

State Council

Summary Minutes

1 March 2023



Ordinary meeting no. 1 of 2023 of the Western Australia Local Government Association (WALGA) State Council held at ONE70, LV1, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville on Wednesday, 1 March 2023.

OPEN and WELCOME

The Chair declared the meeting open at 4:23pm.

1. ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES

1.1 Attendance

The Chair welcomed:

- State Councillors
- LG Professionals WA President, Ms Annie Riordan
- WALGA secretariat

Observers:

- Deputy State Councillor Cr Melissa Northcott, South East Metropolitan Zone

1.2 Apologies

- The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WALGA acknowledges the Whadjuk Nyoongar People who are the Traditional Custodians of the land we meet on today and pays respects to their Elders past and present.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the resignations of Mayor Mark Irwin and former Councillor Carl Celedin from State Council in December last year, two new State Council representatives have been elected at the most recent round of Zone meetings:

1. Cr David Lagan, City of Stirling for the North Metropolitan Zone; and
2. Mayor Patrick Hall, City of Canning for the South East Metropolitan Zone.

The Chair extended her welcome to Cr Lagan and Mayor Hall for their first State Council meeting.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 Minutes of the State Council meeting held 7 December 2022

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell JP

Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan JP

That the Minutes of the WALGA State Council meeting held on [Wednesday, 7 December 2022](#) be confirmed as a true and correct records of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 416.1/2023

CARRIED

4.1.2 Business arising from the Minutes of meeting held 7 December 2022

Nil

4.2 Flying Minute – WALGA Submission Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-design Process, Phase Three

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson

Seconded: President Cr Phil Blight

That the Flying Minute – [WALGA Submission Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-design Process, Phase Three](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 417.1/2023

CARRIED

4.2.1 Business arising from the Minutes of meeting held 7 December 2022

Nil

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pursuant to our Code of Conduct, State Councillors must declare to the Chair any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before State Council as soon as they become aware of it.

- Cr Paul Kelly declared an interest in item 7.10, LGIS Board Tenure
- Cr Helen Sadler declared an impartiality interest in item 7.1, Proposed Advocacy Position on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and an impartiality interest in item 9.5, WALGA Submission on Phase Three of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-Design Process

6. EMERGING ISSUES

Nil

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7. MATTERS FOR DECISION

7.1 Proposed Advocacy Position on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

By Rachel Armstrong, Senior Policy Advisor Emergency Management

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the following Advocacy Position be endorsed:

WALGA supports constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People through the enshrining of a Voice to Parliament.

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA:

1. Supports a robust and respectful national debate on constitutional recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and requests the Commonwealth Government provide further details on the proposed Voice to Parliament.
2. Requests that the Commonwealth Government ensure that Local Governments and local communities across WA are meaningfully engaged with on this issue.
3. Does not take a position on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People through the enshrining of a Voice to Parliament at this time.

Cr Helen Sadler declared an impartiality interest in this item.

ALTERNATE MOTION

Moved: Cr Helen Sadler
Seconded: Cr Michelle Rich

That WALGA:

1. Supports respectful conversations about constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and the Voice to Parliament.
2. Requests that the Commonwealth Government ensure that Local Governments and communities are kept informed on the proposal.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr John Daw
Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

That an additional point 3 be added as follows:

3. Supports constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People through the enshrining of a Voice to Parliament.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST

Cr Michelle Rich called for a division.

For	Against
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cr John Daw 2. Cr Catherine Ehrhardt 3. Mayor Ruth Butterfield 4. Cr Helen Sadler 5. President Cr Michelle Rich 6. Cr Doug Thompson 7. Mayor Logan Howlett JP 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cr Paul Kelly 2. President Cr Moira Girando JP 3. President Cr Tony Dean 4. Mayor Patrick Hall 5. Cr Cheryl Cowell 6. President Cr Laurene Bonza 7. President Cr Stephen Strange 8. Mayor Peter Long 9. President Cr Phil Blight 10. Cr Chris Mitchell JP 11. President Cr Chris Pavlovich 12. Cr David Lagan 13. Cr Russ Fishwick JP 14. Cr Frank Cvitan JP 15. Cr Les Price 16. Mayor Carol Adams OAM 17. Cr Ken Seymour

THE ORIGINAL MOTION WAS PUT

That WALGA:

- 1. Supports respectful conversations about constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and the Voice to Parliament.**
- 2. Requests that the Commonwealth Government ensure that Local Governments and communities are kept informed on the proposal.**

RESOLUTION 418.1/2023

CARRIED

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7.2 Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Submission

By Rachel Armstrong, Senior Policy Advisor, Emergency Management

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the submission on the draft *Western Australian Community Disaster Resilience Strategy* be endorsed.

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight

Seconded: President Cr Tony Dean

That the Submission on the draft Western Australian Community Disaster Resilience Strategy be endorsed, incorporating the following points:

- 1. Guidance on donation management during a disaster, recovery from a disaster and ongoing;**
- 2. Additional detail on the State's role, the funding that is required and how support can be accessed;**
- 3. Acknowledgment that the role of volunteer bush fire brigade members is focused on response, and that resilience training is better targeted to support agencies and community groups assisting with disaster recovery. Any training requirements for brigade members should be voluntary.**

RESOLUTION 419.1/2023

CARRIED

7.3 Child Safeguarding Advocacy Position

By Vikki Barlow, Senior Policy Advisor Community

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell JP

Seconded: Cr David Lagan

That the Child Safeguarding Advocacy Position as follows be endorsed:

Child Safeguarding

1. **Local Government supports:**
 - a. ***the recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse 2017, in particular Recommendation 6.12 which can be achieved by Local Government implementing and embedding child safeguarding across its functions with support from Governments at the national, state and territory levels; and***
 - b. ***the ten National Principles for Child Safe Organisations (Australian Humans Rights Commission).***
2. **The State Government through an Independent Oversight Body should provide financial, resourcing and capacity building support to Local Governments to implement and embed child safeguarding across its functions, through the provision of:**
 - a. ***supporting materials such as template policies, procedures and guidelines;***
 - b. ***consistent key messaging and resources to promote and share in venues and facilities and online;***
 - c. ***examples of best practice, including case studies;***
 - d. ***self-assessment tools to assist Local Government;***
 - e. ***ongoing training and skills development for Local Government staff, including online training options;***
 - f. ***funding for the delivery of the child safeguarding function within smaller, less well resourced (Band 3 and Band 4) Local Governments; and***
 - g. ***expert officers within each region to provide support and guidance to Local Government on child safeguarding.***
3. **The Local Government sector supports Local Government participation in the State's National Redress Scheme, with full financial coverage by the State.**

RESOLUTION 420.1/2023

CARRIED

7.4 Submission on Draft Guideline Minimising Noise Impact from Outdoor Community Basketball Facilities

By Rebecca Brown, Manager, Environment and Waste

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the submission on the *Draft Guideline: Minimising noise impact from outdoor community basketball facilities* be endorsed.

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA note that the Environment Minister has withdrawn the *Draft Guideline: Minimising noise impact from outdoor community basketball facilities*.

ALTERNATE MOTION

Moved: President Cr Michelle Rich

Seconded: Mayor Ruth Butterfield

That WALGA:

1. Note that:
 - a. The Environment Minister has withdrawn the *Draft Guideline: Minimising noise impact from outdoor community basketball*.
 - b. The strategic issue is how to balance increasing urban density and infill, and consequent need for public recreation, with management of noise from active recreation in public spaces.
 - c. To address this issue requires a whole of Government approach as these considerations intersect with Local Government, Sport, Planning and Environmental Regulation.
 - d. Without a whole of Government approach, to ensure the appropriate framework and support is in place, individual Local Governments will continue to have to deal with this issue on a case by case basis.
2. Write to the Ministers for Environment, Local Government, Sport and Planning requesting the formation of a cross Government working group, including relevant representative bodies, to consider and develop solutions to balance urban density and infill, public recreation and noise management.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Mayor Patrick Hall

Seconded: Mayor Carol Adams OAM

That points b, c and d be removed.

RESOLUTION 421.1/2023

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED

THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION NOW READS

That WALGA:

1. Note that the Environment Minister has withdrawn the Draft Guideline: Minimising noise impact from outdoor community basketball.
2. Write to the Ministers for Environment, Local Government, Sport and Planning requesting the formation of a cross Government working group, including relevant representative bodies, to consider and develop solutions to balance urban density and infill, public recreation and noise management.

RESOLUTION 422.1/2023

CARRIED

7.5 Main Roads Draft Roadside Advertising Policy and Application Guidelines

By Max Bushell, Policy Officer Road Safety and Infrastructure

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the submission to Main Roads on its Draft Roadside Advertising Policy and Application Guidelines be endorsed.

ALTERNATE MOTION

Moved: Cr Helen Sadler
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell JP

1. That WALGA endorse the Main Roads Draft Roadside Advertising Policy and Applications Guidelines in full; and
2. That the WALGA administration draft a submission to reflect its support.

RESOLUTION 423.1/2023

CARRIED

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY STATE COUNCILLORS (UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

7.6 Best Practice Governance Review Final Report

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services, and Tim Lane, Manager Corporate and Association Governance

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1. The Best Practice Governance Review Stage 3 Final Report be received;**
- 2. The proposed changes to WALGA's governance structure as per the revised Model 1, detailed in the Stage 3 Final Report, be endorsed;**
- 3. Members be engaged on the detail of the model; and**
- 4. Constitutional changes be developed for consideration at the July 2023 State Council meeting.**

ALTERNATE MOTION

Moved: Cr Les Price
Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan JP

That:

- 1. The Best Practice Governance Review Stage 3 Final Report be received;**
- 2. The proposed changes to WALGA's governance structure as per the revised Model 1, detailed in the Stage 3 Final Report, be noted;**
- 3. Members be engaged on the detail of the model and a Final Report be presented to the May 2023 State Council meeting for consideration;**
- 4. Any recommendation to the 2023 AGM include Option 5 as the Current Model and Option 1 as an alternative to the Current Model; and**
- 5. Subject to points 1, 2, 3 and 4 above, constitutional changes be developed for consideration by State Council.**

RESOLUTION 424.1/2023

CARRIED

7.7 Finance and Services Committee Minutes – 15 February 2023

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell JP
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee meeting held on 15 February 2023 be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 425.1/2023

CARRIED

7.8 Selection Committee Minutes – 23 February 2023 – CONFIDENTIAL

By Tim Lane, Manager Association and Corporate Governance and Chantelle O'Brien, Governance Support Officer

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: President Cr Moira Girando JP

That the recommendations contained in the 23 February 2023 Selection Committee Minutes be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 426.1/2023

CARRIED

7.9 LGIS Board Minutes – 1 December 2022 – CONFIDENTIAL

By Craig Hansom, LGIS Contract Manager

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Chris Pavlovich
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

That State Council note the minutes of the LGISWA Scheme Board meeting held on 1 December 2022.

RESOLUTION 427.1/2023

CARRIED

7.10 LGIS Board Tenure – CONFIDENTIAL

By Craig Hansom, LGIS Contract Manager

Cr Paul Kelly declared an interest in this item and left the meeting at 5:53pm.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell JP

That State Council endorse the reappointment of Cr Paul Kelly as a Director of the LGIS Board for a three-year term upon the expiry of his current term.

RESOLUTION 428.1/2023

CARRIED

Cr Paul Kelly returned to the meeting at 5:56pm.

7.11 Local Government House Trust Board of Management Minutes – 23 February 2023 – CONFIDENTIAL

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt
Seconded: President Cr Moira Girando JP

That the Minutes of the Local Government House Trust Board of Management meeting held on 23 February 2023 be noted.

RESOLUTION 429.1/2023

CARRIED

Cr Helen Sadler left the meeting at 6:01pm and did not return.

7.12 Appointments to State Council Policy Teams and Committees

By Nick Sloan, Chief Executive Officer

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Frank Cvitan JP
Seconded: President Cr Chris Pavlovich

That:

- 1. Cr David Lagan be appointed to the Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team;**
- 2. Mayor Patrick Hall be appointed to the Finance and Services Committee;**
- 3. Mayor Mark Irwin be appointed to the Metropolitan Representative position on the Local Government House Trust; and**
- 4. Mayor Patrick Hall be appointed to the Metropolitan State Councillor position on the Local Government House Trust.**

RESOLUTION 430.1/2023

CARRIED

8. POLICY TEAM REPORTS

8.1 Environment and Waste Policy Team Report

Presented by Policy Team Chair, Cr Les Price

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Seconded: President Cr Moira Girando JP

That the matters considered by the Environment and Waste Policy Team be noted.

RESOLUTION 431.1/2023

CARRIED

8.2 Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team Report

Presented by Policy Team Chair, Cr Russ Fishwick

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Russ Fishwick JP
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell JP

That the Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team Report be noted.

RESOLUTION 432.1/2023

CARRIED

8.3 Infrastructure Policy Team Report

Presented by Policy Team Chair, President Cr Chris Pavlovich

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Seconded: President Cr Laurene Bonza

That the matters considered by the Infrastructure Policy Team be noted.

RESOLUTION 433.1/2023

CARRIED

8.4 People and Place Policy Team Report

Presented by Policy Team Chair, President Cr Tony Dean

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Tony Dean

Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

That the matters considered by the People and Place Policy Team be noted.

RESOLUTION 434.1/2023

CARRIED

9. MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

9.1 Animal Welfare in Emergencies Grant Program Overview

By Cassandra Mora, Policy Officer, Emergency Management

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan JP

That the update on the Animal Welfare in Emergencies Grant Program be noted.

RESOLUTION 435.1/2023

CARRIED

9.2 Emergency Management Update

By Rachel Armstrong, Senior Policy Advisor, Emergency Management

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan JP

That State Council note this Emergency Management update.

RESOLUTION 435.1/2023

CARRIED

9.3 Local Development Plan Background Paper

By Coralie Claudio, Senior Policy Advisor Planning

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan JP

That State Council note the Local Development Plan Background Paper.

RESOLUTION 435.1/2023

CARRIED

9.4 2023-24 WALGA Federal Budget Submission

By Daniel Thomson, Economist

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan JP

That WALGA's letter in support of the Australian Local Government Association's 2023-24 Federal Budget Submission be noted.

RESOLUTION 435.1/2023

CARRIED

9.5 WALGA Submission on Phase Three of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-Design Process

By Alina Hobson, Policy Officer, Resilient Communities

Cr Helen Sadler had declared an interest in this item, however had already left the meeting.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan JP

That the submission on Phase Three of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021* Co-design Process, endorsed via Flying Minute on 23 December 2022, be noted.

RESOLUTION 435.1/2023

CARRIED

9.6 Child Care Premises Position Statement: Consultation Response

By Ruby Pettit, Policy Officer Planning

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan JP

That State Council note the consultation response to the Child Care Premises Position Statement.

RESOLUTION 435.1/2023

CARRIED

9.7 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)

By Rebecca Brown, Manager Waste and Environment

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan JP

That the resolutions of the 14 December 2022 Municipal Waste Advisory Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 435.1/2023

CARRIED

10. ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

10.1 Key Activity Reports

10.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Advocacy Portfolio

By Narelle Cant, Executive Manager Advocacy

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams OAM
Seconded: President Cr Moira Girando JP

That the Key Activities Report from the Advocacy Portfolio to the March 2023 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 436.1/2023

CARRIED

10.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure Portfolio

By Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams OAM
Seconded: President Cr Moira Girando JP

That the Key Activities Report from the Infrastructure Portfolio to the March 2023 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 436.1/2023

CARRIED

10.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Member Services Portfolio

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams OAM
Seconded: President Cr Moira Girando JP

That the Key Activities Report from the Member Services Portfolio to the March 2023 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 436.1/2023

CARRIED

10.1.4 Report on Key Activities, Policy Portfolio

By Nicole Matthews, Executive Manager Policy

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams OAM
Seconded: President Cr Moira Girando JP

That the Key Activities Report from the Policy Portfolio to the March 2023 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 436.1/2023

CARRIED

10.2 President's Report

WALGA President, Cr Karen Chappel JP

Report previously distributed to all Zones.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams OAM
Seconded: President Cr Moira Girando JP

That the President's Report for March 2023 be received.

RESOLUTION 436.1/2023

CARRIED

10.3 CEO's Report

WALGA Chief Executive Officer, Nick Sloan

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams OAM
Seconded: President Cr Moira Girando JP

That the CEO's Report for March 2023 be received.

RESOLUTION 436.1/2023

CARRIED

10.4 Ex-Officio Reports

10.4.1 City of Perth Report

The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas is an apology for this meeting.

10.4.2 LG Professional's Report

Ms Annie Riordan, President, LG Professionals WA, provided a report to the meeting.

11. ADDITIONAL ZONE RESOLUTIONS

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Ken Seymour
Seconded: President Cr Phil Blight

That the additional Zone Resolutions from the February 2023 round of Zones meetings as follows be referred to the appropriate policy area for consideration and appropriate action, noting that some may have already been referred.

RESOLUTION 437.1/2023

CARRIED

AVON MIDLAND COUNTRY ZONE (Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team)

Encouraging community members to nominate for Council

That the Avon-Midland Country Zone request WALGA to:

1. Investigate and identify perceived barriers against members of the public nominating for Council.
2. Identify potential opportunities and incentives to encourage more members of the public to nominate as elected members, both financial and non-financial and including the option of tax not being paid on elected member allowances.

GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE (Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team)

Local Government Reform Regulations – Superannuation for Sitting Members

The GVROC State Councillor, Cr Laurene Bonza, to request WALGA and the State Council to advocate to the Minister for Local Government and the State Government for the Superannuation for Local Government Sitting Members to be included in Tranche One of the Local Government Act Regulation Reform process.

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team)

Local Government Act Reforms – Elected Member superannuation

The South East Metropolitan Zone request WALGA to advocate for Elected Member Superannuation to be included in the first tranche of Local Government Act reforms.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE (Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team)

Local Government Legislative Reform

That the South Metropolitan Zone request WALGA to advocate for Elected Member Superannuation to be included in the first tranche of Local Government Act reforms.

GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE (Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team)

Review of Audit Process by the Office of the Auditor General

That the Great Eastern Country Zone supports a comprehensive review, prioritised, and led by WALGA, of the audit process managed by the Office of the Auditor General.

NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE (Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team)

Performance of the Office of the Auditor General

That the North Metropolitan Zone requests WALGA seek feedback from the Local Government sector regarding the performance of the Office of the Auditor General with regard the end of financial year audits, and to provide that feedback to the Premier and Minister for Local Government.

AVON MIDLAND COUNTRY ZONE (Infrastructure Policy Team)

Heavy Haulage Cost Recovery – Charge for Road Maintenance for Extractive Industries

That the Avon-Midland Country Zone support the South West Country Zone’s resolution advocating that WALGA update the suite of User Guides and Technical Tools for Recovering the Cost of Road Wear from Heavy Haulage and investigate an extractive industry royalty for Local Government.

GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE (Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team)

Proposed Changes to Gun Laws

That GVROC:

1. support inviting the Minister for Police, Hon Paul Papalia CSC MLA, to address the next scheduled GVROC meeting on 31 March 2023 to outline the proposed changes to gun laws.
2. GVROC Chair to write to the Premier, Minister for Police and the Police Commissioner requesting further consultation on these changes before they are implemented from 1 July 2023 to consider the following issues:
 - a. Need for exemptions as is what has happened when the Federal Government implemented a similar scheme after the Port Arthur Massacre to allow Pastoralists and farmers in the remote regions to manage the constant issue of feral pests including feral camels, wild horses, donkeys, pigs and dogs that threaten the livelihood of those operating.
 - b. Better understanding of the mental health checks required and how this will work given the shortages of qualified doctors etc in the region available to undertake these checks.
 - c. The level of funding towards the buy-back scheme, given the market costs for these guns and the numbers to be bought back outweigh the amount in the fund.
3. GVROC Chair and the GVROC State Councillor raise this issue with WALGA requesting them to advocate the above position on behalf of all regional LGAs to the State Government.

GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE (Infrastructure Policy Team)

Proposal to Seal Goldfields Highway – Wiluna to Meekatharra Road

That the GVROC:

1. Support the Shire’s of Wiluna and Meekatharra in sealing the remainder of the Goldfields Highway (Meekatharra Wiluna Rd) as a matter of priority.

2. Make representation to the State and Federal Government on behalf of the Shire's of Wiluna and Meekatharra to provide funding for the completion of the project as part of its requests for LGA Road Funding addressed at Agenda Item 10.7.
3. Include this motion and support in the next WALGA State Council Agenda.

GREAT SOUTHERN COUNTRY ZONE (Infrastructure Policy Team)

National Recovery and Resilience Agency

That the Great Southern Country Zone requests WALGA to survey Local Governments to quantify the impact to Local Government of Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements WA reimbursement delays, including for each affected Local Government the \$ value and timeframe for which reimbursements have been outstanding / delayed, and for WALGA to advocate to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services expedite resolution of this issue.

NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE (Infrastructure Policy Team)

Total Fire Ban Impacts on Road Management

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA request WALGA to advocate to the State Government for a review of exemption conditions relevant to Road Work activities in relation to section 22C of the *Bushfires Act 1954* and Bush Fires Regulations 1954 – Reg. 24Y to 24ZG.

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Environment and Waste Policy Team)

Advocacy on Environmental Issues

1. That WALGA develops a strategy to identify private land holdings within a two-four hour proximity to the metropolitan area, that may be appropriate locations to rehome displaced macropod populations.
2. That WALGA advocate for a planning instrument to be developed by the State Government that ensures a holistic strategic approach to environmental issues where development is proposed in precincts that have multiple government landowners.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the WALGA State Council will be a Regional meeting hosted by the South East Metropolitan Zone at the City of Armadale on **Wednesday, 3 May 2023**.

13. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:23pm.