



**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
SOUTH WEST ZONE**

MINUTES

DATE Friday 27 April 2018

COMMENCING AT 9.00 am

VENUE Shire Boyup Brook
Abel St
Boyup Brook

PROGRAM	9.00 am	Opening
	9.05 am	Business as per agenda
	10.15 am	Morning Tea
	10.45 am	Meeting resumes
	11.00 am	Presentations
	12.30 pm	Lunch

AGENDA FORMAT

The agenda is sent in two parts. The first, being the Zone Agenda, the second the State Council Agenda in PDF format. The State Council Agenda was emailed separately to members

E R Fisher
Executive Officer

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1. Opening

The Deputy President, Cr Murray Scott opened the meeting at 9 am and welcomed all present

2. Attendance & Apologies

The following attendance and apologies are recorded:

Local Government	Delegate		CEO	
Shire of Augusta – Margaret River	Cr P Townshend	Present	Mr. G Evershed	Present
Shire of Boyup Brook	Cr G Aird	Present	Mr. A Lamb	Apology
Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes	Cr T Pratico	Present	Mr. T Clynych	Present
City of Bunbury	Cr T Smith	Present	Mr. M Osborne Ms Addison - Brown	Apology Present
City of Busselton	Mayor G Henley	Present	Mr. T Nottle	Present
Shire of Capel	Cr M Scott	Present	Mr. P Sheedy Ms S Stephenson	Apology Present
Shire of Collie	Cr S Stanley	Present	Mr. D Blurton Mr B Lowcock	Apology Present
Shire of Dardanup	Cr M Bennett Cr P Robinson	Apology Present	Mr. M Chester Mr P Anastasakis	Apology Present
Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup	Cr B Piesse	Present	Mr. B Rose	Present
Shire of Harvey	Cr T Jackson	Present	Mr. M Parker	Present
Shire of Manjimup	Cr P Omodei	Present	Mr. A Campbell	Present
Shire of Nannup	Cr T Dean	Apology	Mr D Taylor	Present
Executive Officer			Mr. E Fisher	Present

3. Visitors:

WALGA

Mr Mark Batty, Executive Manager Environment and Waste
Ms Laura Simes, Environment Policy Advisor.

Other Guests

Mr. T Jones – Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries

4. Presentations:

4.1 Host Council Presentation

Host shires are invited to provide a 15-20 minute presentation on current events affecting their local government area or to arrange an inspection of new or significant facilities of interest to members.

4.2 Presentations

Superintendent Sutherland WAPOL addressed the meeting on the law and order issues in the region. He was accompanied by the Regional Traffic Controller Sgt. Dave Hurdle.

4.3 Busselton Airport

Mayor Henley provided an update on the progress of the Busselton Regional Airport Development

4.4 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Ms Jodie Holbrook has offered to provide a briefing to a future meeting on the structure and functions of the new department, which now includes the following.

- Department of Local Government
- Department of Sport and Recreation
- Department of Culture and the Arts
- Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor
- Office of Multicultural Interests
- Aboriginal History Research Unit (formerly with Department of Aboriginal Affairs).

Now proposed for 24th August 2018 in Bunbury

Busselton - 23rd November – Seek MRD Signage approvals and setting of speed limits through regional towns.

4.5 South West Development Commission (SWDC)

The CEO of the SWDC, Ms. Rebecca Ball will make a presentation to the next meeting at Bridgetown on 22nd June 2018

Possible future meeting speakers – DEFES Commissioner

Director-General DLGSC on the machinery of government and its impact on the department.

5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Corrections - Nil

Moved	Mayor G Henley	Seconded	Cr P Townshend	Carried
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MOTION:

The minutes of the meeting held at the Shire of Augusta Margaret River on Friday 23rd February 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting

6. Business Arising

6.1 Invitation to the Ministers

The following advice was received from Minister Dawson's office:

"On behalf of Minister Dawson, I would like to thank you for the invitation to attend the WALGA South West West Zone meeting on Friday 27 April 2018 in Boyup Brook".

The three approaches made to Ministers have been unsuccessful in securing presentations.

7 Reports

7.1 Report by State Council Delegate or WALGA Representative

Mr Batty provided a report

Key topics dealt with were.

- Election of Officers
- Constitutional reform

7.2 Annual Program of Topics for Discussion by Councils

Members are invited to suggest topics on which they would like to hear presentations.

This will enable the Executive Officer to arrange suitable speakers well in advance.

7.3 Emergency Planning and Management Report

The South West DEMC last met on the 25 October 2017 at the City of Busselton. Items on the agenda for discussion included;

- Review and update of DEMC membership
- Status of local emergency management
- Updates from around the District
- Updates from SEMC

Presentations were received on;

- State Risk Project - District Risk
- Bushfire Risk Management Project
- State Risk Project – Local Level Roll Out

The State Emergency Management Committee met on the 9th March 2018 with the following highlights;

- Smarter Freeways Presentation
- Emergency Management Assurance Function
- SEMC Merger of the Recovery and Community Engagement Sub-committees
- Network of Personnel for Incident Management
- SEMC and DFES Service Level Agreement
- Emergency Alert Phase 4

Further details are available via the [SEMC Communique](#)

The Office of Emergency Management '[emerge](#)' portal provides the latest news and interesting emergency management articles.

The next meeting is to be held on the 1 May 2018.

7.4 State President's Report

Rural Fire Division

The long awaited announcement on a Rural Fire Division was made today by the Premier Mark McGowan and Emergency Services Minister Fran Logan.

In response to recommendations from the January 2016 Waroona Bushfire Special Inquiry, a new Rural Fire Division has been announced to increase the focus on bushfire management and volunteer relations.

The Rural Fire Division, based within DFES, will include the Office of Bushfire Risk Management, the Bushfire Risk Management Program and a newly created Bushfire Centre of Excellence. An overview introducing the Executive Director of the Rural Fire Division, Mr Murray Cater, can be found on the following website; <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/newsandmedia/rfd/Documents/dfes-rfd-statements.pdf>

Bushfire Brigades remain with Local Governments, with current operational and management structures remaining the same.

The Rural Fire Division comes with significant investment including:

- \$15 million towards the Bushfire Risk Management Program to support local governments identify and manage bushfire risk.
- \$34.6 million has been committed to bushfire mitigation which improve the ability for identified risk management strategies to be implemented in communities.
- \$18 million for a Bushfire Centre of Excellence to enhance bushfire management practices across the State and provide a specialised facility for volunteers bushfire training.

Funding of these commitments will be achieved through an increase in the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) which will take effect July 1, 2018.

The Premier announced an increase of \$28 to the metropolitan ESL and increases of between \$8 and \$17 per annum across the four regional ESL categories will also be included in the 2018-19 State Budget.

In recognition of the Economic Regulation Authority review into the ESL, an ESL Referral and Grants Advisory Committee will be established to provide independent scrutiny and increase transparency around the ESL. This Committee will be made up of non-DFES appointees to provide independent advice to the Emergency Services Minister about how money is spent to ensure maximum value for all Western Australians.

The Association is seeking further information on the ESL components of the announcement, given the sector's responsibility for the collection of the ESL and being a recipient of Local Government Capital and Operating Grants to support Bushfire Volunteers.

Waste Taskforce created to combat China's recycling ban

Following advocacy from WALGA (through the Municipal Waste Advisory Council) and the waste industry, the Minister for the Environment has created a Taskforce to deal with the implications of China's National Sword Policy.

The Taskforce will provide advice directly to the Minister for Environment on management of the waste and recycling industry, following China's policy change

To help address the Chinese Government's import restrictions on recyclable waste, Environment Minister Stephen Dawson has established a taskforce to advise on waste management in Western Australia.

The Waste Taskforce was created following consultation with State and local governments, the waste industry and community stakeholders, with the group's first meeting anticipated during the week beginning on April 9, 2018.

The Taskforce will consider its objectives, scope and governance arrangements at its first meeting. It will provide advice on how to ensure Western Australia can weather the storm of the China decision - building on the State Government's commitment to improving waste and recycling performance.

The Taskforce will directly advise the Minister for Environment on recycling market issues and opportunities in WA. This advice will align with national actions to support recycling, the WA Waste Strategy and the promotion of the circular economy. A range of short, medium and long-term opportunities will be explored through the work of the Taskforce.

The Waste Taskforce will be chaired by Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment, Baldivis MLA Reece Whitby; and will include representatives from the Waste Authority and Department of Water and Environmental Regulation; local government and regional councils; the waste services and recycling industry; the packaging industry; Aboriginal and community groups; and key government agencies.

Local Government Act Review Process

The Local Government Act Review process is progressing. To date the Association has carried out a consultation process on a WALGA discussion paper, where positions were put forward on issues the sector would like considered in the review process. These positions were endorsed at State Council meeting held in December 2017 meeting. Following this there has been sector consultation on the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries phase 1 consultation paper. Positions on the Departments paper were endorsed by State Council at the March 2018 meeting.

The Departments Steering Committee will be convening in early May 2018 to consider responses to the phase 1 consultation process.

We will keep the sector informed on any developments as this process progresses.

Ministerial Review of the State Industrial Relations System – Interim Report

The interim report of the Ministerial Review of the State Industrial Relations Review has recently been released for comment.

The Interim Report recommendations are suggesting that Local Government employers and employees be regulated by the State Industrial Relations system.

WALGA's original submission to the review opposed Local Governments being regulated by the State system based on member feedback and that 96% of all Local Government employees are covered by the Federal industrial relations system.

A submission opposing the Interim Reports recommendation that Local Government be regulated by the State industrial relations system is being finalised. WALGA's submission will also make comment on the proposed transition process as well as a range of other recommendations that will impact the Local Government sector.

WALGA Honours Program – Nominations Open

Nominations are now open for the 2018 WALGA Honours Program, which recognises and celebrates Local Government Elected Members and employees for their contribution to the Local Government sector, the Association, and the community.

Nominations should be submitted on the forms available on the WALGA website with supporting information by the closing date of 5:00pm, Friday, 11 May.

For more information, visit the Honours website, or contact Executive Officer Governance, Margaret Degebrodt, on mdegebrodt@walga.asn.au or (08) 9213 2036.

2018 ANZAC Day Award

The ANZAC Day Award recognises Local Government contribution to the promotion and facilitation of community involvement in ANZAC Day commemorative events and initiatives.

The Award Panel, which will consist of senior WALGA and RSLWA representatives, will consider:

- collaboration between the RSL and the Local Government in ensuring a successful commemoration
- innovation by the Local Government in ensuring continued relevance of ANZAC Day commemorations in community life, and
- involvement of the broader community, including young people, in ANZAC Day commemorations.

The Award will be presented during the WALGA Annual General Meeting held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Wednesday, 1 August.

Photographs and/or other imagery of the commemoration as well as statements from veterans, community members and third parties are encouraged.

The nomination form is available from: <http://walga.asn.au/Policy-Advice-and-Advocacy/Governance-and-Strategy/ANZAC-Day-Award.aspx?lang=en-AU&>

Nominations close on Friday, 1 June.

PRESIDENT'S CONTACTS

During the March - May period, contacts that have occurred or are scheduled to take place prior to the May State Council meeting are as follows:

State Government Relations:

- State Roads Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee

Local Government Relations

- ALGA Board Meeting
- LGIS Board Offsite Planning Day
- Lord Mayors Distress Relief Meeting
- Landcorp, Chairman Mr George McCullagh, CEO Mr Frank Marra
- Ms Nicole Lockwood, Ms Kellie Houlahan, Mr Mark Brownwell, Freight & Logistics Council
- Mr Richard Sellers, Mr Peter Woronzow, Dept of Transport
- Wheatbelt Conference 2018
- Pilbara/Kimberley Forum

Conferences / Workshops / Public Relations

- LGIS Key Partners Lunch
- Mayor & Presidents Forum
- WALGA RAP Launch
- The Hon. Kerry Sanderson Farewell Dinner
- Heather Henderson Freedom of The City Cocktail Function
- ANZAC Day Ceremony with RSL WA
- City of Swan 2018 Mayoral Dinner
- Members of Parliament Breakfast
- Pilbara/Kimberley Forum

Zone Meetings

- Central Metropolitan Zone
- Kimberley Country Zone
- Goldfields Esperance Country Zone

7.5 Bushfire Centre of Excellence and Rural Fire Division

Moved	Cr S Stanley	Seconded	Mayor G Henley	Carried
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THAT

The EO writes to the Minister seeking a reconsideration of the decision to locate the new Bushfire Centre of Excellence/ Rural Fire Division in Mundaring.

The Minister be advised that the preferred location for the new facility should be in the south west region which is identified as a high risk (High fuel loads) bushfire location and is in accordance with the recommendations of the Ferguson Report.

Copies of the letters are to be sent to the Premier, Commissioner of DFES, and local parliamentary representatives

7.6 Waste Task Force

EO to seek and distribute Terms of Reference and list for discussion at next meeting

8. State Council Agenda

The State Council Agenda numbers and page numbers have been retained for easy reference.

5. MATTERS FOR DECISION

5.1 Submission to ERA – Inquiry into Business Licensing (05-100-04-0001 DM)

5.2 Interim Submission – Development Control Policies 1.1, 1.2, 1.7, 2.5, and 5.1 (05-073-02-0001 CH)

5.3 Interim Submission – State Planning Policy 4.1 Industrial Interface (05-047-03-0008 CH)

5.4 Third Party Appeal Rights – Consultation with members (05-073-01-0002 VJ0)

5.5 Community Resource Centre Funding Cuts (05-018-03-0004 KD)

5.6 Interim Submission on Infrastructure WA (05-001-03-0018 MM)

5.7 Interim Submission on 'Australia's Strategy for Nature 2018 – 2030: Australia's

Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and Action Inventory (05-014-03-001MD)

5.8 Submission on the Emissions Reduction Fund Safeguard Mechanism (05-028-03-0016 LS)

5.9 Surveillance Devices Act 1998 (WA) – Body Worn Camera use in Local Government Law Enforcement (05-067-09-0001 – LF0)

5.10 Vexatious or Malicious Freedom of Information Applications (05-103-01-0001 - LF)

5.11 Social Media – Cyber Bullying (07-003-003-0004 – LF)

5.12 Proposed Amendments to the WALGA Constitution (01-001-01-000)

6. MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

6.1 Review of the State Industrial Relations System – Update (05-034-01-0001 TL)

6.2 Local Government Performance Monitoring Project (05-036-04-0004 VJ)

6.3 Update on the Building Commission's State Wide Cladding Audit (05-015-02-0010 VJ)

6.4 Public Libraries Strategy Consultation Forum (05-057-02-0051 EDR)

6.5 Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 Review 05-032-01-0001 (KD0)

6.6 Heritage Bill 2017 (05-036-03-022 NH0)

6.7 Waste Levy Policy Review (05-037-04-0001RNB0)

6.8 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (01-006-03-0008 RNB)

7. ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

7.1 Key Activity Reports

7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Environment and Waste Unit (01-006-03-0017 MJB)

7.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services (01-006-03-0007 TB)

7.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure (05-001-02-0003 ID)

7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, People and Place (01-006-03-0014 JB0)

7.2 Policy Forum Reports (01-006-03-0007 TB)

MOVED

THAT *the recommendations in the State Council Agenda be endorsed with the exception of 5.1, 5.3 & 5.6*

Moved	Mayor G Henley	Seconded	Cr S Stanley	Carried
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8.1 Excluded Items

Moved	Mayor G Henley	Seconded	Cr B Piesse	Carried
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5.1 ERA Submissions

THAT:

The WALGA recommendation be endorsed with additional comments:

- a) That delays are caused and costs increased due to the issues surrounding the slow and/or inadequate responses from state agencies***
- b) Full private certification has created significant costs for local government the building industry and their clients due to their lack of understanding of planning and health controls***

Moved	Mayor G Henley	Seconded	Cr p Omedei	Carried
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5.3 Industrial Interface SPP 4.1

THAT:

The WALGA recommendation be endorsed with the addition of a requirement that as there is a substantial economic importance attached to regional airports that need should be reflected in the environmental policy relating to aircraft noise

Moved	Mayor G Henley	Seconded	Cr P Omedei	Carried
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5.6 Interim Submission on Infrastructure WA

THAT:

The WALGA recommendation be endorsed subject to consideration for regional projects \$50 million and above being included in the Infrastructure WA Strategy.

5.7 APPRECIATION

Cr T Jackson advised that Mr Michael Parker has resigned as the CEO of the Shire of Harvey to take up an appointment as the CEO of the Shire of Rockingham. Mr Parker has been a staunch supporter of the Zone for many years and his contribution to the Zone has been substantial.

The Acting President Cr M Scott endorsed the comments, thanked Mr Parker and wished him well in his new appointment.

Moved	Cr M Scott	Seconded	Cr T Jackson	Carried
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THAT:

- a) The Zone records its appreciation to Mr Parker for his past participation and contribution and extends to him the good wishes of the members of the Zone in his new appointment at Rockingham.***
- b) The EO write to Mr Parker in the above terms recording the Zone's appreciation***

9. Discussion Forum/Zone Agenda Items

Items submitted by Councils for discussion

9.1 Landgate Revaluation Timetable

Moved	Cr T Pratico	Seconded	Cr P Omedei	Carried
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THAT:

WALGA lobby Landgate to amend its timetable for completing annual revaluations of property rolls for all local government by 30 April each year so that the timetables for adoption of local government annual budgets are not unduly hindered by delays in receiving valuation rolls.

Submitted by Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes

Recommendation

That Council submit the following motion to the South West Zone of WALGA:

That WALGA lobby Landgate to amend its timetable for completing annual revaluations of property rolls for all local government by 30 April each year so that the timetables for adoption of local government annual budgets are not unduly hindered by delays in receiving valuation rolls.

Background/Comments

The Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes has been advised by Landgate that its key performance indicator in 2017/18 for completion of revaluation rolls for our Shire is 31 May 2018. We aren't aware of what dates have been provided to other local governments.

Section 6.36 of the Local Government Act allows a local government to give notice of any differential rates up to 2 months prior to the commencement of the financial year to which the proposed rates are to apply (i.e. 1 May). Obviously if a local government is still awaiting receipt of a revaluation roll on 1 May it isn't able to commence the process for giving notice of proposed differential rates. This in effect delays the annual budget process - leading to later budget adoption dates.

In 2016/17 the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes didn't receive its UV revaluation roll until mid-May and its Mining Tenement revaluation until June. In the case of the latter the Shire does have a Mining UV differential rate and therefore suffered considerable delays in being able to advertise its proposed differential rates.

For our Mining UV differential rate the approval of the Minister for Local Government is required under Section 6.33(3) of the Local Government Act. Due to the above delay in receiving the revaluation rolls and advertising proposed differential rates the approval of the Minister wasn't obtained until 8 August 2017 with the annual budget not being adopted until later that same month.

Council has previously indicated a desire to adopt its annual budget earlier than the typical August date that has occurred in recent years. One of the main reasons why a July adoption date has been unachievable has been the lateness of receiving revaluation rolls from Landgate – for the 2017/18 budget some of this information wasn't received until June. Having a deadline of 30 April would provide all local governments more flexibility in planning its annual budget timetable.

9.2 Carbon Footprint of Councils – Shire of Augusta – Margaret River

How can Shires provide incentives to builders, architects, developers, residents to lower their carbon footprint by designing and building more energy efficient buildings?

How can Shire's lower their own carbon footprint to become carbon neutral?

What sort of partnerships can be developed in Shire's to move towards becoming a carbon neutral Shire? – ***Mr Batty has offered to address the Zone on these subjects.***

10. Zone Status Report

<i>Zone WALGA reps</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Zone Resolution</i>	<i>WALGA Response</i>	<i>Up-date</i>	<i>WALGA Contact</i>
Sth West C	2016 August 26 Zone Agenda Item 7.6 Withdrawal of DLGC Owned Buildings – Shire of Collie	That WALGA make representation to the Department of Local Government and Communities and strongly oppose the Department of Local Government and Communities (DLGC) plans to withdrawal its support for childcare services and ownership of related assets on the ground of cost shifting to affected local governments and community organisations.	<p>WALGA has continued to raise the issue with the Department including the President's column in the West Australian on 11 October 2017.</p> <p>The issue has been raised with the Minister's chief of staff and at a number of forums, however the State Government has been resolute in their position.</p> <p>WALGA has met with Linkwest to discuss their role with assisting centres in the transition.</p> <p>With the McGowan Labor Government now fully implemented, the Association will raise this issue with both the Minister for Local Government, David Templeman and the Minister for Community Services, Simone McGurk.</p> <p>The Department of Local Government and Communities has developed a new Supporting Communities Program to replace the existing Community and Neighbourhood Development Services, Individual and Family Support and Youth Support Services Programs. The program consists of two streams – a Stronger Communities sub-program and an Individual and Family Services sub-program. The Department invited service providers and key stakeholders to attend workshops to learn more about the proposed program and provide their input.</p> <p>The workshops were held on the afternoon of Friday, 2 June and Tuesday, 13 June 2017. The first workshop on 2 June was restricted to services funded under the current programs and local governments that currently provide them with accommodation. The second workshop was open</p>	<p>June 2017</p> <p>August 2017</p> <p>Nov 2017</p>	<p>Joanne Burges Executive Manager, People & Place jborges@walga.asn.au mailto:wcarter@walga.asn.au 9213 2018</p>

<i>Zone WALGA reps</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Zone Resolution</i>	<i>WALGA Response</i>	<i>Up-date</i>	<i>WALGA Contact</i>
			<p>to all interested organisations and Local Governments.</p> <p>WALGA President Cr Lynne Craigie and Executive staff met with Hon Simone McGurk MLA, Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services on Wednesday 3 May 2017. WALGA raised the concerns of members with regard to recent withdrawals of funding for family centres. The Minister advised that Child Care Centres (where vested in Government) will be vested to organisations on conditional leases and that a new Fund Supporting Communities Program has been established to replace the existing Community and Neighbourhood Development Services, Individual and Family Support and Youth Support Services Programs. Valued at \$9.4 million the program will consist of two streams – a Stronger Communities sub-program and an Individual and Family Services sub-program.</p> <p>A discussion paper was released providing an overview of the program and feedback was sought until 14 July 2014 via the Tenders WA website. Organisations were encouraged to register with Tenders WA to receive further updates on the consultation process and for the development of the Request for Tender. If you require any assistance, please email tenderswa@finance.wa.gov.au</p> <p>The Tender process is expected to open in September 2017. Further information can be obtained by emailing supportingcommunities@dlgc.wa.gov.au</p>	<p>February 2018</p> <p>April 2018</p>	

<i>Zone WALGA reps</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Zone Resolution</i>	<i>WALGA Response</i>	<i>Up-date</i>	<i>WALGA Contact</i>
			WALGA will keep the zone (and the Local Government sector) abreast of developments on this matter.		
Sth West C	2018 February 23 Zone Agenda Item 9.2 Proposed Changes to Commonwealth Funding Arrangements for Environmental Groups	That the SWZ request WALGA enter into negotiations with the relevant Commonwealth departments to address: 1. The negative impacts of the proposed conditions that will attaché to payments of funds to voluntary environmental management groups particularly, retrospectivity of post project reimbursement and insufficiency of project administrative costs, and 2. The need to ensure that any biosecurity projects avoid duplication, work collaboratively and are consistent with the provisions of the Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act 2007.	1. The Commonwealth have advised that they cannot engage in said discussions until after the Austrade tender process has been completed, estimated to be late May/early July 2018. WALGA will pursue the conversation with the Commonwealth after this time. 2. The Minister has agreed to review the BAM Act, commencing in the latter half of 2018, which will provide for WALGAs advocacy on the issue. WALGA will also raise the issue with both the Minister for Agriculture and the Minister for Environment, at the next opportunity.	April 2018	Mark Batty Executive Manager Environment and Waste Mbatty@walga.asn.au 9213 2078
Sth West C	2018 February 23 Zone Agenda Item 9.1 Regional Waste Facility	That the South West Zone 1. Notes the correspondence from the Department of Planning infrastructure and Regional	WALGA will raise the issue of in seeking to address long-term waste solutions for the South West at its next regular meeting with the Chair of the Waste Authority.	April 2018	Mark Batty Executive Manager Environment and Waste Mbatty@walga.asn.au 9213 2078

<i>Zone WALGA reps</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Zone Resolution</i>	<i>WALGA Response</i>	<i>Up-date</i>	<i>WALGA Contact</i>
	– CLGF Funding Update	<p>Development to the Bunbury Wellington Group of Councils requesting the return all of the Country Local Government Funds obtained for progressing the South West Regional Waste Site.</p> <p>2. Agree to continue to collectively work together to identify long term future suitable waste solutions include alternative waste options (eg: Waste to Energy)</p> <p>3. Request that WALGA advocate on behalf of the South West Zone to the Western Australian State Government in seeking to address long-term waste solutions for the South West.</p>			

11. Finance

11.1 Financial Reports

**SOUTH WEST ZONE WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2018**

DETAILS	2017/18 ANNUAL BUDGET \$	2017/18 ACTUAL \$
Opening Cash Funds at 1 July	<u>12,353</u>	<u>12,387</u>
<u>Revenue</u>		
Interest on Investment	100	0
Member Council Contributions	7,200	6,600
Total Revenue	7,300	6,600
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Secretarial Service	(7,000)	(2,800)
Miscellaneous Expenses	(100)	(242)
Total Expenditure	(7,100)	(3,042)
Surplus (Deficit) for Period	200	3,558
Closing Funds at 31 March 2018	12,553	15,945

Closing Funds at 31 March 2018 Represented By:

Cash at Bank	
Cheque Account	\$4,099
Term Deposit 0.5% - Holding Investment	\$11,846
Closing Funds at 31 March 2018	\$15,945
Less Creditor	
Meeting Fee Due (February)	(\$1,400)
Net Assets Available at 31 March 2018	\$14,545

11.2 Payments

Executive Officer for administrative services

\$1400

MOTION:

That the financial report be received, and accounts be approved for payment

Moved	Mayor G Henley	Seconded	Cr B Piesse	Carried
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12. Schedule of meetings 2018

The following dates are agreed for meetings for the next 12 months retaining the practice of meeting on the 4th Friday of the month.

Month	Location	Agenda
22 nd June	Bridgetown	Ms. Rebecca Ball CEO South West Development Commission
24 th August	Bunbury	
23 rd November	Busselton	

13. Attachments (Circulated by email separately)

13.1 Rural Fire Division Brochure

13.2 Department of Local Government, Sport and Communities WALGA Update April May 2018

14. Closure

The Deputy President thanked members and visitors for their attendance and the Shire Boyup Brook members and their staff for the hospitality extended to the Zone Delegates and closed the meeting at 12.25 pm



RURAL FIRE DIVISION

WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER



**HON FRANCIS
LOGAN MLA
MINISTER FOR
EMERGENCY SERVICES**

For the first time ever, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services will have a division dedicated to rural and regional bushfire management.

The creation of the Rural Fire Division is a significant step forward for Western Australia to broaden and improve the focus of our emergency services to help keep our communities safe.

The Rural Fire Division is a new structure within the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, with its own Executive Director and its own budget.

It has been developed to meet the needs of our geographically diverse State and demonstrates the commitment from the McGowan Labor

Government to improve community safety and strengthen our emergency services.

At the heart of the division will be the greater coordination of resources and knowledge, and improved collaboration.

These are important components in improving bushfire management for our State.

The Rural Fire Division will focus on:

- Improved communications - including more support for volunteers and a greater focus on volunteer relations.
- Unprecedented mitigation funding with a \$35 million boost, bringing the total to an historic almost \$50 million. This funding will be targeted where it is needed most.
- Enhanced bushfire fighting skills and research - a first-of-its-kind \$18 million Bushfire Centre of Excellence will enhance volunteer training and develop new initiatives in fighting bushfires by leveraging local knowledge and bushfire science and research.
- Safer WA communities - spatial computer planning to identify the highest bushfire risks across local governments.

This division meets the intention of the Waroona Special Bushfire Inquiry to enhance rural and bushfire risk management at a State, regional and local level.

In a State as large and diverse as WA, it is critical that we all work together to address the bushfire risks that our communities increasingly face.



DARREN KLEMM
AFSM
FIRE AND
EMERGENCY
SERVICES
COMMISSIONER

The Rural Fire Division provides a new direction for emergency services that will enable greater collaboration between the Department of

Fire and Emergency Services, government agencies and bushfire volunteers.

The establishment of this new division is the first step towards a united approach to bushfire prevention and management across our vast, bushfire-prone State.

The Rural Fire Division will ensure we are tapping into that knowledge and expertise, and working alongside bushfire volunteers across the full scope of rural bushfire management. It will also give volunteers greater input into the decisions that are made at a State-wide level.

I'm excited to see this new chapter take shape and the impact it will have on creating safer communities. I look forward to collaborating with volunteers and government stakeholders as we work towards making Western Australia a safer and more resilient State.



MURRAY CARTER
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

The establishment of a Rural Fire Division is a historic investment into WA's bushfire resources, and one that puts a greater emphasis on mitigation, bush fire management, and listening to volunteers.

It will help us move the emphasis from responding to and recovering from major destructive bushfires, to better managing the risk of such bushfires occurring. Bushfires are inevitable but the work of the Rural Fire Division will mean we can increase efforts at minimising the scale and destruction of them through better risk management, planning and training.

Incorporating a Bushfire Centre of Excellence, the Office of Bushfire Risk Management, increased investment in Bushfire Risk Management Planning, and a focus on strengthening volunteer relations, the division will bring a more holistic approach to the way we tackle bushfires.

I am honoured to undertake the important role of harnessing the expertise and wisdom of the experts, the bushfire community, and I look forward to working with them all.



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

As we approach the one-year mark since the Machinery of Government changes to the public sector were announced, the Department is really starting to take shape. Through necessity our changes have focused on the internal integration of systems and processes. We have produced our [Strategic Plan 2018-2021](#) which articulates the vision, mission, values and key priorities for the Department. It is a significant milestone for our Department.

Over the coming months, we will embark on a review of our engagement with Local Government, including our contribution to the WALGA Zone process. We will seek your views and expectations to shape and inform our thinking. We will be looking for opportunities to foster innovation and better collaboration.

I have attended several local government events and meetings across WA which continues to sharpen my thinking about how the Department can best support local governments. I look forward to continuing these conversations with the sector, notably through the Local Government Act 1995 review.

I'm pleased to report at the close of the public consultation (9 March 2018) the Department had received 243 submissions. Currently, the team is busy analysing the submissions and preparing a report on what we heard. This will be available on our website shortly.

As you will recall, the reform of Public Libraries is a key Government objective and an enduring partnership between State and Local Government. Last year, The Hon. David Templeman MLA, Minister for Culture and the Arts, released the WA Public Libraries Strategy and accompanying Background Paper in December 2017 for public consultation.

The WA Public Libraries Strategy was the result of extensive research and consultation through the Public Libraries Working Group. The Strategy identified five priority areas that can be addressed over the next four years to deliver an improved and more sustainable public library service to the Western Australian community. Submissions have now closed, and analysis is underway. Further information can be found on the [State Library website](#).

Thanks for your continued commitment to the Western Australian community. Until next time.

Duncan Ord, OAM
Director General
Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Office of Multicultural Interests – Search Diversity

- The new 'Search Diversity WA' website is a searchable source of information on the demographic, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds of Western Australians.
- The website, launched by the Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI) was built on data from the 2016 Census and includes profiles of all WA electoral divisions and local government areas. Its aim is to help government, non-government agencies and corporations to better understand WA's population.
- The easily-accessible data will assist with decision making and community planning for services that meet the needs of WA's culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) communities.
- Search Diversity WA makes it easy to find out statistics on:
 - demographic data—age group and gender
 - education and work—qualifications, educational institutions attendance, employment status, occupation, weekly personal income, and volunteering by gender
 - cultural diversity—ancestry, birthplace, year of arrival, language spoken at home, proficiency in English, religion, and citizenship rates
 - households—household size, family composition, dependent children, grandparent families, and household income
 - disability and carers—need for assistance, and carers by age group and gender.
 - Search Diversity WA can be accessed through the 'Stats, info & guides' tab on OMI's website www.omi.wa.gov.au or click [here](#)

Puppy Farming

- DLGSC is currently developing options to address the State's key election commitment to stop puppy farming and the number of unwanted dogs in Western Australia.
- Key actions proposed include a centralised dog registration system, compulsory de-sexing of dogs, and pet shops being transitioned to adoption centres.
- A community consultation paper will be released on 3 May 2018 at the RSPCA headquarters in Malaga.
- A two-page feature article about the puppy farming initiative has been prepared for the next edition of WALGA's *Western Councillor* magazine.
- Targeted consultation will occur with the local government sector to ensure the impacts of implementation can be fully understood.
- See more information at the Department's website or contact: Courtney Allen, Project Lead, Stop Puppy Farming puppyfarming@dlgsc.wa.gov.au



Every Club

- There are 5,500 community sporting and recreation clubs in WA are run by volunteers across WA.
- *Every Club* is the latest program launched by the Sport and Recreation (WA) to provide sport and active recreation clubs in the State with access to best practice resources for the specific needs of their local club.
- Whether it is bookkeeping, how to run a club Facebook page, ideas for fundraising, fiscal management, or any of the other hundreds of small tasks club volunteers want to master.
- More information visits the DLGSC website and follow the links to sport and recreation <https://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/clubs/every-club>

True Sport

- True Sport supports local sporting clubs and associations to promote eight values that share the benefits of sport and recreation to the whole community. True Sport provides tools and resources to help clubs and associations share the positive, good news stories that sport provides every day. True Sport aims to;
 - Remind people of the broad benefits that sport brings to the community and that what we learn on the field translates into how we act off the field.
 - Recognise that sport helps shape kids into happy, proactive members of their community.
 - Encourage all sports clubs and people to recognise and display the eight values of True Sport on and off the field.
 - Increase the understanding of the importance of playing multiple sports for kids
 - Increase participation and retention rates in junior sport in Western Australia.
- The eight values poster is attached to this newsletter. More information visit the True Sport Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/truesportwa/> or the DLGSC website and follow the links to sport and recreation.

Local Government Act 1995 Review

- The Act review provides a rare opportunity to shape the future of local government in Western Australia. It is being undertaken in two parts.
- Phase 1 is focused on modernising local government, including elected member behaviour, training, transparency and red tape reduction.
- In November and December, the Department conducted workshops in 15 locations across the State. Approximately 530 people attended. The workshops provided insights into the diverse views held on potential directions for the future of local government.
- Written submissions closed 9 March 2018, with 243 received.
 - 42 submissions from local government (14 metro, 28 non-metro) plus the Great Eastern Zone and Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council.
 - 30 submissions from elected members and one each from the administration at the Cities of Canning and Perth.
 - 11 submissions from peak bodies.
- Submissions that were not requested to remain confidential or that were not defamatory were published on the Department's website on 16 March 2018.
- The Department has completed the analysis of these submissions and of the input provided at the workshops.
- Minister Templeman is considering this information.
- The Minister wishes to have a Bill on the Phase 1 changes introduced to Parliament before the end of the year.
- The Department is working with WALGA and LGPro and Reference Group meeting will be held on 2 May 2018.
- For more information please visit www.dlgc.wa.gov.au/lgareview or contact: Sheryl Siekierka, Director, Strategic Initiatives on 9492 9839 or email actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.

Local Government (Suspension and Dismissal) Bill 2018

- The *Local Government (Suspension and Dismissal) Bill 2018* was read into Parliament on 14 March.
- The Bill provides for remedial orders and/or suspension of individual elected members where their conduct is adversely impacting upon the ability of other elected members, the staff or the local government to carry out their functions and responsibilities.
- Suspension may also be imposed where an elected member is charged with a disqualification offence or where a serious breach has been referred to the State Administrative Tribunal.
- More information is available in documents on the Parliament House website www.parliament.wa.gov.au.
- For specific questions, you can contact Luke Stevens, Senior Legislation and Strategy Officer on 9492 9805 or email actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au.



Ministerial Circulars

Circular 01-2018 Local Government Amendment (Suspension and Dismissal) Bill 2018
<https://www.dlgc.wa.gov.au/Publications/Pages/Ministerial-Circular-01-2018---Suspension-and-Dismissal-Amendment-Bill-2018.aspx>

Department Circulars

Circular 01-2018: Registration exemption for cats in foster care with SAFE - See more at:
<https://www.dlgc.wa.gov.au/Publications/Pages/Circular-01-2018.aspx#sthash.X2WzRMEL.dpuf>

WA Government News

For the latest updates, visit the official Facebook for WA Government News.
<https://www.facebook.com/wagovnews/>

Rural Fire Service announced

- The State Government has announced it will establish a rural fire arm within the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES).
- The rural fire division is expected to be fully established ahead of the coming summer.
- For more information review the *DFES_RDF_Statement* attached to this newsletter or visit the DFES website www.dfes.wa.gov.au

Cyber Security Cooperative Research Centre (CRC)

- Earlier this month, the Cyber Security Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) was launched. Based at Edith Cowan University. The Cyber Security CRC will focus on three key areas:
 1. ensuring the security of critical infrastructure by developing innovative approaches, tools and techniques to predict, prevent, detect, and respond to cyber threats
 2. enabling Australian individuals, businesses and industries to access cyber security solutions which build national and international confidence in Australia as a safe and trusted place to do business and access cyber space
 3. building the next generation of industry, government and research cyber security leaders, and increasing maturity, capability and collaboration in the sector.
- More information about the Cyber Security CRC can be found at www.business.gov.au/CRC-grants-selection-rounds