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Councillor Information Bulletin

For the Ordinary Council Meeting
held on Thursday, 19th April 2018

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SHIRE OF WESTONIA

April/May 2018

Date & Time	What	Where	Who
Tuesday 13 th – Friday 16 th March	Medical Student Immersion Program	Westonia	CEO
Thursday 15 th March	Council Meeting	Westonia	CEO, President, Councillors
Thursday 15 th March	Medical Students Dinner/Council Dinner @ Stadium	Westonia	CEO, President, Councillors, Staff
Monday 19 th March	Tony Saraullo – Roadswest conduct road survey - Warrachuppin	Westonia	CEO, Works
Tuesday 20 th March	Market Creations website meeting	Westonia	CEO, J Geier
Monday 26 th March	CEACA	Westonia	CEO, L Geier
Monday 26 th March	Admin Trainee Interviews	Westonia	CEO, J Geier
Monday 26 th March	Allan Ramsay – Mine Waste Water Treatment Plant Complaint to Health Department	Westonia	CEO, A Ramsay
Wednesday 28 th March	WEROC Executive	Bruce Rock	CEO
Wednesday 4 th April	CCI Meeting Traineeship signup	Westonia	CEO, J Geier
5 th -6 th April	Wheatbelt Conference	Jurien Bay	Councillors
Friday 13 th April	Hood-Penn Presentation - Walgoolan	Westonia	CEO
Friday 13 th April	Funeral – Errol Pustkutchen	Merredin	CEO
Monday 16 th April	Trades Panel discussion WALGA	Westonia (phone)	CEO
Thursday 19 th April	Stategic Planning Meeting – Caroline Robinson (Solum)	Westonia	CEO, Works, Councillors
Thursday 19 th April	Council Meeting	Westonia	CEO, President, Councillors
Monday 30 th April	Lotterywest presentation	Westonia	CEO, T Blake
Wednesday 2 nd May	Wheatbelt Communities	Kellerberrin	CEO, President
Wednesday 2 nd May	WEROC	Kellerberrin	CEO, President
Thursday 17 th May	Council Meeting	Westonia	CEO, President, Councillors



GREAT EASTERN DISTRICT OPERATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES **DRAFT**

Merredin Volunteer Fire and Rescue Station Monday 12th March, 2018

The meeting was declared open at 1230 hours by the
Chairman, Wayne Della Bosca

1 Record of Attendance

Wayne	Della Bosca	Chair	Shire of Yilgarn
Justin	Corrigan	Executive Officer	DFES
Tracy	McBride	Minutes Secretary	DFES
John	Flockart	Councillor	Shire of Merredin
Stephen	Crook	CBFCO	Shire of Merredin
Dirk	Sellenger	CEO	Shire of Mukinbudin
Phil	Smith	CBFCO	Shire of Mukinbudin
Damian	Tomas	CBFCO	Shire Mt Marshall
Jack	Walker	Regulatory Officer	Shire of Mt Marshall
Ian	McNeil	CBFCO	Shire of Kellerberrin
Gary	Coumbe	CBFCO	Shire of Nungarin
Pascoe	Durtanovich	CEO	Shire of Yilgarn
Ron	Burro	DCBFCO	Shire of Yilgarn
Dave	Gossage	President	AVBFB
Murray	McBride	AO Lower Wheatbelt	DFES
Stuart	Parks	A/Area Officer Central Wheatbelt	DFES
Trevor	Tasker	Superintendent Goldfields/Midlands	DFES
Daniel	Hendriksen	A/Area Officer Upper Wheatbelt	DFES
Michael	Lovell	A/Area Officer Mortlock	DFES

Apologies

Torben	Bendtsen	A/District Officer	DFES
Graeme	Keals	DFC Central W/Belt	DPaW Wheatbelt
Murray	Dixon	CBFCO	Shire of Narembeen
Catherine	Dunn	D/CEO	Shire of Bruce Rock
Sven	Andersen	District Officer	DFES
Ian	Dalton	CBFCO	Shire of Bruce Rock
Mac	Johnston	District Officer	DFES

Election of Chairman

Discussion on the position of Chairman was discussed, it was decided that Wayne stay as Chairman and that the Terms of Reference be altered to allow this. Please see Late Items.



GREAT EASTERN DISTRICT OPERATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday the 11th September, 2017 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Damian Tomas

Seconded: Ron Burrow

All in Favour

3 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Nil

4 ACTION LIST as of 12th March, 2018

	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
4.1	Nil	

5 Correspondence in:

- AVL access form tabled

6 Matters arising from Correspondence :

- Nil

7 Submitted Agenda Items

- Nil

8 Association of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades of WA (Inc) – Dave Gossage

- Training changes coming – modules based training, more user friendly, target of September to get up and running, plan to keep modules short and to the point with a more hands on environment rather than classroom, paper based as well as electronic, RPL will be part of process, no repeating of elements/courses, farmer response units being allowed for
- LGIS will be working together with this – they encourage you to do training, it's not a requirement
- Fit for Purpose Vehicles – have had future fleet discussions in relation to aspects of current trucks V's what's actually required in rural areas, discussed particular issues with Isuzu trucks specifically
- ESL – meeting with department heads on how ESL is spent, huge changes in ESL coming, clearer category intent, new appliances on hold to allow funds for BFB sheds



GREAT EASTERN DISTRICT OPERATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- International Fire and Emergency Services games this year, can include any club etc if they have a volunteer member in team
- Please make use of AVBFB Newsletter and communications
- John Flockart – Bluetooth connectivity varies with Isuzu units, members having issues

9 P & W Report

Nil

10 Local Government Reports

Shire of Merredin – Stephen Crook

- 3 call outs over harvest time
- Low fuel
- Hines Hill unit out for 6 weeks
- Resistance to the vehicle ID stickers
- Waiting on new permit system – Yilgarn using new permit book through consultation with eastern shires including Esperance area, LG's responsible for own permit form, OBRM will help review your permit if required

ACTION – Justin to source permit form examples through OBRM and circulate

Mt Marshall – Damian Tomas

- North of shire is green, Trayning area dry
- Permits for stubble being given

Shire of Nungarin – Gary Coumbe

- 4 call outs
- Drought areas through shire
- Bush still very dry, no significant rain fall

Shire of Mukinbudin – Phil Smith

- Tip and car fire
- Helping out with training
- Mukinbudin is changing over to a VFES unit

Shire of Yilgarn – Ron Burro

- Light-moderate fuel loads, significant rainfall in areas
- 4 lightning strikes, 3 false reports
- Training coming up
- Many thanks to Wayne for his years of commitment as CBFCO for Yilgarn

Shire of Kellerberrin – Ian McNeil

- 1 lightning strike fire, 2 fires on Hwy
- Very quiet
- Not green, very little rain



GREAT EASTERN DISTRICT OPERATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11 Reports from DFES

- Justin Corrigan – very quiet year, can all LG's please look at their curing and get back to their DFES managers, have been a few issues with crew protection change overs
- Trevor Tasker – managers have been busy in the east of the region with a major fire in the Norseman area, many thanks to those volunteers who have helped with these fires, we recognise that there are definite issues with the change out of trucks.
- Stuart Parks – thanks to those in my areas for being accommodating with the truck change overs for crew protection implementation
- Murray McBride – Radio techs will be in the area, please get any radio issues to your DFES manager ASAP

12 Late Items

The position of Chairperson was discussed and it was noted that a change to the Terms of Reference would allow for more open nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Motion– That the below paragraph in the Terms of Reference be altered as shown

Chairperson

The Chairperson shall be elected **FROM** the core of Chief Bush Fire Control Offices on the committee. The committee will elect a deputy chairperson who in the absence of the chairperson will fulfil all of those functions. The position of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall be elected by the committee at the September meeting of each alternate year.

Changed to

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Motion – Ian McNeil
2nd – Phil Smith
Passed

Meeting closed 1340hrs

**Date for the next Merredin DOAC is Monday September 10th, 2018
to be held at the Merredin Volunteer Fire and Rescue Building.**



GREAT EASTERN DISTRICT OPERATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

The Great Eastern District Operational Advisory Committee is formed by the following Shires in accordance with Section 68 (See appendix 1) of the Bush Fires Act 1954 as amended, and is known as the Great Eastern District Operational Advisory Committee (Great Eastern DOAC).

- Shire of Bruce Rock,
- Shire of Kellerberrin,
- Shire of Koorda
- Shire of Merredin,
- Shire of Mt Marshall,
- Shire of Mukinbudin,
- Shire of Narembeen,
- Shire of Nungarin,
- Shire of Tammin,
- Shire of Trayning,
- Shire of Westonia
- Shire of Yilgarn

Role and Function of the Committee

To represent and protect the interests of the Local Governments, Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades and Volunteers within those Local Governments. As a representative committee, provide advice, direction and develop recommendations for fire management in the functional areas of Equipment, Training, Prevention, and Operational Preparation and Response.

Identify strategic directions for the region through representation on the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Advisory Committee, Volunteer Vehicle and Equipment Advisory Committee, Volunteer Firefighting Training Advisory Group and other State, Regional and Operational Committees as may be formed.

Composition of Committee

- Chief Bush Fire Control Officers or Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers of each Local Government
- Chief Executive Officer or Delegate of each Local Government
- A representative from Department of Parks and Wildlife.
- The nominated representative of the 3 State Committees (VFTAG) – Volunteer Fire Fighter Training Advisory Group, (VVEAC) – Volunteer Vehicle and Equipment Advisory Committee & Bush Fire Consultative Committee), if different from dot points 1 & 2.
- Representatives from DFES
- AVBFB Association of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades
- Association of Volunteers Emergency Services Representative

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Secretarial Support Officer

The Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES) will provide a Secretary who is responsible for the preparation of the agenda, minutes, correspondence and action sheets required from the meetings.

Voting Rights

The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer or delegate from each Local Government shall have voting rights. All other positions identified in "Composition of the Committee" are *ex officio* members of the committee and do not have voting rights. One vote per Shire, Chief Bush Fire Control Officer or his Delegate.

Carriage of items.

For an item that requires a vote to be passed, the item shall be deemed to be carried when a simple majority is reached.

Meetings

At least two (2) meetings per year, or more with notice of four (4) weeks. Extra meetings may be called as required with a minimum of 7 days' notice.

Quorum

There must be no less than 5 local governments represented of which one to be the chairperson.

Co-opted members

The committee may co-opt DFES staff, volunteers or external expertise when required. Co-opted members shall have full participation but no voting rights.

Minutes

All discussions are to be recorded in the minutes of all meetings with all background materials attached to the minutes for distribution.

All minutes will be forwarded, by the Secretary/Officer, to the full membership of the committee, all Local Governments, co-opted members, Department of Fire and Emergency Services and to the Chairperson of the Great Eastern DOAC within 14 Days of Meeting.

State Committee Representatives are responsible for presenting relevant items affecting the district and from the committee minutes to the State Committees. Agendas and minutes of these meetings are to be circulated to the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Chief Executive Officer of each Local Government by DFES District Office.

Distribution within Local Government brigades is the responsibility of the Chief Bush Fire Control Officers and the relevant Shire.

Parties to these Arrangements

Council	CBFCO	CEO
Shire of Bruce Rock		
Shire of Kellerberrin		
Shire of Koorda		
Shire of Merredin		
Shire of Mt Marshall		
Shire of Mukinbudin		
Shire of Narembeen		
Shire of Nungarin		
Shire of Tammin		
Shire of Trayning		
Shire of Westonia		
Shire of Yilgarn		
	Approved Signatories	
Department of Fire and Emergency Services		
Department of Parks and Wildlife		

Appendix 1

68. **Regional advisory committees**

- (1) *A group of 2 or more local governments may by agreement join in appointing a regional bush fire advisory committee to assist them in the performance of their functions under this Act.*
- (2) *Where a group of local governments agree to appoint a committee under this section —*
 - (a) *those local governments, by agreement —*
 - (i) *shall fix the number of members of the committee and the quorum for the transaction of business at meetings of the committee;*
 - (ii) *shall determine the interests to be represented on the committee;*
 - (iii) *may make rules for the guidance of the committee;*
 - (b) *each of those local governments —*
 - (i) *shall be entitled to appoint the same number of persons as members of the committee and, subject to paragraph (a)(ii), may so appoint such persons as they think fit;*
 - (ii) *may accept the resignation in writing of, or remove, a member of the committee appointed by it;*
 - (iii) *may, where for any reason a vacancy occurs in the office of a member of the committee appointed by it, appoint a person to fill that vacancy; and*
 - (c) *the committee —*
 - (i) *may from time to time meet and adjourn as the committee thinks fit;*
 - (ii) *shall not transact business at a meeting unless the quorum fixed pursuant to paragraph (a)(i) is present;*
 - (iii) *is answerable to those local governments and shall, as and when required by them, report fully on its activities.*
- (3) *The function of a regional advisory committee established under this section by a group of local governments is to advise those local governments individually and collectively on all aspects of the co-ordination and planning of their activities in preventing, controlling and extinguishing bush fires.*

Media Release

Mia Davies MLA

Member for Central Wheatbelt
Leader of The Nationals WA

Don't trust Labor with ag-education

10 April 2018

WA Colleges of Agriculture were thrust under the spotlight of Parliament today when a petition was presented condemning the Labor Government's plan to dip into a vital trust account that helps fund on-farm operations at school sites.

The petition, tabled by agriculture spokesman Colin de Grussa MLC, contained more than 400 signatures calling on the Premier to abandon plans to raid the Agricultural Education Farm Provisions Trust.

Education Minister Sue Ellery announced her plot to swipe 20 per cent of funds from the Trust as part of Labor's sweeping cuts to regional education but it has been met by backlash from school communities and industry.

Mr de Grussa said money held in the Trust was 100 per cent generated through student-driven commercial productivity at WACA school sites in Cunderdin, Denmark, Harvey, Morawa, Narrogin and Esperance SHS Farm Training Centre.

"Labor is basically robbing productivity stemming from the hard work students and staff put into farm development and production at agricultural colleges," he said.

"The Trust allows agricultural education sites to operate a corporate model whereby each college doesn't lean on taxpayers to fund on-farm operations.

"Taking 20 per cent of Trust funds each year will not only increase the colleges' reliance on State funding, it will diminish the delivery of agricultural education more broadly."

The trust account funds farm fleet vehicles, machinery, licensing and insurances, fencing and other recurrent costs, easing the cost burden to the State Government and making sure students have access to a contemporary and safe learning environment.

Since 2002 the Trust has allocated \$8.4 million to contributing colleges. It has also provided more than \$850,000 promoting and supporting agricultural education programs at 10 other public schools around the State since 2007, including Merredin College.

Member for Central Wheatbelt Mia Davies MLA said Labor's lowly decision to raid the trust came at a time of record enrolments at WA Colleges of Agriculture, which have risen 18 per cent since 2014.

"Interest in agricultural education and demand for skilled agricultural industry professionals is growing in line with the food revolution occurring in WA," she said.

"We've seen a spike in student enrolments at WA College of Agriculture Cunderdin of 6 per cent over the last five years, which clearly shows ag education is on the rise.

"The last thing this school community and the sector needs is the Labor Government diluting the ability to deliver a skilled workforce to assist the growth and success of agriculture in the Central Wheatbelt and Western Australia."

For more information contact Mia Davies on 08 9041 1702 (Merredin office), 08 9622 2871 (Northam office) or email mia.davies@mp.wa.gov.au



Old School Caravan Park Overflow







Council Outstanding Resolutions Status Report

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MEETING	ITEM/RESOLUTION	ACTION REQUIRED	RESPONSE	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	TIME FRAME
March 2018	09/03-18	Westonia Swimming Pool Upgrades	That Council accepts the following quotations from: 1. Aquatic Services WA for the Removal of Chlorine Gas system and replacing with granulated chlorine feeder and chemical controller. 2. Aquatic Services WA for the Refurbishment of the gravity sand filter 3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to spend up to \$35,000 with Centek Constructions to remove asbestos roof on pump room and install safety ladder to balance tank. Works to commence in late April	CEO	July 18
Dec 2017	10/12-17	Warrachuppin Road Realignment	That Council 1. Welcomes Ramelius Resources proposal to commence operations with the Greenfinch project in the mid to later stages of 2018. 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to instigate the process for a resumption of land under the Land Administration Act in Reserve 14983. 3. Authorises expenditure to the Chief Executive Officer to commence the survey of the proposed road reserve, possible relocation of utility services (Telstra, Water) and possible new road design (if required) to enable a cost to be provided to Ramelius Resources for comment. Council have engaged the services of RoadsWest engineering to draw up plans and road design. Land resumption process has been commenced.	CEO	Dec 18



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Sept 2017	10/09-17	Westonia Airstrip	<p>That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a fair price for the two areas of land to incorporate into the Westonia Airstrip and report back to Council at the October meeting. Offer and Paperwork to be discussed and finalized.</p> <p>The CEO has recently held discussions with Paul Sawyer of AD Astral Aviation in relation to some substantial development & improvements to the Westonia Airstrip to allow commercial flights in and out of Westonia. Meeting planned for Thursday 22nd April with President & CEO.</p>	CEO	Mar 18
July 2017	17/07-17	Westonia Telstra Exchange	<p>That Council writes to Telstra and pursues an upgrade to the Westonia Telstra Exchange and possible connection to the fibre optic line that runs through town – CEO spoke with Boyd Brown regarding lack of service, Ron have since contacted me and will be putting up a possible part funded proposal to upgrade the exchange. Letter written to Telstra, MP's re Telstra Exchange</p> <p>After eight (8) separate outages on landlines in the past five (5) months, the CEO conducted an interview with the ABC radio and wrote again to Telstra Countrywide seeking upgrades to the Westonia exchange. Telstra have confirmed that the Kalgoorlie to Merredin link has been upgraded from a Radio link to Optic Fibre to improve service.</p>	CEO	Feb 18



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July 2017	08/07-17	Shared Values Project	Engage the services of UWA School of Geography students via the Wheatbelt Development Commission to assist in the Business Case writing process for the Camp Westonia and Westonia Solar Farm Shared Value Projects - CEO met with WDC & UWA students at Local Govt Week to discuss plan of attack and have since forwarded more information for the project. In Limbo, awaiting funding, discussions with Ramelius Resources	CEO	Oct 17
June 2017	18/06-17	Curtin University – Greenhouse offer	Response sent to Curtin University – awaiting response	CEO	Feb 18
Apr 2017	17/04-17	Town Planning Scheme	Currently seeking input from town planners in relation to low cost solution Held discussions with Dept of Planning – there are willing to assist, spoke with Planner in Kellerberrin who is willing to assist. Result – reduced cost plan Dept of Planning will be attending the May meeting Information Session to discuss the process going forward and what has been occurring thus far.	CEO	July 18
Apr 2017	16/04-17	Westonia Airstrip	Currently investigating, coincide with Kaolin St Renaming	CEO	Mar 18
Apr 2017	15/04-17	Renaming of Egg Rock Road & Kaolin Street	Currently seeking input from families prior to advertising as per requirements	CEO	Dec 17
Mar 2017	13/03-17	Review of Integrated Planning Suite	Awaiting commencement date for Integrated Planning Suite review Review to be undertaken in April 2018	CEO	Apr 18



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Oct 16	10/10-16	Adopted sea container policy formulated by the Chief Executive Officer on the provision of sea containers in the Westonia Townsite.	CEO awaiting advise from new Health/Building Surveyor in relation to extent of paperwork required in submitting “Building Application” for approval. Local Planning Policies via Town Planning Scheme to address issue.	CEO/Building	May 18
Sept 16	08-09/16	JT Professional Services to undertake a review of all of its Local Laws in accordance with the Local Government Act s3.16	CEO awaiting start date for review from consultant	CEO	ongoing
June 16	11-06/16	Wheatbelt Freight Route	Regional Road Group notified of Westonia’s preferred routes, application to Regional Grants Scheme submitted, Grant not funded, looking at alternative avenues to have plan funded.	CEO/WS	ongoing
June 16	12-06/16	Advise Main Roads Wheatbelt to have the eastern 500 meter section of Leach Road (intersection of Leach Road/Westonia-Carrabin Road) assessed in order to have the speed zone changed to an eighty kilometer (80km) speed restriction.	CEO corresponded with Grenn Putland – Main Roads, awaiting response.	CEO/WS	ongoing



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April 16	08-04/16	Draft Westonia Common Conservation Management Plan 2016-2021	Draft Plan formulated by Ecological Aust, discussed by Council, put out for public comment which resulted in a community meeting in June 2016. Funding received to undertake flora/fauna quadrant surveys	CEO/NRM	ongoing

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE

February/March 2018

1. **SILVER CHAIN/ SOUTHERN INLAND HEALTH INITIATIVE** H1.1.2
RE: NURSE PRACTITIONER
SUPPORT FOR LAURA BLACK
2. **PAYROLL** ST1.1.1
RE: ADMIN TRAINEE – PAY RATE
APPOINTMENT OF SHAUNA HODGKINSON
3. **PAYROLL** ST1.1.1
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ABSENCE OF FINANCE OFFICER
4. **SHAUNA HODKINSON** ST1.1.1
RE: ADMIN TRINEESHIP
APPOINTMENT OF SHAUNA HODGKINSON
5. **RALTON BEN- ACCESS HOUSING** HS1.1.2
RE: TRANSFER OF LAND LOT 20 QUARTZ – OLD SCHOOL SITE
CEACA GROUP – FREEHOLD LAND
6. **BANKWEST MERREDIN** F1.1.4
RE: TRANSFER MONEY
GOLD TERM DEPOSIT TRANSFER

WORK SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1. PLANT REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

The following repairs and maintenance were carried out since the last meeting.

- JD Loader – 500hr service. Repair “O” ring hydraulic hose.
- Iveco Truck – 165,000km service, replacement of mudflaps.
- Freightliner Truck – 60,000km service.
- Maintenance Utility – 5,000km service.
- Toyota Crew Cab – 5,000km service.
- Multi-Pac Roller – Replacement of rear drive hub.

2. PLANT HOURS

The following is a list of plant and vehicle kilometre and hour readings for the period ending 01.4.18

Item	01.3.18	01.4.18
P1 JOHN DEERE 770G GRADER	5,227hrs	5,248hrs
P2 CAT 12M	1,561hrs	1,610hrs
P3 PRIME MOVER (IVECO)	167,080kms	169,607kms
P4 ROAD TRAIN (FREIGHTLINER)	61,440kms	64,711kms
P5 JOHN DEERE LOADER	483hrs	554hrs
P6 MULTI PAC	7,903hrs	7,903hrs
P7 MINI-EXCAVATOR	199hrs	231hrs
P8 TELEHANDLER JCB	665hrs	701hrs
P9 TOYOTA (MTCE UTE)	5,770kms	6,575kms
P10 MITSUBISHI CANTER	18,051kms	19,434kms
P11 TOYOTA HILUX (GARDENER) WT 35	44,688kms	45,120kms
P12 JOHN DEERE (5100)	1,634hrs	1,634hrs
P14 TOYOTA LANDCRUISER GXL (CEO)	0kms	1,250kms
P15 TOYOTA PRADO GXL (W/SUPER)	19,786kms	21,032kms
P16 TOYOTA RAV4 (ADMIN)	33,294kms	33,740kms
P17 TOYOTA HILUX DUAL CAB	2,746kms	4,607kms
P19 FAST ATTACK	4,198kms	4,413kms
P20 FIRE TRUCK	4,056kms	4,056kms
P18 WESSY BUS	94,303kms	95,000kms
P21 DYNAPAC FLAT DRUM	995hrs	1,019hrs

P22	RAMSEY RIDE ON MOWER (OVAL)	1,222kms	1,224kms
P23	TOYOTA MINI BUS (WT COM V)	6,103kms	7.802kms
P24	HAMM ROLLER	139hrs	160hrs

3. CAPITAL ROAD WORKS

- Works is nearly completed on the reconstruction of a 2.2km section of the Koorda Bullfinch Road (M040) West of Warralakin Road. This has included the replacement of concrete culverts and headwalls for 4 crossings. Bitumen sealing will take place in the 3rd week of April which will see a total of 2.6km of new seal and 4.5km of re-seal.
- Headwalls have been completed on new pipe installed on Begley Road drainage system. (adjacent Barnett's)

4. GENERAL ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Drains and Batters program continuing on Warralakin Road.
- Summer grade of bus route Rabbit Proof Fence North Road.

5. PRIVATE WORKS

- 3 Loads gravel to Mine Farm site.
- Cart 2 loads water to Minesite.

6. TOWN MAINTENANCE

- Since the last meeting Steve Norman has commenced his 12 months leave and Graeme Bright has started as his replacement.
- Maintaining of vacant blocks and weed control.
- Repairs to oval reticulation
- Construction of hardstand area for overflow caravan parking at school grounds. Additional cleaning and hard landscaping for improved presentation and ease of maintenance.

7. OTHER.

- The majority of the engineering crew had a 10 day break over the Easter period.
- Work for the Dole placement of Michael Iberg with the Gardening Crew.
- Perth trip to pick up new COOP freezers.
- Completed the WA Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Audit. This was the major 3 yearly Audit for Council to obtain a further 3 year certification.
- Marquee trailer to Merredin Show.
- Joel Kowalski has tendered his resignation as Plant Operator/Roller Driver to relocate to Geraldton for family reasons. The position vacancy has been advertised with candidates being processed at the moment. I would like to thank Joel for his contribution and wish him well in his future endeavours.

TOURISM REPORT

WESTONIA SHIRE CARAVAN PARK:

The Caravan park has picked up again since Easter being booked out most nights again and we are finding an increase of medium term visitors staying from one week to a month.

Hang Gliders were here between the 24th Feb 2018 to 3rd March 2018. It worked out well this year having the Caretaker directing campers to sites and the organiser's for the year did pay for the use of the complex. With the new bookings online system, we will require them to pay up front which might be good, as some didn't pay for their site until the end of their stay, which is still an improvement on last year where some simply didn't pay! While they were here they were quite messy and tended to take over the facilities that other campers are using. There was only one person in the group that actually tidied up the rubbish at the end of the stay, where the others were quite content to let others clean up their mess.

Overflow long termers have been moved to a designated area at the school. The tent area/Caretaker's area at the caravan park still has a permanent resident however the caravan park sites are back to being for faster turn over visitors only. The new set up for the permanents may pose as a problem if we have school camps needing to use the facilities, we may need to look at moving the permanents out for the week/weekend or explore other options.

1. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

- Blockage in site 8 drain Hi-Lo is working on the problem.
- Bollard Lights – (only bay 1 and 8 are working) Electrician has been and the decision was made to replace the two end bollard lights as they are very expensive and to look at replacing the remainder slowly later on.
- Disabled toilets shower rail- Screws rusting causing stain on wall, need replacing with stainless steel screws.

2. FUTURE PROJECTS

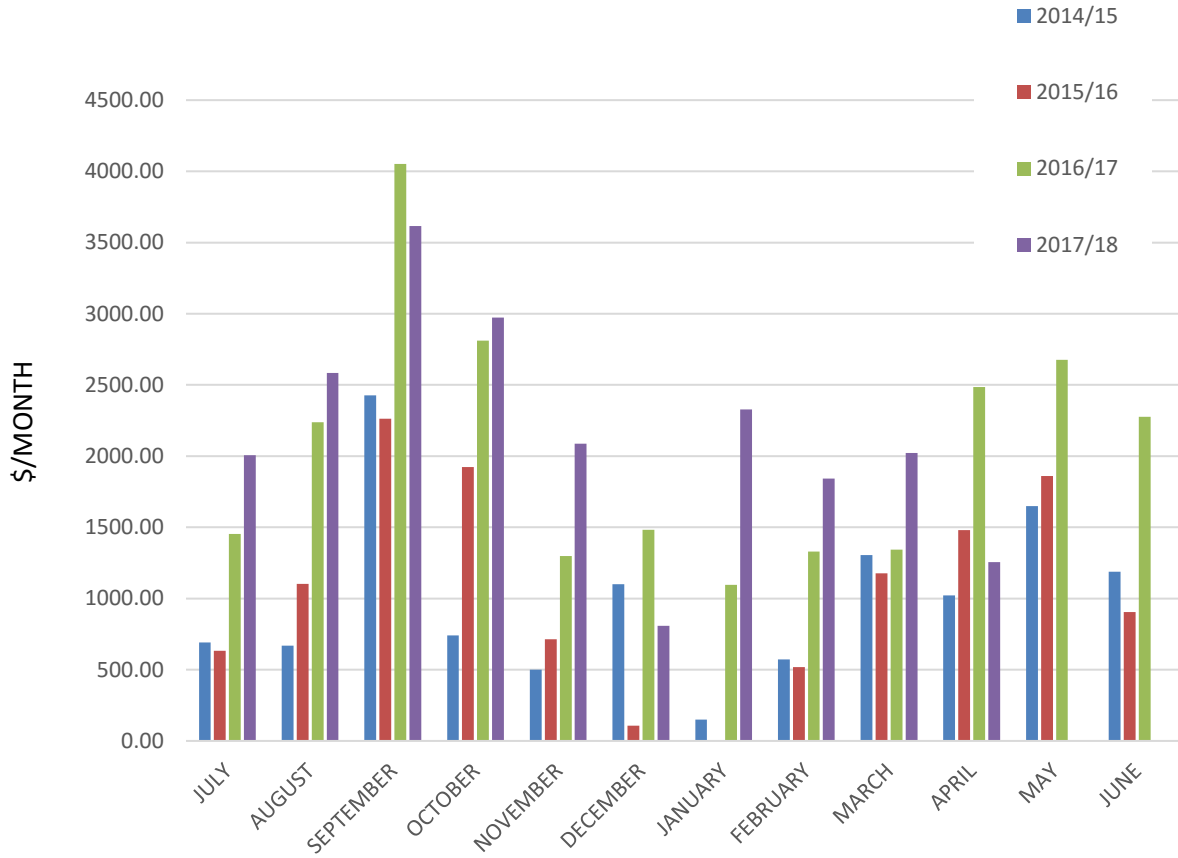
- Tent Area – Possible site; South of site 1 (Grover's old site)
- Unpowered Overflow/ Tent area – Weed matting and out lined sites

3. VISITOR FEEDBACK

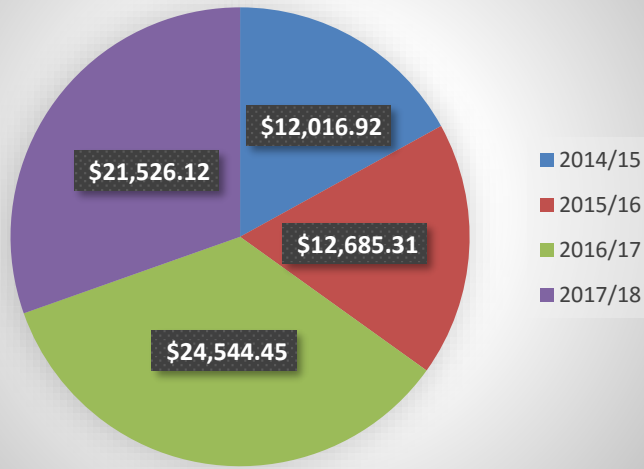
- Still getting great feedback overall
- Best value for money
- Great facilities
- Wiki camps still providing a good source of feedback for us
- "Word of Mouth" still a big performer for us.

4. STATISTICS (Over leaf)

MONTHLY PARK INCOME



ANNUAL PARK INCOME



HOOD-PENN MUSEUM:

1. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

- Fixing various lights.

2. RECENT PROJECTS

- Trialing various lighting solutions at the moment due to black spots within the museum.
- Works have begun on the Lottery West/Westonia Progress Association's "Always room for Volunteers" project with sand pad made and retaining wall erected. Unfortunately, the Tree we were hoping to keep, we were planning to build a path around it as a feature, has died and has now been removed. Works will start on Cement Pad and construction in the coming month.

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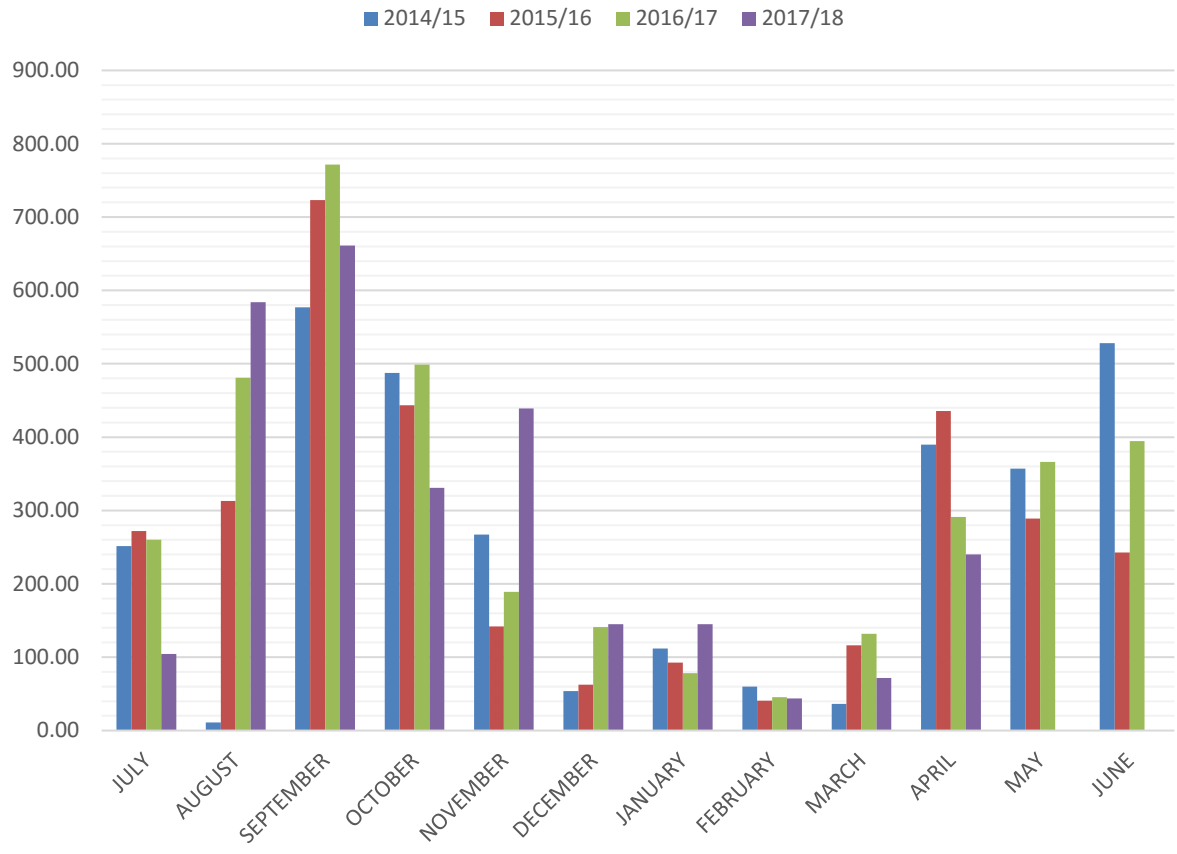
- Move stored items and shelving out of the store room into the new extension.
- New scenes to be created in the existing space of the old storage room to tell the stories of our primary industries of which Westonia was founded on.
- Dr Scene, offer of a donation from Dr Olga Ward to buy a new mannequin and donations of various Drs implements etc from Dr Hans Grobbelaar (via Olga). Since the success of the Lottery West/Westonia Progress Association grant the Museum, will now have room for the new Mannequins, we will now commence investigations into funding for the remainder of the Mannequins. Including a possible project to have period costumes made for all mannequins in the museum.

4. VISITOR FEEDBACK (Verbal and Visitor register)

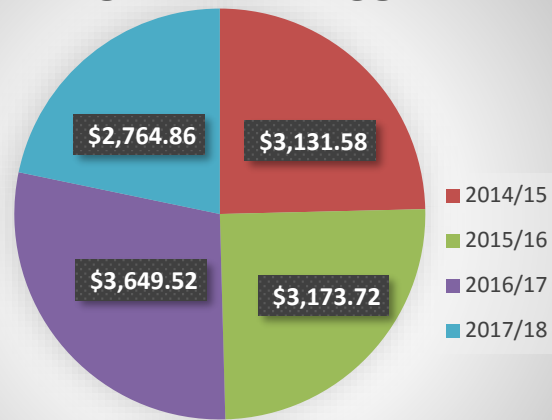
- Fantastic displays / Amazing
- Clean and tidy
- Very interesting / Not like any other museum they have visited
- Amazing

5. STATISTICS

MUSEUM INCOME



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Ministerial Review of the State Industrial Relations System – Interim Report Published

The Western Australian State Government is currently undertaking a review of the Western Australian Industrial Relations System.

The review is considering as part of the Terms of Reference (item 8 - ToRs) ***whether Local Government employers and employees in Western Australia should be regulated by the State Industrial Relations System.***

This is an important and long standing issue for Local Governments as there

has been ongoing jurisdictional uncertainty, with Western Australian Local Governments operating in both the State and Federal Industrial Relations systems.

In December 2017, following consultation with the sector, WALGA provided an interim submission to the Review. The WALGA submission opposed the proposal for legislating that Local Governments be exclusively regulated by the State IR System. Currently 96% of all Local Government employees are covered by the Federal industrial relations system. The WALGA submission can be accessed [here](#).

Interim Report

A total of 65 submissions to the Ministerial Review were received and the Interim Report was published on Tuesday, **20 March**. To view the full report, click [here](#). Chapter 9 relates to Local Government.

The Interim Report recommendations are suggesting that Local Government employers and employees be regulated by the State Industrial Relations system.

The Review has invited further submissions on the proposed recommendations by Tuesday, **17 April** with a view to the final report being put to the Minister in May .

The recommendations in the Interim Report will have a large impact on the Local Government sector and we are seeking written feedback from the sector addressing Chapter 9 of the Interim Report and proposed recommendations, including further details of the operational and financial impact of moving to State Industrial Relations System regulation.

Click here for the [InfoPage](#).

This feedback will inform WALGA's further submission into the Review. Feedback is requested by Friday, **6 April**.

For more information, email Employee Relations Service Manager [Kate Pillai](#) or call 9213 2592.

Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 Review Sector Reference Group – Expression of Interest

WALGA is calling for nominated Local Government Officers to form a Sector Reference Group to guide the sector's collective input to the review of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*.

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage are conducting the review over three phases with the aim to have amended legislation passed by both houses of Parliament by the end of 2020.

It is essential the views and ideas of all Local Governments are heard through this review process.

WALGA is forming the Sector Reference Group as a representative body of Local Governments to support and review engagement and submissions during the review period of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*. The aim is to ensure that the challenges and innovations of Local Governments are captured and integrated with the endorsed Aboriginal Heritage Amendment Bill.

Contact with the Group will be via email and online based communications, with ad-hoc meetings arranged if required.

WALGA invites Local Government Officers responsible for Aboriginal Heritage to nominate for the group.

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The campaign is challenging the belief that road trauma is inevitable by asking people what number they are willing to accept when it comes to death and serious injuries on our roads.

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Going Carbon Neutral - Benefits, Barriers and Unexpected Bonuses

Sustainability Network Drinks (SND) arranges regular social events on all aspects of conservation, sustainability and best practice management. The network provides the opportunity for the exchange of ideas and information between the business, conservation and sustainability sectors, across all areas of government, industry, research and NGOs.

The upcoming SND event is about going carbon neutral and what it entails for WA.

Date: Wednesday, **March 28**

Time: 7:00pm to 8:00pm (light snacks and refreshments from 6:15pm)

Venue: Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre, Corner Flynn St and

Selby St, Churchlands
Cost: Free

Speakers include WWF CEO Dermot O'Gorman, Austral Fisheries CEO David Carter and Carbon Neutral Business Development Manager Kent Broad.

For more information or to register, click [here](#).

Capture WA Workshop

Local Government GIS representatives are invited along to a free workshop on Thursday, 5 April to find out more about the Capture WA Program and hear from 12 imagery and location data suppliers about their latest technologies and service offerings.

The Capture WA Program enables public sector agencies to save money by coordinating the acquisition of location information and imagery through a supplier panel contract managed by Landgate.

This data is then shared with all government agencies to reduce duplication.

The Capture WA contract now covers 14 suppliers who offer services including:

- Aerial and satellite imagery
- Elevation and depth products
- Vector data
- Innovative products and services (i.e. drones)

The Capture WA Showcase will take place at 140 William Street, Perth, from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Lunch and morning tea will be supplied.

RSVP by Thursday, **29 March**. Limited places available.

For more information or to register, email [WALIS](#) or call 9273 5921.

Call for Motions

ALGA will be hosting the National General Assembly in Canberra from Sunday, 17 June to Wednesday, 20 June and motions for debate can be submitted via the [online form](#) until Friday, 30 March.

The criteria for motions are:

- be relevant to the work of Local Government nationally
- be consistent with the theme of the NGA (Australia's Future: Make it Local)
- compliment or build on the policy objectives of State / Territory Associations
- be submitted by a Council which is a financial member of their State Association

- propose a clear action and outcome
- not to be advanced on behalf of external third parties, and
- must be directly in the national interests of Local Government.

For more information, visit the NGA [website](#) or call 02 6122 9400.

Coastal Adaptation and Protection (CAP) Grants – Closing Soon

Applications for the 2018/2019 CAP Grants is closing on Wednesday, 4 April.

The CAP Grants are a State Government grants program which provides funding to coastal managers to undertake projects associated with identifying and adapting to coastal hazards.

The grants are administered by the Department of Transport's Coastal Management team.

It is recommended that coastal Local Governments commence preparing applications as soon as possible.

For more information or to download the application form template, click [here](#) or email the [Department of Transport's Coastal Management Team](#).

Webinar – Revised Traffic Management for Works on Roads Code Of Practice

Main Roads WA are releasing a revised Traffic Management for Works on Roads Code of Practice at the end of March 2018. In anticipation of this release, AusQ Training is hosting a free webinar explaining the changes.

Traffic planners, safety advisors, project managers/supervisors, approving officers and traffic controllers in Local Government are invited to register and participate in this webinar, which will provide essential knowledge to assist Local Governments to comply with the requirements of the revised code.

The webinar is on Friday, **6 April** at 10:00 am for 45 minutes. The webinar is free; however officers wishing to participate must register. If you have any questions you would like covered during the session, email [AusQ Training](#) prior to the session date.

For more information, email Policy Officer, Road Safety [Mal Shervill](#) or call 9213 2068.

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Communications and Social Media Tools – Feedback Sought

Social media use and misuse is becoming increasingly topical within the Local Government sector as it can have substantial impact on the reputation and operations of Local Government.

WALGA has developed some tools to assist the sector address communications and social media risks and would appreciate feedback to assist in finalising the following:

- [Template Communications and Social Media Policy](#)
- [Model Code of Conduct – new social media clause](#), and
- [Elected Member Personal Use of Social Media Guideline](#)

An [Infopage](#) has been circulated. Please submit feedback on the draft documents to the [Governance team](#) by Friday, **27 April**.

For more information email Governance Advisor [Lyn Fogg](#) or call 9213 2042.

Local Government Economic Development Survey

WALGA has commenced a project to develop a practical framework to assist Local Governments across the state in the implementation of their economic development strategies and activities and to ensure ongoing alignment with contemporary practice.

There will be a number of opportunities to participate as the project progresses. In coming months, WALGA will be undertaking research and collecting data to help inform the project and identify the best way that it can support the sector in this area.

In the first instance, the Association is undertaking a survey of Local Governments to better understand their approach to economic development and related strategies.

The survey was distributed to all CEOs this week.

For more information, email Regional Capacity Building Manager [Anne Banks-McAllister](#) or call 9213 2048.

Energy Benchmarking

WALGA engaged EnerNOC to benchmark Energy pricing under the Preferred Supply Arrangement (PSA) to market alternatives and test the performance of Contestable Energy through the WALGA medium

A sample of 21 eQuotes were provided for testing and analysis against alternative options accessible in the WA energy market, including EnerNOC's own price database and CUA industry options.

The report concluded that; "The study has found there is sufficient evidence to confirm that "best value" offers are being submitted by WALGA's panel of preferred suppliers at the time of quotation. It is EnerNOC's view that WALGA members can continue to engage the E-Quotes procurement system with confidence that participating retailers are submitting "best value" offers at the time of quotation."

However, the report highlights the variety of site and market factors that influence retailer pricing and clearly shows that WALGA Members would benefit substantially by introducing market intelligence into their procurement decision making.

If electricity contracts are secured under favourable market conditions, the benefits will flow through to the offered rates and ultimately reduce category cost.

For more information or a copy of the report executive summary, email Procurement and Category Manager [Andrew Blitz](#).

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The program of speakers and workshops will provide information on creating green spaces in urban areas, and provide policy insights, practical advice on implementation, case studies and tips and tricks to get the community involved.

It is jointly organised and supported by Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council, the Clean Air and Urban Landscapes Hub, Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, WALGA, New Water Ways, AECOM and Parks Managers WA.

Date: Tuesday, **1 May**
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Cost: Free, but limited capacity

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The Health Promotion Team, North Metropolitan Health Service, is inviting expressions of interest from northern suburbs sport and recreation centres wanting support to create more holistic health promoting centres. Such activities promote the health of your community and can be included in Local Public Health Plans.

Offering healthier food options where people live, work, learn and play, such as recreation settings, can support healthy eating patterns and further improve public health outcomes.

For more information, email North Metropolitan Health Service's [Gaby Villa Carrillo](#) or call 9380 7758 before Saturday, 7 April .

Search Diversity WA Launch

[Search Diversity WA](#) is a new online tool to search and download data on demographic, cultural and socioeconomic characteristics of people living across the State.

Information includes profiles of Local Government Areas and selected birthplace, ancestry, gender, language and religious groups from the 2011 and 2016 Australian Bureau of Statistics Census information

Data access is free to use and has the capacity to generate a variety of reports using the filters provided. Access to information provided by Search Diversity WA can lead to effective decision making and targeted community planning and policy.

For more information, email the Office of Multicultural Interests or visit the [website](#).

Seminar on Using Digital Technology in Natural Resource Management

Speakers from a range of disciplines will present on the use of technology to conserve and manage nature in the Swan Region.

Organised by the Perth Natural Resource Management, attendees can learn about the various ways that digital technology facilitates access to information, enhances visual representation of threats or impacts and how it can empower decision making.

Examples of how digital applications can be used to engage environmental volunteers and collect data at their sites will also be explored.

Date: Tuesday, **10 April**

Venue: Perth Zoo Conference Theatre, 20 Labouchere Road,
South Perth

Time: 9:30am to 2:30pm

Cost: \$35

For more information or to register, click [here](#).

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Pilbara Kimberley Forum 2018

Hot Topix: Pilbara Kimberley Forum 2018 is an opportunity for key government, business, and community leaders to discuss regional issues and develop joint advocacy initiatives for the development of north-western Australia.

The event is delivered by the Pilbara Regional Council, in partnership with the Pilbara Development Commission and the Kimberley Regional Group.

The forum will feature plenary sessions, workshops, debates and networking, as well as a CEDA trustees lunch on day one for all delegates.

The event will be held on Tuesday, **1 May** to Wednesday, **2 May** at Crown Conference Centre. Registration and accommodation packages are available at discounted rates.

Major sponsors include the Commonwealth Government's AusIndustry and Office of Northern Australia, along with Pilbara Solar, with the Premier and Minister for Regional Development providing opening keynote addresses.

For more information or to register for the event, click [here](#).

Webinar – Presiding Over Meetings

WALGA's 'Presiding Over Meetings' webinar aims to create an awareness of the roles and responsibilities of those who preside over Local Government Council, Committee and WALGA Zone Meetings

This webinar is targeted at Mayors/Presidents, Committee Presiding Members, WALGA Zone Presiding Members, Deputies of the aforementioned, and Elected Members who want to know more about the Presiding Member's roles and responsibilities.

Topics will include:

- knowing how to apply the rules of the meeting - Meeting Procedures Local Law (aka Standing Orders)
- keeping order and setting the tone of the meeting
- how to be a *leader* to the meeting and *servant* of the meeting
- being impartial
- processing the business through the meeting
- dealing with motions and amendments, and
- managing points of order and procedural motions.

Date: Thursday, 19 April

Time: 5:00pm – 6:00pm (including presentation and Q&A session)

Places are limited so register now to avoid disappointment.

To register for this free webinar, [click here](#).

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Elected Member Training

The following WALGA training courses are being delivered at WALGA's West Leederville offices. These courses are not scheduled again until July, so don't miss out on registering in this financial year.

[CEO Performance Appraisals](#)

Thursday, 12 April

[Infrastructure Asset Management](#)

Friday, 13 April

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The Association would particularly appreciate Council-endorsed comments.

After input has been received and considered, the draft Policy Statement will be submitted to State Council for its approval or comment.

If endorsed by State Council, it will provide the basis for WALGA's climate change advocacy plan, which will be developed in consultation with the sector and further detail how WALGA will promote and advocate for Local Governments' key climate change priorities over the next few years.

For more information, email Environment Policy Advisor [Laura Simes](#).

Making Place: 2018 WACOSS Conference

Making Place, the theme of the 2018 WACOSS Conference, will showcase place-based initiatives and best-practice for community development,

emphasising the importance of location in addressing local social and community issues.

It is an opportunity to hear from key place makers and people with stories of success in bringing about significant change in their community.

This year's conference is especially relevant to Local Government – both Officers and Elected Members. A range of local, national, and international speakers will talk about the relevance of place in local community planning.

The Making Place WACOSS Conference will be held from Tuesday, **1 May** to Wednesday, **3 May** at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

For more information or to register, click [here](#).

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Regional Airfare Inquiry Recommendations

The final report of the Parliamentary Inquiry into Regional Airfares was released in November 2017. WALGA made a submission to this Inquiry with the support of Local Governments. The Association President and senior staff also gave verbal evidence to the Inquiry.

The State Government has now considered and responded to all 48 findings and 13 recommendations from the final report, accepting 12 of the recommendations.

The implementation of the supported recommendations arising from the inquiry will be carried out through a review of the State Aviation Strategy, which will be overseen by a cross-department working group chaired by the Department of Transport.

The review of the State Aviation Strategy will largely focus on unregulated air routes in Western Australia, with community engagement central to the work to be conducted.

In the next 12 months, the Government will engage extensively with airlines, Local Governments, the mining industry, corporations and communities. The collection of data and feedback is essential to the success of the State Aviation Strategy review and will be used to provide a policy framework going forward.

For more information, email Department of Transport [Aviation Services](#) or call 6551 6961.

Support for Local Government Budgets

To assist Councils with their budget preparation activities, WALGA has provided all Elected Members with a special edition of its Economic Briefing.

Local Governments are developing their budgets for the coming financial year. To ensure that finances are managed responsibly and the burden on ratepayers is minimised, it is important that Councils have an understanding of the economic environment to identify likely trends in revenue and demand for services, and to recognise risks that may prevent the projected budget outcome from being achieved.

The special edition of [Economic Briefing](#) will include statistics and forecasts for the WA economy in the coming year, as well as insights into cost pressure and funding opportunities.

WALGA has also provided a [summary document](#) containing information on key financial management topics, including long term financial planning, financial indicators and use of debt.

For more information, email Policy Manager, Economic [Dana Mason](#) or call 9213 2096.

Communications and Social Media Tools – Feedback Sought

Social media use and misuse is becoming increasingly topical within the Local Government sector as it can have substantial impact on the reputation and operations of Local Government.

WALGA has developed some tools to assist the sector address communications and social media risks and would appreciate feedback to assist in finalising the following:

- [Template Communications and Social Media Policy](#)
- [Model Code of Conduct – new social media clause](#), and

- [Elected Member Personal Use of Social Media Guideline](#)

An [Infopage](#) has been circulated. Please submit feedback on the draft documents to the [Governance team](#) by Friday, **27 April**.

For more information email Governance Advisor [Lyn Fogg](#) or call 9213 2042.

Elected Member Training

The following WALGA training courses are being delivered at WALGA's West Leederville offices. These courses are not scheduled again until July, so don't miss out on registering in this financial year.

[Planning Practices - the Essentials](#)

Thursday, 3 May

[Planning Practices - Advanced](#)

Friday, 4 May

For more information or to register online, visit the [WALGA Training website](#) or email the [Training Team](#).

Webinar – Presiding Over Meetings

WALGA's 'Presiding Over Meetings' webinar aims to create an awareness of the roles and responsibilities of those who preside over Local Government Council, Committee and WALGA Zone Meetings

This webinar is targeted at Mayors/Presidents, Committee Presiding Members, WALGA Zone Presiding Members, Deputies of the aforementioned, and Elected Members who want to know more about the Presiding Member's roles and responsibilities.

Topics will include:

- knowing how to apply the rules of the meeting - Meeting Procedures Local Law (aka Standing Orders)
- keeping order and setting the tone of the meeting
- how to be a *leader* to the meeting and *servant* of the meeting
- being impartial
- processing the business through the meeting
- dealing with motions and amendments, and
- managing points of order and procedural motions.

Date: Thursday, **19 April**

Time: 5:00pm to 6:00pm (including presentation and Q&A session)

Places are limited so register now to avoid disappointment.

To register for this free webinar, [click here](#).

For more information or to register online, visit the [WALGA Training website](#) or email the [Training Team](#).

Vacancies on Boards and Committees

The Association is pleased to announce the following vacancies:

- Air Quality Coordinating Committee
 - 1 Member and 1 Deputy Member (readvertised)
- Local Government Health Authorities Analytical Committee
 - 1 Non-Metropolitan Member (readvertised)
 - 1 Metropolitan Member (readvertised)
- Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB)
 - 1 Member and 1 Deputy Member
- WALGA Executive Committee
 - 1 Independent Member – Local Government Officer

Nominees are required to submit a completed nomination form, statement addressing the selection criteria and short curriculum vitae (two pages maximum) before the close of nominations 5:00pm, Monday, **16 April**.

Nomination forms are available [here](#).

For more information, email Governance Support Officer [Margaret Degebrodt](#) or call 9213 2036.

WALGA Honours Program – Nominations Open

Nominations are now open for the [2018 WALGA Honours Program](#), which recognises and celebrates Local Government Elected Members and employees for their contribution to the Local Government sector, the Association, and the community.

Nominations should be submitted on the forms available on the [WALGA website](#) with supporting information by the closing date of 5:00pm, Friday, **11 May**.

For more information, visit the [Honours website](#), email A/Executive Officer Governance, [Margaret Degebrodt](#), or call 9213 2036.

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Your TIO reference number is: **2018/03/15581**. Please quote this number if you need to communicate with us about this complaint after we contact you.

Service provider telstra

Account details
Business Name Shire of Westonia
ABN 87507505958
Name on account Shire Of Westonia

Service type Landline

NBN related No

Service ID 8191752000

Amount in dispute

Complaint date November 2017

Last contacted provider Less than three weeks ago

Complaint description We are without phones in Westonia again. This is the eighth (8) time in in 5 month that the phone lines have been out, causing considerable damage to local economy and a massive frustration to locals, tourist and business owners. Below is a list of the outages during this time: 18-25 Nov 2017 7 Days 14-16 Dec 2017 2 Days 19-21 Dec 2017 3 days 20 Feb 2018 1 day 26 Feb 2018 1 day 6-7 March 2018 2 days 23 – 25 March 18 3 days 27 - ? March 2018 ? ongoing Ron Van Der Sluys of Telstra Countrywide advised that the exchange is extremely old and outdated and to upgrade the exchange would be cost prohibitive for the “return on investment” and requested a contribution from the community. I think that the potential “return on investment” that

outweighs the cost of someone life is disgusting, discriminatory and if a similar thing was occurring in the city, it would have been rectified immediately. Local businesses rely on the phone connection to trade.EFTOS facilities are reliant the phone connection as there is not an ATM service within the town to extract cash if the phone lines go down. Our town is at a stand still until phone lines are restored.

Your service provider's response

They Boyd Brown via Ron Van Der Sluys advised that there is not a "return on investment" in Westonia to consider upgrading the exchange in Westonia. They then said that if the Westonia community contributed to the upgrade then it may be done!!! Who in Perth has to pay for their own Telstra exchange upgrade? We are only a small community, but we think we have the same right as our city counterparts to a reliable phone service, no matter to cost or inconvenience to Telstra. If your network is not working then fix it, if it needs upgrading, then upgrade it?

Your preferred outcome

Perform the appropriate upgrades to the Westonia Telephone Exchange ASAP to help prevent outages in the future and invest in the future for Westonia.

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An Australian Government Initiative

Minister Announces New RDA Wheatbelt Chairman

RDA Wheatbelt is pleased at the recent announcement by the Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government, the Hon. John McVeigh MP, on the appointment of Mr Terry (Tuck) Waldron to the position of Chairman.

Mr Waldron brings a range of experience to the Committee as the Nationals Member of the Western Australian Legislative Assembly from 2001 to 2017 (Including as Minister for 6.5 years) and previously in the rural real estate industry, sports administration & development and farming. Mr Waldron expresses keen interest in maintaining strong rural communities in WA, advocating that these communities should be able to provide excellent facilities, services, opportunities and security for families.

“I am honoured and delighted to be offered the opportunity to steer RDA Wheatbelt forward. My interests in the region align with the new RDA charter and I am keen to strengthen economic development and investment within the Wheatbelt” said Mr Waldron. “I urge interested persons to consider a volunteer Committee position with RDA Wheatbelt for a rewarding way to give back to your community and to grow the Wheatbelt”

Outgoing Chairman Mr Graham Cooper OAM has been on the committee for 8 years, 4 as Deputy Chair and another 4 as Chair. Graham has brought a wealth of experience to the RDA Wheatbelt Committee from the WA Dept of Agriculture in Soil and Water Conservation and Farmways, his local rural merchandise business in Cunderdin. Graham’s voluntary contributions to the region include being a Board Member for the Wheatbelt Development Commission, Cunderdin Shire Councillor and President, South East Avon Voluntary Regional Council and with an advisory group for Elders rural services WA. Graham is a committed advocate for the region and continues to develop his interests in transport, health and small business.

Mr Waldron said “I sincerely thank Graham Cooper for his great commitment to, and his outstanding work for the region, both through his role with RDA Wheatbelt and numerous other organisations. Under this leadership RDA Wheatbelt has achieved many ‘wins’ for the region and I feel that we are in a strong position to continue delivering positive outcomes for the Wheatbelt”

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Climate Change Policy Statement

Draft – March 2018

Version tracking

Version number	Date	Author	Comments / Modifications
1	February 2018	Laura Simes	Major revision of 2009 Climate Change Policy Statement.

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1.0 Policy Statement

Local Government acknowledges:

- I. The science is clear: climate change is occurring now, and human activities are the dominant cause.
- II. Climate change threatens human societies and the Earth's ecosystems.
- III. Climate change requires urgent action to mitigate against catastrophic climate change and to adapt to the climate change that is now unavoidable.
- IV. Mitigation and adaptation strategies must be efficient, effective and equitable.
- V. A failure to adequately address this climate change emergency places an unacceptable burden on future generations.

Local Government is committed to acting on climate change, and are already active in climate change mitigation and adaptation, but an effective response to climate change requires strong action, leadership and coordination at all levels of government.

Local Government is calling for adequate Commonwealth and State policies, programs and funding to underpin climate change action, in particular, for climate change adaptation.

2.0 Rationale

2.1 The science is clear

Local Government supports the scientific consensus that climate change is happening now, and human activities are the dominant cause.

Local Government cites the *Fifth Assessment Report*, the latest report of the consensus-based Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which finds:

Warming of the climate system is unequivocal, and since the 1950s, many of the observed changes are unprecedented over decades to millennia. The atmosphere and ocean have warmed, the amounts of snow and ice have diminished, sea level has risen, and the concentrations of greenhouse gases have increased¹.

Most aspects of climate change will persist for many centuries even if emissions of CO₂ are stopped².

Surface temperatures will remain approximately constant at elevated levels for many centuries after a complete cessation of net anthropogenic CO₂ emissions. Due to the long time scales of heat transfer from the ocean surface to depth, ocean warming will continue for centuries. Depending on the scenario, about 15 to 40% of emitted CO₂ will remain in the atmosphere longer than 1,000 years. It is virtually certain that global

¹ IPCC (2013). Summary for Policymakers. In: Climate Change 2013: The Physical Science Basis. Contribution of Working Group I to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, United Kingdom and New York, NY, USA at 4. Available at: <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/>.

² As above, at 27.

mean sea level rise will continue beyond 2100, with sea level rise due to thermal expansion to continue for many centuries³.

Local Government also cites a recent CSIRO study which determined “*there is less than 1 chance in 100,000 that global average temperature over the past 60 years would have been as high without human-caused greenhouse gas emissions*”, that is, a certainty of 99.999% that humans are driving climate change⁴.

2.2 Climate change is a global threat, and Australia has committed to being part of the solution

As a signatory to the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Australia has committed to taking action on climate change and to ensuring that mitigation and adaptation action is equitable and consistent with the aims of the SDGs.

Local Government is committed to meeting international obligations through Australia’s participation in protocols and agreements established under the UNFCCC, including but not limited to the Paris Agreement and successor international treaties.

Local Government notes the Paris Agreement expressly recognises the importance of engagement at all levels of government⁵, and **are committed** to contributing to national and international emissions reduction targets to achieve the Paris Agreement goal of limiting global temperature rise to well below 2° Celsius and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5° Celsius.

However, **Local Government acknowledges** that current worldwide commitments under the Paris Agreement are insufficient to achieve even the 2° Celsius goal⁶. Australia is a developed country with amongst the highest per capita emissions in the world⁷. Recognising this, **Local Government demands the Federal Government commit to a more ambitious target.**

Local Government recognises that both the impacts of climate change and the policy responses required to contribute to the avoidance of dangerous climate change have significant equity implications. These equity considerations have domestic and international

³ As above, at 28.

⁴ P Kocic, M Howden & S Crimp (CSIRO) (2014). “99.999% certainty humans are driving global warming: new study”, *The Conversation*, 4 September 2014. Available at: <https://theconversation.com/99-999-certainty-humans-are-driving-global-warming-new-study-29911>.

⁵ United Nations / Framework Convention on Climate Change (2015) *Adoption of the Paris Agreement*, 21st Conference of the Parties, Paris: United Nations at 2. Available at: http://unfccc.int/files/home/application/pdf/paris_agreement.pdf.

⁶ Climate Action Tracker (Climate Analytics, Ecofys & NewClimate Institute) (2018). “Improvement in warming outlook as India and China move ahead, but Paris Agreement gap still looms large”. 13 November 2017. Available at: <http://climateactiontracker.org/publications/briefing/288/Improvement-in-warming-outlook-as-India-and-China-move-ahead-but-Paris-Agreement-gap-still-looms-large.html>.

⁷ Australia has the highest per capita emissions of the OECD countries, and is seventh in the world after Kuwait, Brunei, Qatar, Belize, Oman and Bahrain: CAIT Climate Data Explorer (World Resources Institute) (2018). *GHG Emissions Totals Excluding Land Use Change and Forestry Per Capita 2014*. Available at: <http://cait.wri.org/historical>.

dimensions, implications for both present and future generations, and for the survival of other species.

Local Government supports an equitable transition to a carbon constrained world:

- **globally**, the right of developing countries to increase their share of global wealth in ways that remain within the ecological capacities of the planet;
- **domestically**, the need to equitably share the cost of climate change adaptation and mitigation and ensure socioeconomically disadvantaged groups receive adequate support.

Local Government supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and support climate change action as part of a broader sustainable development agenda.

2.3 Local Government is already acting on climate change, but all levels of Government must act

Climate change is a key issue for Local Governments that impacts almost all aspects of their operations and responsibilities. Local Government has, for a number of years, been actively engaged in a range of climate change mitigation and adaptation activities, together with education and encouraging awareness and behaviour change amongst residents.

Local Government stresses that climate change is a matter of national significance, and is a direct responsibility of both the State and Federal Governments. The State and Federal Governments have an obligation to address climate change in cooperation with Local Governments, and in consultation with the Australian community as a whole.

There is currently little in the way of long-term State and Commonwealth plans or resources directed to climate change action. There is a particularly significant policy vacuum within the Western Australian Government, with negligible demonstrated or coordinated leadership or long-term planning.

Australia and the world is already seeing a broad scale shift away from fossil fuels towards energy efficient and renewable technologies that includes widespread uptake of rooftop

solar⁸, battery storage⁹, energy trading¹⁰, virtual power plants¹¹ and electric vehicles.¹² The market, business, insurers, many Local Governments, and (other) State Governments are moving in this direction. Local Governments are calling on the Western Australian and Federal Governments to catch up, to remove regulatory barriers, to support and accelerate the movement towards a low carbon, energy efficient and sustainable society.

Local Government calls on the State and Federal Governments to:

- **take a strong leadership and coordination role;**
- **engage in long-term planning on climate change;**
- **ensure all action is evidence-based, and guided by the scientific consensus on climate change;**
- **consider amending their investment strategies and /or policies to invest in financial institutions which do not fund fossil fuel, directly or indirectly, subject to minimum credit risk and portfolio exposure limits; and**
- **embed climate change mitigation and adaptation in the Government projects and policies** (including procurement, land management, development etc.).

Local Government seeks State and Federal Government cooperation in:

- removing existing barriers to climate mitigation actions by Local Governments;
- actively supporting Local Governments to take mitigation and adaptation actions where appropriate, without placing undue liability for the delivery of such actions on Local Governments;
- taking direct responsibility for the delivery of mitigation actions, adaptation and resilience planning in areas that lend themselves to centralised coordination at State or Federal level; and
- partnering with and resourcing Local Governments to deliver community emissions reduction programs that are most effectively implemented at the Local Government level.

⁸ See for example: A Bruce & I MacGill. "FactCheck Q&A: is Australia the world leader in household solar power?" The Conversation. 28 March 2016. Available at: <https://theconversation.com/factcheck-qanda-is-australia-the-world-leader-in-household-solar-power-56670>.

⁹ See for example: N Harmsen. "Elon Musk's giant lithium ion battery completed by Tesla in SA's Mid North". ABC News. 24 November 2017. Available at: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-11-23/worlds-most-powerful-lithium-ion-battery-finished-in-sa/9183868>; Climate Council. *Renewables and Storage Powering Australia*. 2018. Available at: <https://www.climatecouncil.org.au/uploads/d4a4f17c09c83d03f13234051e3e77d8.pdf>.

¹⁰ See for example: K Diss, "Blockchain technology fuels peer-to-peer solar energy trading in Perth start-up". ABC News. 11 October 2017. Available at: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-10-11/blockchain-technology-fuels-peer-to-peer-energy-trading-start-up/9035616>.

¹¹ See for example: C Chang. "South Australian government strikes deal with Tesla to install free batteries to 50,000 homes". *News.com.au*. 5 February 2018. Available at: <http://www.news.com.au/technology/innovation/south-australian-government-strikes-deal-with-tesla-to-install-free-batteries-to-50000-homes/news-story/fd04731350da176c374383f3fb25e947/>.

¹²A Gray. "Countries are announcing plans to phase out petrol and diesel cars. Is yours on the list?" *World Economic Forum*. 26 September 2017. Available at: <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2017/09/countries-are-announcing-plans-to-phase-out-petrol-and-diesel-cars-is-yours-on-the-list/>.

State Government leadership is required in the following areas:

- a **‘joined up government’ approach to climate change**, so that climate change action is coordinated and cohesive throughout State Government, with clear lines of responsibility, and accountability for required actions;
- **climate change adaptation and building resilience**, which requires an overarching strategic view, and a strategic approach to progressing and funding action (eg, actions arising from Local Government coastal hazard mapping and adaptation planning);
- **driving mass LED public lighting retrofits**, which is an area where regulatory hurdles and unaligned incentives continue to hinder action by Local Governments;
- undertaking a major revision and update to the **Western Australian Government’s Climate Change Strategy**¹³;
- ensuring that **statutory planning policies** are consistent with climate change mitigation priorities (eg, maintaining urban forest to reduce heat island effect, best practice building energy efficiency etc); and
- in the absence of effective State-level climate change policy, the **Environmental Protection Authority must take a greater regulatory role** in assessing and recommending conditions to mitigate the greenhouse gas emissions associated with major projects within the Environment Impact Assessment process.¹⁴

Local Government has, in the past, been key delivery agents of Australian Government mitigation programs. **Local Government calls on the State and Federal Governments to implement climate change policy and programs that take advantage of the substantial emissions reductions that can be achieved by Local Governments and their communities.**

2.4 Local Government urges effective mitigation action

Local government recognises that we are in a state of climate emergency which requires urgent action.

Local Government is committed to reducing operational GHG emissions and supporting the reduction of GHG emissions in the community.

Local Government recognises that Australia has the capacity to contribute to global climate change mitigation, by reducing emissions now, in a way that creates positive opportunities for communities, industries and our economic sustainability.

Local Government acknowledges a successful response to the challenge of climate change requires cross-sectoral action by government, business and the community.

¹³ Western Australian Government (2012). *Adapting to our Changing Climate*. Available at: <https://www.der.wa.gov.au/images/documents/your-environment/climate-change/adapting-to-our-changing-climate-october-2012.pdf>.

¹⁴ See commentary on State climate change in the EPA’s *Annual Report 2016-2017* at 38-40. Available here: http://www.epa.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/Annual_reports/EPA%20Annual%20Report%202016-2017.pdf.

Local Government considers a wide range of policy measures - from regulatory intervention and market-based mechanisms (such as an emissions trading scheme) through to voluntary schemes, education and behaviour change programs - are required to successfully achieve appropriate and adequate emission reduction targets.

In the absence of an effective market-based mechanism at the Federal level, **Local Government calls on the Federal Government** to introduce an interim greenhouse trigger under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation legislation.¹⁵

Local Governments can be key delivery agents for mitigation projects, including, but not limited to:

- renewable energy projects (small scale and large scale);
- energy efficiency projects (eg, mass LED public lighting retrofits);
- waste management;
- enabling take-up of new renewable and sustainable technologies; and
- accelerating the take up of low or zero emissions vehicles (within Local Government fleets, but also more broadly, eg, through the installation of more electric vehicle charging stations).

2.5 Local Government urges effective adaptation and resilience planning

Local Government stresses that the effects of climate change are now unequivocally being felt, as they respond to current effects of climate change, and plan for a changed climate into the future.

Local Government is committed to contributing to the common goal of ensuring that Western Australia's human communities and natural ecosystems have the resources and other assistance necessary to enable them to build maximum resilience and adapt to climate change impacts that are now understood to be unavoidable.

Local Government asserts that it is the responsibility of all spheres of Australian Government to ensure that all current regulation and policies take into consideration the likely impact of climate change on current and future human settlements, natural resources and ecosystems and facilitate adaptation to these. These policies should include but not be limited to those pertaining to disaster relief, national security, infrastructure and land use planning, water, energy, housing, health, transport, environment and energy.

Local Government notes there are few policies, programs and limited funding for coastal adaptation in Western Australia, but this is not sufficient, and there is currently only *minimal* capacity and resourcing to adapt to other effects of climate change, such as changes in

¹⁵ As recommended in the A Hawke *Independent review of the EPBC Act 1999*, at 12. Available here: <http://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/resources/5f3fdad6-30ba-48f7-ab17-c99e8bcc8d78/files/fact-sheet-5-climate-change.pdf>.

temperature and rainfall, extreme weather events such as heatwaves, bushfires and floods, along with flow-on effects such as the health impacts of climate change¹⁶.

Local Governments simply do not have the financial capacity to shoulder the financial cost of protection measures required in response to rising sea levels and more frequent extreme weather events. This must be a shared responsibility. **Local Government demands** that adequate funding be provided by the State Government for hazard and risk mapping, together with the priority adaptation measures identified through this process. The State Government should follow the examples of other States, such as New South Wales and Queensland, who have devoted substantially more resources for this purpose (noting both States have significantly less coastline than Western Australia¹⁷).

Local Government is calling for effective adaptation and resilience planning, by all levels of government, including:

- ensuring the Western Australian planning system adequately incorporates consideration of climate change effects and adaptation issues;
- hazard identification and planning beyond coastal planning, into current and expected effects of changes change on extreme weather events, bushfires, biodiversity, health etc.;
- sustainable management of water resources;
- providing greater certainty for Local Governments in knowing what action is necessary to manage their own risk and liability flowing from adaptation planning decisions;
- a State-Wide Coastal Hazard Map, and coastal management legislation in Western Australia to define and establish principles, objects, actions, roles and responsibilities for integrated coastal zone management;
- a formalised coordinated approach, potentially in the form of a State/Local Government partnership agreement or an Intergovernmental Agreement taking in all levels of government, establishing consistent and coordinated principles, objectives and actions across Australia;
- adequate assistance, including funding, for Local Governments engaged in adaptation action.

Local Government is calling for emergency management and disaster relief policies that adequately incorporate climate change in their planning and implementation.

Western Australia Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (WANDRRA) financial measures need to provide funding to reinstate a damaged or destroyed asset to a more disaster resilient standard, where this is an appropriate and cost effective response based on likely recurrence of the disaster event.

¹⁶ For a summary of Western Australian adaptation policies, refer to 'Western Australian Local Government action on climate change' in Appendix - Background Information below.

¹⁷ As above.

Appendix

Background Information

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC): is the international body for assessing the science related to climate change. IPCC assessments provide a scientific basis for governments at all levels to develop climate related policies, and they underlie negotiations at the UN Climate Conferences. IPCC reports undergo multiple rounds of drafting and review to ensure they are comprehensive and objective and produced in an open and transparent way. Thousands of other experts contribute to the reports by acting as reviewers, ensuring the reports reflect the full range of views in the scientific community.

Paris Agreement: The first-ever universal, legally binding global climate deal, adopted by 195 countries at the UNFCCC Conference of Parties in Paris, December 2015. It aims to respond to the global climate change threat by keeping a global temperature rise this century well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5°C. It aims for global greenhouse gases to peak as soon as possible, and seeks to foster resilience and climate adaptation. Full text of the Paris Agreement is available [here](#). As of November 2017, all 195 countries have signed on to the Paris Agreement. The United States of America has indicated an intention to withdraw (it is unable to withdraw until November 2020). Further information tracking country ratifications and targets is available [here](#).

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): In September 2015, 193 countries (including Australia) agreed to the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 targets. The SDGs are a successor to the Millennium Development Goals, but unlike the Millennium Development Goals, relate to all developed and emerging countries, as well as developing countries. They aim to end poverty, hunger and inequality, take action on climate change and the environment, improve access to health and education, build strong institutions and partnerships, and more. Aims include climate action (Goal 13), affordable and clean energy (Goal 7), responsible consumption and production (Goal 12) and sustainable cities and communities (Goal 11). For further information on how the SDGs are relevant to Local Governments, see the Global Network of Cities, Local and Regional Government (UCLG) publication "The Sustainable Development Goals: What Local governments need to know", available [here](#).

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC): an international environmental treaty adopted on 9 May 1992. The UNFCCC objective is to "stabilise greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system".

Western Australia Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (WANDRRA): provides a range of financial relief measures to assist communities to recover from an eligible natural disaster event, jointly funded by the Western Australian and Australian Governments, which reimburses Local Governments for the restoration and replacement of

essential public assets owned by a local government to the extent necessary to restore the asset to the equivalent of its pre-disaster standard.

Western Australian Local Government action on climate change: WA Local Governments have, for a number of years, been actively engaged in a range of climate change mitigation and adaptation activity, together with education and encouraging awareness and behaviour change amongst residents. Many Local Governments have made voluntary commitments or pledges in relation to climate change, including the following:

Pledge	Description	Number of Local Government Participants
Local Government Climate Change Declaration	Developed by WALGA. A voluntary opportunity for Local Governments to demonstrate their political commitment to locally appropriate climate change adaptation and mitigation action. ¹⁸	40 (representing 65% of the WA population)
Divesting from fossil fuels	Commitment to shift money out of banks that fund fossil fuels. ¹⁹	12 (representing 30% of the WA population)
Compact of Mayors	A coalition of city leaders around the world committed to addressing climate change. ²⁰	4
Cities Power Partnership	Launched July 2017 by the Climate Council, aims to celebrate and accelerate emission reductions and clean energy in Australian towns and cities. ²¹	10

In the past, Western Australian Local Governments have been key delivery agents of Commonwealth Government climate change mitigation programs, such as the Community Energy Efficiency Program (CEEP), the Local Government Energy Efficiency Program (LGEEP) and the Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Program that was delivered by ICLEI with Commonwealth Government support. The LGEEP and CEEP grants assisted Local Governments in undertaking a wide range of building energy efficiency, LED public lighting and geothermal projects.

¹⁸ For further information see here: <http://walga.asn.au/Policy-Advice-and-Advocacy/Environment/Climate-Change.aspx>.

¹⁹ For a list of Australian Local Governments that have committed to divest see here: <http://gofossilfree.org.au/fossil-free-councils/>. Not listed are City of Bayswater, City of Subiaco and the Shire of Mundaring, which have also recently committed to divest.

²⁰ Cities of Joondalup, Perth, Melville and Mandurah. Further information about the Compact of Mayors available here: <https://www.compactofmayors.org/>.

²¹ Local Governments participating in the Cities Power Partnership are shown on the map here: <http://citiespowerpartnership.org.au/power-partners/>.

Program	Program dates	WA Local Government participants
Cities for Climate Protection	1999-2006	30
Local Government Energy Efficiency Program (LGEEP)	2011-2014	50 (includes 1 WALGA grant)
Community Energy Efficiency Program (CEEP)	2011-2016	15 (includes 1 WALGA grant)
Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF)	2014-present	2 (both transitioned from the Carbon Farming Initiative)

Adaptation is a current issue for Local Government, particularly as the effects of climate change are now unequivocally being felt, and Local Governments are in a position where they need to be planning for further effects of climate change in the future. The Western Australian State Government provides around \$1.3 million funding per year under the CoastWest, Coastal Management Plan Assistance Program and Coastal Adaptation and Protection programs. In contrast, the New South Wales State Government (with a coastline one sixth the length of Western Australia), is providing \$63 million over five years. The Queensland State Government (with a coastline a little over half the length of Western Australia) provides \$12 million dollars over three years. The Western Australian state planning system has encompassed coastal adaptation planning, this has not yet been expanded to deal with other current and expected issues such as changes in temperature, rainfall and extreme weather events (including floods), heatwaves and bushfires.