



South West Country Zone Minutes

15 February 2023

Shire of Augusta Margaret River

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South West Country Zone

Meeting was held at

Shire of Augusta Margaret River, 41 Wallcliffe Road, Margaret River

Commenced at 9.00am, Wednesday 15 February 2023

Minutes

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Chair, President Cr Tony Dean opened the meeting at 9:08am.

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

We, the South West Country Zone of WALGA acknowledge the Nyoongar people, the Traditional Custodians of this land, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and future.

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance

Shire of Augusta Margaret River	President Cr Paula Cristoffanini Ms Stephanie Addison-Brown, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Boyup Brook	Mr Arthur Kyron, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes	Mr Tim Clynych, Chief Executive Officer
City of Bunbury	Mayor Jaysen de San Miguel (via Teams) Mr Mal Osborne, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate (via Teams)
Shire of Capel	President Cr Doug Kitchen Gordon MacMile, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Collie	President Cr Sarah Stanley Mr Stuart Devenish, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Dardanup	President Cr Michael Bennett
Shire of Donnybrook Balingup	Mr Ben Rose, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Harvey	President Cr Paul Gillett Mr Dean Winter, Director Corporate Services non-voting delegate

Shire of Manjimup	Hon President Cr Paul Omodei Mr Andrew Campbell, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Nannup	President Cr Tony Dean Mr David Taylor, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
WA Local Government Association Secretariat	Mr Tim Lane, Manager, Association and Corporate Governance (executive officer) Ms Nicole Matthews, Executive Manager Policy Mr Daniel Thomson, Economist
Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries	Mr Brendan McNally, Regional Manager Peel-South West
RDA South West	Mr Charles Jenkinson, Director Regional Development
Australia's South West	Catrin Allsop, Chief Executive Officer
National Emergency Management Agency	Sam Ramsay
NBN Local	Peta Greening, Community Engagement Manager WA Katina Bowie, Community Engagement Manager

Apologies

Shire of Boyup Brook	President Cr Richard Walker
Shire of Bridgetown Greenbushes	President Cr Jenny Mountford
City of Busselton	Mayor Grant Henley Mr Tony Nottle, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Dardanup	Mr, André Schönfeldt, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup	Commissioner Gail McGowan
Shire of Harvey	Ms Annie Riordan, Chief Executive Officer
South West Development Commission	Ms Mellisa Teede, Chief Executive Officer

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Attachments

The following were provided as attachments to the agenda:

1. South West Country Zone Minutes – 25 November 2022
2. WALGA President's Report
3. [1 March 2023 State Council Agenda](#)

5. GUEST SPEAKERS / DEPUTATIONS

5.1 Shire of Augusta Margaret River

President Cr Paula Cristoffanini and Ms Stephanie Addison-Brown, Chief Executive Officer

President Cr Paula Cristoffanini and Ms Stephanie Addison-Brown, Chief Executive Officer, provided an update to the meeting on priorities and key projects.

5.2 NBN Local

Peta Greening, Community Engagement Manager WA

Peta Greening, Community Engagement Manager of nbn co presented on nbn's latest regional upgrade program and what it means for the South West region.

5.3 Economic Update

Daniel Thomson, Economist, WALGA

Daniel Thomson provided an economic update.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26am, and recommenced at 10:56am.

Vale Brian Piesse

The Chair, President Cr Tony Dean, paid tribute to the recently deceased Brian Piesse. Brian was Shire President of the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup between 2017-2021, and previously served four years on the Council of the Shire of Capel. Amongst many other public service roles, Brian was the longest serving Board Member of South West Development Commission, and will be missed by his family, friends and colleagues.

6. MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes from the South West Country Zone meeting held Friday 25 November 2022 (Attachment 1)

The Minutes of the South West Country Zone meeting held on Friday 25 November 2022 were previously circulated to Member Councils and were provided as an attachment to the agenda.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Michael Bennett

Seconded: President Cr Paul Gillett

That the minutes of the South West Country Zone meeting held Friday 25 November 2022 are confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

6.1.1 Business Arising

Nil.

7. ZONE BUSINESS

Nil.

8. WALGA BUSINESS

8.1 WALGA Status Report

By Tim Lane, Zone Executive Officer

BACKGROUND

Status Report for February 2023 which contains WALGA's responses to the resolutions of previous Zone Meetings.

Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update	WALGA Contact
25 November 2022 Zone Agenda Item 7.2 Heavy Haulage Cost Recovery – Advocacy for Update of Framework and Costings	That: 1. The South West Country Zone of WALGA supports and advocates that WALGA update the suite of User Guides and Technical Tools for Recovering the Cost of Road Wear and Heavy Haulage. 2. WALGA investigate an extractive industry royalty for Local Government.	Updating the cost model underpinning the User Guides and Technical Tools for determining appropriate cost recovery from heavy haulage operations will be added to the work program for 2023. In the interim it is suggested that Local Governments adjust the calculated cost using change in the <u>Road and Bridge Construction Cost Index WA</u> , published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, between the date of publication and the current cost index.	February 2023	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031

<p>7 December 2022 State Council Agenda Item 5.3 Biosecurity Advocacy Position</p>	<p>That the South West Zone opposes the imposition of a Declared Pest Rate, and that funding for biosecurity should be provided by the State Government from consolidated revenue.</p>	<p>State Council Resolution</p> <p>That State Council endorse replacing Advocacy Position 4.5 Post Border Biosecurity with a new Biosecurity Advocacy Position as follows:</p> <p>4.5 Biosecurity</p> <p>Western Australia's economy, environment and the community are facing increasing challenges posed by already established and new pests, weeds and diseases.</p> <p>Local Government has a significant role in biosecurity management, as land managers and regulators, and therefore has an interest in ensuring that Western Australia's biosecurity system, including control of declared pests, is effective and appropriately resourced.</p> <p>WALGA considers significant changes to the operation of the State's biosecurity system, including the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007, are required to ensure these risks can be managed now and into the future.</p> <p>To be effective the Western Australian biosecurity system must: Take a transparent approach to the notion of 'shared responsibility' by ensuring that: The respective roles and responsibilities of Commonwealth, State and Local Government, industry, landholders, community groups and individuals are agreed and clearly articulated; and There is improved pest management on State Government managed land and a formalised structure for State Government agencies with responsibilities for biosecurity management to work together and coordinate their activities. Be underpinned by a strategic framework, developed in collaboration with stakeholders, that: Establishes priorities for biosecurity threats in geographically defined regions, sets measurable targets and guides investment in biosecurity activities; and Is regularly evaluated and reported on. Have a greater focus on environmental biosecurity, through the increased recognition and management of pest species that have significant ecological impacts. Be adequately, sustainably and equitably funded: The appropriateness and effectiveness of the Declared Pest Rate (DPR) and Recognised Biosecurity Group (RBG) model as key mechanisms for the management of widespread and established declared pests should be reviewed and alternate mechanisms considered; Increased and more equitable distribution of funding for every step in the biosecurity continuum and adequate resourcing for all stakeholders, including Local Government; and The provision of funding for declared pest management in metropolitan areas. Ensure that the criteria and process for listing of declared pests is evidence-based, timely and transparent. Have an increased emphasis on compliance through education and enforcement activity, to ensure land managers are aware of their legislative responsibilities and are supported to implement biosecurity actions. Facilitate the use of new technologies, strategic monitoring, and the establishment of data management systems to inform biosecurity investment decisions and support adaptive management. Improve the community's understanding, awareness and action in relation to biosecurity to assist with threat surveillance and timely response to incursions.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 396.8/2022</p>	<p>February 2023</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walga.asn.au 9213 2039</p>
		CARRIED		

		Complete		
26 August 2022 Zone Agenda Item 7.2 Renergi Waste Processing	That the South West Country Zone request WALGA to: 1. Adopt a position that supports the utilisation of emerging waste processing technologies; and 2. Advocate to the Minister for Environment to review the regulatory framework surrounding environmental approvals and operational obligations to allow new, alternative treatment processes and technologies that will reduce landfill reliance by improving resource recovery rates, including the processing of FOGO and un-separable, co-mingled material.	Following the Renergi presentation to the Environment Policy Team and MWAC meeting on 26 October 2022, further consideration was given by both groups at their December meeting to the Zone motion. Additional feedback from the Shire of Collie and Renergi was provided to the Policy Team and MWAC to inform their recommendation. That the Environment Policy Team and MWAC: 1. Do not support WALGA adopting a position that supports the utilisation of any particular waste processing technologies. 2. Notes that as part of the current Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Reform process, WALGA will advocate to ensure that the regulatory framework does not disadvantage new technologies which meet environmental and human health requirements and have the potential to assist Local Governments to meet the targets specified in the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy. COMPLETE	February 2023	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walga.asn.au 9213 2039
26 August 2022 Zone Agenda Item 7.1 Cat Control Measures and Advocacy for Reforms to the Cat Act	That the South West Country Zone request WALGA to support and advocate that the State Government progress remaining reforms of the Cat Act 2011.	State Council at its December 2022 meeting resolved as follows; That: 3.10 Reform of the <i>Cat Act 2011</i> <i>That the WA Local Government sector requests the WA State Government prioritise reforms to the Cat Act 2011, in accordance with the Statutory Review undertaken and tabled in the State Parliament on 27 November 2019.</i>	February 2023	Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services tbrown@walga.asn.au 9213 2051

NOTED.

8.2 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda

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

The Zone can 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.

7.2 Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Submission

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

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 Human 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.*

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.

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.

Matters for Noting

- 9.1 Animal Welfare in Emergencies Grant Program Overview
- 9.2 Emergency Management Update
- 9.3 Local Development Plan Background Paper
- 9.4 2023-24 WALGA Federal Budget Submission
- 9.5 WALGA Submission on Phase Three of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-Design Process
- 9.6 Child Care Premises Position Statement: Consultation Response
- 9.7 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)

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

MOTION

Moved: Mr Ben Rose
Seconded: President Cr Paula Cristoffanini

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.

LOST

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Sarah Stanley
Seconded: President Cr Michael Bennett

That WALGA abstains from forming an advocacy position on constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People through the enshrining of a Voice to Parliament.

CARRIED

State Council Agenda – Matters for Decision

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Michael Bennett
Seconded: Hon President Cr Paul Omodei

The South West Country Zone of WALGA supports all Matters for Decision 7.2-7.5 as listed above in the 1 March 2023 State Council Agenda.

CARRIED

State Council Agenda – Matters for Noting

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Michael Bennett
Seconded: President Cr Sarah Stanley

The South West Country Zone notes all Policy Team Reports, Matters for Noting as listed in the 1 March 2023 State Council Agenda.

CARRIED

8.3 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

9. AGENCY REPORTS / PRESENTATIONS

9.1 WALGA President's Report

Tim Lane provided a brief update to the Zone on behalf of the WALGA President.

9.2 South West Development Commission

Mellisa Teede, Chief Executive Officer is an apology for this meeting.

9.3 Regional Development Australia – South West

Director of Regional Development, Charles Jenkinson, provided a brief update to the Zone.

9.4 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Brendan McNally, Regional Manager Peel South-West provided a brief update to the Zone.

9.5 Australia's South West

Chief Executive Officer Catrin Allsop provided a brief update to the Zone.

9.6 National Emergency Management Agency

Sam Ramsay, NEMA, provided a brief update to the Zone.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT

10.1 Financial Report

South West Country Zone			
As at 30 June 2022			
	Budget	Actual	Comments
	FY	YTD	
	\$	\$	
Opening Cash Balance	12,748	12,748	
Income			
Subscription Income	7,200	7,200	12 @ \$600 each
Total Income	7,200	7,200	
Expenses			
Bank Charges	72	38	12 months @ \$6
Total Expenses	72	38	
Closing Cash Balance	19,876	19,910	

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Michael Bennett

Seconded: President Cr Paul Gillett

That the Financial Report be received.

CARRIED

11. EMERGING ISSUES

Nil.

12. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETINGS

12.1 Future Meeting Dates

Meeting dates for 2023 are listed below.

MEETING DATE	HOST LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Friday 21 April 2023	Bridgetown Greenbushes
Friday 23 June 2023	Nannup
Friday 25 August 2023	Busselton
Friday 24 November 2023	Capel

12.2 Next Meeting

MEETING DATE	HOST LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Friday 21 April 2023	Bridgetown Greenbushes

13. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 11:43am.