



Councillor Information Bulletin

For the Ordinary Council Meeting
held on Thursday 15th February 2024

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SHIRE OF WESTONIA

Feb/Mar 24

Date & Time	What	Where	Who
Tuesday 13 February	WNESRRG	Zoom	Cr Geier & CEO
Thursday 15 February	Council Meeting/Electors Meeting	Chambers/Old Miners Hall	Councillors, Senior Staff
Monday 19 February	CEACA Special Meeting	Merredin	Deputy President & CEO
Thursday 22 February	GEZ Meeting	Merredin	President, Deputy DCEO
Wednesday 6 March	WEROC Board Meeting	Westonia	Shire President & CEO
Thursday 21 March	Council Meeting	Westonia	Councillors, Senior Staff

CEO'S REPORT

- **GENERAL MATTERS**

- Have been coordinating quotes and information collection for various grants that are being applied for the Lifestyle Village Activity Centre conversion at the Old School Site.
- Coordination of land purchase from Development WA to Council for future residential land development.
- Completed acquittal information for Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant.
- Shire President, Deputy and I met with Steve Martin MLC on Tuesday 16 January to discuss several local issues. Steve was very impressed with the town's amenities.
- John Simmonds and Indi Hargreaves-Tieland completed a few days at the Swimming Pool in Scott's absence due to illness.
- Participated in the Australia Day celebrations on Friday 26 January 2024.
- Ordered skirt extension for the new Stadium western side from Auspan.
- Centek Constructions have completed the Bar decking extension at the Wanderers Stadium.
- I took a week's annual leave between the 5 to 9 February.
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- **DELEGATED AUTHORITY ACTIONS**

- Approval of 1 x new school bus stop.
- Approval of scrub clearing by water Corporation on Council Road reserve Yerbillon Pump.

- **ROADCREW**

- The construction crew have commenced the reconstruction of the Warralakin Road 3.5km section between the M040 and Daddow Road.
- Maintenance grader operator has been away on sick leave.
- Brendan Ferguson has submitted his resignation as Road train Operator along with his partner Jodee as Caravan Park caretaker to relocate down south for family reasons.
- Have appointed Damian Hird as new Road Train Operator.

- **TOWN**

- Town crew kept busy with general cleanup caused by several thunderstorms that caused damage throughout the area.
- Construction of new House pad in Jasper Street for Lords.
- Quotes have been obtained for the Asphalt works to be carried out on several sites throughout the townsite.
- The town crew have commenced tidy up works at the Old Primary School in preparation for the future upgrade works.
- The container recycling bins have been provided to all households within the townsite with the two kerbside pickup being completed and according to the statistics very successful for the community. .

- **PLANT HOURS**

The following is a list of plant and vehicle kilometre and hour readings for the period ending 1.2.24

Item		1.12.23	1.12.23
P1	<i>CAT 140 GRADER</i>	2,123hrs	2,263hrs
P2	<i>CAT 12M GRADER</i>	8,557hrs	8,638hrs
P3	<i>PRIME MOVER (KENWORTH)</i>	0kms	7,350kms
P4	<i>ROAD TRAIN (NEW FREIGHTLINER)</i>	111,633kms	112,222kms
P5	<i>JOHN DEERE LOADER</i>	4,712hrs	4,826hrs
P6	<i>CAT ROLLER (SKIP)</i>	1,449hrs	1,545hrs
P7	<i>MINI-EXCAVATOR</i>	1,119hrs	1,156hrs
P8	<i>TELEHANDLER JCB</i>	2,732hrs	2,776hrs
P9	<i>TOYOTA (GRADER UTE)</i>	36,330kms	38,993kms
P10	<i>mitsubishi CANTER</i>	14,588kms	16,534kms
P11	<i>TOYOTA HILUX (GARDENER) WT 35</i>	104,832kms	107,383kms
P12	<i>JOHN DEERE (5100)</i>	2,564hrs	2,564hrs
P14	<i>TOYOTA LANDCRUISER GXL (CEO)</i>	33,777kms	40,111kms
P15	<i>TOYOTA HILUX D/CAB (W/SUPER)</i>	29,738kms	33,139kms
P16	<i>TOYOTA RAV4 (ADMIN)</i>	92,549kms	93,772kms
P17	<i>TOYOTA HILUX DUAL CAB</i>	30,468kms	33,139kms
P19	<i>FAST ATTACK</i>	17,352kms	17,605kms
P20	<i>FIRE TRUCK</i>	6,882kms	7,033kms
P18	<i>WESSY BUS</i>	144,311kms	145,490kms
P22	<i>KUBOTA RIDE ON MOWER (OVAL)</i>	2,051hrs	2,063hrs
P23	<i>TOYOTA MINI-BUS (WT COM V)</i>	39,788kms	40,999kms
P24	<i>CAT ROLLER (LOLA)</i>	1,870hrs	1,932hrs
P25	<i>MICK's BEAUT UTE</i>	166,591kms	168,233kms
P27	<i>TOYOTA PRADO GXL (DCEO)</i>	28,582kms	34,378kms

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND WELLBEING REPORT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Grant applications & award nominations submitted:

Grant opportunities to be sought through - February to go towards Wellbeing programs and events for 2024

Future grant opportunities & award nominations:

- Department of LG, Sport & Cultural Industries – Active Regional Communities Grants (up to \$5000) categories; Capacity building, Event hosting and Participation. Applications open all year.
- Healthways and Lottery West

WELLBEING REPORT

Age Care

Westonia Home Care Services now has a total of 17 clients which is quite incredible, EOI to any community members wishing to obtain their Certificate 3 in Aged Care has been advertised in the Westonian, this is to encourage a more qualified local workforce and therefore able to deliver a higher standard of care. Meal preparation can be quite tedious and difficult for some of our clients, Lite N Easy are HCP approved providers of meals which allows each clients package to pay 70% of the fee leaving the client only 30% out of pocket which is a massive saving. We have signed up 6 clients so far who have appreciated this service and the peace of mind knowing the meals are healthy and nutritious.

The service has worked closely with clients and allied health professionals such as Occupational therapist, physio and podiatry, to ensure client needs, equipment and aids are being met and supplied to keep each client safe and assisted in their homes.

Westonia Home Care Services Clients: 17

Staff delivering services: 10

Services: Administration and Package management, Cleaning and Household tasks, Medical, Personal Care, Social Support, Support work, Gardening & Maintenance

Meals on Wheels recommenced 29th January, 9 participants are currently on board, Ramelius Resources will continue to supply meals until the cessation of the mine.

Community activities and resources

2024 Activities/ Events:

Activities have commenced again, Water aerobics every Monday, Scrabble every Tuesday, Move it or lose it Wednesday's and Bingo every Thursday. The Plonk and Donk sessions for the arty at heart will kick off at the end of Feb with Crochet and once a month excursions will begin with a trip to Merredin Museum & lunch at the Commie. The team are planning for an end of June Mascarade (event fundraising) Ball to be held in the OM Hall on Friday 21/6/24. We have locked in a date for Christmas Markets on the 26th of October and we will work on setting a date for our 2025 Wessy on the Green so that preparations can commence.

WESTONIA TOURIST PARK

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

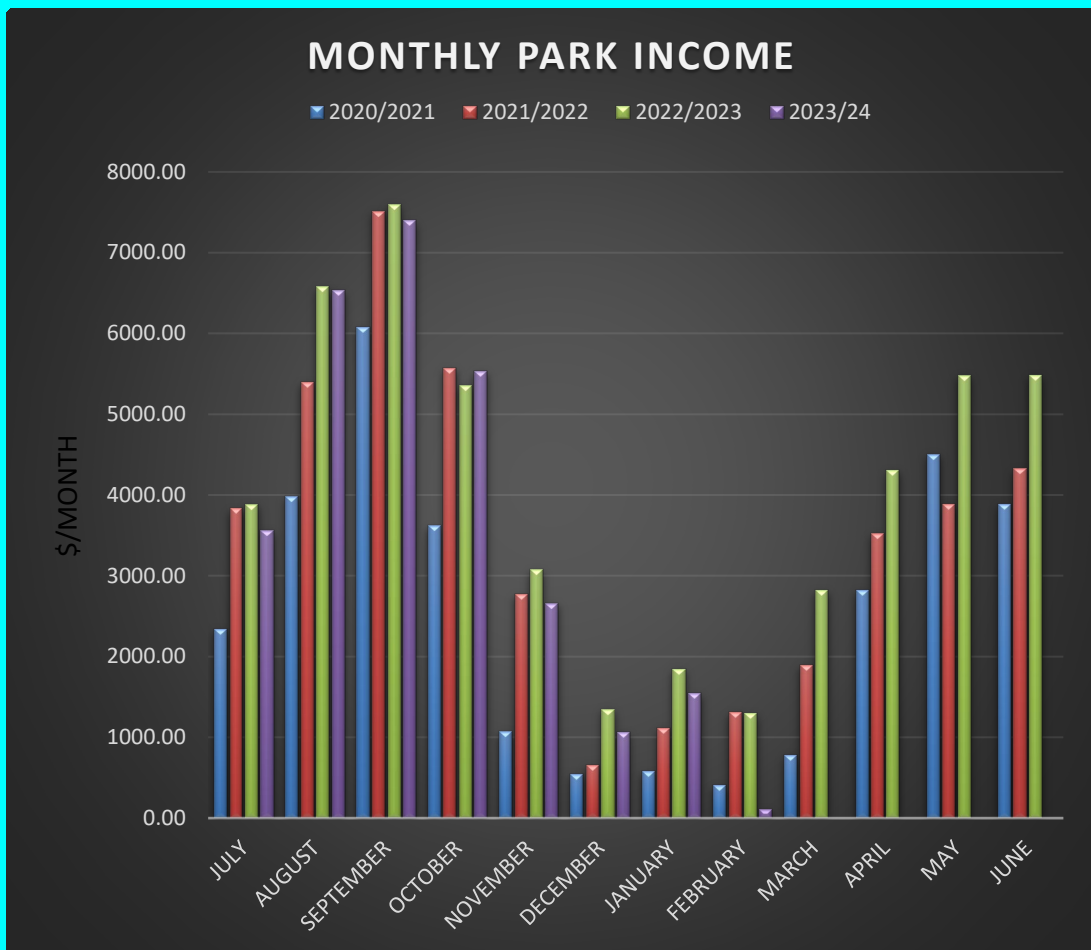
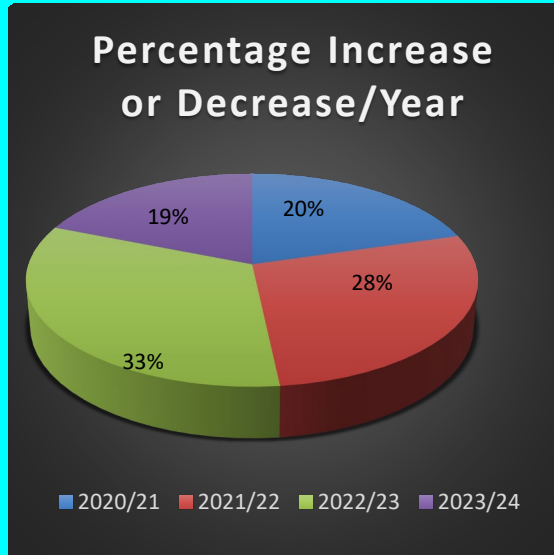
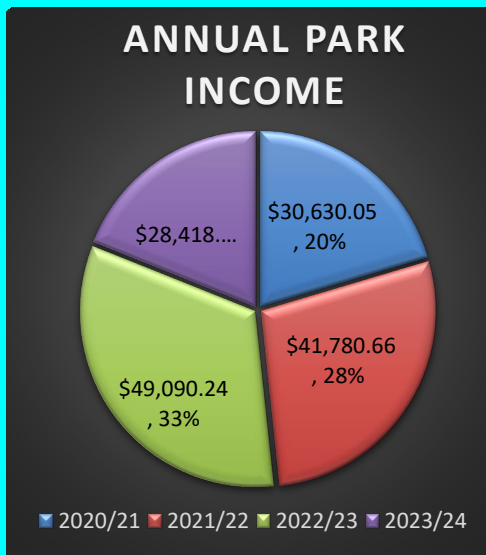
- Various minor repairs and maintenance ongoing. Focal area being bathroom maintenance (fixtures and disabled bathroom upgrade)

- Disabled toilet drainage will need some major work as tree roots have made their way into the pipes.

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Permanent signage required to say “If office is unattended, please ring the caretakers phone or Shire office alternatively you can visit the Shire office during business hours Monday to Friday to complete your booking”.
- Overflow – new signs needed for sites and information sign needed to describe who to ring or see to book in and outline that you must un-hook. Defined bays might be a good idea for this area.

STATISTICS



HOOD-PENN MUSEUM
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

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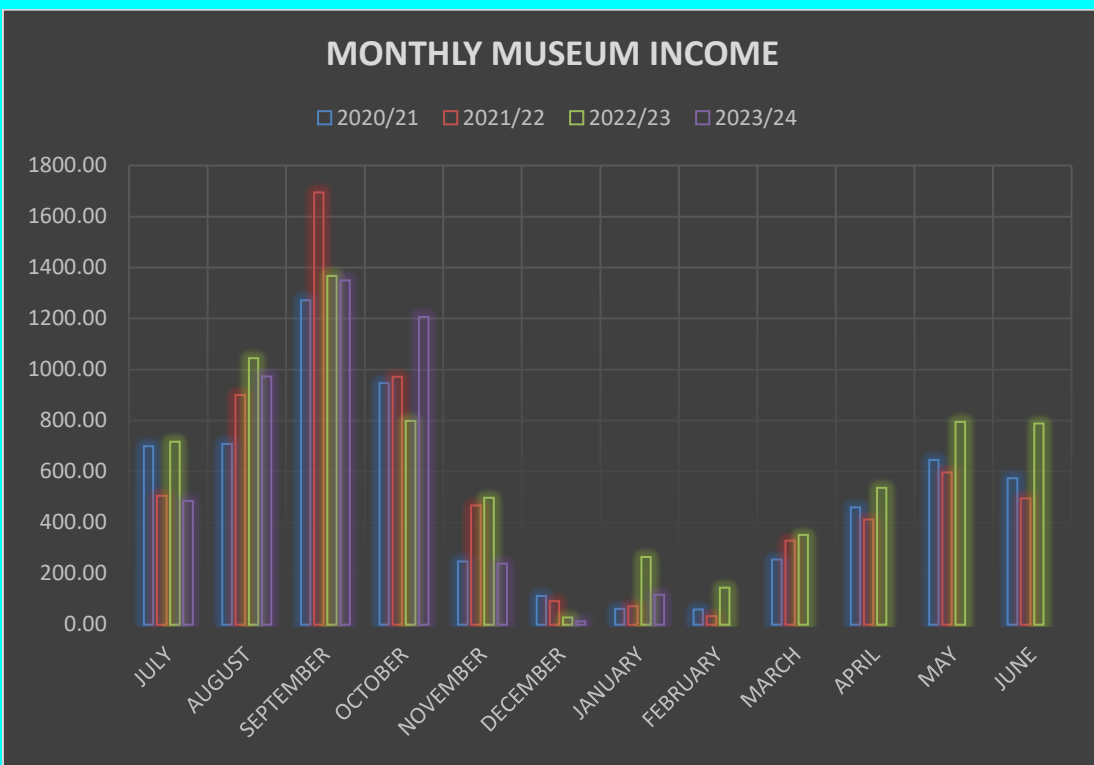
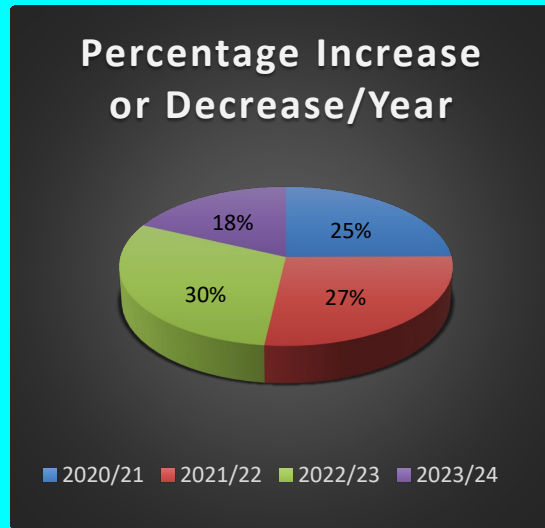
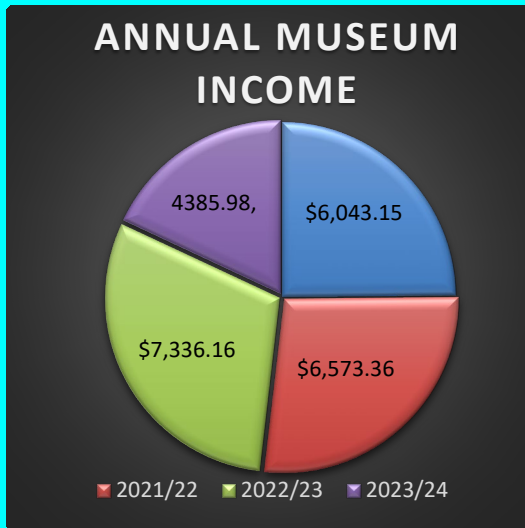
RECENT PROJECTS

- Old Truck modification for farming scene and Back drop in-place.

FUTURE PROJECTS

- New scenes to be created in the existing space of the old storage room to tell the stories of our primary industries of which Westonia was founded on.
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STATISTICS



December 2023

Local Government House Trust Update



Background

The Local Government House Trust (“the Trust”) is a unit trust created in 1980 to provide building accommodation to the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA)

Under the current Trust Deed, 132 Local Governments made financial contributions to create a Trust comprising 620 units. Units are of equal value and are revalued annually once the Board of Management adopts the audited Financial Report at its November meeting.

People and Culture team support and deliver all things employee related. The team’s role is to build the capability of all employees by delivering frameworks and strategies that enable a flexible, sustainable, and equitable workplace, to encourage all employees to

Since January 2014, the Trust has provided WALGA with accommodation at 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville. The building fulfils an essential requirement to provide suitable accommodation for the Association and its staff while representing a long-term investment opportunity through rental income and long-term capital growth. The building includes meeting rooms used extensively for training courses provided to Elected Members and Local Government officers and meetings of WALGA’s State Council, its committees and various policy groups and committees. Meeting rooms are also available for use by members.

Additional Information about the Trust

Trust Deed 1993 provides a completion date for the Trust of 2072. The average cost of units issued is \$1,050.

The current Trust Deed makes no provision for the withdrawal of units, which may reflect the donation nature of the original transactions, while avoiding undermining continuity for a long-term asset.

170 Railway Parade Building

The building at 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville, consists of four levels of quality office space. WALGA leases level one, enabling WALGA employees to be housed on a single floor. Three levels are available to third-party tenants, with additional rental space on the ground floor occupied by an all-day childcare centre and café. Underground building car parking ensures sufficient parking for visitors.

The energy-efficient building uses solar power generation from PVC Units and carries a 5 Star Green Star rating and achieved an indicative five-star NABERS rating for energy and water. Located close to the Mitchell Freeway and Leederville Station, the building is conveniently situated.

The building consists of:

Site area	4,007 sqm
Total Lettable area	6,570 sqm
Car Parks	159 spaces

Building Ownership

The Trust has 60 per cent ownership of 170 Railway Parade through its joint venture with Qube Property. While the JV agreement ends in 2024, the Board of Management has been exploring the feasibility of outright ownership since 2022. (more details below)

Board of Management

The Trust is overseen by a Board of Management:

- WALGA President who acts as the Chairperson of the Committee
- Deputy President who acts as the Deputy Chairperson
- A State Councillor representative from the Country Constituency
- A State Councillor representative from the Metropolitan Constituency
- A representative from the beneficiaries in the Country Constituency
- A representative from the beneficiaries in the Metropolitan Constituency, and
- The WALGA Chief Executive Officer.

Highlights from 2022-23

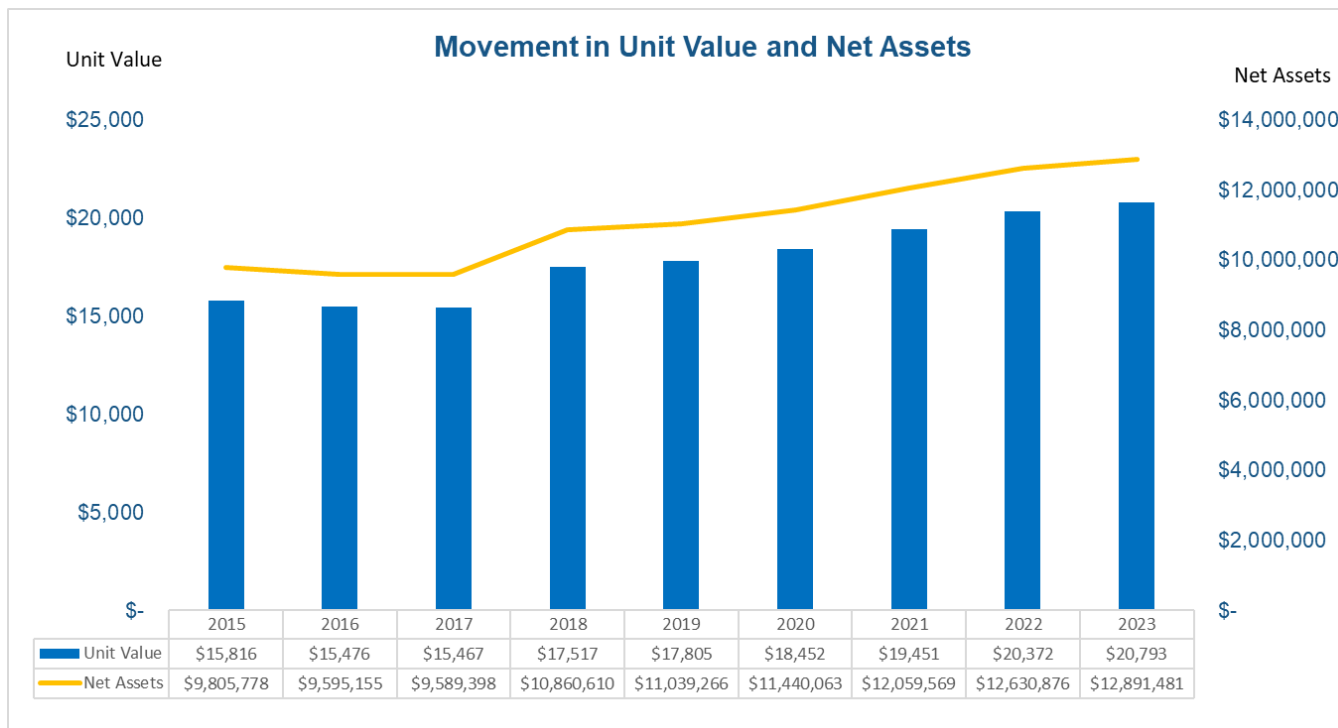
- 170 Railway Parade building continued to be fully tenanted
- The building's weighted average lease expiry (WALE) was 4.1 years at 30 June 2023
- Trust's cash reserves grew to \$5.8 million as of 30 June 2023
- Building loan debt held by the Joint Venture was \$24.4 million on 30 June 2023 (Trust's 60 per cent share of the loan being \$14.64 million)
- Loan/Valuation ratio of 47.3% sits comfortably below Bankwest's maximum of 63 percent
- The lease agreement held by LGIS for levels two and three was successfully extended until 30 June 2027 with further options, and
- The building cladding was upgraded to cladding of the highest fire rating.

House Trust Unit Value

The unit value as at 30 June 2023 is \$20,793 representing an annual increase of 2 per cent. Unit values follow the movement of the Trust's Net Assets, which at 30 June 2023 is based on \$12,891,481 over 620 units. The Trust's Net Assets include the Trust's 60 per cent share of assets and liabilities held by the Joint Venture. It should be noted that the above unit value is based upon the historical cost of the building less accounting depreciation.

Below is a graph illustrating the recent trends in unit values which reflect the movement in net assets.

Key drivers include occupancy, commercial lease income rates and interest on loan debt. The downward fluctuation between 2014 and 2016 relates to the transition from the previous building to the current at 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville. The uplift in 2018 is due to the restatement of net assets following the change in accounting for lease income to the straight-line basis from the previous "as an invoiced basis". Growth in net assets and unit price of the Trust between 2018 and 2022 is due to full tenancy and record low interest rates. Recent increases to interest rates and cladding replacement resulted in a reduced increase in 2023.



Financial Analysis and Outlook

The House Trust's outlook remains positive, with full tenancy continuing, supported by the LGIS/Marsh lease extension. After many years assisted by record low interest rates and full occupancy, the House Trust demonstrated its resilience by recording a profit despite increased interest expense on the building loan. The 2023-24 year sees a further tightening with the anticipated downward alignment of lease income from levels two and three leases to current commercial lease rates. Current interest rates are currently expected by the RBA to persist until late 2025. With Perth's population forecast to grow to 3.5 million by 2050, the medium and long-term prospects for the Perth commercial property market remain positive.

Outright building purchase in 2024

Under the Joint venture agreement, the House Trust has a one-off opportunity at the 10-year point of the agreement to buyout Qube's 40 per cent stake in the building during the 2024 year. Benefits include greater strategic control of the building and the opportunity to pursue a strategy of a debt-free building. Financial modelling and advice from independent property consultants support the feasibility of the outright purchase. Projections show that surplus cash will fund the reduction of the building loan while providing a buffer against higher interest rates and future potential vacancies. Financing of the buyout will be from a mix of House Trust Cash Reserves and additional loan debt. The buyout decision will be considered by the Local Government Houst Trust's Board of Management and WALGA's State Council in late March 2024. The acquisition transaction would occur in July and would have no impact upon unit holders.



Hon Mia DAVIES MLA

Member for Central Wheatbelt

MEDIA RELEASE

TIME TO TAKE CONNECTIVITY IN THE BUSH SERIOUSLY

22 January 2024

Happy New Year! How was your start to 2024?

Out here in the Wheatbelt we've been experiencing some scorching days and nights. That's nothing new, and we expect it at this time of the year. Hot, dusty, with a few summer storms thrown in for good measure.

The storm that came through last week was a ripper. I sat inside my 100-year-old house and watched mother nature let loose with a spectacular light show, thunderclaps that reverberated through your body, and rain and wind that arrived with a ferocity that twisted trees in half and ripped roofs off sheds and houses.

I was one of the lucky ones, no damage, and no power loss. Unfortunately, many were not so lucky, and have endured days of no power, limited water, and a clean-up in the stifling heat.

As always, everyone has pitched in to help, neighbours checked-in on each other, and people called on the elderly for a chat. Our Shire Council's opened their offices or recreation centres when they had the generator hooked up for respite from the heat and so people could charge their phones.

We accept that mother nature can be fickle, and for the most part we take care of ourselves. Moving on and people have cleaned out freezers of spoiled food, doctors are checking vaccines and drugs that may have spoiled, and businesses are counting the lost days of trade. The Government's \$240 extended blackout payment will barely touch the sides for many.

A call round to the 27 local Governments in my electorate has come back with a resounding theme. The first, a heartfelt thank you to the Western Power and Water Corporation workers who have been on the tools getting things back on track. The second, that telecommunications and connectivity during and after these events remains an absolute disgrace.

More than a week after the event, there are still communities in a cone of silence. They can't even call 000. And had they been able to, no-one could despatch first responders because they receive the call-out via the mobile network.

How is it in this day and age we still have this problem?

Inquiry after inquiry, report after report, with multiple recommendations highlighting the fact that telecommunications is an essential service that fails our communities when they need it the most.

What will it take for the Federal and State Governments, and the telecommunications companies to take this seriously? A serious injury? A death? That is what my constituents ask. They are frustrated beyond belief.

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And the salt is ground into the wound when they hear representatives from telco's pointing the finger at Western Power for the failures, and Government Minister's passing the buck right back.

After the bushfires over east, Cyclone Seroja in 2021, and the fires in Esperance and through my electorate at the beginning of last year, there has been a consistent gap in our preparedness to respond to natural disaster because of failures to build resilience into our telecommunications infrastructure.

I'm not letting the State Government off the hook for their woeful track record dealing with power infrastructure in the bush – that needs to be addressed, and urgently. It's a scandal that we have billions sitting in State coffers while basic infrastructure fails those of us that chose to live or work outside of Perth.

But the telecommunications issue must be dealt with first. It is vital that people can communicate with each other at all times in the case of emergencies.

Every three years, a Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee is formed to conduct a review into the adequacy of telecommunications in regional, rural, and remote parts of Australia.

Last conducted in 2021, it recommended that the Universal Service Obligation (USO) required of Telstra for the maintenance of the copper wire network be reformed to become 'technology agnostic' and require the inclusion of backup power and stringent minimum availability and voice quality standards, enforceable through significant penalties.

The reviewers also observed that mobile base stations, telephone exchanges and other key infrastructure are vulnerable to interruptions to the power network and have insufficient back-up power to maintain critical communications services during extended power outages.

Why do we still have these problems when taxpayers fork out in excess of \$335 million per every year to Telstra as part of their USO to deliver services. And why did the Albanese Government delay investment in the Mobile Network Hardening Program announced in 2022 to increase battery back-up and create generator hubs for rapid deployment to telco sites? According to the website Round 1 is only 60 percent complete two years later.

People who live in these communities deserve better, as do the many that visit, work and pass through the Wheatbelt.

It's time for the buck-passing and poor excuses to end. We need the State and Federal Labor Governments to step up and take this seriously.

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Shire of Westonia

WALGA Quarterly Services Report

October to December

2023

Quarterly Update

WALGA's 2024-25 State Budget Priorities

In this quarter WALGA prepared and released its 2024-25 State Budget Submission, which calls for further investment in infrastructure and services to meet the needs of communities and to improve safety.

WALGA President Cr Karen Chappel AM provided WALGA's submission to the newly appointed Minister for Local Government Hannah Beazley BA MLA when they met prior to Christmas.

"Western Australia has a strong financial position, and the upcoming State Budget presents an important opportunity to provide support for programs that will deliver a benefit to the community over the long term," President Chappel said.

"Many of the initiatives set out in WALGA's State Budget Submission will help with this task."

"WALGA and its Member Local Governments welcome the opportunity to work with the State Government to progress these critical objectives."

To read more, [click here](#).

Local Government Elections

Voter turnout for the 2023 Local Government election was 31.6%, which was an increase on the 2021 election which was 30.20% so an increase of 1.4%. The reforms to the Local Government Act, including changes to wards, councillors' number and popularly elected Mayors/Presidents has seen a reduction in councillors numbers to 1137.

Of the current elected members, 40% are female and 60% male. Of the 263 newly elected members (not re-elected), 43% are female.

Of the 15 in person elections held, 9 were elected unopposed, another had 4 out of 4 offices elected unopposed (1 will go to extraordinary), another had 4 offices elected unopposed (2 will go to extraordinary). 4 in person's went to full elections.

Employee Relations



Governance Advice

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Est PSP Quarterly Spend

\$37K

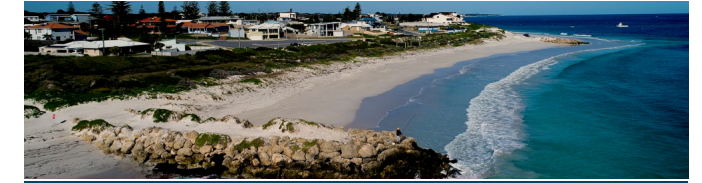
Procurement Advice

Strategic procurement advice and support, membership of the Procurement network and library of resources.



Tax Service Advice

Specialist tax advisory service to support Local Government indirect taxation compliance.



Training Courses Attended

As a Registered Training Organisation, WALGA provides up-to-date, relevant, tailored training solutions for Councils, Elected Members and Local Government Officers by offering professional development, industry updates and best practice for Local Government.



Upcoming Training Courses

- Conflicts of Interest
- Emergency Management for Local Government Leaders
- Health and Safety Representatives Training Course
- Meeting Procedures
- Understanding Local Government

Find out more here: <https://walga.asn.au/training>



Local Government House Trust

\$41,585



Shire of Westonia

SECTOR ADVOCACY

- Developed state budget submission and began advocacy work with stakeholders
- Delivered the successful Local Elections advertising campaign alongside WAEC and DLGSC helping increase turnout and awareness in hard-to-reach audiences
- Contributed to the Digital Inclusion Leadership Forum
- Appeared in the media 57 times on issues like proposed changes to planning reforms, AirBnB policy, and changes to single-dwelling approval processes
- Distributed LD Direct weekly emails, WALGA Annual Report, Western Councillor and the State Budget Submission

WHAT HAPPENED THIS QUARTER

- Delivering Environmental Outcomes through the Planning System Workshop
- New Councillor Seminar
- Urban Rewilding Workshop
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Legislation Session
- Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Roundtable
- MACWA Awards (supporting agency)
- WALGA Wrap 2023

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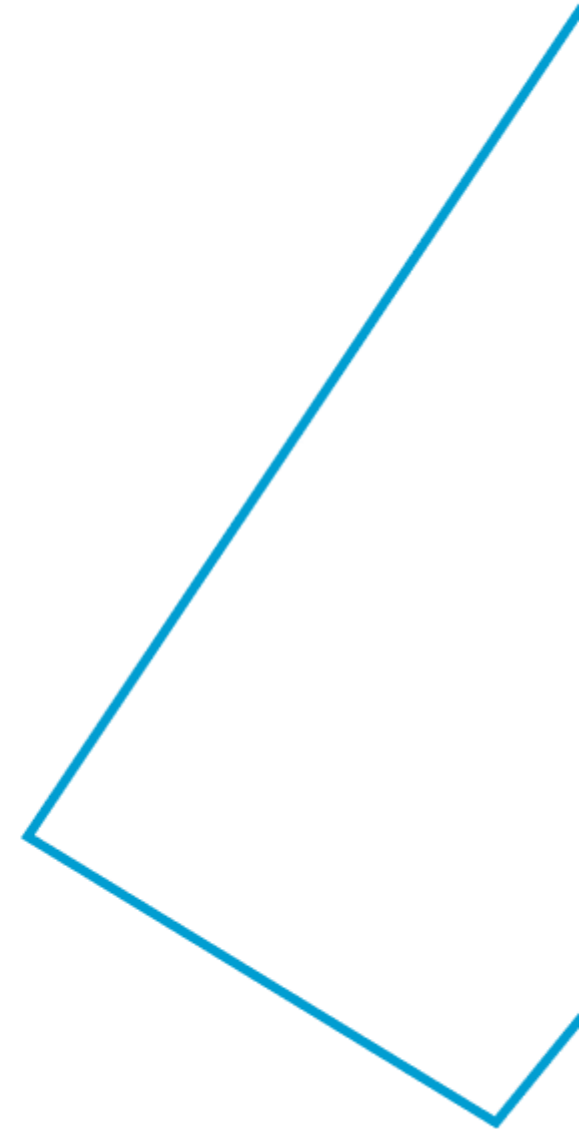
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Regional Road Group Report

February 2024

Roads

Local Government Transport and Roads Research and Innovation Program (LGTRRIP)

Four new projects have been initiated as part of the Local Government Transport and Roads Research and Innovation Program:

1. Use of crumbed rubber modified bitumen and reclaimed asphalt (RAP) in asphalt applications,
2. Use of crumbed rubber modified bitumen in spayed seal applications,
3. Design and construction guidance for the use of crushed recycled concrete, and
4. A catalogue of typical pavement structures for local roads.

This program of work builds on the [projects completed](#) in 2023.

Condition Assessment of Roads of Regional Significance

Industry proposals were assessed and a consultant appointed to complete a road condition assessment for all *Roads of Regional Significance* in the South West region of WA (approximately 2,100km). The project commenced in January 2024 with the bulk of the survey work to be performed between February and April 2024.

Road Rail Interface Agreements

Rail Interface Agreements are a requirement under the *Rail Safety National Law (WA) Act 2015*. A model *pro forma* agreement between Local Governments and Arc Infrastructure is nearing the end of negotiations and should be available for Local Government review and action soon. This agreement updates various elements of the existing agreements, particularly adding clarification on types of works and the responsibilities of both parties. As soon as this is complete, WALGA will liaise with each affected Local Government to provide advice around the new agreement.

Funding

State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement 2023/24 – 2027/28

Working groups have been established to progress implementation of the commitments made in the agreement in relation to:

1. Increasing application of the Safe System approach to the local road network,
2. Employment of Aboriginal people, and
3. Use of recycled materials in road construction and maintenance.

Each of these groups has held at least one meeting during the quarter.

Roads to Recovery and other Federal Funding Programs

Working with ALGA and the State Associations, WALGA engaged with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts concerning the design and guidelines for key Australian Government infrastructure funding programs, Roads to Recovery, Black Spot and the Safer Local Roads & Infrastructure Program. WA Local Governments are generally supportive of the administrative arrangements. The competitive funding approach for the smaller programs raises equity concerns, as a reasonable level of resources is required to develop strong project proposals.

Multi-Criteria Assessment (MCA) Model Revisions

Work continues to harmonise the MCA models used by Regional Road Groups to prioritise project proposals for funding under the Road Project Grant funding pool. The process has now commenced in seven of the nine regions in regional WA. The proposed changes to the MCA models reflect the new focus areas of the State Roads Funds to Local Governments Agreement, while still allowing for flexibility to recognise the significant differences between regions.

Business Case for Safety Improvement to High Speed Sealed Local Government Roads

Meetings were held with the Minister for Road Safety / Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport and senior government officers concerning the proposed investment by Federal and State Governments to improve the level of safety provided to users of high speed, sealed Local Government roads in peri-urban and rural areas. The Association is continuing to work in partnership with the RAC to highlight the importance of this investment.

Road Safety

Road Safety Council Update

The Road Safety Council Communiques highlight the key discussions and considerations of the Council meetings. View the Communiques via the following links:

[Meeting held 16 November 2023](#)

[Meeting held 8 December 2023](#)

RoadWise Councils

WALGA's RoadWise Councils initiative is a fresh approach aimed at engaging and supporting Local Governments to adopt and apply policies and practices that effectively and sustainably lead to better road safety outcomes for WA communities.

Since invitations to participate commenced in August 2023, fifty-four (54) Local Governments have registered as a RoadWise Council. The majority (70%) registered with a resolution of full Council and thirty percent via a Declaration signed by the Shire President/Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer.

Participating Local Governments are spread across the state with RoadWise Councils located in all ten Regional Road Group regions.

In terms of road safety activities, 37 or 71% of registered RoadWise Council have recorded the delivery of activity aligned with the RoadWise Council Framework in the first few months.



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Mr Bill Price
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Westonia
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Dear Mr Price,

**Local Government Aquatic Water Sampling Exemption – Westonia Aquatic Centre
– 128 Diorite Street, Westonia – Shire of Westonia**

I refer to your application received on the 15th December 2023, seeking an exemption for the Shire's Environmental Health Officer (EHO) from collecting water samples at the above aquatic facility in accordance with section 21 of the *Health (Aquatic Facilities) Regulations 2007* (Regulations).

It is acknowledged that due to the EHO's current schedule and distance of Westonia Aquatic Centre from the nearest water testing facility that it is impractical for a local government to comply with this regulatory requirement.

In consideration of the circumstances, I am prepared to exempt the Shire of Westonia EHO from water sampling for the abovementioned aquatic facility in accordance with *subregulation 21(4)* of the Regulations, provided that following conditions are met:

- The Shire of Westonia's EHO is to ensure that the pool manager/person taking samples is deemed competent prior to collecting samples independently;
- The aquatic facility operator must ensure that that water samples are taken at least once per month;
- That the other requirements of *subregulation 21(1)* are complied with;

This exemption is subject to review and may be revoked if circumstances for issuing the exemption change or where the operator has not ensured the required monthly sampling has occurred in accordance with *subregulation 21(5)*.

Should you have any queries, please contact Emma O'Brien of the Environmental Health Directorate of the Department of Health on 9222 2000.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Theobald
delegate of
CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER
30 January 2024

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15 January 2024

Bill Price

Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Westonia

41 Wolfram Street, WESTONIA WA

Dear Bill,

RE: Clearing of Native Vegetation

Water Corporation is proposing to clear native vegetation within a number of land parcels within the Shire of Westonia as part of the Yerbillon No. 5 Pump Station Remediation Project. Details of the clearing are shown in the table below and the attached figure.

Land parcel	Lot 1588 P127359 Landgate ID 2056021	P Road Landgate ID 3742218	V Crown Land Landgate ID 3107602
Size of proposed clearing	12,808 m ²	1,928 m ²	5,853 m ²
Purpose of clearing	Remediation of asbestos-containing soil and ash material		
Proposed legal instrument for clearing	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i>		

Before undertaking this clearing, we are required to:

- Obtain permission of the landowner.
- Understand the nature of any other clearing activities that been undertaken on your property.
- Ensure the clearing complies with the *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004* - including obtaining any necessary approvals

To assist in fulfilling these requirements we request that you complete the forms (one for each land parcel) on the following pages and return them to:

- return via email (preferred):
 - To: Pauline.grayson@watercorporation.com.au
 - Cc: Environment.assessment@watercorporation.com.au
- or return via mail:
 - PO Box 100, Leederville, WA, 6902

To discuss this matter further please contact:

Pauline Grayson

Specialist – Environment and Contaminated Sites

E: Pauline.grayson@watercorporation.com.au

T: (08) 9420 3358



Consent to clear vegetation:

I **DO** provide consent for the clearing of the vegetation within the clearing area shown on the attached figure.

I **DO NOT** provide consent for the clearing of the vegetation within the clearing area shown on the attached figure.

Clearing activities that may have been undertaken on this property within the past year:

No clearing of native vegetation has occurred on the property containing Lot 1588 in this financial and no clearing of native vegetation is planned to occur to the end of the financial year.

Clearing of vegetation has occurred (or is planned to occur) on Lot 1588.

- Please specify amount of clearing: _____ Hectares
- Please provide contact details of someone who can provide further information

Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Signature of person authorised to provide consent:

Name	Signature:
Position (if relevant)	Date:



Consent to clear vegetation:

I **DO** provide consent for the clearing of the vegetation within the clearing area shown on the attached figure.

I **DO NOT** provide consent for the clearing of the vegetation within the clearing area shown on the attached figure.

Clearing activities that may have been undertaken on this property within the past year:

No clearing of native vegetation has occurred on the property containing the road reserve Landgate ID 3742218 in this financial and no clearing of native vegetation is planned to occur to the end of the financial year.

Clearing of vegetation has occurred (or is planned to occur) within the interest area of the road reserve Landgate ID 3742218.

- Please specify amount of clearing: _____ Hectares
- Please provide contact details of someone who can provide further information

Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Signature of person authorised to provide consent:

Name	Signature:
Position (if relevant)	Date:



Consent to clear vegetation:

I **DO** provide consent for the clearing of the vegetation within the clearing area shown on the attached figure.

I **DO NOT** provide consent for the clearing of the vegetation within the clearing area shown on the attached figure.

Clearing activities that may have been undertaken on this property within the past year:

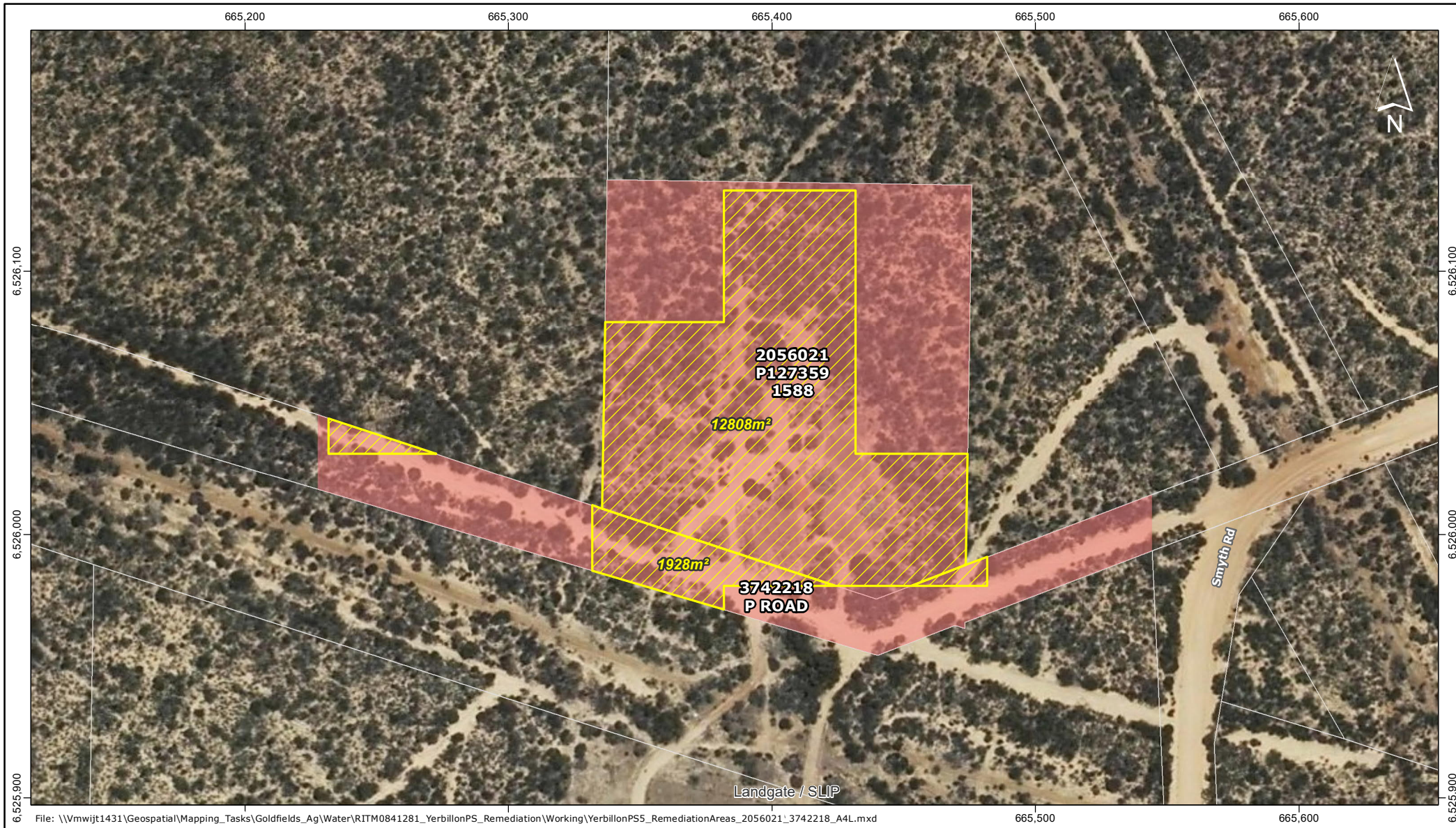
No clearing of native vegetation has occurred on the property containing the interest area of Crown Land within Landgate ID 3107602 in this financial and no clearing of native vegetation is planned to occur to the end of the financial year.

Clearing of vegetation has occurred (or is planned to occur) on the interest area of Crown Land within Landgate ID 3107602.

- Please specify amount of clearing: _____ Hectares
- Please provide contact details of someone who can provide further information
Name: _____
Phone/Email: _____




Signature of person authorised to provide consent:

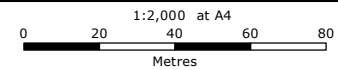
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Position (if relevant)	Date:



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LEGEND

-  Clearing Area
-  Interest Area
-  Cadastral Boundary



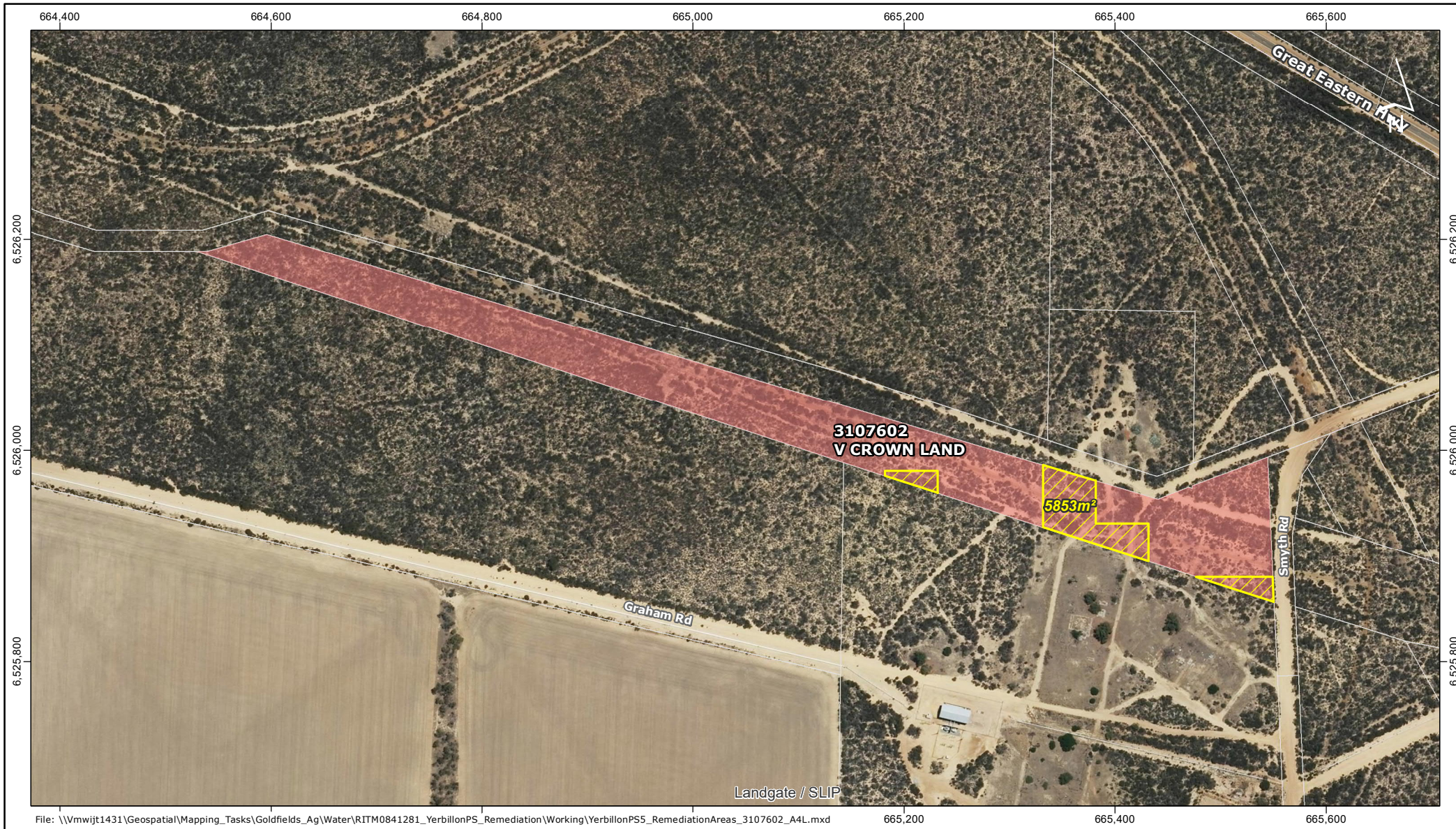
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Yerbillon PS No.5 Remediation
Clearing Area
Landgate ID 2056021 & 3742218
P127359 Lot 1588 & Road



LEGEND

-  Clearing Area
-  Interest Area
-  Cadastral Boundary



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Yerbillon PS No.5 Remediation
 Clearing Area
 Landgate ID 3107602
 V Crown Land