



Shire of Lake Grace

25 May 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT

YTD APRIL 2022

ROAD MAINTENANCE GRADING

ROAD MAINTENANCE GRADING FROM 1 DECEMBER 2021 - 30 APRIL 2022

Newdegate – March 2022

Road	Total Graded (km)
Biddy Buniche Rd	3.2
Magenta Rd	17.7
Total	20.9

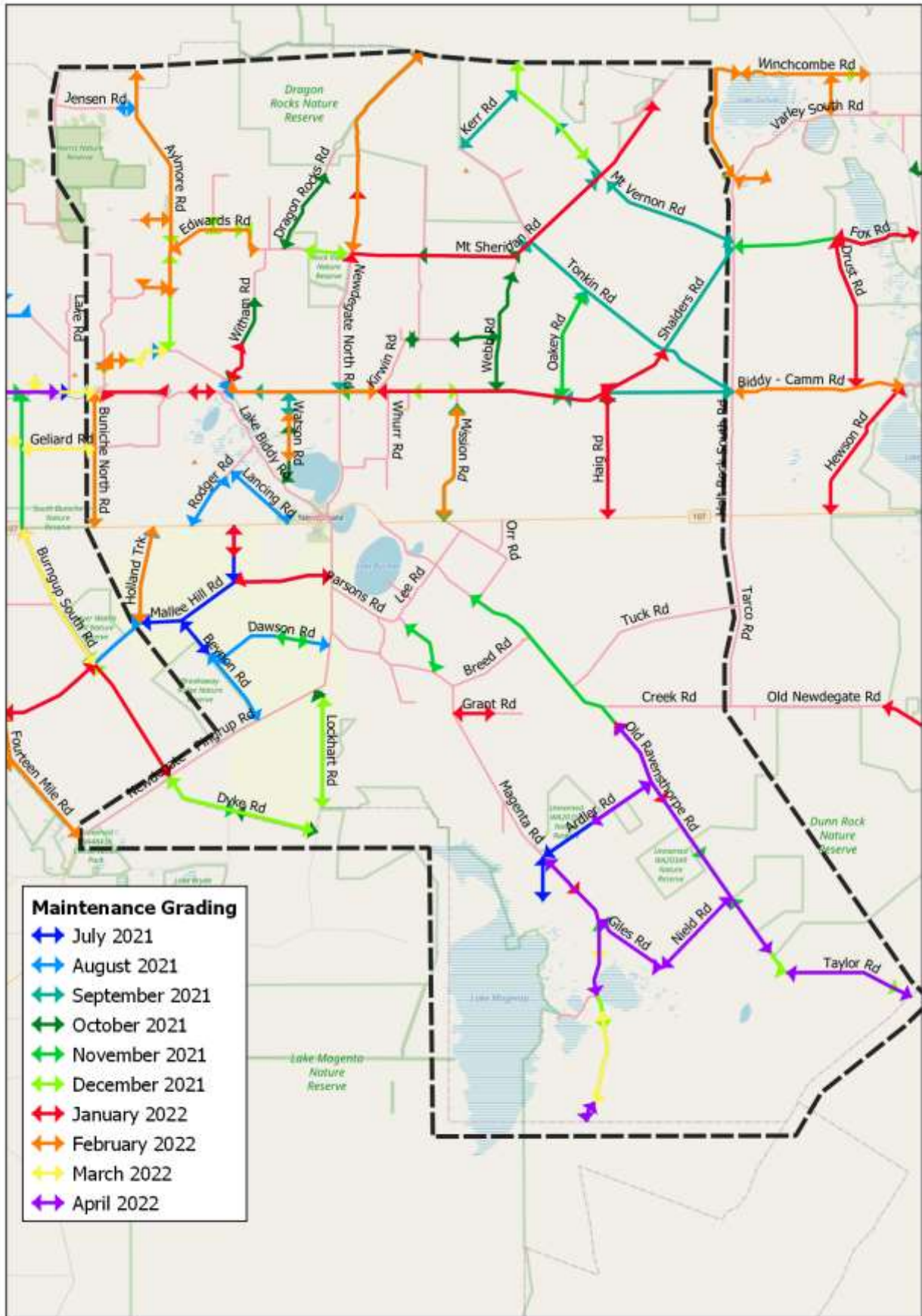
Newdegate – April 2022

Road	Total Graded (km)
Ardler Rd	6.0
Giles Rd	6.6
Magenta Rd	15.0
Nield Rd	8.2
Old Ravensthorpe Rd	24.8
Taylor Rd	11.0
Total	71.6

Newdegate 2021/22 YTD

Year	Month	Monthly Grading Total (km)
2021	July	55.2
	August	77.8
	September	112.7
	October	109.4
	November	124.4
	December	132.9
2022	January	109.4
	February	100.9
	March	20.9
	April	71.6
	May	
	June	
	YTD Total	915.2

ROAD MAINTENANCE GRADING



Monthly maintenance grading history – Newdegate area

ROAD MAINTENANCE GRADING

Lake Grace – March 2022

Road	Total Graded (km)
Argent Rd	6.9
Beenong North Rd	12.0
Biddy Camm Rd	14.3
Burngup Rd	9.4
Burngup South Rd	12.6
Fourteen Mile Rd	9.8
Geliard Rd	6.0
Gimbel Rd	4.1
Gordon Rd	4.4
Green Rd	7.4
Hilton Rd	12.3
Kuender South Rd	7.9
MacNamara Rd	6.0
Solomko Rd	5.3
Trevenen Rd	1.3
Total	119.7

Lake Grace – April 2022

Road	Total Graded (km)
Biddy Camm Rd	8.8
Burns Rd	14.3
Dornock Rd	7.7
Fourteen Mile Rd	6.3
Harvey Rd	8.9
Jarring South Rd	6.0
Kennedy Rd	14.0
Maiola Rd	4.4
Mordetta Rd	20.6
Naisbitt Rd	2.6
North Burngup Rd	2.9
Old Lake Grace Rd	2.0
O'Neill Rd	6.1
Starke Rd	9.2
Treloar Rd	5.3
Wallace Rd	1.3
West Kuender Rd	15.8
White Dam Rd	19.3
Willcocks Rd	0.8
Total	156.3

Lake Grace 2021/22 YTD

Year	Month	Monthly Grading Total (km)
2021	July	67.9
	August	106.7
	September	83.2
	October	73.0
	November	151.1
	December	149.0
2022	January	36.9
	February	89.6
	March	119.7
	April	156.3
	May	
	June	
	YTD Total	1033.4

ROAD MAINTENANCE GRADING

Lake King & Varley – March 2022

Road	Total Graded (km)
Baanga Hill Rd	10.3
Fitzgerald Rd	9.8
Hatters Hill Rd	20.0
Long Creek Rd	7.6
Magdhaba Tr	5.6
Mallee Tree Rd	8.0
Muncasters Rd	28.4
Norseman Rd	19.3
Old Newdegate Rd	7.8
Smerdon Rd	11.7
Total	128.5

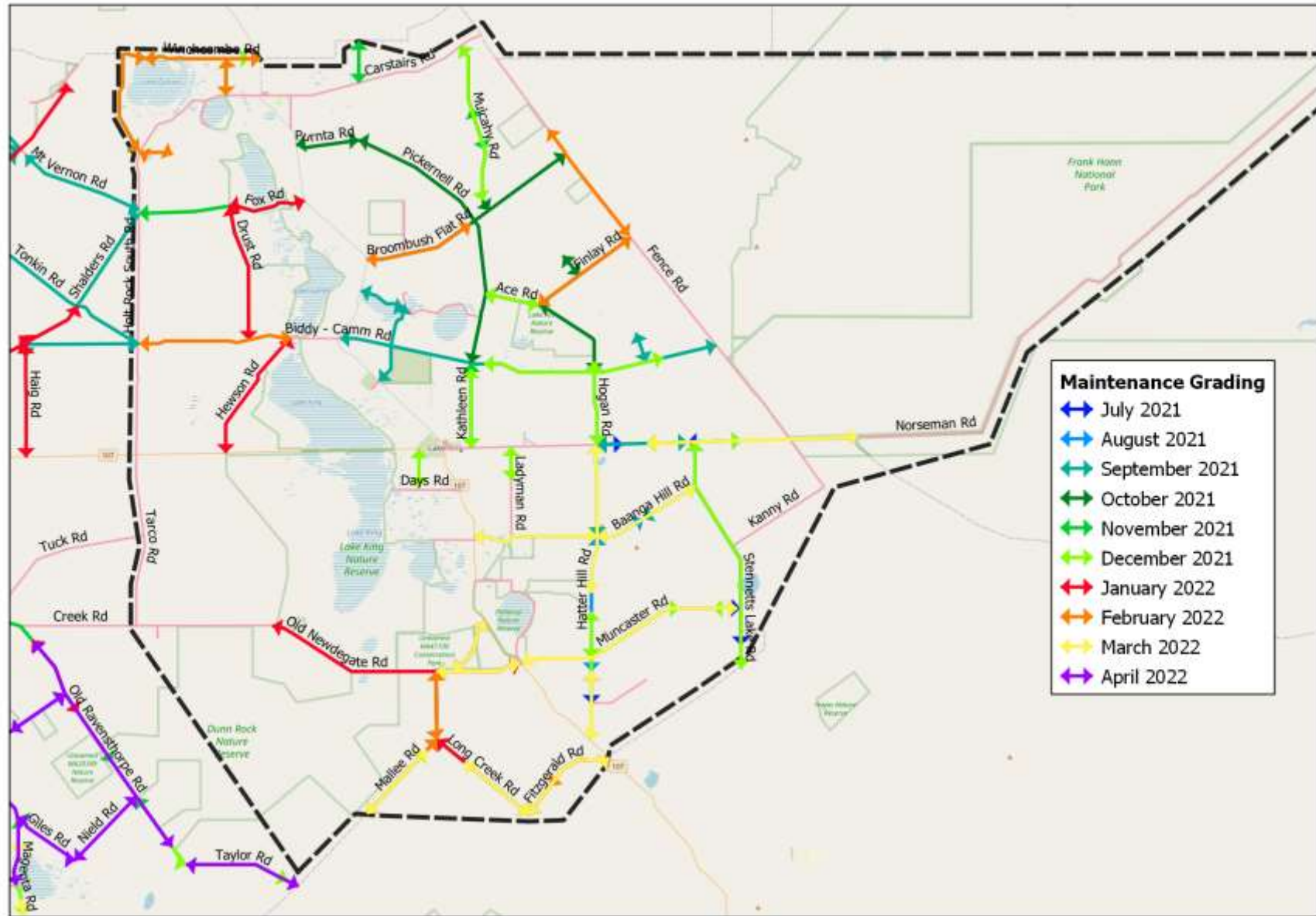
Lake King & Varley – April 2022

Awaiting contractor timesheets.

Lake King & Varley 2021/22 YTD

Year	Month	Monthly Grading Total (km)
2021	July	66.9
	August	71.4
	September	88.2
	October	98.2
	November	115.1
	December	153.2
2022	January	112.6
	February	92.6
	March	128.5
	April	
	May	
	June	
	YTD Total	926.7

ROAD MAINTENANCE GRADING



Monthly maintenance grading history – Lake King-Varley area

ROAD MAINTENANCE GRADING

Total 2021/22 YTD Lake Grace, Newdegate and Lake King/Varley

Year	Month	<i>Lake Grace</i>	<i>Newdegate</i>	<i>Lake King-Varley</i>	Grading Total (km)
2021	July	67.9	55.2	66.9	190.0
	August	106.7	77.8	71.4	255.9
	September	83.2	112.7	88.2	284.1
	October	73.0	109.4	98.2	280.6
	November	151.1	124.4	115.1	390.6
	December	149.0	132.9	153.2	435.1
2022	January	36.9	109.4	112.6	258.9
	February	89.6	100.9	92.6	283.1
	March	119.7	20.9	128.5	269.1
	April	156.3	71.6		
	May				
	June				
	YTD (km)	1033.4	915.2	926.7	2647.4

PLANT MAINTENANCE

PLANT MAINTENANCE – APRIL 2022

Plant #	Plant Description	Action
PGRA08	2020 Caterpillar 140 Motor Grader	850 hour service.
PLVU49	2020 Ford Everest SUV	30,000 km service.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE

CONSTRUCTION:

- Installation of plaques on Australia Day boards.

MAINTENANCE				
Lake Grace	Newdegate	Lake King	Varley	Other
36 Bennett St 5 Banksia Pl Hall, RSL Library Pavilion, sports Visitor's Centre	Park, Pioneer Recreation Centre	Hall Library Pavilion, sports Public toilets	Hall Pavilion, sports Public toilets	

TOWN MAINTENANCE

LAKE GRACE:

- General maintenance, gardening/mowing & tidying of gardens and parks;
- Reticulation maintenance at sports ovals;
- Removal of fallen tree limbs and dead bushes;
- Cleaning up lawns at vacant houses;
- Spraying at airstrip and cemetery;
- Weeding around streets.

NEWDEGATE:

- General maintenance, gardening/mowing of the recreation grounds, parks and skate park;
- De-bugging plants at Pioneer Park;
- Weeding skate park garden;
- Marking ovals;
- Weed spraying around town.

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

From period of 1 July 2021 to 30 April 2022.

	Complete	Non-complete	Total	% Complete
Works	20	7	27	74.1%
Building	14	2	16	87.5%
Parks & Gardens	21	3	24	87.5%
<i>Total</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>82.1%</i>

BUILDING SURVEYOR

Permits Approved – April 2022

Permit type	Building permit number	Approval date	Unique property identifier	Site street number	Street Name	Suburb Name	Building Work	Owner's name	Builder's name
Building Permit	LG2122005	11/04/2022		2	Quondong Court	Lake Grace	New transportable 4x2 house	Harrison Allen Slarke & Tuscany Brock Dew	Modular WA



INFORMATION BULLETIN

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

January - April 2022

HEALTH

This report is to highlight issues and activities ongoing within the environmental health area for the period January – April 2022

Covid-19

- Attending ongoing webinars from the WA Health Department, WACHS, WALGA, LEMC meetings as requested
- Communicating WA Directions to businesses and event organisers in local government district, where it is clear under the Emergency Management Act Direction or Mass Gatherings Directions that a business or gathering should close, not occur or be substantially modified
- Responding to various enquiries regarding Covid Directions
- Providing and assisting businesses and event organisers with interpretation of the Directions
- Assist with developing and reviewing Covid Safety Plans and AHA Covid Training
- Weekly reports to WAPOL on contact register compliance checks
- Assist venues with Safe WA transition and proof of vaccination requirements

Events

- Newdegate Machinery Field Days event application pending submission

Food Businesses

Inspected the following premises for Food Act compliance-

- Rona and Kay Cafe
- Rosies
- Lake Grace Hotel
- Newdegate Hotel
- Walkers Hill Vineyard
- Mrs G's Catering
- Lake Grace Sports Pavillion
- Newdegate Roadhouse

Food Recall Notices circulated to all food businesses

- Saputo Dairy Australia Pty Ltd Butter and Spreadable Butter Blend Products
- Bondi Protein - Vegan Protein Bar Peanut Butter
- EleCare, Similac and Alimentum infant formula products
- Bestow Powdered Drink Products - various weights
- Kinder chocolate products
- Garden Fortune Cookies
- Kahlua Espresso Martini
- Elite confectionery products
- INC Shred Max Raspberry Coconut Flavour 60G

Lodging Houses & Caravan Parks

Inspected the following for compliance -

- Spencer's Shearing – Lake King (ongoing)
- Spencer's Shearing – Lake Grace (ongoing)
- Lake King Caravan Park unapproved structures (ongoing)

Onsite Effluent Disposal Systems

- Waterless toilet – Jam Patch
- Lake King Tavern Public toilet
- Lake King RV dump point
- Lake King Pavillion

Pool Water Sampling

- All pool water samples compliant

Public Buildings

Inspected the following for Health Public Buildings compliance-

- Newdegate Recreation Centre
- Walkers Hill Vineyard
- Lake Grace Sportsmans Club
- Lake King Tavern
- Newdegate Hotel

Recycled Water Scheme

- Received Department of Health Approval (in principle)
- Infrastructure to be installed (pending)

Stallholder / Street Trading Permits

- Mrs G's Food Van
- Farmyard Pantry

Waste Management

- Ongoing inspections of waste facilities
- Enquiries regarding asbestos disposal
- Asbestos remediation works from Newdegate Hall

Other

- Public Health Plan in final stage of completion
- Complaint – odour coming from back of IGA / butchers
- Complaint – Rosies café
- Review booking system for Shire owned public buildings



Brendon Gerrard

Principal Environmental Health Officer

Lake Grace Community Library



LIBRARY REPORT May 2022

Book exchange and VDX are all up to date. Accessioning is ongoing at the moment.

What a month I've had. The library system, Amlib, went down on the first Wednesday of the school holidays (of course) and three weeks later, with the big help of Principal Darren Simpson, I was connected. I then had the big task of returning all the returned books onto the system then shelving them, but the biggest job was entering all the issued books that had been written down.

I am still on trial with our new library system, Oliver v5. I am hoping to be connected to the new system on the 31 May 2022. Darren, has contacted Softlink and IT Solutions. Softlink have agreed to extend our subscription to February 2023.

Mrs Lisa O'Neill brings the year 7/8/9 and 10 to the library once a week. She has got many of the non-readers enjoying the Graphic novels.

I have purchased 30 fiction books for the library using shire budget money. They are still to be accessioned.

Statistics since the last meeting:

March 2022	Issues & Renewals	515	Borrower Visits	297
April 2022	Issues & Renewals	91	" "	40

(N.B: No Library system for most of April)

Library Co-ordinator Lois Dickins
Lake Grace Community Library

Newdegate Library Report to 30/04/2022

The Library area continues to be used by the Newdegate Community, over April the CRC has held a rural safety workshop, Centenary Meeting and Kids Holiday Club during the School holidays.

The Library area will also be used for the Federal Election on the 21st May.

Last exchange was processed 28/04/22 and 26 new items were added to the Library.
Newdegate CRC has a new Trainee -Jade Parker so I have been showing Jade Library procedures.

Interlibrary Loans- 2 Items requested from other Libraries and sent.

Regards

Claire Ness

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								



Central Country Zone

Minutes

Friday, 22 April 2022

**Shire of Wickepin,
Wickepin Community Centre
Campbell Street
Wickepin**

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Central Country Zone

Meeting was held at the Wickepin Community Centre, Campbell Street, Wickepin

Commenced at 9:37am on Friday, 22 April 2022

Minutes

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

1.1 Announcements

Covid-19 awareness:

- Ensure you have signed in using the SafeWA app or by written register at the door
- Maintain social distancing where possible
- Wear your mask
- Sanitize regularly

1.2 Housekeeping – Zone Chair, Cr Brett McGuiness

1. Welcome:

The Zone Chair, Cr Brett McGuiness welcomed Zone members to the meeting and provided OSH/bathroom/exit information to those in attendance.

2. Share your name and Local Government:

Delegates were advised to please ensure that they call their name and Local Government when taking the floor to allow for accurate Minutes to be recorded.

Noted

1.3 Host Welcome – Mr. Mark Hook, Shire of Wickepin

Shire of Wickepin CEO, Mr. Mark Hook extended a welcome to delegates and guests.

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Central Country Zone Delegates and CEO's

Shire of Beverley	President Cr David White
Shire of Brookton	President Cr Katrina Crute Deputy President Cr Neil Walker Mr Gary Sherry, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Shire of Corrigin	President Cr Des Hickey Ms Natalie Manton, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Shire of Cuballing	President Cr Eliza Dowling Deputy President Cr Rob Harris Mr Stan Scott, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Shire of Dumbleyung	President Cr Julie Ramm Mr Gavin Treasure, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Shire of Kulin	President Cr Grant Robins Cr Barry West Cr Robbie Bowey
Shire of Lake Grace	President Cr Len Armstrong Deputy President Cr Ross Chappell Mr Alan George, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Shire of Narrogin	President Leigh Ballard Deputy President Cr Graham Broad
Shire of Quairading	Cr Brett McGuinness (Chair) Cr Jonathan Hippisley Ms Nicole Gibbs, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Shire of Wagin	President Cr Phillip Blight Mr Ian McCabe, A/Deputy Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Shire of Wandering	President Cr Ian Turton Mr Ian Fitzgerald, A/Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Shire of West Arthur	Cr Karen Harrington Mr Vin Fordham-Lamont, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Shire of Wickepin	Deputy President Cr Wes Astbury Mr Mark Hook, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
Shire of Williams	President Cr Jarrad Logie Cr Moya Carne Mr Geoff McKeown, Chief Executive Officer, non-voting delegate
<u>Guests</u>	Rob Cossart, Chief Executive Officer, Wheatbelt Development Commission Peter Kenyon, Community Builder Program

WALGA

Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance & Organisational Services
Janine Neugebauer, Governance and Organisational Services Officer
Rodney Thornton, Regional Road Safety Advisor

Apologies

Shire of Beverley	Deputy President Cr Chris Lawlor Mr Steve Gollan Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Corrigin	Deputy President Cr Mike Weguelin
Shire of Cuballing	President Cr Eliza Dowling
Shire of Dumbleyung	Deputy President Cr Amy Knight
Shire of Kulin	Mr Garrick Yandle, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Pingelly	President Cr Bill Mulrone Deputy President Cr Jackie McBurney Mr Andrew Dover Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Narrogin	Mr Dale Stewart Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Wagin	Deputy President Cr Gregory Ball
Shire of Wandering	Deputy President Cr Paul Treasure
Shire of West Arthur	President Cr Neil Morrell
Shire of Wickepin	President Cr Julie Russell
<u>Guests</u>	Mr Rick Wilson MP, Federal Member for O'Connor Hon Mia Davies MLA, Member for Central Wheatbelt (Leader of the Opposition) Hon Peter Rundle MLA, Member for Roe Hon Shelley Payne MLC, Member for Agricultural Region Hon Colin de Grussa MLC, Member for Agricultural Region Hon Steve Martin MLC, Member for Agricultural Region Hon Darren West MLC, Member for Agricultural Region Hon Steve Martin MLC, Member for Agricultural Region Kathleen Brown, Electorate Officer, Office of Hon Mia Davies MLA Mandy Walker Director Regional Development, RDA Wheatbelt Clare Atkins, Wheatbelt Development Commission Mohammad Siddiqui, Regional Manager Wheatbelt, Main Roads Brad Pearce, Operations Manager, Main Roads Tom Axton, A/Stakeholder Engagement Manager, Main Roads Samantha Cornthwaite, A/Regional Manager, (DLGSC) Wheatbelt

Attachments

The following are attached to the Minutes:

1. The Community Builders Program

State Council Agenda – via link: [State Council Agenda May 2022](#)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

4. GUEST SPEAKERS / DEPUTATIONS

4.1 Peter Kenyon OAM – Community Builder Program

Peter Kenyon OAM, Director, Bank of I.D.E.A.S. provided a presentation to the Zone on the Community Builder Program.

He explained how this leadership program could benefit communities through its leadership development initiative across natural and connected sets of local governments, involving community teams of 3-6 persons.

Peter's presentation is attached. **(Attachment 1)**

Interested Local Governments should contact Peter for follow-up discussions.

NOTED

4.2 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

NIL

5. MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of Minutes from the Central Country Zone meeting held Friday, 18 February 2022

The Minutes of the Central Country Zone meeting held on Friday, 18 February 2022 have previously been circulated to Member Councils.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr David White
Seconded: Deputy President Cr Ross Chappell

That the Minutes of the Central Country Zone meeting held Friday, 18 February 2022 are confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of the Central Country Zone Meeting on Friday, 18 February 2022

5.2.1 Item 4.2.3: Local Government Agricultural Freight Group

At the February 2022 Executive Committee Meeting the following was resolved and endorsed at the subsequent zone meeting:

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. This item was referred to WALGA's Infrastructure Policy Team, who have 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 at their next meeting.

The Zone will be kept informed on progress on this matter.

NOTED

5.2.2 Item 9.1: CBH – Non-Grain Storage

At the February Zone meeting the issue of CBH exemption from rates and the ex-gratia payment for the storage of Non Grain products by CBH was raised.

There was an understanding that CBH receive an exemption on the basis of Grain Storage but in the case of the Aldersyde Bin in Brookton, it has lime in it for sale to Growers at a significantly cheaper rate than local contractors can do it for.

It is confirmed that the portion of land that is used for anything other than grain storage, the GRV (gross rental value) or UV (unimproved land value) rate would apply on the portion of land concerned (not the agreed ex gratia rate).

NOTED

5.3 Minutes of the Central Country Zone Executive Committee held Wednesday, 13 April 2022

The recommendations from the Executive Committee Meeting that require Zone consideration have been extracted for the Zone's consideration.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Katrina Crute
Seconded: President Cr Des Hickey

That the Minutes of the Central Country Zone Executive Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 13 April 2022 be endorsed.

CARRIED

6. WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (WALGA) BUSINESS

Zone delegates considered the Matters for Decision contained in the WA Local Government Association State Council Agenda and put forward resolutions to Zone Representatives on State Council.

6.1 State Councillor Report

President Cr Phillip Blight

Cr Blight advised that at the first ordinary meeting of State Council for 2022 was held as a virtual meeting on Wednesday, 2 March. President Cr Karen Chappel JP was elected President of WALGA for a two-year term after fulfilling the role since December 2021. Cr Paul Kelly, Central Metropolitan Zone, Town of Claremont, was elected Deputy President for a two-year term.

At a special meeting on 23 February, State Council endorsed the recommendations contained in the Local Government Reform Proposal submission. The final submission was submitted to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries on 25 February. The Full Minutes of the special meeting, including the submission, can be found on the WALGA website

Cr Blight also advised that WALGA is undertaking a complete governance review of the organisation including the political structure and processes. A Steering Committee has been established and Cr Blight is a member.

The Steering Committee will be convened by State Council to review WALGA's existing governance model, considering options and proposing recommendations for change.

Specifically, this will involve:

- Consideration of WALGA's current governance model including its purpose, aims, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats
- Consideration of alternative governance models, including a review of similar organisations, including Local Government associations in other jurisdictions, peak bodies, and member organisations
- Review of plausible options and consideration of their benefits, costs, and palatability to the broader membership, and
- Development of recommendations for State Council deliberation.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Leigh Ballard
Seconded: Cr Jonathan Hippisley

That the State Councillor Report be received.

CARRIED

6.2 WALGA Status Report

By Tony Brown, Executive Officer



BACKGROUND

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

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE STATUS REPORT

APRIL 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.	<p>The Infrastructure Policy Team noted that a decision to disband the Agricultural Freight Group is a matter for the participating Zones.</p> <p>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 at the next meeting.</p>	April 2022	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031
Central C	2022, 18 February Zone Agenda Item 11.1 Regional Telecommunications	That WALGA partner with Telstra and Western Power to scope, design and cost a solution to enable full mobile and internet connectivity through the Central Country Zone area, including suitable back up power generation to ensure continued mobile connectivity during emergency outage events.	<p>WALGA is a member of the recently formed Telecommunications Resilience Working Group, which comprises telecommunications carriers, power companies, the Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development and Department of Fire & Emergency Services.</p> <p>The working group has embarked on an analysis of the State's mobile network towers to define the current state and the most cost-effective solution to improve power resilience. This analysis should be completed at the end of this year which will rank power treatment actions for each tower by community vulnerability, bushfire/cyclone risk, and power reliability to enable an improvement plan to be considered by both State and Federal Governments for their funding cycles.</p> <p>In parallel, as part of the Strengthening Telecommunications Against Natural Disasters (STAND) program, NBN Co has been installing the emergency satellite Wi-Fi service into Local Government-approved facilities, with some services already</p>	April 2022	Nicole Matthews A/Executive Manager, Strategy, Policy and Planning nmatthews@walga.asn.au 9213 2039

			<p>providing sustained communication services during bushfire events and TC Anika. As of 28 March, there are 120 locations now fully operational with the remaining 17 sites to be installed by the end of the financial year.</p> <p>Further, as announced on 15 March, infrastructure upgrades are being funded as part of the second round of the Commonwealth Mobile Network Hardening Program, worth \$10.9 million. 141 mobile network sites across WA will be upgraded to improve mobile phone services for local communities during emergencies.</p>		
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 would be prepared to assist in facilitating discussions on a shared service model to research this with a group of Local Governments further.</p>	April 2022	<p>Tony Brown Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services 9213 2051 tbrown@walga.asn.au</p>

<p>Central C</p>	<p>2021 19 November Zone Agenda Item 10.3 Police Resources in the Region</p>	<p>That the CCZ call upon WALGA to advocate to State Government on the shortage of police and housing in regional and remote areas.</p>	<p>WALGA continues to undertake advocacy work in relation to Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH) including regular meetings with the Dept Communities, identification of critical areas of need, four- year forecasts and Commercial Team development of preferred supplier for Modular Housing.</p> <p>WALGA has communicated further with the Shire of Quairading CEO who confirms that no further action is required on the Police housing issue.</p> <p>COMPLETE</p>	<p>April 2022</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews A/Executive Manager, Strategy, Policy and Planning nmatthews@walga.asn.au 9213 2039</p>
<p>Central C</p>	<p>2021 20 August 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. • 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>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>An announcement of funding for new builds has been delayed until April 2022.</p> <p>WALGA is continuing its advocacy on this issue with the Department of Communities and Minister for Housing.</p>	<p>April 2022</p>	<p>Kelly McManus, Principal Policy and Advocacy kmcmanus@walga.asn.au 9213 2096</p>
<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>	<p>WALGA has included this item in the draft submission on Local Government legislative reform proposals.</p> <p>WALGA’s policy position is as per below:</p> <p><i>WALGA advocates for the inclusion of a tender exemption for General Practitioner (GP) services under Part 4, Division 2 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, to support Local Governments retain necessary primary health care services for their communities; and</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Undertake additional research in support of the Advocacy Position with the following aims: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identify State and Federal Government policy settings and other factors contributing to gaps in primary health care services in regional communities; and 	<p>April 2022</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services 9213 2051 tbrown@walga.asn.au</p>

			<p>b. Quantify the number of regional Local Governments that have current contracts, or are proposing to enter into contracts, for General Practitioner services and the associated costs to Local Government incurred.</p> <p>The Office of the Minister for Local Government has advised that they are interested in establishing a Roundtable on the issue of GP services for Rural Local Governments.</p> <p>The Minister for Local Government hosted a roundtable on this issue with effected Local Governments. The Ministers office and the Department are now researching possible solutions.</p>		
Central C	2019 Nov 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.	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031</p>

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: President Cr Phillip Blight
Seconded: Cr Barry West

That the Central Country Zone WALGA April 2022 Status Report be noted.

CARRIED

6.3 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda's – Matters for Decision

6.3.1 State Council Meeting Agenda – 4 May 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: [State Council Agenda May 2022](#)

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 Submission to Statutory Review of the Food Act 2008

That the submission to the Department of Health relating to the Statutory Review of the *Food Act 2008* be endorsed.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Julie Ramm
Seconded: President Cr David White

That the Zone supports WALGA recommendation 5.1.

CARRIED

5.2 Local Government Grant Scheme Funding

That WALGA advocates to the Minister for Emergency Services and the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner for:

1. An allocation of Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) funding to undertake an audit of existing facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment for both Local Government Volunteer Bushfire Brigades (BFB) and State Emergency Services (SES).
2. Following the completion of the audit, an allocation of funding through the Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) to prepare a Comprehensive Asset Management Plan that:

- a. Aligns with the principles in the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' (DLGSC) Asset Management National Framework and Guidelines, and the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.
 - b. Forecasts the emergency response needs of communities across Western Australia over the next 10 years, to estimate the quantum of the facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment that will be needed.
 - c. Outlines a 10 year forward plan of modifications, replacements and additions required.
 - d. Investigates the extent to which future BFB facilities can be co-located with other emergency services facilities.
3. The establishment of a Working Group involving WALGA, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and LGIS to oversee the preparation of the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan.
 4. Support for the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan to be reviewed every five years.
 5. Support for an increase in Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) funding to support the unsuccessful capital grants funding applications by Local Governments to the 2020 21 LGGS Capital Grants Committee.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Julie Ramm
Seconded: President Cr David White

That the Zone supports the recommendation subject to amending point 5 as follows:

Support for an increase in overall Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) funding pool to fund future capital grants that align with the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan (as updated from time to time).

CARRIED

5.3 Draft Active Travel to School Roadmap

That WALGA:

1. Endorses the Draft Active Travel to School Roadmap, subject to amending Urban Environment Initiative No 1 to "Consult local governments to identify sub-regional school transport challenges and amend existing planning guidelines and develop new guidelines where gaps exist"; *and*
2. Works with the Department of Transport to finalise the Roadmap and encourage Local Government participation in the initiatives identified where these offer solutions to the local issues encountered in each area.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Julie Ramm
Seconded: President Cr David White

That the Zone supports the recommendation subject to inserting additional point 3 as follows:

Roadmap development to consider any regional service delivery improvement recommendations coming out of the 2021 initiated Public Accounts Committee Student Transport Assistance Policy Enquiry

CARRIED

Matters for Noting

- 6.1 Draft National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children (05-086-03-0004 VB)
- 6.2 Feedback on Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Discussion Paper (05-024-02-0067 VJ)
- 6.3 2021 CoastWA Local Government Survey (06-085-01-0002 LS)
- 6.4 Update on draft WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026
- 6.5 Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Review Project (05-024-03-0040 SR)
- 6.6 Comment on Draft Health Promotion Strategic Framework 2022-2026 (05-031-03-0005 BW)
- 6.7 Wooroloo Bushfire Independent Review Final Report (05-024-03-0011 CM)
- 6.8 2022-23 Federal Budget Update (05-088-03-0002 DT)
- 6.9 Local Government Emergency Management Survey Results (05-024-03-0042 CM)

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Phillip Blight
Seconded: Deputy President Cr Des Hickey

That the Central Country Zone

1. **Supports Matters for Decision, item 5.1, and 5.2 to 5.3 as amended above in the May 2022 State Council Agenda; and**
2. **Notes all Matters for Noting and Organisational Reports as listed in the May 2022 State Council Agenda.**

CARRIED

6.4 WALGA President's Report

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

NOTED

7. ZONE REPORTS

7.1 Zone President Report

By President Cr Brett McGuinness

Zone President Cr Brett McGuinness advised the Zone that there was nothing further to report at this stage.

NOTED

7.2 Local Government Agricultural Freight Group (LGAFG)

By President Cr Katrina Crute

President Cr Katrina Crute provided her report about the LGAFG to the Zone.

NOTED

7.3 Great Southern District Emergency Management Committee (DEMC)

By President Leigh Ballard

President Leigh Ballard advised that the March meeting has been postponed to May.

NOTED

7.4 Regional Health Advocacy Representative

By Ms. Natalie Manton

On 13 March 2022, Natalie Manton attended a roundtable discussion with the Minister for Local Government regarding the supply of Rural GPs; the discussions are ongoing.

NOTED

8. ZONE BUSINESS – MEMBER COUNCIL MATTERS

NIL

9. ZONE BUSINESS – OTHER BUSINESS/URGENT BUSINESS

NIL

10. ZONE BUSINESS – EMERGING ISSUES

NIL

11. OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

11.1 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

A representative from the Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries, was an apology for the meeting.

NOTED

11.2 Wheatbelt Development Commission

Rob Cossart, Chief Executive Officer Wheatbelt Development Commission provided an update to the Zone on the Wheatbelt fire recovery plan.

The 5 Key focus areas:

1. Mental Health
2. Built Environment
3. Natural Environment
4. Power Supply
5. Community Recovery & Resilience

NOTED

11.3 Main Roads Western Australia

Mohammad Siddiqui, Tom Axton and Brad Pearce were an apology for the meeting, however, the Main Roads Report (April 2022) was emailed to the Zone as a separated attachment for the Agenda.

NOTED

11.4 Wheatbelt RDA

Mandy Walker, Director Regional Development RDA Wheatbelt was an apology for the meeting, however, her report was attached to the agenda.

NOTED

12. DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETINGS

The Executive Committee will next meet on 15 June 2022 via MS Teams.

The next meeting of the Central Country Zone will be held on Friday 24 June 2022, commencing at 9.30am. This meeting will be hosted by the Shire of Williams.

13. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.05am

The Community Builders Program

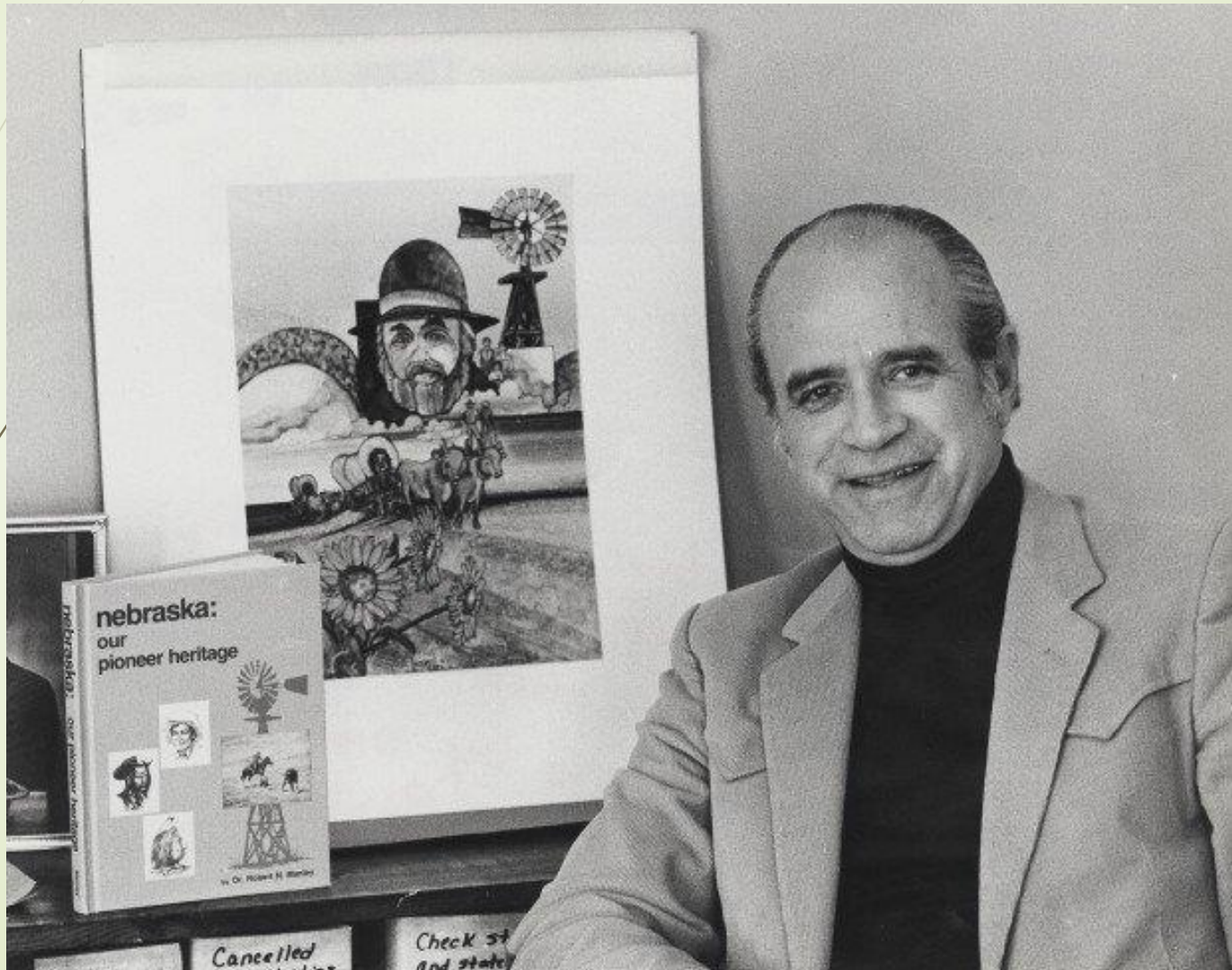




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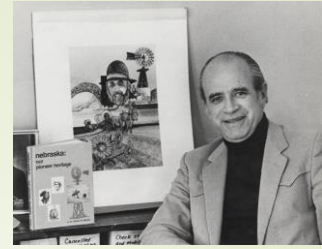
Professor Robert Manley



Prof Manley's Observations

- The key to economic success in rural communities is tied directly to investment in community leadership
- While agriculture is, and will remain an important part of Nebraska's economy, it no longer holds life and death power over a community's economy
- There are two types of leadership exist in every community - formal identified leaders who usually represent a constituency and have position; and community 'mover and shakers' - community builders who usually work from passion rather than position
- There is a need to bring together community residents who are excited about making things happen in their community
- The importance of community cooperation, of nearby communities beginning to interact, discover each other and work together to achieve social and economic goals

Prof Robert Manley



'It isn't enough for a town to have good leadership. Communities also must have people - Community Builders - who vigorously encourage and support a wide range of activities which benefit the community. These builders aren't self-serving. They're interested in improving and perpetuating their communities. Find a community with both leaders and builders and you'll find a community that works'



The Community Builders Program

A grassroots leadership program that seeks to support local community builders within a defined cluster of communities to better understand and build their local and regional community and economy.

C. B. Program Goals

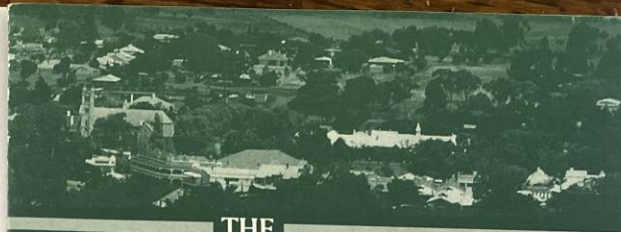
- Provide the necessary information, skills, tools, motivation, confidence and passion to positively manage community change.
- Encourage new thinking about ways to better support and nurture social and economic development at local and regional levels.
- Stimulate collaboration between communities and create peer support networks and friendship links across a region.

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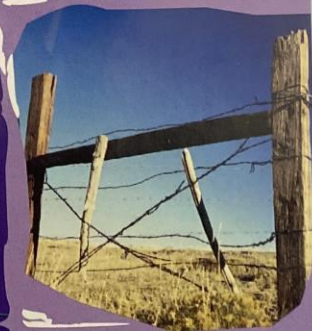
**"ONCE A COMMUNITY BUILDER -
ALWAYS A COMMUNITY BUILDER"**

**"NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP
OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED CITIZENS
CAN CHANGE THE WORLD - INDEED,
IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS."**

Margaret Mead

Western WISE Network

"The Network provides
opportunities for like minded
people to get together and
encourage and learn from
one another through regular
meetings"





C. B. Program Elements

- 6 to 9-month action learning model with six one day 'Cluster Musters'
- A cluster of communities constitute the geographical regional basis. Between 6 - 10 communities create a cluster
- Each participating community is represented by a 3 to 6-member team.
- A part time local-based Coordinator manages the coordination of the Cluster.
- A Program Facilitator coordinates the training experiences and formulation of action plans.



C. B. Learning Program Components

- Monthly 'Cluster Muster' workshop days
- Community asset mapping experiences.
- Individual community team meetings
- Community project.
- Additional leadership skills development opportunities.
- Final celebration event.
- Formulation of local and regional action plans.

Typical Monthly 'Cluster Muster' Day

- 'First Impressions' tour of host community - feedback to hosts.
- Informal sharing over refreshment breaks.
- Resource information session.
- Sharing of case studies.
- Interactive workshop experience focusing on an identified learning priority.

Examples of learning themes

- Getting a community working together and excited about change.
- Recruiting and retaining volunteers.
- Working with local media.
- Establishing a community 'Business Expansion and Retention Program'.
- Developing a local tourism strategy. -
- Plugging spending leaks in the local community.
- Fostering economic development through heritage.
- Building positive community mindset.
- Asset mapping a local community. Understanding my strengths.
- Developing public speaking skills.....

Charles and Tracy Alder



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Gaydah | QLD

Lockington | VIC
Monto | QLD

Orroroo | SA
Walgett | NSW

SUPPORTING DROUGHT AFFECTED RURAL TOWNS






Rural Aid Contribution

- Cost of design, promotion, recruitment and establishment.
- Cost of local Organiser/Coordinator - 2 days a week for 9 months.
- Cost of Program Coordination and technical input.
- Contribution to Cluster Muster catering- \$400 per day.
- Provision of training materials, handbook..

C.B. Program Strengths

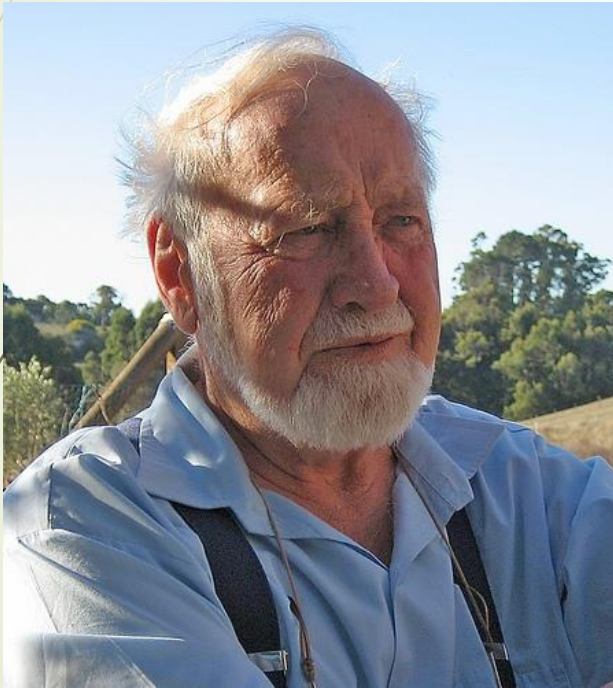
- Action learning nature of program structure and processes.
- Program flexibility.
- Grassroots ethos - driven and designed by participants themselves to achieve their priority learning requirements.
- Strong Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) emphasis - focus on 'inside out' development.
- Peer networking and monitoring.
- Program expectation to learn about one's community and become involved in building its future.
- Low cost.
- Demonstration over a long period of participant and community positive change action following Community Builder involvement
- Fun nature



About learning what makes an enterprising and sustainable community

1. Proactive and shared leadership
2. Positive mindset
3. Healthy community building behaviours
4. Strong economic development practices

About collaboration between communities



(Bill Mollison, a founder of
the Permaculture Movement)

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will take at
least three
of us.'**

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About mindset change

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to a different location,
you can move your
town's attitude in a
different direction'*

-Heartland Center for Leadership
Development, USA



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**THANK
YOU!**



Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network *by Peter Hall, Project Manager*

Welcome to the first issue of the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network (WSFN) Newsletter.

We designed this newsletter as an information bulletin to give our shires & communities a little perspective about what the WSFN program is, provide updates on where the program is at and to highlight some of the problems and solutions that shires have implemented as each stage is completed. Its also a place where we can share the knowledge we have gained on techniques and pitfalls, then with any luck it will be reasonably easy to follow and we can have some fun along the way. Here is a little back ground for you all.

The Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Route (WSFR) network in the Main Roads WA Wheatbelt region comprises some 4,400km of Local Government managed roads that connect with State and National highways to provide access for heavy vehicles into the region. These roads are intended to enable large, high productivity trucks safe and cost effective access to business.

The project is being driven by local government associated with the Regional Road Groups of the Wheatbelt Region.

It is intended to support and contribute to other work being undertaken by Main Roads WA, the Department of Transport and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development that is considering strategic transport investments across the agricultural regions through the Revitalising Agricultural Regional Freight (RARF) project.

We have no set timeframe on how often the newsletter will be produced right now, but if you have any feedback that you wish to share after our first instalment, we would appreciate it.

As the project management team we look forward to keeping the lines of communication open and if anyone has a question or solution that they believe the WSFN would benefit from please do not hesitate to email projectmanager@wsfn.wa.gov.au - Peter Hall.

WSFN NETWORK NEWSLETTER



[Photo: Goomalling - Meckering Rd Project 2021/22]

YEAR 1 & 2 - SUMMARY

2019/2020 and 2020/2021 construction program is complete.

There is still some outstanding development projects to be closed out, mainly awaiting permits. I will be contacting shires to see what can be done.

YEAR 3 - SUMMARY

With 28 construction and 18 development projects being delivered in this financial year, it has certainly been a year for some shires.

Year 3 did not get off to the best start. Our funding was slightly delayed whilst the incorporation of the Indigenous Participation Plan (IPP) was finalised and the final budget approvals were not received till November 2021, which was well into the available construction window for most.

Please see attachment monthly Commonwealth report. *(In the future this report will be sent out separately to Shires for a monthly update).*

YEAR 4 - FUTURE PROJECTS

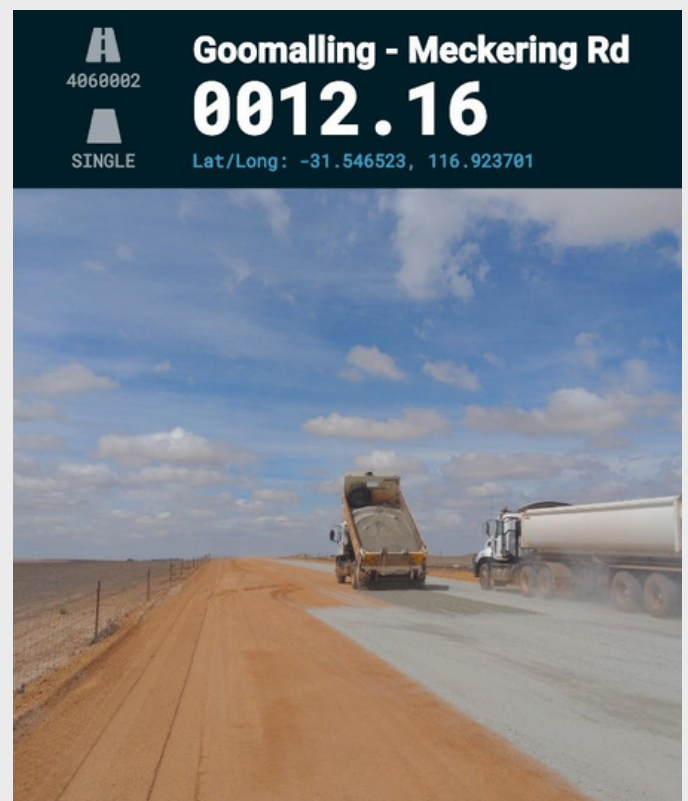
2022/2023 financial year will be the fourth year of construction for the WSFN.

The priority 1 routes will be nearing the end of their 5 year construction period and there has been a lot of lessons learnt as the program matures. The 22/23 financial year also sees the priority 2 routes commencing.

Most of these Routes in the 1st year are in the development stage with the one exception of Brookton, who are straight into construction on the Dangin Mears Rd.

The 4 routes approved are:

1. Dumbleyung - Nyabing rd, Route 48
2. North Bannister - Narrogin, Route 31
3. Nungarin - Wialki, Route 7
4. Dangin Mears rd, Route 21



[Photo: Goomalling - Meckering Rd Project 2021/22]

WSFN NETWORK NEWSLETTER

TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHT

Issues: Shire has limited to non-existent gravel supply, the available base course when tested was poorly graded and the rock within the material was very soft crushed easily and released extra clay (PI) when desized during construction.

Solutions: The pavement designer opted for a combination mechanical and chemical modification approach, to achieve the desired Base Course CBR.

Mechanical: is the addition of a stronger rock that is graded to fill in the grading gaps and provide a stronger base rock.

Chemical: Cement, Lime, Foamed Bitumen, Polymers are examples of chemical modification. I say modification rather than stabilisation because of the low percentages that are added, however in the industry today they are interchangeable.

The addition is by percentage or weight or depth should have upper and lower limits and should be as evenly distributed through the entire volume of gravel as is humanly possible once the pavement is wet mixed, compacted, trimmed and surfaced.

Spread with an aggregate spreader between 20mm to 50mm thick. Material will be incorporated with Base Course when it is wet mixed using rotary drum machine.

Cheers

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[Photo: Merredin - Narembreen Rd Project 2020/21]

Disclaimer: Please note that this Newsletter is not to replace any official notifications nor will it have any political/social/financial/commercial agenda, it is to supplement WSFN project minutes and share information from a construction/delivery point of view.



State Council

Summary Minutes

4 May 2022

Regional Meeting

Hosted by the South Metropolitan Zone

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

OPEN and WELCOME

The Chair declared the meeting open at **12:30pm**.

PAPERS

State Councillors were distributed the following papers under separate cover:

- Item 5.4 Development Assessment Panel Reforms;
- Item 5.5 Finance and Services Committee Minutes;
- Item 5.6 Selection Committee Minutes - CONFIDENTIAL;
- Item 5.7 LGIS Board Minutes – CONFIDENTIAL;
- Item 5.8 WALGA President’s Allowance and LGIS Director Fee – CONFIDENTIAL;
- CEO’s Report to State Council for May 2022;
- President’s Report for May 2022 (previously emailed to Zones).

1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 Attendance

The Chair welcomed:

- State Councillors and Deputy State Councillor Cr Melissa Northcott, South East Metropolitan Zone
- LG Professionals WA President, Ms Annie Riordan
- Deputy State Councillor President Cr Michael Bennett, South West Country Zone (observer)
- Mr Tom Griffiths, South West Group (observer)
- WALGA Secretariat
- Elected Members and CEOs from the South Metropolitan Zone (observers)

1.2 Apologies

- The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas
- State Councillor Cr Carl Celedin, South East Metropolitan Zone
- State Councillor Mayor Ruth Butterfield, South East Metropolitan Zone

1.3 Announcements

- 1.3.1** WALGA acknowledges the Whadjuk Nyoongar People who are the Traditional Custodians of this land we meet on and pays respects to their Elders past and present.
- 1.3.2** WALGA thanked the South Metropolitan Zone and the City of Cockburn for hosting today’s Regional State Council meeting and Zone Forum.
- 1.3.3** State Council welcomed President Cr Moira Girando JP who was recently confirmed as the new State Council representative from the Northern Country Zone.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 Minutes of meeting held 2 March 2022

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the Minutes of the WALGA State Council meeting held on [Wednesday, 2 March 2022](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 332.4/2022

CARRIED

2.1.1 Business arising from the Minutes of the meeting held 2 March 2022

Nil.

2.2 Minutes of the special meeting held 30 March 2022

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the Minutes of the WALGA State Council special meeting held on [Wednesday, 30 March 2022](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 332.4/2022

CARRIED

2.2.1 Business arising from the Minutes of the special meeting held 30 March 2022

Nil.

2.3 Flying Minute – Western Power Access Arrangement Review Submission

WALGA Deputy President Cr Paul Kelly declared an interest in this item and did not vote.

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr John Daw

That the [Flying Minute – Western Power Access Arrangement Review Submission](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 333.4/2022

CARRIED

2.3.1 Business arising from the Flying Minute – Western Power Access Arrangement Review Submission

Nil.

3. 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.

- WALGA Deputy President Cr Paul Kelly declared an interest in item 2.3: Flying Minute: Western Power Access Arrangement Review Submission
- Mayor Carol Adams declared an impartiality interest in item 5.2: Local Government Grant Scheme Funding
- WALGA President Cr Karen Chappel declared an interest in item 5.8: WALGA President's Allowance and LGIS Director Fee
- Cr Chris Mitchell declared an interest in 5.6: Selection Committee Minutes
- Cr Russ Fishwick declared an interest in 5.6: Selection Committee Minutes
- Cr John Daw declared an interest in 5.6: Selection Committee Minutes

4. EMERGING ISSUES

Nil.

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5. MATTERS FOR DECISION

5.1 Submission to Statutory Review of the Food Act 2008 (05-031-01-0006 BW)

By Bec Waddington, Policy Officer, Resilient Communities

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the submission to the Department of Health relating to the Statutory Review of the *Food Act 2008* be endorsed.

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the submission to the Department of Health relating to the Statutory Review of the Food Act 2008, be endorsed subject to an amendment to include an additional sentence on page 11 under Section 2.2, Areas for improvement, Temporary or Mobile Food Businesses, after the second sentence, as follows:

“In addition further consideration could be given to the operation of home-based food businesses and small producers and the constraints experienced in compliance with the Act.”

RESOLUTION 334.4/2022

CARRIED

5.2 Local Government Grant Scheme Funding (05-024-03-0006 VJ)

By Vanessa Jackson, Senior Policy Advisor, Emergency Management

Mayor Carol Adams declared an interest in this item.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA advocates to the Minister for Emergency Services and the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner for:

1. An allocation of Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) funding to undertake an audit of existing facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment for both Local Government Volunteer Bushfire Brigades (BFB) and State Emergency Services (SES).
2. Following the completion of the audit, an allocation of funding through the Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) to prepare a Comprehensive Asset Management Plan that:
 - a. Aligns with the principles in the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' (DLGSC) Asset Management National Framework and Guidelines, and the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.
 - b. Forecasts the emergency response needs of communities across Western Australia over the next 10 years, to estimate the quantum of the facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment that will be needed.
 - c. Outlines a 10 year forward plan of modifications, replacements and additions required.
 - d. Investigates the extent to which future BFB facilities can be co-located with other emergency services facilities.

3. The establishment of a Working Group involving WALGA, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and LGIS to oversee the preparation of the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan.
4. Support for the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan to be reviewed every five years.
5. Support for an increase in Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGs) funding to support the unsuccessful capital grants funding applications by Local Governments to the 2020-21 LGGs Capital Grants Committee.

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Melissa Northcott
Seconded: Cr Paul Kelly

That WALGA advocates to the Minister for Emergency Services and the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner for:

1. An allocation of Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGs) funding to undertake an audit of existing facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment for both Local Government Volunteer Bushfire Brigades (BFB) and State Emergency Services (SES).
2. Following the completion of the audit, an allocation of funding through the Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGs) to prepare a Comprehensive Asset Management Plan that:
 - a. Aligns with the principles in the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' (DLGSC) Asset Management National Framework and Guidelines, and the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.
 - b. Forecasts the emergency response needs of communities across Western Australia over the next 10 years, to estimate the quantum of the facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment that will be needed.
 - c. Outlines a 10 year forward plan of modifications, replacements and additions required.
 - d. Investigates the extent to which future BFB facilities can be co-located with other emergency services facilities.
3. The establishment of a Working Group involving WALGA, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and LGIS to oversee the preparation of the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan.
4. Support for the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan to be reviewed every five years.
5. Support for an increase in overall State Government funding to support all eligible but unsuccessful LGGs capital grants funding applications and the future capital grants that align with the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan (when adopted).

AMENDMENT

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

Replace point 5 in the Composite Recommendation with the following:

5. Support for an increase in overall Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGs) funding pool to future capital grants that align with the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan (as updated from time to time).

RESOLUTION 335.4/2022

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED

THE MOTION NOW READS:

That WALGA advocates to the Minister for Emergency Services and the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner for:

1. An allocation of Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGs) funding to undertake an audit

- of existing facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment for both Local Government Volunteer Bushfire Brigades (BFB) and State Emergency Services (SES).
2. Following the completion of the audit, an allocation of funding through the Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) to prepare a Comprehensive Asset Management Plan that:
 - a. Aligns with the principles in the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' (DLGSC) Asset Management National Framework and Guidelines, and the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.
 - b. Forecasts the emergency response needs of communities across Western Australia over the next 10 years, to estimate the quantum of the facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment that will be needed.
 - c. Outlines a 10 year forward plan of modifications, replacements and additions required.
 - d. Investigates the extent to which future BFB facilities can be co-located with other emergency services facilities.
 3. The establishment of a Working Group involving WALGA, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and LGIS to oversee the preparation of the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan.
 4. Support for the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan to be reviewed every five years
 5. Support for an increase in overall Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) funding pool to future capital grants that align with the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan (as updated from time to time).

RESOLUTION 336.4/2022

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT AND CARRIED

5.3 Draft Active Travel to School Roadmap (05-001-03-0051 SDS)

By Sebastian Davies-Slate, Policy Officer Transport and Roads

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA:

1. Endorses the Draft Active Travel to School Roadmap, subject to amending Urban Environment Initiative No 1 to “*Consult local governments to identify sub-regional school transport challenges and amend existing planning guidelines and develop new guidelines where gaps exist*”; and
2. Works with the Department of Transport to finalise the Roadmap and encourage Local Government participation in the initiatives identified where these offer solutions to the local issues encountered in each area.

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Helen Sadler
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That WALGA:

1. Endorses the Draft Active Travel to School Roadmap, subject to amending Urban Environment Initiative No 1 to “*Consult local governments to identify sub-regional school transport challenges and amend existing planning guidelines and develop new guidelines where gaps exist*”; and
2. Works with the Department of Transport to finalise the Roadmap and encourage Local Government participation in the initiatives identified where these offer solutions to the local issues encountered in each area.
3. Uses the Draft Active Travel to School Roadmap to strengthen advocacy for increased funding for walking and cycling infrastructure in Western Australia by the State and Federal Government.

RESOLUTION 337.4/2022

CARRIED

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY STATE COUNCILLORS (UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

5.4 Development Assessment Panel Reforms (05-036-03-0020 CH)

By Chris Hossen, Policy Manager, Planning and Building

Moved: Cr Helen Sadler
Seconded: President Cr Phil Blight

That the WALGA Development Assessment Panel Regulations Submission be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 338.4/2022

CARRIED

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

By Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services

Moved: Cr Melissa Northcott
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee meeting held on 20 April 2022 be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 339.4/2022

CARRIED

5.6 Selection Committee Minutes (01-006-03-0011 CO) – CONFIDENTIAL

By Chantelle O'Brien, Governance Support Officer

Cr John Daw, Cr Chris Mitchell and Cr Russ Fishwick all declared an interest in this item and left the meeting at 12:53pm.

Cr Frank Cvitan left the meeting at 12:53pm and did not return.

Moved: Cr Les Price
Seconded: Cr Stephen Strange

That:

- 1. The recommendations contained in the 20 April 2022 Selection Committee Minutes be endorsed; and**
- 2. the resolutions contained in the 20 April 2022 Selection Committee Minutes be noted.**

RESOLUTION 340.4/2022

CARRIED

Cr John Daw, Cr Chris Mitchell and Cr Russ Fishwick returned to the meeting at 12:54pm.

5.7 LGIS Board Minutes – CONFIDENTIAL

By Craig Hansom, Acting Executive Manager, Commercial

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That WALGA:

- 1. endorses the revised LGIS Corporate Governance Charter that reflects recent State Council resolutions and other governance changes; and**
- 2. notes:**
 - a. the Minutes of the LGISWA Scheme Board workshop held on 24 February; and**
 - b. the Minutes of the LGISWA Scheme Board meeting held on 25 March.**

RESOLUTION 341.4/2022

CARRIED

5.8 WALGA President’s Allowance and LGIS Director Fee – CONFIDENTIAL (TB)

By Tony Brown, Executive Manager, Governance & Organisational Services

WALGA President Cr Karen Chappel declared an interest in this item and left the meeting at 1:11pm.

WALGA Deputy President Cr Paul Kelly took over as Chair.

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams
Seconded: Cr Melissa Northcott

That:

- 1. State Council endorses that the WALGA President’s allowance includes responsibilities for carrying out LGIS Director responsibilities; and**
- 2. the LGIS Director fee for the President’s position on the board be retained by WALGA.**

RESOLUTION 342.4/2022

CARRIED

WALGA President Cr Karen Chappel returned to the meeting at 1:16pm and resumed her position as Chair.

6. MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

6.1 Draft National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children (05 086-03-0004 VB)

By Vikki Barlow, Senior Policy Advisor Community

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the letter in relation to the Draft National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children consultation be noted.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the letter in relation to the Draft National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children consultation be noted.

RESOLUTION 343.4/2022

CARRIED

6.2 Feedback on Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Discussion Paper (05-024-02-0067 VJ)

By Vanessa Jackson, Senior Policy Advisor, Emergency Management

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the feedback provided to the State Emergency Management Committee on the Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Discussion Paper be noted.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the feedback provided to the State Emergency Management Committee on the Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Discussion Paper be noted.

RESOLUTION 343.4/2022

CARRIED

6.3 2021 CoastWA Local Government Survey (06-085-01-0002 LS)

By Lucy Sheehy, CoastWA Local Government Facilitator

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the CoastWA Local Government Survey Outcomes Report be noted.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the CoastWA Local Government Survey Outcomes Report be noted.

RESOLUTION 343.4/2022

CARRIED

6.4 Update on draft WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026 (05-012-03-0001 SM)

By Susie Moir, Policy Manager, Resilient Communities

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the update on the draft WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026 be noted.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the update on the draft WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026 be noted.

RESOLUTION 343.4/2022

CARRIED

**6.5 Local Government Management Arrangements (LEMA) Review Project
(05-024-03-0040 SR)**

By Simone Ruane, LEMA Project Lead

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the update on the Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Review Project be noted.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the update on the Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Review Project be noted.

RESOLUTION 343.4/2022

CARRIED

6.6 Comment on Draft Health Promotion Strategic Framework 2022-2026 (05-031-03-0005 BW)

By Bec Waddington, Policy Officer Community

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the letter submitted to the Department of Health on the Draft Health Promotion Strategic Framework 2022-2026 be noted.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the letter submitted to the Department of Health on the Draft Health Promotion Strategic Framework 2022-2026 be noted.

RESOLUTION 343.4/2022

CARRIED

6.7 Wooroloo Bushfire Independent Review Final Report (05-024-03-0011 CM)

By Cassandra Mora, Policy Officer, Emergency Management

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the Independent Review of the Wooroloo Bushfire Final Report be noted.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the Independent Review of the Wooroloo Bushfire Final Report be noted.

RESOLUTION 343.4/2022

CARRIED

6.8 2022-23 Federal Budget Update (05-088-03-0002 DT)

By Daniel Thomson, Economist

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the 2022-23 Federal Budget Update be noted.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the 2022-23 Federal Budget Update be noted.

RESOLUTION 343.4/2022

CARRIED

6.9 Local Government Emergency Management Survey Results (05-024-03-0042 CM)

By Cassandra Mora, Policy Officer, Emergency Management

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the results of the 2021 Local Government Emergency Management Survey Results be noted.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the results of the 2021 Local Government Emergency Management Survey Results be noted.

RESOLUTION 343.4/2022

CARRIED

7. ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

7.1 Key Activity Reports

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

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the Key Activity Report from the Commercial and Communications Unit to the May 2022 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 344.4/2022

CARRIED

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

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the Key Activity Report from the Governance and Organisational Services Unit to the May 2022 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 344.4/2022

CARRIED

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

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the Key Activity Report from the Infrastructure Unit to the May 2022 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 344.4/2022

CARRIED

7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, Strategy, Policy and Planning Unit (01-006-03-0017 NM)

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the Key Activity Report from the Strategy, Policy and Planning Unit to the May 2022 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 344.4/2022

CARRIED

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

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the report on the Key Activities of the Mining Communities Policy Forum to the May 2022 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 344.4/2022

CARRIED

7.3 Policy Team Reports

7.3.1 Environment and Waste Policy Team Report – Chair, Cr Les Price

Moved: President Cr Michelle Rich
Seconded: Cr Doug Thompson

That the matters considered by the Environment and Waste Policy Team be noted.

RESOLUTION 345.4/2022

CARRIED

7.3.2 Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team Report – Chair, Cr Russ Fishwick

Moved: President Cr Cheryl Cowell
Seconded: President Cr Stephen Strange

That the matters considered by the Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team be noted.

RESOLUTION 346.4/2022

CARRIED

7.3.3 Infrastructure Policy Team Report – Chair, President Cr Chris Pavlovich

Moved: President Cr Stephen Strange
Seconded: Cr Melissa Northcott

1. State Council note the appointment of President Cr Chris Pavlovich as Infrastructure Policy Team Chair.
2. That the matters considered by the Infrastructure Policy Team be noted.

RESOLUTION 347.4/2022

CARRIED

7.3.4 People and Place Policy Team Report – Chair, President Cr Tony Dean

Moved: President Cr Tony Dean
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the matters considered by the People and Place Policy Team be noted.

RESOLUTION 348.4/2022

CARRIED

7.4 President's Report

Moved: Cr Ken Seymour
Seconded: Cr Les Price

That the President's Report for May 2022 be received.

RESOLUTION 349.4/2022

CARRIED

7.5 CEO's Report

Moved: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the CEO's Report for May 2022 be received.

RESOLUTION 350.4/2022

CARRIED

7.6 Ex-Officio Reports

7.6.1 LG Professional's Report

Ms Annie Riordan, President, LG Professionals WA, provided a report to the meeting.

7.6.2 City of Perth Report

The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas was an apology for the meeting.

MOTION

Moved: Mayor Mark Irwin
Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

The apology for ex officio member Basil Zempilas be noted and note as per the Association's Governance Charter, pursuant to clause 20 of the Association's Constitution a person shall cease or be disqualified from being a representative or deputy representative on the State Council or from attending as in an ex officio capacity if they are absent from more than three consecutive State Council meetings.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: President Cr Chris Pavlovich

1. The apology for ex officio member Basil Zempilas be noted.
2. State Council consider clause 20 of the Association's Constitution ("a person shall cease or be disqualified from being a representative or deputy representative on the State Council or from attending as in an ex officio capacity if they are absent from more than three consecutive State Council meetings"), at the next meeting.

State Council discussed how it would be beneficial for the Lord Mayor to attend State Council meetings, as his contribution is valued.

The motion and amendment were both withdrawn.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Helen Sadler
Seconded: President Cr Moira Girando

That State Council requests the WALGA President and Chief Executive Officer to work constructively with the Lord Mayor of the City of Perth to encourage participation with State Council.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That the item be laid on the table.

Moved: Cr Ken Seymour
Seconded: President Cr Michelle Rich

RESOLUTION 351.4/2022

CARRIED

8. ADDITIONAL ZONE RESOLUTIONS

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the additional Zone Resolutions from the April 2022 round of Zone meetings as follows be referred to the appropriate policy area for consideration and appropriate action.

RESOLUTION 352.4/2022

CARRIED

CENTRAL METROPOLITAN ZONE

Campaign to Legislate Second Generation Anti-coagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) **(Environment and Waste Policy Team)**

That:

1. WALGA undertake a campaign with the State Government to take urgent action to legislate to restrict the sale of Second Generation Anti-coagulant Rodenticides (SGARs); and
2. WALGA undertake a campaign with Local Governments which provide rodent baiting to residents for the Local Governments to not provide this type of poison and specify on demolition permits or for health orders that this type of poison is not to be used.

KIMBERLEY COUNTRY ZONE

Vehicles Being Driven on Unsealed Roads Closed Due to Wet Conditions (Infrastructure Policy Team)

That the Kimberley Zone:

1. Acknowledges the request by WALGA for feedback on damage on closed roads
2. Informs WALGA that vehicle damage for roads closed due to saturation and flooding events:
 - a. are not recorded separately;
 - b. is a component of annual damage to road infrastructure;
 - c. damage to unsealed roads servicing remote communities is complex as alternative access to food and fuel supplies during wet season closures may only be through plane or helicopters freight services, at significant expense.

3. Provides feedback to WALGA that vehicle damage from commercial operations is the key issue in the Kimberley.

Underground Power (Infrastructure Unit)

That the Kimberley Regional Group requests that WALGA enter into discussions with Horizon Power in relation to programs and funding to transition overhead wires to underground power.

MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE

Spillage from Ore Trucks onto Roads (Infrastructure Unit)

That the Murchison Country Zone write to the Minister for Transport, DMIRS, WA Police, Main Road Department and relevant mining companies hauling ore to Geraldton from mines in the Midwest Zone, (and cc'ing WALGA's Transport Committee) expressing our grave concerns about the ore flying off and out of ore haulage trucks and causing damage to the windscreens, tyres and paintwork to the vehicles of other road users, and highlight the increase stress levels and fear of other road users as they approach these trucks.

Rail Safety at Passive Level Crossings (Infrastructure Unit)

Recommend that WALGA lobby the State and Federal Governments to immediately introduce legislation to improve safety lighting on trains and low-cost solar power warning systems at passive level crossings.

Vehicles Being Driven on Unsealed Roads Closed Due to Wet Conditions (Infrastructure Policy Team)

That the Murchison Country Zone of WALGA:

1. Endorses the responses prepared by the Shires of Yalgoo and Cue as the official response of the Zone;
2. That the response is forwarded to WALGA.

NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE

Kangaroo Management in the Perth Metropolitan Region (Strategy, Policy and Planning Unit)

That WALGA engages with all relevant councils to determine and document the scope of the problem and prepare a case requesting State Government action to be submitted to the Minister for Environment.

NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE

Office of the Auditor General – Mandatory Audit Costs (Governance and Organisational Services)

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA writes to WALGA to investigate:

1. The increased costs of Office of the Auditor General audits; and
2. The inexperience of auditors provided, leading to cost overruns and delays.

Also, the Zone requests that the State Government fully subsidise the cost of Office of the Auditor General audits.

PILBARA COUNTRY ZONE

More Than Mining Campaign (Strategy, Policy and Planning Unit)

That the Pilbara Country Zone seeks that WALGA supports the More than Mining Campaign and to work with the NSW counterpart to lobby for reform to include FBT benefit to regionally based employees of participating councils of the Pilbara Country Zone.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the WALGA State Council will be held in the Boardroom at WALGA, ONE70, LV1, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville on Wednesday, 6 July 2022 commencing at 4:00pm.

10. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at **2:02pm**.



SHICC PUBLIC HEALTH BULLETIN #21

Tuesday, 26 April 2022 16:00 Hours

This bulletin has been authorised by the Deputy Incident Controller – Public Health,
Dr Revle Bangor-Jones

COVID-19 case and vaccination numbers

- **Summary:** as of **Tuesday, 26** April, in Western Australia (WA), there have been:
 - **355,277** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified
 - **310,847** people recovered from COVID-19
 - **3,349,488** COVID-19 PCR tests conducted
- **WA:** [Daily snapshot](#), [Vaccination dashboard](#) and [WA COVID-19 data update](#)
- **National:** [Current National Status & Australia's vaccine roll-out](#)
- **Worldwide:** [WHO Situation Reports](#) and [WHO Dashboard](#)

Living with COVID

Chief Health Officer advice

The latest advice from the Chief Health Officer is available [here](#).

Easing of PHSMs

Based on the latest health advice, the existing Level 1 public health and social measures will be eased.

From 12.01am Friday, 29 April 2022 new baseline PHSMs will be introduced. Key changes include:

- Face masks no longer mandatory except in high risk settings. Masks encouraged where physical distancing is not possible.
- Density and capacity limits removed for gatherings, venues and events
- Proof of vaccination requirements removed for venues and businesses, however still required for hospitals and residential aged care facilities
- Asymptomatic close contacts no longer required to isolate, subject to strict protocols
- Changes for domestic and international arrivals into WA; removal of requirement for G2G Pass registration
- Remaining public health measures in school and early childhood measures removed; more RATs to be provided.

Mandatory workplace vaccination requirements will remain.

Refer to WA.gov.au for the [announcement](#) and [Directions](#) (once available) for more information.

Influenza and COVID-19

With the WA borders reopening and the easing of PHSMs, an increase of influenza is expected in 2022. Frequently asked questions have been developed to address [questions](#) regarding influenza, COVID-19 and vaccination.

Further information about [influenza](#) and [COVID-19](#) is available at HealthyWA.

7-day isolation requirement

The calculation of the 7-day isolation requirements for COVID-19 cases has been updated. The 7-day isolation period means 7 complete days after the day and time you became a case. This means 7 x 24 hours.

For example, if you became a case at 11.45pm on 14 April 2022, your isolation period will not finish until 11.45 pm on 21 April 2022.

Information for confirmed cases is available on [HealthyWA](#).

Following the easing of public health and social measures from this Friday, asymptomatic close contacts will not need to isolate, subject to strict conditions (see above).

Registering a patient's positive RAT

The WA Health [Framework for System Alert and Response](#) (SAR) outlines when hospital staff are to administer a rapid antigen test (RAT) or a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test.

All positive RAT results must be:

- registered via the HealthyWA [website](#) or, if unable to access the online register, by phoning 13 COVID (13 26843)
- recorded in the hospital patient administration system.

COVID-19 and travel

COVID-safe travel advice has been [published](#) on the HealthyWA [website](#).

The information available includes planning and preparing for your trip, what to do if you become unwell or a COVID-19 confirmed case or close contact while travelling (including accommodation and transportation advice) and testing information.

Patient information sheets

Patient COVID-19 [information sheets](#) includes guidelines for [breastfeeding](#), [pregnancy](#), women in [labour](#), [diabetes](#) and other endocrine conditions, FAQs for [mental health services](#).

Printable patient [information sheets](#) for the immunocompromised have been developed by South Metropolitan Health Services to provide advice on how to stay safe, including during social gatherings.

People at greater risk of serious illness

Information for people who are at greater risk of serious illness from COVID-19 is available on the HealthyWA [website](#).

The risk of serious COVID-19 illness increases if you're pregnant (and meet certain criteria), obese, living with multiple health conditions, have a disability, are 70 years of age or older or are Aboriginal. Information is available about how to reduce your risk of serious illness, treatment options and what to do if you become a COVID-19 case.

COVID-19 vaccination program

Term 2 primary school pop-up clinics for 5 to 11-year-olds

The focus on vaccinating children aged 5 to 11-year-olds continues with some metropolitan Perth primary schools hosting pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinics during Term 2. Expressions of interest were sought from schools, with the first clinics scheduled to start in early May for eligible students and families in those schools.

New 'You've got Questions' video resources available

Eleven new videos for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years have been added to the Roll up for WA [website](#). These videos feature Professor Chris Blyth and Professor Desiree Silva and address many common concerns parents have about COVID-19 and vaccination for this age group.

Bookings available for winter booster at state-run clinics

People eligible for the COVID-19 winter booster dose can now book an appointment via VaccinateWA or walk into state-run clinics to receive the vaccine or book at participating GPs, pharmacies and Aboriginal Medical Services.

Read the ATAGI [statement](#) about recommendations for a winter booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

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Directions updates

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New Directions

- [COVID Transition \(Testing and Isolation\) Directions \(No 11\)](#)
- [Cruise Vessels Directions \(No 2\)](#)

Updated factsheets

- [COVID-19 Visitor Guideline for WA Public Hospital and Health Services Version 10.4](#)
- [Release of Cases from Isolation: Information for Clinicians](#) – Updated 20 April 2022
- [WA COVID-19 Healthcare Worker Furloughing Guidelines Version 3](#)
- [COVID-19 Guidelines for Healthcare Practices in the Community Version 2](#)
- [Residential Strata Properties FAQs Version 2](#)
- [Influenza and COVID-19 FAQs](#)
- [COVID-19 Information for People who are Immunocompromised](#) – Updated 22 April 2022
- [COVID-19 Guidelines for Maternity Services Version 4.1](#)
- [COVID-19 Guidelines for Renal Dialysis Version 2.4](#)
- [How do I isolate safely?](#) – Updated 11 April 2022

Testing

General population [testing criteria](#)

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Reporting

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Business and industry

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- [Australian Department of Health](#)
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- [Advice in other languages](#) and [Translated Resources](#)
- [Advice and resources for Aboriginal people](#)
- [Covid Clinic walkthrough](#) – in multiple languages
- [Contact registers](#) information
- [SafeWA user guide](#)
- [ServiceWA user guide](#)
- [Mandatory vaccination](#) Directions and supporting documents
- Mandatory vaccination general and industry-specific [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Proof of vaccination [Directions, information](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [COVID-19 in the workplace](#) – Information for employers and employees
- [Posters, signage and resources](#) for businesses

More information

- COVID-19 Clinic ONLY Test Results Enquiry Line: 1800 313 223 (Note: NOT for GP referred testing or private pathology clinic tests)
- COVID-19 WA Public Information Line: 13 268 43 (13 COVID)
- COVID-19 Travel Restrictions Exemption Application: Visit the [G2G PASS](#) website
- COVID-19 WA Police Line: 131 444 to report breaches of quarantine, business activities, border controls and other State of Emergency Directions

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SHICC PUBLIC HEALTH BULLETIN #22

Tuesday, 3 May 2022 16:00 Hours

This bulletin has been authorised by the Deputy Incident Controller – Public Health,
Dr Revle Bangor-Jones

COVID-19 case and vaccination numbers

- **Summary:** as of Tuesday, **3 May**, in Western Australia (WA), there have been:
 - **405,848** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified
 - **361,369** people recovered from COVID-19
 - **3,435,129** COVID-19 PCR tests conducted
- **WA:** [Daily snapshot](#), [Vaccination dashboard](#) and [WA COVID-19 data update](#)
- **National:** [Current National Status & Australia's vaccine roll-out](#)
- **Worldwide:** [WHO Situation Reports](#) and [WHO Dashboard](#)

Living with COVID

Chief Health Officer advice

The latest advice from the Chief Health Officer is available [here](#).

- [Updated public health and social measures, border and vaccination requirements – 21 April 2022](#)

Masks in healthcare settings

Masks remain [mandatory](#) in high risk settings for people aged 12 years and over, including healthcare settings in places where patients have access.

Healthcare setting means a public or private health facility where health care is primarily delivered via face-to-face services provided to residents, patients, clients and others. Masks are not mandated for healthcare settings that do not have face-to-face interaction with patients (including telehealth services, pathology laboratories and corporate areas within health facilities).

The changes described above represent the minimum public health and social measures (PHSMs) required. Individual hospital and healthcare sites are free to impose additional restrictions as appropriate to their settings.

Everyone is encouraged to consider wearing a mask, even if it's not mandatory, particularly if physical distancing is not possible.

Refer to [HealthyWA](#) for additional face mask information.

Visitor guidelines

The *COVID-19 Visitor Guideline for WA Public Hospital and Health Services* (the guideline) has been [updated](#). Visitors to hospitals are required to register, and wear masks while on hospital premises.

All patients will be permitted a total of two standard or essential visitors, at any time.

Visitor testing will continue as per current testing regimes in the *COVID-19 Framework for System Alert and Response (SAR)*.

Refer to the Department of Health [website](#) for the most up-to-date advice.

SAR

The [SAR](#) has been updated to reflect the updated visitor guideline. Changes include advice regarding patient testing and screening, including for inpatient surveillance. The dental guidance has also been updated to allow routine dental care to be carried out in Red alert level.

The SAR level (Red) has not changed.

Free RATs for close contacts

Close contacts are now entitled to 10 free rapid antigen tests (RATs) to help meet [testing requirements](#).

People with **no symptoms** are required to verbally confirm if they are a close contact to access their 10 free RATs at Perth metro and regional locations listed on [WA.gov.au](#). They may also collect RATs for other close contacts in their household.

Close contacts **with symptoms** must **not** attend the collection locations and must follow the relevant [requirements](#).

Refer to the [announcement](#) for more information.

Easing of PHSMs

From 12.01am Friday, 29 April 2022 new baseline PHSMs **were** introduced. Key changes include:

- Face masks no longer mandatory except in high risk settings. Masks encouraged where physical distancing is not possible.
- Density and capacity limits removed for gatherings, venues and events
- Proof of vaccination requirements removed for venues and businesses, however still required for hospitals and residential aged care facilities
- Asymptomatic close contacts no longer required to isolate, subject to strict protocols
- Changes for domestic and international arrivals into WA; removal of requirement for G2G Pass registration
- Remaining public health measures in school and early childhood measures removed; more RATs to be provided.

Mandatory workplace vaccination requirements remain.

Refer to [WA.gov.au](#) and the [Directions](#) for more information.

Influenza and COVID-19

With the WA borders reopening and the easing of PHSMs, an increase of influenza is expected in 2022. Information about [influenza](#) and [COVID-19](#) is available at HealthyWA.

COVID-19 vaccination program

mRNA COVID-19 vaccination dose intervals

On 27 April 2022, the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) [recommended](#) the dose interval between primary doses of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines be extended to 8 weeks.

The dose interval for the two-dose primary course of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines was previously:

- 3 to 6 weeks for Comirnaty (Pfizer)
- 4 to 6 weeks for Spikevax (Moderna).

The extended dose interval of 8 weeks has been shown to improve the immune response to vaccination and may improve effectiveness; and a longer dose interval may also reduce the risk of myocarditis and pericarditis.

The longer dose interval is particularly recommended for groups at higher risk of this side effect (people under the age of 40 years).

The dose interval can be reduced (to a minimum of 3 weeks for Pfizer or 4 weeks for Moderna) for people at higher risk of severe COVID-19 (including older adults and people with underlying medical conditions), in an outbreak setting or before international travel.

ATAGI advised the risk of myocarditis and pericarditis following Nuvaxovid (Novavax) vaccine is unknown, but vaccine providers could consider extending the interval between two primary doses of Novavax to 8 weeks (from a minimum of 3 weeks) to possibly improve effectiveness and reduce potential risk of myocarditis and pericarditis.

COVID-19 vaccination post infection

ATAGI updated [advice](#) about when people who have had SARS-CoV-2 infection should receive a subsequent COVID-19 vaccine dose.

It is now recommended that all people should wait for 3 months after confirmed COVID-19 infection before they receive their next COVID-19 vaccine dose.

The next scheduled dose should then be given as soon as possible after this period.

Waiting for a 3-month period after infection before COVID-19 vaccination is intended to optimise protection for that person as a longer gap between infection and vaccination is likely to lead to a better immune response and result in longer protection from reinfection.

This change in recommendation applies to all people eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccination (i.e., from 5 years and above), regardless of how many COVID-19 vaccine doses they have received.

It does not apply to other vaccines (for example, influenza vaccinations) which can continue to be administered as usual.

The updated advice reflects the lower risk of reinfection with the Omicron variant within the first 3 months following a confirmed infection, particularly if prior COVID-19 vaccine doses have been received.

It also recognises the Delta variant is no longer circulating in Australia and in the past 3 months Omicron has been the dominant variant.

This advice may change if future variants emerge and ATAGI will continue to review the evidence on protection from vaccination and infection and may update advice if required, including if a new variant emerges or another circumstance arises to cause COVID-19 vaccination to become more urgent.

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Directions updates

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New Directions

- [COVID Transition \(Face Covering\) Directions \(No 7\)](#)
- [COVID Transition \(Testing and Isolation\) Directions \(No 13\)](#)
- [Air Travel \(Face Covering\) Directions \(No 2\)](#)
- [Authorisation of Authorised PHEOC Officers](#)
- [COVID Border Transition \(Release from Quarantine\) Directions](#)
- [COVID Transition \(International Border\) Directions](#)
- [Cruise Vessels Directions \(No 3\)](#)
- [Maritime Crew Member Directions \(No 8\)](#)
- [Proof of Vaccination Directions \(No 6\)](#)
- [Transiting Aircraft Passengers Directions \(No 6\)](#)
- [Visitors to Hospitals and Disability Support Accommodation Facilities Directions](#)

Updated factsheets

- [What to do if you are a COVID-19 close contact Version 7](#)
- [What to do if you are a COVID-19 case Version 7](#)
- [I have COVID – what should I do?](#)
- [Get COVID Ready](#)
- [What is COVID and how does it spread?](#)
- [Management of Acute Behavioural Disturbance in COVID-19 Version 3.1](#)
- [WA Health COVID-19 Framework for System Alert and Response Version 8](#)
- [COVID-19 Visitor Guideline for WA Public Hospital and Health Services Version 11](#)
- [COVID-19 Guidelines for Maternity Services Version 4.1](#)
- [COVID-19 Guidelines for Renal Dialysis Version 2.4](#)
- [Guidelines for Cruising in Western Australia – Updated 22 April 2022](#)
- [COVID-19 Guidelines for Neonatal Services Version 5.2](#)

Testing

General population [testing criteria](#)

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Testing locations

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Reporting

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Business and industry

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SHICC PUBLIC HEALTH BULLETIN #23

Wednesday, 11 May 2022 16:00 Hours

This bulletin has been authorised by the **A/Deputy Incident Controller – Public Health, Dr Sharon Nowrojee**

COVID-19 case and vaccination numbers

- **Summary:** as of **Wednesday, 11 May**, in Western Australia (WA), there have been:
 - **490,899** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified
 - **421,833** people recovered from COVID-19
 - **3,554,845** COVID-19 PCR tests conducted
- **WA:** [Daily snapshot](#), [Vaccination dashboard](#) and [WA COVID-19 data update](#)
- **National:** [Current National Status & Australia's vaccine roll-out](#)
- **Worldwide:** [WHO Situation Reports](#) and [WHO Dashboard](#)

Living with COVID

Chief Health Officer advice

The latest advice from the Chief Health Officer is available [here](#).

Mandatory vaccination booster dose

A person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 is exempt from receiving a booster vaccination required under the mandatory vaccination [policy](#) for a period of four months from the date of their infection, subject to certain conditions. This aligns with the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) [advice](#) that people who have had COVID-19 should delay any further COVID-19 vaccine doses for three months after infection.

Refer to the Mandatory vaccination for workers [FAQs](#) on the Department of Health [website](#) and the [Direction](#) on [WA.gov.au](#) for more information.

WA Health resources

In response to the change in public health and social measures (PHSMs) and the current COVID-19 environment, a variety of WA Health resources have been updated. Some remain in review and will be updated in due course.

Everyone is encouraged to refer to the [Department of Health](#) and [HealthyWA](#) websites regularly to ensure you have the most up-to-date advice.

Hospital discharge guidelines

The *COVID-19 Guidelines for public hospital discharge and inter-hospital transfer of positive or suspect COVID-19 cases* (the guidelines) have been updated. The guidelines are available on the Department of Health [website](#) (within the 'Clinical guidelines' accordion).

Workplace guidance update

COVID-19 guidance for business and industry has been updated in response to the current COVID-19 environment.

The [WA Health TTIQ Plan](#) and supporting industry-specific advice has been updated.

This includes guidance for education settings, meat processing, congregate living, industrial, mining/offshore, and secure facilities.

Refer to the Department of Health [website](#) regularly for the most up-to-date information.

COVID-19 and voting

The Australian Electoral Commission has advised that [early voting options](#) are available to people affected by COVID-19 in the upcoming federal election on Saturday 21 May 2022.

Everyone is encouraged to consider the different ways to vote and plan how they will cast their vote if they are required to isolate on the day of the election.

Masks in healthcare settings

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All patients will be permitted a total of two standard or essential visitors, at any time.

Visitor testing will continue as per current testing regimes in the *COVID-19 Framework for System Alert and Response (SAR)*.

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SAR

The [SAR](#) has been updated to reflect the updated visitor guideline. Changes include advice regarding patient testing and screening, including for inpatient surveillance. The dental guidance has also been updated to allow routine dental care to be carried out in Red alert level.

The SAR level (Red) has not changed.

Free RATs for close contacts

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Close contacts **with symptoms** must **not** attend the collection locations and must follow the relevant [requirements](#).

Refer to the [initial](#) and [regional](#) announcement for more information.

COVID-19 vaccination program

WA reaches 80 per cent third dose vaccination milestone

Last week WA recorded an 80.1 per cent third dose COVID-19 vaccination coverage for Western Australians aged 16 years and older, the highest rate of all state and territories and a major achievement for WA.

Vaccine Commander Gary Dreiberger said he was proud of the outstanding work of all the health professionals and support workers who had helped achieve this result.

"I know there is still more work to do in some regional and remote parts of the State, particularly in our Aboriginal communities, where we continue to spread the message of protecting culture and community," he said.

Vaccinating children aged 5-11 years also continues to be a focus for WA, as this age group is still catching up after starting later in the vaccination program.

COVID-19 vaccination clinics to co-administer flu vaccines for eligible people

From Monday 16 May 2022 eligible people will be able to receive a free [influenza vaccine](#) when receiving their COVID-19 vaccination at state-run COVID-19 vaccination clinics. Those eligible are:

- Children aged 5-11 years
- Adults aged 65 years and older
- People with high-risk medical conditions aged 5 and older
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Pregnant women
- Residents of aged care or disability care facilities
- Individuals experiencing homelessness/rough sleepers.

This year it is more important than ever to get vaccinated for influenza and COVID-19. Getting infected with both COVID-19 and influenza at the same time can result in serious illness and hospitalisation.

Free flu vaccinations at COVID-19 vaccination clinics for WA Health staff

From next week WA Health employees can attend any COVID-19 vaccination clinic to get their free influenza vaccination.

Staff can walk into a clinic and show their WA Health ID to receive their free influenza vaccine.

While the influenza vaccination is not mandatory, employees are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated to help protect patients and colleagues within the health system.

More information is available for WA Health staff [here](#).

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COVID-19 vaccination post infection

ATAGI updated [advice](#) about when people who have had SARS-CoV-2 infection should receive a subsequent COVID-19 vaccine dose.

It is now recommended that all people should wait for 3 months after confirmed COVID-19 infection before they receive their next COVID-19 vaccine dose.

The next scheduled dose should then be given as soon as possible after this period. **People required to be vaccinated under the mandatory vaccination policy should refer to the [FAQs](#) for additional information.**

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Directions updates

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New Directions

- [Maritime Crew Member Directions \(No 9\)](#)
- [Remote Aboriginal Communities Directions \(No 5\)](#)
- [Temporary Exemption of Class of Persons Under Paragraph 29 of the Booster Vaccination \(Restrictions on Access\) Directions \(No 2\)](#)

Updated factsheets

- [What to do if you are a COVID-19 Case Version 8](#)
- [Rapid Antigen Tests FAQs Version 7](#)
- [Mandatory Vaccination for Workers FAQs Version 8](#)
- [Guide to Getting a COVID-19 Test at a State-run Clinic Version 2.3](#)
- [WA COVID-19 TTIQ \(Test, Trace, Isolate and Quarantine\) Plan Version 3](#)
- [Guidance for the Management of COVID-19 in the Workplace Version 2](#)
- [COVID-19 Response Checklist Abattoirs and Meat Processing Facilities](#) – Updated 6 May 2022
- [COVID-19 Response Checklist Congregate Living Facilities](#) – Updated 6 May 2022
- [COVID-19 Response Checklist Schools and Early Childhood Education Settings](#) – Updated 6 May 2022
- [COVID-19 Response Checklist Industrial Facilities](#) – Updated 6 May 2022
- [COVID-19 Response Checklist Mining and Offshore Facilities](#) – Updated 6 May 2022
- [COVID-19 Response Checklist Secure Facilities](#) – Updated 6 May 2022
- [WA COVID-19 Healthcare Worker Furloughing Guidelines Version 4](#)
- [COVID-19 Guidelines for Healthcare Practices in the Community Version 3](#)
- [COVID-19 Guideline for Management of Acute Behavioural Disturbance Version 3.1](#)
- [COVID-19 Guidelines for Public Hospital Discharge and Inter-hospital Transfer of Positive or Suspect COVID-19 Cases Version 4.1](#)
- [Testing Criteria for SARS-CoV-2 in Western Australia #38](#)
- [COVID Transition: Information for the Maritime Industry Version 3](#)
- [Disembarkation for Marine Crew Requiring Dental Care](#)
- [Disembarkation for Marine Crew Requiring Medical Care](#)

Testing

General population testing criteria

The *Testing Criteria for SARS-CoV-2 in Western Australia #38* has been published on the Department of Health [website](#) under the 'testing' accordion.

Any person may be tested if they have any one of the following clinical criteria: fever ($\geq 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$) **OR** history of fever (e.g. night sweats, chills), without a known source **OR** acute respiratory symptoms (e.g. shortness of breath, cough, sore throat, runny nose) **OR** acute loss of smell or taste **OR** **an inconclusive rapid antigen test result**.

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COVID-19 case and vaccination numbers

- **Summary:** as of **Tuesday, 17 May**, in Western Australia (WA), there have been:
 - **576,315** confirmed cases of COVID-19 notified
 - **487,404** people recovered from COVID-19
 - **3,658,279** COVID-19 PCR tests conducted
- **WA:** [Daily snapshot](#), [Vaccination dashboard](#) and [WA COVID-19 data update](#)
- **National:** [Current National Status and Australia's vaccine roll-out](#)
- **Worldwide:** [WHO Situation Reports](#) and [WHO Dashboard](#)

Living with COVID

Chief Health Officer advice

The latest advice from the Chief Health Officer is available [here](#).

Close contact testing and isolation guide

If you have been identified as a close contact, you should refer to [HealthyWA](#) for the testing and isolation requirements during the 7-day close contact period.

Close contacts must isolate, however close contacts with **no symptoms** can leave home if they meet certain criteria. If you do not meet these criteria, you cannot leave isolation during the 7-day isolation period.

Close contacts who have or develop symptoms must get tested immediately, isolate and follow the instructions for 'close contacts **with symptoms**' on HealthyWA.

Refer to [HealthyWA](#) for all close contact requirements.

WA Free RAT Program

Close contacts are entitled to 10 free rapid antigen tests (RATs) to help meet [testing requirements](#).

People with **no symptoms** are required to verbally confirm if they are a close contact to access their 10 free RATs at Perth metro and regional locations listed on [WA.gov.au](#), including new drive-through locations in the Perth metro area. People may also collect free RATs for other close contacts in their household, to a maximum of 30 RATs. Close contacts need to wear a mask when collecting the RATs.

Close contacts **with symptoms** must **not** attend the collection locations and must follow the relevant [requirements](#).

Households that have not yet received their free 15 RATs have been emailed and can choose to collect their RATs from any collection point or have them redirected to their address. People must show the email they received when collecting their household RATs.

Refer to the [WA Free RAT Program page](#) on [WA.gov.au](#) for more information.

WA Health resources

In response to the change in public health and social measures (PHSMs) and the current COVID-19 environment, a variety of WA Health resources have been updated. Some remain in review and will be updated in due course.

Everyone is encouraged to refer to the [Department of Health](#) and [HealthyWA](#) websites regularly to ensure you have the most up-to-date advice.

Hospital discharge guidelines

The *COVID-19 Guidelines for public hospital discharge and inter-hospital transfer of positive or suspect COVID-19 cases* (the guidelines) have been updated. The guidelines are available on the Department of Health [website](#) (within the 'Clinical guidelines' accordion).

Workplace guidance update

COVID-19 guidance for business and industry has been updated in response to the current COVID-19 environment.

The [WA Health TTIQ Plan](#) and supporting industry-specific advice has been updated.

This includes guidance for **the maritime industry**, education settings, meat processing, congregate living, industrial, mining/offshore, and secure facilities.

Refer to the Department of Health [website](#) regularly for the most up-to-date information.

COVID-19 and voting

The Australian Electoral Commission has advised that [early voting options](#) are available to people affected by COVID-19 in the upcoming federal election on Saturday 21 May 2022.

Everyone is encouraged to consider the different ways to vote and plan how they will cast their vote if they are required to isolate on the day of the election.

COVID-19 vaccination program

Temporary COVID-19 booster exemptions

The mandatory vaccination policy has been updated following the recent Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) [advice](#) that all people should wait for three months after confirmed COVID-19 infection before they receive their next COVID-19 vaccine dose.

As such, a person who is required to have booster vaccination under the mandatory vaccination policy and has been diagnosed with COVID-19 is exempt from receiving a booster vaccination for a period of four months from the date of their infection.

Approved evidence must be presented for inspection, recording and/or retention of a copy by the employer or the owner of the premises where the person works.

For more information visit the Department of Health [website](#).

In-home COVID-19 vaccination program

Efforts continue to provide COVID-19 vaccination closer to home for people who may not easily be able to get to a clinic, pharmacy or GP location.

Teams of vaccinators can go out to residential areas to offer convenient at-home COVID-19 vaccines to anyone at the household aged 5 years and older if they are eligible for first, second or booster doses.

Medicare cards or photo ID are not required for people to receive the vaccine.

To book an in-home vaccination appointment:

- Complete the [Further Assistance Required](#) online form or;
- Email COVID.Immunisation@health.wa.gov.au or;
- Call 13 COVID (13 268 43) between 8am and 8pm, 7 days a week to ask the operator to complete the [Further Assistance Required](#) form on your behalf.

More metropolitan locations offer enhanced access and sensory clinics

The COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Midland has joined Kwinana and Carramar clinics to support people with disabilities, mental health conditions, those who require a low sensory environment or who may need other additional support to receive their vaccination.

These enhanced access and sensory clinics provide quiet, large and separate consultation rooms, accessible parking directly in front of the clinic, a range of distraction and sensory options, hoists to support people with mobility issues and trained staff to support people with a disability, mental health condition or who require additional support.

The Claremont vaccination clinic is being modified this month to offer enhanced access and sensory capabilities.

Bookings are recommended and further information is available at the Roll up for WA [website](#).

Vaccine information and resources

Please visit the sources below for more information and resources related to vaccines:

- HealthyWA – [COVID-19 vaccine](#) (for WA community), including [FAQs](#)
- HealthyWA – [Influenza and COVID-19 vaccines information](#)
- WA Health – [COVID-19 vaccination program](#) (for WA health providers)
- Australian Government – COVID-19 vaccine [fact sheets and guides](#)
- Keeping Culture Safe and Strong Aboriginal - COVID-19 [vaccination resources](#)
- Australian Government – COVID-19 vaccination [Easy Read](#) resources
- Australian Government – [Easy Vaccine Access \(EVA\)](#) call back service to book a COVID-19 vaccine

Directions updates

COVID-19 State of Emergency [Declarations](#) and community [advice](#) webpages summarise the latest COVID-19 Directions in place in WA. Further information can be found on the WA Government [website](#).

New Directions

- [Maritime Crew Member Directions \(No 10\)](#)
- [Port Worker \(Restrictions on Access\) Directions](#)
- [COVID Transition \(International Border\) Amendment Directions](#)
- [Transiting Aircraft Passengers Directions \(No 7\)](#)
- [COVID Transition \(Testing and Isolation\) Directions \(No 14\)](#)
- [Designation of approved manner under paragraph 22\(c\) of the COVID Transition \(Testing and Isolation\) Directions \(No 13\)](#)

Updated factsheets

- [COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control in Western Australian Healthcare Facilities Version 14](#)
- [Guidelines for Cruising in Western Australia – Updated 11 May 2022](#)
- [Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Disembarking or Embarking Vessels with COVID-19 Onboard – Updated 11 May 2022](#)
- [What to do if you are a COVID-19 Close Contact Version 8](#)

Testing

General population [testing criteria](#)

The *Testing Criteria for SARS-CoV-2 in Western Australia #38* has been published on the Department of Health [website](#) under the 'testing' accordion.

Any person may be tested if they have any one of the following clinical criteria: fever ($\geq 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$) **OR** history of fever (e.g. night sweats, chills), without a known source **OR** acute respiratory symptoms (e.g. shortness of breath, cough, sore throat, runny nose) **OR** acute loss of smell or taste **OR** an inconclusive rapid antigen test result.

Testing locations

Testing locations are listed on [HealthyWA](#).

Series of National Guidelines (SoNG)

The [latest](#) iteration was released on 22 March 2022.

Business and industry

Resources for more information

- [WA Department of Health](#) and [HealthyWA](#)
- WA [Department of Health Media releases](#)
- [Australian Department of Health](#)
- [Advice for the public \(WHO\)](#)
- [Advice in other languages](#) and [Translated Resources](#)
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