

State Council

Summary Minutes

7 December 2022

Ordinary meeting no. 5 of 2022 of the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) State Council held at ONE70, LV1, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville on Wednesday, 7 December 2022.

OPEN and WELCOME

The Chair declared the meeting open at 4:22pm.

1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 Attendance

The Chair welcomed:

- State Councillors
- The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas
- LG Professionals WA President, Ms Annie Riordan
- Deputy State Councillor Cr Kerry Smyth, Central Metropolitan Zone
- WALGA secretariat

Observers:

- Deputy State Councillor Cr Melissa Northcott, South East Metropolitan Zone

1.2 Apologies

- Cr Helen Sadler, Central Metropolitan Zone
- President Cr Stephen Strange, Great Eastern Country Zone

1.3 Acknowledgement of Country

WALGA acknowledges the Whadjuk Nyoongar People who are the Traditional Custodians of this land we meet on and pays respects to their Elders past and present.

1.4 Announcements

Nil

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 Minutes of the State Council meeting held 9 September 2022

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

That the Minutes of the WALGA State Council meeting held on [Friday, 9 September 2022](#) be confirmed as a true and correct records of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 393.8/2022

CARRIED

2.1.1 Business arising from the Minutes of meeting held 9 September 2022

Nil.

2.2 Flying Minute – WALGA Submission Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-design Process, Phase Two

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

That the Flying Minute – [WALGA Submission Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-design Process, Phase Two](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 393.8/2022

CARRIED

2.2.1 Business arising from the Flying Minute – WALGA Submission Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-design Process, Phase Two

Nil.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Cr Paul Kelly declared an interest in item 5.10 LGIS Board Remuneration
- The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas declared an interest in item 5.8 Selection Committee Minutes

4. EMERGING ISSUES

Nil.

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5. MATTERS FOR DECISION

5.1 2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions

By Tim Lane, Manager Association and Corporate Governance

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell JP
Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan JP

That:

1. the following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be endorsed for action:

3.8 Review of the Rating Methodology used by the Valuer-General

Advocate for a full review of the rating methodology used by the Valuer-General to value all land in the State of Western Australia.

3.10 Reform of the Cat Act 2011

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.

2. the following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the relevant Policy Team for further work to be undertaken:

3.1 Road Traffic Issues

That WALGA advocate on behalf of the local government sector to the State Government and in particular, Main Roads, to increase importance and weight given to local knowledge and input regarding road traffic issues including requests for speed reduction, intersection treatments and overall preventative and traffic safety measures.

3.2 Car Parking and Traffic Congestion Around Schools

That WALGA engages with the State Government on behalf of Local Government to review issues associated with car parking and traffic congestion around school sites including but not limited to:

1. *Reviewing car parking standards for schools;*
2. *Ensuring sufficient land is set aside for the provision of parking on school sites;*
3. *Reviewing the co-location of schools to avoid issues being exacerbated;*
4. *Restricting school access from major roads;*
5. *Developing plans to enable schools to manage school traffic;*
6. *Develop programs to educate drivers; and*
7. *Develop options and implement initiatives to encourage alternative modes of transport to school.*

3.3 Proposal for Regional Road Maintenance Contracts with Main Roads WA

That WALGA assist Local Governments and work with the Hon Minister Rita Saffioti to introduce a similar program that is currently in play in Queensland and introduce a sole invitee Program for Local Governments to engage in a Road Maintenance Performance Contract with Main Roads WA.

3.4 Northern Australia Beef Roads Program

That WALGA work with the Hon Madeleine King MP Minister for Resources and Minister for Northern Australia to make Beef Road Funding available to all Australian Local Governments north and south, or establish a Southern Australia Beef Road Funding Program to allow for equitable support across Australia's beef and agriculture industries.

3.5 3D House Printing Building Compliance

That WALGA requests:

- 1. Assistance from Minister for Industry and Science The Hon Ed Husic MP, Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Small Business The Hon Julie Collins MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government The Hon Catherine King MP to work with Ministers from all State and Territory Governments who have Building and Construction in their portfolios, to collaborate and to consider removing impediments within the National Construction Code Series and associated Australian Standards, that dissuade industry from adopting 3D printing as a building method.*
- 2. That the Government provide instruments to incentivise private industry to develop 3D printing and include this as an acceptable building practice.*

3.6 South West Native Title Settlement

That WALGA advocate to the State Government that Local Governments be provided with the full list of potential land to be requested for transfer as part of the South West Native Title Settlement and that a minimum of three months be provided for Council to provide feedback.

3.7 Land Offset Compensation to Local Governments

That WALGA advocate to the State Government that the Developer requiring land offsets should be required to provide the offsets within the Local Government where the clearing occurs and where this is not possible, the Developer requiring land offsets within another Local Government be required to pay a fee to the Local Government for the loss of rates and ongoing maintenance of infrastructure to the Land.

3.12.1 Abandoned Shopping Trolleys

That this meeting supports the recent petition to be tabled in the Legislative Council, Parliament of Western Australia, "Removal and Abandonment of Shopping Trolleys 22-0017" calling on the State Government to implement stringent and uniform shopping trolley containment laws for the whole state of Western Australia.

3. the following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be noted:

3.11 WALGA Best Practice Governance Review – Principles

That:

1. *The update on the Best Practice Governance Review project be noted, and*
2. *The principles to inform WALGA's future governance model, as follows and as per the attached Principles document, be endorsed:*
 - a. *Representative – WALGA unites and represents the entire Local Government sector in WA and understands the diverse nature and needs of members, regional communities and economies.*
 - b. *Responsive – WALGA is an agile association which acts quickly to respond to the needs of members and stakeholders.*
 - c. *Results Oriented – WALGA dedicates resources and efforts to secure the best outcomes for Local Government and supports the delivery of high-quality projects, programs and services.*

3.12.2 Mandatory Superannuation for Elected Members in Band 1 and 2 Councils

That this meeting supports requesting WALGA to advocate for the Local Government reforms to include mandatory superannuation for elected members of Band 1 and Band 2 Councils and supports the optional payment of superannuation for Band 3 and 4 Councils.

RESOLUTION 394.8/2022

CARRIED

5.2 Elected Member Superannuation

By Tim Lane, Manager Association and Corporate Governance

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

Seconded: Cr Doug Thompson

That WALGA:

1. **advocates for superannuation to be required to be paid to Elected Members of Local Governments in Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (SAT) Band 1 and Band 2; and**
2. **supports the position that superannuation payments to Elected Members of Local Governments in SAT Band 3 and Band 4 should be optional and determined by Council.**

RESOLUTION 395.8/2022

CARRIED

5.3 Biosecurity Advocacy Position

By Rebecca Brown, Manager Waste and Environment

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: President Cr Tony Dean

That State Council endorse replacing Advocacy Position 4.5 *Post Border Biosecurity* with a new Biosecurity Advocacy Position as follows:

4.5 Biosecurity

Western Australia's economy, environment and the community are facing increasing challenges posed by already established and new pests, weeds and diseases.

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.

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.

To be effective the Western Australian biosecurity system must:

- 1. Take a transparent approach to the notion of 'shared responsibility' by ensuring that:*
 - a) The respective roles and responsibilities of Commonwealth, State and Local Government, industry, landholders, community groups and individuals are agreed and clearly articulated; and*
 - b) 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.*
- 2. Be underpinned by a strategic framework, developed in collaboration with stakeholders, that:*
 - a) Establishes priorities for biosecurity threats in geographically defined regions, sets measurable targets and guides investment in biosecurity activities; and*
 - b) Is regularly evaluated and reported on.*
- 3. Have a greater focus on environmental biosecurity, through the increased recognition and management of pest species that have significant ecological impacts.*
- 4. Be adequately, sustainably and equitably funded:*
 - a) 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;*

- b) Increased and more equitable distribution of funding for every step in the biosecurity continuum and adequate resourcing for all stakeholders, including Local Government; and*
 - c) The provision of funding for declared pest management in metropolitan areas.*
- 5. Ensure that the criteria and process for listing of declared pests is evidence-based, timely and transparent.*
- 6. 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.*
- 7. Facilitate the use of new technologies, strategic monitoring, and the establishment of data management systems to inform biosecurity investment decisions and support adaptive management.*
- 8. Improve the community's understanding, awareness and action in relation to biosecurity to assist with threat surveillance and timely response to incursions.*

RESOLUTION 396.8/2022

CARRIED

5.4 Submission on *Environmental Regulation Reform: A Strategic Review of Regulatory Delivery and Fees for Industry Regulation*

By Rebecca Brown, Manager Waste and Environment

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell JP
Seconded: President Cr Moira Girando JP

That the submission on *Environmental Regulation Reform: A Strategic Review of Regulatory Delivery and Fees for Industry Regulation* be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 397.8/2022

CARRIED

5.5 Updated Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advocacy Position

By Susie Moir, Policy Manager Resilient Communities

MOTION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams OAM

Seconded: Cr Doug Thompson

That State Council endorse the following updated Advocacy Position on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage:

3.1.3 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 and South West Native Title Settlement

WALGA acknowledges Noongar people as the traditional owners of the South West Region. Local Government is supportive of conserving and protecting the State's Aboriginal cultural heritage.

WALGA supports the introduction of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 which will provide a modern framework for the recognition, protection, conservation and preservation of Aboriginal cultural heritage and recognises the fundamental importance of Aboriginal cultural heritage to Aboriginal people. The State Government must ensure that:

- 1. The legislation balances the need to protect Aboriginal cultural heritage with the requirement for Local Government to undertake activities in a timely and affordable manner;***
- 2. The implementation and ongoing operation of the legislative system for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage is adequately resourced to ensure that all parties have the capacity, capability and resources to discharge their statutory obligations;***
- 3. Support is provided to Local Governments to ensure that they have the resources, capacity and capability to comply with a complex legislative framework; and***
- 4. That cultural impact assessments are conducted for any land with previously identified cultural significance.***
- 5. Local Governments have the ability to deliver essential infrastructure works and emergency activities efficiently and effectively in order to maintain public safety.***

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Chris Pavlovich
Seconded: Cr Les Price

That State Council endorse the following updated Advocacy Position on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage:

3.1.3 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 and South West Native Title Settlement

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- 3. Support is provided to Local Governments to ensure that they have the resources, capacity and capability to comply with a complex legislative framework; and***
- 4. Local Governments have the ability to deliver essential infrastructure works and emergency activities efficiently and effectively in order to maintain public safety.***

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Les Price
Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

That the updated Advocacy Position on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage include the following as additional points 5 and 6:

- 5. WALGA advocate for and support the recognition of regional local Aboriginal people to be actively engaged in the Local Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Services (LACHS) groups; and***
- 6. the various Prescribed Body Corporates (PBCs) be required to actively seek out local regional members to be included in the consultation and decision making process.***

RESOLUTION 398.8/2022

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED

The substantive motion now reads:

That State Council endorse the following updated Advocacy Position on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage:

3.1.3 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 and South West Native Title Settlement

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WALGA supports the introduction of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 which will provide a modern framework for the recognition, protection, conservation and preservation of Aboriginal cultural heritage and recognises the fundamental importance of Aboriginal cultural heritage to Aboriginal people. The State Government must ensure that:

- 1. The legislation balances the need to protect Aboriginal cultural heritage with the requirement for Local Government to undertake activities in a timely and affordable manner;***
- 2. The implementation and ongoing operation of the legislative system for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage is adequately resourced to ensure that all parties have the capacity, capability and resources to discharge their statutory obligations;***
- 3. Support is provided to Local Governments to ensure that they have the resources, capacity and capability to comply with a complex legislative framework; and***
- 4. Local Governments have the ability to deliver essential infrastructure works and emergency activities efficiently and effectively in order to maintain public safety.***
- 5. WALGA advocate for and support the recognition of regional local Aboriginal people to be actively engaged in the Local Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Services (LACHS) groups; and***
- 6. the various Prescribed Body Corporates (PBCs) be required to actively seek out local regional members to be included in the consultation and decision making process.***

RESOLUTION 399.8/2022

CARRIED

5.6 Review of Coastal Planning Policy Position

By Ashley Robb, Acting Policy Manager, Planning and Building

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Frank Cvitan JP
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell JP

That State Council endorse replacing Advocacy Position 6.8 *Coastal Planning* with a new Coastal Planning Advocacy Position as follows:

6.8 Coastal Planning

WALGA calls for:

1. *Equitable legislative, regulatory and policy changes that preserve public coastal access for current and future generations.*
2. *The provision of sustainable and adequate long-term funding for Local Governments to manage the impacts of coastal erosion and inundation.*

RESOLUTION 400.8/2022

CARRIED

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY STATE COUNCILLORS (UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

5.7 Finance and Services Committee Minutes 23 November 2022

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Seconded: President Cr Moira Girando

That the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee meeting held on 23 November 2022, including the mid-year Budget revision, be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 401.8/2022

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.8 Selection Committee Minutes 16 November 2022 – CONFIDENTIAL

By Tim Lane, Manager Corporate and Association Governance

The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas declared an interest in this item and left the meeting at 4:48pm.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

That the:

- 1. Recommendations contained in the 16 November 2022 Selection Committee Minutes be endorsed; and**
- 2. Resolutions contained in the 16 November 2022 Selection Committee Minutes be noted.**

Cr Michelle Rich left the meeting at 4:59pm.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Mayor Mark Irwin
Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan

That the order of preference be removed from recommendation 5.1.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST

The Chair advised State Councillors that a nominee has requested that their name be withdrawn from the list of recommended panellists.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Russ Fishwick JP
Seconded: Mayor Mark Irwin

That REDACTED be removed from the list.

RESOLUTION 402.8/2022

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED

The substantive motion now reads:

That the:

1. Recommendations contained in the 16 November 2022 Selection Committee Minutes be endorsed, subject to REDACTED name being removed from the list of panellists in recommendation 5.1; and
2. Resolutions contained in the 16 November 2022 Selection Committee Minutes be noted.

RESOLUTION 403.8/2022

CARRIED

The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas and Cr Michelle Rich returned to the meeting at 5:08pm.

5.9 LGIS Board Minutes 11 August and 13 October 2022 – CONFIDENTIAL

By Craig Hansom, LGIS Contract Manager, Member Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell JP

Seconded: Mayor Carol Adams

That the Minutes of the LGISWA Scheme Board meetings held on 11 August and 13 October be noted.

RESOLUTION 404.8/2022

CARRIED

5.10 LGIS Board Remuneration – CONFIDENTIAL

By Craig Hansom, LGIS Contract Manager, Member Services

Cr Paul Kelly declared an interest in this item and left the meeting at 5:12pm.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell

Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

That State Council approve the remuneration for LGIS Board members is increased by 3% for the 2022/23 financial year as per the LGIS Corporate Governance Charter guidance.

RESOLUTION 405.8/2022

CARRIED

Cr Paul Kelly returned to the meeting at 5:13pm.

6. MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

6.1 WALGA Best Practice Governance Review Update

By Tim Lane, Manager Corporate and Association Governance

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

That the update on the Best Practice Governance Review be noted.

RESOLUTION 406.8/2022

CARRIED

6.2 2022-23 October Federal Budget

By Dana Mason, Manager Economics

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

That the update on the 2022-23 October Federal Budget be noted.

RESOLUTION 406.8/2022

CARRIED

6.3 Supporting the Trajectory for Low Energy Buildings – Release of 7 Star Homes Cost Investigation

By Claire Lings, Project Officer, Building

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

That the release of the 7 Star Homes Cost Investigation, completed as part of the Association's position to support the Trajectory for Low Energy Buildings, be noted.

RESOLUTION 406.8/2022

CARRIED

6.4 WALGA October 2022 Quarterly Economic Briefing

By Daniel Thomson, Economist

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

That the WALGA October 2022 Quarterly Economic Briefing be noted.

RESOLUTION 406.8/2022

CARRIED

6.5 WALGA Submission on Phase Two of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-design Process

By Alina Hobson, Policy Officer, Resilient Communities

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

That State Council note the submission to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage relating to Phase 2 of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-design Process*, endorsed via Flying Minute.

RESOLUTION 406.8/2022

CARRIED

6.6 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)

By Rebecca Brown, Manager, Waste and Environment

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

That the resolutions of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council from its 29 June, 24 August and 26 October 2022 meetings be noted.

RESOLUTION 406.8/2022

CARRIED

7. ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

7.1 Policy Team Reports

7.1.1 Environment and Waste Policy Team Report

Presented by Policy Team Chair, Cr Les Price

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Ken Seymour
Seconded: President Cr Laurene Bonza

That the matters considered by the Environment and Waste Policy Team be noted.

RESOLUTION 407.8/2022

CARRIED

7.1.2 Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team Report

Presented by Policy Team Chair, Cr Russ Fishwick

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Russ Fishwick JP
Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan JP

That State Council:

- 1. Retains Advocacy Positions:**
 - a. 2.5.10 Control of Certain Unvested Reserves**
- 2. Deletes Advocacy Positions:**
 - a. 2.5.16 Disposal of Property and Commercial Enterprises**
 - b. 2.5.33 Revoking or Changing Decisions**
- 3. Amends Advocacy Positions:**
 - a. 2.5.34 Contents of Minutes to be retitled and amended to read as follows:**

Advocacy Position 2.5.34 Content of Agenda and Minutes (Transparency)

- 1. Amend Administration Regulation 11 to require information presented in, or attached to, a Council or Committee meeting agenda to be included in the minutes of that meeting.***
- 2. Amend Section 5.95(3) and Administration Regulation 11 to enable confidential attachments to a report included in a Council or Committee meeting agenda and minutes to remain confidential at the discretion of Council, despite the meeting not having been closed to the public when deciding the relevant matter.***

- b. 2.5.42 Dispositions of Property to be amended to read as follows:**

Amend Functions and General Regulation 30 to:

- 1. Remove the financial threshold limitation on a disposition where it is used exclusively to purchase other property – R.30(3).**
 - 2. Modify the disposal by sale (only) limitations prescribed in R.30(2), so that**
 - a. Local Government may dispose of land consistent with the s.3.58 definition of ‘disposal’, where the disposal terms are consistent with the nature of interest that the transferee has in the adjoining land; and**
 - b. The market value limitation of \$5000, set in 1996, is increased to reflect contemporary land values.**
 - 3. Insert an additional exemption for disposal of redundant plant and equipment to another Local Government, Regional Local Government, the government of the State or the Commonwealth or any of its agencies.**
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- 4. Requests the WALGA Secretariat write to the Minister for Local Government as the responsible Minister, reiterating the Sector’s concerns regarding Cat Act local law limitations, requesting the Minister commit to a timeframe for progressing the Cat Act 2011 Review.**
 - 5. Request the WALGA Secretariat to write to the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Cyber Security Unit and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, requesting:**
 - a. Details of the range of services, resources and support provided by the Cyber Security Unit to support the Local Government sector to improve the sector’s cyber security profile.**
 - b. Consideration of State Government funding options for the Local Government sector, to further support improving the sector’s cyber security profile, including:**
 - i. Providing access to State Government infrastructure and controls at no cost to Local Governments to ensure that the Local Government industry has the same level of protection as State Government departments.**
 - ii. Funded by State Government, in a similar approach to how State Government departments cyber security is funded.**
 - iii. Making a funding pool available for Local Governments to improve cyber security through purchasing of hardware and software infrastructure.**

RESOLUTION 408.8/2022

CARRIED

7.1.3 Infrastructure Policy Team Report

Presented by Policy Team Chair, President Cr Chris Pavlovich

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Chris Pavlovich
Seconded: President Cr Laurene Bonza

That the matters considered by the Infrastructure Policy Team be noted.

RESOLUTION 409.8/2022

CARRIED

7.1.4 People and Place Policy Team Report

Presented by Policy Team Chair, President Cr Tony Dean

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Tony Dean
Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan JP

That the matters considered by the People and Place Policy Team be noted.

RESOLUTION 410.8/2022

CARRIED

7.2 Key Activity Reports

7.2.1 Report on Key Activities, Advocacy Portfolio

By Narelle Cant, Executive Manager Advocacy

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr John Daw
Seconded: Cr Les Price

That the Key Activities Report from the Advocacy Portfolio to the December 2022 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 411.8/2022

CARRIED

7.2.2 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure Portfolio

By Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr John Daw
Seconded: Cr Les Price

That the Key Activities Report from the Infrastructure Portfolio to the December 2022 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 411.8/2022

CARRIED

7.2.3 Report on Key Activities, Member Services Portfolio

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr John Daw
Seconded: Cr Les Price

That the Key Activities Report from the Member Services Portfolio to the December 2022 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 411.8/2022

CARRIED

7.2.4 Report on Key Activities, Policy Portfolio

By Nicole Matthews, Executive Manager Policy

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr John Daw
Seconded: Cr Les Price

That the Key Activities Report from the Policy Portfolio to the December 2022 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 411.8/2022

CARRIED

7.3 President's Report

WALGA President, Cr Karen Chappel JP

Report previously distributed to all Zones.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell
Seconded: Cr Ken Seymour

That the President's Report for December 2022 be received.

RESOLUTION 412.8/2022

CARRIED

7.4 CEO's Report

WALGA Chief Executive Officer, Mr Nick Sloan

Report provided under separate cover.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell

Seconded: Cr Ken Seymour

That the CEO's Report for December 2022 be received.

RESOLUTION 412.8/2022

CARRIED

7.5 Ex-Officio Reports

7.5.1 City of Perth Report

The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas provided the City of Perth report to the meeting.

7.5.2 LG Professional's Report

Ms Annie Riordan, President, LG Professionals WA, provided a report to the meeting.

8. ADDITIONAL ZONE RESOLUTIONS

EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

Voice to Parliament

That the East Metropolitan Zone supports a recommendation that an advocacy position to establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament enshrined in the constitution be considered by State Council at a future meeting of the Zones and State Council.

PEEL COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament

The Peel Zone requests that WALGA:

1. Supports a robust and respectful national debate on the Voice to Parliament;
2. Requests that the Commonwealth Government provide further details on the proposed constitutional changes in relation to the Voice to Parliament; and
3. Requests that the Commonwealth Government ensure that Local Governments and local communities across WA are meaningfully engaged with on this issue.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament

That:

1. The South Metropolitan Zone supports the Commonwealth Government with its intent to implement the Uluru Statement from the Heart in full.
2. The South Metropolitan Zone requests WALGA to prepare an advocacy position supporting establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Constitution.
3. The Advocacy position be circulated to WALGA Zones for their next meeting for consideration and feedback.

EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Member Services Portfolio)

Advocacy for Equitable Rates Exemption Controls

That the matter of equitable rate exemption controls is presented to State Council as an advocacy priority for WALGA to seek support from the Minister for Local Government.

GREAT SOUTHERN COUNTRY ZONE (Infrastructure Portfolio)

Reliable Digital Connectivity / Telecommunications

That the Great Southern Zone requests WALGA to advocate for the upgrade of existing infrastructure [telecommunication] (towers).

GREAT SOUTHERN COUNTRY ZONE (Infrastructure Portfolio)

South Coast Highway

That the Great Southern Zone request WALGA to consider an advocacy position on the South Coast Highway reconstruction in relation to the proposed cost and invite all Local Governments along the South Coast corridor to participate.

GREAT SOUTHERN COUNTRY ZONE (Infrastructure Portfolio)

Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements

That the Great Southern Zone requests WALGA to advocate for a review of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA, WA) to reduce the extensive delays in the reporting system.

MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE (Infrastructure Portfolio)

Sealing of Goldfields Highway – Meekatharra Wiluna Road

That the Murchison Country Zone of WALGA:

1. Support the Shires of Meekatharra and Wiluna in sealing the remainder of the Goldfields Highway (Meekatharra Wiluna Road) as a matter of priority;
2. Make representation to the State and Federal Governments on behalf of the Shires of Meekatharra and Wiluna to provide funding for the completion of the project; and
3. Include this motion and support in the next WALGA State Council Agenda.

MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

Review of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007: Consideration of WALGA Discussion Paper

That the Zone endorse the following recommendations:

1. Strategic direction and regional priorities: The State Government develop a strategic framework that enables the prioritisation of biosecurity threats in geographically defined regions and sets targets for declared pest management.

2. Agency responsibilities: The roles and responsibilities of each State Government department responsible for biosecurity management need to be a clearly defined and communicated, a formalised structure for different agencies to work together established, and increased investment made in declared pest management on State Government managed land.
3. Declared Pest Rate and Recognised Biosecurity Groups: If the Declared Pest Rate and Recognised Biosecurity Groups (RBGs) are to continue to be key mechanisms for the management of widespread and established declared pests, changes are required to improve their operation and effectiveness to better support the concept of shared responsibility.
4. Environmental biosecurity: A more balanced view of biosecurity that has a greater focus on environmental biosecurity is required, through increased recognition and management of pest species that have significant ecological impacts.
5. Responses to incursions: Increased and more equitable distribution of funding is required to ensure each step of the biosecurity continuum is adequately resourced for all stakeholders, including Local Government.
6. Management of declared pests in urban areas: Declared pest management in all urban areas requires support through an appropriate funding mechanism.
7. Problematic non-declared pests: The process for the listing of declared pests needs to be timely and transparent to ensure that land managers, including Local Government, are not resourcing the control of an increasing number of problematic non-declared pest species.
8. Sustainable funding model: A sustainable and equitable funding model is required to manage the increasing biosecurity management threat.
9. Compliance and enforcement: The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Developments responsibility for compliance and enforcement needs to be adequately resourced and enacted.
10. Monitoring, research and innovation: Strategic monitoring, use of new technologies and the establishment of data management systems are required to inform biosecurity investment decisions and support adaptive management.
11. Community education and involvement: A stronger focus on community education to increase understanding and awareness will improve engagement with biosecurity management programs and assist with timely incursion responses.

NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

Rural and Regional Bank Closures

1. That WALGA and ALGA support a motion to advocate on behalf of rural and regional communities that, prior to the closure of a rural and regional bank branch, all banks be required to conduct a Social Impact Assessment to gauge the potential impact of the closure on rural and regional communities; and
2. That WALGA and ALGA support a motion to encourage Westpac to maintain its Carnamah Branch beyond 24 February 2023.

SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE (Infrastructure Portfolio)

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.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

Aged Care Services

That the Zone request WALGA to research the impact of this issue on local communities in WA and look to engage the Commonwealth and State Ministers for Health and Health Departments to consider solutions.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Cr Doug Thompson

That the additional Zone Resolutions from the December 2022 round of Zones meetings as follows (excluding the items relating to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament) be referred to the appropriate policy area for consideration and appropriate action, noting that some may have already been referred.

RESOLUTION 413.8/2022

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved: President Cr Michelle Rich
Seconded: Cr Doug Thompson

That the Zone items relating to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament be considered at this meeting.

RESOLUTION 414.8/2022

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved: President Cr Michelle Rich
Seconded: Cr Doug Thompson

That State Council:

1. Supports a robust and respectful national debate on constitutional recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and requests the Commonwealth Government provide further details on the proposed Voice to Parliament.
2. Requests that the Commonwealth Government ensure that Local Governments and local communities across WA are meaningfully engaged with on this issue.
3. Requests WALGA prepare an advocacy position in support of constitutional recognition to be circulated to WALGA Zones for their next meeting for consideration and feedback.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Mayor Peter Long
Seconded: President Cr Chris Pavlovich

That point 3 be amended to read:

3. Requests WALGA prepare a paper on constitutional recognition to be circulated to WALGA Zones for their next meeting for consideration and feedback.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST

The original motion was put:

That State Council:

1. Supports a robust and respectful national debate on constitutional recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and requests the Commonwealth Government provide further details on the proposed Voice to Parliament.
2. Requests that the Commonwealth Government ensure that Local Governments and local communities across WA are meaningfully engaged with on this issue.
3. Requests WALGA prepare an advocacy position in support of constitutional recognition to be circulated to WALGA Zones for their next meeting for consideration and feedback.

RESOLUTION 415.8/2022

CARRIED

President Cr Michelle Rich called for a division.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
1. Mayor Carol Adams	1. President Cr Phil Blight
2. Mayor Ruth Butterfield	2. President Cr Laurene Bonza
3. Cr Carl Celedin	3. Cr Cheryl Cowell
4. Cr John Daw	4. Cr Frank Cvitan
5. President Cr Tony Dean	5. President Cr Moira Girando
6. Cr Catherine Ehrhardt	6. Mayor Logan Howlett
7. Cr Russ Fishwick	7. Cr Chris Mitchell
8. Mayor Mark Irwin	8. Cr Chris Pavlovich
9. Cr Paul Kelly	9. Cr Les Price
10. Mayor Peter Long	10. Cr Ken Seymour
11. President Cr Michelle Rich	
12. Cr Kerry Smyth	
13. Cr Doug Thompson	

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the WALGA State Council will be held at WALGA, ONE70, Level 1, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville on **Wednesday, 1 March 2023**.

The State Council meeting schedule for 2023 is as follows:

Date	Venue
Wednesday, 1 March	WALGA
Wednesday, 3 May	South East Metropolitan Zone, City of Armadale
Wednesday, 5 July	WALGA
Thursday-Friday, 7-8 September	Great Southern Country Zone, Shire of Katanning
Wednesday, 6 December	WALGA

10. CLOSURE

*There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at **6:22pm**.*