

MINUTES OF THE ZONE MEETING

held at the Moora Recreation Centre, Roberts Street, Moora
Friday 22 August 2014 commencing at 10.09 am

1 OPENING & APPOINTMENT OF MEETING CHAIRMAN

The Executive Officer advised that unfortunately the President (Cr Court) and the Deputy President (Cr Pollard) were unable to attend this meeting. Cr Court has had a minor setback in her recovery from surgery and Cr Pollard has advised that the Minister for Environment and Heritage is visiting Northam today.

As the President and Deputy President are both unable to attend this meeting the Zone's Rules provide that the Zone shall choose a Chairman to preside at the meeting. The Zone's Standing Orders provide that the Zone shall choose by resolution a delegate present to preside at the meeting.

RESOLUTION

**Cr R Nixon moved and Cr C Gardiner seconded –
That Cr P Hooper be appointed as Chairman to preside at this meeting.**

CARRIED

Cr Hooper assumed the Chair.

2 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed delegates and observers and introduced Cr Colin Gardiner, President of the Shire of Moora. Cr Gardiner welcomed delegates and guests to Moora and acknowledged Hon Paul Brown MLC and Hon Brian Ellis MLC. He commented on –

- This was the first formal gathering of Zone delegates after the Local Government Convention. He found this year's Convention to be very interesting with powerful presentations.
- Activities in the Shire of Moora:
 - Extension to the Frail Aged Lodge; 9 beds to 15 beds. This work is nearly to lock up stage. It is a regional project.
 - Moora Lifestyle Village. Has 25 bays. Was completed at the time of the Global Financial Crisis and didn't fill. However in now nearly full.
 - The old Main Roads WA camp in Moora was handed to the Shire when Main Roads closed the camp. It is the site of the Lifestyle Village however not all the land was used for the Village. The remaining portion has been upgraded and developed as a base by the contractors working on the Great Northern Highway upgrades.
 - The transfer of ownership of the airstrip to the Shire has been completed; previously private property. Fencing has been erected and funding has been applied for tarmac, lights etc.
 - 18 months ago Landcorp developed an 8 block residential subdivision in Moora. All the lots have been sold and Landcorp is interested in developing a further 5 to 10 lots.
- Social Capital:
 - What comes first; good infrastructure or people.
 - Moora possibly over endowed with capital.
 - Has a strong Rotary Club and a very active Lions Club, St John Ambulance Sub-centre has a good roster of staff, volunteer fire and rescue very active.
 - The town has pride in having maintained 2 football teams for over 70 years (they only amalgamated a few years ago) and in having 3 hockey teams.

Cr Kaye McGleew entered the meeting at 10.17 am.

- A major race day is held each year. The Moora Horse Trials attracts world class riders. The Moora Speedway has held State Championships and is considered one of the best outside of the metropolitan area.
- The Shire has had some involvement.
- Moora has 5 banks and 5 churches.

- The Moora Rotary Club and the Shire hold an annual 'Meet the Newcomers BBQ' to welcome newer members of the community. It is on these occasions that the heart and soul of a community comes out.
- Welcomed all.

3 ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

3.1 Attendance

Chairman –

Cr Pat Hooper Shire of York

Delegates -

Cr Robert Hawes	Shire of Chittering
Cr Robert Nixon	Shire of Dalwallinu
Cr Lawrie Short	Shire of Dandaragan
Cr Val Amon	Shire of Gingin
Cr Doug Sewell	Shire of Goomalling
Cr Colin Gardiner	Shire of Moora
Cr David Dow	Shire of Toodyay
Cr David Lovelock	Shire of Victoria Plains

Observers –

Mr Jim Garrett	Shire of Chittering
Mr Peter Crispin	Shire of Dalwallinu
Cr Kaye McGlew	Shire of Dalwallinu (from 10.17 am)
Mr Jeremy Edwards	Shire of Gingin
Mr Clem Kerp	Shire of Goomalling
Cr Tracy Humphry	Shire of Moora
Mr Alan Leeson	Shire of Moora (from 12.21 pm)
Mr Harry Hawkins	Shire of Victoria Plains
Hon Paul Brown MLC	Member for Agricultural Region
Hon Brian Ellis MLC	Member for Agricultural Region
Mr Stuart Fraser	Department of Local Government & Communities
Ms Vanessa Jackson	WA Local Government Association
Ms Caroline Perks	WA Local Government Association
Mr Cliff Simpson	Wheatbelt North Road Safety Advisor, WA Local Government Association
Robert Dew	Zone Executive Officer

3.2 Apologies

Mr Gary Tuffin	Shire of Chittering
Mr Tony Nottle	Shire of Dandaragan
Cr Jan Court	Shire of Gingin (President)
Cr Steven Pollard	Shire of Northam (Deputy President)
Cr Terry Little	Shire of Northam
Cr Julie Williams	Shire of Northam
Cr Paula Greenway	Shire of Toodyay
Cr Rosemary Madasci	Shire of Toodyay
Mr Stan Scott	Shire of Toodyay
Cr Matthew Reid	Shire of York
Mr Michael Keeble	Shire of York
Hon Marty Aldridge MLC	Member for Agricultural Region
Hon Mia Davies MLA	Member for Central Wheatbelt
Mr Shane Love MLA	Member for Moore
Ms Jenni Law	Department of Local Government & Communities
Ms Rebekah Burges	Executive Officer, RDA Wheatbelt Inc
Ms Elizabeth Brennan	Project Officer, RDA Wheatbelt Inc
Ms Rebecca Kelly	Senior Regional Officer Central Midlands, WDC

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

6 MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Zone Meeting held 20 June 2014 at Wongan Hills. Copies of these Minutes have been circulated to all member Councils.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Zone Meeting held on 20 June 2014, as printed and circulated, be confirmed.

RESOLUTION

Cr L Short moved and Cr R Hawes seconded –

That the Minutes of the Zone Meeting held on 20 June 2014, as printed and circulated, be confirmed.

CARRIED

6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

(a) Grain Freight (Item 6.2(b))

The last meeting requested that representatives of CBH Group be invited to the November 2014 Zone meeting to discuss the issue of road/rail outloading of receival sites. Mr David Capper, General Manager Operations and Mr Andrew Mencsheyli, Logistics Manager, have accepted the Zone's invitation. They will be attending at around 12 noon and then joining delegates for lunch.

The Great Eastern Country Zone has advised that the concerns of this Zone with the outloading of the Dowerin and Konnongorring Receival Sites were considered at its February 2014 meeting. The Great Eastern Country Zone resolved -

That the Great Eastern Country Zone seek comment from CBH as to the rationale for the construction of the Dowerin receival site facility together with information on the potential to construct similar facilities elsewhere in the region.

RECOMMENDATION

For Noting

The meeting requested that an invitation be extended to representatives of the Shire of Dowerin and the Great Eastern Country Zone to attend the Zone's November meeting and the discussion with representatives from CBH Group.

(b) Zone Tax Offset Reform (Item 6.2(d))

As requested by last meeting the support of WALGA Zones within the Zone A and Zone B Tax Offset areas has been sought to the Zone's position urging State Council to adopt Tax Offset amounts for advocacy to the Federal Government which are based on indexation of the amounts from the year they had been originally introduced.

To date responses have been received from –

- Kimberley Country Zone -
Thanked the Zone for their input and commented that at its June meeting the Zone resolved "to note the information from the Avon-Midland Zone as advice had been received from WALGA that in response to its first correspondence to the Commonwealth a reply had been received that the matter would be included as part of a future review of taxation in the near future."

- Goldfields-Esperance Country Zone -
The Zone's request has been send through to the Zone President.

In response to the Zone's resolution the WA Local Government Association advises (see Status Report to this meeting) -

Zone Tax Offsets (ZTOs) were introduced in 1945 at £40 (\$80) for Zone A and £20 (\$40) for Zone B. In 1945, these amounts were substantial – the Zone A offset was equivalent to over four times average weekly earnings. The size of the offsets reflected policy imperatives of the time; the Australian Government was keen to populate and develop the north for national defence purposes in the aftermath of World War 2.

Today the Government still wants to develop the north, though without the same sense of urgency that existed in 1945. Therefore, it is unlikely the Government would consider substantial increases in the ZTO.

Furthermore, indexation from 1945 would increase the Zone A offset by more than 650% and the Zone B offset by more than 2100%. The Australian Government currently spends less than \$300 million on the ZTO program. If the proposed increases were applied to the offsets, the ZTO program would cost several billion dollars. The Government is unlikely to consider such increases, especially considering its goal of bringing the budget back into surplus.

RECOMMENDATION

For Noting

RESOLUTION

Cr R Hawes moved and Cr C Gardiner seconded –

That Hon Christian Porter, Member for Pearce, be invited to a Zone meeting to discuss Zone Tax Offset reform. CARRIED

The meeting requested that Cr Nixon and the Zone Executive Officer prepare a discussion paper on Zone Tax Offset reform and the need to set offsets to a level that provides effective compensation for increased cost of living in rural and remote areas.

(c) Other

There were no other matters brought forward.

7 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

7.1 WALGA State Council Agenda

Review of the Agenda for the State Council meeting to be held Wednesday 3 September 2014. The Agenda has been circulated by WA Local Government Association to member Councils for distribution to delegates. The Zone is able to provide comment or submit alternate recommendations to State Council for consideration.

Matters for Decision

5.1 2014 Annual General Meeting Minutes

RESOLUTION

Cr R Nixon moved and Cr D Lovelock seconded –

That the Zone supports items 1 and 2 of the WALGA Recommendation and submits an amendment to item 3 that “4.7B Part (c) be endorsed and acted upon by State Council”. CARRIED

5.2 Metropolitan Local Government Reform

The meeting recommended that the Zone support the recommendation to State Council.

5.3 Interim Submission to the Department of Local Government and Communities – Review of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996

The meeting recommended that the Zone support the recommendation to State Council.

5.4 Interim Submission to the Developing Northern Australia Green Paper

RESOLUTION

Cr D Lovelock moved and Cr R Nixon seconded –

That the Zone considers that the WA Local Government Association's interim submission on Developing Northern Australia Green Paper is to general in nature and recommends that it be reviewed with a greater emphasis on significant economic development and encouragement to increasing population. **CARRIED**

5.5 Housing for the Aged: Understanding the Issues

The meeting recommended that the Zone support the recommendation to State Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the above recommendations and comments be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Cr L Short moved and Cr R Hawes seconded –

That the above recommendations and comments be endorsed. **CARRIED**

Matters for Noting/information

- 6.1 Local Road Crash Report 2012 and Local Road Crash Map Book 2008-201
- 6.2 Release of Microeconomic Reform Inquiry Final Report
- 6.3 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)

RECOMMENDATION

That the above matters for noting/information be noted.

RESOLUTION

Cr D Sewell moved and Cr C Gardiner seconded –

That the above matters for noting/information be noted. **CARRIED**

Organisational Reports

- 7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Environment and Waste Unit
- 7.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Strategy
- 7.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure
- 7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, Planning and Community Development
- 7.2.1 Metropolitan Reform Implementation Policy Forum
- 7.2.2 Country Reform Policy Forum
- 7.2.3 Mining Community Policy Forum
- 7.2.4 Container Deposit Legislation Policy Forum
- 7.2.5 Metropolitan Mayors Policy Forum

RECOMMENDATION

That the above organisational reports be noted.

RESOLUTION

Cr V Ammon moved and Cr R Hawes seconded –

That the above organisational reports be noted. **CARRIED**

7.2 WALGA President's Report

Presentation of the WALGA President's Report (attached to Agenda)

RECOMMENDATION

That the WALGA President's Report be received.

RESOLUTION

Cr C Gardiner moved and Cr D Dow seconded –

That the WALGA President's Report be received. **CARRIED**

Delegates commented that this year's Local Government Convention was one of the best and that the Director Generals speed dating session and the Ministerial Roundtable were excellent features.

7.3 State Councillor's Report

Report by State Councillor Cr L Short on State Council meeting held 2 July 2014 (attached to Agenda).

RECOMMENDATION

That the State Councillor's Report be received.

Cr Short has also advised that he has a Municipal Waste Advisory Council meeting on the 27 August 2014 and that he has been asked for a report from the Zone. He requests input, in particular as to whether any planning is being undertaken, with or without a Regional Council, to look for land for a regional waste site and whether or not this would include neighbouring local governments.

Hon P Brown commented on the likelihood of a Parliamentary Committee enquiring into waste management in the near future and on the Wheatbelt Development Commission's discussion on a proposal to have an independent report on waste undertaken for the whole of the Wheatbelt.

Cr D Dow commented that through the experience of the Shire of Toodyay he would strongly recommend that planning controls regarding waste sites be put in place before sites are developed and that the controls cover the whole of the local government area.

Hon B Ellis commented that he did not believe that the State Government had any long term waste policy and that it was timely that the issue be looked at. He believed there was potential for rural local government to develop waste sites.

RESOLUTION

**Cr R Hawes moved and Cr D Dow seconded –
That the State Councillor's Report be received.**

CARRIED

7.4 Zone Status Report

Report by WA Local Government Association on status of Zone resolutions for action by the Association – August 2014 (attached to Agenda).

RECOMMENDATION

That the August 2014 Status Report be received.

RESOLUTION

**Cr L Short moved and Cr V Ammon seconded –
That the August 2014 Status Report be received.**

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11.29 am.

RESUMPTION

The meeting resumed at 11.48 am. All those present on adjournment were present on resumption.

8 REPORTS

8.1 Country Reform Policy Forum

Report by Cr Short and Cr Hooper.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Country Reform Policy Forum Report be received.

The meeting noted that there had been no action since the Zone's last meeting.

8.2 Local Government Grain Freight Group

Minutes of the Local Government Grain Group meeting held 7 July 2014 (attached).

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Local Government Grain Group meeting held 7 July 2014, as circulated, be received.

RESOLUTION

Cr L Short moved and Cr R Nixon seconded –

That the minutes of the Local Government Grain Group meeting held 7 July 2014, as circulated, be received. CARRIED

(d) Reports

Report by delegates – Cr R Nixon and Cr R Madasci.

The next meeting of the Group is scheduled for Monday 6 October 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Government Grain Freight Group Report be received

Cr R Nixon commented –

- Following the Grain Group's last meeting he had met with representatives of CBH regarding rail line closures.
- Brookfield Rail has made a good return on their investment however it is not clear as to whether this is their own money or includes Government top up.
- Concerned with the future of the Tier 2 lines and in particular the Toodyay-Miling line. Portions of this line are on gravel ballast; it has been resleepered with 1 in 2 steel; the line moves as the gravel ballast does not properly hold the sleepers in place.

Hon P Brown commented on Tier 3 rail closures and expressed the view that the Strategic Grain Network Review needed updating due to significant changes since the review was undertaken; that the report on the Economics and Industry Standing Committee Inquiry into the Management of WA's Freight Rail Network would not be presented until October.

RESOLUTION

Cr L Short moved and Cr R Nixon seconded –

That the Local Government Grain Freight Group Report be received. CARRIED

8.3 Wheatbelt Health MOU

(a) Minutes of the Wheatbelt Health MOU Group

Minutes of the Wheatbelt Health MOU Group meeting held 3 June 2014 (attached to Agenda).

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Wheatbelt Health MOU Group meeting held 3 June 2014, as circulated, be received.

RESOLUTION

Cr L Short moved and Cr D Dow seconded –

That the minutes of the Wheatbelt Health MOU Group meeting held 3 June 2014, as circulated, be received. CARRIED

(b) Reports

Report by delegates – Cr L Short (attached). Cr D Dow and Cr J Court were unable to attend.

Copy of the update on the Southern Inland Health Initiative presented to the Health MOU Group was circulated with the agenda.

The next meeting of the Group is scheduled for Tuesday 7 October 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wheatbelt Health MOU Group Report be received.

RESOLUTION

**Cr L Short moved and Cr D Dow seconded –
That the Wheatbelt Health MOU Group Report be received.**

CARRIED

8.4 Department of Local Government and Communities

Presentation of –

- Report by the Director General.
- Governance Bulletin (August 2014).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Director General's Report be received.

RESOLUTION

**Cr D Sewell moved and Cr R Hawes seconded –
That the Director General's Report be received.**

CARRIED

8.5 Regional Development Australia Wheatbelt

Presentation of RDA Wheatbelt Update (attached to Agenda).

RECOMMENDATION

That the Regional Development Australia Wheatbelt's Report be received.

RESOLUTION

**Cr R Hawes moved and Cr R Nixon seconded –
That the Regional Development Australia Wheatbelt's Report be received.**

CARRIED

Cr K McGlew gave an update on activities of RDA Wheatbelt.

8.6 Wheatbelt Development Commission

Presentation of report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wheatbelt Development Commission's Report be received.

The meeting noted that the Wheatbelt Development Commission's report had not yet been received. The Executive Officer advised that the Report would be circulated to members and delegates as soon as it is available.

9 FINANCE

9.1 Financial Reports

Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss report for the year ending 30 June 2014 are attached.

RECOMMENDATION

That the financial reports for the year ending 30 June 2014, as attached, be received.

RESOLUTION

**Cr R Nixon moved and Cr D Dow seconded –
That the financial reports for the year ending 30 June 2014, as attached, be received.**

CARRIED

9.2 Accounts for Payment

The following accounts are submitted for payment –

<u>Payee</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Amount</u>
WA Local Government Association	2014 WA Local Government Convention – Registration Executive Officer	\$1,475.00
R W & L A Dew	Secretarial Services to Zone - September 2014 Quarter	\$3,751.00
Great Eastern Country Zone	Wheatbelt Health MOU Group Subscription 2014/2015	\$2,860.00
	TOTAL (including GST)	<u>\$8,086.00</u>

RECOMMENDATION

That the accounts as listed totalling \$8,086.00 be approved for payment.

RESOLUTION

Cr C Gardiner moved and Cr L Short seconded –

That the accounts as listed totalling \$8,086.00 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

9.3 Zone Honorariums

From: Executive Officer

BACKGROUND

In preparing the Zone Budget which is included in this Agenda it is considered appropriate to review the honorariums paid by the Zone.

In August 2012 the Zone agreed that an honorarium be paid to the Zone President in recognition of out of pocket expenses and the work of the President. For 2013/2014 the amount was set at \$500.

RECOMMENDATION

That the honorarium to be paid to the Zone President for 2014/2015 be set at \$500.

MOTION

Cr R Hawes moved and Cr L Short seconded –

That the honorarium to be paid to the Zone President for 2014/2015 be set at \$500.

(With the approval of the meeting this motion was)

WITHDRAWN

Mr A Leeson entered the meeting at 12.21 pm

Cr P Hooper declared a financial interest in this matter and he did not participate.

RESOLUTION

Cr C Gardiner moved and Cr L Short seconded –

That an honorarium be paid to the Chair of Zone meetings on a pro rata basis in accordance with the number of meetings chaired; and that for 2014/2015 the honorarium be \$600.00.

CARRIED

9.4 Executive Officer Services - Fees

From: Executive Officer

BACKGROUND

The 2009 Annual General Meeting resolved that the annual and hourly rates for Executive Officer services to the Zone be adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index with any change effective from 1 July.

COMMENT

The Consumer Price Index for the 12 month period ending 31 March 2014 increased by 2.9%. The current rates for the Executive Officer services are –

- Ordinary Zone Business \$13,260 per annum (plus GST);
- Special Activities - \$55.15 per hour (plus GST).

In line with the increase in the Consumer Price Index the rates, effective from 1 July 2014 will be -

- Ordinary Zone Business \$13,640 per annum (plus GST);
- Special Activities - \$56.75 per hour (plus GST).

RECOMMENDATION

That the adjustment to the Executive Officer annual and hourly rates for services to the Zone, in line with the Consumer Price Index, be noted.

RESOLUTION

Cr R Hawes moved and Cr D Sewell seconded –

That the adjustment to the Executive Officer annual and hourly rates for services to the Zone, in line with the Consumer Price Index, be noted. CARRIED

9.5 Budget 2014/2015

Consideration of the Zone's budget and membership subscriptions for 2014/2015. Draft 2014/2015 budget is attached to the Agenda.

Notes on the draft budget –

Receipts

- No increase is proposed for the general subscription.
- Finances for the 2015 Wheatbelt Conference will again to be administered by the Great Eastern Country Zone.
- The decrease in contribution to share of costs from member Zones of the Local Government Grain Freight Group when compared to 2013/2014 actuals is due to contributions received outside of the budget year.

Payments

- Finances for the 2015 Wheatbelt Conference will again be administered by the Great Eastern Country Zone.
- The allocation for the Wheatbelt MOU Group is in line with the 2014/2015 budget adopted by the MOU Group. The decrease in contribution when compared to last year's actuals is due to the 2013/2014 payments covering a period of 21 months representing the finalisation the Zone's share of costs under the old agreement (\$6,042 – 1/10/2012 to 31/12/2013) and the Zone's first contribution under the revised cost sharing arrangements of the new agreement (\$1,260 – 1/1/2014 to 30/6/2014).
- No provision has been made for any specific Zone advocacy.

RECOMMENDATION

- That the Zone Budget for 2014/2015, as attached, be adopted.
- That the membership subscription for 2014/2015 be \$2,500.

RESOLUTION

Cr D Sewell moved and Cr L Short seconded –

- **That the Zone Budget for 2014/2015, as attached, be adopted.**
- **That the membership subscription for 2014/2015 be \$2,500.**

CARRIED

10 ZONE BUSINESS

Item 10.5 was brought forward for discussion at this point, however for convenience it is recorded in the order that it appeared on the agenda.

10.1 Metropolitan Local Government Reform Funding

FROM: City of Subiaco

BACKGROUND:

The following item has been received from the City of Subiaco on behalf of the Councils for Democracy group.

The City of Subiaco also raised the matter with the Central Metropolitan Zone (of which it is a member) at that Zone's 26 June 2014 meeting; the Zone supported the proposal and adopted a resolution similar to the recommendation put forward by the City. The matter was included under Additional Zone Resolutions at the State Council's July 2014 meeting. State Council resolved that the resolution be referred to the appropriate policy area for consideration.

CITY OF SUBIACO'S COMMENT:

WALGA's current policy of appeasement as articulated by President Troy Pickard at a special meeting of metropolitan local government Mayors, Presidents and CEOs held on 11th June 2014 has clearly failed metropolitan local governments.

While it is acknowledged that there is a need for WALGA to be "present at the table" in its many faceted dealings with the State Government, it is now self-evident that WALGA must become more assertive in representing the local government sector to the State Government.

The State Government's disdain for the local government sector is evidenced by the paltry State Budget allocation for metropolitan reform of \$5m each year for three years with access to \$45m of low interest loans.

While WALGA has repeatedly stated that metropolitan reform will cost between \$65m to \$100m and should be funded by the State Government who initiated the process, the Minister for Local Government has now backed off completely from his 30th July 2013 commitment to properly fund the transition costs.

Now is the time for WALGA to take direct action to ensure that ratepayers are not further burdened with costs that are of the State Government's making.

CITY OF SUBIACO'S RECOMMENDATION:

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 \$100m to be placed immediately in a reserve fund set aside for structural reform and that failing any meaningful financial commitment from the State Government, WALGA cease any collaborative involvement in the State Government's reform agenda effective forthwith.
- 2) Call on all metropolitan local governments to follow WALGA's lead by also ceasing any collaborative involvement in the State Government's reform agenda.
- 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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City of Subiaco's request be noted pending the outcome of consideration of the Central Metropolitan Zone's resolution by the WA Local Government Association.

RESOLUTION

Cr L Short moved and Cr R Hawes seconded –

That the City of Subiaco's request be noted pending the outcome of consideration of the Central Metropolitan Zone's resolution by the WA Local Government Association. CARRIED

10.2 Central Midlands Sub-Regional Economic Strategy

FROM: Wheatbelt Development Commission

COMMENT:

The Wheatbelt Development Commission working with RPS Consulting has developed the Central Midlands Sub-Regional Economic Strategy. The Central Midlands Sub-Region includes the Shires of Chittering, Dalwallinu, Moora, Victoria Plains and Wongan-Ballidu. The Strategy was launched on 5 June 2014.

The Strategy is one of a series that will cover the entire Wheatbelt and will assist in investment and decision making in the Wheatbelt's sub-regions by –

- Providing an overall strategy for economic activities;
- Informing sub-regional and regional land use and strategic planning activities;
- Providing an evidence base for investment prospectuses and funding business cases;
- Providing content for marketing and branding material for the sub-region; and
- Informing and guiding all levels of government in major investment and expenditure decisions.

The matter is submitted for the Zone's information.

NOTED

10.3 Wheatbelt Conference

FROM: Executive Officer

BACKGROUND:

At its May 2014 meeting the Zone agreed to support the holding of a Wheatbelt Conference every two years, with the next Conference being in 2016 and to offer its support for a combined Zone workshop with the Central and Great Eastern Country Zones to be held in 2015. The Central and Great Eastern Country Zones have supported a similar resolution.

COMMENT:

The Wheatbelt Conference Organising Committee met on 13 August 2014 to consider matters relating to the 2015 Wheatbelt Workshop –

- The date of the Workshop, Friday 13 March 2015, was confirmed.
- Criteria for Expressions of Interest from members Councils interested in hosting the Workshop was finalised as follows:

SELECTION CRITERIA – HOSTING 2015 WHEATBELT WORKSHOP

Following the 2014 Wheatbelt Conference in York on Thursday 3 and Friday 4 April 2014 the Avon Midland, Central and Great Eastern Country Zones proposed that the Wheatbelt Conference be held every two years, with the next Conference being held in 2016. In the intervening year it is intended to hold a one day Wheatbelt Workshop.

The 2015 Workshop will be held on Friday 13 March 2015.

The Workshop Organising Committee is now seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from Member Councils interested in hosting the Workshop. If your Council is interested in hosting the Workshop the organising committee welcomes your proposal.

Selection of the host venue will follow similar guidelines as for this year's conference held in York. Councils lodging a proposal to host the conference must address the following criteria to be considered as a potential conference host. Each of the selection criteria are listed below:

- *Conference facility that can comfortably accommodate 100 – 150 delegates, configured with table and chairs;*
- *Conference facility that has break-out rooms for smaller workshops sessions;*
- *Conference facility that enables lunch to be set up/served in a room that is different to the main conference venue – to enable lunch set up without disturbing the Workshop;*
- *Area within the conference facility that can be used to set up sponsor tables;*
- *Suitable local catering available for morning tea, lunch and take away afternoon tea; and*
- *Access to suitable audio visual equipment such as data projector, screen, lectern, microphone etc.*

For a Council to be eligible to host the 2015 Workshop it must be able to meet each of the above criteria.

The Workshop Organising Committee would also seek an indication of what support either financial or in kind would be provided by the Council. This could include reduced or free access to the conference facility or such other sponsorship as is considered appropriate by the Council. Due recognition of the support will be noted in the Workshop material and advertising.

Whilst not an essential criteria some accommodation should also be available for delegates wishing to stay overnight on the Thursday ahead of the Workshop.

Councils interested in hosting the 2015 Workshop should lodge their proposal with the relevant Zone Executive Officer no later than 3.00pm on Tuesday 30 September 2014. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Following receipt of all proposals the organising committee with the Presidents of the three Zones, will meet and decide on the venue for the 2015 Workshop.

Should you have any questions please contact your Zone Executive Officer.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Zone –

- 1) Endorse Friday 13 March 2015 as the day on which the 2015 Wheatbelt Workshop be held;
- 2) Endorse the decision to invite the President of each Zone to participate in the host selection process; and
- 3) Endorse the selection criteria for the host venue for the 2015 Wheatbelt Workshop.

RESOLUTION

Cr R Hawes moved and Cr C Gardiner seconded –

That the Zone –

- 1) **Endorse Friday 13 March 2015 as the day on which the 2015 Wheatbelt Workshop be held;**
- 2) **Endorse the decision to invite the President of each Zone to participate in the host selection process; and**
- 3) **Endorse the selection criteria for the host venue for the 2015 Wheatbelt Workshop.**

CARRIED

10.4 Future Presentations

FROM: Executive Officer

BACKGROUND:

The following requests have been received for presentations to the Zone –

Landgate

Seeking an opportunity to talk about Landgate's offerings (imagery – aerial and terrestrial; land information – cadastre, tenure, road centrelines, reserves, administration boundaries; etc). The objective to make local governments aware of what Landgate can offer to reduce costs, improve and enhance operational procedures.

Local Government Procurement

Mr Nick Wood, Executive Manager Business Solutions and Ms Emma Gillespie, Business and Contract Manager, would like to present to Country Zones over the next 6-12 months on Local Government Procurement.

Background information for the presentation -

The Local Government sector in Western Australia spends nearly \$1 billion each year on goods, services and works to facilitate the delivery of core services.

Increasing regulatory and public scrutiny over the purchasing practices of Local Governments is being compounded by problems encountered in appropriately structuring procurement functions, ongoing compliance issues, challenges in ensuring effective governance over purchasing practices and difficulties in securing and retaining qualified procurement staff.

WALGA is working with Local Governments around the State to roll-out a range of initiatives aimed at improving procurement capacity, ensuring greater compliance & delivering financial savings, added value and other procurement benefits to the sector.

This presentation will focus on some of the 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.

Disability Access and Inclusion Plans

The Disability Services Commission has pointed out that it is a legislative requirement for local governments to have a current Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) and that quite a few have lapsed in local governments within the Zone. The Commission is seeking to arrange a workshop or presentation at a Zone meeting to discuss DAIPs.

RECOMMENDATION

For Information

NOTED

10.5 Local Government Structural Reform - Proposed WALGA Review

This item was considered immediately before item 10.1, however for convenience it is recorded in the order that it appeared on the agenda.

FROM: City of Subiaco

BACKGROUND:

The following item has been received from the City of Subiaco with a request that the matter be considered by the Zone. The motion proposed by the City of Subiaco will be presented by the City to the Central Metropolitan Zone when it meets.

CITY OF SUBIACO'S COMMENT:

Recommendation 8 of the final report of the Metropolitan Local Government Review panel (Robson Report) was that "A forum of mayors be formed to facilitate regional collaboration and effective lobbying for the needs of the metropolitan area and to provide a voice for Perth."

The State Government supports the panel's recommendation. It has said that membership of the forum of mayors "...will also include the Directors General of Premier and Cabinet, Transport, Planning, and Local Government and Communities to ensure an appropriate strategic focus" and that the forum "...will be progressed once the local governments are in place."

WALGA's response to the recommendation was to oppose it on the grounds that "The WALGA 'Policy Forum of Metropolitan Mayors' is a more appropriate governance structure."

However State Council minutes indicate that WALGA's Metropolitan Mayors Policy Forum is not as effective as it might be. It appears to have met on only one occasion in the last year to discuss matters relating to aged housing and red tape reduction.

In the meantime WALGA has convened two forums of metropolitan Mayors and CEOs to discuss the failure of the State Government to make good on its promise to fully fund the metropolitan local government amalgamation process. These forums have not achieved any useful outcome in terms of changing the government's position.

All the while, the State Government has been pushing on with its metropolitan structural reform agenda.

While the Premier has stated that it is his intention to visit structural reform on regional and country local governments at some point in time, the Minister for Local Government and Communities has said that he is currently preoccupied with the metropolitan area and that it will not happen in the short term.

Significant concerns with the State Government's structural reform agenda and the way it has been implemented have also been expressed through country and metropolitan zones to WALGA State Council but the response time to these concerns has been found wanting as demonstrated by the examples shown at Attachment 1.

It seems that WALGA will face further governance challenges as the metropolitan structural reform agenda continues to be implemented.

The creation of 14 or 15 large local governments in the metropolitan area, each with a population of at least 100,000, is likely to result in less reliance by metropolitan local governments on the strategic role that WALGA currently plays in policy setting, lobbying and the provision of membership services to metropolitan local governments.

The State Government's preference for a forum of metropolitan mayors to be formed "...to facilitate regional collaboration and effective lobbying for the needs of the metropolitan area and to provide a voice for Perth..." may well come at the expense of WALGA and undermine its sustainability as an ongoing and effective organisation.

While WALGA has championed WALGA's Metropolitan Mayors Policy Forum as an alternative to the State Government's model, it has been missing in action during which time the State Government has:-

- back-flipped on voluntary amalgamations,
- intimidated local governments by way of Ministerial proposals to the LGAB,
- failed to pass amending legislation intended to facilitate structural reform,
- attempted to avoid the Dadour poll provisions through "boundary adjustment" proposals, and
- promised and then reneged on an undertaking to provide comprehensive financial assistance to amalgamating local governments.

The unfortunate reality is that the State Government has severely damaged the relationship between the local government sector and the State Government. The rules of the game have undeniably changed. Having championed structural reform in the metropolitan area, WALGA now seems to have been politically sidelined by the State Government as it pushes on regardless.

Member local governments are now questioning WALGA's continued collaboration with the State Government. A smaller number of Councils are questioning their continued membership of WALGA as they feel that they are not being heard and properly represented by WALGA to the State Government.

There is also concern that;

1. the intent of resolutions passed at the AGM's of WALGA are being diverted or subdued within the ranks of WALGA State Council,
2. zone motions are being sent off to policy forums out of sight of the broader membership of WALGA as no minutes are tabled of the deliberations of these forums, and
3. zone motions are taking upwards of four months to be dealt with by WALGA State Council.

The experience of metropolitan local governments does not bode well for regional and country local governments.

Inevitably, questions around the governance, principles, timeliness and processes of WALGA will arise as member local governments feel less than empowered in dealing with what is rapidly becoming one of the worst local government reform experiences in Australian history.

One strategy to make sure that WALGA's resilience in testing times is enhanced is to ensure that its governance systems and processes are beyond reproach. A review of WALGA's governance process will make this more, rather than less, likely.

Attachment 1

Example 1

On the 30th of July 2013 the Premier announced that legislation suspending the Dadour poll provisions in the metropolitan area would be passed by Parliament. In response to this announcement last year's Annual General Meeting of WALGA overwhelmingly resolved:-

That WALGA condemns the removal of the "poll provisions" from Schedule 2.1 of the Local Government Act 1995 and the forced amalgamations of Local Government Councils.

One month later WALGA State Council passed the following motion in response to the Premier's announcement.

That WALGA:

1. *Oppose the State Government's proposal to remove in perpetuity the poll provisions for the metropolitan area contained in Schedule 2.1 of the Local Government Act 1995;*
2. *Adopt a position to support an amendment to the Metropolitan poll provisions, where any poll petitioned will be of the entire districts involved in the amalgamation proposal with the following conditions*
 - (a) *For a poll to be held a petition will be required from 25% or electors of one local government*
 - (b) *For an amalgamation to be rejected by the Minister, 50% of electors of all local governments proposed to be merged are required to vote, for it to be a valid poll.*
 - (c) *a majority of votes at the poll against will defeat the amalgamation proposal*

The minutes of State Council provide no explanation as to why part 2 of the resolution was adopted however it is understood that it was triggered by a "white paper" that was prepared by a WALGA staff member at the behest of the WALGA President. The effect of the amendment, intended or not, was to remove the right of electors of a smaller local government district to self-determination by way of veto of any amalgamation proposal going forward to the Minister.

Without any involvement of WALGA members or the zones, this change in WALGA's policy position concerning the poll provisions took less than a week to transact.

Upon reflection, State Council members realised that the revised policy position clearly negated the intent of the AGM resolution. As a consequence a rescission motion was considered and passed at a special meeting of State Council held on 25 September 2014.

The same meeting of State Council also recognised a need to consult with its zones on any proposed change to the poll provisions.

Example 2

Another motion relating to the poll provisions was developed by the Shire of Wagin in January 2014 and put through the Central Country Zone to a meeting of State Council held on 5 March 2014.

Similar motions of support for the Central Zone motion were also received by State Council from the Northern Country Zone, the Central Metropolitan Zone, the Goldfields Esperance Country Zone, South West Country Zone and Great Eastern Zone. The motion was:

1. *That State Council:*
 - (a) *reject any moves by the State Government to force the amalgamation of Local Governments; and*
 - (b) *adopt as a matter of policy that amalgamations, mergers and boundary changes be supported but only if introduced and supported by the affected Local Governments.*

2. That State Council write to the Premier and Minister for Local Government requesting that the State Government give an undertaking that each Local Government community be entitled to hold a poll if structural change of any form is proposed.

The motion was put and lost at State Council. State Council then resolved to refer the motion to meetings of the Metropolitan Reform Policy Forum (17 April 2014 and 5 June 2014) and the Country Reform Policy Forum (7 May 2014).

It was not until the 2 July 2014 that the motion came back before State Council in an amended form having been considered first by the policy forums and then by the WALGA zones (excluding the Pilbara Zone) ie

That WALGA:

- 1. Reaffirm its policy position opposing forced amalgamations and supporting voluntary reform; and*
- 2. Adopt, and advocate for, a policy position that the poll provisions contained in the Local Government Act 1995 should be amended so that:*
 - (a) Electors of a Local Government where 1 or more Local Governments will be abolished or significantly affected by a boundary change proposal are able to demand a poll on the proposal, with 'significantly affected' being specifically defined as causing a fifty percent variation in:*
 - (i) Population; or,*
 - (ii) Rateable properties; or,*
 - (iii) Revenue.*
 - (b) Votes in polls are conducted by combining the votes of electors in all affected districts.*

The report to State Council accompanying the motion to State Council said that:

The Policy Forums generally shared a consensus that WALGA's policy position regarding the poll provisions should be changed for WALGA to support amendments to the poll provisions so that:

- (i) Votes in polls are conducted in all affected districts with their votes combined; and*
- (ii) Electors of a Local Government that will be abolished or significantly affected by a boundary change proposal should have the right to demand a poll.*

Based on the majority views of the zones, the motion that was passed by State Council saw a significant variation in population, rateable properties or revenue being agreed as 50% while noting that there was some dissent amongst the zones on the percentage and associated criteria. The criteria and percentage were also the subject of recent debate at the August 2014 AGM of WALGA.

Part 2(b) which sought voting in polls to be combined in all affected districts, was dropped by State Council following majority opposition from the zones.

From its initial development by the Shire of Wagin, the motion took five months to be adopted by State Council in an amended form. It is to be the subject of further inquiry by State Council following recent debate at the 2014 AGM of WALGA.

Example 3

On 11 June 2014 at a specially convened meeting mayors, presidents and CEOs of metropolitan local governments, the State President of WALGA encouraged those present to use the zone meeting system to effect change in WALGA's positioning on structural reform.

Following that advice, the Central Metropolitan Zone proposed the following motion to the July 2014 round of zone and State Council meetings:

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 \$100m to be placed immediately in a reserve fund set aside for structural reform and that failing any meaningful financial commitment from the State Government, WALGA cease any collaborative involvement in the State Government's reform agenda effective forthwith.*
- 2) Call on all metropolitan local governments to follow WALGA's lead by also ceasing any collaborative involvement in the State Government's reform agenda.*

- 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.*

Due to the lateness of the motion, only six of the seventeen WALGA zones were able to consider and put forward a supporting recommendation to State Council in one form or another.

The resolution of State Council in response to the zone motions was:

That the additional Zone Resolutions from the June 2014 round of zone meetings be referred to the appropriate policy area for consideration.

WALGA SECRETARIAT COMMENT:

The following provides some clarification on the issues raised.

The Metropolitan Mayors Policy Forum has been established with the following objectives;

1. Advise the WALGA President on emerging policy issues and the development and implementation of significant metropolitan initiatives;
2. Identify innovative approaches to metropolitan issues;
3. Facilitate metropolitan-wide consultation, collaboration and partnerships to address metropolitan-wide policy and project initiatives; and
4. Serve as a stakeholder forum to effectively support and complement the broader work of the Western Australian Local Government Association

The focus of the Metropolitan Mayors Policy Forum has not been on Metropolitan Reform as there has been a separate Policy Forum established for Metropolitan Reform implementation. The Metropolitan Reform Implementation Policy Forum has been established with the following objectives;

- Provide guidance and direction to the President in his role as a Member of the Metropolitan Reform Implementation Committee (MetRIC).
- Facilitate appropriate Local Government engagement allowing for a wide range of Local Government Elected Member and Officer input and contribution as necessary.
- Develop recommendations for State Council consideration on issues relating to the implementation of the Metropolitan Local Government Reform.
- Endorsement of a Communication Plan that will be prepared to keep the sector informed of any developments and information during the implementation of the Metropolitan Local Government Reform.
- Ensure adequate support and assistance for member Local Governments during the transition and implementation process.

The Policy Forum has representation from a range of metropolitan Local Governments including Fremantle, South Perth, Armadale, Kwinana, Mundaring and Perth

In respect to the two forums of Mayors meetings held specifically to discuss the inadequate funding provided by the Government; these forums were effective in highlighting the lack of funding and received heightened media coverage on the issue. The forums did highlight the diversity of views in the sector as there were mixed views on issues put forward for discussion. The reform process has been extremely challenging for all in the sector and has presented a dilemma for the Association as it is simultaneously seeking to represent the views of its members and also attempting to ensure the reform process achieves positive outcomes for the sector.

In respect to the attachment highlighting issues in the Association's Governance processes, the following information is provided.

General

The Association governance processes are governed by three documents;

- Constitution
- Corporate Governance Charter
- Standing Orders

Regular reviews of the documents and processes are carried out. The following demonstrates amendment dates;

- Constitution – Adopted August 2001
 - Amended – at Annual General Meetings of August 2004, 2006, 2007, 2011, 2013
- Corporate Governance Charter – Endorsed December 2002
 - Amended – State Council meetings of October 2004, June 2010, June 2011, December 2012
- Standing Orders – Endorsed in 2001 and currently under review.

The Corporate Governance Charter and Standing Orders are currently being reviewed as part of the Association's normal review process.

Example 2

The item by the Central Country Zone was received by State Council at its 5 March 2014 meeting; State Council made a decision to refer the item to both the Metropolitan and Country Policy Forums for input. An item for noting on the progress of the issue was prepared for the May State Council meeting and then an item for decision was prepared for the July State Council meeting where all Zones had the ability to have input.

The matter was delayed by one State Council meeting to ensure input from the Country Reform Policy Forum, which did not meet until the day before the May State Council meeting.

Example 3

Again to make sure an item was prepared for all Zones to consider; a report has been prepared for the September State Council meeting. Please refer to item 5.2 of the State Council agenda.

The Association is always reviewing its systems to ensure best practice processes are undertaken.

CITY OF SUBIACO'S RECOMMENDATION:

That given the impact of the metropolitan local government inquiries process, WALGA undertake an independent review of its constitution, political structure, responsibility and accountability to its members and, in particular, how members have the opportunity to influence policy and advocacy in a meaningful and timely manner.

RECOMMENDATION

For decision

RESOLUTION

Cr R Nixon moved and Cr D Sewell seconded –

That the City of Subiaco's motion be supported by the Avon-Midland Country Zone.

CARRIED 6/2

The meeting requested that Cr Nixon's remarks in support of the motion be included in the Minutes –

"The Subiaco motion raises some of the issues that need to be addressed to enable WALGA to improve its representation of member LGA's. If the most far reaching changes to Local Government in Western Australia are to proceed, then the integrity of decision making at a WALGA Zone and State level must mirror the best decision making process that is expected under the LG Act at a Council level. This is fundamental to a due process that ensures structural change has its foundations in Councillors representing the will of their local communities.

In the Members Comment it is alleged that WALGA has back flipped on its position of voluntary amalgamations. This was a foundation policy position of structural change. Furthermore it alleges that WALGA has compromised its strong advocacy duty to its members by aligning too closely with the State Governments position. Subiaco substantiates its position further in attachment 1 where three examples are provided.

Let us now look at a few WALGA governance records and documents. The terms of reference of the County Reform Policy Forum, Notes 17 February 2014, provide background to the poll provision saga and a change to the member's previous position. It states:

IV. Consider the current poll provisions contained within schedule 2.1 of the Local Government Act 1995 with regard to currency and possible options for amendment;

This would suggest the members are trying to direct WALGA to maintain the protections of the poll provisions while the secretariat is trying to move to have them weakened.

WALGA is not subject to the same stringent obligations of its member LGA's under the LG Act. For instance the audited WALGA 2013/2014 Financial Statements. With respect to the WALGA constitution, the secretariat mentions 5 instances it was amended. However, in section 17 there is no limit to the number of terms the President may hold. This has been the subject of discussion of some members. For instance has the President too much power to influence WALGA policy? Why has he been permitted to argue a position during debate in this Zone?

Next is WALGA's Corporate Governance Charter. In the section on Values it states:

*The State Council Code of Conduct for State Councillors embraces the values of;
...Solidarity – Adopt the position determined by the Association even if opposed to it*

At the very least the implications of State Council solidarity should be reviewed given a Councillors obligations under the LG Act s.2.10 (a). It is clear that a Councillor's responsibility, first and foremost, starts with the requirement to represent the interests of electors, ratepayers and residents of the district. Hence the WALGA Zones and State Council, and ALGA Board, all should know their subordinate role to the will of the members. That is to be on tap and not on top.

The format of WALGA State Council, Agenda Items do not align to best practise agendas of their member LGA's where the author is required to comply with Disclosure of Interest provisions, and include the Purpose of the Report, Background Comment, Policy and Legislative Requirements; Strategic, Sustainability and Financial Implications. This is to ensure a due diligent and transparent decision making process is achieved in the interest of the common good.

The purpose of the motion's independent review is to improve WALGA; therefore it is in the best interest of its members to support the motion."

11 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Hon P Brown MLC advised that he had nothing further to add to the comments he had made during the meeting.

Hon B Ellis MLC commented on –

- Reassuring to see Moora is a progressive Council.
- Reassured to hear of the great assets Australia has. We should be making use of those assets for the betterment of the country.

12 URGENT BUSINESS (as permitted by the Presiding Member)

12.1 Funding for Road Traffic Safety Management

RESOLUTION

Cr L Short moved and Cr D Dow seconded –

That due to –

- 1) the closure of Tier 3 rail lines;**
- 2) corresponding increase in heavy vehicle movements (up to an additional 15,000 movements in the Wheatbelt); and**
- 3) potential pressure on country Emergency Health Services with only 6 hospitals providing 24/7 service**

correspondence be forwarded to the Minister for Police and Road Safety requesting that consideration be given to reintroducing funding to the WA Local Government Association Roadwise Program for all Wheatbelt local governments to undertake road safety traffic management as required.

CARRIED

12.2 Needle Syringe Programs - FitPacks

The Shire of Moora drew attention to its concerns with the management of Needle Syringe Programs and the availability of FitPacks under the programs. It has found an increasing problem with discarded needles which appears to be associated with the issue of FitPacks. Recently Shire staff found a number of used needles in Shire gardens and a 5 year received a stick injury after picking up a discarded needle. The Shire advised that it would prepare an item for consideration at the next Zone meeting.

The Chairman pointed out the need for facts and figures and requested member Councils to also have information on the issue available for the next meeting.

13 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The Zone's next meeting is scheduled for Friday 21 November 2014 and to be hosted by the Shire of Goomalling.

Future meetings of the Zone are scheduled for –

February 2015	Shire of Gingin
April 2015	Shire of Toodyay
June 2015	Shire of Northam
August 2015	Shire of Dalwallinu
November 2015	Shire of Dandaragan

RECOMMENDATION

That the next ordinary meeting of the Zone be held Friday 21 November 2014 and be hosted by the Shire of Goomalling.

RESOLUTION

Cr D Sewell moved and Cr L Short seconded –

That the next ordinary meeting of the Zone be held Friday 21 November 2014 and be hosted by the Shire of Goomalling. CARRIED

14 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.57 pm.

CERTIFICATION

These Minutes were confirmed by the meeting held on

Signed:
(Chairman of meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed)

Avon-Midland Country Zone
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
1 JUNE 2014 TO 30 JUNE 2015

RECEIPTS		
	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Actual 2013/14</u>
Administration -		
Interest Earned	50	64
Member Subscriptions (@ \$2,500)	27,500	27,500
Conferences -		
Wheatbelt Conference -		
<i>Administered Through Great Eastern Country Zone</i>	0	0
Projects -		
Local Government Grain Freight Group	3,600	4,287
GST -		
Reimbursed by ATO	2,720	1,991
Collected on Sales	3,110	3,179
Adjustments & Rounding	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$36,980</u>	<u>\$37,022</u>

PAYMENTS		
	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Actual 2013/14</u>
Administration -		
Accounting Services (Audit)	400	0
Secretarial Service	13,640	13,260
Meeting Expenses	200	0
Conferences -		
Wheatbelt Conference -		
<i>Administered Through Great Eastern Country Zone</i>	0	0
Zone Contribution & Executive Support	4,000	3,000
State -		
Local Government Conference	1,341	0
Other	500	0
Projects -		
Local Government Grain Freight Group	4,500	4,918
Wheatbelt Health MOU Group	2,600	7,303
Honorariums -		
Meeting Chairs (pro rata per meeting)	600	500
Zone Advocacy	0	0
Presentations	100	0
GST -		
Paid to ATO	3,110	3,125
Paid on Purchases	2,720	2,848
Adjustments & Rounding	0	2
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>\$33,711</u>	<u>\$34,956</u>

CASH SUMMARY		
	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Actual 2013/14</u>
Opening Balance	10,907	8,841
Plus Receipts	36,980	37,022
	47,887	45,863
Less Payments	33,711	34,956
Closing Balance	<u>\$14,176</u>	<u>\$10,907</u>