

North Metropolitan

Zone

Minutes

19 April 2023

North Metropolitan Zone

Hosted by the City of Joondalup,
90 Boas Avenue, Joondalup – 9400 4000

Wednesday, 19 April

The Chair declared the meeting open at 6:31pm

Acknowledgement of Country

We, the Zone members acknowledge the continuing connection of Aboriginal people to Country, culture and community. We embrace the vast Aboriginal cultural diversity throughout Western Australia, including Boorloo (Perth), on the land of the Whadjuk Noongar People, where this meeting is being held and we acknowledge and pay respect to Elders past and present.

Minutes

MEMBERS

4 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Joondalup	Mayor Hon. Albert Jacob JP (<i>arrived at 6:40pm</i>) Cr Russ Fishwick JP Cr Adrian Hill Ms Simone Holmes-Cavanagh, Acting Director Governance and Strategy - non-voting delegate
City of Stirling	Cr David Lagan - Chair Cr Stephanie Proud JP Mr Jamie Blanchard, Manager Governance – non-voting delegate
City of Wanneroo	Cr Jordan Wright Cr Frank Cvitan JP Cr Jacqui Huntley Cr Glynis Parker Mr Harminder Singh, A/Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
WALGA Representatives	Nick Sloan, Chief Executive Officer Kathy Robertson, Executive Officer Governance

APOLOGIES

City of Joondalup	Cr Nige Jones Mr James Pearson, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate Mr Jamie Parry, Director Governance and Strategy non-voting delegate
City of Stirling	Mr Stuart Jardine, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
City of Wanneroo	Mr Daniel Simms, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
DLGSC Representative	

Guest Speakers Christine Comer, Assistant Director National Emergency Management Agency

ABSENT

City of Stirling Cr Felicity Farrelly
Cr Chris Hatton

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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.

ATTACHMENTS WITHIN THE AGENDA

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

1. 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 National Emergency Management Agency

Christine Comer, Assistant Director, Engagement Branch was scheduled to present at this meeting, however advised that she was no longer able to attend due to an Emergency Management conflict.

Christine has requested to be rescheduled to a future meeting.

Noted

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

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representative, was an apology for this meeting. An update was provided with the Agenda.

Noted

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jordan Wright
Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan

That the Minutes of the meeting of the North Metropolitan Zone held on 16 February 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

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: [State Council Agenda 3 May 2023](#)

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 Best Practice Governance Review – Feedback on Governance Model

That:

1. This report summarising feedback from Members on the Best Practice Governance Review Final Report be received; and
2. Two sets of constitutional changes be developed for consideration by State Council at the July 2023 meeting to be put to the 2023 Annual General Meeting, that:

- a. Give effect to the revised Model 1, as per the Best Practice Governance Review Final Report; and
- b. Refine the constitution to address inconsistencies and other issues while maintaining the current governance model.

7.2 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' Child Safe Awareness Policy Template

That State Council:

1. Supports the draft Child Safe Awareness Policy Template being provided to Local Governments to assist with their implementation of Recommendation 6.12 of the Royal Commission (Child Safety Officers in Local Government); and
2. Notes the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' commitment to providing ongoing support and resourcing assistance to Local Governments to assist with implementation of the draft Child Safe Awareness Policy Template and other relevant actions relating to child safeguarding, through the Child Safeguarding Implementation Unit.

7.3 Abandoned Shopping Trolleys Advocacy Position

That State Council endorse the following position on Abandoned Shopping Trolleys:

The Local Government Sector advocates for State Government to consult with the Sector and prioritise legislative reforms that require retailers to contain shopping trolleys within shopping centre property boundaries, inclusive of enforcement and modified penalty mechanisms that are a realistic economic imperative for retailers to comply with containment requirements.

7.4 Speed Management Reform Advocacy Position

That the Speed Management Advocacy Position as follows, be endorsed:

1. *That WALGA supports Local Governments wishing to manage travel speeds, including speed limit changes, as a means of achieving the many health, social and environmental benefits for communities.*
2. *That Main Roads WA (MRWA) retain the overarching authority for speed limit setting/zoning.*
3. *That Main Roads WA speed zoning policies and processes be reformed so that Local Governments are more influential in the determination of speed limit decreases or increases for local roads.*
 - a. *This will include applications that are deemed to be approved when the application:*
 - i. *is based on assessments by competent Local Government practitioners,*
 - ii. *contains evidence-based identification of the benefits,*
 - iii. *contains preliminary designs for infrastructure safety upgrades associated with applications to increase speed limits, and*
 - iv. *includes an engagement strategy for managing community and stakeholder expectations.*
 - b. *Allows for Main Roads WA to decline an application, within a mutually agreed timeframe, on the basis that it:*
 - i. *does not meet the above criteria, and*
 - ii. *provides specific evidence for declining the application.*
4. *That WALGA seeks to work with Main Roads WA and other stakeholders, to develop a speed management guide for Local Governments.*

7.5 State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement 2023/24 to 2027/28

That the State Roads Funds to Local Government Agreement 2023/24 – 2027/28 be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Russ Fishwick
Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan

That the North Metropolitan Zone:

1. Supports all Matters for Decision as listed above in the May 2023 State Council Agenda; and
2. Notes all Policy Team Reports, Matters for Noting and Organisational Reports as listed in the May 2023 State Council Agenda.

CARRIED

6. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

6.1 President's Report to the Zone

WALGA Chief Executive Officer, Nick Sloan presented the President's Report. A copy of the Report was distributed with the Agenda.

Noted

Mayor Albert Jacob joined the meeting at 6:40pm.

6.2 State Council Minutes

The North Metropolitan Zone notes the Minutes of the previous State Council meeting, as provided in the link below.

[State Council Minutes March 2023](#)

Noted

7. BUSINESS

7.1 Community Batteries Report Request

By City of Stirling

BACKGROUND

Seeking the Zone's support for a report to be presented to the Zone on the commitment and progress of Community batteries under the 'Power to the People' Federal Government initiative showing targeted suburbs and completion timelines.

And that this report outlines synergies with household solar panels within targeted suburbs and cheaper power via the Community batteries from households feeding solar generated power into the community battery and using stored power during agreed usage timeframes.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Frank Cvitan
Seconded: Cr Jacqui Huntley

That the North Metropolitan Zone requests WALGA to prepare a report for the June North Metropolitan Zone meeting on:

- 1. commitment and progress of Community batteries under the 'Power to the People' Federal Government initiative showing targeted suburbs and completion timelines; and**
- 2. outline synergies with household solar panels within targeted suburbs and cheaper power via the Community batteries from households feeding solar generated power into the community battery and using stored power during agreed usage timeframe; and**
- 3. include the issue of cost to homeowners who seek to get power back from the community battery.**

CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

9. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the North Metropolitan Zone will be held on Thursday, 22 June at the City of Stirling, commencing at 6:30pm.

10. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:55pm.