

WALGA Video re COVID – 19 Pandemic – 2 April 2020

Hello, my name is Logan Howlett, the Mayor of the City of Cockburn.

I am one of the three State Councillors representing the South Metropolitan Zone.

The COVID – 19 pandemic continues to be a major focus for communities across the world in the context of responses to it; and in time, the recovery phase.

THE WALGA President and CEO have been issuing specific COVID – 19 Daily Updates since 23 March 2020.

These are available on the WALGA website to share with elected members and others.

They provide up-to-date and reliable information – critical in today's world.

As our communities come to terms with these challenges the ball is in our court to render what assistance we can to stimulate our economy and to keep people safe.

We've been asked by our State Government and increasingly those who form the fabric of our communities to support those in all sectors through this pandemic and to ensure our economy is ready to go once we get to the recovery stage.

The COVID -19 WALGA Update issued on Tuesday, 31 March 2020 included additional resources to assist member local governments.

They were:

- **A template for the development of a Financial Hardship Policy** to help local governments assess the unique circumstances and challenges that ratepayers are likely to face as a consequence of the COVID – 19 pandemic; and
- **A Delegations & Decision Making Resource Guide** that encourages maximising the use of delegations, authorisations and policies for efficient and agile local government decision making.

Hopefully you have seen this update and others issued by WALGA.

I know the six local governments in the South metropolitan zone are actively facilitating changes to their work practices and service delivery models.

Don't try and re-invent the wheel – learn from your neighbouring local governments or others and utilise the WALGA resources available.

And as community leaders:

STAY SAFE; STAY WELL and STAY FOCUSED ON THE CHALLENGES AHEAD

Thank you