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# Peel Zone Minutes

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# Minutes

## Peel Zone of WALGA

Meeting held at the Shire of Waroona  
Council Chambers  
52 Hesse Street, Waroona  
Thursday 26 June 2014 commencing at 2.25pm

### 1.0 OPENING AND WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed members and guests and declared the meeting open at 2.25pm.

### 2.0 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

#### Attendance:

Members: Cr Wally Barrett, Chairman and State Council Representative, President Shire of Murray  
Cr Keith Ellis, Deputy Chairman and Deputy State Council Representative, President Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale  
Mayor Marina Vergone, City of Mandurah  
Cr Darren Lee, Deputy Mayor City of Mandurah  
Cr Barry Urban, Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale  
Cr Chris Thompson, Deputy President Shire of Murray  
Cr Christine Germain, President Shire of Waroona  
Cr Trish Witney, Deputy President Shire of Waroona  
Cr John Allert, President Shire of Boddington  
Cr Jeff Hewton, Deputy President Shire of Boddington

Officers: Mr Dean Unsworth, Chief Executive Officer Shire of Murray  
Mr Richard Gorbunow, Chief Executive Officer Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale  
Mr Mark Newman, Chief Executive Officer City of Mandurah  
Mr Ian Curley, Chief Executive Officer Shire of Waroona  
Ms Linda Jones, Peel Zone Officer

Guests: WALGA: Ms Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager Planning, Reform and Improvement  
Ms Julia Beijeman, Environment Policy Manager  
Mr Dale Chapman, Business Development Manager

DLGC: Troy Hancock, Senior Legislation Officer

#### Apology:

Mr Grant Bartle, Director Corporate Services Shire of Boddington

### 3.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Pursuant to our Code of Conduct, 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. Members 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

### 4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil

### 5.0 GUEST SPEAKERS / DEPUTATIONS

#### 5.1 Local Government Procurement (Attachment 5.1)

Mr Dale Chapman from WALGA made a presentation to Peel Zone Members on Local Government Procurement and preferred supplier arrangements. The presentation focussed on a number of key initiatives including:

- Whole of sector group buying and the benefits delivered to Local Governments.
- Broadening the scope of pre-qualified and tender exempt WALGA preferred supply panels to include a greater number of small local businesses.
- Implementing online procurement systems to streamline access to Local Government business by reducing the costs, time and red tape associated with procurement.
- Supporting Local Buy policies and using procurement to drive local economic development.
- Resolving compliance issues related to Local Government panels.
- Building procurement capacity across Local Government, eg new training courses, publications, online tools etc.

A number of questions were raised following the presentation.

1. Mayor Vergone queried the procurement process. The City of Mandurah recently called for tenders for provision of CCTV cameras. A prospective tenderer was unable to submit a tender because he was not on the panel of suppliers. The successful tenderer was also not on the panel originally but is now. How does this work?

*Response:*

WALGA has the capacity to remove / add suppliers at any time. Mr Chapman undertook to examine the City of Mandurah tender and report back to the Peel Zone in due course.

2. Is there a limit to the number of suppliers in a category?

*Response:*

No but there is a limit to how many suppliers WALGA can effectively contract manage.

3. How well are suppliers scrutinised and by who?

*Response:*

Suppliers are scrutinised by WALGA and there is a contractual obligation to pass on any savings to local governments.

4. Many suppliers are Perth based and we have to pay a surcharge for country delivery. How does WALGA account for that?

*Response:*

Local governments have a choice to deal with either the WALGA preferred supply panels or a different procurement process to include local contractors. WALGA is endeavouring to get more local suppliers on panels. Prices are set at a State level and can be accessed from regionally located dealers. This allows local governments to support local dealers as well as being able to access a better price arrangement.

5. What is the arrangement with fuel?

*Response:*

WALGA currently has a contract with Caltex / BP and has negotiated a level of discount with that manufacturer. Mr Chapman invited Councils to provide him with information on fuel prices and he will undertake an analysis and negotiate with manufacturers to deliver a better price.

A copy of the Powerpoint presentation has been circulated to Members.

## 6.0 MINUTES

### 6.1 Confirmation of Minutes – Peel Zone Meeting - 1 May 2014

**Motion:**

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Peel Zone held on 1 May 2014 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.**

**Moved:** Cr Christine Thompson  
**Seconded:** Cr Barry Urban

### 6.2 Business Arising (Attachment 6.1)

#### Item 7.4.2 - Country Reform Policy Forum

WALGA has advised that notification calling for expressions of interest for representation on the Country Reform Policy Forum appeared in:

- Councillor Direct Issue 33 5 September 2013
- LG News Issue 35 9 September 2013
- Councillor Direct Issue 36 25 September 2013

This matter was dealt with under Item 7.2 - Policy Forum Reports.

## 7.0 ZONE BUSINESS

### 7.1 WALGA Peel Country Zone Status Report (Attachment 7.1)

#### 2013 August 29 – State Council – Agenda Item 5.2 - Country Local Government Fund

Mr Unsworth noted that no information has been forthcoming from WALGA on the loss of the **Country Local Government Fund**, in particular the economic impact once the flow-on investment was considered.

Ms Jackson undertook to follow up on this matter and provide an updated WALGA response in due course.

### 7.2 Correspondence Listing (Attachment 7.2)

Nil

### 7.3 Peel Zone Actions Report (Attachment 7.3)

Nil

#### Motion:

**That the WALGA Peel Country Zone Status Report, Correspondence Listing and Peel Zone Actions Report be received.**

**Moved: Mayor Marina Vergone**  
**Seconded: Cr Christine Germain**

### 7.4 Other Peel Zone Business

#### 7.4.1 Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) – Concept Paper : Review of Emergency Services Acts

This item was discussed at the Peel Zone Meeting on 1 May 2014. Officers will be presenting reports to individual Councils during June/July and it was suggested that the Peel Zone of WALGA develop a joint submission to the Concept Paper.

The WALGA submission is included under Item 5.5 of the State Council Agenda.

Councils are urged to submit feedback to WALGA by the deadline of 31 July 2014.

It will be difficult for the Peel Zone to develop a joint submission due to the short timeframe involved.

Mr Unsworth offered to coordinate individual Council submissions to identify commonalities and distribute to Zone Members for approval prior to forwarding to WALGA.

## 8.0 REVIEW OF WALGA STATE COUNCIL AGENDA

Zone delegates considered the Matters for Decision, Matters for Noting / Information and Organisational Reports contained in the WA Local Government Association State Council Agenda and put forward resolutions to the Zone Representative on State Council.

## **8.1 Matters for Decision (Item 5 of the State Council Agenda)**

### **5. Matters for Decision**

#### State Council Item No and Title:

- 5.1 Local Government Reform and Poll Provisions – pg 5
- 5.2 Road Funding Campaign – pg 10
- 5.3 Microeconomic Reform Inquiry Draft Report Submission – pg 13
- 5.4 Draft Submission to WA Planning Commission: Draft State Planning Policy 3.7 Planning for Bushfire Risk Management – pg 30
- 5.5 DFES Concept Paper: Review of the Emergency Services Acts -WALGA Submission – pg 43
- 5.6 Regional Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks - Goldfields- Esperance, Wheatbelt, South West, Great Southern and Kimberley Regions – pg 74
- 5.7 Local Government and Emergency Management in Remote Aboriginal Communities – pg 86
- 5.8 Patient Assisted Travel Scheme Inquiry – pg 94
- 5.9 Local Government Communique on Future Service Delivery to Discrete Aboriginal Communities – pg 108
- 5.10 WALGA Submission – Review of Contaminated Sites Act 2003 – pg 122

## **8.2 Matters for Noting / Information (Item 6 of the State Council Agenda)**

### **6. Matters for Noting / Information**

#### State Council Item No and Title:

- 6.1 WA Planning Commission's Summary of Submissions – Planning makes it Happen : Phase 2 – pg 134
- 6.2 Rating Exemptions for Land Used Exclusively for Charitable Purposes – pg 137
- 6.3 Cessation of the Local Biodiversity Program – pg 139
- 6.4 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) – pg 142

## **8.3 Organisational Reports (Item 7 of the State Council Agenda)**

### **7. Organisational Reports**

#### State Council Item No and Title:

- 7.1 Key Activity Reports
  - 7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Environment and Waste Unit – pg 146
  - 7.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Strategy – pg 149
  - 7.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure – pg 151
  - 7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, Planning and Community Development – pg 155
- 7.2 Policy Forum Reports – pg 158

**Motion:**

**That the Peel Zone:**

1. forwards correspondence to WALGA expressing concern that the Peel Region is not represented on the Association's Policy Forums and seeking approval for Shire of Murray representation on the Country Reform Policy Forum;
2. endorses all other items on the July 2014 State Council Agenda 'en bloc'.

**Moved:** Cr Barry Urban

**Seconded:** Mayor Marina Vergone

## **9.0 EXECUTIVE MEMBERS' REPORTS**

### **9.1 WALGA President's Report (Attachment 9.1)**

#### **Canning Inquiry**

Mr Newman undertook to arrange for the City of Mandurah's solicitor to summarise the report of the Inquiry Panel into the City of Canning and present the findings to the next Peel Zone meeting.

### **9.2 DLGC Report**

Mr Troy Hancock, Senior Legislation Officer advised that the Director General's Report is currently being finalised and will be available early next week. He provided a verbal report on behalf of the Department of Local Government and Communities.

#### **Local Government Reform**

The Local Government Advisory Board is considering proposals (38) on Local Government Reform before making a recommendation to the Minister.

#### ***Caravans and Camping Grounds Act***

The Act is currently under review. A public consultation paper and feedback form is available on the Department's website until 1 September 2014.

#### **Local Government Rating Policies**

A number of policies and application forms are available online to assist staff in this area.

#### **Elected Member Training**

WALGA will deliver training for interested elected members, progressing to a Diploma in Local Government.

#### **Dog Regulations - changes affecting local laws**

The Department has recently made amendments to Dog Regulations. Local laws relating to public dog exercise areas will be cancelled from 31 July 2014. The amended regulations are required to be advertised and re-established through resolution of Council.

Mr Newman pointed out that it may be necessary for Councils to convene a special Council meeting due to the short timeframe involved.



In response to a query from Serpentine Jarrahdale, Mr Hancock agreed to check if the amendment applies to greyhounds exercise areas and will provide further information in due course.

### **9.3 State Councillor's Report – Cr Barrett**

The State Council Representative advised that the State Council meeting will be held at WALGA on Wednesday 2 July 2014. The 2014/15 State Council Budget was adopted yesterday, with the Peel Region faring quite well.

## **10.0 OTHER BUSINESS**

### **10.1 Items to be raised by Members:**

#### 10.1.1 Shire of Murray

##### **State Government Leases**

Mr Unsworth advised that the Shire of Murray has a current lease (with a five-year option) with the National Trust for the Court House in Pinjarra. The Shire has been advised that the State Government is proposing to sell the property to private enterprise and is negotiating to try to retain the Court House. Members should be aware if they have assets with the State Government to protect them.

#### 10.1.2 Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale

##### **Local Government Reform**

###### **Motion:**

**In view of the uncertainty which surrounds the structural reform agenda and the State Government's refusal to fully fund the transition costs of proposed amalgamations, the Zone requests WALGA to:**

- 1. call on the State Government to provide funding of up to \$100 million to be placed immediately in a reserve fund set aside for structural reform and that failing any meaningful financial commitment from the State Government, it is suggested that WALGA cease any collaborative involvement in the State Government's reform agenda, effective forthwith; and**
- 3. call on all country local governments not to enter into any structural reform agenda in collaboration with the State Government in the absence of any guaranteed and meaningful funding for both the current metropolitan structural reform agenda and any future structural reform agenda for country local governments.**

**Moved: Cr Barry Urban**

**Seconded: Cr Keith Ellis**

#### 10.1.3 City of Mandurah

Nil

#### 10.1.4 Shire of Waroona

Nil

#### 10.1.5 Shire of Boddington

Cr Allert advised that new Shire of Boddington administration offices and Council Chambers were officially opened by Premier Colin Barnett on Friday, 20 June 2014.

Mr Graeme Simpson has been appointed Acting Chief Executive Officer for between 3 – 6 months pending appointment of a permanent Chief Executive Officer.

### **11.0 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on ***Thursday 28 August 2014*** at the ***Shire of Boddington***.

### **12.0 CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 3.50pm.