



Central Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

21 April 2022

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Hosted by the Town of Mosman Park

Cnr Bayview Terrace and Memorial Drive, Mosman Park

Thursday, 21 April 2022, commenced at 6:00 pm

Minutes

MEMBERS

2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

Town of Cambridge	Cr Kate Barlow
Town of Claremont	Cr Paul Kelly - Chair
Town of Cottesloe	Cr Craig Masarei Cr Chilla Bulbeck
Town of Mosman Park	Cr Andrew Baird Ms Carissa Bywater, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Nedlands	Cr Kerry Smyth Cr Rajah Senathirajah
Shire Peppermint Grove	President Rachel Thomas Cr Charles Hohnen
City of Subiaco	Cr Lynette Jennings Cr Rosemarie de Vries
WALGA Secretariat	Mr James McGovern, Manager Governance Ms Rebecca Brown, Manager, Waste and Environment
Guest Speakers	Ms Krista Coward, North Metropolitan Health Services Mr Mal Cronstedt, Department of Fire and Emergency Services

APOLOGY

Town of Cambridge	Cr Elaine Haddon-Casey Mr Karl Heiden, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Town of Claremont	Cr Peter Telford Ms Liz Ledger, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Town of Cottesloe	Cr Helen Sadler
Town of Mosman Park	Mayor Paul Shaw
City of Nedlands	Mr Bill Parker, Interim Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Shire Peppermint Grove	Mr Don Burnett, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Perth	Cr Catherine Lezer Cr Liam Gobbert Ms Michelle Reynolds, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

City of Subiaco	Mr Colin Cameron, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate
City of Vincent	Cr Ross Ioppolo Cr Ashley Wallace Mr David MacLennan Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
WALGA Secretariat	Ms Narelle Cant, A/Executive Manager Communications
DLGSC Representative	

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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.

Acknowledgement of Country All attendees acknowledged the traditional owners of the land that the meeting is held on and paying respects to Elders past, present and future.

ATTACHMENTS WITHIN THE AGENDA

1. Draft Minutes Previous Meeting
2. President's Report
3. Zone Status Report
4. Standing Orders

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Elected Members must declare to the Chairman any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before the Zone as soon as they become aware of it. Councillors and deputies may be directly or indirectly associated with some recommendations of the Zone and State Council. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

Nil

2. DEPUTATIONS

2.1 North Metropolitan Health Services

Ms Krista Coward, Manager Health Promotion, from the North Metropolitan Health Services provided an update to the Zone on Local Government's public health roles and responsibilities.

2.2 Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Mr Mal Cronstedt, A/Commissioner, provided an update to the Zone on work of Department of Fire and Emergency Services, including the consolidated Emergency Service Act and the Local Government Grant Scheme Funding.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Charles Hohnen
Seconded: Cr Kerry Smyth

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Central Metropolitan Zone held on 17 February 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

5. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION AND NOTING

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

The full State Council Agenda can be found via link: [State Council Agenda - 4 May 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 Submission to Statutory Review of the Food Act 2008

That the submission to the Department of Health relating to the Statutory Review of the Food Act 2008 be endorsed.

5.2 Local Government Grant Scheme Funding

That WALGA advocates to the Minister for Emergency Services and the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner for:

1. An allocation of Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) funding to undertake an audit of existing facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment for both Local Government Volunteer Bushfire Brigades (BFB) and State Emergency Services (SES).
2. Following the completion of the audit, an allocation of funding through the Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) to prepare a Comprehensive Asset Management Plan that:
 - a. Aligns with the principles in the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' (DLGSC) Asset Management National Framework and Guidelines, and the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.
 - b. Forecasts the emergency response needs of communities across Western Australia over the next 10 years, to estimate the quantum of the facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment that will be needed.
 - c. Outlines a 10 year forward plan of modifications, replacements and additions required.
 - d. Investigates the extent to which future BFB facilities can be co-located with other emergency services facilities.
3. The establishment of a Working Group involving WALGA, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and LGIS to oversee the preparation of the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan.
4. Support for the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan to be reviewed every five years.
5. Support for an increase in Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) funding to support the unsuccessful capital grants funding applications by Local Governments to the 2020 21 LGGS Capital Grants Committee.

5.3 Draft Active Travel to School Roadmap

That WALGA:

1. Endorses the Draft Active Travel to School Roadmap, subject to amending Urban Environment Initiative No 1 to "Consult local governments to identify sub-regional school transport challenges and amend existing planning guidelines and develop new guidelines where gaps exist"; and
2. Works with the Department of Transport to finalise the Roadmap and encourage Local Government participation in the initiatives identified where these offer solutions to the local issues encountered in each area.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Rachel Thompson
Seconded: Cr Rajah Senathirajah

That the Central Metropolitan Zone

1. Supports 5.1 and 5.2 Matters for Decision as listed in the May 2022 State Council Agenda; and
2. Notes all Matters for Noting and Organisational Reports as listed in the May 2022 State Council Agenda.

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Lynette Jennings
Seconded: Cr Rosemarie de Vries

That the Central Metropolitan Zone supports 5.3 Matter for Decision as listed in the May 2022 State Council Agenda.

AMENDMENT MOTION

Moved: Cr Chilla Bulbeck
Seconded: Cr Craig Masarei

That the Central Metropolitan Zone supports the alternate Motion 5.3 as amended below:

That WALGA:

1. Endorses the Draft Active Travel to School Roadmap, subject to amending Urban Environment Initiative No 1 to “Consult local governments to identify sub-regional school transport challenges and amend existing planning guidelines and develop new guidelines where gaps exist”;
2. Works with the Department of Transport to finalise the Roadmap and encourage Local Government participation in the initiatives identified where these offer solutions to the local issues encountered in each area; and
3. Use the Draft Active Travel to School Roadmap to strengthen advocacy for increased funding for cycling infrastructure in Western Australia by the State and Federal Government.

The Motion as Amended was CARRIED

Rationale for alternative Motion

- The alarming decline in rates of walking and riding to school are contributing to the burden of childhood obesity and traffic congestion in WA (as detailed by in the Roadmap).
- Children in the 2020s should expect health outcomes equal to not worse than their predecessors. Reversing the childhood obesity epidemic will require advocacy and commitment from all tiers of government.
- A major barrier to children walking and riding to school is the lack of safe routes to school.
- Local Governments have an appetite to install cycle paths. This is evidenced by the rapid completion by Local Governments’ of Perth’s Long Term Cycle Network Plan in cooperation with the Department of Transport. It is further evidenced by the four-fold oversubscription for cycle path grants by Local Governments.

- The Department of Transport's Roadmap provides a strong argument for increasing grant funding to Local Governments for cycle infrastructure. Recognising this opportunity strengthens WALGAs capacity to get greater funding for much needed cycle infrastructure.

6. ZONE BUSINESS

6.1 WALGA Urban Forest Working Group Update – Tree Retention on Private Land

By Chris Hossen, Policy Manager Planning and Building

BACKGROUND

Tree canopy makes a substantial contribution to urban amenity and liveability through shade and cooling to reduce urban heat, aesthetics, sense of place, provision of habitat and other ecosystem services. The urban forest includes trees in parks and reserves as well as street trees and trees planted on private land. Whilst many Local Governments have implemented urban forest strategies and extensive community engagement and planting programs to grow canopy in parks and streetscapes, canopy loss continues to occur on private land. Trees on private land across the Perth metropolitan area are under increasing threat of removal during the development process, not only during subdivision for infill development but during redevelopment which frequently results in larger homes and smaller outdoor living spaces.

WALGA established an Urban Forest Working Group (UFWG) in 2019, which is jointly coordinated by WALGA planning and environment teams. The UFWG includes 75 officers from 30 metropolitan and regional Local Governments with diverse experience across planning, sustainability/environment and parks/gardens. Central Metropolitan Zone is represented in the UFWG by: The Town of Cambridge, Town of Claremont, Town of Mosman Park, City of Nedlands, City of Perth and City of Vincent.

WALGA through *the Immediate Priorities for the State Government* document advocates for the establishment of a \$20m Urban Greening grant program. This program would provide funds to Local Governments through a competitive grant program with a focus on planting trees in areas with low canopy cover and increased exposure to heat. It is estimated the program would plant at least 60,000 trees.

COMMENT

In the absence of a state planning policy or other state-wide approach Local Governments are implementing a number of different mechanisms seek to retain trees on public and private land. The City of Nedlands for example is currently progressing an amendment to its local planning scheme and a corresponding local planning policy which would provide for the retention of established mature trees on sites greater than 1000m². The City's planning team recently presented its approach and progress to date at a webinar hosted by Greener Spaces Better Places, a nationwide advocacy organisation. The slides from the City's presentation are available as an **attachment** to this agenda. Other common approaches to tree retention by Local Governments are described in the attached briefing note.

In 2021, the UFWG established subcommittees to progress work in three priority areas:

- Tree Purchasing Standards – to develop a more robust framework for tree purchasing across the sector to assist with stock quality issues currently experienced by members.
- Masterclass Series Development – to increase knowledge within Local Governments of the whole-of-organisation approach towards growing and maintaining healthy canopy.
- Tree Retention – to address barriers to protection of existing canopy cover that are within the remit of Local Governments to address through the planning system. Officers from Nedlands and Perth (Central Metro Zone) are active members of the Tree Retention Subcommittee. Refer to **attached** briefing note for more information on the Tree Retention Subcommittee.

Note

Discussion at the Meeting

The President from the Shire of Peppermint Grove provided an outline of a range of Local Government policies which aimed to retain or add to the urban tree canopy. The Zone requested that Chris Hossen, Policy Manager, Planning and Building discuss these options with the Shire of Peppermint Grove and present at a future Zone meeting on the range of options to retain or increase tree canopies being undertaken by Local Government.

6.2 Campaign to Legislate Second Generation Anti-coagulant Rodenticides (SGARs)

Shire of Peppermint Grove

BACKGROUND

SGARs are having a devastating effect on owls and other raptors, reptiles, and other animals because of secondary poisoning. SGARS are slow to breakdown. As a result, if a mouse or rat eats the poison and is then consumed, for example by an owl, the owl is consuming a lethal snack and it will die from SGAR poisoning.

There is Australia wide concern about this as evidenced by the article in the December 2021 edition of "Australian Birdlife" published by Birdlife Australia. Attached is a copy of that article. Birdlife Australia has gathered scientific papers about the hazard of SGARs.

The problem is serious because products containing SGARs are freely available in local hardware stores. According to Birdlife Australia the most common SGARs are Brodifacoum, Bromadiolone, Difenacoum, Difethialone, and Flocoumafen but there are others.

Attached are two supporting articles.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The Association is aware of the increasing concern regarding the effects of anticoagulant rodenticides on birds of prey and other fauna, based on the research cited. This issue is being addressed by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) which is drafting regulatory measures to address these types of rodenticides by 2024.

WALGA will investigate options for communicating with Local Government regarding the impacts of these type of poisons and the alternatives.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Rachel Thomas

Seconded: Cr Charles Hohnen

That:

- 1. WALGA undertake a campaign with the State Government to take urgent action to legislate to restrict the sale of Second Generation Anti-coagulant Rodenticides (SGARs); and**
- 2. WALGA undertake a campaign with Local Governments which provide rodent baiting to residents for the Local Governments to not provide this type of poison and specify on demolition permits or for health orders that this type of poison is not to be used.**

CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 President's Report to the Zone

Cr Paul Kelly, Deputy WALGA President, presented the information in the President's Report.

Noted

8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

Cr Paul Kelly provided an update on the previous State Council meeting. This focused on the Short Term Accommodation item and the Zone's comments on this matter. There was significant debate on this matter at State Council. The Amendment from City of Perth / Vincent was included in the final Submission.

Noted

8.3 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Update

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representative is an apology for this meeting. The Chair expressed concern regarding the non-attendance of the Department at a number of Zone meetings.

Noted

9. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the Central Metropolitan Zone be held on 23 June 2022 at the City of Nedlands at 6:00 pm.

10. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.52pm.