



Councillor Information Bulletin

For the Ordinary Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 21st February 2023

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- **WALGA**
Local Government Honours Program 2023



SHIRE OF WESTONIA

February/March 23

Date & Time	What	Where	Who
Tuesday 21 February	Council Meeting	Chambers	Councillors, Senior Staff
Wednesday 22 February	WEROC Board Meeting	Kellerberrin	President & CEO
Monday 27 February	CEACA Management Committee Meeting	Merredin	Louis Geier & CEO
Tuesday 28 February	Great Eastern Zone Regional Collaboration Conference	Merredin	Interested Councillors and CEO
Tuesday 14 – 17 March	Medical Student Immersion Program	Westonia	Councillors, Senior Staff
Thursday 16 March	Council Meeting	Chambers	Councillors, Senior Staff



Staying in Place

EXPO

March 30 & 31 2023

PINGELLY RECREATION & CULTURAL CENTRE

PROGRAM

DAY 1 - 30TH MARCH 2023

9.00am **Registration** (tea and coffee)

9.30 am **Opening**

Welcome to Country

Welcome to PSA Staying in Place Expo – and acknowledgements
(David Freebairn, PSA)

Housekeeping and what to expect from the 1 ½ days.
(Helen Morton)

9.45am **Staying in Place Overview (Helen Morton)**

- Accommodation
- Access to funded local services to assist people to stay at home
- The (virtual) Village
- Local workforce
- Economic drivers of home care in rural communities
- Working within the Community Resource Centre (CRC) or a similar community group/private enterprise
- Cost benefit analysis
- Productivity Commission Report
- Funding options
- Place based solutions

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Staying in Place EXPO

10.30am Morning tea

11.00am The Bell Success Story: Guest speaker Lesley Bryce, CEO of Bell Cares Inc in Queensland

Hear the inspirational story of how Bell Cares Inc. created the community managed care model for home care packages in Bell – a community of about 500 people, 3 hours west of Brisbane. They now provide services with local workers to about 80 people on packages with more coming on.



11.30am Concurrent Sessions Group 1

1A Accommodation (Lee Steel, Manager CRC Pingelly)

- Funding/partnership arrangements for specific housing
- Age specific technology – IntelliCare and latest innovations for people with advancing dementia.
- Professional management of rentals
- Place based solutions for cottage respite and palliative care

1B Community home care - Helen Morton, Misty Morton (Clinical Nurse Consultant - InCasa) Brad Grieve (Manager, Community Engagement - Mable)

- The basics of the legislation and government reforms following the Royal Commission
- The component parts for our arrangement and how they interact.
- Local care coordination – delivering it locally.
- Introducing the partners, we have chosen which best suit our community needs.
 - * InCasa Country – our Approved Home and Community Aged Care Provider
 - * Mable employment platform

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Staying in Place EXPO

1C The (virtual) Village (Peter Kenyon – Bank of I.D.E.A.S.), Independent Living Assessment, Kaye Watts and Helen Morton – Pingelly Somerset Alliance).

- Virtual villages across the globe
- Others in WA and Australia
- The role of ILA and reports on outcomes of pilot projects.
- How we got started
 - * Establishment Committee (*EC member comment*)
 - * Expressions of Interest and response
- Membership (*member comment*)
- The concierge (HM)
- Activity coordinators (*AC comment*) (HM)
- Marketing and promotion (HM)
- Doing it within the community – financial benefits (HM)

12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm Latest Research: Social Ageing across the life course. Why it is important for people to stay in their place.

Dr Catriona Stevens from ECU – Research Fellow with the Social Ageing (SAGE) Futures Lab in the ECU School of Arts and Humanities

2.00pm Concurrent Sessions Group 2

2A Building your local workforce (Brad Grieve, Helen Morton)

- Concept of local workforce as private contractors
- The Mable platform – how it operates (*contractor comment*)
- Marketing
- Letters and surveys to each householder with BBRF funding
- How we encouraged sign up with MABLE
- Growing the workforce
- Training options

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2B Community Home care (Misty Morton, Lee Steel)

- The basics of the legislation and government reforms following the Royal Commission
- The component parts for our arrangement and how they interact. (client and contractor comments)
- PSA the local coordinator via the CRC – how does that work?
- Interaction with the Mable employment platform
- InCasa Country – our Approved Home and Community Aged Care Provider
- Clinical governance and monitoring.

2C The (virtual) Village (Peter Kenyon, ILA, Kaye Watts)

- Virtual villages across the globe
- Others in WA and in Australia
- The role of ILA
- Live it up demonstration
- How we got started within the CRC
 - * Establishment Committee (*EC member comment*)
 - * Expressions of Interest and response
- Membership (*Member comment*)
- The concierge (LS)
- Activity coordinators (*Activity Coordinator comment*) (LS)
- Marketing and promotion

3.00pm

Afternoon Tea

3.30pm

Concurrent Sessions Group 3

3A Funding options (Helen Morton, Lee Steel)

- Where we sought funding from
- Funding sources for ongoing operations
- Potential funding options

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Staying in Place EXPO

3B Building your local workforce (Brad Grieve & Linda Doolan, Mable)

- What is Mable nationally
- Mable platform demonstration
- How to join up
- Mable from a community coordinator perspective – demonstration (Client comment)
- Mable from a contract worker perspective – demonstration (Contractor comment)
- Mable from an InCasa perspective - demonstration

4.15 – 5.00pm Panel Discussion (Helen Morton, Lee Steel, Brad Grieve, Lesley Bryce, Misty Morton, local Contractor)

Outcomes already achieved in 12 locations across Australia.
The panel will take questions from participants.

Closure of formal presentations for Day 1

5.00 - 6.30pm Sundowner at PRACC with special guests

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Staying in Place EXPO

Day 2 - 31st March

7.00 – 8.00 am Participate in our seniors aerobic and stretching exercises run by local people with oversight from the WA Country Health Service.

9.30 – 11.00am

Book a time for your own small group session, demonstration or one on one session.

There will be provision to make these bookings at the registration desk on Day 1 of the Expo

Mable - registering as a Mable worker, becoming a community coordinator, becoming a provider coordinator, worker sessions approval, invoicing, payment, writing client notes, sharing options and more.

InCasa – Joining up with InCasa, local coordination agreements, onboarding clients checklist, monthly statements and more.

CRC Discussions – If you are a CRC or looking at partnering with a CRC, ask questions on the how to get started, who do we need to get started and benefits for the CRC and community.

Technology demonstrations – InteliCare

11.00 am **EXPO Conclusion**

Thank you to guest speakers/ sponsors/attendees.

How to get ongoing assistance within your local community

Late Morning Tea

Throughout the Expo, further information will be available from small information desks, including from the following:

InCasa Mable

Pingelly Somerset Alliance & Pingelly CRC

Independent Living Assessment

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CONGRATULATIONS

Celebrating **Dr Olga Ward**, finalist in
the **GP of the Year** category at the
2023 WA Rural Health Excellence Awards



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Celebrating **Laura Black**, finalist in
the **People's Choice** category at the
2023 WA Rural Health Excellence Awards



2023 Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program

WESTONIA - [8] Students

	Tuesday 14 March 2023	Wednesday 15 March 2023	Thursday 16 March 2023	Friday 17 March 2023
	<i>Students will need to bring a water bottle, lunch pack and snacks for the day of travel. Lunch packs (with an ice pack if required) water bottle should be in hand luggage on the bus</i>	Packed lunch required	Packed lunch required	<i>Students - Light Lunch provided at BKB</i>
6:00 - 6:30	Arrive at Notre Dame by 6am for 6.30am Bus Departure (Packed lunch required) Bus departs to Westonia Via Merredin			
7:00 - 7:30				
7:30 - 8:00		Students dropped at Shire office by 7.30am	Students dropped at Shire office by 7.30am	Students at Shire Office with luggage by 8.00am.
8:00 - 8:30		Travel to mine	Travel to mine	Bus departs 8.30am for Notre Dame via BKB Northam
8:30 - 9:00		8.30am - 10am - Ramelius Mine Site Visit, including Gold Pour - Jasmine to confirm	Teddy Bear Hospital at Moorine Rock. PP & Kindy x	
9:00 - 9:30				
9:30 - 10:00	9.30am - Arrive in Merredin for Welcome to Country. Check with Bet time length for Merredin visit			
10:00 - 10:30		10.00am - 4:30pm - Westonia Shire Medical Clinic with Dr Olga Ward and Nurse Practitioner Laura Black (TBC - Jasmine and Olga to confirm)	Travel to Southern Cross (50 min) - Jasmine to confirm bus	
10:30 - 11:00				
11:00 - 11:30	11am - Bus Departs for Westonia		11am -12pm - Community Activity / Debrief	11am - Arrive in Northam for BKB visit. Cheryl & Lousie to confirm
11:30 - 12:00	11.30am Arrive in Westonia to drop off students			
12:00 - 12:30	Shire welcome and town overview		Pic-Nic Lunch Supplied - visit to Baladjie Rock.	
12:30 - 13:00				2pm - Depart Northam
13:00 - 13:30				
13:30 - 14:00		1:30 Lunch - at Community Resource Centre (Lunch Provided) - TBC with Jasmine	1.30pm - 2.30pm Shearing Demonstration Bacon Hill Farm - David Price, Morgan Price & Steve Hale	
14:00 - 14:30		10.00am - 4:30pm - Westonia Shire Medical Clinic with Dr Olga Ward and Nurse Practitioner Laura Black (TBC - Jasmine and Olga to confirm)	2.30pm - 4.00pm Farm Visit Yebillion Park - Ross DellaBosca, Mark Crees	3.30pm - Drop Students at Elizabeth Quay Bus Depot
14:30 - 15:00				Contacts:
15:00 - 15:30				ACADEMIC / ADMIN
15:30 - 16:00				Effie (Possibly 1 X RHW Admin)
16:00 - 16:30	4pm - Afternoon tea with billet families at Gallery Café	4:30pm - Meet at Community Centre to cook and prepare evening meal for billet families - confirm with Jasmine	From 5pm - Community Thank you Dinner preparation and set up at Bowls Club	Shire of Westonia - Stacey and Jasmine 08 9046 7063 Staff Accom - Westonia Tavern 08 9046 7012
16:30 - 17:00	4.30pm Sundowner Walk - Along walktrail			
17:00 - 17:30				
17:30 - 18:00	Dinner with Billet Family	Prepare, serve, clean up Evening Meal for Billet Families	Community Thank You Dinner 6.30 - 9pm at Wanderers Recreation Centre - Jasmine to confirm venue and catering	
Optional Community Activities:				

Community Vehicle - 10am - 2.30pm

Community Vehicle - 9.30am - 4pm

Notes:

OLGA NEEDS TO CONFIRM DAY FOR CLINIC

Everyone must carry a mask - From 5 Feb they are required to be worn by visitors to hospitals, residential aged care, or disability care facilities.

Bus departs from Fremantle - at Bus Stop on Marine Parade (opposite Mouat Street)

Students with special dietary requirements should discuss with host family and be prepared to help cooking own meals / supply own groceries



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Local Government DFES Report Pack.

Produced by the OIS Branch, this pack is generated automatically and emailed monthly.

The Shire of Westonia has the following subscriptions to this report:

shire@westonia.wa.gov.au

Please contact the OIS Branch for comments & feedback at reports@dfes.wa.gov.au

For information regarding Volunteer Covid19 vaccinations, please contact: covid19@dfes.wa.gov.au



This Report Package Contains:

- Local Government & CESM Summary
- 000 Service Agreement
- Incidents Summary & Year to Date (YTD) Comparison
- Bushfire Summary
- Volunteers Summary (LGIS)
- Volunteers Summary by Brigade
- Brigade Incident Summary and IRS Report Completion Rate
- SMS Lists
- Vehicle - Appliance List
- Brigade Membership Listing



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUMMARY

Shire of Westonia

Please advise reports@dfes.wa.gov.au if any of this information is incorrect

Brigade Listing

WALGOOLAN BFB
WARRALAKIN BFB
WESTONIA BFB

CBFCO, DBFCO & CESMS

CBFCO	FRANK CORSINI
DCBFCO	MALCOLM NICOLETTI



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000 SERVICE AGREEMENT for WESTONIA (S)

In order to advise Local Government of 000 calls promptly it is suggested that contacts are 24/7 numbers. The 4th contact will always be DFES Regional Duty Coordinator

No more than 3 contacts per LGA will be recorded.

Our 24 hour, 365 day emergency 000 contacts from the Communications Centre are as follows:

Organisation	Role	Name	Contact Type	Number
Shire of Westonia	CEO - Shire Office	Bill Price	Phone (Bus)	9046 7063
Shire of Westonia	CBFCO	Frank Corsini	Mobile	0429 467 042
Shire of Westonia	DCBFCO	Michael Crook	Mobile	0428 449 004
DFES Goldfields Midlands Region	Regional Duty Co-Ordinat	DFES Regional Duty Co-Ordinator		1800 966 077

Note: Contacts may make reference to an SMS group which allows multiple pagers or mobile phones to be attached to that group.. An SMS list form needs to have been completed.

Alterations to contacts:

Organisation	Role	Name	Contact Type	Number

Local Government Chief Executive Officer		DFES Area / District Manager	
Print Name	Signature	Print Name	Signature
Contact Number	Date	Contact Number	Date

Instructions for Local Authority in the event of any alterations to the list above;

1. Complete the Alterations section with the changes required.
2. CEO to sign form.
3. Local Authority to send a copy to DFES Regional Office for Authorisation by DFES Area / District Manager.
4. Area/District Manager to email a signed copy to **cadadministrator@dfes.wa.gov.au**



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Incidents within the Shire of Westonia by Financial Year *current FY incomplete

Incident Type	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
False Call - Good Intent	2	0	0	0	0
Fire - Bushfire (lge)	2	2	0	1	1
Fire - Bushfire (sml)	2	0	1	0	0
Fire - Other/Rubbish/Vehicle	1	1	0	0	1
Road Crash & Rescue	3	1	3	1	1

Incidents: Year to Date Comparison: July 1 to January 4

Incident Type	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	Average Excluding 2022/2023	% TREND this year
Fire - Bushfire (lge)	2	2	0	0	1	1.0	0.00%
Fire - Bushfire (sml)	1	0	1	0	0	0.3	0.00%
Fire - Other/Rubbish/Vehicle	0	1	0	0	1	0.3	0.00%
Road Crash & Rescue	0	0	1	1	1	0.5	0.00%
Totals:	3	3	2	1	3	2	100.00%

% TREND compares this FY to the Average.



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Bushfires within the Shire of Westonia, with Ignition Cause

Bushfires are all vegetation fires (bush, grass, forest, crop etc.), of any size.

Ignition Cause	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Burn off fires	1	0	0	0	0
Electrical distribution (excl. power lines)	0	0	0	1	0
Unreported	1	1	1	0	0
Weather Conditions - Lightning	2	1	0	0	1

Hectares lost to Bushfires within the Shire of Westonia

Size of fires is not always available; fires less than 1 hectare are not included.

Hectares Lost	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
All Bushfires	12	0	0	50	0



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Volunteer Summary for LGIS	Age Group						Total
	Age N/A	<=18	<=55	56-65	66-70	71+	
Junior or Cadet Rank	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Active Operational	4	0	72	24	9	6	115
Non-Operational	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total	4	1	73	24	9	6	117

Bushfire Brigade Personnel Summary

as at 03/01/2023

Brigade	Captain	Volunteer Members	ID Card Received	Attended Incident Last 2 Yrs	Vol. Hub Access	IRS Access	WebEOC Access
SHIRE WESTONIA		N/A	0	0	0	0	0
WALGOOLAN BFB		23	0	2	0	0	0
WARRALAKIN BFB	JOHN MCDOWALL	59	0	0	6	0	0
WESTONIA BFB	FRANK CORSINI	39	0	1	1	0	0



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Incidents Attended and IRS Reports completed	2020/2021			2021/2022			2022/2023		
	Incidents Attended*	IRS Report completed	Perc. Completed %	Incidents Attended*	IRS Report completed	Perc. Completed %	Incidents Attended*	IRS Report completed	Perc. Completed %
Brigade									
WALGOOLAN BFB	0	0	0%	1	1	100%	0	0	0%
WARRALAKIN BFB	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	1	0	0%
WESTONIA BFB	0	0	0%	2	0	0%	3	1	33%

SHIRE WESTONIA

SHIRE WESTONIA is showing as having attended the following Incidents, for which an IRS Report has not been completed or received.

Please arrange for the Report to be entered in IRS, or forward a copy of a completed (paper) report to reports@dfes.wa.gov.au (or fax: 1800 309 999). For queries, please email us or phone 9395 9406.

	Incident Address	Type of Incident
510006 02/01/2021 08:47	SHREEVE RD, WALGOOLAN	Fire - Bushfire (sml)
590133 28/09/2022 08:52	GREAT EASTERN HWY, WALGOOLAN	Fire - Other/Rubbish/Vehicle
603438 26/12/2022 19:16	GREAT EASTERN HWY, BODALLIN	Fire - Bushfire (lge)

WARRALAKIN BFB

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	Incident Address	Type of Incident
601542 08/12/2022 12:56	WESTONIA	Fire - Bushfire (lge)

WESTONIA BFB

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	Incident Address	Type of Incident
553825 02/12/2021 14:50	GREAT EASTERN HWY, WALGOOLAN	Road Crash & Rescue
554002 04/12/2021 07:27	CREES RD, BURRACOPPIN	Fire - Bushfire (lge)
601542 08/12/2022 12:56	WESTONIA	Fire - Bushfire (lge)



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	Incident Address	Type of Incident
603438 26/12/2022 19:16	GREAT EASTERN HWY, BODALLIN	Fire - Bushfire (lge)



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Vehicles & Appliances

This information is used by RMS, IRS, CAD, the AVL system and WebEOC

Accuracy is imperative

Please advise incorrect information to appliances@dfes.wa.gov.au

WALGOOLAN BFB	Make	Model	Registration	UVI	Asset Code
TANKERS - LIGHT TANKER	TOYOTA	VDJ79R	WT339	U101868	E824
WARRALAKIN BFB	Make	Model	Registration	UVI	Asset Code
TANKERS - LIGHT TANKER	TOYOTA	VDJ79R	WT357	U102137	N175
WESTONIA BFB	Make	Model	Registration	UVI	Asset Code
TANKERS - 3.4 URBAN	ISUZU	FHFTSLGB03	WT1500	U101590	E579
TANKERS - LIGHT TANKER	TOYOTA	VDJ79R	39WT	U102131	N176



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Bushfire Brigade Membership Listing as at 04/01/2023

9134 SHIRE WESTONIA

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Vol. Number	Rank	Surname	Given Name
119012	LG FCO	BROWN	DAVID
119154	LG CBFCO	CORSINI	FRANK
119135	LG FCO	CRIDDLE	JAMIE
142827	LG FCO	DAY	ROHAN
162184	LG FCO	FARINA	DANE
119016	LG FCO	LEMOLGNAN	STEVEN
119120	LG FCO	LINDLEY	COLIN
119079	LG FCO	MCDOWALL	JOHN
146834	LG FCO	MURFIT	TONY
133116	LG DCBFCO	NICOLETTI	MALCOLM
119124	LG FCO	PRICE	ARTHUR
119013	LG FCO	SMITH	AARON
146836	LG FCO	WAHLSTEN	JASON



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Bushfire Brigade Membership Listing as at 04/01/2023

6644 WALGOOLAN BFB

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Vol. Number	Rank	Surname	Given Name
119036	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BARNETT	CHRISTOPHER
119050	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BARNETT	HELEN
187746	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BARNETT	REBECCA
185050	ACTIVE MEMBER	BOWDEN	MARK
119048	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BROWN	EILEEN
179432	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BROWN	GERARD
119047	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	CREES	RODNEY
161351	ACTIVE MEMBER	CREES	SHAUN
190246	CADET	DAY	HARRY
146831	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	DAY	KARIN
142827	BFB 1ST LIEUTENANT	DAY	ROHAN
185051	ACTIVE MEMBER	DAY	WILLIAM
119045	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	JEFFERYS	BRETT
146833	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	JEFFERYS	CHRIS
119010	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	JEFFERYS	JOHN
146832	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	JEFFERYS	NARELLE
119051	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	JOHNSTON	GRAHAM
182036	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	LAMBERT	PETER
127304	ACTIVE MEMBER	OLDCORN	ANDREW
146838	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	WAHLSTEN	CLINTON
146836	BFB 2ND LIEUTENANT	WAHLSTEN	JASON
146839	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	WAHLSTEN	LUKE
146837	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	WAHLSTEN	TERRY



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6658 WARRALAKIN BFB

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Vol. Number	Rank	Surname	Given Name
171478	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	ALCOCK	GRAHAM
193725	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BICCHIERAI	LAURINE
182136	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BRENNAN	BRAYDEN
133119	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	CHRISP	SHAUN
178680	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	CLAESSENS	EVA
193720	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	COUSSEAU	KEVIN
178682	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	CREWS	MITCH
119017	BFB 3RD LIEUTENANT	CREWS	PETER
146821	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	CROOK	DAVID
119114	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	CROOK	MICHAEL
119103	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	CROOK	RUSSELL
119015	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	DADDOW	STEPHEN
182134	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	DAWSON	SAM
171481	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	FARINA	ABIGAIL
171480	BFB 2ND LIEUTENANT	FARINA	BEN
162184	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	FARINA	DANE
193733	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	FILETTI	LORRAINE
193727	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	FILETTI	MICHAEL
193724	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	FILETTI	STEPHANIE
193734	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	FILETTI	STEPHEN
193721	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	FYFE	BENJAMIN
187930	ACTIVE MEMBER	GATES	DANNY
182253	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	GIBSON	KYLIE
187927	ACTIVE MEMBER	HILL	MATHEW
187925	ACTIVE MEMBER	HOOGEVEEN	JACK
190434	ACTIVE MEMBER	HOOGEVEEN	MATTHEW
182544	ACTIVE MEMBER	HOPKINS	TERRALEE
193560	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	HUISMAN	SID
193722	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	INGLIS	MELISSA
161780	ACTIVE MEMBER	KING	RONALD
187923	ACTIVE MEMBER	LE MOIGNAN	MAREE
193684	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	LEAVER	SAMANTHA
119016	BFB 1ST LIEUTENANT	LEMOLGNAN	STEVEN
182135	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	MARTIN	HANNAH



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6658 WARRALAKIN BFB

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Vol. Number	Rank	Surname	Given Name
130762	ACTIVE MEMBER	MCCARTNEY	BRENDEN
119079	CAPTAIN	MCDOWALL	JOHN
119079	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	MCDOWALL	JOHN
171482	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	MCDOWALL	ROBERT
193683	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	NALLY	SHANE
178679	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	NICOLETTI	ALEISHA
133116	BFB SECRETARY	NICOLETTI	MALCOLM
193730	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	OHM	LEA
127304	ACTIVE MEMBER	OLDCORN	ANDREW
193728	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	PARKER	HANNAH
108605	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	PARKIN	CRAIG
161319	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	PARKIN	DANIELLE
162182	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	PRICE	DAVID
171497	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	PRICE	MORGAN
171498	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	PRICE	STACY
167426	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	PUTTER	FRANS (RICHARD)
193723	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	RILEY	MICHAEL
171500	ACTIVE MEMBER	SING	JEANNIE
155396	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	SING	STEWART
119013	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	SMITH	AARON
146827	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	SMITH	JOAN
119084	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	SMITH	STEPHEN
193731	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	STING	KYTT
193732	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	VISSER	QUENTIN
187922	ACTIVE MEMBER	WILLE	CHARL
193726	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	ZACH	CHRISTIAN



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6668 WESTONIA BFB

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Vol. Number	Rank	Surname	Given Name
119134	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	ANTONIO	JOCELYN
119004	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	ANTONIO	PETER
119148	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	ARGENT	BRIAN
119037	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BARNETT	DANIEL
187746	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BARNETT	REBECCA
64802	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BRIGHT	GRAEME
119154	CAPTAIN	CORSINI	FRANK
182000	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	CORSINI	JOEL
119153	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	CORSINI	JOHN
127094	ACTIVE MEMBER	CREES	BRENDAN
119135	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	CRIDDLE	JAMIE
182080	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	DADDOW	GRAHAM
182009	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	DELLA BOSCA	ROSS
182010	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	DELLA BOSCA	TIMOTHY
159264	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	DUNKLEY-COOPER	KASEY
166652	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	GEIER	ASHLEY
151957	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	GEIER	DAIMON
119006	BFB 3RD LIEUTENANT	HAMILTON	DAVID
159378	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	HERMON	DOUG
187720	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	JONES	GRAHAM
119120	BFB 1ST LIEUTENANT	LINDLEY	COLIN
119146	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	LINDLEY	CORALIE
119152	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	LINDLEY	JUDITH
119128	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	LINDLEY	KEVIN
192963	ACTIVE MEMBER	MITCHELL	ROBERT
182420	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	MOORE	JAMES
119005	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	O' RAFFERTY	DES
127304	ACTIVE MEMBER	OLDCORN	ANDREW
188113	ACTIVE MEMBER	PARKER	BLAKE
161702	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	PAUST	KEVIN
146818	BFB 2ND LIEUTENANT	PENNY	BRAD
119124	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	PRICE	ARTHUR
166647	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	RILEY	COLIN
160933	ACTIVE MEMBER	SMITH	PAUL



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Vol. Number	Rank	Surname	Given Name
146819	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	TOWNROW	ADRIAN
146820	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	TOWNROW	CLINTON
119151	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	TOWNROW	KERRYIN
119003	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	TOWNROW	LEX
187922	ACTIVE MEMBER	WILLE	CHARL

Hi all

Happy new year to everyone.

This email is to say thanks for your letters of support for the above ranger program and to advise that we have been successful with our application.

This enables Maarli Services to now have a small team of employees over a 2 year period (which I am hoping to extend to 5 years) dedicated to maintaining our cultural and environmental land assets across the region.

This state investment is the first for such a program for the region and I am wanting to build a solid partnership with each local government to maintain and look after some of our environmental and cultural land assets. In partnership with you all I would also use this program to look at any regional collaboration opportunities across your shires.

The Local Governments who provided letters of support are:

- Merredin
- Bruce Rock
- Kellerberiiin
- Kondinnin
- Narembeen
- Yilgarn
- Westonia
- Mukinbudin
- Trayning

Now we have a foundation to start the Ranger program I am hoping both Mt Marshall and Nungarin will also come on board. I would like to meet with each of you to discuss the program and develop an agreement for working with you all on what is an exciting opportunity for maintaining the regions cultural and environmental assets.

Please advise of some times over the next month to meet and discuss further or call on the number below.

Regards

Michael Hayden
Managing Director



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Maarli acknowledges and pays respect to the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to country.

Mr Bill Price
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Westonia

ceo@westonia.wa.gov.au

24 January 2023

Dear Mr Price,

Re: Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail

I refer to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the National Trust and the local governments along the Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail (GPHT) signed in 1999 which established an agreement for the parties to conserve and promote the heritage values of the Goldfields Water Supply Scheme. In reviewing this MOU it is evident that it has now served its purpose and there would be no benefit to the parties in continuing with the MOU in the manner in which it was written, particularly via the formation of a Golden Pipeline Council as a coordinating body responsible for the project. Rather than a central coordinating body, it makes sense that each local government conserve and promote the heritage assets within its boundaries.

There are however, an array of economic and social benefits we continue to realise as intended when the parties conceived the GPHT. The trail is now an established tourist attraction and is well represented via the National Trust's website 'Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail', Trail WA's 'Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail, Mundaring Weir to Kalgoorlie', Australia's Golden Outback '3 Days – Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail' package, Central Wheatbelt Visitor Centre's 'Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail' package and Tourism Western Australia's 'Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail' package as well as the individual shire packages.

We would all have applauded the State Heritage Council's decision in December 2022, to register the Goldfields Water Supply Scheme.

The National Trust continues to work with Water Corporation and will be closely involved in their plan to underground the pipeline over the next 50 years and its commitment to leave stretches of pipeline above ground with adjacent interpretation.

The National Trust's key responsibilities include:

- management order for the Number 1 Pump Station in Mundaring

- joint vesting in Number 3 Pump Station with the Shire of Cunderdin (managed by Shire of Cunderdin)
- joint vesting in Number 4 Pump Station with the Shire of Merredin
- management order for Karalee Rocks
- management order for Number 8 Pump Station in Dedari
- joint vesting in Mt Charlotte with the Water Corporation

In June of 2022 the National Trust wrote to the Shires of Mundaring and Northam advising that the MOUs relating to the National Trust's role in the Kep Track had also run their course and that, in line with the original intention, the National Trust encouraged the shires to continue to maintain the track and associated signage having regard for the popularity the track enjoys and its contribution to tourism and community wellbeing. We insure the signage we erected and so it's important if any damage is reported that you contact us so we can rectify.

The National Trust welcomes on-going dialogue with the shires as each conserves and promotes the heritage values of the GPHT. We are keen to assist in promotion via our web and social media and to reach out to our members with news and information on events and exhibitions.

Yours sincerely



Julian Donaldson

Chief Executive Officer

CEO'S REPORT

- **GENERAL MATTERS**

- A large portion of time during the month has been spent on the review of the Local Planning Strategy.
- An onsite meeting was held with Tony Crockett Green Planet Grass who will be installing the new synthetic grass on the bowling greens.
- An onsite meeting has been held with Geoff Famlonga who is the builder of the Auspan Shed being installed late February.
- Museum ABC article on the Hood Penn Museum was broadcast nationwide on Boxing Day. https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-12-26/westonia-hood-penn-museum-wax-dolls-for-outback-wa-tourism/101773474?utm_campaign=abc_news_web&utm_content=link&utm_medium=content_shared&utm_source=abc_news_web
- Held a radio interview with ABC on the extension of funding for Nurse Practitioner position.
- Coordinating the various projects being rolled out as part of the Wolfram Street RAC Streetscape project.
- Works have commenced on the shed structure for the Walgoolan Wagon.
- Coordination of the new fuel depot has commenced with the purchase of a used underground 30,000L tank which will be refurbished prior to be installed onsite. Bowser and OPT systems have been purchased. The roadcrew have prepared the site and fencing in the laydown area.
- Sent correspondence to Main Roads about the condition of the Carrabin Truck Bay and the turning lane on Westonia Carrabin Road which is heavily potholed from the triple roadtrains.
- Conducted 3 month successful probationary period interview with Senior Finance Officer.
- Meeting with Sandra West about possible fenced Dog Park for Westonia.
- Complex suffered a lightning strike on main power pole which has required new wiring and work on Meter Box. This is an insurance claim.

- **DELEGATED AUTHORITY ACTIONS**

- An extension of the Prohibited Burning Period for an additional 14 days to the 28th February 2023, as per the Bush Fires Act 1954 was authorized by the Chief Fire Control Officer.

- **ROADCREW**

- The Warralakin RRG reconstruction project has recommenced with gravel sheeting and final trim for bitumen surfacing due sometime in March.
- Bitumen and subgrade repairs and stabilization have been completed on some small sections of Boodarockin Road where some bitumen failures have occurred.
- Roadtrain Truck Audits have been carried out for the year with an extension to our operating Permit being granted until April 2024.
- The road crew removed the Western Fencing, limestone blocks and concrete plinths and footings in preparation for the bowling green extension.
- Maintenance summer grading is being carried out in the northern section of the shire.

- **TOWN**

- The town crew have been hedging and cutting back gardens in preparation for tourist season.
- The town crew have removed the shade shelters, flag poles and light towers from the bowling greens in preparation for the new shed installation.
- Cr Cress has obtained a heritage grain auger for display with other agriculture items around town.

- **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & BUILDING MATTERS**

Nil

- **PLANT HOURS**

The following is a list of plant and vehicle kilometre and hour readings for the period ending 1.2.23

Item		1.11.22	1.2.23
P1	<i>CAT 140 GRADER</i>	1,264hrs	1,290hrs
P2	<i>CAT 12M GRADER</i>	7,448hrs	7,453hrs
P3	<i>PRIME MOVER (OLD FREIGHTLINER)</i>	208,745kms	211,507kms
P4	<i>ROAD TRAIN (NEW FREIGHTLINER)</i>	86,405kms	89,466kms
P5	<i>JOHN DEERE LOADER</i>	4,285hrs	4,321hrs
P6	<i>CAT ROLLER (SKIP)</i>	758hrs	801hrs
P7	<i>MINI-EXCAVATOR</i>	901hrs	973hrs
P8	<i>TELEHANDLER JCB</i>	2,378hrs	2,425hrs
P9	<i>TOYOTA (GRADER UTE)</i>	15,355kms	17,636kms
P10	<i>mitsubishi CANTER</i>	1,260kms	3,581kms
P11	<i>TOYOTA HILUX (GARDENER) WT 35</i>	95,094kms	96,264kms
P12	<i>JOHN DEERE (5100)</i>	2,488hrs	2,496hrs
P14	<i>TOYOTA LANDCRUISER GXL (CEO)</i>	1,106kms	5,455kms
P15	<i>TOYOTA PRADO GXL (W/SUPER)</i>	33,883kms	40,697kms
P16	<i>TOYOTA RAV4 (ADMIN)</i>	70,222kms	79,223kms
P17	<i>TOYOTA HILUX DUAL CAB</i>	11,658kms	13,487kms
P19	<i>FAST ATTACK</i>	15,272kms	16,398kms
P20	<i>FIRE TRUCK</i>	6,577kms	6,727kms
P18	<i>WESSY BUS</i>	131,083kms	133,313kms
P22	<i>KUBOTA RIDE ON MOWER (OVAL)</i>	1,994hrs	1,997hrs
P23	<i>TOYOTA MINI-BUS (WT COM V)</i>	31,333kms	kms
P24	<i>CAT ROLLER (LOLA)</i>	1,047hrs	1,057hrs
P25	<i>MICK's BEAUT UTE</i>	157,061kms	157,892kms
P26	<i>GO-GO MOBILE SWEEPER</i>		

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND WELLBEING REPORT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT



The second working group meeting was held on Thursday 9/2/23 to discuss the progress and any new direction for “Wessy on the Green” - 22nd of April 2023. We had managed to find and confirm 4 bands and now have five which we have decided is enough, we have 5x food vans (Wheatbelt coffee time, Creamy Cow Soft Serve, Hot jam Donuts, Trawlers - Fish & Chips, Moroccan Food Truck and we are trying to get a Pizza van, kids entertainment Perth Reptile Co, Face painter, Sports fun inflatables and Balls n All Arcade Games. Fireworks are booked with West Coast Fire Works for a 7 minute display they bring personnel and fire prevention vehicle. We also have a sound & lighting specialist so that bands can simply plug in and play. We were lucky enough to get 10 Sponsors with a total of \$13,450.00 to add to the WPA grant. We have been heavily advertising on social media, websites & through Shire/tourism contacts and MMM advertising due to start next week.

Grant applications & award nominations submitted:

- Department of Communities – Youth Week Grant we have made application for \$2000 to cover the cost of Perth Reptiles ...
- Rural Health West - Nomination to WA Rural health excellence awards, category “Peoples Choice” for her Contributions to the community Laura Black NP. Laura has been named a finalist in her award category as has Dr Olga Ward shire representatives have been invited to attend the 2023 WA Rural Health Excellence Awards, on Saturday 11 March at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre award ceremony on the
- 2023-25 Regional Airports Development Scheme funding. To provide a water supply for the airport terminal (1x 32000L Poly tank). Currently waiting for outcome response from the RADS team. Council President Drake Crees was notified on 14/2/23 that we were successful, we have responded with an acceptance letter to Minister Safiotti (via email on 14/2/23) and will in turn receive a funding Dee in order to proceed.
- Collgar Wind farm community fund application – Level 2 Sponsorship application closes January 2023 being for local initiatives, educational programs and scholarships. We have made application to upgrade the Westonia picture theatre projector system.

Future grant opportunities & award nominations:

- CBH Community Grants next funding round opened February 2023
- Department of LG, Sport & Cultural Industries – Active Regional Communities Grants (up to \$5000) categories; Capacity building, Event hosting and Participation. Applications open all year.

WELLBEING REPORT

Age Care

Application to provide Aged Care by a Government Organisation – Progress has been made with this application however we were required to add a further 4 staff members as Key personnel before approval can be made to begin the next step. When successful the Shire will be able to provide Domestic support, Gardening/Home Maintenance, Transport and more and will be able to support existing programs such as wellbeing activities, nursing and other health related areas. It is important that we get the initial application to Australian Government Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission correct before we can proceed with any further application. It has very strict guidelines that need to be adhered to before we can be authorised as a provider. The application may take some weeks to complete, although because we are a government organisation, there will be no application fees and we won't have to go through the 90 day final assessment.

Whilst our Health and Wellbeing officer is on maternity leave staff have been making themselves available to visit the most vulnerable of our community to keep communication lines open. Including meals on wheels visits and referring or helping with any maintenance, IT or Service issues where possible.

Paint by numbers – we were approached by some seniors who love doing Paint by numbers and asked if we could get some in for them. We purchased a good selection utilising the Words of Wisdom funding. The paintings have been popular to not only members of our Scrabble group but other seniors within the town. They are free to take a painting to either do at home or when they visit the wellbeing centre.

Community activities and resources

Heal Program with Wheatbelt health has begun with individual assessments and the first of 8 sessions are due to commence on the 21st of February.

Meals on Wheels resumed 31st of January, we have a total of 11 seniors utilising this fantastic service.

The scrabble ladies are back to their weekly games this is a great way for brains to keep sharp and offers a afternoon of socializing which is always good for the soul.

Transported a senior to and from Merredin Hospital for an appointment.

Upcoming events and projects

Mums and bubs hours of power TBA

HEAL Program Tuesday 21/2/22

TOURISM REPORT

WESTONIA TOURIST PARK

The park has still been busy considering this time of year is known to be the quiet time of year. Word is spreading fast and Westonia is quickly becoming a great option for easy weekend getaway with everything it offers.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

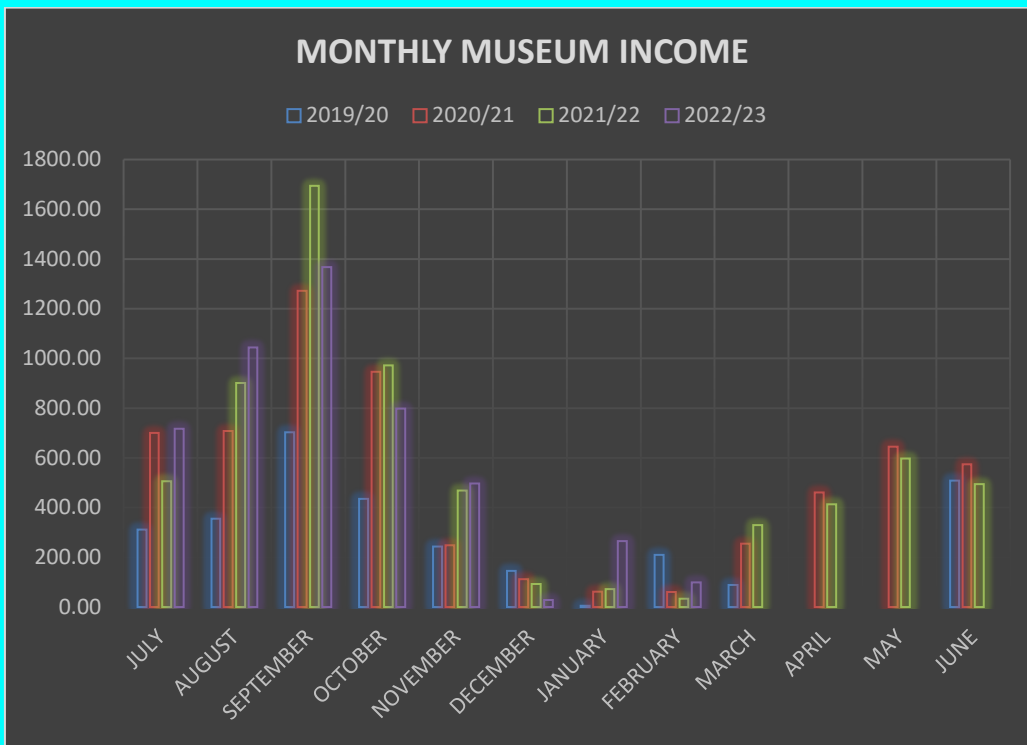
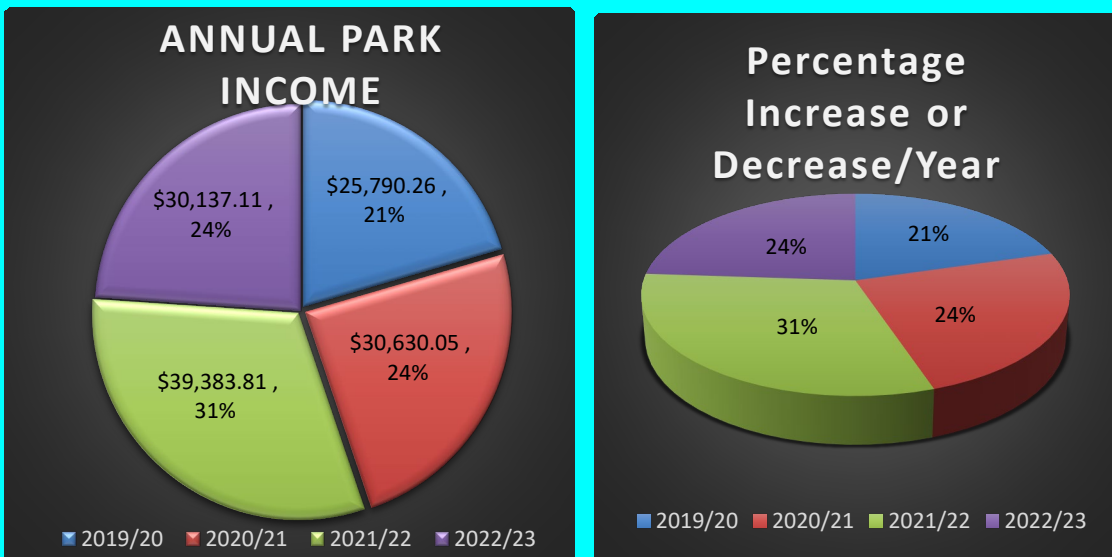
- Various minor repairs and maintenance ongoing. Focal area being bathroom maintenance (fixtures and disabled bathroom upgrade)

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 ring or see to book in and outline that you must un-hook also defined bays might be a good idea for this area.

STATISTICS



HOOD-PENN MUSEUM

With a recent plug on the ABC news January has been the busiest it has ever been! Luckily there has always been a volunteer available to take visitors through the museum over the weekends while it is shut, reports from the volunteers was that most who visited had made a special trip out to Westonia just for the muesum expirience. The farm scene is still a work in progress with works on constructing a shire map with the early settlers and who owned which location underway.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

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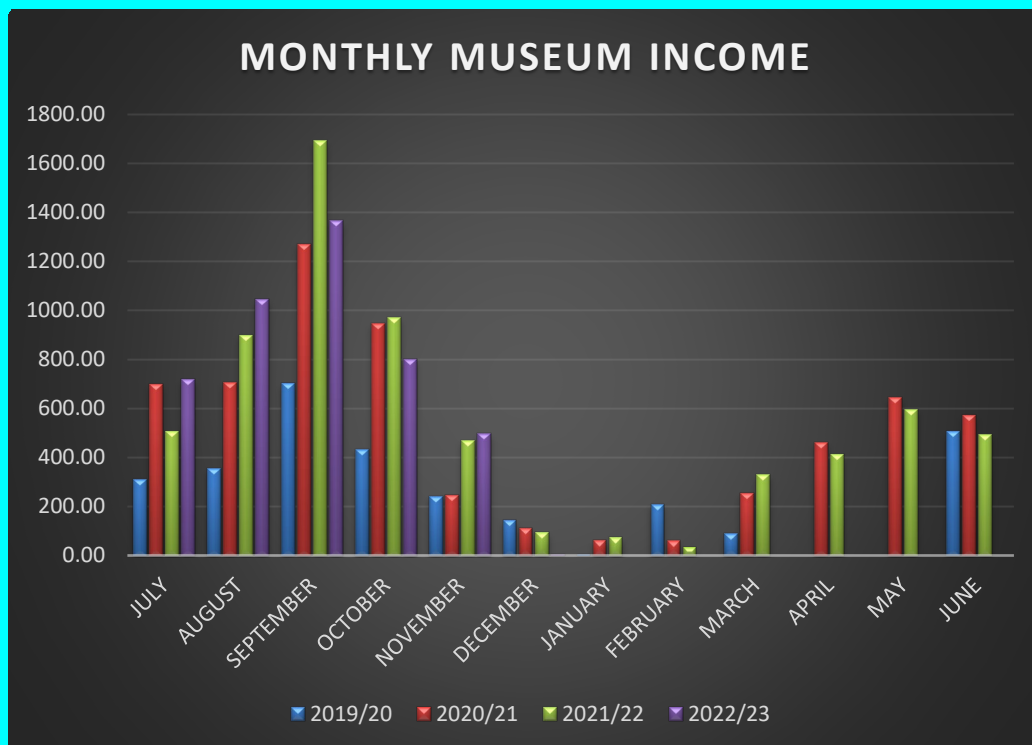
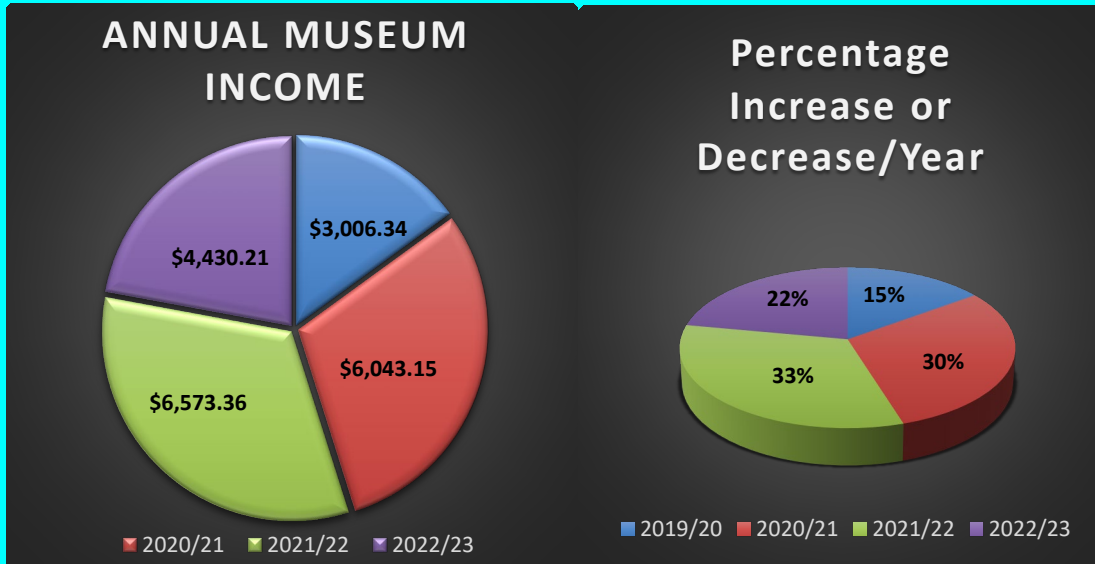
RECENT PROJECTS

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

FUTURE PROJECTS

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

STATISTICS



Labour cost hits Edna May

Ramelius Resources puts \$165m-plus gold mine extension on hold

SEAN SMITH

Ramelius Resources believes it could be two years before labour costs come down enough to revive a proposed \$165 million-plus extension of its flagship Edna May gold mine in WA.

The Perth-based miner on Monday added to the flurry of renewed warnings about the impact of escalating workforce expenses by putting the Edna May extension on hold, saying a 33 per cent blow-out in the budget to \$220m over the past two years had cut its projected returns to less than acceptable levels.

Ramelius largely blamed the higher cost of labour, which has made the project more expensive and increased its operating costs,

with the combination more than outweighing increased gold price assumptions and slashing its undisclosed rate of return from the project.

Rates for contract workers were "significantly higher" than its January 2021 scoping study for the extension, "due to (the) well documented industry cost inflation environment".

The impact is growing across the mining industry in WA, which continues to grapple with the skills shortages and supply chain disruptions that emerged during COVID-19.

There was an assumption in some quarters that costs were easing across the board, but while fuel is cheaper, rising labour rates remain a big issue.

Last week, Liontown Resources disclosed the cost of its proposed Kathleen Valley lithium project near Leinster had blown out 64 per cent to \$895m, mainly because of higher costs flowing from the shortage of skilled tradespeople.

Ramelius managing director Mark Zeptner told the West Australian on Mon-

day he expected it to take "a couple of years before things become clearer" on costs and the company could look at restarting the extension at Edna May, 315km north-east of Perth.

"This is not a short-term decision, it will take some time to rectify," he said. "There needs to be a change in the economic environment, whether that be gold price or costs."

Investors backed the call, with Ramelius shares losing just 1¢ to \$1.075, valuing the group at \$946m.

"I'd like to think the market liked our discipline, rather than just trying to achieve an ounce profile that doesn't necessarily generate the necessary return," Mr Zeptner, pictured, said.

Ramelius said despite its pre-feasibility study on the extension increasing its gold price assumption by \$300 to \$2600 an ounce, projected total costs were 28 per cent higher at \$1977/oz, reducing cut-off grades and slashing expected production.

It said the study "remains incomplete, however environmental permitting work will continue to allow for a quick restart in any lower cost/higher gold price environment in the future".

The company said it would aim to deploy the cash earmarked for the Edna May extension elsewhere for better financial returns. Its options included other developments with its portfolio or takeovers and purchases.





Hon John Carey MLA
Minister for Housing; Lands; Homelessness; Local Government

Our ref: 78-11008

3 February 2023

Dear Local Government Chief Executive Officers

MEMORANDUM TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE UPCOMING OCTOBER 2023 ORDINARY ELECTIONS

As you know, the State Government is continuing to work with the local government sector to deliver the most significant package of local government reforms in more than 25 years. These reforms include several measures to strengthen local democracy and increase community engagement, including new requirements for:

- the introduction of optional preferential voting for all local government elections;
- directly-elected Mayors and Presidents for all Band 1 and 2 local governments;
- the abolition of wards for all Band 3 and 4 local governments; and
- aligning the size of councils with the size of the population of each district.

In September 2022, I wrote to all local governments to outline the implications of the reforms for each council, and pathways for implementing required changes. Since then, the majority of impacted councils have been working to consider how best to transition in changes. Many councils have since completed Ward and Representation Reviews, while others will have more substantial changes implemented through reform elections, or minor changes made to apply by default.

I would like to acknowledge and thank local governments for the constructive and proactive way they have approached this forward planning.

Further to my previous letter, the State Government is continuing to work to implement election reforms ahead of the October 2023 Ordinary Elections. The reforms will introduce Optional Preferential Voting (OPV) for all local government elections. OPV is similar to preferential voting used in State and Federal Elections, and for local government elections in every other Australian state. OPV provides that electors can preference as many or as few candidates as they decide, and there will be no transfer of preferences other than the preferences electors mark on their ballot paper.

The reforms will also include related new changes for the backfilling of vacancies, including:

- in the event that a member of the council is directly elected as the Mayor or President, the consequent vacancy can be filled by the next highest-polling candidate through the relevant district or ward council election held on the same day;
- if a vacancy arises within one year of a council member being elected at an ordinary election, that vacancy may be filled by the next highest-polling candidate; and
- the timeframes for which certain vacancies can remain unfilled ahead of an upcoming ordinary election will also be extended.

Together, these reforms will greatly reduce the need for extraordinary elections, saving costs for ratepayers and administrative burden for local governments in the longer term.

However, these changes will require specific attention on election night, and returning officers will need to identify the candidates who are next in line to fill further vacancies for inclusion on the declaration of results. Accordingly, I am writing to encourage all local governments to commence early planning for the practical arrangements for the conduct of the October 2023 Ordinary Elections.

As you would know, the council may declare the Electoral Commissioner as responsible to conduct postal elections under sections 4.20 and 4.61 of the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act). Section 4.28 of the Act further provides that the local government is to meet the costs incurred by the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC) in conducting such elections.

Alternatively, if council decides that the CEO (or other appointee) is to be the returning officer, local governments will have the option to purchase a licence for access to the WAEC's CountWA software to facilitate the counting of votes. CountWA software is used to count votes in State Elections, and involves data entry of preferences indicated on ballot papers. This provides for preferences to be counted and re-counted using the software.

If a local government decides to license the software instead of appointing the Electoral Commissioner to conduct the election, the CEO (or other appointee) will remain wholly responsible for the conduct of the count, the use of the software, the introduction of the new OPV counting and backfilling provisions, and dealing with any disputes or complaints. The WAEC will only be able to provide general assistance on accessing and using the software.

The WAEC will shortly be writing to all local governments to provide information for each council. The WAEC can also provide further information on each of these options. Please contact Phil Richards, Manager Election Events on 9214 0443 or at Phillip.Richards@waec.wa.gov.au if you have any queries.

It is strongly recommended that the decision for whether to declare the Electoral Commissioner as responsible for your Ordinary Elections is put to Council at its March meeting. This will allow sufficient time for the WAEC to work with you to deliver the election, or provide you with a software licence, if preferred.

In considering potential arrangements, local governments should be mindful that the WAEC will require sufficient lead time to plan ahead. Accordingly, I strongly urge all local governments to make arrangements as early as possible, and consider the appointment of the WAEC to conduct the elections.

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) is working closely with the WAEC to prepare further materials to assist local governments with the implementation of reforms. The DLGSC will provide further updates through LG Alerts to the sector and on the DLGSC's website. The DLGSC is also available to assist with any queries, including by email at lghotline@dlgsc.wa.gov.au or by phone on 1300 762 511.

I have also written a letter to the Mayor or President of your local government, which contains the same information as this memorandum. That letter should be received shortly.

Yours sincerely



HON JOHN CAREY MLA
MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT



Media Release | 27th January 2023

Hon Mia Davies MLA
Opposition Leader;
Leader of The Nationals WA

Statement from Leader of The Nationals WA Hon Mia Davies MLA:

Today, I have advised my colleagues that I will not be seeking re-election at the 2025 State Election and intend to stand down as the Leader of The Nationals WA at the next meeting of the Parliamentary National Party.

Over the summer break I have considered my future as a Member of Parliament.

In March 2025, I will have been a State Member of Parliament for 17 years, the past ten of those as a higher office bearer as either Deputy Leader, Leader, Parliamentary Secretary and Minister of the Crown. The last two have been as the Leader of the Opposition Alliance.

I have served in both the Legislative Council and Assembly and have been involved in every election at a State and Federal level since 2005, either as a Member of Parliament or behind the scenes as Policy Director, State Director and Campaign Director for The Nationals WA.

The decisions that our team will be required to make and deliver over the course of the next two years in the lead up to the State Election will be significant and require leadership from someone that intends to continue on beyond 2025.

Now is the right time to transition the leadership to give them the best opportunity to chart a course back to Government.

I want to thank The Nationals WA for the honour of leading the Party for six years – it has been a privilege and something I have never taken for granted. I have given it my all and trust that I have done it justice.

I extend my thanks to our State President Tony Crook and his team. Our Executive are committed volunteers and our membership is stable.

There remains an important place for The Nationals WA and our pragmatic and common-sense brand of politics in WA.

I look forward to continuing to serve as the Member for Central Wheatbelt for the final two years of my Parliamentary career.

Media contact: Emily Evans – 0401 337 959

GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Date: Tuesday 28 February 2023
Location: Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre,
Bates Street, Merredin
Time: 8.45am to 4.30pm

PROGRAMME

8.45 – 9.15am	Registration and Welcome	Shires of: Bruce Rock Cunderdin Dowerin Kellerberrin Kondinin Koorda Merredin Mt Marshall Mukinbudin Narembeen Nungarin Tammin Trayning Westonia Wyalkatchem Yilgarn
9.15am	Conference Opening	
	- Cr Tony Sachse, Great Eastern Country Zone Chair	
	- Cr Karen Chappel, WALGA President	
9.35am	Welcome to Country	
9.45am	Hon Jackie Jarvis MLC, Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Small Business	
10.30 - 11am	Morning Tea	
11.00am	Commissioner Darren Klemm, Department of Fire and Emergency Services	
11.45am	Keynote Speaker Danielle Green, General Manager, Dowerin Machinery Field Days	
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch	
1.30pm	Susan Hall, A/CEO, Wheatbelt Development Commission	
2.00pm	Mandy Walker, RDA Wheatbelt	
2.30pm	Terry Waldron, Chair, Central East Aged Care Alliance Inc	
3.00pm	John Nuttall, Technical Officer, Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network	
3.30 – 3.45pm	Afternoon Break	
3.45pm	Afternoon Presenters Panel Session and Q and A <i>‘Strategic Opportunities for Future Regional Collaboration’</i>	
4.15pm	Conference Close - Cr Tony Sachse	
4.30pm	Networking Sundowner	

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The Great Easter Country Zone invites you to the 2023 Conference on **Tuesday 28 February 2023** at the Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre.

Themed *Regional Collaboration*, the Conference will be a unique opportunity for Elected Members and Local Government professionals from the zone to come together to exchange ideas and hear from our expert speakers and panel discussions. Look out for further information on our featured speakers in the new year.

[Register to attend](#)

If you have any event queries, please contact Ulrike Prill, Manager Events on 9213 2043 or events@walga.asn.au

Yours sincerely,

Cr Tony Sachse
Zone Chairperson

Good morning

LOCAL GOVERNMENT HONOURS PROGRAM 2023

Nominations for the 2023 Local Government Honours Program are now open!

The Local Government Honours Program affords significant public recognition and celebration of the outstanding achievements and lasting contributions made by Elected Members and employees to their respective Councils, the Local Government sector and the wider community.

All member Local Governments and State Councillors are invited to submit nominations.

There are six awards in the 2023 Program:

1. Local Government Medal
2. Life Membership
3. Eminent Service Award
4. Merit Award
5. Local Government Distinguished Officer Award
6. Troy Pickard Young Achievers Award

For more information, and to download the nomination form, please visit our [website](#).

Nominations will close at **5:00pm on Friday, 9 June**.

For further information or enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact myself on (08) 9213 2036 or email honours@walga.asn.au.

Kind regards

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