



South Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

14 February 2022

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Held via MS Teams

Monday, 14 February 2022 commenced at 5:35 pm

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MEMBERS

3 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Cockburn	Mayor Logan Howlett JP Cr Chontelle Stone Cr Michael Separovich (Deputy) Mr Tony Brun, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate
Town of East Fremantle	Cr Cliff Collinson Cr Laura Mascaro Cr Kerry Donovan Mr Gary Tuffin, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
City of Fremantle	Cr Doug Thompson - Chair Cr Frank Mofflin Mr Glen Dougall, Acting Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
City of Kwinana	Mayor Carol Adams OAM Cr Barry Winmar Cr Sherilyn Wood Mr Wayne Jack, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Melville	Cr Duncan McPhail Cr Karen Wheatland Cr Glynis Barber Mr Marten Tieleman, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Rockingham	Mayor Deb Hamblin Cr Hayley Edwards Mr Michael Parker, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate
WALGA Secretariat	Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services Vikki Barlow, Senior Policy Advisor Community
DLGSC Representatives	Geneveve Giumelli and Suleila Felton
Guest Speaker	Caroline Spencer, Auditor General
APOLOGIES	
City of Cockburn	Cr Chamonix Terblanche
City of Fremantle	Cr Geoff Graham
City of Rockingham	Cr Caroline Hume

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land that the meeting is held on and paying respects to Elders past, present and future.

ATTACHMENTS

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

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil

2. DEPUTATIONS

2.1 Office of the Auditor General

Caroline Spencer, Auditor General provided an update to the Zone. A copy of the presentation is attached.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: Cr Frank Mofflin

That the Minutes of the meeting of the South Metropolitan Zone held on 22 November 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Status Report

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

Noted

5. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA – MATTERS FOR DECISION

(Zone delegates to consider the Matters for Decision contained in the WA Local Government Association State Council Agenda and put forward resolutions to Zone Representatives on State Council)

5.1 Special State Council Meeting Agenda – 23 February 2022

The full State Council Agenda can be found via link: [State Council Special Meeting Agenda 23 February 2022](#)

The Zone is able to provide comment or submit an alternative recommendation that is then presented to the State Council for consideration.

Matters for Decision

3.1 Local Government Reform Proposal Submission

Recommendation

1. That the recommendations contained in the 'Local Government Reform Proposal Submission' be endorsed.
2. That WALGA: a. seek assurance from the Minister for Local Government that further detail on the proposed reforms will be provided to the sector for comment prior to the formulation of a draft Local Government Act Amendment Bill; and b. seek a formal commitment from the Minister for Local Government that WALGA actively participates in the legislative drafting process necessary to formulate a draft Local Government Act Amendment Bill.

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Cr Karen Wheatland

1. That the following recommendations contained in the 'Local Government Reform Proposal Submission' be endorsed.
2. That WALGA:
 - a. seek assurance from the Minister for Local Government that further detail on the proposed reforms will be provided to the sector for comment prior to the formulation of a draft Local Government Act Amendment Bill; and
 - b. seek a formal commitment from the Minister for Local Government that WALGA actively participates in the legislative drafting process necessary to formulate a draft Local Government Act Amendment Bill.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: Cr Chontelle Stone

That the submission be endorsed subject to the following amendment;

- a. **Item 5.4 Local Governments May Pay Superannuation Contributions for Elected Members** – do not support
 - WALGA supports **mandating** Local Governments superannuation contributions for Elected Members

CARRIED

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Cliff Collinson
Seconded: Cr Karen Wheatland

That the submission be endorsed subject to the following amendment;

- b. **Item 4.3 Preferential Voting –**
 - **WALGA supports preferential voting**

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST

THE MOTION NOW READS:

1. That the recommendations contained in the '*Local Government Reform Proposal Submission*' be endorsed, subject to the following amendment;
 - a. **Item 5.4 Local Governments May Pay Superannuation Contributions for Elected Members – Support**
 - **WALGA supports mandating Local Governments superannuation contributions for Elected Members**
2. That WALGA:
 - a. seek assurance from the Minister for Local Government that further detail on the proposed reforms will be provided to the sector for comment prior to the formulation of a draft Local Government Act Amendment Bill; and
 - b. seek a formal commitment from the Minister for Local Government that WALGA actively participates in the legislative drafting process necessary to formulate a draft Local Government Act Amendment Bill.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT AND CARRIED

5.2 Ordinary State Council Meeting Agenda – 2 March 2022

The full State Council Agenda can be found via link: [State Council Agenda 2 March 2022](#)

The Zone is able to provide comment or submit an alternative recommendation that is then presented to the State Council for consideration.

Matters for Decision

5.1 Short-Term Accommodation Regulatory Scheme

That the draft Short-Term Accommodation Regulatory Reform submission be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Chontelle Stone
Seconded: Mayor Carol Adams

That the South Metropolitan Zone

1. **Supports Matters for Decision, item 5.1 as listed above in the March 2022 State Council Agenda; and**
2. **Notes all Matters for Noting and Organisational Reports as listed in the March 2022 State Council Agenda.**

CARRIED

6. BUSINESS

6.1 May 2022 Regional State Council Meeting

The 2022 regional State Council meeting in May will be hosted by the South Metropolitan Zone at the City of Cockburn Administration Centre.

As Zone Delegates may be aware, the South Metropolitan Zone has been scheduled to host a regional State Council meeting previously in 2020 and 2021, but plans have had to be postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The program for the day (which is materially the same as the program previously planned) is below. All Zone delegates are welcome to attend the morning's proceedings as observers and are encouraged to attend the Zone Forum in the afternoon.

Email correspondence has recently been sent to all South Metropolitan Zone Chief Executive Officers and Mayors about the meeting. All Elected Members within the Zone are also invited to attend.

State Council Regional Meeting South Metropolitan Zone

Wednesday, 4 May 2022



HOSTED BY CITY OF COCKBURN - 9 COLEVILLE CRESCENT, SPEARWOOD

State Council Business – 10:00am - 2:00pm

9:30am - 10:00am	Morning Tea on arrival
10:00am - 12:00pm	State Council Strategic Forum
12:00pm - 12:30pm	Lunch
12:30pm - 2:00pm	State Council Meeting
2:00pm - 2:30pm	Afternoon Tea

Zone Forum attendees are welcome to attend the Strategic Forum and State Council meeting as observers

Zone Forum – 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Introduction and Welcome – Zone Chair, Cr Doug Thompson
Zone Member Presentations (10-15 minutes each)
South West Group
City of Cockburn
Town of East Fremantle
City of Fremantle
City of Kwinana
City of Melville
City of Rockingham

4:30pm - 6:00pm **Sundowner - drinks and appetisers provided**

Noted

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Vale Troy Pickard

Cr Doug Thompson (Chair) paid tribute to Troy Pickard former WALGA President, he was a dedicated Local Government man, WA president of ALGA, He was across every issue and is a sad loss for Local Government.

Mr Pickard was committed to bringing about positive change for his local communities in Stirling and Joondalup and a passionate advocate for the sector at both the State and National level as President of WALGA and the Australian Local Government Association.

Across his 15 years of service as an Elected Member, Troy made an immense contribution to the local communities of Stirling and Joondalup, both as a Councillor and in leadership roles of Deputy Mayor and Mayor.

Mr Pickard made great strides in representing the WA Local Government sector in his roles as WALGA President from 2010 to 2015 and Deputy President for three years prior; and on the national stage as ALGA President from 2014 to 2016 and Deputy President from 2010 to 2014.

Troy will be sadly missed and we offer our condolences to his family and friends.

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 WALGA President's Report

The State Council representative presented the President's Report.

Noted

8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

WALGA State Councillor presented on the previous State Council meeting.

Noted

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

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representative provided an update on two key issues for the Department;

- Local Government legislative reform program
- Stop Puppy Farming amendments to the *Dog Act*

Tony Brun, CEO of Cockburn enquired in the Department's implementation timetable for the legislative reform program and requested the following:

1. When will the reforms be drafted into a Draft Bill?
2. Will the Department refer the Draft Bill for public, or sector comment?
3. When is the Bill scheduled to be presented to Parliament (noting the Government controls both Houses, therefore has the ability to automatically pass legislation)?
4. When are the Bill provisions (Reforms) scheduled to take effect (e.g. the requirements for changes to wards and total elected members)?

Department representative advised that they would take the question on notice and report back to the Zone.

Noted

9. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the South Metropolitan Zone will be held on Tuesday, 26 April 2022 at the Town of East Fremantle, commencing at 5:30 pm.

10. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at **6:42pm**.