



Shire of Lake Grace

21 December 2022 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Shire of Lake Grace

Prepared for the December 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting
presenting information up to the end of November 2022

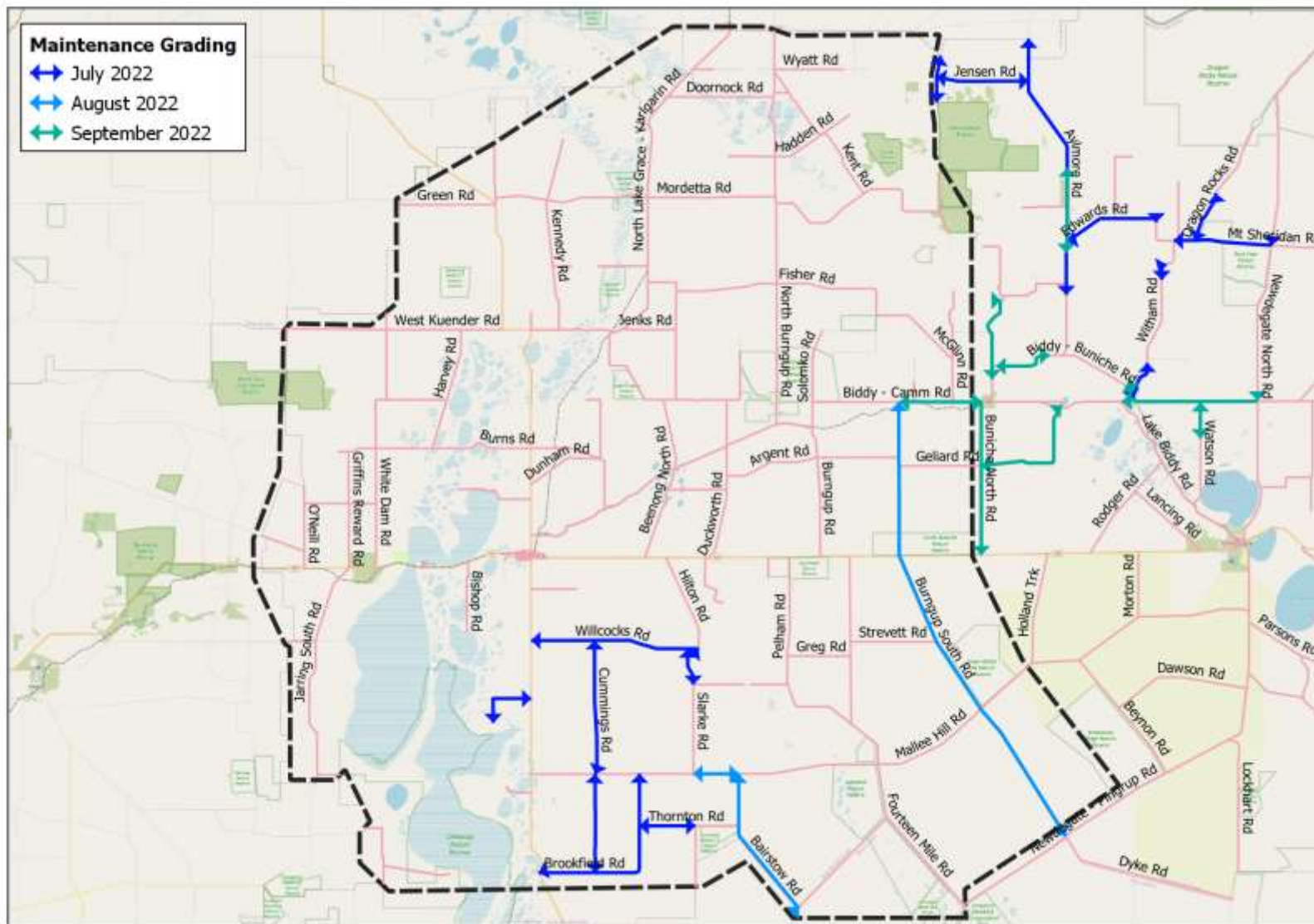
Road Maintenance Grading

For the month of November 2022

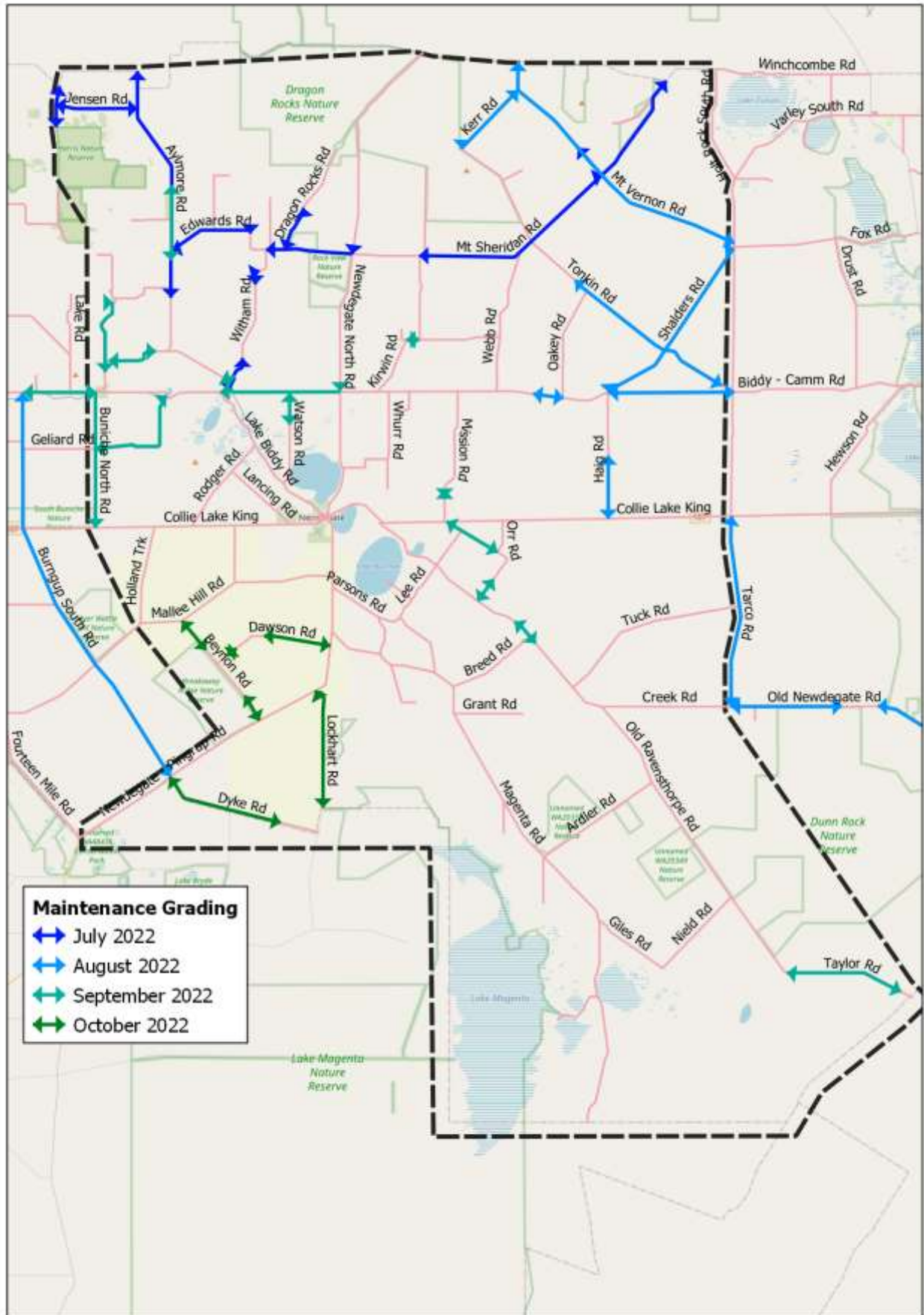
<i>Lake Grace Area</i>		<i>Newdegate Area</i>		<i>Lake King-Varley Area</i>	
<i>Road Name</i>	<i>Graded (km)</i>	<i>Road Name</i>	<i>Graded (km)</i>	<i>Road Name</i>	<i>Graded (km)</i>
Dunham Rd	9.99	Reports not received yet		Reports not received yet	
Jarring South Rd	16.01				
Old Lake Grace Rd	2.05				
West Kuender Rd	15.84				
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>43.89</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>32.43</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>90.57</u>

2022/23 Year-To-Date Grading by Month

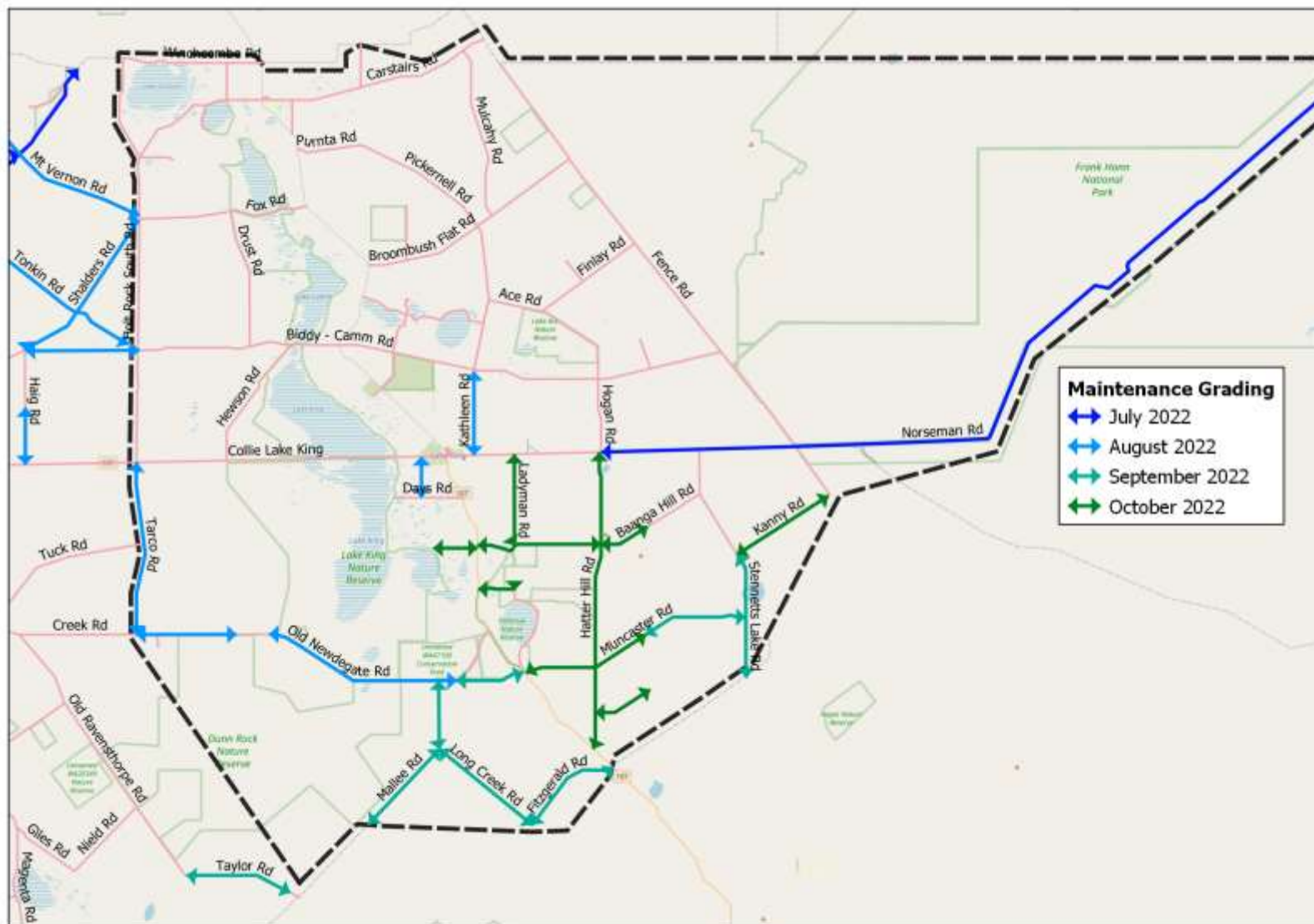
Year	Month	<i>Lake Grace Area (km)</i>	<i>Newdegate Area (km)</i>	<i>Lake King-Varley Area (km)</i>	Monthly Subtotal
2022	July	54.94	83.19	93.13	231.26
	August	49.65	80.41	54.70	184.76
	September	6.02	77.52	63.46	147.00
	October	0.00	32.43	90.57	123.00
	November	43.89			
	December				
2023	January				
	February				
	March				
	April				
	May				
	June				
	To-Date	<u>154.50</u>	<u>273.55</u>	<u>301.86</u>	<u>686.02</u>



Monthly maintenance grading – Lake Grace area



Monthly maintenance grading – Newdegate area



Monthly maintenance grading – Lake King-Varley area

Plant Maintenance

Plant Repairs

Plant	Plant Description	Action
PLVU45	2020 Ford Ranger Single Cab	Replacement of four tyres.
PLVU46	2020 Ford Ranger Single Cab	Replacement of four tyres.
PGRA08	2020 Caterpillar 140 Grader	Replacement of two grader tyres.
PTRA02	2015 Bruce Rock Sidetipper Trailer	Replacement of one tyre.

Plant Acquisitions

- New 2022 Isuzu MU-X 3.0L Wagon for the DCEO.
- New 120mm x 695mm auger.

Building Construction & Maintenance

Construction

- Installation of new corrugated steel tanks at the Lake Grace Ovals, Padley Park, and the Dempster Rock Dam near Varley;
- Preparatory earthworks for sealing of carparks at the Lake Grace and Newdegate Sports Pavilions;

Maintenance

Lake Grace

- Nil works.

Newdegate

- Nil works.

Lake King

- Nil works.

Varley

- Nil works.

Parks & Gardens Maintenance

Lake Grace

- General maintenance, gardening/mowing & tidying of gardens and parks;
- Mowing of town entrances;
- Mowing and marking ovals;
- Mowing swimming pool lawn.

Newdegate

- General maintenance, gardening/mowing of the recreation grounds, parks and skate park;
- Spray for broadleaf and mow around town;
- Mow cricket oval;
- Spray cemetery;
- Reticulation repair at hall;
- Disbudding roses at Pioneer Park.

Lake King

- Carried out general gardening, mowing and spraying to all parks and gardens.

Varley

- Carried out gardening maintenance and general maintenance, including spraying, mowing, raking of the town site, sports complex and cemetery for weeds.

Customer Service Requests

For the period of 1 July 2022 to 30 November 2022:

Category	Complete	Incomplete	Total	% Complete
Works	7	11	18	38.9%
Building	10	9	19	52.6%
Parks & Gardens	15	6	21	71.4%
<i><u>Total</u></i>	<u>32</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>55.2%</u>

Newdegate Library Report to 30/11/22

November was a quiet month for the library as harvest has commenced. In the library space we have had Lego club on the 14th and a St John first aid course on the 27th. Our total of loan statistics for November is 8.

Interlibrary Loans 0 sent items
 0 items requested

Regards

Jade Parker

Newdegate Library Statistics												
Issued and Renewals	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	12	45	37	21	46	33	4	16	6	15	15	14
2006	21	21	27	7	21	22	14	34	27	6	20	15
2007	17	16	24	3	24	32	15	39	25	19	19	4
2008	9	30	15	14	33	14	6	16	9	20	17	8
2009	2	23	20	15	25	28	12	15	10	17	15	8
2010	3	13	16	14	13	23	28	26	27	26	35	27
2011	5	37	52	27	77	54	22	42	35	76	72	38
2012	10	69	33	27	50	20	49	18	26	54	59	31
2013	8	34	30	20	30	21	36	28	18	27	36	29
2014	39	50	35	33	53	36	61	29	24	61	32	47
2015	23	50	52	58	62	53	42	59	45	38	88	38
2016	17	77	29	45	42	15	53	39	43	43	65	42
2017	26	55	40	43	29	29	40	13	29	39	29	28
2018	9	37	15	30	19	36	33	18	51	30	66	48
2019	31	26	54	34	33	39	29	34	7	43	35	33
2020	6	33	42	2	12	23	27	24	39	54	21	16
2021	17	36	51	53	22	32	25	31	38	33	20	27
2022	5	23	27	8	31	13	19	32	8	42	8	

Central Country Zone

MINUTES

Friday, 25 November 2022

Shire of Brookton

WB Eva Pavilion

Lot 510 Brookton Highway

Brookton



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1. Opening and Welcome

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9:33am.

1.1 Housekeeping – Zone Chair

1. Welcome:
The Zone Chair welcomed the Zone members and provided OSH/bathroom/exit information to those in attendance.
2. Share your name and Local Government:
Delegates were reminded to ensure that they call their name and Local Government when taking the floor to allow for accurate Minutes to be recorded.

1.2 Host Council Presentation

Cr Katrina Crute, President from the Shire of Brookton, extended a welcome to Delegates and guests.

2. Attendance

Shire of Beverley	President Cr David White Mr Simon Marshall Deputy Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Brookton	President Cr Katrina Crute Deputy President Cr Neil Walker Mr Gary Sherry Chief Executive Officer, non-voting Cr Lilly Tamara (observer) Cr Gail Macnab (observer)
Shire of Corrigin	President Cr Des Hickey (Deputy Chair) Cr Sharon Jacobs Ms Natalie Manton Chief Executive Officer, non-voting Ms Kirsten Biglin, ESO (observer)
Shire of Cuballing	President Cr Eliza Dowling Mr Stan Scott Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Dumbleyung	President Cr Julie Ramm Deputy President Cr Amy Knight Mr Gavin Treasure Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Kulin	Cr Robbie Bowey
Shire of Lake Grace	President Cr Len Armstrong Mr Alan George Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Shire of Narrogin	President Leigh Ballard (Chair) Cr Graham Broad
Shire of Quairading	Cr Jonathan Hippisley

Ms Nicole Gibbs Chief Executive Officer, non-voting
Cr Jo Haythornthwaite (observer)

Shire of Wagin

Mr Ian McCabe A/Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Shire of Wandering

President Cr Ian Turton
Mr Alan Hart Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Shire of West Arthur

Cr Karen Harrington
Mr Vin Fordham Lamont, Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Wickepin

President Cr Julie Russell
Ms Erika Clement A/Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Shire of Williams

Cr Moya Carne
Mr Geoff McKeown Chief Executive Officer, non-voting

Guests

Wheatbelt Development Commission
Main Roads WA
Water Corporation

Department of Local Government,
Sport, & Cultural Industries
Regional Development Australia WA
National Emergency Management
Agency
WA Country Health Service

Renee Manning, Principal Regional Development Officer
Brad Pearce, Operations Manager Narrogin
Michael Roberts, Regional Manager Goldfields & Agricultural
Region
Samantha Cornthwaite, Regional Manager Wheatbelt
Mandy Walker, Director Regional Development
Jodie Pollard, Recovery Support Officer
Nancy Bineham, Director Strategy, Change & Service
Development

Members of Parliament

Hon Mia Davies MLA, Member for Central Wheatbelt (Leader
of the Opposition)
Rick Wilson MP, Federal Member for O'Connor
Hon Peter Rundle MLA, Member for Roe
Hon Martin Aldridge MLC, Member for Agricultural Region
Hon Darren West MLC, Member for Agricultural Region

WALGA

Cr Paul Kelly, Deputy President WALGA
Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services
Kathy Robertson, Executive Officer Governance

3. Apologies

Shire of Beverley

Mr Steve Gollan Chief Executive Officer
Deputy President Cr Chris Lawlor
Deputy President Cr Rob Harris
President Cr Grant Robins
Deputy President Cr Brad Smoker
Cr Barry West

**Shire of Cuballing
Shire of Kulin**

Mr Alan Leeson A/Chief Executive Officer
Deputy President Cr Ross Chappell

Shire of Lake Grace



Shire of Narrogin	Mr Dale Stewart Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Pingelly	President Cr Bill Mulroney Deputy President Cr Jackie McBurney Mr Andrew Dover Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Quairading	President Cr Peter Smith
Shire of Wagin	President Cr Phillip Blight Deputy President Cr Gregory Ball
Shire of Wandering	Deputy President Cr Paul Treasure
Shire of West Arthur	President Cr Neil Morrell
Shire of Wickelpin	Deputy President Cr Wes Astbury Mr Noel Mason A/Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Williams	President Cr Jarrad Logie
Members of Parliament	Hon Mia Davies MLA, Member for Central Wheatbelt (Leader of the Opposition) Hon Peter Rundle MLA, Member for Roe Hon Martin Aldridge MLC, Member for Agricultural Region Hon Shelley Payne MLC, Member for Agricultural Region Hon Darren West MLC, Member for Agricultural Region Hon Colin de Grussa MLC, Member for Agricultural Region Hon Sandra Carr MLC, Member for Agricultural Region Hon Steve Martin MLC, Member for Agricultural Region
Wheatbelt Development Commission	Rob Cossart, Chief Executive Officer
WALGA	Rodney Thornton, Regional Road Safety Advisor

Attachments

The following are provided as attachments to the minutes:

1. Item No. 6.1 WA Country Health Service Presentation
2. Item No. 8.4 Main Roads WA, Report, November 2022
3. Item No. 12.1 Best Practice Governance Review Presentation

4. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

5. Announcements

Nil.

6. Guest Speakers / Deputations

6.1 WA Country Health Service

Nancy Bineham, Director Strategy, Change & Service Development, presented to the Zone on the Wheatbelt Health & Wellbeing Plan: Towards 2035.
(Presentation: Attachment 1)

ACTION

The email: WACHS Country Health Housing Investor Partnership Website sent to the Zone Delegates and CEOs on 7 October 2022 is to be resent.

7. Members of Parliament

No members of Federal and State Government, representing the Zone Member Local Government Districts, attended the meeting.

8. Agency Reports

8.1 Department of Local Government, Sport, and Cultural Industries

Samantha Cornthwaite, Regional Manager Wheatbelt provided an update to the Zone.

NOTED

8.2 Wheatbelt Development Commission

Rob Cossart, CEO, was an apology.

8.3 Regional Development Australia Wheatbelt

Mandy Walker, Director Regional Development, provided an update to the Zone.

NOTED

8.4 Main Roads Western Australia

Brad Pearce, Operations Manager Narrogin, provided an update to the Zone.
(Report: Attachment 2)

NOTED

9. Minutes

9.1 Confirmation of Minutes from the Central Country Zone meeting held on Friday, 26 August 2022

The Minutes of the Central Country Zone meeting held on Friday, 26 August 2022 have previously been circulated to Member Councils.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Katrina Crute, Shire of Brookton
Seconded: Cr Graham Broad, Shire of Narrogin

That the Minutes of the Central Country Zone meeting held on Friday, 26 August 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

9.2 Business Arising from the Minutes from the Central Country Zone Meeting held on Friday, 26 August 2022

Nil.

9.3 Minutes of the Central Country Executive Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 16 November 2022

The Minutes of the Central Country Zone Executive Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 16 November 2022 were attached to the Agenda.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Katrina Crute, Shire of Brookton
Seconded: President Cr Julie Russel, Shire of Wickepin

That the Minutes of the Central Country Zone Executive Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 16 November 2022 be endorsed.

CARRIED

10. Zone Business

10.1 Aged Care Services

At the Executive Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 16 November, the Executive Committee resolved that WALGA staff obtain information on aged care services and staffing issues, particularly in respect to the availability of registered nurses.

Comment

The Commonwealth Government will be requiring all Aged Care Services to have an on-duty registered nurse 24/7 from June 2023.

Zone members are concerned at the ability to attract registered nurses to regional areas.

This will affect the 18 Wheatbelt hospitals that have Aged Care Services, plus any private or Local Government Aged Care Services.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Des Hickey, Shire of Corrigin
Seconded: Cr Graham Broad, Shire of Narrogin

That the Zone request WALGA to research the impact of this issue on local communities in WA and look to engage the Commonwealth and State Minister of Health and Health Departments to consider solutions.

CARRIED

10.2 Central Country Zone Emergency Management MOU

On 21 February 2020, all Local Governments in the Central Country Zone signed an MOU for Emergency Management.

The MOU has the following aim and purpose:

Aim



This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets out a basic framework for cooperation between the Local Governments named, to promote cooperation in a disaster event which affects one or more of the partnering LGs.

The guiding principle of this MOU is that any support given to a partnering LG in a particular emergency event shall be voluntary and of a level that will not unduly compromise the operability of the partnering LG providing the support.

Purpose

To facilitate the provision of mutual aid between partnering LGs during emergencies and post incident recovery.

To enhance the capacity of our communities to cope in times of difficulty.

To demonstrate the capacity and willingness of participating LGs to work co-operatively and share resources within the region.

A copy of the MOU is attached.

The MOU will expire on 31 December 2022 unless mutually extended.

A zone agenda item will be prepared to see if the member Local Governments wish to extend or terminate the MOU.

Comment

The Zone Executive Committee requested the Zone Executive to write to all Local Governments in the Zone to see if they are prepared to extend the MOU for a further two years.

At the time of writing this item, 4 Local Governments have indicated that they are supportive of extending. Some Local Governments will not be able to advise until after their December council meeting.

ACTION

Ms Natalie Manton, CEO of the Shire of Corrigin, to provide a new draft clause on specific requests for the MOU to WALGA.

The Executive Officer will and WALGA will circulate and request Local Governments to consider extending the MOU review date to 5 years.

WALGA is to then circulate the updated MOU to the Zone for the February 2023 meeting.

11. Zone Reports

11.1 Zone President Report

Zone President Leigh Ballard provided a report to the Zone.

NOTED

11.2 Local Government Agricultural Freight Group (LGAFG)

Cr Katrina Crute – no report provided on the Local Government Agricultural Freight Groups activities as the October meeting was cancelled.

NOTED

11.3 Great Southern District Emergency Management Committee (DEMC)

President Leigh Ballard provided a report to the Zone.

NOTED

11.4 Regional Health Advocacy Group

Ms. Natalie Manton provided an update to the Zone.

NOTED

11.5 WALGA RoadWise

Rodney Thornton, Regional Road Safety Advisor, was an apology for the meeting.

NOTED

12. Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) Business

12.1 WALGA Best Practice Governance Review | Council Feedback Requested

WALGA is undertaking a Best Practice Governance Review to ensure their governance model is contemporary, agile and maximises engagement with members.

A significant body of work, which is summarised in the [Background Paper](#), has been undertaken by the Project's Steering Committee.

Member feedback, in the form of a Council decision, is requested from Local Governments on the governance model options presented in the [Consultation Paper](#) by **23 December 2022**.

In addition, to supplement Council feedback, WALGA will be undertaking independent consultation to gain deeper insights from the perspective of CEOs and Elected Members. Look out for more details and a link to the online survey in the coming weeks.

For more information visit [Best Practice Governance Review website](#) or contact [Tim Lane, Manager Association and Corporate Governance via email or on 9213 2029](#).

Tony Brown, Zone Executive and WALGA Deputy President, Cr Paul Kelly, provided a presentation to the Zone on the material in the Papers to assist Local Governments in their deliberations. **(Presentation: Attachment 3)**

NOTED

12.2 State Councillor Report

Cr Phillip Blight was an apology for the meeting

Item

5.2 Proposed Advocacy Position on Management of Bush Fire Brigades (05-024-02-0059 SM)

An amendment was put but failed

“That the words “in consultation with their local Bush Fire Brigades” be inserted”

The advocacy position motion was then carried.

Item 8 Zone Resolutions

Notable was this Policy position from the South West Country Zone (Policy) Bush Fire Brigades and WHS That WALGA be advised that:

1. None of the proposed models, including the Hybrid Model appear to address or achieve the issues of liability under the WHS Act or recommendations of the Ferguson Report.
2. The Zone recommends that WALGA engage fully with DFES and key stakeholders around a desired structure for volunteer BFB's with the key objective of maximising the capability of the service.
3. Key factors to be considered in that process should be seeking a sound position on the implications and responses to address WHS legislation including: a. development of resources, capability, and capacity b. training c. RPL process d. consequential implications of the CES Act.
4. That WALGA advocate for changes in the WHS Act that:
 - a. Expands the definition of a dangerous operation to include Volunteer Emergency Services Workers; or
 - b. Expand the definitions section to include fire ground operations – means the performance of a function, or the exercise of a power, of an emergency services worker in circumstances where the performance of the function, or the exercise of the power, is not reasonably practicable without exposing a ESW to a serious risk to the ESW health or safety emanating from an immediate or imminent exposure to a hazard.
5. That WALGA advocate for protection for Authorised Officers similar to that provided to those that provide WHS services relating to work health and safety under 26A(1)(b)(iii) emergency services provided by police officers, or other emergency services personnel, in situations where there is a serious risk to the health or safety of any individual.

NOTED



12.3 WALGA Status Report

By Tony Brown, Executive Officer

BACKGROUND

Presenting the Status Report for November 2022 which contains WALGA’s responses to the resolutions of previous Zone Meetings.

**CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE STATUS REPORT
NOVEMBER 2022**

Zone	Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update	WALGA Contact
Central C	2022, 18 February Zone Agenda Item 11.1	That the Central Country Zone recommend that the Local Government Agricultural Freight Group be disbanded and request WALGA to consider establishing a policy forum to encompass all Freight issues.	The Infrastructure Policy Team noted that a decision to disband the Agricultural Freight Group is a matter for the participating Zones. To assist developing a recommendation, the Infrastructure Policy Team requested that the Terms of Reference for a possible Agricultural Freight Policy Forum be developed for consideration. The infrastructure Policy Team will review the draft Terms of Reference at the September meeting.	Ongoing	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031
Central C	2019, November 29 Zone Agenda Item 10.8 Western Australia’s Share of Fuel Excise	That WALGA prepares and endorses a strategy to obtain transparency of the distribution of the fuel excise with the intent to maximise the return to Western Australia for road maintenance.	The resolution has been referred to the Infrastructure Policy Team and based on direction provided further research to support an advocacy position is being carried out. The Association met with the RAC and received access to a 2020 revision of a report commissioned by the RAC quantifying motorist taxation and Federal Government investment in WA transport infrastructure.	Ongoing	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031

<p>Central C</p>	<p>9 September 2022 State Council Agenda Item 5.1 2023-24 State Budget Submission</p>	<p>That the 2023-24 State Budget Submission be endorsed, subject to the following additions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Using the Central Country Zone as a pilot, scope, design and cost an effective solution to enable full and resilient mobile and internet connectivity across the region; and 2. Encourage greater utilisation of rail for grain logistics and increased funding for the rail network. 	<p>State Council Resolution</p> <p>That the 2023-24 State Budget Submission be endorsed <u>with the inclusion of the addition of an initiative to support increased funding to the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF).</u></p> <p><u>RESOLUTION 376.7/2022</u> <u>CARRIED</u></p>	<p>November 2022</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walga.asn.au 9213 2039</p>
<p>Central C</p>	<p>9 September 2022 State Council Agenda Item 5.2 Proposed Advocacy Position on Management of Bush Fire Brigades</p>	<p>That the following Advocacy Position on Management of Bush Fire Brigades be endorsed.</p> <p><i>Management of Bush Fire Brigades</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>The State Government to consider the most appropriate operational model for the management of Bush Fire Brigades, which may include the establishment of an independent Rural Fire Service, as recommended in the 2016 Ferguson Report.</u> 2. <i>Bush Fire Brigade volunteers play a critical role in helping to protect their local communities. Local knowledge and skills are integral to bushfire management in Western Australia.</i> 3. <i>Future management and funding of volunteer Bush Fire Brigades must:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>Recognise the changing risk environment, including work health and safety requirements, and the increasing intensity and frequency of bushfires.</i> b) <i>Take account of the differing circumstances of Bush Fire Brigade units and regional variations in bush firefighting approaches; and</i> c) <i>Be adequately and equitably resourced through the Emergency Services Levy to ensure that Local Government has the same or similar capacity to manage and attend emergency bush fire events to DFES resourcing capability.</i> 	<p>That the following Advocacy Position on Management of Bush Fire Brigades be endorsed.</p> <p><i>Management of Bush Fire Brigades</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Bush Fire Brigade volunteers play a critical role in helping to protect their local communities. Local knowledge and skills are integral to bushfire management in Western Australia.</i> 2. <i>Future management and funding of volunteer Bush Fire Brigades must:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>Recognise the changing risk environment, including work health and safety requirements, and the increasing intensity and frequency of bushfires;</i> b) <i>Take account of the differing circumstances of Bush Fire Brigade units and regional variations in bush firefighting approaches; and</i> c) <i>Be adequately and equitably resourced through the Emergency Services Levy.</i> 3. <i>The State Government, through the Consolidated Emergency Services Act and/or other mechanism's must:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>Establish a clear framework to enable transfer of Bush Fire Brigades to the State Government if a Local Government decides to do;</i> b) <i>Consult on the process, timeline, and implications for transfer of responsibility for Bush Fire Brigades in accordance with 3(a) through the establishment of a working group comprising representatives of Local Government, Bush Fire Brigades, the Department of Local Government, Sport, and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES);</i> c) <i>Provide for mandatory and minimum training requirements and recognition of competency and prior learning for Bush Fire Brigade volunteers, supported by locally delivered fit-for-purpose and</i> 	<p>November 2022</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walga.asn.au 9213 2039</p>

		<p>4. The State Government, through the Consolidated Emergency Services Act and/or other mechanism's must:</p> <p>a) establish a clear framework to enable transfer of Bush Fire Brigades to the State Government if a Local Government decides to do so <u>in consultation with their local volunteer bush fire brigades.</u></p> <p>b) Consult on the process, timeline, and implications for transfer of responsibility for Bush Fire Brigades in accordance with 3(a) through the establishment of a working group comprising representatives of Local Government, Bush Fire Brigades, the Department of Local Government, Sport, and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES).</p> <p>c) Provide for mandatory and minimum training requirements and recognition of competency and prior learning for Bush Fire Brigade volunteers, supported by a fit-for-purpose and universally accessible training program, designed in consultation with Bush Fire Brigade representatives, Local Government and LGIS, and managed by DFES; and</p> <p>d) Develop a co-designed suite of relevant management guidelines and materials to assist in the management of Bush Fire Brigades.</p>	<p>universally accessible training program, designed in consultation with Bush Fire Brigade representatives, Local Government and LGIS, and managed by DFES; and</p> <p>d) Develop a co-designed suite of relevant management guidelines and materials to assist in the management of Bush Fire Brigades.</p> <p>4. <u>As a matter of priority within the emergency services Acts review, the State Government to consider the most appropriate operational model for management of Bush Fire Brigades, which may include the establishment of an independent Rural Fire Service, as recommended in the 2016 Ferguson Report.</u></p> <p><u>RESOLUTION 377.7/2022</u> <u>CARRIED</u></p> <p><u>COMPLETE</u></p>		
<p>Central C</p>	<p>2021, August 20 Zone Agenda Item 8.4 Social Housing Economic Recovery Package Grant Funding</p>	<p>1. That the Zone notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Governments are eligible for grants to support the construction, refurbishment, and maintenance of community housing properties as part of the State Government's Social Housing Economic Recovery Package (SHERP) Program. 	<p>A total of \$57 million in SHERP refurbishment grants were announced on 25 January 2022. Three of the 8 Local Governments that applied for SHERP refurbishment grants were successful: Shires of Donnybrook-Balingup, Williams and Boyup Brook.</p> <p>The Shire of Harvey and Shire of Murray received funding as part of the SHERP New Build Grants program.</p>	<p>August 2022</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walga.asn.au 9213 2039</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next round of SHERP grants open on Wednesday 1 September 2021. The Department of Communities will provide further information on the SHERP grants at a WALGA webinar to be held at 1:30pm on Wednesday 1 September. <p>2. Request WALGA to advocate for more State funding for housing in the regions.</p>	<p>WALGA's 2022-23 Budget Submission (included in State Council Agenda) is also seeking an additional \$5m per annum for the Regional Development Assistance Program, and redefinition of the program to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> separate projects in smaller towns from projects in larger towns and cities fund a broader range of projects of regional significance, administered through Voluntary Regional Organisations of Councils and Regional Subsidiaries, as they are formed. 		
<p>Central C</p>	<p>2020, February 21 Zone Agenda Item 12.1 General Practitioner Services in Rural Areas - Shire of Corrigin</p>	<p>That WALGA be requested to investigate tendering issues around General Practitioner Services in Rural Areas with consideration given to including an exemption from tendering for such services under the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence has been sent to the Minister for Local Government advocating for this position. The Minister for Local Government has held 2 roundtable meetings with some of the effected Local Governments and has listened to the argument. The Minister has advised of the following position he will look to implement. <i>“Recognising the importance of obtaining value for money in a competitive way in the initial procurement of medical services, an exemption is proposed from the requirement to seek public tenders where a local government is extending, varying, or renewing a contract. This will make it easier for local governments to vary and extend contracts relating to the provision of medical services; however, they will still need to go through a public tender process when first engaging a GP. To ensure the transparency of the decision to extend a medical services contract, it is proposed that an absolute majority of council as currently defined in the Local Government Act 1995 is required. This will require a council report to be prepared and presented, setting out the basis for making the decision. This is consistent with other decision-making and reporting processes currently undertaken by local governments.”</i> <p>Between 35 and 40 Local Governments in regional Western Australia currently subsidise a local GP service in their community. This is an advocacy success for the Local Government sector.</p>	<p>November 2022</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Director, Member Services 9213 2051 tbrown@walga.asn.au</p>



			The regulations are expected to be amended shortly.		
Central C	2021, 19 November Zone Agenda Item 12.1 Sector ICT solution	That the Zone request WALGA to research providers and the viability of an in-house IT system.	<p>The idea of an all-of-sector model ICT solution is not viable for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different size Local Governments – no one size fits all. • Local Government's being at different levels of need and maturity in the ICT requirements. • We are unlikely to get the requisite LG buy-in to warrant the investment; and • The inherent complexity of a custom-built system is time and cost-prohibitive. <p>A more workable suggestion is for a group of similar size/maturity level Local Governments to engage a consultant to define a model set that meets their needs. Any recommendations could be reviewed by a representative of the LG ICT Managers Network to ensure it is appropriate.</p> <p>It would be expected that the following range of recommendations are achievable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitable hardware requirements (including remote options where appropriate) • Suggested lightweight accounting software • Baseline model directory structure • Security options • Backup software and procedures • Suitable internet options <p>WALGA is looking to assist in facilitating discussions on a shared service model to research this with a group of Local Governments further.</p> <p>Work should be undertaken in early 2023.</p>	November 2022	Tony Brown Executive Director, Member Services 9213 2051 tbrown@walga.asn.au

Zone Comment

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

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Katrina Crute, Shire of Brookton
Seconded: Cr Des Hickey, Shire of Corrigin

That the Central Country Zone Status Report for November 2022 be noted.

CARRIED

ACTION: WALGA is to investigate and distribute to Zone Delegates an explanation as to why the Zone's suggested amendment to 3(c) on bushfire brigades was not adopted by the State Council.

12.4 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda – Matters for Decision

12.4.1 State Council Agenda Items – (7 December 2022)

Background

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

The full State Council Agenda can be found via link:
[20221207_State_Council_Agenda \(walga.asn.au\)](https://www.walga.asn.au/20221207_State_Council_Agenda)

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

Matters for Decision

5.1 2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. the following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be endorsed for action:
 - 3.8 Review of the Rating Methodology used by the Valuer-General
Advocate for a full review of the rating methodology used by the Valuer-General to value all land in the State of Western Australia.
 - 3.10 Reform of the *Cat Act 2011*
That the WA Local Government sector requests the WA State Government prioritise reforms to the Cat Act 2011, in accordance with the Statutory Review undertaken and tabled in the State Parliament on 27 November 2019.
2. the following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the relevant Policy Team for further work to be undertaken:

3.1 Road Traffic Issues

That WALGA advocate on behalf of the local government sector to the State Government and in particular, Main Roads, to increase importance and weight given to local knowledge and input regarding road traffic issues including requests for speed reduction, intersection treatments and overall preventative and traffic safety measures.

3.2 Car Parking and Traffic Congestion Around Schools

That WALGA engages with the State Government on behalf of Local Government to review issues associated with car parking and traffic congestion around school sites including but not limited to:

- 1. Reviewing car parking standards for schools;*
- 2. Ensuring sufficient land is set aside for the provision of parking on school sites;*
- 3. Reviewing the co-location of schools to avoid issues being exacerbated;*
- 4. Restricting school access from major roads;*
- 5. Developing plans to enable schools to manage school traffic;*
- 6. Develop programs to educate drivers; and*
- 7. Develop options and implement initiatives to encourage alternative modes of transport to school.*

3.3 Proposal for Regional Road Maintenance Contracts with Main Roads WA

That WALGA assist Local Governments and work with the Hon Minister Rita Saffioti to introduce a similar program that is currently in play in Queensland and introduce a sole invitee Program for Local Governments to engage in a Road Maintenance Performance Contract with Main Roads WA.

3.4 Northern Australia Beef Roads Program

That WALGA work with the Hon Madeleine King MP Minister for Resources and Minister for Northern Australia to make Beef Road Funding available to all Australian Local Governments north and south or establish a Southern Australia Beef Road Funding Program to allow for equitable support across Australia's beef and agriculture industries.

3.5 3D House Printing Building Compliance

That WALGA requests:

- 1. Assistance from Minister for Industry and Science The Hon Ed Husic MP, Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Small Business The Hon Julie Collins MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government The Hon Catherine King MP to work with Ministers from all State and Territory Governments who have Building and Construction in their portfolios, to collaborate and to consider removing impediments within the National Construction Code Series and associated Australian Standards, that dissuade industry from adopting 3D printing as a building method.*
- 2. That the Government provide instruments to incentivise private industry to develop 3D printing and include this as an acceptable building practice.*

3.6 South West Native Title Settlement

That WALGA advocate to the State Government that Local Governments be provided with the full list of potential land to be requested for transfer as part of the South West Native Title Settlement and that a minimum of three months be provided for Council to provide feedback.

3.7 Land Offset Compensation to Local Governments

That WALGA advocate to the State Government that the Developer requiring land offsets should be required to provide the offsets within the Local Government where the clearing occurs and where this is not possible, the Developer requiring land offsets within another Local Government be required to pay a fee to the Local Government for the loss of rates and ongoing maintenance of infrastructure to the Land.

3.12.1 Abandoned Shopping Trolleys

That this meeting supports the recent petition to be tabled in the Legislative Council, Parliament of Western Australia, "Removal and Abandonment of Shopping Trolleys 22-0017" calling on the State Government to implement stringent and uniform shopping trolley containment laws for the whole state of Western Australia.

3. the following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be noted:

3.11 WALGA Best Practice Governance Review – Principles

That:

1. *The update on the Best Practice Governance Review project be noted, and*
2. *The principles to inform WALGA's future governance model, as follows and as per the attached Principles document, be endorsed:*
 - a. *Representative – WALGA unites and represents the entire Local Government sector in WA and understands the diverse nature and needs of members, regional communities, and economies.*
 - b. *Responsive – WALGA is an agile association which acts quickly to respond to the needs of members and stakeholders.*
 - c. *Results Oriented – WALGA dedicates resources and efforts to secure the best outcomes for Local Government and supports the delivery of high-quality projects, programs, and services.*

3.12.2 Mandatory Superannuation for Elected Members in Band 1 and 2 Councils

That this meeting supports requesting WALGA to advocate for the Local Government reforms to include mandatory superannuation for elected members of Band 1 and Band 2 Councils and supports the optional payment of superannuation for Band 3 and 4 Councils.

5.2 Elected Member Superannuation

RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA:

1. advocates for superannuation to be required to be paid to Elected Members of Local Governments in Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (SAT) Band 1 and Band 2; and
2. supports the position that superannuation payments to Elected Members of Local Governments in SAT Band 3 and Band 4 should be optional and determined by Council.

5.3 Biosecurity Advocacy Position

RECOMMENDATION

That State Council endorse replacing Advocacy Position 4.5 *Post Border Biosecurity* with a new Biosecurity Advocacy Position as follows:

4.5 Biosecurity

Western Australia's economy, environment and the community are facing increasing challenges posed by already established and new pests, weeds, and diseases. Local Government has a significant role in biosecurity management, as land managers and regulators, and therefore has an interest in ensuring that Western Australia's biosecurity system, including control of declared pests, is effective and appropriately resourced.

WALGA considers significant changes to the operation of the State's biosecurity system, including the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007, are required to ensure these risks can be managed now and into the future.

To be effective the Western Australian biosecurity system must:

1. *Take a transparent approach to the notion of 'shared responsibility' by ensuing that:*

- a) *The respective roles and responsibilities of Commonwealth, State and Local Government, industry, landholders, community groups and individuals are agreed and clearly articulated; and*
- b) *There is improved pest management on State Government managed land and a formalised structure for State Government agencies with responsibilities for biosecurity management to work together and coordinate their activities.*
2. *Be underpinned by a strategic framework, developed in collaboration with stakeholders, that:*
 - a) *Establishes priorities for biosecurity threats in geographically defined regions, sets measurable targets and guides investment in biosecurity activities; and*
 - b) *Is regularly evaluated and reported on.*
3. *Have a greater focus on environmental biosecurity, through the increased recognition and management of pest species that have significant ecological impacts.*
4. *Be adequately, sustainably, and equitably funded:*
 - a) *The appropriateness and effectiveness of the Declared Pest Rate (DPR) and Recognised Biosecurity Group (RBG) model as key mechanisms for the management of widespread and established declared pests should be reviewed and alternate mechanisms considered;*
 - b) *Increased and more equitable distribution of funding for every step in the biosecurity continuum and adequate resourcing for all stakeholders, including Local Government; and*
 - c) *The provision of funding for declared pest management in metropolitan areas.*
5. *Ensure that the criteria and process for listing of declared pests is evidence-based, timely and transparent.*
6. *Have an increased emphasis on compliance through education and enforcement activity, to ensure land managers are aware of their legislative responsibilities and are supported to implement biosecurity actions.*
7. *Facilitate the use of new technologies, strategic monitoring, and the establishment of data management systems to inform biosecurity investment decisions and support adaptive management.*
8. *Improve the community's understanding, awareness, and action in relation to biosecurity to assist with threat surveillance and timely response to incursions.*

5.4 Submission on Environmental Regulation Reform: A Strategic Review of Regulatory Delivery and Fees for Industry Regulation

RECOMMENDATION

That the submission on Environmental Regulation Reform: A Strategic Review of Regulatory Delivery and Fees for Industry Regulation be endorsed.

5.5 Updated Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advocacy Position

RECOMMENDATION

That State Council endorse the following updated Advocacy Position on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage:

3.1.3 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 and South West Native Title Settlement

WALGA acknowledges Noongar people as the traditional owners of the South West Region. Local Government is supportive of conserving and protecting the State's Aboriginal cultural heritage.

WALGA supports the introduction of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 which will provide a modern framework for the recognition, protection, conservation, and preservation of Aboriginal cultural heritage and recognises the fundamental importance of Aboriginal cultural heritage to Aboriginal people. The State Government must ensure that:

1. *The legislation balances the need to protect Aboriginal cultural heritage with the requirement for Local Government to undertake activities in a timely and affordable manner;*
2. *The implementation and ongoing operation of the legislative system for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage is adequately resourced to ensure that all parties have the capacity, capability, and resources to discharge their statutory obligations;*
3. *Support is provided to Local Governments to ensure that they have the resources, capacity, and capability to comply with a complex legislative framework; and*
4. *Local Governments have the ability to deliver essential infrastructure works and emergency activities efficiently and effectively in order to maintain public safety.*

5.6 Review of Coastal Planning Policy Position

RECOMMENDATION

That State Council endorse replacing Advocacy Position 6.8 *Coastal Planning* with a new Coastal Planning Advocacy Position as follows:

6.8 *Coastal Planning*

WALGA calls for:

1. *Equitable legislative, regulatory and policy changes that preserve public coastal access for current and future generations.*
2. *The provision of sustainable and adequate long-term funding for Local Governments to manage the impacts of coastal erosion and inundation.*

Items for Noting/Information

- 6.1 WALGA Best Practice Governance Review Update
- 6.2 2022-23 October Federal Budget
- 6.3 Supporting the Trajectory for Low Energy Buildings – Release of 7 Star Homes Cost Investigation
- 6.4 WALGA October 2022 Quarterly Economic Briefing
- 6.5 WALGA Submission on Phase Two of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-design Process
- 6.6 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Julie Ramm, Shire of Dumbleyung

Seconded: Cr Katrina Crute, Shire of Brookton

That State Council Matter for Decision item 5.2 be amended to read as follows:

That WALGA advocates for superannuation to be required to be paid to Elected Members of all Local Governments.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Neil Walker, Shire of Brookton

Seconded: Cr Des Hickey, Shire of Corrigin

That the Central Country Zone:

1. **Supports Matters for Decision, items 5.1 to 5.6, subject to the amendment to item 5.2 above, in the December 2022 State Council Agenda: and**
2. **Notes all Matters for Noting and Organisational Reports as listed in the December 2022 State Council Agenda.**

CARRIED

12.5 WALGA President's Report

The WALGA President's Report was attached to the Agenda.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jonathan Hippisley, Shire of Quairading
 Seconded: President Cr Ian Turton, Shire of Wandering

That the Central Country Zone notes the WALGA President's Report.

CARRIED

13. Emerging Issues

13.1 Main Roads WA Report

Zone members suggested that the Main Roads WA report be provided to the Zone in a written format, with verbal updates provided only on an as needed basis.

14. Date, Time, and Place of Next Meetings

The next Great Eastern Country Zone meeting will be held on 10 February 2023 commencing at 9.30am. This meeting will be hosted by the Shire of Corrigin.

The following is the 2023 Zone meeting schedule:

Zone Meeting Dates 2023

Zone Meeting Dates Friday	Day & Time	Host Council
10 February 2023	Friday 9.30am	Corrigin
14 April 2023	Friday 9.30am	Cuballing
16 June 2023	Friday 9.30am	Dumbleyung
18 August 2023	Friday 9.30am	Kulin
17 November 2023	Friday 9.30am	Lake Grace

15. Closure

Cr Katrina Crute, President of the Shire of Brookton, thanked the Brookton Country Women's Association (CWA) for catering the meeting.

The Chair wished all Zone Delegates a safe harvest and a Merry Christmas.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12:40pm.



Progressing an interagency Wheatbelt Health & Wellbeing Plan: Towards 2035

Presented by:

Nancy Bineham – Director Strategy, Change and Service Development, WA Country Health Service Wheatbelt

Melissa Spark – Regional Integration Manager, WA Primary Health Alliance – Wheatbelt

25/11/2022



**I acknowledge the wisdom of the
traditional owners of the Noongar
Lands on which we meet today,
and pay my respects to their
ancestors and elders past and
present.**

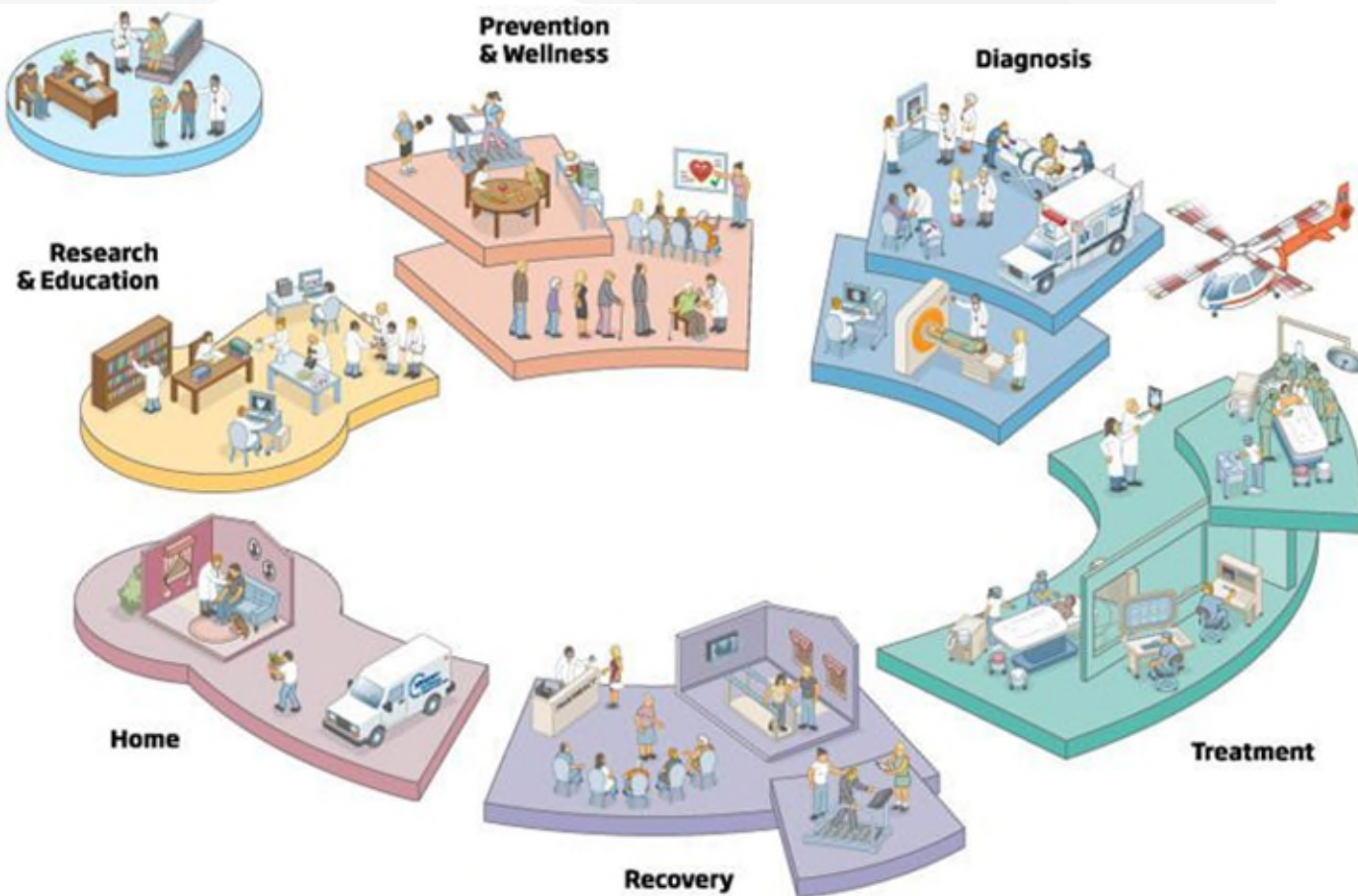


Outline: Progressing an interagency Wheatbelt Health & Wellbeing Plan: Towards 2035

- Concept of a health system, a healthy community and a joined-up collective impact approach
- Scope of the project
- Concept of health service planning
- Population and health status indicators
- How we will engage in service planning, delivery



The Health & Wellbeing system

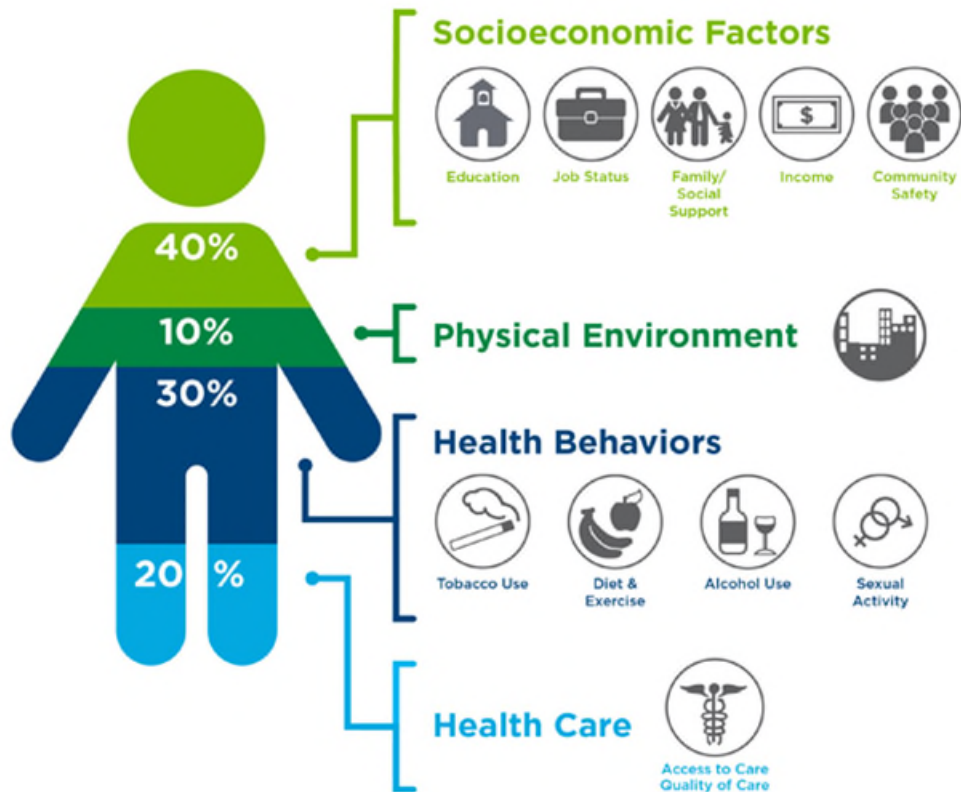




What influences our Health & Wellbeing?



What Goes Into Your Health?



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RISK & PROTECTIVE FACTORS IMPACTING HEALTH

Protective factors:

- having a healthy and balanced diet
- an environment that enables physical activity
- good educational attainment
- being in stable employment with a good income
- living in good quality housing
- having networks of support including friends and family



Risk factors:

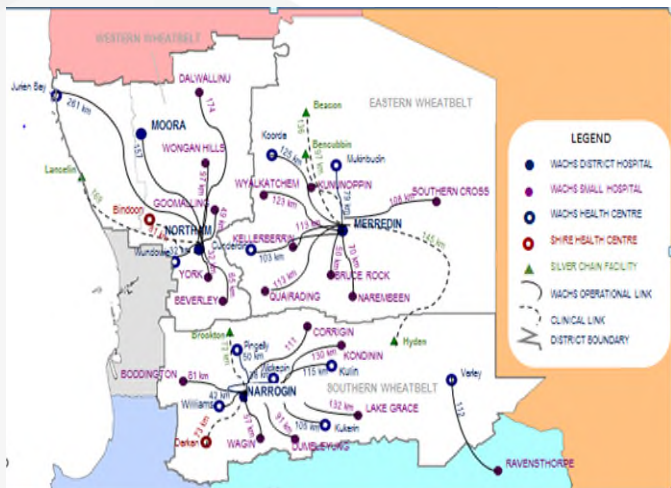
- smoking
- adverse childhood experiences
- crime and violence
- drug and alcohol misuse
- poor educational attainment
- poor mental health





Our Wheatbelt communities

- 75,455 people (30/6/2020)
- 43 Shires WACHS. 42 Shires WALGA. 5 Aboriginal lands



Noongar | Kaartdijin Noongar (noongarculture.org.au)



What does a healthy community look like?





THE CONTINUUM OF COMMUNITY & SERVICES IMPACTING HEALTH & WELLBEING



Home & Community

Socialisation, community connections. Parks, green spaces, good housing options, safe communities, schools, childcare, local amenities, jobs, internet, community gardens (LGA supporting). Health promotion, universal strategies (via media and local campaigns - diet, exercise, healthy environments, step challenges, Men's Pit Stop, Act Belong Commit, immunisation.

Recreation, Fitness Centres

Exercise for leisure, competition, and/or stress relief, walking dogs/alone or in groups, hiking, yoga, Pilates, fitness groups, running, cycling, meditation, wellness of mind, body & spirit.

Pharmacy

Self-management of chronic conditions

Symptom management of acute conditions (allergies, colds & flu, gastro)

Vaccinations, routine health checks

Primary Health Care, GP and Health Clinics

Primary health care

Preventive health (routine health checks)

Allied health, antenatal & child health and immunisation.

Community mental health, alcohol & other drug (AOD) services, Aboriginal Health Services, NGO Providers, LGAs public health & community services

Diagnostic Services

Secondary prevention – screening, diagnostic imaging, pathology

Emergency Transport

First aid, triage, evacuation and transport by Ambulance, RFDs, RAC Helicopter

Emergency Department

Triage, emergency medical care, stabilise and transfer to a larger hospital, admit or discharge

Emergency Care and inpatient acute care

Hospital emergency presentations and/or inpatient admission, medical care, chemotherapy, dialysis surgery, procedures, discharge

Hospital based rehabilitation and palliative care

Subacute inpatient care

Outpatient Treatment, Community rehabilitation and Community Care

Allied health, wound care, Specialist care, mental health, alcohol & other drug (AOD), Aboriginal Health Service, NGO Providers, LGA community services

Extended Care Facility

Aged care, disability care, respite

Community Subacute & Palliative Care and Hospice

End of life palliative care at home or hospice

Home & Community

Improve quality of life and reduce complications

Recovery, return to activities of daily living, ongoing behavior modification and lifestyle changes

Self-management

Keeping well at home, community connections/ Healthy Community factors

Preventing disease or injury (Primary prevention) – universal

Keeping healthy at home and in your community

Primary health care and reducing the onset or impact of ill health or injury (secondary prevention)

Emergency Care

Hospital inpatient acute and sub-acute care

After hospital (Post-acute) care – managing the impacts of long-term illness or injury (tertiary prevention)

Reducing the long-term effects of disease or mental ill health by managing symptoms (tertiary prevention)





Why a Wheatbelt health & wellbeing plan now?

Building on previous Wheatbelt consultations and investments e.g. SIHI and CHI

Sustainable Health Review 2019 – focus on primary prevention/health promotion, workforce and outpatients

Services meet the future health needs of the changing and ageing population

Tackling social, economic, cultural, environmental & behavioural health influences **together**

Improve the overall health of the population in the longer term

Timing is right to build on the LGA PHP's and key priorities of the DLG/HSMF



Working together for a healthier Wheatbelt

- We (Human Services, NGOs & LGAs) all serve the same population.
- WACHS can't do this alone – we need to be in this together with partners, consumers and our communities to impact health, wellbeing & life outcomes.





Understanding and working with communities

1. Developing an in-depth understanding of local needs
2. Connecting with communities



Joining up and co-ordinating services around people's needs

3. Jointly planning and co-ordinating services
4. Driving service transformation



Addressing social and economic factors that influence health and wellbeing

5. Collectively focusing on the wider determinants of health
6. Mobilising local communities and building community leadership
7. Harnessing the local economic influence of health and care organisations



Supporting quality and sustainability of local services

8. Making best use of financial resources
9. Supporting local workforce development and deployment
10. Driving improvement through local oversight of quality and performance

Place based planning & partnerships

A JOINED UP collective impact APPROACH to planning & service delivery for a defined population



Other current related planning & networks

1. Local Community Wellbeing Plans (~8 locations)

2. Shires' Public Health Plans

Public health planning for local government

3. Wheatbelt Local Government Collaborative

4. WB District Leadership Group (DLG)

5 priorities for next 2-3 years – HSMF working groups

- Mental Health
- Family & Domestic Violence
- Ageing Well
- Education Pathways
- Employment Pathways

Wheatbelt Health & Wellbeing Plan: Towards 2035

Objectives:

- Collectively 'owned' & endorsed by Wheatbelt District Leadership Group – Collective Impact
- Shared, agreed vision, outcomes and priorities:
 1. Healthier communities & individuals
 2. Tackle the socio-economic determinants of health
 3. Tackle health inequities around:
 - Service access
 - Our most vulnerable – those experiencing multiple, complex social & health issues
 - Inconsistent experience of health & care system & cultural safety
- Sustainable resources/workforce



Concept and consultation phase

- DLG has agreed to be the governance group.
- WACHS and WAPHA are the 'backbone' organisations.

Timeline 2022 – 2024:

June – Sep 2022	Sep 2022 – Apr 2023	Apr – Jun 2023	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Feb 2024	Mid 2024 - 2035
Scoping and concept of the Plan	Consultation phase – information gathering	Draft Health & Wellbeing Plan	Consultation on the Draft plan	Executive approval of the final Health & Wellbeing Plan	Disseminate	Implement, monitor and evaluate



What is health services planning?

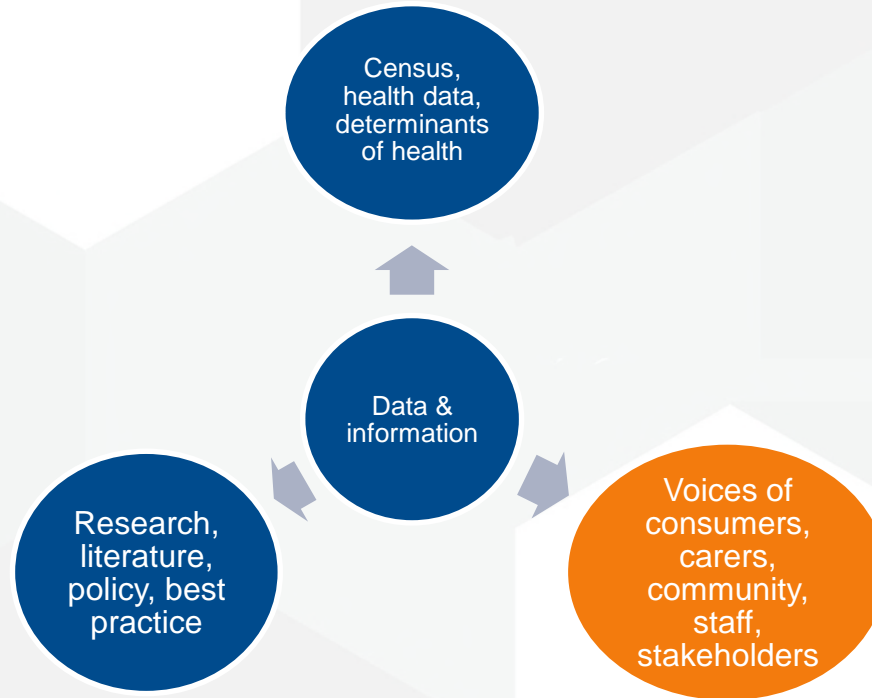
Matching **future health service delivery** with local **needs**, the **changing population** and cultural mix, the **demand** for services, and **contemporary health and workforce** models.

Needs-based planning not 'wants' based planning



Wheatbelt Health & Wellbeing Plan: Towards 2035

Informed through a variety of data and information





Population & health status changes in the Wheatbelt 2010-2020

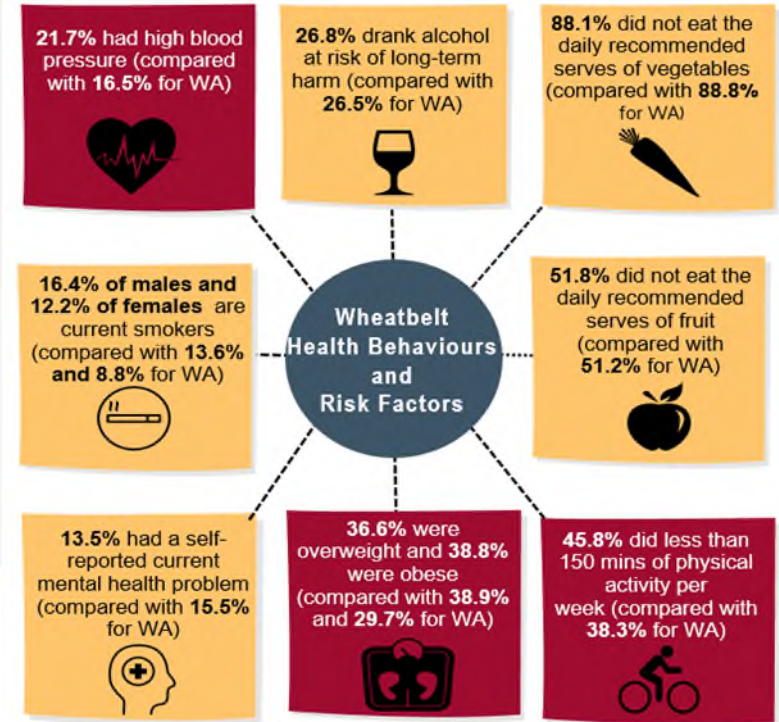
- Population decreasing (by 7%), except for the Coastal Wheatbelt (increased by 11%)
- Aboriginal people = 5.5% (4,176) e.g. Pingelly 16%, Brookton 15%, Moora 14%, Tammin 12%
- Life expectancy at birth = 82.1 years (**increased from 81.2**). Males = 78.8, females = 85.5
- Age distribution:
 - Average age = 44 (higher than metro = 36)
 - Aged 0-14yrs = 15% (decreased), Aboriginal people = 37%
 - Aged 65+ = 22% (increasing, especially on the Coast), 8% Aboriginal people aged 65+
- Low income families = 3.6% (decreased from 6.6%) Source: 2016 Census
- SEIFA (level of disadvantage) is stable but still higher than WACHS and the State rates
- Don't speak English at home = 4.3% (3,244), Born overseas = 16.2% (12,223)



The Burden of Disease (years of life lost)

- 10,000 years of life lost - premature deaths due to ill health (often preventable) in 2015
- 8,000 productive years lost due to disability in 2015
- Highest disease burden:
 - Cancer 19.6%
 - Mental health issues 13%
 - Injuries (including suicide, self inflicted and road accidents) 12.2%
 - Cardiovascular 11.9%
 - Respiratory disease 8.7%

Source: Wheatbelt Health Profile 2022 (HWSS 2015-2019)



Adults aged 16+, 2015-2019.



Health risk factors - Wheatbelt 2010-2020

Health risk factors (adults 16+):	2015-2019	2009
Obesity	38.8% ↑	33.1%
Overweight	36.6% ↓	39.8%
Insufficient fruit intake	51.8% ↑	45.5%
Insufficient vegetable intake	88.1% ↑	85.6%
High cholesterol	23.6% ↑	20%
High blood pressure	21.7% -	21.9%
Current smoker	14.3% ↓	15.7%
Insufficient physical activity	45.8% ↓	56.3%
Drink alcohol at risk of long term harm	26.8% ↓	44%



Potentially preventable hospital admissions - Wheatbelt 2010-2020

Potentially preventable hospital (PPH) admissions Top 5

2015-2019	2006-2010
1. Chronic lung conditions 12.9%	1. Diabetes complications 21%
2. Dental 11.5%	2. Dental 11.2%
3. Urinary tract infections 10.2%	3. Chronic lung conditions 9.5%
4. Heart failure 9.5%	4. Ear Nose Throat infections 8.8%
5. Cellulitis (skin infection) 9.5%	5. Heart failure 7.9%

Source: Wheatbelt Health Profiles; 2022 and 2012



Top 5 reasons for Hospitalisation – Wheatbelt people

Inpatient separations Top 5 (2020-21)



1. Renal dialysis* (9%, n=2,170)
2. Chemotherapy* (8%, n=1,818)
3. Colonoscopy (4%, n=959)
4. Other gastroscopy (3%, n=658)
5. Maintenance/respice including nursing home type (3%, n=608)

Mental Health hospitalisations Top 5 (2015-19)



1. Anxiety & mood disorders (n=2,123)
2. Alcohol & drug disorders (n=948)
3. Psychotic disorders (n=704)
4. Personality disorders (n=255)
5. Acquired or congenital brain disorders (n=250)

Note: >75% of Wheatbelt hospital activity is for the seniors age group



Current challenges facing our Wheatbelt health, wellbeing & Aged Care system

- **Workforce shortages** - all types and all organisations
 - GPs, GP Proceduralists, GPs with skills and willingness to be credentialed to work in WACHS hospitals
 - Specialist hospital doctors for core areas (physicians, obstetricians, anaesthetists, surgeons)
 - Nurses, midwives, allied health, pharmacists
 - Support workers, aged care workers, admin and facilities/maintenance staff
- **Lack of community aged care and NDIS providers** in the region
- **Staff Housing** – volume, amenity/quality and security of housing
- Patient and community **transport**
 - to outpatient appointments & emergency transport (St Johns, RFDS)
- **Digital connectivity** – future more virtual health and care services – home based care



HOW will we engage community, consumers & staff in the planning process?

- Hear and listen to consumer & carer voices through:
 - Workshops & presentations e.g.
 - WMHS & WAHS Consumer Advisory Groups
 - District Health Advisory Committees & Local Health Advisory Group
 - WACHS Patient Experience & Consumer Engagement (PEACE) Committee
- Surveys e.g. Holyoake/WACHS Mentimeter survey and follow-on surveys
- Focus groups
- Care Opinion, feedback (complaints & compliments)
- Submissions
- Workshops
- **LGA Public Health Plans** – community voices



What can we do next...

- Inclusion in local Public Health Planning processes, workshops where we can,
- Learning and hearing what the local issues are that impact on health & wellbeing,
- Review and comment on draft Public Health Plans.



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Examples of consultation questions

- What are the things that affect people's health & wellbeing as they grow and age in the Wheatbelt? e.g. cultural, social, family, financial and environmental factors, racism.
- What has been your experience (or your family's experience) of various health, wellbeing & hospital services in the Wheatbelt?
 - What has worked well or has been really outstanding?
 - What has not worked well?
- What can we and other health services do better? What else do our clients and communities need from us and other agencies now?
- Are there ways that services can better meet the needs of the community in the Wheatbelt in the future?
- What do you hope the Wheatbelt's health, wellbeing and hospital services will look like 5-10 years from now, so they better meet the needs of our people?



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Attachment 2

Central Country Zone Meeting Main Roads Report

November 2022

Pavement Rehab - \$ 5 Million

- Kondinin Hyden – 3 section between SLK 261 – 277 (Kondinin East)
- Collie Williams – Multiple sections SLK 60 -64

Pavement Repair - \$ 6.5 Million

Pre-seal pavement repair prior to re-seal and Hot spot pavement repair around the network.

Resurfacing Asphalt - \$ 2.3 Million

- Moora Townsite
- Northam Pithara & Goomalling Merredin intersection
- Lake Grace 4 way intersection
- Lake King intersection
- Albany Highway and Narrogin Wandering Road

Resurfacing Spray seal - \$ 8 Million

- Great Eastern Highway – Merredin
- Brookton Highway – Kondinin & Kondinin East
- Bindoon Moora
- George Rock – Kulin - Lake Grace
- Northam Cranbrook
- Northam Pithara – North of Northam
- Wongan Hills – Calingiri Road

Bridge Maintenance & Capital

Bridge Maintenance - \$ 5.5 Million

- A Bridge replacement on Wagin Dumbleyung Road (Br 0541) and various substructure repairs

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Capital Bridge - \$ 32 Million

- Albany Highway – Hotham River Bridge Replacement
- Northam Cranbrook – Multiple Bridge Replacements
- Northam Pithara – Multiple Bridge Replacements
- York Merredin

Current Works

ROAD	LOCATION	SLK RANGE	ACTIVITY	COMMENTS
Albany Highway	Crossman	117.97	Construction of new bridge and approaches. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 188m bridge replacement with 1km road tie in • Bridge is being built offline to the east so minimal impact on traffic • Old bridge will be demolished once the new bridge is opened, and the redundant road will be ripped and rehabilitated 	Works are due for completion by the end of February 2023.
Albany Highway	54.4 – 55.82 (south of Jarrahdale Rd) 1.42 78.8 – 80 (North East Rd) 1.2 88.54 – 91.42 (Wearne Rd) 2.88 102 – 104.98 (North of Bannister Rd) 2.98 148.8 – 151.72 (Reed Rd) 2.92	Jarrahdale Road - Williams	Pavement rehabilitation (overlay).	Due for completion March 2023.
Coalfields Rd	Farrell Rd and Rajander Rd	85.09 – 84.65	Intersection Improvements	Final seal to be completed – date to be confirmed.
Kondinin Hyden Road	Between Kondinin and Hyden	261.5 – 277.5	16km Sealing of shoulders on the existing formation and rehabilitation.	4 km of the section will also be rehabilitated (overlaid)

				for the full width. Due for completion February 2022.
Williams Kondinin Rd	Between Narrogin and Wickepin	33.06 – 68.83	Sealing of shoulders and installation of audible edge lines.	35.37 km. Due for completion December 2022.
Pinjarra Williams Rd	Quindanning - Williams	102 – 125.2	Sealing of shoulders and installation of audible edge lines.	23.2km trough to Williams. Due for completion December 2022.

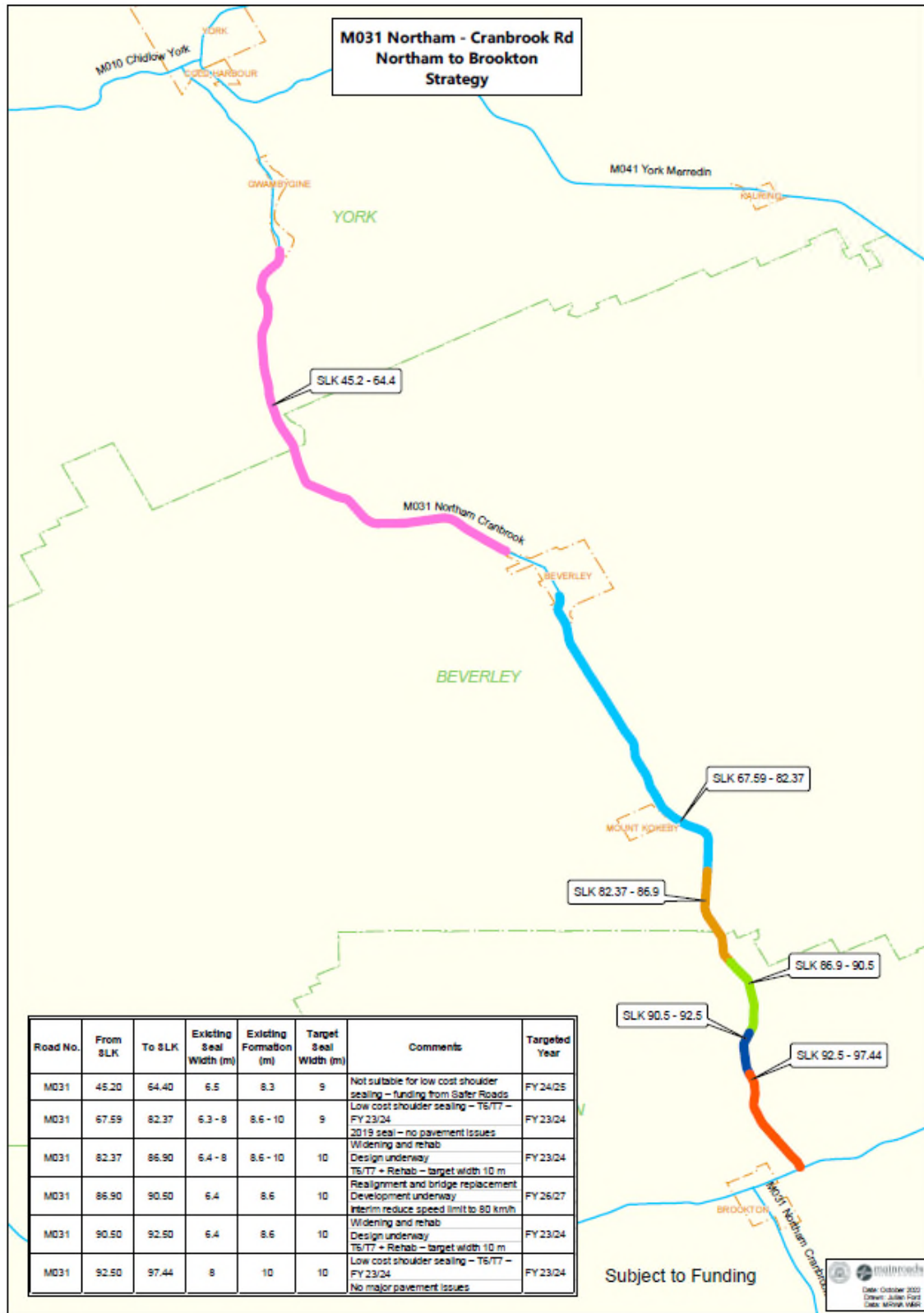
2022 / 2023 Works

ROAD	LOCATION	SLK RANGE	ACTIVITY	COMMENTS
Arthur Road	Between Arthur River and Wagin (28.2km)	127.29 – 155.5	Widening and audio line marking.	Planned to commence late Jan 2023
Pinjarra Williams Rd	Quindanning – Williams (9km)	92 - 102	Installation of audible line marking	Following completion of shoulder sealing
Collie Williams Rd	18km west of Williams in various locations.	59.- 64.93	Pavement rehabilitation (Granular overlay	Works anticipated to commence in December 2022.
Williams Kondinin Rd	Between Wickepin and Heffernan Rd (23.7km)	70.2 -93.7	Sealing of shoulders and installation of audible edge lines.	Works anticipated to commence Jan – April 2023.
Wagin Dumbleyung Rd	21km east of Wagin.	176.93 – 181.73	Widening and overlay	Remedial works to be completed. Includes pavement repair and resurfacing. Date to be confirmed.
Great Southern Highway	Piesseville	200 - 203	Pavement rehabilitation and (granular overlay).	Pavement rehab to be reprogrammed. Pavement repairs Jan – March 2023.
Northam Cranbrook Rd	Various	Various	Stabilised pavement repairs	Jan – March 2023.
Collie Lake King Rd	Various	Various	Stabilised pavement repairs	Jan – March 2023.

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Gorge Rock Lake Grace Rd	Various	Various	Stabilised pavement repairs	Jan – March 2023.
Kulin Lake Grace	Between Kulin and Lake Grace.	Various	Edge repairs, shoulder repairs, reseal, spot shoulder sealing.	Focus on narrow sections 76.79 – 90.00 SLK. Date to be confirmed.
Lake Grace and Lake King	Intersections at Kulin – Lake Grace Road and Brookton Highway (Lake King) .		Asphalt resurfacing	Procurement in process
York Merredin Rd	East of Quairading	68.36 – 87.2	Sealing of shoulders and installation of audible edge lines.	Works anticipated to start Feb 2023
York Merredin Rd	East of Quairading	70 - 73	Pavement rehabilitation	Works anticipated to start Jan 2023

Great Southern Highway between Beverley and Brookton



Wheatbelt Maintenance Transition

The five year terms for the network contracts in the Wheatbelt Region and the Mid West-Gascoyne Region have ended, with most other network contracts ending in late 2023, except the Kimberley contract which ends in January 2026. Main Roads will not be renewing these contracts. Instead, Main Roads will work with the network contractors to facilitate the integration of their affected employees into Main Roads as each contract comes to an end.

48 staff members were welcomed to the Wheatbelt Region as part of the State Government's commitment to create 660 new permanent, local, Western Australian jobs (490 Regional and 170 Metropolitan) by transitioning road maintenance and some minor capital works back in-house, to Main Roads.

The transition was celebrated with a small breakfast event, attended by the Minister for Transport, Hon Rita Saffioti MLA, Director General Transport Peter Woronzow and a number of Main Roads staff.

The 48 staff members will be based in Northam and Narrogin and be responsible for the delivery of routine maintenance and some minor road work improvements.

Media coverage:

- Media statement > [First tranche of in-house road maintenance delivery begins today](#)
- GWN's news coverage > [GovNews](#)
- ABC's radio coverage and talk-back segments > [GovNews](#), [GovNews - talkback 1](#), [GovNews - talkback 2](#), [GovNews - talkback 3](#)
- Premier's Facebook page > [Mark McGowan | West Perth WA | Facebook](#)
- Minister's Facebook post > [Rita Saffioti MLA | Facebook](#)

All the routine maintenance crews in the Main Roads Wheatbelt region are now Main Roads employees.

A significant amount of work was required to re-introduce procedures and methodologies to allow this to take place. There were many logistical challenges. The initial stage of the transition was very successful.

Our in house construction crews are now being put in place. In the interim contractors Service Stream are completing minor works and periodic maintenance from the 2022-23 Program. The in-house construction crews will give us increased flexibility.

There are challenges in the next 12 months due to potential budget constraints. Tender prices have escalated significantly. Resources are difficult to find.

Attachment 3

Best Practice Governance Review

Consultation Presentation

The logo for WALGGA is a stylized, symmetrical emblem composed of several overlapping, semi-transparent, light-colored shapes that form a central, abstract figure. It is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the slide, above the word 'WALGGA'.

WALGGA



Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

WALGA's work regularly takes us across the State and as such we would like to acknowledge the many traditional owners of the land on which we work throughout Western Australia.

We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

Pictured left: Artwork by Jade Dolman, a young Whadjuk/Ballardong Nyoongar, Eastern Arrernte, Irish woman from Perth.

Opportunity

The Best Practice Governance Review presents an opportunity to improve WALGA's governance model to:

- Deliver strong, clear, focused, and consistent **policy positions** on strategic matters of the most importance to Local Governments in WA
- Drive **advocacy outcomes and impact** on behalf of Local Government in WA and the communities they serve
- Embed **agility and responsiveness**, ensuring member concerns are heard, respected and represented in a timely, efficient and effective manner



Drivers

Corporate Strategy

The Corporate Strategy identified governance model as key opportunity for improvement

Member Feedback

Feedback from members highlighted concerns with current arrangements

Legislative Reform

Local Government legislative reform – WALGA to no longer be constituted under the Local Government Act 1995

State IR Review

State IR Review – opportunity to be a registered organisation

Misalignment

Misalignment between key governance documents

Steering Committee

Appointed by State Council in March 2022:

President Cr Karen Chappel

WALGA President

Cr Paul Kelly

WALGA Deputy President

President Cr Phil Blight

State Councillor, Country

Mayor Carol Adams OAM

State Councillor, Metro

President Cr David Menzel

Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley

Mayor Albert Jacob

City of Joondalup

Andrew Sharpe

City of Albany Chief Executive Officer

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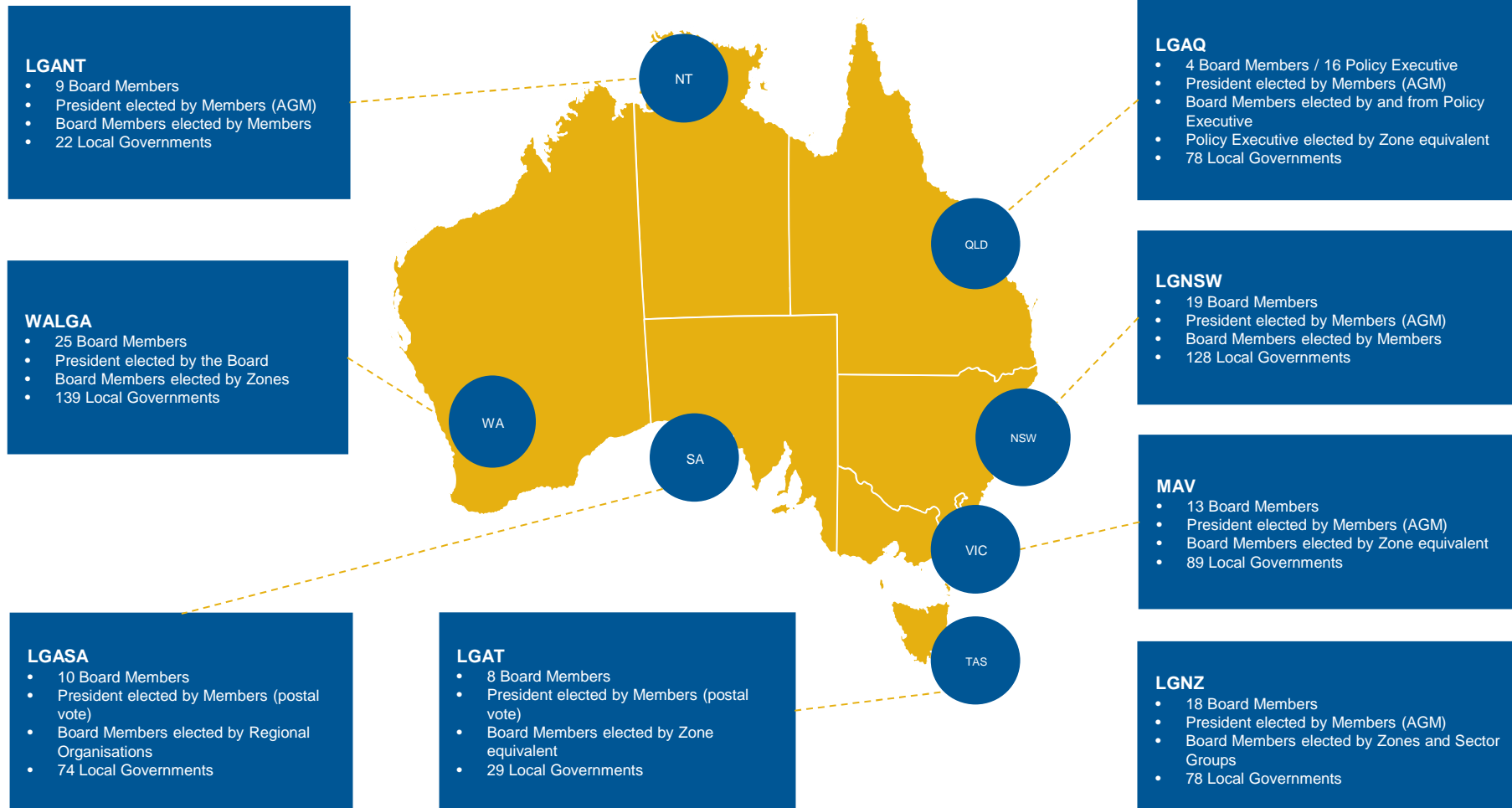
WALGA Chief Executive Officer

Background Work



Summary: Jurisdictional equivalents to WALGA

Summary of jurisdictional analysis of WALGA equivalents in relation to their Board membership, election methods and number of Local Governments.



Summary: Governance structure analysis

WALGA's governance structure was analysed in comparison to five comparator organisations.

Organisational Comparisons	Number of Board Members	President Elected by	Board Members elected by
WA Local Government Association (WALGA)	25	The Board	Zones
Australian Medical Association (AMA)	9	AMA WA Members	Members of the Association
Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA (CCIWA)	7 to 10	The Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 12 elected by Members Up to 8 appointed by the Board Up to 8 appointed by the Council
Chamber of Minerals and Energy (CME)	6 to 11	Ordinary Members	Executive Councillors
Australian Hotels Association (AHA) WA	17	The Branch Committee of Management	The Branch Committee of Management
Pharmacy Guild (PG) – WA branch	16 to 22	The Branch	Financial Members from the same region as the Branch

Note: The Council, Branch, or Board chosen from the organisations above were chosen for how appropriate their structure is as a comparison to the WALGA State Council.

Governance Principles
















The following Governance Principles were endorsed by members at the 2022 AGM

	Principle	Principle component	Component description	Governance implications
Representative	WALGA unites and represents the entire local government sector in WA and understands the diverse nature and needs of members, regional communities and economies.	Composition	The composition of WALGA's governance model represents Local Government members from metropolitan and country councils.	The governing body will maintain equal country and metropolitan local government representation.
		Size	An appropriate number of members/representatives oversees WALGA's governance.	Potential reduction in the size of the overarching governing body.
		Diversity	WALGA's governance reflects the diversity and experience of its Local Government members.	Potential for the introduction of a mechanism to ensure the governance model comprises an appropriate diversity of skills and experience.
		Election Process	Considers the processes by which WALGA's governance positions are elected and appointed.	Consideration of alternative election and appointment arrangements, with the President to be elected by and from the governing body.
Responsive	WALGA is an agile association which acts quickly to respond to the needs of Local Government members and stakeholders.	Timely Decision Making	WALGA's governance supports timely decision making.	WALGA's governance model facilitates responsive decision making.
		Engaged Decision Making	WALGA's Local Government members are engaged in decision making processes.	WALGA's governance model facilitates clear and accessible processes for Local Government members to influence policy and advocacy with consideration to alternatives to the existing zone structure.
		Agility	Considers the flexibility of WALGA's governance to adapt to changing circumstances.	WALGA's governance model is agile and future proofed for external changes.
Results Oriented	WALGA dedicates resources and efforts to secure the best outcomes for Local Government members and supports the delivery of high-quality projects, programs and services.	Focus	Considers the clarity and separation of responsibilities and accountabilities of WALGA's governance.	Governance bodies have clearly defined responsibilities and accountabilities, with the capacity to prioritise and focus on strategic issues.
		Value Added Decision Making	Facilitates opportunities for value to be added to decision making.	Adoption of best practice board processes, and introduction of governance structures that are empowered to inform decisions.
		Continuous Improvement	Considers regular review processes for components of the governance model, their purpose and achieved outcomes.	WALGA's governance is regularly reviewed every 3 to 5 years to ensure the best outcomes are achieved for Local Government members.

Options and Current Model






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Option 1 – Two Tier Model, Existing Zones

A description of the governance body structure and role for Option 1

Governance Body	Structure	Role
 Board	11 members: 8 representative members elected from and by the Policy Council (4 Metro, 4 Country). The Board then elect the President from the representative members. The Board will appoint up to 3 independent, skills or constituency directors.	Meet 6 times per year. Responsible for governance of WALGA including strategy, financial oversight, policy development and endorsement, advocacy priorities, employment of CEO, etc.
 Policy Council	24 members plus President. Members elected by and from the Zones (12 from 5 Metro Zones, 12 from 12 Country Zones).	Meet at least 2 times per year to contribute to policy positions and advocacy for input into Board, and to liaise with Zones on policy and advocacy. The Policy Council can form Policy Teams, Policy Forums and Committees, which would have responsibility for specific functions, such as policy development.
 Zones	5 Metro, 12 Country.	Meet at least 2 times per year to raise policy issues, elect representatives to the Policy Council, and undertake regional advocacy and projects as directed by the Zone.




Option 2 – Board, Regional Bodies

A description of the governance body structure and role for Option 2

Governance Body	Structure	Role
 Board	<p>11 members: 8 representative members elected from and by the Regional Bodies (4 Metro, 4 Country). The Board then elect the President from the representative members. The Board will appoint up to 3 independent, skills or constituency directors.</p>	<p>Meet 6 times per year responsible for governance of WALGA including strategy, financial oversight, policy development, advocacy priorities, employment of CEO, etc.</p>
 Regional Bodies	<p>Metro: North, South, East and Central.</p> <p>Country: Mining & Pastoral, Agricultural, Peel/South West/Great Southern, Regional Capitals.</p> <p><i>Note: Local Governments can nominate their preferred regional body, with membership of the regional bodies to be determined by the board.</i></p>	<p>Meet at least 2 times per year to contribute to policy development and advocacy, and to elect Board members (1 from each of the Metro Regional Bodies and 1 from each of the Country Regional Bodies).</p>
 Policy Teams / Forums / Committees	<p>Membership drawn from the Board and Regional Bodies with some independent members.</p>	<p>Responsible for specific functions – such as policy development – as determined by the Board.</p>




Option 3 – Board, Amalgamated Zones

A description of the governance body structure and role for Option 3

Governance Body	Structure	Role
 Board	15 members: 12 elected from the Zones (6 from Metro/Peel, 6 from Country). President to be elected by the Board (who will then be replaced by their Zone). The Board will appoint up to 2 independent, skills or constituency directors.	Meet 6 times per year. Responsible for the governance of WALGA including strategy, financial oversight, policy development and endorsement, advocacy priorities, employment of CEO, etc.
 Zones	<p>Metro/Peel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Central Metropolitan• East Metropolitan• North Metropolitan• South Metropolitan• South East Metropolitan• Peel <p>Country*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wheatbelt South• Wheatbelt North• Mid West / Murchison / Gascoyne• Pilbara / Kimberley• South West / Great Southern• Goldfields / Esperance <p><i>*indicative, re-drawing required</i></p>	Meet at least 2 times per year to contribute to policy development and advocacy, and to elect Board members.
 Policy Teams / Forums / Committees	Membership drawn from Board with some independent members.	Responsible for specific functions – such as policy development – as determined by the Board.

Option 4 – Member Elected Board, Regional Groups

A description of the governance body structure and role for Option 4
















Governance Body	Structure	Role
 Board	11 members: 8 representative members elected via direct election, with each member Local Government to vote (4 elected by and from Metropolitan Local Governments, 4 elected by and from Country Local Governments). President elected by the Board from among the representative members. The Board will appoint up to 3 independent, skills or constituency directors.	Meet 6 times per year and responsible for governance of WALGA including strategy, financial oversight, policy development and endorsement, advocacy priorities, employment of CEO, etc.
 Policy Teams / Forums / Committees	Membership drawn from Board with some independent members.	Meet at least 2 times per year. Responsible for specific functions – such as contributing to policy development – as determined by the Board.
 Regional Groups	Determined by members to suit needs. E.g. Regional Capitals, GAPP, VROCs, CEO Group, existing Zones.	Feed into policy development processes and undertake advocacy and projects as determined by the groups.

Option 5 – Current Model

A description of the governance body structure and roles for the Current Model

Governance Body	Structure	Role
 State Council	24 members plus the President. Members elected by and from the Zones (12 from 5 Metropolitan Zones, 12 from 12 Country Zones).	Responsible for the governance of WALGA including strategy, financial oversight, policy development and endorsement, advocacy, employment of CEO, etc.
 Zones	5 Metro, 12 Country.	Consider the State Council Agenda, elect State Councillors, and undertake regional advocacy / projects as directed by the Zone.
 Policy Teams / Forums / Committees	Membership drawn from State Council with some independent members.	Responsible for specific functions – such as contributing to policy development, financial oversight etc. – as determined by State Council.

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Consultation, Next Steps and Timeline



Consultation Process and Next Steps

Consultation Process

Council Position

Member Local Governments are asked to consider this paper and the governance model options put forward and provide a Council endorsed position to WALGA.

It is suggested that Councils endorse a preferred model (which could be the Current Model) and provide a ranking in terms of an order of preference.

Submissions to WALGA are sought by **23 December 2022**.

Supplementary Market Research

An independent market research company has been engaged to ascertain insights from Elected Members and Chief Executive Officers about WALGA's governance model. Qualitative interviews and a quantitative survey will be undertaken to supplement Council positions.

Workshops and Forums

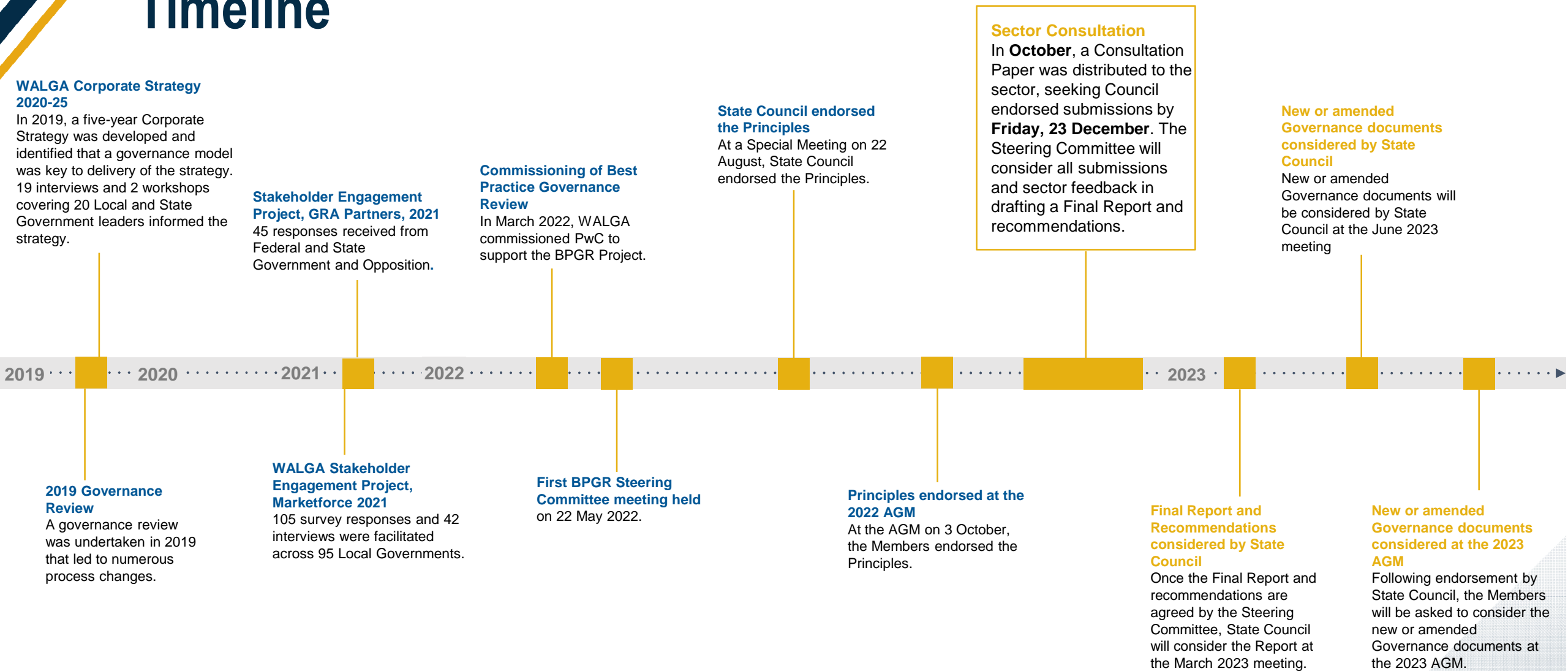
Requests for presentations on the work undertaken by the Steering Committee and the model options, as well as facilitation of workshops and discussions will be accommodated where practicable.

Next Steps

Timetable

- Consultation and engagement with Members on this paper and governance model options will be undertaken from October 2022 until 23 December 2022.
- The Steering Committee will consider the outcomes of the consultation process during January 2023.
- A Final Report with a recommended direction will be the subject of a State Council Agenda item for the March 2023 State Council meeting.

Timeline





Thank you

For more information, visit our [website](#) or contact Tim Lane, Manager Association and Corporate Governance, at tlane@walga.asn.au or 9213 2029.



Astrotourism Towns Project

Update November 2022

Solar Eclipse, April 2023

Western Australia will be the best place to witness a Total Solar Eclipse on 20 April 2023. It will bring world-wide media attention and attract tens of thousands of extra visitors and “eclipse chasers” to WA. The only mainland area in WA where the Total Solar Eclipse (“totality”) will be visible is near Exmouth in the Gascoyne Region. Everywhere else in WA and across Australia will witness a partial solar eclipse. Visitors traveling to WA to see the eclipse will want to be in Exmouth so they can witness totality.

The State Government is working hard on risks and logistics to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all. More information about the eclipse is on Tourism WA’s Ningaloo Eclipse website, <https://ningalooeclipse.com/>.

Astrotourism WA is organising a series of Astrotourism Town stargazing events to be held throughout the month of April 2023. Evening events held under dark night skies will feature stargazing, viewing through telescopes, tours of the constellations, introductory astronomy and engaging presentations about WA’s world-leading Space Science Industry.

Event dates have almost been confirmed:

Date	Event 1	Event 2, same date
Friday, 31 March	Lake Grace	
Monday, 3 April	Bindoon	
Wednesday, 5 April	Wickepin	
Saturday, 8 April	Narembeen	
Tuesday, 11 April	Northam	
Wednesday, 12 April	Wongan Hills	
Thursday, 13 April	Mingenew	
Friday, 14 April	Cervantes	Geraldton/Greenough
Saturday, 15 April	Three Springs (TBA)	Morawa
Sunday, 16 April	Denham	Murchison Settlement
Monday, 17 April	Carnarvon	Mullewa
Wednesday, 19 April	Bullara Station (south of Exmouth)	
Friday, 21 April	Onslow	
Saturday, 22 April	Perenjori	Gascoyne Junction
Sunday, 23 April	Carnamah	
Wednesday, 26 April	Darkan	
Friday, 28 April	Narrogin	

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The series of eclipse events is made possible by funding from Tourism WA, CSIRO, the International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research, Curtin University, Scitech and 18 Local Government Astrotourism Towns. The aim of the events is to:

- Encourage visitors and eclipse chasers to attend an event, visit an Astrotourism Town (<https://astrotourismwa.com.au/towns/>) or travel one of the stargazing trails (<https://astrotourismwa.com.au/stargazing-trails/>);
- Increase overnight stays in the Wheatbelt, Mid West, Gascoyne and Pilbara regions in April 2023;
- Showcase Aboriginal Astronomy and WA's Space Science Industry; and
- Capitalise on the global media spotlight generated by the 2023 Eclipse to promote WA's Astrotourism Towns as world-class destinations for Dark Sky Tourism.

Planning for the events is well underway. Branding and marketing is the next step to promote the events as we edge closer to April.

Astrotourism Towns Promoted Via 2022 Astrofest Astrophotography Competition

The 2022 Astrofest Astrophotography Competition and Exhibition is an annual event. This year's competition attracted 380 astrophotography entries from 76 different photographers. The winners of seven awards were announced at the Perth Astrofest on 29 October 2022.

One of the Awards is for Best Astrotourism WA Nightscape for images taken in an Astrotourism Town locality. There were 27 images entered into the Best Astrotourism WA Nightscape Award (approximately 7% of all images entered) and featured images across 10 Astrotourism Towns including the Shires of Ashburton, Carnamah, Chittering, Dandaragan, Lake Grace, Narrogin, Northam, Three Springs, West Arthur and Wongan-Ballidu.



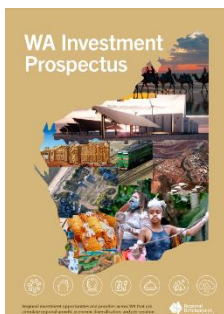
The winner was "Pilbara Skies" by Paul Harrison (above with Shire of Morawa CEO, Scott Wildgoose). The image was taken in the Shire of Ashburton and the prize was generously sponsored by the Shire of Morawa and Mellenbye Station Stay.



The runner up was “Arch of the Windmill” by Luke Hetherington (above). The image was taken in the Shire of Lake Grace and the prize was generously sponsored by the Shire of Carnamah.

Find more information here: <https://astrotourismwa.com.au/astrofest-astrophotography-competition-winners/>

Dark Sky Tourism Opportunities in WA Investment Prospectus



Dark Sky Tourism is identified as a key investment theme in the new WA Investment Prospectus. The report is a collaborative effort from Regional Development Australia and is available online at RDA Perth.

(<https://www.rdaperth.org/rda-projects/wa-investment-prospectus/>).

Once downloaded, search for "dark" or "astro" to find the relevant sections. A large number of the Astrotourism Towns are mentioned on pages 71 and 101.

The report has key messages including:

- *"There is an opportunity to invest in regional tourism offerings that showcase space industry sites, Aboriginal cultures, dark sky observation spots and natural and mined geological features."* page 26;
- *"There is momentum in the form of WA's Dark Sky and Astrotourism Position Statement, regional tourism strategies, the UNESCO geo-parks certification scheme and existing infrastructure such as observatories and industrial sites. Together they offer certainty and pathways for harnessing international market demand."* page 26;
- *"Several locations have been identified for their astrotourism potential. To secure their value, the State Government has developed planning guidelines to protect the dark skies that make these assets special."* page 31

Critical Documents Dark Sky Tourism

During the four years that the Astrotourism Towns Project has been running, several key documents have been published to support the development of the Dark Sky Tourism sector. Please find the links below for further reading. The documents are public and can be shared.

Tourism WA Dark Sky Tourism Market Research Study -

https://www.tourism.wa.gov.au/Markets-and-research/Specialised-Research-Reports/Pages/Dark_Sky_Research_Report.aspx#/

Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage Dark Sky and Astrotourism Position Statement (Lighting Management Guide) -

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/position-statement-dark-sky-and-astrotourism>

Regional Development Australia WA Investment Prospectus -

<https://www.rdaperth.org/rda-projects/wa-investment-prospectus/>

Astrotourism WA Strategic Plan - https://astrotourismwa.com.au/astrotourism-wa-strategic-plan_final-digital/