

South East Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

28 November 2018

South East Metropolitan Zone

Hosted by the Town of Victoria Park

99 Shepperton Road, Victoria Park.

Wednesday 28 November commenced at 6:00 pm

Minutes

MEMBERS

2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Armadale	Mayor Henry Zelones AM JP Cr Ruth Butterfield (DSC) Mr Paul Sanders, Acting Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
City of Canning	Cr Ben Kunze – Deputy Chair Cr Sara Saberi
City of Gosnells	Cr Julie Brown (SC) Cr Olwen Searle Mr Ian Cowie, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate
City of South Perth	Cr Greg Milner Cr Blake D'Souza – Deputy delegate Mr Geoff Glass, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
Town of Victoria Park	Cr Bronwyn Ife Cr Brian Oliver (SC) Mr Anthony Vuleta, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
WALGA Secretariat	Ms Lyn Fogg, Governance Advisor Mr Ashley Robb, Project Officer, Planning
DLGC Representative	Jodie Holbrook, Director Local Government Policy and Engagement
Guest Speakers	Nil

APOLOGIES

City of South Perth	Mayor Sue Doherty - Chair
City of Canning	Mr Arthur Kyron Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
City of Armadale	Mr Ray Tame, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation of Attendance, an attendance sheet was circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting to record your name for the minutes.

ATTACHMENTS WITHIN THE AGENDA

1. LG Act Review Forum Report
2. Draft Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Zone Status Report
4. President's Report
5. Standing Orders

1. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Julie Brown
Seconded Cr Brian Oliver

That the Minutes of the meeting of the South East Metropolitan Zone held on 29 August 2018 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Pursuant to our Code of Conduct, Councillors must declare to the Chairperson 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.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

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

Noted

5. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION

<https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/About-WALGA/Structure/State-Council/Agendas-and-Minutes/Agenda-State-Council-5-December-2018.pdf.aspx>

5.1 Proposed Removal by Main Roads WA of the “Letter of Approval” Restricted Access Vehicle Operating Condition

Recommendation to State Council:

That WALGA:

1. Opposes withdrawal of the “Letter of Approval” Restricted Access Vehicle Operating Condition until an acceptable alternative is developed;
2. Supports the position that Local Governments not use provision of the Letter of Authority to charge transport operators to access the Restricted Access Vehicle network;
3. Supports the development of standard administrative procedures including fees and letter formats; and
4. Supports the practice of Local Governments negotiating maintenance agreements with freight owners/ generators in cases where the operations are predicted to cause extraordinary road damage.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Julie Brown

Seconded Mayor Henry Zelones

That the WALGA recommendation to State Council be supported.

CARRIED

5.2 Bus Stop Infrastructure Partnership Agreement 2018/19 - 2022/23

Recommendation to State Council:

That the Bus Stop Infrastructure Partnership Agreement be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Olwen Searle

Seconded Cr Ruth Butterfield

That the WALGA recommendation to State Council be supported.

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5.3 2019-20 State Budget Submission

Recommendation to State Council:

That WALGA's submission to the State Government in advance of the 2019-20 Budget be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Moved **Cr Julie Brown**

Seconded **Cr Sara Saberi**

That the WALGA recommendation to State Council be supported.

CARRIED

5.4 Interim Submission: Cost Recovery for Clearing Permits and Water Licences and Permits – DWER Discussion Paper

Recommendation to State Council:

That the WALGA interim submission which opposes increased cost recovery for clearing permits and water licenses and permits by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Moved **Cr Olwen Searle**

Seconded **Cr Julie Brown**

That the WALGA recommendation to State Council be supported.

CARRIED

5.5 Waste Levy Policy Statement

Recommendation to State Council:

That the Waste Levy Policy Statement 2018 be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Moved **Cr Greg Milne**

Seconded **Cr Olwen Searle**

That the WALGA recommendation to State Council be supported.

CARRIED

5.6 Standard Development Conditions Guidelines

Recommendation to State Council:

That the Standard Development Conditions Guideline, be endorsed and that WALGA recommends use of the resource by Local Governments when reviewing and/or preparing standard development conditions.

RESOLUTION

Moved Mayor Henry Zelones

Seconded Cr Julie Brown

That the WALGA recommendation to State Council be supported.

CARRIED

5.7 WALGA Paper – Off Road Vehicles and Local Government

Recommendation to State Council:

That WALGA advocates for the State Government to:

1. Conduct a review of current legislation to align registration and licensing of Off Road Vehicles (ORVs) with other vehicle types and users.
2. Allocate funding for feasibility studies to identify suitable sites for new ORV Permitted Areas throughout the State, which considers environmental values, future land use planning impacts, public safety, amenity and environmental issues and Local Government risk and liability issues.
3. Develop and implement, in collaboration with WALGA and ORV stakeholders, educational resources and training suitable to the specific needs of ORV users, stakeholders and Local Governments. Resources should include; guidance on compliance and enforcement arrangements aligned with the *Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978* and other relevant legislation, user and permitted area operational safety, signage standards, insurance and liability mitigation strategies.
4. Develop and implement, in collaboration with ORV vendors, resources and practices that ensure ORV buyers are informed at the point of sale about ORV registration, regulation and restrictions applicable to ORV vehicle use and consequences of non-compliance.
5. Consider and consult on the regulation of the vendor's role in providing information to buyers regarding ORV registration, regulation and restrictions.
6. Develop and implement, in collaboration with stakeholders and industry representatives, resources to educate and raise community awareness about the proper use of ORVs, ORV permitted and prohibited areas, and the consequences of non-compliance.
7. Ensure that the WA Police Force allocates resources to address unlawful ORV use in consultation with Local Government law enforcement.

RESOLUTION

Moved Mayor Henry Zelones
Seconded Cr Sara Saberi

That the WALGA recommendation to State Council be supported.

CARRIED

5.8 Submissions – *Public Health Act 2016* Regulation Review Program

Recommendation to State Council:

That the interim submissions provided to the Department of Health Public Health Act 2016 Discussion Papers on Regulations for Construction Sites Facilities, Temporary Toilets and Cloth Materials be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Julie Brown
Seconded Cr Olwen Searle

That the WALGA recommendation to State Council be supported.

CARRIED

5.9 Aboriginal Advocacy and Accountability Office Interim Submission

Recommendation to State Council:

That the interim submission to An Office for Advocacy and Accountability in Aboriginal Affairs in Western Australia: Discussion paper be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Ben Kunze
Seconded Mayor Henry Zelones

That the WALGA recommendation to State Council be supported.

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5.10 Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Recommendation to State Council:

That the interim submission: Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse: A Local Government Response to the Western Australian State Government Child Safety Implementation Plan be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Moved Mayor Henry Zelones
Seconded Cr Julie Brown

That the WALGA recommendation to State Council be supported.

CARRIED

5.11 Partnering with Local Government for Youth

Recommendation to State Council:

That the following amended policy statement be endorsed:

The Local Government sector supports the development and well-being of children and young people through strategic partnerships and a combination of services and facility provision. The Association advocates that the State and Commonwealth should continue to invest in the wellbeing of young West Australians.

RESOLUTION

Moved **Cr Ben Kunze**

Seconded **Cr Blake D'Souza**

That the WALGA recommendation to State Council be supported.

CARRIED

5.12 Managing Alcohol in our Communities Guide

Recommendation to State Council:

That the Managing Alcohol in our Communities (MAIOC) Guide be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Moved **Cr Olwen Searle**

Seconded **Mayor Henry Zelones**

That the WALGA recommendation to State Council be supported.

CARRIED

State Council Agenda Items for Noting

The following Item was withdrawn for discussion.

6.3 Report: Review of Local Government Care Parking Requirements in Western Australia

The South East Metropolitan Zone members noted the following points in discussion:

- Local Governments should be encouraged / facilitated to collect and build data sets based upon actual parking behaviours associated with development within their Districts, rather than rely on historical parking provision standards from Canada or America. This data could then be collated and analysed across the State.
- Different parking ratios are required for different localities, dependent on the amenity and public transport options available. For example where there is limited public transport services, more parking is required.
- Residential development also requires review. For example small lot developments, which provide residents with limited storage capacity or garages which are too small to accommodate larger vehicles are resulting in garages being used for storage and vehicles being parked on street.

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Julie Brown
Seconded Cr Ruth Butterfield

That the Matters for Noting / Information be received and noted.

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Notice of Meetings 2019

By Chantelle O'Brien, Zone Executive Officer

A Schedule of the proposed meeting dates for the South East Metropolitan Zone 2019 has been prepared and is set out below. The dates have been set to coincide with the WALGA State Council meetings.

The proposed meeting dates for the South East Metropolitan Zone for 2019 require adoption by delegates. As with previous years, the venue for each meeting has been rotated amongst Members.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS
SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE MEETING
2019

Zone Meeting Dates Wednesday	Time	HOST COUNCIL	State Council Meeting Dates 2019
20 March	Wednesday 6.00 pm	City of Armadale	Wednesday 26 March 2019
1 May	Wednesday 6.00 pm	City of Canning	Wednesday 8 May 2019
26 June	Wednesday 6.00 pm	City of Gosnells	Wednesday 3 July 2019
28 August	Wednesday 6.00 pm	City of South Perth	Regional Meeting 5-6 September 2019
27 November	Wednesday 6.00 pm	Town of Victoria Park	Wednesday 4 December 2019

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Bronwyn Ife
Seconded Cr Brian Oliver

That the 2019 proposed schedule of meetings for the South East Metropolitan Zone be adopted.

CARRIED

6.2 Fuel Retailing and Sensitive Land Uses

By Ian Cowie, CEO City of Gosnells

Over recent years, Local Governments have seen heightened community anxiety about the prospect of fuel retailing occurring in neighbourhood centres near homes, schools and child care centres. During the process of assessing Development Applications which involve fuel retailing, the City of Gosnells refers applications to various government stakeholders, including the Department of Health (DoH), the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER). Typically, the City receives no advice from the DWER and the EPA, a supportive recommendation from the DMIRS and concerns and objections from the DoH (and the Department of Education if the site is located near a school). Such fractured advice from these agencies creates uncertainty and inconsistency in decision making.

The EPA's Policy - Separation Distances between Industrial and Sensitive Land Uses, is the relevant guideline with respect to recommended separation distances between industrial and sensitive land uses. These guidelines were first released in 2005, and remained in draft format. Service stations are considered to be an industrial land use under these guidelines, which require various separation distances depending on the hours of operation and location of the service station. The EPA is the custodian of this document, and released a revised draft version for public comment in October 2015, which again was not finalised. According to the DWER website, the draft guidelines have been withdrawn from DWER's suite of Regulatory Framework documents to avoid stakeholder confusion or misunderstanding as to its purpose or use.

Consequently, there is a complete lack of guidance on an issue which is equally relevant in all urban areas across Western Australia.

RESOLUTION

Moved **Cr Julie Brown**
Seconded **Cr Olwen Searle**

That WALGA requests the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to establish a consistent State Government position on the location of fuel retailing outlets to enable appropriate and consistent town planning decisions to be made on such applications.

CARRIED

6.3 Residue Levels of Microplastics in Food and Waste

By Arthur Kyron, CEO City of Canning

Introduction/Background

Microplastics' typically refers to plastic particles less than half a centimetre (<5 mm), that can be released into the environment from industrial abrasives, pre-production pellets ('nurdles'), or as microbeads from facial scrubs, body washes and even toothpaste. Other sources of the release of microplastics into the environment are from the breakdown of macroplastics or larger plastic items such as coffee cup lids, single-use food containers, bread tags, toothbrushes and some so called biodegradable plastics items which are designed to fragment into smaller pieces.

Microplastics have the capacity to enter into the environment, and then fauna through ingestion. In addition to the adverse impact on the environment, flora and fauna, there is growing concern about the potential impact to human health.

There is currently a mechanism for testing and analysis of food products. Local Health Authorities Analytical Committee (LHAAC), established under Part VIII A of the Health Act (WA) 1911, provides a structured approach to the sampling and analysis of food products available in Western Australia (WA). Through this centralised effort, Local Governments submit samples for chemical analysis. Once a set of guidelines for the safe residue limit is set, it would be possible for samples submitted to LHAAC to be analysed for microplastics in food and water.

Microplastics may be manufactured using synthetic chemicals such as polypropylene, polyethylene, BPA, phthalates and parabens.

PFAS found in single-use food containers that contain fluorinated substances as well as firefighting foam, non-stick pans, microwavable popcorn bags, stain resistant materials, clothing and wrappers used in restaurants to help keep grease and water from sticking to the paper. This group of synthetic chemicals - including perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) has been linked to cancer, hormone disruption, obesity, and immune system dysfunction. These chemicals have more tendency to be absorbed onto Microplastics when released in the environment.

COMMENT

The issue of microplastics in the food chain is an emerging issue with limited research available. In more recent times, the World Health Organisation has shown interest in this issue, and in early 2018 announced a review into the potential risks of plastic in drinking water after a new analysis of some of the world's most popular bottled water brands found that more than 90% contained tiny pieces of plastic. A previous study also found high levels of microplastics in tap water. The outcome of this review has not yet been released.

Setting food safety standards is a role of Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ), who are an independent statutory agency established by the Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991 (FSANZ Act). FSANZ is part of the Australian Government's Health portfolio. FSANZ develops standards that regulate the use of ingredients, processing aids, colourings, additives, vitamins and minerals. The Food Standards Code also covers the composition of some foods, eg dairy, meat and beverages, as well as foods developed by new technologies such as genetically modified foods.

It would be appropriate that the matter of standard setting on the issue of micro plastics in food be first raised through the Department of Health.

References:

Cole, M., Lindeque, P., Halsband, C., & Galloway, T. S. (2011). Microplastics as contaminants in the marine environment: a review. Marine pollution bulletin, 62(12), 2588-2597.

Rios, L.M., Moore, C., & Jones, P. R. (2007). Persistent organic pollutants carried by synthetic polymers in the ocean environment. Marine Pollution Bulletin, 54(8), 1230-1237.

RESOLUTION

Moved **Cr Sara Saberi**
Seconded **Cr Ben Kunze**

That the South East Metropolitan Zone request WALGA, in the interests of achieving human health and environmental health objectives, advocates for the Department of Health (Toxicology Branch) to develop a suite of guidelines for maximum safe residue levels of microplastics in food and water.

MOTION TO AMEND

Moved **Cr Ruth Butterfield**
Seconded **Mayor Henry Zelones**

That the motion be amended by inserting at the end, after “in food and water”: “and advocate on this public health issue to the State and Federal Government.”

CARRIED

The Substantive Motion as amended was put:

That the South East Metropolitan Zone request WALGA, in the interests of achieving human health and environmental health objectives, advocates for the Department of Health (Toxicology Branch) to develop a suite of guidelines for maximum safe residue levels of microplastics in food and water and advocate on this public health issue to the State and Federal Government.

CARRIED

6.4 Local Government Act Review Forum – Report Attached

A report had been provided by the facilitator from the Local Government Act Review Forum held in Victoria Park on 24 October 2018. This report was attached to the Agenda for your information.

UPDATE at the meeting:

In respect to the Local Government Act Review, the WALGA process has been as follows:

- October/November 2018 – 19 Local Government Act forums held around the State in Zone groupings
- 16 November 2018 – WALGA distributed an InfoPage requesting Local Governments (Council decision required) to provide a submission on the Act review process. A submission to WALGA requested by 1 February 2019. This will enable Councils to consider an item at their December meetings.
- November Zone Meetings/December 2018 State Council Meeting – Item for noting prepared that covers information on the LG Act review process and a summary of the forums held in October/November and general themes coming through.
- 30 January 2019 – State-wide Forum on the future of Local Government – The forum will include a review of the information coming through from the Local Government Act forums and submissions, in addition there will be guest speakers presenting on the future of Local Government.
- February Zone Meetings/March 2019 State Council Meeting – Item for Decision on sector positions following feedback from Local Government submissions
- 31 March 2019 deadline for submissions to the Department of Local Government

In the last week WALGA has received a number of calls from the sector requesting the submission date be extended to late February 2019, as many Local Governments won't have the ability to consider submissions at their December meetings and many do not have a meeting in January.

In liaison with the WALGA President and also following discussion at the WALGA Executive Committee meeting this week, the submission to WALGA deadline has been extended to 22

February 2019. This allows Local Governments to consider their submission at their February Council meeting. Further, this will allow State Council to consider all Local Government input before resolving its final position.

This change has a flow-on effect which will require changes to the Zone and State Council meeting dates. Zone meetings in late February will change to mid-March and the State Council meeting is moved to late March. Therefore the revised WALGA consultation schedule is now as follows:

- **30 January 2019** State-wide Forum on the future of Local Government – The forum will include a review of the information coming through from the Local Government Act forums and submissions, in addition there will be guest speakers presenting on the future of Local Government.
- **22 February 2019** – Local Government submissions to WALGA Close
- **15 to 22 March 2019** - Zone meetings consider State Council report detailing sector submissions and proposals for WALGA position.
- **26 March 2019** - State Council meeting.
- **31 March 2019** - Deadline for submissions to the Department of Local Government

RESOLUTION

Moved **Cr Olwen Searle**
Seconded **Mayor Henry Zelones**

That the Report from the Local Government Act Review Forum and process from here be noted.

CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Local Government Act Review – Phase 1 Amendments

Ms Lyn Fogg advised the meeting that WALA had been advised by Minister Templeman's office that as this week was the final sitting week for Parliament that the Phase 1 Local Government Act Amendment legislation was to be delayed until the 1st sitting week of 2019.

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 WALGA President's Report

Mr Ashley Robb presented the President's Report.

Noted

8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

WALGA State Councillor's Cr Brian Oliver and Cr Julie Brown presented on the previous State Council meeting.

Noted

8.3 Department of Local Government and Communities Representative Update Report.

Ms Jodie Holbrook, Director Local Government Policy and Engagement, updated the Zone on a number of issues and tabled further information provided in Attachment 1.

Noted

9. MEETING ASSESSMENT

Cr Ruth Butterfield provided feedback as to the effectiveness of the meeting.

10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLUTION

Moved Mayor Henry Zelones
Seconded Cr Ruth Buttefield

That the next ordinary meeting of the South East Metropolitan Zone will be held on Wednesday 20 March 2019 at the City of Armadale commencing at 6:00 pm.

CARRIED

11. CLOSURE

Mayor Zelones and members of the Zone extended thanks to the Zone Chair, Mayor Sue Doherty and Deputy Chair Cr Ben Kunze for their service to the Zone in 2018. Zone Member exchanged Seasons Greetings and extended best wishes to all for the festive season.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.11pm.

WALGA Zone Update

November – December 2018 Edition

Hello, and welcome to the last edition of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) Update for 2018.

It was a great opportunity to be part of the Local Government Professionals WA annual conference held earlier this month. The Department hosted a session on the review of the *Local Government Act 1995* and staff enjoyed being part of the DLGSC booth at the Trade Exhibition, discussing our programs and services with representatives from the local government sector. It was a terrific event and we look forward to being involved next year.

A significant milestone local government came to fruition this month with the passing of the *Suspension and Dismissal Bill*. The Bill amends the *Local Government Act 1995* to enable the Minister to suspend and/or order an individual council member to undertake remedial action.

The consultation continues across the State to inform the development of the new *Local Government Act*. We have partnered with WALGA to host a series of workshops and talked extensively with the community of WA. A Forum is being planned for early next year with WALGA and LG professional and will provide an update on the consultation and feedback on the *Local Government Act 1995* review and consider the future of the sector. The Department has received almost 500 submissions to date. It's a fantastic effort and I'm certain we will receive many more by 31 March 2019.

To assist, the department has prepared a series of discussion papers which I encourage you to read and [have your say on the matters that impact you](#). Your input is crucial to informing a new legislative framework and improving the ways that you conduct business.

With summer nearly upon us, it's a timely reminder of the resources available. A performing arts guide which aims to increase the use of local government arts centres, boost attendance and reduce reliance on rates funding was recently launched.

[Performing Spaces - Local government guide to growing community wellbeing through the performing arts](#) is an initiative of Circuitwest, funded by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development through the Creative Regions program. governments are encouraged to use the guide to maximise the potential of existing arts centres and plan arts and culture needs of your communities.

The Aboriginal History unit have been hard at work on No Less Worthy. The publication that acknowledges the significant contribution of WA Aboriginal servicemen to the World War One effort, [No Less Worthy will be available for download from our website](#).

Wishing you a safe festive season. Until next time.

Duncan Ord, OAM

Director General

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Review of the Local Government Act 1995

In 2017 the McGowan Government announced a review of the Local Government Act 1995. This is the first significant reform of local government conducted in more than two decades. The objective is for Western Australia to have a new, modern Act that empowers local governments to better deliver for the community. Our vision is for local governments to be agile, smart and inclusive.

Local governments and community were invited to have their say on the priority reforms earlier this year and the drafting of a Bill which includes universal training for candidates and council members, council member code of conduct, improvements to CEO recruitment and performance review and a simplified gift framework. [Read the policy positions on the priority reforms.](#)

Minister Templeman expects to introduce a Bill to Parliament in late 2018 giving effect to these reforms.

The next stage will result in a new *Local Government Act* and focuses on delivering for the community based on the themes Agile, Smart and Inclusive. Nine key topic areas are outlined below, and local governments and community members invited to have a say on some or all the reform areas. Click on one of the below topic areas to read more about the proposed reforms and complete the survey.

Surveys are open until **31 March 2019**. For more information please visit www.dlgc.wa.gov.au/lgareview or Email actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au

Agile

Agile includes topics that focus specifically on how local governments can best use their resources to adapt to changing conditions. It is important that they can strike a balance between community expectations, the practical limitations of revenue and expenditure and external pressures.

- [Beneficial enterprises](#)
- [Financial management](#)
- [Rates, fees and charges](#)

Smart

Smart includes topics that focus specifically on enabling local governments to better meet the needs and expectations of their communities through being transparent and accountable.

- [Administrative efficiencies — local laws](#)
- [Council meetings](#)
- [Interventions](#)

Inclusive

Inclusive focuses specifically on local governments representing and involving their communities in decision-making. As the tier of government closest to the community, there is an expectation that local governments represent the whole community, recognise diversity within their district and are responsive to community needs.

- [Community engagement — IPR](#)
- [Complaints management](#)
- [Elections](#)

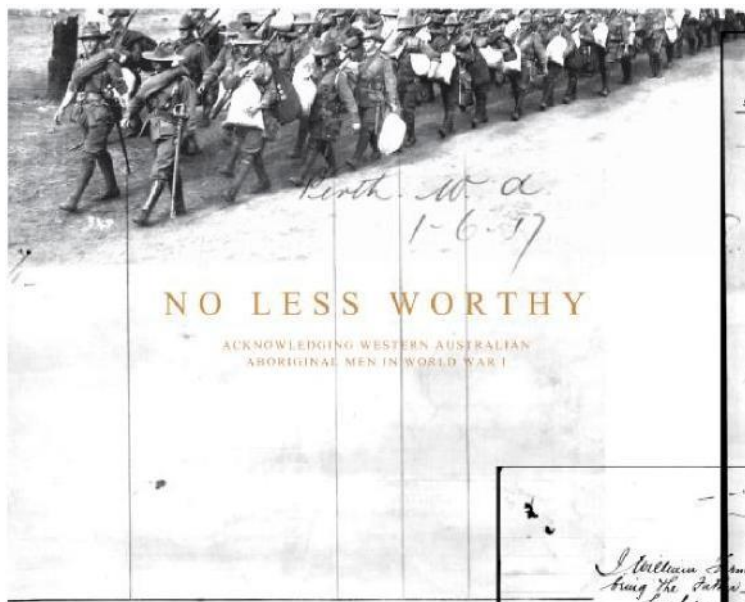
Suspension and Dismissal Bill 2018

The McGowan Government's Local Government Amendment (Suspension and Dismissal) Bill 2018 enables the Minister for Local Government to suspend or dismiss an individual council member, resulting in suspension of their pay. Previously, the Minister could only take action against an entire council, which has impeded the local government's ability to get on with the job of providing good governance to their community due to the actions of an individual.

The new laws will also enable a local government to recover any fees or allowances paid in advance to the member, for the period of suspension, ensuring they are held accountable for their actions.

Under the legislation, the Minister will also be able to provide an order for remedial action, with or without suspension, and suspend an individual councillor during a local government inquiry if it is likely the inquiry would be seriously prejudiced otherwise. More information is available in documents on the Parliament House website www.parliament.wa.gov.au.

No Less Worthy



Extensive genealogical and historical research undertaken by Aboriginal History WA has uncovered the stories of the Western Australian Aboriginal men who volunteered in World War One.

The research has been brought to life in the publication *No Less Worthy*, which will be unveiled on Friday at a commemorative ceremony at the Western Australian Maritime Museum. The release of the book coincides with Remembrance Day on Sunday 11 November, marking the centenary of the signing of the Armistice leading to the end of World War One.

State Local Government Partnership Agreement

The [State Local Government Agreement](#) seeks to strengthen the partnership between the State and local government sector for the benefit of local communities. The Agreement was signed at the 2017 WA Local Government Convention.

The Leadership Group will meet again on the 29^h of November 2018. A meeting communique will be available following the meeting. For more information about the Partnership Agreement [click here](#)

