



Premier of Western Australia

Mayor Tracey Roberts JP
President
Western Australian Local Government Association
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Dear Mayor ^{Tracey} Roberts

COVID - 19

Western Australia has joined forces with other States and the Commonwealth as part of a national response to combat the spread of COVID-19 across our community.

Last week I released the updated Western Australian Pandemic Plan (Plan) in direct response to the potential impacts of COVID-19.

A Public Health Emergency and a State of Emergency for Western Australia has now been declared. Also, restrictions have been placed on gatherings of over 500 people, people arriving from overseas are required to self-isolate for 14 days and a ban has been placed on cruise ship arrivals for 30 days.

As the situation develops other measures will have to be taken.

During this period local governments and local government leaders will have an important role to play, not only fulfilling responsibilities under the Plan, but also providing leadership in their communities to help people through this difficult time.

Many of the restrictions being put into place will have economic and financial implications for businesses and families.

To ease the financial pressures on families, the State Government yesterday took the decision to freeze all Household Tariffs, Fees and charges in 2020-21.

Local government can also play a significant role to relieve pressure on families and businesses. Local government rates form a significant part of family and business expenses. Rate relief will further assist with these pressures.

I am requesting that you seek your members support and action to unilaterally freeze all Local Government Household Rates, Fees and Charges in 2020-21.

Combined, these measures will provide relief to families and business from the impacts of the spread of COVID-19.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark McGowan', with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

HON MARK MCGOWAN MLA
PREMIER

17 MAR 2020

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Special State Council Meeting

Minutes

27 March 2020

NOTICE OF MEETING

Special Meeting of the Western Australian Local Government Association State Council was held via video / teleconference on Friday 27 March 2020. The meeting commenced at 4:33pm.

1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 Attendance

Members	President of WALGA, Chair Deputy President of WALGA, Northern Country Zone Avon-Midland Country Zone Central Country Zone Central Metropolitan Zone Central Metropolitan Zone East Metropolitan Zone East Metropolitan Zone Goldfields Esperance Country Zone Gascoyne Country Zone Great Eastern Country Zone Great Southern Country Zone Kimberley Country Zone Murchison Country Zone North Metropolitan Zone North Metropolitan Zone North Metropolitan Zone Peel Country Zone Pilbara Country Zone South East Metropolitan Zone South East Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South West Country Zone	Mayor Tracey Roberts JP - In Person President Cr Karen Chappel JP President Cr Ken Seymour President Cr Phillip Blight Cr Jenna Ledgerwood Cr Paul Kelly Cr Catherine Ehrhardt Cr Cate McCullough President Cr Malcolm Cullen President Cr Cheryl Cowell President Cr Stephen Strange Cr Ronnie Fleay Cr Chris Mitchell JP Cr Les Price Mayor Mark Irwin Cr Frank Cvitan – Deputy – In Person Cr Russ Fishwick JP President Cr Michelle Rich Mayor Peter Long Cr Julie Brown Mayor Ruth Butterfield Cr Doug Thompson Mayor Carol Adams OAM Mayor Logan Howlett JP President Cr Tony Dean
Ex Officio	Chair Commissioner, City of Perth Local Government Professionals WA Deputy	Mr Andrew Hammond Ms Annie Riordan
Secretariat	Chief Executive Officer EM Strategy, Policy & Planning EM Governance & Organisational Services EM Commercial & Communications EM Infrastructure Manager Strategy & Association Governance Manager, Environment Policy Manager, Emergency Management Economics Policy Manager Manager Governance Executive Officer Governance	Mr Nick Sloan - In Person Mr Mark Batty - In Person Mr Tony Brown - In Person Mr Zac Donovan - In Person Mr Ian Duncan - In Person Mr Tim Lane - In Person Nicole Matthews - In Person Melissa Pexton - In Person Nebojsa Franich - In Person Mr James McGovern – In Person Ms Margaret Degebrodt - In Person
1.2 Apologies	Local Government Professionals WA	Mr Jamie Parry

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

1. The Chair declared the meeting open at 4:33pm.
- **Acknowledgement of Country**
The Chair acknowledged the Whadjuk Nyoongar people who are the Traditional Custodians of the land we met on today and paid respects to their Elders past, present and future.
- The Chair welcomed all State Councillors and WALGA Secretariat
- Welcome also to:
 - Cr Frank Cvitan, Deputy North Metropolitan Zone
 - Ms Annie Riordan, Deputy President, Local Government Professionals WA

APOLOGIES

Mr Jamie Parry, Local Government Professionals WA

2.1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Nil

2.2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

WALGA Chief Executive Officer – Presentation

Mr Nick Sloan addressed the meeting.

3. MATTER FOR DECISION

- 3.1 Local Government Sector's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

4. CLOSURE

3. MATTER FOR DECISION

3.1 Local Government Sector's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

By Nick Sloan, Chief Executive Officer

Suspension of Standing Orders

Moved: President Cr Michelle Rich
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the State Council Standing Orders be suspended.

RESOLUTION 40.1/2020

CARRIED

Discussion held.

President Cr Stephen Strange left the meeting at 5:33pm and did not return.

Resumption of Standing Orders

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the State Council Standing Orders be resumed.

RESOLUTION 41.1/2020

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Carol Adams

That WALGA:

- 1. Notes the significant contribution of Local Governments in supporting their communities through the COVID-19 pandemic from a financial, economic, community and social perspective.**
- 2. Requests each Local Government give consideration to the following suite of actions, for Local Governments with the capacity to do so, to provide a coordinated and consistent response to the COVID-19 pandemic:**
 - a. Consider not increasing rates for the 2020-21 financial year**
 - b. Adoption of the WALGA template rates hardship policy by Local Governments that do not currently have a policy**
 - c. Consider rate relief options to support small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic**
 - d. Review fees and charges considering whether fees can be reduced, waived or deferred during the COVID-19 pandemic**

- e. **Bring forward capital works and infrastructure spending with aggressive application of reserves and borrowing**
 - f. **Prioritise Local Government spending with businesses and contractors located within the Local Government**
 - g. **Implement business friendly payment terms to support business cash flow**
 - h. **Consider supporting Community sporting and cultural groups by either establishing grant programs or waiving fees and charges**
 - i. **Redeploy staff affected by facility closures to tasks that support the community**
3. **Notes the State Government is urgently drafting legislative and regulatory amendments to support the actions outlined in point 2 above**
4. **Notes the advocacy for the following:**
- a. **An increase in Local Government borrowing capacity beyond current Western Australian Treasury Corporation borrowing limits**
 - b. **Suspension of the Western Australian Treasury Corporation's borrowing guarantee charge of 0.7 percent on top of the loan interest rate for the 2020-2021 financial year**
 - c. **No increase to street lighting and utility tariffs in 2020-2021**
 - d. **Deferral of revaluations for the 2020-2021 financial year**
 - e. **Request the Office of the Auditor General to cease performance audits for the 2020-2021 financial year**
 - f. **Freezing of the waste levy for the 2020-2021 financial year**

RESOLUTION 42.1/2020

CARRIED

President Cr Phillip Blight requested that his opposition to the resolution be recorded.

Executive Summary

- The world that we know and understand has changed dramatically with the COVID-19 virus spreading through our community at an unprecedented rate.
- A National Cabinet has been established to coordinate the national response and the Western Australian community is now looking to Local Government to show leadership and support.
- Anything short of an ambitious and courageous response from the sector and its leadership will have dire implications for the health, social and economic future of our State.

Attachments

- Letter from the WA Premier to WALGA President, Mayor Tracey Roberts, dated 17 March 2020 – attachment 1, via link below:

<https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/News,-Events-and-Publications/Media/COVID-19/Premier-Correspondence-17-March.pdf?lang=en-AU>

- Letter from WALGA President, Mayor Tracey Roberts, to the WA Premier dated 23 March 2020 – attachment 2.
- Letter from WALGA President, Mayor Tracey Roberts, to Local Government Mayors and Presidents dated 23 March 2020 – attachment 3.
- List of proposed Legislative and Regulatory Amendments – attachment 4.

Background

The Premier wrote to WALGA President, Mayor Tracey Roberts, on 17 March 2020, requesting that all Local Governments freeze rates fees and charges, in order to provide much needed financial support to households and businesses during the COVID-19 crisis. WALGA President, Mayor Tracey Roberts, replied to the Premier on 23 March 2020 and informed him that:

- The Local Government sector is acutely aware of the added financial pressure and uncertainty facing households, small businesses and the self-employed as a result of COVID-19.
- In order to realise a net zero rates, fees and charges increase, the sector needs support from the State Government in relation to a range of financial, regulatory and governance considerations.

On 23 March 2020, WALGA President, Mayor Tracey Roberts, wrote to all Councils and informed them of the above correspondence.

On 24 March 2020, a State and Local Government Partnership Agreement meeting was held. At this meeting, the Premier informed attendees that the COVID-19 situation had escalated, with expectations that the economic impact would be without precedent. The Premier urged the sector to consider the immediate implementation of any initiatives that would provide relief and economic stimulus for local economies, including the provision of financial support and relief to households and businesses,

Priority regulatory and legislative amendments to give effect to freeing up sector capacity has been tested informally with a working group of Local Government CEOs. The State Government has indicated that these changes will be given legislative priority (see attachment).

Comment

Initially, the economic impacts of COVID-19 were expected to be restricted to the sectors that relied on exports and imports from Asia. This primarily included the education, tourism, hospitality and construction sectors.

Over the past days and weeks, however, it has become an accepted view that the economic impacts of COVID-19 on the Australian and Western Australian economies will be severe. This is primarily due to the social distancing and business operating restrictions imposed by the Commonwealth Government, and uncertainty surrounding how long these restrictions will be in place. In addition, there is an expectation that further restrictions will be imposed, and the majority of businesses and schools will have to close their doors. This is weighing considerably on economic expectations.

Forecasts that aim to predict the extent of the economic impact of COVID-19 are constantly changing due the fluid nature of this event. This includes the extreme speed at which cases of COVID-19 transmission are occurring in Australia and the uncertain nature of any future Government response.

The most recent forecasts from Westpac expect job losses of over 800,000 across Australia by June and an unemployment rate of over 11% at this time. It is noted that only one week ago, the forecast from Westpac was that the unemployment rate would peak at 7%. The significant worsening of these forecasts were a result of widespread shutdowns announced by the Government.

The Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre has forecast similar job losses to Westpac in the immediate term, but expects the national unemployment rate will reach 12.7% in May 2021. This would mean

an additional one million people will be unemployed across Australia as a result of COVID-19. In WA, job losses of more than 100,000 are expected in the immediate term.

When travel restrictions and shutdowns eventually ease, the economy will rebound. It will, however, take a significant amount of time for the hundreds and thousands of people who lost their jobs due to COVID-19 to gain employment once again.

Although the Commonwealth and WA Governments have already announced economic stimulus measures, their ability to deliver future necessary stimulus will be compromised by their record levels of debt.

Given the unprecedented circumstances, there is a critical need for the Local Government sector to supplement the economic stimulus packages provided by the State and Federal Governments. In the immediate term, this is in the form of local level economic relief and support that focuses on:

- Ensuring that all Local Government employees maintain their employment;
- Providing financial relief and cash flow support to households and businesses;
- Making it easier for businesses to instill necessary changes to their operating models;
- Supporting local businesses and suppliers through additional spending; and
- Maintaining household and business confidence in the community.

A coordinated and widespread introduction of initiatives will demonstrate significant leadership from the sector. It will also demonstrate the Local Government sector's commitment to work together and do everything in its capacity to support local households and business during these highly uncertain times.

To assist the sector in undertaking the above initiatives, WALGA is looking at what it can do to ease financial pressure on members. A number of regulatory reforms are being progressed, and discussions with the Valuer General and Office of the Auditor General on matters critical to the sector are advanced. Furthermore, a special meeting of the LGIS Board will be held shortly with the goal of finalising a strategy to re-assign funds held in reserve to provide immediate financial relief for member councils in their 2020-21 contributions.

4 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:50pm.

DECLARATION

These minutes were confirmed at the meeting held on _____

Signed: Mayor Tracey Roberts

Person presiding at the meeting at which these minutes were confirmed

Attachment 2 – Letter to Premier from WALGA President.

23 March 2020

Hon. Mark McGowan MLA
Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management;
State Development, Jobs and Trade; Federal-State Relations
1 Parliament Place
West Perth
Western Australia 6005

e-mail: WA-Government@dpc.wa.gov.au

Dear Premier

State and Local Government response to COVID-19

Thank you for your correspondence dated 17 March 2019 regarding COVID-19.

The Local Government sector is acutely aware of the added financial pressure and uncertainty facing households, small businesses and the self-employed as a result of COVID-19.

I have written to all Councils advising of your request for their support and action to unilaterally freeze all Local Government Household Rates, Fees and Charges in 2020-21.

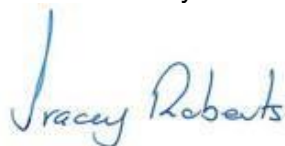
Many Councils are already demonstrating strong leadership and support for your initiative. However, in order to realise a net zero increase, we will need support from the State Government in relation to a range of financial, regulatory and governance considerations that need taking into account in complying with the request. Areas requiring resolution include, but are not limited to, the waste levy, electricity and street lighting tariffs and the planned revaluation of Gross Rental Values by the Valuer General in June 2020.

I have briefed the Local Government Minister on these measures, including options we have developed to further boost spending in our communities in the short to medium term. The team at WALGA are working carefully through the detail on these initiatives with your Ministerial colleagues and their agencies.

Please be assured that WALGA will continue to work with the State Government in support of WA's communities and households throughout this period of heightened uncertainty.

I am of the view that close collaboration between our two levels of Government is essential in ensuring that the State is in the best possible position to combat the economic and social impacts of COVID-19.

Yours sincerely



**Mayor Tracey Roberts
President**

Attachment 3 – Letter to all Councils from WALGA President

23/03/2020

Dear _____

COVID-19 and the Premiers request for a Local Government Rate Freeze

I am in receipt of a letter from the Premier requesting support and action to unilaterally freeze all Local Government Household Rates, Fees and Charges in 2020-21 (see attached).

As Local Government we are acutely aware of the negative impact COVID-19 is having on our communities. The added financial pressure and uncertainty facing households, small businesses and self-employers, as well as our individual Councils, is of significant concern.

I have responded to the Premier, advising that Local Government understands the hardship facing many households and local businesses, and are already demonstrating strong leadership.

However, in order to realise a net zero increase, we will need support from the State Government in relation to a range of financial, regulatory and governance considerations that need taking into account in complying with the request. Areas requiring resolution include, but are not limited to, the waste levy, electricity and street lighting tariffs and the planned revaluation of Gross Rental Values by the Valuer General in June 2020.

I can assure you that I, and the team at WALGA are working through these issues with the relevant Government Ministers, Departments and Agencies to have these addressed as expeditiously as possible.

I am of the view that close collaboration between our two levels of Government is essential in ensuring that the whole State is in the best possible position to combat the economic and social impacts of COVID-19. Consideration of a net zero increase to Council rates, fees and charges is an important element in reducing the pressure that our communities are facing.

I look forward to working with you in supporting WA's communities, businesses and households throughout this period of heightened uncertainty.

Should you or your staff require additional information on COVID-19, I refer you to the WALGA website: <https://walga.asn.au/News,-Events-and-Publications/Media/COVID-19>

Yours sincerely



**Mayor Tracey Roberts
President**

Attachment 4. – List of Proposed Legislative and Regulatory Amendments

The WA State Government are proposing the following legislative and regulatory amendments:

- Section 3.12 – Provide LGs the ability to suspend, by resolution, certain parts of a local law during a state of emergency or public health emergency.
- A power for the Minister to defer any election and extend the appointment of any Commissioners, notwithstanding the other provisions in the Act, for the duration of the State of Emergency.
- Power to be provided to Minister to waive requirement for absolute majority decision during a State of Emergency declared under the Emergency Management Act 2005
- All public meetings are suspended during a State of Emergency declared under the Emergency Management Act 2005.
- Where a state of emergency is declared under the Emergency Management Act 2005, all time periods specified in the Act are suspended and recommence after the time specified in the declaration has expired or it is revoked by the Minister.
- Minister (for Local Government) has power to waive requirements for giving public notice during a State of Emergency declared under the Emergency Management Act 2005.
- Purchasing/Tenders – Amendments to Local Government Function & General Regulations as per below;
 - Regulation 11(1) Tender Threshold: Increase the tender threshold to \$250,000 : This will permit Local Governments to extend the use their Purchasing Policy and apply local content provisions more readily to goods and services acquired via verbal and written quotations;
 - Regulation 11(2) Tender Exemptions: Introduce new tender exemption criteria for any goods or services associated with the state of emergency declaration (similar to purchases from expenditure authorised by Mayor / President in an emergency under s. 6.8(1)(c);
 - Regulation 21A(b) Varying a contract for the supply of goods or services: Currently limits renewal or extension of contracts where Regulation 11(2)(j) applies i.e. when renewal/extension clauses in contracts are exhausted. Recommend amending this Regulation to permit contract renewal or extension for an additional 12 months as a consequence of state of emergency, and for any existing contract at the discretion of the Local Government (that is, don't regulate rules such as 'essential services' as this proposal is more about business continuity and supporting existing suppliers esp. local)

WALGA has also requested consideration of the following two issues:

- Developer Contributions - Need ability to utilise Developer contributions funds set aside for emergency use in respect to COVID-19 - This will require an amendment to the Planning and Development Act 2005, Section 154: Money paid in lieu of open space
- Government Grants – Ability for Local Governments who have received Government Grants for projects (State and Commonwealth), for the funds be re-purposed to address COVID-19 issues. For example a LG has been provided grant funds to build a recreation centre, these funds could and the Councils own contribution could be re-purposed under State of Emergency provisions.



Hon David Templeman MLA
Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture & the Arts

Our Ref: 66-11953

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO COVID-19

To Local Government Mayors, Presidents and Commissioners

Local governments have a critical role to play in responding to COVID-19, and eventually how their communities recover from this crisis.

I note that some local governments, such as Shire of Mundaring and City of Swan, quickly implemented additional leave for staff impacted by COVID-19. Others have implemented community care plans and packages such as City of Bayswater and Shire of Augusta-Margaret River. City of Perth has detailed a Relief and Rebound Plan, and the City of Rockingham has frozen rates, to name a few. I thank those local governments who are stepping up.

Both the Premier and I acknowledge there are currently a range of measures being progressed by the State Government in order to assist you during this time.

Drafting of financial, regulatory and governance considerations are taking place. Cabinet will need to make the final decision with regards to electricity and street lighting tariffs and Land Valuations as well as borrowing fees. I can assure that we too are working as fast as we can on these measures.

Minister Dawson has made a commitment to not increase waste levy fees for the year 2020/21.

I strongly encourage local governments to look at their capacity, be innovative and consider what measures and workplace arrangements can be put in place to provide security to your staff as the State Government has done.

I am asking all local governments to outline what measures they have put in place to date to assist their communities and staff. I would like this information to be sent to Minister.Templeman@dpc.wa.gov.au by close of business, **Thursday 2 April 2020**.

I am sure you are all aware of the State Council of WA Local Government Association endorsing the following on Friday 27 March 2020:

- Consider not increasing rates for the 2020-21 financial year.
- Adoption of the WALGA template rates hardship policy by Local Governments that do not currently have a policy.
- Consider rate relief options to support small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Review fees and charges considering whether fees can be reduced, waived or deferred during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Bring forward capital works and infrastructure spending with aggressive application of reserves and borrowing.
- Prioritise Local Government spending with businesses and contractors located within the Local Government.
- Implement business friendly payment terms to support business cash flow.
- Consider supporting Community sporting and cultural groups by either establishing grant programs or waiving fees and charges.
- Redeploy staff affected by facility closures to tasks that support the community.

The State Government has committed \$766 million to tackle the significant social and economic impact from the COVID-19. In addition the Federal Government announced as of yesterday a \$130 billion JobKeeper payment to help keep Australians in jobs. This brings the Commonwealth total to \$319 billion. Our State and Federal Governments are continuing to work with you and look for opportunities to lessen the impacts of COVID-19 on ratepayers, businesses and employees.

The Premier and I have sent a very clear message to local governments across Western Australia, now is the time to step up, and demonstrate that you understand the challenges that households are facing in your communities.

I look forward to your continued support and leadership during this time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Templeman', with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

**HON DAVID TEMPLEMAN MLA
MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT;
HERITAGE; CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

31 MAR 2020



COVID-19 Community Response Plan and 2020/21 Budget Framework

Initiative	Estimated Cost	
	2019/20	2020/21
<p>Zero rate increases for 2020/21. Note this doesn't factor in changes to GRV values occurring due to development of land. Also there is a UV revaluation scheduled and if this proceeds it could affect a change in rates for individual properties even if the rate in the dollar set by Council remains unchanged from 219/20.</p> <p>Note under the Long Term Financial Plan implementing a zero rate increase for 2020/21 will forego a forecast 4.1% rates increase and this is costed in the far right column of this table as foregone revenue.</p>		\$191,385
Waive all penalty interest for late payment of current rates arrears from 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020.	\$10,736	
Encourage flexible payment plans for current rates arrears and future 2020/21 rates subject to such plan showing rates paid in full by 30 June 2021. No administration fees to be applied for duration of payment plans entered into from 1 April 2020 to 31 December 2020.		\$3,000
Reduce penalty interest charge for late payment of 2020/21 rates from 11% to 5.5%, subject to the ratepayer entering into an approved payment plan for full payment of rates by 30 June 2021. Note if no payment plan is entered into by 31 December 2020 then interest of 11% is to apply.		\$15,000
No administration fees and reduce interest from 5.55 to 2.75% on the statutory 4 rate instalment option for payment of 2020/21 rates		\$24,750
Where approved rates payment plans don't provide for full payment of outstanding rates by 30 June 2021 11% interest will be applicable from 1 July 2021.		
<p>Consider adoption of a COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy. The objectives of the draft policy are to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To give effect to our commitment to support the whole community to meet the unprecedented challenges arising from the COVID19 pandemic, the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes recognises that these challenges will result in 	Nil	Nil

<p>financial hardship for our ratepayers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure that we offer fair, equitable, consistent and dignified support to ratepayers suffering hardship, while treating all members of the community with respect and understanding at this difficult time. 		
Suspend debt recovery for unpaid rates not on instalments or approved payment plans until 31.12.20. Note this doesn't mean a write off of debt.		
Zero increase to fees and charges for 2020/21.		\$45,284
Refund of 2020/21 alfresco dining fees from 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020.	\$ 297	
Waiving of 2020/21 alfresco dining fees.		\$1,189
Refund of annual health food premises registration and surveillance fees for 2019/20 (note doesn't include event stallholders).	\$5,781	
Waiving of annual health food premises registration and surveillance fees for 2020/21 (note doesn't include event stallholders).		\$5,781
Waiving of visitor centre administration fee for cancelled accommodation bookings.	\$ 580	
Refund of 50% of 2019/20 temporary caravan park (linked to events) licence fees as 2 of the 4 special events linked to this licence were cancelled due to COVID-19.	\$ 249	
Waive lease fee for Leisure Centre health & fitness room from 1 April 2020 with assumption that use of fitness room will be able to recommence 1 October 2020.	\$4,080	\$4,454
Extend existing Leisure Centre membership periods by the period of time the facility is unable to be accessed.		
Discount 2020/21 Visitor Centre Membership Fees by 50%.		\$5,731
Waiving of fees for extension of planning approvals and building permits until 30 June 2021 in acknowledgement that construction times will likely be drawn out.	unknown	unknown
Refund of unused fees/charges for sporting clubs (assumes no football or soccer in 2020/21 but cricket and harness racing will proceed).		\$3,634
Where community grants, service agreements or other donations have been earmarked in 2019/20 budget for delivery of events subsequently cancelled due to COVID-19 the grant recipients are able to claim for cash expenses incurred in planning for the event up to the amount of the grant.	These funds are already contained in 19/20 budget. There could be budget savings if not all funds claimed	N/A
Total Cost	\$21,723	\$300,208