Amendment Bill 2019, currently before Parliament.**

**CARRIED**

**The Amendment became the Substantive Motion and was CARRIED.**

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#### **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

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## **8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

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### **8.1 President's Report to the Zone**

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The WALGA representative presented the President's Report to the Zone.

**Noted**

### **8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone**

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WALGA State Councillor, Cr Paul Kelly presented on the previous State Council meeting.

WALGA CEO Mr Nick Sloan addressed the meeting.

**Noted**

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

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Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representative Dr Ken Parker addressed the meeting.

**Noted**

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## **9. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

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### **RESOLVED**

**That the next ordinary meeting of the Central Metropolitan Zone be held on Thursday 27 June at the City of Vincent commencing 6:00 pm.**

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## **10. CLOSURE**

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There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.30pm.