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South Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

20 February 2023

South Metropolitan Zone

Hosted by the City of Melville
10 Almondbury Road, Booragoon – 9364 0666
Monday 20 February 2023 commenced at 5:30 pm

Acknowledgement of Country

We, the delegates of the South Metropolitan Zone acknowledge the traditional owners of this land that we are meeting on today and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.

Minutes

MEMBERS

3 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Cockburn	Mayor Logan Howlett JP Cr Chontelle Stone Cr Phoebe Corke Ms Emma Milne, Acting Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate
Town of East Fremantle	Cr Cliff Collinson Cr Kerry Donovan
City of Fremantle	Cr Doug Thompson - Chair Cr Geoff Graham
City of Kwinana	Mayor Carol Adams OAM Ms Maria Cooke, Acting Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Melville	Cr Duncan Macphail Cr Karen Wheatland Cr Glynis Barber Cr Katy Mair, Deputy (Observer) Mr Marten Tieleman, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
WALGA Secretariat	Cr Paul Kelly, Deputy President Narelle Cant, Executive Manager Advocacy Ruby Pettit, Policy Officer Planning
DLGSC Representative	Chloe Papasergio, Manager Board Governance and Reporting
Guest Speaker	Melita Markey, Chief Executive Officer, Asbestos Society

APOLOGIES

City of Rockingham	Mayor Deb Hamblin Cr Caroline Hume Cr Hayley Edwards Mr Michael Parker, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate
City of Cockburn	Cr Tom Widenbar
City of Kwinana	Cr Sherilyn Wood Cr Barry Winmar
City of Fremantle	Cr Frank Mofflin Mr Glen Dougall, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
Town of East Fremantle	Cr Laura Mascaro Mr Gary Tuffin, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zone Delegates were requested to provide sufficient written notice, wherever possible, on amendments to recommendations within the State Council or Zone agenda to the Zone Chair and Secretariat prior to the Zone meeting.

Agenda Papers were emailed 7 days prior to the meeting date.

Confirmation of Attendance An attendance sheet was circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes of previous meeting
2. Zone Status Report
3. President's Report
4. Standing Orders

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Elected Members 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.

Nil.

2. DEPUTATIONS

2.1 Asbestos Society

Melita Markey, Chief Executive Officer of the Asbestos Diseases Society of Australia provided a presentation on asbestos clean-up following a disaster at the request of the Zone.

Noted

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

Chloe Papasergio, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries gave an update on Local Government Legislative Reform.

Noted

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett
Seconded: Cr Karen Wheatland

That the Minutes of the meeting of the South Metropolitan Zone held on 29 November 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Cr Karen Wheatland sought clarification on protocol for State Councillors voting in accordance with Zone resolutions.

Deputy President, Cr Paul Kelly provided a response.

4.1 Status Report

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

Noted

5. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA – MATTERS FOR DECISION

(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)

The full State Council Agenda can be found via link: [1 March 2023 State Council Agenda](#)

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

Matters for Decision

7.1 Proposed Advocacy Position on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

That the following Advocacy Position be endorsed:

WALGA supports constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People through the enshrining of a Voice to Parliament.

RESOLUTION

That the South Metropolitan Zone supports item 7.1 of the State Council Agenda.

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

CARRIED

7.2 Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Submission

That the submission on the draft Western Australian Community Disaster Resilience Strategy be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams OAM
Seconded: Cr Geoff Graham

That the additional points be included in the WALGA submission as below:

- **Omission of donation management during a disaster, recovery from a disaster and ongoing. There is no guidance in the document around this matter;**
- **Appears to focus initiatives and opportunities on Local Government rather than identifying clearly what the State can do and how it can be coordinated, the funding that is required and how support can be accessed. There needs to be more detail around this given it is driven by the SEMC;**
- **Fails to provide guidance around how a community can support individual impacts;**
- **Training of VBFB members in resilience training is not supported. VBFB members role is focusing on response, this training is better targeted to support agencies and community groups that are focussed on disaster recovery.**

CARRIED

7.3 Child Safeguarding Advocacy Position

That the Child Safeguarding Advocacy Position as follows be endorsed:

Child Safeguarding

1. *Local Government supports:*
 - a. *the recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse 2017, in particular Recommendation 6.12 which can be achieved by Local Government implementing and embedding child safeguarding across its functions with support from Governments at the national, state and territory levels; and*
 - b. *the ten National Principles for Child Safe Organisations (Australian Humans Rights Commission).*
2. *The State Government through an Independent Oversight Body should provide financial, resourcing and capacity building support to Local Governments to implement and embed child safeguarding across its functions, through the provision of:*
 - a. *supporting materials such as template policies, procedures and guidelines;*
 - b. *consistent key messaging and resources to promote and share in venues and facilities and online;*
 - c. *examples of best practice, including case studies;*
 - d. *self-assessment tools to assist Local Government;*
 - e. *ongoing training and skills development for Local Government staff, including online training options;*
 - f. *funding for the delivery of the child safeguarding function within smaller, less well resourced (Band 3 and Band 4) Local Governments; and*
 - g. *expert officers within each region to provide support and guidance to Local Government on child safeguarding.*
3. *The Local Government sector supports Local Government participation in the State's National Redress Scheme, with full financial coverage by the State.*

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the South Metropolitan Zone supports item 7.3 of the State Council Agenda.

CARRIED

7.4 Submission on Draft Guideline Minimising Noise Impact from Outdoor Community Basketball Facilities

That the submission on the Draft Guideline: Minimising noise impact from outdoor community basketball facilities be endorsed.

The Zone discussed the importance of active recreation and whether the WALGA submission was strong enough.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geoff Graham
Seconded: Cr Chontelle Stone

That the South Metropolitan does not support submission in item 7.4 of the State Council Agenda.

CARRIED

7.5 Main Roads Draft Roadside Advertising Policy and Application Guidelines

That the submission to Main Roads on its Draft Roadside Advertising Policy and Application Guidelines be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams OAM
Seconded: Cr Karen Wheatland

That the submission to Main Roads on its Draft Roadside Advertising Policy and Application Guidelines be endorsed and include an additional point as follows:

WALGA to pursue independent legal advice around the head of power to enforce the policy.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: Cr Chontelle Stone

That the South Metropolitan Zone notes all Policy Team Reports, Matters for Noting and Organisational Reports as listed in the March 2023 State Council Agenda.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS

6.1 2023 Local Government Honours Program

The annual Local Government Honours Program affords significant public recognition and celebration of the outstanding achievements and lasting contributions made by Elected Members and Local Government officers to their respective Councils, the WA Local Government sector and the wider community.

Nominations for the 2023 Honours Program are open now.

There are six awards in the 2023 Program:

1. Local Government Medal
2. Life Membership
3. Eminent Service Award
4. Merit Award
5. Local Government Distinguished Officer Award
6. Young Achievers Award

Nominations will close at **5:00pm on Friday, 9 June** and the awards will be presented as part of the WALGA Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 18 September.

For more information or to submit a nomination, visit the WALGA website or contact Kathy Robertson, Executive Officer Governance, on 9213 2036 or via email at honours@walga.asn.au.

Noted

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Local Government Legislative Reform

The Minister for Local Government has advised that he will be introducing the legislative reform proposals in 2 tranches. The first to be introduced in March/April 2023 covering the following areas;

- Electoral Reform
 - Number of Elected Members – tiered limits
 - Optional Preferential voting
 - Public vote to elect the Mayor/President for Bands 1 and 2
 - No electoral wards for Bands 3 and 4
 - Filling extraordinary vacancy without extraordinary election
- Standardised Council meeting procedures,
- Live streaming of meetings for Bands 1 and 2
- Recording of meetings for Bands 3 and 4,
- Caretaker period
- Publication of information relating to CEO's performance
- Community Engagement
- Council/CEO Communications agreements
- Fees paid and expenses reimbursed to committee members

The second tranche that will be introduced later in the year will cover the following;

- Office of the Local Government Inspector
- Monitors
- Conduct Panel
- Elected Member Superannuation
- Audit Committees
- WALGA's role in the Local Government Act
- Streamlining Regional Subsidiaries

There has been requests for WALGA to advocate for Elected Member Superannuation to be considered in tranche 1 rather than tranche 2.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: Cr Chontelle Stone

That the South Metropolitan Zone request WALGA to advocate for Elected Member Superannuation to be included in the first tranche of Local Government Act reforms.

CARRIED

Cr Duncan Macphail, Cr Karen Wheatland, Cr Glynis Barber, Cr Katy Mair, Deputy (Observer) and Mr Marten Tieleman, Chief Executive Officer from City of Melville left the meeting at 6.34pm.

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 WALGA President's Report

The State Council representative, Deputy President Paul Kelly presented the President's Report.

Noted

8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

WALGA State Councillor Mayor Logan Howlett presented on the previous State Council meeting.

Noted

9. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the South Metropolitan Zone will be held Monday 24 April 2023 at the City of Rockingham commencing at 5.30 pm.

10. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:49pm.