

# East Metropolitan Zone

## Minutes

# 24 November 2022

# East Metropolitan Zone

Hosted by the City of Belmont

Function Room, 215 Wright Street Cloverdale – Phone 9477 7222

Thursday 24 November 2022, commenced at 6:30 pm

## Acknowledgement of Country

We, the delegates of the East Metropolitan Zone acknowledge the traditional owners of this land that we are meeting on today and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.

## Minutes

### PRESENT

### 3 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Bayswater

Cr Catherine Ehrhardt  
Cr Josh Eveson  
Cr Giorgia Johnson - **Chair**

City of Belmont

Mayor Phil Marks  
Cr Deborah Sessions  
Cr Bernie Ryan (Deputy)

City of Kalamunda

Cr Brooke O'Donnell  
Cr Janelle Sewell

Shire of Mundaring

Cr Paige McNeil  
Cr John Daw  
Cr Amy Collins (Deputy)

City of Swan

Cr Aaron Bowman  
Mr Cliff Frewing, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

WALGA Secretariat

Mr Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure  
Mr Tony Brown, Executive Director, Member Services  
Ms Vikki Barlow, Senior Policy Advisor Community

### APOLOGIES

Town of Bassendean

Cr Jennie Carter  
Cr Renee McLennan  
Cr Emily Wilding  
Mr Luke Gibson, Acting Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

City of Belmont

Cr George Sekulla  
Mr John Christie, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

Shire of Mundaring

Cr Doug Jeans  
Mr Jonathan Throssell, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

City of Swan	Cr Patty Jones Cr Rashelle Predovnik
City of Kalamunda	Cr Sue Bilich Ms Rhonda Hardy, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Bayswater	Mr Jeremy Edwards, Chief Executive Officer
Guest Speakers	Ms Joanne O'Connor, Senior Environmental Officer, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
DLGSC Representative	Mr Liam O'Neill, Principal Strategy Officer

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zone Delegates were requested to provide sufficient written notice, wherever possible, on amendments to recommendations within the State Council or Zone agenda prior to the Zone meeting to the Chair and Secretariat.

Agenda Papers were emailed 7 days prior to the meeting date to your Council for distribution to Zone Delegates.

Confirmation of Attendance An attendance sheet was circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

## ATTACHMENTS WITHIN THE AGENDA

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

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### 1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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*Cr Sewell declared a Financial Interest in Item 6.3 (Construction Training Fund) and left the room at that time.*

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### 2. DEPUTATIONS

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#### 2.1 Department of Water and Environment Regulation (DWER)

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Ms Joanne O'Connor, Senior Environmental Officer was scheduled to present at this meeting, however the secretariat was advised that she was now not going to be available.

Joanne has offered to invite another team member to present at a future meeting and also invite the Boomerang Alliance to co-deliver with DWER, to discuss the WA Plastic Free Places program they are delivering for the State Government.

This program is over three years and providing support to hospitality businesses such as cafes, events, markets, etc.

**Noted**

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#### 2.2 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Update

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The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representative, Liam O'Neill was unavailable to provide an update the Zone on DLGSC issues.

**Noted**

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

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#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Cr Bernie Ryan  
**Seconded:** Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

**That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the East Metropolitan Zone held 25 August 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.**

**CARRIED (12/0)**

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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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#### **Matters for Decision**

#### **5.1 2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions**

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

**Moved:** Mayor Phil Marks  
**Seconded:** Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

**That the East Metropolitan Zone supports item 5.1 point (1) of the December State Council Agenda.**

**CARRIED (12/0)**

**Moved:** Cr Bernie Ryan  
**Seconded:** Cr Deborah Sessions

**That the East Metropolitan Zone supports item 5.1 points (2) and (3) of the December State Council Agenda.**

**CARRIED (12/0)**

## **5.2 Elected Member Superannuation**

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**

**Moved:** Cr Catherine Ehrhardt  
**Seconded:** Cr Janelle Sewell

**That the East Metropolitan Zone supports item 5.2 of the December State Council Agenda.**

**CARRIED (11/1)**

## **5.3 Biosecurity Advocacy Position**

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**

**Moved:** Cr Catherine Ehrhardt  
**Seconded:** Cr John Daw

**That the East Metropolitan supports Item 5.3 of the December State Council Agenda.**

**CARRIED (12/0)**

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

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

#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Cr Catherine Ehrhardt  
**Seconded:** Cr Deborah Sessions

**That the East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 5.4 of the December State Council Agenda.**

**CARRIED (12/0)**

#### **5.5 Updated Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advocacy Position**

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. Local Governments have the ability to deliver essential infrastructure works and emergency activities efficiently and effectively in order to maintain public safety.*

#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Cr John Daw  
**Seconded:** Cr Janelle Sewell

**That the East Metropolitan Zone supports 5.5 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act Advocacy Position as amended to add a separate additional point (B) as below:**

***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.***

- A) *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.***
- B) *That WALGA supports the engagement of Traditional Owners in the preparation of Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA).***

**CARRIED (12/0)**

## **5.6 Review of Coastal Planning Policy Position**

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**

**Moved: Cr Bernie Ryan**  
**Seconded: Cr Deborah Sessions**

**That the East Metropolitan Zone supports item 5.6 of the December State Council Agenda.**

**CARRIED (12/0)**

## RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Giorgia Johnson  
Seconded: Cr Brooke O'Donnell

That Standing Orders be suspended for discussion of the WALGA Governance Review proposals.

CARRIED (12/0)

*Mr Tony Brown facilitated a discussion concerning WALGA governance models proposed by the working group and highlighted that each Council is requested to formally provide advice of the preferred model, ranked 1 to 5.*

*Standing Orders were resumed.*

### State Council Agenda Item 7.1.4 People and Place Policy Team Report

## RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr John Daw  
Seconded: Cr Brooke O'Donnell

That an advocacy position concerning establishment of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Constitution be considered by a future State Council meeting.

CARRIED (9/3)

## RESOLUTION

That the East Metropolitan Zone

Notes remaining Matters for Noting, Policy Teams and Organisational Reports as listed in the December 2022 State Council Agenda.

CARRIED (12/0)

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## 6. BUSINESS

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### 6.1 Advocacy for Equitable Rates Exemption Controls

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*By City of Belmont*

#### BACKGROUND

The *Local Government Act 1995* provides for rates exemptions. One of the contentious exemptions is for 'land used exclusively for charitable purposes'. The meaning of 'land used exclusively for charitable purposes' is not defined in the Act and differing interpretations of the meanings of 'charity' and 'charitable purposes' have continued to prove challenging across all levels of government in Australia.

It is considered that Local Government rates exemptions for charitable purposes is an inappropriate way to provide benefit as it inequitably imposes on specific local government areas where there may be a higher concentration of such charitable services. They target certain Councils with more charitable land unfairly and is essentially a disguised way of cost-shifting from the State and Federal Governments with mandated responsibility for the key wellbeing portfolios most charities work within (welfare, health, education, etc).

The argument that closure of charitable service providers due to rates affordability might lead to local governments having to fund more services is a misdirect. A clear alternative is that the equivalency to a rates exemption, if it needs to be reduced due to affordability, should be appropriately offset by relevant State or Federal responsible authorities. Electricity and water use etc do not get an exemption, and it should be no different for rates.

The Department of Communities presently pay rates on properties they own, including those properties for the purposes of public housing. It is noted that there has been a growing practice of the Department of Communities leasing these properties to charitable organisations. These charitable organisations appear to essentially be contracted to manage the operational aspects of the public housing properties, but in-turn seek a rate exemption under the provisions of the Act.

Over the last three years, the City of Belmont has seen an increasing proportion of rate exemptions:

- Number of exemptions for 'charitable purposes':
  - 2019/2020 – 98
  - 2020/2021 – 94
  - 2021/2022 – 110
  - 2022/2023 – 113
- Amount in rate exemptions granted by the City of Belmont:
  - 2019/2020 – \$569,962
  - 2020/2021 – \$560,610
  - 2021/2022 – \$608,486
  - 2022/2023 – \$622,768

The above reflects a steadily growing trend in number of exemptions granted, and the increasing costs that are borne by other rate payers in the City of Belmont.

With regard to aged care exemptions, it is argued that the equivalent rates value offset as part of Federal aged-care funding should be shared equally by all taxpayers, instead of being solved at an inequitable level for local Councils that might have a larger comparable volume of aged care housing. All Councils will be under increased pressure to provide land and approvals for aged accommodation for an ageing population, it is therefore proposed that WALGA advocates for rate exemptions to be reconsidered to ensure equitable controls and appropriate support from State and Federal agencies. This matter is included in the current *WALGA Advocacy Positions* document at section 2.5.57 titled *Rating Exemptions – Department of Housing: Leasing to Charitable Organisations*. It is proposed that the advocacy for this matter be escalated as a priority with the Minister for Local Government.

## **SECRETARIAT COMMENT**

The City of Belmont proposal aligns with the following current WALGA advocacy positions:

### *Position Statement*

*A broad review be conducted into the justification and fairness of all rating exemption categories currently prescribed under Section 6.26 of the Local Government Act 1995.*

#### Rating Exemptions – Charitable Purposes

1. *Amend the Local Government Act 1995 to clarify that Independent Living Units should only be exempt from rates where they qualify under the Commonwealth Aged Care Act 1997;*
2. *Either:*
  - a) *amend the charitable organisations section of the Local Government Act 1995 to eliminate exemptions for commercial (non-charitable) business activities of charitable organisations; or*
  - b) *establish a compensatory fund for Local Governments, similar to the pensioner discount provisions, if the State Government believes charitable organisations remain exempt from payment of Local Government rates.*
3. *Request that a broad review be conducted into the justification and fairness of all rating exemption categories currently prescribed under Section 6.26 of the Local Government Act 1995.*

#### Rating Exemptions – Department of Housing: Leasing to Charitable Organisations

*That WALGA advocate to the Minister for Housing to include in the lease agreements with charitable institutions that they must pay Local Government rates on behalf of the Department of Housing recognising the services Local Government provides to its tenants.*

### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Cr Phil Marks  
**Seconded:** Cr Deborah Sessions

**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.**

**CARRIED (12/0)**

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### **6.2 2023 Proposed Schedule of Meetings**

*By Chantelle O'Brien, Zone Executive Officer*

### **BACKGROUND**

A schedule of the proposed meeting dates for the East Metropolitan Zone 2023 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 East Metropolitan Zone for 2023 require adoption by delegates.

As with previous years, the venue for each meeting has been retained as the City of Belmont.

**EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE MEETING  
2023**

<b>Zone Meeting Dates Thursday</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>HOST COUNCIL</b>	<b>State Council Meeting Date 2023</b>
<b>16 February</b>	Thursday 6.30 pm	City of Belmont	Wednesday 1 March 2023
<b>20 April</b>	Thursday 6.30 pm	City of Belmont	Regional Metro Wednesday 3 May 2023
<b>22-15 June</b>	Thursday 6.30 pm	City of Belmont	Wednesday 5 July 2023
<b>24-17 August</b>	Thursday 6.30 pm	City of Belmont	Regional Meeting 7-8 September 2023
<b>23-16 November</b>	Thursday 6.30 pm	City of Belmont	Wednesday 6 December 2023

Amendments were made to the schedule of meetings to reduce known clashes with other meetings.

**RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Cr Giorgia Johnson  
**Seconded:** Cr John Daw

That the revised 2023 schedule of meetings for the East Metropolitan Zone as per below be adopted.

<b>Zone Meeting Dates Thursday</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>HOST COUNCIL</b>	<b>State Council Meeting Date 2023</b>
<b>16 February</b>	Thursday 6.30 pm	City of Belmont	Wednesday 1 March 2023
<b>20 April</b>	Thursday 6.30 pm	City of Belmont	Regional Metro Wednesday 3 May 2023
<b>15 June</b>	Thursday 6.30 pm	City of Belmont	Wednesday 5 July 2023
<b>17 August</b>	Thursday 6.30 pm	City of Belmont	Regional Meeting 7-8 September 2023
<b>16 November</b>	Thursday 6.30 pm	City of Belmont	Wednesday 6 December 2023

**CARRIED (12/0)**

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### 6.3 Request to Present in 2023

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#### Construction Training Fund

The Construction Training Fund collects a levy on all WA construction projects over the value of \$20,000 at 0.2% of the project value. These funds are then used to support the construction industry to train new apprentices and trainees and to cover the cost of additional skills training for building and construction workers in residential, civil, commercial or resource sector projects. Our other purpose is to promote construction as a career of choice and provide entry level pathways to the community such as Try-a-Trade, scholarships and para-professional certificates.

The Organisation is keen to ensure that training our local communities is reinforced as a culture in the industry and that supporting diversity and inclusion is fundamental to a future workforce. Our vision is that the construction industry is a career of choice and is safe, skilled and sustainable.

Tiffany Allen, CEO of Construction Training Fund would like to provide more information to the Zone on the Construction Training Fund at a future meeting in 2023.

***Cr Sewell declared a conflict of interest and left the room.***

#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt**  
**Seconded: Cr Amy Collins**

**That the East Metropolitan Zone does not support representatives from the Construction Training Fund as above to present as follows to a 2023 Zone meeting.**

**CARRIED (7/4)**

#### NBN 2022 Emergency Management Preparedness Campaign

National Broadband Network (nbn) have launched their 2022 Emergency Management Preparedness Campaign.

Part of nbn's purpose to lift the digital capability of Australia is to help adequately prepare communities for a loss of nbn connectivity due emergency or disaster events that can disrupt our network. This campaign is intended to provide education on preparing for, responding to, and recovering from these events.

#### **Key Audiences:**

- Communities – residents and businesses (particularly those likely to be impacted by a natural disaster)
- Stakeholders – emergency services, councils, organisations community groups.

#### **Key Objectives:**

- Educate communities about the operation of the nbn network before, during and after a disaster event and the steps they can take to prepare themselves and their businesses or groups if the nbn network is impacted.



- Build an understanding among key stakeholders and the broader community of nbn's role in disaster preparedness, response, restoration, and recovery including how we prepare and support the community to become more resilient.

A representative from nbn has offered to attend a future Zone meeting and provide further information on this matter. Attached with the Agenda was further information on this campaign

## RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

**Seconded:** Cr Amy Collins

**That the East Metropolitan Zone does not support representatives from the NBN Emergency Management Preparedness Campaign as above to present to a 2023 Zone meeting:**

**LOST (7/4)**

Delegates requested that the secretariat remind speakers of the time limit.

*Cr Sewell returned to the meeting.*

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## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

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Nil.

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## 8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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### 8.1 WALGA President's Report

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WALGA President's Report.

**Noted**

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

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WALGA State Councillor report.

**Noted**

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## 9. NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING

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Nil

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

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**RESOLVED**

That the next ordinary meeting of the East Metropolitan Zone be held on 16 February 2023 at the City of Belmont commencing at 6:30pm.

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**11. CLOSURE**

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There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at **7.57 pm**.