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For the Ordinary Council Meeting
held on Thursday 18th October 2018

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SHIRE OF WESTONIA

Sept/Oct/Nov 2018

Date & Time	What	Where	Who
Tuesday 4 th September	Osh – Admin meeting	Westonia	CEO, Staff
Wednesday 5 th September	CEACA	Nungarin	CEO, Louis Geier
Monday 10 th September	DOAC Fire	Merredin	CEO, CBFCO
Monday 10 th September	Final Audit	Westonia	CEO, Staff
Tuesday 11 th September	Final Audit	Westonia	CEO, Staff
Thursday 13 th September	LGIS Golf Tournament	Denmark	CEO, Staff, Councillors
Friday 14 th September	LGIS Golf Tournament	Denmark	CEO, Staff, Councillors
Tuesday 18 th September	Council Meeting	Westonia	CEO, President, Councillors
Wednesday 26 th September	WEROC Executive	Southern Cross	CEO
Wed 19 th Sept – Friday 5 th Oct	CEO Leave	Coral Bay	CEO
Monday 8 th October	LGIS – Business Continuity Planning meeting	Westonia	CEO, Stacey Geier, Works Supervisor
Tuesday 9 th October	Westonia Bush Fire Advisory Meeting	Westonia	CEO, Works
Wednesday 10 th October	CEACA	Nungarin	CEO, Louis Geier
Wednesday 10 th October	LGIS – Business Continuity Planning meeting	Westonia	CEO, Stacey Geier, Works Supervisor
Friday 12 th October	Mental Health Week Seminar	Westonia	CEO, Staff
Thursday 18 th October	Council Meeting	Westonia	CEO, President, Councillors
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Wednesday 24 th October	WEROC	Merredin	CEO, President
Wednesday 24 th October	Local Government Act Review Forums	Merredin	CEO, Jasmine Geier, President, Councillors
Monday 5 th November	Wheatbelt NE Regional Road Group	Mukinbudin	CEO, President, Works
Wednesday 14 th November	CEACA AGM	Merredin	CEO, Louis Geier



GREAT EASTERN DISTRICT OPERATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES DRAFT

Merredin Volunteer Fire and Rescue Station Monday 10th September, 2018

The meeting was declared open at 1230 hours by the
Chairman, Wayne Della Bosca

1 Record of Attendance

Wayne	Della Bosca	Chair	Shire of Yilgarn
Torben	Bendtsen	Executive Officer	DFES
Tracy	McBride	Minutes Secretary	DFES
Julie	Flockhart	Representative	Shire of Merredin
John	Flockhart	DCBFCO	Shire of Merredin
Peter	Zenni		Shire of Merredin
Stephen	Crook	CBFCO	Shire of Merredin
Murray	Dixon	CBFCO	Shire of Narembreen
Dylan	Tarr	CBFCO	Shire of Trayning
Phil	Smith	CBFCO	Shire of Mukinbudin
Ian	Dalton	CBFCO	Shire of Bruce Rock
Alan	O'Toole	DCEO	Shire of Bruce Rock
Daniel	Birleson	CESM Kellerberrin/Tammin	Shire of Kellerberrin/Tammin
Geoff	Ryan	FCO	Shire of Kellerberrin
Jack	Walker	Regulatory Officer	Shire of Mt Marshall
Alan	Nicholson	DCBFCO	Shire of Yilgarn
Nic	Warren		Shire of Yilgarn
Dave	Gossage	President	AVBFB
Craig	Garrett	District Officer – RFD	DFES
Graeme	Keals	DFC Central W/Belt	DPaW Wheatbelt
Murray	McBride	Area Officer Lower Wheatbelt	DFES
Daniel	Hendriksen	A/Area Officer Upper Wheatbelt	DFES
Stuart	Parks	A/District Officer Kalgoorlie	DFES
Daniel	Hendriksen	A/Area Officer Upper Wheatbelt	DFES
Aaron	Cuthbert	A/Area Officer Central Wheatbelt	DFES

Apologies

Ian	McNeil	CBFCO	Shire of Kellerberrin
Ron	Burro	CBFCO	Shire of Mukinbudin
Damian	Tomas	CBFCO	Shire of Mt Marshall
Dirk	Sellenger	CEO	Shire of Mukinbudin
Hayden	Dixon	CBFCO	Shire of Tammin
Mac	Johnston	District Officer Emergency Mngt	DFES
Shane	Klunder	A/DO Northam	DFES



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Election of Chairman – Executive Officer Torben Bendtsen

Nominations for Chairman were taken;

Murray Dixon – nominated by Ian Dolton – withdrawn

Wayne Della Bosca – nominated by Alan Nicholson – accepted

Nomination for Deputy Chair;

Murray Dixon – nominated by Ian Dolton - accepted

2 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday the 11th September, 2017 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Phil Smith

Seconded: Stephen Crook

All in Favour

3 Business Arising from Previous Minutes: Nil

4 ACTION LIST - Nil

5 Correspondence in: Nil

6 Matters arising from Correspondence: Nil

7 Submitted Agenda Items

7.1 Rural Fire Division – presentation by DO Craig Garrett summarized below;

- Supported regional Ministerial launch of the rural fire reforms – 35 presentations across WA.
- Establishment of Rural Fire Division structure
- Appointment of 8 permanent / regionalised Bushfire Risk Management Officer positions.
- Commenced transition from State Bushfire Coordinating Committee (SBCC) to the proposed State Bushfire Advisory Council (SBAC).
- Consultation commenced – Bushfire Centre of Excellence Business Plan
 - Location
 - Design
 - Functions
- Established Interdepartmental Committee – Bushfire mitigation on crown land
- Increased focus on volunteer communications.
 - Attendance at majority of Regional Operations Advisory Committee meetings
 - Liaison with Volunteer Associations
- Planning commenced for 2018 Bushfire Management Advisory Forum (sequel to 2017 Bushfire Mitigation Summit).



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- Focus on broader DFES reforms and integration of rural fire.
- Input to development of new Rural Fire Fighting Training package.
- Coordination of State CESM forum 4 September
- Coordination of AFAC Bushfire Mitigation Field Trip 8 September

Q – Peter Zenni - UCL in town sites and responsibilities etc?

Torben Bendtsen advised that our Region has funding currently available so please check with Regional Office/Manager for your specific needs.

8 Association of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades of WA (Inc) – Dave Gossage

- Training changes coming – definitely moving to modules system, re-visited modules 1-12 basic principles, “rural” fire training not “bush” fire training, Pathways is for paid staff only not volunteers
- RFD – not as recommended by Ferguson report to be RFS, you go through Local Government not DFES
- Insurance concerns – no push from WALGA/LGIS for volunteers to do extra training, training is not compulsory but encouraged.
- AFAC – national body has been formed – Council of Australian Volunteer Fire Associations (CAVFA) – that has four seats on AFAC, WA is represented
- National Survey is coming out soon
- Tax relief for volunteers being spoken about
- Minister meetings – requested that a rep from each zone be on committee
- Vehicle and Equipment – “Operation” fleet now not “Future” fleet, the “one glove fits all” no longer applies, fit for purpose is moving forward
- Acknowledge the support from Commissioner, Murray Carter, John Tillman and the Minister

Q – Wayne - Voluntary Advisory Committee reps? Nominations to AVBFB as soon as possible, no more than 4 meetings per year, Minister keen to get fresh faces who will push the norm.

Q – Peter Zenni – is work still being done towards “Training Packages”? Bushfire Manual (as a guidance document) for LG’s being developed and will include the training area

- Insurance – a couple of LG’s have left LGIS which has left volunteers exposed without cancer coverage, please check with your LG’s they are staying with LGIS for full appropriate coverage

9 P & W Report – Graeme Keals

- Finished last season of with a flurry as burns got hot quickly
- Scrub roll buffers burnt
- Indication is bush is drier than expected
- Fire access tracks completed in areas
- Extra scrub rolling
- Chopper roller completed for this season, with continue is funded granted
- Planning carry-overs for next year
- Pre-season training
- Staffing based in Merredin well experienced



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Q – Peter Zenni – UCL funding/planning? Haven't received funding yet, mostly buffer work not holistic planning

10 Local Government Reports

Shire of Merredin – Stephen Crook

- very high fuel loads
- firebreaks are good
- staying with original Permit books
- completed training recently with DFES manager, hit a wall with getting some on a 2 day course that followed

Mt Marshall – Jack Walker

- fuel loading high
- trucks in for servicing
- expecting new Welbungin 4.4

Shire of Mukinbudin – Phil Smith

- town BFB is now a VFES
- fuel loads are reasonably high

Shire of Yilgarn – Alan Nicholson

- med-high fuel loads
- quiet winter
- new South Yilgarn 4.4B
- a Ladies only information day (Intro to FF) on Friday

Shire of Kellerberrin – Geoff Ryan

- quiet year thus far
- Permit burning – share with neighbouring shires

General Comment – Mukinbudin have written on permits to notify Comcen if burning through night

Shire of Trayning – Dylan Tarr

- permit holders send text to CBFCO when lighting up
- high burn conditions with likely late season

Shire of Narembeen – Murray Dixon

- varied call outs
- new Volunteer Community Emergency Service Facility opens Friday
- recruitment drive

Shire of Tammin – CESM Daniel Birleslon

- quiet currently



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Shire of Bruce Rock – Ian Dalton

- quiet
- BFB pre-season organization

11 Reports from DFES

- Torben – Trevor Tasker has retired, Antony Sadler is A/Superintendent with Terry Shehan in the position for 4 weeks, 3 Area Officer positions have been advertised with 2 of them for 2 years, Sven Andersen has left the area for an acting Superintendent role in the new region Upper Great Southern, summer outlook shows slightly higher than average, training is focussed/targeted to needs for area
- Murray – attended Dowerin Field Days which was successful for both our region and the RFD staff who attended, the Commissioner was also in attendance for the one day
- Daniel – have training coming up in Tammin, anyone else is welcome to attend
- Aaron – training mainly within the VFRS area currently with recruitment a focus, acknowledged the recent death of a Kellerberrin VFRS member for the information of the local communities
- Terry – thank you for having me at the meeting and for member's vigilance in looking after their communities, Antony is driving the region towards stability

12 Late Items

- Wayne – Terms of Reference currency?

ACTION – Tracy to work on the currency of the Terms of Reference in general and present at next meeting.

- Standpipes – slow supply, reduced size of outlet, Water Corporation have 3 types of registration/charge for water use, no charge for fires but a stat dec is required per incident
- Ian Dalton – what do others do about non-compliant fire breaks? Advertising probably hasn't been used enough.

York Shire facing similar issues currently and are starting to fine owners, Local Government have the power to act and fine. A chemical is available called "Slasher" citric acid base.

- Wayne – Voluntary Advisory Committee rep? was decided for Wayne to stay
- Dave – prototype vehicle committee, John Flockart currently. A proxy should attend for succession planning
- Murray Dixon – Perry Hodgkiss would be good option for Training committee
- Peter Zenni – UCL is a major issue for Merredin, specifically noted that – Timely management of UCL by DFES is requested by Shire of Merredin
- Closing of BOM office – Torben noted no further information is known
- Alan Nicholson – WAERN battery changes in backup radios? Was suggested that the task is completed in house.



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- Wayne Della Bosca – crew protection project? have noted trucks not completed?
Torben advised program is still rolling out

Meeting closed 1400hrs

**Date for the next Merredin DOAC is Monday March 11th, 2018
to be held at the Merredin Volunteer Fire and Rescue Building.**



Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands

Our ref: 72-12069

Hon M Price MP
Federal Member for Durack
Melissa.Price.MP@aph.gov.au

Dear Ms Price

FUNDING FOR UPGRADES TO GREAT EASTERN HIGHWAY – WALGOOLAN TO SOUTHERN CROSS IN THE EASTERN WHEATBELT

Thank you for your letter of 19 June 2018 regarding the condition of, and future funding for Great Eastern Highway between Walgoolan and Southern Cross.

I acknowledge your concerns with the condition of sections along Great Eastern Highway and share your ambition to see improvements that provide the best outcomes for safety, efficiency and economic development. You may be assured that the upgrade of Great Eastern Highway remains a priority for the State Government and work continues to secure the essential Commonwealth funding.

Main Roads will continue to monitor the condition of the highway and if deemed necessary, will program additional maintenance works to ensure safety is maintained for all road users. In this regard, Main Roads recently completed 60 kilometres of shoulder grading and reconditioning works between Walgoolan Bridge and Southern Cross.

You may be aware that as part of the 2018 State Budget, \$17.2 million has been allocated for upgrades to Great Eastern Highway. Works to be completed in 2018/19 and 2019/20 will include:

- Upgrades at Carrabin (intersection improvements to Westonia Road and Carrabin South Road).
- Minor geometric improvements to the east and west of Carrabin, pavement overlay and drainage improvements.
- Seal widening will also be undertaken to reduce ongoing shoulder maintenance issues.

Main Roads has submitted an initial short form Stage 1 submission to Infrastructure Australia to highlight the issues to the Federal Government as part of the process to seek Federal funding. The Great Eastern Highway Upgrade Program is estimated to be in the order of \$200 million and includes:

- Coates Gully – Bridge replacements, intersection improvements, realignment, widening and overlay.
- Walgoolan to Southern Cross – Overlay, widening, shoulder widening, realignment, townsite and road over rail bridge improvements and overtaking lanes.
- Ghooli to Benari – Widening, realignment and rehabilitation.

In anticipation of additional funding becoming available, Main Roads will continue the development of the improvement strategy for the section of Great Eastern Highway between Walgoolan and Southern Cross. This includes completing designs and planning for service relocations, environmental clearances and the land acquisition process.

There has been regular correspondence over the years with Shire of Westonia Chief Executive Officer, Mr Jamie Criddle, both at a Ministerial level and directly with Main Roads. Main Roads will continue to liaise with the Shire and provide appropriate assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal stroke.

HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

31 AUG 2018

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Subject: FW: spam>Exciting news for 2019!

Good morning everyone

Below is a communique released on Friday afternoon about the next year's WMSIP program and its expansion to include students from UWA's School of Medicine.

Take care

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The Wheatbelt Medical Student Immersion Program (WMSIP) Steering Committee is pleased to announce the inclusion of The University of Western Australia (UWA) School of Medicine into the program.

An extraordinary meeting of the WMSIP Steering Committee held in late September supported the addition of UWA medical students and the expansion of the program to extra locations in rural Western Australia.

Extending the program to approximately 60 UWA medical students from 2019 is an excellent addition to this highly successful immersion experience, which has been designed to build student understanding of a rural patient's life and healthcare experience. This will be the first time anywhere in Australia that a rural medical student immersion program has involved over 200 students and all medical schools from one state.

From 2019, WMSIP will increase the number of Wheatbelt locations it currently visits and also potentially expand into the Midwest region to accommodate the extra student numbers. Students from each university will be combined across the rural locations to encourage cross-university collaboration.

The WMSIP Working Group will meet again in October 2018 to consider the expansion options and to plan for the increased student cohort.



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Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group (EWBG) Annual General Meeting held Friday 21st of September, 2018 at Merredin CRC Conference Room, Merredin.

Chairperson: Mark Crees

1. Opening of Meeting: 10.02am.

2. Attendance and Apologies:

- a. Attendance:** Mark Crees (Merredin), Lisa O'Neill (Executive Officer), Helen Shemeld, Kodie Fulker (DPIRD), Stuart Putt (Mt Marshall), Adam Majid, Steve Palm (Mukinbudin), Ross Della Bosca (Westonia), Steve Hunt (Lake Grace), Cyril Smith, Kent Mouritz (Kondinin), Stuart McEwan (EWBG LPMT), Marlon Hudson (Trayning), Linda Vernon (CWBA EO), Bill Cowan (Narembreen), Dean Sinclair, Jeff Taylor (EWBG LPMT), Jamie Taylor (EWBG LPMT), Margaret Sullivan, Jim Sullivan (Kulin), Glenice Batchelor (DPIRD).
- b. Apologies:** Adrian Chesson (DBCA), Malcolm Ovans (DBCA), Hon. Darren West, Wayne Della Bosca (Yilgarn), Gary Coumbe (Nungarin), Renae Corsini, Ron Burro, Jamie Criddle (Westonia).

3. Disclosure of Interests: none.

4. Confirmation of Minutes:

- a.** Meeting held 10th of October 2017, at DAFWA, Merredin.

Motion:

That the minutes presented from the meeting held on the 10th of October, 2017 are accepted as a true and accurate record.

***Moved: S. Palm. Seconded: C. Smith.
Carried.***

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- a.** Minjar Gold Mine Haul Road grid to be discussed in General Business.

6. Adoption of Financial Statement:

- a.** 2017/18 Financial position presented.
- b.** 2018/19 Budget Forecast as per Operational Plan.
- c.** Byfield's Business Advisors 2017/18 Audit presented and approved by Committee of Management.



Motion:

The Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group's will set a membership fee of \$100 for 2018/19 for the eleven member Shire's of the group.

**Moved: H. Shemeld, Seconded: R. Della Bosca.
Carried.**

Motion:

That the financials presented to be accepted as true and accurate and that the Byfield's Business Advisors audit of the EWBG's 2017/18 financials were tabled at the meeting to the members.

**Moved: S. Palm, seconded: H. Shemeld.
Carried.**

7. Appointment of Auditor

J. Sullivan suggested the Executive Officer ensures that a different auditor from Byfield's Business Advisors audits the books each year.

Motion:

The Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group appoint Byfield's Business Advisors as the auditors for 2018/19 fiscal year.

**Moved: C. Smith, Seconded: B. Cowan.
Carried.**

8. Correspondence:

- a. Inward/Outward Correspondence

Motion:

That all correspondence presented be considered and accepted.

**Moved: L. O'Neill, seconded: S. Putt.
Carried.**

9. Chairs Report

Attached as Appendix A.

Motion:

That the Chairperson report presented be considered and accepted.

**Moved: S. Palm, seconded: B. Cowan.
Carried.**



10. Change to Constitution/Rules of Group

Motion:

The Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group's move that the changes to the constitution be sent to the Chamber of Commerce for approval and then be adopted. New Constitution to be held by Executive Officer.

**Moved: J. Sullivan, Seconded: K. Mouritz.
Carried.**

11. Election of Office Bearers

Chairperson: Stuart Putt (Mount Marshall)

Deputy Chair: Stephen Palm (Mukinbudin)

Committee:

Jim Sullivan – Nominated by K. Mouritz. Seconded. S Palm. (Accepted)

Cyril Smith – Nominated by K. Mouritz. Seconded. M. Crees. (Accepted)

Dean Sinclair – Nominated by B. Cowan. Seconded. H. Shemeld (Accepted)

Helen Shemeld - Nominated by S. Putt. Seconded by S. Palm. (Accepted)

Mark Crees (Merredin) - Nominated- B. Cowan. Seconded. D. Sinclair (Accepted)

Ross Della Bosca (Westonia) - Nominated Mark Crees. Seconded Dean. (Accepted)

Bill Cowan (Narembeen) – Nominated by M. Crees. Seconded. D. Sinclair (Accepted)

Steve Hunt (Lake Grace) - Nominated by D. Sinclair. Seconded B. Cowan (Accepted)

Kent Mouritz (Kondinin)- Nominated by C. Smith. Seconded M. Crees (Accepted)

12. Agenda Items

a. PMT (Dogger) Update-

- i. Stu McEwan: Dogs have been active. 5 dogs trapped, 1 shot, at least 5 baited in this financial year. Lost 1 sheep. Baited around troubled areas.
- ii. Jeff – Only work small amount of days so far. Traps set in northern area.
- iii. Frog – Aerial baiting to occur in October. Remlap control in operation. Minimal activity inside fence.

b. DBCA update- as per report provided.

c. RBG Update-

There are five new Declared Pest Rates in place throughout the agricultural area. There are now a total of thirteen Recognised Biosecurity Groups across the state. For the first time the State Barrier Fence has organised and has long term control measures either side of the fence and from one end to the other. The Ministers consultation has already occurred, with letters being sent to all landholders from the Minister about the proposed Declared Pest Rate. The Declared Pest Rate within the EWBG area will leave OSR on 4th of October.



The EWBG would like to once again suggest that all landholders within the area to be rated, not just those properties 20ha and above.

This will be the third year a Declared Pest Rate has occurred within the EWBG area. The rating system will remain the same as the previous year. The Committee of Management will meet soon to sign off on the Operational Plan for 2019/20, may need to decrease rate slightly for one financial year, due to a small excess from Office of State Revenue collection fee that is placed in the budget, however this action has not been needed to date.

EWBG will aim to increase their community engagement throughout 2018/19.

The EWBG will continue to cover the costs of Restricted Chemical Product Permits within the prescribed area to encourage landholders to increase their control activities of Declared Pests.

The EWBG Licenced Pest Management Technicians are all in the process of using Feralscan to report control activities. Landholders can also use Feralscan as a reporting tool of sightings and activity.

EWBG will continue to organise Accreditation Days and Workshops for landholders to attend to help support landholders to control declared pests on their land.

13. General Business

a. Role of Shire Representatives

Report formally back to Shires twice a year (attend ordinary meetings). Direct Landholders to Executive Officer for all questions and declared pest sightings and activity. Encourage landholders to report all stock attacks. Ensure information provided by EWBG is distributed to landholders accordingly and placed in Shire Newsletter and other information sources.

b. Minjar Gold Mine Haul Road Grid Update

Minjar has confirmed a grid will be put in place at their Haul Road crossing with the State Barrier Fence. Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development have approved grid and provided suggestions on equipment and installation techniques for the grid.

c. State Barrier Fence Works

Work has commenced on replacement of the SBF within our area (northern) thanks to state funding. Group has concerns about the contractors, large areas of fence are being left open for long periods of time and work is being complete without communication to group and Licenced Pest Management Technicians. Executive Officer and M. Crees to meet with fence contractors' Coordinators on Wednesday.

J. Sullivan- suggested maintenance of fence be budget at \$1 million per year for up keep and rate collected from all landholders on the west of the fence.



- d. The group has suggested AWI provide more support to Western Australia. Current resources are significantly low compared to Eastern States area.
- e. Norseman road grid to be looked out. Gate is significantly high off ground and may need some maintenance.
- f. Silver leaf night shade within Kulin and Lake Grace area – Executive Officer to contact Shire of Lake Grace and Shire of Kent to obtain update and provide support if deemed need by Committee of Management.

14. Next Meeting: March 2019.

15. Close of Meeting: 12.07pm.



WALGA

Great Eastern Country Zone

Minutes

**Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre
Function Room**

23 August 2018

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Great Eastern Country Zone

Meeting to be held at the Merredin Regional Community & Leisure Centre Function Room

Commenced at 9.30am, Thursday 23 August 2018

Minutes

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

The Zone President, Cr Cole, opened the meeting at 9.30am welcoming all in attendance.

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance

Cr Rhonda Cole (Chair)	President, Shire of Narembeen
Cr Kellie Mortimore	Deputy President, Shire of Narembeen
Cr Alan Wright	Councillor, Shire of Narembeen
Cr Stephen Strange	President, Shire of Bruce Rock
Mr Darren Mollenoyux	CEO, Shire of Bruce Rock
Cr Sue Meeking	President, Shire of Kondinin
Ms Mia Dohnt	CEO, Shire of Kondinin
Cr Glenice Batchelor	Councillor, Shire of Tammin
Cr Alison Harris	Councillor, Shire of Cunderdin
Mr Neville Hale	Joint CEO, Shires of Cunderdin and Tammin
Cr Karin Day	President, Shire of Westonia
Mr Jamie Criddle	CEO, Shire of Westonia
Cr Mal Willis	Deputy President, Shire of Merredin
Cr Julie Flockart	Councillor, Shire of Merredin
Mr Greg Powell	CEO, Shire of Merredin
Cr Tony Sachse	President, Shire of Mt Marshall
Mr John Nuttall	CEO, Shire of Mt Marshall
Cr Melanie Brown	President, Shire of Trayning
Cr Geoff Waters	Deputy President, Shire of Trayning
Mr Paul Sheedy	Acting CEO, Shire of Trayning
Cr Rod Forsyth	President, Shire of Kellerberrin
Cr Onida Truran	President, Shire of Yilgarn
Cr Wayne Dellabosca	Deputy President, Shire of Yilgarn
Mr Peter Clarke	A/CEO, Shire of Yilgarn
Cr Eileen O'Connell	President, Shire of Nungarin
Cr Jim Taylor	Councillor, Shire of Nungarin
Cr Gary Shadbolt	President, Shire of Mukinbudin
Mr Dirk Sellenger	CEO, Shire of Mukinbudin

Mr Tony Brown – Zone Executive Officer

Anne Banks-McAllister – Regional Cooperation Manager

Guests

Dr Ken Parker, Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries

Kath Brown, Electorate Officer, Office of the Member for Central Wheatbelt, Hon Mia Davies

Karen Strange, Deputy Chair, Wheatbelt RDA

Craig Manton, Regional Manager Wheatbelt, Main Roads Department

Apologies

Cr Ken Hooper	President, Shire of Merredin
Cr Ramesh Rajagoplan	Deputy President Shire of Bruce Rock
Cr Nick Gillett	Deputy President, Shire of MT Marshall
Cr Dennis Whisson	President, Shire of Cunderdin
Cr Ricky Storer	President, Shire of Koorda
Mr David Burton	CEO, Shire of Koorda
Mr Raymond Griffiths	CEO, Shire of Kellerberrin
Mr Chris Jackson	CEO, Shire of Narembeen
Mr Cliff Simpson	Roadwise, WALGA
Hon Mia Davies, MLA,	Member for Central Wheatbelt
Hon Martin Aldridge MLC	Member for Agricultural Region
Hon Melissa Price MP	Member for Durack
Hon Jim Chown MLC	Member for Agricultural Region
Ms Mandy Walker, Director	Regional Development RDA Wheatbelt
Ms Sharon Broad, Regional Manager	Goldfields & Agricultural Region Water Corporation
Ms Wendy Newman,	CEO Wheatbelt Development Commission

Attachments

The following were provided as attachments to the agenda:

1. Great Eastern Country Zone Minutes 28 June 2018.
2. Great Eastern Country Zone Executive Committee Minutes 2 August 2018.
3. State Council Agenda – via link: <https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/About-WALGA/Structure/State-Council/Agendas-and-Minutes/Agenda-State-Council-7-September-2018-with-attachments.pdf.aspx>
4. President's Report – Distributed prior to the meeting

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil

5. GUEST SPEAKERS / DEPUTATIONS

5.1 Economic Development in Local Government

Anne Banks-McAllister, Regional Capacity Building Manager, WALGA

WALGA has initiated a project to develop a Framework to guide the economic development activities of Local Governments in Western Australia. Supported by an Industry Reference Group, the project will deliver:

- A Local Government Economic Development Framework based on research and practice about the role of Local Government in economic development, including guidance on approaches to support local business and the development of local and regional economies,
- A discussion paper detailing the outcomes of the project's research and areas for further development,
- An Economic Development Policy and Advocacy Strategy , and
- A strategy for on-going sector support and training

An overview of the Project's progress to date was presented, including research findings from across Local Government and the business sector. Included in the presentation was an opportunity for input from the Zone meeting to inform the development of the Framework.

A copy of the presentation is attached.

5.2 Local Government Act Review

Department of Local Government and Cultural Industries

Dr Ken Parker from the Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries provided a presentation on Phase 1 and 2 of the Local Government Act review.

A copy of the presentation is attached.

6. MINUTES

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes from the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held Thursday 28 June 2018 (Attachment)

The Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held on Thursday 28 June 2018 have previously been circulated to Member Councils.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr O'Connell

Seconded: Cr Truran

That the minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held Thursday 28 June 2018 are confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings subject to adding apologies for the President and CEO of the Shire of Mukinbudin and adding the attendance of Cr Julie Flockart from the Shire of Merredin.

CARRIED

6.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting Thursday 28 June 2018

6.2.1 Education Department Spending Cuts (7.3)

It was resolved to invite the Regional Director of Education to the August meeting of the Zone. The Executive Committee in considering guest speakers have recommended prioritising Economic Development and the Local Government Act Review for August and consider Education for early to mid-2019.

Noted

6.3 Minutes from the Great Eastern Country Zone Executive Committee Meeting held Thursday 2 August 2018

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sasche

Seconded: Cr Truran

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Great Eastern Country Zone Committee Meeting held Thursday 2 August 2018 be endorsed.

CARRIED

7. ZONE BUSINESS

Nil

8. ZONE REPORTS

8.1 Zone President Report

Cr Rhonda Cole

Cr Cole advised that the handover of Executive Officer position has been smooth and acknowledged the efforts of Bruce Wittber and Helen Westcott.

The Executive Committee held a committee meeting in Perth, in conjunction with the Local Government convention. The Executive Committee have prioritized the following issues for 2018/19;

- Local Government Act review
- Economic Development
- Telecommunications
- Education

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr O'Connell

Seconded: Cr Sasche

That the Zone President Report be received

CARRIED

8.2 Local Government Agricultural Freight Group

Cr Rod Forsyth

Attached are the Minutes of the Group's meeting held 13 August 2018.

Cr Forsyth drew attention to -

- Zone's are requested to consider for endorsement, the amendments to the Group's Terms of Reference. The amendments provide for –
 1. PGA of WA and WA Farmers to become non-voting participants on the Group.
 2. Deleting the President of WALGA as a formal member. When the Group was first formed the WALGA President was actively involved. In recent years the WALGA President involvement has diminished and they no longer attend meetings. The Group felt it was appropriate to remove the reference to the WALGA President. WALGA's is represented by the Executive Manager for Infrastructure at an administration level.
- The changes to the Harvest Mass Management Scheme for the 2018/2019 harvest. Zone's are requested to remind their Local Governments to encourage farmers and transport operators to submit their applications for the HMMS Road List as soon as possible to ensure that Main Roads has time to assess and endorse applications before harvest commences.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Forsyth
Seconded: Cr Strange

That the Zone endorse the changes to the Terms of Reference for the Local Government Agricultural Freight Group

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Truaran
Seconded: Cr Meeking

That the Report be received

CARRIED

8.3 Wheatbelt District Emergency Management Committee (Wheatbelt DEMC)

Cr Tony Sache

There has not been a Wheatbelt DEMC meeting since the last WALGA Great Eastern Country Meeting on 28th June 2018. The next Wheatbelt DEMC meeting is scheduled for 18th October 2018.

The Wheatbelt District Emergency Management Advisor, Yvette Grigg has advised Wheatbelt DEMC that the Shires of Yilgarn and Westonia, through their LEMC, are having/have held a joint local risk workshop in Southern Cross on 21st August. The risks assessed will be Fire, Earthquake and a Human Epidemic.

Yvette has also notified the Wheatbelt DEMC that the Shire of Bruce Rock endorsed their reviewed set of Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) at their LEMC meeting on 13th August, 2018. These will be tabled at the next Council Meeting. They have been checked for compliancy and found to meet the requirements of our State EM Arrangements. There is a period of comment from Wheatbelt DEMC on this until 31st August 2018.

Communications: At the WALGA Mayor's and Presidents Policy Forum in Perth on 31st July 2018 under "Emerging Issues", several comments were made relating to a lack of communications and associated failures during power outages. This was along the same lines as what has previously been identified at Wheatbelt DEMC and GECZ. Of note was a preceding address by the head of NBN in WA, Rachel McIntyre. It would seem that if there is power available for NBN Satellite and VOIP services, then this form of communication should not be affected by Communication outages with Telstra back up battery failure. It is also likely that CRISP Wireless VOIP and internet services would not be affected. However this will need to be confirmed. It would of course be necessary to have generator backup for either Telstra Satellite or Crisp Wireless to be of any value with these outages.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Waters
Seconded: Cr Mortimore

That the Report be received

CARRIED

9. WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (WALGA) BUSINESS

9.1 State Councillor Report

Cr Stephen Strange

- Road Funding Agreement

State Council endorsed signing of the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement by Flying Minute in the week prior to the July State Council meeting.

- Policy for Restricted Access Vehicles on Roads not on an Approved Network during Harvest

State Council adopted a policy supporting continuation of the Harvest Mass Management Scheme to enable heavy vehicles to travel between the farm and the RAV network during harvest. Further, WALGA is advocating for Main Roads to work with stakeholders to find an alternative solution to the proposed requirement for an agricultural pilot on unassessed roads prior to the 2018 harvest.

- WALGA Executive Committee will be overseeing the recruitment process for a new CEO as Ricky Burges will retire in September 2019. The process will commence just after Christmas 2018.
- 2018 Local Government Convention – Positive feedback has been received on this year's convention.
- September Meeting of State Council

The September State Council meeting will be hosted in the Northern Country Zone at Dongara in the Shire of Irwin. The program includes a Zone Forum and dinner on Thursday 6 September, to be followed by the State Council meeting on Friday 7 September.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Wright

Seconded: Cr O'Connell

That the Report be received

CARRIED

9.2 WALGA Status Report

Mr Tony Brown, Executive Officer

BACKGROUND

Presenting the status Report for August 2018 which contains WALGA's responses to the resolutions of previous Zone Meetings.

2018 June 28 State Council Agenda Item 5.4 Policy for Restricted Access Vehicles on Roads not on an Approved Network During Harvest	That a new point 3 be added to the recommendation; 3. Seek alternatives to the requirement for an agricultural pilot to accompany the RAV combination on roads that are not included in the RAV network.	On 26 July 2018 WALGA met with Heavy Vehicle Services (HVS) and other key stakeholders. HVS will continue the Harvest Mass Management Scheme (HMMS) into the future. HVS revised the HMMS model for the 2018/2019 harvest. The revised model is: • The farmer or transport operator must complete and submit to HVS a <i>HMMS Road List Form</i> to identify roads intended to be travelled on from the paddock to the nearest road approved for RAV access; and identify the RAV category to be used on the proposed roads. • HVS will undertake a desk-top assessment of the proposed roads having regard to the RAV category nominated for use on those roads. Based on the assessment, HVS may approve use of the proposed non-RAV rated roads for the 2018/2019 harvest under the HMMS. • Where nominated roads do not meet minimum requirements for the nominated RAV category, those roads will be subject to conditions e.g. 40km/h speed limit; flashing light on the prime mover; etc. • The <i>Road List Form</i> will be endorsed by HVS and returned to the applicant. The form must be carried in the heavy vehicle and be provided on demand. A spotter must be used at intersections on non-RAV rated roads to manage negotiating the intersection (particularly in terms of other traffic), sight distances, sweep paths, etc. until the heavy vehicle reaches the road approved for RAV access.	August 2018	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031
2017 November 30 Zone Agenda Item 9.2 WALGA Status Report	That the Great Eastern Country Zone notes the: 1. State Councillor Report; and 2. WALGA Status Report and requests that WALGA express its disappointment to the Office of Emergency Management that there has been no progress on this important emergency management issue and in the event that the matter cannot be progressed WALGA be requested to take the	WALGA has reopened discussions with the Office of Emergency Management on this matter and will advise the zone of feedback directly. The Emergency Management Policy Unit are coordinating further briefings and are collecting information from the relevant zones to ensure the sectors concerns can be raised with the relevant parties. Great Southern and Great Eastern Country are both experiencing issues in this area.	August 2018	Joanne Burges Executive Manager, People & Place jburges@walga.asn.au 9213 2018

	issue up with the Minister for Emergency Management.			
2018 April 26 Zone Agenda Item 7.6 Power/Telecommunication Outages Across the Great Eastern Country Zone During the 2018 Easter Weekend	That the Great Eastern Country Zone in conjunction with WALGA and the State Emergency Management Committee seek meetings with relevant Commonwealth agencies to develop resolutions to the ongoing Telecommunication failures being experienced in parts of the central and eastern Wheatbelt.	WALGA will meet with the Great Eastern Country Zone to investigate the options available to assist with this matter. Further information from CEOs in the zone would be beneficial as the Association notes that two have responded since the Executive emailed on 18 April 2018. The Emergency Management Policy Unit are coordinating further briefings and collecting information from the relevant zones to ensure the sectors concerns can be raised with the relevant parties. Great Southern and Great Eastern Country Zones are experiencing issues in this area.	August 2018	Joanne Burges Executive Manager People and Place jbarges@walga.asn.au 9213 2080

ZONE COMMENT

This is an opportunity for Member Councils to consider the response from WALGA in respect to the matters that were submitted at the previous Zone Meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Day

Seconded: Cr Truran

That the Great Eastern Country Zone notes the WALGA Status Report.

CARRIED

9.3 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda – Matters for Decision

Mr Tony Brown, Executive Officer

BACKGROUND

WALGA State Council meets five times each year and as part of the consultation process with Member Councils circulates the State Council Agenda for input through the Zone structure.

The full State Council Agenda can be found via link: <https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/About-WALGA/Structure/State-Council/Agendas-and-Minutes/Agenda-State-Council-7-September-2018-with-attachments.pdf.aspx>

The Zone is able to provide comment or submit an alternative recommendation that is then presented to the State Council for consideration.

5.1 Local Government Act Review

WALGA Recommendation

That WALGA:

1. Support the policy positions announced by the Minister for Local Government relating to phase 1 of the Local Government Act review process in relation to:
 - a. Acceptance and declaration of gifts;
 - b. Universal training;

- c. Standards of behaviour;
 - d. CEO Recruitment and Performance;
 - e. Public notices and access to information; and,
 - f. Administrative efficiencies.
2. Seek a formal commitment from the Minister for Local Government that WALGA and Local Government Professionals WA now actively participate in the legislative drafting process to develop the Local Government Amendment Bill relating to Phase 1 of the Review;
 3. Note the process for phase 2 of the Act review process and encourage Local Governments and Zones to provide input; and,
 4. Acknowledge the timely progress of the Local Government Act Review and the Minister for Local Government's ongoing prioritisation of the Review within his portfolio of responsibilities.

ZONE COMMENT:

The Association has been successful in obtaining the majority of requests the sector put forward in the proposed amendments to Phase 1 of the Act review process.

In particular, the Minister has accepted the sectors position on amending the gift provisions.

It is noted that the Minister is proposing Universal Training which is a requirement for new Elected Members to undertake five foundational competencies covering the following:

- Understanding Local Government;
- Serving on Council;
- Understanding Financial Reports and Budgets;
- Conflicts of Interest; and
- Meeting procedures and Debating.

These subjects will be available in person or electronically. There will also be a requirement for an online induction for candidates prior to election so they better understand the role of a Council member and laws covering election campaigning.

In respect to Phase 2 of the Act review all Local Governments and Zones are encouraged to provide input through the consultation process.

Zone supports the WALGA Recommendation.

5.2 Stop Puppy Farming – Local Government Consultation

WALGA Recommendation

That WALGA:

1. Welcomes a cost modelling review of the financial impact on Local Governments of any new legislation to Stop Puppy Farming;
2. Acknowledges the benefit of mandatory de-sexing of dogs not used for approved breeding purposes;
3. Supports a centralised dog registration system that is developed, operated and maintained by State Government;
4. Supports the introduction of compulsory registration of dog breeders;
5. Supports appropriate legislative exemptions for livestock working dogs in recognition of their special breeding requirements; and
6. Supports the transition of pet shops to adoption centres.

ZONE COMMENT:

It is important for the Zone to note that WALGA is advocating for legislative exemptions for livestock working dogs in recognition of their special breeding requirements.

Support

5.3 Interim Submission on Green Paper – Modernising WA’s Planning System: Concepts for a Strategically Led System

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission to the Independent Planning Reform Team’s Green Paper - *Modernising WA’s Planning System: Concepts for a strategically-led system*, be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA Recommendation.

5.4 Regional Health Services in Western Australia – Survey of Local Governments

WALGA Recommendation

That the recommendations of the WALGA *Regional Health Services in Western Australian Survey of Local Governments* be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA Recommendation.

5.5 WA Foodborne Illness Reduction Strategy

WALGA Recommendation

That the WA Food-borne Illness Reduction Strategy be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA Recommendation.

5.6 Developing a National Plan on Elder Abuse – Interim Submission

WALGA Recommendation

That the recommendations of the WALGA *Developing a National Plan on Elder Abuse – Interim Submission* be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA Recommendation.

5.7 Vehicle Emissions

WALGA Recommendation

That WALGA:

1. Supports the consideration, where possible, of vehicle emissions during planning, designing and construction of large scale infrastructure projects.

2. Supports the consideration of vehicle emissions during the process of purchasing new fleet, in addition to fleet policies.
3. Supports the consideration of policies that facilitate the adoption of electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
4. Advocates to the proposed Infrastructure Western Australia body, when it is established by the State Government, to consider vehicle emissions as part of the assessment process and cost-benefit analysis for projects.
5. Advocates to Infrastructure Australia to consider vehicle emissions such as particulate matter, other than greenhouse gas emissions, during the assessment of projects.
6. Advocates to State Government for the broader implementation of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation 'CleanRun' roadside emissions monitoring program, as a behaviour change initiative which has the potential to reduce fuel consumption.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA Recommendation.

5.8 Interim Submission to the Independent Review of the Strategic Assessment of the Perth and Peel Regions

WALGA Recommendation

That the interim submission to the Independent Review of the Strategic Assessment of the Perth and Peel Regions be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA Recommendation.

5.9 Interim Submission on Proposed new Biodiversity Conservation Regulations and Ministerial Guidelines

WALGA Recommendation

That WALGA's interim submission to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions supporting the new Biodiversity Conservation Regulations and Ministerial Guidelines be endorsed.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA Recommendation.

5.10 2018 WALGA Annual General Meeting

WALGA Recommendation

That:

1. The Motions passed by the 2018 Annual General Meeting be noted; and,
2. Items 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 be forwarded to the relevant State Council Policy Teams for action.

ZONE COMMENT:

Zone supports the WALGA Recommendation.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brown
Seconded: Cr Flockart

That the Great Eastern Country Zone endorses all recommendations contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda.

CARRIED

9.4 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda – Matters for Noting / Information

Mr Tony Brown, Executive Officer

- 6.1 State and Local Government Partnership Agreement Update**
- 6.2 Strata Titles Amendment Bill 2018 and the Community Titles Bill 2018**
- 6.3 Bicycle Share Schemes**
- 6.4 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)**

9.5 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda – Organisational Reports

- 7.1 Key Activity Reports**
 - 7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Environment and Waste Unit**
 - 7.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services**
 - 7.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure**
 - 7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, People and Place**

9.6 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda – Policy Forum Reports

- 7.2 Policy Forum Reports**
 - 7.2.1 Mayors/Presidents Policy Forum**
 - 7.2.2 Mining Community Policy Forum**
 - 7.2.3 Container Deposit Legislation Policy Forum**
 - 7.2.4 Freight Policy Forum**

9.7 WALGA President's Report

The WALGA Presidents Report will be provided prior to the meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Shadbolt
Seconded: Cr Waters

That the Great Eastern Country Zone notes the following reports contained in the WALGA State Council Agenda.

- Matters for Noting/Information
- Organisational Reports
- Policy Forum Reports; and
- WALGA President's Report

CARRIED

10. AGENCY REPORTS

10.1 Wheatbelt RDA

Karen Strange, Deputy Chair Wheatbelt RDA attended the meeting and is available to discuss any regional issues with Zone delegates.

11. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Nil

12. EMERGING ISSUES

12.1 Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sex Abuse

The [Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse Final Report](#) was received in December 2017. On 27 June 2018, Premier Mark McGowan, Attorney General John Quigley and Child Protection Minister Simone McGurk released the [WA Government's response](#) to the Royal Commission's recommendations, apologised to people affected by child sexual abuse in government institutions, and announced that WA will join the National Redress Scheme.

One of the Royal Commission's recommendations specifically applies to Local Government, with other areas of impact including businesses, community organisations and the broader community. The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC), WALGA and LG Professionals WA are engaging Local Governments in the consultation process to be run from July to October 2018. Feedback received during this time will help inform WA's implementation plan to help build communities, in which children are safe.

Zone Comment

The Zone were concerned at the implications and responsibility for Local Governments on this issue.

Further information will be provided to the Zone on the matter. Jo Burges, Executive Manager People and Place, WALGA will be requested to provide some information.

13. URGENT BUSINESS

13.1 Local Government Act Review – Phase 2 Consultation

A Zone forum to be organized on the Local Government Act Review relating to phase 2.

Resolved

That the Zone Executive Officer arrange a suitable date for a zone forum on the Act review when information is available.

14. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF EXT MEETINGS

Thursday 8 November 2018 - Teleconference meeting of the Great Eastern Country Zone Executive
Thursday 29 November 2018 – In person meeting of the Great Eastern Country Zone in Kellerberrin.

15. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 11:58am.

Great Eastern Country Zone

Attachment for item 8.2

Local Government Agricultural Freight Group

Please find attached Minutes of the Group's meeting held 13 August 2018.

I draw your attention to -

- Zone's are requested to consider for endorsement, the amendments to the Group's Terms of Reference. The amendments provide for –
 1. PGA of WA and WA Farmers to become non-voting participants on the Group.
 2. Deleting the President of WALGA as a formal member. When the Group was first formed the WALGA President was actively involved. In recent years the WALGA President involvement has diminished and they no longer attend meetings. The Group felt it was appropriate to remove the reference to the WALGA President. WALGA's is represented by the Executive Manager for Infrastructure at an administration level.
- The changes to the Harvest Mass Management Scheme for the 2018/2019 harvest. Zone's are requested to remind their Local Governments to encourage farmers and transport operators to submit their applications for the HMMS Road List as soon as possible to ensure that Main Roads has time to assess and endorse applications before harvest commences.

MINUTES OF MEETING

held in Wattle Room, WA Local Government Association, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville
Friday 13 August 2018 commencing at 1:01 pm

1 OPENING & WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed delegates and observers.

2 ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

2.1 Attendance

Chairman –

Cr Ken Seymour Avon-Midland Country Zone

Delegates –

Cr Brian Rayner	Avon-Midland Country Zone
Cr Katrina Crute	Central Country Zone
Cr Rod Forsyth	Great Eastern Country Zone
Cr Keith House	Great Southern Country Zone (via telephone)

Observers -

Mr Doug Hall	Pastoralists & Graziers Association of WA
Mr Bruce Wittber	Central Country Zone
Mr Ian Duncan	WA Local Government Association
Robert Dew	Avon-Midland Country Zone

2.2 Apologies

Cr Steven Strange	Great Eastern Country Zone
Mr Ian Randles	Pastoralists & Graziers Association of WA
Mr Grady Powell	WA Farmers Federation

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

5 MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Meeting held 13 April 2018 at the WA Local Government Association. Copies of these Minutes have been circulated to all member Zones & delegates.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Group's Meeting held 13 April 2018, as printed and circulated, be confirmed.

RESOLUTION

Cr R Forsyth moved and Cr K Crute seconded –

That the Minutes of the Group's Meeting held 13 April 2018, as printed and circulated, be confirmed. **CARRIED**

5.2 Matters Arising from the Minutes

(a) Harvest Mass Management Scheme (Item 5.1)

At its last meeting the Group resolved that the implications of the changes to the Harvest Mass Management Scheme for the 2018/2019 harvest season which require agricultural pilot vehicles for RAV combinations using roads not assessed under a RAV network be drawn to the attention of the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Agriculture. Response is awaited.

The Central Country Zone has advised that it spent considerable time at its recent Zone meeting considering a response to the WALGA State Council agenda Item 5.4 Policy for Restricted Access Vehicles on Roads Not on an Approved Network During Harvest (05-006-03-0004 ID). The Zone referred the issue to its Executive Committee which resolved:

That the WALGA Recommendation be amended to read as follows:

That WALGA

- 1. Subject to part 3 of this resolution, supports continuation of the Harvest Mass Management Scheme to enable heavy vehicles that meet the requirements of RAV 2, RAV 3 or RAV 4 to travel on roads not assessed for the RAV network between paddocks and the nearest RAV route during the harvest period.*
- 2. Advocate that any roads assessed on the initiative of Main Roads that do not meet the requirements for addition to the RAV network at the level used under the Harvest Mass Management Scheme remain unassessed for the purpose of network definition.*
- 3. Advise MRWA that any condition requiring an Agricultural Pilot to accompany the RAV combination to facilitate the movement between the paddock and the nearest RAV Network road, is not acceptable.*
- 4. Request Main Roads Heavy Vehicles Section to work with stakeholders in providing an alternative solution, prior to the 2018 harvest, to the proposed requirements for an Agricultural Pilot, on unassessed roads, that is within the legal boundaries and is acceptable to Industry.*

A similar recommendation was made by the Great Southern Country Zone. The Great Eastern Country Zone recommended that WALGA seek alternatives to the requirement for an agricultural pilot to accompany RAV combinations on roads that are not included in the RAV network. The Avon-Midland Country Zone in discussion on this matter expressed concerns with the requirement for an agricultural pilot on unassessed roads and noted that the changes were the result of legal advice from the State Solicitor's Office around the risk to Main Roads under the previous arrangements, but made no formal recommendation.

WALGA State Council resolved:

That WALGA

1. *Subject to part 3 of this resolution, support continuation of the provisions within the Harvest Mass Management Scheme to enable heavy vehicles that meet the requirements of RAV 2, RAV 3 or RAV 4 to travel on roads not assessed for the RAV network between paddocks and the nearest RAV route during the harvest period.*
2. *Advocate that any roads assessed on the initiative of Main Roads that do not meet the requirements for addition to the RAV network at the level used under the Harvest Mass Management Scheme remain unassessed for the purpose of network definition.*
3. *Request that Main Roads Heavy Vehicles Services work to provide an alternative solution, prior to the 2018 harvest, to the proposed requirement for an Agricultural Pilot on unassessed roads that meets legal requirements boundaries and is acceptable to Industry.*

Attached to the Agenda is an article from Australian Transport Networks' Industry News referring to concerns by the Livestock and Rural Transport Association of WA on changes to the Harvest Mass Management Scheme.

RECOMMENDATION

For noting

The meeting noted that new arrangements for the Harvest Mass Management Scheme for the 2018/2019 harvest had been announced by Main Roads on 10 August 2018. Copies of the business rules that outline all the conditions of the Scheme, a fact sheet on the new arrangements, flyer and a 5 step guide setting out the required steps to ensure that farmers and transport operators are ready the new HMMS access arrangements were circulated to members and delegates prior to the meeting.

The meeting noted that the changes to the HMMS will continue to allow for 'first and last' mile access on roads between the paddock and the nearest road approved for RAV network access. The HMMS operates from Monday, 1 October 2018 to Thursday, 28 February 2019.

The new arrangements provide -

- that prior to harvest a farmer or transport operator must submit to Main Roads WA a HMMS Road List form identifying the intended RAV combination and a list of roads being used from the paddock to the approved RAV network.
- Main Roads WA will conduct a desktop assessment of the HMMS Road List and the route will be endorsed with operating conditions if considered safe.
- The road list must be endorsed by Main Roads WA before commencing HMMS operations for the 2018-2019 harvest and the road list must be carried in the vehicle and produced on request to Main Roads WA, WA Police or the grain handler. The endorsed list may be shared by other transport operators.

During the defined harvest season period, a RAV may be driven on roads not approved on a RAV Network, subject to the following conditions -

- (a) The road(s) are being used to transport grain from a paddock to a participating Grain Receiver, or used to return to a paddock after delivering grain to a participating Grain Receiver;
- (b) The road(s) are the most direct between the paddock and the nearest road approved for RAV Network access;
- (c) The road(s) between the paddock and the nearest road approved for RAV Network access must be recorded on a HMMS Road List, which must be endorsed by Main Roads, carried in the vehicle and produced to Main Roads, WA Police or the Grain Receiver upon request;
- (d) The RAV combination being used must not be a higher RAV Category than the nearest RAV Network;
- (e) The driver of the RAV combination must not travel at a speed exceeding 40 km/h;
- (f) An amber flashing warning light must be displayed on the cab of the towing vehicle; and
- (g) The driver of the RAV combination must comply with any additional conditions (if any) specified in the HMMS Road List.

The meeting expressed some reservations regarding the time Main Roads will take to assess roads submitted for inclusion on the HMMS Road List and noted the need for applications to be submitted to Main Roads as soon as possible to ensure that roads are assessed and the HMMS Road List endorsed before harvest commences.

(b) Movement of Towed Agricultural Implements (Item 5.1)

At its last meeting the Group resolved to write to the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Agriculture requesting effective stakeholder engagement with local government in the review the Regulations relating to towed agricultural implements. Response is awaited.

RECOMMENDATION

For noting

Mr I Duncan commented that the Agricultural Advisory Committee met on Friday 10 August and he understood that the issue of the increased width of towed agricultural implements and changes to accommodate the larger widths in the regulations is outstanding as a work in progress. He also believed that there were problems regarding the provision of a cut-down training course for agricultural pilots.

The meeting requested that Hon Darren West MLC and Hon Laurie Graham MLC, Members for the Agricultural Region, be requested to assist in ensuring that there is effective stakeholder engagement with local government in the review of the Towed Agricultural Implements Regulations.

(c) Other

There were no other matters brought forward.

6 BUSINESS

6.1 Road Safety Issues – Group's Terms of Reference

At the last meeting the issue of straying cattle on roads, particularly in the pastoral regions, was raised and an enquiry made as to the potential for discussion by the Group. The meeting noted that the Group's Terms of Reference only referred to the agricultural freight task and the road/rail network supporting this task.

The meeting requested that the Group's Terms of Reference be reviewed at this meeting with a view to amending the objectives to include road safety issues. The Group's current Terms of Reference are attached to the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

- That the Group's Terms of Reference be amended as attached; and
- That the amended Terms of Reference be referred to the Group's constituent Zones for endorsement.

RESOLUTION

Cr B Rayner moved and Cr K Crute seconded –

- (a) That no action be taken to amend the Group's Terms of Reference to include road safety issues;**
- (b) That the Membership provisions of the Group's Terms of Reference be amended by deleting Paragraph (2) and inserting a new Paragraph (2) as follows:**
- (2) The following as non-voting participants:**
- Pastoralists and Graziers Association of WA
 - Western Australian Farmers Federation (Inc); and
- (c) That the amended Terms of Reference be referred to the Group's constituent Zones for endorsement.**

CARRIED

Executive Officer's Note: While not considered by the Group, the amendment to the Membership provisions of the Group's Terms of Reference has a consequential effect to the Delegate provisions. The paragraph providing for the appointment by the WALGA President of a deputy to represent them at meetings is now redundant and should be deleted. This amendment has been incorporated in the attached Terms of Reference.

6.2 Managing Heavy Vehicle Access to Local Roads

The WA Local Government Association has been advised by Main Roads WA that their policy regarding conditions applied to Notices and Permits that allow Restricted Access and Concessional Mass trucks to use certain roads will change from October 2018.

Currently Local Governments may propose a condition requiring all vehicle operators to carry written approval from the Local Government endorsing use of the road (previously referred to as CA07). Following advice from the State Solicitors Office that applying this condition is potentially unlawful, Main Roads propose to abolish this condition. Records indicate that 117 Local Governments have one or more roads to which the CA07 condition is applied.

The WA Local Government Association has advised Main Roads that policy changes should only be considered once there is a complete understanding of the way the current arrangements function. WALGA has agreed to consult with all affected Local Governments to determine how and why CA07 conditions are applied, to determine the consequences of abolishing the condition and what alternative mechanisms may be appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

For discussion

Mr I Duncan advised that WALGA is currently collection information from those local governments which have roads to which the CA07 condition is applied. This information should be available in about 2 weeks.

NOTED

6.3 Revitalising Agricultural Region Freight Strategy

Last meeting noted the announcement by the Minister for Transport and the Minister for Agriculture and Food of the Revitalising Agricultural Region Freight Strategy. Under the Strategy a Stakeholder Reference Group was established which included the WA Local Government Association.

As requested by the last meeting members Zones were asked to encourage stakeholder engagement in the Strategy.

Attached to the Agenda is an article from Australian Transport Networks' Industry News referring to comments by the Livestock and Rural Transport Association of WA on the strategy. Areas of concern for the LRTAWA include:

- The lack of access for certain vehicle types from regional areas into and around Fremantle and Kwinana.
- A need to be as forward thinking as possible, 10 years at least, given significant amount of lime is transported from the South West into agricultural regions, grain is transported to Bunbury and there are meat processors and a saleyard in the area as well
- Land use planning that is sympathetic to major transport corridors from rural to urban areas is critical to future proofing the network and it is hoped this will form a major part of the strategy.
- A significant element of time criticality for some rural inputs. For example, the majority of lime transport occurs over a short period in preparation for seeding.
- Restrictions on road access during this small window can have a significant impact on the agricultural sector's ability to get product when it needs it and these types of issues need to be addressed by a freight strategy.

RECOMMENDATION

For discussion

Mr I Duncan gave an update on the consultation process. He understood that a draft Strategy is to be produced for comment and that the draft will go to all local governments.

The meeting indicated that when the draft Strategy is released the Group review the Strategy to identify issues for discussion by Zones.

6.4 Delegates to Local Government Agricultural Freight Group

At its last meeting the Avon-Midland Country Zone appointed Cr Brian Rayner (Shire of Toodyay) as its delegate to the Group in place of Cr Louise House. Cr Seymour recommended to the Zone that it consider amending its delegate to the Group as both Cr House and himself were from the Shire of Moora and he felt that it would be appropriate for the Zone's delegate to be from a different local government.

Updated list of delegates and deputy delegates to the Group for constituent Zones are –

Zone	Delegate	Deputy Delegate
Avon-Midland Country Zone	Cr Brian Rayner (Shire of Toodyay)	Cr Denese Smythe (Shire of York)
Central Country Zone	Cr Katrina Crute (Shire of Brookton)	Cr Phil Blight (Shire of Wagin)
Great Eastern Country Zone	Cr Rod Forsyth (Shire of Kellerberrin)	Cr Stephen Strange (Shire of Bruce Rock)
Great Southern Country Zone	Cr Keith House (Shire of Gnowangerup)	Cr Ronnie Fleay (Shire of Kojonup)
East Metropolitan Zone	No Delegate Appointed	No Deputy Delegate Appointed
South Metropolitan Zone	Cr Tim Barling (City of Melville)	Cr Sam Wainwright (City of Fremantle)
South-East Metropolitan Zone	No Delegate Appointed	No Deputy Delegate Appointed

RECOMMENDATION

For noting

NOTED

6.5 Local Government Commodity Freight Roads Funding

Local Governments have been invited to submit applications for Local Government Commodity Freight Roads Funding (CFRF) in 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years. The Department of Regional Development has allocated \$10 million to Main Roads WA for an Agricultural Commodity Routes Fund as part of the Royalties for Regions Program.

It has been decided to combine this allocation with the Commodity Route Supplementary Fund provided via the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement therefore providing a total allocation of \$15 million over the financial years of 2019/2020 and 2020/2021. Projects will be prioritised according to the application guidelines.

The first \$10 million will be allocated to fully fund projects (ie no co-funding required) and all Local Government road types are eligible.

The remaining \$5 million will be allocated on a cost sharing basis, requiring a 1/3 co-contribution from the Local Government and roads not eligible for Road Project Grant Funding will be prioritised.

Local Governments can apply for projects to be funded in 2019/2020 or 2020/2021.

RECOMMENDATION

For information

NOTED

6.6 Westport: Port and Environs Strategy

In September 2017 the State Government established the Westport Taskforce to prepare the Westport: Port and Environs Strategy. The Strategy aims to provide guidance to the Government on the planning, development and growth of the Port of Fremantle at the Inner and Outer Harbours, the required rail and road networks, and the potential for the Port of Bunbury to contribute to the handling of the growing trade task. This will be an integrated plan to meet the freight and logistics needs for Perth and the South West for the next 50 to 100 years.

The Westport Taskforce consists of a Steering Committee, Reference Group, Project Control Groups and Work Streams. These are supported by a Westport Project Office and independent peer reviewers.

The Westport Taskforce Reference Group consists of local government, industry, environment and academic representatives. The Reference Group is to provide a forum for information sharing and detailed consideration of a broad range of views and issues related to the development of Westport. It considers and discusses issues involved in the development of technical papers, consultation documents and reports and is an integral part of the Westport process

Mr I Duncan reported that at this year's Local Government Convention a number of local governments in the agricultural region were asked if they were engaged in the process. Kwinana, Fremantle and Bunbury are actively involved, however there has been little participation by local governments in the agricultural region. He enquired if the Group was interested in participating. He had attends the Reference Group but the WA Local Government Association's perspective is wider than the agricultural area.

Mr D Hall commented that a number of Working Groups had been set up, that participants can either be a contributor or a reviewer and that he believed there the Taskforce needed to decide where it sees Westport jurisdictional boundary.

NOTED

7 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Future Meetings of the Group are scheduled for –

Monday 15 October 2018 (Wattle Room)

The WA Local Government Association has advised that this meeting is on at the same time as their 6 monthly Infrastructure Planning and Development workshops take place. The workshops run for the full week Monday 15 October to Friday 19 October and involve their regional team members. As such WALGA staff would not be available to attend our meeting.

It is recommended that consideration be given to changing our meeting date. WALGA have advised the following meeting room availability –

Wattle Room

Tuesday 9 October to Friday 12 October

Tuesday 23 October to Friday 26 October

Board Room A

Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 October

RECOMMENDATION

That the next meeting of the Group be held Friday 12 October 2018 at the WA Local Government Association, commencing at 1:00 pm.

RESOLUTION

Cr B Rayner moved and Cr R Forsyth seconded –

- (a) That the next meeting of the Group be held Friday 12 October 2018 at the WA Local Government Association, commencing at 1:00 pm; and**
- (b) That future meetings of the Group be held on a Friday.**

CARRIED

Mr D Hall advised that he would be an apology for the October meeting.

8 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 2:11 pm.

CERTIFICATION

These Minutes were confirmed by the meeting held on

Signed:
(Chairman of meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed)

TERMS OF REFERENCE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGRICULTURAL FREIGHT GROUP
(Revision Endorsed 3 February 2012) (Name Changed 3 April 2017)

BACKGROUND

The Joint Zone Local Government Grain Infrastructure Group was established in March 2007 with representatives from the Avon-Midland Country Zone, Central Country Zone and Great Eastern Country Zone to discuss the impact on local roads of potential closures of grain freight rail lines.

The future of the WA Grain Freight Network has been under discussion for a number of years. In June 2009 the State Government, through the Freight and Logistics Council, established the Strategic Grain Network Committee (the Committee). The Committee, with representatives from the Freight and Logistics Council, Western Australian Local Government Association, Western Australian Farmers Federation, Pastoralist & Graziers Association, Co-operative Bulk Handling Ltd, Australian Railroad Group, WestNet Rail, Public Transport Authority, Department of Planning and Department of Transport has been tasked by the Minister for Transport to make recommendations to him on the short, medium and long term future of the WA grain freight network. The Committee has commissioned Strategic Design and Development to undertake this Review.

Membership of the Group has been broadened beyond the three founding Zones due to the impact of decisions on the future of the WA Grain Freight Network to Local Governments beyond the areas serviced by these Zones.

OBJECTIVES *[Objectives changed from "grain freight task" to "agricultural freight task" 3 April 2017]*

- (1) To achieve an integrated road/rail network to support the agricultural freight task.
- (2) To facilitate the development of local government policy and capacity for a coordinated efficient approach to the use of roads by heavy vehicles in the agricultural freight task.
- (3) To provide input to the Western Australian Local Government Association on the agricultural freight task.
- (4) To provide a forum to promote and advocate an understanding of the issues associated with local roads supporting the agricultural freight task.
- (5) To advocate a community and industry understanding of the issues associated with the agricultural freight task. *[Added 7 August 2013]*

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Local Government Agricultural Freight Group ("the Group") shall be:

- (1) The following Western Australian Local Government Association Zones ("constituent Zones"):

- Avon-Midland Country Zone
- Central Country Zone
- Great Eastern Country Zone
- Goldfields-Esperance Country Zone

(Zone advised 20 August 2009 that whilst interested in being kept informed they did not wish to participate at this time and did not require a delegate to be appointed)

- Great Southern Country Zone
- Northern Country Zone
- East Metropolitan Zone
- South Metropolitan Zone
- South-East Metropolitan Zone

~~(2) The President of the Western Australian Local Government Association, who will speak publically on behalf of the Group.~~

- (2) The following as non-voting participants:

- Pastoralists and Graziers Association of WA
- Western Australian Farmers Federation (Inc)

DELEGATES

Each constituent Zone is entitled to elect or appoint a delegate, who shall be an elected member, to represent it on the Group.

Each constituent Zone is entitled to elect or appoint a deputy delegate, who shall be an elected member.

The term of office of delegates and deputy delegates shall be two years with appointments made by constituent Zones following the biennial local government elections.

~~The President of the Western Australian Local Government Association may appoint a deputy, who shall be an elected member, to represent him or her at meetings of the Group.~~

CHAIR

The Chair of the Group shall be elected from the delegates of the constituent Zones.

The constituent Zone from whom the Chair is elected is entitled to appoint a further delegate to the Group.

The term of office of the Chair shall be two years with election being held following the biennial local government elections.

VOTING

Each member of the Group shall be entitled to exercise one vote only.

In the event of an equality of votes in respect of a matter considered by the Group the matter shall be determined in the negative.

MEETINGS

Meetings of the Group shall be held as often as required, at times and places agreed by the Group.

Meetings may be held as face-to-face or by electronic means that allows the active and equal participation of all members.

QUORUM

Four delegates constitute a quorum subject to at least two of the delegates being from constituent Country Zones.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Secretarial and executive support shall be provided as determined from time to time by the Group, with support by the Western Australian Local Government Association.

FUNDING AND RESOURCES

All costs of the Group, including provision of secretarial and executive support, shall be shared equally between constituent Country Zones.

Support provided by the Western Australian Local Government Association shall be at no cost to the Group.

AGENDA AND MINUTES

Items for the agenda are to be forwarded 7 days prior to the meeting date.

Agendas and supporting papers will be distributed electronically prior to the meeting.

Minutes will be taken of all meetings and circulated electronically to all delegates within 30 days of the meeting.

REPORTING

Reporting back to the local government sector will be achieved by -

- Delegates to their Zones and Local Government Zone members; and
- The Western Australian Local Government Association to the local government sector and to the Regional Road Groups.



WALGA Economic Development Project

Strategic Drivers

WALGA Strategic Plan

Key Strategy - Sustainable Local Government

Foster economic and regional development in Local Government

State Government *Plan for Jobs*

Innovation Economy
Infrastructure WA
Brand WA
Local Jobs – Local Content
Jobs for the Regions
Training
Supporting Local Business
Business Growth into Asia

Purpose

- Help Local Governments to understand their role in Economic Development and create appropriate strategies
- Support the sector to develop and implement their economic development strategies and activities
- Establish an ongoing professional network for Local Economic Development practitioners

Governance – Collaboration – Stakeholder Engagement – Evidence Based - Communication

Literature Review - Key Themes

- Local Governments have an important role to play in economic development.
- Economic development activities should form part of a larger, integrated strategy.
- Successful economic development programs should be built upon a shared vision, which is linked to a community's unique competitive advantages.
- Collaboration between different levels of Government, business and the community is critical to the success of local economic development initiatives.
- Lack of, or inconsistent, policy on the role of Local Government in economic development.

Outputs

Discussion
Paper

Advocacy
Strategy



Framework

**STRATEGY &
PLANNING**

**INFRASTRUCTURE
&
ASSETS**

**LAND USE
PLANNING**

**SERVICES
& FACILITIES**

**SUPPORTING
BUSINESSES**

**INVESTMENT
ATTRACTION**

**COLLABORATION
&
NETWORKING**

**LOBBYING
&
PROMOTION**

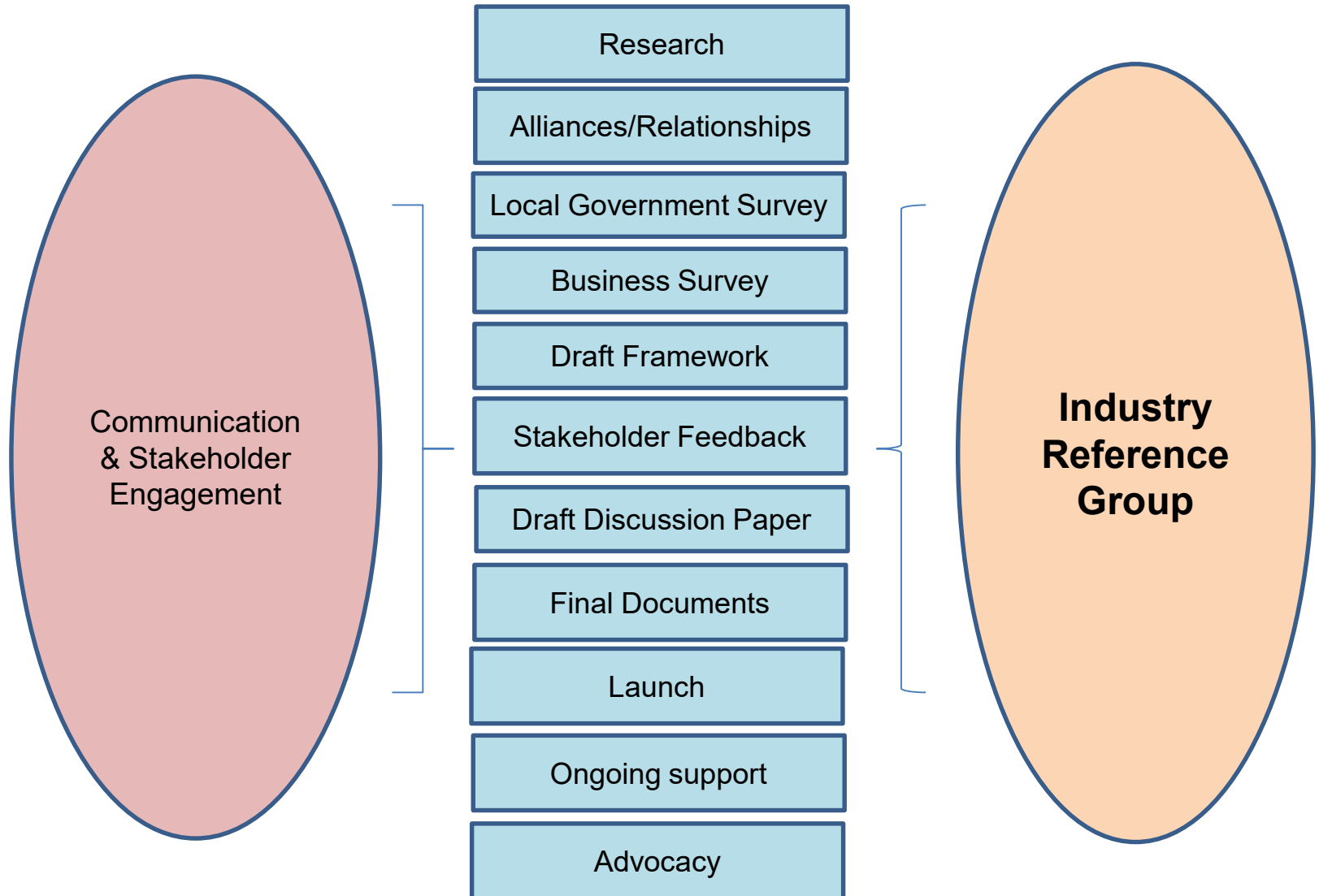
**BUSINESS CASE
DEVELOPMENT**



Ongoing Support & Advocacy

Project Overview

WALGA Project Control Group



Ongoing Support & Development

- Practitioners' Network
- Contemporary Practice
- Education & Training
- Tools & Resources
- Research
- Policy & Advocacy
- Data & Economic Modelling

Progress To Date

1. Preliminary research
2. Presentation to State Council
3. Communication and initial meetings with stakeholders
4. Engagement with Economic Development Australia (EDA)
5. Engagement with University of Technology Sydney (UTS)
6. Sector communication via VROC and Zone meetings
7. Industry Reference Group
8. Local Government Survey
9. Business Survey

Local Government Survey

- Economic development is becoming a growing focus for Local Governments.
 - Local Governments need to be prepared to take advantage of the return to growth in the WA economy in coming years.
 - Focus on the opportunities from change, not just the challenges
- There is no 'one size fits all' approach.
 - Key economic development activities and focus will differ between Local Governments.
 - Regional vs metro challenges and priorities
- Sector has a key role in terms of enabling and facilitating – not 'doing'.
 - Planning and coordination
 - Alignment between stakeholders
 - Addressing market failures

Local Government Survey

- Collaboration key to economic development, but scope to do more
 - Engagement with key State and Commonwealth Government Agencies – need to see LG as a partner
 - Working with other Local Governments (resource sharing), business.
- Future focus on investment attraction
 - Focus on external investment, rather than reallocating from neighbouring areas
 - Investor understanding of local opportunities – coordinated approach with State and Commonwealth
 - Business friendly environment – part of the community
- Role for WALGA to support Local Government ED activities
 - Advocacy – Vision and strategy for WA, Infrastructure
 - Information and data – Funding opportunities, WA economy
 - Training and support

Business Survey

- Worked with key industry associations and SBDC to distribute to their members
- Sought views on working with Local Government, and what the sector can do to support business
- Key input to the framework

Business Survey

- Local Government was considered to be a leader in local economic development, with a role to create a favourable business environment.
- Most businesses were not aware whether or not their Local Government had an economic development strategy.
- The types of support preferred were a dedicated officer for businesses, local procurement, new investment attraction and business friendly policies.

Current Status

For review by the Industry Reference Group:

- Elected Member Engagement Strategy
- Draft Economic Framework
- Draft Economic Development Advocacy Strategy

Other Activities

- Partnership Agreement
 - Plan for Jobs
 - WALGA Budget Submission
- WA Plan for Jobs – WALGA Response
- Local Government Convention
 - Economic Development Concurrent Session
 - Beneficial Enterprises Breakfast Forum
- Partnership with Economic Development Australia (EDA)



WALGA Economic Development



Department of
**Local Government, Sport
and Cultural Industries**

Local Government Act 1995 review
Agile • Smart • Inclusive



Local Government Act review

Phase 1

- Discussion paper released 9 November 2017.
- Public submission period closed 9 March 2018.
- Key topics:
 - better preparing council members
 - standards of behaviour and gifts
 - CEO recruitment and performance management
 - information availability
 - administrative efficiencies
- Bill to be introduced in 2018.

Key phase one reforms

- Key reforms announced by the Minister at WALGA State Conference:
 - universal training of candidates and council members, including ongoing professional development
 - revised gift framework that provides clarity and meets community expectations
 - modernises public notice requirements and provides greater flexibility for local governments to better inform their community
- Information sheets available from the Department's website

Key phase one reforms cont.

- reforms to better manage behaviour, including
 - mandatory codes of conduct for council members, candidates and staff and new sanctions; and
 - reporting requirements associated with breaches to drive cultural change
- improvements to ensure greater consistency in CEO recruitment, performance management and termination through mandatory standards developed in consultation with the sector

Universal training

- Three components:
 - universal candidate induction
 - universal council member training
 - continuing professional development
- Two-hour candidate induction on what to expect as a council member and the rules for campaigning.
- Council member training features five foundation competencies to be completed within 12 months of being elected. Available online.
- LGs required to adopt a policy providing for council member professional development.

Standards of behaviour

- Introduction of a mandatory code of conduct for
 - all council members and candidates
- Code of conduct for staff
 - Covering key principles, specified matters and dispute resolution
- Standards Panel able to order mediation where appropriate
- Improvements to transparency in relation to breaches
 - council members in breach to reimburse the cost of panel proceedings
 - tabling of decisions which result in a minor breach finding at the council's next ordinary meeting
 - publishing censure information on council website
 - publishing the number of allegations, findings of breach and costs associated with the Standards Panel in the local government's annual report.

CEO recruitment and performance

- Policies, standards and procedures covering CEO recruitment, selection, performance review and termination will be prepared in consultation with the sector.
- All of council to be involved in reviewing job description, review of contract and final appointment.
- Council to develop policy for acting arrangements (less than 12 months).

Public notices

- Increased flexibility in relation to local public notice:
 - local government's official website, and
 - any three of the following
 - State Government website
 - on social media
 - newsletter
 - notice board
 - electronic mail distribution list
 - newspaper circulating through the district (if available)

Public notices

- State public notice:
 - Local governments to select appropriate mediums that provide coverage to their intended audiences and will result in outcomes that are in the best interests of the community.
- Local public notice will also be necessary

Access to Information

- To be made available on the council's website:
 - district map with ward boundaries
 - full version of each local law
 - adverse findings of the Standards Panel, CCC and State Administrative Tribunal relating to council members
 - all documents contained within a meeting agenda
 - all approved policy documents
- Annual report:
 - diversity data
 - council member attendance at council and committee meetings
 - all fees and allowances paid to each council member
 - the total benefits package of the CEO

Gifts

- A gift is to be defined as the receipt of property or a benefit for inadequate consideration.
- Council members and CEOs will be prohibited from accepting gifts that:
 - may be perceived to be or are an actual conflict of interest
 - may be perceived as an attempt to corruptly influence the council member or CEO in the exercise of their duties
- Council members and CEOs to declare all gifts over \$300 received in their role as a council member
- Gifts to be declared within 10 days and published within a further 10 days
- The threshold will include cumulative gifts over a twelve-month period.

Gifts cont.

- Under the disclosure of interest provisions a council member will be required to declare **any** gift over \$300 (or cumulative gifts) that they have received – they will not be able to participate in that part of the meeting, including voting.
- Similar provisions to apply to CEO.
- Local governments will be required to develop and publish a policy covering council member and CEO attendance at events, addressing who will pay for tickets.

Administrative efficiencies

- Administrative efficiencies to
 - remove special majority and
 - designated senior officers, and
 - improve the appointment of authorised persons and
 - harmonise evidence provisions.

Phase 1 - next steps

- Drafting of the Bill by the Parliamentary Counsel's Office.
- This can be a complex activity to ensure that the policy is translated appropriately into legislation.
- The Department liaises closely with PCO during this process. In preparing the draft, PCO regularly seeks clarification and guidance from the Department.
- Department will be working with WALGA and LG Pro during drafting.
- Targeted for introduction to Parliament in 2018.

Phase two topics

Agile

- Beneficial enterprises
- Financial management
- Rates

Smart

- Administrative efficiencies
- Council meetings
- Interventions

Inclusive

- Community engagement
- Complaints management
- Elections

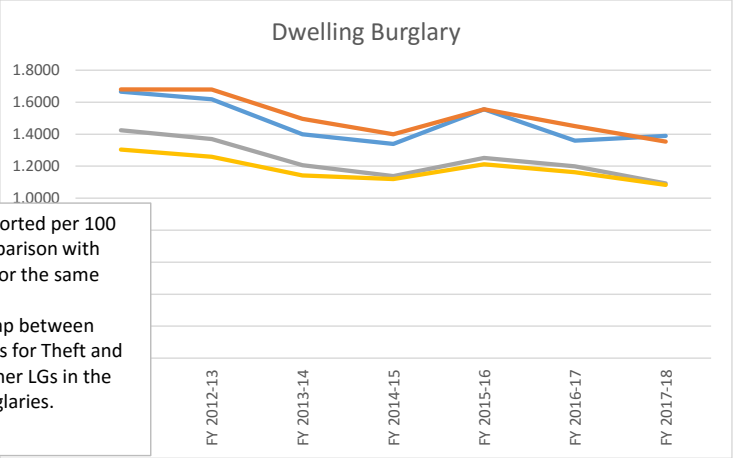
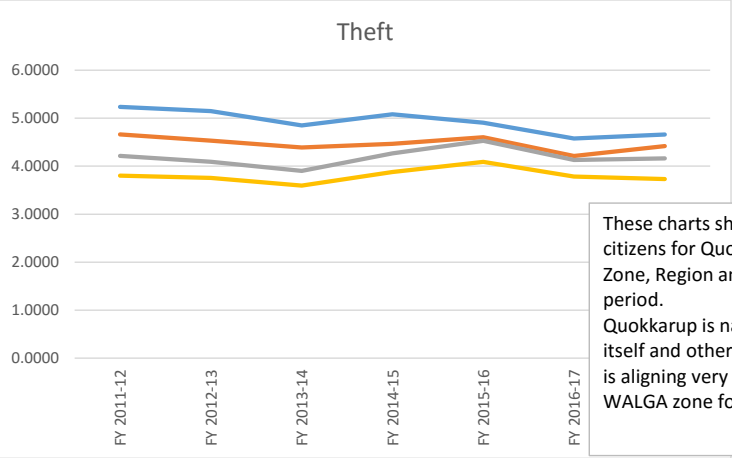
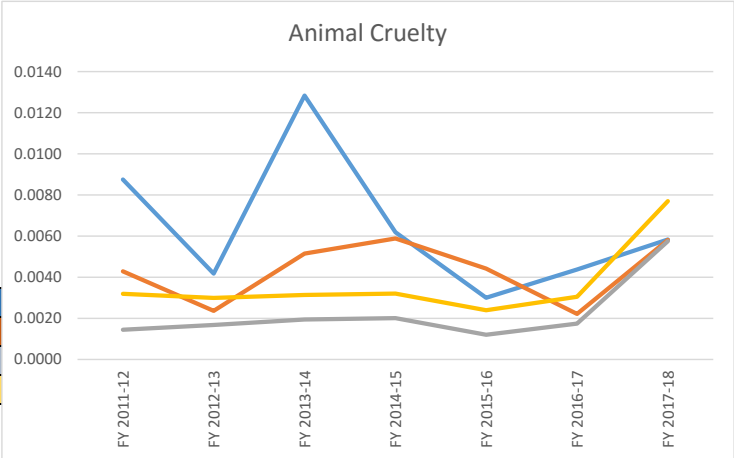
Timetable – phase 2

- Discussion papers released in September 2018
- Three month engagement period
- Green bill in 2019
- Introduction to Parliament in 2020

Crime Category		Crime		FY 2011-12				FY 2012-13				FY 2013-14				FY 2014-15				FY 2015-16				FY 2016-17				FY 2017-18			
				LG	Zone	Region	State	LG	Zone	Region	State	LG	Zone	Region	State	LG	Zone	Region	State	LG	Zone	Region	State	LG	Zone	Region	State	LG	Zone	Region	State
Animal Cruelty	Animal Cruelty Offences	0.0087	0.0043	0.0014	0.0032	0.0042	0.0024	0.0017	0.0030	0.0128	0.0052	0.0019	0.0031	0.0062	0.0059	0.0020	0.0032	0.0030	0.0044	0.0012	0.0024	0.0044	0.0022	0.0017	0.0030	0.0058	0.0058	0.0058	0.0077		
Homicide	Attempted Murder													0.0008	0.0006	0.0005	0.0004	0.0008	0.0017	0.0009	0.0008	0.0007	0.0008	0.0005	0.0005						
Arson	Damage (Arson)	0.0639	0.0523	0.0427	0.0491	0.1136	0.0699	0.0438	0.0510	0.0762	0.0555	0.0404	0.0469	0.0518	0.0440	0.0420	0.0495	0.0803	0.0566	0.0418	0.0456	0.0598	0.0484	0.0357	0.0412	0.0423	0.0387	0.0282	0.0362		
Graffiti	Damage (Graffiti)	0.2030	0.2027	0.2242	0.2143	0.1880	0.1694	0.1718	0.1707	0.1516	0.1107	0.1326	0.1246	0.0828	0.0804	0.0891	0.0859	0.0923	0.0864	0.0925	0.0840	0.0839	0.0750	0.0971	0.0911	0.0759	0.0639	0.0786	0.0762		
Pollution	Damage (Pollution)					0.0008	0.0003	0.0002	0.0002																						
Property Damage	Damage (Property)																	1.0757	0.9418	0.7646	0.8138	1.8698	1.6941	1.4461	1.5632	1.7019	1.5710	1.2273	1.3313		
Deprivation of Liberty	Deprivation of Liberty	0.0184	0.0165	0.0109	0.0112	0.0142	0.0130	0.0099	0.0102	0.0088	0.0097	0.0089	0.0095	0.0139	0.0140	0.0109	0.0106	0.0263	0.0185	0.0126	0.0117	0.0161	0.0155	0.0110	0.0110	0.0139	0.0136	0.0112	0.0106		
Disorderly Conduct	Disorderly Conduct	0.0840	0.0590	0.0564	0.0844	0.0760	0.0534	0.0579	0.0882	0.0521	0.0458	0.0501	0.0790	0.0758	0.0614	0.0628	0.0831	0.0675	0.0539	0.0730	0.0941	0.1014	0.0792	0.0923	0.1126	0.0460	0.0343	0.0388	0.0474		
Traffic Crash Offences	Drink Driving	0.0691	0.0627	0.0554	0.0554	0.0560	0.0569	0.0527	0.0546	0.0457	0.0444	0.0410	0.0451	0.0286	0.0325	0.0349	0.0398	0.0345	0.0345	0.0283	0.0307	0.0175	0.0180	0.0139	0.0176	0.0226	0.0241	0.0205	0.0247		
Traffic Crash Offences	Driving Causing Bodily Harm	0.3036	0.2718	0.2154	0.2142	0.2616	0.2487	0.1975	0.1998	0.1853	0.1597	0.1329	0.1472	0.1524	0.1334	0.1296	0.1376	0.1868	0.1643	0.1463	0.1496	0.1299	0.1309	0.1162	0.1219	0.1314	0.1309	0.1091	0.1202		
Drug Offences	Drug Offences	1.0394	0.8436	0.6802	0.7487	0.7203	0.6810	0.6896	0.7970	0.8526	0.7259	0.7767	0.9112	1.2278	1.0928	1.0011	1.1549	1.5484	1.4053	1.2747	1.4093	1.7195	1.5997	1.3515	1.4370	1.4465	1.3540	1.2248	1.3353		
Burglary	Dwelling Burglary	1.6658	1.6799	1.4246	1.3040	1.6178	1.6792	1.3699	1.2587	1.3996	1.4959	1.2062	1.1425	1.3393	1.4002	1.1380	1.1190	1.5551	1.5558	1.2516	1.2113	1.3597	1.4500	1.1991	1.1629	1.3888	1.3537	1.0922	1.0830		
Traffic Crash Offences	Fail to Stop or Give Way	0.1085	0.1006	0.1026	0.0897	0.0978	0.0953	0.0840	0.0756	0.0786	0.0658	0.0509	0.0509	0.0681	0.0524	0.0415	0.0425	0.1095	0.0903	0.0619	0.0617	0.0723	0.0637	0.0464	0.0503	0.0650	0.0559	0.0434	0.0458		
Traffic Crash Offences	Licensing Offences	0.1444	0.1193	0.0840	0.0805	0.1237	0.1115	0.0880	0.0888	0.1404	0.1104	0.0899	0.1028	0.1563	0.1393	0.1029	0.1146	0.1718	0.1519	0.1123	0.1253	0.1992	0.1688	0.1197	0.1285	0.1679	0.1392	0.1017	0.1067		
Liquor Licensing Offences	Liquor Offence	0.0044	0.0021	0.0054	0.0133	0.0025	0.0018	0.0037	0.0148	0.0008	0.0014	0.0036	0.0099	0.0023	0.0022	0.0028	0.0109	0.0008	0.0017	0.0046	0.0085	0.0022	0.0017	0.0046	0.0089	0.0029	0.0039	0.0058	0.0098		
Liquor Licensing Offences	Liquor Offence (Premises)																														
Liquor Licensing Offences	Liquor Sale					0.0008	0.0003	0.0001	0.0004																						
Homicide	Manslaughter	0.0035	0.0034	0.0024	0.0031	0.0033	0.0041	0.0018	0.0026	0.0024	0.0020	0.0015	0.0022	0.0023	0.0022	0.0014	0.0023	0.0015	0.0011	0.0011	0.0017	0.0007	0.0014	0.0007	0.0013	0.0007	0.0014	0.0009	0.0011		
Motor Vehicle Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	0.5232	0.5321	0.4210	0.3905	0.6000	0.6093	0.4581	0.4263	0.5165	0.5073	0.3996	0.3784	0.4998	0.4892	0.3807	0.3620	0.5319	0.5085	0.3930	0.3734	0.4678	0.4857	0.3600	0.3478	0.4029	0.3944	0.3011	0.3033		
Homicide	Murder	0.0009	0.0012	0.0010	0.0011	0.0025	0.0018	0.0016	0.0018	0.0008	0.0006	0.0009	0.0011	0.0023	0.0014	0.0011	0.0013	0.0015	0.0006	0.0011	0.0011	0.0015	0.0006	0.0010	0.0009						
Assault	Non-Domestic Assault	0.7349	0.5596	0.5748	0.5858	0.6727	0.5689	0.5506	0.5631	0.5462	0.4824	0.4783	0.5020	0.5981	0.4962	0.4636	0.4874	0.6639	0.5493	0.5092	0.5166	0.6459	0.5300	0.5074	0.5227	0.6868	0.5685	0.5125	0.5249		
Burglary	Non-Dwelling Burglary	0.5206	0.4571	0.4372	0.4436	0.5942	0.4901	0.4182	0.4290	0.6208	0.4970	0.4098	0.4272	0.4727	0.4237	0.3992	0.4186	0.4869	0.4579	0.4027	0.4300	0.3956	0.3587	0.3560	0.3879	0.3722	0.3224	0.2995	0.3305		
Traffic Crash Offences	Non-Vehicle Offences									0.0008	0.0006	0.0008	0.0009	0.0070	0.0064	0.0073	0.0075	0.0075	0.0080	0.0077	0.0075	0.0204	0.0163	0.0110	0.0109	0.0015	0.0047	0.0048	0.0044		
Robbery	Robbery (Business)	0.0149	0.0125	0.0146	0.0120	0.0226	0.0201	0.0171	0.0138	0.0233	0.0186	0.0130	0.0107	0.0193	0.0210	0.0142	0.0120	0.0083	0.0116	0.0110	0.0097	0.0095	0.0097	0.0093	0.0081	0.0102	0.0086	0.0069	0.0059		
Robbery	Robbery (Non-Business)	0.1111	0.0960	0.0958	0.0777	0.1136	0.0927	0.0789	0.0654	0.0874	0.0695	0.0671	0.0574	0.0549	0.0555	0.0559	0.0485	0.0758	0.0671	0.0584	0.0500	0.0533	0.0578	0.0570	0.0498	0.0693	0.0634	0.0572	0.0493		
Traffic Crash Offences	Seatbelt/Helmet Offence	0.0009	0.0024	0.0012	0.0020	0.0017	0.0015	0.0012	0.0022	0.0008	0.0006	0.0004	0.0007	0.0008	0.0003	0.0005	0.0005				0.0022	0.0008	0.0009	0.0023	0.0029	0.0019	0.0012	0.0017			
Sexual Assault	Sexual Assault	0.1312	0.1098	0.0747	0.0813	0.1145	0.0938	0.0881	0.0890	0.0882	0.0933	0.0912	0.0962	0.1625	0.1841	0.1593	0.1564	0.1808	0.1671	0.1687	0.1567	0.1409	0.1403	0.1237	0.1246	0.1963	0.1943	0.1532	0.1635		
Traffic Crash Offences	Speeding					0.0008	0.0006	0.0003	0.0009	0.0024	0.0009	0.0005	0.0012	0.0015	0.0008	0.0008	0.0014				0.0029	0.0014	0.0005	0.0013							
Theft	Theft	5.2362	4.6625	4.2142	3.8048	5.1460	4.5317	4.0902	3.7558	4.8501	4.3904	3.9021	3.5957	5.0816	4.4676	4.2648	3.8797	4.9046	4.6017	4.5288	4.0898	4.5774	4.2127	4.1309	3.7856	4.6614	4.4192	4.1652	3.7339		
Traffic Crash Offences	Turning Offence	0.0061	0.0046	0.0033	0.0033	0.0084	0.0053	0.0034	0.0031																						
Traffic Crash Offences	Unsafe Driving	0.1207	0.1186	0.1162	0.1021	0.1279	0.1233	0.1072	0.0968	0.0642	0.0575	0.0432	0.0438	0.0155	0.0196	0.0138	0.0172	0.0345	0.0342	0.0261	0.0273	0.0219	0.0230	0.0143	0.0183	0.0029	0.0025	0.0032	0.0032		

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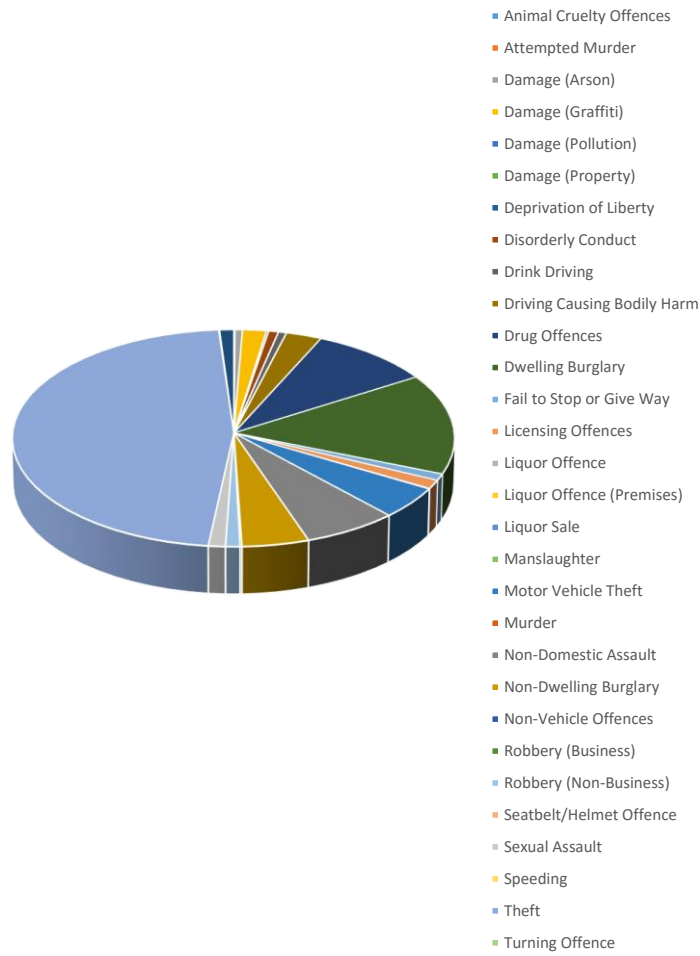
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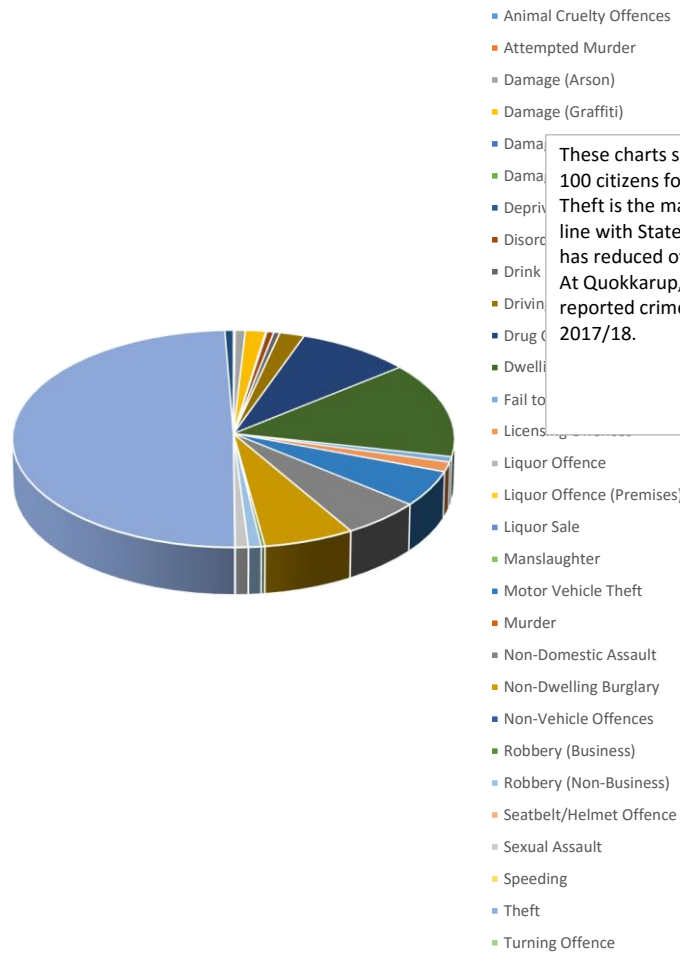
These charts show Crimes Reported per 100 citizens for Quokkarup in comparison with Zone, Region and WA figures for the same period.

Quokkarup is narrowing the gap between itself and other state indicators for Theft and is aligning very closely with other LGs in the WALGA zone for Dwelling Burglaries.

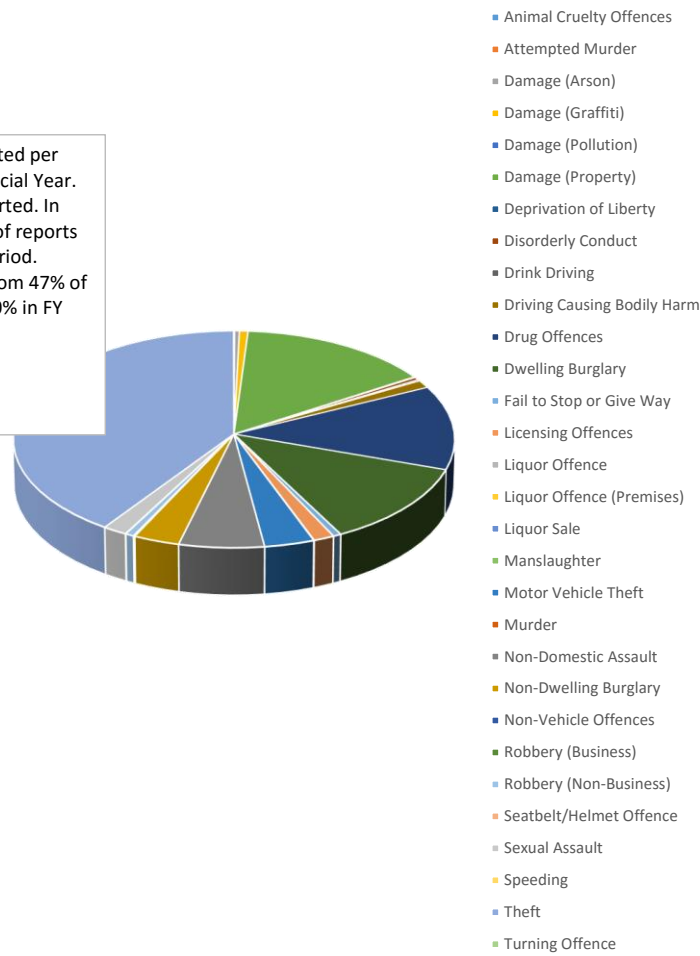
Crimes by Proportion
FY 2011-12



Crimes by Proportion
FY 2013-14



Crimes by Proportion
FY 2017-18



These charts show all Crimes Reported per 100 citizens for Quokkarup by Financial Year. Theft is the major single crime reported. In line with State trends, the number of reports has reduced over the seven year period. At Quokkarup, Theft has reduced from 47% of reported crimes in FY 2011/12 to 40% in FY 2017/18.

FY	Local Government	Crime	LG	Zone	Region	State
2011-12	Westonia	Damage (Arson)	0.3546	0.0276	0.0666	0.0491
2011-12	Westonia	Driving Causing Bodily Harm	0.3546	0.3658	0.2108	0.2142
2011-12	Westonia	Dwelling Burglary	0.3546	0.4003	0.9709	1.3040
2011-12	Westonia	Non-Domestic Assault	0.3546	0.4003	0.6160	0.5858
2011-12	Westonia	Non-Dwelling Burglary	0.3546	0.3865	0.4613	0.4436
2011-12	Westonia	Sexual Assault	0.3546	0.0759	0.0994	0.0813
2011-12	Westonia	Theft	0.7092	1.5391	2.6746	3.8048
2012-13	Westonia	Dwelling Burglary	0.3559	0.5206	0.9495	1.2587
2012-13	Westonia	Non-Domestic Assault	0.3559	0.5900	0.5978	0.5631
2012-13	Westonia	Theft	1.0676	1.4022	2.8259	3.7558
2013-14	Westonia	Damage (Graffiti)	0.7194	0.3154	0.1020	0.1246
2013-14	Westonia	Driving Causing Bodily Harm	0.7194	0.1822	0.1871	0.1472
2013-14	Westonia	Licensing Offences	0.7194	0.1191	0.1391	0.1028
2013-14	Westonia	Non-Dwelling Burglary	0.3597	0.5186	0.4759	0.4272
2013-14	Westonia	Theft	2.1583	1.7941	2.7391	3.5957
2013-14	Westonia	Unsafe Driving	0.3597	0.0210	0.0454	0.0438
2014-15	Westonia	Animal Cruelty Offences	1.1111	0.0285	0.0066	0.0032
2014-15	Westonia	Drug Offences	0.7407	0.8762	1.5883	1.1549
2014-15	Westonia	Non-Domestic Assault	0.3704	0.4488	0.5542	0.4874
2014-15	Westonia	Theft	1.1111	1.8236	2.7941	3.8797
2015-16	Westonia	Drug Offences	7.3359	1.3844	1.7907	1.4093
2015-16	Westonia	Dwelling Burglary	0.3861	0.5236	1.0972	1.2113
2015-16	Westonia	Non-Domestic Assault	0.7722	0.4591	0.5378	0.5166
2015-16	Westonia	Theft	0.7722	1.7933	2.8457	4.0898
2016-17	Westonia	Drug Offences	2.9508	1.5586	1.6811	1.4370
2016-17	Westonia	Theft	0.9836	1.6229	2.7999	3.7856
2017-18	Westonia	Animal Cruelty Offences	0.3279	0.0071	0.0133	0.0077
2017-18	Westonia	Damage (Property)	0.3279	1.1010	1.6283	1.3313
2017-18	Westonia	Driving Causing Bodily Harm	0.6557	0.1287	0.1519	0.1202
2017-18	Westonia	Drug Offences	4.9180	1.7087	1.6508	1.3353
2017-18	Westonia	Dwelling Burglary	0.3279	0.4719	1.0567	1.0830
2017-18	Westonia	Licensing Offences	0.3279	0.1716	0.1211	0.1067
2017-18	Westonia	Motor Vehicle Theft	0.6557	0.1215	0.3098	0.3033
2017-18	Westonia	Non-Domestic Assault	0.3279	0.4576	0.5605	0.5249
2017-18	Westonia	Theft	0.6557	1.4370	2.5023	3.7339



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MEETING	ITEM/RESOLUTION	ACTION REQUIRED	RESPONSE	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	TIME FRAME
July 2018	10/07-18	Road Closure – Carrabin South Rd	That Council resolves the following: 1. For the dedication of the land the subject of Main Roads Land Dealing Plans 1760-273-2 and 1760-274-1 as a road pursuant to section 56 of the Land Administration Act 1997. 2. Initiate the road closure process for the approx. 1600m² section of Carrabin South Road as shown hatched on LOP 1760-273-2 and offer to include the land in the adjoining freehold lots owned by Rythdale Pty Ltd or if not required, include in the Reserve 45634 (purpose of Tourist Information and Rest Bay). 3. In relation to Reserve 45634, Council agrees to: a) Excise the land required of approx (1,021m²) for the road widening ex Reserve 45634 (purpose of Tourist Information and Rest Bay) to Main Roads as shown on LOP 1760-273-2. b) Advice as to whether the Shire has granted any interests over Reserve 45634 that would be affected by the proposed road widening and dedication - None. c) Consent to Main Roads and its contractors to enter onto Reserve 45634 to carry out construction works which will commence prior to the excision from the reserve being completed 4. Following advertising of the above proposals, please request a Council resolution pursuant to the requirements of the Land Administration Act 1997.	CEO	Mar 19



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July 2018	12/07-18	Standpipe Controller	That Council agree to install two (2) two solar powered standpipe controllers in Carrabin and Walgoolan, with Council transferring the \$20k from the Trust account (George Road Water Extension) and contributes the difference of approximately \$12k from Municipal Funds to complete the two stand pipes	CEO, WS	Dec 18



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Sept 2018	10/09-18	WATER CORPORATION PRICING POLICY – COUNCIL OWNED STANDPIPES	That Council 1. Write to the WA Water Corporation opposing their proposed fee structure; 2. Write to the Department of Water and suggest that as a result of the increased Standpipe water costs that they re-introduce the Farm Water Grants to allow effected landholders the ability to create on-farm water storage and water connections; 3. Inform all ratepayers/farmers of the proposed changes to the WA Water Corporations fee structure and seek comment on the Shire proposed rationalisations by 15th October 2018.	CEO	Nov 2018



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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, waiting on Ministers desk.	CEO	Dec 18
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. Waiting on response from Ramelius Resources	CEO	Mar 18
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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 attended June Meeting to discuss TPS with work to commence in 2018/19.	CEO	Dec 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
MEETING	ITEM/RESOLUTION	ACTION REQUIRED	RESPONSE	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	TIME FRAME
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 July/August 2018.	CEO	Apr 18
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

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE

September/ October 2018

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| 1. | <u>KANE DUNKLEY COOPER</u>
RE: PLANT OPERATOR – ROLLER DRIVER
UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATION | ST1.2.6 |
| 2. | <u>PHIL ADAMSON</u>
RE: PLANT OPERATOR – ROLLER DRIVER
UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATION | ST1.2.6 |
| 3. | <u>ROB VINCENT</u>
RE: PLANT OPERATOR – ROLLER DRIVER
UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATION | ST1.2.6 |
| 4. | <u>ARRIEN BURTON</u>
RE: PLANT OPERATOR – ROLLER DRIVER
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| 5. | <u>BRIAN WREN</u>
RE: PLANT OPERATOR – ROLLER DRIVER
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| 6. | <u>MARK BROWNE</u>
RE: PLANT OPERATOR – ROLLER DRIVER
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| 7. | <u>NORBERT MARWICK</u>
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| 8. | <u>PETER CLEAVER</u>
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| 9. | <u>JOSHUA REID</u>
RE: PLANT OPERATOR – ROLLER DRIVER
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| 10. | <u>JOHHANZE ROBINSON</u>
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| 11. | <u>JASON EARDLEY</u>
RE: PLANT OPERATOR – ROLLER DRIVER
UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATION | ST1.2.6 |
| 12. | <u>BRENDAN McCOMBE</u>
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UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATION | ST1.2.6 |

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| 13. <u>PETER FOLVIG</u>
RE: PLANT OPERATOR – ROLLER DRIVER
UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATION | ST1.2.6 |
| 14. <u>ASHLEY CRAGO</u>
RE: PLANT OPERATOR – ROLLER DRIVER
UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATION | ST1.2.6 |
| 15. <u>STEVEN MATTHEWS</u>
RE: PLANT OPERATOR – ROLLER DRIVER
UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATION | ST1.2.6 |
| 16. <u>BOYD PRICE</u>
RE: PLANT OPERATOR – ROLLER DRIVER
SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION – LETTER OF APPOINTMENT | ST1.2.6 |
| 17. <u>KERRY KRETSCHMER - WESPAC</u>
RE: FUTURE BANKING SUITE
INVESTIGATION OF NEW BANKING OPTIONS | B1.1.1 |
| 18. <u>PAUL SLATER - BANKWEST</u>
RE: FUTURE BANKING SUITE
INVESTIGATION OF NEW BANKING OPTIONS | B1.1.1 |

WORK SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1. PLANT REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

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

- Dynapac Steel drum Roller – 1000Hr service carried out by MechTech.
- Hamm Roller – 500 Hr Service carried out by MechTech.
- Multipac Roller – 8000Hr service carried out by MechTech.
- Fire Appliances – all fire appliances have had an annual service and clean up.
- Water Tanker - New brakes, hubs and bearings installed on water tanker trailer by MechTech.
- HP Sidetipper - New brakes, hubs and bearings installed on water tanker trailer by MechTech.
- Toyota Hilux Dualcab – 15000km service carried out by MechTech.
- Community Bus – Panelbeating repairs carried out under insurance by Eastern Districts panelbeater.

2. CAPITAL ROAD WORKS

- Nil

3. GENERAL ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Drains & Batters Goldfields, Shreeve and Stoneman Roads.
- Shoulder maintenance grading Leach Road

4. PRIVATE WORKS

- Float Hire W Geier.
- Cartage of gravel to R Crook.
- Cartage of gravel to Rail Platform project.
- Commencement of sub-contracting work with Lendlease on the Great Eastern Highway Carrabin project.

5. TOWN MAINTENANCE

- Slashing of vacant blocks and weed control on surrounding verges etc.
- Tree trimming around swimming pool and sporting facilities.
- Maintenance of various yards of retirees.
- Gravel re-sheet section of Cement and Granite Street for future sealing.

6. OTHER.

- Monthly OHS meeting.
- Removal of existing and installation of new septic capsule for Elachbutting toilets.
- Transport Steve Werner to specialist appointment in Perth as part of Workers Compensation.
- Jack Price completed Working at Heights Certificate at mine.
- Attended Westonia Brigade committee meeting and AGM of all brigades.
- Kevin, Jack, Boyd and Bill all participated in machinery inductions on various plant to obtain competency tickets required on Lendlease project. General OHS inductions for project also were completed.
- Pick up retaining wall panels and pool chemicals from Perth.
- Pump out backwash tank at swimming pool.

7. PLANT HOURS

The following is a list of plant and vehicle kilometre and hour readings for the period ending 1.10.18

Item		1.9.18	1.10.18
P1	JOHN DEERE 770G GRADER	5,880hrs	5,952hrs
P2	CAT 12M	2,279hrs	2,383hrs
P3	PRIME MOVER (IVECO)	176,103kms	176,172kms
P4	ROAD TRAIN (FREIGHTLINER)	68,704kms	69,816kms
P5	JOHN DEERE LOADER	690hrs	747hrs
P6	MULTI PAC	8,113hrs	8,164hrs
P7	MINI-EXCAVATOR	245hrs	254hrs
P8	TELEHANDLER JCB	848hrs	860hrs
P9	TOYOTA (MTCE UTE)	10,005kms	10,307kms
P10	MITSUBISHI CANTER	23,689kms	24,048kms
P11	TOYOTA HILUX (GARDENER) WT 35	48,133kms	48,291kms
P12	JOHN DEERE (5100)	1,740hrs	1,754hrs
P14	TOYOTA LANDCRUISER GXL (CEO)	16,100kms	2,002kms
P15	TOYOTA PRADO GXL (W/SUPER)	14,374kms	88kms
P16	TOYOTA RAV4 (ADMIN)	39,695kms	39,327kms
P17	TOYOTA HILUX DUAL CAB	14,372kms	15,724kms
P19	FAST ATTACK	4,976kms	4,985kms
P20	FIRE TRUCK	4,061kms	4,263kms
P18	WESSY BUS	99,088kms	99,176kms
P21	DYNAPAC FLAT DRUM	1,073hrs	1,078hrs
P22	RAMSEY RIDE ON MOWER (OVAL)	125Hrs	125Hrs
P23	TOYOTA MINI BUS (WT COM V)	10,122Kms	10,122Kms
P24	HAMM ROLLER	648Hrs	694Hrs

TOURISM REPORT

WESTONIA SHIRE CARAVAN PARK:

Wildflowers update – Orchids are just about gone now everlastings are still hanging in and the bush flowers are dropping. We had a great season and the tourists reflected this. In the coming years we hope to be proactive again and get out and about to give accurate information to tourists early in the season as to where the flowers are likely to be found and how strong the season will likely be.

The park saw numbers spike through the wildflower season filling on a nightly basis and many choosing to extend their stays if it was possible. Tourist numbers are slowly dropping off now, we are hopeful they will continue to keep coming through like the previous years. We may see an increase of longer stay guests again which we will continue to monitor in two-week bookings which we can increase at our digression.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

- Bollard Lights – Phasing old bollards out and introducing new ones gradually over the next year.
- Various minor repairs and maintenance ongoing.

1. FUTURE PROJECTS

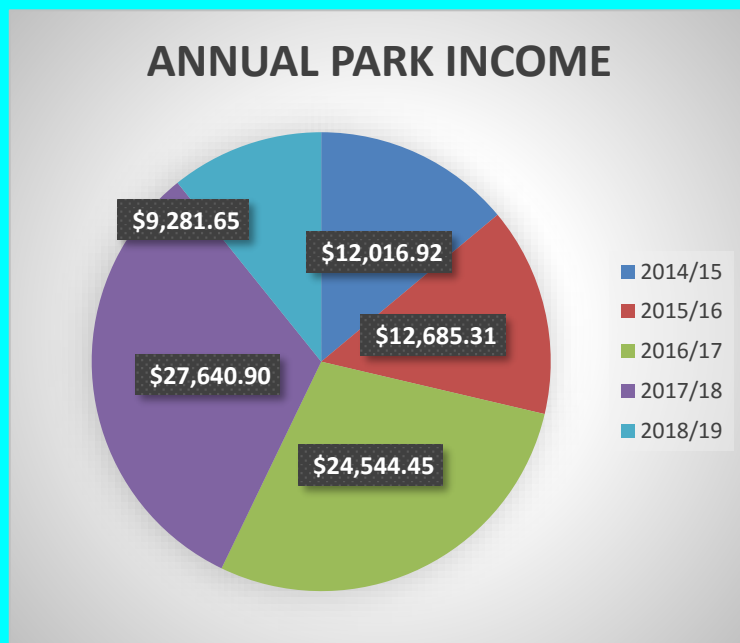
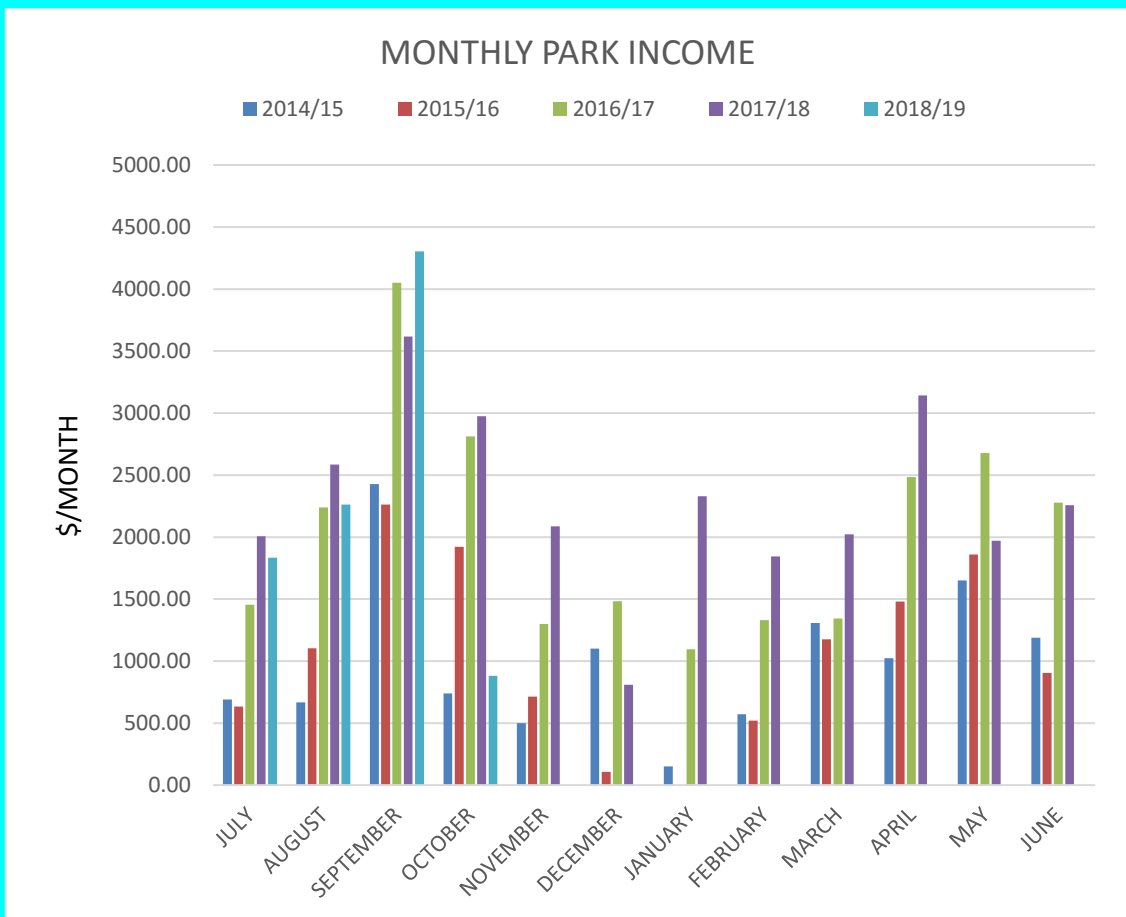
- We have applied for a grant to obtain a Caretaker office/residence building. This will give us a permanent fixture for visitors to identify and the caretaker to work from. Operating from a caravan or campervan is not ideal with managers needing privacy as much as the visitors do. With the park beginning to be so popular it is time we had a more professional approach to greeting visitors to our park. This may offer potential local employment as we will no longer require a caretakers van to utilise as the office.

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

2. 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.

3. STATISTICS (Over leaf)



HOOD-PENN MUSEUM:

We are slowly moving in to the new facility however it may come to a standstill until we can have the shelving dismantled and reconstructed by the works crew. We may have to reconvene in the new year when the outside projects are a bit quieter.

1. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

- CCTV computer - Scott from Merredin Telephones has sourced a new Computer and has now replaced it as the computer was faulty also. Scott will be back to move the computer in to the new facility in the near future.
- Footpaths and Carpark hot mix need to go down before we can start getting the Volunteers to use the new door and close off the old one to become a façade'.

2. RECENT PROJECTS

- Trialing various lighting solutions at the moment due to black spots within the museum.
- Have started applying for grants to get the new mannequins we have been wanting. We are not having much luck at this stage and may need to change tac.

3. FUTURE PROJECTS

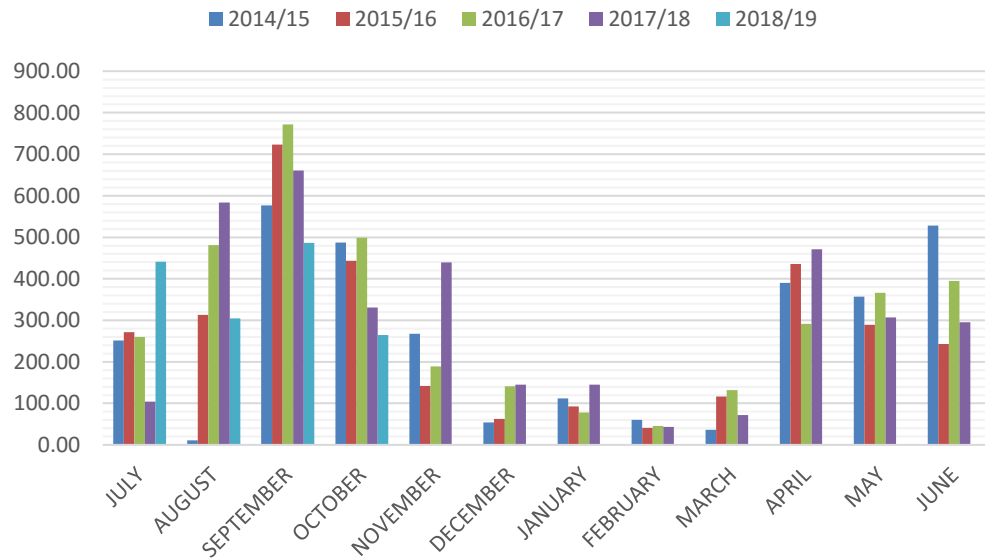
- New scenes to be created in the existing space of the old storage room to tell the stories of our primary industries of which Westonia was founded on.
- Dr Scene, offer of a donation from Dr Olga Ward to buy a new mannequin and donations of various Drs implements etc from Dr Hans Grobbelaar (via Olga). 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)

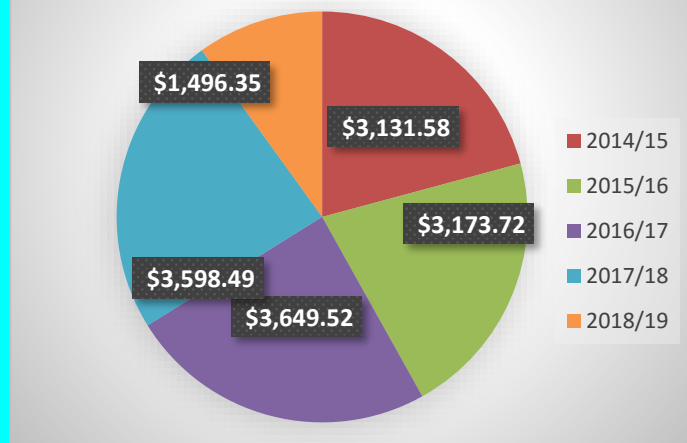
- Fantastic displays / Amazing
- Clean and tidy
- Very interesting / Not like any other museum they have visited
- Amazing
- Visitor's hearing about museum on Wheatbelt way and via word of mouth.

5. STATISTICS (Over leaf)

MONTHLY MUSEUM INCOME



ANNUAL MUSEUM INCOME





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Thank you for your interest in transforming local government in Western Australia.

The objective is for WA to have a new, modern Local Government Act that empowers local governments to better deliver for the community. Our vision is for local governments to be agile, smart and inclusive.

This is your opportunity to shape the future of your local community and reform local government.

What is being considered?

Reforms in nine key topic areas are being considered and are now available for public comment:

- council meetings
- elections
- rates, fees and charges
- community engagement and integrated planning and reporting
- financial management
- interventions
- complaints management
- beneficial enterprises
- administrative efficiencies

How can your input help shape the future of local government?

Your feedback will inform policy positions and help to establish a new legislative framework for local governments in WA.

How can you get involved?

- [Read the discussion papers available on the department's website](#)
- Complete the corresponding survey/s and/or
- Email us a written submission via actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au
- Attend a community and/or local government forum — more information on these forums will be available on the department's website shortly.

Please note the survey questions relate to the matters discussed in the papers and we encourage you to read the relevant paper before completing the survey.

While you may lodge multiple written submissions, you will only be able to complete each topic survey once.

Unless marked as confidential, your submission (including survey responses) will be made public and published in full on the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' website. Submissions that contain defamatory or offensive material will not be published.

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ACQUISITION OF JLT BY MARSH & MCLENNAN COMPANIES

You may have seen the recent announcement that the Boards of JLT Group (JLT) and Marsh & McLennan Companies (MMC Inc) have agreed terms for the acquisition of JLT by MMC Inc.

While this may be unexpected news, earlier this month MMC Inc. made a clear and compelling proposal, with discussions progressing very rapidly.

While the details around the process of this acquisition will take some months to finalise, our first priority remains to ensure that our service to you continues unaffected. We will continue to operate with unwavering commitment to our integrity and to our clients' best interests that have always been the hallmarks of JLT.

In the long term, we will work with MMC Inc. to plan for the smooth transition of the two groups in ways that enable us to refine our strengths and to take full advantage of the additional resources of this larger combined global group. JLT has great respect for MMC Inc. as a truly professional group of businesses focused on doing the right thing for clients as well as for colleagues, insurance markets and shareholders. MMC Inc. in turn has emphasised its regard for JLT's culture and the quality of our people as a complementary fit and platform to deliver exceptional service to clients.

I am confident that this will position us to strengthen our organisation and how we service your overall risk management and risk transfer needs. I look forward to working with you to ensure that we continue to provide you with the very best service now and into the future.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Harris

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LocalMatters

From the Director General



It's a busy time in local government. We are supporting each other in building the State's economy and we continue to work together in the interests of the community. Significantly, we are also in the middle of the largest reform of the legislative framework in more than 20 years.

[Read the Director General's message.](#)

Act now for the future



What do you think?

You can learn more or have your say at
www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/lgareview



Act now for the future

Further opportunities for local governments to inform the development of the new Local Government Act are now available following the launch of a series of discussion papers this week.

[Find out how to get involved.](#)



Fremantle Arts Centre, Photo by Jessica Wyld

Landmark guide for local governments

A performing arts guide which aims to increase the use of local government arts centres, boost attendance and reduce reliance on rates funding has launched this week.

[Get a copy of the guide.](#)



Department branches out

The department's local government and racing, gaming and liquor regulation and education branches have merged to form a new branch which oversees the regulation of all local governments, licenced premises and combat sports contests across Western Australia.

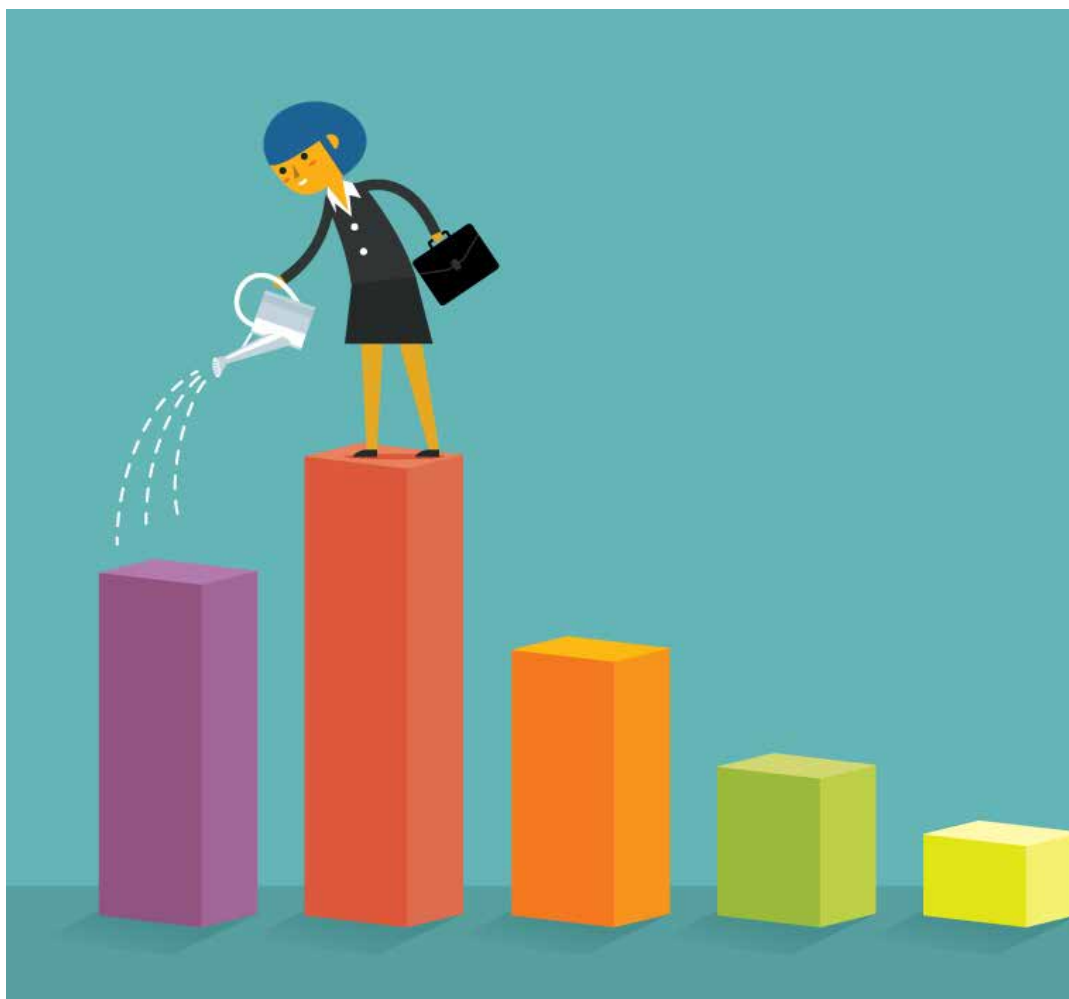
[Read more about the functions of the Industry and Sector Regulation branch.](#)



Q+A with CEO Nils Hay

Nils Hay is the new Chief Executive Officer at the [Shire of Mingenew](#), one of the most prolific grain producing areas in the State and home to one of the best wildflower sites in the country.

[Meet Nils.](#)



Governance update – Annual budget

Local government annual budgets are required to be submitted to the department by 30 September via SmartHub.

If there are any difficulties, the budget may be submitted to budget@dlgsc.wa.gov.au



‘A’ for accessibility

Congratulations to the [Shire of Augusta-Margaret River](#) who recently took out the award for Most Accessible Community in WA.

The award acknowledges the Shire’s commitment to improving access and inclusion for all community members, including people with a disability.

[Read about the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River’s accessibility initiatives.](#)



From space to solutions

The [City of Vincent](#) has partnered with a local start-up company, SpacetoCo, to develop an online platform to streamline facilities bookings.

[Find out how the City has improved customer experience.](#)

Events calendar

- [York Festival](#)
8 September – 7 October 2018
- [Field of Lights](#)
4 October 2018 – 25 April 2019
- [Local Government Professionals WA Annual State Conference](#)
7-9 November 2018



Share to feature

We'd love to hear from local governments who have stories to share, whether it's a special partnership, big event, showcasing a new initiative or a project that's leading the way in innovation. Email us now at localmatters@dlgsc.wa.gov.au to be considered for our next edition.



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Homelessness Services Questionnaire

WALGA, along with several State agencies and not-for-profit organisations, are assisting the Department of Communities to develop the WA State Homelessness Strategy via a Working Group.

The development of the strategy is based on a co-design approach and has been informed by the WA End Homelessness Alliance.

To assist in building a picture of the whole of government service system for people experiencing homelessness, the Working Group members agreed to support the process by distributing and collating a template to contribute to a better understanding of the various roles and responsibilities of organisations across government.

This information will inform discussion at the next meeting of the working group on Thursday, **20 September** around how the 10-Year Strategy on Homelessness can integrate and improve whole of government, as well as whole of community responses to homelessness.

WALGA will be collating a sector-wide response. To submit the response, download and complete the [word document](#), and email it to Executive Manager, People and Place, [Jo Burges](#) by Wednesday, **19 September**.

The responses will help form a broad picture of what Local Government provide to this important work.

For more information, email Executive Manager, People and Place, [Jo Burges](#) or call 9213 2018.

Local Government Act Review

The regional State Council meeting held in Dongara included an item on the current Local Government Act Review and discussion of the proposed initial consultation process for Phase 2.

State Council resolved to request the Minister to extend this consultation period from December 2018 until Sunday, 31 March 2019 in order to provide more time for Local Governments to respond.

The outcome of this request will be communicated to members as soon as it is known.

WALGA, in conjunction with the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries will look to organise Zone forums to further discuss Phase 2 review items over the coming months.

For more information, email Executive Manager, Governance and Organisational Services [Tony Brown](#) or call 9213 2051.

Department of Health Releases Aquatic Facilities Discussion Paper

The Department of Health (DOH) has reviewed the *Health (Aquatic Facilities) Regulations 2007*, and developed a discussion paper on the regulations. WALGA will prepare a submission to the discussion paper and encourages Local Governments to provide comment to inform the submission.

The [discussion paper](#) reviews the requirements for all groups of aquatic facilities, and outlines a number of options and recommendations for managing public health risks associated with aquatic facilities in WA.

The paper aims to determine whether these public health risks must continue to be regulated under the framework provided by the *Public Health Act 2016*, or whether they can be effectively managed through an alternative approach such as other State legislation, a guideline or a local law.

Local Governments can provide comment directly to the Department of Health via the [online survey](#).

Members are requested to provide comments to WALGA by Thursday, **15 November** to allow time for a submission to be prepared. The Association will accept written comments or a pdf of a completed survey.

To submit comments or for more information, email Senior Policy Officer, Community [Evie Devitt-Rix](#).

EWatch Program to be Discontinued

Throughout the year, the WA Police have reviewed the ewatch program to determine if it should continue. Based on a survey of Local Government Community Safety staff in April, and an independent analysis, it has been decided that the program will be decommissioned on Friday, 26 October.

A final ewatch will need to be sent to all subscribers advising them of this. If your Local Government regularly send out ewatch newsletters, a draft broadcast will be sent which can be amended. This is to be sent out in conjunction with the local police station as per the normal process.

Some Local Governments have been considering the development a similar program as a replacement for ewatch. The WA Police would like to assist with this, and Local Governments are encouraged to contact them to discuss how they can help. However the subscriber lists cannot be transferred to Local Governments, and must remain with WA Police.

WA Police have expressed their appreciation for the effort Local Governments have put in to keep the program running for this long.

For more information on the discontinuation of the program, or to request assistance with setting up a Local Government program, email WA Police Community Engagement Officer [Megan Lehaney](#).

Draft WA Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Accommodation and Support Strategy 2018-2025

The Mental Health Commission (MHC) has released a draft Western Australian Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Accommodation and Support Strategy 2018-2025 (Accommodation and Support Strategy) for stakeholder feedback.

The draft Accommodation and Support Strategy has been developed in consultation with a range of key stakeholders.

It aims to establish a framework to guide stakeholders in the development of appropriate accommodation and support for people with severe mental health issues and/or mild, moderate and severe alcohol and other drug issues until 2025.

Feedback from the public consultation process will inform the further refinement of the draft Accommodation and Support Strategy by the MHC prior to its finalisation and release.

Comments are due back to the MHC by Friday, **26 October**.

The MHC will be hosting two information sessions providing an overview of the document's development, consultation to date, its content and instructions on how to provide your feedback.

Click [here](#) for more information and to RSVP to the sessions.

For more information, email [MHC](#).

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People and Culture Seminar 2018

The Local Government People and Culture Seminar aims to engage Local Government Officers from a range of disciplines and organisational levels, with speakers offering expertise to help attendees influence their organisation's culture and build capacity to innovate.

Date: Friday, **12 October**
Time: 8:30am to 5:00pm (Registrations from 8:00am)
Venue: Optus Stadium
Cost: \$300.00 (Incl GST)
RSVP: By Friday, **5 October**

Topics covered by this seminar include:

- Workplace Disputes and Engaging with Industrial Tribunals
- Coaching Style of Leadership and Holding Hard Conversations
- Gender Diversity and Unconscious Bias
- Social Media and HR
- Learning from past Local Government Inquiries (panel session), and
- Update of WALGA's new Temporary Personnel Services Preferred Supplier Panel.

The day will conclude with a networking sundowner.

CEOs, senior staff, line managers, governance and human resource

practitioners, training and recruitment officers of all Local Governments and Associate Members are encouraged to attend.

Click [here](#) to register for the seminar.

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

Draft Policy Template for Works or Events in Local Government Road Reserve

WALGA is seeking feedback on a draft policy template for third parties undertaking planned, unplanned or emergency works, or holding events in the Local Government road reserve.

The [draft policy template](#) was developed due to requests from the Local Government sector. The policy is aimed at third parties and is intended to ensure works and events undertaken in the road reserve are in accordance with relevant local laws and other governing policies.

The policy template identifies those works and events requiring permits and includes unplanned and emergency works.

Also covered in the policy template is the permit application and approval process; traffic management and restoration requirements.

Feedback is sought from Local Governments on the [draft policy](#) by Friday, 2 November.

For more information or to provide feedback, email Policy Officer, Road Safety [Mal Shervill](#) or call 9213 2068.

DWER Fees and Charges Discussion Paper – Open for Consultation

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) is seeking comments on its discussion paper on a cost recovery approach for the assessment of applications made under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act (1986)*, and for licences for the approval to both take water (5C licence) and construct or alter a bore (26D licence) under the *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act (1914)*.

The discussion paper canvasses substantial increases in application fees for permits to clear native vegetation under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act (1986)*, and in application fees for licences under the *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act (1914)* that will have financial and program implications for Local Governments.

The discussion paper and additional information, can be found [here](#).

DWER is seeking feedback on the discussion paper by Thursday, 1 November.

Local Governments are encouraged to read the discussion paper, consider the implications of the fee increases for their operations and make a submission as required.

To assist in the formulation of the WALGA submission, Local Governments are asked to provide a copy of their submission or comments to Executive Manager, Environment and Waste [Mark Batty](#) by Thursday, **18 October**.

DWER is holding stakeholder information and workshop sessions in Geraldton on Wednesday, **10 October** and Broome on Tuesday, **16 October**.

A dedicated session for the Wheatbelt and surrounding Local Governments in Northam will be held from 9:45am to 12:30pm on Monday, **29 October**.

Click [here](#) to register for the Northam event.

View the [InfoPage](#) for more details.

For more information, email Executive Manager, Environment and Waste [Mark Batty](#) or call 9213 2078.

Draft National Biosecurity Statement

The Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) is seeking input into the content of a [National Biosecurity Statement](#).

The National Biosecurity Statement is intended to present a common and unified approach to biosecurity by:

- providing a national vision and goals for biosecurity
- providing clarity on the roles and responsibilities of all participants, and
- outlining priorities and principles for managing biosecurity risk.

Submissions on the statement close on Wednesday, **31 October** and can be made directly to DAWR [here](#).

Local Governments wishing to contribute to WALGA's submission are asked to provide a copy of their submission or comments to Environment Policy Manager [Nicole Matthews](#) by COB Wednesday, **10 October**.

For more information, view the [InfoPage](#).

Information Session: Contaminated Sites Management for Local Government

WALGA is holding an information session designed to provide a practical overview of the contaminated sites assessment process to assist Environmental Officers and other associated personnel in the planning, procurement and management of environmental services for their contaminated sites portfolio.

Principal Geoscientist at 360 Environmental, Julie Palich, will be leading this half-day session and covering the following topics:

- *Contaminated Sites Act 2003*
- Contaminated Sites Auditor Requirements
- Contaminated Sites Assessment Process

Date: Tuesday, **9 October**
Time: 12:30pm to 5:00pm
Venue: WALGA, ONE70, LV1, 170 Railway Parade
West Leederville WA 6007

The option to join via webinar is also available. Register for the session or the webinar [here](#) by COB Friday, **5 October**.

For more information, click [here](#).

Finance Training

The following courses are available for Local Government Officers:

[Financial Fundamentals - Budgeting](#)
Thursday and Friday, **4 and 5 October**

[Accounts Payable for Local Government Officers](#)
Wednesday, **31 October**

[Financial Fundamentals - Monthly Annual Reporting](#)
Tuesday and Wednesday, **6 and 7 November**

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

2018 WA Transport and Roads Forum

WALGA and Main Roads WA invite you to the 2018 WA Transport and Roads Forum which will provide Local Governments the opportunity to influence the future direction of policy, explore challenges and share strategies, hear the latest updates and engage with the State Government.

Date: Tuesday, **16 October**
Time: 8:45am to 4:15pm
Venue: Crown Perth
Cost: \$50 (incl GST)

Registration is essential by Tuesday, **9 October**.

Registration and further information regarding speakers and topics is available [here](#).

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

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Practitioners Training Course

The two-day EIA course is designed to accommodate a range of experience levels, with practical module-based learning to provide maximum value for participants.

It will be facilitated by Prof. Angus Morrison-Saunders, and will provide all practitioners with valuable insight into the latest practice and approaches for

Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia, and will also draw on transferable international learnings and best practice in impact assessment.

Date: Tuesday, **9 October** and Wednesday, **10 October**

Venue: Cliftons Perth, Parmelia House, 191 St Georges Terrace, Perth

Times: 8:30am to 4:30pm

Course fees (incl GST):

- Environmental Consultants Association members: \$880
- Students: \$770
- Non-members: \$990

Full catering is included (morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea) for both days.

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

Urban Greening Symposium

Hear from world leading experts on all aspects of tree health and urban forest management combined with a unique and innovative urban greening demonstration installation.

The symposium will put theory into action by showcasing the latest advances in waste reuse and recycling for 'hard landscaping' excellence.

Recommended for all Local Government Officers, this symposium will feature the latest and leading science, plants, products and community engagement strategies.

Date: Tuesday, **9 October**

Venue: Perth City Farm, 1 City Farm Place, East Perth

For more information, click [here](#).

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New Award Provisions for Casuals Take Effect on Monday, 1 October

The introduction of a two hour casual minimum engagement period and casual conversion clause will take effect in the *Local Government Industry Award 2010 (LGIA)* from Monday, 1 October. These variations will have an immediate effect on Local Governments who are covered by the LGIA and / or incorporate the terms of the LGIA into their enterprise agreements.

To prepare for the changes, Local Governments need to consider:

- reviewing the current casual arrangements in place, including length of service and length of rostered shifts across the organisation
- determining which groups of employees are likely to be affected by the proposed minimum engagement periods, such as umpires, group fitness instructors, community service employees and cleaners
- implementing a project plan and consultation process for affected work areas to prevent casual employees being rostered for less than two hours, which may include provision of additional duties to make up the minimum time period

- undertaking a consultation process with long term regular casual employees to discuss converting to part-time employment if that is a strategy the Local Government would like to adopt. In accordance with the LGIA the Local Government will need to stipulate the hours and days of work for part-time employees in writing, and
- undertaking financial modelling on how the two clauses to be added into the LGIA may affect your budget, operations and service delivery.

Important action required:

Local Governments who are covered by the LGIA and / or incorporate the terms of the LGIA into their enterprise agreements will also need to plan for and implement a process to ensure all existing casual employees, regular or not, are provided with a copy of the casual conversion provisions in the LGIA by Tuesday, **1 January** 2019 and in the case of new casual employees, within the first 12 months of the employee's first engagement to perform work.

The finalised casual conversion provisions will be published on the FWC website on or around Monday, **1 October**.

For more information, email [WALGA Employee Relations](#) or call 1300 366 956.

New Natural Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA-WA) - Webinar

The new natural disaster recovery funding arrangements (DRFA-WA) commence on Thursday, 1 November. These replace WANDRRA for all natural disasters from that date and impact how Local Governments can make claims for disaster funding assistance following an eligible event.

The Commonwealth has released new Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) and the State Government is preparing a DRFA-WA guideline to support the implementation of the new arrangements.

There are significant changes that affect Local Governments. Some of the key changes include:

- Cost estimates must be provided in most, but not all cases of essential public asset repair and reconstruction;
- Detailed information is required to support the estimate, prior to the reconstruction of essential public assets;
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- Main Roads WA will no longer process Local Government claims directly, but will continue to review estimates and claims on behalf of the DFES Recovery Directorate to provide an engineering assurance check.

The new arrangements will impact your Local Government, if you are affected by an eligible disaster event.

A free DRFA-WA webinar will be held to provide an overview of the changes. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Date: Wednesday, **24 October**
Time: 9.30am to 10:00am

Click [here](#) to register.

For more information, email Executive Manager, Infrastructure [Ian Duncan](#) or call 9213 2031.

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2019 Deskpad Calendar - Order Form

All Councils are reminded to send through the 2019 Desk Pad Calendar order form by Friday, 26 October.

The Western Australian Local Government Desk Pad Calendar is a valuable tool for any person who has an involvement with Local Government. It contains key Local Government dates and deadlines.

Each Desk Pad includes 25 sheets. Each sheet includes:

- State Council meeting dates
- Public holidays
- School holidays
- Local Government Convention and conference dates

As a benefit of your membership, WALGA will provide complimentary copies for each Elected Member, CEO and Executive Managers.

Additional copies are available for pre-purchase at a cost of \$8.10 (including GST) plus \$8.40 for postage and handling.

In order to determine the quantity of print run, we will need to receive the order form by Friday, **26 October**.

To order, please complete the [order form](#) and email to PR Assistant, [Brenda Law-Yat](#).

If the form is not returned, we will assume that you do not want to receive your complimentary copies.

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Personal Development and Professional Skills Training

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[Effective Supervision - Part 1](#)

Tuesday and Wednesday, **2 and 3 October**

[Effective Letter & Report Writing in Local Government](#)

Friday, **26 October**

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Tuesday and Wednesday, **6 and 7 November**

[Dealing with Difficult Customers](#)

Friday, **16 November**

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Consultation Sessions on Homelessness

The Department of Communities is holding consultation sessions on homelessness. Community members, including Elected Members, are invited to the sessions.

The sessions seek thoughts and ideas from the community about how to address homelessness. Feedback collected from the consultation sessions will play an important role in shaping the strategy.

Registration is essential. Click [here](#) to register or for details of the information sessions.

The Department also encourages people with first-hand experience of homelessness to participate. If someone you know would like to share a personal story, complete the [consent form](#) and email it to the [Homelessness Strategy Team](#).

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Friday, **19 October**

[Rates in Local Government - Clerical](#)

Tuesday, **13 November**

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

Wednesday, **14 November**

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FINAL CALL: People and Culture Seminar 2018

The Local Government People and Culture Seminar aims to engage Local Government Officers from a range of disciplines and organisational levels, with speakers offering expertise to help attendees influence their organisation's culture and build capacity to innovate.

Date: Friday, **12 October**

Time: 8:30am to 5:00pm (Registrations from 8:00am)

Venue: Optus Stadium

Cost: \$300 (Incl GST)

RSVP: By Tuesday, **9 October**

Topics covered by this seminar include:

- Workplace Disputes and Engaging with Industrial Tribunals
- Coaching Style of Leadership and Holding Hard Conversations
- Gender Diversity and Unconscious Bias
- Social Media and HR
- Learning from past Local Government Inquiries (panel session), and
- Update of WALGA's new Temporary Personnel Services Preferred Supplier Panel.

The day will conclude with a networking sundowner.

CEOs, senior staff, line managers, governance and human resource practitioners, training and recruitment officers from all Local Governments and Associate Members are encouraged to attend.

Click [here](#) to register for the seminar.

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

FINAL CALL: 2018 WA Transport and Roads Forum

WALGA and Main Roads WA invite you to the 2018 WA Transport and Roads Forum which will provide Local Governments the opportunity to influence the future direction of policy, explore challenges and share strategies, hear the latest updates and engage with the State Government.

Date: Tuesday, **16 October**

Time: 8:45am to 4:15pm

Venue: Crown Perth

Cost: \$50 (incl GST)

Registration is essential by Tuesday, **9 October**.

Registration and further information regarding speakers and topics is available [here](#).

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Draft WA Cultural Infrastructure Strategy Regional Consultation Webinars

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) has prepared the draft WA Cultural Infrastructure Strategy and is seeking input from Local Governments.

The purpose of the strategy, the first for the State, is to enrich the lives of Western Australians by ensuring access to arts and cultural experiences.

WALGA and DLGSC are hosting two upcoming webinars as part of the consultation phase and all Local Governments are encouraged to take part.

The first webinar will provide an overview of the draft strategy and the second will engage with Local Governments for feedback.

The webinars can be accessed online on the following dates. Register for the webinars using the links below:

Tuesday, **23 October** at 2:30pm - Information Session
[Webinar 1 registration](#)

Tuesday, **30 October** at 2:30pm - Engagement and Feedback
[Webinar 2 registration](#)

For more information on the draft WA Cultural Infrastructure Strategy, email the [DLGSC](#) or call 6552 7466.

2019 WA Wetland Management Conference - Call for Presentations

The Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre invites all interested persons to contribute plenary, poster and/or workshop presentations to its 15th annual WA Wetland Management Conference, to be held at the Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre on Friday, 1 February 2019 in celebration of World Wetlands Day.

The primary objective of the Conference is to provide an annual opportunity for the exchange of information and ideas with a focus on the latest developments about how to effectively manage and restore wetlands. This year's theme follows the Ramsar theme for 2019 of 'Wetlands and Climate Change'. Sub-themes include wetland management and restoration, wetland education and wetland policy.

The conference will feature keynote, plenary and poster presentations, and concurrent workshop sessions and interpretive tours of local restoration sites. Groups are encouraged to contribute displays and other information. The closing date for abstracts is Friday, **26 October**.

The conference program and call for registrations will be issued in late November.

For more information, refer to the [information sheet](#) or email The Wetlands Centre Cockburn Westlands Officer [Denise Crosbie](#).

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Monday, **1 October**

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McGowan Government ignores Men's Sheds mental health tools

Mia Davies has used World Mental Health Day to highlight funding concerns forced upon Men's Sheds of WA by the McGowan Government.

The organisation, which represents about 180 individual men's shed committees operating across the State, including 125 in regional WA, has been given no ongoing funding commitment from the Labor Government.

The Leader of The Nationals WA today asked the Health Minister why he had not committed any ongoing departmental support to Men's Sheds, which is facing recruitment and resourcing challenges as funding dries up.

"Men's sheds have a proven track record of improving social connectedness and helping men manage mental health and health issues," Ms Davies said.

"Despite growing in popularity and continuing to address key health issues in communities across the State, this Health Minister seems ignorant of the benefits Men's Sheds offer and refuses to offer ongoing funding support."

"He's even gone so far as to blame the organisation itself for not getting funded, despite Men's Sheds of WA repeatedly contacting Government Ministers in an effort to negotiate long-term funding."

Men's Sheds of WA is the overarching body that assists coordinating and disseminating information to individual shed committees and setting up new sheds.

The McGowan Government has only approved sporadic funding extensions to the organisation, with the latest paltry amount of \$150,000 from the Department of Communities expiring at year's end.

Ms Davies, who has written to the Ministers for Health and Communities requesting long-term funding arrangements be considered, said the organisation needed security if it was to continue building on a decade of good work.

"Given the clear health and mental health outcomes men's sheds produce in WA, it is perfectly sensible for the Department of Health to provide three-to-five year funding contributions," she said.

"It aligns perfectly with the State government's recently released Mental Health Plan, which reinforces the need for continuing and implementing a range of programs that increase optimal mental health and wellbeing, reduces incidence of mental illness and prevents and reduces drug use and harmful alcohol use.

"If the McGowan Government is serious about improving mental health outcomes, then it needs to support this growing community-based State and national movement."



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