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For the Ordinary Council Meeting
held on Thursday 18th November 2021

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SHIRE OF WESTONIA

Oct, Nov, Dec 2021

Date & Time	What	Where	Who
Thursday 21 st October	Council Meeting	Westonia	CEO, Councillors
Monday 8 th November	CEACA	Kellerberrin	CEO, Louis Geier
Thursday 14 th October	Kathy Bolt – Water Corp	Westonia	CEO
Monday 25 th October	Catholic Church – Father Mathew	Westonia	CEO
Wednesday 3 rd -5 th November	LG Pro Conference	Perth	CEO, MCS
Thursday 4 th November	LG Pro AGM	Perth	CEO, MCS
Monday 8 th November	CEACA AGM	Kellerberrin	CEO, Louis Geier
Thursday 11 th November	Zoom Meeting Matt Croot – Winthrop Aust Computers	Teams	CEO, MCS
Tuesday 16 th November	LGIS Annual Meeting – Sandra Clohesey	Westonia	CEO, MCS
Thursday 18 th November	Council Meeting	Westonia	CEO, Councillors
Monday 22 nd November	WALGA GECZ	Kellerberrin	CEO, President
Monday 22 nd November	WEROC AGM	Kellerberrin	CEO, President
Tuesday 7 th December	Seniors Luncheon	Westonia	CEO, Councillors
Thursday 16 th December	Council Meeting	Westonia	CEO, Councillors
Thursday 16 th December	Annual Christmas Wind-up	Westonia	CEO, Councillors, Staff
Friday 17 th December	Outside Crew Break Up	Westonia	Staff
Friday 24 th December	Admin Staff Break Up	Westonia	Staff
Tuesday 4 th January	Staff Resume Work	Westonia	Staff

Users
1,768

↓ -29.8%

New Users
1,620

↓ -31.8%

Sessions
2,357

↓ -29.0%

Pageviews
5,095

↓ -25.4%

Session Duration
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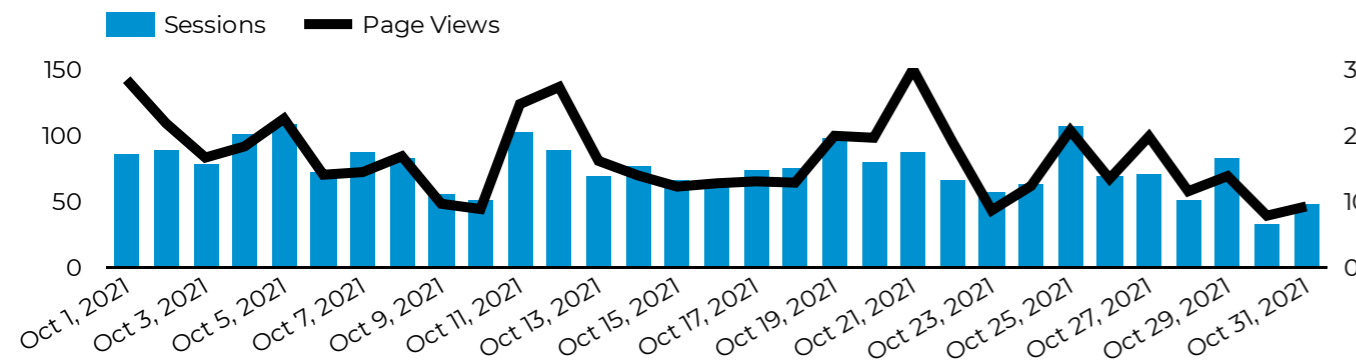
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Pages/Session
2.16

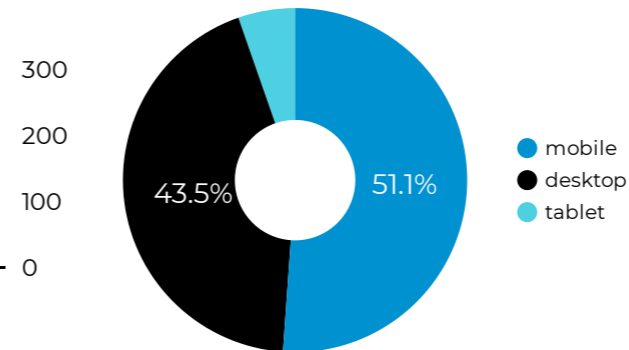
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Bounce Rate
63.94%

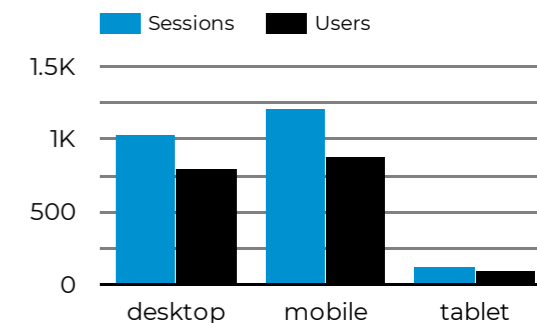
Sessions & Pageviews



Device Breakdown



Sessions & Users (by device)



Traffic Sources

Source/Medium	Sessions	% New Sessions	Bounce Rate
google / organic	1,702	68%	63%
(direct) / (none)	432	77%	72%
bing / organic	104	69%	52%
ia.tenderlink.com / referral	15	7%	100%
m.facebook.com / referral	12	50%	75%
ecosia.org / organic	11	45%	36%
australiasgoldenoutback.com / referral	11	73%	55%
duckduckgo / organic	8	88%	63%
au.search.yahoo.com / referral	7	43%	14%

Page Views & Unique Page Views

Page	Page Views	Unique Page Views
/	674	526
/explore/what-to-do-attractions-/granite-outcropsnature-res...	449	364
/explore/where-to-stay-eat/westonia-shire-caravan-park.aspx	398	295
/explore/where-to-stay-eat/westonia-tavern-motel.aspx	375	281
/explore/what-to-do-attractions-/granite-outcropsnature-res...	282	220
/explore/what-to-do-(attractions)/explore-westonia.aspx	209	166
/accommodation//	137	100
/explore/what-to-do-(attractions)/edna-may-gold-mine.aspx	130	123
/staff-contacts	125	100

Website Support & Maintenance

Total Support Hours (per annum)	Support Used	Support Remaining
32 hours	4 h 22 m	27 h 38 m

Storage

Storage Allowance	Storage Used
15 GB	5.63 GB

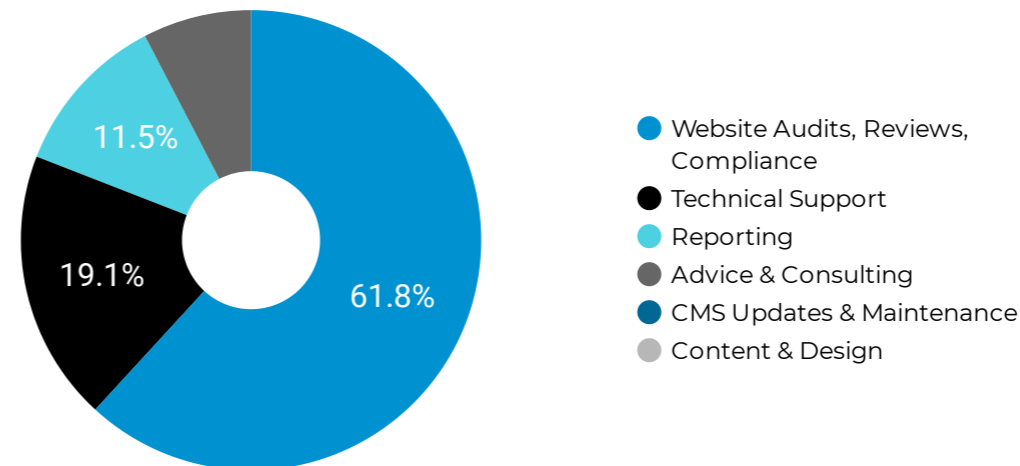
Bandwidth

Bandwidth Allowance	Bandwidth Used (current month)
50 GB	69.78 GB

Website Support & Maintenance Breakdown

Category ▾	Billable Support	Unbillable Support
Website Audits, Reviews, Compliance	2 h 42 m	0 h 0 m
Technical Support	0 h 50 m	0 h 0 m
Reporting	0 h 30 m	0 h 0 m
Content & Design	0 h 0 m	0 h 0 m
CMS Updates & Maintenance	0 h 0 m	0 h 0 m
Advice & Consulting	0 h 20 m	0 h 0 m

Billable Support



Website Support & Maintenance Explanation

Advice & Consulting

Client liaison (phone and email) and consulting services, including advice and guidance on website management and optimisation

CMS Updates & Maintenance

Updates to Spark CMS including version upgrades, patches, bug fixes, licensing renewals and general maintenance

Content & Design

Content updates and minor design changes

Reporting

Monthly reports and any additional requested reports

Technical Support

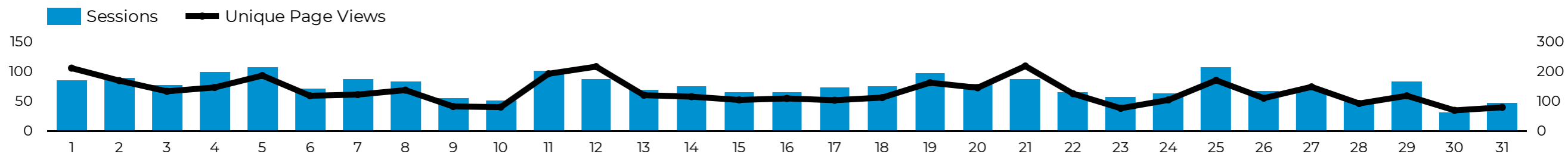
Telephone and email website support, troubleshooting, development work and training

Website Audits, Reviews, Compliance

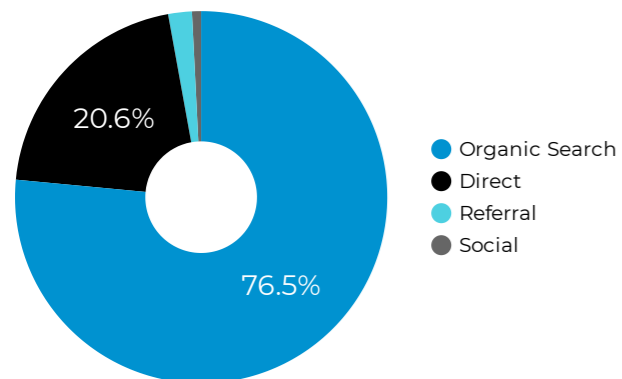
Monitoring of usage and performance, including compliance with relevant legislation, user experience analysis and recommendations for improvement

Multi Sites

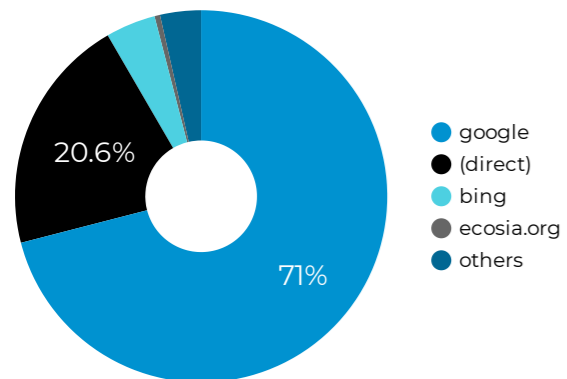
Support and maintenance hours cover all websites hosted under your CouncilConnect subscription. This is inclusive of multi sites such as intranets, councillor portals, visitor centres websites and alike.



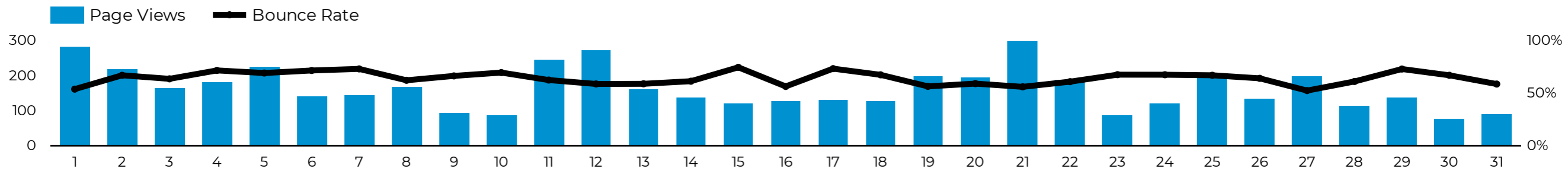
Channels & Sources



Channel	Users	New Users	Sessions	Bounce Rate	Pages/Session	Avg. Session Duration
Organic Search	1,391	1,241	1,833	62.03%	2.21	00:01:44
Direct	347	333	432	71.53%	2.04	00:01:19
Referral	49	33	71	67.61%	1.83	00:00:53
Social	16	13	21	61.9%	1.86	00:00:57



Source/Medium	Users	Sessions	Pages/Session	Avg. Session Duration	Bounce Rate	% New Sessions
google / organic	1,290	1,702	2	00:01:44	62.75%	67.57%
(direct) / (none)	347	432	2	00:01:19	71.53%	77.08%
bing / organic	85	104	2	00:01:27	51.92%	69.23%
australiasgoldenoutback.co...	11	11	2	00:01:36	54.55%	72.73%
m.facebook.com / referral	7	12	1	00:00:32	75%	50%

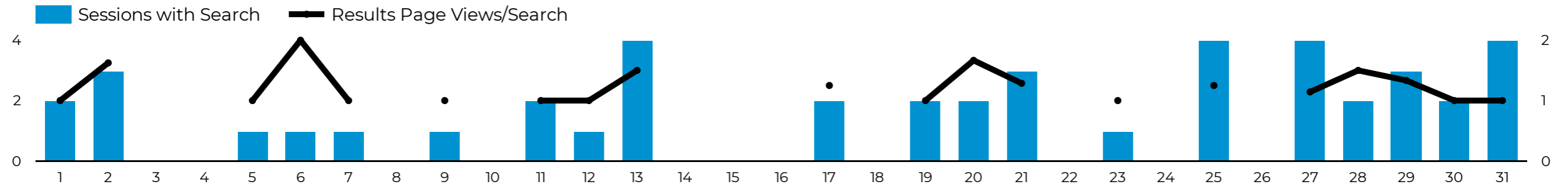


Top 15 Pages

Page	Page Views	Unique Page Views	Avg. Time on Page	Entrances	Bounce Rate	% Exit
/	674	526	00:00:53	461	42.52%	41.69%
/explore/what-to-do-attraction...	449	364	00:02:51	319	73.35%	65.48%
/explore/where-to-stay-eat/we...	398	295	00:01:47	255	50.98%	47.74%
/explore/where-to-stay-eat/we...	375	281	00:02:16	228	71.93%	62.93%
/explore/what-to-do-attraction...	282	220	00:01:46	171	69.59%	59.22%
/explore/what-to-do-(attractio...	209	166	00:02:08	93	60.22%	47.85%
/accommodation//	137	100	00:02:21	8	75%	39.42%
/explore/what-to-do-(attractio...	130	123	00:02:11	85	91.76%	66.15%
/staff-contacts	125	100	00:00:38	41	58.54%	35.2%
/councillors	106	62	00:01:01	17	58.82%	27.36%
/explore/where-to-stay-eat/car...	91	70	00:01:26	41	73.17%	51.65%
/granite-outcrops.aspx	78	58	00:00:30	28	21.43%	19.23%
/explore/what-to-do-(attractio...	72	65	00:02:11	40	80%	56.94%
/your-council/administration/s...	67	58	00:00:25	33	63.64%	55.22%
/explore/what-to-do-(attractio...	66	62	00:02:22	27	81.48%	48.48%

Top 20 Pages

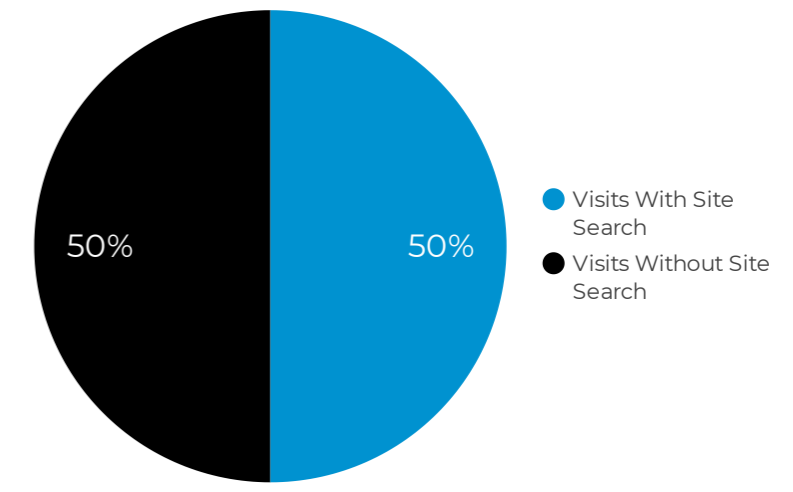
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/accommodation/	63	38	00:01:43	18	27.78%	34.92%
/council-meetings/past/2021	58	33	00:00:09	1	100%	5.17%
/events/	51	44	00:00:37	13	61.54%	35.29%
/news/	47	35	00:00:27	9	88.89%	29.79%
/council-meetings/past	47	34	00:00:05	0	null	4.26%



Site Search

Sessions with Search 45 ↑ 114.3%	Total Unique Searches 69 ↑ 122.6%	Results Page Views/Search 1.28 ↑ 1.4%	Avg. Search Depth 0.9 ↓ -49.4%	% Search Exits 31.88% ↑ 41.2%	Time After Search 00:01:31 ↓ -34.2%
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Search Term	Total Unique Searches	Results Page Views/Search	% Search Exits	Avg. Search Depth
fire warning	2	1	100%	0
burning	2	2	100%	0
fire	2	1	0%	0.5
Baladjie	2	1	100%	0
Caravan park	2	1	0%	1.5
Plates	1	1	0%	1
Map	1	1	100%	0
Where in WA is Westonia	1	2	0%	3
Car practice	1	1	100%	0
Agenda and minutes	1	1	0%	0



Avg. Search Depth

The number of pages visitors viewed after getting results for the search term.

Avg. Session Duration

The average length of a Session.

Avg. Time on Page

The average amount of time users spent viewing a specified page or screen, or set of pages or screens.

Bounce Rate

The percentage of single-page sessions in which there was no interaction with the page. A bounced session has a duration of 0 seconds.

Entrances

Entrances is the number of times visitors entered your site through a specified page or set of pages.

% Exit

%Exit is (number of exits) / (number of pageviews) for the page or set of pages. It indicates how often users exit from that page or set of pages when they view the page(s).

Exits

Exits is the number of times visitors exited your site from a specified page or set of pages.

Landing Page

The pages through which visitors entered your site.

New Users

The number of first-time users during the selected date range.

Page

The pages visited, listed by URI. The URI is the portion of a page's URL following the domain name; for example, the URI portion of `www.example.com/contact.html` is `/contact.html`.

Page Views

Pageviews is the total number of pages viewed. Repeated views of a single page are counted.

Pages/Session

Pages/Session (Average Page Depth) is the average number of pages viewed during a session. Repeated views of a single page are counted.

Results Page Views/Search

Results Pageviews/Search is the average number of times visitors viewed a search results page after performing a search.

% Search Exits

The number of exits from your site that occurred following a result from an internal search.

Sessions

Total number of Sessions within the date range. A session is the period time a user is actively engaged with your website, app, etc. All usage data (Screen Views, Events, Ecommerce, etc.) is associated with a session.

Session Duration

The average length of a Session.

Sessions with Search

The number of sessions during which at least one site search occurred.

Source/Medium

Source/Medium describes where your traffic comes from. The Source is the place users are before seeing your content, like a search engine or another website. The Medium describes how users arrived at your content. Values for Medium include "organic" for unpaid search traffic and "none" for direct traffic. Custom values you define for Source and Medium will also be included in this dimension.

Time After Search

The amount of time visitors spent on your site after getting results for the search term.

Total Unique Searches

Total Unique Searches is the number of times people searched your site. Duplicate searches within a single visit are excluded.

Unique Page Views

Unique Pageviews is the number of sessions during which the specified page was viewed at least once. A unique pageview is counted for each page URL + page Title combination.

Users

Users who have initiated at least one session during the date range.



Our Ref: JT1 2003 21174 V02
Enquiries: David Morgan
Telephone: (08) 9420 2640

29 October 2021

Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage
Locked Bag 2506
PERTH WA 6001

Att: Wheatbelt Case Management Team

Dear Sir/Madam,

**PROPOSED TRANSFER OF CROWN RESERVE 1378 TO SHIRE OF WESTONIA
(AA DAM 450 WARRALAKIN TANK)**

In September 2021, the Shire of Westonia wrote to the Water Corporation requesting the vesting for the Crown Reserve listed below (which contains a water tank and rock catchment):

AA Dam Name	CT	Reserve	Comment
AA Dam No. 450 Warralakin Tank	LR2022/012	1378 (Lot 347 on DP203246)	Transfer request from Shire of Westonia, DWER to conduct remedial works prior to transfer.

The transfer of this Crown Reserve will allow the Shire of Westonia to take control of a non-potable water source that is already used exclusively by the local community and the Shire. As such, the Water Corporation welcomes the Shires request.

Therefore, the Water Corporation advises that it has no objection to the transfer of the Management Order for the above Crown Reserve to the Shire of Westonia, subject to the following requirements:

- The Crown Reserve is transferred in its entirety, including all associated lots.
- The Reserve is transferred to the Shire on an "as-is" basis, and includes all dams, pipes, pumps and other infrastructure that already exists on the land.
- All future responsibility for the Reserve (and associated infrastructure) passes to the Shire of Westonia.
- The Water Corporation is removed from both Responsible Agency and Management Order status for the Reserve.

A Statutory Declaration for the reserve has been provided at Attachment 3. The original Management Order is not in Water Corporations possession, and as such, is not able to be surrendered.

I trust this letter provides the Department with sufficient information to give priority consideration to the proposal described above. Should the Department agree to this proposal, confirmation upon completion of the transfer would be appreciated.

Please contact David Morgan on 9420 2640 if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



Brian Hancock
Manager
PROPERTY PORTFOLIO

cc: CEO – Shire of Westonia

Attachments.

- 1. Shire of Westonia Request*
- 2. Landgate Aerial*
- 3. Statutory Declaration*

Attachment 1 –Shire of Westonia Request

Shire of Westonia

Wolfram Street
Westonia WA 6423

Telephone (08) 9046 7063
Facsimile (08) 9046 7001
Email: shire@westonia.wa.gov.au
Website: www.westonia.wa.gov.au



Please address all correspondence
to the Chief Executive Officer

ESI.5.7.2

Sandy Turton-Parkinson
Senior Natural Resource Management Officer
Community Water Supply Project
Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
PO Box 525
ALBANY WA



Dear Sandy,

WARRALAKIN TANK (GEELAKIN ROCK) CHANGE IN VESTING ORDER

Please accept this Letter of Consent on behalf of the Shire of Westonia authorising that Council will accept the takeover of Warralakin (Geelakin Rock) Tank, Dam #450, once the restoration works are completed by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

RESOLUTION

Moved:	Cr Della Bosco	Seconded:	Cr Huxtable
06/09-21	That Council, in addition to previously confirming in principle with the Department of Water & Environmental Regulation to the Warralakin Tank (Geelakin Rock) restoration project, agree to a change in the vesting order over the Geelakin Tank and Reserve to the Shire of Westonia once the restorations are complete.		

CARRIED 5/0

Hoping that you find this satisfactory and if you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

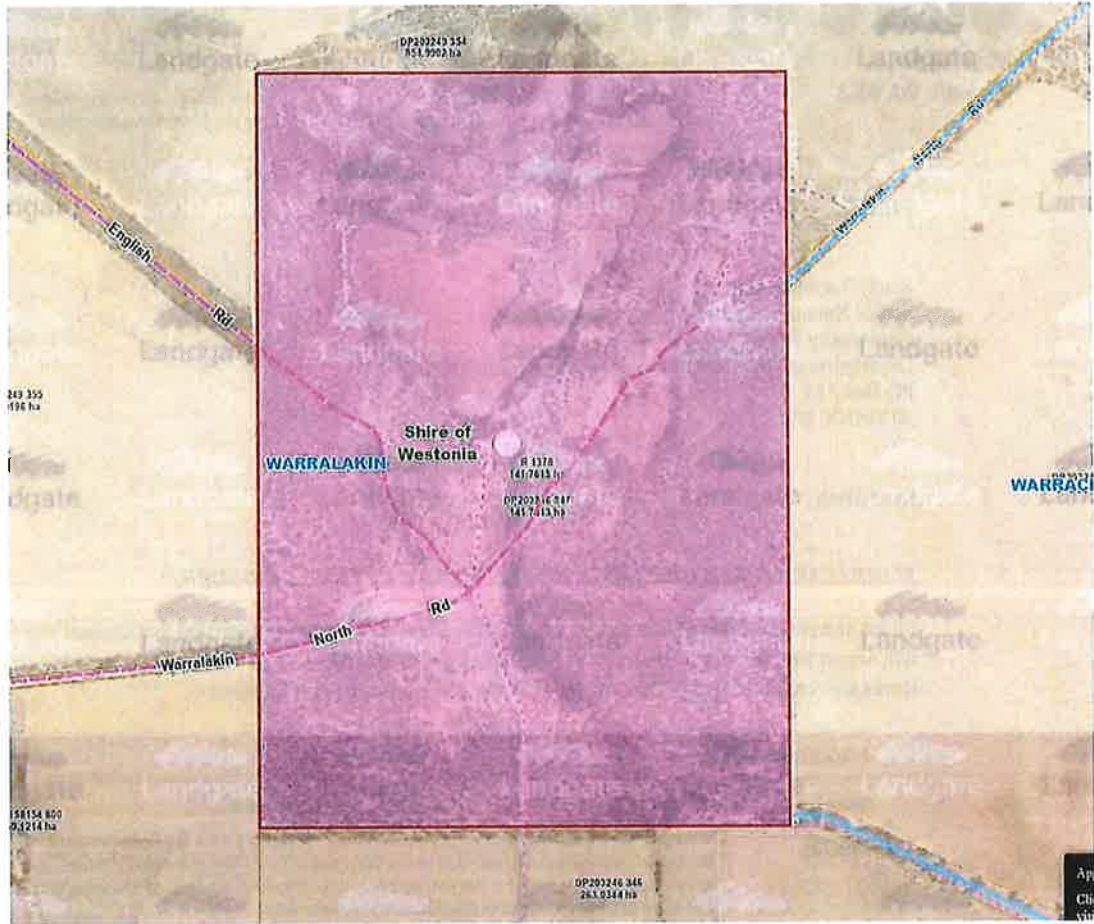
Jamie Criddle
Chief Executive Officer

4th October 2021

“A Golden Heart”

Attachment 2 – Landgate Aerial

Res 1378 (AA Dam 450 – Warralakin Tank)



Attachment 3 – Statutory Declaration

STATUTORY DECLARATION

(full name, address and occupation of person(s) making the declaration)

I, Brian Lanyon Handcock, Manager Property Portfolio of Water Corporation, 629 Newcastle Street, Leederville WA 6007

Sincerely declare as follows -

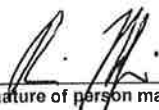
1. I act on behalf of the Management Body for the land described as Crown Reserve 1378 (Lot 347 on DP203246) being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Crown Land Title LR3022/612 (the Land).
2. The Minister for Water Resources has held a Management Order in relation to the Land from 28 January 1916 to the current date (the Relevant Period).
3. I am aware that the Land has been used for the purpose of "Water & Stopping Place" during this time.
4. I have made or cause to be made a full and exhaustive review of the Water Corporation's records relating to the Reserve and I declare that:
 - a) No estate or interest in the Reserve has been granted to or created in favour of any person;
 - b) The Water Corporation is not aware of and does not have in its possession, any other documents relating to the Reserve;
 - c) No other person has claimed any other estate or interest in the Reserve; and
 - d) The original Vesting Order/Management Order could not be found.
5. I have referred to Annexure B of the Assessment and Management of Contaminated Sites (Contaminated Sites Guidelines - December 2014), which is a document prepared by the Department of Environment Regulation. I am aware that:
6. the Land has not been used for any of the Industries, Activities and Land Uses referred to in Annexure B during the Relevant Period; and
 - a) none of the Common Contaminant Types referred to in Annexure B have been used in relation to the Land during the Relevant Period.
 - b) I acknowledge that if the Land is found to be contaminated within the meaning of the Contaminated Sites Act 2003, the Contaminated Sites Act 2003 may place obligations upon me in relation to the Land as a contaminated site.
7. An environmental assessment of the Land has not been undertaken by a person qualified and accredited to carry out an assessment of the Land in relation to contamination.

This declaration is true and I know that it is an offence to make a declaration knowing that it is false in a material particular.

This declaration is made under the Oaths, Affidavits and Statutory Declarations Act 2005 at

Leederville
(Place made)

on 29th day of October 2021 by:


Signature of person making the declaration (sign in the space above)

In the presence of -


Signature of authorised witness (sign in the space above)

STEPHEN WHITTLESTON 91 DYSOW ST KENSINGTON REAL ESTATE AGENT (RA4000)
(Print the full name, Address and qualification of authorised witness in the space above)



Council Outstanding Resolutions Status Report

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should contact the CEO. Red – New ~~Strikethrough – Delete~~

MEETING	ITEM/RESOLUTION	ACTION REQUIRED	RESPONSE	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	TIME FRAME
Oct 2021	09/10-21	That Council make the attached changes to the proposed Westonia Sport & Recreation Precinct Plan, advise architects Donovan Payne of the changes prior to release for public consultation.	Architects Donovan Payne engaged to design Westonia Sport & Recreation Precinct Plan prior to being released to the Public for comment	CEO	Feb 22



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Sept 2017	10/09-17	Westonia Airstrip	<p>That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a fair price for the two areas of land to incorporate into the Westonia Airstrip and report back to Council at the October meeting. Offer and Paperwork to be discussed and finalized.</p> <p>The CEO has recently held discussions with Paul Sawyer of AD Astral Aviation in relation to some substantial development & improvements to the Westonia Airstrip to allow commercial flights in and out of Westonia. Waiting on response from Ramelius Resources. Additional discussion held with Ramelius regarding airstrip Surveyors completing survey and negotiating with owner on sale/transfer. Subdivision application submitted to Planning Commission, pending approval. Negotiations with owner complete, pending sellers acceptance of terms.</p>	CEO	July 21
Apr 2017	17/04-17	Town Planning Scheme	<p>Currently seeking input from town planners in relation to low cost solution.</p> <p>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 attended June Meeting to discuss TPS with work to commence in 2018/19. Planning Commission met with Council in March 2019 with partially completed TPS & Strategies for review by Council. Draft complete, awaiting review from Council</p>	CEO	June 21
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Apr 2017	16/04-17	Westonia Airstrip	Currently investigating, coincide with Kaolin St Renaming.	CEO	July 21
Apr 2017	15/04-17	Renaming of Egg Rock Road & Kaolin Street	Currently seeking input from families prior to advertising as per requirements Documents sent to Geographical Names committee, awaiting response	CEO	July 21
Mar 2017	13/03-17	Review of Integrated Planning Suite	Awaiting commencement date for Integrated Planning Suite review. Review undertaken from April 2018, presentation in Dec 2018. Community Strategic Plan due for adoption in April 2019. Commence Workforce Plan in April 2019. Community Strategic Plan & Workforce Plan Completed.	CEO	Ongoing
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. TPS due for adoption in December 2019.	CEO/Building	Dec 20

WORK SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1. PLANT REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

- Significant plant repairs and maintenance carried out since the last meeting were:-
 - Toyota Prado – panelbeat repair to front RHS fender and 10,000km service.
 - Fire Appliances – Annual service and check over.
 - HP Slasher – replace clutch plates, guide wheels bearings and blades.

2. CAPITAL ROAD WORKS

- 1.2km of Warralakin Road project has been gravel sheeted. Not much progress on Council projects with the Highway commitment.

3. GENERAL ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Repair wash-out on Elachbutting Road adjacent to Rock.

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4. PRIVATE WORKS

- Council currently have 2 x roadtrains and 1 x grader on the Great Eastern Highway Lendlease project.

5. TOWN MAINTENANCE

- Since the last meeting Council officially opened the Mini Silo Art project which is another quirky feature for tourists visiting the town.



- New street furniture has been installed in Wolfram Street with the new bin surrounds and pedestrian streetlight adding to the street appeal.



6. OTHER

- Council have received its new CAT Rollers on Thursday 11th November which was celebrated by waving good bye (riddance) to the HAMM roller!!!!.



- Traffic counters have been put out on Boodarockin, Warralakin and Westonia/Carrabin Roads to capture harvest and mining traffic details.
- Pick up cabinet for Museum medical display.
- Council still does not have a replacement road train operator.

7. PLANT HOURS

The following is a list of plant and vehicle kilometre and hour readings for the period ending 1.11.21

Item		1.10.21	1.11.21
P1	CAT 140 GRADER	0hrs	154hrs
P2	CAT 12M GRADER	6,449hrs	6,451hrs
P3	PRIME MOVER (OLD FREIGHTLINER)	175,347kms	182,388kms
P4	ROAD TRAIN (NEW FREIGHTLINER)	47,076kms	51,761kms
P5	JOHN DEERE LOADER	3,317hrs	3,409hrs
P6	MULTI PAC	10,607hrs	SOLD
P7	MINI-EXCAVATOR	676hrs	700hrs
P8	TELEHANDLER JCB	2,022hrs	2,022hrs
P9	TOYOTA (MTCE UTE)	65,587kms	66,187kms
P10	mitsubishi CANTER	68,434kms	68,822kms
P11	TOYOTA HILUX (GARDENER) WT 35	79,777kms	80,207kms
P12	JOHN DEERE (5100)	2,232hrs	2,242hrs
P14	TOYOTA LANDCRUISER GXL (CEO)	17,111kms	20,511kms
P15	TOYOTA PRADO GXL (W/SUPER)	6,344kms	9,786kms
P16	TOYOTA RAV4 (ADMIN)	34,970kms	36,312kms
P17	TOYOTA HILUX DUAL CAB	96,295kms	99,858kms
P19	FAST ATTACK	10,442kms	10,453kms
P20	FIRE TRUCK	6,117kms	6,117kms
P18	WESSY BUS	124,367kms	124,740kms
P21	DYNAPAC FLAT DRUM	2,119hrs	SOLD
P22	KUBOTA RIDE ON MOWER (OVAL)	1,939hrs	1,944hrs
P23	TOYOTA MINI BUS (WT COM V)	25,181kms	27,101kms
P24	HAMM ROLLER	3,999hrs	SOLD
P25	MICK's BEAUT UTE	146,700kms	147,423kms
P26	GO-GO MOBILE SWEEPER		

TOURISM REPORT

WESTONIA TOURIST PARK:

The park has seen many newcomers & some familiar faces returning over this very busy season. Tourists have been spoilt for choice with the usual selection of wonders to visit in Wessy along with some great events as well. Up in smoke was a crowd pleaser and Wessy Christmas Markets did not disappoint. A huge thanks goes out to the Westonia CRC ladies and their committee for their dedication to providing quality events to our region.

One Man & a Bike TV Series

Blackers travelled from SX through Westonia & finished in Kellerberrin - August 2021 The series will air on 12/12/2021 on 7Two.

WW heritage Walk Trail

Miniature Silos Unveiled October 2021,

Thank you to Shirley Pomery & Steve Norman for donating the tanks, Bill, Brighty & Jonsey for the design, welding, painting and lighting. They look fantastic during the day and spectacular at night.

Elachbutting & Baladjie

New loo's have held up pretty well through our busy period with only minor incidents at both (false alarm at Elachbutting and mess in Baladjie that required the fast attack to cleanup). The new picnic Shelter and Tables are being well used and have had some minor welding repairs/improvements.

Replacement Signage

Replacement Signage has been delivered and the works crew have replaced the old signage at Boodalin soak—Hunts Well and Moondyne Joe sign, Joans leap and a Cement street façade sign. We have also put up signage at the School to deter Caravanners from driving in thinking that it was the caravan park.



REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

- Various minor repairs and maintenance ongoing.
- Grassed area to be established for Tents. The shade cloth areas are not lasting as long as first thought. They are breaking down within a year then look a mess until they are able to be replaced.

FUTURE PROJECTS

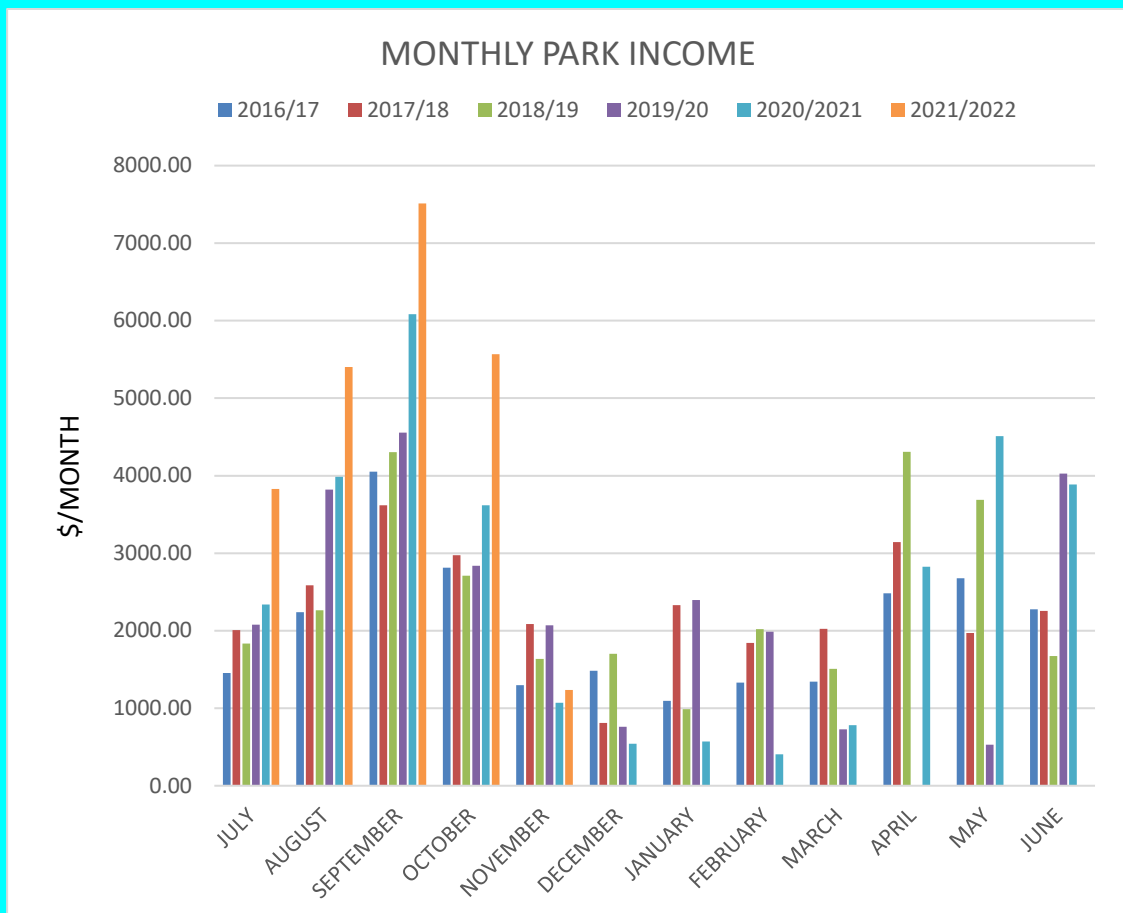
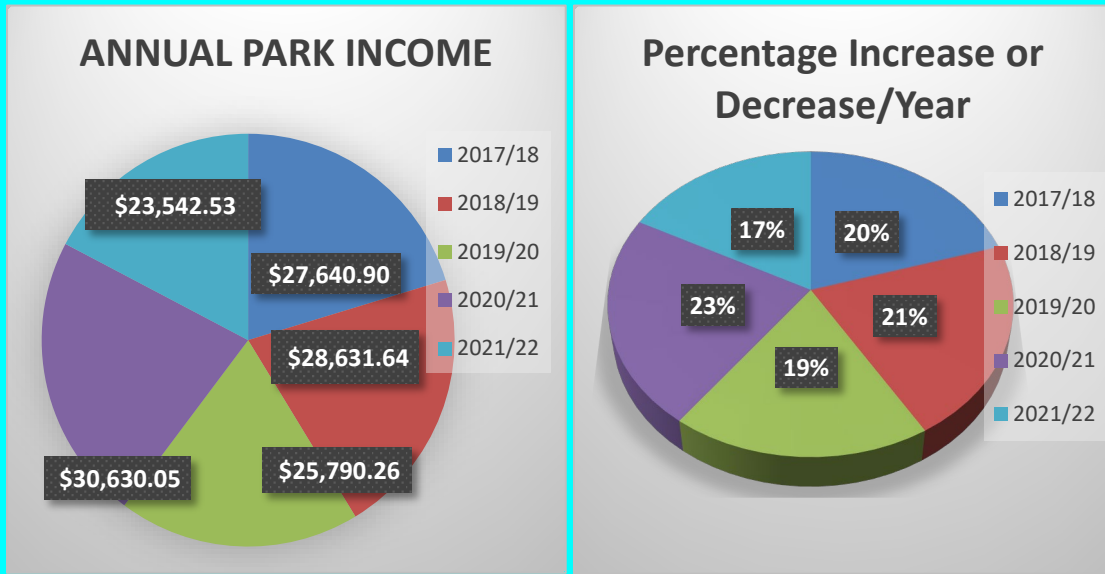
- Unpowered Overflow/ Tent area – Weed matting and out lined sites

VISITOR FEEDBACK

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



STATISTICS



HOOD-PENN MUSEUM:

Visitors to the museum is still steady, it is very interesting to note the amount of people coming to Westonia just see our museum and all its glory, no one has left disappointed to date. Western Australian Museum have been working on an online collection and have been visiting museums throughout the state photographing pieces unique to each museum, Roz Lipscombe and her team visited Westonia recently and photographed a few pieces such as Joan Smith's father's bathers and the Alfred Weston Brooch I will provide a link to view these online once it is up and running. This was another great opportunity for Westonia within the Tourism sector. Another Cabinet has been purchased for the Drs scene to showcase more interesting tools and instruments.



REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

- We now need to change handles over on the doors so that volunteers can enter through the rear door and close off the old one to become a façade'.

RECENT PROJECTS

- Lighting solutions.
- Storage area restructure

FUTURE PROJECTS

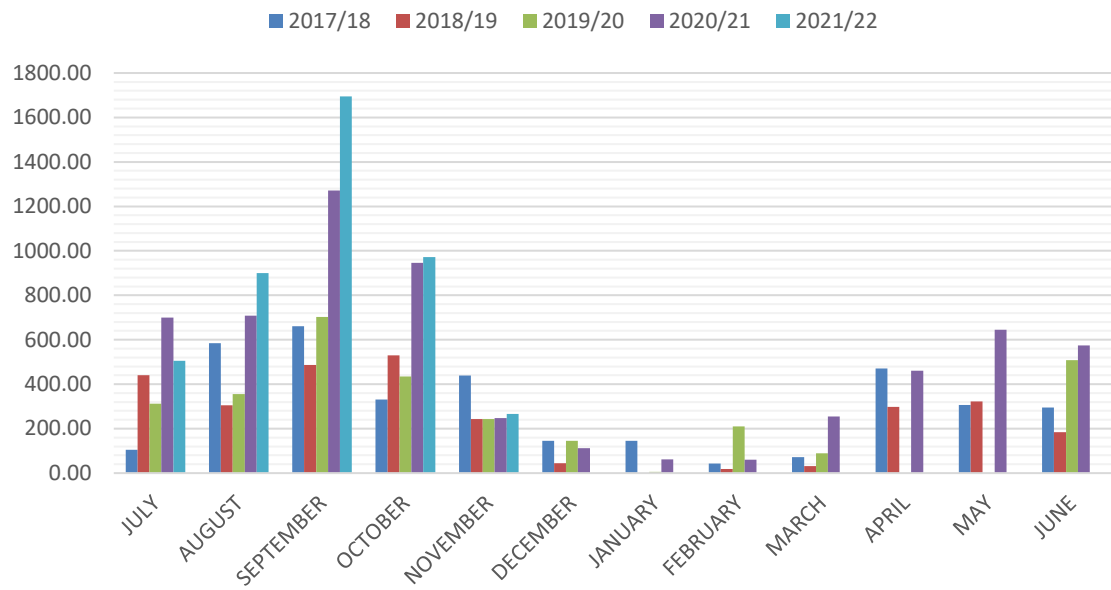
- New scenes to be created in the existing space of the old storage room to tell the stories of our primary industries of which Westonia was founded on.

VISITOR FEEDBACK (Verbal and Visitor register)

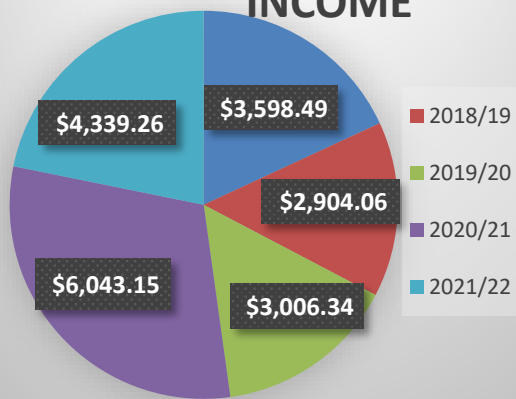
- Clean No dust!
- Not cluttered
- The best Museum they have visited on their travels.
- Not over the top with things to read.
- Visitor's hearing about museum in Merredin, specifically the Visitor's Centre, railway & military museums.
- Wheatbelt way and word of mouth still a big performer for us (getting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

STATISTICS

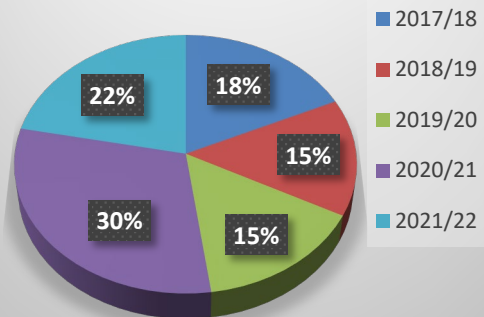
MONTHLY MUSEUM INCOME



ANNUAL MUSEUM INCOME



Percentage Increase or Decrease/Year





MEMO

TO: WSNF Steering Committee

FROM: Garrick Yandle – WSNF Project Technical Director

DATE: January 2021

SUBJECT: WSNF Stage 2 Priority Route Commentary

Revised MCA Overview

The following provides an overview of the WSNF Stage 2 Priority Route Funding. This takes into account routes being funded via Stage 1A and Stage 1B relative to total available funding, as well as the Revised MCA Technical Report (Infralink, June 2020).

Funding

The following funding and various sources has been approved for WSNF for capital works as follows:

WSFN	Stage 1	Stage 2	Total
Funding	\$87.5M	\$100M	\$187.5M
Federal (ROSI)	\$70M	\$80M	\$150M
State	\$11.7M	\$13.3M	\$25M
LG	\$5.8M	\$6.7M	\$12.5M
Date	May 2019	October 2020	

Projects for Stage 1 have been funded to a total of \$120M as follows to be delivered via 5-Year Delivery Plan 2020/21 – 2024/24.

Route	Indicative Value	Budget
1. Lancelin to Meckering	\$ 27,000,000	19/20 Project Development Process
2. Dumbleyung to Nyabing	\$ 5,000,000	Initial 17/18 information
3. Cuballing to Wickepin	\$ 3,000,000	Initial 17/18 information
4. Dowerin to Dalwallinu	\$ 21,000,000	Initial 17/18 information
5. Merredin to Kondinin	\$ 14,000,000	Initial 17/18 information and 19/20 Project Development Process
6. Jurien Bay to Dalwallinu	\$ 26,000,000	19/20 Project Development Process
7. Corrigin to Katanning	\$ 14,000,000	Initial 17/18 information
STAGE 1 TOTAL	\$ 110,000,000	

This leaves approximately \$60M available for Stage 2 up to a cumulative total of \$180M with contingency and Project Development of \$7.5M.



Route Priority Ranking

Following the identification of Stage 1 routes, further interrogation of the MCA Priority Route listing was undertaken by the Technical Committee. This included investigation and clarification of eligibility of specific routes. Liaison was also undertaken with relevant LGs to rationalise specific routes.

An updated MCA Priority Route listing is shown in the table below. It should be noted that routes that currently have unsealed sections were action not considered by funding for Stage 2. Hence their priority ranking will become 3 or lower.



MCA Results Summary Table																
Category		Utilisation				Condition						Total Score	Rank	Priority Level	Cost Estimate	Cumulative Cost Estimate
Criterion		Ave. ESA		Ave. ADT		Underwidth		KSI/1000km		TSD > 500						
Weight		35%		15%		25%		15%		10%						
Route #	Route Name	Value	Score	Value	Score	Value	Score	Value	Score	Value	Score					
8	Lancelin to Meckering Route - Aglime Route 2	478	5	250	5	48%	3	3.5	3	16%	3	4.00	1	Priority 1	\$ 26,275,956	\$ 26,275,956
48	Dumbleyung to Nyabing Route	108	5	106	3	95%	5	0.0	1	22%	4	4.00	2	Priority 1	\$ 3,874,381	\$ 30,150,337
1	Jurien Bay to Dalwallinu Route- AG Lime Route 4	143	5	124	4	43%	3	0.0	1	7%	2	3.45	3	Priority 2	\$ 25,575,010	\$ 55,725,347
37	Cuballing to Wickepin Route	134	5	115	3	45%	3	9.4	5	11%	2	3.90	4	Priority 1	\$ 4,811,219	\$ 60,536,566
5	Dowerin to Dalwallinu Route	173	5	179	5	42%	3	0.0	1	20%	4	3.80	5	Priority 1	\$ 25,056,831	\$ 85,593,397
17	Merredin to Kondinin Route	96	4	161	5	25%	2	5.1	4	20%	4	3.65	6	Priority 1	\$ 15,297,910	\$ 100,891,307
28	Corrigin to Katanning Route	89	4	120	4	42%	3	5.4	4	18%	3	3.65	7	Priority 1	\$ 16,353,649	\$ 117,244,956
31	Narrogin to North Bannister Route	110	5	434	5	45%	3	14.6	5	10%	2	4.20	8	Priority 2	\$ 11,576,680	\$ 128,821,636
3	Regans Ford to Miling Route	132	5	213	5	15%	2	8.1	5	12%	2	3.95	9	Priority 2	\$ 7,398,500	\$ 136,220,136
7	Nungarin to Wialki Route	193	5	149	4	13%	2	0.0	1	30%	5	3.50	10	Priority 2	\$ 3,103,900	\$ 139,324,036
21	Dangin to Kweda Route	86	4	92	3	61%	4	0.0	1	34%	5	3.50	11	Priority 2	\$ 3,352,000	\$ 142,676,036
9	Cunderdin to Koorda Route	65	3	98	3	63%	4	1.8	2	29%	5	3.30	12	Priority 2	\$ 13,246,200	\$ 155,922,236
12	Gingin to Northam Route	56	3	252	5	26%	2	7.5	5	6%	2	3.25	13	Priority 2	\$ 11,806,000	\$ 167,728,236
49	Kukerin to Albany Route	122	5	104	3	21%	2	0.0	1	21%	4	3.25	14	Priority 2	\$ 3,364,050	\$ 171,092,286
22	Corrigin to Bruce Rock Route	63	3	141	4	11%	2	9.6	5	15%	3	3.20	15	Priority 2	\$ 1,322,000	\$ 172,414,286
45	Collie to Changerup Route	92	4	128	4	15%	2	5.5	4	6%	1	3.20	16	Priority 2	\$ 4,189,700	\$ 176,603,986
52	Northam town access from Great Eastern Highway	503	5	1277	5	0%	1	0.0	1	0%	3	3.20	17	Priority 2	\$ 1,001,850	\$ 177,605,836
26	Wandering to Aldersyde Route	60	3	235	5	33%	3	0.0	1	12%	3	3.00	18	Priority 2	\$ 6,668,800	\$ 184,274,636
30	Hyden to Noresman Route	86	4	161	5	100%	5	7.4	5	14%	3	4.45	19	Priority 3	\$ 18,240,000	\$ 202,514,636
43	Wagin to Albany Highway Route	78	4	385	5	66%	4	4.2	3	24%	5	4.10	20	Priority 3	\$ 7,550,000	\$ 210,064,636
11	Indian Ocean Drive to Brand Highway Route - Aglime Route 1	916	5	1142	5	0%	1	41.2	5	11%	2	3.70	21	Priority 3	\$ 1,012,800	\$ 211,077,436
10	Warralakin to Burracoppin Route	146	5	119	3	0%	1	0.0	1	28%	5	3.10	22	Priority 3	\$ 5,260,800	\$ 216,338,236
46	Darkan to Moodiarrup Route	68	3	132	4	51%	3	4.5	3	10%	2	3.05	23	Priority 3	\$ 2,447,950	\$ 218,786,186
4	Wongan Hills to Bullfinch Route	89	4	98	3	23%	2	1.5	2	20%	4	3.05	24	Priority 3	\$ 24,430,400	\$ 243,216,586
42	Williams to Darkan Route	63	3	162	5	0%	1	11.3	5	10%	2	3.00	25	Priority 3	\$ 6,602,500	\$ 249,819,086
39	Harrismith to Kuender Route	54	3	90	3	50%	3	4.0	3	8%	2	2.90	26	Priority 3	\$ 10,327,500	\$ 260,146,586
13	Cunderdin to Quairading Route	86	4	92	3	25%	2	0.0	1	17%	3	2.80	27	Priority 3	\$ 4,070,000	\$ 264,216,586
29	Hyden to Woolocutty Route	25	2	86	3	87%	5	0.0	1	10%	2	2.75	28	Priority 3	\$ 4,800,000	\$ 269,016,586



44	Wagin to Wickepin Route	53	3	46	2	47%	3	0.0	1	29%	5	2.75	29	Priority 3	\$ 6,309,700	\$ 275,326,286
23	Corrigin to South Kumminin Route	96	4	68	2	8%	2	0.0	1	16%	3	2.65	30	Priority 3	\$ 1,402,570	\$ 276,728,856
34	Karlgarin to Lake Grace Route	49	2	79	2	74%	4	0.0	1	31%	5	2.65	31	Priority 3	\$ 8,651,950	\$ 285,380,806
6	Kellerberrin to Beacon Route	46	2	99	3	6%	2	3.2	3	19%	4	2.50	32	Priority 4	\$ 4,818,045	\$ 290,198,851
51	Newdegate to Dunn Rock Route	18	1	28	1	98%	5	3.2	3	0%	3*	2.50	33	Priority 4	\$ 12,978,000	\$ 303,176,851
15	Kellerberrin to Babakin Route	48	2	46	2	46%	3	2.7	2	18%	4	2.45	34	Priority 4	\$ 12,023,036	\$ 315,199,887
35	Hyden to Newdegate (Western) Route	41	2	41	2	66%	4	0.0	1	0%	3*	2.45	35	Priority 4	\$ 10,120,600	\$ 325,320,487
38	Kulin to Holt Rock Route	22	1	51	2	88%	5	0.0	1	21%	4	2.45	36	Priority 4	\$ 14,172,500	\$ 339,492,987
41	Narrogin to Harrismith Route	20	1	105	3	77%	4	4.3	3	10%	2	2.45	37	Priority 4	\$ 7,401,000	\$ 346,893,987
27	Bulyee to Tincurrin Route	27	2	23	1	41%	3	6.6	4	11%	2	2.40	38	Priority 4	\$ 9,576,720	\$ 356,470,707
50	Newdegate to Jacup Route	50	2	36	1	65%	4	0.0	1	21%	4	2.40	39	Priority 4	\$ 7,657,800	\$ 364,128,507
53	Corrigin to Hyden Route (via Bending)	36	2	4	1	121%	5	0.0	1	0%	1	2.35	40	Priority 4	\$ 23,230,000	\$ 387,358,507
16	Doodlakine to Hyden Route	31	2	80	2	35%	3	2.3	2	14%	3	2.35	41	Priority 4	\$ 18,186,610	\$ 405,545,117
18	Bruce Rock to Moorine Rock Route	53	3	43	2	40%	3	0.0	1	6%	1	2.35	42	Priority 4	\$ 15,708,500	\$ 421,253,617
32	Pingelly to Wickepin Route	35	2	158	4	13%	2	3.0	2	11%	2	2.30	43	Priority 5	\$ 7,764,000	\$ 429,017,617
2	Burakin to Wialki Route	44	2	62	2	41%	3	0.0	1	15%	3	2.20	44	Priority 5	\$ 7,358,000	\$ 436,375,617
47	Boyup Brook to Arthur River Route	52	3	115	3	0%	1	0.0	1	17%	3	2.20	45	Priority 5	\$ 1,651,400	\$ 438,027,017
40	Kulin to Tarin Rock Route	16	1	29	1	67%	4	0.0	1	31%	5	2.15	46	Priority 5	\$ 6,059,000	\$ 444,086,017
19	Bruce Rock to Wogarl Route	40	2	28	1	14%	2	0.0	1	25%	5	2.00	47	Priority 5	\$ 2,274,000	\$ 446,360,017
33	Wickepin to Corrigin Route	39	2	97	3	9%	2	0.0	1	8%	2	2.00	48	Priority 5	\$ 508,000	\$ 446,868,017
36	Hyden to Newdegate (Eastern) Route	21	1	39	1	51%	3	0.0	1	27%	5	1.90	49	Priority 5	\$ 13,035,700	\$ 459,903,717
14	Kellerberrin to Yoting Route	0	1	0	1	9%	2	0.0	1	15%	3	1.45	50	Priority 5	\$ 1,156,005	\$ 461,059,722
20	Beverley to Corrigin Route	0	1	0	1	49%	3	4.5	3	17%	3	2.00	51	Rationalised	\$ 3,057,500	\$ 464,117,222
25	Bannister to Pingelly Route	25	2	146	4	63%	4	0.0	1	20%	4	2.85	52	Rationalised	\$ 16,104,000	\$ 480,221,222
24	York to Williams Route	26	2	61	2	56%	4	8.9	5	19%	4	3.15	53	Rationalised	\$ 13,804,175	\$ 494,025,397

* TSD data was unavailable for noted routes, therefore routes were given a median score of 3

Significant unsealed portions



Stage 2- Nominal Priority Routes

The following routes and their specific and relevant LGs are identified as the Stage 2 Nominal Priority Routes following on from the 7 Stage 1 Priority Routes.

8. Narrogin to North Bannister Route
9. Regans Ford to Miling Route
10. Nungarin to Wialki Route
11. Dangin to Kweda Route
12. Cunderdin to Koorda Route
13. Gingin to Northam Route
14. Kukerin to Albany Route
15. Corrigin to Bruce Rock Route
16. Collie to Changerup Route
17. Northam town access from Great Eastern Highway
18. Wandering to Aldersyde Route

It is recommended that the WSFN Project Manager work with these relevant LGs to ground truth their data and identify sections along the routes that require upgrading. From this the PM and the LGs will develop a detailed scope and budget for each LG to upgrade their specific roads on the Priority 2 routes. Once this data is collected and a comprehensive detailed budget developed the Technical Committee will make a recommendation for specific Stage 2 Priority Route Funding.

The Stage 2 Nominal Priority Routes, relevant LGs and specific roads are:

Route	LG	Roads
Narrogin to North Bannister	Narrogin	Lefroy Street Clayton Road Narrakine Road Wandering – Narrogin Road
	Cuballing	Wandering Narrogin Road
	Wandering	Wandering – Narrogin Road Wandering – Pingelly Road North Bannister – Wandering Road
Regans Ford to Miling	Dandaragan	Dandaragan Road Rowes Road Dandaragan Road
	Moora	Moora – Caro Road Dandaragan Street Gardiner Street Berkshire Valley Road Moora – Miling Road
Nungarin to Wialki	Nungarin	Nungarin North Road
	Mukinbudin	Nungarin North Road MacGregor Road Strugnell Street Mukinbudin – Wialki Road
Dangin to Kweda	Quairading	Dangin – Mears Road
	Brookton	Dangin – Mears Road
Cunderdin to Koorda	Cunderdin	Baxter Road Dunlop Street

		Cunderdin – Wyalkatchem Road
	Wyalkatchem	Cunderdin – Wyalkatchem Road Railway Terrace Town Access Road Honour Avenue Wyalkatchem - Koorda Road
	Koorda	Wyalkatchem - Koorda Road Aitken Road Railway Street
Gingin to Northam	Gingin	Moolianeenee Road
	Chittering	Dewars Pool - Bindoon Road
	Toodyay	Dewars Pool - Bindoon Rd Toodyay - Bindi Bindi Rd
Kukerin to Albany	Dumbleyung	Kukerin South Road Adams Road
Corrigin to Bruce Rock	Corrigin	Corrigin – Bruce Rock Road
	Bruce Rock	Corrigin – Bruce Rock Road
Collie to Changerup	West Arthur	Bowelling - Duranillin Road Moodiarrup - Changerup Road
Northam Town Access	Northam	Yilgarn Avenue
Wandering to Aldersyde	Wandering	Wandering – Pingelly Road
	Pingelly	North Bannister - Pingelly Rd Park Street Review Street Aldersyde - Pingelly Rd
	Brookton	Aldersyde - Pingelly Rd Aldersyde North Rd

From this a 5-Year Delivery Plan for Stage 2 will be developed for these respective routes by Technical Committee in conjunction with the relevant LGs.

Route Commentary

Various routes have been reviewed by the Technical Committee and subsequently the Steering Committee. The following outcomes have been agreed as of 8th February 2021.

Quairading to Corrigin

- This was on the original list of routes agreed by WS, but it was never included on the map or dataset.
- Incorporate with Cunderdin to Quairading route to be a new route Cunderdin to Corrigin
- Incorporate updated data into MCA
 - Potentially fund this route via Stage 2 as it would also connect to Corrigin to Katanning route.

Beverley - Corrigin Route

- Consisted of the following roads
 - Morbinning Road / Old Beverley Road (from Beverley townsite to Quairading – Corrigin Road)



- This road is partially sealed from some length, but remains unsealed for a significant portion.
- It is not really a Regional Distributor route, but more of a short-cut, or Local Distributor.
- What would be a more relevant Regional Freight Route in-line with WSFN ideology are the following roads:
 - Westdale Road (Westdale to Beverley)
 - Mawson Road (Beverley to Mawson)
- Joins Brookton Highway west of Brookton to Quairading-York Road west of Quairading
 - This is actually more reflective of “Dale to Mawson” Route.

Steering Committee liaised with Shire of Beverley requesting the removal of the Beverley - Corrigin Route, and its respective roads, from the WSFN route list, and

- An alternative route named “Dale to Mawson” Route consisting of the following roads be added to WSFN.
 - Westdale Road (Westdale to Beverley)
 - Mawson Road (Beverley to Mawson)

Meeting held with Shire’s of Beverley, Brookton, Cuballing, Narrogin, Pingelly and Wandering to discuss rationalisation of routes within this area. Specifically, the rationalisation of 4 routes into 2 routes as follows:

- Narrogin to North Bannister
 - Remains
- Wandering to Aldersyde (via Wandering-Pingelly and North Bannister-Pingelly Roads)
 - Remains
- York to Williams
 - Removed
- Bannister to Pingelly (via North Wandering Road)
 - Removed



18th October 2021

Dear Shire Presidents, Councillors, CEOs & Staff,

Firstly, let me congratulate those Elected Members who have been successfully re-elected and warmly welcome the newly Elected Members to Local Government.

The Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network (WSFN) Steering Committee acknowledges that we have not been as regular with our communications with the 42 Wheatbelt Local Governments about the progress of the project as we would have liked. As the Chairperson of the Steering Committee, I decided that once the Local Government Election process commenced, I would wait until after the elections before communicating with Councils. Updates on the project are always found in the Minutes from the Regional Road Group meetings which are distributed to Delegates and CEO's following each meeting, however sometimes this is not as prevalent as many LGs or WSFN would appreciate and often gets lost amongst other information.

For those that aren't aware, the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network is some 4500km of Local Government roads that moves agricultural freight across and through each of our local governments, connecting with the State Road network where possible, to ensure safe and fit for purpose secondary freight road network. This project first commenced back in 2014, at Regional Road Group level where the conversation was very much around ensuring those strategic roads that connected Local Governments all had the same Heavy Vehicle RAV rating to aid in the efficient movement of freight. This then became a conversation between Wheatbelt North & Wheatbelt South about the same connectivity, it was at this point that Regional Development Australia highlighted that we had a unique project that just might attract some State & Federal Funding. To cut a very long story short, our first round of funding was announced ahead of the May 2019 Federal Election, with a combined total of \$87.5M for WSFN, then in October 2020 on the back of the COVID19 stimulus a further \$100M was announced. Both funding streams are 80% Federal, 20% State (2/3 State & 1/3 Local Government), this is a significant windfall for Local Governments who usually must contribute 30% of the total project costs under most road funding from the Federal & State Governments.

In 2019, all 42 Local Governments formally agreed to be a part of the WSFN Program, including accepting the Program Delivery Plan.

In the past two years we have delivered \$22M worth of Priority 1 projects and are on target to deliver \$32M in this financial year. We would like to sincerely thank those Local Governments that have been involved in the first few years of this project, there have been many teething issues to resolve.

The projects funded under Priority 1 to a total value of \$120M are:

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|---------------------------|-------|
| 1. Lancelin to Meckering | \$27M |
| 2. Dumbleyung to Nyabing | \$5M |
| 3. Cuballing to Wickpin | \$3M |
| 4. Dowering to Dalwallinu | \$21M |

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| 5. Merredin to Kondinin | \$14M |
| 6. Jurien Bay to Dalwallinu | \$26M |
| 7. Corrigin to Katanning | \$14M |

The Project Delivery Team are currently working with Priority 2 Local Governments on the development of their budgets head of the funding allocation in early 2022. It is imperative that these Local Governments meet the December deadline to be considered for funding under Priority 2, failure to meet this deadline will see Local Governments moved to Priority 3, which is yet unfunded.

The following routes & Local Governments are potentially part of Priority 2, the Project Manager Peter Hall has been working with staff from all these Local Governments since March of this year, to assist in the development of designs and budgets. The report on the progress of this work has been through the minutes of the Regional Road Groups which were distributed to all 42 Local Governments. I have attached this most recent report on the Priority 2 funding process for your information.

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| 1. Narrogin to North Bannister | (Shires of Narrogin, Cuballing & Wandering) |
| 2. Regans Ford to Miling | (Shires of Dandaragan & Moora) |
| 3. Nungarin to Wialki | (Shire of Nungarin) |
| 4. Dangin to Kweda | (Shires of Quairading & Brookton) |
| 5. Cunderdin to Koorda | (Shires of Cunderdin, Wyalkatchem & Koorda) |
| 6. Gingin to Northam | (Shires of Gingin, Chittering & Toodyay) |
| 7. Kukerin to Albany | (Shire of Dumbleyung) |
| 8. Corrigin to Bruce Rock | (Shires of Corrigin & Bruce Rock) |
| 9. Collie to Changerup | (Shire of West Arthur) |
| 10. Northam town access from Great Eastern Highway | |
| 11. Wandering to Aldersyde | (Shires of Wandering, Pingelly & Brookton) |

It is anticipated that the full \$187.5M will be expended by 2025/2026; so, the next 4 years for the Steering Committee will be about lobbying the State and Federal Governments for funding to continue the delivery of the project into Priority 3 and 4 routes. This will only be possible with the successful on time and on budget delivery of Priority 1 and 2 routes.

It is worth remembering that a project of this size, involving this many Local Governments has never been done anywhere in Australia, the success of this project will see Local Governments coming together to deliver outcomes for a region rather than locally for many years to come.

I encourage all Elected Members to familiarise themselves with the overall project, but also with the routes that are within your Local Government and where they sit in the prioritisation of the project. Should you have any questions, in the first instance talk to your Regional Road Group Delegate, if they can't answer your questions then feel free to ring the Chair of your Regional Road Group, or myself.

Yours sincerely



Katrina Crute
Chairperson
Steering Committee for

The Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network

Reform Initiatives an Informed Approach

WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2021



Media Release

Local Government reform initiatives announced today represent an informed approach by the State Government to enable a more progressive legislative framework for the sector.

The reform package delivers a longstanding commitment by the State to modernise legislation to better reflect the changing role and expectations of the Local Government sector.

WALGA President Mayor Tracey Roberts welcomed the announcement of a three-month consultation process, saying it would allow for further detailed discussions prior to legislation being drafted.

“Local Government has long been advocating for modernisation of the legislation under which we operate, and this represents the next step in this process,” Mayor Roberts said.

“Many of the initiatives outlined as a part of this package will be supported by the sector as they have been informed by engagement between our Members and the Minister for Local Government.

“Further, having a tiered approach to many requirements according to the differing size and scale of Local Governments will greatly assist in their implementation.”

Mayor Roberts said Local Governments had been advocating for many of the reform initiatives announced today, including:

- introduction of a contemporary intervention framework
- greater clarity of roles and responsibilities of Elected Members and Chief Executive Officers
- tiered compliance approach to financial reporting requirements according to size and scale of Local Governments
- model financial statements and fit for purpose financial ratios
- improved processes relating to regional subsidiaries to facilitate collaborative service delivery
- reducing unnecessary red-tape and a more flexible approach to enable resource sharing

- retention of current election cycle for Elected Members, and
- simplification of strategic planning processes and community engagement models.

Mayor Roberts said WALGA would consult further with Members on each of the changes outlined across the six themes of the reform package for ongoing discussions with the Minister on best methods or support required for their implementation.

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Training Course: The Role of Mayors and Presidents

Minister of Local Government Hon John Carey MLA will be presenting a session at The Role of Mayors and Presidents course on Wednesday, 24 November.

This training program aims to guide Mayors and Presidents on their role and responsibilities and provides an insight on how to be a successful community leader through effective communication, speaking on behalf of the Council, presiding at meetings and mentoring Elected Members.

Learning outcomes include:

- role and responsibilities
- leadership and communication skills during emergencies and recovery as the official Local Government spokesperson
- conduct of Elected Members
- mediation and potential conflicts
- communication protocols and how to navigate social media
- presiding and setting the tone at meetings, and
- mentor and training opportunities for Elected Members.

WALGA Trainer [Mark Chester](#) will carry out the training, along with WALGA staff including CEO Nick Sloan, Executive Manager, Governance and Organisational Services Tony Brown and Governance Manager James McGovern.

Date: Wednesday, **24 November**
Time: 9:30am to 3:00pm
Venue: WALGA Boardroom, ONE70 LV1,
170 Railway Pde, West Leederville
Cost: \$295

To register, click [here](#).

For more information or to register, click [here](#) or email the Training Team or call 9213 2088.

2021 Road Ribbon for Road Safety® Campaign Launch

The 2021 WALGA RoadWise Road Ribbon for Road Safety® Campaign officially launches on Sunday, 21 November, aligning with the United Nations World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.

Continuing until January next year, Local Governments across WA will support road safety and share the messages of the *Road Ribbon for Road Safety®* Campaign by

- wearing and sharing road ribbons
- promoting distribution of free road ribbons and e-ribbons
- promoting local road safety actions and achievements, and
- prioritising the inclusion of road safety into organisational plans and policies.

For more information or to download resources and tools for the event, click [here](#).

Final Call: 2021 New Councillor Seminar

WALGA invites new and continuing Council Members to attend the 2021 New Councillor Seminar.

Attendees will learn from a diverse range of knowledgeable and interesting speakers including the Minister for Local Government, Hon John Carey MLA, on a range of relevant topics, including:

- experience of a new Councillor from two years ago
- the relationship between Mayor and CEO
- Elected Member legal responsibilities
- essentials of planning (including DAPs)
- community leadership, and
- WALGA Training and Governance Support.

Date: Friday, **12 November**

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Venue: Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

Cost: Complimentary (*registration essential*)

To register or view the program, click [here](#).

For more information, email Event Manager, [Ulla Prill](#) or call 9213 2043.

Statewide Sector Vaccination Promotion #LGsRollUp

WALGA, together with other State Associations, will be promoting a Statewide sector promotion of COVID-19 vaccinations. For WA, this will occur on Friday, 12 November.

Whilst specific impacts of impending mandated vaccination requirements are yet to be determined, Local Governments can continue to support and encourage all employees and local community members to get vaccinated for COVID-19.

WALGA is encouraging all Local Governments to coincide supporting communications across social media platforms on Friday, **12 November** to gain greater impact across communities in WA. Recommended activities include photo opportunities at local vaccination facilities or use of existing Facebook filters on individual profiles.

In the metropolitan area, WALGA will host a photo opportunity to coincide with the [New Councillor Seminar](#) being held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, which is also a vaccination clinic. Those wishing to participate are asked to please gather outside RiverView Room 5 at 3:00pm to join seminar attendees.

For more information, including opportunities for Members in regional areas to participate, view the item in the COVID-19 Update newsletter [here](#).

Elected Member Training

The following courses are scheduled to run at WALGA in November and December.

[Understanding Local Government](#)

Tuesday, 16 November

[Conflicts of Interest](#)

Tuesday, 16 November

[Meeting Procedures](#)

Thursday, 18 November

[The Roles of Mayors and Presidents](#)

Wednesday, 24 November

[Serving on Council](#)

Thursday & Friday, 25 & 26 November

[Professionally Speaking](#)

Friday, 3 December

[Understanding Financial Reports and Budgets](#)

Thursday, 9 December

To register, click on the above links or email the WALGA [Training Team](#) or call 9213 2088.

Vacancies on Boards and Committees

The Association is pleased to announce the following vacancies:

- **Western Australian Planning Commission – (Elected Members)**
 - Metropolitan Deputy Member
 - Non-Metropolitan Member
- **Keep Australia Beautiful Council WA (Elected Members and Local Government Serving Officers)**
 - Metropolitan Member and Deputy Member
 - Non-Metropolitan Member and Deputy Member
- **Public Library Working Group – Readvertised (Elected Members and Local Government Serving Officers from a Tier 2 Non Metropolitan Local Government with a population between 1,000 and 10,000).**
 - Non-Metropolitan Member
- **Rural Remote Education Advisory Committee (Elected Members)**
 - Member

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, Friday, 5 November.

Nomination forms are available [here](#).

For more information, email Governance Support Officer, [Chantelle O'Brien](#) or call 9213 2013.

Civic Sunday

WALGA and the Dean of St George's Cathedral are co-hosting a Civic Service at St George's Cathedral to celebrate and give thanks for the work of Mayors, Presidents, Councillors and Chief Executive Officers.

The Very Reverend Chris Chataway will lead this ecumenical occasion, modelled on the Civic Service that takes place in Westminster Abbey, when Councillors gather collegially to offer thanksgiving and prayer for their undertakings as representatives of their respective communities.

As this is an ecumenical service, those of all Christian denominations, those of other faiths, and those of no faith, are all welcome.

Date: Sunday, **21 November**

Time: 5:00pm

Venue: St George's Cathedral, 38 St Georges Terrace, Perth

Cost: Free

Registration is essential, please click [here](#).

For more information, email Executive Officer, Governance, [Kathy Robertson](#) or call 9213 2036.

The Future of Work Project

Economic Development Australia will hold an event on The Future of Work Project, presented by Committee for Perth CEO Marion Fulker.

The Future of Work Project came to life in 2020-21 as a result of the disruption, automation and the many technological changes affecting so many people, businesses and society.

Attendees will learn how WA is leading the nation in adapting to the Future of Work.

Date: Tuesday, **23 November**

Venue: Curtin University on the Terrace, 137 St Georges Terrace, Perth

Cost: \$50

To register or for more information, click [here](#).

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Hon Mia DAVIES MLA

Leader of The Nationals WA
Member for Central Wheatbelt

MEDIA RELEASE

Opposition puts rail safety at passive rail crossings on agenda

28th October 2021

The Opposition has welcomed the Minister for Transport's agreement to investigate improving the safety of passive rail crossings in regional WA, following campaigning by rural families.

Leader of the Opposition Mia Davies moved a motion in Parliament this week calling on the State Government to invest in initiatives to increase safety at passive rail crossings in WA.

Ms Davies told Parliament that for over 20 years, four Wheatbelt families have mourned the loss of their loved ones after horrific accidents at passive rail crossings.

"Drugs, alcohol or speed were not factors in the crashes that claimed the young lives of Christian Jensen, Jess Broad, Hillary Smith, or Amanda Dempster, their deaths were entirely preventable," Ms Davies said.

"They simply did not see the train, and there was no warning or signage to alert them a train was on its way – but this can and should be changed.

"It's time we acted to ensure no other families have to experience the same loss and grief."

Ms Davies said the request from the families was simple and could be achieved with co-operation between industry, State and Federal Government.

"They've asked for the installation of flashing lights on the front of trains and LED lights on the side of carriages, the provision of ultra-high frequency radio communication for train drivers to alert nearby trucks to danger, and the installation of solar-powered flashing red lights at passive level crossings," she said.

Ms Davies said she was heartened the Minister for Transport recognised the importance of this issue and pledged to investigate the grieving families' three requests to improve passive rail crossings at a State Government level.

"I thank the Minister for Transport for taking the issue on and agreeing to investigate how the State could support the request from the families," she said.

"In a perfect world, there would be co-operation between the State and Commonwealth to make changes to the regulatory regime to ensure lighting is required on trains and carriages, and funds to upgrade warning lights at the crossings.

"We do not live in a perfect world, but this is the perfect opportunity to ensure no-one else has to experience the grief felt by these families over the past two decades."

Shadow Transport Minister Shane Love said Labor's acceptance that change needs to occur was another step forward in implementing vital safety changes at rail crossings in WA.

"I met with the families at the Yarramony rail crossing earlier this year and since then, we committed to working with them to make the case for change," Mr Love said.

"This acknowledgement by the Minister for Transport that improvements must be made has been another positive move towards creating safer rail crossings across regional WA."

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