



CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE

Minutes

Friday 22 June 2018

via

Teleconference

Commencing at 8.31am

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Minutes

Central Country Zone of WALGA

Friday 22 June 2018, commencing at 8.31am
via Teleconference

1.0 OPENING AND WELCOME

The Chair, Cr Conley opened the meeting at 8.31am welcoming all online for the teleconference.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider the WALGA State Council Agenda.

2.0 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance

Cr Mark Conley (Chair)	President, Shire of Cuballing
Cr Dee Ridgway	President, Shire of Beverley
Cr Chris Pepper	Deputy President, Shire of Beverley
Mr Stephen Gollan	CEO, Shire of Beverley
Cr Lyn Baker	President, Shire of Corrigin
Ms Natalie Manton	CEO, Shire of Corrigin
Cr Julie Ramm	Deputy President, Shire of Dumbleyung
Mr Matthew Giffellon	CEO, Shire of Dumbleyung
Mr Noel Mason	CEO, Shire of Kulin
Cr Jeanette De Landgraft	President, Shire of Lake Grace
Cr Steve Hunt	Deputy President, Shire of Lake Grace
Ms Denise Gobbart	CEO, Shire of Lake Grace
President Leigh Ballard	President, Shire of Narrogin
Mr Dale Stewart	CEO, Shire of Narrogin
Cr Bill Mulrone	President, Shire of Pingelly
Cr Wayne Davies	President, Shire of Quairading
Cr Brett McGuinness	Deputy President, Shire of Quairading
Cr Phillip Blight	President, Shire of Wagin
Cr Bryan Kilpatrick	Councillor, Shire of Wagin
Ms Amanda O'Halloran	CEO, Shire of Wandering
Ms Nicole Wasmann	CEO, Shire of West Arthur
Cr Julie Russell (joined the meeting at 8.50am)	President, Shire of Wickepin
Mr Mark Hook	CEO, Shire of Wickepin

Mr Bruce Wittber, Joint Executive Officer

Ms Helen Westcott, Joint Executive Officer

WALGA Representatives

Ms Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager Planning and Improvement

Ms Marissa MacDonald, Policy Officer Transport and Roads

Guests

Nil

Apologies

Cr Eliza Dowling, Deputy President Shire of Cuballing
Mr Gary Sherry, CEO Shire of Cuballing
Cr Barry West, President Shire of Kulin
Cr Rodney Duckworth, Deputy President Shire of Kulin
Cr David Freebairn, Deputy President Shire of Pingelly
Mr Gavin Pollock, CEO Shire of Pingelly
Mr Allen Cooper, A/CEO Shire of Quairading
Mr Peter Webster, CEO Shire of Wagin
Cr Brendan Whitely, President Shire of Wandering
Cr Chad Ferguson, Deputy President Shire of Wandering
Cr Ray Harrington OAM, President Shire of West Arthur
Cr John Cowcher, President Shire of Williams
Mr Geoff McKeown, CEO Shire of Williams

Mr Tony Brown, Executive Manager, Governance and Organisational Services WALGA

3.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil

5.0 GUEST SPEAKERS

Nil

6.0 MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes – Friday 25 May 2018 (Attachment)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Central Country Zone held on Friday 25 May 2018 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

RESOLUTION: Moved: Cr McGuinness Seconded: Cr Pepper

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Central Country Zone held on Friday 25 May 2018 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

6.2 Business Arising from Minutes Zone Meeting Friday 25 May 2018

Nil

7.0 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (WALGA) BUSINESS

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

7.1 State Councillor Report

Cr Phillip Blight

Cr Blight reported that at the last State Council Meeting on 4 May 2018 there had been considerable discussion on the proposed State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement 2017/18 – 2022/23.

The State Council resolved:

- That WALGA reject the State Government offer to allocate 20% of motor vehicle licence fee revenue to the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement, and seek the following amended allocation:***
2018 / 2019 22%
2019 / 2020 23%
2020 / 2021 24%
- That WALGA insist on the State Government Direct Grants to Local Government be reinstated to the value (plus annual increase) prior to the \$9.8m reduction imposed by the State in 2017.***

RESOLUTION 33 2/2018 CARRIED

During discussion and in response to a number of questions WALGA advised the meeting that the existing Agreement ends on 30 June 2018. A meeting was held on 6 June between WALGA and Main Roads WA regarding the new Agreement. A report will go straight to the next State Council meeting on Wednesday 4 July for consideration. There has been discussion of a proposal for a two year Agreement which would allow for an earlier review and subsequently an earlier opportunity to review the funding distribution. This is the current discussion and note that things can change once the matter has been considered by State Council. Once a position has been made by State Council, WALGA will urgently inform all Local Governments.

8.50am Cr Russell joined the meeting

7.2 WALGA Status Report (Attachment)

From Executive Officer

BACKGROUND:

Presenting the status report for June 2018.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Central Country Zone notes the:

- State Councillor Report; and
- WALGA Status Report.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Baker** **Seconded: Cr De Landgrafft**

That the Central Country Zone notes the:

- **State Councillor Report; and**
- **WALGA Status Report.**

CARRIED

7.3 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Matters for Decision

From Executive Officer

Background:

WALGA State Council meets five times each year and as part of the consultation process with Member Councils circulates the State Council Agenda for input through the Zone structure.

The Zone is able to provide comment or submit an alternate recommendation that is then presented to the State Council for consideration.

5.1 Updated Climate Change Policy Statement (05-028-03-0011 LS)

WALGA Recommendation

That the revised WALGA Climate Change Policy Statement be endorsed.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENT:

The following is an extract from the WALGA State Council Report:

*The Climate Change Policy Statement 2018 (the **revised Policy Statement**) consolidates climate change positions set out in recent submissions, and updates and strengthens the existing policy position to take account of:*

- *contemporary scientific understanding of the extent and impacts of climate change;*
- *political developments domestically and internationally since 2009;*
- *the current 'policy vacuum' at the State and Federal level; and*
- *recognition of the fact that Local Governments are already experiencing climate change, and taking mitigation and adaptation action.*

The proposed 'headline' position statement is as follows:

Local Government acknowledges:

- I. The science is clear: climate change is occurring and greenhouse gas emissions from human activities are the dominant cause.*
- II. Climate change threatens human societies and the Earth's ecosystems.*
- III. Urgent action is required to reduce emissions, and to adapt to the impacts from climate change that are now unavoidable.*
- IV. A failure to adequately address this climate change emergency places an unacceptable burden on future generations.*

Local Government is committed to addressing climate change.

Local Government is calling for:

- I. Strong climate change action, leadership and coordination at all levels of government.*
- II. Effective and adequately funded Commonwealth and State Government climate change policies and programs*

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Ridgway** **Seconded: Cr Davies**

That the WALGA Recommendation be amended as follows:

That the revised WALGA Climate Change Policy Statement be endorsed subject to Part I. of the Policy Statement being amended to read:

- I. **The science supports: climate change is occurring and greenhouse gas emissions from human activities are the dominant cause.**

CARRIED

5.2 Interim Submission – Model Subdivision Conditions (05-047-01-0003 VJ)

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission to the WA Planning Commission on the Model Subdivision Conditions be endorsed.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENT:

The Zone considered this matter at its February 2018 meeting and resolved as follows:

RESOLUTION: *Moved: President Ballard* *Seconded: Cr De Landgraft*

That WALGA advise the State Government the Local Government sector:

1. *will not agree to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' (DFES) transferring of responsibility to the Local Government sector for the clearance of a subdivision condition for Bush Fire Management Plans, when the condition has been requested by DFES;*
2. *requires adequate and effective consultation on any review of the model subdivision condition relating to clearance, including relating to Bush Fire Management Plans that would result in the transfer of responsibility from any agency for the clearance of a subdivision condition, when that condition has been requested by that agency.*

CARRIED

WALGA considered this matter at the 2018 March State Council meeting, when a report on the significant shift in the implementation of the Bushfire Management Plans through the subdivision process was considered, and the following recommendation endorsed (RESOLUTION 11.1/2018): -

That WALGA advise the State Government the Local Government sector:

1. *Will not agree to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) transferring of responsibility to the Local Government sector for the clearance of a subdivision condition for Bushfire Management Plans, when the condition has been requested by DFES;*
2. *Requires adequate and effective consultation on any review of the model subdivision condition relating to clearance, including relating to Bushfire Management Plans that would result in the transfer of responsibility from any agency for the clearance of a subdivision condition, when that condition has been requested by that agency.*

In the current WALGA report to State Council the following has been noted:

The main changes are the removal of DFES as a clearing authority for Bushfire Management Plans and other bush fire planning matters, which is not acceptable. If a Local Government does not want to clear these conditions, then the WAPC must also be the clearing agency, particularly if the involvement of DFES has now been removed. This will then align with the State Council resolution in March 2018, which does not support the change in DFES's approach to these subdivision conditions.

It has been pointed out in the interim submission that the 'consultation' via an email subscriber list does not align with the State and Local Government Partnership Agreement, as only those subscribing to the 'Bushfire Policy Subscriber' list would have received the information and invitation to comment.

Other suggestions in the submission include further clarity on how the conditions are implemented, as they are not entirely specific as to exactly how and why they are used. Without this clarity, they could be applied in circumstances that make them difficult to clear, or possibly be applied by the WAPC in inappropriate circumstances.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

5.3 Interim Submission – Position Statement – Housing on lots less than 100m² (05-306-03-0062 CH)

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission to the WA Planning Commission on Position Statement – Housing on Lots less than 100m² be endorsed.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENT:

The following is an extract from the WALGA State Council Agenda Report Background:

The purpose of the Draft Position Statement is to provide interim guidance for houses on lots less than 100m² in development zones and an implementation mechanism to ensure a consistent application across Western Australia.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

5.4 Policy for Restricted Access Vehicles on Roads Not on an Approved Network During Harvest (05-006-03-0004 ID)

WALGA Recommendation

1. That WALGA support changes to the Harvest Mass Management Scheme to enable heavy vehicles that meet the requirements of RAV 2, RAV 3 or RAV 4 to travel on roads not assessed for the RAV network between paddocks and the nearest RAV route during the harvest period.
2. Advocate that any roads assessed on the initiative of Main Roads that do not meet the requirements for addition to the RAV network at the level used under the Harvest Mass Management Scheme remain unassessed for the purpose of network definition.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENT:

The following is an extract from the WALGA State Council Agenda Report “In-Brief”:

- *Heavy Vehicles that exceed prescribed dimensions and mass are defined as Restricted Access Vehicles (RAV) and are provided limited access to parts of the road network under Notice or Permit.*
- *The Harvest Mass Management Scheme, which provides additional tolerance in allowable gross vehicle mass for grain movements from paddock to receival point was amended in 2016 to allow Restricted Access Vehicles to use roads not assessed for oversized vehicles in order to move between paddocks and the nearest RAV route.*
- *Main Roads proposes to amend the conditions under which Restricted Access Vehicles can operate on unassessed roads for the 2018/19 harvest.*
- *The proposed changes impose the added requirement on industry to provide an Agricultural Pilot when a RAV is using a road that has not been added to the RAV network. Main Roads have stated that the arrangements provided in the past two years cannot continue, based on advice received from the State Solicitor.*
- *It has been suggested by some Local Governments and industry representatives that the proposed changes are impractical for grains industry participants and in the medium term may negatively impact on the capacity of Local Governments to meet industry demands for on-going paddock access.*
- *Supporting the proposed changes will improve the safe operation of restricted access vehicles on low volume roads and enable survival of the scheme.*

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Ridgway** **Seconded: Cr Davies**

That the Zone Executive Committee be given delegated authority to develop an alternative WALGA Recommendation with the intent to remove WALGA's support for the use of pilot vehicles.

CARRIED

5.5 WA State Library Strategy Implementation Plan and Consultation Report (05-057-02-0051 KD)

WALGA Recommendation

That:

1. The WA Public Libraries Strategy be endorsed; and,
2. WALGA continue to advocate with Western Australia Public Libraries and key stakeholders to Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to prioritise funding for implementation of the strategy.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

5.6 Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 Review Submission to Stage 1 (05-032-01-0001 KD)

WALGA Recommendation

That the submission to Stage 1 Review of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 be endorsed.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENT:

The following is an extract from the WALGA State Council Agenda Report:

The review will include three consultation phases:

Consultation Phase One: *Release of the Consultation Paper.*

Targeted questions on key aspects of the Act to help identify the main issues, any gaps in the legislation, and ideas on what modernised legislation should set out to do and how it should operate in the interests of all stakeholders.

Consultation Phase Two: *Release of a Discussion Paper.*

Feedback will be sought on a series of proposals on what new legislation should do, as well as some discussion points. This information will help with the drafting of an Exposure Draft Bill (Green Bill).

Consultation Phase Three: *The Green Bill will be published for public consultation. Feedback received during Consultation Phase Three will inform the preparation of a new Aboriginal Heritage Amendment Bill that will be introduced into Parliament.*

Comment

It has become clear that elements of the AHA are no longer fit for purpose. The growth of Western Australia over the last 40 years has highlighted changes are necessary to better protect Aboriginal heritage. The Department conducted 40 workshops across the State and the Association liaised directly with a Local Government Sector Reference Group to inform the submission provided.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

5.7 Interim Submission – Review of the State Industrial Relations System (05-034-01-0001 KP)

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim supplementary submission in response to the Interim Report of the Review of the State Industrial Relations System be endorsed.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENT:

The following is an extract from the WALGA State Council Agenda Report:

The following are the recommendations provided by WALGA in the interim supplementary submission:

- A. The current dual system of industrial relations regulation of the Local Government sector remain unchanged.*
- B. State Government further consult with the Local Government sector regarding the cost and impact of the jurisdictional uncertainty under the current industrial relations regime to assess the need for change.*
- C. If recommendation B identifies a need for further certainty, that discussions be held between representatives of all three tiers of government and other key stakeholders in the Local Government industry regarding how industrial relations certainty is best achieved for the Local Government sector in WA.*
- D. No legislation is introduced to parliament to declare that Local Government is not a national system employer.*
- E. The State Employment Standards (SES) be introduced as part of the 2018 IR Act consistent with recommendations 47 and 48.*
- F. That any review of the casual loading be undertaken by the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commissions (WAIRC) or included as part of the SES, following consultation from interested parties.*
- G. That unpaid Family Domestic Violence (FDV) leave be included in the SES.*

If the State government implements proposed recommendation 69 pursuant to recommendations 70 and 71, it is further recommended that:

- H. Local Governments, and any applicable federally registered Agreements, transfer to the State IR system following introduction of the SES and that the Agreements are amended to incorporate the SES in place of the National Employment Standards (NES).*
- I. Award modernisation be undertaken prior to Local Government's transition to the State IR System.*
- J. The proposed modernisation of the State Local Government awards be aligned to the modern Local Government Industry Award 2010.*
- K. The three types of bargaining agreements be reviewed and replaced with a single collective enterprise bargaining agreement in which the parties are the employer and employees, with the option of the union being a party.*
- L. That the better off overall test replace the no disadvantage test.*
- M. The proposed taskforce composition be revised to include two Local Government Officers, to be appointed by WALGA in line with WALGA's Selection Committee process, and the CCI WA.*

N. Any review of portability of entitlements between State and Local Government be considered as part of the current Local Government Act review process.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Central Country Zone endorses all recommendations being matters contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda other than those recommendations separately considered.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Baker** **Seconded: Cr Blight**

That the Central Country Zone endorses all recommendations being matters contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda other than those recommendations separately considered.

CARRIED

7.4 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Matters for Noting/Information

- 6.1 Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure 2016/17 (06-007-03-0016 MB)
- 6.2 ERA Draft Decision – Western Power Access Arrangement (05-049-03-0001 DM)
- 6.3 2017-18 State Budget (05-088-03-0001 DM)
- 6.4 Research on Verge Permit Fees and Bonds (05-036-03-0061 VJ)
- 6.5 Independent Planning Reform – Green Paper (05-047-02-0015 VJ)
- 6.6 Update on the Noongar Standard Heritage Agreement for Local Government (05-032-01-0001 KD)
- 6.7 Community Resource Centre Funding and Service Model (05-018-03-0004 KD)
- 6.8 Alternative Approaches to Volunteer Based Health Services in the Regions Survey (05-031-01-0001 EDR)
- 6.9 Public Health Act 2016 Regulation Review Program (05-031-01-0001 EDR)

7.5 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Organisational Reports

7.1 Key Activity Reports

- 7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Environment and Waste Unit (01-006-03-0017 MJB)
- 7.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services (01-006-03-0007 TB) (Attachment)

- The report includes an update on the **Local Government Act Review**. It is noted that the Department has finalised the position papers on the above items and the Minister is looking to take policy positions to Cabinet in the near future. The Minister plans to make public the policy positions following Cabinet endorsement, which will allow sector consultation to occur.

The Report outlines a timeline schedule for Phase 1.

WALGA has recently released an Infopage (Attached) providing details of the update and seeking expressions of interest from Elected Members and Local Government Officers to attend the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries topic forums on Phase 2 issues.

7.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure (05-001-02-0003 ID)

- The Report includes an update on the **Proposed New State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement**.

The following is an extract from the WALGA State Council Agenda.

The State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement (SRFLGA) provides an allocation of funds to Local Governments in Western Australia. The amount of funding is based on a percentage of the motor vehicle license fee (MVLFF) revenue collected by the State Government. The funding arrangement provides Local Government with some surety in funding for the term of the Agreement. The current Agreement ran from 2011/12 to 2015/16 and was extended a further two years to 2017/18.

Following a meeting between the Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands and the WALGA President and CEO on 27 August 2017, the Minister agreed to the negotiation of a new Agreement. The Minister authorised Main Roads to proceed to negotiate with WALGA to draft the New Agreement.

Based on a Local Government survey performed by WALGA in 2015 and ongoing consultation with the Regional Road Groups and Main Roads WA, WALGA drafted a proposed new Agreement in December 2017. From 2015/16 to 2017/18, the State Government decreased the MVLFF portion provided under the Agreement from 27% to approximately 20%. The draft agreement is broadly the same as the current agreement but seeks to return the level of funding to 27% of VLF over the term of the Agreement.

The draft was submitted to Main Roads for consideration and they responded with several points of difference. The major difference being that the State Government is offering only 20% of MVLFF over the term of the Agreement. A report summarising the proposed changes in the draft Agreement and the points of difference raised by Main Roads was submitted to State Council in March for noting.

The WALGA President and CEO subsequently met with the A/Managing Director of Main Roads and Director General of the Department of Transport to seek resolution of the outstanding issues. At the meeting the Director General clearly stated that the State Government would not move from their offer of 20% MVLFF over the term of the Agreement. This offer was presented to State Council in May where it was rejected and Council resolved to seek a return to 24% of MVLFF by 2020/21. Further meetings between WALGA, Main Roads and the Minister has led to the position where the State Government now believes that the best option is to fund work on Local Government roads through Regional Road Groups but without an overarching agreement.

- The Report includes an update on the **Western Australian Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (WANDRRA)**.

The following is an extract from the WALGA State Council Agenda.

Work is continuing with representatives from the Office of Emergency Management seeking to achieve effective implementation of new natural disaster relief and recovery funding arrangements.

Current efforts are focussed on:

- *Ensuring Local Governments are appropriately and directly engaged;*
- *Processes are developed, in consultation with Local Government, that are practical and deliver the required outcomes;*
- *Cashflow and other constraints facing Local Governments responding to natural disasters are addressed effectively.*

Senior officers from the Office of Emergency Management have commenced engaging directly with Local Government senior officers and elected members at

Regional Road Groups and in other forums. This will continue, with WALGA support, over the coming months.

The State is currently engaging with stakeholders regarding the required frequency and depth of asset condition inspections of roads and bridges required by the Commonwealth to demonstrate the pre-disaster condition of damaged or destroyed assets. There are also discussions concerning the provision of independent engineering assessment of cost estimates and the readiness of the WA Auditor General. It is possible that the start date for new arrangements may be deferred several months from the proposed 1 July commencement as the Commonwealth has not yet provided the final Determination.

7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, People and Places (01-006-03-0014 JB)

7.6 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda - Policy Forum Reports

7.2 Policy Forum Reports

7.2.1 Mayors/Presidents Policy Forum

7.2.2 Mining Community Policy Forum

7.2.3 Container Deposit Legislation Policy Forum

7.2.4 Freight Policy Forum (Attachment)

WALGA has advised that the work of the Freight Policy Forum has concluded and the group "disbanded". See attached letters from WALGA.

7.7 WALGA President's Report

Presenting the WALGA President's Report

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Central Country Zone notes the following reports contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda:

- Matters for noting/Information;
- Organisational reports;
- Policy Forum reports; and
- WALGA President's Report.

RESOLUTION: **Moved: Cr Davies** **Seconded: Cr Mulroney**

That the Central Country Zone notes the following reports contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda:

- **Matters for noting/Information;**
- **Organisational reports;**
- **Policy Forum reports; and**
- **WALGA President's Report**

CARRIED

8.0 FINANCE

Nil

9.0 ZONE REPORTS

9.1 Zone President's Report

Cr Mark Conley

9.2 Local Government Agricultural Freight Group (LGAFG)

Cr Katrina Crute

No report requested – matters related to the LGAFG will be considered at the next in-person meeting scheduled for Friday 31 August 2018.

9.3 Great Southern District Emergency Management Committee (DEMC)

President Leigh Ballard

President Ballard advised that a DEMC Meeting had been held since the last Zone meeting however a large portion of the meeting was discussing how the Albany fires were managed and how it could have been "done better".

9.4 Healthy Wheatbelt

Cr Lyn Baker
Cr Mark Conley (Deputy)

The Great Eastern Country Zone has been advised of the decision by the Central Country Zone to withdraw from the Healthy Wheatbelt Group and a refund of \$2,794.17, being the Zone's portion of the unexpended funds, will be paid to the Central Country Zone before the 30 June 2018.

As the Healthy Wheatbelt Group has been "disbanded" this standing agenda item will be deleted after this Zone meeting.

9.5 Wheatbelt South Regional Road Group

Cr Katrina Crute, Chair of Wheatbelt South Regional Road Group

No report requested – matters related to the Wheatbelt South RRG will be considered at the next in-person meeting scheduled for Friday 31 August 2018.

10.0 ZONE BUSINESS - MEMBER COUNCIL MATTERS

Nil

11.0 ZONE BUSINESS - OTHER BUSINESS/URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

12.0 ZONE BUSINESS - EMERGING ISSUES

(The intent of the item is to enable Member Councils to bring to the attention of the delegates a matter that is developing. It is proposed that the matter will be tabled for discussion but not decision and then enable Member Councils to take the information away and consider an outcome for possible consideration at the next Zone meeting.)

12.1 Government Regional Officer Housing Rent (GROH)

Dale Stewart CEO, Shire of Narrogin raised the issue of the increase in rent for GROH houses and enquired whether the matter had previously been considered by the Zone and/or WALGA.

It was agreed that the Executive Officer extend an invitation to GROH to attend the next in-person Zone Meeting.

13.0 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Nil

14.0 OTHER REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

14.1 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Nil

14.2 Wheatbelt Development Commission

Nil

14.3 Regional Development Australia (RDA) Wheatbelt

Nil

15.0 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Central Country Zone Executive Committee – Wednesday 15 August 2018 via teleconference

Friday 31 August 2018 – Shire of Wickepin

16.0 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.44am.

DECLARATION

These minutes were confirmed by the Central Country Zone at the meeting held on 31 August 2018

Signed _____
Person presiding at the meeting at which these minutes were confirmed