



# East Metropolitan Zone

## Minutes

30 April 2020

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# East Metropolitan Zone

Held via Zoom

Thursday 30 April 2020, commenced at 6:00 pm

## Minutes

### MEMBERS

### 3 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

Town of Bassendean	Cr John Gangell Cr Sarah Quinton Mayor Renee McLennan (Deputy delegate)
City of Bayswater	Cr Catherine Ehrhardt Cr Stephanie Gray Cr Giorgia Johnson Mr Andrew Brien, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Kalamunda	Cr Brooke O'Donnell - <b>Chair</b> Cr Janelle Sewell Ms Rhonda Hardy, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Mundaring	Cr Doug Jeans (Deputy delegate) Cr Kate Driver Mr Jonathan Throssell, Chief Executive Officer
City of Swan	Cr Rod Henderson Cr Patty Jones Cr Cate McCullough
WALGA Secretariat	Mr Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure Ms Susie Moir, Policy Officer Community
DLGSC Representative	Shannon Wood Senior Legislation and Strategy Officer (LG Bill and regulations update) Gordon MacMile Director Strategic Coordination and Delivery (Redress update) Carol Hodgen Project Officer Local Government Policy and Engagement
Guest Speakers	Nil

### APOLOGIES

Town of Bassendean	Cr Chris Barty Ms Peta Mabbs, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Mundaring	Cr Jason Russell Cr Simon Cuthbert
City of Belmont	Mayor Phil Marks Cr George Sekulla Cr Bernie Ryan Mr John Christie, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Swan	Mr Mike Foley, 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 Attendance was registered at 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 – To be sent out when available
4. Standing Orders

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## **1. DEPUTATIONS**

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### **1.1 Department of Local Government , Sport and Cultural Industries**

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Mr Shannon Wood provided an update on Local Governments and COVID19.

### **1.2 Update on National Redress Scheme**

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Mr Gordon MacMile provided an update to the Zone on the National Redress Scheme and what Local Governments involvement will entail. The need for a formal Council decision to participate in the scheme and for that decision to be communicated to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries by 31 May 2020 was highlighted.

The approved presentations schedule for the East Metropolitan Zone is as follows:

June 2020 – Tree Decline

August 2020 – None booked or requested to date

November 2020 – Western Australian Disability Enterprises and Grow it Local

**Noted**

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## **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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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.

**No interests were declared.**

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### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Janelle Sewell  
Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the East Metropolitan Zone held 27 February 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

**CARRIED**

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### **4. BUSINESS ARISING**

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

**Noted**

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### **5. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION**

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*(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)*

#### **4. EMERGING ISSUES**

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##### **4.1 COVID-19 – WALGA Response**

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#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Catherin Ehrhardt  
Seconded: Cr Patty Jones

That the information contained in this report relating to WALGA's response to the COVID-19 pandemic be noted.

**CARRIED**

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##### **4.2 Local Government Act Emergency Provisions (05-034-02-0015TL)**

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#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Janelle Sewell  
Seconded: Cr Stephanie Gray

**That WALGA:**

1. Notes and supports the introduction of legislation that:
  - a. Provides for Ministerial emergency powers on the condition that the Local Government sector is consulted prior to the issuing of an order using this power, and
  - b. Provides the ability for Local Governments to suspend a provision of a local law.
2. Continues to advocate for the 2019-20 valuations to apply to the 2020-21 rates.

**CARRIED**

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## 5. MATTERS FOR DECISION

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### 5.1 Amendment to Third Party Appeal Rights – Preferred Model (06-03-01-0001VJ)

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Cr Driver and Cr Johnson spoke to an alternative motion.

#### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Gangell  
Seconded: Cr Sarah Quinton

1. That the proposed amendment to the Third Party Appeals process Preferred Model, being that third parties in addition to Local Governments are able to make an appeal on decisions made by Development Assessment Panels, is not supported; and
2. That the proposed amendment to the Third Party Appeals process Preferred Model, being that closely associated third parties in addition to Local Governments are able to appeal decisions made by the Western Australian Planning Commission and the State Administrative Tribunal, in addition to Development Assessment Panels, is not supported.

CARRIED

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### 5.2 Managing Lodging House Health Risks in WA (05-031-01-0001 BW)

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#### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt  
Seconded: Cr Kate Driver

That the submission to the Department of Health in response to the Managing Lodging House Health Risks in WA discussion paper is endorsed.

CARRIED

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### EN BLOC MOTION – MATTERS FOR NOTING

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#### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Doug Jeans  
Seconded: Cr Cate McCulloch

That the Zone supports the WALGA recommendation to note Items 6.1 through 6.3 of the April 2020 WALGA State Council Agenda en bloc.

CARRIED

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### EN BLOC MOTION – KEY ACTIVITY REPORTS

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#### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Cate McCullough  
Seconded: Cr Patty Jones

That the Zone supports the WALGA recommendation to note Items 7.1.1 through 7.1.4 of the April 2020 WALGA State Council Agenda en bloc.

CARRIED

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## EN BLOC MOTION – POLICY FORUM REPORTS

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### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Janelle Sewell  
Seconded: Cr Stephanie Gray

That the report on the key activities of the Association's Policy Forums to the May 2020 State Council be noted.

CARRIED

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## 6. BUSINESS

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### 6.1 COVID-19 Regional Level Vulnerability Analysis

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#### Background

To assist Local Governments as they look to provide the most appropriate response and recovery packages in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, WALGA have been assessing the extent to which each local community in WA will be impacted by COVID-19. As a way of doing this, WALGA analysed a range of demographic and social data that provide an indication of the COVID-19 health and economic vulnerability of each Local Government Area in WA. The indicators analysed for each Local Government Area include:

#### Health vulnerability

- Share of people aged over 70
- Share of lone person households
- Share of households with no motor vehicles
- Share of people who need assistance with core activities
- Population density

#### Economic Vulnerability

- Share of people who work in impacted industries
- Share of businesses in impacted industries
- Share of non-employing businesses
- Share of businesses with less than \$2m in annual turnover
- Share of households with no internet access

Over 60 individual Local Governments have been provided with an analysis pack specific to their district, and now WALGA have aggregated and reported on this data at the WALGA Zone level.

Analysis was attached with the Agenda.

#### Noted

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## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

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### 7.1 WALGA Advocacy in relation to Aboriginal Communities and Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs)

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#### Background

At the Special State Council meeting on 27 March 2020 State Council resolved, among other things, to request Local Government to give consideration to supporting community sporting and cultural groups by either establishing grant programs or waiving fees and charges. The purpose of the resolution is to

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expand these groups covered to include Aboriginal community groups and Aboriginal Community Controlled organisations in future advocacy.

## RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Cr Brooke O'Donnell  
**Seconded:** Cr Janelle Sewell

**WALGA advocate to Federal Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt and State Ministers Ben Wyatt and Peter Tinley for the State Government to ensure that vulnerable Aboriginal communities and ACCOs are provided additional support during the COVID-19 pandemic to enable the continuation of their services and activities.**

**CARRIED**

### Note:

#### East Metro Zone Local Government Responses to COVID19

Cr Jones requested that WALGA facilitate the sharing between the Zone CEOs of a summary of each Zone members' COVID19 responses.

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## **8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

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### **8.1 WALGA President's Report**

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The WALGA representative Ian Duncan presented the President's Report.

**Noted**

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### **8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone**

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WALGA State Councillor, Cr Cate McCullough presented the report.

**Noted**

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

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Representatives from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representative updated the Zone on DLGSC issues.

Please also see link below:

[DLGSC Zone Update](#)

**Noted**

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### **8.4 Topics for next meeting update by the DLGSC**

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Due to the current situation of Covid-19, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries are currently experiencing difficulty in staff availability to ensure that a representative with the expertise on the relevant subject matter can attend Zone meetings.

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Therefore it is with regret at this time, only the usual sector updates via a link (as per Item 8.3) from the Department will be provided, attendance will occur where possible and requested topics for future meetings will be placed on hold until further notice.

**Noted**

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**9. NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING**

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**10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

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**That the next ordinary meeting of the East Metropolitan Zone be held on 25 June 2020 at the City of Bayswater or videoconference (to be confirmed) commencing at 6:00pm.**

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**11. CLOSURE**

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There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.50pm.