



East Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

27 August 2020

East Metropolitan Zone

Hosted by the City of Belmont

215 Wright Street, Cloverdale – Phone 08 9477 7222

Thursday 27 August 2020. Commenced at 6:00 pm

Minutes

MEMBERS

3 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

Town of Bassendean	Cr Sarah Quinton
City of Bayswater	Cr Catherine Ehrhardt Cr Stephanie Gray Cr Giorgia Johnson
City of Belmont	Cr George Sekulla
City of Kalamunda	Cr Brooke O'Donnell - Chair Cr Janelle Sewell Ms Rhonda Hardy, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Mundaring	Cr Jason Russell Cr Simon Cuthbert Mr Jonathan Throssell, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Swan	Cr Rod Henderson Cr Patty Jones Cr Cate McCullough
WALGA Secretariat	Mr Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure Marissa MacDonald, Senior Policy Advisor, Community
Guest Speakers	Jonathan Cossack, Homelessness WA

APOLOGIES

Town of Bassendean	Cr Chris Barty Cr John Gangell Mr Mike Foley Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Bayswater	Mr Andrew Brien, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Belmont	Cr Bernie Ryan Mayor Phil Marks Mr John Christie, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Mundaring	Cr Kate Driver
DLGSC Representative	Jodie Holbrook, Director Local Government Policy and Engagement

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

Additional Attachments

- Item 5.5 local Government Act Review Panel Report
- COVID-19-Update
- COVID-19 Impact on Local Economies

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.

Cr Sarah Quinton declared an interest on Item 6.1 as she works for the WA Association of Mental Health.

2. DEPUTATIONS

All Deputations have a time limit of 20 minutes, which includes questions time.

2.1 Homelessness WA

Jonathan Cossack presented to the Zone on ideas for homelessness hubs in the area.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Janelle Sewell
Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the East Metropolitan Zone held 25 June 2020 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: <https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/2ec50f86-fa98-4e62-92e7-4a68fd60c7f3/Agenda-State-Council-2-September-2020.pdf>

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

5.1 Park Home Approvals and the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995

Moved: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

Seconded: Cr Cate McCullough

That WALGA requests the State Government to:

1. Urgently amend the *Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995* to allow the continued lawful placement of new manufactured homes on caravan park sites until 2030; and
2. Undertake a full review of the *Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995* and associated legislation and regulations.

CARRIED

5.2 Submission on Decision Paper – Swimming Pool and Safety Barrier Control

Moved: Cr Stephanie Gray

Seconded: Cr Janelle Sewell

That the submission on the Decision Paper on Swimming Pool and Safety Barrier Control, be endorsed.

CARRIED

5.3 Development Assessment Panels

AMENDMENT

A motion to move an amendment was made.

Moved: Cr Sarah Quinton
Seconded: Cr Jason Russell

To amend the second recommendation to increase the threshold to \$4 million for Development Assessment Panel proposals, instead of \$3 million – to read ‘2. Raising the Development Assessment Panel threshold from the current \$2 million ~~back to \$4 million~~’

CARRIED

AMENDED RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sarah Quinton
Seconded: Cr Jason Russell

That the findings and recommendations of the Development Assessment Panels, 2011-20 Review be endorsed and that WALGA advocate for:

1. The abolishment of the current ‘mandatory’ mechanism which requires a Development Assessment Panel to act as the decision maker where a proposal has a value of \$10 million or greater, and replace this with an ‘opt in’ mechanism for all proposals;
2. Raising the Development Assessment Panel threshold from the current \$2 million to \$4 million; and
3. The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to make public comprehensive data related to the performance of the Development Assessment Panel system to improve the transparency of the system.

CARRIED

5.4 Air Handling Discussion Paper Part Two

Moved: Cr Stephanie Gray
Seconded: Cr Simon Cuthbert

That the submission to the Department of Health in response to the Air Handling discussion paper Part Two be endorsed.

CARRIED

5.5 Local Government Act Review Panel Report

Please refer to agenda attachment on this item

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt
Seconded: Cr Jason Russell

That WALGA defer endorsing recommendations on the Local Government Act Review Panel Report until the WALGA AGM.

CARRIED

Matters for Noting

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Stephanie Gray
Seconded: Cr Janelle Sewell

That the East Metropolitan Zone

- 1. Notes all Matters for Noting and Organisational Reports as listed in the September 2020 State Council Agenda.**

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS

6.1 WALGA Advocacy – Prevent Support Heal Campaign

By Cr Kate Driver, Shire of Mundaring

BACKGROUND

Local Governments are at the forefront of their communities' social and emotional wellbeing. From supporting community groups to high level statutory requirements, Local Governments have a big role to play in the prevention of mental health problems and supporting people to stay well and connected to each other, their families and friends and living at home. This has been particularly evident during COVID as Councils have adjusted to keep their communities connected while physical distancing.

As Local Government look to implementing a new Public Health Plan required under the Public Health Act 2016, mental health is a vital addition to any plan, through prevention programs and community connectedness.

The Western Australian Association for Mental Health is the peak body for community mental health services, believing in the vision that as a human right, every one of us will have the resources and support needed for mental wellbeing, recovery and citizenship.

However, despite record investment in mental health, State Government funding for community mental health supports and prevention has gone backwards under the McGowan Government and spending for the crisis end has increased. The ten-year plan Better Choices. Better Lives: Western Australian Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Services Plan 2015-2025, agreed to by the sector after wide consultation suggested we should be spending 26% of the optimal mix on hospitals, yet the Auditor General found that figure was now closer to 49%.

Meanwhile, 27% of hospital beds are being occupied by someone who doesn't need to be there because there is a lack of support in the community, costing \$1500 per day. This makes WA the most expensive state because we are spending so much on the crisis end. The plan also said we should spend 5% of the optimal mix on prevention, that figure is now 1%; and we should spend 22% on community support, that figure is now 5%.

This also means people with mental health challenges are returning to their communities after hospital, without the proper supports they need, or they have to be in crisis to get care.

WAAMH have launched the Prevent Support Heal campaign and are seeking support from the Local Government sector. www.preventsupportheal.org.au

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt
Seconded: Cr Jason Russell

That WALGA:

1. Recognises the important role Local Governments play in helping people stay connected and contributing members of their communities through prevention programs and community development initiatives and more broadly helping community mental health organisations care for people with mental health challenges, particularly through the COVID pandemic;
2. That WALGA formally endorse and support the Prevent Support Heal campaign by;
 - a. Writing to all Mayors and CEOs at each LGA in WA about the campaign
 - b. Promoting the campaign through their various communications channels

and;

3. Requests all Mayors write to Premier Mark McGowan that funding for mental health prevention and community support must be increased as a matter of urgency for Local Governments to care for their communities through the COVID recovery and beyond.

CARRIED

6.2 Family and Domestic Violence Discussion Paper

By Marissa MacDonald, Senior Policy Advisor, Community, WALGA

Background

WALGA received requests from the South West Country Zone in March 2019 and the East Metropolitan Zone in November 2019 to analyse and address the issue of family and domestic violence.

In November 2019 the East Metropolitan Zone endorsed the following:
That WALGA:

1. Investigate the support currently being provided by the Municipal Association of Victoria in relation to the prevention of violence against women; and
2. Present a report to the WALGA East Metropolitan Zone on the outcome of the investigations and how WALGA can provide support and advice to the sector on how it can collectively work towards reducing family and domestic violence in the Western Australian community and for employees of Local Government in Western Australia.

WALGA has developed a discussion paper with recommendations in response to these requests. Please see the link below to the discussion paper:

<https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/Policy-Advice-and-Advocacy/People-and-Place/Family-and-Domestic-Violence/Local-Government-and-FDV-Discussion-Paper-FINAL.pdf?lang=en-AU>

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Simon Cuthbert
Seconded: Cr Janelle Sewell

1. That WA Local Governments recognise the prevalence, seriousness and preventable nature of family and domestic violence and the roles that Local Governments which have capacity can voluntarily play in addressing gender equity and promoting respectful relationships in their local community.
2. That WALGA advocates to the State Government:
 - a. to define and communicate the role, responsibilities and expectations of Local Governments in family and domestic violence.
 - b. for adequate funding for family and domestic violence programs and services, particularly in regional areas.
 - c. for appropriate resources and funding be allocated to Local Governments to implement any particular roles and actions addressing family and domestic violence as defined in the State Strategy.
 - d. to provide support to Local Government in the broader rollout of the Prevention Toolkit for Local Government.
 - e. to continue advocacy to the Commonwealth Government for additional funding and support.
3. That WALGA organises presentations for Local Governments that address family and domestic violence, as part of relevant events or webinars.

AMENDMENT

A motion to move an amendment was made.

Moved: Cr Brooke O'Donnell
Seconded: Cr Jason Russell

The WALGA recommendation is supported subject to the removal of 'which have capacity' and 'voluntarily' from the first recommendation to read:

That WA Local Governments recognise the prevalence, seriousness and preventable nature of family and domestic violence and the roles that Local Governments ~~which have capacity~~ can voluntarily play in addressing gender equity and promoting respectful relationships in their local community.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION AS AMENDED

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CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 WALGA President's Report

The President's Report was noted.

Noted

8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

WALGA State Councillor, Cr Catherine Ehrhardt presented on the previous State Council meeting.

Noted

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

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representative, Jodie Holbrook sent through an update to the Zone on DLGSC issues. A link and an attachment Community Resilience – Perth Metro was provided to the Zone prior to the meeting. Please also see link below:

<https://mailchi.mp/dlgsc/local-matters-august-2020-1096582>

Noted

9. NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING

Nil.

10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the East Metropolitan Zone be held on 26 November 2020 at the City of Kalamunda commencing at 6:00pm.

Noted

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:24pm.