



# South East Metropolitan Zone

## Minutes

23 November 2022

# South East Metropolitan Zone

Hosted by the Town of Victoria Park

99 Shepperton Road. Victoria Park – 9311 8111

Wednesday 23 November 2022, commenced at 6:02 pm

## Acknowledgement of Country

We, the delegates of the South East Metropolitan Zone, acknowledge the traditional owners of this land that we are meeting on today and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.

## Minutes

### MEMBERS

### 2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Armadale

Mayor Ruth Butterfield (SC)  
Cr Melissa Northcott  
Ms Joanne Abbiss, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

City of Canning

Mayor Patrick Hall  
Cr Jesse Jacobs  
Mr Michael Littleton, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

City of Gosnells

Cr Sarah Patterson (arrived 6.05pm)  
Mr Ian Cowie, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate

City of South Perth

Cr Jennifer Nevard  
Cr Carl Celedin (SC)  
Mr Mike Bradford, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

Town of Victoria Park

Cr Bronwyn Ife - **Chair**  
Cr Peter Devereux  
Mr Anthony Vuleta, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

WALGA Secretariat

Deputy President, Cr Paul Kelly  
Nicole Matthews, Executive Manager Policy  
Willem Bouwer, Governance Specialist

DLGSC Representative

Mr Liam O'Neill, Principal Strategy Officer  
Ms Amy Noon, Senior Project Officer

## **APOLOGIES**

City of Gosnells

Cr David Goode JP  
Cr Serena Williamson (Deputy)

Guest Speaker

Ms Christine Comer, Team Leader, National Emergency  
Management Agency

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Confirmation of Attendance, an attendance sheet will be circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting. Please register your attendance by printing your name against your Council on the attendance sheet.

Zone Delegates are requested to provide sufficient written notice, wherever possible, on amendments to recommendations within the State Council or Zone agenda prior to the Zone meeting, to the Chair and Secretariat.

Agenda Papers are emailed 7 days prior to the meeting date.

## **ATTACHMENTS WITHIN THE AGENDA**

1. Draft Minutes of the Previous Meeting
2. Zone Status Report
3. President's Report
4. Standing Orders

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### **1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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Elected Members must declare to the Chairperson any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before the Zone as soon as they become aware of it. Councillors and deputies may be directly or indirectly associated with some recommendations of the Zone and State Council. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

Nil.

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### **2. DEPUTATIONS**

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#### **2.1 National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)**

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Christine Comer advised prior to the meeting that she would not be able to present at this time and would like to reschedule her presentation to a future Zone meeting.

**Noted**

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#### **2.2 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Representative Update Report.**

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Below is the response provided from Ms Kirsty Martin, A/Director Policy and Legislation from the Zone's previous query on the breakdown of fees from the Office of the Auditor General (OAG).

*'In relation to fees we (the OAG) continue not to issue itemised accounts. Any queries in respect to the audit fee are best directed by the LG entity through to the OAG via their respective EL. We can then respond back specifically in relation to their query and audit fee'.*

It was also noted that WALGA will provide the Zone with an update on its consultation with the Department on Electronic Meetings.

The Department agreed to provide if possible, Zone members with an update on whether Local Governments choosing the default pathway to abolish their wards, would not be required to do anything further.

**Noted**

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### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Cr Melissa Northcott  
**Seconded:** Cr Jennifer Nevard

**That the Minutes of the meeting of the South East Metropolitan Zone held on 24 August 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.**

**CARRIED**

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### **4. BUSINESS ARISING**

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A Status Report outlining the actions taken on the Zone's resolutions was enclosed as an attachment.

**Noted**

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### **5. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION**

***(Zone delegates to consider the Matters for Decision contained in the WA Local Government Association State Council Agenda and put forward resolutions to Zone Representatives on State Council)***

The full State Council Agenda can be found via link: [State Council Agenda 7 December 2022](#)

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

#### **Matters for Decision**

##### **5.1 2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions**

**That:**

**1. the following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be endorsed for action:**

**3.8 Review of the Rating Methodology used by the Valuer-General**

Advocate for a full review of the rating methodology used by the Valuer-General to value all land in the State of Western Australia.

### 3.10 Reform of the Cat Act 2011

That the WA Local Government sector requests the WA State Government prioritise reforms to the Cat Act 2011, in accordance with the Statutory Review undertaken and tabled in the State Parliament on 27 November 2019.

2. the following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the relevant Policy Team for further work to be undertaken:

#### 3.1 Road Traffic Issues

That WALGA advocate on behalf of the local government sector to the State Government and in particular, Main Roads, to increase importance and weight given to local knowledge and input regarding road traffic issues including requests for speed reduction, intersection treatments and overall preventative and traffic safety measures.

#### 3.2 Car Parking and Traffic Congestion Around Schools

That WALGA engages with the State Government on behalf of Local Government to review issues associated with car parking and traffic congestion around school sites including but not limited to:

1. Reviewing car parking standards for schools;
2. Ensuring sufficient land is set aside for the provision of parking on school sites;
3. Reviewing the co-location of schools to avoid issues being exacerbated;
4. Restricting school access from major roads;
5. Developing plans to enable schools to manage school traffic;
6. Develop programs to educate drivers; and
7. Develop options and implement initiatives to encourage alternative modes of transport to school.

#### 3.3 Proposal for Regional Road Maintenance Contracts with Main Roads WA

That WALGA assist Local Governments and work with the Hon Minister Rita Saffioti to introduce a similar program that is currently in play in Queensland and introduce a sole invitee Program for Local Governments to engage in a Road Maintenance Performance Contract with Main Roads WA.

#### 3.4 Northern Australia Beef Roads Program

That WALGA work with the Hon Madeleine King MP Minister for Resources and Minister for Northern Australia to make Beef Road Funding available to all Australian Local Governments north and south, or establish a Southern Australia Beef Road Funding Program to allow for equitable support across Australia's beef and agriculture industries.

#### 3.5 3D House Printing Building Compliance

That WALGA requests:

1. Assistance from Minister for Industry and Science The Hon Ed Husic MP, Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Small Business The Hon Julie Collins MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government The Hon Catherine King MP to work with Ministers from all State and Territory Governments who have Building and Construction in their portfolios, to collaborate and to consider removing impediments within the National Construction Code Series and associated

Australian Standards, that dissuade industry from adopting 3D printing as a building method.

2. That the Government provide instruments to incentivise private industry to develop 3D printing and include this as an acceptable building practice.

### 3.6 South West Native Title Settlement

That WALGA advocate to the State Government that Local Governments be provided with the full list of potential land to be requested for transfer as part of the South West Native Title Settlement and that a minimum of three months be provided for Council to provide feedback.

### 3.7 Land Offset Compensation to Local Governments

That WALGA advocate to the State Government that the Developer requiring land offsets should be required to provide the offsets within the Local Government where the clearing occurs and where this is not possible, the Developer requiring land offsets within another Local Government be required to pay a fee to the Local Government for the loss of rates and ongoing maintenance of infrastructure to the Land.

#### 3.12.1 Abandoned Shopping Trolleys

That this meeting supports the recent petition to be tabled in the Legislative Council, Parliament of Western Australia, "Removal and Abandonment of Shopping Trolleys 22-0017" calling on the State Government to implement stringent and uniform shopping trolley containment laws for the whole state of Western Australia.

3. the following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be noted:

That:

1. The update on the Best Practice Governance Review project be noted, and
2. The principles to inform WALGA's future governance model, as follows and as per the attached Principles document, be endorsed:
  - a. Representative – WALGA unites and represents the entire Local Government sector in WA and understands the diverse nature and needs of members, regional communities and economies.
  - b. Responsive – WALGA is an agile association which acts quickly to respond to the needs of members and stakeholders.
  - c. Results Oriented – WALGA dedicates resources and efforts to secure the best outcomes for Local Government and supports the delivery of high-quality projects, programs and services.

#### 3.12.2 Mandatory Superannuation for Elected Members in Band 1 and 2 Councils

That this meeting supports requesting WALGA to advocate for the Local Government reforms to include mandatory superannuation for elected members of Band 1 and Band 2 Councils and supports the optional payment of superannuation for Band 3 and 4 Councils.

## RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Cr Sarah Patterson  
**Seconded:** Cr Melissa Northcott

**That the South East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 5.1 relating to the 2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions from the December 2022 State Council Agenda.**

**CARRIED**

## 5.2 Elected Member Superannuation

That WALGA:

1. advocates for superannuation to be required to be paid to Elected Members of Local Governments in Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (SAT) Band 1 and Band 2; and
2. supports the position that superannuation payments to Elected Members of Local Governments in SAT Band 3 and Band 4 should be optional and determined by Council.

## RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Cr Sarah Patterson

**Seconded:** Cr Bronwyn Ife

**That the South East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 5.2**

**CARRIED**

## 5.3 Biosecurity Advocacy Position

That State Council endorse replacing Advocacy Position 4.5 Post Border Biosecurity with a new Biosecurity Advocacy Position as follows:

### 4.5 Biosecurity

Western Australia's economy, environment and the community are facing increasing challenges posed by already established and new pests, weeds and diseases.

Local Government has a significant role in biosecurity management, as land managers and regulators, and therefore has an interest in ensuring that Western Australia's biosecurity system, including control of declared pests, is effective and appropriately resourced.

WALGA considers significant changes to the operation of the State's biosecurity system, including the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007, are required to ensure these risks can be managed now and into the future.

To be effective the Western Australian biosecurity system must:

1. Take a transparent approach to the notion of 'shared responsibility' by ensuring that:
  - a) The respective roles and responsibilities of Commonwealth, State and Local Government, industry, landholders, community groups and individuals are agreed and clearly articulated; and
  - b) There is improved pest management on State Government managed land and a formalised structure for State Government agencies with responsibilities for biosecurity management to work together and coordinate their activities.
2. Be underpinned by a strategic framework, developed in collaboration with stakeholders, that:
  - a) Establishes priorities for biosecurity threats in geographically defined regions, sets measurable targets and guides investment in biosecurity activities; and
  - b) Is regularly evaluated and reported on.
3. Have a greater focus on environmental biosecurity, through the increased recognition and management of pest species that have significant ecological impacts.
4. Be adequately, sustainably and equitably funded:
  - a) The appropriateness and effectiveness of the Declared Pest Rate (DPR) and Recognised Biosecurity Group (RBG) model as key mechanisms for the

- management of widespread and established declared pests should be reviewed and alternate mechanisms considered;
- b) Increased and more equitable distribution of funding for every step in the biosecurity continuum and adequate resourcing for all stakeholders, including Local Government; and
  - c) The provision of funding for declared pest management in metropolitan areas.
5. Ensure that the criteria and process for listing of declared pests is evidence-based, timely and transparent.
  6. Have an increased emphasis on compliance through education and enforcement activity, to ensure land managers are aware of their legislative responsibilities and are supported to implement biosecurity actions.
  7. Facilitate the use of new technologies, strategic monitoring, and the establishment of data management systems to inform biosecurity investment decisions and support adaptive management.
  8. Improve the community's understanding, awareness and action in relation to biosecurity to assist with threat surveillance and timely response to incursions.

## **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Cr Sarah Patterson  
**Seconded:** Mayor Patrick Hall

**That the South East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 5.3**

**CARRIED**

- 5.4 Submission on *Environmental Regulation Reform: A Strategic Review of Regulatory Delivery and Fees for Industry Regulation*

That the submission on Environmental Regulation Reform: A Strategic Review of Regulatory Delivery and Fees for Industry Regulation be endorsed.

## **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Cr Sarah Patterson  
**Seconded:** Cr Bronwyn Ife

**That the South East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 5.4**

**CARRIED**

- 5.5 Updated Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advocacy Position

That State Council endorse the following updated Advocacy Position on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage:

### *3.1.3 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 and South West Native Title Settlement*

*WALGA acknowledges Noongar people as the traditional owners of the South West Region. Local Government is supportive of conserving and protecting the State's Aboriginal cultural heritage.*



WALGA supports the introduction of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 which will provide a modern framework for the recognition, protection, conservation and preservation of Aboriginal cultural heritage and recognises the fundamental importance of Aboriginal cultural heritage to Aboriginal people. The State Government must ensure that:

1. The legislation balances the need to protect Aboriginal cultural heritage with the requirement for Local Government to undertake activities in a timely and affordable manner;
2. The implementation and ongoing operation of the legislative system for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage is adequately resourced to ensure that all parties have the capacity, capability and resources to discharge their statutory obligations;
3. Support is provided to Local Governments to ensure that they have the resources, capacity and capability to comply with a complex legislative framework; and
4. Local Governments have the ability to deliver essential infrastructure works and emergency activities efficiently and effectively in order to maintain public safety.

## **RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Cr Bronwyn Ife**  
**Seconded: Mayor Patrick Hall**

**That the South East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 5.5**

**CARRIED**

### 5.6 Review of Coastal Planning Policy Position

That State Council endorse replacing Advocacy Position 6.8 Coastal Planning with a new Coastal Planning Advocacy Position as follows:

#### 6.8 Coastal Planning

WALGA calls for:

1. Equitable legislative, regulatory and policy changes that preserve public coastal access for current and future generations.
2. The provision of sustainable and adequate long-term funding for Local Governments to manage the impacts of coastal erosion and inundation.

## **RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Cr Carl Celedin**  
**Seconded: Cr Sarah Patterson**

1. **That the South East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 5.6; and**
2. **The Zone notes all Matters for Noting, Policy Teams and Organisational Reports as listed in the December 2022 State Council Agenda.**

**CARRIED**

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## **6. BUSINESS**

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### **6.1 2023 Proposed Meeting Dates**

*By Chantelle O'Brien, Zone Executive Officer*

#### **BACKGROUND**

A schedule of the proposed meeting dates for the South East Metropolitan Zone 2023 has been prepared and is set out below. The dates have been set to coincide with the WALGA State Council meetings.

The proposed meeting dates for the South East Metropolitan Zone for 2023 require adoption by delegates.

As with previous years, the venue for each meeting has been rotated amongst Members.

#### **SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE MEETING 2023**

<b>Zone Meeting Dates Wednesday</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>HOST COUNCIL</b>	<b>State Council Meeting Date 2023</b>
<b>15 February</b>	Wednesday 6.00 pm	City of Armadale	Wednesday 1 March 2023
<b>19 April</b>	Wednesday 6.00 pm	City of Canning	Regional Metro Wednesday 3 May 2023
<b>21 June</b>	Wednesday 6.00 pm	City of Gosnells	Wednesday 5 July 2023
<b>23 August</b>	Wednesday 6.00 pm	City of South Perth	Regional Meeting 7-8 September 2023
<b>22 November</b>	Wednesday 6.00 pm	Town of Victoria Park	Wednesday 6 December 2023

#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Cr Bronwyn Iffe  
**Seconded:** Cr Melissa Northcott

**That the 2023 proposed schedule of meetings for the South East Metropolitan Zone be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

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### **6.2 2023 May Regional State Council Meeting**

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Each year, the WALGA State Council meets in a regional location hosted by a Zone to engage in a Zone Forum. There are generally two regional State Council meetings per year – one hosted by a Metropolitan Zone and another hosted by a Country Zone. Regional meeting hosts are rotated between the Zones.

It is proposed that the May 2023 regional State Council meeting be hosted by the South East Metropolitan Zone.

Regional meetings afford State Council the opportunity to meet with Elected Members and senior officers from Local Governments within a Zone, to discuss issues of local and regional significance. They also allow State Councillors to meet with other regional groups of interest to gain a first-hand appreciation of the various issues confronting Local Governments in each Zone.

Metropolitan Zone Regional State Council meetings became an annual event in 2018, and the South East Metropolitan Zone is yet to host.

It is proposed that the 2023 regional meeting be held on **Wednesday, 3 May**. The proposed program for the day is as below:

### **State Council Business – 10:00am - 2:00pm**

9:30am - 10:00am	Morning tea on arrival
<b>10:00am - 12:00pm</b>	<b>State Council Strategic Forum</b>
12:00pm - 12:30pm	Lunch
<b>12:30pm - 2:00pm</b>	<b>State Council Meeting</b>
2:00pm - 2:30pm	Afternoon Tea

### **Zone Forum – 2:30pm - 4:30pm**

- Introduction and Welcome
- Zone Member Presentations (10-15 minutes each)

### **Sundowner – 4:30pm - 6:00pm**

We are looking for a venue to accommodate the meeting (approx. 50 attendees, including State Council, WALGA staff and guests from the Zone). The venue will need to have appropriate AV facilities (screen with HDMI connection, microphones).

Following the appointment of a host Local Government, the WALGA secretariat will liaise with the host to plan the event.

## **RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Cr Melissa Northcott  
**Seconded:** Mayor Ruth Butterfield

**That the South East Metropolitan Zone endorse the proposal to host the May 2023 Regional State Council meeting and appoint the City of Armadale as the host Local Government.**

**CARRIED**

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### **6.3 Request to Present in 2023**

*By Chantelle O'Brien, Executive Officer*

#### Construction Training Fund

The Construction Training Fund collects a levy on all WA construction projects over the value of \$20,000 at 0.2% of the project value. These funds are then used to support the construction industry to train new apprentices and trainees and to cover the cost of additional skills training for building and construction

workers in residential, civil, commercial or resource sector projects. Our other purpose is to promote construction as a career of choice and provide entry level pathways to the community such as Try-a-Trade, scholarships and para-professional certificates.

We are keen to ensure that training our local communities is reinforced as a culture in the industry and that supporting diversity and inclusion is fundamental to a future workforce. Our vision is that the construction industry is a career of choice and is safe, skilled and sustainable.

Tiffany Allen, CEO of Construction Training Fund will provide more information to the Zone on the Construction Training Fund.

### NBN 2022 Emergency Management Preparedness Campaign

National Broadband Network (nbn) have launched their 2022 Emergency Management Preparedness Campaign.

Part of nbn's purpose to lift the digital capability of Australia is to help adequately prepare communities for a loss of nbn connectivity due emergency or disaster events that can disrupt our network. This campaign is intended to provide education on preparing for, responding to, and recovering from these events.

Key Audiences:

- Communities – residents and businesses (particularly those likely to be impacted by a natural disaster)
- Stakeholders – emergency services, councils, organisations community groups.

Key Objectives:

- Educate communities about the operation of the nbn network before, during and after a disaster event and the steps they can take to prepare themselves and their businesses or groups if the nbn network is impacted.
- Build an understanding among key stakeholders and the broader community of nbn's role in disaster preparedness, response, restoration, and recovery including how we prepare and support the community to become more resilient.

A representative from nbn has offered to attend a future Zone meeting and provide further information on this matter. Attached with the Agenda was further information on this campaign

### **MOTION**

**Moved: Cr Melissa Northcott**  
**Seconded: Cr Bronwyn Ife**

**That the South East Metropolitan Zone supports representatives from each organisation as above to present as follows to a 2023 Zone meeting:**

### **AMENDMENT**

**Moved: Cr Jesse Jacobs**  
**Seconded: Cr Sarah Patterson**

**That the order be reversed for the two organisations as per below:**

**February – National Broadband Network**  
**April – Construction Training Fund**

**CARRIED**

## RESOLUTION

That the South East Metropolitan Zone supports representatives from each organisation as above to present as follows to a 2023 Zone meeting:

February – National Broadband Network

April – Construction Training Fund

CARRIED

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### 7. OTHER BUSINESS

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Nil.

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### 8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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#### 8.1 WALGA President's Report

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The WALGA Deputy President, Cr Paul Kelly, presented the President's Report.

**Noted**

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#### 8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

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WALGA State Councillor presented on the previous State Council meeting.

**Noted**

Cr Carl Celedin indicated he was planning to resign after the next State Council for personal reasons.

*Advice from WALGA was that if Cr Celedin resigned before the State Council meeting, a Deputy would attend the December State Council meeting. Either way WALGA would organise a nomination process for the February 2023 Zone Meeting. Any queries, please contact Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services.*

## RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Cr Bronwyn Ife

**Seconded:** Mayor Ruth Butterfield

That the meeting expresses a vote of thanks for Cr Carl Celedin for his work on behalf of the South East Metropolitan Zone and at State Council.

CARRIED

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**9. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

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**RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Mayor Ruth Butterfield**  
**Seconded: Cr Melissa Northcott**

**That the next ordinary meeting of the South East Metropolitan Zone be held on Wednesday 15 February 2023 at the City of Armadale commencing at 6:00 pm.**

**CARRIED**

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**10. CLOSURE**

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There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at **7.01pm**.