



Great Eastern Country Zone Minutes

**Thursday 29 November 2018
Teleconference**

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Great Eastern Country Zone

Meeting held via Teleconference

Commenced at 8.01 am, Thursday 29 November 2018

Minutes

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Zone President, Cr Rhonda Cole opened the meeting at 8.01am welcoming all in attendance..

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance

Shire of Bruce Rock	President Stephen Strange Mr Darren Mollenoyux, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Cunderdin	Cr Alison Harris Mr Neville Hale, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Kellerberrin	Cr Rodney Forsyth Mr Raymond Griffiths, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Kondinin	Ms Mia Dohnt, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Koorda	Mr David Burton, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Merredin	President Ken Hooper Cr Mal Willis Mr Greg Powell, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Mt Marshall	President Tony Sachse Mr John Nuttall, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Mukinbudin	Cr Sandie Ventris Mr Dirk Sellenger
Shire of Narembeen	President Rhonda Cole Chair Cr Kellie Mortimore Mr Chris Jackson, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Nungarin	President Eileen O'Connell

Shire of Tammin	Mr Neville Hale, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Trayning	Cr Melanie Brown Mr Paul Sheedy, Acting Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Westonia	President Karin Day Mr Jamie Criddle, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Wyalkatchem	Ms Taryn Dayman, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Yilgarn	President Onida Truran Mr Peter Clarke, Acting Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

WALGA Representatives

Mr Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance & Organisational Development
Chantelle O'Brien – Governance Support Officer
Ian Duncan – Executive Manager, Infrastructure

Guests

Nil

Apologies

Shire of Bruce Rock,	Cr Ramesh Rajagopalan
Shire of Cunderdin,	Cr Dennis Whisson
Shire of Dowerin,	Cr Darrel Hudson
	Cr Brenton Walsh
	Ms Rebecca McCall, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Kellerberrin	Cr Scott O'Neill
Shire of Kondinin	President Sue Meeking
	Cr Kent Mouritz
Shire of Koorda	President Ricky Storer
	Cr Pamela McWha
Shire of Mt Marshall	Cr Nick Gillett
Shire of Mukinbudin	President Gary Shadbolt
Shire of Narambeen	Cr Alan Wright
Shire of Nungarin	Cr Gary Coumbe
	Mr Adam Majid, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
Shire of Tammin	Cr Glenice Batchelor
	Cr Tania Daniels
Shire of Trayning	Cr Geoff Waters
Shire of Westonia	Cr Bill Huxtable
Shire of Wyalkatchem	Cr Quentin Davies
	Cr Owen Garner
Shire of Yilgarn	Cr Wayne Della Bosca

Ms Mandy Walker, Director Regional Development RDA Wheatbelt
Hon Martin Aldridge, MLC Member for Agricultural Region
Hon Rick Mazza, MLC Member for Agricultural Region
Mr Craig Manton, Regional Manager Wheatbelt, Main Roads Department
Ms Wendy Newman, CEO Wheatbelt Development Commission

Attachments

The following were provided as attachments to the agenda:

1. Great Eastern Country Zone Minutes 23 August 2018.
2. Great Eastern Country Zone Executive Committee Minutes 8 November 2018.
3. Draft Country Ambulance Strategy
4. State Councillor Report
5. State Council Agenda – via link: <https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/About-WALGA/Structure/State-Council/Agendas-and-Minutes/Agenda-State-Council-5-December-2018.pdf.aspx>
6. WALGA President's Report
7. Zone Report – Local Government Act Review Forum.
8. Wheatbelt RDA report

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

President Eileen O'Connell declared an interest in Item 7.4.

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nil

5. **GUEST SPEAKERS / DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

6. **MINUTES**

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes from the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held Thursday 23 August 2018 (Attachment)
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The Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held on Thursday 23 August 2018 have previously been circulated to Member Councils.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Stephen Strange
Seconded: President Onida Truran

That the minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held Thursday 23 August 2018 are confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting Thursday 23 August 2018
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Nil

6.3 Minutes from the Great Eastern Country Zone Executive Committee Meeting held Thursday 8 November 2018

The Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting are attached

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Eileen O'Connell

Seconded: Cr Kellie Mortimore

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Great Eastern Country Zone Committee Meeting held Thursday 8 November 2018 be endorsed.

CARRIED

7. ZONE BUSINESS

7.1 Draft Waste Strategy 2030

Proponent: Shire of Merredin

BACKGROUND

In October 2017 the State Government released a Consultation Paper on the Waste Strategy for comment, with feedback due February 2018. Following consideration of the feedback on the Consultation Paper a draft Waste Strategy 2030 was released in October 2018 for the required 28 day consultation period (as per the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act).

The draft Waste Strategy included waste avoidance, recovery and environmental protection objectives and targets. These objectives and targets are to be implemented through a number of specific strategies and approaches. The intention of the State Government is that an Action Plan be developed which includes the detail on how the targets will be achieved.

Specifically of relevance to the Zone are the:

- Waste Avoidance Targets which include:
 - A 5% reduction in MSW generation by 2024 and a 10% reduction by 2030 – measured against the 2014/15 baseline.
 - By 2030 all waste is managed and/or disposed using better practice approaches.
- Waste Recovery Targets which include:
 - C&D sector – increase material recovery to 75% by 2020, 77% by 2025 and 80% by 2030 – this may impact on the Local Governments operations, as this appears to be a statewide target
 - By 2030 all waste facilities adopt resource recovery better practice.
- Environmental Protection Targets which include:
 - By 2030 move towards zero illegal dumping
 - By 2030 move towards zero littering
 - By 2030 all waste facilities adopt environmental protection better practice.

It was not clear from the information provided in the draft Waste Strategy how these targets had been set. The better practices approaches have yet to be developed, and WALGA has requested this occurs taking a consultative partnership approach with the sector. In the [WALGA Submission](#) on the Draft Waste Strategy it was recommended that the Action Plan for implementation of the Strategy includes funding programs that:

- Provide adequate funding and support for Regional Councils, non-metropolitan and metropolitan Local Governments
- Reflect the targets and priorities within the State Waste Strategy
- Fully funds and acknowledges the life-cycle costs of infrastructure and services
- Facilitates the development and implementation of Product Stewardship Schemes.

The specific strategies in the draft Waste Strategy which will be important for the Zone include the requirement for Local Government Waste Plans and the review of the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Levy (WARR Levy). Regarding Local Government Waste Plans, WALGA understands these plans are intended to be relatively simple documents which identify how the Local Government will progress towards the targets in the Strategy. In relation to the WARR Levy review, it should be noted that WALGA has recently reviewed its Waste Levy Policy Statement, which re-affirmed that the Levy should not be applied to the non-metropolitan area. This item is going to the December State Council meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Mal Willis
Seconded: President Stephen Strange

The Great Eastern Country Zone request that WALGA continue to advocate:

1. **For a consultative partnership approach to the development of any better practice or other guidance for Local Government.**
2. **That the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Levy should not be applied to the non-metropolitan area.**

CARRIED

7.2 Draft Country Ambulance Strategy

Proponent – Executive Committee

BACKGROUND

A Draft Country Ambulance Strategy (the Draft Strategy) was developed by the WA Country Health Service (WACHS) in 2018, in order to address the future strategic direction of country ambulance service delivery in WA. The Draft Strategy was released for general consultation on September 28, and comments close on December 10.

The Draft Strategy (attached) was developed as a result of State-wide consultation conducted by Ernst and Young and WACHS with key stakeholders, research on best practice, and past reviews. This background work uncovered considerable inequity between the metropolitan and country ambulance services provisions, in regards to financial, contractual and performance measures.

While the Perth metropolitan area has an ambulance service delivered by paid, qualified ambulance officers adhering to strict performance indicators, country areas rely on a large number of volunteer ambulance officers and blended Sub Centres. WA has the greatest reliance on volunteer ambulance officers of any Australian State, and is the only State where the service is not State-operated, being run by St John Ambulance as the primary provider. The Draft Strategy notes that although the current volunteer model is strong, lack of investment in support for the volunteers places the future sustainability of the service at risk.

Consultation to develop the Draft Strategy included widespread regional engagement over six weeks with representatives from WACHS, the Kimberley Ambulance Service, St John Ambulance, Royal Flying Doctor Service, Local Government, the Department of Health and other relevant parties across seven country regions and the Perth metropolitan area.

Initial findings from consultation found that the WA ambulance operates with the lowest funding per capita and also spends the least per capita. Stakeholder consultation revealed that greater support for volunteers was required, including:

- Administrative support for Sub-centres
- Access to training, provision of nationally recognised formal training
- Investment in improved technology, particularly communication systems
- Greater sub centre financial support
- Increased clinical support.

Strategic themes were identified through further consultation, and these formed the pillars of the strategy: Policy and system; Timely Access; Patient Safety; System Coordination; Sustainable and Skilled Workforce and Value for Money.

A range of targets were developed for the pillars, leading to 19 recommendations. These are listed on page 11 and 12 of the Draft Strategy, and on pages 36-61 of the full version. A number of these recommendations include the development of measurable performance indicators for various aspects of service, although it is not made clear whether this expectation is placed only on the paid workforce, or also on volunteers.

Local Government representatives of the Great Eastern Country Zone have expressed concerns at some of the recommendations of the Draft Strategy, particularly those recommending the inclusion of measurable performance indicators in contracts.

As consultation on the Draft Strategy closes on December 10, it is unlikely that there is sufficient time for the Zone to prepare a detailed submission. An alternative approach involves individual Local Governments within the Zone contacting agencies within their area that should have input into the draft, and encouraging them to respond. Local Governments can also publish the advertised link for public comment in their weekly notes to their residents. It is a public document so individual members of the public are encouraged to have input.

Further information attached (Attachment 1).

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tony Sachse
Seconded: Cr Kellie Mortimore

That the Great Eastern Country Zone Councils contact agencies within their area that should have input into the draft, and encourage them to respond. Additionally, Local Governments publish the advertised link for public comment in communications with their residents, and encourage residents to submit their own comments.

CARRIED

7.3 Container Deposit Scheme Locations

Proponent – Shire of Narembeen and Shire of Kondinin

BACKGROUND

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) have released a draft Customer Service Standard for the Container Deposit Scheme for comment. This document includes the draft number and approximate location of the refund points, both permanent and flexible, for the Scheme in Western Australia. WALGA is making a comprehensive Submission on the draft Standard highlighting a range of issues relating to customer interaction with the Scheme and ensuring equitable access for all Western Australian's.

Implications for the Zone

The draft Customer Service Standard only includes flexible refund points for 4 locations within the Zone (Shires of Bruce Rock, Cunderdin, Kellerberrin and Merredin), the other 12 Local Governments do not have a refund point allocated. No permanent refund points are located in the zone. The “flexible” refund points are currently defined as:

Flexible refund points are intended to meet the requirements of smaller or fluctuating populations and could be provided on a part time, seasonal, mobile, or event based (pop-up) basis.

The draft Standard DWER does not include any reference to minimum opening hours / days for the permanent or flexible points.

For the Zone to ensure equitable access for all residents to the Scheme it is suggested that all Local Governments be guaranteed, as a minimum, one flexible refund point which is open 16 hours each two week period, including at least 8 hours at weekends (this is the same as the NSW Container Deposit Scheme). There would be nothing to prevent the refund points being open additional hours to improve community access and convenience.

These refund points provide potential opportunities for Local Government to co-locate refund points at landfills or transfer stations, communities groups or charities and for local businesses.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kellie Mortimore

Seconded: President Eileen O’Connell

That the Great Eastern Country Zone requests that:

- 1. All Local Governments be guaranteed, as a minimum, one flexible refund point in their area.**
- 2. A flexible access point should be defined as a refund point which, as a minimum, is open 16 hours each two week period, including at least 8 hours at weekends**
- 3. The State Government provide appropriate funding for the refund points.**

CARRIED

7.4 Water Corporation - New management and billing structure for standpipes

Proponent – WEROC/Shire of Westonia

President Eileen O’Connell has declared an interest in this item.

BACKGROUND

WE-ROC has resolved to seek the Zones assistance in resolving issues around the implementation by the Water Corporation of a new management and billing structure for standpipes across rural WA.

Water Corporation plan to implement a new management and billing structure from the 1st July 2019.

Local Government Authorities (LGAs) are entitled to access concessional pricing for water used for their own purposes. This will not change; however high flow rate LGA owned fixed standpipes that are publicly accessible will no longer be charged concessional rates and commercial rates will instead apply.

This change will affect users of high flow LGA owned fixed standpipes in country areas. Although the price is charged to the LGA directly, the costs may be passed on to businesses, farmers and properties not connected to the scheme.

The major change is the way standpipes are billed. They will now be based on four categories shown below.

- LA Standpipe – No Annual Service Charge/\$2.534 per kilolitre Water Use Charge
- Community Standpipe - \$265.41 Annual Service Charge/\$2.534 per kilolitre Water Use Charge
- Commercial Standpipe - \$1,658.93 Annual Service Charge/up to \$8.353 per kilolitre Water Use Charge
- Fire-fighting Standpipe –No Annual Fee 100% discount/No Water Use Charge

How will rates and charges be applied to fixed standpipes?

The new pricing structure is linked to the size of the standpipe meter, as this determines the flow rate. Small standpipes (20mm and 25mm) generally deliver between 20 – 40 litres per minute. Large standpipes (any pipe larger than 25mm) generally deliver from 80 litres per minute and above.

All LGA standpipes with a meter size of 20mm or 25mm will receive concessional rates and are to be used by the LGA or for community purposes only (such as drought assistance for farmers or households not connected to scheme water when a drought condition is announced by the Government). All standpipes with a meter size above 25mm will be charged at a commercial rate, but an exemption to consumption charges will apply for water used for fire-fighting purposes.

Standpipes with a meter above 25mm that are located in a shire depot or locked for Shire use only will be able to access the concessional rate by providing evidence of the ability to control user access. There will be no change to Fire Standpipes or fixed standpipes installed on privately owned property.

Council and the Community will need to take into consideration, the Annual Service Charge applicable to the Standpipes according to the size of the meter size and purpose assigned to the Standpipe. For example, a 50mm Commercial Standpipe will attract an annual fee of \$1,658.93 as opposed to the existing \$250.39 annual fee.

The other, more significant change as listed above is the extensive increase in the tariff charged per kilolitre.

Current rates across the Shire are \$2.39 per kL. The proposal is to increase that to between \$2.534 and \$8.353 per kL.

Local Governments can simply not allow any water to be used from fixed standpipes without charging.

Water - Meter Based Size Charges			
Meter Size (mm)			
		2017/18	2018/19
20mm	Community	\$250.39	\$265.41
25mm	Community	\$391.26	\$265.41
30mm	Commercial	\$563.38	\$597.18
40mm	Commercial	\$1,001.63	\$1,061.73
50mm	Commercial	\$1,565.03	\$1,658.93
80mm	Commercial	\$4,006.46	\$4,246.85
100mm	Commercial	\$6,260.10	\$6,635.71

The problem with the Water Corporations proposed new fee structure is that it caters to a "One size fits all" policy.

The Minister and the Water Corp are assuming that all land holders have direct or at least close connect with scheme reticulated water. This is not the case in the north of the Westonia Shire and is probably the case in outlying Councils such as Dalwallinu, Mt Marshall, Mukinbudin, Yilgarn, Kondinin and Lake Grace.

One half of the Westonia Shire's land mass does not have access to scheme water, requiring landholders to travel upward of 70km to Warralakin to cart water for domestic purposes. Management does not argue with the fact that landholders with the ability to draw from their own on farm water storage, should be charge a commercial rate should they wish to extract from a Council controlled Standpipe, but with no access to scheme water there should be an exemption to allow certain landholder to access domestic and stock water at a reduced rate.

Mr Jamie Criddle, CEO Shire of Westonia entered the meeting at 8.20am

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Karin Day

Seconded: President Stephen Strange

That the Great Eastern Country Zone request WALGA to advocate opposing the WA Water Corporation proposed fee structure in remote parts of the eastern Wheatbelt and;

- 1. Request the Water Corporation look to possible subsidised billing to remote user standpipes for users without any other possible means of potable water;**
- 2. Write to the Department of Water suggesting that as a result of the increased Standpipe water costs that they re-introduce the Farm Water Grants to allow effected landholders the ability to create on-farm water storage and water connections;**

CARRIED

8. ZONE REPORTS

8.1 Zone President Report

Cr Rhonda Cole

RECOMMENDATION

Resolved

8.2 Local Government Agricultural Freight Group

Cr Rod Forsyth

Minutes of the Local Government Freight Group meeting of 12 October 2018 are attached.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Stephen Strange

Seconded: President Ken Hooper

That the Report be received

CARRIED

Ms Mia Dohnt, CEO Kondinin entered the meeting at 8.31am

8.3 Wheatbelt District Emergency Management Committee (Wheatbelt DEMC)

Cr Tony Sache

The Wheatbelt DEMC met in Northam on 1st November, 2018. Information from the meeting included:

- The Shire of Bruce Rock LEMA was considered compliant.
- Review of the EM status across the district including LEMA currency, LEMC functionality and Exercise Schedules. This information is available in Appendix 2 of the draft minutes. The Shire of Mukinbudin's LEMA is overdue. The Shire of Nungarin has been progressing with their LEMA which is due December 2018 Note: their LEMC is not currently meeting. The Shire of Trayning has their LEMA due in December 2018 and this is progressing well. All other GECZ Councils in the district are endorsed and meeting regularly.
- Appendix 3 of the draft minutes has information relating to the Local Risk Status for member Councils and Appendix 4 covers recent exercise reports.
- In the Agenda items it was noted that there is a need to evaluate the top 20 risks. This will be done at the first meeting in 2019.
- Some of the agency reports that could affect the GECZ included; high fuel loads due to late rains (DFES), BOM outlook shows hotter, drier season ahead (DFES), 28 Schools in the bushfire prone area with all plans up to date (Dept of Education), Harvest period coming up with busier roads etc (LG GECZ), Operation Vulcan starts on December 1st and visits will be made to known arson offenders in the area (WA Police Service).
- The WA contingency plan for rail crash in the Avon Valley (Feb 2012) is now overdue for review, and exercising.

Following the meeting the Wheatbelt DEMC undertook a multi-agency pre-season workshop. This included:

- Seasonal Outlook and Overview of Services
Bureau of Meteorology Note: Message was to be prepared as even with a lower risk of Tropical Cyclones/Floods etc as "it only takes one".
- Network Transmission and Distribution Information Western Power
- Bushfire Fuel Loads and Mitigation Works DFES BFRMO, Parks and Wildlife (DBCA)
- Restricted Access Permits

➤ Agency Preparedness, updates and issues

The Committee also undertook an exercise in Electricity Supply Disruption.

➤ Other Information:

Severe weather events last Friday, 16th November and Saturday 17th November 2018 saw many fires occur simultaneously across the district, mostly due to lightning strikes. Reports coming in indicate that there were quite quick responses to these fires and damage was able to be minimized to some degree. However power outages also occurred with the associated mobile and landline phone communication problems occurring again in some areas. There have been a couple of emails complaining about the loss of communications late Friday and early Saturday, especially with regard to firefighting operations and the public.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Tony Sachse

Seconded: President Eileen O'Connell

That the Report be received

CARRIED

9. WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (WALGA) BUSINESS

9.1 State Councillor Report

Cr Stephen Strange

Report on the September State Council meeting held in Dongara was attached to the Agenda.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ken Hooper

Seconded: Cr Kellie Mortimore

That the Report be received

CARRIED

9.2 WALGA Status Report

Mr Tony Brown, Executive Officer

BACKGROUND

Presented the Status Report for August 2018 which contains WALGA's responses to the resolutions of previous Zone Meetings.

Zone	Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Up-date	WALGA Contact
Grt Eastern C	2017 November 30 Zone Agenda Item 9.2 WALGA Status Report	That the Great Eastern Country Zone notes the: 1. State Councillor Report; and 2. WALGA Status Report and requests that WALGA express its disappointment to the Office of Emergency Management that there has been no progress on this important emergency management issue and in the event that the matter cannot be progressed WALGA be requested to take the issue up with the Minister for Emergency Management.	WALGA has reopened discussions with the Office of Emergency Management on this matter and will advise the zone of feedback directly. The Emergency Management Policy Unit are coordinating further briefings and are collecting information from the relevant zones to ensure the sectors concerns can be raised with the relevant parties. Great Southern and Great Eastern Country are both experiencing issues in this area. WALGA have raised this as an urgent matter with the Emergency Services Network Operators Reference Group to provide recommendations to the sector. This group includes all the lifeline agencies along with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development to include the regional black spots funding and communications providers. WALGA will provide further updates as information is received.	Nov 2018	Joanne Burges Executive Manager, People & Place jburges@walga.asn.au 9213 2018
Grt Eastern C	2018 April 26 Zone Agenda Item 7.6	That the Great Eastern Country Zone in conjunction with WALGA and the State Emergency Management Committee seek meetings with relevant Commonwealth agencies to develop resolutions to the ongoing Telecommunication failures being	WALGA will meet with the Great Eastern Country Zone to investigate the options available to assist with this matter. Further information from CEOs in the zone would be beneficial as the Association notes that	Nov 2018	Joanne Burges Executive Manager People and Place jburges@walga.asn.au 9213 2080

	Power/Telecommunication Outages Across the Great Eastern Country Zone During the 2018 Easter Weekend	experienced in parts of the central and eastern Wheatbelt.	<p>two have responded since the Executive emailed on 18 April 2018.</p> <p>The Emergency Management Policy Unit are coordinating further briefings and collecting information from the relevant zones to ensure the sectors concerns can be raised with the relevant parties. Great Southern and Great Eastern Country Zones are experiencing issues in this area.</p> <p>WALGA have raised this as an urgent matter with the Emergency Services Network Operators Reference Group to provide recommendations to the sector. This group includes all the lifeline agencies along with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development to include the regional black spots funding and communications providers. WALGA will provide further updates as information is received.</p>		
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ZONE COMMENT

This is an opportunity for Member Councils to consider the response from WALGA in respect to the matters that were submitted at the previous Zone Meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Alison Harris
Seconded: President Onida Truran

That the Great Eastern Country Zone notes the WALGA Status Report.

CARRIED

9.3 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda – Matters for Decision

Mr Tony Brown, Executive Officer

BACKGROUND

WALGA State Council meets five times each year and as part of the consultation process with Member Councils circulates the State Council Agenda for input through the Zone structure.

The full State Council Agenda can be found via link:

<https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/About-WALGA/Structure/State-Council/Agendas-and-Minutes/Agenda-State-Council-5-December-2018.pdf.aspx>

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

5.1 Proposed Removal by Main Roads WA of the “Letter of Approval” Restricted Access Vehicle Operating Condition

WALGA Recommendation

That WALGA:

1. Opposes withdrawal of the “Letter of Approval” Restricted Access Vehicle Operating Condition until an acceptable alternative is developed;
2. Supports the position that Local Governments not use provision of the Letter of Authority to charge transport operators to access the Restricted Access Vehicle network;
3. Supports the development of standard administrative procedures including fees and letter formats; and
4. Supports the practice of Local Governments negotiating maintenance agreements with freight owners/ generators in cases where the operations are predicted to cause extraordinary road damage.

ZONE COMMENT:

There has been widespread concern from country Local Governments on Main Roads proposal to withdraw the “Letter of Approval” Restricted Access Vehicle Operating Condition (CA07 condition).

The recommendation is in line with feedback received for country Local Governments.

Zone supports the WALGA Recommendation.

5.2 Bus Stop Infrastructure Partnership Agreement 2018/19-2022/23

WALGA Recommendation

That the Bus Stop Infrastructure Partnership Agreement be endorsed.

5.3 2019-20 State Budget Submission

WALGA Recommendation

That WALGA's submission to the State Government in advance of the 2019-20 Budget be endorsed.

5.4 Interim Submission: Cost Recovery for Clearing Permits and Water Licences and Permits – DWER Discussion Paper

WALGA Recommendation

That the WALGA interim submission which opposes increased cost recovery for clearing permits and water licences and permits by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation be endorsed.

5.5 Waste Levy Policy Statement

WALGA Recommendation

That the Waste Levy Policy Statement 2018 be endorsed.

5.6 Standard Development Conditions Guidelines

WALGA Recommendation

That the *Standard Development Conditions Guideline*, be endorsed and that WALGA recommends use of the resource by Local Governments when reviewing and/or preparing standard development conditions.

5.7 WALGA Paper – Off Road Vehicles and Local Government

WALGA Recommendation

That WALGA advocates for the State Government to:

1. Conduct a review of current legislation to align registration and licensing of Off Road Vehicles (ORVs) with other vehicle types and users.
2. Allocate funding for feasibility studies to identify suitable sites for new ORV Permitted Areas throughout the State, which considers environmental values, future land use planning impacts, public safety, amenity and environmental issues and Local Government risk and liability issues.
3. Develop and implement, in collaboration with WALGA and ORV stakeholders, educational resources and training suitable to the specific needs of ORV users, stakeholders and Local

Governments. Resources should include; guidance on compliance and enforcement arrangements aligned with the *Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978* and other relevant legislation, user and permitted area operational safety, signage standards, insurance and liability mitigation strategies.

4. Develop and implement, in collaboration with ORV vendors, resources and practices that ensure ORV buyers are informed at the point of sale about ORV registration, regulation and restrictions applicable to ORV vehicle use and consequences of non-compliance.
5. Consider and consult on the regulation of the vendor's role in providing information to buyers regarding ORV registration, regulation and restrictions.
6. Develop and implement, in collaboration with stakeholders and industry representatives, resources to educate and raise community awareness about the proper use of ORVs, ORV permitted and prohibited areas, and the consequences of non-compliance.
7. Ensure that the WA Police Force allocates resources to address unlawful ORV use in consultation with Local Government law enforcement.

5.8 Submissions – *Public Health Act 2016* Regulation Review Program

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submissions provided to the Department of Health *Public Health Act 2016* Discussion Papers on Regulations for Construction Sites Facilities, Temporary Toilets and Cloth Materials be endorsed.

5.9 Aboriginal Advocacy and Accountability Office Interim Submission

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission to An Office for Advocacy and Accountability in Aboriginal Affairs in Western Australia: Discussion paper be endorsed.

5.10 Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission: Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse: A Local Government Response to the Western Australian State Government Child Safety Implementation Plan be endorsed.

5.11 Partnering with Local Government for Youth

WALGA Recommendation

That the following amended policy statement be endorsed:

The Local Government sector supports the development and well-being of children and young people through strategic partnerships and a combination of services and facility provision. The Association advocates that the State and Commonwealth should continue to invest in the wellbeing of young West Australians.

5.12 Managing Alcohol in our Communities Guide

WALGA Recommendation

That the Managing Alcohol in our Communities (MAIOC) Guide be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Stephen Strange

Seconded: President Karin Day

That the Great Eastern Country Zone endorses all recommendations being matters contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda.

CARRIED

9.4 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda – Matters for Noting / Information
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Mr Tony Brown, Executive Officer

6.1 Local Government Act Review

ZONE COMMENT:

Please refer to the report detailed the feedback gathered from the Zone forum held in Merredin on 24 October 2018 attached to this Agenda for your information.

The WALGA process from here is as follows;

- 16 November 2018 – WALGA distributed an InfoPage requesting Local Governments (Council decision required) to provide a submission on the Act review process. A submission to WALGA is requested by 1 February 2019. This will enable Councils to consider an item at their December meetings.
- November Zone Meetings/December 2018 State Council Meeting – Item for noting will be prepared that will cover information on the LG Act review process and a summary of the forums held in October/November and general themes coming through.
- 30 January 2019 – State-wide Forum on the future of Local Government – The forum will include a review of the information coming through from the Local Government Act forums and submissions, in addition there will be guest speakers presenting on the future of Local Government.
- March Zone Meetings/March 2019 State Council Meeting – Item for Decision on sector positions following feedback from Local Government submissions.
- 22 February 2019 – Local Government Act submission to WALGA close
- 15 March to 22 March 2019 – Zone Meetings
- Tuesday 26 March 2019 at 4pm – WALGA State Council Meeting

6.2 Economic Development Project

6.3 Report: Review of Local Government Car Parking Requirements in Western Australia

6.4 Event for Elected Members – Health Services in Regional Areas

ZONE COMMENT:

The zone will be interested in the Regional Health forum proposed to be held on 26 March 2019

6.5 Government Regional Officer Housing

6.6 National Redress Scheme

6.7 Family and Domestic Violence

6.8 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council

6.9 Draft National Biosecurity Statement

6.10 Release of the Better Urban Forest Planning Guide

6.11 WALGA Reconciliation Action Plan

9.5 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda – Organisational Reports
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7.1 Key Activity Reports

7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Environment and Waste Unit

7.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services

7.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure

7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, People and Place

9.6 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda – Policy Forum Reports
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7.2 Policy Forum Reports

7.2.1 Mayors/Presidents Policy Forum

7.2.2 Mining Community Policy Forum

7.2.3 Container Deposit Legislation Policy Forum

7.2.4 Economic Development Policy Forum

9.7 WALGA President's Report

The WALGA Presidents Report is attached.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Eileen O'Connell
Seconded: Cr Kellie Mortimore

That the Great Eastern Country Zone notes the following reports contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda.

- Matters for Noting/Information
- Organisational Reports
- Policy Forum Reports; and
- WALGA President's Report

CARRIED

10. AGENCY REPORTS

10.1 Wheatbelt RDA

Mandy Walker, Wheatbelt RDA is an apology for this meeting, however has provided a Zone report as attached.

Noted

10.2 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Nil

11. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Nil

12. EMERGING ISSUES

12.1 Community Bus Hire

The issue of Community Bus hire was raised and the concern about not being able to charge for the service. Donations can be accepted.

Noted

12.2 Power Outage Due to Storm

Extended power outages occurred within the area due to storm damage. These outages if occur during a high fire risk rating can be highly dangerous. Zone to take this matter up with Western Power.

Noted

13. URGENT BUSINESS

13.1 Farewell Mr David Burton

With this meeting being the last one for Mr David Burton, CEO, Shire of Koorda, the Zone would like to say thank you. Mr Burton's contribution to the Zone was appreciated and wish all the very best with the Shire of Carnarvon.

Noted

14. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETINGS

The Great Eastern Country Zone meetings have been endorsed by the Executive Committee and are listed below:

NOTICE OF MEETINGS
**GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE MEETING
2019**

Zone Meeting Dates Thursday	Time	HOST COUNCIL
21 March	Thursday 9.30am	Shire of Merredin
24 April	Wednesday 9.30am	Shire of Kellerberrin
27 June	Thursday 9.30am	Shire of Merredin
29 August	Thursday 9.30am	Shire of Kellerberrin
28 November	Thursday 9.30am	Shire of Merredin

NOTICE OF MEETINGS
GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2019

Exec Comm Meeting Dates Thursday	Time	HOST COUNCIL
7 March	Thursday 7.30 am	Teleconference
11 April	Thursday 7.30 am	Teleconference
13 June	Thursday 7.30 am	Teleconference
8 August	Thursday 7.00 am	In-Person Perth Exhibition & Convention Centre
14 November	Thursday 7.30 am	Teleconference

Noted

15. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.12am.

VA — Prohibited activities in the open air during total fire ban

[Heading inserted in Gazette 1 Dec 2009 p. 4832.]

24A. *Prohibited activities prescribed (Act s. 22B(3)(c))*

- (1) In this regulation —
engine, vehicle, plant, equipment or machinery means any engine, motor vehicle, plant, equipment or machinery that is, or that is activated by, an internal combustion engine;
road has the meaning given in the *Road Traffic (Administration) Act 2008* section 4.
- (2) The use or operation of any engine, vehicle, plant, equipment or machinery on land on which there is bush or which is under crop or pasture or stubble is prescribed for the purposes of section 22B(3)(c) of the Act.
- (3) Subregulation (2) does not apply to the use or operation of any engine, vehicle, plant, equipment or machinery —
 - (a) on a road; or
 - (b) on a lane, driveway, yard or other area that provides access to, or a parking facility at, any residential, farming or business premises, if the area has been sufficiently cleared of inflammable material to prevent the escape of fire.
- (4) Subregulation (2) does not apply to the use or operation of any engine, vehicle, plant, equipment or machinery if —
 - (a) the purpose of that use or operation is the prevention of an immediate and serious risk to the health or safety of a person or livestock; and
 - (b) all reasonable precautions have been taken to prevent the use or operation from causing a bush fire; and
 - (c) without limiting paragraph (b), the condition applicable under subregulation (5) is complied with.
- (5A) Subregulation (2) does not apply to the use or operation of any engine, vehicle, plant, equipment or machinery if —
 - (a) the use or operation is or is part of an agricultural activity; and
 - (ba) the use or operation is not, and is not part of, a process or operation specified for the purposes of section 27A(1)(a)(ii) of the Act as being a process or operation likely to create a bush fire danger; and
 - (b) all reasonable precautions have been taken to prevent the use or operation from causing a bush fire; and
 - (c) without limiting paragraph (b), the condition applicable under subregulation (5) is complied with,unless —
 - (d) the use or operation is inconsistent with a declaration under regulation 38C; or
 - (e) a ban under regulation 24C is in force in the area in which the use or operation is taking place or was to take place.
- (5) The condition is that the internal combustion engine that is, or that activates, the engine, vehicle, plant, equipment or machinery being used or operated is mechanically sound and has an exhaust system that —
 - (a) is clean and free from gas leaks; and

- (b) except in the case of a motor vehicle, is fitted with a suitable spark arrester that is maintained in a clean, sound and efficient condition.

[Regulation 24A inserted in Gazette 1 Dec 2009 p. 4832-4; amended in Gazette 5 Nov 2010 p. 5564-5; 2 Dec 2011 p. 5059-60; 8 Jan 2015 p. 109.]

24B. Activities excepted from Act s. 22B(2) prescribed (Act s. 22B(4))

- (1) For the purposes of section 22B(4) of the Act, an activity that is carried out for the purpose of preventing an immediate and serious risk to the health or safety of a person or livestock is prescribed.
- (2) Subregulation (1) applies to an activity only if all reasonable precautions have been taken to prevent the activity from creating a bush fire danger.

[Regulation 24B inserted in Gazette 1 Dec 2009 p. 4834.]

24C. Bans for r. 24A(5A), imposing and duration of etc.

- (1) A bush fire control officer may impose a ban, for the purposes of regulation 24A(5A), in an area if satisfied that the use or operation of any engine, vehicle, plant, equipment or machinery in the area during the period to be specified for the ban would be likely to cause a bush fire or contribute to the spread of a bush fire.
- (2) A bush fire control officer must impose a ban, for the purposes of regulation 24A(5A), in an area if satisfied that the bush fire danger index for the area is or exceeds 35.
- (3) For the purposes of subregulation (2), the bush fire danger index must be worked out using the “Grassland Fire Danger Index CSIRO-modified McArthur Mk 4 meter”.
- (4) A ban —
 - (a) has effect for the period specified for the ban; and
 - (b) must be published by wireless broadcast and, if practicable, in writing; and
 - (c) may be varied or cancelled by a bush fire control officer by wireless broadcast and, if practicable, in writing.
- (5) The period specified for the ban must be included in the wireless broadcasts of the ban and in any written publication of the ban.

[Regulation 24C inserted in Gazette 5 Nov 2010 p. 5565-6; amended in Gazette 2 Dec 2011 p. 5060.]