



Councillor Information Bulletin

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

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Waste Report 2023-2024



SHIRE OF WESTONIA

August/Sep 24

Date & Time	What	Where	Who
Thursday 15 August	Council Meeting	Chambers	Councillors, Senior Staff
Thursday & Friday 22 & 23 August	WALGA Country Zones Forum	Northam	President & CEO
Monday 26 August	CEACA Board Meeting	Merredin	D/President & CEO
Monday 9 September	DOAC Meeting	Merredin VFRS	CBFCO & Deputy
Wednesday 11 September	WEROC Board Meeting	Bruce Rock	D/President & DCEO
Monday – Friday 9 – 13 September	Annual Leave	?	CEO
Thursday 19 September	Council Meeting	Westonia	Councillors, Senior Staff

CEO'S REPORT

- **GENERAL MATTERS**

- During the month had 3 sick days due to a bout of Influenza A
- Crs Crees, DellaBosca and I met with Mark Zeptner (CEO), Duncan Coutts (COO) and Greg Rawlinson (Mine Manager) of Ramelius in Westonia on Wednesday 24 July to discuss issues raised in the Exit Strategy document due to the proposed mine closure in the first quarter of 2025.
- I have held several discussions with Mykayla Ginbey Ramelius Communications and Admin Coordinator, in relation to the mine display content in the Hood Penn Museum.
- Completed a final inspection for 55 Wolfram Street which will be handed back by Ramelius to the Council effective 1 September.
- Submitted MCA for Warralakin Road 25/26 Capital Project and 5 year program to the WNESRRG.
- Completed Performance Reviews for DCEO and Manager Community Services who both achieved above satisfactory ratings.
- Provided information on the creation of the Westonia Cooperative to the Perenjori Shire who are investigating the same for their local store.
- Liaising with DWER on obtaining the grant funding so that remedial works can commence on the Warralakin Tank.
- Cr Crees and I attended the WEROC Board meeting held in Southern Cross on Wednesday 31 July.
- The Carrabin Roadhouse kitchen was closed down for a week to address a prohibition order placed on the premise by Council's EHO. All items identified have been addressed and the order has since been lifted. The new EHO will be addressing other food premises to ensure that they are all in line with the Food safety regulations.
- I attended a COOP Board meeting held on Thursday 1 August.
- DCEO and I attended a WEROC special meeting held in Kellerberrin on Tuesday 6 August, organized to consider new software management packages as the existing Synergy Soft programs will become obsolete in the next couple of years. Four companies presented their options and provided costing to the WEROC Councils for consideration. Other attendees at the meeting included NEWROC, ROEROC and the Shire of Cunderdin. An additional TEAMS meeting of WEROC managers was held on Friday 9 August to discuss the next steps. Two preferred applicants have been invited to further showcase their product to the WEROC Council's with pricing to be firmed up for consideration.
- Crs Faithfull, Geier DCEO & I attended the official opening of the Apex Park Revitalization Project conducted by the Shire of Merredin on Wednesday 7 August.
- I inspected the results of some vandalism carried out by 3 truck drivers (now unemployed) at the mine at the Council owned Ramelius Storage Shed located in Wolfram Street. Charges are being laid by the mine on the perpetrators and I may need to attend a court hearing as landlord representative.
- Work is still being undertaken on the final design of the Museum Expansion Project and final details for the Seniors Leisure Centre to fit in with the final Lotterywest funding application.

- **DELEGATED AUTHORITY ACTIONS**

- **ROADCREW**

- The 2 x graders and rollers are using excellent conditions to undertake the winter grading program. All gravel roads have nearly had a winter grade which holds the network in good stead over the summer months. Completed roads are illustrated on the attached map. (refer Attached Map).
- Truck drivers have been carrying out maintenance jobs such as bitumen patching on sealed roads and floodways, grave digging, wood cutting, and general cleanup of depot.
- The trucks will start carting gravel on the first project for 24/25 being a 3km re-sheet on McPharlin

Road.

- **TOWN**

- Continuation of HCS to various clients throughout the townsite.
- Slashing of vacant blocks has been carried out.
- G Jones has completed some excellent upgrades in the Museum during the month.



- New bollard installations at Health Clinic entry.

- **PLANT HOURS**

The following is a list of plant and vehicle kilometre and hour readings for the period ending 1.8.24.

Item		1.7.24	1.8.24
P1	CAT 140 GRADER	2,701hrs	2,859hrs
P2	CAT 12M GRADER	9,136hrs	9,305hrs
P3	PRIME MOVER (KENWORTH)	21,467kms	22,168kms
P4	ROAD TRAIN (NEW FREIGHTLINER)	118,540kms	118,588kms
P5	JOHN DEERE LOADER	5,153hrs	5,163hrs
P6	CAT ROLLER (SKIP)	1,837hrs	1,990hrs
P7	MINI-EXCAVATOR	1,248hrs	1,249hrs
P8	TELEHANDLER JCB	2,941hrs	2,960hrs
P9	TOYOTA (GRADER UTE)	48,435kms	51,800kms
P10	MITSUBISHI CANTER	18,689kms	19,488kms
P11	TOYOTA HILUX (GARDENER) WT 35	110,638kms	111,196kms
P12	JOHN DEERE (5100)	2,598hrs	2,620hrs
P14	TOYOTA LANDCRUISER GXL (CEO)	12,799kms	14,665kms
P15	TOYOTA HILUX D/CAB (W/SUPER)	6,510kms	10,111kms
P16	TOYOTA RAV4 (ADMIN)	105,101kms	105,833kms
P17	TOYOTA HILUX DUAL CAB	43,189kms	45,752kms
P19	FAST ATTACK	17,867kms	17,867kms
P20	FIRE TRUCK	7,049kms	7,049kms
P18	WESSY BUS	149,112kms	149,112kms
P22	KUBOTA RIDE ON MOWER (OVAL)	2,089hrs	2,104hrs
P23	TOYOTA MINI-BUS (WT COM V)	42,762kms	43,488kms
P24	CAT ROLLER (LOLA)	2,250hrs	2,447hrs
P25	MICK's BEAUT UTE	172,622kms	173,350kms
P27	TOYOTA PRADO GXL (DCEO)	53,692kms	55,656kms

WINTER GRADING 2024



**SHIRE OF
WESTONIA**
A vibrant community lifestyle



ELACHBUTTING ROCK



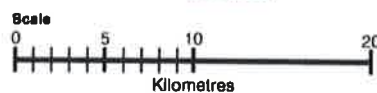
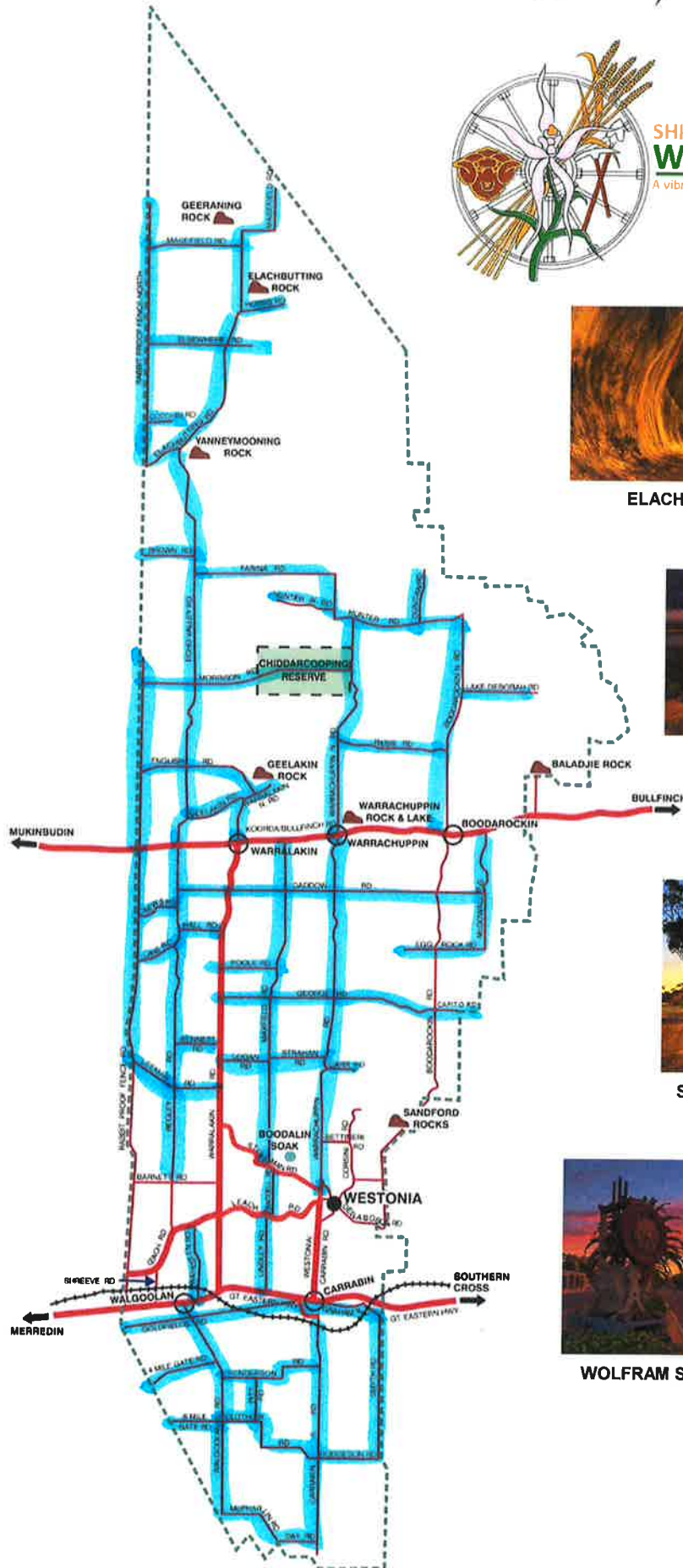
BALADJIE ROCK



ST. LUKES CHURCH, WESTONIA



WOLFRAM STREET, WESTONIA



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND WELLBEING REPORT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Grant applications & award nominations submitted:

FRRR - Future Drought Fund's Helping Regional Communities Prepare for Drought – Small Network Grants

Westonia CRC's "Westonian's Working Together Towards Community Resilience" \$20,000.00 project application was successful. We wanted to create two inclusive community events with a focus on fostering active citizenship and volunteering. Events that would help to build community harmony and combat mental health issues in times of crisis. Through these events we aim to create community engagement and fundraising opportunities, build and support our community volunteer base, promote personal and leadership development opportunities. Starting with a Masquerade ball on the 5th of October 2024 a portion of funding will be spent on Advertising, Decorations and part of musician costs for the Ball, We will be purchasing 6x commercial grade 3x3 Gazebo's with accessories to be used by community groups as pop up information hubs at events and the remainder be put towards Advertising, Art project and Musician cost's for "Wessy on the Green" community Music Festival to be held on the 5th of April 2025.

A huge thank you goes out to the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal for this opportunity to create vibrant, sustainable events and empowering our community to be drought prepared and resilient.

eID Infrastructure Grants Program

The WA Government has announced a \$3.52M grants package to help the sheep and goat industry prepare for a smooth transition to the new national eID system.

A first round of closed grants has been offered directly to saleyards, abattoirs, export depots, registered feedlots and livestock agents to integrate eID technology and equipment into their business. Grants will be used to purchase eID scanners, readers, wands and essential eID tools and materials, as well as undertake limited works to accommodate eID technologies.

A second round of competitive grants valued at \$10,000 each, opened on 1 March and closed on 17 May 2024. The infrastructure grants were available to smaller, seasonal downstream market operators as well as community and grower groups. For further information click this link [Electronic identification for sheep and goats | Agriculture and Food](https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/electronic-identification-for-sheep-and-goats) or go to www.agric.wa.gov.au

Westonia Community Resource Centre were successful in their application to purchase an eID reader that can be hired by local farm businesses to use while handling livestock.

Once the Wand has been received, we will advertise it's availability for hire in the Westonian.

Future grant opportunities & award nominations:

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

WELLBEING REPORT

Age Care

Westonia Home Care Services

We are continuing to provide community Wellbeing activities

We continue to provide Meals on wheels, Lite N Easy Equipment and Aids for our clients

Westonia Home Care Services Clients: **17**

Staff delivering services: 7

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

Community activities and resources

We have started planning in preparation of coming events

5/10/24 Mascarade Ball (Community Event Fundraiser) Get ready to frock up and dust off your suit and tie's. It's official we are full steam ahead organizing this event. Tickets have gone on sale and at this stage only have online ticketing option available. The local newsletters will be advertising in the coming days.

26/10/24 Wessy Christmas Markets, Stall holders have received their Confirmation forms and are beginning to return them and lock in a place.

5/4/25 WOTG – Our Sound Tech is back on board and many of the bands have been locked in we have a few new Bands on offer this year.

Newtravel meeting 22nd July – Stacey (Chair), Lani and Bill Hux continue to fly the flag for Westonia within the Wheatbelt way initiative the next Newtravel meeting will be held here in Westonia. Stacey will be on the Newtravel stand at the Dowerin Machinery Field day Wednesday the 28th of August to promote the Wheatbelt way and our region to the wider WA community.

2024 DPIRD Community Resource Centre State Conference Stacey and Lani attended 24-25th of July. This was a really great opportunity to meet and network with other CRC's from all over the state, it was very insightful to see what other communities are doing and what initiatives they are working on within their towns and also a great opportunity to see how Westonia is tracking in the broader community.

Wellbeing program is continuing to run within the community – keeping people informed on what is happening and things they can get involved with.

Success story: Westonia Sewing Room and Sewing group charity initiative.

2024 Activities/ Events:

2/7/24 Scrabble 3pax

4/7/24 Bingo 6pax

5/7/24 Hydro Pool 4pax

8/7/24 Sewing with Kay 4 Pax

9/7/24 Scrabble 4pax

11/7/24 Bingo 7pax

12/7/24 Hydro Pool 4pax

15/7/24 Sewing With Kay 5pax

17/7/2024 Lunch @ Café 56 5pax

18/7/2024 Bingo 7pax

19/7//2024 Hydro Pool 4px

19/7//24 Sewing with Kay 2pax

22/7/24 Sewing with Kay 5pax

23/7/24 Scrabble 5pax

26/7/24 Hydro Pool 4pax
29/7/2024 Sewing with Kay 5pax
30/7/2024 Scrabble 6 pax

Coming up:

Melbourne Cup Street Parade Whyalcatchem Wednesday 14th August

Literary Lunch Thursday 15th August @ Bencubbin Rec Centre

Daffodil Day Friday 23rd August. Sadly after 20 years this will be the final Daffodil Day

Burracoppin will be hosting, a bus will be running for any of the community wishing to go and support a great cause one last time.

Community Event Working Group are meeting every third Wednesday of the month to discuss community events ideas and initiatives

Expert Hearing Clinic Friday 13th September @ Meical Centre

WESTONIA TOURIST PARK

The park is still as busy as ever, wildflowers have been spotted in all the usual places clumps of spider and hooded orchids are in abundance, this will keep the tourist flowing through for the next couple of months, with last year not having the rainfall needed these little beauties were greatly missed by all that visited Westonia. Sadly Caretaker Rocky and his humans will be moving on at the end of August, they plan to continue exploring Australia. We wish them all the best and thank them for doing such a wonderful job, Rocky, Mike and Kim please come back and visit Westonia from time to time.

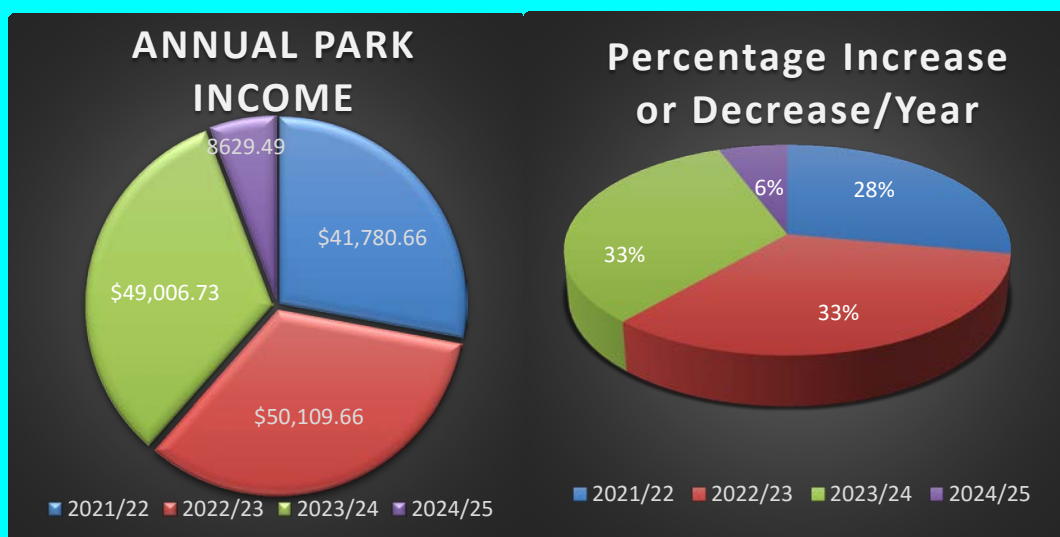
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

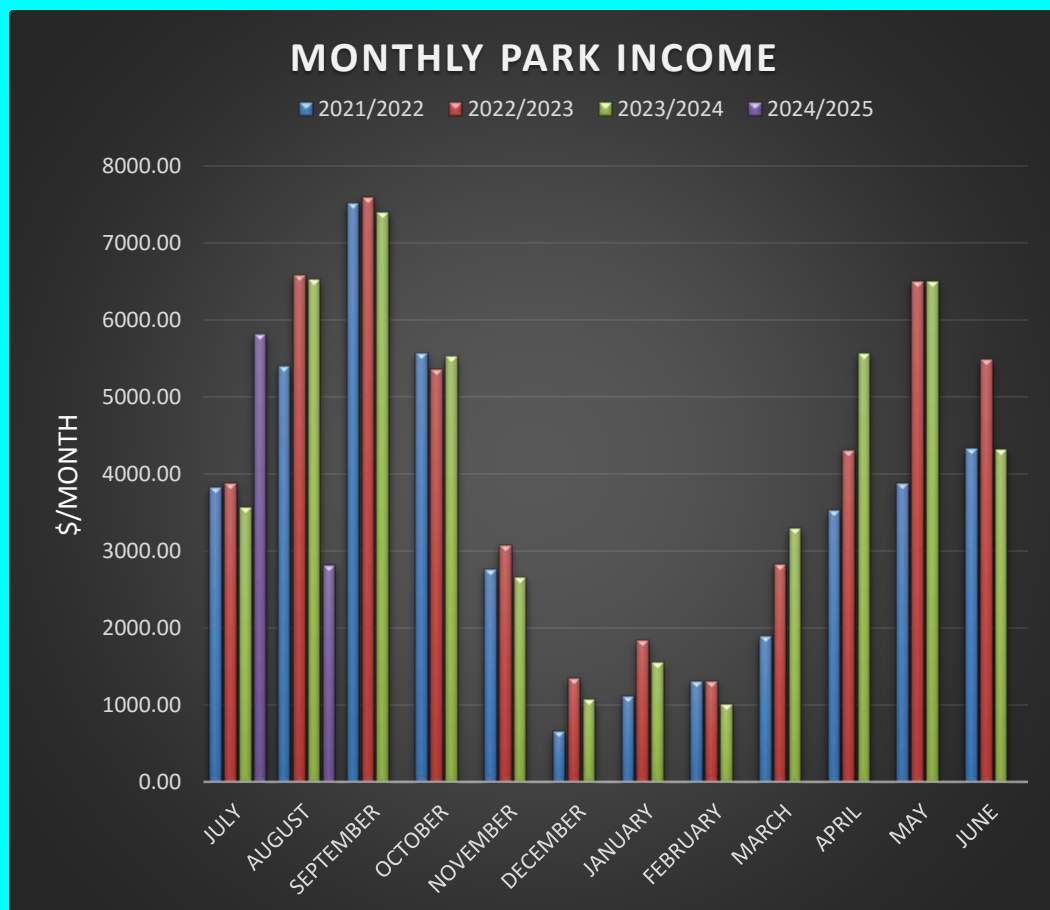
- Various minor repairs and maintenance ongoing. Focal area being bathroom maintenance (fixtures and disabled bathroom upgrade)
- Disabled toilet drainage will need some major work as tree roots have made their way into the pipes.

FUTURE PROJECTS

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

STATISTICS





HOOD-PENN MUSEUM

With all the wet days lately Jonsey has been a very busy lad in the museum, he has installed the royal flying doctors radio along with its antenna kindly donated by "Simmo" in the Doctors scene, replaced the lights in the glass bottle cabinet, so now the cabinet is visible from space, added "fire effect" to the Black smiths forge and with the help of his beautiful wife Di the crop was finished and placed into the farm scene around the truck to enhance the look of the truck sitting in a paddock, it looks very impressive! Jonsey, your knowledge and talent makes you an absolute asset to this community, you are given crazy ideas like lets chop a truck up and make it look like its gone through a wall and create an awesome and unique display, Thanks for "Retiring" in Westonia, one day we may run out projects for you and you might just be able to "Retire" but not likely.



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RECENT PROJECTS

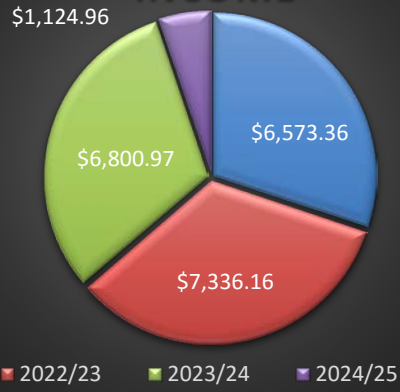
- Old Truck modification for farming scene and Back drop in-place.

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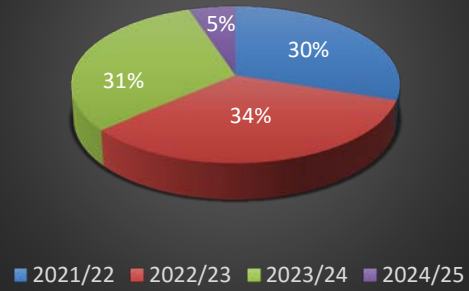
- New scenes to be created in the existing space of the old storage room to tell the stories of our primary industries of which Westonia was founded on.

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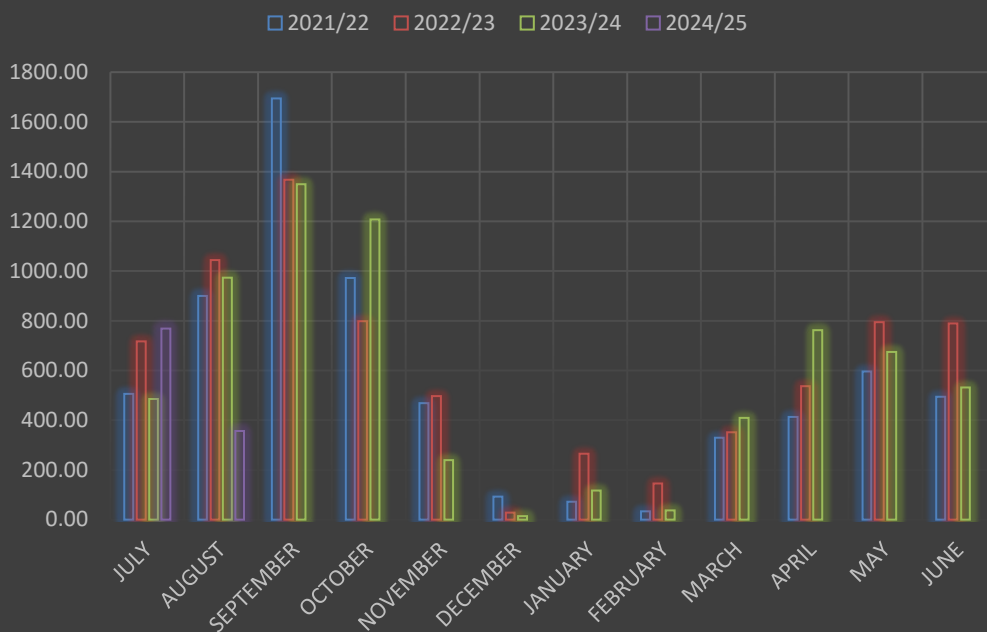
ANNUAL MUSEUM INCOME



Percentage Increase or Decrease/Year



MONTHLY MUSEUM INCOME



Notice of Entry

Pursuant to section 174 of the Water Services Act 2012 (WA)

Date: 7th August 2024

To: Shire of Westonia

Impacted property: Graham Road reserve in Carrabin.

Water Corporation is in the process of planning future upgrades to the Goldfields Pipeline. This work will improve the reliability of the Goldfields and Agricultural Water Supply Scheme (GAWSS), and support future growth and development in the region.

As part of this work, we are required to enter the boundaries of your property listed above to complete an aerial survey. The survey will involve staff attending on foot and flying a drone at varying heights, not exceeding 100 metres above ground level. The drones flight path will remain directly above the Goldfields pipeline. This will assist us to accurately capture ground elevation levels along the pipeline. Please see the map overleaf, which includes an indicative drawing of the drones flight path.

The work will be carried out by Water Corporation staff. The scheduled start date is Monday 12th August 2024, and the work is expected to be complete by Monday 9th September 2024. Work will be completed between Monday to Friday 7am-6pm.

This notice continues to have effect for the duration of the work described above, and we may need to enter your property on multiple occasions.

All Water Corporation employees and contractors enter private property with care and caution, and endeavour to minimise disruption where possible. We will work with you to try to accommodate any request you may have regarding your property. Any affected area will be re-instated as close to possible to its original condition.

Should you have any objections to the proposed entry to your property or have any queries or requests in relation to this notice, please contact the Water Corporation Project Manager, Jacqueline McAdam, or Water Corporation Asset Inspection Team Lead, Stuart Buckett, on (08) 9420 3146 or stuart.buckett@watercorporation.com.au as soon as possible.

Furthermore, please contact us if we need to be aware of any issues that may impede our ability to perform our work safely or restrict our ability to enter the property, such as unrestrained pets or locked gate.

Kind regards,

Jacqueline McAdam

Project Manager

Water Corporation

Jacqueline.mcadam@watercorporation.com.au

(08) 9420 2322

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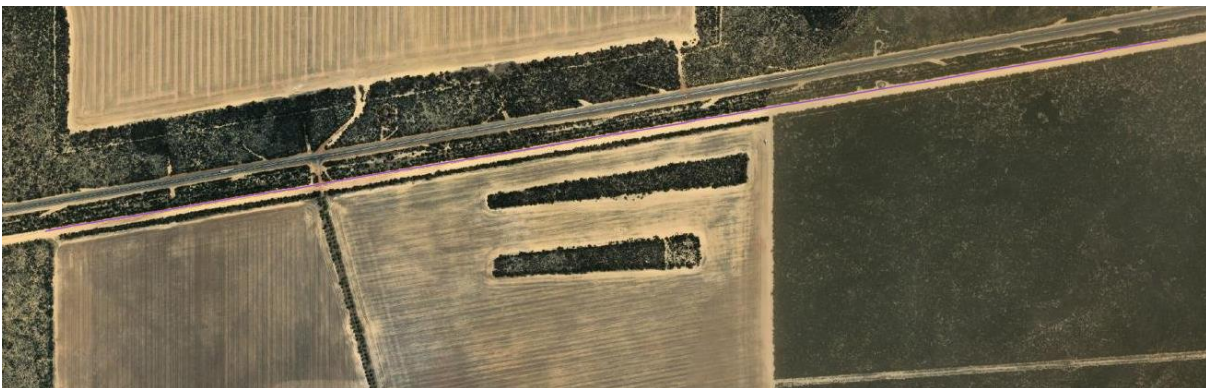
Map of the work area (owned or under a management order with the Shire of Westonia).
Indicative drone flight path indicated in purple.

Shire of Westonia, Carrabin

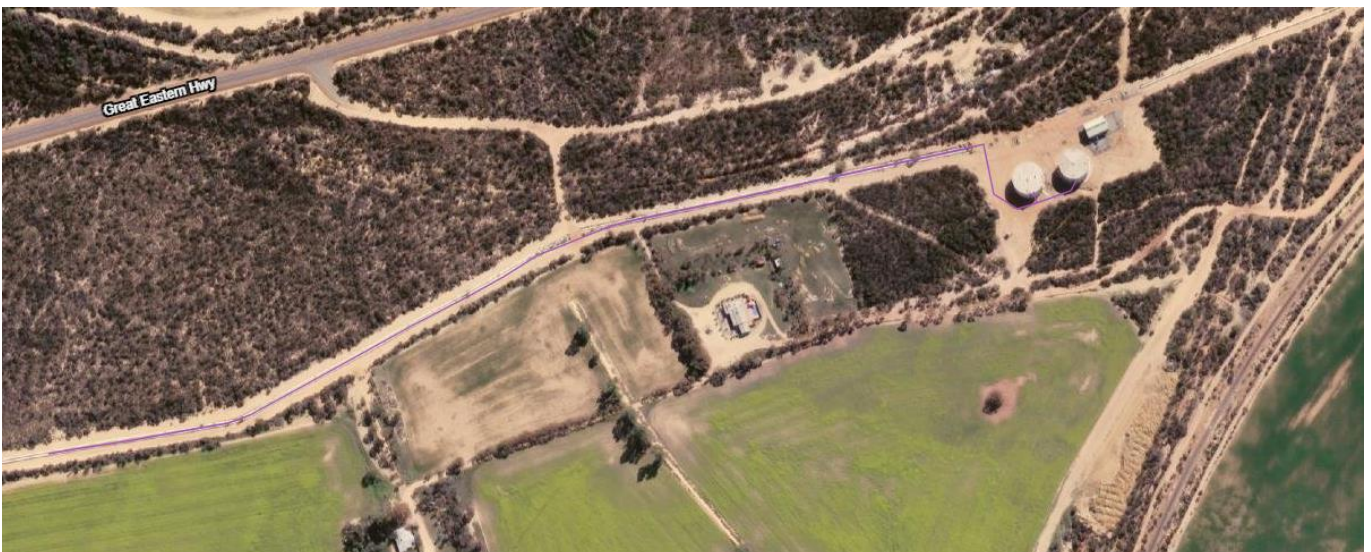


Map of additional work areas within the Shire of Westonia
Indicative drone flight path indicated in purple.

Shire of Westonia, Bodallin



Shire of Westonia, Bodallin



Original of Notice to be retained by home owner/occupier.
Copy of Notice to be retained by the Project Staff or Contractor

From: [Bill Price](#)
To: [Chantelle Pedrotti](#)
Subject: FW: Pilot program to help local governments improve cyber security
Date: Thursday, 8 August 2024 1:35:39 PM

From: Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries <newsletter@dlgsc.wa.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 12:04 PM
To: Bill Price <ceo@westonia.wa.gov.au>
Subject: Pilot program to help local governments improve cyber security



Pilot program to help local governments improve cyber security

Local governments will benefit from increased support and training resources to help tackle cybersecurity issues, thanks to a new pilot program.

The Local Government Cyber Security Pilot Project received funding of \$946,000 in this year's State Budget to explore innovative ways to boost local governments' capacity to address the complex and evolving nature of cyber security threats.

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) is partnering with the Office of Digital Government (DGov) to deliver a 2-year pilot program that will help smaller local governments learn how to better prevent and manage cyber security risks.

Initially Class 3 and 4 local governments will be invited to participate in the pilot program, working closely with DLGSC and DGov to analyse cyber security issues and what actions should be taken to address them.

Staff capacity and skills or knowledge will be boosted through in-person training and support for participating local governments.

New online training and information resources will be developed for the broader sector and published on the DLGSC website.

To receive updates and access training resources when they become available, [subscribe to LG Alerts](#) or email lg-cybersecurity@dlgsc.wa.gov.au to request more information about the project.

[Pilot program to help local governments improve cyber security](#)

You are receiving this email because you are a CEO of a local government in Western Australia and/or are an officer of a local government authority.

From: [Bill Price](#)
To: [Chantelle Pedrotti](#)
Subject: FW: Extending the private swimming pool safety barrier requirements to excluded areas
Date: Thursday, 8 August 2024 1:35:53 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

From: Pool Review <PoolReview@demirs.wa.gov.au>

Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 12:55 PM

Subject: Extending the private swimming pool safety barrier requirements to excluded areas

Dear Chief Executive Officer

EXTENDING THE PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL SAFETY BARRIER REQUIREMENTS TO EXCLUDED AREAS

The Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety – Building and Energy division (Building and Energy) is writing to all local governments that have areas within their district that are excluded from the swimming pool safety barrier requirements of Part 8 Division 2 of the [Building Regulations 2012](#) (the Building Regulations).

Background

Drowning is the leading cause of death for young children under five years of age, with the majority of these incidents occurring in private swimming pools.

In response to a report released by the Ombudsman Western Australia (Ombudsman), [Investigation into ways to prevent or reduce deaths of children by drowning](#) (November 2017), Building and Energy conducted a review of the swimming pool and safety barrier requirements in Western Australia. This review culminated in the publication of the Government's [Decision Paper – Swimming Pool and Safety Barrier Control](#) (April 2021) (Decision Paper).

The Decision Paper included both regulatory and non-regulatory measures in response to the Ombudsman report. Building and Energy continues to progress the non-regulatory responses including guidance, education and working with local governments.

Safety barrier requirements

The Building Regulations contain safety barrier requirements for existing private swimming and spa pools in WA and require local governments to conduct inspections of those safety barriers. However Schedule 5 of the Building Regulations sets out areas of the State where these requirements apply, with areas not listed in the Schedule being excluded from these requirements.

Ombudsman recommendation

In its report, the Ombudsman highlighted the increased risk of child drownings in those areas of the State that currently have exclusions from certain safety barrier and inspection requirements.

The Ombudsman recommended consideration be given to amending the Building Regulations to remove excluded areas so that safety barrier and inspection requirements apply to all existing private swimming and spa pools throughout Western Australia (Recommendation 25).

During Building and Energy's review, consultation on this matter revealed varying levels of support from affected local governments.

Government decision

Building and Energy supports the removal of excluded areas but recognises that it is more appropriate for local governments to make this decision for their residents. Decision 9 of Building and Energy's Decision Paper was to:

- Amend the Building Regulations on formal request by affected local governments to require safety barriers for all private swimming pools in all areas of their geographic district.
- Actively engage with affected local governments to remove excluded areas from their district.
- Provide guidance to affected local governments on:
 - o the processes required to remove the regulatory exclusion and satisfy the Government's commitment to best practice regulation; and
 - o the existing requirement for all new swimming pools in all areas of the State, regardless of excluded areas, to have compliant safety barriers at the time of completion of building work.

- Provide guidance to owners on the merit of voluntarily choosing to install swimming pool barriers for those pools located in excluded areas of WA.

Removing excluded areas

Building and Energy requests that affected local governments consider removing or reducing current exclusions from safety barrier requirements.

Building and Energy has produced guidance to assist local governments and their affected residents, available through the [Local Government Extranet](#):

- [Extending pool safety barrier requirements](#) is intended for local governments and explains the consultation process.
- [Extending pool safety barrier requirements – Information for residents](#) is intended for local government distribution to affected residents as part of the consultation process.
- [Safety barriers for private swimming and spa pools in excluded areas](#) is intended for local government distribution to residents in excluded areas, where it decides to not extend safety barrier requirements for existing pools, and encourages the voluntary adoption of safety barriers by the residents.

If you require further information please contact Donielle Watt, Principal Policy Officer at donielle.watt@demirs.wa.gov.au or 08 6251 1016.

Kind regards

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**Department of Energy, Mines,
Industry Regulation and Safety**

We respectfully acknowledge Aboriginal peoples as the Traditional Custodians of this land on which we deliver our services to the communities throughout Western Australia. We acknowledge their enduring connection to the lands, waterways and communities and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

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Roads

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

Work progressed to develop practitioners guidelines for the use of crumbed rubber modified asphalts and sprayed seals, the use of reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) and design and construction guidance for the use of crushed recycled concrete, that will be published over the next quarter. The team is also preparing webinars that will be delivered to introduce these guides.

Condition Assessment of Roads of Regional Significance

The condition assessment survey of significant roads in the South West region has been finalised and all the collected data uploaded to the relevant LG data base and made available online to each of the Local Governments. The tender period for the next stage, to undertake a condition surveys of Roads of Regional Significance in the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne regions, has closed and project proposals are now under evaluation.

Road Rail Interface Agreements

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

Funding

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

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

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

Each of these groups has held at least one meeting during the quarter. Correspondence to each Local Government detailing the measures that will be required during the current financial year are scheduled for distribution in August. The first, base line, data collection for use of recycled materials will commence in September using the existing annual Road Assets and Expenditure data survey.

Preparation was commenced for the August State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee meeting, that will, amongst other things, consider the project delivery performance of each sub-program and make appropriate adjustments.

Achievements of the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement

To provide foundational data to demonstrate the need for and value of State Government road funding, the Infrastructure Team has commenced a project to generate spatial data and provide a visual record of the projects completed on Local Government roads using the Road Project Grant funding component of the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement.

The initial phase is an evaluation of work completed through the 2018/19 – 2022/23 State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement. Most of the Regional Road Group secretariats in each region have responded with a list of projects completed using Road Project Grants in spreadsheet form. Once all this data has been received, the data will then be collated and prepared as spatial data. Work on this project is expected to be completed in October/November 2024.

Multi-Criteria Assessment (MCA) Model Revisions

The WALGA Infrastructure Team has progressed the work to harmonise the MCA models used by Regional Road Groups to prioritise project proposals for funding under the Road Project Grant funding pool in the Goldfields-Esperance, Gascoyne, Kimberley and South West regions. Additionally, work on the MCA models has commenced in the Wheatbelt South and Great Southern regions. The proposed changes to the MCA models reflect the new focus areas of the State Roads Funds to Local Governments Agreement, while still allowing for flexibility to recognise the significant differences between regions.

Transport

Regional Freight Strategy

A new Regional Freight Strategy is being developed by the WA Department of Transport with WALGA represented on the project steering committee. WALGA is seeking opportunities for Local Governments to provide direct input to this study via Zone meetings, Regional Road Groups and other opportunities.

Bus Stop Infrastructure

The bus stop infrastructure partnership agreement between WALGA and the Public Transport Authority (PTA) was due for review. WALGA consulted a cross-section of Local Governments to guide negotiations with the PTA. Following an initial meeting with the PTA, the review and consultation process was completed, and the revised version has been sent to PTA for their consideration before submission to State Council for endorsement.

Active/Green Transport Discussion Paper

In response to numerous reports and requests about Active Transport (AT) challenges, WALGA is exploring the creation of an advocacy position for AT. To support this, WALGA is preparing a discussion paper that will address biking, walking, and micromobility devices. This paper will overview current AT infrastructure and policies and analyse issues and needs across Western Australia.

The consultation process is currently underway. Local Governments from both metropolitan and regional areas have been engaged to ensure a comprehensive understanding of their situations across all regions.

Road Safety

RoadWise Councils

As of 1 August 2024, there were sixty-six (66) Local Governments registered as a RoadWise Council. Forty-eight or 73% registered with a Resolution of Council and eighteen or 27% via a Declaration. There is a spread of RoadWise Councils across all ten Regional Road Group regions. In terms of road safety activity, 77% (51) of registered RoadWise Councils recorded road safety activity between April and June 2024.

RoadWise Recognised

The RoadWise Recognised Advisory Committee met in May 2024. Points, which signify road safety actions undertaken, were allocated to 44 RoadWise Councils. The Points that were allocated reflected actions delivered across the different areas of the RoadWise Framework. This then converted to Ribbons which were awarded in recognition of a holistic approach to road safety across governance, management, and operations. In this way, the allocation of Points and Ribbons is designed to encourage local road safety toward better and ultimately best practice.

RoadWise Council Road Safety Awards

During the WALGA Local Government Awards 2024 gala dinner on 2 August 66 RoadWise Councils were acknowledged for their commitment to work towards better practice road safety delivery for their local communities. Of these, 60 were awarded Ribbons for applying better practice in the planning and delivery of effective road safety intervention and the adoption of a holistic approach to road safety; 13 were awarded 1 Ribbon, 23 were awarded 2, 18 were awarded 3, 5 were awarded 4 and just one was awarded the maximum of 5 Ribbons. Three RoadWise Councils were also acknowledged for having the most recorded road safety activity during the RoadWise Recognised inaugural year.

Asset Management

Road Assets and Expenditure Report Update Project

A consultant, Tango IT, has been selected to commence the work to evaluate the current Road Assets and Expenditure data collection and report preparation processes, identify options for improvement, and undertake an update of the processes and products produced in the Road Assets and Expenditure Report. This project will identify opportunities to streamline the data collection, support better data reporting and will ultimately result in a more intuitive and user-friendly interface to access the data. TANGO have been appointed and the scoping phase of the project is expected to be completed in early October 2024.

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Good Morning All

I've just been notified that WorkSafe WA will be undertaking a proactive enforcement campaign, focusing on high-risk work in local government for the 2024/2025 financial year.

Below is an excerpt of the letter received.

WorkSafe Project – High Risk Work in Local Government

The WorkSafe Service Industries and Specialists Directorate of the Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation, and Safety is commencing a project in high-risk work within local government in Western Australia. The project will be focusing on local government infrastructure with specific attention on recreation centres and depots. This project will be conducted in the 2024-2025 financial year.

Recreation centres and local government depots and operation centres have been identified as high risk with challenges relating to near drowning incidents, hazardous chemicals, mobile plant, workplace violence and aggression, slip trip and fall and manual handling-related lost time injuries. This project is designed to assist employers within local government in fulfilling their workplace health and safety responsibilities. Our primary goal is to provide essential information and ensure that employers understand their obligations under workplace health and safety legislation.

Workplaces in both metropolitan and regional areas will be randomly selected for inspection. We aim to raise awareness, promote compliance with WHS legislation, and gather information on effective methods to control and reduce the risk of exposure to hazardous tasks within the workplace and ensure effective incident management systems are in place to prevent incidents from occurring.

Where inspectors identify non-compliance with work health and safety legislation, they will provide information and take appropriate enforcement action. This may include giving verbal directions or issuing improvement or prohibition notices.

Regards

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“Working safely may get old, but so do those who practice it.”



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RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT FOR

PARTNERSHIPS

Wheatbelt Cash for Containers

2 AUGUST 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Cusack".

Tim Cusack
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheila McHale".

Hon Sheila McHale
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

A POWERFUL PARTNERSHIP

Wheatbelt Cash for Containers was recently awarded for excellence in Partnerships at the 2024 Western Australia Return Recycle Renew (WARRRL) Network Partners Conference, for people and businesses involved in the Containers for Change scheme in Western Australia.

The Containers for Change scheme aims to realise the potential of 10 cent refundable beverage containers by saving them from landfill to be recycled to live their potential, again and again.

In a groundbreaking partnership with refund point operator Wheatbelt Cash for Containers, the Shire of Westonia in conjunction with the Westonia Progress Association provided a Containers for Change bin to every domestic residence in the Westonia townsite, a project believed to be the first of its kind.

A monthly scheduled kerbside collection has been established, bringing convenient and accessible container refunds literally to the doorstep of the town's residents. Residents are able to access a personal refund using their member number. For residents without a member number it is a simple way to donate refunds to the Westonia Progress Association, which supports the development of the community infrastructure and local community groups.

Since the first collection in January, household participation has skyrocketed with 89% of households actively participating.

Refund point operator Pauline Guest says "We identified that there were barriers to participation and had a real desire to remove those, as well as to 'normalise' container refunds as part of the household waste and household recycling process. The support of the Shire of Westonia and willingness to invest in the community means that this partnership has been successful beyond what we could have imagined."

Prior to the start of the kerbside collections, residents were able to attend a community information session led by Pauline Guest to learn about Containers for Change and how the collection program would work and the Shire of Westonia's Community Wellness Officer assisted local residents to obtain a member number if they needed help with signing up.

It is a very pleasing sight, seeing the bright green bins lining the street on pick up days. They represent the success of a strong partnership delivering excellent recycling outcomes and the benefits of container refunds to individuals and the community.



Figure 1: Kerbside collections in progress

Figure 2: Shire of Westonia representatives with refund point operator Pauline Guest



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Dear Bill,

AQUATIC FACILITY COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT WESTONIA SWIMMING POOL

As part of our ongoing commitment to reducing risks associated with your Scheme, I am pleased to advise that LGIS continue to work with Royal Life Saving, an acknowledged leader in water safety and risk management of aquatic environments. Through this partnership, Royal Life Saving assesses compliance of aquatic facilities against the Department of Health Code of Practice for the Design, Construction, Operation, Management and Maintenance of Aquatic Facilities.

This partnership continues to result in a significant increase in the average rate of overall compliance to the Code of Practice. Of the 29 pools assessed in the 2023 program, an average Overall Safety Rating of 96.05% was achieved. This year's program incorporates changes to some question areas and also introduces new areas of assessment. These changes may result in members receiving a decreased assessment score when compared to previous years. This is about challenging facilities to strive for best practice with aquatic facility operation and in keeping with a continual improvement approach when managing risk to your community and your organisation.

We recognise that assessing compliance is the first step. Under this program Royal Life Saving and LGIS will work with you to address any gaps as they arise. We will do this through developing action plans, maintaining contact and being a valuable resource to assist you progressing towards compliance and risk reduction.

Our records demonstrate that your aquatic facility is due for an assessment. It is recommended that all facilities are assessed at least every four (4) years; if newly constructed; or if it has undergone major changes since the previous assessment.

I am pleased to advise that this assessment is offered as part of your LGIS scheme membership. Subsequently, your costs will be limited to travel and accommodation of the Royal Life Saving assessor and where applicable these costs may be shared with other members in your region.

Assessments are being planned for 2024/2025 by Royal Life Saving. Participating LGIS Members will receive an email from Royal Life Saving outlining any requirements and proposed date and time for the assessment. If this date is not suitable please contact Eddie Gibbs (Head Assessor) on: phone: 9383 8200 (Mobile: 0407 989 561); or email: egibbs@royallifesavingwa.com.au to reschedule.

For additional information regarding the compliance assessment, please contact Roopa Navneet, Project Support, Risk and Governance, LGIS on 0430 602 018.

Yours sincerely

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Good morning!

You may have seen that on Friday I announced my decision to nominate for pre-selection for The Nationals WA for the Federal electorate of Bullwinkel.

I'm writing to assure Council that I intend to continue in my role as Member for Central Wheatbelt until the writs are called for the Federal election (the timing of which is the prerogative of the Federal Government).

With nine weeks of sittings left in the State Parliament, I am determined your community and the electorate will continue to have a strong voice representing you on matters of importance, scrutinising legislation and holding the Government to account. I will be required to stand down should the election be called early, but have great confidence that Lachlan Hunter and our State team will continue to provide the leadership and advocacy required until the election.

The message today is - my office remains available, as do I, to assist with any matter concerning Council, your community and our electorate.

I am looking forward to the new challenge – and, all things going well, I hope to be a champion for the Wheatbelt in Canberra so I can deal with the matters we already speak about so regularly (aged care, childcare, telecommunications, road funding, local government funding, access to GPs).

Until then, I understand the privilege of being your local Member and will continue to do my best to represent the community and electorate in the State Parliament.

Yours sincerely
Mia



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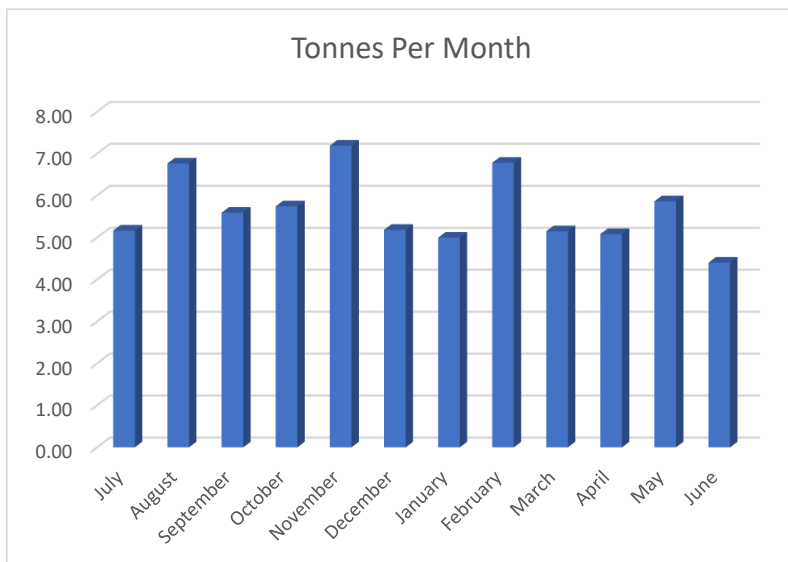
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Shire of Westonia Waste Report 2023/2024

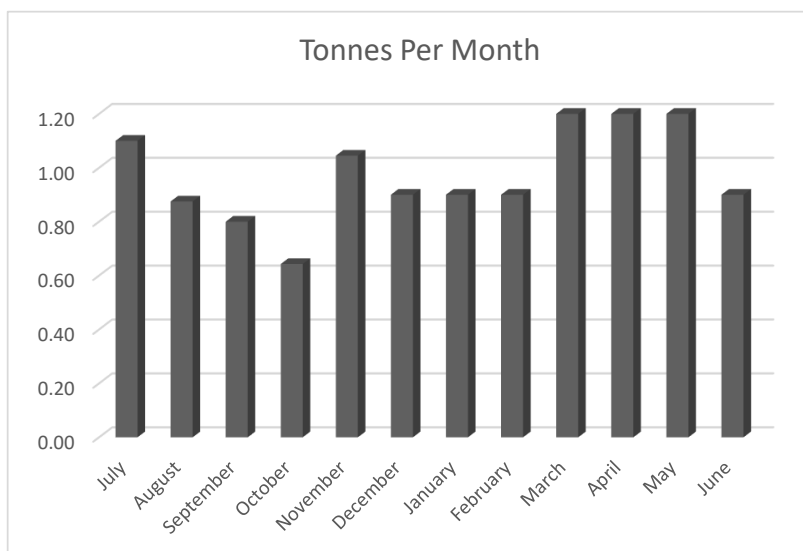
Shire of Westonia - Kerbside Rubbish Weights

Month	Tonnes Per Month
July	5.17
August	6.77
September	5.59
October	5.75
November	7.19
December	5.19
January	5.00
February	6.78
March	5.15
April	5.08
May	5.87
June	4.40
Total	67.93



Shire of Westonia Bulk Recycle Weights

Month	Tonnes Per Month
July	1.10
August	0.88
September	0.80
October	0.64
November	1.05
December	0.90
January	0.90
February	0.90
March	1.20
April	1.20
May	1.20
June	0.90
Total	11.66



Please Note: These figures are Bulk Recycling.



Shire of Westonia Waste Report 2022/2023

Cardboard Only Bulk Bin estimated at 0.33 Tonnes per month (annual amount 3.9t)

Shire of Westonia - Recycling Product Breakdown

* Figures below exclude CBO Bulk bin Weights

PRODUCT	PRODUCT WEIGHT (Tonnes)
Aluminium Cans	0.05
Steel Cans	0.42
Glass	3.27
Paper	2.99
Newspaper	0.82
Cardboard	1.56
Liquid Paperboard	0.07
Plastics	0.50
Plastic (PET)	0.08
Plastic (HDPE)	0.08
Contaminants	1.84
TOTAL	11.66

Please Note:

Recycling loads are not delivered individually to SMRC. Loads are co-mingled with other Shires to minimise collection and travel expenses. The Recycling Product Breakdown has been provided by WALGA as the result of recycling product audits, and is to be used as an estimate for the volume of each product.

PRODUCT WEIGHT (Tonnes)

