

State Council Summary Minutes 10 July 2024

Ordinary meeting no. 3 of 2024 of the Western Australian Local Government Association State Council held at ONE70, LV1, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville at 4:15pm.

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1 OPENING, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

1.1 OPENING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 4:16pm.

1.2 ATTENDANCE

Members	WALGA President - Chair	President Cr Karen Chappel AM JP
	WALGA Deputy President	
	Central Metropolitan Zone	Cr Paul Kelly
	Avon-Midland Country Zone	President Cr Tracy Lefroy (Deputy)
	Central Country Zone	President Cr Phillip Blight
	Central Metropolitan Zone	Cr Helen Sadler
	East Metropolitan Zone	Cr Aaron Bowman JP
	East Metropolitan Zone	President Paige McNeil
	Gascoyne Country Zone	President Eddie Smith
	Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	President Cr Laurene Bonza
	Great Eastern Country Zone	Cr Stephen Strange
	Great Southern Country Zone	Cr Scott Crosby
	Kimberley Country Zone	President Chris Mitchell JP
	Murchison Country Zone	President Cr Les Price
	North Metropolitan Zone	Cr Michael Dudek
	North Metropolitan Zone	Cr Lewis Hutton
	North Metropolitan Zone	Cr Bronwyn Smith
	Northern Country Zone	President Cr Liz Sudlow (Deputy)
	Peel Country Zone	President Cr Mike Walmsley (Deputy)
	Pilbara Country Zone	Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks
	South East Metropolitan Zone	Mayor Patrick Hall
	South East Metropolitan Zone	Mayor Terresa Lynes
	South Metropolitan Zone	Cr Cliff Collinson (Deputy)
	South Metropolitan Zone	Cr Karen Wheatland
	South West Country Zone	President Julia Meldrum (Deputy)
Ex Officio	Local Government Professionals WA President	Mr Anthony Vuleta
Secretariat	Chief Executive Officer	Mr Nick Sloan
	Executive Director Member Services	Mr Tony Brown
	Executive Manager Infrastructure	Mr Ian Duncan
	Executive Manager Policy	Ms Nicole Matthews
	Executive Manger Advocacy	Ms Rachel Horton
	Chief Financial Officer	Mr Rick Murray
	Manager Media and Communications	Mr Simon Beaumont
	Manager Governance and Procurement	Mr James McGovern
	Manager Association and Corporate Governance	Ms Kathy Robertson
	Senior Advisor Financial Planning and Analysis	Mr Al Singh

Policy Manager, Planning and Building
Acting Policy Manager, Community Executive Officer Governance

Mr Chris Hossen
Ms Hannah Godsave
Ms Meghan Dwyer

1.3 APOLOGIES

Members	Avon-Midland Country Zone	President Chris Antonio
	Northern Country Zone	President Cr Kirrilee Warr
	Peel Country Zone	Mayor Rhys Williams
	South Metropolitan Zone	Mayor Logan Howlett JP
	South Metropolitan Zone	Cr Barry Winmar
	South West Country Zone	President Cr Tony Dean

Ex Officio	The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor – City of Perth	Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas
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2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WALGA acknowledges the continuing connection of Aboriginal people to Country, culture and community. We embrace the vast Aboriginal cultural diversity throughout Western Australia, including Boorloo (Perth), on the land of the Whadjuk Noongar People, where WALGA is located and we acknowledge and pay respect to Elders past and present.

WALGA is committed to supporting the efforts of WA Local Governments to foster respectful partnerships and strengthen relationships with local Aboriginal communities.

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil

4 MINUTES

4.1 MINUTES OF THE STATE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 1 MAY 2024

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Phillip Blight

Seconded: President Paige McNeil

That the Minutes of the WALGA State Council meeting held on [1 May 2024](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 042.3/2024

CARRIED

4.1.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE STATE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 1 MAY 2024

Nil

4.2 FLYING MINUTE - SUBMISSION ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SECTOR ADAPTATION PLAN

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: Cr Helen Sadler

That the [Flying Minute - Submission on Emergency Management Sector Adaptation Plan](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 043.3/2024

CARRIED

4.2.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FLYING MINUTE- SUBMISSION ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SECTOR ADAPTATION PLAN

Nil

4.3 FLYING MINUTE - STATE WAGE CASE SUBMISSION

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: Cr Helen Sadler

That the [Flying Minute - State Wage Case Submission](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 043.3/2024

CARRIED

4.3.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FLYING MINUTE- STATE WAGE CASE SUBMISSION

Nil

4.4 FLYING MINUTE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUSTAINABILITY INQUIRY

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: Cr Helen Sadler

That the [Flying Minute - Local Government Sustainability Inquiry](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 043.3/2024

CARRIED

4.4.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FLYING MINUTE- LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUSTAINABILITY INQUIRY

Nil

4.5 FLYING MINUTE - STANDARDISED MEETING PROCEDURES SUBMISSION

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: Cr Helen Sadler

That the [Flying Minute - Standardised Meeting Procedures Submission](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 043.3/2024

CARRIED

4.5.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FLYING MINUTE- STANDARDISED MEETING PROCEDURES SUBMISSION

Nil

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pursuant to our Code of Conduct, State Councillors must declare to the Chair any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before State Council as soon as they become aware of it.

- Mayor Patrick Hall declared an interest in Item 8.7 Selection Committee Minutes – 24 June 2024.
- President Paige McNeil declared an interest in Item 8.7 Selection Committee Minutes – 24 June 2024.

6 EX OFFICIO REPORTS

6.1 CITY OF PERTH REPORT

The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas was an apology for the meeting.

6.2 LG PROFESSIONALS REPORT

Mr Anthony Vuleta, President, LG Professionals WA, provided a report to the meeting.

Mr Anthony Vuleta left the meeting and did not return.

7 EMERGING ISSUES

Notification of emerging issues must be provided to the Chair no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

7.1 OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL INCREASED COSTS

Referred by Cr Phillip Blight, President Shire of Wagin, Central Country Zone

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Julia Meldrum
Seconded: President Chris Mitchell JP

That the Emerging Issue item on Office of the Auditor General increased costs be considered.

RESOLUTION 044.3/2024

CARRIED

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Phillip Blight
Seconded: President Cr Les Price

That State Council:

- 1. Objects to the Office of the Auditor General's audit fees increases for the 2023-24 audits of accounts and annual financial report of Local Governments; and**
- 2. Requests the Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations to conduct an Inquiry into the OAG's performance of audits and increased audit fees to Local Governments.**

RESOLUTION 045.3/2024

CARRIED

8 MATTERS FOR DECISION

8.1 CARAVAN PARK AND CAMPING GROUNDS REGULATIONS

By Coralie Claudio, Senior Policy Advisor, Planning

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Julia Meldrum
Seconded: President Chris Mitchell JP

That State Council endorse a new Caravan Park and Camping Grounds Regulations Advocacy Position:

Part 2 of the *Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997* should be amended to allow Local Governments to:

- 1. Consider camping on private property for a period of greater of three months.**
- 2. Establish policy to guide approvals beyond 3 months to ensure that camping is locally appropriate and provide for circumstances where caravans, predominantly in the form of tiny homes on wheels, can be occupied on a more permanent basis.**

RESOLUTION 046.3/2024

CARRIED

8.2 2024 AUDIT EXPERIENCE SURVEY RESULTS AND ADVOCACY POSITION

By Kathy Robertson, Manager Associate and Corporate Governance

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Phillip Blight
Seconded: Cr Stephen Strange

That State Council:

- 1. Note the Audit Experience Survey Results Summary 2022-23; and**
- 2. Amend Advocacy Position 2.2.2 Local Government Audit Process to remove point 7 as it has been achieved.**

RESOLUTION 047.3/2024

CARRIED

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY STATE COUNCILLORS (UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

8.3 FINANCE AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES (INCORPORATING THE WALGA BUDGET 2024-25 AND WALGA RESERVES AMENDMENTS) – 19 JUNE 2024

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

Cr Helen Sadler left the meeting at 4:55pm.

Cr Helen Sadler returned to the meeting at 5:07pm.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Chris Mitchell JP
Seconded: President Cr Laurene Bonza

That State Council:

- 1. Endorse the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee meeting held on 19 June 2024.**
- 2. Endorse:**
 - a. the WALGA Budget 2024-25, being for the full year ending 30 June 2025,**
 - b. Renaming the Strategic Reserve as the Sector Strategic Reserve.**
 - c. Creation of a new Reserve called the Organisation Strategic Initiatives Reserve**
 - d. That each reserve is to be used for the purpose presented within this report.**
 - e. Establishing the Organisation Strategic Initiatives Reserve with \$600,000 from the 2023-24 Non-Grant Surplus, to be applied to funding Strategic Projects in the Budget 2024-25.****as recommended by the Finance and Services Committee.**

RESOLUTION 048.3/2024

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

8.4 USE OF THE ASSOCIATION'S COMMON SEAL

By Nick Sloan, Chief Executive Officer

WALGA RECOMMENDATION			
Moved:		President Cr Phillip Blight	
Seconded:		Cr Karen Wheatland	
That State Council note, ratify and affirm the use of the Association's common seal for the following purposes:			
Document	Document Description	Signatories	State Council prior approval
Transfer of Land (Form T1)	Sale of 4/10 share of 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville, by Qube Railway Parade Pty Ltd ("Qube") to Local Government House Trust. Required to facilitate the transfer of ownership.	WALGA in the capacity as Trustee for the Local Government House Trust, Karen Chappel President and Nick Sloan WALGA CEO	No
Bank Facility Agreement	Agreement with Commonwealth Bank of Australia ("CBA") (Lender) of \$32.4 million to assist with refinancing the existing facility jointly held by Qube and WALGA in the capacity as trustee for the Local Government House Trust and the acquisition of the 40% joint venture interest currently held by Qube in relation to 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville ("the Property").	WALGA in the capacity as Trustee for the Local Government House Trust, Karen Chappel President and Nick Sloan WALGA CEO	No
Mortgage Form	Mortgage over the Property in favour of the CBA.	WALGA in the capacity as Trustee for the Local Government House Trust, Karen Chappel President and Nick Sloan WALGA CEO	No

General Security Deed	Security provided by WALGA in the capacity as Trustee for the Local Government House Trust limited to the assets in connection to the Property (which are held in the Local Government House Trust).	WALGA in the capacity as Trustee for the Local Government House Trust, Karen Chappel President and Nick Sloan WALGA CEO	No
Power of Attorney	Appoint Richard Murray as an attorney with capacity to sign any documents necessary to complete the settlement if the WALGA President and/or CEO are not available while in Canberra around the day of settlement. Initiated as a contingency in the case of new or amended documents.	WALGA in its personal capacity and in its capacity as Trustee for the Local Government House, Karen Chappel, President and Nick Sloan WALGA CEO	No
Letter Agreement signed by parties to the Joint Venture.	Letter of agreement signed by WALGA and Qube Railway Parade Pty Ltd regarding the winding up of the joint venture and post-settlement bank account and tax arrangements.	WALGA in the capacity as Trustee for the Local Government House Trust, Karen Chappel President and Nick Sloan WALGA CEO	No
Replacement Agreement	Replacement Agreement in relation to the caveat previously lodged in favour of the Town of Cambridge.	WALGA in the capacity as Trustee for the Local Government House Trust, Karen Chappel President and Nick Sloan WALGA CEO	No

RESOLUTION 049.3/2024

CARRIED

8.5 WALGA'S EFFORTS TO BECOME AN EMPLOYER ORGANISATION

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Chris Mitchell JP
Seconded: Cr Aaron Bowman JP

That State Council note the actions taken in this report on WALGA's efforts to become an employer organisation under the *Industrial Relations Act 1979 (WA)*.

RESOLUTION 050.3/2024

CARRIED

8.6 APPOINTMENTS TO STATE COUNCIL POLICY TEAMS

By Tony Brown Executive Manager Member Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Paige McNeil
Seconded: Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks

That State Council:

- 1. Appoint Mayor Terresa Lynes, the State Council representative from the South East Metropolitan Zone to the Environment Policy Team, and**
- 2. Appoint Cr Aaron Bowman, the State Council representative from the East Metropolitan Zone to the People and Place Policy Team.**

RESOLUTION 051.3/2024

CARRIED

8.7 SELECTION COMMITTEE MINUTES - 24 JUNE 2024

By Chantelle O'Brien, Governance Support Officer

President Paige McNeil and Mayor Patrick Hall declared an interest in this item and left the meeting at 5:24pm.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: President Cr Les Price

That State Council:

- 1. Note the resolutions contained in the 24 June 2024 Selection Committee Minutes; and**
- 2. Endorse the recommendations contained in the 24 June 2024 Selection Committee Minutes.**

RESOLUTION 052.3/2024

CARRIED

President Paige McNeil returned to the meeting at 5:25pm.

Mayor Patrick Hall returned to the meeting at 5:26pm.

8.8 HONOURS PANEL MEETING – 11 JUNE 2024

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Julia Meldrum
Seconded: President Cr Liz Sudlow

That State Council note the update on the Honours Program for 2024.

RESOLUTION 053.3/2024

CARRIED

8.9 LGIS FEES AND BOARD MINUTES – 24 MAY 2024

By Kirsty Martin, Manager Commercial Management

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Chris Mitchell JP

Seconded: President Julia Meldrum

That State Council:

1. Approve the annual LGISWA Scheme Management fee payable to JLT is increased by 3.9% for the 2024-25 year as recommended by the LGISWA Board.
2. Approve a 3.9% increase to the WALGA Trustee fee from the Scheme.
3. Note the minutes of the LGISWA Board meeting held on 24 May 2024 and that at this meeting the Board adopted the 2024-25 Scheme Budget that incorporates in-housing of Management Liability cover for Members.

RESOLUTION 054.3/2024

CARRIED

8.10 NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE STATE COUNCILLOR ELECTION PROCESS

By Kathy Roberton, Manager Association and Corporate Governance

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Michael Dudek

Seconded: President Cr Phillip Blight

That State Council:

1. Note the decision of the North Metropolitan Zone to insert a clause in its Standing Orders pertaining to the election of its State Council representatives; and
2. Endorse the new State Councillor election process to apply to the North Metropolitan Zone, where the three North Metropolitan Zone State Councillor and Deputy State Councillor positions will be held equally by a Delegate from each of the three member Local Governments of the Zone, being City of Joondalup, City of Stirling and City of Wanneroo.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST

8.11 CEO PERFORMANCE REVIEW REPORT 2023-2024

All WALGA staff left the meeting at 5:39pm.

Mr Nick Sloan, WALGA CEO, returned to the meeting at 5:46pm.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Eddie Smith
Seconded: President Julia Meldrum

That State Council:

- 1. Note the appraisal of Mr Nick Sloan, Chief Executive Officer has been completed for the period of July 2023 to June 2024.**
- 2. Endorse the findings of the 2023-24 Annual Performance Review Report as presented by Price Consulting and thank Mr Sloan for his efforts.**
- 3. Endorse the recommendations on Page 3 of the Summary Report to State Council on Employment Contract Terms.**
- 4. Endorse the proposed CEO's Performance Criteria for the 2023-2024 period, as per Attachment 1 within the Summary Report to State Council.**

RESOLUTION 055.3/2024

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

President Cr Karen Chappel AM JP congratulated the CEO on his Performance Review report.

All remaining WALGA staff returned to the meeting at 5:52pm.

9 POLICY TEAM AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 ENVIRONMENT POLICY TEAM REPORT

Presented by Policy Team Chair, Cr Les Price

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Les Price
Seconded: Cr Karen Wheatland

That State Council note the matters considered by the Environment Policy Team at its meetings on 1 May and 29 May 2024.

RESOLUTION 056.3/2024

CARRIED

9.2 GOVERNANCE POLICY TEAM REPORT

Presented by Policy Team Chair, Mayor Patrick Hall

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mayor Patrick Hall
Seconded: President Paige McNeil

That State Council note the matters considered by the Governance Policy Team at its meetings on 1 May and 15 May 2024.

RESOLUTION 057.3/2024

CARRIED

President Paige McNeil left the meeting at 5:58pm and did not return.

9.3 INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY TEAM REPORT

Presented by Policy Team Chair, Cr Stephen Strange

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Stephen Strange
Seconded: Cr Karen Wheatland

That State Council note the matters considered by the Infrastructure Policy Team at its meeting on 1 May 2024.

RESOLUTION 058.3/2024

CARRIED

9.4 PEOPLE AND PLACE POLICY TEAM REPORT

Presented by Policy Team Chair, President Cr Phillip Blight

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Phillip Blight
Seconded: President Cr Les Price

That State Council:

- 1. Note the matters considered by the People and Place Policy Team at its meeting on 30 April 2024.**
- 2. Determine to retire Advocacy Position 3.12.1 State Trail Bike Strategy.**

RESOLUTION 059.3/2024

CARRIED

Cr Michael Dudek and Cr Lewis Hutton left the meeting at 6:00pm and did not return.

9.5 MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL (MWAC) REPORT

Presented by MWAC Deputy Chair, Cr Karen Wheatland

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: President Cr Phillip Blight

That State Council note the report from the Municipal Waste Advisory Council to the July 2024 meeting.

RESOLUTION 060.3/2024

CARRIED

10 MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

10.1 2024-25 STATE AND FEDERAL BUDGET UPDATE

By Daniel Thomson, Manager Economics

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: President Julia Meldrum

That State Council note the update on the 2024-25 State and Federal Budgets.

RESOLUTION 061.3/2024

CARRIED

10.2 SUBMISSION TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WA PRIORITY AREA DISCUSSION PAPERS

By Hannah Godsave, Acting Manager, Community Policy

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: President Julia Meldrum

That State Council note the submission to the Commissioner for Children and Young People Priority Area Discussion Papers.

RESOLUTION 061.3/2024

CARRIED

10.3 PERTH AND PEEL URBAN GREENING STRATEGY

By Melanie Davies, Urban Forest Program Facilitator

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: President Julia Meldrum

That State Council note the submission on the Perth and Peel Urban Greening Strategy.

RESOLUTION 061.3/2024

CARRIED

10.4 POLYPHAGOUS SHOT-HOLE BORER UPDATE

By Melanie Davies, Urban Forest Program Facilitator

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: President Julia Meldrum

That State Council note the update on the Polyphagous shot-hole borer emergency and WALGA advocacy.

RESOLUTION 061.3/2024

CARRIED

10.5 FLYING MINUTE: SUBMISSION ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SECTOR ADAPTATION PLAN

By Simone Ruane, Project Lead, Emergency Management

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: President Julia Meldrum

That State Council note the update on WALGA's submission on the Emergency Management Sector Adaptation Plan (EM-SAP) to the State Emergency Management Committee as endorsed by State Council via Flying Minute.

RESOLUTION 061.3/2024

CARRIED

10.6 FLYING MINUTE: STATE WAGE CASE SUBMISSION

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: President Julia Meldrum

That State Council note the WALGA 2024 State Wage Case submission to the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission as endorsed by State Council via Flying Minute.

RESOLUTION 061.3/2024

CARRIED

10.7 FLYING MINUTE: SUBMISSION ON THE INQUIRY INTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUSTAINABILITY

By Daniel Thomson, Manager Economics

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: President Julia Meldrum

That State Council note the submission on the Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport as endorsed by State Council via Flying Minute.

RESOLUTION 061.3/2024

CARRIED

10.8 FLYING MINUTE: STANDARDISED MEETING PROCEDURES SUBMISSION

By James McGovern, Manager Governance and Procurement

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: President Julia Meldrum

That State Council note WALGA's submission on Standardised Meeting Procedures to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries as endorsed by State Council via Flying Minute.

RESOLUTION 061.3/2024

CARRIED

11 ORGANISATION REPORTS

11.1 KEY ACTIVITY REPORTS

11.1.1 REPORT ON KEY ACTIVITIES, ADVOCACY PORTFOLIO

By Rachel Horton, Executive Manager Advocacy

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks
Seconded: Mayor Teresa Lynes

That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Advocacy Portfolio to the July 2024 State Council meeting.

RESOLUTION 062.3/2024

CARRIED

11.1.2 REPORT ON KEY ACTIVITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE PORTFOLIO

By Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks
Seconded: Mayor Teresa Lynes

That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Infrastructure Portfolio to the July 2024 State Council meeting.

RESOLUTION 062.3/2024

CARRIED

11.1.3 REPORT ON KEY ACTIVITIES, MEMBER SERVICES PORTFOLIO

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks
Seconded: Mayor Teresa Lynes

That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Member Services Portfolio to the July 2024 State Council meeting.

RESOLUTION 062.3/2024

CARRIED

11.1.4 REPORT ON KEY ACTIVITIES, POLICY PORTFOLIO

By Nicole Matthews, Executive Manager, Policy

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks

Seconded: Mayor Terresa Lynes

That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Policy Portfolio to the July 2024 State Council meeting.

RESOLUTION 062.3/2024

CARRIED

11.2 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks

Seconded: Mayor Terresa Lynes

That the President's Report for July 2024 be received.

RESOLUTION 062.3/2024

CARRIED

11.3 CEO'S REPORT

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks

Seconded: Mayor Terresa Lynes

That the CEO's Report for July 2024 be received.

RESOLUTION 062.3/2024

CARRIED

12 ADDITIONAL ZONE RESOLUTIONS

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: President Chris Mitchell JP

That the additional Zone Resolutions from the June 2024 round of Zone meetings as follows be referred to the appropriate portfolio for consideration and appropriate action.

RESOLUTION 063.3/2024

CARRIED

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE (Member Services Portfolio)

Country Local Government Fund (CLGF)

That the Central Country Zone requests WALGA to lobby and advocate to the State government, Treasurer, and Minister for Local Government to provide a program similar to the CLGF for Country Local Governments, with an allocation of \$8 million in the current and ongoing future Budgets.

EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Member Services Portfolio)

Advocacy for an Immediate Review of the *Cat Act 2011*

That the East Metropolitan Zone requests WALGA to continue to advocate for the State Government to support an immediate review of the *Cat Act 2011* and to develop a model Cat Local Law for use by Local Governments.

*Note: The meeting requested that WALGA advocacy address the need for an immediate review of the *Cat Act 2011* and clarify the view of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation regarding the ability of a Local Law to refer to other Local Laws.*

GASCOYNE COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

Grant Funding

That WALGA perform a review of the grant funding distribution mechanisms relative to needs and financial sustainability with a view to increase the distribution of funds to Regional Councils.

GASCOYNE COUNTRY ZONE (Member Services Portfolio)

Crown Land Management Order Administration Advocacy Position – Update

In respect to WALGA's advocacy on Crown Land Management Order Administration, the Gascoyne Zone recommend that the State Government should not seek to take Local Government generated leasing revenue on land under management by a Local Government.

GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

Native Title impacts for Regional Development

That the GVROC:

1. Note the update on discussions held between GEDC, WALGA, DPLH and DPIRD and with the GVROC Executive Officer and CEO for the Shire of Dundas on the option to hold a Goldfields Roundtable in July as a starting point for progressing the development a Framework that could be agreed and followed to assist with future project and proposal Native Title approvals, with the potential for more streamlined approvals, reducing costs and timeframes.
2. Support the concept of holding a Goldfields Roundtable facilitated through the GEDC and WALGA aligned to the next GVROC meeting to be held on 26 July 2024.

GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

Housing Needs Within the Wheatbelt Region

The Great Eastern Country Zone request that WALGA lobby the State Government to fund the Wheatbelt Development Commission to conduct feasibility studies for programs (including Government Regional Officer Housing) to meet housing needs within the Wheatbelt region (including Great Eastern Country Zone Local Governments).

NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE (Member Services Portfolio)

Office of the Auditor General – Audit Fees

That WALGA lobby the State Government to review the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996 to:

1. Limit the Audit Fee a local government can be charged to 0.15% of rates revenue for the year being audited;
2. Require the Office of the Auditor General to establish a local government audit section to ensure adequate resources are allocated to local government audits; and
3. Require the Office of the Auditor General to complete audits within eight weeks of the relevant financial reports being supplied to the Office of the Auditor General.

WALGA's Efforts to Become an Employer Organisation

That the item (WALGA's efforts to become an employer organisation) not be noted, and is instead held over until a full presentation of the item can be made to the North Metropolitan Zone by the CEO of WALGA or his representative.

and

That a review of Advocacy Position 2.8.3 be conducted by WALGA, and input sought from the various Zones on an updated Position.

PEEL COUNTRY ZONE (Member Services Portfolio)

WALGA's Efforts to Become an Employer Organisation

That the Peel Country Zone supports WALGA's efforts on this matter.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

DAP Advocacy Position Request

That the South Metropolitan Zone requests that:

1. WALGA makes representations to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) to review the extension of time process to accommodate the ability for a Responsible Authority Report (RAR) to be presented to on Ordinary Meeting of the Council, in order for the Council to review, consider and submit an RAR, particularly where the consent of the applicant has been received.
2. That WALGA amends its Development Assessment Panel (DAP) Advocacy Position to take into consideration the above request.
3. If DPLH are not willing to permit extensions for an RAR to be presented to an Ordinary Meeting of the Council, then request DPLH to make the legislative amendments to formalise the practice as a matter of priority.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the WALGA State Council will be held in the Boardroom at WALGA, ONE70, LV1, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville on 4 September 2024 commencing at 4:15pm.

14 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:04pm.