



INFORMATION BULLETIN

July 2012

Note: the Shire of Yalgoo Information Bulletin is posted the week before the Council Agenda

Refer Council Resolution C2011-0316

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Information Bulletin

1. Councillor Calendar

Updated by: PA On: 14 August 2012

Day	Date/s	Event	Comment
Thursday	23 August 2012 11.00am	ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING	Yalgoo Council Chambers
Saturday	1 September 2012	EXTRAORDINARY ELECTION	Yalgoo Council Chambers
Thursday	20 September 2012 11.00am	ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING	Paynes Find
Tuesday	25 September 2012 11.00am	LEMC (Local Emergency Management Committee) Meeting	Railway Complex Yalgoo
Wednesday	26 September 2012 2.30 – 4.00pm	REGIONAL ROAD GROUP (RRG) TELECONFERENCE	Len Terry, Terry Iturbide, Sharon Daishe
Friday	5 October 2012 12 – 3pm	REGIONAL ROAD GROUP (RRG) MEETING	Geraldton Len Terry, Terry Iturbide, Sharon Daishe
TBA Tuesday	9 October 2012 10.00am	AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING (Date to be confirmed)	Yalgoo Council Chambers
Thursday	18 October 2012 11.00am	ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING	Yalgoo Council Chambers
Friday	31 August 2012	Extraordinary Election Early votes 1.00pm – 3.00pm	Paynes Find Community Centre
Saturday	1 September	Extraordinary Election	Yalgoo Shire Council Offices
TBA	November 2012	Murchison Country Zone Meeting of WALGA - "Cue Parliament"	Shire of Murchison , Cue
TBA Thursday	22 November 2012 9.00am 11.00am	ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING (To be confirmed) ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING	Yalgoo Council Chambers
Thursday	12 December 2012 11.00am	ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING	Yalgoo Council Chambers

2. Introduction

Information Bulletin (NB: refer white pages for index and documents)

The Shire receives an extremely high volume of information every month.

This document contains information that is of relevance or interest to elected members but will not generally be presented for a council decision.

Local Governments are routinely invited to comment on state level legislative and policy matters. Given our small size and limited staff resources, the CEO will not always prepare a response and will base this decision on:

- Expertise – does the Shire have staff with relevant expertise on the matter?
- Time & quality – do staff have time to prepare a properly researched agenda paper and recommendation?
- Relevance – how relevant is the outcome of the matter to Shire operations?
- Impact – what is the likelihood that the time and effort required to prepare a submission will be rewarded by real impact on the decision making process?

If an elected member wishes Council to consider making a decision on a particular matter, the elected member should bring the matter to the attention of the CEO or President via a Councillor Information Request to enable the CEO to prepare an agenda item and recommendation for Council to consider.

Alternatively, the elected member may choose to raise the matter by giving notice of motion.

You will find the Information Bulletin index and documents in the white page section.

Executive Activity Reports

Executive activity reports are prepared to inform elected members of progress on Council projects and activities.

Whilst operational matters should not be discussed at Council meetings, Councillors may wish to ask questions of clarification.

Councillors are encouraged to contact the CEO or relevant staff member to resolve queries before the Council meeting.

Excerpts from Local Government Act - Roles of Elected Members and Staff

Excerpts downloaded February 2011

2.8. Role of mayor or president

- (1) The mayor or president —
- (a) presides at meetings in accordance with this Act;
 - (b) provides leadership and guidance to the community in the district;
 - (c) carries out civic and ceremonial duties on behalf of the local government;
 - (d) speaks on behalf of the local government;
 - (e) performs such other functions as are given to the mayor or president by this Act or any other written law; and
 - (f) liaises with the CEO on the local government's affairs and the performance of its functions.

2.10. Role of councillors

- A councillor —
- (a) represents the interests of electors, ratepayers and residents of the district;
 - (b) provides leadership and guidance to the community in the district;
 - (c) facilitates communication between the community and the council;
 - (d) participates in the local government's decision making processes at council and committee meetings; and
 - (e) performs such other functions as are given to a councillor by this Act or any other written law.

5.41. Functions of CEO

- The CEO's functions are to —
- (a) advise the council in relation to the functions of a local government under this Act and other written laws;
 - (b) ensure that advice and information is available to the council so that informed decisions can be made;
 - (c) cause council decisions to be implemented;
 - (d) manage the day to day operations of the local government;
 - (e) liaise with the mayor or president on the local government's affairs and the performance of the local government's functions;
 - (f) speak on behalf of the local government if the mayor or president agrees;
 - (g) be responsible for the employment, management supervision, direction and dismissal of other employees (subject to section *5.37(2) in relation to senior employees);
 - (h) ensure that records and documents of the local government are properly kept for the purposes of this Act and any other written law; and
 - (i) perform any other function specified or delegated by the local government or imposed under this Act or any other written law as a function to be performed by the CEO.

** 5.37 (2) requires the CEO to inform the Council of each proposal to employ or dismiss an employee filling a position that the Council has designated under 5.37 (1), currently DCEO, EHO and Works Foreman. This does not apply to a person acting in the position for less than a year, or employed in the position for less than 3 months in any 2 year period.*

3. Reports

Works and Services

Works and Services Report July 2012

Prepared by Ron Adams, Project Executive

Item	Activity this Month	Planned for Next Month
Roads and Streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pot hole patching- YAMO Road ▪ Maintenance grade Meek-Mt Wittenoorn Road ▪ Maranalgo Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintenance grade- YA North ▪ Maintenance grade PF Thundelarra
Plant and Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Services carried out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Parks & Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General Mowing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preparation of site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pour concrete pad for bins
Infrastructure (minor)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bullying Workshop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elevated Work Platform (EWP) Training
Ranger Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Carried out patrols and trapping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Bush Fire Brigade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Vandalism & Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪

Major Capital Projects

FCWP #	Project	Status/ Comments	Activity this reporting period
BD003	Capital Works Shire Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
BD004	Town Sewerage Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Met with Engineer and State Planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
BD006	Hall Refurbishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minor tiling completion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
BD008	Staff Housing Gibbons St	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
BD008	Staff Housing Weekes St	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preparation Working Drawings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
BD009	Refurbish Parks and Gardens Work Depot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Office Refurbishment P & G & Works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
BD012	Works Depot: Replace Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
CA002	Caravan Park Redevelopment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dig septic tank holes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
OP001	Payne's Find Airstrip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
OP002	Yalgoo Airstrip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪

FCWP #	Project	Status/ Comments	Activity this reporting period
OS003	Payne's Find Beautification/Rest Area	▪	▪
OS006	Cemetery: Gazebo, Niche Wall and Gates	▪	▪
RB001	Yalgoo-Morawa Road Seal 4km	▪	▪ Prepare 10km for seal ▪ Tenders for aggregate & seal
RB002	Yalgoo-Ningham Road Seal 4km	▪	▪
RB003	Yalgoo-Ningham Road Repair and Seal	▪ Inspect for repairs	▪ Repairs and pre seal
RB004	Yalgoo-Morawa Road resheet and form 4km	▪	▪ Planning for 12-13 job
RB005	Yalgoo-Ningham Road resheet and form 4km	▪	▪
RB008	Blackspot projects: Great Northern Hwy intersections	▪ Completed Pf Thundelarra	▪

Use of Authority Delegated to Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Delegation Number	Details	Use in Reporting Period
3.1 Alteration to Restricted and Prohibited Burning Periods <i>Bush Fire Control Act 1954 s.17 (7) – 11)</i>	Joint delegation to CBFCO and President	

Other Matters

Works

Preparation of Traffic Management Signage and compliance for road works

Rubbish Tip

Realign entrance road, boundary fencing, cart in material for pads,

16 Shamrock Street Yalgoo

Floor sanding, Painting and carpentry works completed, some plumbing completed
Next Month; complete plumbing and electrical and yard clean up and pour concrete driveway.

Environmental Health and Building Services

Environmental Health, Building and Development Report July 2012

Prepared by William Atyeo, Environment Health and Building Officer

Activity Report

Item	Activity this Month	Planned for Next Month
Environmental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Follow-up on sewerage problems in GROH houses in Stanley Street. Problems identified with Police house sewerage, similar to the teachers houses/units. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Follow-up
Building Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All stats have been sent to the ABS on a monthly basis as required by law, and to other Departments as required, and also WALGA as requested by them. ▪ There have been nil (0) Building Permits or Demolition Permits issued this last month. 	
Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Records management Training ▪ Very valuable and worthwhile training sessions were attended which will benefit all involved. Thank you for the opportunity. 	
Town Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	

Other Matters:

Further Changes to New Building Act and Regulations:

On the 25th June 2012 the Minister Simon O'Brien MLC met with representatives from Local Government and from WALGA, the Building Industry, the Department of Commerce (including the Building Commission) and the Planning Commission (Industry Meeting). There are many issues that have been identified as problems in regard to processing applications and these have now been acknowledged, and it is accepted that the slow processing and complications experienced have not been the fault of the Permit Authorities (Local Government).

The commitment made to the meeting by the Department of Commerce was that the Building Commission would urgently convene a Focus Group Workshop involving representatives of the HIA WA, the two largest project home builders in the State, and three representative Local Governments (Rockingham, Stirling and Swan).

The Focus Group assisted the Building Commission in developing an information pack comprising a number of tools intended to reduce the volume of building approval delays currently being experienced. These tools include

- a single **Processing Manual** for reference by Local Government staff (Chapter 4 relates to Processing an Application), and also Applicants (Chapter 3 deals with Making an Application);

- two **Pro Forma Statements** about 'work affecting other land' and 'planning, development approval and R-Codes' that can be utilised as templates where neighbour consent has been obtained or is not required, and where any applicable planning requirements have been met;
- a **Complete Checklist** outlining what is required for a complete application, including plan and specification requirements, for use by Builder and Owner-Builder Applicants, and by Local Government.

The contents of the Information Pack were requested by the Industry Meeting to be backed by consistent and reliable legal advice where necessary, and to this end a senior lawyer from the State Solicitor's Office has been involved in the development of the documents.

On Friday 29 June 2012, at the reconvened Industry Meeting, a draft Checklist and Processing Manual for Local Governments were tabled for discussion, and feedback received. A final package of materials addressing that feedback was considered by the Focus Group on 4 July 2012 and endorsed as a useful tool to assist in clearing the current backlog of Applications, and increasing the number of new Applications which can be lodged by Builders.

The Local Governments on the Focus Group have confirmed that they are supportive of and will use the Information Pack. In the interests of urgently clearing the current backlog of Applications, the Minister now seeks a commitment from all Local Government CEOs to have their staff apply the Information Pack in processing Applications. In return, in applying the Information Pack, Local Governments can be assured that you will have the full backing of the State Government that they have fulfilled the requirements of the Building Act 2011.

In addition to uploading these new tools on the Building Commission website and emailing them to all registered builders and Local Governments, the Building Commission will be conducting Seminars for Builders, Owners and Local Government officials commencing in the coming week to introduce them to these new tools. Details will be supplied shortly.

In response to requests from the Focus Group for access to reliable and consistent advice, a dedicated Hotline is being set up with senior experienced officers on hand for both Industry and Local Government. Promotion of the Hotline will commence shortly.

Although the following may not affect our Shire directly, this may be a valuable resource we may be able to tap into if we require it in the future. The Department of Commerce was also tasked with identifying further immediate measures to deal with the current backlog and an expected spike in applications (for example, the State engaging private building surveyors for a short time and at the State's cost to assist Local Governments; and allowing for the granting of permits subject to conditions). Local Government representatives have advised that these measures would be of great assistance.

At the Industry Meeting on Friday the Department advised that the State will assist in supplementing building approval resources of Local Governments by engaging private building surveyors to assist Local Government. To ensure these resources are deployed effectively, having regard to those authorities with the greatest backlog, the need for reliable regular data collection was identified as a priority.

The Department has also confirmed that it is open to Local Governments to continue the practice of issuing Building Permits with conditions, provided those conditions meet the requirements of section 27 of the Building Act 2011. Essentially those requirements are that the conditions relate to the particular building work to be done and do not seek to modify the applicable certificate of design compliance or the plans and specifications specified in that certificate.

How Local Government can assist

To assist in clearing the current backlog of Applications, the Minister seeks a commitment from all Local Government CEOs to

- instruct their staff to apply the Information Pack in processing Applications.
- support a specific request by the building industry for Local Governments to make neighbour information available to builders without requiring the Statutory Declaration normally required by the Local Government Regulations. Given the unlikelihood of misuse of information in this context, the Minister seeks the Shires cooperation to allow the waiver of the usual requirement for a Statutory Declaration in these circumstances.
- assist in the collection of weekly building permit application data collated through WALGA.

Finally, in addition to the regulatory change already undertaken (and referred to in the Minister's previous correspondence), work is continuing in order to resolve some outstanding problems with the interpretation and application of the Act.

As a follow-up to this letter the our CEO has received a letter from Ricky Burges, CEO of WALGA, stating that"

"Whilst the full details of the short term tools and resources being available to Local Governments are outlined in the Minister's correspondence, I would like to draw your attention to two particular initiatives that are being implemented.

Firstly:

The State Government, through the Department of Commerce has engaged a panel of qualified, registered Private Certifiers to provide additional resourcing capacity to those Local Governments experiencing a shortage of building surveyors or a significant increase in workload. These resources are fully paid for by the State Government and can be accessed by your Local Government over the next few weeks.

Secondly:

The Association has established a short, online reporting tool for Local Governments to provide weekly statistical data on the building permit applications received and processed. The provision of this information is very important as it is the only mechanism through which:

- *Additional Department of Commerce resources can be allocated;*
- *the effectiveness of the Information Pack tools can be assessed; or*
- *at what stage of the new process problems are still occurring eg applicants not providing complete applications, lack of take up of private certification services, or within Local Government.*

*An example copy of the online reporting tool is **attached** and I seek your support in ensuring that an appropriate staff member is appointed to complete the survey on behalf of your Local Government at the beginning of each week. A hyperlink to the online reporting tool has been included in the covering email for my correspondence and is also available from Jacque Taylor at WALGA on jtaylor@walga.asn.au*

In closing, I thank you for supporting for the adoption of the Information Pack material by your staff and for your efforts in ensuring a sector wide approach is achieved.

Now that the State Government has committed to addressing Local Government's calls for clarity and resources and has provided an assurance that those Local Governments applying

the Information Pack tools will have met the requirements of the Building Act 2011, it is critical that as a sector we endeavour to process building permit applications as efficiently as possible over the coming weeks."

I will incorporate the new documents into the handling of Building Applications as stated and I have completed the update information following the request from WALGA and will do the weekly reporting as required by them. While there may not be any financial assistance forthcoming to the Shire by doing this, I feel it is the least we can do to assist WALGA as they have been wonderful advocates for changes we have requested to the new Building Act and Regulations.

Ancillary Accommodation:

The Western Australian Planning Commission has requested that Shires complete a survey in regard to the restrictions placed to developing Ancillary Accommodation within towns.

Ancillary accommodation is essentially a residential addition, which may or may not be physically attached to the existing house, such as 'granny flat'. Generally speaking a Shire may approve the development of ancillary accommodation associated with a single house and on the same lot, provided that:

- The sole occupant or occupants are members of the family of the occupiers of the main dwelling;
- The lot is not less than 450sqm in area;
- The open space requirements of Table 1 of the Residential Design Codes are met;
- The maximum area of the ancillary accommodation is 60sqm;
- One additional car space is provided.

The Government Sewerage Policy permits the design and construction of ancillary accommodation within un-sewered areas if the following criteria are met:

- total floor area is not more than 60m²;
- the development is designed with a shared laundry facility located within the main dwelling; and
- the septic tank and effluent disposal system is approved via the submission of the appropriate septic tank application form.

Our Town Planning Scheme allows such to be developed, but only after the Council has used its powers of discretion. **I have filled the following form out with this in mind.**

The real issue in our country is the inadequate percolation of the soil to deal with the effluent. However, should the State Government supply sewerage to all our towns, then we could more fully utilise the current allotments zoned as Residential, and ancillary accommodation would not be a problem.

Ancillary Accommodation Survey

Local Government	SHIRE OF YALGOO
Name of existing Scheme(s)	Shire of Yalgoo – Local Planning Scheme No 2
Name of proposed Scheme(s) • Give details of proposed new scheme if currently under assessment and summary of its current status.	New Scheme as above

<p>Local Planning Scheme Provisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What, if any, provisions exist in your current or proposed Local Planning Scheme(s) that restrict the use and or development of ancillary accommodation (e.g. use class provisions, prohibited zones, development standards etc.)? • If the scheme contains restrictive provisions, please provide the clause number and wording if possible. 	<p>The only restriction is that Council must approve it using discretionary powers. Ancillary Accommodation is defined in the RCodes. When considering extra accommodation Council will consider the probability of the efficient and effective disposal of effluent generated on the allotment.</p>
<p>Local Policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What, if any, local planning policies restrict or otherwise impact the use and development of ancillary accommodation in your local government area? • If the local planning policy contains restrictive provisions, please provide a copy of the policy. 	<p>Nil</p>
<p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you identify any other impediments/restrictions to the use of both existing and future ancillary accommodation in your local government area? • Can you identify all legal or other mechanisms used/applied by your local government to control the family occupancy restriction for ancillary accommodation approvals (e.g. conditions on planning approvals, S70A Notification on title, legal agreements etc.) 	<p>On Residential allotments the major impediment to the addition of ancillary accommodation is that the land has extremely low permeability to handle the adequate disposal of effluent. Although blocks are usually 1000M² there is no sewerage scheme and therefore septic tanks and leach drains are required. Extensive leach drains are required which takes min 60 M² in area, strategically placed so as not to interfere with other buildings on any allotment.</p>
<p>Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insert any other comments relating to ancillary accommodation in your local government area. • If the local government collects data relating to the number of ancillary accommodation approvals granted, this information would be appreciated. 	<p>There would be major concerns should people see this additional accommodation as a right as people could set this up in residential land and run it as a business (such as is similar to motel use). This would not be acceptable.</p> <p>Also, without the Government supplying full sewerage in our town the expansion would be virtually impossible as it would contravene the Health Act in regards to the treatment and disposal of sewage. Our Shire does not have the financial resources to fund such a major project. The State Government has abandoned the Infill Sewerage Scheme for Rural Towns, and so this will not happen.</p>

Corporate Administration

Executive Report CEO July 2012

Prepared by Sharon Daishe, Chief Executive Officer

Status and Activity Report – Priority Matters

Project/ Program	Status/ Comments	Activity this reporting period
MMG Golden Grove – Yalgoo Ninghan Road negotiations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negotiations in progress to determine amount of additional funding required from MMG. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MMG have confirmed \$100,000 one-off additional contribution, plus approximately \$15,000 in additional repairs to the Yalgoo Ninghan Road (outside the 8km reseal area) Refer agenda item to Council August for proposed contribution to Yalgoo Ninghan Road southern section
Morawa Super Town Project – Yalgoo Morawa Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business case submitted to RDL for approval to expend CLGF Regional 2011-12 on sealing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEO met with Vince Catania MP CEO & President met with Paul Rosair, Director General, Dept of Regional Development CEO obtained update from RDL on progress and was advised that the application is now with cabinet for determination. RDL unable to estimate timeframe.
Ferrowest Option Deed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council resolved to enter into Option Deed on or before 1 August 2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ferrowest have not yet taken up the option due to loss of Chinese funding.
Human Resources	<p>Current vacancies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CYC (Community & Youth Coordinator). Supervisor Parks, Gardens and General Maintenance Plant Operators x 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resignations – plant operator (transitioned to casual) Advertisements – 3 Interviews – 1 Appointments – 2 casual Probationary review – 0 Performance reviews - 0
Integrated Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Plan – consultant engaged & project commenced Corporate Plan – consultant engaged (will occur post community plan) Asset Management – CEO seeking quotes Long Term Financial Plan – CEO awaiting quotes Workforce Plan – consultant engaged & project commenced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CEO has sought quotes for long term financial plan and asset management plan

Project/ Program	Status/ Comments	Activity this reporting period
Yalgoo Community Hub	Stage 1: Sporting Component <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ready to commence as soon as Financial Assistance Agreements are completed and signed by both parties – CSRFF is finalised, CLGF being reviewed by RDL consultant, MWIP is being drafted Stage 2: Community and Youth Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No funding identified at this stage 	Stage 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CEO & President have signed and sealed MWIP funding. Awaiting return of signed agreement from RDL. ▪ Awaiting approval of CLGF 2011/12 FAA (CEO submitted May)
Town Sewerage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MWDC/ RDL have given in principle support for the construction project pending full planning process. ▪ Northern Planning funded project in progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CEO and Project Executive met with consultants, and also met with Dept Planning
Digital TV Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opted in to transition to VAST (not convert existing rebroadcasting tower from analogue to digital). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Mobile Telecommunications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yalgoo has been confirmed as a site that will receive a mobile tower under the Regional Mobile Telecommunications Project. ▪ Council has approved the television rebroadcasting site and Telstra will locate the mobile tower adjacent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Steve Bruce Site Acquisitions RMCP has lodged planning application with Shire (currently with EHO)

Use of Common Seal (delegation statement 2.1)

Date Affixed	By Authority	Document
7 August 2012	Delegation 2.1 Common Seal, 1 (b)	Funding agreement between the Shire and the Department of Regional Development and Lands, Mid West Development Plan, Yalgoo Community Hub Covered Sports Facility, as disclosed in the budget and the Forward Capital Works Plan

Use of Delegated Authority not Reported Elsewhere

Delegation Number	Details
2.2 Tenders	▪
2.7 Planning Consent	▪

Funding Applications (D)

Following is a list of funding applications that have been submitted. Items are removed from the list after the Shire has been advised whether the application was successful or unsuccessful.

This list does not include the Shire's recurrent government funding.

Note that where funding has been approved, it does not necessarily mean that the Shire has received the money. After the application has been approved, the Shire must enter into a Funding Agreement with the grant provider. Some programs remit funds when the agreement is signed but others do not remit until the Shire has completed the project, paid all the bills, prepared a claim, had an auditor audit the claim and then submitted the audited claim (the "acquittal") with an invoice to the grant provider.

Lodged	Amount	Funding Program	Purpose	Status
31/10/11	\$270,606 (or \$405,908) ex GST Estimated total project cost is \$811,817 ex GST Variety WA confirmed \$58,290 for playground infrastructure	*CSRFF – provides for funding of 1/3rd of project cost however Shire has also applied for development bonus which if approved, will give ½ of project cost.	Sporting components of Yalgoo Community Hub including Rage Cage, BMX track, Skate Park, refurbishment of tennis court and open sided cover.	Approved including development bonus \$405,908
14/12/11	\$285,909	Mid West Investment Plan	Yalgoo Community Hub – sporting component.	5/7/12 approved
14/12/11	\$663,000	Mid West Investment Plan	Town Revitalisation – draining & sewerage component.	Business Case lodged – will not be considered until planning process is complete
18/5/12	\$10,000	Youth Friendly communities Grant	To engage the youth of Yalgoo as part of the Community Strategic Plan	Unsuccessful
12/5/12	\$100,000	T-Qual	Caravan Park	Unsuccessful

General/Other/Meetings

Item	Comment
Townsite feature survey	Tue 17 - Met on site with consulting engineers
Yalgoo Ninghan Road	Mon 23 Met with MMG and Shire engineers
Road Asset Management	Mon 23 Met with Shire engineers
Records Management Project	Tue 24 to Tue 31 – training and implementation of new records management system (consultant and all staff).
Elections	At the close of nominations on 26 August three nominations were received. Two were determined eligible therefore an election will be held on 01 September 2012. Staff have been trained and the process is proceeding in accordance with the Act and Regulations. The election has been advertised in the bulldust, on the noticeboard and in newspapers.
Yalgoo Ninghan Road Sino Steel	Main Roads WA advised that Sino Steel have made preliminary enquiry regarding use of the Minjar haul road to transport ore to Geraldton via the Yalgoo Ninghan Road. CEO provided Main Roads with copies of the council minutes and reports relating to Karara's similar application as Sino Steel would be subject to the same conditions.

Planned for August 2012

Item	Comment
Special Forum Director Generals	President and CEO to meet with Paul Rosair, DG Dept Regional Development and Lands (5 minute special forum pre WALGA convention)
WALGA convention	Annual convention of the Western Australian Local Government Association 1-3 August
Budget	Special meetings 7 and 9 August to consider draft and final budgets
Elections	Prepare rolls and registers, open early polling, send postal packages
Recruitment	7 August - 3 positions vacant close. Convene selection panels to review applications and conduct interviews
LEMC	13 Aug
Integrated planning	Finalise quotes for long term financial planning and asset management 22-24 Aug consultant visit booked
CLGF regional 2012-13	17 Aug meeting at Cue to determine regional priorities for 2012-13 CLGF funding round (President, Deputy & CEO)
OHS	Local Government Insurance Services consultant Kyle Waters booked to visit 20-21 August to induct staff in OHS policy inc bullying and harassment, followed by assessing risks and developing safe work method statements in consultation with staff for areas of highest risk
Audit	27-29 August
Early voting Paynes Find	Friday 31 August

Executive Report DCEO July 2012

Prepared by Heather Boyd, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Status and Activity Report

Project/ Program	Status/ Comments	Activity this reporting period
Security Project	Report received from Consultant. Project to be completed before 31 December 2012. Quotes to be sought for keying system upgrade before inclusion in budget.	

Capacity Building – Staff and Elected Members

Policy Schedule 3.2(b), Councillors, requires the CEO to advise Council when the Shire funds councillors to attend any conference or training. This item further informs Council of courses, conferences, training, workshops and other professional development that staff and elected members have undertaken during the reporting period to build capacity to achieve the Council's goals and responsibilities.

Type	Description	Provider	Location	Duration	Participants
Workshop	Resolving Workplace Conflict, Bullying and Harassment	Rod Mitchell, LGIS	Yalgoo	2 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Craig Hodder ▪ Steven Carnamah ▪ Craig Simpson ▪ Karen Malloch ▪ Sharon Daishe ▪ Heather Boyd ▪ Judith Hill ▪ Diane Hodder ▪ Elisha Hodder ▪ Des Hodder ▪ Cliff Hodder ▪ Ron Adams
Training	First Aid	MMG Golden Grove	Golden Grove	2 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Karen Malloch ▪ Elisha Hodder ▪ Craig Simpson ▪ Craig Hodder ▪ Stephen Carnamah

Vandalism Report

Date	Details/ Action Taken
29/7/12	Damage to public toilets – reported to police

Planned for Next Month

Item	Comment
End of financial year	Preparing documentation for the end of financial year.
Budget	Continuing with the preparation of the 2012/13 budget.
Audit	Final year-end audit to be conducted 27-29 August.



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19 June 2012

Ref: MRVC

Shire Presidents
Yalgoo, Murchison, Cue, Meekatharra and Sandstone
Chairman Mid West Development Commission

Dear

RE: COUNTRY LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND 2012/2013 REGIONAL GROUP PROJECT

As you would be aware in 2010 the Shires of Yalgoo, Mount Magnet, Cue, Sandstone, Meekatharra and Wiluna came together and agreed that the upgrade and replacement of the No 1 Vermin Fence would be their 2010/2011 Country Local Government Fund Regional Project. As a result the Murchison Regional Vermin Council (MRVC) has been able to implement an upgrade and replacement program utilising \$1,557,867 in Royalties for Regions Funding.

This project is proceeding well with expenditure of \$214,000 as at 18 June 2012 and committed expenditure of \$635,000. Work completed includes over 50% of the clearing and grading both sides of the No1 Vermin Fence (565km) and construction of the first 16 km of fencing. Works committed include procurement of all fencing materials and construction of a further 30.2 km.

Pleasingly tender prices are proving significantly lower than initially estimated and replacement of at least 160 km of fencing now appears achievable. As a result the MRVC is now in a position to extend the project to include replacement of parts of the No 2 Spur Line and at the same time achieve the required dog proof standard for the No 1 Vermin Fence.

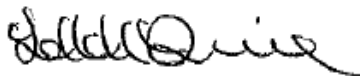
On the basis of what has been achieved to date the MRVC is again seeking the support of the Murchison Councils for the allocation of Regional CLGF funding to carry out further upgrade works, primarily on the No 2 Spur Line. By working together it is entirely feasible to expect that the No 2 Spur Line could be restored to a dog proof standard and the existing eighty kilometre gap from the western end of the fence line, to the Great Northern Highway, filled in. Extension of the No 2 Spur west of the Highway is also considered a strong possibility.

It is acknowledged that the guidelines for the allocation of 2012/2013 Regional CLGF funding have yet to be announced by the Minister. Notwithstanding this, it is considered vital that discussions start and Council's have sufficient time to formulate a position on this request which is fundamental to helping restore the viability of the pastoral industry.

To progress this important issue I have asked the MRVC CEO Geoff Brooks to organise, at a time and location convenient for all, a meeting involving the Shires of Murchison, Yalgoo, Mount Magnet, Sandstone, Cue and Meekatharra.

Please call me on (08) 9963 3000 should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Murray McQuie', written in a cursive style.

Murray McQuie
CHAIRMAN

Fuel tax credits – changes from 1 July 2012

This fact sheet provides information about changes to fuel tax credit rates that apply from 1 July 2012, including the introduction of the carbon charge.

CHANGES TO FUEL TAX CREDIT RATES

From 1 July 2012, fuel tax credit rates are changing. You may be affected by one or more of the following rate changes relating to:

- liquid fuels (eg diesel, petrol or fuel oil) used in some off-road business activities
- the introduction of a carbon charge
- heavy vehicles travelling on a public road
- gaseous fuels (eg liquefied petroleum gas (LPG))
- some blended liquid fuels.

Also, when calculating your fuel tax credits, you will need to use the rate that applied when you acquired the fuel. There is an exception to this, see 'Use the rate when the fuel was acquired' on page 2.

➤ For fuel tax credit rates for fuel acquired from 1 July 2012 (other than blended and gaseous fuels), refer to the table on page 3.

For fuel tax credit rates for blended fuels or gaseous fuels acquired from 1 July 2012, refer to our website at www.ato.gov.au/fuelschemes and search for *Fuel tax credits rates and eligible fuels* (NAT 71563).

These rates take into account all changes listed above.

You will continue to claim your fuel tax credits on your business activity statement.

ⓘ Fuel is taxable if excise or customs duty is required to be paid on it. All gaseous and liquid fuels mentioned in this fact sheet are taxable fuel unless otherwise stated.

LIQUID FUELS USED IN SOME OFF-ROAD BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Liquid fuels are petrol, diesel and other combustible fossil fuels such as kerosene, mineral turpentine, white spirit, toluene, heating oil and some solvents. Fuel ethanol and biodiesel are not fossil fuels.

From 1 July 2012, the fuel tax credit rate will **increase** for liquid fuels used in off-road activities eligible since 1 July 2008 (currently 19.0715 cents per litre). These activities include (but are not limited to):

- construction
- manufacturing
- wholesale/retail
- property management
- landscaping.

The rates for fuels used in most off-road activities will be reduced by a carbon charge at the same time. Refer to the table on page 3 for fuel tax credit rates you will need to use from 1 July 2012.



FUEL TAX CREDITS – CHANGES FROM 1 JULY 2012

THE INTRODUCTION OF A CARBON CHARGE

Under new Clean Energy laws, from 1 July 2012 fuel tax credit rates will be reduced by a carbon charge for fuels and activities excluding those listed below.

Fuels not affected by a carbon charge

The carbon charge will not affect the fuel tax credit rates for:

- fuels used in
 - heavy vehicles with a gross vehicle mass (GVM) greater than 4.5 tonne travelling on a public road - diesel vehicles acquired before 1 July 2006 can equal or exceed 4.5 tonne
 - specified activities in the agriculture, fishing or forestry industries
 - activities that do not involve combustion of the fuel – for example, fuel used to clean machinery or as a mould release agent
- renewable fuels such as biodiesel or fuel ethanol.

A carbon charge is an amount equal to the price of carbon emissions from the use of liquid or gaseous fuels. This charge varies for the different fuels depending on their carbon emissions.

Carbon charge amounts will increase annually, further reducing fuel tax credit rates over the next three years until 30 June 2015. The rates will then be adjusted every six months from 1 July 2015.

➤ For the fuel tax credit rates for fuel acquired from 1 July 2012, refer to the table on page 3. These rates take into account a carbon charge where applicable.

HEAVY VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON PUBLIC ROADS

The fuel tax credit rate for heavy vehicles that use taxable fuel and travel on a public road is reduced by the road user charge, which is subject to change.

From 1 July 2012, after subtracting the road user charge of 25.5 cents per litre, the fuel tax credit rate for liquid fuels (for example, diesel or petrol) used in heavy vehicles is 12.643 cents per litre. For duty paid gaseous fuels (LPG, LNG and CNG) used in heavy vehicles travelling on a public road, the road user charge reduces any fuel tax credit entitlement to nil.

A heavy vehicle is one that has a gross vehicle mass (GVM) greater than 4.5 tonne. Diesel vehicles acquired before 1 July 2006 can equal 4.5 tonne GVM.

USE THE RATE WHEN FUEL WAS ACQUIRED

It is important you use the correct rate for fuel you acquire and use in eligible business activities.

From 1 July 2012, you need to use the fuel tax credit rate in effect on the date you acquired the fuel. This may not necessarily be the rate in effect when you use the fuel or claim your fuel tax credits. This means you would use different rates for fuel used in the same activity if some of the fuel was acquired in periods that had different fuel tax credit rates.

❗ For heavy vehicles travelling on a public road, you need to use the rate in effect at the beginning of the tax period covered by your BAS.

EXAMPLE

Bob is completing his July 2012 BAS. In June 2012, he purchases 5,000 litres of diesel for his front-end loader which he uses in July. Bob did not claim fuel tax credits for this fuel in his June BAS, so is claiming it in his July BAS instead. When calculating his fuel tax credits for his July BAS he will need to use the rate that applied when he purchased the fuel in June, which is 19.0715 cents per litre.

If he purchased the fuel after 1 July 2012, he would use the rate in effect in July 2012, which is 31.933 cents per litre.

You can use the rates in the table on page 3 for liquid fuels (such as petrol, diesel or fuel oil) you acquire from 1 July 2012. Other than the rate for heavy vehicles, the rates in the table account for all changes from 1 July 2012, including the carbon charge.

➤ For current and previous years' rates and rates for blended and gaseous fuels, visit our website at www.ato.gov.au/fuelschemes and search for *Fuel tax credits rates and eligible fuels* (NAT 71563).

FUEL TAX CREDITS – CHANGES FROM 1 JULY 2012

TABLE: Fuel tax credit rates for liquid fuels from 1 July 2012 (excluding blended and gaseous fuels)

Business use	Taxable liquid fuel	For fuel acquired from 1 July 2012
In a vehicle (including emergency vehicles) greater than 4.5 tonne GVM travelling on a public road – diesel vehicles acquired before 1 July 2006 can equal or exceed 4.5 tonne GVM.	Taxable liquid fuels – for example, diesel or petrol	12.643 cents per litre ¹
Specified off-road activities in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ agriculture ■ fishing ■ forestry. 	Taxable liquid fuels – for example, diesel or petrol	38.143 cents per litre
Other off-road business activities where the fuel is combusted, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ mining ■ marine or rail transport (including emergency vessels) ■ nursing and medical ■ burner applications ■ electricity generation by commercial generation plant, stationary generator or a portable generator 	Petrol	32.623 cents per litre ²
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ construction ■ manufacturing ■ wholesale/retail ■ property management ■ landscaping. 	Diesel and other liquid fuels
Non-combustible uses, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ fuel you use directly as a mould release ■ fuel you use as an ingredient in the manufacture of products not for combustible use. 	Taxable liquid fuels – for example, diesel or petrol	38.143 cents per litre
Packaging fuels in containers of 20 litres or less for uses other than in an internal combustion engine.	Mineral turpentine, white spirit, kerosene or certain other fuels.	38.143 cents per litre
Supply of fuel for domestic heating.	Heating oil and kerosene	31.933 cents per litre ²

¹ This rate accounts for the road user charge, which is subject to change.

² The rates for these activities account for the carbon charge, which varies for each fuel and is subject to change.

GASEOUS FUELS

Gaseous fuels are liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), liquefied natural gas (LNG) and compressed natural gas (CNG).

Duty paid LPG, LNG or CNG refers to fuel that is supplied for transport use, but is subsequently used in eligible off-road activities.

From 1 July 2012, the fuel tax credit rates for duty paid gaseous fuels will change. The rates are affected by:

- an increase in the rates as part of a gradual phasing in of duty on gaseous fuels
- a reduction in the rates for some activities by a carbon charge.

You cannot claim fuel tax credits for gaseous fuels used in any vehicle travelling on a public road and in most circumstances, you cannot claim fuel tax credits for gaseous fuels used for non-transport purposes.

➤ You can find the fuel tax credit rates for gaseous fuels from 1 July 2012 (accounting for the carbon charge where applicable) on our website at www.ato.gov.au/fuelschemes and search for *Fuel tax credits rates and eligible fuels* (NAT 71563).

FUEL TAX CREDITS – CHANGES FROM 1 JULY 2012

GASEOUS FUELS AND THE CARBON CHARGE

From 1 July 2012, the government intends to apply excise or customs duty equal to the carbon charge to CNG, LPG and LNG used for non-transport purposes.

➤ For more information about clean energy, visit our website at www.ato.gov.au/fuelschemes and search for *Clean energy – changes to fuel tax credits and excise duty* (NAT 74087).

BLENDED LIQUID FUELS

Blended fuels are blends of two or more liquid fuels, such as blends of biodiesel with diesel or blends of fuel ethanol with petrol.

From 1 July 2012, if you use blended fuels in activities affected by a carbon charge, the carbon charge will not apply to any renewable fuel component (such as, biodiesel or ethanol). This is because renewable fuels are not affected by the carbon charge.

For example, if you use a blend of biodiesel and diesel that contains 20% biodiesel (B20), your fuel tax credit rate will only be reduced by a carbon charge for 80% of the fuel – that is, the diesel component. This is because a carbon charge does not apply to biodiesel.

➤ For more information about the fuel tax credit rates for common fuel blends (accounting for the carbon charge where applicable), visit our website at www.ato.gov.au/fuelschemes and search for *Fuel tax credits rates and eligible fuels* (NAT 71563).

KEEP GOOD RECORDS

Now that many fuel tax credit rates are changing each year, it is even more important to keep good records of your fuel usage. You need to show the types of fuel you acquired and what activities you used each fuel for, such as whether it was used in on-road or off-road activities.

You also need to keep records of when the fuel was acquired as this will tell you what fuel tax credit rate to use for the fuel.

➤ MORE INFORMATION

For more information on fuel tax credits:

- visit our website at www.ato.gov.au/fuelschemes
- phone **13 28 66** between 8.00am and 6.00pm, Monday to Friday.

For more information about clean energy, visit:

- our website at www.ato.gov.au/cleanenergyfuture
- the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency website at www.cleanenergyfuture.gov.au

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**Hon Peter Collier MLC
Minister for Education; Energy; Indigenous Affairs**

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Dear Ms Daishe

Thank you for your email dated 11 June 2012 and for meeting with me recently to discuss Aboriginal issues in Yalgoo.

The Shire of Yalgoo's proactive approach in working with the community and relevant stakeholders to address issues impacting upon the Aboriginal community in Yalgoo is commendable. I am pleased to hear that Yalgoo has been featured as a positive example in the Indigenous Community Volunteers' national donor appeal.

At our meeting we agreed on a number of actions and I am aware that you have since been contacted by the Manager of the Geraldton Aboriginal Workforce Development Centre and my Principal Policy Adviser – Indigenous Affairs to progress a number of the matters we discussed.

Thank you for bringing the ICV appeal to my attention. I look forward to hearing more success stories from Yalgoo

Kind regards

Hon Peter Collier MLC
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION; ENERGY; INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS
- 6 JUL 2012



Local Government
Emergency Management Forum
June 1st 2012

Report on Forum Findings
June 2012

Acknowledgements

WALGA would like to thank the WALGA Emergency Management Advisory Group, the WALGA Events team, Mr Wayne Gregson (APM), Melissa Pexton, Bob Hay, Maurice Battilana, Paul Needham and Tim Wall for their presentations at the Forum and Rebecca Cotton, for facilitating the Forum.

This report was prepared by Rebecca Cotton, with assistance WALGA Staff.

Acronyms used

CA:	Combat Agency
DEC:	Department of Environment and Conservation
DEMC:	District Emergency Management Committee
EMWA:	Emergency Management Western Australia
ES:	Emergency Services
ESL:	Emergency Services Levy
FESA:	Fire and Emergency Services Authority
FIFO:	Fly In Fly Out
HMA:	Hazard Management Agency
LEMA:	Local Emergency Management Arrangements
LEMC:	Local Emergency Management Committee
LG:	Local Government
LGEMGA:	Local Government Emergency Management Advisory Group
OIC:	Officer in Charge
PPRR:	Prevention, Preparedness, Response, Recovery
SEMC:	State Emergency Management Committee
VFBF:	Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades
WALGA:	Western Australian Local Government Association
WANDRRA:	Western Australian Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements

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1. Executive Summary

1.1 Overview

On June 1st, 2012, the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) hosted the *Local Government Emergency Management Forum* at the Burswood Convention Centre in Perth.

This forum was the first of two designed to contribute to the development of a policy position on emergency management (EM) for Western Australian Local Governments that expresses:

- the shared perspective;
- the desired outcomes;
- the genuine needs; and
- an agreement on what the Local Government sector judges to be the most effective, and highest priority future actions

for comprehensive EM practice by Local Governments across the state (that is, the full cycle of prevention, preparedness, response and recovery, as enshrined in the EM Act 2005).

When completed, this policy position will include clear direction and actions for WALGA to support Local Government's in their efforts to deliver the best possible EM services to their communities.

This first forum has contributed to the development of the policy position by providing an opportunity for people who work in Local Government EM-related areas to learn about the latest developments and changes in the EM 'landscape', so that they could discuss how these changes may impact upon them (the "so what" factor), and determine what needs to happen to ensure they are fully prepared to go into a priority-setting and decision-making process together, which will occur at the second forum. Essentially, this first forum was an intelligence-gathering exercise, built around the principles and stages of the Knowledge Management (KM) cycle (see the Appendix 1 for more information about KM).

The second forum will provide people with an opportunity to work together, using a systematic process, to determine what will be expressed in the draft policy position on EM in WA Local Government.

All Local Government's across the state were invited to attend the first forum. 52 Local Governments (LGs), and 1 Regional Council, were represented, with a total attendance of 150 people, which included representatives from WALGA, Fire and Emergency Services (FESA), Department of Land and Conservation (DEC), Local Government Insurance Services (LGIS), and the Australian Red Cross. This was an excellent participation rate, and the results detailed in this report provide a very good representative sample of the concerns, challenges, opportunities and needs of our LGs in regard to implementing good emergency management practice in their areas. WALGA would like to thank all Forum delegates for their participation, especially members of the WALGA

Emergency Management Advisory Group who volunteered and trained to be table facilitators, and those who travelled long distances to be with us on the day.

WALGA would also like to acknowledge and thank Wayne Gregson (APM), Melissa Pexton, Bob Hay, Maurice Battilana, Paul Needham and Tim Wall for their presentations at the Forum. The information they presented gave the delegates a good overview of some of the key strategic and operational EM initiatives that have occurred, and are presently occurring, which will impact upon and guide good EM practice in LG into the future.

1.2 The Forum process

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer of WALGA, Wayne Scheggia, opened the Forum. John Lane, WALGA's Coordinator of Emergency Management Services, acted as Master of Ceremonies and introduced the speakers during the first stage of the workshop.

1.2.1 Stage 1: guest speakers

The guest speakers were invited to explain the latest strategic context for EM in Western Australia and how it may impact upon LG, and to provide information on some of the latest operational developments and practices from the field.

Wayne Gregson (APM), Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) was the first guest speaker to address the Forum, providing an overview of the latest strategic developments in FESA. Mr Gregson encouraged the Local Government delegates to continue to be proactive in their emergency management practices, even as the current EM environment at the state level transforms. Bob Hay, Principal Policy Officer with the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) followed with a presentation of the developments resulting from the recommendations of the Keelty Reports on the Perth Hills and Margaret River bushfires. Maurice Battilana, CEO of the Shire of Carnarvon provided a change of focus with his presentation on the social, environmental and economic impacts of the Gascoyne River Carnarvon Flood in 2010 and the Shire's challenges and successes in flood mitigation. After morning tea, Melissa Pexton, Manager of Community Emergency Management, Emergency Management Western Australia (EMWA) outlined the role of EMWA and the latest developments regarding the review of the Emergency Management Act 2005. The final guest speakers from the City of Busselton, Paul Needham, Director of Planning and Development Services and Tim Wall, Manager Rangers and Emergency Services, gave the Forum delegates a practical and stimulating presentation on Busselton's Bushfire Prone Mapping, Planning and Building Code reforms.

1.2.2 Stage 2: the implications for LG of the developing EM context

The second stage of the Forum gave delegates an opportunity to discuss, at their tables, the potential implications of the developing EM context on LGs and to share and document their concerns, challenges, and issues. They were also invited to share the opportunities they envisage for better EM practice in LG. In closing stage 2, delegates were asked to discuss and document their

outstanding EM knowledge needs. The information gathered from this process will highlight the areas in which Local Government EM practitioners need to develop deeper knowledge, so that they can participate fully in the future priority-setting and decision-making processes.

1.3 The key findings

The Forum was designed to find out more about the key challenges, opportunities and needs of Local Governments in regard to EM. The key findings are presented in summary form below as key challenges and key needs. These challenges and needs are listed according to the frequency with which they were recorded by the table facilitators at the Forum. The most frequently recorded challenges and needs are listed first, and successively listed challenges and needs were recorded less frequently.

1.3.1 Key challenges

a) Building LG capability for EM

- Developing EM knowledge and skills.
- Building capacity (time, human and financial).
- Building first-hand experience in EM.

b) Becoming effective at changing community behaviour and building community resilience

- Encouraging self-responsibility in community members.
- Engaging “communities of greatest interest”¹.
- Managing community expectations.
- Communicating well with communities.

c) Improving relationships partnerships, coordination and support between LGs and the other EM agencies involved

- Improving FESA-LG relationships.
- Understanding the roles and responsibilities of all the key players.
- Managing the organisational culture challenges of intersectoral work.
- Improving support for volunteers.
- Sustaining partnerships.

d) Funding EM

- Meeting the basic costs of EM when core funding is inadequate.
- Establishing an ESL collection and distribution system that is widely understood, fair and equitable.

¹ “Communities of greatest interest” are those who are either particularly vulnerable to the adverse impacts of disasters, or who could become effective champions for EM preparedness in their own communities.



Local Government and Emergency Management Discussion Paper July 2012

1. Purpose of this document

This discussion paper has been developed by WALGA to inform the development of a Local Government policy position on the role of Local Government in Emergency Management. This policy position will include clear direction and actions for WALGA to support Local Governments in their efforts to deliver the best possible Emergency Management services to their communities. The timeframe for the development of the policy position will be to present it to the WALGA State Council in March 2013 for endorsement.

WALGA has been awarded a Natural Disaster and Resilience Program grant to support Local Government Emergency Management activities by:

1. Reviewing how Local Governments have complied with their Emergency Management legislative obligations and associated policies in order to build the capacity of Local Government to more effectively meet their Emergency Management responsibilities.
2. Developing a comprehensive training needs analysis and training framework for Elected Members and Local Government Officers and Volunteers to ensure a consistent message is being delivered.
3. Reviewing the Local Government Emergency Management Toolbox website and resources to develop better functionality and ensure it reflects relevant and appropriate resources that meet international standards.

This discussion paper will be used to inform the development of this project.

2. Background

Local Government plays a significant role in Emergency Management. Both State and National policy identify Local Government as a key player in community disaster resilience, mitigation and response. Local Government involvement in Emergency Management is not a choice, but an obligation. It may therefore be surprising to some that Local Government support for Emergency Management, or their capacity to address its legislative responsibilities, differ across Western Australia.

This section outlines the key policy and legislation that impact on Local Government, and attempts to identify the key challenges for the sector.

Local Government and Emergency Management
Discussion Paper – July 2012

2.1 State and National Legislative Framework

Emergency Management Act 2005

Emergency Management in Western Australia is structured around the *Emergency Management Act 2005*. The Act establishes the basis for a broader framework of regulations (*Emergency Management Regulations 2006*); a committee structure; the prescription of agencies to fulfil the roles as hazard management agencies; combat agencies and support organisations; and, a suite of State level plans (Westplans) and policies that guide the operations of Emergency Management.

Before the Act was enacted, the 'Western Australian Emergency Management Arrangements Policy Statement No. 7' outlined the Emergency Management arrangements for the State. Until recently, the legacy of Policy Statement 7 was still apparent in many of the Westplans and Policy statements.

Fire and Emergency Services Authority Act 1998

The *Fire and Emergency Services Authority Act 1998* establishes both the Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) and the Emergency Services Levy (ESL). The Act formally establishes FESA as a statutory government authority, replacing the previous Fire Brigades Board and the Bush Fires Board as the leading hazard management agency with responsibility for eight hazards including bushfire, collapse, cyclone, earthquake, flood, storm, tsunami and urban fire in Western Australia.

Emergency Services Levy

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) is a State Government charge which is levied against land owners and collected by Local Government as part of the rating process. With the exception of vacant land owned by a Local Government, which is exempt from ESL, the ESL applies to all property (including property owned by 'not for profit' organisations that may be exempt from Local Government rates). Certain mining tenements also pay, but not those that are only for exploration or prospecting activities. All ESL money collected by each Local Government is sent directly to FESA and 100% of it is used to fund fire and emergency services (not emergency management functions). Local Governments are paid an annual administration fee to help cover the cost of billing and collecting the ESL.

AWARE

Funding from the national emergency management organisation Emergency Management Australia (EMA) was earmarked for distribution within Western Australia, and a funding strategy was developed to enhance emergency risk management within Local Governments. The funding program was named the AWARE program (All West Australians Reducing Emergencies) which commenced in 2002. At its commencement, a range of options were available through the AWARE program to assist Local Governments with the implementation of emergency risk management strategies. The AWARE program facilitated the emergency risk management process through scholarship funding (no longer in operation), a grant scheme, and training in emergency management. The grant scheme provided each Local Government with access to funding for components of emergency risk management projects and included salary subsidies; mitigation strategies; treatment options; and, research studies.

Since the introduction of the *Emergency Management Act 2005*, interest in the AWARE program has increased. The fund has been through a number of changes to its intent and the most recent of those changes has reduced the amount of funding available to a Local Government to a total of \$20,000 down from previous years where the ceiling was set at \$30,000. This reduction impacts heavily on those remote locations such as the Pilbara and Kimberley who need to substantially subsidise these projects.

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Bush Fires Act 1954

With the enactment of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, the State handed the responsibility for disaster reduction through prescribed burning or fuel reduction burning to Local Government to administer. In 1998 an amendment to the Act formalised the Power of Authority given to FESA as a replacement to the Bush Fires Board and ownership of the Act also transferred to FESA. FESA is required (amongst other obligations) to carry out fire prevention measures that it considers necessary and to carry out research in connection with fire prevention and matters pertaining to fire prevention and control.

The Act does not apply to conservation lands which is management by the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, and the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984*.

National Partnership Agreement on Natural Disaster Resilience

While Emergency Management is primarily the responsibility of the State, under the Constitution, the Australian Government is allocated responsibility for external affairs matters including the provision of humanitarian assistance for emergency relief.

In December 2009, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed to adopt a whole-of-nation approach to disaster management which recognises that a national, coordinated and cooperative effort is needed to enhance Australia's capacity to prepare for, withstand and recover from disasters. The National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on Natural Disaster Resilience provides approximately \$27 million per year to states and territories through the Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP). The NPA consolidates the former Bushfire Mitigation Program (BMP), the Natural Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP), and the National Emergency Volunteer Support Fund (NEVSF). Funding for projects is prioritised by states and territories in the context of their natural disaster risk priorities.

A key aim of the NPA is to enhance Australia's resilience to natural disasters through mitigation works, measures and related activities that contribute to safer, sustainable communities better able to withstand the effects of disasters, particularly those arising from the impact of climate change.

National Strategy for Disaster Resilience

The National Strategy for Disaster Resilience was adopted by COAG on 13 February 2011. The purpose of the Strategy is to provide high-level guidance on disaster management to federal, state, territory and Local Governments, business and community leaders and the not-for-profit sector. While the Strategy focuses on priority areas to build disaster resilient communities across Australia, it also recognises that disaster resilience is a shared responsibility for individuals, households, businesses and communities, as well as for governments.

2.2 Local Government Emergency Management Responsibility

Emergency Management Act 2005

The roles and responsibilities of Local Government in Emergency Management activities are outlined predominately in the *Emergency Management Act 2005*. In summary, the Act requires that a Local Government will maintain effective Local Emergency Management Arrangements for its district including a Local Recovery Plan, to manage recovery following an emergency. In addition, Local Governments are required to establish one or more Local Emergency Management Committees (LEMC) for its district. Within the Local Government responsibility under the Act, there are specific references to providing emergency management for Indigenous Communities within the Local Government area.

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Bush Fires Act 1954

The *Bush Fires Act 1954* impacts heavily on around 122 Local Governments most of which are located in and around the Perth Hills and in the South West Land Division. The Act requires Local Government to administer bushfire prevention, preparedness response and recovery within their Local Government area on land invested in the Local Government; raise and administer bushfire brigades; appoint a Chief Bushfire Control Officer and other bushfire control officers; provide land for the establishment of buildings; and provide insurance for brigade members and appliances under their control. Other requirements under the Act include the issue of fire break notices to land owners; regular inspections of private property mitigation; prosecution; the oversight of total fire bans; harvest and vehicle movement bans; prohibited and restricted burning periods; and oversight of planning schemes related to bushfire protection for the community.

Section 17 and 18

Prohibited and Restricted Burning Times

Administration of restricted and prohibited burning times appropriate for its district.

National Strategy for Disaster Resilience

The National Strategy focuses on building disaster resilient communities. Disaster resilience begins with the local community and as Local Government is the closest form of government to the community, Local Government is the lead agency in ensuring the safety and resilience of their community members. The National Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) is aligned to the Federal Government's National Disaster Resilience Strategy and apart from the AWARE program is the only source of funding provided directly to Local Government. The fund has gone through a number of changes recently to bring it into line with the Strategy and will have a direct effect on the States activities under Emergency Management. A key component of the NDRP is the need to demonstrate that any application is supported by a robust risk assessment aligning the funding application to the risk to the community with a strong emphasis on community resilience.

A Shared Responsibility – The Report of the Perth Hills Bushfire February 2011 Review (Keelty Report)

The Keelty Report has served to highlight the deficiencies in the States bushfire response mechanisms and has also highlighted that Local Government should be doing much more to protect their communities. The body of work emanating from the 55 recommendations of this report will undoubtedly affect the business of Local Government in the area of bushfire mitigation and urban planning.

Office of Bushfire Risk Management

Following the release of the Keelty Report into the Margaret River bushfires, the State Government announced the establishment of the Office of Bushfire Risk Management (OBRM) whose role is to assess the risk of prescribed burns. The new office will report directly to the FESA CEO. While the extent to which the OBRM will exercise control of mitigation measures for bushfire is still unknown, there is certainty that the State and Local Government will be called to drastically change the way they approach bushfire mitigation activities and planning. Local Government will be subject to intense scrutiny through an auditing process and will need to follow new procedures. While many Local Governments are already engaged in reviewing their current procedures and gearing up for the expected change, others do not have the capacity and may need additional assistance from State and Federal Government.

Local Emergency Management Committees (LEMC)

The Local Emergency Management Committee process continues to challenge some remote Local Governments, not because they are reticent to comply with the *Emergency Management Act*, but simply because they find it difficult to link with sufficient government agency representatives on a

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regular basis, making it extremely difficult to conform to the requirements under Policy Statement 2.5.

3. Comment and Discussion

3.1 Identified Issues and Challenges

In 2011 WALGA conducted a survey of Member Councils for the purpose of gaining information in light of the recommendations of the Keelty Report into the Kelmscott bushfires. Feedback indicated that Local Government recognised its role in Emergency Management, however their ability to provide effective Emergency Management arrangements was related to the resources available.

The majority of Local Governments have assigned the role of Emergency Management to an employee as part of his or her duties. Seven Councils have a dedicated emergency management officer position, while a small proportion (3.8%) of responders have engaged in a shared arrangement. Of these, 18.9% have never had the opportunity to engage in any form of Emergency Management training.

On 1 June 2012, WALGA hosted the Local Government Emergency Management Forum at the Burswood Convention Centre, which was attended by over 150 delegates, including representatives from 52 Local Governments. The purpose of the Forum was to provide an opportunity for Local Government to learn about the latest developments in Emergency Management in Western Australia, as well as nationally, to facilitate a discussion on how these changes could impact on Local Government. In addition, the Forum provided an opportunity for Local Governments to identify what may need to occur to ensure that Local Governments are able to address their legislative responsibilities in regard to Emergency Management.

The **key challenges** for Local Government in Emergency Management, as identified during the Forum, are:

- *Building Local Government capability for Emergency Management* (including developing Emergency Management knowledge and skills; building capacity including time, staff and other resourcing; and, building first-hand experience in Emergency Management).
- *Becoming effective at changing community behaviour and building community resilience* (including encouraging self-responsibility in community members; engaging priority groups within the community including the most vulnerable and potential champions; managing community expectations; and, communicating well with communities).
- *Improving relationship partnerships, coordination and support between Local Governments and the other Emergency Management agencies involved* (including, improving FESA-Local Government relationships; understanding the roles and responsibilities of all the key players; managing the organisational culture challenges of inter-sectoral work; improving support for volunteers; and, sustaining partnerships).
- *Funding for Emergency Management* (including, meeting the basic costs of Emergency Management when core funding is inadequate; establishing an ESL collection and distribution system that is widely understood, fair and equitable; budgeting for recovery pre-event and dealing with costs incurred after the event; and, acquiring longer term project funding);
- *Getting and keeping Emergency Management on the 'high priorities list' of Local Governments, and having it resourced as such* (including, successfully encouraging Local Government councillors and executives to treat Emergency Management as core business for the organisation; aligning Emergency Management funding structures and arrangements with Local Government budget structures; and, developing certainty and equity in Emergency Management sources);

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- *Managing communications better across Local Governments and between all the various Emergency Management stakeholders* (including, developing a standard, effective, easy to use communications system across the entire Emergency Management and Local Government sectors, supported by a single authority; and, ensuring consistent communications from the Emergency Management 'management structure' through to Local Governments, that does not simply consist of the 'management structure' talking to WALGA); and
- *Other important challenges* (including, designing Emergency Management structures and systems that allow operational flexibility at the local level, whilst delivering a common and consistent high standard across the State; Developing a better understanding with Local Government of the wider Emergency Management policy environment; and testing Local Government Emergency Management arrangements as a critical capability-building initiative).

The key needs for Local Government in Emergency Management, as identified during the Forum, are:

- *A complete understanding of State directions* (including, a clear statement by the State Government of its whole-of-government vision and strategic directions for Emergency Management across the State, including how other lead agencies such as Health are 'gearing up' for Emergency Management; clear statements from FESA, EMWA and WALGA regarding their specific future directions; and, a clear statement of the expected impact of the Local Government reform/amalgamation process on Local Government Emergency Management process);
- *A complete understanding of roles, responsibilities and structures* (including, development of standardised 'Roles and Responsibilities' descriptions, similar to those in the VBFB Standard Operating Procedures; and, development of 'Communication and Role Relationships' descriptions – statements of how the various roles interact with each other across the various levels);
- *Planning and action to improve communications management* (including, publication of a glossary/dictionary of all the acronyms and terms being used by all stakeholders; improvement of WALGA's engagement and communication with the sector; and establishment of a common communications management system and the establishment of a portal to share information and initiatives; and the development of a contacts database for all to use);
- *Clearer information regarding funding for Emergency Management* (including, Emergency Management funding opportunities for Local Government, including grant rounds; the availability of long-term, sustainable funding to help Local Governments deal with the full PRRR spectrum; certainty of funding over the coming ten years to allow Local Governments to keep in line with the ten-year financial plan; and, information on whether there are plans to change the Emergency Management funding system as a whole, and how Emergency Management planning will be funded in the future);
- *WALGA to communicate its position and future actions* (including, a statement explaining WALGA's vision and directions for Emergency Management, including whether the Association actually supports Emergency Management in Local Government and the changes that are coming; an official statement that Emergency Management is core business for Local Government; and documentation of WALGA's engagement policy and strategy, describing how it will better represent members);
- *Understanding of training needs and development of training package* (including, an in-depth training needs analysis of Local Government and other Emergency Management stakeholders; a profile of the training requires to build capability to the required levels; an analysis of the current training available and the gaps in currently available training

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- compared to identified training needs; and, the development of a standardised, WA-based Emergency Management training model and package accessible to all) ; and
- *Clearer understanding of the Emergency Services Levy* (including, clear statements of what the ESL is supposed to pay for and how it is distributed; understanding of what communities expect they are paying for when they contribute their portion of the ESL; an explanation of the changes that are planning to the collection and distribution of the ESL; an indication of the scope that exists for reforming the ESL system; and a summary of ESL collection by and disbursements to Local Governments).

To access the full report from the Forum, visit the WALGA website at <http://www.walga.asn.au/MemberResources/PlanningCommunityDevelopment/CurrentEmergingIssues.aspx>

3.2 Discussion

The purpose of this Discussion Paper is to outline the key legislation and policy impacting on Local Governments, and identify the gaps and challenges for Local Government in regard to addressing their Emergency Management responsibilities. WALGA is interested in receiving feedback from Local Government on what they see as the key areas that need to be addressed to inform the development of a Local Government policy position on Emergency Management.

A separate form (Faxback) has been provided to assist in answering the questions included below. If you would prefer a copy of the form or Faxback in electronic format, please contact Erin Fuery, Senior Community Policy Advisor on (08) 9213 2080 or efuery@walga.asn.au

Please send through completed response by **COB Friday, 17 August 2012**.

Discussion point – Capacity

Local Government plays an important role in Emergency Management. Legislation outlines Local Government's Emergency Management responsibilities, however, the range and standard of Emergency Management services across Local Government differ significantly. In addition, following recent events, Local Governments have seen increased focus on their Emergency Management arrangements, including increased pressures from State Government, and raised community expectations.

Question 1.

- a) Do you think that current Local Government responsibilities for Emergency Management are appropriate, or should certain functions be managed by another agency? Please provide details.
- b) What do you see as the main challenges for Local Governments in delivering their Emergency Management responsibilities, heading into the next 12 months? Please provide details.

Discussion point – Funding

External funding for Local Government Emergency Management activities is limited: the scope of AWARE and Emergency Services Levy (ESL) funding are constrained and do not reflect the full breadth of Local Government Emergency Management functions, while the Natural Disaster and Resilience Program (NDRP) focuses on community resilience, leaving no – or limited – external funding for mitigation or recovery.

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Across the State, internal funding for Emergency Management differs from Local Government to Local Government, significantly limiting what services and resources can be provided.

Question 2.

- a) Have you received external funding for your Emergency Management functions? If yes, please provide details.
- b) Do you believe that your internal resourcing of Emergency Management is sufficient to meet the needs of the community?
- c) If a new grant program was to be developed for Local Government Emergency Management functions, what specific areas would you like to see funded?

Discussion point – Internal support

The ability to fund services, provide dedicated Emergency Management staff, and train staff and volunteers appropriately, can be impacted on whether or not there is enough internal support within the Local Government. Encouraging Councillors and Executive staff to treat Emergency Management as core business was highlighted as a key issue for many Local Governments at the recent Local Government Emergency Management Forum. Without this support, the Local Government's ability to address its responsibility can be severely curtailed.

Question 3.

- a) Do you believe that Emergency Management is given the appropriate level of support within your Local Government/Council? Please provide details.
- b) What internal challenges do you face (if any) in undertaking your Emergency Management duties? Please provide details.

Discussion point – Building resilient communities

Changing community behaviour to build community disaster resilience was identified as a major issue for Local Governments at the Local Government Emergency Management Forum. In addition, the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) identifies community resilience as key in any emergency situation, which is clearly reflected in the projects the Natural Disaster and Resilience Program (NDRP) will fund.

Local Governments will play an important role in building community resilience. However, Local Governments face a number of challenges in bringing this about, including meeting community expectations, and providing adequate support for vulnerable groups.

Question 4.

- a) Do you have a community engagement strategy for Emergency Management?
- b) What external support do you see as necessary to assist you in building community resilience?
- c) What do you see as the key challenges to building community resilience in your local area?

Discussion point – Communications

From informing Local Governments of new policy directions to the way hazard agencies communicate in an emergency situation, communication across all hazard agencies is instrumental in ensuring that the community responds appropriately in an emergency event. At the Local Government Emergency Management Forum, suggestions to improve communication included the development of a better communication process from FESA to Local Governments, and the

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development of a communications system across the entire Emergency Management and Local Government sectors, supported by a single authority.

Question 5.

- a) Do you have any concerns regarding the current communications process (between Local Government, FESA, WALGA, etc.)? Please provide details.
- b) What processes do you suggest should be implemented to support Local Government Emergency Management functions? Please provide details.

Discussion point – Relationships

The State Government, Local Government and the community all have an important role to play in Emergency Management. Maintaining effective relationships is key to ensuring that Emergency Management arrangements work to their optimal level.

Question 6.

- a) What do you see are the main relationship challenges between Local Governments and the other key hazard management agencies? Please provide details.

4. Next steps

The Association will be running a series of regional workshops in August and September 2012 to discuss issues identified in this Discussion Paper and to provide Local Governments with an opportunity to voice concerns with local Emergency Management arrangements.

Feedback from the Discussion Paper and the Regional Workshops will be used to inform the development of a Local Government policy position on the role of Local Government in Emergency Management. This policy position will include clear direction and actions for WALGA to support Local Governments in their efforts to deliver the best possible Emergency Management services to their communities. This policy position will be put before WALGA State Council for endorsement at their March 2013 meeting. The policy position will be used to inform WALGA's advocacy activities on Emergency Management into the future, to ensure that Local Government concerns are adequately represented.

For further information please contact Erin Fuery, Senior Community Policy Advisor, on (08) 9213 2080 or efuery@walga.asn.au

Northern Barrier Fence Committee

MINUTES

17 July 2012

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY SECOND MEETING OF THE **NORTHERN BARRIER FENCE COMMITTEE** HELD AT THE CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON MULLEWA DISTRICT OFFICE, COMMENCING AT 10:15AM ON WEDNESDAY, 17 July 2012.

PRESENT:

Ray O'Donnell	
Bob Cornell	Binnu
Scott Henvicle	Binnu
John Ralph	WAFF
Ross Foulkes-Taylor	Murchison
Peter Batten	Chapman Valley
Danny Williamson	Mullewa

OFFICERS:

Craig Robbins	DAFWA
Tom Hartman	Mullewa

APPOLOGIES:

Jack Kellock

WELCOME

The chairman, Mr Ross Foulkes-Taylor assumed the chair and welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open at 10:15am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: *Bob Cornell* **Seconded:** *Ray O'Donnell*

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE NORTHERN BARRIER FENCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 31 August 2011, AS PRINTED, BE CONFIRMED.

CARRIED

Business Arising

- Concern was expressed by some members as to what appears to be a lack of interest from various organisations regarding the fence.
- Some members also indicated that the approach to local governments may have been handled better by not going state wide.

REPORTS

Craig Robbins

Activities on the SBF over the past 12 months.

- The planned Royalties for Regions (R4R) lap wire upgrades to the SBF utilising Corrective Services is not preceding, these upgrades have now been contracted out.
- Additional \$5 million has been sourced through R4R for construction of the Yilgarn realignment, lap wire upgrades to the existing SBF and contribute to the approvals process for the Esperance extension.
- Materials tender has been awarded for the supply of 375km lap wire for the upgrades and 165km of fence materials including lap wire for the Yilgarn realignment.
- Contract installation of lap wire (700km) tenders have closed and evaluation of these tenders is underway with the aim to award these contracts as soon as possible to commence construction mid August, for completion around Christmas.
- 200 new SBF warning signs have been installed at all access/entry points to the SBF to try and reduce the amount of illegal travel along the fence. This illegal or unnecessary traffic is affecting wild dog control work along the SBF, and is also affecting the fence itself through damage from impacts of both animal and vehicles.
- Security cameras are being trialled and are planning to further expand on the number of cameras in use to capture evidence of people travelling the fence illegally.
- There was limited damage from the fires earlier in the year around Tardie and Pindathunna stations, with about 1.3km of fence needing to be replaced at Tardie.
- 8km of reposting was carried out west of Lake Monger through to the John Forrest lookout.
- DEC dogger working the Mount Gibson section the SBF, R4R dogger working the mostly around the Perenjori/Morawa section of fence at this stage with the aim to continue north at a later date.
- Ongoing repairs and maintenance carried out to the fence as usual.

Peter Batten – Patience Bulk Haulage

Peter raised a problem with the grid on the Lake Nerramyne Road being filled with sand due to the Patience transport operations in the area. He indicated that he had spoken to Patience and they requested a letter from the Committee regarding the issue.

FINANCE

NORTHERN BARRIER FENCE COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
TO
17 JULY 2012

**CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON
TRUST ACCOUNT-TM04**

Transferred from Shire of Mullewa

Closed NBFC Cheque Account	585.67
Closed CBA Term Investment	<u>4,954.00</u>

Balance **\$ 5,539.67**

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The Chairman raised the matter on the Agenda regarding the “future” of the Northern Barrier Fence Committee and opened the meeting up for general discussion on the subject.
- Discussion ensued consisting of comments from all members present. There were points raised about all the good work the committee had done; however there was a majority consensus that the committee had become irrelevant and the move towards the Biosecurity Committee system seemed to be the way forward. This is also the preferred community reference structure of the State Government.

Moved: *Peter Batten* **Seconded:** *John Ralph*

THAT THE NORTHERN BARRIER FENCE COMMITTEE IS WOUND UP AND THE REMAINING FUNDS HELD IN THE CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON TRUST ACCOUNT TOTALLING \$5539.67 BE SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTRE AND FOOD TO BE USED FOR THE CONTINUED UPGRADE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE BARRIER FENCE.

4/3 CARRIED

CLOSURE

- The Committee thanked the Shire of Mullewa for the support over the past years.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 11:50am.

From: Kate Murray [<mailto:KMurray@walga.asn.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 2 August 2012 5:53 PM
To: Kate Murray
Subject: WALGA Media Release - Community Commitment Recognised

02 August 2012

Community Commitment Recognised

An Elected Member who has devoted more than 35 years to his local community has been recognised for his commitment with a Local Government Honours Award.

Cr Lang Coppin from the Shire of East Pilbara, together with 36 other Elected Members and Local Government officers was presented with an Honours Award at the WA Local Government Association Annual General Meeting yesterday.

WALGA President, Mayor Troy Pickard said the annual Local Government Honours Awards recognised community representatives for their willingness to get involved in their local communities and have an impact on improving the lives of those around them.

“Elected Members and officers often receive little praise for their efforts, and the personal time and commitment given by Local Government representatives is seldom publicly acknowledged,” Mayor Pickard said.

“The sector is delighted to have the opportunity to recognise their significant contribution and I congratulate all recipients on their outstanding careers in Local Government.”

The following Honours were awarded:

<p>Long and Loyal Service Award Cr Deborah Botica, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Louise Caffell, Ex Shire of Tammin Cr Mel Congerton, City of Swan Cr Ian Dolton, Shire of Bruce Rock Rosemary Fisher, Ex Shire of Koorda Cr Jennifer Gmeiner, Shire of Bruce Rock Cr Robert Godfrey, Shire of Katanning Cr Lynley Hewett, City of Subiaco Malcolm Huggett, Ex Shire of Dalwallinu Cr Trevor Lamond, Shire of Trayning Cr Alan Langer, Town of Cambridge Cr Peter Morrell, Shire of Woodanilling Kelvin Price, Ex Shire of Wandering Cr Barry Sammels, Mayor City of Rockingham Cr Christine Thompson, Shire of Murray Cr Jack Walsh, Town of Cottesloe Cr Geoffrey Waters, Shire of Trayning Rodney Wells, Ex City of Subiaco Don White, Ex Shire of Wandering</p>	<p>Eminent Service Awards Mark Chester CEO, Shire of Dardanup Allen Cooper CEO, Shire of East Pilbara Cr Lang Coppin, Shire of East Pilbara Cr Lynne Craigie, President Shire of East Pilbara Michael Foley CEO, City of Swan Cliff Frewing CEO, City of South Perth Cr Glenys Godfrey, City of Belmont Stuart Jardine CEO, City of Stirling Cr Terence Kenyon, Mayor City of Bayswater Cr Shane Love, President Shire of Dandaragan Cr Donald McKechnie, President Shire of Kalamunda Merit Award Merv Beard, Ex Shire of Pingelly Rebecca Burt, Ex Shire of Carnarvon Cr Douglas Ivan Dias, Shire of Ashburton Russell Haigh, Ex City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Cr Giovanni Italiano, City of Stirling Dudley Maslen, Ex Shire of Carnarvon Cr Ian Stubbs, Mayor City of Busselton</p>
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ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL

MEDIA RELEASE

25 July 2012

DANGEROUS DRINK DRIVERS FACE LICENCE DISQUALIFICATIONS

The Road Safety Council has welcomed the announcement today by WA police and the Minister for Police; Road Safety, Liza Harvey MLA, that from 1 August 2012, drivers caught with a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of 0.08 and above or who fail to comply with a Police request to provide a sample of blood or breath for analysis will have their licence disqualified immediately under amendments to the Road Traffic Act 1974.

Professor D'Arcy Holman, Independent Chair of the Road Safety Council, said that the message to drivers was simple; blow 0.08 and you'll blow your licence.

"If we could eliminate drink driving, this year in WA we would save the lives of 55 people," Professor Holman said.

"If you drink and drive or take drugs and drive you are more likely to be involved in a crash and driving with a BAC of 0.05 doubles your crash risk while at 0.08 your crash risk is increased by seven times.

"First and foremost we must remember that the majority of the community do not accept drinking and driving and they do the right thing but we still have a problem where around 30 per cent of serious crashes involve illegal levels of alcohol."

The Road Safety Council is reminding WA road users that 'every police car is a booze bus' so not only is the risk to yourself and others not worth it, those who do drive with illegal alcohol levels are more likely to be caught and taken off our roads.

"The rest of the driving community deserves the right to be able to use our roads without the risk of being involved in a crash with a driver who has an illegal level of alcohol in their system," he said.

"We know that the immediate consequence of for drivers of losing their licence has an impact on driver behaviour.

"Deterrence is the starting point for awareness around the dangers of drink driving. Through high visibility and targeted patrols, Police will work to provide a presence on our roads "anywhere anytime" to deter people from drinking and driving and to apprehend those who do. Police efforts will be supported by community education to reinforce and remind people to do the right thing.

"For those who fail to heed the messages and choose to do the wrong thing, continued changes to penalties and suspensions act as a deterrent to discourage repeat behaviour," Professor Holman said.

The changes to the Road Traffic Act 1974 are part of a continued over all approach to addressing drink driving in WA. Disqualification notices are in line with the Road Safety Council's recommendations to Government for a Repeat Drink Driving Strategy (RDDS) which includes the introduction of alcohol interlocks.

"In addition to this current initiative introducing disqualification notices for certain drink driving offences, we would like to see the RDDS progressed through parliament in the future and will continue to support actions that complement the proposed program and contribute to a reduction in the incidence of drinking and driving on our roads." Professor Holman said.

ENDS**Media contact:**

Elizabeth Jones, Office of Road Safety – 0417 939 743

NOTES FOR JOURNALISTS:

All community education material is available on our website:

<http://ors.wa.gov.au/law-changes/disqualification-notices.aspx>

Please use this for reference and details in media coverage.

Current list of penalties for Drink Driving offences (these apply in addition to immediate disqualification notices once a court process has taken place)

<http://www.police.wa.gov.au/Traffic/Drinkdriving/Penalties/tabid/989/Default.aspx>

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COO	CIRCULATE
CEO	EA/PA
DCEO	
Proj Exec	President
	Mayor

To: Chief Executive Officer

From: Erin Fuery, Senior Community Policy Advisor

Organisation: All Councils

Reference: 06-061-01-0002

Date: 13 July 2012

Subject: Local Government and Emergency Management Discussion Paper & Regional Workshops **Priority:** HIGH

IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	Emergency Management
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WALGA has developed a Discussion Paper on Local Government and Emergency Management to outline roles and responsibilities, and identify gaps and issues. WALGA is asking for feedback on the Discussion Paper. Comments are due COB Friday 17 August 2012. WALGA will be running a series of regional workshops for Local Governments in August and September.
Action Required:	Comments on the Discussion Paper are due COB Friday 17 August 2012 .

Background

WALGA has developed a Discussion Paper to identify issues and gaps in Emergency Management arrangements in WA. The Discussion Paper includes a number of questions to facilitate discussion from Local Government. A FaxBack form has been provided to assist Local Governments to respond.

Discussion points and questions have been developed around the following key areas:

- Local Government capacity for delivering Emergency Management responsibilities;
- Funding Local Government Emergency Management functions;
- Building internal support for Emergency Management functions;
- Building community disaster resilience;
- Improving communication across agencies; and
- Strengthening relationships across agencies.

WALGA will also be running a series of regional workshops to provide Local Governments with an opportunity to communicate local issues and concerns with their Emergency Management arrangements (*dates and locations are provided on the next page*). Feedback from the Discussion Paper and the Regional Workshops will be used to inform the development of a Local Government policy position on the role of Local Government in Emergency Management. This policy position will include clear direction and actions for WALGA to support Local Governments in their efforts to deliver the best possible Emergency Management services to their communities. The need for a position on Emergency Management was also raised at the Local Government Emergency Management Forum, held at Burswood Convention Centre on Friday, 1 June 2012.

Comments on the Discussion Paper are due **COB Friday 17 August 2012**. Please send your responses to Erin Fuery, Senior Community Policy Advisor, on (08) 9213 2080 or efuery@walga.asn.au. Electronic copies of the Faxback form can be provided.

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The Voice of Local Government



Regional Emergency Management Workshops

The Association will be running a series of regional workshops in August and September to discuss issues identified in the Discussion Paper and to provide Local Governments with an opportunity to feed back local concerns. The dates and locations are as follows:

Tuesday, 14 August 9:30am-3:30pm, Capel Community Centre

Friday, 17 August 8:30am-2:30pm, Shire of Denmark (venue TBA)

Wednesday, 22 August 9:30am-3:30pm, Shire of Toodyay (venue TBA)

Monday, 27 August 9:30am-3:30pm, City of Melville Administration Centre

Thursday, 6 September 1:30pm-5:30pm, Kununurra (venue TBA)

Friday, 7 September 1:30-5:30pm, Shire of Broome (venue TBA)

Monday, 10 September 9:30am-3:30pm, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Councillor Conference Centre

Friday, 14 September 9:30am-3:30pm, Shire of Port Hedland (venue TBA)

Monday, 17 September 10:00am-4:00pm, Dongarra Recreation Centre

To register for a workshop, please contact Jacque Taylor on (08) 9213 2058 or jtaylor@walga.asn.au. **Registrations close 3 business days before each workshop.**

For further information on the Discussion Paper or the workshops, please contact Erin Fuery, Senior Community Policy Advisor, on (08) 9213 2080 or efuery@walga.asn.au



FAX-BACK

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To: Erin Fuery, Senior Community Policy Advisor **From:**

Organisation: WALGA **Date:**

Fax No: (08) 99322 2611 **Pages:**

Reference: 06-061-01-0002 **Priority:** High

Subject: Local Government and Emergency Management Discussion Paper

CONTACT: (your details)

COUNCIL: (your Council)

FAX BACK TO WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ON 9322 2611

Distribute to: Erin Fuery

WALGA has developed a Discussion Paper outlining key issues for Local Government in regard to Emergency Management. Please use this Faxback to provide your answers.

Question 1:- **Capacity**

- a) Do you think that current Local Government responsibilities for Emergency Management are appropriate, or should certain functions be managed by another agency? Please provide details.

Answer:

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- b) What do you see as the main challenges for Local Governments in delivering their Emergency Management responsibilities, heading into the next 12 months? Please provide details.

Answer:

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Question 2:- **Funding**

- a) Have you received external funding for your Emergency Management functions? If yes, please provide details.

Answer:

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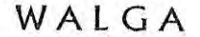
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b) Do you believe that your internal resourcing of Emergency Management is sufficient to meet the needs of the community?

Answer:
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c) If a new grant program was to be developed for Local Government Emergency Management functions, what specific areas would you like to see funded?

Answer:
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Question 3:- Internal support

a) Do you believe that Emergency Management is given enough support within your Local Government/Council? Please provide details.

Answer:
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b) What internal challenges do you face (if any) in undertaking your Emergency Management duties? Please provide details.

Answer:
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Question 4:- Community resilience

a) Do you have a community engagement strategy for Emergency Management?

Answer:
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b) What external support do you see as necessary to assist you in building community resilience?

Answer:
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To: Chief Executive Officer

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Reference: 05-024-01-0003

Subject: Emergency Management Act Review Green Paper

From: John Lane Coordinator Emergency Management Services

Date: 20/07/2012

Priority: Medium

IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	CEO, Executive Managers, Emergency Services
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Emergency Management Act has undergone a complete review as required under Section 103. The Emergency Management Act Review Working Group of which WALGA is a member has produced a Green Paper for submission to Government. The Green Paper is released for public comment until COB Friday 17 August 2011.
Action Required:	Review the Green Paper and feedback any comments directly to the FESA contact.

Background

The Emergency Management Act 2005 came into operation on 24 December 2005. Section 103 of the Act requires the Minister to carry out a review of the operation and effectiveness of the Act as soon as practicable after the expiration of five years from the commencement date. Further the Minister is required to provide a report to both Houses of Parliament. The Minister directed that the review be carried out by the Fire and Emergency Services Authority as the agency responsible for administering the Act to manage the review. FESA formed the Emergency Management Act Review Working Group consisting of the following parties:

- A/Executive Director Emergency Management WA (EMWA)
- Principal Policy and Planning Officer EMWA
- Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- WA Police
- Department of Health
- Department of Child Protection
- Department of Environment and Conservation
- Main Roads WA
- Western Australian Local Government Association
- State Solicitor's Office

WALGA invited feedback on the review of the EM Act through an Infopage circulated to all Local Governments on 21 May 2010. Several submissions were received and communicated to the Working Group as a whole of Local Government Response. Those responses can be seen throughout the Green Paper. The amendments proposed will enhance the application of the Act through improved information sharing between agencies and clear up several areas previously open to misinterpretation and includes simplified measures for the declaration of an emergency situation.

Public Consultation

Please be advised that the EM Act Review Green Paper has been published on the EMWA Extranet but is available for download from the WALGA Website

<http://www.walga.asn.au/MemberResources/PlanningCommunityDevelopment/CurrentEmergingIssues/EmergencyManagement.aspx>

This final round of comment closes on Friday, 17 August 2012.

Comments can be made directly to Martine Butler at FESA via email: martine.butler@fesa.wa.gov.au

WALGA will provide the approved Green Paper to State Council for noting in September. Once all comments have been appropriately addressed, the paper will be tabled at State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC), then to the FESA CEO for endorsement. From there it will go to the Minister who will table it in Parliament.

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BREAKFAST WITH MICK MALTHOUSE

Appearing as part of the 2012 WA Local Government Convention, join Mick Malthouse as he shares his experiences and stories over breakfast. Mick Malthouse is one of the most influential figures in Australian Rules football and has played in or coached over 700 games. He is one of only five coaches who have coached three different clubs to finals series.

Date: Friday, 3 August

Time: Registration 7:15am for 7:30am - 8:45am

Cost: \$88.00 (inc GST)

Venue: Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre BelleVue Ballroom, Level 3

RSVP: Thursday, 27 July

For those not attending the WA Local Government Convention, the registration form can be downloaded from the WALGA website – www.walga.asn.au. Alternatively you can register online using the Convention link – www.secureregistrations.com/lgc12/

For further information or registration assistance, please contact Marketing and Events Support Officer, Ulla Wolter on 9213 2043 or email uwolter@walga.asn.au

ROAD SAFETY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SESSION AT THE 2012 ANNUAL WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONVENTION

The road to success is under construction: Local Government & the safe system approach

This half day session will provide an overview of the *Towards Zero* vision and the safe system approach to road safety, including the roles and responsibilities of Local Government. There will be an introduction to the specifically developed resources for Local Governments, which include the Safe System Guiding Principles for Local

Government, the Safe System Toolkit and the Local Government Safe System Improvement Program. To close the session there will be an interactive discussion around the adoption and application of the safe system approach by Local Governments in Western Australia. Local Government Officers in the policy development and management in Infrastructure and Roads and Transport are encouraged to attend. Register on line at www.walga.asn.au – LGC12 Convention Link.

For more information please contact Safe System Coordinator, Shannon Horsley on 9213 2008 or email shorsley@walga.asn.au

WA WATER IN MINING GUIDELINE

The Department of Water is seeking comment on the above Guideline which has been developed to ensure that mining companies in WA adopt leading practice water management principles. The document acknowledges the need to consider the impacts on other local water users as well as environmental, social and cultural values

Comments should be provided to Environment Policy Manager, Karen Barlow on 9213 2027 or email kbarlow@walga.asn.au by Tuesday, 31 July.

GST TREATMENT OF AUSTRALIAN TAXES, FEES AND CHARGES

Regulations were passed on Thursday, 28 June that permit Local Governments to rely on the latest version of Division 81 (A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) (Exempt Taxes, Fees and Charges) Determination 2011 (No 1)) to exempt certain fees and charges from GST until Sunday, 30 June 2013. Previously this concession was due to end on Saturday, 30 June

2012. If a fee or charge is not within the current determination, the new general GST principles will apply. The WALGA Tax Service will be providing further information through its July newsletter.

For further information please contact WALGA Tax on walgatax@uhyhn.com.au.

OFFICER TRAINING

Preparing Agendas and Minutes in Local Government

Date: Thursday, 19 July

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$395 (+ GST)

Managing Workplace Discrimination and Harassment (New Workshop)

Date: Friday, 3 August

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: Perth Convention Centre

Cost: \$450 (+ GST)

ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING

Professionally Speaking

Date: Tuesday, 14 August

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$450 (+ GST)

Course flyers can be downloaded at www.workplacesolutions.asn.au.

Contact the training team at training@walga.asn.au to secure your place.

INFRASTRUCTURE RATING SCHEME

The Australian Green Infrastructure Council (AGIC) recently launched a rating scheme for infrastructure (IS). The IS is Australia's only comprehensive rating system for evaluating sustainability across design, construction and operation of infrastructure.

The IS rating scheme aims to;

- Provide a common national language for sustainability in infrastructure;
- Provide a vehicle for consistent application and evaluation of sustainability in tendering processes;
- Help in scoping whole-of-life sustainability risks for projects and assets, enabling smarter solutions that reduce risks and costs;
- Foster resource efficiency and waste reduction, reducing costs;
- Foster innovation and continuous improvement in the sustainability outcomes from infrastructure and
- Build an organisation's credentials and reputation in its approach to sustainability in infrastructure.

More information and free tools are available on the AGIC website – <http://www.agic.net.au/>

For further information please contact AGIC CEO, Antony Sprigg, on 0414 454 723 or email asprigg@agic.net.au

ACT-BELONG-COMMIT AWARDS 2012

Following the inaugural Act-Belong-Commit Awards in 2011, Mentally Healthy WA is pleased to announce the Awards will now be a regular feature on the Act-Belong-Commit calendar. The Act-Belong-Commit Awards

acknowledge individuals who live the Act-Belong-Commit way of life and showcase organisations that are leaders in community-based mental health promotion. Nominations open on Monday, **16 July** and close on Friday, **24 August**. The Hon. Helen Morton, MLC, Minister for Mental Health and Disability Services will announce the winners at a Sundowner event on World Mental Health Day, Wednesday, **10 October**.

To download a nomination form and the guidelines please visit actbelongcommit.org.au or call 9266 4648.

REGIONAL AIRPORTS DEVELOPMENT SCHEME SUCCESSFUL 2012-13 APPLICATIONS

On Friday, 25 May the State Government announced funding of \$8.9 million for regional airport upgrades. The funding comprises \$6.9million through the State Government's Royalties for Regions program and \$2million through the Department of Transport's Regional Airports Development Scheme (RADS). Through the RADS there were 36 successful regional airport projects which will receive funding.

The list can be accessed via the following link http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/AV_P_RAD_S_successful_projects_regions_2012_2013.pdf

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR ELECTRICAL SAFETY PERSONNEL FOR VEGETATION CONTROL WORK NEAR LIVE POWER LINES

A review of the original Code of Practice, which was first gazetted in August 1996, was recently conducted. The objective of the Code is to establish the principles applicable to safe vegetation management work near live overhead lines for various classes of persons. It specifies the minimum standards required for mobile plant, tools and equipment used in vegetation management work near live overhead power lines and provides the basic technical material necessary for service providers to develop work procedures, related training and awareness programs.

The launch of the revised document in conjunction with the WA Tree Guild's new Code of Practice and Code of Conduct will take place on Wednesday, **18 July**, 7.00pm at the City West Function Centre, 45 Plaistowe Mews, West Perth. It will be launched by the Honourable Simon O'Brien MLA, Minister for Finance; Commerce; Small Business.

For further information please contact Rob Thornton, Principal Engineer Electricity Supply, Energy Safety Division on 9422 5286 or email rob.thornton@commerce.wa.gov.au

COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION FUND OPEN

Local Governments are encouraged to apply for grants of up to \$25,000 to support local community crime prevention initiatives. Priority will be given to projects involving or supported by the police and the community working together on projects to address identified crime prevention priorities. A priority area as identified by the Crime Prevention Council is violence prevention. Applications close 12pm, Thursday, **23 August**.

For further information please visit <http://communitysafety.police.wa.gov.au/index.php/community-crime-prevention-fund> or contact the WA Police Grants Officer on grants@police.wa.gov.au



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DELAY IN MAKING WASTE LOCAL LAWS

In 2011, WALGA developed a proforma Waste Local Law with the assistance of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) and the Office of the Waste Authority. However, the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (JSC) subsequently produced a report on the City of Gosnells and Shire of Derby/West Kimberley Waste Local Laws that threw into doubt the appropriateness of some content of Waste Local Laws - see JSCDL Report No 46 of November 2011:

[http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Parliament/commit.nsf/\(Report+Lookup+by+Com+ID\)/1BCB7CE6149A18E648257952000F8611/\\$file/dg.3872.111121.rpf.046.xx.pdf](http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/Parliament/commit.nsf/(Report+Lookup+by+Com+ID)/1BCB7CE6149A18E648257952000F8611/$file/dg.3872.111121.rpf.046.xx.pdf)

As the Department with administrative responsibility for the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007*, which contains the head of power for making Waste Local Laws, DEC engaged the assistance of the State Solicitors Office to ensure the proforma Waste Local Law is properly amended to ensure compliance with the JSC report. This work has yet to be completed.

In the meantime, it appears some Local Governments have commenced development of a Waste Local Law and, in some instances, taken action to repeal waste/refuse provisions from their Health Local Law.

It is advised that any intentions to make a Waste Local Law, or repeal sections of a Health Local Law, should be put on hold until the State Solicitors Office has advised DEC on the appropriate content of the proforma Waste Local Law.

WALGA has committed to making available, free of charge to all Local Governments, the proforma Waste Local Law as soon as it becomes available. Local Governments will be advised by a

future LG News item and on the WasteNet website when this occurs.

For further information on Delay in Making Waste Local Laws please contact Manager Governance, James McGovern on 9213 2093 or jmccgovern@walga.asn.au

VACANCY OFFICERS ADVISORY GROUP – 1 METRO OFFICER

A nomination is sought for one Local Government Officer (metropolitan) to be on the Officers Advisory Group of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC). Nominations close COB Wednesday, **1 August** and should be emailed to nominations@walga.asn.au MWAC is a delegated Committee of the WA Local Government Association with responsibility for waste management.

For further information, please contact Manager, Waste and Recycling, Rebecca Brown on 9213 2063, email rbrown@walga.asn.au or visit the WasteNet website www.wastenet.net.au

NEW - SPECIAL OFFERS FROM HOLDEN AND NISSAN

WALGA, in partnership with Holden and Nissan, has launched special offers on a range of vehicles exclusively for Local Governments. Details on the offers have been sent to Members this week.

The special offers provide a further discount off the published government price for selected vehicles. Vehicles from Holden include the Caprice, all new Colorado and Cruze. Vehicles from Nissan include the Navara, Patrol and X-trail. Discounts offered range from \$500 to \$4000 off the normal Local Government price.

If you require further information, please contact Executive Manager Corporate and Business Solutions, Nick Wood on 9213 2020 or email nwood@walga.asn.au

OFFICER TRAININGRates in Local Government (Clerical)

Rates in Local Government (Clerical) has been designed to provide an understanding of the roles and duties of a Rates Officer.

Date: Thursday, **9 August**

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$395 (+ GST)

Rates in Local Government (Debt Collection)

Rates in Local Government (Debt Collection) has been designed to increase participants knowledge in debt collection alternatives.

Date: Friday, **10 August**

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$395 (+ GST)

ELECTED MEMBER TRAININGProfessionally Speaking (or how to deal with communication minefields)

Professionally Speaking (or how to deal with communication minefields – everything from media interviews to hostile public meetings) is an interactive workshop specifically designed to get participants 'battle-ready' and offers practical techniques for handling unfamiliar public speaking situations with confidence and aplomb.

Date: Tuesday, **14 August**

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$450 (+ GST)

Course flyers can be downloaded at www.workplacesolutions.asn.au.

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ALGWA AGM & BREAKFAST

Unfortunately, ALGWA has advised that the Breakfast that was scheduled to be held at the Local Government Convention and Trade Exhibition will no longer be taking place and has asked WALGA to pass on their regret that it has been cancelled due to circumstances beyond their control.

The AGM has been rescheduled and will now take place at 10:30am on Thursday, **2 August** at the PCEC. ALGWA will also advise you directly.

We will automatically remove the ALGWA Breakfast from your Convention registration so you will not be charged and an updated confirmation letter will be emailed to you.

For enquiries regarding the AGM please contact Mayor Heather Henderson on 0457 733 469 or email hhenderson@subiaco.wa.gov.au

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY STUDY TOUR

The Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce WA is

facilitating a Local Government sustainable energy infrastructure study tour to Israel in November 2012.

The week long program incorporates a tour of Local Government facilities, innovative solar and energy based projects, and attendance at one of the world's leading sustainable energy technology conferences.

For further information, please contact Business Development Manager, Andrew Blitz on 9213 2046 or email ablitz@walga.asn.au

AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES FORUM

The Age-Friendly approach to communities and cities across the world is gathering momentum.

Piloted by the World Health Organisation, and now used in over 100 communities across several countries, it is driven by older people to inform communities of their needs for age-friendly environments.

This forum will inform participants of the work that has been undertaken internationally, as well as that being delivered at the local level in Western Australia.

Officers in Government, community organisations, service providers and academia who are interested in learning how to achieve an Age-friendly Western Australia are encouraged to attend. All refreshments provided

Date: Friday, **10 August**

Venue: Conference Room, City of Melville Civic Centre

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm (Registration from 8:40am)

Cost: Free

RSVP: Tuesday, **7 August**

To register your attendance, please email your name, organisation contact details (including email) and any special dietary requirements to robyn.teede@communities.wa.gov.au or please phone Robyn Teede directly on 6551 8305

REMINDER- MEDIA GUIDELINES FOR RESPONSIBLE REPORTING OF GRAFFITI VANDALISM

Council representatives are on occasion required to comment on a graffiti vandalism matter within their communities. CEOs, Mayors and Presidents are encouraged to note the provision of media guidelines where the sector is requested to comment on a graffiti related matter.

The Media Guidelines were produced by WA Police in 2011 and sent to all media outlets and other stakeholders who may be asked to provide media comment.

The Guidelines are designed to support a common language when referring to graffiti in the media to avoid confusion, to help ensure balanced reporting and to mitigate the potential negative effects of graffiti in the media, such as recognition for an offender's tag.

For further information or to download the guidelines please visit www.goodbyegrffiti.wa.gov.au and directly at

<http://www.police.wa.gov.au/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=%2b4CikfHy1k%3d&tabid=1491>

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Reference: 05-036-03-0020
Subject: PARKING TAX FOR ACTIVITY CENTRES

From: Vanessa Jackson – Policy Manager
 Planning, Reform & Improvement
Date: 6 July 2012

Priority: Low

IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	CEO's, Planning
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Parking tax for activity/shopping centres was debated recently in the media WALGA sought clarity from the Minister for Planning regarding the potential for this policy position to be imposed on all parking areas within Perth as a new parking tax The Department of Planning is developing an Activity Centres Parking Discussion Paper to be released before the end of 2012
Action Required:	For Information

In April, the 'Draft Murdoch Activity Centres Access and Parking Policy' was debated in the media, particularly the potential for this policy position to be imposed on as a new parking tax for all shopping areas.

WALGA sought clarity from the Minister for Planning on this issue, seeking advice on the potential implications of this new access and parking policy.

The Minister for Planning has advised that the recommendations of the report mentioned in the media, only applies to the Murdoch Activity Centre and provided the following information: -

"The Western Australian Planning Commission considered the report to be a guiding document and, in May 2011, adopted planning principles and parking caps recommended by the Department of Planning officers as an interim policy to be applied to the Murdoch Activity Centre.

It was never the WAPC's or the Government's intention that all concepts proposed in the consultant's report relating to Murdoch would necessarily be applied in Murdoch, and certainly there have been no proposal to apply it across metropolitan Perth."

The Department of Planning is currently developing an Activity Centres Parking Discussion paper to accompany a new State Planning Policy (SPP) for Activity Centre parking. The discussions at the workshops, in March 2012, indicated that the new SPP would provide guidance on parking within Activity Centres, however, the application of the policy and any imposition of parking fees would be determined by individual local governments. The discussion paper is planned to be released before the end of this year.

For enquiries please contact Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager Planning and Reform and Improvement, on telephone 9213 2064 or vjackson@walga.asn.au



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Bill - can Karen
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 under your instruction?
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 22/7/12

Dear Sharon

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

As you are no doubt aware, implementation of WA's new system of building approvals under the Building Act 2011 has not gone smoothly due to a number of issues. The Minister for Commerce, Hon Simon O'Brien recently wrote to all CEO's outlining a range of tools that have been developed by the State Government and a newly established Building Commission / Local Government / Industry Focus Group to assist all sectors understanding of the requirements of the new Building Act in the short term.

These short term solutions have been agreed to by the State in response to significant advocacy by the peak representative associations about the lack of clarity, certainty and consistency being experienced in the transition to the new system of building approvals. This has resulted in a drop in the number of applications submitted to Local Government and the perception by some stakeholders of a backlog of approvals within Local Government. This has had a negative economic impact on smaller building companies and their suppliers, resulting in jobs losses in some cases.

To provide clarity and certainty about the requirements of the new Act, an Information Pack was sent out with the Minister's correspondence, outlining a range of procedural manuals and checklists designed to support the building industry and Local Governments' understanding of the application preparation and processing requirements, whilst formal amendments to the regulations and the Act to address the current problems are being progressed. I encourage CEO's and their executive staff to engage with their building staff to ensure take up of the Information Pack tools and that applications are being processed in line with the clarified requirements'.

Whilst the full details of the short term tools and resources being available to Local Governments are outlined in the Minister's correspondence, I would like to draw your attention to two particular initiatives that are being implemented.

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Firstly, the State Government, through the Department of Commerce has engaged a panel of qualified, registered Private Certifiers to provide additional resourcing capacity to those Local Governments experiencing a shortage of building surveyors or a significant increase in workload. These resources are fully paid for by the State Government and can be accessed by your Local Government over the next few weeks.

Secondly, the Association has established a short, online reporting tool for Local Governments to provide weekly statistical data on the building permit applications received and processed. The provision of this information is very important as it is the only mechanism through which:

- Additional Department of Commerce resources can be allocated;
- the effectiveness of the Information Pack tools can be assessed; or
- at what stage of the new process problems are still occurring eg applicants not providing complete applications, lack of take up of private certification services, or within Local Government.

An example copy of the online reporting tool is **attached** and I seek your support in ensuring that an appropriate staff member is appointed to complete the survey on behalf of your Local Government at the beginning of each week. A hyperlink to the online reporting tool has been included in the covering email for my correspondence and is also available from Jacque Taylor at WALGA on jtaylor@walga.asn.au

In closing, I thank you for supporting for the adoption of the Information Pack material by your staff and for your efforts in ensuring a sector wide approach is achieved.

Now that the State Government has committed to addressing Local Government's calls for clarity and resources and has provided an assurance that those Local Governments applying the Information Pack tools will have met the requirements of the Building Act 2011, it is critical that as a sector we endeavour to process building permit applications as efficiently as possible over the coming weeks.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, or Allison Hailes, Executive Manager Planning and Community Development on 9321 5055 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the current arrangements.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ricky Burges". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ricky Burges
Chief Executive Officer

WALGA: Building Application & Approval Statistics

Recently there have been anecdotal claims that there is a backlog of building approvals. At present there is no regular or comprehensive collection of data to support or counter the current claims, or enable support measures to be implemented where they will be of most benefit.

In order to address this and to develop an evidence based picture of the processing of building applications, WALGA is seeking local government support over the forthcoming weeks, through the provision of weekly statistical information to create a database of building application data.

The individual, local government level information gathered through this survey will remain confidential. This information will be used to determine where the additional, Independent Register Building Surveyor staffing resources, made available by the Department of Commerce, will be allocated. The aggregated data will be used for the purposes of advocacy by the Association and to better inform the resolution of issues in the new system.

If you have any specific or detailed comments relating to the survey, please contact, Policy Manager Planning, Reform & Improvement, Vanessa Jackson vjackson@walga.asn.au

*** Required**

Which Local Government are you reporting for? *

Augusta-Margaret River

Weekly Figures / Statistics

Figures for week ending... *

Please choose the reporting week from the following...

Total number of Building Applications received in this week

Of those, how many were Class 1A?

Of those, how many were Class 10?

Of the total number of building applications received last week, how many were certified?

Total number of permits issued (last week)

Total applications pending further information from applicant (as at the close of the week identified)

Number of Building Surveyors normally employed full time (or part time equivalent)

Number of Administration staff normally employed to directly support the processing/administration of building applications

Current number of vacancies for full time (or part time equivalent) Building Surveyors

Current number of vacancies for full time (or part time equivalent) Administration staff supporting the processing/administration of building applications

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To: Chief Executive Officer **From:** Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager
 Planning, Reform and Improvement

Organisation: All Councils **Date:** 12 July 2012

Reference: 05-047-01-0016

Subject: WALGA Survey - Review of Development Assessment Panels and Performance **Priority:** Medium

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IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	Land Use Planning
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major changes to the planning system were implemented a year ago with the State's introduction of Development Assessment Panels (DAP's). In order to guide the Association's advocacy work on behalf of the local government sector, WALGA is seeking feedback from members (Planning Officers and elected members) regarding their experience of DAPs.
Action Required:	Complete online survey by Friday, 3 August, 2012

A major change to the planning system was introduced by the State Government in July 2011 with the implementation of Development Assessment Panels (DAPs). DAPs were introduced with the intention of creating a more streamlined planning approval process and to establish a better balance between independent professional advice and local government representation by involving independent technical experts in the determination process for particular types of development.

It is over a year since DAPs began operating and determining applications, therefore now is the ideal time to evaluate DAPs performance and to examine local government experience of the process. As such, WALGA has developed a short, online survey to assess whether there are any issues and challenges facing local governments in the DAP process. The results of the survey will be used by the Association to develop an appropriate advocacy position on behalf of the sector, for discussion with the State.

The purpose of the survey is to gather a full and accurate picture of the local government sector's experience of DAPs. We request that the survey is completed by both Planning Officers / DAP Administrators and all elected members whether or not they are a sitting DAP member.

To minimise the length of the survey and examine in greater detail the specific issues, challenges and experiences of DAP administrators and elected members, the questions within the survey have been tailored to suit the respondents role in the DAP process.

The survey can be found at;
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DAPs2012>

The information gathered through the survey will remain confidential and only the aggregated findings of the survey will be presented. **The closing date for completing the survey is Friday, 3 August 2012.**

For further information please contact:

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To: Chief Executive Officer
Organisation: All Councils
Reference: 05-012-02-00016
Subject: WALGA Emergency Management Forum 1 June 2012 Report
Priority: High

From: Jodie Holbrook, Policy Manager
 Community
 6 July 2012

IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	Emergency Management, Governance, Risk Services, Community Development, Planning
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WALGA hosted the first Emergency Management Forum on 1 June 2012 at Burswood Entertainment Complex A forum report was developed and is available to download at www.walga.asn.au/MemberResources/PlanningCommunityDevelopment/CurrentEmergingIssues.asp A Local Government and Emergency Management Discussion Paper will be released on 13 of July 2012. A series of regional workshops will be held across the State between August to September 2012 to discuss the paper and identify local issues. A second Emergency Management Forum will be held in November 2012. A draft Local Government sector policy position on Emergency Management will be tabled for WALGA State Council at their first meeting for 2013.
Action Required:	Respond to the Survey Faxback by 3 August 2012.

Karen
 please download report
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On June 1st, 2012, the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) hosted the *Local Government Emergency Management Forum* at the Burswood Convention Centre in Perth. The Forum was well attended with over 150 delegates.

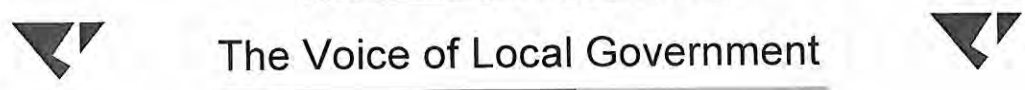
The forum was the first of a series of workshops and forums that WALGA will host over the coming months, to develop a Local Government sector policy position on Emergency Management (EM) to ensure comprehensive EM practice by Local Governments across the state (that is, the full cycle of prevention, preparedness, response and recovery, as enshrined in the EM Act 2005).

The forum provided an opportunity for people who work in Local Government Emergency Management (EM) related areas to learn about the latest developments and changes in the EM landscape, with presentations from:

- Wayne Gregson (APM), Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA),
- Bob Hay, Principal Policy Officer with the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC),
- Maurice Battilana, CEO of the Shire of Carnarvon ,
- Melissa Pexton, Manager of Community Emergency Management, Emergency Management Western Australia (EMWA) and
- Paul Needham, Director of Planning and Development Services and Tim Wall, Manager Rangers and Emergency Services, City of Busselton.

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Following the presentations, an afternoon workshop was held to identify the key challenges, opportunities and needs of Local Governments in regard to EM. Some of the key issues included:

- Building Local Government capability for EM
- Becoming effective at changing community behaviour and building community resilience
- Improving relationships partnerships, coordination and support between Local Government and the other EM agencies involved
- Funding and resourcing EM
- Managing communications better across Local Government and between all the various EM stakeholders

The presentations and Forum Report are available to download at www.walga.asn.au/MemberResources/PlanningCommunityDevelopment/CurrentEmergingIssues.aspx

NEXT STEPS

WALGA is developing a Local Government and Emergency Management Discussion Paper which will be released on 13th of July 2012. The paper captures Local Government's Emergency Management roles and responsibilities, since the introduction of the Emergency Management Act 2005 and poses a series of questions to identify critical gaps and determine policy imperatives.

Following this a series of regional workshops will be held across the State, to discuss the paper and further distil local area issues. Workshop details will be available from the 13th of July 2012.

The second forum will be held in Perth in November 2012 to share the regional workshop data and work through a priority-setting and decision-making process. This Forum will provide people with an opportunity to work together, using a systematic process, to determine what will be expressed in the draft policy position on EM in WA Local Government.

The draft policy position will be presented to WALGA State Council for endorsement at their first meeting for 2013 and subsequently presented to the State Government of Western Australia.

For further information please contact Jodie Holbrook, Policy Manager Community on 9213 2044 or email jholbrook@walga.asn.au



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To: Chief Executive Officer

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Subject: Western Australian Water in Mining Guideline

From: Karen Barlow, Environment Policy Manager

Date: 6 July 2012

Priority: Medium

IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	Planning Services; Environmental Services, Works Services
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to minimise adverse effects of water abstraction and release for mining on environmental, social and cultural values. • Ensuring water abstracted for mining does not adversely affect other users.
Action Required:	Comments to WALGA by 31 July 2012

Western Australian Water in Mining Guideline (Department of Water)

Mining projects can have a significant impact on ground and surface water resources. This guideline applies to mining projects in all regions of WA and has been developed to ensure that mining companies in WA adopt leading practice water management principles. The guideline includes mining related activities such as accommodation, port, road and rail infrastructure.

The Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914 enables the issuing of licences and permits which define how much water can be taken and under what conditions. The guideline aims to assist mining companies to apply for licences for water abstraction for project expansions and mine upgrades by outlining a step-by-step process.

Of relevance to local governments is the objective to minimise the adverse effects of the abstraction and release of water on environmental, social and cultural values and ensure mining activity does not adversely affect the quality and quantity of public and private drinking water supplies. Impacts on other local water users, i.e. local governments will also be considered.

The full Western Australian Water in Mining Guideline can be found on the DoW's website at <http://www.water.wa.gov.au/PublicationStore/first/102503.pdf>. Any comments on the Guideline can be forwarded to Karen Barlow on 9213 2027 or kbarlow@water.wa.gov.au by 31 July 2012.

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To: Chief Executive Officer

Organisation: All Councils

Reference: 05-024-02-0054

Subject: LP Gas Cylinder Safety in Bushfire Prone Areas

From: John Lane Coordinator Emergency Management Services

Date: 06/07/12

Priority: Medium

IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	CEO, Ranger Services, Community Services
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation 5 of the Keely Report into the Perth Hills Bushfire, considered the impact of untethered LP gas cylinders in close proximity to houses. • <i>Energy Safety</i> has been investigating the issue and possible changes to the Australian Standard. • A Voluntary Guideline for the Installation of LP Gas Cylinders in Bushfire Prone Areas has been produced
Action Required:	For information and community education

Background

The report into the February 2011 Perth Hills Bushfire – A Shared Responsibility, prepared by Mr Mick Keely AO APM, considered the impact of LP gas cylinders installed, or located within close proximity to houses. Evidence was provided to the Special Inquiry from *Energy Safety* on the risks associated with exposing LP gas cylinders to fires. In particular, the high likelihood of a cylinder exploding if allowed to fall over during a fire and creating a risk for emergency services personnel and bystanders.

Recommendation 5 within the Keely Report requested that Local Government provide information to residents relating to any changes to the Australian Standard relating to tethering gas cylinders and encouraging property owners to take action to comply with the Standard.

Outcomes

Energy Safety has been investigating the issue of cylinders exposed to fires and was already looking at including cylinder restraint requirements in the next revision of the Australian Standard for the Storage and Handling of LP Gas. Since the process of updating Australian Standards takes many years, *Energy Safety* has prepared the brochure "*LP Gas Cylinders Safety in Bushfire Prone Areas*". The guideline includes recommendations which would ensure gas installations are safe when exposed to bushfires, including supports designed to ensure that the cylinders remain upright.

How to obtain copies of the Guideline

The Guideline has been published to the *Energy Safety* website and in addition quantities of the brochures will be distributed to Local Governments with a focus on areas without a reticulated gas network.

Follow the link to the Guideline on-line at *Energy Safety*. <http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/energysafety/PDF/Publications/index.htm>

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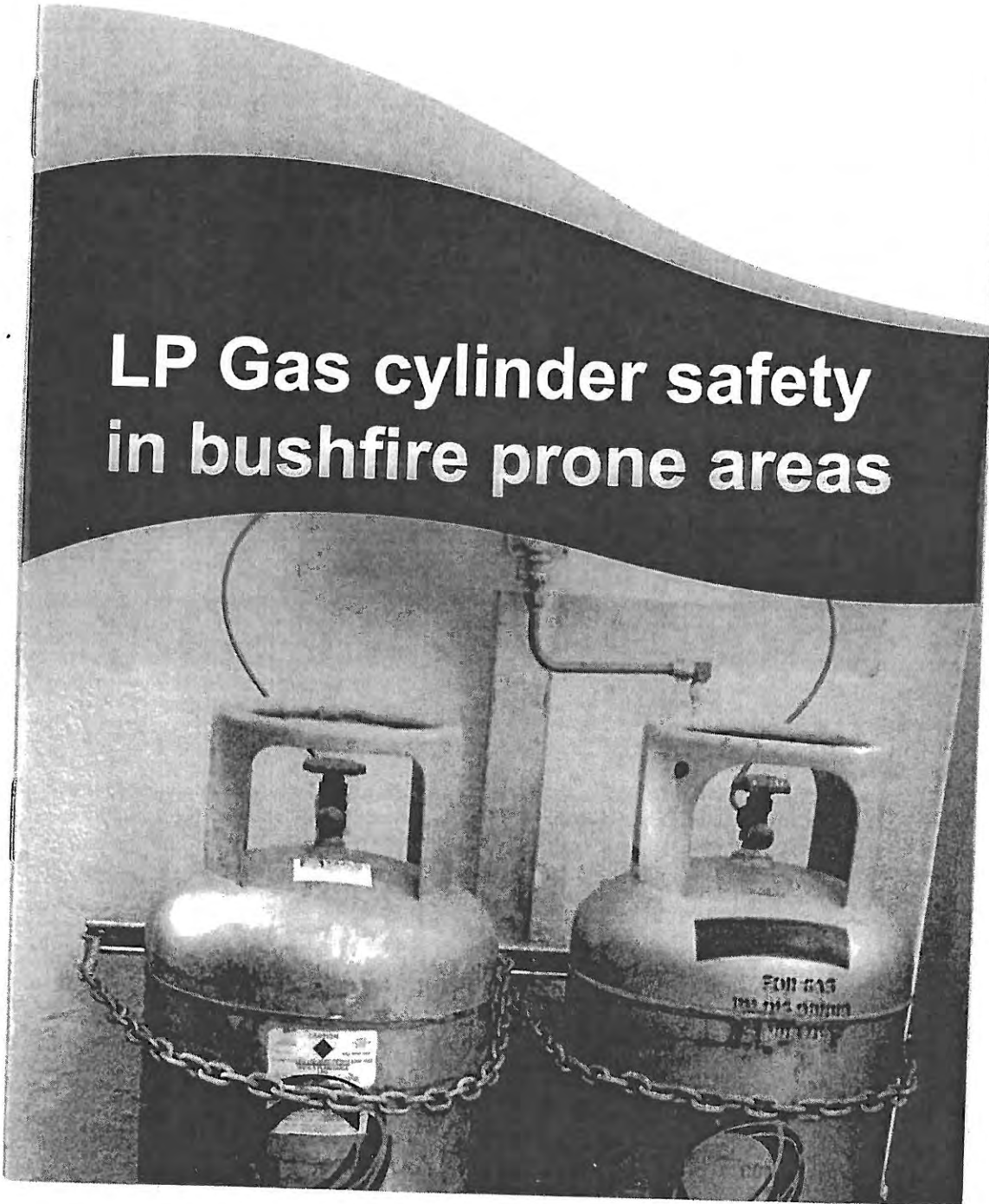
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LP Gas cylinder safety in bushfire prone areas



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To: Chief Executive Officer

Organisation: All Councils

Reference: 05-032-02-0010

Subject: Local Government Services in Aboriginal Communities - **Priority:** HIGH
UPDATE

Erin Fuery, Senior Community Policy Advisor

5 July 2012

IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	Community
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Local Government has released an update on activities undertaken to address Local Government pre-requisites contained in the Communique. WALGA will sit on the State Advisory Group supporting the National Working Group on Remote Indigenous Infrastructure, Municipal and Essential Services. The Northern Territory has commissioned a review into the financial sustainability of Local Governments post-amalgamation.
Action Required:	For noting.

Background

The WALGA Communique to the State Government, released December 2011, outlines Local Government's position on the delivery of Local Government services to Aboriginal communities in Western Australia. While the *National Partnership Agreement on Remote Aboriginal Housing* outlines a commitment to progressively transfer the responsibility for delivery of municipal and essential services from the Commonwealth to the States and Local Government by 1 July 2012, the Communique states that Local Governments do not consider that adequate provisions have been made to enable Local Governments to assume responsibility for service delivery. The Communique also poses that Local Government will not engage in the transfer of responsibility for municipal services delivery to Aboriginal communities until the State meets 14 pre-requisites.

To access the Communique visit www.walga.asn.au/MemberResources/PlanningCommunityDevelopment.aspx

This InfoPage outlines recent developments undertaken by WALGA and the Department of Local Government, in-line with the WALGA Communique. This InfoPage also contains other relevant information which may be of interest to the affected Local Governments. For further information please contact Jodie Holbrook, Policy Manager – Community on 9213 2044 / jholbrook@walga.asn.au or Erin Fuery, Senior Community Policy Advisor on 9213 2080 / efuery@walga.asn.au.

Department of Local Government Update

The Department of Local Government Director General, Jennifer Mathews, sent an email to all affected Local Government CEOs on Tuesday, 19 June with an update on the Department's activities concerning the delivery of municipal services to Aboriginal communities. In light of the demands outlined in the Communique, the Department are undertaking the following activities:

- Development and funding of Aboriginal community engagement activities for the sector to build relationships and support new service delivery planning arrangements. WALGA will be providing input into this process.
- Undertaking a legislative research task to identify land tenure issues for community access, asset management and potential transitional legislation.
- Representing the State, along with the Department of Housing, on the National Working Group on Remote Indigenous Infrastructure, Municipal and Essential Services.

The Department of Local Government, along with WALGA, Department of Housing, Department of Planning, the Public Utilities Office, Department of Water, Department of Health and Department of Indigenous Affairs will be represented on a State Advisory Group which will provide advice to the WA State representatives on the National Working Group.

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The Advisory group meet for the first time on Thursday, 27 June 2012 to discuss the Terms of Reference and key outputs, which will include defining services and priority communities for investment; overseeing the legislative research task; and, developing the State proposal for new arrangements, including the role, responsibilities, funding and time frames required. The Group also agreed to formally update Local Governments on the Group's activities after each meeting.

Meeting with the Hon. Jenny Macklin MP

WALGA CEO, Ricky Burges, along with representatives from the Shire of Broome, the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku, and the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory, met with the Commonwealth Minister for Indigenous Affairs during the ALGA National Congress to communicate Local Government concern with the process to date, lack of information, lack of clarity and lack of consultation. While the delegation acknowledged the work the Department of Local Government was undertaking to address the issues raised in the Communique, they relayed that as a result of these issues, there has been an unwillingness to go forward until there is better clarity around the funding that would be available, and the level of service Local Governments are expected to provide.

No commitments were made during this meeting.

Northern Territory Review of Council's Financial Sustainability

The Northern Territory's Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services has commissioned a review of the financial sustainability of Local Government. The Review is concerned mainly with the financial sustainability of Local Governments in the Northern Territory, now that the Local Government Framework has been in operation for three years.

While the Report is concerned with the financial sustainability of Local Governments in the Northern Territory, it contains information that many Local Governments in Western Australia may find relevant. Of particular interest are comments relating to the transfer of services since amalgamation, and the viability of infrastructure and services since this transfer, for example:

- Upon amalgamation, the eight largest Local Governments inherited roads, infrastructure assets and plant and equipment that were in poor condition or beyond useful life. There have been insufficient funds to repair, maintain, upgrade or replace assets. As a result, there is a significant backlog of infrastructure investment.
- The Local Governments are unable to derive a level of own source revenue. The limited number of rateable properties within the Local Government areas combined with the application of legislated conditional rating has resulted in an inequitable application of rates and user fees making the Local Governments overly reliant on grant funding.
- The costs associated with policy initiatives introduced by other levels of government have been transferred to the Local Governments without an equal transfer of funding.
- Onerous reporting requirements imposed by funding providers has caused inefficiencies, additional costs and administrative requirements that reduce funding available for core service delivery.
- The true cost of providing services cannot be determined as for a number of Councils, there is no established and agreed process for allocating indirect costs or funding providers are not funding an appropriate level of overhead.

The Report can be accessed from www.localgovernment.nt.gov.au/local_government_reviews/review_of_councils_financial_sustainability

Community Development Conference, 4th & 5th September, Darwin

The Community Development: Building Local Capacity and Improving Services Conference will be held in Darwin in early September, offering a senior line up of both Government and non-Government leaders on a national scale, outlining key developments and initiatives being rolled out at the Federal, State and Local level. In addition, it will address common challenges faced by communities to improve local outcomes. Presenters include Brian Gleeson - Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services, Marion Scrymgour - Member for Arafura & Parliamentary Secretary Territory 2030, Cassandra Goldie - CEO, Australian Council of Social Services, and Olga Havnen - NT Coordinator General Remote Services.

To access the full program, visit www.improvingcommunity.com



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT ACT 2012 – STAGE 2

As you would be aware, the *Local Government Amendment Act 2012* ("Amendment Act") is to be phased in over three stages. Stage 1 came into operation on 21 April 2012, as outlined in Departmental Circular 07-2012, which is available on the Department's website www.dlg.wa.gov.au.

The following Stage 2 provisions of the Amendment Act have been proclaimed to come into effect on 1 July 2012:

Chief Executive Officer remuneration to be in compliance with Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Determinations

Stage 2 will now bring into effect section 13 of the Amendment Act which provides that Chief Executive Officer (CEO) remuneration must comply with determinations set by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal ("Tribunal").

As part of Stage 1, section 38 of the Amendment Act came into effect to provide the *Salaries and Allowances Act 1975* with the power to make binding determinations on local government CEO remuneration. It is expected that the Tribunal will publish its first report on this new responsibility in June 2012.

Transitional provisions have been included within the Amendment Act to cater for existing and advertised CEO contracts of employment. In particular, transitional provisions provide that from 1 July 2012:

- (i) CEOs with existing contracts of employment entered into prior to 19 October 2011 which have a remuneration currently over the recommended remuneration bands set by the Tribunal will not be required to comply with the new requirements for the length of their employment with their current employer;
- (ii) all other existing CEO contracts of employment (including those entered into after 19 October 2011 and acting arrangements) will be able to be fulfilled before having to comply with the new requirements. After this point the entering into or renewing of a contract of employment (including acting contracts) will need to comply with the new requirements; and

- (iii) the new provisions will not apply where a CEO position to which the contract relates has already been advertised prior to the new sections coming into operation. In these circumstances the position may be filled at the advertised remuneration, however once that contract is fulfilled the entering into or renewing of a new contract of employment will need to comply with the Tribunal's determinations.

Rebates for underground power charges to be available to pensioners and eligible seniors

Part 3 of the Amendment Act provides for consequential amendments to the *Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992* to allow pensioners and eligible seniors to receive rebates on underground electricity service charges made under section 6.38 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

The commencement of Part 3 will come into effect on 1 July 2012, the same day as the annual amendments to rebate limits in the *Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Regulations 1992*.



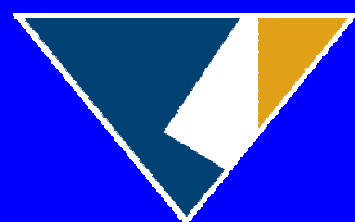
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6 June 2012

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STATE COUNCIL SUMMARY MINUTES



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MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting No. 4 of 2012 of the Western Australian Local Government Association State Council held at WALGA, 15 Altona St, West Perth on **4 July 2012** commencing at **4:01pm**

1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 Attendance

Chairman	President of WALGA	Mayor Troy Pickard
Members	Deputy President of WALGA	President Cr Lynne Craigie
	Pilbara Country Zone	
	Avon-Midland Country Zone	Cr Lawrie Short
	Central Country Zone	President Cr Phil Blight (Deputy)
	Central Metropolitan Zone	Cr Janet Davidson JP
		Mayor Heather Henderson
	East Metropolitan Zone	Cr Glenys Godfrey
		Cr Mick Wainwright
	Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	Mayor Ron Yuryevich AM RFD
	Gascoyne Country Zone	Cr Ross Winzer
	Great Eastern Country Zone	President Cr Eileen O'Connell
	Great Southern Country Zone	President Cr Barry Webster
	Kimberley Country Zone	President Cr John Moulden
	Murchison Country Zone	President Cr Simon Broad
	North Metropolitan Zone	Mayor Tracey Roberts JP
	Northern Country Zone	President Cr Karen Chappel
	Peel Country Zone	President Cr Wally Barrett
	South East Metropolitan Zone	Mayor Cr Henry Zelones JP
		Cr Julie Brown
	South Metropolitan Zone	Mayor Cr Carol Adams
		Cr Doug Thompson
		Cr Maria Rico
	South West Country Zone	President Cr John Gardiner
Ex-Officio	Local Government Managers Australia	Mr Mark Chester, Deputy President
Secretariat	Chief Executive Officer	Ms Ricky Burges
	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Mr Wayne Scheggia
	EM Environment & Waste	Mr Mark Batty
	EM Governance & Strategy	Mr Tony Brown
	EM Marketing & Communications	Mr Zac Donovan
	EM Planning & Community Development	Ms Allison Hailes
	Acting EM Infrastructure	Mr Mark Bondietti
	EM Workplace Solutions	Mr John Phillips
	EM Corporate Business Solutions	Mr Nick Wood
	Manager Governance	Mr James McGovern
	EO Governance and Strategy	Ms Janet Done
	Finance Manager	Mrs Tina Mossdrop
	Observers	
	Great Southern Country Zone Deputy	President Cr Ken Clements

1.2 Apologies

Central Country Zone	Mayor Don Ennis
North Metropolitan Zone	Cr Geoff Amphlett JP
North Metropolitan Zone	Cr David Michael
South Metropolitan Zone	Cr Tony Romano
LGMA	Dr Shayne Silcox
The Rt Hon Lord Mayor of the City of Perth	Ms Lisa Scaffidi
EM Infrastructure	Mr Ian Duncan



1.3 Announcements

There were no announcements to be made.

2. MINUTES

Moved: Cr M Wainwright

Seconded: Mayor T Roberts

That the Minutes of the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) State Council Meeting held on 3 May 2012 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 81.4/2012

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Cr Glenys Godfrey and President Cr Lynne Craigie declared an interest in Item 5.10 (Honours Program) as they are nominees for an Honours Award; President Wally Barrett declared an interest in Item 5.10 as he was a nominator.

4. EMERGING ISSUES

Notification of emerging issues must be provided to the Chairman no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

There were no emerging issues for consideration.



5. MATTERS FOR DECISION

5.1 Metropolitan Local Government Review – WALGA Submission: Response to Draft Findings (05-034-01-0018 TL)

By Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Strategy

WALGA Recommendation

That:

1. The Association's Submission to the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's Draft Findings be endorsed, and;
2. The Record of Proceedings of the Meeting of Metropolitan Mayors and Presidents be noted.

East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	Meeting held prior to SC Agenda distribution
Murchison Country Zone	No meeting held
North Metropolitan Zone	No meeting held
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported

CENTRAL METROPOLITAN ZONE

That the Central Metropolitan Zone recommends that WALGA support and advocate that those Local Governments that voluntarily amalgamate be able to remain as amalgamated rather than being forced to undergo a further process of change.

GREAT SOUTHERN COUNTRY ZONE

That the Great Southern Zone opposes the election of mayors by the community as a standard – it should be optional, not compulsory.

AVON MIDLAND COUNTRY ZONE

That the motion be amended by adding after the word Agenda 'subject to the notation that the Zone does not support WALGA Recommendation 2 in the Association's submission and that the Zone requests further information on the proposed Local Government Commission and that the information be circulated to members for comment'.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE

The Zone requests State Council to ensure that in the Panel's objective to submit recommendations on appropriate boundaries and governance models for Local Governments in the Perth Metropolitan area, the Panel publishes the boundaries and justification for those boundaries.

NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE

THE Zone wishes to draw attention to its considered addition to Point 3 of the resolution (below) endorsed by the Meeting of Metropolitan Mayors and Presidents being:

3. That transitional arrangements are managed by serving Elected Members as Commissioners rather than appointed commissioners, and;



GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE

That the Goldfields Esperance Country Zone advise the WA Local Government Association that:

1. it is of the opinion that following the release of the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's final report a three month sector consultation period be required to enable a full and detailed response by the local government sector;
2. subject to part 1 of this resolution endorse the WALGA submission to the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel; and
3. any future submission in respect to the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel reports be only submitted following approval of the WALGA State Council.

GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE

That the Great Eastern Country Zone advise the WA Local Government Association that:

1. it is of the opinion that following the release of the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's final report a three month sector consultation period be required to enable a full and detailed response by the local government sector;
2. subject to part 1 of this resolution endorse the WALGA submission to the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel; and
3. any future submission in respect to the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel reports be only submitted following approval of the WALGA State Council.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE

That the Central Country Zone advise the WA Local Government Association that:

1. it is of the opinion that following the release of the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's final report a three month sector consultation period be required to enable a full and detailed response by the local government sector;
2. subject to part 1 of this resolution endorse the WALGA submission to the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel; and
3. any future submission in respect to the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel reports be only submitted following approval of the WALGA State Council.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

Central Metropolitan Zone

The WALGA submission promotes a voluntary reform process.

Great Southern Country Zone

The majority view at the Metropolitan Mayor and President's Forum is that the Mayor be elected by the community.

Avon Midland Country Zone

This motion refers to the Association's response to the issues paper whereas the State Council agenda item addresses the Panel's draft findings. The Association's submission details the role of the proposed Local Government Commission on page 23.

South Metropolitan Zone

The provision of boundaries is part of the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's Terms of Reference and the WALGA submission requests the final report be evidence-based and that the report be made public.

Northern Country Zone

The objective of WALGA's submission is that Elected Members remain in control of the reform process, not appointed Commissioners.

Great Eastern Country Zone; Goldfields Esperance Country Zone; Central Country Zone

In response to point 1, the Metropolitan Mayors and Presidents Forum endorsed a two month Local Government sector consultation period on the basis that it would facilitate a pre-election response from the Government.

In response to point 2, WALGA provided an interim submission to the Panel and this State Council agenda item is seeking formal endorsement of that submission.



Moved: Cr J Brown
Seconded: President Cr W Barrett

That:

- 1. The Association's Submission to the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's Draft Findings be endorsed, and;**
- 2. The Record of Proceedings of the Meeting of Metropolitan Mayors and Presidents be noted.**

AMENDMENT

Moved: Mayor H Henderson
Seconded: Cr J Davidson

That an additional point 3 be added:

- 3. That the recommendation from the Central Metropolitan Zone on Local Government Reform be referred to the appropriate policy area and a report be prepared for the next State Council Meeting.**

CARRIED

Mayor Yuryevich left the meeting at 4.14pm

AMENDMENT

Moved: President Cr P Blight
Seconded: President Cr J Gardiner

That an additional point 4 be added:

- 4. That any future submission in respect to the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel reports be only submitted following approval of the WALGA State Council.**

Mayor Yuryevich returned to the meeting at 4.17pm

THE AMENDMENT WAS WITHDRAWN

THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION WAS PUT, BEING:

That:

- 1. The Association's Submission to the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's Draft Findings be endorsed;**
- 2. The Record of Proceedings of the Meeting of Metropolitan Mayors and Presidents be noted; and**
- 3. The recommendation from the Central Metropolitan Zone on Local Government Reform be referred to the appropriate policy area and a report be prepared for the next State Council Meeting.**

RESOLUTION 82.4/2012

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



5.2 WALGA Submission – Review of Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Fund (05-055-03-0055 TL)

By Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Strategy

Recommendation:

That the Association’s Submission to the Review of the Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Fund be endorsed.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	Meeting held prior to SC Agenda distribution
Murchison Country Zone	No meeting held
North Metropolitan Zone	No meeting held
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported

GREAT SOUTHERN ZONE

That the word ‘Country’ should be inserted in front of the words ‘Local Government’ throughout the submission where appropriate.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The Association’s submission is contextually accurate in its reference to Local Governments.

Moved: Mayor R Yuryevich
Seconded: President Cr K Chappel

That the Association’s Submission to the Review of the Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Fund be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 83.4/2012 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



5.3 State Government Boards and Committees – Effect on Elected Members who are Public Service Employees (05-034-01-006 JMc)

By Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance & Strategy

Recommendation

That WALGA advocate to the State Government to permit the remuneration of all Local Government Elected Members who represent the Local Government sector on a State Government Board, Committee or Panel.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	Meeting held prior to SC Agenda distribution
Murchison Country Zone	No meeting held
North Metropolitan Zone	No meeting held
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported

Moved: Mayor H Zelones
Seconded: Cr M Wainwright

That WALGA advocate to the State Government to permit the remuneration of all Local Government Elected Members who represent the Local Government sector on a State Government Board, Committee or Panel.

RESOLUTION 84.4/2012

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



5.4 Proposed Dog Act 1976 Amendments (05-022-01-0001 TL)

By Tim Lane, Governance and Strategy Facilitator

Recommendation

That WALGA write to the Minister for Local Government and the Director General, Department of Local Government, to:

1. Commend them for their commitment to amend the *Dog Act 1976*; and,
2. Request a thorough consultation process with the Local Government sector on the details of the proposed amendments.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	Meeting held prior to SC Agenda distribution
Murchison Country Zone	No meeting held
North Metropolitan Zone	No meeting held
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported

Moved: Cr J Brown

Seconded: Cr L Short

That WALGA write to the Minister for Local Government and the Director General, Department of Local Government, to:

1. Commend them for their commitment to amend the *Dog Act 1976*; and,
2. Request a thorough consultation process with the Local Government sector on the details of the proposed amendments.

RESOLUTION 85.4/2012

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



5.5 Review of State Planning Policy 2.6 – State Coastal Planning Policy (05-01-0703-0002 VJ)

By Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager Planning Reform and Improvement

Recommendation

That:

1. The interim submission to the WA Planning Commission on the Review of State Planning Policy 2.6 – State Coastal Planning Policy, is endorsed; and
2. WALGA advocate the State Government to provide a clear funding path for the implementation of the finalised State Planning Policy 2.6, to ensure that Local Governments are appropriately funded to prepare and implement coastal hazard risk management and adaptation plans.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	Meeting held prior to SC Agenda distribution
Murchison Country Zone	No meeting held
North Metropolitan Zone	No meeting held
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported

CENTRAL METROPOLITAN ZONE

That:

1. The interim submission to the WA Planning Commission on the Review of State Planning Policy 2.6 – State Coastal Planning Policy, is endorsed with the addition that the interim submission support retention of the current coastal building height limits.
2. WALGA advocate the State Government to provide a clear funding path for the implementation of the finalized State Planning Policy 2.6, to ensure that Local Governments are appropriately funded to prepare and implement coastal hazard risk management and adaptation plans.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

Building heights in coastal zones should not be prescribed by State Government policy (as is presently the case under the State Coastal Planning Policy 2.6) rather, it should be considered part of the normal Local Government planning processes.



Moved: Cr L Short
Seconded: President Cr W Barrett

That:

1. The interim submission to the WA Planning Commission on the Review of State Planning Policy 2.6 – State Coastal Planning Policy, is endorsed; and
2. WALGA advocate the State Government to provide a clear funding path for the implementation of the finalised State Planning Policy 2.6, to ensure that Local Governments are appropriately funded to prepare and implement coastal hazard risk management and adaptation plans.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Mayor H Henderson
Seconded: Cr J Davidson

That point 1 of the WALGA recommendation be amended to read:

1. The interim submission to the WA Planning Commission on the Review of State Planning Policy 2.6 – State Coastal Planning Policy, is endorsed with the addition that the interim submission support retention of the current coastal building height limits

LOST

THE ORIGINAL MOTION WAS PUT AND

RESOLUTION 86.4/2012

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



5.6 Productivity Commission Issues Paper – The Role of Local Government as Regulator (05-099-03-0001 EF)

By Erin Fuery, Waste Policy Coordinator

Recommendation

That the interim submission on the Productivity Commission Issues Paper – ‘The Role of Local Government as Regulator’ be endorsed.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	Meeting held prior to SC Agenda distribution
Murchison Country Zone	No meeting held
North Metropolitan Zone	No meeting held
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported

Moved: Cr G Godfrey
Seconded: Cr D Thompson

That the interim submission on the Productivity Commission Issues Paper – ‘The Role of Local Government as Regulator’ be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 87.4/2012 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



5.7 Proposed Service Level Agreement for the Repair and Maintenance of Fire Hydrants (05-024-02-0029 JL)

By John Lane Coordinator Emergency Management Services

Recommendation

That:

1. State Council endorses the Service Level Agreement as an agreement suitable to meet the requirements of Local Government in fire hydrant management and maintenance; and
2. Each Local Government be encouraged to enter into a Service Level Agreement with the Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) and the Water Service Utility responsible for their Local Government Area.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	Meeting held prior to SC Agenda distribution
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North Metropolitan Zone	No meeting held
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported

Moved: Mayor H Zelones
Seconded: President Cr E O’Connell

That:

1. State Council endorses the Service Level Agreement as an agreement suitable to meet the requirements of Local Government in fire hydrant management and maintenance; and
2. Each Local Government be encouraged to enter into a Service Level Agreement with the Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) and the Water Service Utility responsible for their Local Government Area.

RESOLUTION 88.4/2012

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



5.8 Submission on the draft Western Australian Bicycle Network Plan 2012-2021 (05-005-03-0006 MM)

By Marissa MacDonald, Policy Officer Transport and Roads

Recommendation

That the submission on the draft Western Australian Bicycle Network Plan 2012-2021 be endorsed.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	Meeting held prior to SC Agenda distribution
Murchison Country Zone	No meeting held
North Metropolitan Zone	No meeting held
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported

Moved: Cr D Thompson
Seconded: Cr M Wainwright

That the submission on the draft Western Australian Bicycle Network Plan 2012-2021 be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 89.4/2012

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY STATE COUNCILLORS (UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

5.9 Finance & Services Committee Minutes (01-006-03-0006 NW)

By Nick Wood, Executive Manager, Corporate Business Solutions

Moved: Cr G Godfrey
Seconded: President Cr P Blight

That the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee meeting of 13 June 2012 be received; and

That:

- 1. The 2012/13 Governance Budget for the Association as recommended by the Finance and Services Committee be endorsed.**
- 2. Membership subscriptions totalling \$1,911,310 as recommended by the Finance and Services Committee be endorsed as the appropriate charge for 2012/13 by application of the adopted subscriptions formula.**
- 3. The \$200,000 in retained earnings from the 2011/12 financial year be transferred to the Strategic Reserve Fund for the purpose of assisting and supporting Local Governments with the impact of structural reform.**
- 4. Given the tightening of the Western Australian labour market and the increase in the Association's turnover levels over the past three (3) years, a review of staff salary levels be undertaken as part of the mid-term budget review to ensure market competitiveness and that WALGA has sufficient capacity to attract and retain skilled staff.**

Voting Requirement: ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

RESOLUTION 90.4/2012

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The President, on behalf of State Council, thanked and congratulated the Finance Staff on their work in preparing the 2012/13 Budget.



5.10 Honours Panel Committee Minutes (01-006-03-0006 JD)

By Janet Done, Executive Officer Governance and Strategy

Cr Godfrey, Cr Craigie and Cr Barrett previously declared an interest and Mr Chester, also as a nominee, declared an interest in the following Item and left the meeting at 4.42pm

Moved: Mayor R Yuryevich
Seconded: President Cr J Gardiner

That:

1. the Minutes of the Honours Panel meeting held on 6 June 2012 be received; and
2. the Honours Panel’s recommendations on recipients for awards as part of the Association Honours Program for 2012 be noted.

RESOLUTION 91.4/2012 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Cr Godfrey, Cr Craigie, Cr Barrett and Mr Chester returned to the meeting at 4.44pm

5.11 Use of the Association’s Common Seal (01-004-07-0001 RB)

By Ricky Burges, Chief Executive Officer

Recommendation

Moved: Mayor R Yuryevich
Seconded: President Cr E O’Connell

That the use of the Association’s Common Seal for the following purposes be noted:

Document	Document Description	Signatory	State Council prior approval
Letter of Offer (Reinstatement) WALGA as Trustee for LGIS	Letter of Offer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANZ Banking Group • Mayor Troy Pickard • Wayne Scheggia 	No

RESOLUTION 92.4/2012 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



5.12 Local Government Self Insurance Scheme – Establishment of Bush Fire Volunteers Personal Accident Pool Fund (07-007-02-0007JL)

John Phillips, Executive Manager Workplace Solutions

Moved: Mayor R Yuryevich
Seconded: Cr J Davidson

That the WALGA-JLT Joint Venture LGIS Management Committee recommendations be endorsed in relation to:

- 1. A pooled fund and mutual scheme for statutory bushfire injury cover, as an additional trading segment under the LGISWA Scheme be established, effective from 30 June 2012;**
- 2. An appropriate addendum to the Scheme Management Agreement and associated fees schedule, appointing JLT to assume Scheme management responsibility for the new trading segment be drafted and executed by the JVMC;**
- 3. LGIS Insurance Broking being the Scheme's broker for the excess-of-loss insurance; and**
- 4. Adding the governance responsibility for the new Scheme segment to the LGISWA Scheme Board's Charter.**

RESOLUTION 93.4/2012

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



6. MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

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

By Rebecca Brown, Manager, Waste & Recycling

Recommendation

That the resolutions of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its 18 April and 21 May 2012 meetings be noted.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Kimberley Zone	Meeting held prior to SC Agenda distribution
Murchison Country Zone	No meeting held
North Metropolitan Zone	No meeting held
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted

Moved: Cr J Brown
Seconded: Cr D Thompson

That the resolutions of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its 18 April and 21 May 2012 meetings be noted.

RESOLUTION 94.4/2012

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION

Moved: Mayor T Roberts
Seconded: President Cr S Broad

That State Council express appreciation to Cr Thompson for his efforts as Chair of the MWAC.

RESOLUTION 95.4/2012

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



7. ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

7.1 Key Activity Reports

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

Moved: Cr D Thompson
Seconded: Cr J Davidson

That the Key Activities Report from the Environment and Waste Unit to the July 2012 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 96.4/2012

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Moved: Cr D Thompson
Seconded: Cr J Davidson

That the Key Activities Report from the Governance and Strategy Unit to the July 2012 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 97.4/2012

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Moved: Cr D Thompson
Seconded: Cr J Davidson

That the Key Activities Report from the Infrastructure Unit to the July 2012 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 98.4/2012

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, Planning and Community Development (01-006-03-0014 AH)

Moved: Cr D Thompson
Seconded: Cr J Davidson

That the Key Activities Report from the Planning and Community Development Unit to July 2012 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 99.4/2012

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7.2 Policy Forum Report (01-006-03-0007 TB)**

Moved: Cr D Thompson
Seconded: Cr J Davidson

That the report on the key activities of the Association's Policy Forums to the July 2012 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 100.4/2012

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Yuryevich left the meeting at 5.10pm and returned at 5.17pm

7.3 President's Report

Moved: Cr D Thompson
Seconded: Cr J Davidson

That the President's Report for July 2012 be received.

RESOLUTION 101.4/2012

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 CEO's Report

Moved: Cr D Thompson
Seconded: Cr J Davidson

That the CEO's Report for July 2012 be received.

RESOLUTION 102.4/2012

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



8. ADDITIONAL ZONE RESOLUTIONS

Moved: Cr D Thompson
Seconded: Cr J Davidson

That the additional Zone Resolutions from the July 2012 round of Zones meetings as follows be referred to the appropriate policy area for consideration.

RESOLUTION 103.4/2012

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Workplace Solutions)

Councillor Training

That:

1. WALGA review the days that Councillor training is conducted in order to offer days that allow Councillors that work full time to attend.
2. Consideration should be given to conducting more training on Saturdays.

GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE (Governance)

Local Government Amendment (Regional Subsidiaries) Bill 2010

That the Great Eastern Country Zone:

1. through the Executive Officer discuss with Mr John Hyde MLA opportunity for the progress of the Local Government Amendment (Regional Subsidiaries) Bill 2010 in the Legislative Assembly;
2. request as a matter of urgency the WA Local Government Association to lobby the Minister for Local Government to seek his support for the urgent progress of the Local Government Amendment (Regional Subsidiaries) Bill 2010; and
3. write to all Legislative Assembly Members of Parliament seeking their support for the urgent progress of the Local Government Amendment (Regional Subsidiaries) Bill 2010.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE (Governance)

Local Government Amendment (Regional Subsidiaries) Bill 2010

1. Thank Mr John Hyde MLA for his interest in the Local Government Amendment (Regional Subsidiaries) Bill 2010 and sponsoring its introduction into the Legislative Assembly;
2. Through the Executive Officer discuss with Mr John Hyde opportunity and lobbying strategies to progress the Local Government Amendment (Regional Subsidiaries) Bill 2010 in the Legislative Assembly as soon as possible after the Parliamentary winter recess; and
3. Request, as a matter of urgency, the WA Local Government Association to make representations to the Minister for Local Government to seek his support for the timely progress of the Local Government Amendment (Regional Subsidiaries) Bill 2010 through the Legislative Assembly.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE (Governance)

South Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) Presentation

1. That the Zone thanks WALGA's officers and the President for their support in enabling the South Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) to continue to divert waste from landfill and convert waste to a beneficial use.
2. That the Zone notes and supports the significant efforts by the member Councils to keep the Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) waste composting plant in operation.



9. MEETING ASSESSMENT

President Cr John Moulden provided feedback as to the effectiveness of the meeting.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

That the next meeting of the Western Australia Local Government Association State Council be held in the Boardroom at WALGA, 15 Altona Street West Perth, on **Wednesday 5 September 2012**, commencing **4pm**; and that a Strategic Forum again be held prior to the State Council meeting.

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 5.54pm