



Councillor Information Bulletin

For the Ordinary Council Meeting
held on Thursday 15th October 2026

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SHIRE OF WESTONIA

Oct/Nov 26

Date & Time	What	Where	Who
Thursday 15 October	Council Meeting	Chambers	Councillors, Senior Staff
Friday 16 October	Meeting with Forrestania Resources Mine Manager David Geraghty	Chambers	Councillors, Senior Staff
Friday 16 October	Official Opening Community Hub and Night at Museum Street Party	Hub & Museums	Councillors & Staff
Wednesday 21 October	Melissa Price MLA Durack Meeting	Chambers	Councillors, Senior Staff
Wednesday 28 October	WEROC AGM & Meeting	Kellerberrin	President & CEO
Friday 30 October	WA Water Awards Evening	Perth	President & CEO
Saturday 31 October	Rural Health Awards	Perth	Dr Ward, Laura Black
Monday 9 November	CEACA AGM & Meeting	Merredin	Cr DellaBosca & DCEO
Thursday 12 November	GEZ Meeting	Dowerin	President, Deputy & CEO
Thursday 19 November	Council Meeting	Chambers	Councillors & Senior Staff

CEO'S REPORT

- **GENERAL MATTERS**

- Met with David Campbell from Campbell Transport who will be undertaking the cartage for the Mine Operations. Cartage will commence on Thursday 15 October with a slow start but will steadily increase as ore is stockpiled to an anticipated 8000T/day. A road agreement was a bone of contention during discussions and will need to be negotiated with Mine Management.
- The new CAT Grader was delivered on 1 October which was gladly received by Kevin



- The community Bus has again been repaired from damage caused by kangaroo.
- I participated in a CEACA Teams meeting held on Monday 5 October. Mia Davies has been appointed as the new independent Chair and will take over from Tuck Waldron at the next meeting. Westonia's 4 x house allocation is scheduled for February/March next year.
- Another Wayne Bowser has been purchased to complete the passageway entrance to the main Museum area. A bullet shaped Pennziol highboy has also been purchased and is a very unusual item for the display. The Blitz Truck has also made its way into the Museum as well and is very complimentary to the display.



- Council's contract EHO visited Westonia to conduct inspections of the Camp Kitchen so that they can be licensed and commence operations. Whilst in town a friendly inspection was conducted at the Westonia Tavern.
- Cr Faithfull and I attended the Newtravel meetings held in Nungarin on Tuesday 6 October.
- I attended the Westonia Bush Fire Brigade Meeting held on Tuesday 6 October and the Westonia Advisory Committee meeting held on Tuesday 13 October.

- The initial busy bee for the Men's Shed was held with the installation of benches and tools that have been donated by various parties. The next busy bee will be determining what items need to be purchased to complete the workshop for use.
- I met with John Nuttall, WSN, in Westonia on Thursday 8 October to discuss the future funding arrangements for the program.
- I did an interview with Andrew Collins ABC Drive Show on Thursday 8 October to talk about Westonia being a friendly town for visitors.
- I represented Council at the funeral service of Mitchell Shreeve held at Pinnaroo on Friday 9 October.
- The official opening of the Community Hub will take place on Friday 16 October to be followed by a street party event, "A Night in the Museum".
- A meeting with David Geraghty, Forrestania Mine Manager, has been scheduled for Friday 16 October at 2pm.
- A meeting with Melissa Price, MP for Durack, has been scheduled for Wednesday 21 October at 10.30am in Westonia.
- The third transportable house was delivered on Monday 12 October. Unfortunately, the unit was loaded on the wrong way so a bit of stuffing around to get it sited on the lot. Pete will continue with the carport and decking and also install fencing between the properties. Steelwork has been ordered for the façade structure that will be installed on the main street which is being installed by Jeff Familonga. Pete will be doing all of the cladding work.



- **DELEGATED AUTHORITY ACTIONS**

- Nil

- **ROADCREW**

- The construction crew completed the Mukinbudin construction project on the Nungarin Mukinbudin Road this week. A report will be presented to the Council on Thursday.
- The construction crew will commence construction works for the Shire of Nungarin project.
- Sand and gravel materials have been carted to the SRG Yerbillion stockpile and will continue each swing.
- Sand and gravel has been stockpiled in pit located on South Carrabin and Henderson Roads.
- Trucks will commence gravel sheeting Hodgeson Road.

- **TOWN**

- Charlie Dixon has commenced as Town Maintenance person and will be a great addition to the town crew with his plumbing and gardening experience.
- I have employed Juan Kruse to assist in gardening for a 3 month period assisting Juan Petroni to get the gardens back to mint condition.
- House and shed pads have been installed on various properties around the township.

- **PLANT HOURS**

The following is a list of plant and vehicle kilometre and hour readings for the period ending 30.09.26.

Item		31.08.26	30.09.26
P1	CAT 140 GRADER	5,042hrs	5140hrs
P2	CAT 12M GRADER	11,503hrs	11,584hrs
P3	PRIME MOVER (KENWORTH)	96,401ms	100,713ms
P4	ROAD TRAIN (NEW FREIGHTLINER)	192,009kms	195,546kms
P5	JOHN DEERE LOADER	271hrs	344hrs
P6	CAT ROLLER (SKIP)	3,657hrs	3,722hrs
P7	MINI-EXCAVATOR	1,614hrs	1,617hrs
P8	TELEHANDLER JCB	909hrs	928hrs
P9	TOYOTA (GRADER UTE)	98,616ms	101,124ms
P10	MITSUBISHI CANTER	42,817ms	46,172ms
P11	TOYOTA HILUX (HCS) WT 35	115,934kms	116,156Kms
P12	JOHN DEERE (5100)	2,892hrs	2,926hrs
P14	TOYOTA LANDCRUISER GXL (CEO)	1,100 kms	2,410kms
P15	TOYOTA HILUX D/CAB (W/SUPER)	23,573kms	29,897kms
P16	TOYOTA RAV4 (Community)	35,789kms	36,021kms
P17	TOYOTA HILUX DUAL CAB	97,721kms	97,721kms
P19	FAST ATTACK	23,038kms	23,045kms
P20	FIRE TRUCK	7,787kms	7,787kms
P18	WESSY BUS	158,310kms	kms
P22	KUBOTA RIDE ON MOWER (OVAL)	2,229hrs	2,229hrs
P23	TOYOTA MINI-BUS (WT COM V)	52,331kms	kms
P24	CAT ROLLER (LOLA)	4,111hrs	4,161hrs
P25	MICK's BEAUT UTE	193,139kms	193,256kms
P27	TOYOTA PRADO GXL (DCEO)	19,369kms	20,253kms
P28	TOYOTA HILUX UTILITY (TOWN)	19,178ms	19,410ms
P29	MOWER	26hrs	302hrs
PCG1	WTCAT CAT GRADER		15hrs

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND WELLBEING REPORT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Working group meetings held every 3rd Wednesday of the month:

Event planning –

Wessy on the Green 2027. Food vendors, Entertainment, sound tech and bands are booked for the 10th of April 2027. Accommodation for our vendors, bands and sound Tech are limited this year and are looking for other alternatives.

A Night @ the Museum Incorporating the opening of the Mens shed and the Warm Water Leisure Pool - 16/10/2026 Starting @ the community Hub 4.30pm then moving to the Museum. Uncle Diesel's Smoke n Grill will be feeding everyone and the Playground fundraiser are running the bar in the Hood Penn Museum.

A Triathlon is being planned for the end of the year or early 2027. Community fitness, active Farmers and move it or Loose it, Tai chi and Thursday night Pilates are held in the Recreation Centre weekly.

The Warm Water Leisure Pool is open and getting a lot of use.

CRC – with Co-design workshops over the DPIRD WACRN team have now moved into the Procurement and Contracting phase, which will run until 1 July 2027, when the new contracts begin.

Community Hub – We have started with Busy bees and planning the Hub Open Week in November Monday 9/11/26 we will be holding a morning tea then a sausage sizzle with all areas open from 10am – 1pm that day.

Grant applications & award nominations submitted:

The CRC have submitted the official grant application for Major Sponsorship to the Bendigo Bank for \$30,000.00 towards Wessy on the Green 2027. This has been accepted and the event will now be called Bendigo Bank Wessy on the Green and will be on all advertising going forward.

Application for \$1000 for Seniors week has been submitted, planned activities are to begin a Garden Wicking bed project and hold an Open Day in November for the Community Hub.

Future grant opportunities & award nominations:

WELLBEING REPORT

Weekly Activities

Bingo every Thursday 9-12 Pax

Scrabble every Tuesday 5 Pax

Bus trips – 25/9/26 Picnic at Baladjie 11pax

7/10/26 Mens shed Busy bee 5pax

10/10/26 Putts for Pink McGrath foundation fundraiser 46 pax, Well done to Mitch and Chantelle from Outwest Mech for hosting this very successful event approx \$2800 raised for the cause (Full details in the Westonian).

Active Farmers with Emilie Menze Every Wednesday (2x General Fitness classes and seniors' session)

Age Care

Westonia Home Care Services

We are continuing to provide community Wellbeing activities

Westonia Home Care Services Clients: 24

New clients about to join service: 0

Staff delivering services: 5

Services: Administration and Package management, Cleaning and Household tasks, Medical, Personal Care, Social Support, Support work, Gardening & Maintenance, Meals, Allied health, Medicine management, Equipment and Home modifications.

Department of Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission - Westonia Home Care are currently making application to renew their 3 yearly contract to provide Support at Home Services.

Department of Health, Disability and Ageing – Thin Markets Grant (round 3) is open and we have applied for the 2027-2028 financial year, approximately \$200,000.00 to assist in keeping cost

lower while delivering aged care in rural and remote areas.

Monthly and annual reporting – Quarterly and annual financial reports to Department of health, disability and ageing. SaHCC annual reporting (Support @ Home cost collection).

WESTONIA TOURIST PARK

The wildflowers have left for the season but that hasn't deterred the tourist the park is still full most nights and there are still plenty of points of interest to see while staying in Westonia, the hustle and bustle of the mine getting ready to reopen has been quite interesting to the visitors.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

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

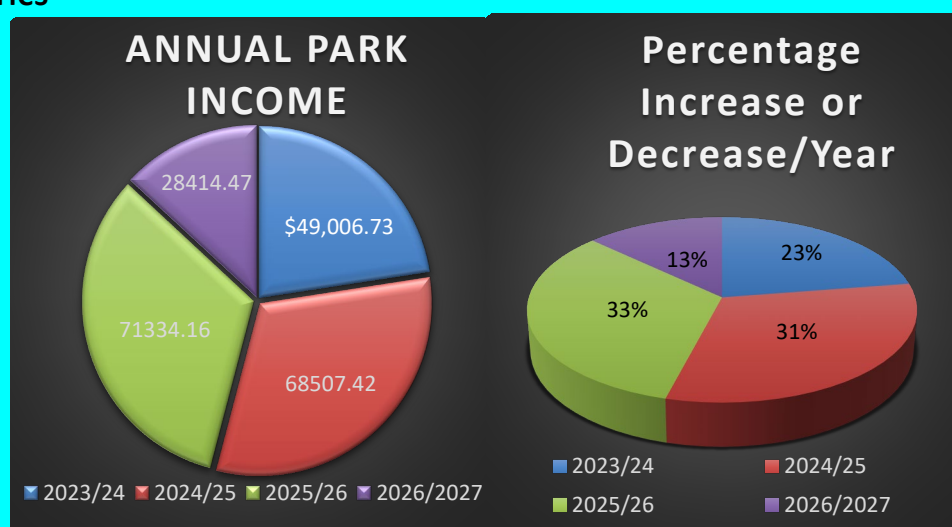
Disabled toilet drainage will need some major work as tree roots have made their way into the pipes.

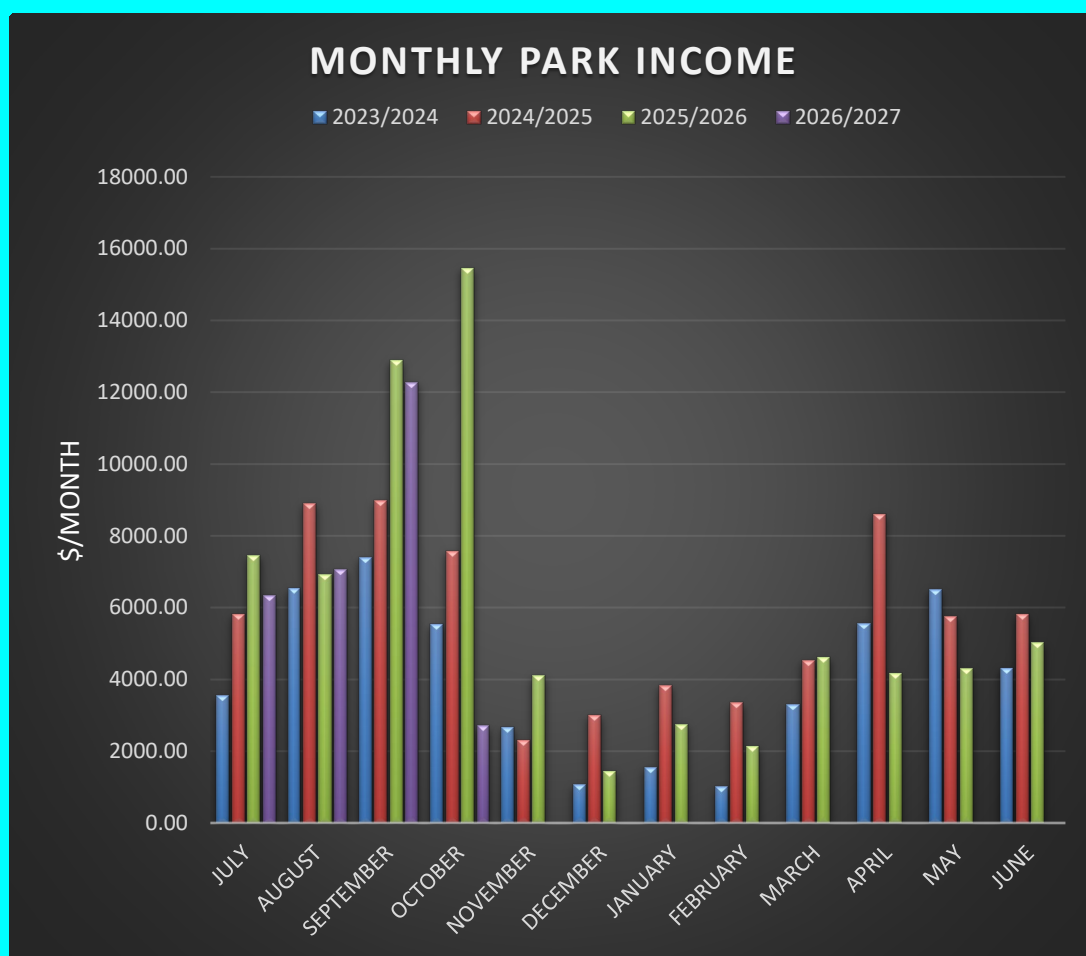
FUTURE PROJECTS

Permanent signage required to say "If office is unattended, please ring the caretaker's phone or Shire office alternatively you can visit the Shire office during business hours Monday to Friday to complete your booking".

Overflow – new signs needed for sites and information sign needed to describe who to ring or see to book in and outline that you must un-hook. Defined bays might be a good idea for this area.

STATISTICS





HOOD-PENN MUSEUM and COOPERS GARAGE MUSEUM

The museums are as popular as ever the school holidays have brought a large amount of families into town and the kids have enjoyed the museums with plenty of questions asked about Mr Alfred Weston himself

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

Various minor repairs and maintenance ongoing

RECENT PROJECTS

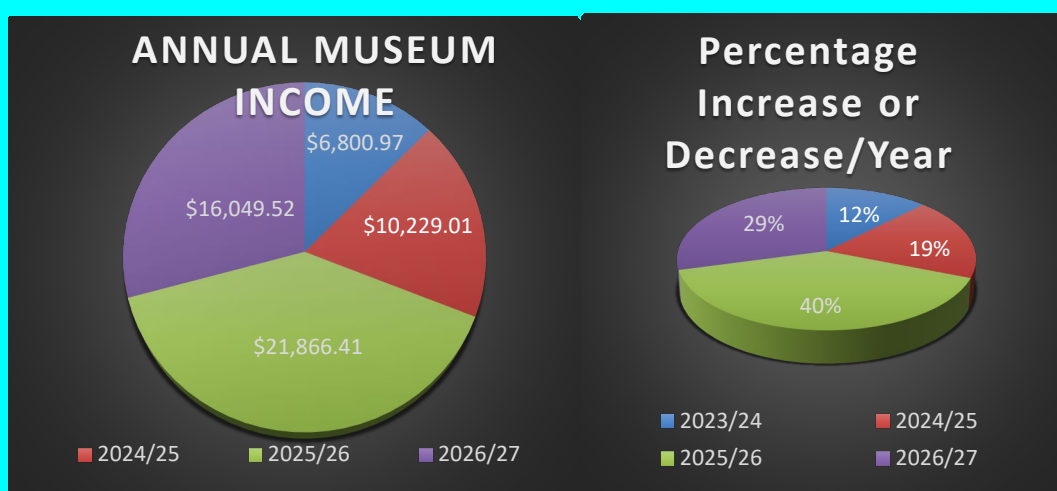
War Memorial moved from OM Hall and photo signs now installed.

Model War Planes hung in War Memorial scene

FUTURE PROJECTS

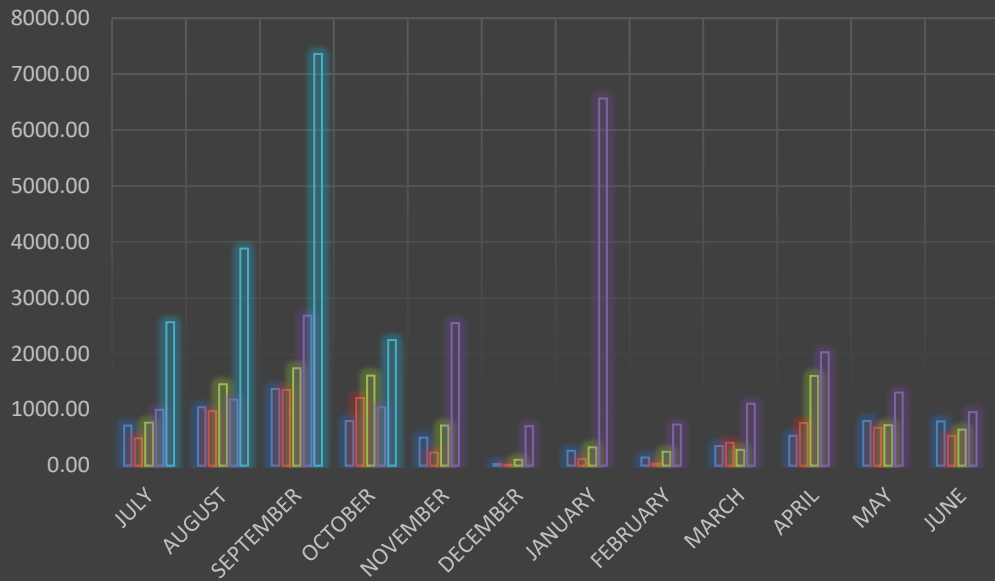
New scenes to be created in the existing space of the old storage room to tell the stories of our primary industries of which Westonia was founded on.

STATISTICS



MONTHLY MUSEUM INCOME

2022/23 2023/24 2024/25 2025/26 2026/27



STATE ROAD FUNDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)

Minutes – Wednesday, 9 September 2026

Meeting 02/2026

Held at Main Roads Western Australia – Room DAC CMR Large Conference – Matagarup Room

1. Attendance

SAC members present

- John Erceg (JE) – Chair – MRWA
- President Mark Irwin AM (MI) – WALGA
- David MacLennan (DMC) – WALGA (Arrived 1:15pm)
- Des Snook (DS) – MRWA
- Douglas Morgan (DM) – MRWA
- Karen Chappel (KC) – WALGA (via Microsoft Teams)
- Maurice Cammack (MC) – MRWA
- Matt Fanning (MF) - WALGA
- Mike Andrews (MA) – MRWA
- Nick Sloan (NS) – WALGA

Others in attendance

- Ian Duncan (ID) – WALGA
- Kevin Pethick (KP) – MRWA
- Kimberly Brosztl (KB) – IPWEA, attending in place of Shane Purdy
- Sarah Hossen (SH) – MRWA

Apologies

- Shane Purdy (SP) – IPWEA
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1.1 Welcome and apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 1:05pm and welcomed members and attendees. The Chair noted the apology from Shane Purdy and that Kimberly Brosztl attended in his place.

Karen Chappel attended the meeting via Microsoft Teams. David MacLennan joined the meeting at 1:15pm.

The Chair noted that this was Mark Irwin's first SAC meeting as he was unable to attend the previous meeting.

The Chair also noted that this was Ian Duncan's final SAC meeting prior to his retirement. The Committee acknowledged Ian's long-standing contribution to SAC and the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement, noting that he has been with WALGA since 2007, attended his first SAC meeting on 6 October 2011, and has been involved in four State Road Funds to Local Government Agreements. The Chair thanked Ian for his significant contribution and service to the Committee over many years.

1.2 Conflict of interest

The Chair invited members to declare any conflicts of interest. No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 4 May 2026 were accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

2.2 Business arising from the minutes

Reference	Item / Officer	Status	Action Required / Update
May 2026 – 3.0	Gascoyne Letter – APV Model	Completed	Letter signed on 9 September 2026 advising that SAC is not in a position to make changes to the APV model and that the feedback will be provided to the WA Local Government Grants Commission.
May 2026 – 3.0	SWRRG Commodity Route Fund – Shire of Manjimup	Completed	Letter signed on 9 September 2026. The matter has been formally noted and will be considered as part of the next Agreement development
May 2026 – 3.0	SWRRG Bridge Funding – Shire of Manjimup	Ongoing	Draft response prepared and with WALGA for review.
May 2026 – 3.0	Shire of East Pilbara – MCA Model	Completed	Letter signed 9 September 2026. The matter has been referred back to the Pilbara Regional Road Group for resolution, with support from WALGA (Max Bushell - WALGA) and Main Roads Pilbara Regional Office staff.
May 2026 – 5.4	Agreement Commitments – Aboriginal Employment (DS / ID)	Completed	Is incorporated under item 5.4.1 Aboriginal Employment Update.
December 2025 – 5.5	Agreement Commitments – Aboriginal Employment (DS)	Completed	Is incorporated under item 5.4.1 Aboriginal Employment Update.
December 2025 – 6.3	Heavy Vehicle Services (DS)	Ongoing	DS advised that the CA07 change had been reviewed and discussed with a working group (including WALGA and four LGAs). Feedback has been requested and once all received a wider group of LGAs will be updated and asked for feedback. Paper in minutes.

3. Correspondence

3.1 Correspondence out

3.1.1 Gascoyne Asset Preservation Model SAC Letter – Correspondence

Action item from previous meeting, letter attached.

3.1.2 SWRRG Commodity Route Funding SAC Letter – Correspondence

Action item from previous meeting. Letter attached.

3.1.3 SWRRG Bridge Funding SAC Letter – Correspondence

Was not sent thus not a correspondence out item.

Action Item: WALGA and MRWA to continue progressing the draft response in relation to bridge funding arrangements.

3.1.4 Pilbara MCA Model SAC Letter – Correspondence

Previous action item. Letter attached.

Correspondence in

3.1.5 SWRRG Request for Clarification on Road Project Grant Funding Reallocation – Correspondence

Main items within the letter:

- The Committee received correspondence from the South West Regional Road Group Technical Committee seeking clarification on the ability of Regional Road Groups to recommend the reallocation of unutilised Road Project Grant funding to other eligible road programs.
- The correspondence specifically sought clarification on whether unutilised annual Road Project Grant funding may be reallocated to eligible Commodity Route projects that were not funded under the approved annual program, and to bridge renewal and replacement projects identified and prioritised by Main Roads WA South West Region.
- The letter noted that the South West region has experienced challenges in fully utilising its annual Road Project Grant allocation in recent years, while eligible Commodity Route projects have remained unfunded due to the Commodity Route Program being oversubscribed.
- The letter also acknowledged SAC's decision to review bridge funding arrangements and noted that representatives look forward to attending a future meeting with relevant stakeholders.

KP advised that information had been provided to ID for consideration in preparing a response to the letter.

Action Item: ID to consider the information provided and WALGA and MRWA will prepare a response to the South West Regional Road Group Technical Committee.

4. Financial reports

4.1 Expenditure by Sub-Program 2025-26

The paper titled 4.1.1 End of Year Expenditure Profile Sub-Programs 2025-26 was noted by SAC. Category 1 had a current budget of approximately \$263 million and expenditure of approximately \$213 million, resulting in an under-expenditure of approximately \$50 million. This represented an improvement of approximately \$7 million compared with the previous year. However, the level of under-expenditure remains significant.

Road Project Grants recorded an under-expenditure of approximately \$29.4 million, or 16%. State Black Spot on Local Roads recorded an under-expenditure of approximately \$18.8 million, which will be carried over.

The combined program expenditure was approximately \$327 million. It was noted that Category 2 programs recorded an over-expenditure, whereas previous years had generally recorded under-expenditure.

JE noted that South West and Metropolitan regions continue a history of under delivery. It was noted that the issues of service relocations, complex environmental and Heritage approvals were not diminishing. Noted that project delivery in built up areas is generally more problematic than the rural regions.

4.2 Update to 2026-27 and 2027-28 Funding Distribution

SAC considered the paper titled 4.2.1 Update to 2026-27 and 2027-28 Funding Distribution, which was circulated on the morning of the meeting. The document titled 4.2.1 – Category 1 to Category 2 Funding Movement Options was also tabled at the meeting and considered as part of the discussion. It was noted that, as part of the State Government's fiscal strategy and review of grant programs, a decision had been made to cap Category 1 funding at the 2025-26 levels for 2026-27 and 2027-28, being the final two years of the current Agreement.

SAC noted that the overall funding under the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement remains at 20 per cent of Motor Vehicle Licence Fee (MVLF) collections, with growth funding reallocated from Category 1 to Category 2 – State Initiatives. It was noted that this results in a

combined movement of \$34.22 million over the two years, while maintaining funding within the local road network program.

It was noted that the 2026-27 program had already been developed and recommended by SAC and would remain unchanged. The tabled document identified that Category 1 funding for 2027-28 would reduce from approximately \$230 million to approximately \$195 million, with the full reduction to Category 1 indicative allocations to be applied in 2027-28. Category 2 – State Initiatives allocations would increase by \$10.878 million in 2026-27 and \$23.342 million in 2027-28 to reflect the shift in revenue growth.

SAC discussed the principles for adjusting the 2027-28 indicative allocations, including the need to acknowledge past delivery performance, address delivery challenges, maintain an appropriate focus on road safety outcomes, and allow Local Governments to continue delivering projects already approved and in delivery. Discussion also noted the need to better understand and adjust budgets for delivery barriers, including approval processes, land acquisition, service relocations and other factors contributing to delays.

It was also noted that the Metropolitan region Road Project Grants expenditure information showed a three-year average expenditure rate of 66.25 per cent, excluding funds re-allocated to regions in 2025/26 for “shovel-ready” projects.

SAC discussed the historical Black Spot expenditure information and noted that the South West had recorded two years of poor delivery, while Metropolitan region had recorded three years of poor delivery. Discussion included where the delivery challenges were occurring, including whether the under-expenditure related to a broad number of projects or a small number of higher-value projects. Funding is allocated to a small number of projects each year in most regions so the percentage acquittal can be significantly impacted by one project being delayed.

The Committee noted the importance of clear communication to Regional Road Groups and Local Governments. SAC also noted that the current adjustment was not linked to any future Agreement negotiations.

SAC agreed that a working group be established urgently, with representation from SAC, Main Roads and WALGA, to develop options for the 2027/28 Category 1 funding allocation for each sub-program and region. This group is to also prepare communication material for use by SAC for distribution to Regional Road Groups and Local Governments.

Action Item: Establish a working group to develop and recommend to SAC out of session the implementation approach and communication material for funding allocations to programs, sub-programs and regions for the revised 2027/28 Local Roads Program.

Resolution:

SAC:

- Note the Minister's decision to cap Category 1 funding for 2026-27 and 2027-28 to the 2025-26 funding level of \$206.05 million. This results in a reduction, over the 2 years, of \$34.22 million against the indicative funding levels.
 - Note the Minister's decision to apply this \$34.22 million to Category 2 (State Initiatives) will maintain overall funding for the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement at 20% of Motor Vehicle Licence Fee (MVLFF) revenue.
 - Endorse the proposal by Main Roads WA that the total funding adjustment be made in the 2027/28 Local Roads Program.
 - Establish a working group to:
 - Prepare options, based on the principles noted, to implement the reduction to the Category 1 programs to inform the 2027-28 indicative allocations across the programs and Regional Road Groups; and
 - Develop a communication plan to inform Regional Road Groups and Local Governments of the decision for use by SAC, WALGA and Main Roads.
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4.3 Expenditure Profile/Sub-Programs 2026-27

The paper titled 4.3.1 Expenditure Profile Sub-Programs 2026-27 was taken as read and noted by SAC. It was noted that the 2026-27 program is approximately \$370 million and with only one month actual expenditure data available there was limited activity to report at this stage.

4.4 Local and State Roads Black Spot Program 2025-26

The papers titled 4.4.1 State Black Spot Program - Local Roads Summary Report - P12 2025-26 and 4.4.2 State Black Spot Program - State Roads Summary Report - P12 2025-26 were taken as read and noted by SAC.

The Committee discussed the paper titled 4.4.3 Black Spot Funding Guidelines Changes. It was noted that the State funding level is not proposed to change. A question was raised as to whether the Australian Government would allow funding to be combined, noting that this approach had not previously been supported. MRWA advised that discussions have been held with the Australian Government and that the Australian Government is supportive of the combined funding approach.

It was noted that the proposed change may result in a reduction in the number of projects funded under the program; however, it would allow eligible projects to receive funding of up to \$6 million.

Resolution

SAC:

1. Endorses, in principle, increasing the maximum Black Spot funding for a project on Local Government roads from \$3 million to \$6 million for eligible projects under Australian Government and State Government Black Spot Program, commencing from the 2028-29 Program;
2. Notes the proposed \$6 million would comprise up to \$3 million Australian Government Black Spot funding, \$2 million State funding and \$1 million Local Government contribution; and
3. Notes Main Roads will engage with the Australian Government and update the State Black Spot Program Guidelines before implementation.

4.5 Australian Government Black Spot Program 2025-26

The paper titled 4.5.1 Australian Government Black Spot Program Summary Report - P12 2025-26 was taken as read and noted by SAC.

5. General reports

5.1 WALGA Local Roads Program Manager

The paper titled 5.1.1 WALGA Local Roads Program Manager was noted by SAC. The Committee discussed the number of legacy projects that have been ongoing for multiple years, particularly within the Metropolitan and South West regions. It was noted that a number of these projects continue to be impacted by factors including service relocations, land acquisition, native vegetation clearing approvals, traffic signal approvals and line marking invoicing.

The Committee noted that WALGA has been meeting with Local Governments to review project delivery status, identify barriers to delivery and improve the staging of projects over multiple years. It was also noted that improved staging may assist in better aligning approved project budgets with annual expenditure and reducing future carryover.

It was noted that if there are any concerns about specific projects that now may be unable to be completed due to the delay in program approval, Local Governments should advise their RRGs so that alternative projects could be funded. SAC may consider the benefits of moving funds between RRGs.

5.2 MINDER

The paper titled 5.2.1 MINDER was taken as read and noted by SAC.

5.3 Regional Road Group Report

The paper titled 5.3.1 Regional Road Group Report was noted by SAC. It was noted that four of the ten Regional Road Groups met in the eighteen-week period since the last SAC meeting on 4 May 2026.

Key discussion items included:

- 2025-26 program of works and delivery
- 2026-27 proposed programs
- Project delivery improvement
- Development of a revised Multi-Criteria Assessment methodology in response to the new SRFLG Procedures
- Road safety initiatives
- DRFAWA claims and procedures
- Traffic management costs
- Resourcing
- Bridge inspections
- Impact of bitumen and diesel price increases and supply concerns

Inductions for Regional Road Group delegates have been provided at each elected member meeting since the October Local Government elections.

It was noted that the Pilbara region continues to experience challenges. The next round of Regional Road Group meetings is scheduled for September, October and November 2026.

5.4 Agreement Commitments

SAC discussed the Agreement Commitments relating to Aboriginal employment, road safety and use of recycled materials.

Action: ID to update SAC representatives on each Working Group following changes to SAC membership earlier this year.

5.4.1 Aboriginal Employment

DS provided an update on the Aboriginal Employment commitments. It was noted that a reporting process has been developed for Black Spot and Road Project Grant programs, and that instructions have been provided to ID today for consideration. Any feedback requiring approval will be progressed as required.

It was noted that staged trials have been undertaken and that feedback received has been used to refine the process. SAC acknowledged that while limited progress has been made to date in terms

of data collection, a significant amount of work has been undertaken seeking to develop a practical approach.

The Committee agreed that the preferred approach is to commence collecting information and refine the process over time, recognising that some Local Governments may experience difficulty providing complete information initially. Data collection will be linked to but not affect the Road Project Grant Black Spot payment process, including the 40 per cent, 40 per cent and final 20 per cent payment stages.

Action Item: Following launch of the Aboriginal employment reporting process, the working group is to regroup after six months to review feedback, assess the information collected and consider any refinements required.

5.4.2 Road Safety

The paper titled 5.4.2 SRFLGA Road Safety Working Group - Update for SAC (Aug 2026) was taken as read and noted by SAC. It was noted that the draft FAQ is no longer with WALGA and has been returned to MRWA for further consideration.

5.4.3 Recycled Materials

The paper titled 5.4.3 SRFLGA Recycled Materials Working Group - Update for SAC (Aug 2026) was taken as read and noted.

6. General business

6.1 Roundtable / Other

No items were raised under Roundtable / Other.

6.2 For Noting

- 6.2.1 Heavy Vehicle Services
 - 6.2.2 Classifications and Proclamations
 - 6.2.3 Future State Roads Review
 - 6.2.4 LGTRIPP Report
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6.2.3 Future State Roads Review

The paper titled 6.2.3 Future State Roads Project Close-Out Note - September 2026 was noted by SAC. It was noted that the standing item is to be closed out, as the Future State Roads Project is now incorporated into business-as-usual activities. For future meetings, this item will be incorporated into 6.2.2 Classifications and Proclamations.

7. Next meeting

Tuesday, 1 December 2026, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at WALGA.

8. Meeting close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 15:10.

Action items register

Reference	Item / Officer	Status	Action Item
December 2025 – 6.3	Heavy Vehicle Services (DS)	Ongoing	Feedback on the CA07 change has been requested following discussion with the working group. Once feedback is received, a wider group of LGAs will be updated and asked to provide feedback.
September 2026 – 5.4.1	Aboriginal Employment Commitments (DS / ID)	New	Following launch of the Aboriginal employment reporting process, the working group is to regroup after six months to review feedback, assess the information collected and consider any refinements required.
September 2026 – 3.1.3	SWRRG Bridge Funding – Shire of Manjimup (WALGA / MRWA)	New	WALGA and MRWA to continue progressing the draft response in relation to bridge funding arrangements, including consideration of WALGA's pending edits, and report back to SAC once further information is available.
September 2026 – 3.1.5	SWRRG Request for Clarification on Road Project Grant Funding Reallocation (ID / WALGA / MRWA)	New	ID to consider the information provided. WALGA and MRWA to prepare a response to the South West Regional Road Group Technical Committee.
September 2026 – 4.2	Update to 2026-27 and 2027-28 Funding Distribution (Main Roads / WALGA)	New	Main Roads and WALGA to establish a working group to develop the implementation approach and communication material for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 funding distribution adjustment, including clear messaging on the reallocation from Category 1 to Category 2 – State Initiatives.

From: Correll, Carolyn (M. Price, MP) <Carolyn.Correll@aph.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, October 2, 2026 1:56 PM

To: Bill Price <b.price@westonia.wa.gov.au>; Shire of Westonia
<shire@westonia.wa.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Meeting with Melissa / Shire of Westonia

Hi Bill and team

Many thanks for your response. Melissa is really looking forward to meeting with representatives from the Shire later this month.

Please see the confirmed details below:

Date: Wed, 21 October 2026

Time: Approximately 10.30 am

Location: Shire of Westonia, 41 Wolfram Street, Westonia

Attendees:

- Bill Price, CEO
- Other attendees TBC

Please note that these arrangements remain subject to any unforeseen circumstances. Melissa will be travelling from a prior meeting with the Shire of Merredin, so the arrival time is approximate and may vary slightly depending on traffic and road conditions.

Point of Contact for Melissa on the day:

De-Arne O'Neil, Office Manager

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If you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

Carolyn

Carolyn Correll

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Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2026 4:03 PM

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Subject: Mandatory Council Member Essentials (CME) Training [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Dear Chief Executive Officer,

The Local Government Inspectorate will soon communicate with local government council members elected between 1 July 2025 and 31 December 2025 regarding their obligation to complete mandatory Council Member Essentials (CME) training by the due date of 31 December 2026 (unless exempt under Regulation 36 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*).

The Inspectorate seeks your early assistance reminding relevant council members to complete the CME training modules by the due date.

Council members failing to complete CME and the associated declaration face a modified penalty of \$500 and potential loss of entitlement to an annual allowance or annual fee.

Your assistance communicating this message to relevant council members is greatly appreciated. Please let the Inspectorate know if you have any enquiries.

Regards,

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From: Cory Hand <Cory@campbelltransport.net.au>

Sent: Wednesday, October 7, 2026 2:58 PM

To: Bill Price <b.price@westonia.wa.gov.au>

Subject: Introduction letter

Hi Bill

Please see the introduction letter. Please let me know if you're happy to run with this.

Regards.



Campbell Transport – Community Introduction

Campbell Transport will soon commence bulk haulage operations in the Westonia area, transporting gold ore to the Edna May Mine.

As we begin operating in the region, we would like to introduce ourselves to the local community and acknowledge that our trucks will become a more regular presence on roads in and around Westonia.

Campbell Transport is committed to operating safely, responsibly and with consideration for local residents and other road users. Our drivers are experienced in regional and remote haulage operations and are expected to maintain high standards of safety and professionalism at all times.

We understand that increased heavy vehicle movements can have an impact on a small community. We will work closely with our client and relevant authorities to manage our operations responsibly and minimise disruption wherever possible.

We appreciate the patience and cooperation of the Westonia community as these haulage operations commence and look forward to becoming a responsible and respectful member of the local area.

Campbell Transport

Cory Hand

Regional Manager, Midwest



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From: Marcelle Ward <secretarywwccc26@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, October 2, 2026 12:45 PM

To: Bill Price <b.price@westonia.wa.gov.au>

Subject: Feedback

Dear Mr Price,

My name is Marcelle Ward, Secretary of the Western Wanderers Camping and Caravan Club. I am writing on behalf of the Committee for Western Wanderers Caravan and Camping Club Inc.

Our club stayed in Westonia at the Shire Tourist Park on the 20th and 21st September 2026.

As a caravan club we appreciated the excellent facilities in the caravan park and the unique attractions your town offers. The Hood-Penn and Coopers Garage Museums were of special interest and members enjoyed their visit. The town itself and its surrounds are delightful and a pleasure to stroll through.

Unfortunately, a number of our members experienced difficulties with their bookings at the Tourist Park and an unsatisfactory dining experience at the Edna May Hotel.

Tourist Park Bookings

A female member of our group was travelling alone by car and booked a cabin in the park for the duration of our stay. Upon arrival she was told that a booking for her was not recorded. She was understandably upset and was told by the park manager that “the people making the bookings didn’t know what they were doing.” Perhaps there is a communication problem between the shire office and the tourist park. She had made the booking at the same time she made bookings for cabins in Cunderdin and Quairading without any problems.

He offered to let her stay in a bedroom at his house which she declined for obvious reasons. She then had to drive to Quairading where she was treated with kindness and professionalism. The site manager was responsive and rearranged bookings so she could spend an extra two nights there before the rest of the group arrived on the 22nd September.

This was not the only booking problem. Another couple were told at the time they tried to make a booking that there were no sites available even though our Venue Officers had made a bulk booking for the vans attending. We observed four vacant

sites next to the camp kitchen until the evening of our last day. They also had to make other arrangements in Merredin.

Edna May Hotel

The local hotel is the heart of any rural community. Our club dines at least once, sometimes twice in the local pub or hotel during our stays in regional towns. Again disappointment was experienced by some of our members.

The club made a booking for 16 people on Tuesday night 21st September. On Monday night 20th September half of our members decided to have dinner at the Edna May Hotel. When they returned to the caravan park they advised us to cancel our booking for the next night because the service and the food had been unsatisfactory.

Our club President, Glen Ward, rang the hotel to cancel the booking. The manager was not pleased and wanted to know the reason. He was told that two of our people waited for two hours to get their dinner. The vegetables were precooked frozen mixed vegetables and what was served as mashed potato seemed to be reconstituted dried potato powder, and when it arrived it was cold and unappetising. His response: "Was that all." During the conversation he was defensive and argumentative. When we visit a hotel people usually spend over \$50 on meals and drinks per person. I estimate the poor food, service and ungracious response to complaints cost the establishment about \$850.

We allow for a certain level of outback charm and a bad day but the behaviour of the Tourist Park manager and the Hotel manager left a lot to be desired.

Our members have travelled extensively throughout Australia and W.A. for many years and can't recall a time when there were so many issues in one location with bookings and hotel service.

Bill, we also want you and your team to know that we really loved your town in spite of our problems and will probably visit again sometime in the future. I'm sure you appreciate that a reliable accommodation booking system and cavalier responses to poor service may need some reflection by the managers mentioned.

I have attached some feedback forms for your information.

Should you wish to discuss this further, you can reach me using the contact information below.

Regards

Marcelle Ward

Marcelle Ward

Secretary

Email: secretarywwccc26@gmail.com

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WESTONIA SHIRE VISITOR FEEDBACK FORM



How would you rate our Caravan Park?

Facilities



Customer Service



How would you rate our town attractions?

Hood- Penn Museum



Recreational Facilities



Heritage Walk Trail



Nature Reserves



Comments:

How would you rate your customer service experience from
our local businesses

Edna May Hotel



Gallery Café



Westonia Community Co-Op



Comments:

Is there anything else you would like to share about your stay in Westonia?

*Beautiful town, you have made
this a destination town.*

Your customer feedback form can be left with our caravan park caretaker or taken to
the Shire Office.

Thank you for your valued feedback

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Comments: Lack of co-ordination at Edna May Hotel. Manager not receptive to feedback regarding problems.

Is there anything else you would like to share about your stay in Westonia?

It is obvious a lot of thought and work has gone into the presentation of your town Co-op well stocked and varied in products

Your customer feedback form can be left with our caravan park caretaker or posted into the honesty box located in the caravan park laundry.

Thank you for your valued feedback

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waited two hours for our meal at the
pub, on arrival dinner was cold and
unappetising.

Is there anything else you would like to share about your stay in Westonia?

Lovely location, interesting places to
visit and friendly people.

Your customer feedback form can be left with our caravan park caretaker or taken to
the Shire Office.

Thank you for your valued feedback

**State Road Funds to
Local Government
Advisory Committee**

25 September 2026

2027-28 LOCAL ROADS PROGRAM FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

A targeted review of grant programs across State Government agencies has been undertaken with one of the objectives being to achieve a "better alignment of grant expenditure estimates with project and / or program schedules". This review, included the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement (SRFLGA), identified that Local Government Road Project Grants and BlackSpot program grants have a history of misalignment between grant expenditure estimates and project schedules. The 2025-26 outcome across the SRFLG Category 1 programs (delivered by Local Governments) was an under expenditure of \$48 million.

The State Government has determined to hold funding for SRFLGA Category 1 Programs (delivered by Local Governments) at the 2025-26 level for the final two years of the current agreement (2026-27 and 2027-28) in an effort to improve alignment between expenditure estimates and project schedules.

In taking the decision, the State Government remains committed to providing 20 per cent of Motor Vehicle Licence Fee Revenue for use on the Local Government road network and will do so by allocating additional funding to the *State Initiatives Program* in Category 2 of the Agreement (delivered by Main Roads Western Australia).

As the 2026-27 Local Roads Program had been endorsed some time ago by the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee the Government decision was made to leave the 2026-27 program unchanged and to implement the reductions as part of 2027-28 allocations. This will mean that the indicative funding for Category 1 Programs will be reduced by \$34.22 million which equates to around 15 per cent.

The State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee will be considering how this change in funding available to Category 1 Programs will be implemented by grant program and by region and communicate this through the indicative allocations for 2027-28 to each Regional Road Group as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely



John Erceg

CHAIR

MANAGING DIRECTOR OF MAIN ROADS



Nick Sloan

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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**State Road Funds to
Local Government
Advisory Committee**

2027-28 Category 1 Regional Road Group Indicative Allocations Information Sheet

Background Summary from 2027-28 Local Roads Program Letter of 25 September 2026

- The State Government undertook a review of grant programs which included State Road Funds to Local Government (SRFLG) grants.
- The review was aiming to better align grant expenditure estimates with project/program schedules.
- The review identified a history of under expenditures in SRFLG Category 1 programs, predominantly Road Project Grants and State Black Spot Grants.
- The State Government took a decision to hold Category 1 funding at the 2025-26 levels for 2026-27 and 2027-28 in an effort to improve expenditure estimates and project schedules.
- The decision included maintaining the 2026-27 program as is and to reduce the allocations across the two years from the upcoming 2027-28 allocations.
- The Category 1 reduction across the two years totals \$34.22 million which will be added to Category 2 State Initiatives to maintain the overall Agreement funding at 20% of Motor Vehicle Licence Fees.

State Advisory Committee Outcomes

- The State Advisory Committee (SAC) met to discuss the State Government's decision.
- SAC is aiming have the 2027-28 Category 1 allocations approved and available to RRGs by mid-October 2026 so that RRGs can finalise their draft programs.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does the change have any impact on the 2026-27 Program?

- No. The 2026-27 program had already been developed and recommended, so the State Government decided to leave the 2026-27 program unchanged with the Category 1 reductions being applied to the 2027-28 Programs.

Why is the change occurring?

- The change forms part of the State Government's review of grant programs to better align expenditure to program allocations. Any reduction to Category 1 allocations is being applied to Category 2 – State Initiatives to maintain the overall funding under the Agreement at 20% of Motor Vehicle Licence Fee revenue.

When will the 2027-28 indicative Regional Road Group (RRG) allocations be available?

- The target is mid-October 2026 with communication to the RRGs to be prioritised as soon as a decision is made.

How should RRGs manage the development of the 2027-28 program if we are meeting prior to the indicative allocations being released?

- RRGs should continue their normal program development, prioritisation and delivery planning. They should retain sufficient flexibility to adjust the proposed 2027-28 program once the indicative allocations have been confirmed.

What funding will be impacted in the 2027/28 program?

- The affected regions and programs have not yet been determined.

How will SAC determine the 2027-28 indicative allocations?

- SAC will consider modelling based on regional allocations, expenditure data, delivery performance and delivery capacity.

How should RRGs manage any impacts if the RRG indicative allocations are reduced?

- RRGs may consider their program priorities and consider staging, rephasing or pausing new commitments while protecting existing projects where possible. Each RRG will have flexibility to decide how an adjustment could be applied across its project program.

How will we be notified of the 2027-28 indicative RRG allocations?

- Once approved, the allocations will be communicated through a formal SAC letter to RRGs, distributed through RRG secretariats and managers. RRG chairs will receive advance briefings where possible, supported by an FAQ and other briefing material.

What period will the capping to 2025-26 levels be in place?

- The adjustment relates to the 2026-27 and 2027-28 years with the full capping being applied to the 2027-28 allocations.

Does the change affect how much funding will be allocated to local roads?

- No. Overall funding under the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement remains at 20% of Motor Vehicle Licence Fee revenue. The change reallocates growth funding from Category 1 to Category 2 – State Initiatives within the local road network program.

Will existing approved projects continue to be funded?

- The current approach is to protect existing approved projects and commitments with project-by-project decisions being made by RRGs.

MEDIA RELEASE

CEACA Announces Mia Davies as new Chairperson

Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance Inc (CEACA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mia Davies as its new Independent Chairperson. Mia's appointment marks an exciting new chapter for CEACA as it continues to deliver housing solutions that support seniors to age in place, people living with disability and low-income residents, and strengthen regional communities across the Wheatbelt.

Mia brings more than 25 years of strategic leadership, governance and public policy experience to the role. Her distinguished career includes service as a Cabinet Minister, Leader of The Nationals WA and Leader of the Opposition, together with extensive experience working with regional communities, local governments and industry stakeholders across Western Australia. More recently, she has held a senior corporate leadership role with Procon Developments Australia and serves in governance positions with the Royal Agricultural Society of WA and the Northam Chamber of Commerce.

Her longstanding connection with the Wheatbelt and understanding of CEACA's purpose, combined with her commitment to regional development, position her strongly to lead the organisation through its next phase of growth and housing investment.

"I've been on the journey with CEACA since its earliest days, when 11 Wheatbelt local governments came together to tackle a challenge that no single community could address alone.

The model is a powerful example of what can be achieved when regional communities work together and has delivered real outcomes for the Wheatbelt, helping people remain living in the communities they call home.

"I'm looking forward to working with the Board, member Shires and funding partners to lead CEACA into its next chapter and acknowledge Tuck Waldron's outstanding leadership and contribution over the past eight years." Mia said

Outgoing Chairperson Terry 'Tuck' Waldron proudly welcomed Mia's appointment.

"Mia brings an exceptional combination of leadership, governance and a deep understanding of the Wheatbelt. Her experience at the highest levels of government, together with her ongoing commitment to regional communities, makes her ideally placed to guide CEACA through its next stage of development."

Tuck said

CEACA extends its thanks and appreciation to Hon Terry 'Tuck' Waldron AM for his outstanding service as Chairperson over the past 8 years. Tuck's leadership has been pivotal in shaping CEACA's growth and success, most notably through his stewardship of the Wheatbelt Expansion Project, which will see the delivery of 54 new homes in Wheatbelt communities through a significant partnership with State and Federal governments. His dedication to improving housing opportunities for regional Western Australians has left a lasting legacy, and CEACA is deeply grateful for his contribution.

About CEACA

Central East Accommodation & Care Alliance (CEACA) is a leading Community Housing Provider and registered charity operating in the Wheatbelt of WA. Formed as an alliance of 11 Shires, CEACA provides much needed housing for seniors, people living with a disability and on low incomes, enabling residents to remain close to family and participate in their local community. CEACA is currently building 54 new modular homes across 17 sites in the Wheatbelt through a significant partnership with the Australian and Western Australian Governments, with completion expected in early 2028.