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# Councillor Information Bulletin

For the Ordinary Council Meeting  
held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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# SHIRE OF WESTONIA

## April/May/June 2018

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Who</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	CCI Meeting Traineeship signup	Westonia	CEO, J Geier
5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> April	Wheatbelt Conference	Jurien Bay	Councillors
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Hood-Penn Presentation - Walgoolan	Westonia	CEO
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Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Trades Panel discussion WALGA	Westonia (phone)	CEO
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Strategic Planning Meeting – Caroline Robinson (Solum)	Westonia	CEO, Works, Councillors
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Council Meeting	Westonia	CEO, President, Councillors
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Lotterywest presentation	Westonia	CEO, T Blake
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Wheatbelt Communities	Kellerberrin	CEO, President
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	WEROC	Kellerberrin	CEO, President
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Westonia CRC	Westonia	CEO, Cr Day, Cr Huxtable
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Ramelius meeting to discuss issues	Westonia	CEO
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Council Meeting	Westonia	CEO, President, Councillors
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Strategic Planning (Solum)	Westonia	CEO, President, Councillors
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Dept of Planning TPS	Westonia	CEO, President, Councillors
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Council Meeting	Westonia	CEO, President, Councillors



**Notice**  
**of**  
**Annual General**  
**Meeting**  
**and**  
**Procedural Information**  
**for Submission of Motions**

**Perth Convention and Exhibition**  
**Centre**

**Wednesday, 1 August 2018**

**Deadline for Agenda Items**

**(Close of Business)**

**Tuesday, 5 June 2018**

# 2018 Local Government Convention

## General Information

The 2018 Local Government Convention will be held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre (PCEC) from 1 August to 3 August 2018. The tentative schedule for the Convention is as follows:

<u>Tuesday, 31 July</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>FINISH</u>
Mayors and Presidents Forum (separate invitation)	3.30 pm	5.30 pm
Mayors and Presidents Reception (separate invitation)	5.30 pm	7.00 pm
<u>Wednesday, 1 August</u>		
State and Local Government Forum (separate registration)	9.00 am	12.15 pm
Registration for AGM and collection of voting keypads	10.00 am	1.30 pm
Honour Recipients Luncheon (by invitation only)	12.00 pm	1.15 pm
WALGA AGM (including Honours Awards Presentations)	1.30 pm	5.00 pm
Convention Opening Welcome Reception	5.00 pm	6.30 pm
<u>Thursday, 2 August</u>		
ALGWA AGM and Breakfast (separate invitation)	7.00 am	8.30 am
Opening and Convention Sessions	9.00 am	5.30 pm
Convention Gala Dinner	7.00 pm	11:00 pm
<u>Friday, 3 August</u>		
Convention Breakfast	7.30 am	8.45 am
Convention Sessions	9.00 am	3.30 pm

*Further details are contained in the Registration Brochure which will be distributed to all Local Governments in May.*

### **WALGA Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting for the Western Australian Local Government Association will be held from 1.30 pm to 5.30 pm on Wednesday, 1 August 2018. This event should be attended by delegates from all Member Local Governments.

### **Cost for attending the Annual General Meeting**

Attendance at the Annual General Meeting is **free of charge** to all Member Local Governments; lunch is not provided. All Convention delegates must register their attendance in advance. Registration for the Opening Welcome Reception that evening must also be notified in advance and will incur a cost for those not registered as a Full Delegate.

## Submission of Motions

Member Local Governments are hereby invited to submit motions for inclusion on the Agenda for consideration at the 2018 Annual General Meeting. Motions should be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive Officer of WALGA.

The closing date for submission of motions is COB **Tuesday, 5 June 2018**. *Please note that any motions proposing alterations or amendments to the Constitution of the WALGA must be received by COB **Friday, 11 May 2018** in order to satisfy the 60 day constitutional notification requirements.*

The following guidelines should be followed by Members in the formulation of motions:

- Motions should focus on policy matters rather than issues which could be dealt with by the WALGA State Council with minimal delay.
- Due regard should be given to the relevance of the motion to the total membership and to Local Government in general. Some motions are of a localised or regional interest and might be better handled through other forums.
- Due regard should be given to the timeliness of the motion – will it still be relevant come the Local Government Convention or would it be better handled immediately by the Association?
- The likely political impact of the motion should be carefully considered.
- Due regard should be given to the educational value to Members – i.e. does awareness need to be raised on the particular matter?
- The potential media interest of the subject matter should be considered.
- Annual General Meeting motions submitted by Member Local Governments must be accompanied by fully researched and documented supporting comment.

## Criteria for Motions

As per the Corporate Governance Charter, prior to the finalisation of the agenda, the WALGA Executive Committee will determine whether motions abide by the following criteria:

Motions will be included in the Business Paper agenda where they:

1. Are consistent with the objects of the Association (refer to clause 3 of the constitution);
2. Demonstrate that the issue/s raised will concern or are likely to concern a substantial number of Local Governments in WA.;
3. Seek to advance the Local Government policy agenda of the Association and/or improve governance of the Association;
4. Have a lawful purpose (a motion does not have a lawful purpose if its implementation would require or encourage non-compliance with prevailing laws);
5. Are clearly worded and unambiguous in nature;

Motions will not be included where they are:

6. Consistent with current Association advocacy/policy positions. (As the matter has previously considered and endorsed by the Association).

Motions of similar objective:

7. Will be consolidated as a single item.

Submitters of motions will be advised of the Executive Committee's determinations.

Enquiries relating to the preparation or submission of motions should be directed to Margaret Degebrot, Executive Officer Governance on 9213 2036 or via email [mdegebrot@walga.asn.au](mailto:mdegebrot@walga.asn.au).

### **Emergency Motions**

No motion shall be accepted for debate at the Annual General Meeting after the closing date unless the Association President determines that it is of an urgent nature, sufficient to warrant immediate debate, and delegates resolve accordingly at the meeting. Please refer to the AGM Standing Orders for details.



**President Cr Lynne Craigie**  
**President**



**Ricky Burges**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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## Voting Delegate Information 2018 Annual General Meeting



TO: Chief Executive Officer

Registered:

All Member Councils are entitled to be represented by two (2) voting delegates at the Annual General Meeting of the WA Local Government Association to be held on Wednesday, 1 August 2018 at the Perth Convention Centre.

Please complete and return this form to the Association by Monday, **2 July 2018** to register the attendance and voting entitlements of your Council's delegates to the Annual General Meeting.

In the event that a Voting Delegate is unable to attend, provision is made for proxy delegates to be registered.

Only registered delegates or proxy registered delegates will be permitted to exercise voting entitlements on behalf of Member Councils. Delegates may be Elected Members or serving officers.

**Please Note: All Voting Delegates, whether registered for the Convention or not, will need to present at the WALGA Delegate Service Desk prior to the AGM to collect their electronic voting device (keypad) for voting and identification tag to gain entry into the Annual General Meeting.**

VOTING DELEGATES	PROXY Voting Delegates (2)
Name of Voting Delegates (2): ..... .....	Name of Proxy Voting Delegates (2): ..... .....
For (Local Government Name): Shire/Town/City of .....	
Signature Chief Executive Officer _____ (An electronic signature is <u>required</u> if submitting via email)	
Date _____	

ON COMPLETION PLEASE EMAIL TO: [mdegebrot@walga.asn.au](mailto:mdegebrot@walga.asn.au)

Margaret Degebrot, Executive Officer Governance



14 May 2018



**Notice**  
of  
**Proposed Amendments**  
**to the Association**  
**Constitution**

**WALGA**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 1 August 2018**

## Notice of Item Proposing Amendments to the Association Constitution

The following item will be presented as an item of business at the WALGA Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 1 August 2018 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

As per Clause 29 of the Constitution, below, amendment to the Constitution requires a resolution passed by special majority by both State Council and at a general meeting.

The amendments to the Constitution detailed in the attached item were endorsed by State Council at their 4 May 2018 meeting. The information contained in this notice will be included in the agenda papers for the Annual General Meeting.

This notice complies with the requirements of Clause 29 (2)(b) that the WALGA Chief Executive Officer must give at least 60 days' notice of any proposal to alter the Constitution.

### **Clause 29 – Amendment to the Constitution**

*The Constitution of the Association may be altered, added to or repealed by:*

- (1) *A resolution at any meeting of the State Council on the receipt of a special majority of not less than 75% of representatives as, being entitled to do so, vote in person or by their deputy representatives; and*
- (2) *A resolution at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting passed by a majority of not less than 75% of delegates as, being entitled to do so, vote in person or duly authorize a proxy vote to be exercised on their behalf, provided that:*
  - a. *75% of Ordinary Members who are eligible to vote are present or represented; and,*
  - b. *The Chief Executive Officer has given not less than sixty (60) days notice of any proposal to alter, add or repeal the Constitution to all Ordinary Members.*

## Proposed Amendments to the WALGA Constitution

*By Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services and Tim Lane, Manager Strategy and Association Governance*

### Recommendation

1. That Clause 18 and Clause 19 of the Association Constitution be amended as follows:

I. Clause 18, sub-clause (1) be amended with the addition of the underlined words, as follows:

(1) Following determination of the election of the President pursuant to clause 17 of this Constitution, the State Council shall elect a Deputy President from amongst its metropolitan and country representatives, provided the Deputy President represents the alternate constituency to the President elected pursuant to clause 17.

II. Clause 19 be amended with the addition of the underlined words and the deletion of the strikethrough words, as follows:

(1) If the office of the President becomes vacant or if for any other reason the President is unable to take or hold office at a period which exceeds six months from the date of the next scheduled election for that office, then the State Council shall meet to elect from among their number a President who, subject to this Constitution shall hold the office of President for the balance of the term of the President replaced.

(2) Where a vacancy occurs in the office of President at a period which is six months or less from the date of the next scheduled election for that office, the State Council may convene a meeting to elect from among their number a President who, subject to this Constitution, shall hold the office of President for the balance of the term of the President replaced, or the State Council may in its discretion, determine that the vacancy be filled by the Deputy President until the date of the next scheduled election.

~~(3)~~ An election pursuant to sub-clause 19(1) or sub-clause 19(2) shall cause the office of Deputy President to be declared vacant immediately prior to the conduct of the election.

~~(4)~~ Following an election pursuant to sub-clause 19(1) or sub-clause 19(2) an election pursuant to Clause 19(5) will be conducted for the office of Deputy President from amongst representatives of the alternate constituency to that of the President just elected.

~~(3)~~(5) If the office of Deputy President becomes vacant or if for any other reason the Deputy President is unable to take or hold office, then the State Council shall meet to elect from among their number a Deputy President who shall hold the office for the balance of the term of the Deputy President replaced, provided the Deputy President represents the alternate constituency to that of the President.

**(4)(6)** A State Council representative elected to fill a vacancy of President or Deputy President pursuant to clause 48 19 shall still be eligible for election to a subsequent two (2) full consecutive terms.

2. That Clause 17A – Rotation of Presidency be added to the Association Constitution, as follows:

**17A – Rotation of Presidency**

1. At an election for the position of President conducted under sub-clause 17(2), only the incumbent President, subject to complying with sub-clause 17(5), or State Councillors from the alternate constituency to the incumbent President will be eligible to be elected.
2. At an election for the position of President conducted under Clause 19, only State Councillors from the alternate constituency to the incumbent President will be eligible to be elected.

3. That Clause 20 of the Association Constitution be amended with the addition of the underlined words as follows:

A person shall cease or be disqualified from being a representative or deputy representative on the State Council, or from being President or Deputy President of the Association, or from attending State Council in an ex-officio capacity, if that person:

4. That sub-clause 20(j) of the Association Constitution be amended with the addition of the underlined words and the deletion of the strikethrough words as follows:

(j) Is a Councillor that has been suspended by the Minister for Local Government under Part 8 of an Ordinary Member that has been peremptorily suspended under Section 8.15C(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1995.

5. That sub-clause 10(2) of the Association Constitution be amended with the addition of the underlined words as follows:

(2) Each representative on the State Council shall be entitled to exercise one (1) deliberative vote on any matter considered by the State Council provided that this clause shall not apply to any ex-officio members of the State Council. The President shall exercise a casting vote only, in the event of there being an equality of votes in respect of a matter considered by the State Council but excluding an election held in accordance with Clause 16 in which the President is entitled to a deliberative vote only.

6. That sub-clauses 2(1), 5(7)(a), 9(1)(d), and 31(4)(b) be amended as follows:

- I. That the following strikethrough words be replaced with the following underlined words in sub-clause 2(1):

~~“Local Government Managers Australia” means the Western Australian Division of the Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA), which body is incorporated under the Victorian Companies Act 1961.~~

“Local Government Professionals Australia WA” means the Western Australian Division of Local Government Professionals Australia.

- II. That sub-clause 5(7)(a) of the Association Constitution relating to Associate Members of WALGA be amended with the words “Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA)” to be replaced with the words “Local Government Professionals Australia WA”.
  - III. That sub-clause 9(1)(a) of the Association Constitution relating to ex-officio members of State Council be amended to replace the words “Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA)” with the words “Local Government Professionals Australia WA”.
  - IV That sub-clause 31(4)(b) of the Association Constitution relating to a dispute resolution panel be amended by replacing the word “LGMA” with the words “Local Government Professionals Australia WA”.
7. That sub-clause 14(4a)(h) of the Association Constitution be amended with the addition of the underlined words and the deletion of the strikethrough words as follows:
- (h) Is a Councillor that has been suspended by the Minister for Local Government under part 8 of an Ordinary Member that has been peremptorily suspended under Section 8.15C(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1995.

## In Brief

- A number of potential amendments to the Association Constitution have arisen since the last governance review and Constitutional amendments in 2016;
- Amendment to the Constitution requires endorsement by a special majority of State Council and by a special majority at a WALGA Annual General Meeting;
- The issues identified and discussed in this report are as follows, with each issue corresponding to the numbers of the recommendations above:
  - i. President and Deputy President – Metropolitan and Country Representation;
  - ii. President and Deputy President – Rotation of Presidency between Metropolitan and Country constituencies;
  - iii. State Councillor Eligibility – Ex-officio Members;
  - iv. State Councillor Eligibility – Ministerial Suspension of Council or Councillor;
  - v. Election Procedure – Confirmation that the WALGA President is entitled to vote in elections for the positions of President and Deputy President;
  - vi. Change of Name – Local Government Professionals Australia WA; and,
  - vii. Zone Delegate Eligibility – Ministerial Suspension of Council or Councillor.
- If one or more of the amendments above are endorsed by State Council by special majority an item will be prepared for the 2018 WALGA Annual General Meeting to be held on 1 August.

## Background

This item considers a number of potential amendments to WALGA's Constitution that have been raised or identified since the last governance review and amendments to WALGA's Constitution in 2016.

Amendment of the Constitution involves a two-step process, as detailed in Clause 29 of the Constitution, as follows:

The Constitution of the Association may be altered, added to or repealed by:

- (1) A resolution at any meeting of the State Council on the receipt of a special majority of not less than 75% of representatives as, being entitled to do so, vote in person or by their deputy representatives; and
- (2) A resolution at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting passed by a majority of not less than 75% of delegates as, being entitled to do so, vote in person or duly authorize a proxy vote to be exercised on their behalf, provided that:
  - a. 75% of Ordinary Members who are eligible to vote are present or represented; and,
  - b. The Chief Executive Officer has given not less than sixty (60) days notice of any proposal to alter, add or repeal the Constitution to all Ordinary Members.

This report considers six issues put forward for Constitutional Amendment, with each issue corresponding to the numbered recommendations, as follows:

1. President and Deputy President – Metropolitan and Country Representation
2. President and Deputy President – Rotation of Presidency between Metropolitan and Country constituencies
3. State Councillor Eligibility – Ex-officio Members
4. State Councillor Eligibility – Ministerial Suspension of Council or Councillor
5. Election Procedure – Confirmation that the WALGA President is entitled to vote in elections for the positions of President and Deputy President
6. Change of Name – Local Government Professionals Australia WA
7. Zone Delegate Eligibility – Ministerial Suspension of Council or Councillor

## Comment

Background and secretariat comment for the following issues have been combined below on a per-issue basis.

### **Issue 1 – President and Deputy President: Metropolitan and Country Representation**

An emerging issue was raised at the March 2018 meeting of State Council in relation to the representation of both the Metropolitan and Non-metropolitan constituencies in the positions of President and Deputy President of WALGA.

Following consideration of this issue, State Council resolved as follows:

*That an item for decision be prepared for the May 2018 State Council agenda to provide consideration to proposed amendments to the WALGA Constitution and*

*Corporate Governance Charter to ensure representation from both Metropolitan and Country constituencies for the President and Deputy President positions.*

Since the formation of WALGA as the single Local Government association in 2001, there has been a convention that the President and Deputy President would be elected from opposite constituencies. That is, if the President is from the country constituency, the Deputy President would be elected from the metropolitan constituency and vice-versa.

This convention has not been challenged or broken in the 17 years since WALGA's formation, although it is possible that State Council could elect a President and Deputy President from the same constituency.

The argument in favour of this Constitutional amendment is that it would ensure that the Deputy President is drawn from the alternate constituency from that of the President, ensuring representation for both constituencies.

The argument against this Constitutional amendment is that it reduces the decision-making function of State Council to elect the 'best person for the job' and, as the convention has not been broken since WALGA's formation, it may not be an issue that requires regulation via Constitutional amendments.

To effect the change, amendments are required to Clause 18 – Deputy President, and to Clause 19 – Vacancy: President and Deputy President.

The following amendment is proposed to Clause 18 – Deputy President, by adding the underlined text as follows:

- (1) Following determination of the election of the President pursuant to clause 17 of this Constitution, the State Council shall elect a Deputy President from amongst its metropolitan and country representatives, provided the Deputy President represents the alternate constituency to the President elected pursuant to clause 17.
- (2) The Deputy President shall be elected by the State Council at the first Ordinary Meeting of State Council of an even numbered year. The Deputy President's term shall commence from the date of election and shall conclude on the day of the first Ordinary Meeting of State Council of the following even numbered year.
- (3) Prior to expiration of a term of office, a Deputy President may seek re-election for a consecutive term.
- (4) Where a Deputy President seeks and is re-elected for a consecutive term, that person shall not hold office beyond two (2) full consecutive terms.

The proposed amendment above would sufficiently address the issue for regular, end-of-term elections following the election of a new State Council.

However, where a vacancy arises in the office of President, the election of a replacement President would need to ensure that metropolitan and country representation remains in the two positions. Ensuring continued representation of both constituencies in the event of a casual vacancy in the office of President could be addressed in one of two ways, both of which have pros and cons.

Either:



- A. The replacement President must be drawn from same constituency as the current President. That is, if the WALGA President is from the country constituency, election of the replacement President for the balance of the President's term must be drawn from the country constituency.

Or:

- B. The office of Deputy President is declared vacant at the time the election for President is held. This would enable State Council to elect a President from amongst all members with the subsequent election for Deputy President being limited to the alternate constituency.

Option A – Replacement President from the same constituency – limits the options of State Council in electing a President to half of State Council, the half representing the same constituency as the departing President. While this may be appropriate in some circumstances, it does not necessarily provide State Council with the ability to elect the 'best person for the job'. Secondly, the Deputy President may be an appropriate candidate for the position of President, but would be unable to nominate for the position under this scenario unless they resigned from the position of Deputy President.

Option B – Office of Deputy President declared vacant at election of President – addresses the issues with Option A outlined above in that State Council would be able to elect a President from amongst all State Councillors, including the Deputy President who may be suitable. However, it may not be considered appropriate that the Deputy President loses office due to the resignation or inability of the President to continue in the role.

On the basis that electing a President from amongst all State Councillors is considered the most important criteria, amendments in accordance with Option B have been drafted to Clause 19 – Vacancy: President and Deputy President – by adding the underlined text and amending the numbering as follows:

- (1) If the office of the President becomes vacant or if for any other reason the President is unable to take or hold office at a period which exceeds six months from the date of the next scheduled election for that office, then the State Council shall meet to elect from among their number a President who, subject to this Constitution shall hold the office of President for the balance of the term of the President replaced.
- (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the office of President at a period which is six months or less from the date of the next scheduled election for that office, the State Council may convene a meeting to elect from among their number a President who, subject to this Constitution, shall hold the office of President for the balance of the term of the President replaced, or the State Council may in its discretion, determine that the vacancy be filled by the Deputy President until the date of the next scheduled election.
- (3) An election pursuant to sub-clause 19(1) or sub-clause 19(2) shall cause the office of Deputy President to be declared vacant immediately prior to the conduct of the election.
- (4) Following an election pursuant to sub-clause 19(1) or sub-clause 19(2) an election pursuant to Clause 19(5) will be conducted for the office of Deputy President from amongst representatives of the alternate constituency to that of the President just elected.



- (3)(5) If the office of Deputy President becomes vacant or if for any other reason the Deputy President is unable to take or hold office, then the State Council shall meet to elect from among their number a Deputy President who shall hold the office for the balance of the term of the Deputy President replaced, provided the Deputy President represents the alternate constituency to that of the President.
- (4)(6) A State Council representative elected to fill a vacancy of President or Deputy President pursuant to clause 48 19 shall still be eligible for election to a subsequent two (2) full consecutive terms.

## **Issue 2 – Rotation of Presidency between Metropolitan and Country Constituencies**

Similar to issue 1, above, the Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team of State Council considered the issue of the Presidency of the Association being rotated between the Metropolitan and Country constituencies.

Again, this has been managed since WALGA's formation in 2001 by convention. When a President has retired or stepped down from the role, a representative from the other constituency (often the serving Deputy President) has been elected to the Presidency.

At their recent meeting, the Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team of State Council requested that the issue of rotating the Presidency between the constituencies on a formal basis through Constitutional amendments be considered.

The Policy Team resolved:

*That an item for decision be prepared for the May 2018 State Council agenda to provide amendments to the WALGA Constitution and Corporate Governance Charter to cover the following issues:*

- *That the position of WALGA President transfers between the two constituencies following the completion of the incumbent's entitlement to be elected for two full consecutive terms.*

Similar to Issue 1, above, implementation of this concept through Constitutional amendment has pros and cons. While, an amendment of this nature would ensure rotating representation of metropolitan and country constituencies in the office of President, it could also limit State Council's prerogative to elect the 'best person for the job'.

This proposal raises a number of scenarios that are not necessarily simple to deal with through Constitutional amendments. For instance, depending on the amendments to the Constitution, issues could arise if a President resigns part way through a term, or even if a President only completes one two-year term.

For example, if a President from the metropolitan constituency resigned after one two-year term, there would be three possible scenarios:

1. The country constituency could then have a claim to the Presidency as it would be the country's turn and only State Councillors from the country constituency would be eligible to be elected;
2. A replacement President could be elected from the metropolitan constituency as the metropolitan constituency had only held the Presidency for two years (the newly

- elected President may then expect to be re-elected for a second term, lengthening the reign of the metropolitan constituency to six years, thereby causing further issues); or,
3. State Council could elect a President from either constituency, as per current arrangements.

One option could be to only 'force' the rotation of the Presidency once the President has completed two terms, however this could create an issue if a President resigned part way through their second term as the replacement President would then be 'entitled' to two terms before a constitutionally enforceable rotation of the Presidency.

In the interest of simplicity it is suggested that a new Clause 17A be added to the Constitution to ensure rotation of the office of Presidency no matter the length of time served by the President:

#### 17A – Rotation of Presidency

3. At an election for the position of President conducted under sub-clause 17(2), only the incumbent President, subject to complying with sub-clause 17(5), or State Councillors from the alternate constituency to the incumbent President will be eligible to be elected.
4. At an election for the position of President conducted under Clause 19, only State Councillors from the alternate constituency to the incumbent President will be eligible to be elected.

This would mean, at any election for President, only the incumbent President or State Councillors from the alternate constituency would be eligible to nominate. If the President has retired or has completed two full terms (as per sub-clause 17(5)), only State Councillors from the alternate constituency would be eligible to nominate and be elected.

### **Issue 3 – State Councillor Eligibility: Ex-officio Members**

At the July 2017 State Council meeting, an emerging issue was considered in relation to the continuing eligibility of to serve on State Council following a serious breach of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

State Council resolved as follows:

*That:*

1. *The issue of amending the Constitution relating to State Councillor, ordinary or ex officio, eligibility be considered by the Governance Policy Team;*
2. *The Policy Team to consider the implications of amending the Constitution so that if any State Councillor, ordinary or ex officio, is found guilty of a serious breach of the Local Government Act 1995, as amended, that person will become ineligible to become or continue as a State Councillor, ordinary or ex officio.*

As per State Council's resolution above, the Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team considered this issue at their March 2018 meeting and resolved as follows:

*That an item for decision be prepared for the May 2018 State Council agenda to provide amendments to the WALGA Constitution and Corporate Governance Charter to cover the following issues;*

- *That if any State Councillor, ordinary or ex officio, is found guilty of a serious breach of the Local Government Act 1995, as amended, that person will become ineligible to become or continue as a State Councillor, ordinary or ex officio.*

Clause 20, sub-clause (e) disqualifies a representative or deputy representative from serving on the State Council if that person is convicted of an offence under the *Local Government Act 1995*.

To give effect to the Policy Team's recommendation, an amendment is required to clarify that Clause 20 of the Constitution also applies to ex-officio members, with the addition of the underlined text, as per below:

A person shall cease or be disqualified from being a representative or deputy representative on the State Council, or from being President or Deputy President of the Association, or from attending State Council in an ex-officio capacity, if that person:

- (a) Dies;
- (b) Ceases to be a Councillor of the Ordinary Member;
- (c) Resigns the position by notice in writing delivered or sent by post to the Chief Executive Officer, and such resignation is accepted;
- (d) Is a member of State or Federal Parliament;
- (e) Is convicted of an offence under the *Local Government Act 1995*;
- (f) Is permanently incapacitated by mental or physical ill-health;
- (g) Is absent from more than 3 consecutive State Council meetings;
- (h) Is a member of a Local Government that ceases to be a member of the Association;
- (i) Is the subject of a resolution passed by the Zone from which that person was originally elected terminating his or her appointment as a representative or deputy representative of that Zone, except where that person is the subject of any resolution consequent upon his or her being elected President of the Association and in pursuance of sub-clause 17(4); or,
- (j) Is a Councillor of an Ordinary Member that has been peremptorily suspended under Section 8.15C(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

#### **Issue 4 – State Councillor Eligibility: Ministerial Suspension of Council or Councillor**

A further issue relating to State Councillor eligibility relates to the suspension of Councils and the proposed amendment to the *Local Government Act 1995* to enable the Minister for Local Government to stand down an individual Elected Member.

Currently sub-clause 20(j) of the Constitution states that a State Councillor will not be eligible to be elected or to continue on State Council if “a Councillor of an Ordinary Member that has been peremptorily suspended under Section 8.15C(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.”

It is the opinion of the secretariat that sub-clause 20(j) is too specific as Councils can also be suspended under Section 8.19 of the *Local Government Act 1995*. Further, if the *Local Government Amendment (Suspension and Dismissal) Bill 2018* passes the Parliament, as expected, the Minister for Local Government will also have the power to suspend individual Elected Members.

It is therefore recommended that sub-clause 20(j) be amended to clarify that a State Councillor who is suspended or stood down by the Minister using various sections of the *Local Government Act 1995* is not eligible to be elected to, or continue on, State Council, as follows:

A person shall cease or be disqualified from being a representative or deputy representative on the State Council, or from being President or Deputy President of the Association if that person:

- (a) Dies;
- (b) Ceases to be a Councillor of the Ordinary Member;
- (c) Resigns the position by notice in writing delivered or sent by post to the Chief Executive Officer, and such resignation is accepted;
- (d) Is a member of State or Federal Parliament;
- (e) Is convicted of an offence under the Local Government Act 1995;
- (f) Is permanently incapacitated by mental or physical ill-health;
- (g) Is absent from more than 3 consecutive State Council meetings;
- (h) Is a member of a Local Government that ceases to be a member of the Association;
- (i) Is the subject of a resolution passed by the Zone from which that person was originally elected terminating his or her appointment as a representative or deputy representative of that Zone, except where that person is the subject of any resolution consequent upon his or her being elected President of the Association and in pursuance of sub-clause 17(4); or,
- (j) Is a Councillor that has been suspended by the Minister for Local Government under Part 8 of an Ordinary Member that has been peremptorily suspended under Section 8.15C(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1995.

#### **Issue 5 – Election Procedure – Confirmation that the WALGA President is entitled to vote in elections for the positions of President and Deputy President**

Another clarification that has arisen is to confirm that the incumbent President is entitled to vote in elections for President and Deputy President of WALGA.

The Constitution is clear that the President does not exercise a deliberative vote on matters before State Council (but does have a casting vote if there is an equality of votes), but the Constitution is silent on whether the President is entitled to vote in elections. It has been standard operating practice that the President has voted in elections for the position of President and Deputy President.

Clause 10 – Proceedings of State Council, sub-clause (2) relates to the President's voting and it is proposed that it be amended with the addition of the underlined words, as follows to make clear that the President may vote for office bearer positions:

- (2) Each representative on the State Council shall be entitled to exercise one (1) deliberative vote on any matter considered by the State Council provided that this clause shall not apply to any ex-officio members of the State Council. The President shall exercise a casting vote only, in the event of there being an equality of votes in respect of a matter considered by the State Council but excluding an election held in accordance with Clause 16 in which the President is entitled to a deliberative vote only.

#### **Issue 6 – Change of Name – Local Government Professionals Australia WA**

Following the change of name of the Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA) to Local Government Professionals Australia WA it is proposed that the following sub-clauses be amended to reflect the name change:

- 2(1)
- 5(7)(a)

- 9(1)(d)
- 31(4)(b)

### **Issue 7 – Zone Delegate Eligibility: Ministerial Suspension of Council or Councillor**

Similar to Issue 4 above, this amendment proposes that sub-clause 14(4a)(h) be amended to clarify that a Zone delegate who is suspended or stood down by the Minister using various sections of the *Local Government Act 1995* is not eligible to be elected to, or continue on, the Zone, as follows:

- (4a) The term of a person who is a delegate of a member of a Zone expires when the person:
- (a) dies;
  - (b) ceases to be a Councillor of the Ordinary Member;
  - (c) resigns the position by notice in writing given to the Ordinary Member who elected or appointed the person as its delegate and the resignation is accepted;
  - (d) becomes a member of State or Federal Parliament;
  - (e) is convicted of an offence under the *Local Government Act 1995*;
  - (f) is permanently incapacitated by mental or physical ill-health;
  - (g) is the subject of a resolution passed by the Ordinary Member who appointed the person as its delegate terminating their appointment as the delegate of that Ordinary Member; or
  - (h) Is a Councillor that has been suspended by the Minister for Local Government under part 8 of an Ordinary Member that has been peremptorily suspended under Section 8.15C(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1995.



**INTERNAL DOCUMENT ONLY**

**Meeting Notes - Wheatbelt CRC's**

**12 - 2pm, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Narembeen Recreation Centre**

**1. Current Situation**

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Wheatbelt CRC's have recognised that in the current context:

- Every CRC is different and meets the needs of their community in a tailored way
- There is a perceived population decline in the Wheatbelt and perceived lack of demand or desire for the current number of CRC's
- There is a lack of understanding by the wider community, Department and State Government the role CRC's play as well as their impact
- State Government perceives CRC's play more of a social rather than economic role in the local and regional economy
- The State Government needs to reduce the State's budget deficit and find programs and services to cut
- We are in a 'safe' political seat with a lack of leverage / voting power
- 'CRC's were just a Royalties for Region initiative' and rely on the State Government for funding to operate sustainability
- We are spread across a large area and there is a perceived outlook there are 'lots of us'
- The State Government has an economic focus and it may be difficult to measure the economic impact of CRC's (even though they are a major economic driver)
- The Curtin University review into CRC's clearly identifies a role for CRC's and their impact - however is not being considered
- Assumption that Wheatbelt Local Government's will 'pick up' the proposed funding deficit
- We can collaborate and work together better
- Current DPIRD contracts are limiting to what CRC's could possibly do
- CRC services could be provided at home, but in reality they can't
- CRC's don't have a clear direction and possibly overlap other services in towns
- We could be represented better to key decision makers

What we do know:

- We know our communities intimately and can give access to the State Government as well as Federal Government, not for profits and private industry like no other organisation
- We can save the Government more than they are proposing in funding cuts
- We can save Government employees time and travel out to the region or host them when they are in the region
- We have excellent facilities and services, with capital and equipment assets of immense value
- We have skills within our network which can be used amongst ourselves and by other organisations
- We are a central and significant service in our communities, which understand their unique needs

## 2. Solutions Moving Forward

Wheatbelt CRC's came up with a number of solutions for the State Government:

<b>Formalised Government Partnerships</b>	<b>Private Enterprise</b>
Be the virtual and visitor information point for all tourism services in the Wheatbelt (formal connection with Tourism WA) - we are open 5 days a week	Professional skill hire (we have unique and varied skills sets within each CRC)
Approach Federal Government to appropriately fund access to Centrelink and other Federal services at our CRC's	Property Management (Private and for GROW)
DFES rural fire service administration, registration of volunteers, emergency services planning etc	Data Storage
Coordinate HACC and aged care services, NDIS delivery	Labour and facilities for archiving of Government and State Records
Administration services for State and Local Government (what can be outsourced or if they are finding it difficult to recruit)	Central volunteer hub - we can support local volunteers better, we can have sub regions for volunteer support and we can deliver fee for service support (Committee roles etc)
Venues for allied health services as well as private health / social services e.g. Ngala, BlackDog Institute etc	Venue and facilitator for education providers e.g. University, TAFE, schools
Venues for Justice	Secure office facilities
Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Accreditation	Local facilitator for business
Shop front for some local governments	Corporate memberships to the group of CRC's in return for services and facilities
	Fee for service - survey's for Universities, CBH, Google, event management, Bendigo Bank, Telstra, Optus, professional services using our skills base, recruitment and CV checking
	Marketing and publications
	Call centres, communication centres
	Australia Post contracts
	Screen-printing for corporates
	Pop Up shops

### 3. Forward Plan

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Collectively, we oppose the proposed 40% funding cut to each CRC.

We are innovative and we are solutions orientated, in response to the proposed funding cuts, as a collective of 40 CRC's we will provide a solution and savings:

- The outcomes from this meeting contribute to solutions within the internal DPIRD review of CRC's
- Wheatbelt CRC's connect State Government to business and community. We will deliver services on behalf of all State Government Departments. This will require a formalised partnership.
- Over the next 18 months, collectively CRC's in the Wheatbelt will bring additional partners (private and government of both State and Federal) to the funding table to add value to DPIRD's investment into CRC's
- We will complete an audit of skills and facilities amongst the group and develop income generation opportunities

#### Next steps:

1. We work together as a collective of CRC's - we are a group of organised and solutions focused CRC's, we include all Wheatbelt CRC's in discussions and options and we look after every Wheatbelt CRC
2. Wheatbelt CRC's agree to the highly simplified solutions (forward plan as above) by COB Monday 23 April 2018 (time is of the essence in light of the upcoming budget)
3. CRC's speak to their local governments regarding this meeting, its outcomes and issues they face
4. Shire of Narembeen CEO and Wheatbelt Business Network present these solutions and ideas for further consideration in a 1-1 meeting with the Director General of DPIRD on Tuesday 24 April 2018 (meeting in Perth)
5. Seek out meetings with all elected members who represent the Wheatbelt as well as relevant Ministers e.g. Local Government, Health etc.
6. Wheatbelt Business Network present these solutions and ideas for further consideration to Minister MacTiernan on May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018 in a 1-1 meeting
7. Wheatbelt CRC's meet again in the first week of May to discuss the meeting outcomes and further actions





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**The Hon Roger Cook MLA  
Deputy Premier  
Minister for Health; Mental Health**

Our Ref: 60-07920

Mr Jamie Criddle  
ceo@westonia.wa.gov.au

Dear Mr Criddle

Thank you for your letter dated 22 March 2018 regarding funding support for the Nurse Practitioner in the Shire of Westonia.

The Nurse Practitioner who services the Eastern Wheatbelt, including the Shire of Westonia, is employed by Silver Chain. I have been advised that the position is funded by the Commonwealth via the WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA), until 30 June 2018. WAPHA have advised WA Country Health Service (WACHS) that they are currently waiting on formal advice from the Commonwealth with regard to the funding from 1 July 2018.

WACHS Wheatbelt currently provides visiting services to the Shire of Westonia including Child Health, Midwifery and Allied Health. I understand that Dr Olga Ward conducts visits, which are funded by the Rural Health Outreach Fund, which is also Commonwealth money administered by Rural Health West.

WAPHA are best placed to provide advice on the status of the funding arrangements for the Nurse Practitioner. I encourage you to contact Ms Fiona Bush, Regional Manager Country Primary Health Network on 0429 160 959.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and I trust this information will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely

**HON ROGER COOK MLA  
DEPUTY PREMIER  
MINISTER FOR HEALTH; MENTAL HEALTH**

23 APR 2018  
CC: Hon Darren West MLC  
Hon Mia Davies MLA  
Mr Rick Wilson, Federal Member for O'Connor



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Comprising Avon, Kellerberrin, North East and Moora Sub Groups

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Comprising Hotham-Dale, Lakes, Narrogin and Roe Sub Groups  
All correspondence to RRG Secretariat, Main Roads WA PO Box 333 NORTHAM WA 6401

# Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Routes Update

## February 2018

The Secondary Freight Route network in the Wheatbelt region comprises some 3,500km of Local Government managed roads that connect with State and National highways to provide access for heavy vehicles into the region. These roads are intended to enable large, high productivity trucks safe and cost effective access to business. The Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Routes project is developing a business case, with the supporting evidence and documentation required, to seek the addition of a program of road improvements across the network be added to the Infrastructure Australia Priority List. The project is intended to support and contribute to other work being undertaken by Main Roads WA, the Department of Transport and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development that is considering strategic transport investments across the agricultural regions.



### 1 FINANCIALS

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Led by the Wheatbelt North and Wheatbelt South Regional Road Groups, work is underway to secure the funds needed to do the work required to formally submit the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Routes proposal for consideration by Infrastructure Australia. To be confident that sufficient funds are available before starting the detailed planning, engineering and costing, preliminary data has been collected from Local Governments concerning roads that have been identified as part of the network. The in-kind support from staff at 37 Local Governments who have provided data so far is greatly appreciated. The working group remains in contact with the remaining Shires to determine what information is available.

The draft budget proposes:

- \$1.25m contribution from the State Government Leverage Fund (Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development) – application submitted in November 2017;
- \$3.5m contribution from the Federal Government Building Better Regions Fund – working toward an application in Round 3, potentially mid 2018;
- \$350,000 contribution from Local Governments.

### 2 NEXT STEPS

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Two workshops are being planned for March that will review the road and traffic data available and provide direction to the consultants that have been commissioned by RDA Wheatbelt to prepare the funding submission for Building Better Regions Fund. The Technical Representatives from each of the Regional Road Group Sub-groups will be invited to participate in these workshops, along with Main Roads WA staff and other stakeholders.



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### 3 ADVOCACY

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The working group is continuing to use every opportunity to promote and seek support for the proposal with stakeholders, the community and political leaders at Federal and State level. It will be helpful if Local Governments and voluntary Regional Organisations of Councils can support this effort. The way in which this is done will depend on the audience and the key issues in your area. However, the common messages are:

1. Industry and jobs depend on an efficient supply chain in order to remain internationally competitive;
2. The supply chain is only as strong as the weakest link, which are typically the connections to the major highways;
3. The size, weight and productivity of trucks has increased and is expected to continue to do so;
4. The road freight task has increased and is expected to continue to do so;
5. Local Governments in the Wheatbelt Regions are spending more than \$100m per year maintaining roads. To make this expenditure more efficient, some roads need to be upgraded to a higher standard as they were not designed for the purposes for which they are now used;
6. This proposed project is a step change for a defined network. Once delivered it will contribute to lower freight costs, lower road network operating costs and a safer road network.

At the Federal level Ministers Corman and Porter as well as Members Melissa Price and Rick Wilson have received a briefing. At the State level, Ministerial advisers and senior department staff have been briefed and discussions held with local members Darren West and Mia Davies.

State support for an application to Infrastructure Australia will be critical. The project team is seeking to ensure that this work supports and is supported by other project work being undertaken by the Department of Transport in conjunction with Main Roads WA and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development analysing strategic freight issues. It also builds on work completed in 2017 looking specifically at the agricultural lime freight task.

*For further information, please contact the Chair of your Regional Road Group:*  
*Cr Ricky Storer, Wheatbelt North Regional Road Group 0429 844 088*  
*Cr Lyn Baker, Wheatbelt South Regional Road Group 0427 097 141*



Briefing Note:

# Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network

March 2018

## GOAL

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To obtain funding support from the Federal Government for a \$500 million capital works program over 7 years to bring the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network to a fit for purpose standard for current and anticipated future needs.

### Funding and Developing the Plan and Business Case

Proponents are currently seeking State Government support of \$1.25 million cash through the Leverage Fund, administered by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, *conditional upon* Federal cash support of \$3.5 million through an application to the Building Better Regions Fund and Local Government cash and in-kind support of \$350,000. These funds will be utilized to prepare complete and compliant Stage 1 to Stage 4 submissions to Infrastructure Australia. If successful, this will result in the project being added to the Infrastructure Priority List, facilitating conversations with the Federal Government for capital funding contributions.

## PROCESS

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Over the last 2 years 42 Local Government authorities across the Wheatbelt region have collaborated to identify priority routes across the Secondary Freight Network and have also participated in a technical data collection process led by the Shire of Dandaragan to estimate costs, preparation of a business case and a cost benefit analysis of the work to be undertaken. The in-kind investment by Local Government to date, facilitated through the Regional Road Groups, is estimated to be well in excess of \$750,000.

The work flow is currently nearing the end of Phase 2 and seeking resources to support Phase 3. No capital funding request can occur without Phase 3 being completed (a requirement of the Federal funding processes for capital projects over \$100m).



## NEED

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A full paper (*July 2017 RDA Wheatbelt Inc Submission to the **Inquiry into National Freight and Supply Chain Priorities***) discusses the various issues in relation to the need for this project to receive priority.

The fundamental issues that will be addressed by this project are the growing and changing freight task, consolidation of grain receival facilities, increasing use of larger vehicles, pressure to increase supply chain productivity, poor road safety outcomes and the lack of available capital to meet requirements.

The efficiency of supply chains serving industries in the Wheatbelt region is determined by the performance of the weakest link. Failure to maintain and improve productivity of the secondary freight network will reduce the international competitiveness of the Wheatbelt agricultural sector, which underpins employment and economic activity in the region. Transport links need to be addressed if the production of this sector is to be supported.

Preliminary planning has identified eighty priority routes that connect with the primary freight network, with a total length of 4,347km of which 2,885 km requires at least some capital improvement works in order to meet the proposed minimum standard.

# OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE

April/May 2018

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





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



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



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





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



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

# WORK SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

## 1. PLANT REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

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

- JD 770 Grader – 250 Hrs. service. Repairs to damaged solenoids.
- GTE Sidetippers and Dolly – Brake adjustments and inspection.
- Mitsubishi Canter – 20,000km service.

## 2. CAPITAL ROAD WORKS

- The construction crew have been located at Henderson Road for the reconstruction and gravel re-sheet of a 5km section east of South Walgoolan Road. The improvement to this section of road is quite profound compared to its initial standard.
- Re-seal 4.5km section of M040 carried out by Bitutek.
- Slashing of trees and regrowth on 5.6km section of Warralakin Road and 1.5km section of Della Bosca Road, carried out by Twinkarri contractors.

## 3. GENERAL ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Drains and Batters program Maxfield and George Roads.
- Summer grade of 4 Mile and 6 Mile Roads.

## 4. PRIVATE WORKS

- Float Hire for transport of Dozer – R Crews.
- .5Hr grader hire David Brown.
- 4 Hrs grader hire R. DellaBosca
- 3 Hrs grader hire M. Crees.

## 5. TOWN MAINTENANCE

- Installation of retaining walls Museum extension project.
- Repairs to oval reticulation.
- Relocate materials from Depot to cemetery.
- Tidy -up and rake of Town Common walking trail.

## 6. OTHER.

- Conducted interviews for 2 applicants for Roller Driver vacancy.
- Clean out Elachbutting Enviro Toilet.
- Pick up load scalps and concrete mix from Doodlakine Quarries.
- Clean out and repairs to ULP fuel tank.
- Picture of Ray (our new roller driver) here showing us how to roll roads across ways rather than lengthways?????



## 7. PLANT HOURS

The following is a list of plant and vehicle kilometre and hour readings for the period ending 01.5.18

Item		01.4.18	01.5.18
P1	JOHN DEERE 770G GRADER	5,248hrs	5,336hrs
P2	CAT 12M	1,610hrs	1,686hrs
P3	PRIME MOVER (IVECO)	169,607kms	171,651kms
P4	ROAD TRAIN (FREIGHTLINER)	64,711kms	65,855kms
P5	JOHN DEERE LOADER	554hrs	573hrs
P6	MULTI PAC	7,903hrs	7,905hrs
P7	MINI-EXCAVATOR	231hrs	238hrs
P8	TELEHANDLER JCB	701hrs	740hrs
P9	TOYOTA (MTCE UTE)	6,575kms	7,721kms
P10	mitsubishi CANTER	19,434kms	21,069kms
P11	TOYOTA HILUX (GARDENER) WT 35	45,120kms	46,335kms
P12	JOHN DEERE (5100)	1,634hrs	1,638hrs
P14	TOYOTA LANDCRUISER GXL (CEO)	1,250kms	3,216kms
P15	TOYOTA PRADO GXL (W/SUPER)	0kms	536kms
P16	TOYOTA RAV4 (ADMIN)	33,740kms	34,778kms
P17	TOYOTA HILUX DUAL CAB	4,607kms	5,905kms
P19	FAST ATTACK	4,413kms	4,678kms
P20	FIRE TRUCK	4,056kms	4,056kms
P18	WESSY BUS	95,000kms	95,649kms
P21	DYNAPAC FLAT DRUM	1,019hrs	1,029hrs
P22	RAMSEY RIDE ON MOWER (OVAL)	122Hrs	123Hrs
P23	TOYOTA MINI BUS (WT COM V)	7.802kms	7,929Kms
P24	HAMM ROLLER	160hrs	182Hrs

# TOURISM REPORT

## WESTONIA SHIRE CARAVAN PARK:

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

Overflow long termers have been moved to a designated area at the school. The tent area/Caretaker's area at the caravan park still has a permanent resident however the caravan park sites are back to being for faster turn over visitors only. We are currently creating an agreement document for the Medium- Long termers to sign off on, so that we have guidelines in place for people who will reside at the school. The new set up for the permanents may pose as a problem if we have school camps needing to use the facilities, we may need to look at moving the permanents out for the week/weekend or explore other options.

### 1. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

- Blockage in site 8 drain Hi-Lo is working on the problem. fixed
- Bollard Lights – (only bay 1 and 8 are working) Electrician has been and the decision was made to replace the two end bollard lights as they are very expensive and to look at replacing the remainder slowly later on. Electrician now has parts and will repair when next in Westonia.
- Adding a double power point to bay 1 bollard is required so that the camper on the tent area can use when bay one is occupied. Electrician to sort out next visit.
- Disabled toilets shower rail- Screws rusting causing stain on wall, need replacing with stainless steel screws.

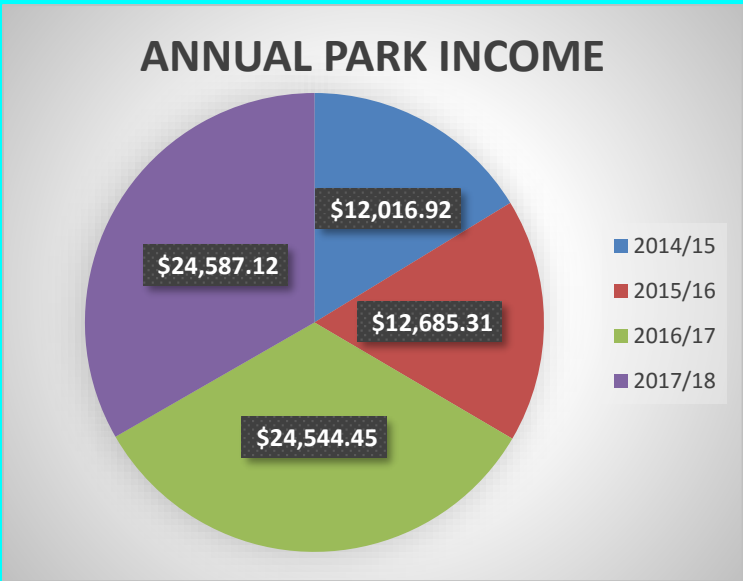
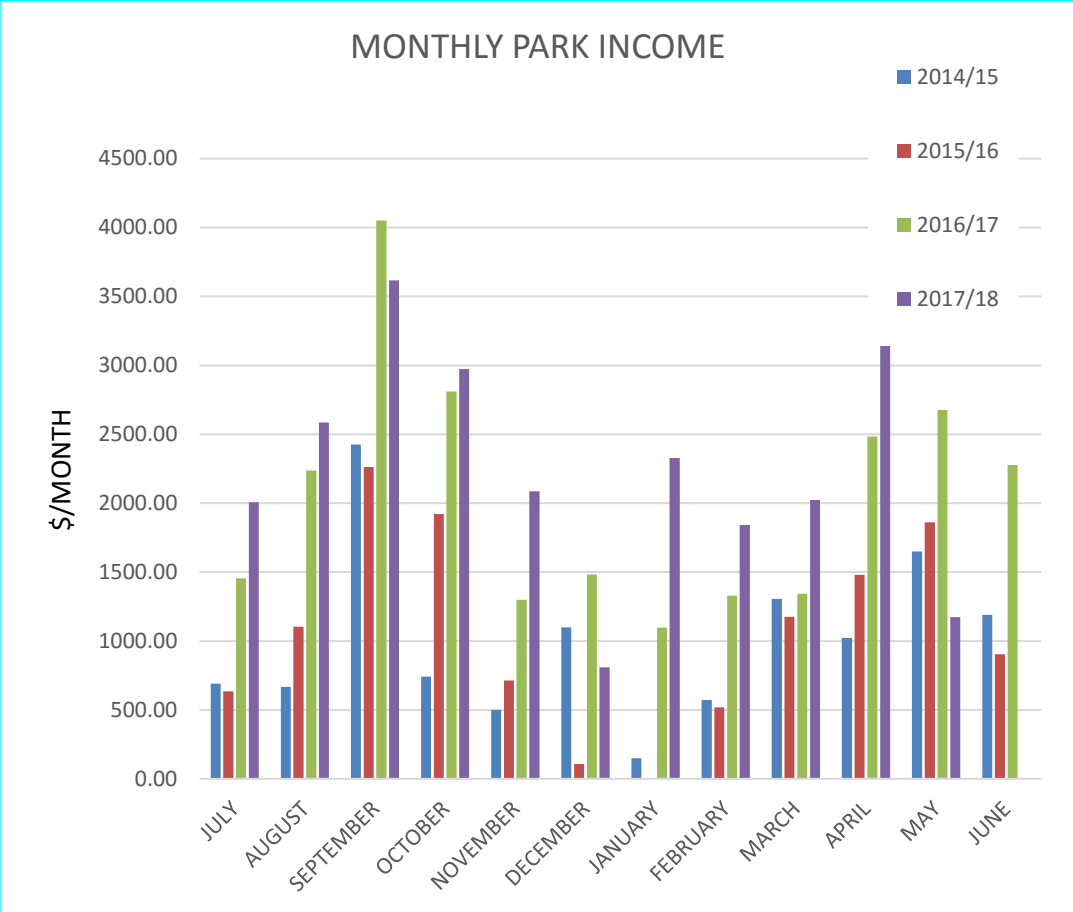
### 2. FUTURE PROJECTS

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

### 3. VISITOR FEEDBACK

- Getting rave reviews on the Caravan Park and town/ facilities.
- Best value for money
- Great facilities
- Wiki camps still providing a good source of feedback for us
- "Word of Mouth" still a big performer for us.
- Wheatbelt way is really growing in popularity and we are getting many people through from the trail.

### 4. STATISTICS (Over leaf)



## HOOD-PENN MUSEUM:

### 1. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

- Various works – construction of the “ARV” extension.

### 2. RECENT PROJECTS

- Trialing various lighting solutions at the moment due to black spots within the museum.

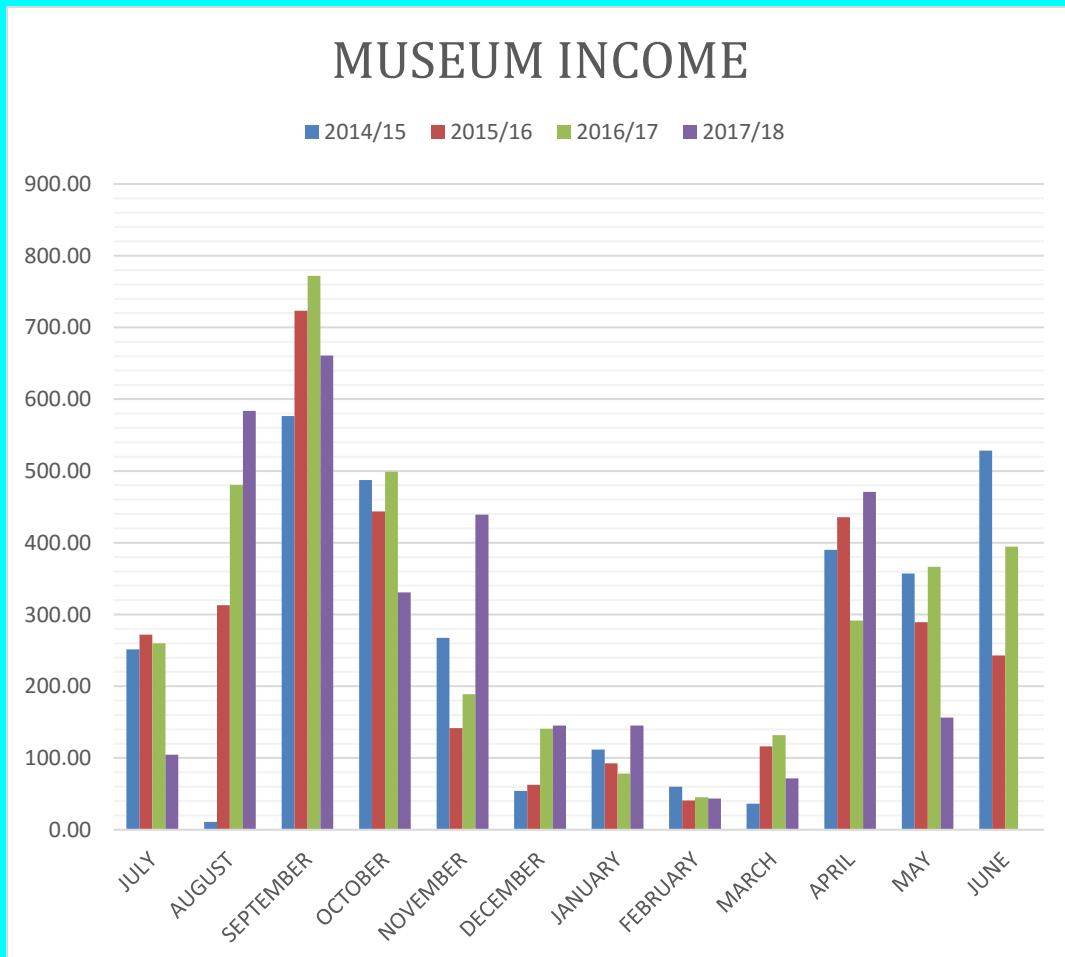
### 3. FUTURE PROJECTS

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

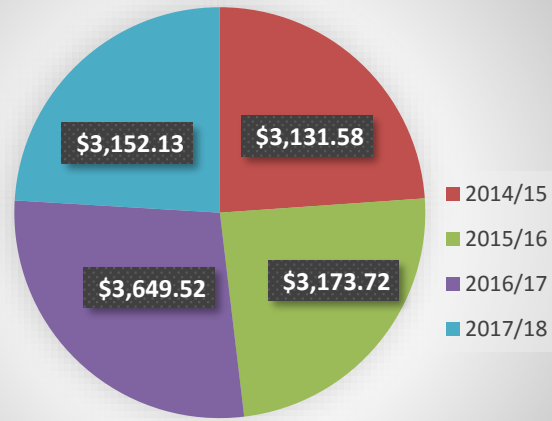
### 4. VISITOR FEEDBACK (Verbal and Visitor register)

- Fantastic displays / Amazing
- Clean and tidy
- Very interesting / Not like any other museum they have visited
- Amazing
- Visitor’s hearing about museum on Wheatbelt way and via word of mouth.

### 5. STATISTICS



# ANNUAL PARK INCOME





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For more information, email Policy Officer, Transport and Roads, [Marissa MacDonald](#) or call 9213 2050.

## Recycling Update

**There has been increasing media coverage about the recycling 'crisis' but there are also current updates. For example, Ipswich Council's decision to halt recycling was in the news, however, they have reversed the decision in response to [community feedback](#).**

The first [Waste Taskforce Meeting](#) was held on Monday, **23 April**. The Taskforce is the WA Government's response to the current situation.

The main focus of the meeting was to provide input into the [National Meeting of Environment Ministers](#).

This meeting was held on Friday, **27 April**. Some of the important outcomes from this meeting included that the Ministers:

- Endorsed a target of 100% of Australian packaging being recyclable, compostable or reusable by 2025 (or earlier).
- Agreed to work together on expanding and developing the Australian recycling industry.
- Agreed to advocate for increased use of recycled materials in the goods that government and industry buy.

The key message for the community is to keep recycling, there are still viable markets for recyclables.

There will also be the opportunity to develop local markets and options in the long term.

WALGA's background paper on the current situation is available from the [WasteNet Website](#).

**For more information, email Manager, Waste and Recycling [Rebecca Brown](#).**

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## Training

**The following courses are available for Local Government Officers:**

[Evaluation, Supplier Selection and Contract Establishment](#)

Tuesday, **22 May**

[Managing Contracts in Local Government](#)

Wednesday, **23 May**

[Rates in Local Government - Clerical](#)

Thursday, **24 May**

[Rates in Local Government - Debt Collection](#)

Friday, **25 May**

[Accounts Payable for Local Government](#)

Monday, **28 May**

[Accounts Receivable for Local Government](#)

Tuesday, **29 May**

[Financial Fundamentals - Monthly Annual Reporting](#)

Thursday, **31 May**

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

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## Every Club Funding

**Perth Metropolitan Local Governments can now apply for the Every Club Funding from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.**

The Every Club funding program assists Local Governments to deliver outcomes aimed at supporting the management, governance and planning practices of community sport and recreation clubs.

Applicants can apply for funding up to a maximum of \$40,000 in 2018/19 and \$20,000 in 2019/20. Applicants can opt to apply for one or two years of funding via a single application process.

For the funding guidelines for Perth Metropolitan Local Governments, click [here](#).

Applications close on Friday, **8 June** at 4:00pm.

For the funding guidelines for Perth Regional Local Governments, click [here](#). Applications close on Friday, **25 May** at 4:00pm.

**For more information, email the [Every Club Funding team](#).**

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## WA Community Garden Gathering

**WA Community Garden Gathering will be held at City Farm in East Perth, From Saturday, 19 May to Sunday, 20 May.**

PermacultureWest will host the event, which will provide opportunities to share knowledge and connect with others, for members and supporters of community gardens in WA.

The program includes Costa Georgiadis from Gardening Australia as a plenary speaker, and sessions with topics ranging from working with Local Governments, Indigenous bush tucker, and the role of community gardens in supporting food security.

A session to provide information on the relationship between community gardens and Local Government will run on the Saturday afternoon of the gathering.

**For more information or to register, visit the WA Community Garden Gathering [website](#).**

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## Health Outcomes and the Built Environment

**The Heart Foundation's Healthy Active by Design (HAbD) tool has been developed to assist professionals in the built environment and health promotion industries to implement healthy public spaces.**

The HAbD tool includes a number of resources, such as case studies, advocacy guides and research evidence, to assist stakeholders in the

development of these healthy spaces.

The Heart Foundation is currently developing new implementation and translation programs to assist and encourage stakeholders to use the HAbD tool in their everyday role, and would like Local Government input into the tool.

A short [survey](#) asks users for feedback on how they have used the tool, and how it could be made more user-friendly in the future.

The [survey](#) will close Monday, **14 May**. No identifiable data will be collected as part of this survey.

**For more information, visit the HAbD [website](#).**

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## Cyber Incident Response Webinar

**Dell EMC will host a webinar focussed on the release of the [Secureworks Incident Response Insights Report 2018](#).**

The presentation will be led by Alex Tilley, CTU E-crime lead and Jon Cooper, APJ Head for Incident Response from Dell, sharing their insight and opinions on lessons learnt from nearly 1000 incident response engagements. Webinar topics will include:

- threat and attack trends identified by responders in 2017
- lessons learned by organisations in a wide variety of incident response (IR) scenarios
- key recommendations for IR planning, practices and capabilities that improve security defences and mitigate business risk, and
- live Q&A with experts from their Counter Threat Unit™ (CTU) and Incident Response team.

The webinar will be at 8:00am (10:00am AEST) on Wednesday, **16 May**.

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

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## Regional Airfare Inquiry Recommendations

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

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

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

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

In the next 12 months, the Government will engage extensively with airlines, Local Governments, the mining industry, corporations and communities. The

collection of data and feedback is essential to the success of the State Aviation Strategy review and will be used to provide a policy framework going forward.

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

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**For more information, email Manager, Strategy and Association Governance [Tim Lane](#) or call 9213 2029.**

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## Emergency Management Training

**WALGA provides high quality, tailored and accessible emergency management education for all Local Government emergency management personnel (including volunteers), CEOs, Executives, Elected Members and Officers.**

The Local Government emergency management training developed by WALGA will assist Local Governments with their emergency management responsibilities under the *Emergency Management Act 2005*.

[Emergency Management Fundamentals](#)

Available online

[AIIMS Awareness](#)

Available online

[Participate in Local Government Emergency Management](#)

Monday, **21 May**

[Manage Recovery Activities in Local Government](#)

Tuesday, **22 May**

[Local Recovery Coordinator](#)

Monday and Tuesday, **30 April to 1 May**

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

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## Webinar – Presiding Over Meetings

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

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

Topics will include:

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

**Date:** Thursday, **19 April**

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

Places are limited so register now to avoid disappointment.

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

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

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## Communications and Social Media Tools – Feedback Sought

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Vacancies on Boards and Committees

**The Association is pleased to announce the following vacancies**

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

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

Nomination forms are available [here](#).

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

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## WALGA Tree Health and Resilience Forum

**WALGA is hosting a full-day Tree Health and Resilience Forum on Wednesday, 2 May in Perth.**

Local Governments are well aware of the benefits of tree canopy cover for liveable communities, public health and local biodiversity. This forum will address the need to ensure that urban forests are resilient to current and emerging threats, including a changing climate, pests and disease.

**Date:** Wednesday, **2 May**

**Time:** 9:00am to 3:00pm (Registration from 8:30am)

**Venue:** The Boulevard Centre, 99 The Boulevard, Floreat

**RSVP:** By Friday, 27 May, [click here](#) to register.

The Forum has been organised to follow the [2020 Vision Green Light Tour](#), for those wishing to attend two consecutive days on increasing urban canopy cover and tree health.

**For more information or to register, visit the [WALGA website](#).**

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## WALGA Honours Program – Nominations Open



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

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

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

## Promote Council Events for Free

**Tourism WA is keen to work with all Councils in Western Australia to improve how they promote activities for tourists.**

WA Councils are invited to submit their tourism related organisations to the [Australian Tourism Data Warehouse](#) (ATDW) so they can be distributed via [westernaustralia.com](#), the [Experience WA App](#) and [Australia.com](#).

Councils may also be interested in both contributing to the database and distributing ATDW content on their websites.

Contributors can distribute the content for free on their website.

[Search here](#) to find out whether any tourism businesses in the area are already listed in ATDW.

If they aren't, visit [Tourism WA's corporate website](#) to find how out more about getting listed online.

**For more information, email [ATDW](#) or call 1300 369 125.**

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## Call for Nominations – 2018 Local Government Road Safety Awards

**WALGA's RoadWise and the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia WA invite Local Governments to nominate local road safety projects for the 2018 Local Government Road Safety Awards.**

Eligible road safety projects should have safe system principles applied to:

- innovative treatments in road infrastructure improvement
- initiatives which complement road infrastructure improvements, and

- local road safety partnerships.

Nominations are also invited for local road safety champions for the Local Government Road Safety Award.

Submissions close 5.00pm, Friday, **27 July**. The Awards will be presented at the 2018 WA Transport and Roads Forum on Tuesday, **16 October**.

**For more information, visit the RoadWise [website](#) or contact the local [Road Safety Advisor](#).**

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## 2018 WA Local Government Convention

***Ready & Relevant* is the overarching theme of the 2018 WA Local Government Convention with a program which aims to encourage delegates to reflect on where we are as a sector, and plan for the challenges ahead.**

The annual Convention will return to the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre from Wednesday, **1 August** to Friday, **3 August**.

The Information and Registration Brochure is now available and can be downloaded from the WALGA [website](#).

Registrations can be completed online by visiting the WALGA [Registration Portal](#). The deadline for registration is Tuesday, **3 July**.

**For more information, email Marketing and Events Officer [Ulla Prill](#) or call 9213 2043.**

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## Professionally Speaking Training

**This interactive workshop, presented by Andrea Burns, Award Winning TV Journalist is specifically designed to get participants 'battle-ready' and offers practical techniques for handling unfamiliar public speaking situations with confidence.**

[Professionally Speaking](#)  
Tuesday, **12 June**

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

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## Regional Health Services Survey

**WALGA has been requested by State Council to gather information on the health services currently operating in regional, rural and remote Local Government areas, to inform advocacy on behalf of the sector.**

Regional, rural or remote areas can lack adequate medical services to appropriately respond to health issues and emergencies in the community.

Various factors can contribute to this situation, including the difficulty recruiting and retaining health staff, a lack of funding for positions, or a lack of facilities.

To ensure that all Local Governments across the State can benefit from advocacy in this space, WALGA State Council has asked that the Association seek more information from members and Zones on this issue.

This information will be reported to State Council to determine the next steps to be taken.

WALGA will collate this information and use it to guide further advocacy on behalf of the sector.

Click [here](#) for the survey.

**For more information, email Senior Policy Officer Community [Evie Devitt-Rix](#).**

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## PHAIWA Children's Environment and Health Local Government Policy Awards

**Applications are open for the PHAIWA Children's Environment and Health Local Government Policy Awards.**

The award focuses on projects implemented by Local Governments which positively influence the environment and health of children.

The application form is available on the PHAIWA [website](#). Applications close on Friday, **8 June**.

The presentation of the award will take place alongside the WA Local Government Convention on Thursday, **2 August**.

**For more information, email PHAIWA's [Ros Natalotto](#) or call 9266 2489.**

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## Seeking Comments: Empowering Communities Program - Request for Tender

**The Department of Communities is currently developing the Empowering Communities Program. The program (formerly known as the Supporting Communities Program) seeks to empower communities to be connected and inclusive places where people feel they belong, are valued and contribute.**

The draft [Request for Tender document](#) for the program has been released on Tenders WA. Interested parties are encouraged to review the draft request and provide the Department with their feedback.

Feedback from all interested parties regarding the draft Request can be

provided using an [online survey](#).

The survey will close on at 5:00pm, Friday, **18 May**.

Feedback will be considered in refining the final procurement documents (Request for Tender) that will be advertised on Tenders WA.

**For more information, email the Department of Communities [Empowering Communities Program Team](#).**

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## Sport and Recreation Industry Awards 2018

**Held every two years by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, the awards are open to all organisations that provide sport and recreation services such as associations, Local Governments and commercial organisations.**

There are nine categories. The Minister's Award for Industry Excellence will be chosen from one of the category winners and will receive a \$5000 prize which will be announced at the Sport and Recreation Industry Awards presentation breakfast at the Optus Stadium on Wednesday, **8 August**.

Submissions close 9:00pm on Wednesday, **13 June**.

**For more information on how to apply and the available categories, visit the [website](#).**

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## New CEO for MAV

**The Board of the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) has appointed former local and State Government executive Kerry Thompson to the role of Chief Executive Officer.**

Ms Thompson is a former CEO of Wyndham City Council and Maribyrnong City Council, a Deputy Secretary (Investment and Business) for Transport for Victoria, and acting Chief Executive at VicRoads.

She replaces outgoing CEO Rob Spence, who has been in the role since 1997.

Mr Spence will remain with the Association until Monday, **20 August**.

**For more information, email [MAV](#).**

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## Waste Taskforce Meeting Outcomes

**The first meeting of the Waste Taskforce was held on Monday 23, April and included representatives from Local Government, State Government, industry and the community.**

Environment Ministers from around Australia are meeting on Friday, 27 April to discuss recycling in Australia and the Taskforce provided points for this meeting from a WA perspective.

The key points were:

- the need to communicate effectively with the community about what can and can't be recycled
- the need for infrastructure for recycling in Australia, and
- the opportunity for Government procurement to drive markets for materials.

For more information, email Manager - Waste and Recycling [Rebecca Brown](#).

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## Australian Smart Communities Conference

**The Australian Smart Communities aims to make our communities more liveable, more sustainable and more technologically empowered.**

The conference will provide the platform to showcase solutions, celebrate the successes of smart communities and share stories with members and the broader community.

**Date:** Wednesday, **9 May** to Friday, **11 May**

**Venue:** Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

**For more information, visit the conference [website](#).**

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Dear Jamie

### 2018 Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion

On behalf of the Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program Steering Group I would like to offer my sincere thanks for welcoming medical students to your town. The trip was a fantastic success and both students and staff had a wonderful time. I hope the experience was as rewarding for you as it was for them.

The program was established to expose the future medical workforce to rural careers and lifestyles. Evidence shows that a previous connection with rural areas, including through under/postgraduate medical training has a positive influence on a doctor's decision to 'go rural'. Over 160 students were hosted by 81 host families across the Wheatbelt towns of Bruce Rock, Cunderdin, Kellerberrin, Narrogin, Merredin, Southern Cross and Westonia. During their placement students participated in visits to medical centres, hospitals, schools and other community organisations such as local Men's Sheds and St Johns Ambulance centres.

Your participation has assisted us to increase the student's understanding of health care delivery in rural Western Australia, in particular developing a greater appreciation of the health care challenges faced by those living rurally. Additionally, the students and staff involved were warmly received at all visits, showcasing a close sense of community in all the towns visited.

We appreciate your generosity in supporting this initiative to encourage our future doctors to work in remote and rural Western Australia and to provide better care to country people in the long term. The program will be delivered again in 2019 and we look forward to continuing to work with you on this important program.

Yours sincerely

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