



East Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

27 February 2020

East Metropolitan Zone

Hosted by the City of Swan

Midland Town Hall, 312 Great Eastern Highway, Midland – Phone 9267 9267

Thursday 27 February 2020. Commenced at 6:05 pm

Agenda

MEMBERS

3 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Bayswater	Cr Catherine Ehrhardt Cr Stephanie Gray Cr Giorgia Johnson Mr Andrew Brien, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Kalamunda	Cr Brooke O'Donnell - Chair Cr Janelle Sewell Ms Rhonda Hardy, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Mundaring	Cr Doug Jeans Mr Jonathan Throssell Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Swan	Cr Rod Henderson Cr Patty Jones Cr Cate McCullough Cr Andrew Kiely (observer) Cr Ian Johnson (observer) Mr Mike Foley Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
WALGA Secretariat	Ms Jo Burges, Executive Manager People and Place Mr Ashley Robb, Project Officer, Planning
DLGSC Representative	Ms Sheryl Siekierka, Director Strategic Initiatives Mr Gordon MacMile, Director Strategic Coordination and Delivery Planning and Service Delivery Mr Shannon Wood

APOLOGIES

Town of Bassendean	Cr Chris Barty Cr John Gangell Cr Sarah Quinton Ms Peta Mabbs, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Belmont	Cr George Sekulla Cr Bernie Ryan Mr John Christie, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Mundaring	Cr Jason Russell Cr Kate Driver Cr Simon Cuthbert

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.

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

1.1 Department of Local Government , Sport and Cultural Industries

As resolved at the November East Metropolitan Zone meeting, Sheryl Siekierka from the Department presented to the Zone on relevant key projects for this first Zone meeting of 2020. 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.

1.2 Update on National Redress Scheme

Mr Gordon MacMile provided an update to the Zone on the National Redress Scheme and what Local Governments involvement will entail.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt
Seconded: Cr Georgia Johnson

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the East Metropolitan Zone held Thursday 28 November 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Pursuant to our Code of Conduct, Councillors must declare to the Chairman any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before the Zone as soon as they become aware of it. Councillors and deputies may be directly or indirectly associated with some recommendations of the Zone and State

Council. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

Cr O'Donnell declared an interest in Item 5.2 as she works for the Department of Communities and has been involved in the development of the Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

A Status Report outlining the actions taken on the Zone's resolutions was enclosed as an attachment.

Noted

5. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION

5.1 National Redress Scheme – Future Participation of WA Local Governments

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Janelle Sewell
Seconded: Cr Stephanie Gray

That the Zone supports the WALGA Recommendation, 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.**

CARRIED

5.2 Submission on Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt
Seconded: Cr Patty Jones

That the Zone supports the WALGA Recommendation, that the submission to the Department of Premier and Cabinet in response to the Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy be endorsed.

CARRIED

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

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt
Seconded: Cr Cate McCullough

That the Zone supports the WALGA Recommendation, that the submission on the Independent Review of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC) be endorsed.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Request to Present - Western Australian Disability Enterprises (WADE)

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 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: Cr Cate McCullough
Seconded: Cr Stephanie Gray

That Lil Paskos from WADE provide a presentation to the April 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: Cr Doug Jeans
Seconded: Cr Patty Jones

That Standing Orders be suspended to freely discuss the matter of how many Presentations to have, relevance to the Zone and length of presentations.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt
Seconded: Cr Giorgia Johnson

That standing orders be resumed.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Janelle Sewell
Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

That the Zone have three presentations at the next meeting and in future limit each presentation to fifteen (15) minutes.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Janelle Sewell
Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

That a Representative from the Parks and Wildlife Service from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions attend the April 2020 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.

RESOLUTION

The zone requested further information from WALGA regarding the purpose and functions of the Local Government Agricultural Freight Group and the Zone's past representatives.

Moved: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

Seconded: Cr Patty Jones

That the Zone defer a decision to nominate a delegate to act as the Zone's representative on the Local Government Agricultural Freight Group.

CARRIED

6.4 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 Janelle Sewell

Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

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

CARRIED

Note: The Zone requested that the presentation clearly explains how the first aim of Grow it Local, listed above: Make growing more accessible, will be achieved

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 WALGA President's Report

The WALGA representative, Jo Burges presented the President's Report.

Noted

Note: The zone expressed their thanks to Cr Craigie for her services.

8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

WALGA State Councillor, Cr Catherine Ehrhardt presented on the previous State Council meeting.

Noted

EN BLOC MOTION – MATTERS FOR NOTING

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Janelle Sewell
Seconded: Cr Doug Jeans

That the Zone supports the WALGA recommendation to note Items 6.1 through 6.9 of the March 2020 State Council Agenda 'en bloc'.

CARRIED

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 to the 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 matters at the next Zone meeting:

- Cultural Infrastructure Strategy
- Trails Strategy Development
- Action Plan on Planning Reform

The Zone requested that all topics be sent to the DGLSC and for the DGLSC to propose the provision of information through briefing documents or presentations at future Zone meetings.

The zone also expressed interest in receiving information or presentations on the following matters:

- Implications, including next steps, involved in declaring a Climate Emergency (Cr Sewell)
- State Partnership Agreement (Cr Johnson)
- Cat Act 2011 and Dog Act 1976 (Cr Johnson)

9. NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING

Nil

10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Doug Jones
Seconded: Cr Janelle Sewell

That the next ordinary meeting of the East Metropolitan Zone be held on Thursday 30 April at the Town of Bassendean, commencing at 6:00pm.

CARRIED

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:45pm.