



North Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

26 February 2020

North Metropolitan Zone

Hosted by the City of Wanneroo

23 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo,

Wednesday 26 February, commenced at 6:00 pm

Minutes

MEMBERS

4 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Joondalup

Mayor Hon. Albert Jacob JP (Chair)
Cr John Logan (Deputy Chair)
Cr Russell Poliwka
Cr John Raftis
Mr Jamie Parry, Director Governance and Strategy – non-voting delegate

City of Stirling

Mayor Mark Irwin
Cr Stephanie Proud JP
Cr David Lagan
Cr Chris Hatton
Mr John Beaton, Acting Manager Governance – non-voting delegate

City of Wanneroo

Mayor Tracey Roberts JP
Cr Frank Cvitan JP
Cr Dot Newton
Cr Lewis Flood
Mr Mustafa Yildiz, Manager Governance and Legal – non-voting delegate

WALGA Representatives

Mr Zac Donovan, Executive Manager, Finance & Marketing
Mr Mal Shervill, Policy Officer, Road Safety

DLGSC Representative

Ms Kirsty Martin, Principal Strategy Officer
Mr Ben Armstrong, Senior Policy and Project Delivery Officer
Mr Liam McNamara

Guest Speakers

Krista Coward, Manager Health Promotion, Public Health
Diane Hayes, Financial Counsellors Association WA and Manelka Fernando,
Financial Counselling Network

APOLOGIES

City of Joondalup

Cr Russ Fishwick JP
Mr Garry Hunt, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

City of Stirling

Mr Stuart Jardine, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
Mr Jamie Blanchard, Manager Governance – non-voting delegate

City of Wanneroo

Cr Domenic Zappa
Mr Daniel Simms, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

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

1. 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.

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

2. DEPUTATIONS

2.1 North Metropolitan Health Services

Krista Coward, Manager Health Promotion, Mental Health, Public Health and Dental Services from North Metropolitan Health Services, presented to the Zone on the development of Public Health Plans required by the *Public Health Act 2016*. Ms Coward spoke on matters that included:

- Impact of social, economic, environmental factors on the health and well-being of local community.
- Health related statistics for member Councils of the North Metropolitan Zone.
- Current trends and best practice in promoting community Wellbeing.
- State Public Health Plan for WA.
- Linkages between public health planning and Local Government.
- How the North Metropolitan Public Health Unit can support Local Governments within its boundaries with the development and implementation of tailored Public Health & Wellbeing plans.

Ms Coward referred to a "Public health planning for Local Governments" video available on the Department of Health website:

<https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Improving-WA-Health/Public-health/Public-Health-Act/Local-government/Public-Health-Planning>

2.2 Financial Counselling Network

Diane Hayes, Financial Counsellors Association Western Australia and Manelka Fernando, Financial Counselling Network presented to the Zone on people suffering financial hardship and their inability to pay debts including Local Government rates (as opposed to people who choose not to pay their debts). Ms Hayes and Ms Fernando spoke on matters that included:

- A submission to the Local Government Act review on overdue Local Government rates.
- Inconsistency between Local Governments in seeking payment of overdue rates.
- The meaning of “hardship”.
- Banks and utilities have hardship policies that define “hardship”, guide staff when dealing with people in hardship, and provide organisational consistency in dealing with people in hardship.

Ms Hayes and Ms Fernando asked member Councils of the Zone to consider developing a Hardship Policy that would define “hardship” to guide staff when considering overdue rates, how to deal compassionately with a person suffering hardship, and provide organisational consistency.

Ms Hayes and Ms Fernando provided a handout to Zone members.

2.3 Department of Local Government, Sports and Cultural Industries

As resolved at the November North Metropolitan Zone meeting, Kirsty Martin and Ben Armstrong from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries presented to the Zone. Ms Martin presented on matters that included:

- Structure of the Department and reporting relationships.
- Current work program and projects of specific interest to Local Government.
- Review of the Local Government Act.
- Funding opportunities available to Local Government.

Mr Armstrong presented on the National Redress Scheme emanating from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The presentation included:

- Redress – background and overview.
- State Government decision on WA Local Government Redress participation.
- Redress and WA Local Government – next steps, considerations and actions.

Ms Martin and Mr Armstrong referred to slide presentations and is attached with the Minutes.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Tracey Roberts
Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan

That the Minutes of the meeting of the North Metropolitan Zone held on 28 November 2019 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

There are no outstanding actions on North Metropolitan Zone resolutions.

Noted

5. REPORTS FROM MEMBER COUNCILS

No reports received from member Councils.

6. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION

Item 5.1 National Redress Scheme – Future Participation of WA Local Governments

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Tracey Roberts
Seconded: Cr John Logan

That the North Metropolitan Zone supports the recommendations for Item 5.1 National Redress Scheme – Future Participation of WA Local Governments.

CARRIED

Item 5.2 Submission on Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Dot Newton
Seconded: Cr John Logan

That the North Metropolitan Zone supports the recommendation for Item 5.2 Submission on Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy.

CARRIED

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

The following resolution was proposed for the WALGA Submission on Independent Review of the Commonwealth *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) at item 5.3 of the State Council Agenda. The rationale is the submission calls for greater Federal control over WA environmental responsibilities, whereas, in fact, the submission should call for greater State sovereignty.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Albert Jacob
Seconded: Cr Russell Poliwka

That the North Metropolitan Zone do not support the WALGA submission on Independent Review of the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and the matter be referred back to WALGA for further work.

CARRIED

Item 6.1 Draft Position Statement: Residential Aged Care - Submission

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Dot Newton
Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan

That the North Metropolitan Zone supports the recommendation for Item 6.1 Draft Position Statement: Residential Aged Care - Submission.

CARRIED

Item 6.2 Managing Housing Health Risks in WA

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Logan
Seconded: Cr Lewis Flood

That the North Metropolitan Zone supports the recommendation for Item 6.2 Managing Housing Health Risks in WA.

CARRIED

Item 6.3 Submission on Modernising the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

The following resolution was proposed for the WALGA Submission on the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* at item 6.3 of the State Council Agenda.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Albert Jacob
Seconded: Cr Chris Hatton

That the North Metropolitan Zone notes WALGA's submission on the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* with the following concerns:

1. Not support State environmental reporting, as it is a duplication of a Federal Government activity.
2. Not support imposing statutory timeframes for resolution of appeals.
3. Not support a statutory independent review of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.
4. Not support cost recovery for environmental impact assessments at all.

CARRIED

Item 6.4 Submission to the Productivity Commission on the National Transport Regulatory Reform

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Tracey Roberts
Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan

That the North Metropolitan Zone supports the recommendation for Item 6.4 Submission to the Productivity Commission on the National Transport Regulatory Reform.

CARRIED

Item 6.5 Submission to Joint Select Committee on Road Safety

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Dot Newton
Seconded: Cr Stephanie Proud

That the North Metropolitan Zone supports the recommendation for Item 6.5 Submission to Joint Select Committee on Road Safety.

CARRIED

Item 6.6 WALGA Submission on Native Vegetation in Western Australia Issues Paper

The following resolution was proposed for the WALGA Submission on Native Vegetation in Western Australia Issues Paper at item 6.6 of the State Council Agenda.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Albert Jacob
Seconded: Cr Chris Hatton

That the North Metropolitan Zone notes WALGA's submission on the Native Vegetation in Western Australia Issues Paper, but expresses general concerns in the lack of engagement in formulating the submission and also concerns with a number of the concepts proposed.

CARRIED

Item 6.7 Proposed Amendments to the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* for Container Deposit Scheme Infrastructure

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Albert Jacob
Seconded: Cr Dot Newton

That the North Metropolitan Zone supports the recommendation for Item 6.7 Proposed Amendments to the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* for Container Deposit Scheme Infrastructure.

CARRIED

Item 6.8 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Albert Jacob
Seconded: Mayor Tracey Roberts

That the North Metropolitan Zone supports the recommendation for Item 6.8 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC).

CARRIED

Item 6.9 2019 Annual General Meeting Status Update

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Frank Cvitan
Seconded: Cr John Logan

That the North Metropolitan Zone supports the recommendation for Item 6.9 2019 Annual General Meeting Status Update.

CARRIED

7. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

7.1 President's Report to the Zone

Mayor Roberts presented the WALGA President's Report. Report was distributed with the Agenda.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr David Lagan
Seconded: Mayor Mark Irwin

That the WALGA President's Report to the Zone be accepted.

CARRIED

7.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

Mayor Tracey Roberts presented on the previous State Council meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr David Lagan
Seconded: Mayor Albert Jacob

That the State Councillor's report to the Zone be accepted.

CARRIED

7.3 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Representative Update Report.

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries update to the Zone was provided at item 2.3 of the agenda.

Please see link for full update: [DLGSC Zone Update February – March 2020](#)

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Tracey Roberts
Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan

That the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Update to the Zone be accepted.

CARRIED

8. BUSINESS

8.1 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 North 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 Albert Jacob
Seconded: Mayor Tracey Roberts

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

CARRIED

8.2 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 south-western 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, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions has requested to attend a future Zone meeting to discuss this matter further and seek feedback.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Frank Cvitan
Seconded: Mayor Tracey Roberts

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

CARRIED

8.3 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 Russell Poliwka
Seconded: Cr John Logan

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

CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Deputations to the North Metropolitan Zone

The North Metropolitan Zone took the decision that in the future, deputations to the Zone shall be limited to 15 minutes in length. The Zone may grant additional time on a case-by-case basis.

9.2 Deputations – Presentation Material

The North Metropolitan Zone took the decision that presentation material relied on during deputations be provided to the Zone members present.

10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Albert Jacob
Seconded: Cr David Lagan

That the next ordinary meeting of the North Metropolitan Zone will be held at 6:00pm on Thursday 30 April at the City of Joondalup, commencing at 6pm.

CARRIED

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.12pm.