



Councillor Information Bulletin

For the Ordinary Council Meeting
held on Thursday 18th August 2022

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SHIRE OF WESTONIA

August/September 2022

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Thursday 18 August	Council Meeting	Chambers	Councillors, Senior Staff
Wednesday 31 August	CEACA Meeting	Merredin Recreation Centre	L Geier & CEO
Monday 29 August	Great Eastern Zone Meeting	Kellerberrin Recreation Centre	Cr Day, Cr Crees & CEO
Monday 5 September	WEROC Board Meeting	Tammin Chambers	Cr Day & A/CEO
Monday 5 September	DFES DOAC Meeting	Merredin Fire Station	CBFCO



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Dear Mr Price

AUDIT FEE 2022

Firstly, we acknowledge that this fee communication is much later than desired and are committed to ensuring the process is refined for the future. Regrettably resourcing constraints necessitated the late tendering of audits, which needed to be finalised before we could complete our fee analysis.

Our indicative fee for the audit of your 2021-22 annual financial report is \$24,100 (excl GST). The indicative fee represents an increase compared to the prior year audit fee (2020-21 audit fee: \$21,000).

Your audit fee is calculated to cost-recover the OAG's expenses in audit delivery and includes OAG staff hours on the audit plus any directly related costs such as contract fees and travel expenses, if applicable. The fee is subject to potential increases as per the Public Service Award, beyond 2.75%.

Recently, we have seen significant increases in audit fees when retendering or extending contracts with our approved contract audit firms. This is reflective of the market generally and specifically for the auditing profession who, as with the OAG, are experiencing significant resource constraints. As we operate on a cost recovery basis, any increases from our contract audit firms result in an increase to audit fees.

In addition to giving assurance on your local government's annual financial report, the audit will also provide transparency surrounding legislative compliance, financial controls, probity, and governance matters, and enables our whole-of-sector parliamentary reporting and stakeholder liaison across the sector.

We continue our endeavours to identify ways to improve efficiency and minimise audit costs within the constraints of legislative requirements and auditing standards. Your entity can also contribute to this through maintaining a sound control environment and providing your audit team with timely and well-prepared financial statements, working papers etc. that dovetail well with the work we are required to perform.

Our costs for your audit will be re-assessed closer to completion of the audit, and we will keep you informed as we progress, should we consider a revision is necessary, such as for issues emerging during the current years audit process. Any such revision will only occur after relevant consultation with you.

We acknowledge that in general audit fees have increased since our involvement in the local government sector. However, with the fee increase comes a number of benefits. We provide a quality financial audit, that is enhanced from our oversight of the sector as a whole, and conduct performance and information systems audits that the sector does not pay for but does receive the benefit of. In addition, through our reporting to Parliament and stakeholder liaison we advocate for the sector, and recommend improvements that benefit both the community and the sector, such as our efforts leading to streamlined reporting and changes to regulations.

We look forward to working with you to promote accountability and transparency in the local government sector for the benefit of the community we jointly serve.

Please contact me on 6557 7576 if you require further information.

Yours sincerely

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27 July 2022



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Dear Sir/Madam

**NOTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION OF MEMORIAL
SECTION 59 OF THE CONTAMINATED SITES ACT 2003**

In accordance with section 59 of the *Contaminated Sites Act 2003* (the Act), please be advised that, on instruction by Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (the department), a memorial has been registered against the Certificate(s) of Title listed below, under section 58 of the Act, for the site consisting of 4 parcel(s) of land including the following:

- Memorial N545521 ML, YILGARN LOCATION 1588 as shown on certificate of title LR3045/424 known as Carrabin WA 6423

The memorial records the site classification as 'Contaminated - remediation required'.

Given that a memorial has been registered against the site, under section 58(6) of the Act, the Western Australian Planning Commission may not approve the subdivision of the land under Section 35 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005*, or the amalgamation of that land with any other land without seeking, and taking into account, the advice of the department as to the suitability of the land for subdivision or amalgamation. Furthermore, a responsible authority (e.g. Local Government Authorities) may not grant approval under a scheme for any proposed development of the land without seeking, and taking into account, advice from the department as to the suitability of the proposed development.

A memorial registered under the Act has effect until it is formally withdrawn. A copy of the memorial is attached for your information.

For further information, please contact the Registrar on 1300 762 982.

Yours sincerely

Penny Woodberry, Manager

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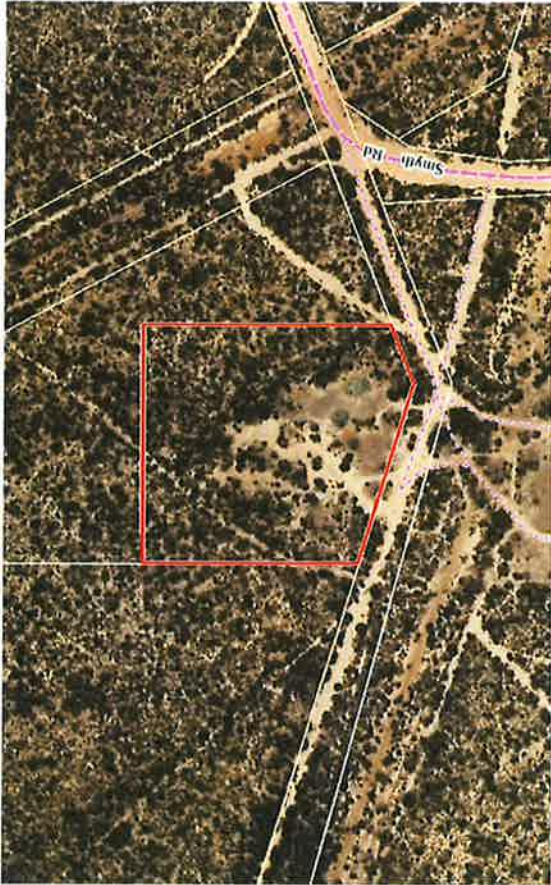
LR3045/424

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- Title DetailsPlan DetailsReserve Details
- General DetailsOther InterestsAssociated DocumentsOwnership History

Certificate of Title	LR3045/424
Title Type	Certificate of title for a Crown Land
Parcel Identifier	Lot 1588 On Deposited Plan 127359 YILGARN Location 1588
Address Details	No Street Address Information Available
Dealing Status	Complete
Purchasers Caveat	N/A
Other Interests	View Other Interests
Document Type	Sundry - Miscellaneous (not affecting nix & does not cancel the title)
Document Number	G163159
Date of Execution	23/04/1996
Consideration	Refer Document
Proprietor(s)	STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA



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CEO'S REPORT

- **GENERAL MATTERS**

- Coordinated the set up of Highway Construction sample donga in Council lay down area.
- Have been working with Annemaree Jensen the details for the RAC application to some new streetscape initiatives for Wolfram Street.
- Compiled rates information package and newsletter for the issuing of rate notices.
- Met with Ramelius Health & Safety rep about the possibility of conducting additional sporting activities within the Complex Hall space.
- Assisted with the Land Auction at the Wanderers Stadium.
- Coordinated Western Power connection for the R Morales block.
- Been assisting Kennedys Lawyers with additional information for Boodarockin Road accident claim.
- Assisted with the LGIS Golf event, which was a credit to the Westonia community, particularly the Golf Club members.
- Met with Mr Steve Nikola, DPIRD, in relation to the future CRC operations. Steve was most impressed with the changes already made and the proposed future plan focusing on Health & Wellbeing activities generated by the CRC.
- Attended a CRC training day held in Merredin to learn the new reporting requirements being implemented by DPIRD.
- Pleased to announce that Stacey Geier has been appointed as the Manager Community Activities (MCA) which fulfills the role of CRC Manager, CDO and will coordinate the future Health & Wellbeing activities for the Council.
- The position vacancy of Senior Finance Officer has been advertised closing Friday 26th August.

- **DELEGATED AUTHORITY ACTIONS**

- Closure of Gravel Roads due to wet conditions on 1, 2 & 3 August.

- **ROADCREW**

- Winter grading has continued with all roads south of the M040 being graded with the crew moving to the North of the Shire. (refer Attached Map)
- The construction crew have completed the Daddow Road 2.5km gravel re-sheet project and have commenced work on the 4km gravel sheeting of Warrachuppin North Road.

- **TOWN**

- The 4 accommodation dongas located at the school are now completed and were utilized very successfully during the LGIS Golf event. Trying to employ a cleaner for the units at the moment so future use can be promoted.
- Garden mulch and street trees have been purchased to continue with the improvement of streetscape throughout the town and cemetery.
- Removal of river gum tree on Diorite Street which is damaging road surface.
- Supplied blue metal for septic installations new house.
- Supplied blue metal for Hotel accommodation carparks.
- Installation of photo backdrops in Farm display at the Museum.
- Restoration of truck cab body for display in Museum
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- **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & BUILDING MATTER**

NIL

- **PLANT HOURS**

The following is a list of plant and vehicle kilometre and hour readings for the period ending 1.8.22

Item		1.7.22	1.8.22
P1	CAT 140 GRADER	778hrs	831hrs
P2	CAT 12M GRADER	6,943hrs	7,104hrs
P3	PRIME MOVER (OLD FREIGHTLINER)	197,643kms	199,447kms
P4	ROAD TRAIN (NEW FREIGHTLINER)	73,551kms	75,950kms
P5	JOHN DEERE LOADER	3,976hrs	4,055hrs
P6	CAT ROLLER (SKIP)	398hrs	437hrs
P7	MINI-EXCAVATOR	804hrs	813hrs
P8	TELEHANDLER JCB	2,238hrs	2,284hrs
P9	TOYOTA (GRADER UTE)	3,004kms	4,970kms
P10	MITSUBISHI CANTER	76,885kms	77,822kms
P11	TOYOTA HILUX (GARDENER) WT 35	90,200kms	90,577kms
P12	JOHN DEERE (5100)	2,376hrs	2,411hrs
P14	TOYOTA LANDCRUISER GXL (CEO)	10,318kms	13,666kms
P15	TOYOTA PRADO GXL (W/SUPER)	15,880kms	20,103kms
P16	TOYOTA RAV4 (ADMIN)	55,921kms	57,349kms
P17	TOYOTA HILUX DUAL CAB	575kms	2,003kms
P19	FAST ATTACK	12,481kms	12,732kms
P20	FIRE TRUCK	6,515kms	6,515kms
P18	WESSY BUS	128,966kms	130,378kms
P22	KUBOTA RIDE ON MOWER (OVAL)	1,971hrs	1,975hrs
P23	TOYOTA MINI-BUS (WT COM V)	30,115kms	30,777kms
P24	CAT ROLLER (LOLA)	517hrs	661hrs
P25	MICK's BEAUT UTE	153,681kms	154,424kms
P26	GO-GO MOBILE SWEEPER		

1000mm

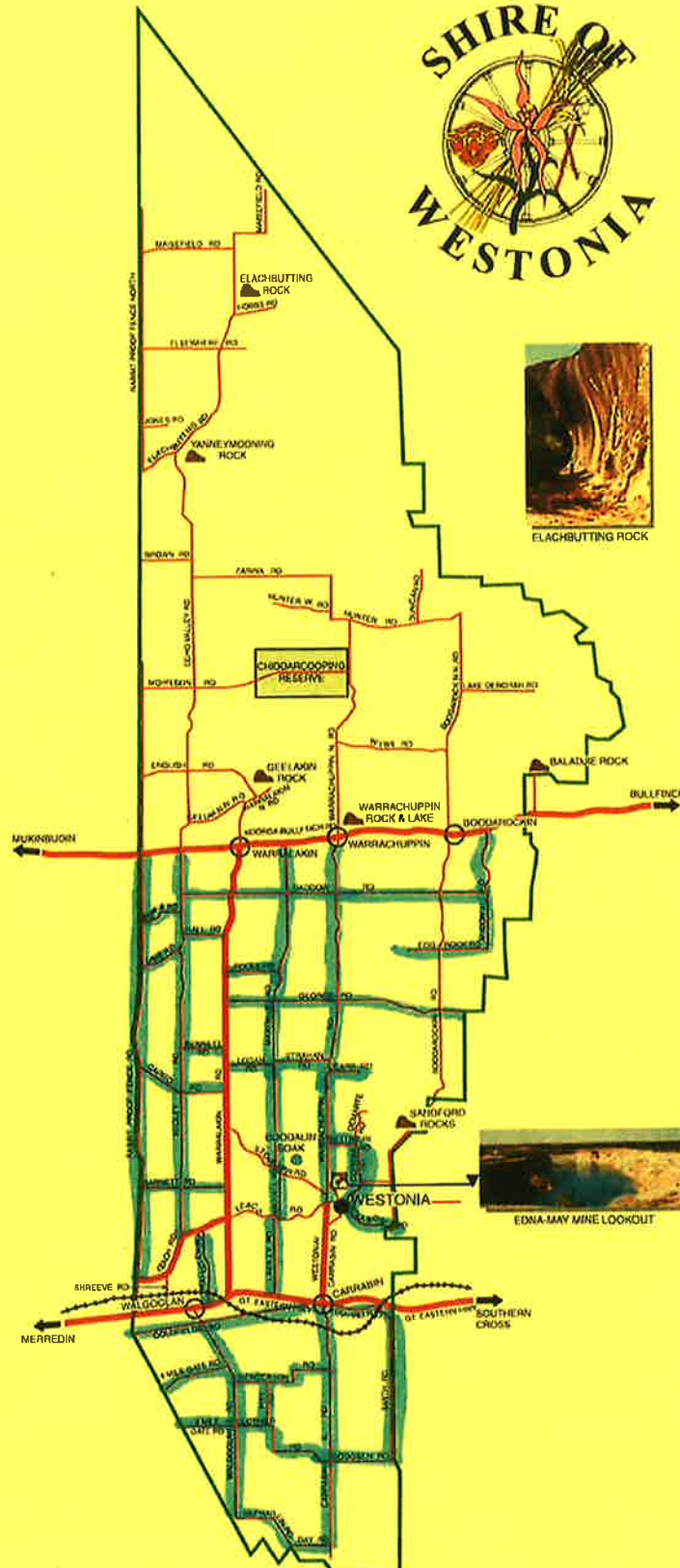
Winter Grading 2002.



ELACHBUTTING ROCK



EDNA-MAY MINE LOOKOUT



2400mm

TOURISM REPORT

WESTONIA TOURIST PARK

The park has had a steady flow of visitors this past month, the wildflowers are out in bloom and looking amazing, this is a great start to the busiest time of the year for Westonia. The parks washing machine packed it in a couple of weeks ago, this did cause disruption and inconvenienced visitors whilst we waited for the replacement, a brand spanking new washing machine has been installed and all is well again. The customer feedback forms have been quite successful 36 visitors completed a form, please see below the last months feedback of Westonia's facilities and businesses and overall thoughts on Westonia.

Caravan Park

Facilities	5 stars = 30 4 stars = 5 1 star = 1
Customer Service	5 stars = 31 4 stars = 4 1 star = 1

Comments:

Favourable: Sam is a great ambassador for the town and the caravan park, Great park. Just stayed overnight this time, wish there were more parks like this one. The caravan park facilities are amazing, the best we have seen in a while. Great park, great value. Sam the caretaker is doing a great job. Sam- excellent couldn't find a better person. This caravan park is one of the best we have at, Sam is lovely and lovely and friendly and very helpful. Great staff at the park, helpful and great, park very neat and tidy. Very good cleaning and setup

Negative: Park needs better overall lighting, it's a bit too dark. Suggest blue metal to replace gravel in park, dryer needs to be cleaner underfoot.

Town Attractions

Those that were able to visit all or some of our attractions as follows

Hood- Penn Museum	10 stars = 1 5 stars = 21 4 stars = 3
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Comments: Great staff, most obliging. The museum is the best we have seen in our travels, a credit to the town. Wax work in museum very very lifelike Excellent. The shire lady that showed us the museum was very friendly and informative and didn't mind answering all our questions.

Negative Would be good for museum to tell more of the story of the region. First part of trail littered with rubbish, such a shame

Recreational Facilities	5 stars = 10 4 stars = 5 3 stars = 1
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No comments specific to this.

Heritage Walk Trail	5 stars = 13 4 stars = 5 3 stars = 2
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Comments:

Favourable Enjoyed the walk, enough wildflowers to make it interesting.

Negative Too much rubbish. Directional signs is needed east side of the cemetery fence/gate to direct walkers to the west side to continue walk.

Nature Reserves 5 stars = 16

4 stars = 2

Comments: Sandford Rocks is an excellent spot. Found some orchids at Sandford rocks and Boodalin soak.

Local Business customer experience

Those that were able to visit all or some of our local businesses

Edna May Hotel 5 stars = 10

4 stars = 4

3 stars = 1

2 stars = 1

Comments: Lovely old pub not sure about all the purple though 😊. Great bar staff very friendly.

Gallery Café 5 stars = 9

4 stars = 2

Comments: Gallery café for lunch food was cheap and delicious

Negative Closed. Not open when we stayed be nice to have café open more days.

Westonia Community Co-Op 5 stars = 15

4 stars = 4

Comments: Great service. Co-Op was well stocked, and café was very good. Friendly. Bought some jam from the Co-Op, staff extremely friendly

General Comments about Westonia

Westonia is a credit to the shire and people that live here, it's a beautiful little town and we will highly recommend it. Loved this little town. Very nice clean town. Great little town, very enjoyable stay. Very friendly town with lots to offer, great base for this part of the wheatbelt and we will be back. Had a very relaxing stay will be back to explore more and we will tell our friends. A beautiful very interesting little town loved the feel of re-created history. Great place to visit. Very nice place, clean and well maintained. Not many people know where Westonia is. A very nice little town. Great, clean town, very much enjoyed your town. Enjoyed our stay lovely little town. Neat and tidy town. Beautifully maintained town. A pleasant stopover we will recommend to friends, enough to do for a couple of days' worth the detour of the highway. 5 stars to Lizzie at the shire. Your information about drive to Baladjie was helpful, your customer service was 100%, well done our visit was awesome. Friendly people. Friendly staff everywhere, proud of their business and town, pleasant clean welcoming main street well presented. Brilliant town. Fantastic place recommend all. Lovely quiet town (peaceful) Appreciate all the work that has gone into a beautiful clean attractive town will certainly be talking about the town to my friends. Street setup is terrific, Thanks Westonia see you again.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

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

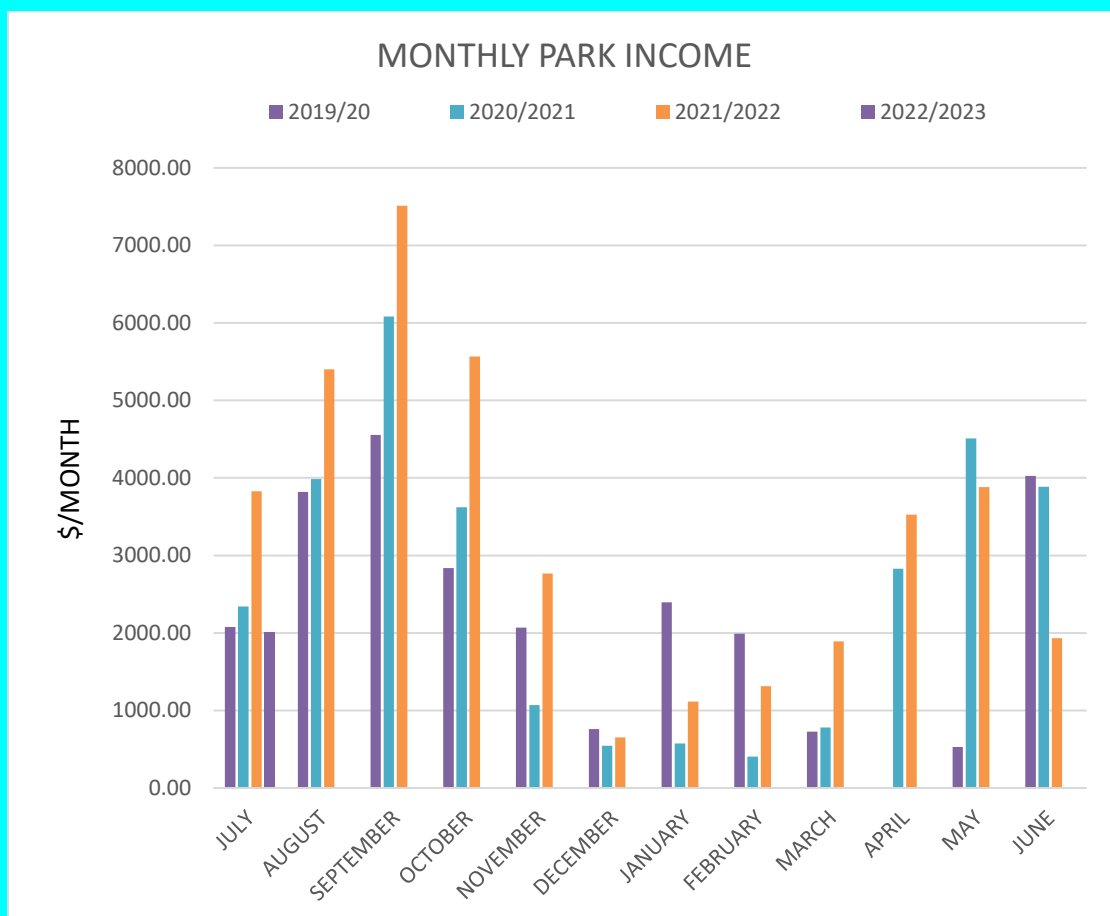
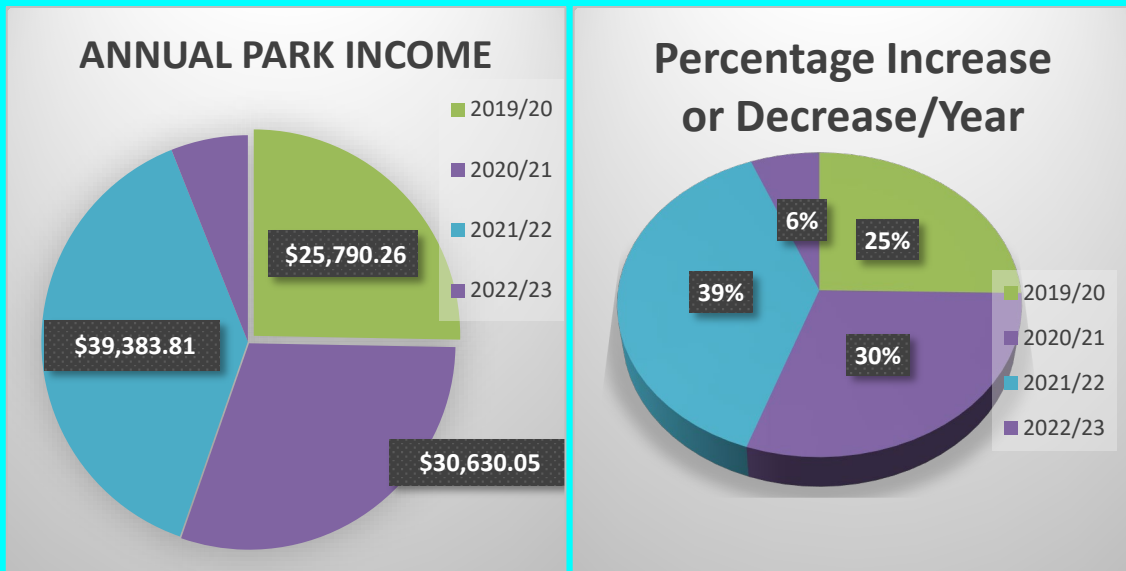
FUTURE PROJECTS

- Unpowered Overflow/ Tent area – Weed matting and out lined sites

VISITOR FEEDBACK

- Great Facilities!
- Love the new look and it's great to see more bays.
- Caretaker is fantastic and an asset to the park.

STATISTICS



HOOD-PENN MUSEUM:

The backdrop picture for the farming scene has arrived there are five sections in total and will wrap from the north facing wall to the east facing wall. The museum has had a steady flow of traffic through. It is expected to increase in the next month as we enter peak season.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

- Side door handle has been switched with the back door handle, volunteers will now enter through the back door facing the car park area.
- Padlocks installed on medicine cabinets in Drs Scene

RECENT PROJECTS

- Lighting solutions.
- Storage area restructure

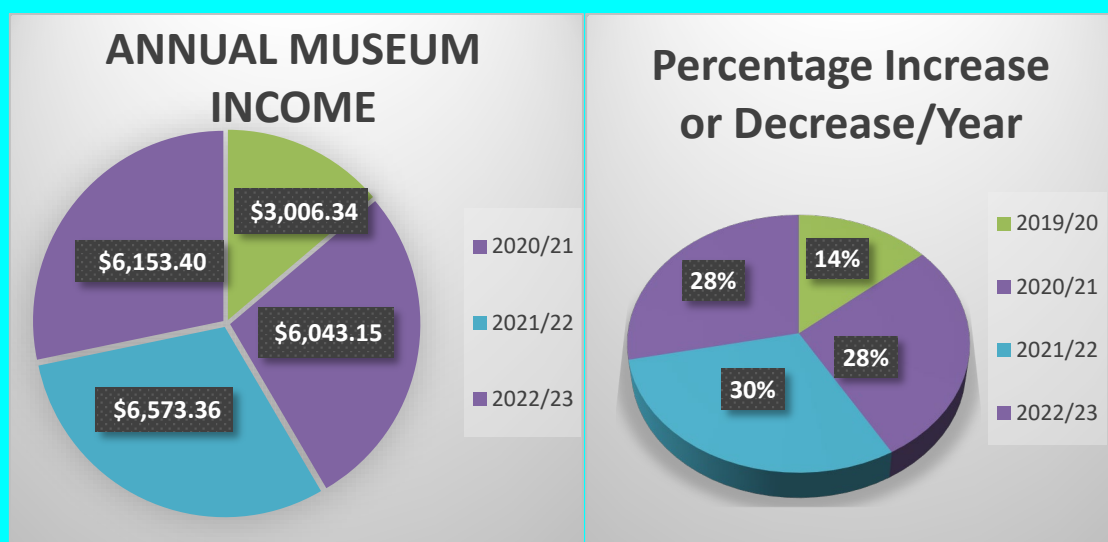
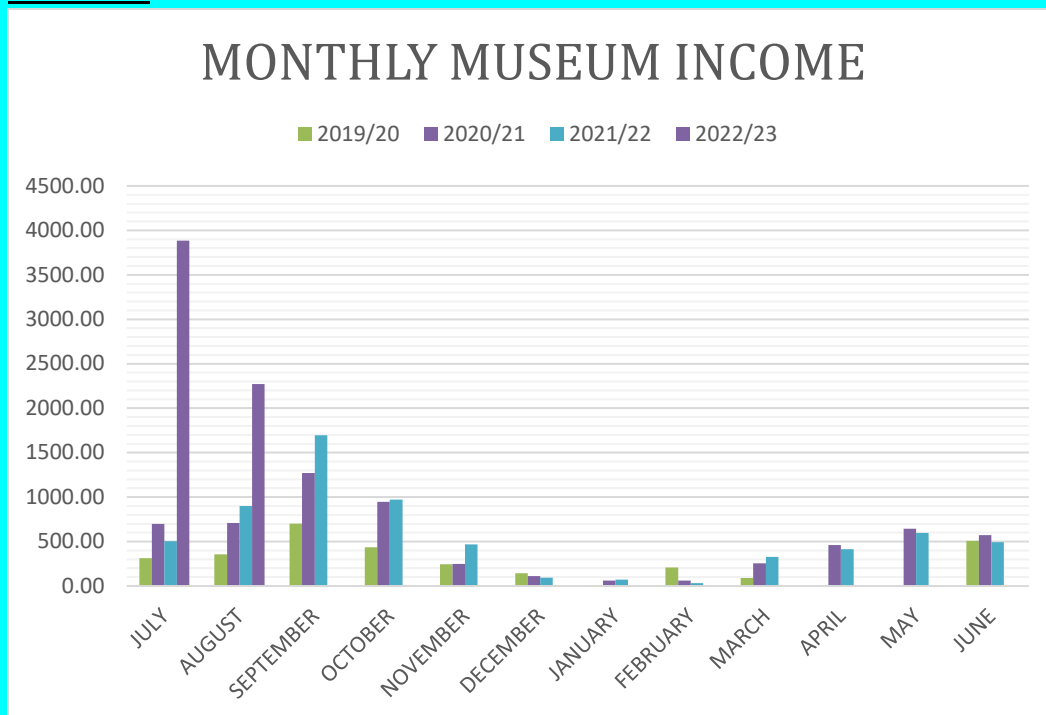
FUTURE PROJECTS

- 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.

VISITOR FEEDBACK (Verbal and Visitor register)

- Clean No dust!
- Not cluttered
- The best Museum they have visited on their travels.
- Not over the top with things to read.
- Visitor's hearing about museum in Merredin, specifically the Visitor's Centre, railway & military museums.
- Wheatbelt way and word of mouth still a big performer for us (getting quite more and more of the highway drop-ins)

STATISTICS



ATTACHMENT 1

State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement 2022-23 Indicative Program Summary

	Category 1					Category 2					
	Strategic & Technical Support \$	Direct Grants \$	Road Project Grants \$	State Black Spot \$	Traffic Management, Signs and Pavement Markings \$	Remote Aboriginal Access Roads \$	Bridge Works & Inspections \$	State Initiatives on Local Roads \$	Regional Road Group Support \$	Total \$	
Regional Road Group / Other											
Great Southern		2,444,004	7,008,727	175,000	645,887		780,000		202,799	11,256,417	
South West		3,517,075	15,284,809	2,365,641	1,956,950		1,937,583		571,434	25,633,492	
Mid West-Gascoyne		3,904,781	10,197,405	435,104	514,431		756,667	330,000	205,635	16,344,023	
Goldfields-Esperance		2,658,850	7,231,170	944,000	331,436	616,515		2,500,000	137,805	14,419,776	
Kimberley		1,031,546	3,200,750	966,358	342,505	496,666	145,000	500,000	95,895	6,778,720	
Wheatbelt		7,429,241	18,302,753	385,287	885,488		1,031,030	1,800,000	365,678	30,199,477	
Pilbara		1,336,196	4,558,184	82,666	481,785	431,667	25,000		100,786	7,016,284	
Metropolitan		8,545,847	39,297,972	7,507,419	25,241,369		7,016,969	24,608,300	473,537	112,691,413	
Local Government Support	1,636,915								184,881	1,821,796	
Commodity Routes Supp Fund			3,200,000							3,200,000	
Nudge Foundation			190,000							190,000	
Road and Bridge Condition Data			500,000							500,000	
Regions (various)								3,000,000		3,000,000	
(Over)/Under programming						793,602				793,602	
Total	1,636,915	30,867,540	108,971,770	12,861,475	30,399,851	2,338,450	11,692,249	32,738,300	2,338,450	233,845,000	