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For the Ordinary Council Meeting
held on Thursday 17th December 2020

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SHIRE OF WESTONIA

Nov, Dec 2020, Jan 21

Date & Time	What	Where	Who
Monday 2 nd November	LG Pro IPR Masterclass	Westonia	CEO, Jasmine Geier
Wednesday 11 th November	Student Immersion Program	Teleconference	Stacey Geier, Jasmine Geier
Tuesday 17 th November	Bankwest Visit	Westonia	CEO, Jasmine Geier
Wednesday 18 th November	Altus Procurement Training	Westonia	CEO, Jasmine Geier, Works, Rates, Admin
Thursday 19 th November	Council Meeting	Westonia	CEO, Councillors
Monday 23 rd November	CEACA AGM	Kellerberrin	CEO, Louis Geier
Thursday 26 th November	WALGA GECZ	Merredin	CEO, President
Thursday 26 th November	NEWTRAVEL Committee	Merredin	CEO
Wednesday 2 nd December	LG Pro IPR Masterclass	Westonia	CEO, Jasmine Geier
Wednesday 2 nd December	Hugh Trivett, Ramelius Resources Tampia Hill	Westonia	CEO
Thursday 3 rd December	Disability Week BBQ @ Stadium	Westonia	CEO
Friday 4 th December	Syd Crees Funeral	Merredin	CEO, Councillors
Tuesday 8 th December	RRG Zoom Videoconference	Zoom	CEO, President
Monday 14 th December	Audit Exit Meeting – OAG, Butler Settineri	Microsoft Teams	CEO, MCS, President
Thursday 17 th December	Council Meeting	Westonia	CEO, Councillors
Thursday 17 th December	Annual Christmas Wind Up	Westonia	CEO, Councillors
Thursday 24 th – Sunday 3 rd January 2021	Office Closure	Westonia	Admin Staff
Friday 15 th January- Thursday 28 th January 2021	CEO Annual Leave		CEO



Summary Minutes

STATE COUNCIL MEETING

2 December 2020

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting of the Western Australian Local Government Association State Council held at WALGA, on Wednesday 2 December.

1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 Attendance

Members	President of WALGA - Chair Deputy President of WALGA, Northern Country Zone Avon-Midland Country Zone Central Country Zone Central Metropolitan Zone Central Metropolitan Zone East Metropolitan Zone East Metropolitan Zone Goldfields Esperance Country Zone Gascoyne Country Zone Great Eastern Country Zone Great Southern Country Zone Kimberley Country Zone Murchison Country Zone North Metropolitan Zone North Metropolitan Zone Peel Country Zone Pilbara Country Zone South East Metropolitan Zone South East Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South West Country Zone	Mayor Tracey Roberts JP President Cr Karen Chappel JP Cr Jan Court - Deputy President Cr Phillip Blight Cr Paul Kelly Cr Joanne Fotakis - Deputy Cr Catherine Ehrhardt Cr Cate McCullough President Cr Malcolm Cullen President Cr Cheryl Cowell President Cr Stephen Strange Cr Ronnie Fleay Cr Chris Mitchell JP Cr Les Price Mayor Mark Irwin Cr Russ Fishwick JP President Cr Michelle Rich Cr Peter Foster JP - Deputy Cr Julie Brown Mayor Ruth Butterfield Mayor Carol Adams OAM Mayor Logan Howlett JP President Cr Tony Dean
Ex Officio	Local Government Professionals WA	Mr Jamie Parry
Guest	Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	President Cr Laurene Bonza - Observer
Secretariat	Chief Executive Officer EM Commercial and Communications EM Governance & Organisational Services EM Infrastructure EM Strategy Policy and Planning Manager Strategy & Association Governance Intergovernmental Relations and Risk Chief Financial Officer Governance Advisor Senior Community Policy Advisor Senior Community Policy Advisor Executive Officer Governance	Mr Nick Sloan Mr Zac Donovan Mr Tony Brown Mr Ian Duncan Ms Narelle Cant Mr Tim Lane Ms Joanne Burges Mr Rick Murray Ms Lyn Fogg Ms Marissa MacDonald Ms Susie Moir Ms Margaret Degebrodt

APOLOGIES

Pilbara Country Zone Central Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone Avon-Midland Country Zone North Metropolitan Zone City of Perth	Mayor Peter Long Cr Jenna Ledgerwood Cr Doug Thompson Cr Ken Seymour Cr Frank Cvitan JP Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas
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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

- **OPEN and WELCOME**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 4:15pm

- **Acknowledgement of Country**

The Chair acknowledged the Whadjuk Nyoongar People who are the Traditional Custodians of this land we met on this day and paid respects to their Elders past, present and future.

Welcome to:

- Cr Peter Foster JP Deputy Pilbara Country Zone
- Cr Joanne Fotakis Deputy Central Metropolitan Zone
- Cr Jan Court Deputy Avon-Midland Country Zone
- President Laurene Bonza Deputy Goldfields Esperance Country Zone (observer)
- Ms Narelle Cant Executive Manager Strategy, Policy and Planning
- State Councillors
- WALGA Secretariat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Pursuant to our Code of Conduct, State Councillors must declare to the Chair any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before State Council as soon as they become aware of it.

I note that there are several State Councillors and deputies that may be directly or indirectly associated with the recommendations of the Selection Committee. I ask that if you are affected by these recommendations, that you excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

- *Mayor Carol Adams declared an interest – Item 5.8 as candidate for a position considered by the Selection Committee.*
- *President Cr Michelle Rich declared an interest – Item 5.8 as candidate for a position considered by the Selection Committee.*
- *Cr Paul Kelly declared an impartiality interest in item 5.4.*
- *Mayor Logan Howlett declared an impartiality interest in part of Item 8.*

PAPERS

State Councillors have been distributed the following papers under separate cover:

- Strategic Forum Agenda
- Item 5.7 Finance and Services Meeting Minutes
- Item 5.8 Selection Committee Minutes
- Item 5.9 Honours Panel Minutes
- Item 5.10 Use of Common Seal
- Item 5.11 LGIS Board Minutes
- Item 5.12 Minutes CEO Performance Review Committee
- CEO's Report to State Council
- President's Report (previously emailed to your Zone meeting)

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 Minutes of 2 September 2020 State Council Meeting

Moved: President Cr Michelle Rich
Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

That the Minutes of State Council Meeting held on [2 September 2020](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 140.6/2020

CARRIED

3.1.1 Business arising from the Minutes of 2 September 2020
Nil

3.2 Minutes of Special State Council Meeting held 2 November 2020

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: President Cr Cheryl Cowell

That the Minutes of the Special State Council Meeting held [2 November 2020](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 141.6/2020

CARRIED

3.2.1 Business arising from the Minutes of 2 November 2020
Nil

5. MATTERS FOR DECISION

5.1 Local Government Act Review Advocacy Paper – Key Issues from Recent Inquiries into Local Government (05-034-01-0001 TL)

By Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Ongoing advocacy relating to the Review of the *Local Government Act 1995* be noted; and,
2. The *Advocacy Positions for a New Local Government Act: Key issues from recent Inquiries into Local Government* – be endorsed.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported

CENTRAL METROPOLITAN ZONE

That WALGA conduct a consultation process with Members in relation to compulsory voting.

That the Roles and Responsibilities recommendation in the 'WALGA Advocacy Positions for a New Local Government Act' be amended to read: that clarification of roles and responsibilities for Mayors/Presidents, Councilors and CEOs be considered.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE

That the Central Country Zone alter the WALGA Recommendation to read as follows:

That:

1. Ongoing advocacy relating to the Review of the Local Government Act 1995 be noted; and;
2. The Advocacy Positions for a New Local Government Act: Key issues from recent Inquiries into Local Government – be endorsed subject to the following:
 - Intergovernmental Cooperation
That LG Professionals not be a signatory to any future Partners in Government Agreement (currently known as the State Local Partnership Agreement); and
 - Roles and Responsibilities
Local Government Position be amended to read:
That clarification of roles, responsibilities and powers for Mayors/Presidents, Councillors and CEO's be considered to ensure that there is no ambiguity.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT – Central Metropolitan Zone and Central Country Zone

The above Zones recommended amendment to the WALGA advocacy statement "Roles and Responsibilities", to be amended as follows:

Roles and Responsibilities

That clarification of the roles and responsibilities for mayors / presidents, councillors and CEO's be considered to ensure that there is no ambiguity, ~~in conjunction with the separation of powers between the Council as governing body and the administration of the Local Government.~~

The Central Country Zone proposal to exclude LG Professionals from any future Partners in Government Agreement is not recommended, as it may erode opportunities for the Association to work collaboratively with LG Professionals to provide a strong voice for the Local Government sector.

GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE (GVROC) COUNTRY ZONE

The GVROC:

1. Note WALGA's ongoing advocacy relating to the Review of the *Local Government Act 1995*; and,
2. Endorse the WALGA Advocacy Positions for a New Local Government Act: *Key issues from recent Inquiries into Local Government* document with the amendment to the Recommendation 1 on page 32 to read as follows:

Requests the Minister for Local Government to require the Department of Local Government to prepare a Model set of Financial Statements and Annual Budget Statements for the Local Government sector, in consultation with the Office of the Auditor General;

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The Zones suggestion is supported.

SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE

That:

1. Ongoing advocacy relating to the Review of the Local Government Act 1995 be noted; and,
2. The Advocacy Positions for a New Local Government Act: *Key issues from recent Inquiries into Local Government* – be endorsed, subject to the paper being amended so that recommendation 3 relating to External Oversight be amended to read:

“That an early intervention framework of monitoring to support Local Governments be provided with any associated costs to be the responsibility of the State Government”

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The Zones suggestion is supported.

GREAT SOUTHERN COUNTRY ZONE

That:

- Ongoing advocacy relating to the Review of the *Local Government Act 1995* be noted;
- The Advocacy Positions for a New Local Government Act: *Key issues from recent Inquiries into Local Government* – be endorsed, and
- That WALGA supports the retention of the adequately-resourced Standards Panel and does not support the move to a new Independent Assessor.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

It is considered that creation of the proposed Office of the Independent Assessor will provide improved outcomes for the sector through both capacity building and regulatory / enforcement being vested in a single entity, rather than seeking to modify the Standards Panel system.

EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE

That:

1. Ongoing advocacy relating to the Review of the Local Government Act 1995 be noted; and,
2. The Advocacy Positions for a New Local Government Act: Key issues from recent Inquiries into Local Government – be endorsed, subject to the following amendments:
 - a) It should be compulsory to vote in Local Government elections.
 - b) The voting system should be preferential contingent upon voting in Local Government sector being compulsory.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The majority of Zones support non-compulsory voting and first past the post elections.

Cr Kelly declaration an impartiality interest – independent review of rating exemptions.

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That:

1. Ongoing advocacy relating to the Review of the *Local Government Act 1995* be noted; and,
2. The Advocacy Positions for a New Local Government Act: *Key issues from recent Inquiries into Local Government* – be endorsed, subject to the following amendments;
 - I. Roles and Responsibilities: That clarification of the roles and responsibilities for mayors / presidents, councillors and CEO's be considered to ensure that there is no ambiguity.
 - II. External Oversight: The Local Government sector supports:
 1. Establishing an Office of the Independent Assessor to replace the Standards Panel to provide an independent body to receive, investigate and assess complaints against elected members and undertake inquiries.
 2. Remove the CEO from being involved in processing complaints.
 3. That an early intervention framework of monitoring to support Local Governments be provided with any associated costs to be the responsibility of the State Government.
 - III. Financial Management and Procurement: That the Local Government sector:
 1. Requests the Minister for Local Government to direct the Department of Local Government to prepare a Model set of Financial Statements and Annual Budget Statements Reports for the Local Government sector, in consultation with the Office of the Auditor General;
 2. Requests the Department of Local Government to re-assess the amount of detail required to be included in annual financial reports, in particular for small and medium sized entities as suggested by the Office of Auditor General;
 3. Supports Local Governments being able to use freehold land to secure debt;
 4. Supports Building Upgrade Finance being permitted for specific purposes such as cladding, heritage and green improvements;
 5. Supports the alignment of Local Government procurement thresholds, rules and policies with the State Government.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Russ Fishwick
Seconded President Cr Cheryl Cowell

That point IV be included as follows:

- I. Intergovernmental Cooperation:
That a Partners in Local Government Agreement promoting a collaborative partnership approach be signed by the Premier, Minister for Local Government, Western Australian Local Government Association and Local Government Professionals WA, at the commencement of each term of the State Government.

CARRIED

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Carol Adams

That point V be included as follows:

- II. That WALGA conduct a consultation process with Members in relation to compulsory voting.

LOST

THE AMENDED MOTION NOW READS:

That:

1. Ongoing advocacy relating to the Review of the *Local Government Act 1995* be noted; and,
2. The Advocacy Positions for a New Local Government Act: *Key issues from recent Inquiries into Local Government* – be endorsed, subject to the following amendments;
 - I. Roles and Responsibilities: That clarification of the roles and responsibilities for mayors / presidents, councillors and CEO's be considered to ensure that there is no ambiguity.
 - II. External Oversight: The Local Government sector supports:
 1. Establishing an Office of the Independent Assessor to replace the Standards Panel to provide an independent body to receive, investigate and assess complaints against elected members and undertake inquiries.
 2. Remove the CEO from being involved in processing complaints.
 3. That an early intervention framework of monitoring to support Local Governments be provided *with any associated costs to be the responsibility of the State Government.*
 - III. Financial Management and Procurement: That the Local Government sector:
 1. Requests the Minister for Local Government to direct the Department of Local Government to prepare a Model set of *Financial Statements and Annual Budget Statements* for the Local Government sector, in consultation with the Office of the Auditor General;
 2. Requests the Department of Local Government to re-assess the amount of detail required to be included in annual financial reports, in particular for small and medium sized entities as suggested by the Office of Auditor General;
 3. Supports Local Governments being able to use freehold land to secure debt;
 4. Supports Building Upgrade Finance being permitted for specific purposes such as cladding, heritage and green improvements;
 5. Supports the alignment of Local Government procurement thresholds, rules and policies with the State Government.
 - IV. Intergovernmental Cooperation:
That a Partners in Local Government Agreement promoting a collaborative partnership approach be signed by the Premier, Minister for Local Government, *Western Australian Local Government Association and Local Government Professionals WA*, at the commencement of each term of the State Government.

RESOLUTION 142.6/2020

CARRIED

Cr Ehrhardt requested that her vote against the motion be recorded

5.2 Submission – Registration of Building Engineers in WA (05-015-02-0010 VJ)

By Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager Planning and Improvement

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA:

1. Advise the Department of Mines Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) that the registration of Building Engineers in WA is supported.
2. Request that DMIRS also consider the registration of Electrical Engineers, Façade Engineers, Energy Assessors, Bush Fire Consultants, Access consultants, Swimming pool, Patio installers and Demolition contractors.
3. Request that DMIRS clarify that dilapidation reports may only be undertaken by Registered Engineers.
4. Provide this report to Department of Mines Industry Regulation and Safety as feedback on the Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE

That the words 'Demolition Contractors' be deleted from point 2 of Item 5.2

That the South East Metropolitan Zone supports item 5.2 as amended below:

That WALGA:

1. Advise the Department of Mines Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) that the registration of Building Engineers in WA is supported.
2. Request that DMIRS also consider the registration of Electrical Engineers, Façade Engineers, Energy Assessors, Bush Fire Consultants, Access consultants, Swimming pool, and Patio installers.
3. Request that DMIRS clarify that dilapidation reports may only be undertaken by Registered Engineers.
4. Provide this report to Department of Mines Industry Regulation and Safety as feedback on the Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

Under the *Occupational Safety and Health Regulation 1996* (r.3.114 – 3.128), which took effect 1 July 2001, demolition work not requiring a contractor to be licensed is as follows-

- Demolition of a single storey dwelling does not require a demolition license, but it may require a restricted Asbestos removal license if asbestos >10sq m (this information is not however captured on the Demolition Permit Application form).

- Demolition regulations do not apply to the demolition of a building or structure by a person in the metal fabrication or engineering industry in the course of maintaining, refurbishing, upgrading, modifying or decommissioning plant.
- Demolition work in mines is covered by the Mines Safety and Inspection Act and Regulations and most mine managers are risk adverse and typically insist on a demolition license in the contract.

Under the *Building Act 2011*, only demolition work over 40m² requires the submission of an application for a Demolition Permit to the Local Government.

Given the loophole in State legislation for the demolition of an entire single storey dwelling, it is important that these contractors are registered with the State, either through the *Building Act 2011* or through the *Occupational Safety and Health Regulations*. Local Governments have been advised of numerous issues of unsafe practices, including the removal of Asbestos without any required safety equipment, in the demolition of single dwelling. Having all demolition contractors registered would mean that there is a consequence of losing registration for any repeated breaches and unsafe work practices. Therefore, a registration process for all Demolition contractors may improve the current demolition process within the community.

A minor edit is suggested in the recommendation, to include Swimming pool companies rather than just stating Swimming Pools, to provide greater clarity.

Moved: President Cr Tony Dean
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That WALGA:

1. Advise the Department of Mines Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) that the registration of Building Engineers in WA is supported.
2. Request that DMIRS also consider the registration of Electrical Engineers, Façade Engineers, Energy Assessors, Bush Fire Consultants, Access consultants, Swimming pool companies, Patio installers and Demolition contractors.
3. Request that DMIRS clarify that dilapidation reports may only be undertaken by Registered Engineers.
4. Provide this report to Department of Mines Industry Regulation and Safety as feedback on the Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement.

RESOLUTION 143.6/2020

CARRIED

5.3 Family and Domestic Violence and the Role of Local Governments (05-086-03-0004 MM)

By Marissa MacDonald, Acting Policy Manager Community

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. **WA Local Governments recognise the prevalence, seriousness and preventable nature of family and domestic violence and the roles that Local Governments can play in addressing gender equity and promoting respectful relationships in their local community.**
2. **WALGA advocates to the State Government:**
 - a. **to define and communicate the role, responsibilities and expectations of Local Governments in family and domestic violence.**
 - b. **for adequate funding for family and domestic violence programs and services, particularly in regional areas.**
 - c. **for appropriate resources and funding be allocated to Local Governments to implement any particular roles and actions addressing family and domestic violence as defined in the State Strategy.**
 - d. **to provide support to Local Government in the broader rollout of the Prevention Toolkit for Local Government.**
 - e. **to continue advocacy to the Commonwealth Government for additional funding and support.**
3. **WALGA organises presentations for Local Governments that address family and domestic violence, as part of relevant events or webinars.**

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported

PEEL ZONE

That the Peel Country Zone supports Item 5.3 with a change to point 2.a, as follows: -

- a. **to work with Local Government in defining the role and responsibilities and expectations of Local Government in family and domestic violence.**

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The secretariat recommends the inclusion of the proposed changes for clarification.

PILBARA COUNTRY ZONE

That the Pilbara Country Zone amends the recommendation to read:

1. WA Local Governments recognise the prevalence, seriousness and preventable nature of family and domestic violence;
2. WALGA advocates to the Commonwealth and State Government for adequate funding for family and domestic violence programs and services, particularly in regional areas.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The secretariat recognises the Zone's acknowledgement of the issue and desire to ensure Local Government is not assigned any level of responsibility for provision of direct services in relation to family and domestic violence. The discussion paper was explicit that this matter was not in relation to direct service provision, rather to seek clarification on any expectation of the sector to assist in advocacy for those Local Governments that wish to address this issue.

Item 3 of the Recommendation was a specific request of the original March 2019 resolution from the South West Country Zone, therefore it has been retained in the current motion.

GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE

GVROC support the WALGA recommendation as stated above with an inclusion that the Department of Communities provide adequate resources, funding and regular consultation and engagements with Goldfields Esperance LGAs.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

Given this is a whole of sector recommendation the secretariat acknowledges the specific request from the Goldfields Esperance Zone around the specifics for Local Governments in the Goldfields Esperance region. The secretariat believes the Zone's resolution is addressed by 2(b) '*for adequate funding for family and domestic violence programs and services, particularly in regional areas*' and covered under 2(a) through advocacy to the State Government (i.e. Department of Communities) to 'work with Local Government' which will encompass consultation and engagement.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE

That the Central Country Zone alter the WALGA Recommendation to read as follows:

1. WA Local Governments recognise the prevalence, seriousness and preventable nature of family and domestic violence.
2. WALGA advocates to the State Government:
 - a. for adequate funding for family and domestic violence programs and services, particularly in regional areas.
 - b. for appropriate resources and funding to be allocated to implement any particular roles and actions addressing family and domestic violence as defined in the State Strategy.
 - c. to continue advocacy to the Commonwealth Government for additional funding and support.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The secretariat recognises the Zone's acknowledgement of the issue, and desire to ensure Local Government is not assigned any level of responsibility for provision of direct services in relation to family and domestic violence. The discussion paper was explicit that this matter was not in relation to direct service provision, rather to seek clarification from the State Government on any expectation of the sector to assist in advocacy for those Local Governments that wish to address this issue.

Item 3 of the Recommendation was a specific request of the original March 2019 resolution from the South West Country Zone, therefore it has been retained in the current motion.

Moved: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt
Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That:

1. WA Local Governments recognise the prevalence, seriousness and preventable nature of family and domestic violence and the roles that Local Governments can play in addressing gender equity and promoting respectful relationships in their local community.
2. WALGA advocates to the State Government:
 - a. to work with Local Government in defining the role and responsibilities and expectations of Local Governments in family and domestic violence.
 - b. for adequate funding for family and domestic violence programs and services, particularly in regional areas.
 - c. for appropriate resources and funding be allocated to Local Governments to implement any particular roles and actions addressing family and domestic violence as defined in the State Strategy.
 - d. to provide support to Local Government in the broader rollout of the Prevention Toolkit for Local Government.
 - e. to continue advocacy to the Commonwealth Government for additional funding and support.
3. WALGA organises presentations for Local Governments that address family and domestic violence, as part of relevant events or webinars.

RESOLUTION 144.6/2020

CARRIED

5.4 Underground Power (05-0149-02-0001 ID)

By Ian Duncan, Executive Manager, Infrastructure and Roads

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That Local Government supports the:

1. continuation of cooperative arrangements between the State Government, Western Power and Local Government to progressively replace the overhead electricity distribution network in residential areas with underground power.
2. development of a new approach to identifying and prioritizing areas for investment in underground power, initiated by the need to invest in the overhead network to meet safety, reliability and capability requirements.
3. development of a new approach to allocating State Government resources to facilitate projects proceeding in areas with a high electricity network need and lower economic capacity of ratepayers while retaining a commitment to funding an average of 25% of program costs.
4. opportunity for Local Governments to initiate projects to convert areas to underground power be retained with Western Power to continue to contribute the amount recoverable as an efficient investment as calculated by the New Facilities Investment Test (NFIT).

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported

SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE

That the South Metropolitan Zone supports the WALGA recommendation, subject to the removal of the underlined in point 3.

That Local Government supports the:

1. continuation of cooperative arrangements between the State Government, Western Power and Local Government to progressively replace the overhead electricity distribution network in residential areas with underground power.
2. development of a new approach to identifying and prioritizing areas for investment in underground power, initiated by the need to invest in the overhead network to meet safety, reliability and capability requirements.
3. development of a new approach to allocating State Government resources to facilitate projects proceeding in areas with a high electricity network need and lower economic capacity of ratepayers while retaining a commitment to funding an average of 25% of program costs.
4. opportunity for Local Governments to initiate projects to convert areas to underground power be retained with Western Power to continue to contribute the amount recoverable as an efficient investment as calculated by the New Facilities Investment Test (NFIT).

PEEL ZONE

That the Peel Country Zone supports Item 5.4 with the addition of a new point 5, as follows:

5. review of the Western Power/State Government contribution towards underground power where there is an identified service need to ensure this contribution is increased to reflect its responsibilities for maintaining a safe, reliable and capable electricity network.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The proposed amendments both seek to respond to the cost impacts of underground power projects on property owners with low financial capacity. If achieved, the proposed underground power program approach will result in Western Power contributions increasing from an average of around 25% over the program to date, to around 50%. However, even if the property owner is only required to pay for the house connection, this is a significant impost for some. If many property owners in a potential project area are in this situation it is likely that a project would not be supported and the opportunity lost.

A well targeted mechanism to provide financial support to property owners able to demonstrate disadvantage as a result of an underground power program project proceeding offers the potential to achieve an equitable outcome.

Cr Paul Kelly declared an impartiality interest in Item 5.4

Moved: President Cr Stephen Strange
Seconded: Mayor Mark Irwin

1. That Local Government supports the:

- a) continuation of cooperative arrangements between the State Government, Western Power and Local Government to progressively replace the overhead electricity distribution network in residential areas with underground power.
- b) development of a new approach to identifying and prioritizing areas for investment in underground power, initiated by the need to invest in the overhead network to meet safety, reliability and capability requirements.
- c) development of a new approach to allocating State Government resources to facilitate projects proceeding in areas with a high electricity network need and lower economic capacity of ratepayers while retaining a commitment to funding an average of 25% of program costs.
- d) opportunity for Local Governments to initiate projects to convert areas to underground power be retained with Western Power to continue to contribute the amount recoverable as an efficient investment as calculated by the New Facilities Investment Test (NFIT).

2. That WALGA advocate for a targeted funding mechanism through the State Government to assist property owners in underground power program project areas that would suffer disadvantage as a result of needing to contribute to the cost of underground power.

RESOLUTION 145.6/2020

CARRIED

Cr Catherine Ehrhardt left the meeting at 5:24pm.

5.5 CEO Recruitment and Selection, Performance Review and Termination Standards Regulations (05-034-01-0001 JM)
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Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Service
 James McGovern, Manager Governance

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

1. That WALGA support the establishment of CEO Recruitment, Selection and Performance Review Standards subject to:
 - a) removal from the Regulations the requirement to re-advertise CEO positions after 10 year's continual service;
 - b) Encouraging, rather than mandating, the involvement of an independent person in the CEO Recruitment and Selection Process;
 - c) The retention of Regulation 18C of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations*;
 - d) Deletion of the requirement under Regulation 18FB(4) to provide a copy of a council resolution certifying compliance with the CEO standards to the Departmental CEO;
 - e) The conduct of an independent assessment of potential industrial and employment law consequences arising from the proposed regulations under Schedule 2, Division 4 'Standards for termination of employment of CEOs'; and
 - f) Deferral of Regulation 18FC pending an independent assessment of the Schedule 2, Division 4 'Standards for termination of employment of CEOs'.
2. Seek that the CEO Recruitment and Selection, Performance Review and Termination Working Group be reconvened to oversee the development of CEO Standards Regulations.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported

CENTRAL METROPOLITAN ZONE

That Item 5.5 be amended to read:

- 1(a) Support Regulations that require re-advertising CEO positions after 10 year's continual service; and
- 1(b) Encouraging, rather than mandating, that Council seek the involvement of a suitably qualified, experienced, independent recruitment consultant in the CEO Recruitment and Selection Process.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

WALGA received twenty-six submissions from Local Governments on the CEO Standards and all Local Governments opposed the proposal for CEO positions to be re-advertised after 10 years'.

The other 16 Zones opposed the proposal to require advertising of the CEO's after 10 years.

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

1. That WALGA support the establishment of CEO Recruitment, Selection and Performance Review Standards subject to:
 - a) removal from the Regulations the requirement to re-advertise CEO positions after 10 year's continual service;
 - b) Encouraging, rather than mandating, the involvement of an independent person in the CEO Recruitment and Selection Process;
 - c) The retention of Regulation 18C of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations*;
 - d) Deletion of the requirement under Regulation 18FB(4) to provide a copy of a council resolution certifying compliance with the CEO standards to the Departmental CEO;
 - e) The conduct of an independent assessment of potential industrial and employment law consequences arising from the proposed regulations under Schedule 2, Division 4 'Standards for termination of employment of CEOs'; and
 - f) Deferral of Regulation 18FC pending an independent assessment of the Schedule 2, Division 4 'Standards for termination of employment of CEOs'.
2. Seek that the CEO Recruitment and Selection, Performance Review and Termination Working Group be reconvened to oversee the development of CEO Standards Regulations.

RESOLUTION 146.6/2020

CARRIED

5.6 Model Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates Regulations (05-034-01-0001 JM)

Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Service
James McGovern, Manager Governance

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA generally supports the *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2020* with the following recommendations:

- a) Amend Division 2, Clause 4(d) to read ‘*identify and appropriately manage any conflict of interest*’;
- b) Does not support the inclusion of local level complaints about alleged behavioral breaches and Local Governments dealing with complaints provisions in Division 3, Clauses 10 and 11; and
- c) Supports an external oversight body to manage local level complaints involving council members as prefaced in the *Local Government Review Panel Report, City of Perth Inquiry Report* and *Select Committee into Local Government Report*, to be considered in a future Local Government Act.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported

GREAT SOUTHERN COUNTRY ZONE

That WALGA generally supports the *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2020* with the following amendments to part C:

- Supports an external oversight body with the retention of the adequately-resourced Standards Panel to manage local level complaints involving council members, in preference to a new Independent Assessor, as prefaced in the *Local Government Review Panel Report, City of Perth Inquiry Report* and *Select Committee into Local Government Report*, to be included in a future Local Government Act.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

It is intended that the creation of the proposed Office of the Independent Assessor will provide improved outcomes for the sector through both capacity building and regulatory / enforcement being vested in a single entity, rather than seeking to modify the Standards Panel system.

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel
Seconded: President Cr Malcolm Cullen

That WALGA generally supports the *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2020* with the following recommendations:

- a) Amend Division 2, Clause 4(d) to read '*identify and appropriately manage any conflict of interest*';
- b) Does not support the inclusion of local level complaints about alleged behavioral breaches and Local Governments dealing with complaints provisions in Division 3, Clauses 10 and 11; and
- c) Supports an external oversight body to manage local level complaints involving council members as prefaced in the *Local Government Review Panel Report, City of Perth Inquiry Report* and *Select Committee into Local Government Report*, to be considered in a future Local Government Act.

RESOLUTION 147.6/2020

CARRIED

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY STATE COUNCILLORS
(UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**

5.7 Finance and Services Committee Minutes (01-006-03-0006 TB)

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel
Seconded: President Cr Stephen Strange

That:

1. The Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee Meeting held 18 November 2020 be endorsed.
2. The Governance Budget 2020/21, being for the full year ending 31 May 2021, be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 148.6/2020

CARRIED ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

Cr Catherine Ehrhardt returned to the meeting at 5:40pm.

Cr Catherine Ehrhardt left the meeting at 5:45pm and did not return.

5.8 Selection Committee Minutes (01-006-03-0011 CO)

Mayor Carol Adams and President Cr Michelle Rich declared and interest in Item 5.8 and left the meeting at 5:53pm.

Cr Julie Brown declared an impartiality interest in Item 5.8

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett
Seconded: President Cr Karen Chappel

That:

1. Recommendation of item 5.4 contained in the 28 October 2020 Selection Committee Minutes be endorsed; and
2. The resolutions contained in the 28 October 2020 Selection Committee minutes be noted.

RESOLUTION 149.6/2020

CARRIED

Mayor Carol Adams and President Cr Michelle Rich left the meeting at 5:53pm and returned at 5:54pm.

5.9 Honours Panel Minutes (01-006-03-0006 MD)

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell
Seconded: President Cr Phillip Blight

That the Minutes of the Honours Panel held 3 November 2020 be noted.

RESOLUTION 150.6/2020

CARRIED

5.10 Use of the Association's Common Seal (01-004-07-0001 NS)

Moved President Cr Malcolm Cullen
 Seconded Cr Julie Brown

That the use of the Association's Common Seal be noted.

Document	Document Description	Signatories	State Council prior approval
Funding Agreement Water Corporation and WALGA	Agreement to distribute funds under the Urban Forest Grant Program	WALGA President, Mayor Tracey Roberts WALGA CEO, Nick Sloan	No
Variation Letter - Western Australian Local Government Association ABN 28 126 945 127 as trustee for the LGIS Local Government Insurance Scheme	Acceptance of amendment to credit facility for LGIS credit card (for an additional \$15,000)	WALGA President, Mayor Tracey Roberts WALGA CEO, Nick Sloan	No
LETTER OF OFFER - ANZ COMMERCIAL CARD	Acceptance of offer for commercial credit card and conditions for LGIS (\$15,000 limit)	WALGA President, Mayor Tracey Roberts WALGA CEO, Nick Sloan	No

RESOLUTION 151.6/2020

CARRIED

5.11 LGIS Board Minutes

Moved Cr Paul Kelly
 Seconded President Cr Karen Chappel

That State Council note the following:

- a) LGIS Scheme Board Workshop held on 17 September.
- b) Minutes of the LGIS Board meeting held on 8 October.
- c) Revised LGISWA Scheme Board Corporate Governance Charter.

RESOLUTION 152.6/2020

CARRIED

5.12 Flying Minutes CEO Performance Review Committee

Moved Cr Ronnie Fleay
Seconded President Cr Karen Chappel

That the progress report on the Chief Executive Officer's Key Performance Indicators be noted.

RESOLUTION 153.6/2020

CARRIED

6. MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

6.1 Submission to the Infrastructure WA State Infrastructure Strategy Discussion Paper (05-085-03-0001 DM)

By Dana Mason, Policy Manager Economics

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the endorsed Submission to the Infrastructure WA State Infrastructure Strategy Discussion Paper be noted.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Kimberley Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted

Moved: Cr Cate McCullough
Seconded: Cr Les Price

That the endorsed Submission to the Infrastructure WA State Infrastructure Strategy Discussion Paper be noted.

RESOLUTION 154.6/2020

CARRIED

6.2 Draft Amendments to the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015 (05-047-01-0017 VJ)*

By Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager Planning and Improvement

Cr Ronnie Fleay declared an interest in Items 6.2 and 6.3 and left the meeting at 5:56pm

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the endorsed Submission on the Draft Amendments to the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015*, be noted.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
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Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel
Seconded: President Cr Phillip Blight

That the endorsed Submission on the Draft Amendments to the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015*, be noted.

RESOLUTION 155.6/2020

CARRIED

6.3 Interim Review – State Planning Policy 3.1 Residential Design Codes (05-015-02-0002 CH)
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WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the endorsed submission on the interim review of State Planning Policy 3.1 Residential Design Codes, be noted.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
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Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel
Seconded: President Cr Phillip Blight

That the endorsed submission on the interim review of State Planning Policy 3.1 Residential Design Codes, be noted.

RESOLUTION 156.6/2020

CARRIED

Cr Ronnie Fleay returned to the meeting at 5:57pm.

6.4 State and Federal Budgets (05-088-03-0001 DM)

By Dana Mason, Policy Manager Economics

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the update on the 2020 Federal and State Budgets be noted.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
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North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
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Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted

Moved: Cr Cate McCullough

Seconded: Cr Les Price

That the update on the 2020 Federal and State Budgets be noted.

RESOLUTION 157.6/2020

CARRIED

6.5 Noongar Heritage Agreement for Local Government (05-032-01-0001 SM)

By Susie Moir, Policy Officer Community

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the update on the Noongar Heritage Agreement for Local Government be noted.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
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Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted

Moved: Cr Cate McCullough

Seconded: Cr Les Price

That the update on the Noongar Heritage Agreement for Local Government be noted.

RESOLUTION 158.6/2020

CARRIED

6.6 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill Consultation (05-032-01-0001 SM)

By Susie Moir, Policy Officer Community

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the update on the consultation on the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill be noted.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
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Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted

Moved: Cr Cate McCullough

Seconded: Cr Les Price

That the update on the consultation on the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill be noted.

RESOLUTION 159.6/2020

CARRIED

6.7 Local Government Animal Welfare in Emergencies Grant Program (06-081-01-0001 EDR)

By Evie Devitt-Rix, Acting Policy Manager Emergency Management

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council note:

1. The Local Government Animal Welfare in Emergencies Grant Program is a collaboration between the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and WALGA to build the capacity of Local Government to assist their communities in responding to, and recovering from, emergencies.
2. Recipients of the Grant funding have been notified and will commence their projects in November.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
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Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted

Moved: Cr Cate McCullough
 Seconded: Cr Les Price

That State Council note:

1. The Local Government Animal Welfare in Emergencies Grant Program is a collaboration between the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and WALGA to build the capacity of Local Government to assist their communities in responding to, and recovering from, emergencies.
2. Recipients of the Grant funding have been notified and will commence their projects in November.

RESOLUTION 160.6/2020

CARRIED

6.8 2020 Annual General Meeting (01-003-02-0003 TL)

By Tim Lane, Manager Strategy and Association Governance

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the actions taken on the resolutions from the 2020 WALGA Annual General Meeting be noted.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
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Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted

Moved: Cr Cate McCullough

Seconded: Cr Les Price

That the actions taken on the resolutions from the 2020 WALGA Annual General Meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 161.6/2020

CARRIED

6.9 COVID-19 Update

By Nicole Matthews: COVID-19 Coordinator

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the information contained in this report be noted.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
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Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Pilbara Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted

Moved: Cr Cate McCullough

Seconded: Cr Les Price

That the information contained in this report be noted.

RESOLUTION 162.6/2020

CARRIED

7. ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

7.1 Key Activity Reports

7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Commercial and Communications (01-006-03-0017 ZD)

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the Key Activities Report from the Environment and Waste Unit to the December 2020 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 163.6/2020

CARRIED

Cr Joanne Fotakis left the meeting at 5:57pm.

Mayor Ruth Butterfield left the meeting at 5:58 and did not return.

Cr Joanne Fotakis returned to the meeting at 5:59pm.

7.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services (01-006-03-0007 TB)

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the Key Activities Report from the Governance and Organisational Services Unit to the December 2020 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 164.6/2020

CARRIED

7.1.3. Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure (05-001-02-0003 ID)

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the Key Activities Report from the Infrastructure Unit to the December 2020 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 165.6/2020

CARRIED

7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, Strategy, Policy and Planning (01-006-03-0014 JB)

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the Key Activities Report from the Strategy, Policy and Planning Unit to December 2020 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 166.6/2020

CARRIED

7.2 Policy Forum Report (01-006-03-0007 TB)

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the report on the key activities of the Association's Policy Forums to the December 2020 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 167.6/2020

CARRIED

7.3 President's Report

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the President's Report for December 2020 be received.

RESOLUTION 168.6/2020

CARRIED

State Council expressed thanks and congratulations to Mayor Tracey Roberts for a successful year in difficult circumstances.

7.4 CEO's Report

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the CEO's Report for December 2020 be received.

RESOLUTION 169.6/2020

CARRIED

State Council expressed thanks to the Chief Executive Officer, Nick Sloan and the Executive Team for a successful year.

Mayor Howlett left the meeting at 6:19pm and did not return.

7.5 Ex-Officio Reports

7.5.1 LG Professionals Report

Mr Jamie Parry, President, LG Professionals, provided an update to the meeting.

7.5.2 City of Perth Report

Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas, City of Perth was an apology to the meeting.

Tony Brown acknowledged the resignation of Margaret Degebrodt, Governance Executive Officer and thanked her for her commitment and dedication to WALGA and the State Council.

7.6 Item of Special Urgent Business
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Moved: President Cr Phillip Blight
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

In accordance with WALGA Standing Orders, clause 8; an item of special urgent business be considered in respect to erroneous comments made in the W.A Legislative Council on 11 November 2020

RESOLUTION 170.6/2020

CARRIED BY TWO THIRDS MAJORITY

Moved: President Cr Phillip Blight
Seconded: Mayor Carol Adams

That WALGA write to the President of the Legislature, to request for the erroneous information recorded in Hansard on 11 November 2020 relating to comments made by the Hon Sue Ellery MLC, in respect to the Disallowance Motion concerning Regulation 9 of the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 be redacted.

RESOLUTION 171.6/2020

CARRIED

8. ADDITIONAL ZONE RESOLUTIONS

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Paul Kelly

That the additional Zone Resolutions from the November 2020 round of Zones meetings as follows be referred to the appropriate policy area for consideration and appropriate action.

RESOLUTION 172.6/2020

CARRIED

AVON-MIDLAND COUNTRY ZONE

WALGA AGM Venue – Commercial and Communication

That the Zone recommends to the WA Local Government Association that the Association's Annual General Meeting revert to being held at the Perth Convention Centre.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE

Regional State Council Meeting 2021 – Governance and Organisational Services

That the City of Cockburn host the May 2021 Metropolitan Zone Forum and State Council Regional Meeting, on Wednesday 5 May.

Introduction of Indigenous Country Names to Australia's Official Address Standard – Strategy Policy and Planning

That WALGA support the inclusion of indigenous country names as part of Australia's official address standard and to advocate this position to Australia Post and other relevant bodies.

Office of the Auditor General (OAG) – Cyber Security Alert – Governance and Organisational Services

That the South Metropolitan Zone requests WALGA to research Audit Standards relating to:

- Cyber Security and requirements for Local Governments;
- Ways of combating Cyber Security; and
- Confidentiality Issues

PILBARA COUNTRY ZONE

Lodging Houses and Mining Operations – Strategy, Policy and Planning

That the Pilbara Zone considers and agrees that there is a lack of direction from the State in relation to Mining and Transient Workers Accommodation with respect to its inclusion as a 'lodging-house' and requests WALGA:

1. Advocates to the State Government (Department of Health) to provide a clear determination in consultation with Local government and industry;
2. Advocates to the State Government to clearly define accommodation with respect to mining operations and amend its existing legislated definitions to clearly include or exclude such mining operation accommodation.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE

Roads 2040: Development Strategies for Regionally Significant Local Roads – Infrastructure

That the Central Country Zone seek comment from WALGA on:

1. the progress of implementation of the *DRAFT GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA for the Identification of Significant Local Government Roads*; and
2. the anticipated inclusion of routes/roads within the Central Country Zone of WALGA region into ROADS 2040 that are currently included in Roads 2030.

NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE

Elected Member Compulsory Training – Governance and Organisational Services

That:

1. The Council Member Essentials course be reviewed, and any amendments implemented prior to 2021 Local Government Elections; and
2. Recognition of Prior Learning be included in round two and beyond.

In addition, the North Metropolitan Zone noted:

1. *There is a gap in the training on planning and finance.*
2. *General and financial support is required for Elected Members undertaking the training.*

PEEL ZONE

Cat Management – Governance and Organisational Services

1. That WALGA write to the Minister for Local Government requesting the urgent advancement of amendments to the *Cat Act 2011* and subsidiary legislation incorporating the following:
 - a) That cats are required to be confined to the cat owner's property.
 - b) That prohibited areas be able to be created via Council resolution without local law amendment (via Council resolution similar to the *Dog Act 1976*).
 - c) That there is a consistent approach to the number of cats permitted at a property and this is prescribed within the state legislation.
 - d) Clear definitions on differentiation of feral, stray and domesticated cats are incorporated and recognised as the high number of unowned stray cats that are not feral. Unidentified cats should be considered feral and be managed in shorter time periods given the low rate of owner collections from impoundment and high rate of informal "ownership".
2. That a comprehensive state-wide public education campaign be developed. It is clear that there remains a percentage of the community who are not aware of the requirements of the *Cat Act 2011* to register, microchip and sterilise their cats. For any cat related laws to be effective identification must be comprehensive and clear advice on the preferred requirement for containment as well as registration, micro-chipping and sterilisation requirements.
3. That a state-wide financial assistance program be provided to pensioners for cat sterilisation and microchipping. There remains clear barriers to cat identification and it is essential that efforts are made to overcome this. Without effective identification any cat legislation will not be effective and lead to heavy burdens on trapping and rehoming programs.

SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE

Request for WALGA to Advocate for a Reduction in Local Government Expenditure for Regional Road Group Projects – Infrastructure

That WALGA advocate to Main Roads Western Australia to reduce the 33 percent Local Government contribution to 15 percent for all approved Regional Road Group projects.

SWAMS HealthHUB – Strategy, Policy and Planning

That the WALGA South West Country Zone

1. Supports the South West Aboriginal Medical Service's (SWAMS) proposal for a SWAMS HealthHUB to be located in Bunbury, and
2. Requests that WALGA write to State Government on behalf of Local Governments to advocate for funding for the project.

Slip-on Eligibility for ESL Grant Support – Strategy, Policy and Planning

That the South West Country Zone of WALGA supports the recommendation that slip-on fire units be reinstated onto the eligibility list for ESL grant funding.

GASCOYNE COUNTRY ZONE

Asset Preservation Model – Infrastructure

1. WALGA write to the Grants Commission recommending that they resolve the various labelling, formatting, documentation and other legibility issues.
2. WALGA seek direction from the Infrastructure Policy Team to advocate to the Grants Commission for change to the Asset Preservation Model.
3. In the longer term, the Asset Preservation Model could be reviewed and rebuilt, with model using a much simpler method of estimating road maintenance need.

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE

The Cost of Revaluations – Governance and Organisational Services

That WALGA advocate for the equal distribution of valuation costs for properties where the Water Corporation, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services and the Local Government require the valuation.

CENTRAL METROPOLITAN ZONE

Mayor Logan Howlett declared an impartiality interest in this item.

Authorised Inquiries and Show Cause Notices – Governance and Organisational Services

That WALGA:

1. Receives the Supreme Court Decision [2020] WASC 350, made by Justice Tottle on 2 October 2020 about the Show Cause Notice issued by the Minister for Local Government on 26 May 2020 against the Town of Cambridge;
2. Requests the Minister for Local Government to:
 - 2.1 Acknowledge the Supreme Court Findings made by Justice Tottle in his decision [2020] WASC 350, as there are applicable to other local governments;
 - 2.2 Consider that he will not issue any more Show Cause Notices against local government without giving prior written reasons and prior engagement with the affected Council, in order to attempt to resolve; and
 - 2.3 Consider that the process for an Authorised Inquiry will be amended to:
 - a) Require prior engagement and a less adversarial approach with the affected local government, in order to attempt to resolve issues, improve good governance and performance;
 - b) Require regular progress reports to the affected local government; and



- c) Require a specified time frame to be state for the conduct of the Authorised Inquiry and any extension of the Inquiry to require the Minister's approval.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the WALGA State Council will be held in the Boardroom at WALGA, ONE70 Railway Parade, West Leederville, on Wednesday **3 March 2021** commencing at 5pm.

10. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:30pm.

DECLARATION

These minutes will be confirmed at the meeting held on 3 March 2021.

Signed _____

Person presiding at the meeting at which these minutes were confirmed

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The City of Joondalup, 21-metre-high stairway at the Whitfords Nodes Health & Wellbeing Hub



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WALGA AGM Political Address

The following notes are excerpts from the Address of the WALGA President to the Association AGM held on Friday, 25 September.

WALGA PRESIDENT

MAYOR TRACEY ROBERTS



Mayor
Tracey Roberts JP

Good afternoon and welcome to WALGA's 2020 AGM. I am absolutely honoured to be here as your President, and I want to thank each and everyone of you for joining us today.

It does not come as a surprise that this has been a very challenging year as a sector.

Last year, we experienced an already difficult fiscal climate faced by our State and nation. This year, a colossal curveball came in the shape of a global pandemic.

COVID-19 sent shockwaves through the country, and the world.

Despite this difficult period, our sector has shone in its steadfastness and ability to collaborate.

We saw Councils immediately prioritise the most vulnerable members within the community. Neighbouring Local Governments rallied together to provide aid and support.

Such strong community initiatives continue to ensure that no one in our communities are isolated or left behind.

These are remarkable achievements when the sector is facing financial pressure, along with a sudden change in work environment.

Local Government may be varied in scale and capacity – but the one thing we have in common is our resilience and ability to work together.

WALGA has further enhanced the spirit of collaboration by spearheading various communication channels with other spheres of government.

The weekly State Briefing to the Sector Webinars gave our Councils the opportunity to engage with the State Government, Police and other agencies.

There were 42 (and counting) webinars to assist Local Governments connect with up-to-date political decisions and operational priorities.

These webinars saw speakers from various Government Portfolios, including Deputy Premier Roger Cook, Minister David Templeman, Minister Alannah McTiernan, the

Auditor General Caroline Spencer, Valuer General Lester Cousins, Police Commissioner Chris Dawson and the State Government Recovery Controller Sharyn O'Neill.

WALGA's COVID-19 response team took on the task of disseminating the latest information from the National Cabinet meetings of the Prime Minister and State Premiers, and studied the ever-changing State and Federal restrictions to provide clarity for the sector.

To aid Councils in stimulating the local economy, WALGA underwrote access for Members to the VendorPanel Marketplace local supplier management platform.

The platform gave Local Governments the ability to engage and source quotations from a local supplier market. It demonstrated support for local businesses by providing new opportunities to access contracts.

Together with our pre-existing enterprise arrangement, this has seen ten million dollars' worth of work pass to local business through the Vendorpanel Marketplace platform since May, which is a great result for both our Members and local businesses across the State.

Such extraordinary efforts in responding to the pandemic have proven to be effective – but it is not over. The focus has now shifted to recovery, in the immediate and long term.

As part of the recovery process, WALGA has developed a key advocacy document titled "Rebooting Local Economies".

This document highlights the \$512 million in financial relief and direct economic support from the Local Government sector - an astounding effort in the absence of the Federal Jobkeeper program.

It also proposes that the State Government support capital and maintenance work worth \$514 million, including investment in shovel ready projects across the State to provide immediate economic stimulus.

This document has been provided to the State Government for consideration as it develops the State's Recovery Plan.

The Association also produced the COVID-19 Health and Economic Vulnerability Analysis for each Member Local Government.

This analysis provides useful snapshots of demographic groups for Local Governments to focus on during the recovery planning process.

The Association also represented the sector across a significant number of agencies and committees, reinforcing the scope of Local Government operations and its strong connectivity with the community.

WALGA AGM Political Address

WALGA, as part of the State Health Incident Coordination Centre and the State Pandemic Coordination Centre, provides valuable input into operational issues and strategies as they relate to Local Government

Despite the sudden challenge of a global pandemic, WALGA's advocacy efforts are still going strong – a total of 42 submissions were compiled and put forward this year, along with various campaigns to contribute to the positive profile of the sector.

For a complete list of our advocacy efforts which span across environment, governance, community and planning, I invite you to read the Annual Report, which succinctly demonstrates that WALGA has been working for Local Government.

The WALGA LGIS Service continues to enable the sector to protect ourselves and our communities. Members are delivered \$6 million in surplus distributions, with two thirds electing for it to be applied as a credit off their contributions.

Following the outbreak of the pandemic, the LGIS Board, championed by WALGA representatives and endorsed by the State Council, released a further \$7 million from reserves to provide financial relief.

This will support our Members at their time of need.

The result is that Member Local Governments will have significantly reduced contribution requirements for the next financial year, which comes at a time when there is likely to be significant pressure in maintaining revenue.

I'm pleased to advise that the LGIS Chairman Peter Forbes will address us during the AGM and provide more information on the performance of the scheme.

In the sphere of procurement, the Association continues its focus of delivering value-for money products and solutions to our Members.

In the last financial year, the Preferred Supplier Program facilitated \$380 million worth of access to goods, services and works to Members.

This resulted in \$30.8 million worth of savings to our Members, in addition to process efficiencies and contractual benefits.

During the year, the Association refreshed and enhanced the Preferred Supplier Panels for seven panels, along with establishing new contracts for two other panels.

As a registered training organisation, WALGA has delivered 177 training courses to more than 5000 Elected Members and Officers.

In addition, WALGA's eLearning program saw 3400 enrolments during the financial year, along with offering virtual training since April as a response to COVID-19.

This has proven to be very popular and will continue to be offered as an alternate training platform into the future.

Shortly, we will proudly present a number of awards that recognises the incredible and dedicated community representatives we have in our sector, across the State.

A short while ago, we had a lunch to recognise our award winners, many who will be presented with their award at this AGM.

One of them is my predecessor, President Councillor Lynne Craigie.

Lynne has been a staunch champion for the Local Government sector, and as loyal as they come.

Lynne, thank you for your contribution to WALGA, which is immeasurable. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with you, and you are a deserving recipient of the Local Government Medal.

This year also heralded a new organisational structure in WALGA, carefully considered by our CEO Nick Sloan.

Supported by the State Council, Nick outlined and implemented the organisational restructure process in a staged approach.

The process saw the reduction in business areas from six to four. This will ensure efficiencies in service delivery, re-orientate each business area for a continued Member-based focus and improve coordination across the administration.

I would like to thank Nick for leading the Executive Team and all WALGA staff for delivering positive outcomes to our Members.

Looking forward, WALGA will continue to advocate and promote the sector's strengths through the next phase of recovery. This is especially timely with the upcoming State Elections next March.

Through what has been a very challenging year as a sector, we have clearly demonstrated our commitment, loyalty and support for our communities.

This process has already seen encouraging results in the form of advocacy wins achieved by WALGA this year, in spite of the turbulent climate.

I thank the State Council and all WALGA Members for their ongoing support and all those who have helped to bring about the sector's achievements during the year.

We are the closest tier of governance to our communities and we work incredibly hard to support our residents, businesses, community groups.

Often, we lose focus on our own wellbeing and distracted from our family commitments and I would like to acknowledge all that you do and sincerely thank you for all your hard work! Thank you.



Minister
David Templeman MLA

FROM THE MINISTER

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the newly elected Lord Mayor, Mayor, Shire President and Councillors at the City of Perth, Town of Port Hedland and Shire of Perenjori. The extraordinary elections held on 17 October have provided the communities of those towns and the City with a fresh start and a positive path forward for the future.

I would also like to congratulate those Councillors elected to single vacancies at Cambridge, York, Boddington and Lake Grace.

It is a great honour and a great responsibility to represent your community and it can be equally challenging and rewarding. I urge the newly Elected Members to familiarise themselves with the Inquiry into the City of Perth report, engage in the training required for the role, seek support from the Department where needed and to approach the task with a willingness to collaborate and make decisions in the interests of the wider community.

Our community deserves good leadership and good governance from their Local Governments and my role as Minister for Local Government is to ensure good governance.

While I will am a strong supporter of Local Government, I have demonstrated a willingness to be active in addressing issues and using the powers available to me. The actions that I took with the Local Governments of Perth, Port Hedland and Perenjori are examples of using those powers to address concerns and unacceptable situations.

These situations and the review of the *Local Government Act 1995* have drawn attention to the inadequacy of the interventions available to the Minister and the Department when addressing such issues. They have highlighted that a Show Cause Notice is one of the few interventions available to me as a Minister.

My actions regarding the Town of Cambridge came out of concerns being raised with my office and the Department by Elected Members, the community and employees. As a result of these matters, in 2018 an Authorised Inquiry was commenced, which will conclude shortly. The investigation identified issues that required me to act, ahead of the finalisation of the Authorised Inquiry. On the basis of Departmental and legal advice a Show Cause Notice was issued, to provide the Town with an opportunity to respond to these concerns.

The Town chose to take the matter to court, as is their right, as opposed to responding. I am disappointed by the Court's decision and while it was focussed on the exercise of my powers, my concerns regarding the Town of Cambridge are valid. I maintain my concern for the community and employees of the Town to this day.

This ruling will, however, provide some judicial guidance for future actions and inform reforms of the Act.

As we head into the festive season and the government heads to the polls in March 2021, I would like to wish everyone well for the holidays and thank all Local Governments for their hard work, particularly in 2020 with the challenges of COVID.

I look forward to working collaboratively with you in 2021 and continuing with the drafting of green bill to reform the sector for the 21st century.

WALGA AGM Political Address

The following notes are excerpts from the Address of the Shadow Minister for Local Government to the WALGA AGM held on Friday, 25 September.

SHADOW MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

HON BILL MARMION MLA



Shadow Minister
Hon Bill Marmion, MLA

Can I just congratulate WALGA, before I start, on a very successful year - you've obviously achieved a lot, I got exhausted listening to Tracey outline all of the things that you've been doing, so congratulations on another successful year.

I'd also like to acknowledge the Minister for Local

Government, the Honourable David Templeman, of course Tracey, the President of WALGA and Mayor of Wanneroo, CEO of WALGA Nick Sloan and the many Mayors, Presidents, Councillors and CEOs that are here today that I have met over my many years in the public sector.

I've only been the shadow Minister for Local Government for 12 months, it's been a bit of a fast learning curve, and there's been a lot of very thick reports that have come out in recent times that I've had to read - I haven't finished the Select Committee's report yet.

But just to give you a bit of background, just to reflect on the Councils I've had association with during my life - I was born in Kalgoorlie, I started schooling in Wittenoom and I grew up in Bunbury. In my working life, these are the Councils I've lived in: City of Bunbury, Shire of West Kimberley, City of Nedlands, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, City of Bayswater, City of South Perth, City of Armadale, and the City of Perth - and my apologies to those Councils I have not yet managed to live in!

As Tracey said, I am a civil engineer and in my time at Main Roads I had a lot of association with Local Governments, particularly around road grants and Local Government roads, including planning and design. In my role at Main Roads I also got involved in the National Road Standards Development and also National road research monitoring. Another interesting job I had before I entered Parliament, in fact, before I became a consultant with Syme Marmion, I was unemployed - and I got a six week job with the Local Government Association during the period they were going through the process of the formation of WALGA. My role was actually to be involved in that, so I spent six weeks liaising with the Department of

Commerce, making sure that when the other representative bodies which included the Country Shire Councils Association and another one - the President's Association, I think - they had to be dissolved in a certain order so that WALGA could take over their assets. So that was in 2002 and so I was involved on the payroll of what is now WALGA.

I just want to acknowledge that the Government and the Minister have achieved something in the three and a half years, he didn't mention his achievements but I don't mind on his behalf congratulating him on getting three Bills through Parliament. The first one was the Local Government Amendment Auditing Bill in 2017, and I know in this morning's forum there were some mixed feelings about this that were raised. I think the fact that the Auditor General is now responsible for doing financial audits for all Councils is a good thing - the other aspect about that which was raised this morning was whether there needs to be a bit of a tiered system so that the smaller Councils don't get hit with the same sort of regulatory regime of the very large Councils, and I certainly support that idea.

The other Bills that he brought in, the Local Government Suspension and Dismissal Bill, that was really about the problem that the Minister has, if there's something going wrong with a Council, this new change to the Act allows him to just dismiss one or two Councillors rather than the whole Council - I don't believe that has been enacted yet - or I don't believe the Minister has used that power.

And finally, the Local Government Legislation Amendment Bill of 2019 which brought in some other issues around training, online induction for candidates and universal training for Elected Members, and also some regime around gifts which the Leader of the Opposition Liza Harvey spoke about this morning.

And there is a bit of a difference between what we as State Government Politicians have to account for versus the Local Governments, and I think there's probably opportunities to make sure they're consistent.

So where are we at now? This morning I congratulated WALGA on putting together a very good forum which surprisingly got four parties together at this particular time and indeed, the leaders of those parties - and it's an acknowledgement that WALGA can attract the leaders of all the parties in Western Australia to such a forum.

And that's because you are important.

WALGA AGM Political Address

Local Government provides very important services to the community, the community recognises that and I do recognise some of the Mayors in this room, some of whom are from my electorate who I regularly meet with. I acknowledge the pressure you are under in the community, and, certainly in the western suburbs, Mayors and Councillors get a lot of local media attention and they run more stories about Local Government than State Government. So I actually don't mind that! When you're a Minister you don't like it so much, but when you're Shadow Minister it's not so bad.

Certainly I do know there's a lot of personal pressure that comes on mayors and Councillors because when you make a decision, there's no decision you'll make that everyone will agree to. None!

And I learnt that as a very young lad from my father. And so you're always going to get people grizzling about a decision made – even if you get 90% of people onside which is an unbelievable amount of people – ten percent is still a large number and in fact those 10%, or even half of a percent can actually cause such a big stir that it puts a lot of pressure on you.

But you have to show leadership and if you're making decisions for the best interests of your community, that's what you have to do.

And it's the same for the Minister and myself as State Members of Parliament, we're charged with making the best decisions for the people of Western Australia. So we actually have something very much in common.

I do want to also mention the two reviews that have been done, the one by the Minister and also the one by the Select Committee. And I do suggest that everyone reads them – they are fairly similar – I think the review by the Government is a little bit more prescriptive in where it wants to go whereas I think the Select Committee Report, although it's longer, is probably a bit more high level and it does raise some very important issues which I think the sector, your sector should form an opinion on.

This morning was all about coming along and hearing about what all the parties were going to do with these recommendations and I think you all heard that we'll be looking at these recommendations in terms of our policy development for the election.

But in terms of what the Minister just said, there's no point in a political party coming up with policies without engagement with your sector. And indeed I think I have actually had a very good briefing on the Select Committee's report by the Chairman after he'd released it on Tuesday this week and I do think it is very important that we get feedback on some important issues.

The benefit of being here the whole day – and I might point out that I think I'm the only politician that has - is that I did pick up from a lot of the questions that were asked the feeling of where your sector sits on some of those recommendations.

In terms of where the Liberal Party sits on the recommendations, we'll be listening to you – we in fact deliberately haven't developed any specific policies, we've thought about a few, until the select committee's report came down. So now we're in a position and I am in a position as a Shadow Minister for Local Government to now formulate some policies and get my party to agree to those. But I won't be doing that in isolation of WALGA and Local Governments.

I've only been in the job for 12 months, I have met lots of Councils prior to that in my other portfolios over my time and I'm trying to catch up with as many as possible and I lot of people I know have spoken to me today and I'm trying to set up meetings in the next few months and I look forward to those meetings.

I just want to conclude with some of the comments that our leader made this morning, because I think they are probably worth repeating.

She told delegates this morning that a Harvey Liberal Government will engage WALGA in a mature and genuine way to make sure that both levels of Government are pushing in the same direction.

Liza also emphasised that another major commitment of any government she leads is to guarantee that the State will sign a formal partnership agreement with the Local Government sector.

And this pact is vitally important to the relationship between our two levels of government.

She also highlighted that a new approach within the existing framework should be created to make sure more strategic and action-orientated outcomes can be achieved.

I also mentioned that a Harvey Liberal Government will retain Local Governments' ability to choose which industrial relations regime you wish to join. So I made that quite clear this morning and I've had that ticked off by the Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations.

And a Harvey Liberal Government would also be very open to the idea of identifying agreed focus areas where both levels of government would work collaboratively to secure common sense results in key issues – so quicker, cheaper and more beneficial outcomes can be achieved by all parties.

And importantly our leader made it quite clear here this morning that a Harvey Liberal Government has no intention whatsoever of setting Local Government rates.

So can I conclude by thanking WALGA for allowing me to speak here at your AGM and I look forward to great progress in the next 12 months.

WALGA AGM, POLITICAL FORUM AND SPEAKER BREAKFAST

With the 2020 WA Local Government Convention being cancelled, a number of events were instead held alongside the Association's delayed AGM, held on Friday, 25 September at Crown Perth.

A breakfast featuring former leading Fremantle Dockers player, former coach of South Fremantle Football Club (WAFL) and sports broadcaster, Paul Hasleby was held in the morning, sponsored by Marketforce. Paul shared highlights of his football and coaching career, revealing Northampton's AFL success (with nine players from a population of just 800) is the result of a supportive community and role models.

Later that morning, around 250 Local Government Chief Executive Officers, Mayors, Presidents (or their Deputies), attended a political forum designed to provide attendees the opportunity to

get an understanding of the various party policies and platforms. Facilitated by journalist Liam Bartlett, speakers included WA Premier Hon Mark McGowan; Leader of the Opposition Hon Liza Harvey; Leader of the Nationals WA Hon Mia Davies and Minister for Local Government Hon David Templeman MLA.

Nearly 350 delegates were registered for this year's AGM, held in the afternoon. As part of the program, 31 Local Government Elected Members and Officers received a Local Government Honours Award, with Shire of East Pilbara President Cr Lynne Craigie OAM recognised for her exceptional service to the Local Government sector with a Local Government Medal.

To view all Honours Awards recipients, please see article on page 10.

The following pages feature pictures from throughout the day.



WALGA AGM, POLITICAL FORUM AND SPEAKER BREAKFAST





2020 HONOURS AWARDS

EAST PILBARA PRESIDENT AWARDED LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEDAL

Shire of East Pilbara President Cr Lynne Craigie OAM has been recognised for her exceptional service to the Local Government sector with a Local Government Medal.

The highest honour in the WA Local Government Association's honours program, the Medal is bestowed upon those providing exceptional service in advancing the goals of WALGA and Local Government as well as the personal contribution given in pursuit of benefits for the community.

WALGA President Mayor Tracey Roberts congratulated Cr Craigie on her award and her many achievements across her 17 years' service in the sector.

"Lynne is widely acknowledged and respected for her collaborative, engaging and inclusive leadership style, and has been an inspiration to many Elected Members throughout her service at both the Shire of East Pilbara and WALGA," Mayor Roberts said.

"As the WALGA President, she was instrumental in numerous advocacy and organisational achievements, including negotiations for a new agreement with the State on shared vehicle licence revenues and rejuvenation of the State Local Government Partnership agreement."

Mayor Roberts said Cr Craigie's contribution to the sector received a prestigious commendation in 2019 with a Medal of the Order of Australia and WALGA is proud to award her their highest honour in the Local Government Medal.

"Cr Craigie has a passion for her community and has been a stalwart of the Local Government sector," she said.

"She has worked tirelessly to unite the sector and drive positive projects and programs as a proactive community representative.

"We thank her for what she has done for the East Pilbara region and the entire sector."

Cr Craigie was among the 31 Local Government Elected Members and Local Government Officers who received a Local Government Honours Award, announced as part of the 2020 WALGA Annual General Meeting.

"These awards recognise the leaders who, through many years of hard work and personal commitment, created communities that thrive and prosper, even in the face of global adversity," Mayor Roberts said.



WALGA President Mayor Tracey Roberts (right) congratulating Local Government Medal Recipient Cr Lynne Craigie.

2020 Honours Award recipients

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEDAL

**President Cr Lynne
Craigie OAM**
Shire of East Pilbara

EMINENT SERVICE AWARD

Cr Frank Cvitan JP
City of Wanneroo

Mayor Barry Sammels
City of Rockingham

Cr Olwen Searle JP
City of Gosnells

Norm Trenfield
ex Shire of Meekatharra

LONG AND LOYAL SERVICE AWARD

Cr David Boothman JP
City of Stirling

Karl Brandenburg
ex Shire of Carnarvon

Brian Caporn
ex Shire of Quairading

Ian (Sam) Collard
ex Shire of Gingin

Cr Peter Denton
Shire of Cranbrook

Cr Peter Feasey
City of Kwinana

Ray Harrington OAM
ex Shire of West Arthur

Geraldine Hinkley
ex Shire of Wickepin

Cr Shelley Hmeljak
Shire of Gnowangerup

Douglas Kelly
ex Shire of Cunderdin

Cr Philip Matsumoto
Shire of Broome

Michael Meredith
ex Shire of West Arthur

Cr Stephanie Proud JP
City of Stirling

Cr Joy Stewart
City of Rockingham

MERIT AWARD

Cr Karen Caddy
City of Stirling

Cr Joe Ferrante
City of Stirling

Lynn Fisher
ex Shire of Mundaring

Mayor Mark Irwin
City of Stirling

Cr David Lagan
City of Stirling

John McCallum
ex City of Busselton

Kim Mills
ex Shire of Brookton

Cr Keith Sargent
City of Stirling

Coralie Tarbotton
ex City of Busselton

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTINGUISHED OFFICER AWARD

John Beaton
City of Stirling

Jim Epis
Shire of Leonora

Gail Ipsen Cutts
Shire of Manjimup

Around the Nation

News from State Associations across the country

NSW



Federal Budget Funds Will Help NSW Councils Drive a Locally Led Economic Recovery

A range of Federal Budget funding announcements will help NSW Councils drive a locally led economic recovery – but there is still more to do, Local Government NSW (LGNSW) said.

LGNSW President Linda Scott said the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic was writ large on the Federal Budget handed down by Treasurer Josh Frydenberg

“The economic devastation wreaked by drought, floods, bushfires and COVID has hit all levels of Government, including Councils,” Cr Scott said.

“Councils provide a vast range of community infrastructure and services, and are ready to drive a locally led recovery which creates local jobs and keeps money flowing through local economies.

“It would have been great to see a boost in Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) beyond the \$1.24 billion allocated, to support this process.

“But Local Government recognises the pressure on federal funds and there is still a lot in the Budget that will directly benefit Councils and the communities they serve.”

Key among the announcements were a range of road and local infrastructure packages, including:

- Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program - \$1 billion over two years, taking total funding of this initiative to \$1.5 billion.
- National Road Safety Program – a \$2 billion commitment over two years to improve safety conditions on roads.
- Infrastructure Investment NSW – \$2.7 billion from 2020-21 for priority road and rail projects in NSW to support economic recovery and jobs, increasing the Government’s total commitment to transport infrastructure in NSW to over \$39 billion.
- Black Spot Program - \$137 million to improve the safety of road sites that have been identified as high-risk areas for serious crashes.
- Bridges Renewal Program - \$89.7 million to replace or upgrade bridges across the nation.
- Roads to Recovery – more than \$590 million for national roads maintenance, an increase of more than \$90 million from 2019-20.

“NSW Councils manage and maintain 90% of the state’s roads, so this funding is lifeblood for them, while the investment in community infrastructure recognises the critical role

played by Councils in keeping local workers in job,” she said.

Cr Scott also welcomed the announcement of \$190 million to kickstart the Recycling Modernisation Fund – designed to complement state funding for new infrastructure to sort, process and remanufacture waste.

“Building a circular economy with homegrown waste solutions is a critical component of LGNSW’s Save Our Recycling campaign, and I would urge the NSW Government to come to the party through the use of the \$800 million Waste Levy collected each year,” she said.

Other positive initiatives included:

- Building Better Regions Fund – an additional \$200 million funding, including \$100 million dedicated for tourism infrastructure
- Resilience funding - \$100 million in 2020-21 to support the long-term drought resilience of Local Governments
- Commonwealth Home Support Program - \$1.6 billion over four years for an additional 23,000 home care packages.
- “More than half of NSW’s Councils deliver aged care services under the Commonwealth Home Support Program, so these additional packages are certainly a good start,” she said.

Cr Scott said the 2020-21 federal Budget was another step towards recovery, with further progress expected in the NSW State Budget in November.

“There is no quick fix – economic recovery will be an ongoing process, and each tier of government is working hard to play its part,” she said.

“LGNSW is committed to supporting Councils so they can do what they do best: lead their local communities in a desperately needed financial recovery.”

NT



2020 NT Election Advocacy for Local Government

Councils are the closest to communities and have the largest footprint across the Northern Territory of any government or organisation. This proximity to Territorians, the acute sparsity of population across 17% of the nation, low rate-paying base and focus on local decision-making has meant we do a lot more than roads, rates and rubbish. Often this means the fourth “r” – “reverything else”.

We are of course fortunate that Commonwealth and Territory government subsidies, grants and funding schemes support much of what the sector does particularly in regional and remote communities. This support needs to continue

and in some cases be expanded if we are to maintain and develop the very reason Councils exist – to increase community wellbeing via service provision.

The 14 key priorities outlined in the advocacy document support LGANT’s strategic outcomes:

- supporting Local Government reforms
- contributing to infrastructure provision and enhancement
- bolstering community services and Indigenous employment
- The Top Five key commitments sought are:
- Local Water Security – NT Water Security Plan
- Local Waste Management – CRC Waste, Recycling & the Circular Economy
- Local Economies – NT Red Tape Reduction Taskforce
- Local Connectivity – Smart Communities
- Local Representation – Minister for Local Government

QLD



Councils Welcome Much-Needed Federal Boost to Roads, Training and Community Infrastructure Funding

A multi-million-dollar Federal Budget boost to roads, apprenticeships and community infrastructure funding has been welcomed by Queensland Councils.

Local Government Association of Queensland President and Sunshine Coast Council Mayor Mark Jamieson thanked Prime Minister Scott Morrison, Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack and Treasurer Josh Frydenberg for recognising the critical role Councils can play in the economic recovery effort though funding measures announced in this week’s Budget.

“The \$1 billion dollar boost to the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP) over two years will ensure the pipeline of works currently underway in local communities across Queensland can continue, supporting and creating jobs and helping to sustain local supply chains,” Mayor Jamieson said.

Queensland Councils are expected to share in more than \$200 million in extra funding over two years under this program, in addition to the more than \$101 million in LRCIP funding they received when the program was first announced in May in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Jamieson said Councils would also benefit from funding through programs like Roads to Recovery, Bridges Renewal, Building Better Regions, Regional Recovery Partnerships, the Regional Connectivity program and the Transforming Australia’s Waste and Recycling Industry initiative.

“Local government can also access funding under a \$1.2 billion Commonwealth program designed to fund 100,000 new apprentices,” Mayor Jamieson said.

“Queensland Councils are able to offer training across more than 240 occupational areas. Allowing Local Government to access this funding means more opportunities for young people to find work in their local community.”

“Programs like the Commonwealth’s Drought Communities Program Extension have proven that Councils are best placed to ensure stimulus funding is delivered where it is needed most in their communities in order to deliver the best outcome for local economies.”

“We are grateful to see this work acknowledged with the creation of further partnerships with the Commonwealth through initiatives like the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.”

Mayor Jamieson said Councils remained disappointed, however, with the lack of a significant increase to Financial Assistance Grants.

“The Federal Government must ensure extra FAGs funding flows in future years, so the economic sustainability of Councils and their communities is maintained,” he said.

Mayor Jamieson said Councils would continue to advocate for the return of FAGs funding to one per cent of total taxation revenue.



Time to Put Politics Aside

The LGA SA is urging all parties to put politics aside and support the swift passing of the Statutes Amendment (Local Government Review) Bill 2020 through Parliament.

LGA SA President Sam Telfer said the LGA SA now supported the majority of this revised Bill, which includes a range of measures that will support Councils to deliver even better value for their ratepayers.

“Councils support sensible, evidence-based Local Government reform, and the Bill that will enter the Legislative Council strikes a balance between the interests of ratepayers, Councils and the Parliament.”

“Elements of this Bill have been shaped by the ideas put on the table by all parties in recent years, and by the firm resolve of the Parliament not to accept previous legislative proposals that were not in the best interest of South Australians.”

“It was disappointing to see Labor playing politics today, indicating their support for rate capping after it had been removed from the Bill, and after they have consistently opposed the policy for the past six years.”

“Labor needs to stop shifting the goal posts by making policy on the run.”

“We want to see this Bill passed quickly so Councils can realise the benefits from the new processes and structures it will establish, including the creation of a new Local Government Behaviour Panel.”

“This isn’t the time for political point scoring – we need to work together so the benefits can flow into our communities.”

A central component of the revised Bill is a new rates oversight scheme, which would function as follows:

- Once every three years (on a rotating schedule) Councils will provide relevant information to the Essential Services Commission of SA (ESCOSA) about their current long-term financial plan, infrastructure and asset management plan and annual business plan and budget for review.
- ESCOSA will review this information and provide a report to the Council on whether their plans and rates are appropriate and – if relevant – advice on how they can be improved.
- Councils would then be required to publish the advice received from ESCOSA in their future Annual Business Plans and the community will have their say through a public consultation process.
- If a Council fails to address any serious or systemic issues, the Minister has sufficient existing powers available to seek remedy from any Council that is not operating within the requirements of the Act.

Mayor Telfer said “Unlike previous ‘rate capping’ proposals that would have given the Minister broad powers to arbitrarily override Council decision making on local plans and priorities, this proposal is designed to help Councils to improve their performance over time and increase transparency for ratepayers.”

“Council rates have been trending down for years, and this year we’ve seen many Councils freeze their rates, and provide millions of dollars in rate relief to households and businesses impacted by COVID-19.”



Local Government Welcomes State Government’s Commitment to Use All Waste Levy Funds for Waste and Resource Recovery

Local Government welcomes the statements made by Minister Jaensch early this week on ABC radio committing to allocate 100% of the waste levy funds to waste and resource recovery activities.

LGAT President Mayor Christina Holmdahl said the Local Government sector has been advocating for a Statewide waste levy which uses the fund collected solely for waste and resource recovery activities.

“As a sector, Local Government has been calling for action and leadership on waste and recycling and so it is pleasing to see the State Government committing to a nation leading approach to levy funds. This will ensure resources applied to supporting industry Councils and the community in developing markets for recycled product and improving

resource recovery,” Mayor Holmdahl said.

We look forward to working with the Government to finalise the other important aspects required to support the introduction of the waste levy.



MAV President Councillor Coral Ross Not Standing for Re-Election

Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) President Councillor Coral Ross has announced she will not stand for re-election at the Victorian Local Government elections on 24 October.

After more than 18 years of dedicated service as a Councillor for the City of Boroondara, including three terms as mayor, Cr Ross has decided now is the right time to stand aside.

Cr Ross was elected as President of the MAV in March 2019. She was also interim president of the MAV from November 2016 to March 2017 and has served as a board member of the Australian Local Government Association.

Cr Ross has consistently been a strong advocate for women in Local Government, serving as National President of Australian Local Government Women’s Association, Deputy Chair of the Australian Gender Equality Council and a director of the National Rural Women’s Coalition.

In 2018, Cr Ross was awarded the prestigious Churchill Fellowship to investigate improving gender equality in local Councils and was inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women.

MAV CEO Kerry Thompson expressed her gratitude to Cr Ross for her leadership and service to the MAV, to the Local Government sector and to the community.

“On behalf of the Board and staff of the MAV, I would like to thank Coral for her commitment and dedication to advancing the interests of Local Government throughout her term as MAV President.

“Coral has been a strong and professional advocate for the Local Government sector, consistently working to achieve positive and sustainable outcomes for local communities.

“I am grateful for her contribution to the MAV and wish her nothing but the best for the future.”

Cr Ross will remain in her role at the MAV until the Council elections are held on 24 October.

The MAV Rules provide that after Council elections are held, an interim management board comprising immediate past board members who are declared elected will be formed. The interim management board must elect a member to be the interim President.

The next MAV board elections will be held on 5 March 2021.

OCT/NOV AROUND THE STATE IN PICTURES

The following pictures celebrate the achievements of Local Government in Western Australia. Any WA Local Government that has held an event or function and wants to have it featured in Western Councillor is encouraged to contact [Brenda Law-Yat](mailto:blawyat@walga.asn.au) at the WA Local Government Association via email: blawyat@walga.asn.au

ALBANY

City of Albany have extended their partnership with Rio Tinto to provide dedicated youth support in Albany for the next three years and support community groups to recover from COVID-19.

Rio Tinto have also provided the City with COVID-19 relief grant funding for a number of community groups to reconnect with residents and neighbourhoods across Albany as restrictions ease.



ARMADALE

In August, the City of Armadale successfully relocated six Claret Ash trees to Frye Park, brought on by the Metronet-driven Denny Avenue Level Crossing Removal project. The trees, known for their broad shade canopy and rich green leaves, were transported from Albany Highway. Planted around 25 years ago, the trees are semi-mature. Preparation for the process took three days, with a further three days for transportation, planting and staking. Retention of trees, where possible, addresses the City's key targets within the Urban Forest Strategy.

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BAYSWATER

City of Bayswater has unveiled concept plans for the redevelopment of the much loved Maylands Waterland facility, developed by renowned landscape architect, Dr Josh Byrne, and his team at Josh Byrne & Associates. The concept plans are based on feedback from the community and will see water play areas, inspired by local native flora and fauna, open for little ones to enjoy by November 2021.

The Maylands Waterland redevelopment was fast tracked as part of the City's \$5.09 million local economic and social stimulus package.



BELMONT

The City of Belmont launched a new mobile-optimised website in September. The website is accessible on mobile, tablet and desktop, and offers a wide range of new content, upgraded features and a user-friendly design. The navigation has been redeveloped and the website features an enhanced predictive search function, Explore Your Neighbourhood section, Events Calendar and Community Directory. In the first week of launch there were 8000 visitors to the home page.



BROOME

Premier Mark McGowan and Regional Development Minister Alannah MacTiernan visited Broome on Saturday, 22 September to announce the preferred tenderer for Stage 2 of the Chinatown Revitalisation Project.

The project, which is a \$29.3 million initiative funded by the Shire of Broome and WA State Government, will rejuvenate Broome's town centre by refreshing streetscapes and providing recreation places for residents and visitors, with construction work to start in November.

Pictured: Representatives from the Shire of Broome, Kimberley Development Commission, the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, and preferred tenderer Georgiou Group, with Premier Mark McGowan.



BRUCE ROCK

Shire of Bruce Rock staff recently attended a 'Talk to a Mate' mental health breakfast where each employee was presented with a new work shirts, designed by Australian Workwear Brand Trademutt. Their bright and colourful pattern is designed to be a conversation starter around mental health in men.

BUSSELTON

On Monday, 21 September the City marked International Day of Peace by planting a sapling taken from a Ginkgo tree which miraculously survived the A-bombing of Hiroshima in 1945.

The tree is the first of its kind to be planted in the South West. Thanks to the City of Fremantle and Mayors for Peace, Fremantle for donating the sapling.

Spread peace – not just today, but every day!

Pictured: Caspar and Erin Adson, Mayor Grant Henley and Pauline Vukelic.



CANNING

The City of Canning's first smart park – Wharf Street Basin Next Generation Community Park – is open.

You can meet local wildlife, be a scientist by using your mobile phone to play games and view water data on an AR app – Smart Canning.

The park has Internet of Things (IoT) sensors to measure, water quality, weather conditions and power use, free WiFi, smart bins and irrigation, solar power, a small nature playground, an informal educational space, a boardwalk and a 40m mural.

Find out more at www.canning.wa.gov.au/smartpark

Pictured: Member for Swan Hon Steve Irons MP, City of Canning Mayor Patrick Hall and Murray Yarran



COCKBURN

The City of Cockburn held its first United Nations International Day of Peace event on Monday, 21 September, planting six-year-old Ginkgo biloba saplings at Yandi Park, Cockburn Central.

The trees were raised from seed harvested from a Ginkgo biloba survivor, just 500m from the blast epicentre of the WW2 nuclear bombing of Hiroshima 75 years ago.

That tree was destroyed but it regrew and seeds have been collected from it ever since for global distribution in the name of peace.

Pictured: Cr Chontelle Stone, Fremantle MHR Josh Wilson, Member for Jandakot Yaz Mubarakai, Cr Phil Eva, City of Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett, Cr Phoebe Corke and Cr Lara Kirkwood.



CUNDERDIN AND QUAIRADING

Youth from Cunderdin and Quairading came together in August in Cunderdin to take part in a free Community Laser Tag event. The event raised awareness of drug and alcohol abuse, as well as built relationships between the local Police Officers and St John Ambulance volunteers. The event was made possible with the support from the Shire of Cunderdin, Shire of Quairading and Western Australia Police Community Crime Prevention Fund.



DALWALLINU

The Shire of Dalwallinu held a Community Celebration Day to bring the community together after the turbulent year we have had so far due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council provided free children's activities, afternoon tea, an evening meal and live entertainment.

The turnout was amazing and everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable day.



DENMARK

Denmark residents got their hands dirty this month, installing a sustainable, fire-wise garden from the ground up in the town's CBD. The Shire of Denmark workshop, run by Chris Ferreira and his team from the Forever Project, was the last in a series supporting communities to raise their awareness and resilience around bushfire risk. The series was funded by the federal government's Natural Disaster Resilience Program.

DERBY/WEST KIMBERLEY

The Shire of Derby/West Kimberley has been aiming to reach as many of its 8000 residents as possible as part of developing its 2021 Strategic Community Plan. This includes engaging appropriately with its Indigenous community, which makes up 3/4 of its population.

Pictured: Shire Officers, Sarah Smith and Isaac Buckle at a Derby community consultation session in August.



EAST FREMANTLE

The Town of East Fremantle took a big step along the path to sincere reconciliation with the first meeting of the Working Group on Monday, 5 October. A group of Elected Members and community members, guided by Noongar Whadjuk elders and expert consultants, came together in a spirit of collaboration and respect to craft a Reconciliation Action Plan that will reflect local Aboriginal history, story, places and culture in East Fremantle.



DOWERIN

Rosey forms a second part of the Tin Dog Territory for Dowerin. Rosey was developed as part of the Pioneers' Pathway Project enabling pioneering towns to have the opportunity to create stories for residents and visitors an insight into the history of Dowerin. Rosey is two thirds the size of the original tin dog, Rusty. Located along the main street of Dowerin, Rosey was designed & constructed by local business Dowerin Engineering.

Pictured: Shire President Cr Darrel Hudson, CEO Rebecca McCall, Shire Deputy President Cr Bev Ward and Dowerin Engineering Works Director Jason Gard.

EXMOUTH

The Shire of Exmouth collaborated with local artist and Exmouth gallery owner Sadie James for this interactive piece of art at the recently refurbished toilet block at Bundegi Beach. Visitors and residents alike are invited to 'hook' one of the iconic Marlins and enjoy the vibrant beach and its facilities.



GINGIN

The Shire of Gingin has partnered with IT Vision to be the early adopter of the Altus Financial Suite. This is an exciting opportunity for Shire staff to provide direct input into the design of this cloud-based solution. IT Vision will support the Shire on migration, training, go-live and change management across a range of modules including Accounts Payable & Receivable, Asset Ledger, Bank Reconciliation, Bonds & Deposits, General Ledger, Loans, Project Accounting, Purchasing and Receipting. This modern and intuitive solution will help the Shire realise improved cost/time savings in addition to the introduction of a more modern workflow.

GOSNELLS

Residents near Robinson Park in Gosnells celebrated their beautiful new park and playground with a community event on Friday, 18 September.

The 2.9ha park was redeveloped to feature a nature-based playground, picnic areas with seating and shade, barbecues, a path network, basketball half-court and dog exercise area.

Families enjoyed the new park facilities with a free sausage sizzle, Park Play session, inflatable play equipment and plenty of games and activities with the City's Nomad youth trailer.



GREATER GERALDTON

West Australian Music's 'Sounds of the Mid West' has taken over the Queens Park Theatre (QPT), turning it into a recording studio for the next few weeks.

'Sounds of the Mid West' recording project provides 10 local artists with the opportunity to record their original song with some of WA's best producers. The final compilation will be released next year by West Australian Music to local and national radio, industry and the public.

The City of Greater Geraldton and QPT are proud to host the opportunity and find a way to activate the award-winning entertainment venue after closing due to COVID-19 health restrictions.

JOONDALUP

Joondalup Mayor Albert Jacob was among the first group of people to scale the recently opened 21-metre-high stairway at the Whitfords Nodes Health and Wellbeing Hub.

The stairway allows users to undertake a vigorous exercise regime, running or walking up and down the incline, in a beautiful natural setting.

It is a major component of the \$2.14 million Health and Wellbeing Hub, which was officially opened on Saturday 26 September and brings together a range of fitness activities into one location, increasing recreational opportunities for locals and visitors.

The City received funding for the project from Lotterywest and the Federal Government's Community Sport Infrastructure grant program.



KARRATHA

The City of Karratha just wrapped up its Try Local initiative that saw every household receive a \$100 digital voucher to spend at registered local businesses with the aim of offering some financial support for businesses that are suffering due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

More than \$500,000 was spent at roughly 125 local businesses through the initiative. Hats off to all the residents who got involved!



LAKE GRACE

The Shire of Lake Grace has gone into partnership with the Australian Vehicle Association and installed an Electric Vehicle Charger located at the Railway Station along Stubbs Street. While charging your vehicles, why not have a cuppa at our coffee shops, shop at our local IGA, have a jump on the newly installed Jumping Pillow or visit the AIM Hospital Museum?

MORAWA

Shire of Morawa President Cr Karen Chappel is pictured with Jayne Leeson, who organised the Morawa Long Table Lunch that was held on Saturday, 15 August. The day attracted 120 ladies from Morawa and the region and it truly was a wonderful celebration of good food, drinks and company. The event raised a fantastic total of \$12,051.35 for the Breast Cancer Research Centre of WA. It is great to see the community come together for a great cause.



MOUNT MAGNET

The Murchison Geo Region Tourism Project was officially launched on Friday, 18 September in Mount Magnet. Geo-tourism is an emerging global economic development opportunity that fosters tourism based upon the geology and landscapes that shape the character of a region. The Murchison Geo Region Tourism project is a collaboration of the seven Murchison Local Governments: Cue, Meekatharra, Mount Magnet, Murchison, Sandstone, Yalgoo and Wiluna together with the Mid West Development Commission.

The launch of the project was officially opened by Ms Pat Barblett AM, President and original founder of Forum Advocating Cultural & Eco-tourism Inc and attended by over 80 people that included a visit to The Granites which is one of the Murchison Geo Region site locations, approximately nine kilometres north of Mount Magnet.

Pictured: Member for North West Central Hon Vince Catania MLA, Forum Advocating Cultural & Eco-tourism Inc President Pat Barblett AM, Shire of Mount Magnet Cr Karen Morrissey and Edith Cowan University Professor Ross Dowling.



MUKINBUDIN

The Shire of Mukinbudin has completed the construction of two houses for the purposes of housing for Department of Communities employees. Mukinbudin District High School teaching staff and their families will be relocating into the houses during the October School holidays. The Department of Communities have entered a 10-year Lease Agreement, ensuring the viability of this valuable project for the community.

MUNDARING

Last month, Shire of Mundaring celebrated the winners and finalists of the Explore and Expose Photography Competition at a special event at Boya Community Centre. Residents were invited to explore their local area and expose what connects them to the Perth hills through the camera lens. Odile Pouliquen-Young won first place with her entry, 'Pontoon in the Mist.' View the free exhibition at Boya Community Centre until Thursday, 10 December.



MURRAY

The Dwellingup Trails and Visitor Centre, Western Australia's first purpose-built trails facility, officially opened its doors on Thursday, 10 September and has since welcomed a keen influx of trails and adventure enthusiasts.

The Centre is the place to go before and after hitting the adventure town's mountain bike, walk, paddle, railway, four-wheel drive and horse trails, and is equipped with a bike wash area, hot showers and toilets.

A café, laundromat, trails retail and equipment hire and shuttle service will commence operation in the next few months.

The Centre's visitor servicing has been enhanced digitally with the incorporation of virtual reality and interactive screens as well as a destination magazine and new, dedicated tourism website.



NAREMBEEN

The Emu Hill Public Cemetery in Narembeen has undertaken significant re-development works. The Shire recognised the cultural and historical significance of the Cemetery and were committed to ensuring it was well preserved and enhanced in keeping with the natural features and landscape of the Cemetery. The Shire is proud of the final outcome, it provides a place of remembrance and reflection for the community.

NARROGIN

A fine salmon gum in the Shire's Yilliminning Reserve has been dedicated to George Brockway (deceased) who has become known as the 'The Forgotten Conservationist'. An official opening was attended by family members and those associated with the funding and building of the site to commemorate the pioneering work of the forester. The signage and infrastructure is proudly supported with support from the Shire of Narrogin and the Western Australian Forest Products Commission

Pictured: Roger Underwood the project driver, Shire President Cr Leigh Ballard and Brockway family representative, Walter Brockway.





PORT HEDLAND

Port Hedland Leisure opened the doors to its flagship fitness facility, the Gratwick Aquatic and Fitness Centre, on Saturday, 19 September. The facility underwent extensive refurbishment works, accessibility improvements and the installation of state of the art Technogym equipment.

Town CEO Carl Askew said the Town has endeavoured to create a fitness facility which empowers locals to reach their health and fitness goals, whether they're shift workers in the mining and resources industry, families faced with time constraints or young professionals.

SERPENTINE JARRAHDALE

The Shire hosted Premier Mark McGowan and his Cabinet Ministers for their Community Cabinet Meeting on Monday, 24 August. The meeting coincided with the announcement of the preferred location for the new Byford Train Station as part of the eight kilometre extension of the Armadale rail line. Shire President Michelle Rich said delivery of the future Byford rail extension, and a station located in the heart of the Byford, aligned with the Shire's long-term vision for a vibrant and connected town centre.



STIRLING

After a big season earlier this year, the City's Sunset Veranda pop-up venue won a state honour in the 2020 Parks & Leisure Australia (WA) Awards of Excellence. The venue received the Major Event of the Year Award and is now in the running for a national award. It was a landmark season for Sunset Veranda with record-breaking crowds enjoying more than 100 events including comedy, music and family-friendly activities.

Pictured: RiskWest Partner Mark Humphreys (award sponsor), City of Stirling Events Officer Maree Licastro and Mayor Mark Irwin.



ROCKINGHAM

The City of Rockingham and Tourism Rockingham encouraged Western Australian adventure seekers to visit Rockingham during spring, with the launch of the Rediscover Adventure, Rediscover Rockingham marketing campaign.

The campaign promoted the wide range of active outdoor experiences and adventure activities available within the Rockingham region. The campaign was spearheaded by the Rediscover Rockingham Adventure Holidays competition.

This stunning photo of Cape Peron was the first winner in the competition.



SUBIACO

Subiaco was recently transformed into a toe-tapping, groove-filled cultural melting pot for 10 colourful evenings for the Subi Lounge Series.

The See Subiaco event brought a diverse line-up of immersive live music to Subiaco's venues, laneways and streets to help support the local economy, businesses, artists and performers by encouraging visitation, increasing vibrancy and providing work opportunities for artists in Perth.



SWAN

Ellenbrook residents are one step closer to having a state-of-the-art recreation and aquatic facility in their own backyard.

The City of Swan celebrated the start of construction on the new indoor facility in Ellenbrook on Tuesday, 15 September.

Mayor Kevin Bailey was joined by Attorney General and Federal Member for Pearce, the Hon. Christian Porter and Member for Swan Hills, Jessica Shaw MLA to break ground on the multimillion-dollar project.



WAGIN

Wagin was recently visited by lots of very well-trained working sheepdogs and their owners, for three days of trails in the Wagin dog trial arena.

The event brought around 50 people to Wagin and four times as many dogs to participate in the trials, to camp in the RV grounds and while they were together, they held their AGM.

WANNEROO

City of Wanneroo's 'Team Mila' recently took out the WA division of the 2020 LG Professionals Australasian Management Challenge, and will now represent Wanneroo on a national stage. The challenge is a simulation-based development and learning program that offers team building and networking opportunities using scenarios likely faced by a Local Government executive management team. Teams are scored on a number of criteria, including their effectiveness, synergy and creative thinking.

Pictured: Noelene Jennings, Director Corporate Strategy and Performance, team members Dean Kerry, Beth Weston, Melissa Shaw, Peter Larkin, Sarah Hingston and Amanda Broome, Jan O'Halloran, Coordinator Capability and Culture, Daniel Simms, Chief Executive Officer.



WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRAINING AWARDS

INAUGURAL JACQUI DODD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Together with the Association Honours, the WALGA AGM featured the awarding of scholarships for the Diploma of Local Government – Elected Member, which have been renamed in honour of WALGA’s Training Manager Jacqui Dodd who sadly passed away earlier in the year.

In announcing the change, WALGA CEO Nick Sloan said Jacqui was a fun and hardworking team member who led the Association’s Training Team for nearly nine years.

“As Training Manager, she managed the day-to-day workings of WALGA’s Registered Training organisation and advocated passionately for the sector in providing industry advice via the Department of Training and Workforce Development and informing the national training agenda through the Industry National Reference Committee,” he said.

“Outside of work, Jacqui’s passions lay in the water; with scuba diving and beach holidays with her husband Les always on the agenda.

“Her passing was felt across the entire organisation and by many in the sector who have worked with her across the years, and so we decided to rename these scholarships in her honour.”

The scholarship provides assistance to complete the Diploma of Local Government (Elected Member), comprising course and assessment costs, as well as contribution towards travel and accommodation.

Nick congratulated the Diploma Scholarship recipients, saying through their application they were able to demonstrate their passion to engage in professional development and share the benefits their training will be able to bring their local communities.

“It’s great to see such commitment to ensuring that these individuals have the essential knowledge and skills to perform their role as Elected Members.”

- Cr Georgie Carey, Town of Mosman Park
- Cr Peter Smith, Shire of Quairading
- Cr Nige Jones, City of Joondalup
- Cr Ramesh Rajagopalan, Deputy Shire President at the Shire of Bruce Rock.



Pictured: WALGA President Mayor Tracey Roberts, Scholarship recipient Cr Georgie Carey and WALGA Executive Manager, Governance and Organisational Services Tony Brown.



Pictured: WALGA President Mayor Tracey Roberts, Scholarship recipient Cr Ramesh Rajagopalan and WALGA Executive Manager, Governance and Organisational Services Tony Brown.

STATE AND FEDERAL BUDGET 2020

After a five-month delay, the State and Federal Budgets were handed down in recent weeks, and revealed the significant and lasting impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our economic and financial position.

Both Budgets were centred on measures aimed at supporting the economy through this challenging period and will rely on debt in an attempt to kick-start the economic recovery. The State Government's focus is on asset investment, while the Commonwealth is using the tax and transfer system to support households and provide incentives for businesses to invest.

There were some positive news for Local Governments. In particular, the Federal Government delivered a \$1 billion investment in local roads and community infrastructure, in a vote of confidence in the sector's ability to drive local economic prosperity.

Local Governments that rely heavily on domestic and international visitors will also benefit from the Federal Budget's \$50 million Regional Tourism Recovery initiative, and a new \$200 million round of the Building Better Regions Fund.

The State Budget was more limited in its support for the sector, and contained little by way of new announcements. The headline of the State Budget was the previously announced \$5.5 billion COVID recovery plan, and an Asset Investment Program worth \$27 billion that will be funded through operating surpluses and additional debt.

The State Government has already announced many of the initiatives in both the COVID Recovery Plan and the Asset Investment Program, so it was a budget of few surprises.

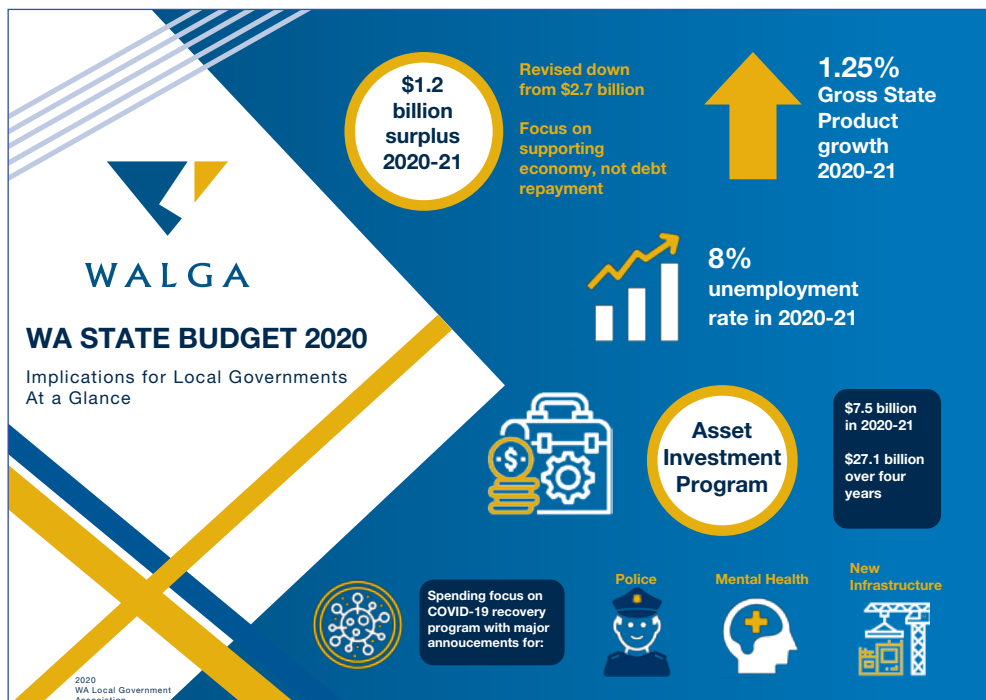
The key initiatives that will be of welcome news to the sector include:

- \$7.6 million to implement the 'Stop Puppy Farming' legislation
- \$5 million to assist local coastal managers to protect coastal erosion hotspot sites
- \$15 million to treat priority bushfire and other risks on unallocated or unmanaged Crown land, including that under the care of Local Government, and
- \$16.1 million over four years to target high casualty and high-risk intersections on Local Government roads within the metropolitan area.

However, the Government missed the opportunity to invest in programs that could quickly boost jobs and provide lasting benefits to WA communities such as the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund and the commodities freight route program.

We were also disappointed that there are going to be significant increases in some key fees and charges that are imposed on Local Government, including increases in excess of 10% in 2020-21 for street lighting tariffs for Horizon Power customers and 2.9% for electricity tariffs.

These are important issues for the sector, and WALGA will ensure they remain a central part of our advocacy agenda in the coming period.



NATIONAL PLANNING COMMENDATION AWARD

SHOWCASE OF MULTICULTURAL HISTORY

A joint project that saw collaboration between the Shire of Broome and the State Government received the Commendation Award at the Planning Institute Australia National Excellence Plan to Place Award.

The Chinatown Revitalisation Project is a partnership project between the Shire of Broome, the Kimberley Development Commission and Development WA.

Shire of Broome President Cr Harold Tracey said the Chinatown precinct is an area rich in history and culture, with the vibrant town centre's story spanning back to the heady days of the pearling industry's establishment in the 1880s.

"Stage 1 of the revitalisation project included the construction of a stunning lookout over scenic Roebuck Bay, the renovation of streetscapes, provision of shade structures, installation of new lighting, deployment of captivating public art and interpretation pieces, and rollout of upgraded technology," Cr Tracey said.

"Extensive consultation with the community and local stakeholders has ensured Stage One works recognise the importance of Broome's multiculturalism, with elements paying homage to the role different nationalities played in the town's establishment.

"This include the Traditional Land Holders, the Yawuru People, and elements from the Japanese, Chinese and Malaysian communities that settled in Western Australia while the pearling industry was in its pomp."

The project rose to prominence by first clinching the PIA WA 2019 Awards for Planning Excellence, which meant it was a nominee in the national awards.



The national commendation award was announced on Thursday, 24 September.

The panel of judges said the project represented an incredible commitment to building community around an iconic Australian place, by bringing businesses, residents, diverse cultures and other stakeholders together, underpinned by a clear framework for day-to-day operations and management.

"Supported by a dedicated Investment and Development Coordinator, the project has strengthened the identity and improved the amenity of the place; doing more than simply delivering a civil works program," they said.

HISTORY AND FUTURE OF THE BROOME CHINATOWN REVITALISATION PROJECT

A thriving town centre adored by local residents and explored by throngs of tourists on an annual basis, the Shire of Broome embarked on a project to rejuvenate Chinatown in 2015.

The cultivation of a detailed and thorough Business Case led to State Government buy-in, with the \$29.3 million Chinatown Revitalisation Project signed off.

Cr Tracey said the project commenced in September 2018, with the Kimberley Development Commission and Development WA as important project partners.



"Broken into two stages, the first instalment of the major works was completed in 2019 – transforming Broome's town centre in the process," he said.

"The result of Stage One is a much more inviting, functional and culturally appropriate town centre for Broome, with Chinatown being rejuvenated into a major tourism attraction and thriving business district."

Stage Two of the project will commence in November, according to Cr Tracey.

"Leading WA construction company Georgiou Group has been awarded the contract to undertake the Stage Two works, which are scheduled to be completed in mid-2021," Cr Tracey said.

"With 70 per cent of the work to be completed by local contractors, the Chinatown Revitalisation Project is playing a sizeable role in boosting the Broome economy through tough times, he said.

"Once Stage Two is completed, the transformation of Broome's town centre will be complete – ensuring the iconic Kimberley tourism mecca has yet another attraction to lure visitors to the North West."

SAFE SYSTEM DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS LEAD THE WAY, TAKING THE BEST PRACTICE APPROACH TO ROAD SAFETY

Three Local Governments will participate in a new WALGA road safety initiative which aims to demonstrate the significant influence Local Governments can have in the prevention of road death and serious injury through the adoption and application of best practice in road safety.

The demonstration project will see the Shires of Dardanup, Esperance and Manjimup work closely with WALGA's RoadWise Program to embed a road safety management system, based on the safe system approach, for improving the safety performance of the local road network.

Putting a road safety management system in place will enable the participating Local Governments to prioritise effort and resources to better guide actions in working towards a point in time where no harm occurs on local roads.

The management system being used in the delivery of the WALGA RoadWise Local Government Safe System Demonstration Project is based on the *International Standard for Road Traffic Safety Management System (ISO 39001)*.

This is believed to be the first example of Local Governments using ISO 39001 in Australia and will thus showcase the Shires of Dardanup, Esperance and Manjimup, within and outside the sector, as leaders in the application of best practice road safety.

This project has strategic importance for the field of road safety and for the Local Government sector. There is growing recognition, at both national and state levels, that involving Local Governments in the implementation of the Safe System Approach (considered best practice) will be critical to achieving significant road safety gains for communities.

Representing a new direction for WALGA's RoadWise, the project will place a strategic emphasis on Local Governments' role as road managers planning authorities and fleet managers, in addition to their community development and leadership roles. It will be complemented by existing partnerships between RoadWise Road Safety Advisors and the RoadWise or road safety committees that will remain in place.

Congratulations to the three Local Governments taking part in this project – the outcomes of which will have the potential to be applied across diverse range of Local Governments, with positive implications for the sector in the future.

SELECTING THE PILOT LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPANTS

In identifying Local Governments to approach as potential participants in the Local Government Safe System Demonstration Project, a process was undertaken based on specific criteria and rationale.

Key factors included Local Governments with a range of road types (to enable outcomes to be transferrable and relevant to a range of other Local Governments), road expenditure effort from Local Government resources, population, staff numbers (to ensure capacity and capability to deliver the project), road length, killed and serious injury (KIS) rates, and Local Government readiness, willingness and ability to participate in the project.

Shortlisted Local Governments were approached and provided with briefings about the Project to gauge interest in participation, with the Shires of Dardanup, Esperance and Manjimup progressing to the project proposal stage and formally agreeing to work with WALGA's RoadWise to develop and implement a road traffic safety management system.



Pictured: Shire of Esperance Chief Executive Officer Shane Burge promoting the Shire's participation in the Local Government Safe System Demonstration Project to the Esperance community through the Shire's Facebook page.

ROAD SAFETY SNAPSHOT: WESTERN AUSTRALIA LOCAL ROADS



- Local Governments manage 87% of the road network
- Just under 60% of all deaths and serious injuries occur on the local road network.
- Between 2013 and 2017, 3,817 people were killed or seriously injured on metropolitan local roads; 1,582 people were killed or seriously injured on regional local roads.
- Road crashes on local roads cost the community \$965.1M per year (on average) over the five year period from 2013 to 2017.
- The most common crash types on local roads across WA that result in death or serious injury are intersection (30.5%), run-off-road (24.7%) and hit pedestrian (10.7%) crashes.

WA SUPER

AWARE SUPER MERGER

By Quyen Truong, General Manager Advice & Distribution



In a few short weeks, WA Super and Aware Super will finalise our merger, bringing some significant and exciting changes for our members. The union between WA Super and Aware Super makes sense, because of our shared culture, strategic priorities and most importantly our absolute commitment to putting our members first.

Following the merger, as the new WA State Manager, I am excited by all the opportunities we will have to continue to support our members to achieve the kind of retirement they want and deserve.

This new chapter in our history will build on the legacy of WA Super and provide members with the same access to quality local support; with the additional benefits of being able to make the most of products and services that come from being part of a large national fund.

By leveraging greater economies of scale, we expect to be able to pass on some further benefits to members such as reduced fees – including insurance, administration and investment fees – over time.

Over the past two years there has been significant consolidation in the superannuation sector including earlier this year when Aware Super merged with VicSuper to become Australia's second-largest industry super fund. Several other big and small funds are also in active merger discussions, because it is clear that size and scale really do matter.

Why? For one, larger funds have access to more diverse investment options. Aware Super is increasingly

bringing many of its investments in-house, reducing the costs of these transactions; savings which can be passed on to members through lower fees.

Through its size and investment strength, the Fund can also consider a broader range of investment opportunities including:

- Essential worker affordable housing developments – one of which was recently completed in Perth;
- Jobs growth initiatives for small to medium-sized businesses;
- Infrastructure investments including the Kings Square redevelopment in Fremantle;
- Market-leading agricultural and transport investments.

These direct investments have supported Aware Super to be a top-10 performer, including over the past financial year when the Fund delivered a positive return despite the challenging market.

Aware Super strongly believes that you do not need to compromise between doing well for members and good for the community. Its purpose is to be a force for good in super and retirement, shaping the best outcomes for its members, their families and communities, and the broader industry.

While Aware Super is a large national fund, one of the things that really differentiates it is its commitment to the community and to providing local service, advice and support.

Following the merger, we will have more than 60,000 members in WA who will still have access to local advice and support teams based in the current WA Super office in Perth.

Aware Super will also have part of its national telephone-based Member Service Centre in Perth, meaning members can still access this important service across the full span of business hours.

Aware Super is committed to WA, our members and community in just the same way WA Super has always been.



wa super

NEW LOOK LGIS KEEPS THE FOCUS ON MEMBERS

By Jonathan Seth, CEO, LGIS



2020 has been a year of change for all of us. Our local government members have pivoted their services to support local communities and economies through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A pandemic that has no confirmed end in sight and will undoubtedly make further demands of us to innovative and adapt to the new paradigm.

At LGIS we've been innovating too. Now more than ever the role and value of your mutual indemnity scheme is apparent as together we manage emerging risks and expand our cover to give members, their people – staff and volunteers - and communities even more protection. We've also got a new look.

Our new logo reflects our history and looks to the future emphasising the local government sectors ownership, led by WALGA as the Scheme's Trustee.

ANNUAL REPORT

Our 2020 Annual Report is now available. Despite the latter half of the years' upheaval the Scheme has remained financially strong, closing out the year with net assets ahead of the Board's capital management plan.

LGIS Account Managers will be contacting and visiting all members to run through the year's results. I encourage elected members to attend these sessions. A copy of the report can now be downloaded from lgiswa.com.au.

NEW SCHEME TREE MANAGEMENT MANUAL

A Scheme strength is that we're focused solely on local government and look at the risk profile of the entire sector. Tree claims - branches, debris, roots and tree failure – continue to account for over 30% of all claims referred to LGIS Liability. From 2016 to 2020 there have been 2121 tree related claims. Although individually small the sheer number of claims has a significant dollar impact.

Tree claims 2016-20	
Tree branch/debris	1172
Tree failure	267
Tree roots	682
Total tree related claims	2121

Trees are a vital amenity, providing substantial benefits to everyone in the community. They also inspire passion, both for and against, and the disparate views across the community can cause a real headache for many local government officers.

Local governments have a duty of care to people using the land under their control. There might be risk of injury, property damage or death associated with trees growing on local government owned land. Local governments must manage these risks through:

- Compliance with relevant legislation
- Policies
- Tree management programs
- Awareness of the risks trees may pose to persons or property

To support a consistent and efficient tree management approach across the entire sector LGIS has developed the Tree Management Manual. Working in conjunction with members our expert risk team have created a reference which covers areas such as duty of care, record keeping, assessment, inspection, maintenance, consulting an arborist, handling complaints, and new trees. It also includes templates and examples of common claims.

For more information about Scheme risks services, our Annual Report or any other queries about LGIS please contact me on 9483 8855 or your LGIS Account Manager on 9483 8888.

Please stay safe and well.

THE PEOPLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT



Dr. Chris Berry

As part of an ongoing feature to celebrate 150 years of Local Government, Dr Chris Berry shares the next biography in his 'Hall of Fame' of key people influencing the sector since its inception.

1920s ELIZABETH CLAPHAM, THE FIRST WOMAN TO SERVE ON A COUNCIL

"The first lady to seek municipal honours in Western Australia is Mrs. E. Clapham, wife of the energetic secretary of the Clothing Trades Union. Mrs. Clapham is nominating for the north ward of the Cottesloe Council and has the backing of an alert Progress Association. This paper will heartily welcome her success" (Westralian Worker 12 November 1920, page 1)

The distinction of being elected as the first woman Councillor was reported in various newspapers across the State from the Murchison Times and Day Dawn Gazette to the Albany Advertiser. Elizabeth Clapham came to WA from England and was active in various groups including the Perth Women's Branch of the A.L.P and as an executive member of the Women's Service Guild in 1919. The Guild had lobbied for the right of women to contest elections and were rewarded by the 1919 amendment of the Municipal Corporations Act which entitled women to contest municipal elections.

Although a Labor supporter, Clapham may not have been recognised as a Labor candidate in her bid for Council office.



Elizabeth Clapham (1869 – 1947)
Source - State Library of Western Australia

The election was held on a Wednesday, with polling hours between 9am to 7pm. She defeated the sitting Councillor Robert Scott in Cottesloe's North Ward, 144 votes to 105.

In Clapham's years on Council (1920-1923), she was a regular attendee at Council meetings and an active contributor from her first meeting. On that occasion, the Children's Hospital had asked for financial assistance.

The Minutes record that one Councillor argued that he was not in favour of council supporting an institution which he regarded as a government responsibility. Cr Clapham agreed but was able to convince the other Councillors that a donation could be made to tide the hospital over its financial stress. She participated in a deputation of representatives of the Cottesloe and Claremont Municipal Councils to the Colonial Secretary to protest against the action of the Commissioner of Public Health in deciding to appoint a joint health inspector for the two districts. While still a serving Councillor, she was part of the Australian Delegation to the International Women's Suffrage Congress in Rome in May, 1923.¹

Elizabeth Clapham did not renominate after her first term on Council concluded in December 1923. She was presented by the Cottesloe Municipal Council with a framed photograph of the Mayor and Councillors who served during her term of office. The Mayor, in making the presentation, spoke 'in the highest terms of the efficient manner in which the first woman councillor in our State, Councillor Elizabeth Clapham, had discharged her duties.'

She continued to be associated with social welfare and women's movements and was later appointed as a factory inspector before returning to England in 1926. In 1944 she was reported as living through the London blitz and still writing to her staunch friend, Mrs. John Curtin.

In her thesis on Women Municipal Councillors in Western Australia, Judy Skene says Clapham's contribution has remained invisible in Western Australia's historical record.² Today she is remembered in a laneway, running from a shopping centre to a carpark in suburban Cottesloe.

While Clapham was the first woman elected, there were others putting their name forward but with less success, including Annie Hart in the Victoria Park ward of the City of Perth. Jessie Reid ran on a Christian temperance platform for a seat on the Kalgoorlie council in 1920, 1921 and 1922 without success. The early women Councillors in WA were almost all progressive, urban, radical, ALP, first-wave feminists. Nellie Tant was elected to the Bayswater Roads Board in 1921, serving just one year. The next woman (Beatrice Locke, Broome) was not elected until 1931. Fifty-five years passed before another woman was elected to Cottesloe Council.

References:

¹ West Australian 28 April 1922, page 8; Sunday Times 8 July 1923, page 13

² Engendering Local Authority: Women Municipal Councillors in Western Australia 1920-1999 Skene, Judy. Doctor of Philosophy Thesis, UWA 2000



A reminder about WA's Capacity Market and ways to reduce your council's capacity charges.

How and when you run your Council has an impact on your energy bill. To help make sense of how capacity charges are calculated we've broken down the way WA's Capacity market works. To look to reduce your Council's capacity charges, your Council should, subject to business needs, consider reducing consumption during the peak periods at the hottest time of the year.

Capacity represents the need for adequate generation resources.

This ensures that WA's energy supply is reliable and there's enough electricity to meet the state's demand.



AEMO



The Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) pays generators to ensure there will be enough energy, especially when demand is at its peak.

This capacity payment is paid for by consumers.



To keep things fair, the amount your council pays is dependent on your usage during the peak trading intervals.



Peak trading intervals are determined by the AEMO.

These are the three highest demand trading intervals (half-hour periods) on the four days with the highest demand between December and March the previous year.

What your council uses during the 12 peak trading intervals won't have an impact on your capacity charges until the following capacity year.

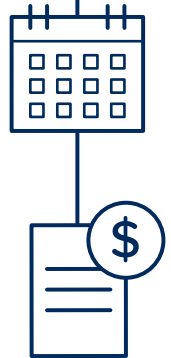
The capacity year is from 1 October to 30 September.

Ways to keep costs down for your council.

The higher you demand during the 12 peak trading intervals, the higher your future capacity charges will be.

To reduce your capacity charges for the next capacity year, you can look at reducing your energy consumption between 3pm and 8pm on the hottest days from December to March.

Peak trading intervals vary each year. Last year's 12 peak trading intervals were recorded on the following days listed in the below table:



Peak demand usage

Peak demand is based on the overall electricity demand in WA*, including business and residential energy consumption – and therefore impacted by weekends, public holidays and school holidays.

Usually, peak demand occurs between 3pm and 8pm, as demand tends to rise when temperatures increase.

For example, when we experience consecutive hot days, air conditioners are in constant use to combat accumulated heat in buildings.

The use of solar power helps to reduce demand, but has shifted peak demand to later in the day, and impacts predictability.

*Refers to the South West Interconnected System (SWIS) region

Date	Peak Trading Interval
12th December 2019	5:30PM to 6:00PM 6:00PM to 6:30PM 6:30PM to 7:00PM
3rd February 2020	5:30PM to 6:00PM 6:00PM to 6:30PM 6:30PM to 7:00PM
4th February 2020	5:30PM to 6:00PM 6:00PM to 6:30PM 6:30PM to 7:00PM
14th February 2020	5:00PM to 5:30PM 5:30PM to 6:00PM 6:00PM to 6:30PM

For any enquiries regarding capacity charges, or purchasing solar for your Council you can contact **Ana Farla**, Account Manager, on **(08) 6212 2001**, or visit synergy.net.au/solarreturnbusiness

WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

NEW LEGISLATION TO IMPACT WORKPLACES

Workplace health and safety laws will undergo some changes in Western Australia, however there is no need to be alarmed about this.

The Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) Bill 2019 passed by the legislative council on 21 October. It's expected that the Bill will become law soon after consideration of amendments by the legislative assembly in November.

However, the WHS Act will not become law until regulations are complete and work to develop the regulations will continue into 2021.

The big question for all WA Councils is **'How does this impact my organisation?'**

The new Work Health and Safety Act (WHS Act) will replace the current *Occupational Safety and Health Act (WA)* 1984, elements of the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act (WA)* 1994 and the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Safety Levies Act (WA)* 2011 that relate to work health and safety.

The new laws aim to offer greater protection to Western Australian workers, capturing modern employment relationships, such as subcontractors or casual workers, not just the classic employer/employee relationship. In particular, they will introduce the term 'person conducting a business or undertaking'.

The WHS Act will include a number of new aspects such as criminalising industrial manslaughter, increased penalties, prohibiting insurance coverage for WHS penalties and the introduction of enforceable undertakings as an alternative penalty.

These new laws bring WA in line with other States in Australia, with some amendments unique to Western Australia.

WHEN WILL IT BE IMPLEMENTED?

The WHS Act will not be operational until regulations are complete.

Work to develop the regulations is underway and will continue in 2021. This means Local Governments will have time to become familiar with what is expected of them as part of the new Act.

Transitional arrangements will be in place to allow duty holders, including Local Governments, sufficient time to adjust their safe systems of work to the new requirements.

Local Governments may find that some of their policies, procedures and systems will need to be adjusted to reflect changes. LGIS' team of workplace safety experts are available to provide support and assistance.

SUPPORT FOR WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LGIS and WALGA, together with law firm Clyde & Co, will be providing tailored advice on what the changes mean for the sector, through support materials, guidelines and information webinars.

More than 200 sector representatives have registered to attend the first in this series of webinars, with presenters as outlined below.

As more webinars are released, registration links will be published on the WALGA website and recordings will be made available to Members.

ABOUT THE WHS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEBINAR

Clyde & Co Partner, Jonathan Wyatt

Jonathan will provide an overview of the key changes and legal implications. He'll also cover legal privilege and explore a number of relevant case studies.

LGIS Member Services Manager, Andrew Greig

Andrew will outline the insurance implications of the new workplace safety legislation.

LGIS Occupational Safety & Health Program Manager, Emma Horsefield

Emma will provide a combination of strategic and operational advice and guidance. This will include practical tips on how executives, managers, and supervisors can ensure that they are prepared for any changes, and be confident they are providing a safe work environment.



CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

CELEBRATING THE CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

Rebecca Brown, Manager Waste and Recycling

On 1 October 2020, the long anticipated Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) was launched in Western Australia. WALGA, on behalf of the sector, have been advocating for a Scheme for over 15 years.

It is anticipated the Scheme will increase resource recovery and community engagement and reduce litter and costs associated with recycling.

In 2006, WALGA adopted a Container Deposit Scheme Policy Statement and used that as the basis for advocacy. In 2012, prior to the State Election, the Association again undertook an advocacy campaign to promote the adoption of a Scheme – with the Chair of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at the forefront - that was Hon Alannah MacTiernan, at the time Mayor of the City of Vincent.

In 2017, the Government announced they were going to progress a Scheme and the real work started. There was a great deal of detail to work through in the development of the Scheme, so WALGA established a Container Deposit Scheme Policy Forum, chaired by State Councillor Cr Doug Thompson, to ensure the Association had an ongoing link to the sector to inform advocacy. This meant that throughout the development of the Container Deposit Scheme, WALGA has been providing constructive, evidenced based input and

facilitating Local Government engagement in the Scheme. As a result, although there may be room for improvement, the Scheme has some great outcomes already:

- 18 Local Governments are running refund points in WA – more than in any other State or Territory
- Of the jobs generated, over 40% have gone to people with a disability, long term unemployed or Aboriginal people
- 200 refund points opened on the first day of the Scheme, with at least another 29 to be opened in the coming year across WA.

This is in part due to the Local Governments planners who efficiently processed the Planning applications for the refund points – and at times prioritised this processing. Planning had been an issue in NSW and QLD when their Schemes were introduced and the State Government was very concerned it would be a problem in WA. However, through working with Local Government, Department of Planning and the Scheme Coordinator, the refund points were approved well within the statutory timeframes.

In early 2019, there was concern that not a lot of promotion was happening for the Scheme, so WALGA applied directly to the Environment Minister to seek funding to run promotional events with Local Government. Over the next two years WALGA attended 39 events, working with Local Governments across WA and collected nearly 100,000 containers.



Shire of Wagin

Congratulations to all involved over the many years in the advocacy for, and development of, the Container Deposit Scheme. At time of writing, 20 days into the Scheme, 16 million containers had been collected. The mandatory target for the Scheme is to recycle 85% of containers by 2022 – this is the most ambitious target in Australia but together we can reach that!

For more information about your nearest refund point, visit the Containers for Change Website,

www.containersforchange.com.au/wa



City of Kalgoorlie Boulder



Town of Port Hedland



City of Stirling

STATE COUNCIL BRIEFS

The following resolutions were made at a special State Council meeting held on Monday, 2 November at WALGA's West Leederville office.

WALGA CORPORATE STRATEGY 2020-2025

That WALGA's Corporate Strategy 2020-2025 be endorsed.

LGIS RE-BRANDING

That State Council endorse:

1. The rebrand of LGIS to align with WALGA with the addition of the WALGA triangle and palette and to include the descriptor sub text "Mutual Services".
2. The LGIS logo as revised to exclude the sub text "Mutual Services" when applied to JLT/Marsh broking services offered through agreement with WALGA to the Local Government sector in WA.





WALGA

WORKING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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

MEETING	ITEM/RESOLUTION	ACTION REQUIRED	RESPONSE	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	TIME FRAME
September 19	12/09-19	LAND DEVELOPMENT – SCHEELITE STREET	<p>That Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue with the Scheelite Street Subdivision as planned; 2. Engage the services of Resolute Australia Civil Contractors at the cost of \$39,648.61 plus GST to perform the water extension for the Scheelite Street; 3. Authorise the additional expenditure (approximately \$25,000) as an out of budget expense, funded by budget savings or Development Reserve transfer at year end. Works are complete on the water extension/upgrades. Power extension waiting on amalgamation of blocks (Dept of Lands). <p>The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) has received the valuation for the amalgamation of Lots 328 and 329 plus others in Freehold, the valuation is \$3,000.00 which is \$2,727.27 exclusive of GST. If the shire would like to request a reduction to the purchase price they are required to provide a business case outlining why the Shire should receive a reduction to the purchase price. This has been completed.</p>	CEO	Dec 20



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October 2018	12/10-18	<p>WATER CORPORATION PRICING POLICY – COUNCIL OWNED STANDPIPES</p>	<p>That Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discusses any public submissions received from the community; 2. Seeks an extension of time to respond to the Water Corporations Action Plan for Council Controlled Standpipes; 3. Request the Chief Executive Officer to attend the Rural Water Council meeting in Northam on Friday 19th October to raise Council’s issues with the new fee structure; 4. Reaffirm September motion to write to the WA Water Corporation opposing their proposed fee structure in remote parts of the eastern wheatbelt; 5. Reaffirm September motion to 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; <p>Meeting arranged with Water Corp and Shires of Westonia, Yilgarn and Kellerberrin but postponed due to Covid-19</p>	CEO	Dec 20
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Feb 2019	05/02-19	CEO – JP Nomination	Application submitted in Feb 2019, Approved by Hon Mia Davies, awaiting approval from the Attorney	CEO	Nov 20
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 Council investigating alternative, cheaper solutions CEO finalizing purchase of Standpipe controllers Ex East and installation. Tanks purchased, pads installed. All Standpipes locked as per July resolution. All Controllers installed.	CEO, WS	Oct 20
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. Additional discussion held with Ramelius regarding airstrip	CEO	Dec 20
Apr 2017	17/04-17	Town Planning Scheme	Currently seeking input from town planners in relation to low cost solution	CEO	Dec 20



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MEETING	ITEM/RESOLUTION	ACTION REQUIRED	RESPONSE	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	TIME FRAME
Apr 2017	16/04-17	Westonia Airstrip	Currently investigating, coincide with Kaolin St Renaming.	CEO	July 20
Apr 2017	15/04-17	Renaming of Egg Rock Road & Kaolin Street	Currently seeking input from families prior to advertising as per requirements Documents sent to Geographical Names committee, awaiting response	CEO	July 20
Mar 2017	13/03-17	Review of Integrated Planning Suite	Awaiting commencement date for Integrated Planning Suite review. Review undertaken from April 2018, presentation in Dec 2018. Community Strategic Plan due for adoption in April 2019. Commence Workforce Plan in April 2019. Community Strategic Plan & Workforce Plan Completed.	CEO	Ongoing
Oct 16	10/10-16	Adopted sea container policy formulated by the Chief Executive Officer on the provision of sea containers in the Westonia Townsite.	CEO awaiting advise from new Health/Building Surveyor in relation to extent of paperwork required in submitting “Building Application” for approval. Local Planning Policies via Town Planning Scheme to address issue. TPS due for adoption in December 2019.	CEO/Building	Dec 20

WORK SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1. PLANT REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

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

- Canter – 2 x new steer tyres.
- Maintenance Ute – 4 x new tyres.
- Cat Grader – 1 x tyre repair.
- Stonestar Water Tanker – new electrical control box made mobile to suit contract truck.

2. CAPITAL ROAD WORKS

- Construction crew have completed reconstruction of 2.8km of the 4.5km of the M040 which will be sealed mid January. Continuation of the remaining works will carry on during January early February.

3. GENERAL ROAD MAINTENANCE

- A section of the floodway located on Boodarockin Road was dug out to a depth of @ 450mm with new lime/cement stabilised compacted gravel installed. Additional drainage to the area was also carried out.



- The maintenance grader is carrying out a drains and batter program on the M040.

4. PRIVATE WORKS

- Jackie Daniels – Garden sand and Mini ex hire.

5. TOWN MAINTENANCE

- The new imitation hospital has been completed and is located on its original site at the entrance to the Nature Walk Trail. It is complimentary to the existing small shop themes throughout the town.



6. OTHER

- The works crew will be shutting down between 24th December to the 3rd January inclusive for the xmas break.
- The new HP roadtrain sidetippers have arrived and have been put to work on the M040.



PLANT HOURS

The following is a list of plant and vehicle kilometre and hour readings for the period ending 1.12.20

Item		1.11.20	1.12.20
P1	<i>JOHN DEERE 770G GRADER</i>	8,144hrs	8,193hrs
P2	<i>CAT 12M</i>	5,202hrs	5,303hrs
P3	<i>PRIME MOVER (OLD FREIGHTLINER)</i>	159,176kms	162,311kms
P4	<i>ROAD TRAIN (NEW FREIGHTLINER)</i>	25,727kms	29,037kms
P5	<i>JOHN DEERE LOADER</i>	2,717hrs	2,794hrs
P6	<i>MULTI PAC</i>	9,781hrs	9,811hrs
P7	<i>MINI-EXCAVATOR</i>	526hrs	530hrs
P8	<i>TELEHANDLER JCB</i>	1,640hrs	1,681hrs
P9	<i>TOYOTA (MTCE UTE)</i>	45,189kms	47,372kms
P10	<i>mitsubishi CANTER</i>	52,005kms	52,667kms
P11	<i>TOYOTA HILUX (GARDENER) WT 35</i>	65,742kms	67,553kms
P12	<i>JOHN DEERE (5100)</i>	2,078hrs	2,078hrs
P14	<i>TOYOTA LANDCRUISER GXL (CEO)</i>	350kms	4,555kms
P15	<i>TOYOTA PRADO GXL (W/SUPER)</i>	2,223kms	6,123kms
P16	<i>TOYOTA RAV4 (ADMIN)</i>	13,687kms	14,850kms
P17	<i>TOYOTA HILUX DUAL CAB</i>	69,740kms	72,864kms
P19	<i>FAST ATTACK</i>	9,207kms	9,444kms
P20	<i>FIRE TRUCK</i>	6,387kms	6,395kms
P18	<i>WESSY BUS</i>	115,640kms	117,002kms
P21	<i>DYNAPAC FLAT DRUM</i>	1,889hrs	1,949hrs
P22	<i>KUBOTA RIDE ON MOWER (OVAL)</i>	1,897hrs	1,900hrs
P23	<i>TOYOTA MINI BUS (WT COM V)</i>	19,886kms	20,345kms
P24	<i>HAMM ROLLER</i>	2,719hrs	2,738hrs
P25	<i>MICK's BEAUT UTE</i>	140,357kms	141,866kms
P26	<i>GO-GO MOBILE SWEEPER</i>		

TOURISM REPORT

WESTONIA SHIRE CARAVAN PARK:

The Westonia Shire Caravan park is now a “Quality tourism accredited business” with the Tourism Council of WA. The accreditation allows us to have access to discounted workshops, useful tourism & business resources and access to new advertising networks.

Caretaker Deb has returned, we are still getting a few people travelling to Westonia and staying a night or two. While the park is slower, Deb is working with the gardening crew in various garden maintenance jobs around town.

On the 6th of December Chris Morton and the crew from 4Wheel productions arrived to do some filming and photography around Westonia. This was part of a campaign to recreate ,4WD weekends out of Perth Magazine (4th Edition), “Wheatbelt Outcrops” write up from 2015. The result of the trip is hoped to be released around March 2021 in time for the new Wander out yonder campaign. We will keep you posted on when it will air/goes to print.



REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

- Various minor repairs and maintenance ongoing.
- Caravan Park Upgrade – Project underway works to commence in December 2020 and be completed by March 2021.

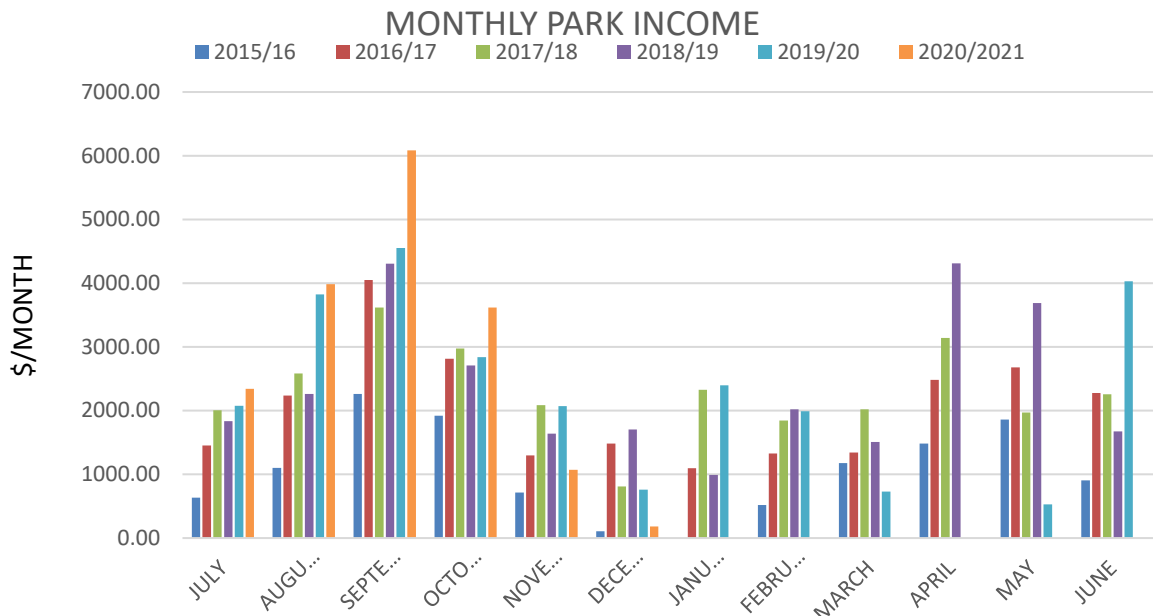
FUTURE PROJECTS

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

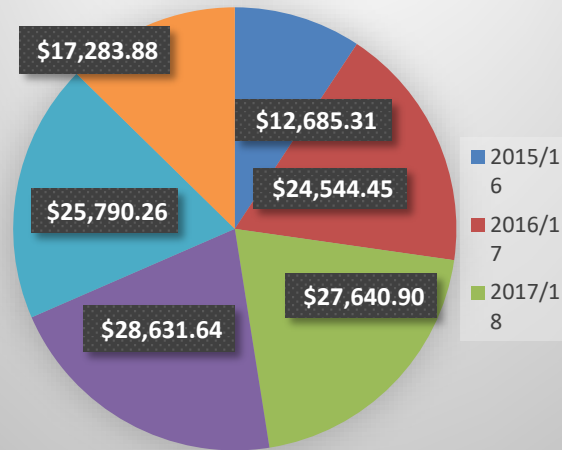
VISITOR FEEDBACK

- Just a great little town lovely lady at the C/Park very friendly told us a lot about things around Westonia.
- Great park great host.
- Great amenities. Very helpful caretaker.
- Very pleasant town & C/Park. Neat & Clean. Wifi would be nice. Can we access the mining camp's Wifi?

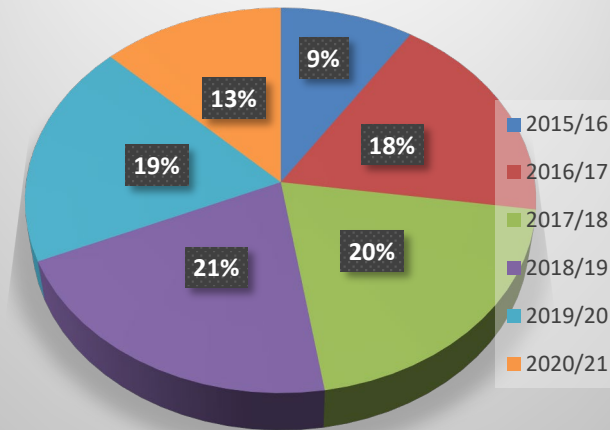
STATISTICS



ANNUAL PARK INCOME



Percentage Increase or Decrease/Year



HOOD-PENN MUSEUM:

Our Mannequins are nearly here! They are finally finished and preparations for transport are underway. Once we know how many boxes, sizes and weights we will be seeking transport companies for quotes prior to bringing them over from Melbourne.



REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

- Footpaths and Carpark hot mix needs 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’.
- Safe Ladder
- Trolley for carting heavy boxes etc.

RECENT PROJECTS

- Lighting solutions.
- Storage area restructure

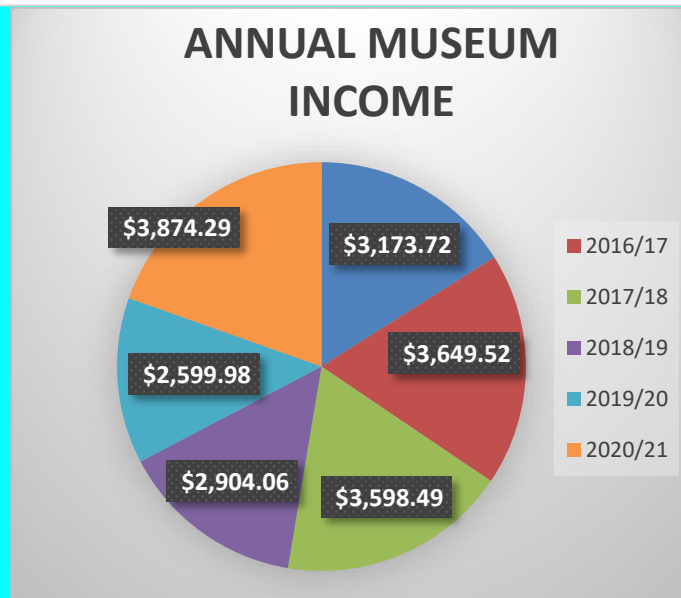
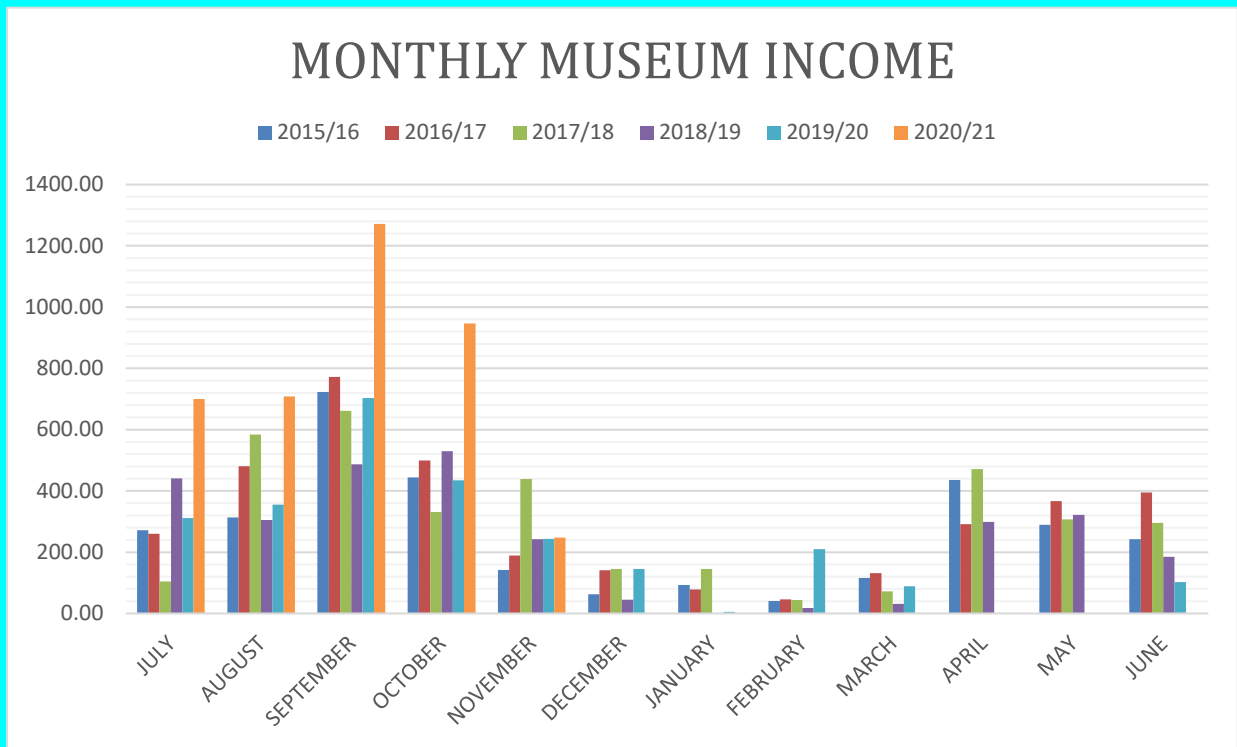
FUTURE PROJECTS

- Painting and sealing of the floor in the new scene area (old storage area).
- New scenes to be created in the existing space of the old storage room to tell the stories of our primary industries of which Westonia was founded on.

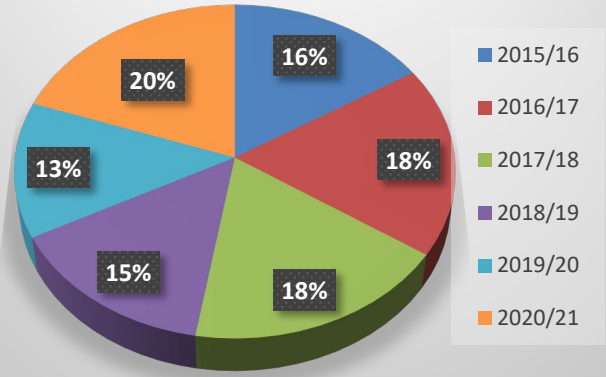
VISITOR FEEDBACK (Verbal and Visitor register)

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

STATISTICS Overleaf:



Percentage Increase or Decrease/Year



Councillor Direct

10 DECEMBER 2020



Issue 34

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Advocacy Positions for a New Local Government Act

State Council endorsed an advocacy paper – [Advocacy Positions for a New Local Government Act: Key issues from recent inquiries into Local Government](#) – at their December meeting.

The paper considers three significant inquiries that released their final reports in August and September:

- Local Government Review Panel
- City of Perth Inquiry
- Select Committee into Local Government

The advocacy paper distills key issues raised by these reports and advocates strategic priorities of the Local Government sector to inform the direction of legislative reform.

For more information, email Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services, [Tony Brown](#), or Manager Strategy and Association Governance, [Tim Lane](#).

2021 Training Dates

The following training courses for Elected Members in 2021 will be available for enrolment from Wednesday, 16 December.

[Understanding Local Government](#)

Thursday, **21 January**, half day course - 9:00am to 12:30pm

[Conflicts of Interest](#)

Thursday, **21 January**, half day course - 1:00pm to 4:30pm

[Meeting Procedures](#)

Friday, **29 January**, one-day course - 9:00am to 4:30pm

[Understanding Financial Reports and Budgets](#)

Thursday, **4 February**, one-day course - 9:00am to 4:30pm

[Serving on Council](#)

Monday - Tuesday, **15 - 16 February**, two-day course - 9:00am to 4:30pm

[Infrastructure Asset Management](#)

Monday, **22 February**, one-day course - 9:00am to 4:30pm

[CEO Performance Appraisals](#)

Tuesday, **23 February**, one-day course - 9:00am to 4:30pm

Register online by clicking on the above links after Wednesday, 16 December or email the [Training Team](#).

Vacancies on Boards and Committee

The Association is pleased to announce the following vacancies:

- Biosecurity Council of WA (Elected Members)
 - 1 Member
- State Library Board WA (Elected Members and Local Government Officers)
 - 1 Metropolitan Member

Nominees are required to submit a completed nomination form, statement addressing the selection criteria and short curriculum vitae (two pages maximum) before the close of nominations 5:00pm, Friday, **5 February 2021**.

Nomination forms are available [here](#).

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

LGIS Elected Member Support Service

The LGIS Elected Member Support Service program includes private and confidential counselling sessions.

The program aims to support Councillors, in the challenging role of an Elected Member, with a wide variety of Council or personal issues.

Sessions will be conducted over the phone. All information collected will remain confidential.

The service is accessible from Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm

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

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Local Government Report Package for

WESTONIA (S)

Printed: 02/12/2020

**Incidents reported to DFES and Attended by Local Government
and Bushfire Brigades**

Current Brigade Vehicle Lists

000 Service Agreement

SMS Lists

Brigade Personnel Lists

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Incidents Reported to DFES and Attended by Local Government and Bushfire Brigades
WESTONIA (S)
 01/07/2016 to 02/12/2020

9134 SHIRE WESTONIA

Incident Address	Type of Incident	IRS Report Completed	Paper Report received by DFES
379496 01/01/2018 13:55 BURRACOPPIN SOUTH RD BURRACOPPIN	Fire - Bushfire (sml)	N	N
401126 20/08/2018 05:14 LEACH RD WESTONIA	Fire - Bushfire (sml)	N	N
426246 21/03/2019 14:52 (12KM SOUTH OF)GREAT EASTERN CARRABIN	Fire - Bushfire (sml)	N	N
429334 17/04/2019 15:52 WARRACHUPPIN NORTH RD WARRACHUPPIN	False Call - Good Intent	N	N
439841 10/06/2019 10:59 LINDLEY RD CARRABIN	Fire - Other/Rubbish/Vehicle	N	N
459181 18/11/2019 18:35 WEBB RD WARRACHUPPIN	Fire - Bushfire (lge)	N	N
459182 18/11/2019 18:37 FARINA RD ELACHBUTTING	Fire - Bushfire (lge)	N	N

Total number of Primary Incidents recorded in time frame: 7

6644 WALGOOLAN BFB

Incident Address	Type of Incident	IRS Report Completed	Paper Report received by DFES
356336 03/03/2017 13:00 BURRACOPPIN SOUTH RD SOUTH BURRACOPPIN	Fire - Bushfire (lge)	Y	
357472 17/03/2017 18:30 ROHAN DAY DELLA RD SOUTH BODALLIN	Fire - Bushfire (lge)	Y	
387398 29/03/2018 12:00 ELLERY RD SOUTH BURRACOPPIN	Fire - Bushfire (sml)	N	N
460785 01/12/2019 21:25 GREAT EASTERN HWY BURRACOPPIN	Fire - Bushfire (sml)	N	N
461003 04/12/2019 06:36 GOLDFIELDS RD WALGOOLAN	Fire - Other/Rubbish/Vehicle	N	N

Total number of Primary Incidents recorded in time frame: 5

6658 WARRALAKIN BFB

Incident Address	Type of Incident	IRS Report Completed	Paper Report received by DFES
357472 17/03/2017 18:30 ROHAN DAY DELLA RD SOUTH BODALLIN	Fire - Bushfire (lge)	N	N
377761 10/12/2017 15:46 LEAVE JOB OPEN UNTIL 11/12 ROSE THOMSON RD ENEABBA	Fire - Bushfire (lge)	N	N
377973 12/12/2017 14:41 WEBB RD WARRACHUPPIN	Fire - Bushfire (lge)	N	N
416374 03/12/2018 15:02 WARRACHUPPIN NORTH RD WARRACHUPPIN	Fire - Bushfire (lge)	N	N

Total number of Primary Incidents recorded in time frame: 4

6668 WESTONIA BFB

	Incident Address	Type of Incident	IRS Report Completed	Paper Report received by DFES
357472 17/03/2017 18:30	ROHAN DAY DELLA RD SOUTH BODALLIN	Fire - Bushfire (lge)	N	N
368919 17/08/2017 15:21	CARRABIN ROADHOUSE YORK RD CARRABIN	Road Crash & Rescue	N	N
377973 12/12/2017 14:41	WEBB RD WARRACHUPPIN	Fire - Bushfire (lge)	N	N
416374 03/12/2018 15:02	WARRACHUPPIN NORTH RD WARRACHUPPIN	Fire - Bushfire (lge)	N	N
416402 03/12/2018 16:29	SMYTH RD CARRABIN	Fire - Bushfire (lge)	N	N
422358 06/02/2019 23:36	GRAHAM RD CARRABIN	False Call - Good Intent	N	N
439841 10/06/2019 10:59	LINDLEY RD CARRABIN	Fire - Other/Rubbish/Vehicle	N	N

Total number of Primary Incidents recorded in time frame: 7

NOTE: The above list shows all Incidents reported to DFES via the ComCen, or via a Paper Incident Report received, during the given time frame. Incidents not displayed on this list have not been reported to DFES.

If the '*IRS Report Completed*' column shows N, then a complete Incident Report has not been received by DFES.

If there is an N in the '*Paper Report received at DFES*' column, then a copy of the Paper Report has not been received by DFES.

To enable the Incident Report to be completed, please forward a copy of the original Incident Report via fax or email to DFES as below.

If you require any assistance please contact us using any of the the following methods;

OIS Branch

Fax: 1800 309 999

Phone: 9395 9406 (office hours)

Email: reports@dfes.wa.gov.au

Location / Vehicle Listing - WESTONIA (S)
as at 02/12/2020

9134 SHIRE WESTONIA

Resource Name	Resource Type	Make	Model	Selcall No.	Year of make	Rego	Owner	Decom	Trans	New Location	Date
SHIRE WESTONIA PLACEHOLDER	OTHER							<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Please Note:

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Location / Vehicle Listing - WESTONIA (S)
as at 02/12/2020

6644 WALGOOLAN BFB

Resource Name	Resource Type	Make	Model	Selcall No.	Year of make	Rego	Owner	Decom	Trans	New Location	Date
LT (E824) - WT339	LIGHT TANKER	TOYOTA	VDJ79R	806088	2012	WT339	LG (ESL)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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Resource Name	Resource Type	Make	Model	Selcall No.	Year of make	Rego	Owner	Decom	Trans	New Location	Date
LT (N175) - WT357	LIGHT TANKER	TOYOTA	VDJ79R	497005	2013	WT357	LG (ESL)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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Resource Name	Resource Type	Make	Model	Selcall No.	Year of make	Rego	Owner	Decom	Trans	New Location	Date
LT (N176) - 39WT	LIGHT TANKER	TOYOTA	VDJ79R	497010	2013	39WT	LG (ESL)				
3.4 URBAN (E579) - WT1500	3.4 URBAN	ISUZU	FHFTSLGB03	80454	2010	WT1500	LG (ESL)				

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Current 000 SERVICE AGREEMENT for WESTONIA (S)

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

No more than 3 contacts per LGA will be recorded.

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

Organisation	Role	Name	Contact Type	Number
1 Shire of Westonia	CEO - Shire Office	Jamie Criddle	Phone (Bus)	9046 7063
2 Shire of Westonia	CBFCO	Frank Corsini	Mobile	0429 467 042
3 Shire of Westonia	DCBFCO	Malcolm Nicoletti	Mobile	0428 449 034
4 DFES Goldfields Midlands Region	Regional Duty Co-Ordinat	DFES Regional Duty Co-Ordinator		1800 966 077

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

Alterations to contacts:

Organisation	Role	Name	Contact Type	Number
1.				
2.				
3.				

Local Government Chief Executive Officer

DFES Area / District Manager

Print Name

Signature

Print Name

Signature

Contact Number

Date

Contact Number

Date

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

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

LG Brigade Personnel Listing - WESTONIA (S)
as at 02/12/2020

9134 SHIRE WESTONIA

Remove	Vol. Number	Rank	Surname	Given Name
	119012	LG FCO	BROWN	DAVID
	119154	LG CBFCO	CORSINI	FRANK
	119135	LG FCO	CRIDDLE	JAMIE
	142827	LG FCO	DAY	ROHAN
	162184	LG FCO	FARINA	DANE
	119016	LG FCO	LEMOLGNAN	STEVEN
	119120	LG FCO	LINDLEY	COLIN
	119079	LG FCO	MCDOWALL	JOHN
	146834	LG FCO	MURFIT	TONY
	133116	LG DCBFCO	NICOLETTI	MALCOLM
	146818	LG FCO	PENNY	BRAD
	119124	LG FCO	PRICE	ARTHUR
	119013	LG FCO	SMITH	AARON
	146836	LG FCO	WAHLSTEN	JASON

Members to be Added:

9134 SHIRE WESTONIA

DFES ID	Rank	Surname	First Name

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4. When authorised & signed by your Area / District Manager, send a copy of the new or updated form to **reports@dfes.wa.gov.au** or fax to 1800 309 999

Changes Requested By:

Contact Name (please print)	Contact Number	Date	Area / District Manager	Sign & Date

AUTHORISED: YES NO

LG Brigade Personnel Listing - WESTONIA (S)
as at 02/12/2020

6644 WALGOOLAN BFB

Remove	Vol. Number	Rank	Surname	Given Name
	119036	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BARNETT	CHRISTOPHER
	119037	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BARNETT	DANIEL
	119050	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BARNETT	HELEN
	187746	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BARNETT	REBECCA
	185050	ACTIVE MEMBER	BOWDEN	MARK
	119048	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BROWN	EILEEN
	179432	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BROWN	GERARD
	119047	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	CREES	RODNEY
	146831	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	DAY	KARIN
	142827	BFB 1ST LIEUTENANT	DAY	ROHAN
	185051	ACTIVE MEMBER	DAY	WILLIAM
	119045	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	JEFFERYS	BRETT
	146833	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	JEFFERYS	CHRIS
	150023	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	JEFFERYS	COREY
	119010	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	JEFFERYS	JOHN
	119046	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	JEFFERYS	MARK
	146832	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	JEFFERYS	NARELLE
	119051	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	JOHNSTON	GRAHAM
	182036	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	LAMBERT	PETER
	146834	CAPTAIN	MURFIT	TONY
	179674	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	MURRAY	ROBERT
	179078	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	ROUTLEDGE	BERGEN
	146838	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	WAHLSTEN	CLINTON
	146836	BFB 2ND LIEUTENANT	WAHLSTEN	JASON
	146839	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	WAHLSTEN	LUKE
	146837	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	WAHLSTEN	TERRY

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as at 02/12/2020

6658 WARRALAKIN BFB

Remove	Vol. Number	Rank	Surname	Given Name
	171478	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	ALCOCK	GRAHAM
	178681	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BALLANTYNE	DUNCAN
	187929	ACTIVE MEMBER	BEATON	NEIL
	182136	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BRENNAN	BRAYDEN
	187941	ACTIVE MEMBER	BULLE	MARTIN (MARTY)
	133119	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	CHRISP	SHAUN
	178680	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	CLAESSENS	EVA
	178682	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	CREWS	MITCH
	119017	BFB 3RD LIEUTENANT	CREWS	PETER
	146821	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	CROOK	DAVID
	119114	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	CROOK	MICHAEL
	119103	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	CROOK	RUSSELL
	119015	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	DADDOW	STEPHEN
	182134	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	DAWSON	SAM
	171481	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	FARINA	ABIGAIL
	171480	BFB 2ND LIEUTENANT	FARINA	BEN
	162184	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	FARINA	DANE
	187930	ACTIVE MEMBER	GATES	DANNY
	182253	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	GIBSON	KYLIE
	187927	ACTIVE MEMBER	HILL	MATHEW
	187925	ACTIVE MEMBER	HOOGVEEN	JACK
	161780	ACTIVE MEMBER	KING	RONALD
	187923	ACTIVE MEMBER	LE MOIGNAN	MAREE
	119016	BFB 1ST LIEUTENANT	LEMOLGNAN	STEVEN
	182135	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	MARTIN	HANNAH
	130762	ACTIVE MEMBER	MCCARTNEY	BRENDEN

	119079	CAPTAIN	MCDOWALL	JOHN
	119079	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	MCDOWALL	JOHN
	171482	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	MCDOWALL	ROBERT
	178679	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	NICOLETTI	ALEISHA
	133116	BFB SECRETARY	NICOLETTI	MALCOLM
	108605	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	PARKIN	CRAIG
	161319	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	PARKIN	DANIELLE
	162182	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	PRICE	DAVID
	171497	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	PRICE	MORGAN
	171498	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	PRICE	STACY
	171500	ACTIVE MEMBER	SING	JEANNIE
	155396	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	SING	STEWART
	119013	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	SMITH	AARON
	146827	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	SMITH	JOAN
	119084	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	SMITH	STEPHEN
	187922	ACTIVE MEMBER	WILLE	CHARL

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Changes Requested By:

Contact Name (please print)	Contact Number	Date	Area / District Manager	Sign & Date

AUTHORISED: YES NO

LG Brigade Personnel Listing - WESTONIA (S)

as at 02/12/2020

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Remove	Vol. Number	Rank	Surname	Given Name
	119134	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	ANTONIO	JOCELYN
	119004	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	ANTONIO	PETER
	119148	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	ARGENT	BRIAN
	119037	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BARNETT	DANIEL
	187746	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BARNETT	REBECCA
	181988	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BLAKE	DAMIEN
	181987	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BLAKE	TERRI
	171479	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BLAKE	VICTOR
	64802	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	BRIGHT	GRAEME
	119154	CAPTAIN	CORSINI	FRANK
	182000	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	CORSINI	JOEL
	119153	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	CORSINI	JOHN
	119135	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	CRIDDLE	JAMIE
	182080	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	DADDOW	GRAHAM
	182009	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	DELLA BOSCA	ROSS
	182010	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	DELLA BOSCA	TIMOTHY
	159264	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	DUNKLEY-COOPER	KASEY
	166652	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	GEIER	ASHLEY
	151957	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	GEIER	DAIMON
	119006	BFB 3RD LIEUTENANT	HAMILTON	DAVID
	159378	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	HERMON	DOUG
	187720	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	JONES	GRAHAM
	119120	BFB 1ST LIEUTENANT	LINDLEY	COLIN
	119146	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	LINDLEY	CORALIE
	119152	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	LINDLEY	JUDITH
	119128	VOL FIRE FIGHTER	LINDLEY	KEVIN

Members to be Added:

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DFES ID	Rank	Surname	First Name

Instructions for any alterations to the list above;

1. Details are to be printed **clearly**.
2. Member names are to be listed as Surname, then First Name.
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Changes Requested By:

Contact Name (please print)	Contact Number	Date	Area / District Manager	Sign & Date

AUTHORISED: YES NO



The final 2 weeks of parliamentary sittings for the year commenced this week. It was heartening to receive some encouraging economic news, with Treasurer Josh Frydenberg announcing that in the September quarter, real GDP increased by 3.3%, ahead of market expectations. This is the largest quarterly increase since 1976 confirming Australia's economy is fighting back.

In October, there were 2 million fewer workers and around 450,000 fewer businesses on JobKeeper, compared to September. The Reserve Bank of Australia estimates JobKeeper has saved at least 700,000 jobs.



I am a huge fan of the many annual Ag shows held in Durack and I am thrilled that this week it was confirmed that 9 of these Durack events will receive more than \$190,000 for administrative support under the Morrison Government's 'Supporting Agricultural Shows and Field Days' program. The recipients can use the grants to cover eligible costs incurred for shows and field days who had to cancel because of COVID-19.

Congratulations to the following recipients:

- *Merredin Show \$6,543.29
- *Chapman Valley Show \$54,112.00
- *Quairading Show \$2,700.15
- *Northampton Show 3,250.77
- *Yilgarn Show \$1,904.53
- *Mingenew Midwest Expo \$15,000
- *Mullewa Show \$3,869.61
- *Dowerin Field Days \$43,414.69
- *Kununurra Show \$64,118.89



Round 5A of the Mobile Blackspot Program has just opened.

The Government will use Round 5A of the Mobile Black Spot Program to trial a range of new design options for the program, to ensure it continues to be fit for purpose for the needs of regional Australians.

Round 5A includes a focus on the following three priorities:

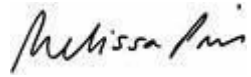
- Improving coverage in areas prone to natural disasters
- Improving coverage along major transport corridors
- Trialing new technologies that will allow us to further expand mobile coverage in regional areas into the future

Applications for funding are open until 10 February 2021, so I would strongly recommend that local communities and councils identify their priority areas for improved mobile coverage and contact the mobile carriers to make their

support for these priorities known.

For more information about the Mobile Black Spot Program and the Round 5A process, [click here](#)

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Price". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot above the 'i' in "Price".

Melissa Price.

Users
986

↓ -37.2%

New Users
904

↓ -36.6%

Sessions
1,246

↓ -37.0%

Pageviews
2,806

↓ -39.8%

Session Duration
00:01:34

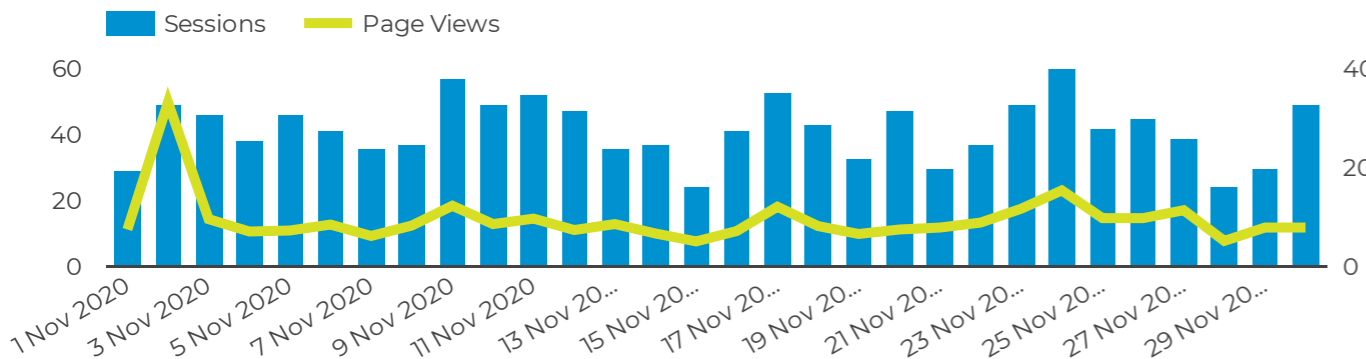
↓ -17.1%

Pages/Session
2.25

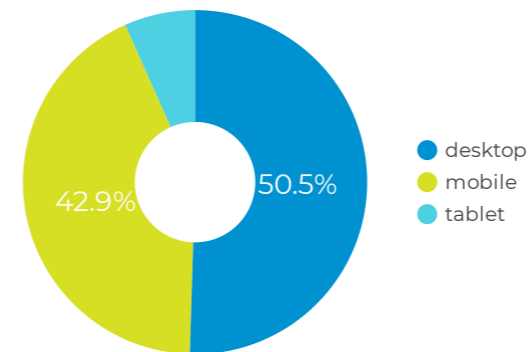
↓ -4.4%

Bounce Rate
65.01%

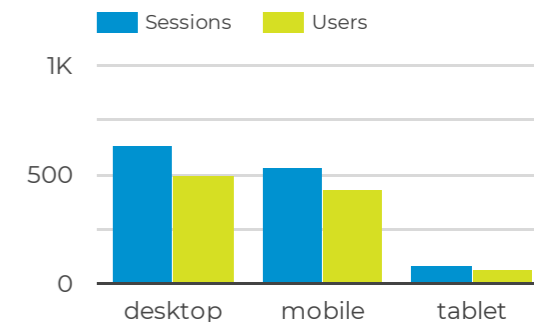
Sessions & Pageviews



Device Breakdown



Sessions & Users (by device)



Traffic Sources

Source/Medium	Sessions	% New Sessions	Bounce Rate
google / organic	942	72%	63%
(direct) / (none)	163	82%	77%
bing / organic	57	63%	58%
m.facebook.com / referral	23	91%	91%
australiasgoldenoutback.com / referral	18	33%	50%
camplify.com.au / referral	5	100%	100%
zoominfo.com / referral	5	0%	40%
duckduckgo / organic	4	100%	50%
industrylink.wa.gov.au / referral	4	25%	75%

Page Views & Unique Page Views

Page	Page Views	Unique Page Views
/	472	352
/explore/where-to-stay-eat/westonia-tavern-motel.aspx	173	140
/explore/where-to-stay-eat/westonia-shire-caravan-park.aspx	139	110
/explore/what-to-do-attractions-/granite-outcropsnature-res...	137	108
/explore/what-to-do-(attractions)/explore-westonia.aspx	113	97
/explore/what-to-do-(attractions)/edna-may-gold-mine.aspx	97	88
/staff-contacts	75	61
/explore/what-to-do-attractions-/granite-outcropsnature-res...	71	58
/your-council/administration/employment-vacancies.aspx	61	53

Website Support & Maintenance

Total Support Hours (per annum)	Support Used	Support Remaining
18 hours	6 h 45 m	11 h 15 m

Storage

Storage Allowance	Storage Used
10 GB	3.73 GB

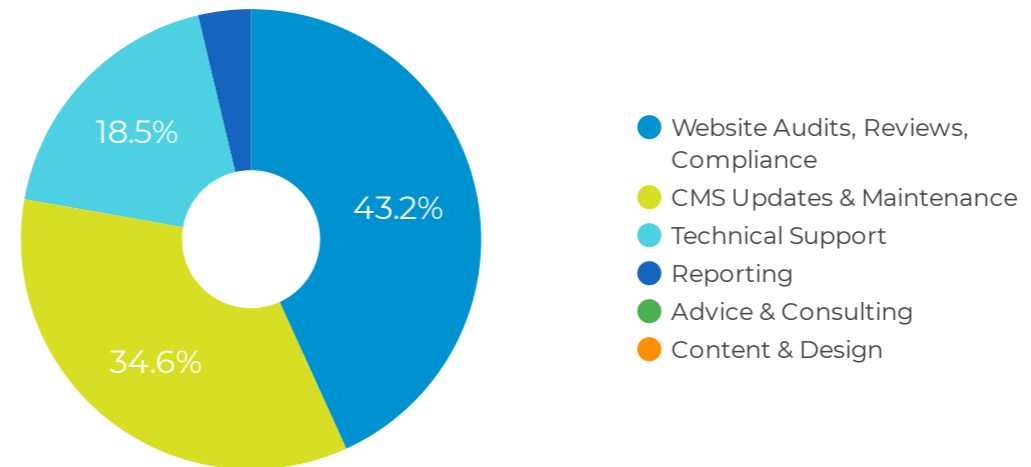
Bandwidth

Bandwidth Allowance	Bandwidth Used (current month)
25 GB	25.31 GB

Website Support & Maintenance Breakdown

Category ▾	Billable Support	Unbillable Support
Website Audits, Reviews, Compliance	2 h 55 m	1 h 0 m
Technical Support	1 h 15 m	0 h 0 m
Reporting	0 h 15 m	0 h 0 m
Content & Design	0 h 0 m	0 h 0 m
CMS Updates & Maintenance	2 h 20 m	0 h 0 m
Advice & Consulting	0 h 0 m	0 h 0 m

Billable Support



Website Support & Maintenance Explanation

Advice & Consulting

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

CMS Updates & Maintenance

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

Content & Design

Content updates and minor design changes

Reporting

Monthly reports and any additional requested reports

Technical Support

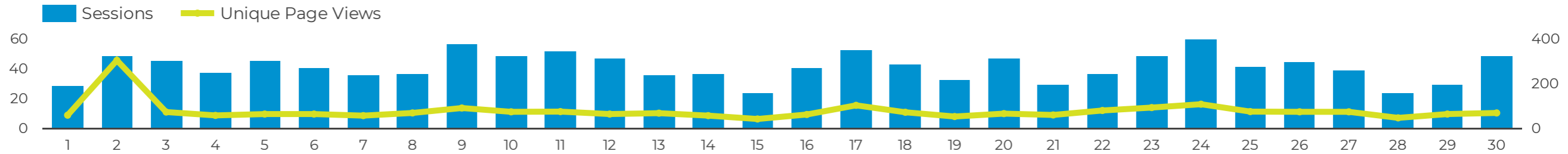
Telephone and email website support, troubleshooting, development work and training

Website Audits, Reviews, Compliance

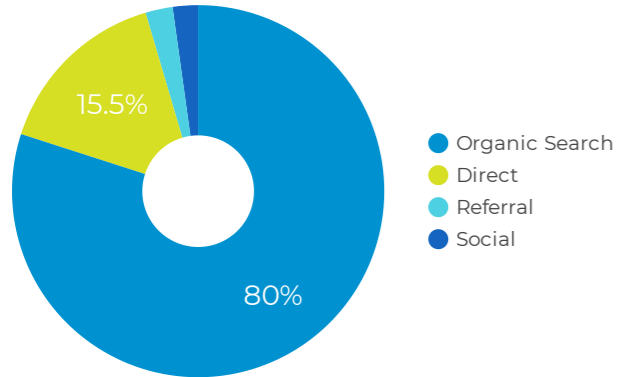
Monitoring of usage and performance, including compliance with relevant legislation, user experience analysis and recommendations for improvement

Multi Sites

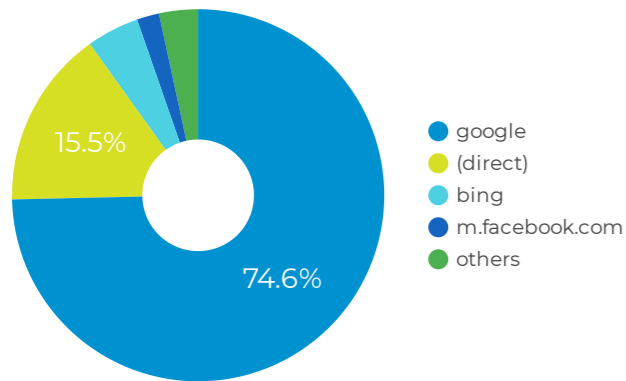
Support and maintenance hours cover all websites hosted under your CouncilConnect subscription. This is inclusive of multi sites such as intranets, councillor portals, visitor centres websites and alike.



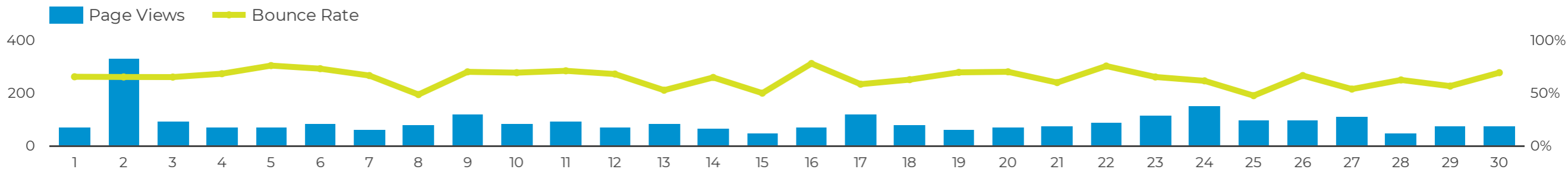
Channels & Sources



Channel	Users	New Users	Sessions	Bounce Rate	Pages/Session	Avg. Session Duration
Organic Search	791	720	1,006	62.62%	2.2	00:01:47
Direct	146	134	163	76.69%	2.83	00:00:33
Referral	35	26	51	62.75%	1.94	00:01:04
Social	24	24	26	88.46%	1.12	00:00:16

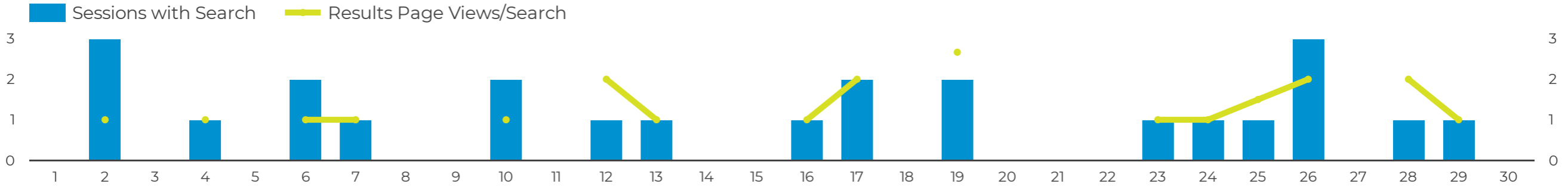


Source/Medium	Users	Sessions	Pages/Session	Avg. Session Duration	Bounce Rate	% New Sessions
google / organic	739	942	2	00:01:42	62.95%	71.97%
(direct) / (none)	146	163	3	00:00:33	76.69%	82.21%
bing / organic	46	57	2	00:03:33	57.89%	63.16%
m.facebook.com / referral	21	23	1	00:00:18	91.3%	91.3%
australiasgoldenoutback.co...	9	18	3	00:01:25	50%	33.33%



Top 15 Pages

Page	Page Views	Unique Page Views	Avg. Time on Page	Entrances	Bounce Rate	% Exit
/	472	352	00:01:28	313	47.92%	42.8%
/explore/where-to-stay-eat/westonia-tavern-motel.aspx	173	140	00:02:39	114	74.56%	62.43%
/explore/where-to-stay-eat/westonia-shire-caravan-park.aspx	139	110	00:01:44	90	50%	46.76%
/explore/what-to-do-attractions-/granite-outcropsnature-reserves/elachbutting-rock.aspx	137	108	00:02:00	92	68.48%	64.96%
/explore/what-to-do-(attractions)/explore-westonia.aspx	113	97	00:02:05	49	69.39%	52.21%
/explore/what-to-do-(attractions)/edna-may-gold-mine.aspx	97	88	00:01:50	72	79.17%	68.04%
/staff-contacts	75	61	00:00:34	33	57.58%	44%
/explore/what-to-do-attractions-/granite-outcropsnature-reserves/baladjie-rock.aspx	71	58	00:01:29	40	70%	53.52%
/your-council/administration/employment-vacancies.aspx	61	53	00:02:03	24	91.67%	63.93%
/explore/what-to-do-(attractions)/granite-outcropsnature-reserves/sandford-rocks-nature-reserve.aspx	51	38	00:01:21	25	56%	43.14%
/councillors	50	33	00:00:44	7	42.86%	20%
/explore/where-to-stay-eat/carrabin-hotel-motel-roadhouse.aspx	49	44	00:02:47	31	83.87%	65.31%
/services/emergency-services/bush-fire-services.aspx	45	33	00:03:01	21	57.14%	53.33%
/your-council/administration/tenders.aspx	44	41	00:00:29	30	96.67%	72.73%
/accommodation//	43	34	00:01:44	1	0%	48.84%



Site Search

Sessions with Search
24
↑ 50.0%

Total Unique Searches
32
↑ 23.1%

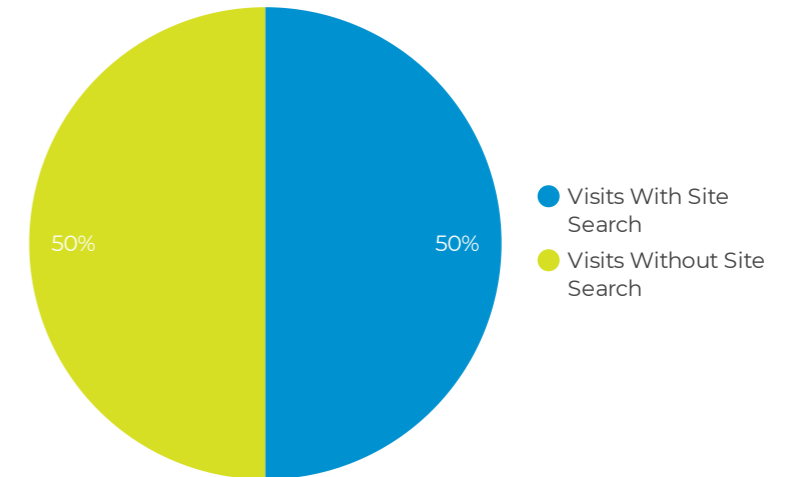
Results Page Views/Search
1.47
↑ 19.3%

Avg. Search Depth
1.56
↑ 40.1%

% Search Exits
18.75%
↓ -18.8%

Time After Search
00:02:28
↓ -23.1%

Search Term	Total Unique Searches	Results Page Views/Search	% Search Exits	Avg. Search Depth
elachbutting	2	1	0%	1
video	2	2	50%	0.5
dog local law	1	3	0%	0
population	1	1	0%	1
beerabooding	1	1	0%	1
cemeteries	1	4	100%	1
depot	1	1	100%	0
Fox Street Warralakin	1	2	0%	0
owner builder applications	1	1	0%	1
complainant	1	1	0%	3



Avg. Search Depth

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

Avg. Session Duration

The average length of a Session.

Avg. Time on Page

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

Bounce Rate

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

Entrances

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

% Exit

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

Exits

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

Landing Page

The pages through which visitors entered your site.

New Users

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

Page

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

Page Views

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

Pages/Session

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

Results Page Views/Search

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

% Search Exits

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

Sessions

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

Session Duration

The average length of a Session.

Sessions with Search

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

Source/Medium

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

Time After Search

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

Total Unique Searches

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

Unique Page Views

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

Users

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