



Councillor Information Bulletin

For the Ordinary Council Meeting
held on Thursday 16th May 2024

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SHIRE OF WESTONIA

May/June 24

Date & Time	What	Where	Who
Thursday 16 May	Council Meeting	Chambers	Councillors, Senior Staff
Thursday 20 June	Council Meeting	Westonia	Councillors, Senior Staff

CEO'S REPORT

- **GENERAL MATTERS**

- Cr Geier and I attended a WNE SRRG meeting held in Mukinbudin on Tuesday 23rd April.
- The Shaping our Future Survey document was completed during the month with public feedback closing on Friday 10 May. Results will be considered by the Council at today's meeting.
- I participated in a Zoom meeting on Wednesday 24th April with representatives of DWER in relation to the upgrade works being considered at the Geelakin Tank.
- I attended the excellent ANZAC Day ceremony conducted by the Council at Boodalin Soak which was very well attended and a hit with the community.
- The parkers have vacated the 10 Diorite Street residence and since it is not required for the CEO it has been allocated to the DCEO as part of her employment package.
- The CEO vehicle has suffered some damage to the passenger front fender after a kangaroo strike on Monday 6 May. An insurance claim for the repair has been submitted.
- Cr Crees & I met with 3 representatives from the water Corporation in Westonia on Tuesday 7 May to discuss the proposed Goldfields Pipeline Upgrade project being considered by the Government over the next few years between Merredin and Coolgardie.
- Cr Crees & I attended the WEROC Board meeting held in Kellerberrin on Thursday 9 May. A social event was also held at the completion of the meeting to celebrate Darren Mollenoyux retiring CEO of the Shire of Bruce Rock.
- Demolition work of the old Pool Kiosk/changerooms have been completed with construction of the new building commencing on Monday 13 May.
- Cr DellaBosca & I attended the CEACA Board meeting held in Kellerberrin on Monday 13 May.
- Ben Symmons, consultant, is currently conducting our infrastructure assets revaluation and RAMM update of road information as required by legislation.
- The Burracoppin Ladies Daffodil Day Fundraiser will be conducting its 20th year anniversary this year, which will also be their last. They have extended their appreciation to the Council for the donation of the Marquee for all of the events.

- **DELEGATED AUTHORITY ACTIONS**

- **ROADCREW**

- The gravel re sheeting of a section of Leeman and Begley Roads has been completed.
- The last 3km section of South Walgoolan Road is currently being treated with the Polymer product which is also the final R2R project for the year.
- Gravel carting is currently being carried out on a section of McPharlin Road.
- The maintenance grader has been in the south of the shire doing drains and batters.

- **TOWN**

- Firewood has been delivered to several of our seniors residing in the town.
- The Anglican Church external timber cladding is being oil treated. Looking at options to have the large tree removed from the yard.
- The airport airstrip surrounds have been slashed.
- Jonesy has done another sterling job in setting up the Poppit Head wheels as features in the median strips.



- The remainder of the old historical photos have had some beautiful frames made by Hi-Lo Constructions and have been featured in the Old Miners Hall.



- **PLANT HOURS**

The following is a list of plant and vehicle kilometre and hour readings for the period ending 1.5.24.

Item		1.4.24	1.5.24
P1	<i>CAT 140 GRADER</i>	2,446hrs	2,491hrs
P2	<i>CAT 12M GRADER</i>	8,865hrs	8,924hrs
P3	<i>PRIME MOVER (KENWORTH)</i>	13,016kms	14,776kms
P4	<i>ROAD TRAIN (NEW FREIGHTLINER)</i>	115,327kms	116,046kms
P5	<i>JOHN DEERE LOADER</i>	5,017hrs	5,082hrs
P6	<i>CAT ROLLER (SKIP)</i>	1,667hrs	1,674hrs
P7	<i>MINI-EXCAVATOR</i>	1,201hrs	1,226hrs
P8	<i>TELEHANDLER JCB</i>	2,830hrs	2,894hrs
P9	<i>TOYOTA (GRADER UTE)</i>	42,225kms	44,270kms
P10	<i>mitsubishi CANTER</i>	17,778kms	18,071kms
P11	<i>TOYOTA HILUX (GARDENER) WT 35</i>	108,622kms	109,203kms
P12	<i>JOHN DEERE (5100)</i>	2,588hrs	2,590hrs
P14	<i>TOYOTA LANDCRUISER GXL (CEO)</i>	3,211kms	7,312kms
P15	<i>TOYOTA HILUX D/CAB (W/SUPER)</i>	46,115kms	49,194kms
P16	<i>TOYOTA RAV4 (ADMIN)</i>	98,001kms	100,784kms
P17	<i>TOYOTA HILUX DUAL CAB</i>	38,578kms	39,521kms
P19	<i>FAST ATTACK</i>	17,605kms	17,790kms
P20	<i>FIRE TRUCK</i>	7,036kms	7,049kms
P18	<i>WESSY BUS</i>	146,501kms	147,052kms
P22	<i>KUBOTA RIDE ON MOWER (OVAL)</i>	2,078hrs	2,082hrs
P23	<i>TOYOTA MINI-BUS (WT COM V)</i>	41,076kms	42,245kms
P24	<i>CAT ROLLER (LOLA)</i>	2,058hrs	2,089hrs
P25	<i>MICK's BEAUT UTE</i>	170,184kms	171,056kms
P27	<i>TOYOTA PRADO GXL (DCEO)</i>	39,003kms	43,760kms

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND WELLBEING REPORT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Grant applications & award nominations submitted:

We are currently working on FRRR Small network grant worth up to \$20,000.00 for future community events.

Future grant opportunities & award nominations:

- Department of LG, Sport & Cultural Industries – Active Regional Communities Grants (up to \$5000) categories; Capacity building, Event hosting and Participation. Applications open all year.
- Healthways and Lottery West

WELLBEING REPORT

Age Care

Westonia Home Care Services had a total of 16 clients.

We had no suitable candidates for the Community Health & Wellbeing Officer position We are looking to restructure some current positions and will apply for a trainee through DPIRD CRC funding round which opens in June. We currently have Amy who is qualified to deliver higher care for our Level 4's and we can utilize her services where possible.

We continue to provide Meals on wheels, Lite N Easy Equipment and Aids for our clients

Westonia Home Care Services Clients: 16

Staff delivering services: 9

Services: Administration and Package management, Cleaning and Household tasks, Medical, Personal Care, Social Support, Support work, Gardening & Maintenance

Community activities and resources

2024 Activities/ Events:

This month our Anzac Day Ceremony held at Boodallin Soak was a huge success with approximately 50 people in attendance. A very well run ceremony thanks to Kerry and Doug Hermon, and Ainslie Faithfull. In a beautiful setting with the sunrise over the rock and after the ceremony a gunfire breakfast was held for everyone who attended. The other standout event for the month organised by Emilie Menz was the Bladder and Bowel Physio Info Session with Lize Prinsloo. Some great advice and insight for everyone from babies to the elderly. There were 22 people in attendance and everyone left feeling they had learned something useful at the end of the session and the importance of looking after our bladder and gut health.

2/4/24 Scrabble 6 pax and Kids fun day 12pax

3/4/24 Use it or Loose it 7pax

4/4/24 Bingo 11pax

5/4/24 Morning Melodies 11pax

8/4/24 Sewing 5pax

9/4/24 Scrabble 6pax

10/4/24 Use it or Loose it 8pax

11/4/24 Bingo 11pax and Kids movie 10pax

15/4/24 Sewing 7pax

16/4/24 Scrabble 4Pax

17/4/24 Railway Museum 4pax

18/4/24 Hydro Pool Cancelled and Bingo 5pax

22/4/24 Sewing cancelled

23/4/24 Scrabble 3Pax

24/4/24 Use it or Loose it Cancelled
25/4/24 Anzac Dawn Service approx. 50pax
28/4/24 Sound healing session 8pax
29/4/24 Sewing 5pax, Bladder and Bowel Physio Info Session 22pax
30/4/24 Scrabble 4pax

WESTONIA TOURIST PARK

The park has been quite busy lately, is great to see that even well past covid restrictions our little park is still as popular as ever.

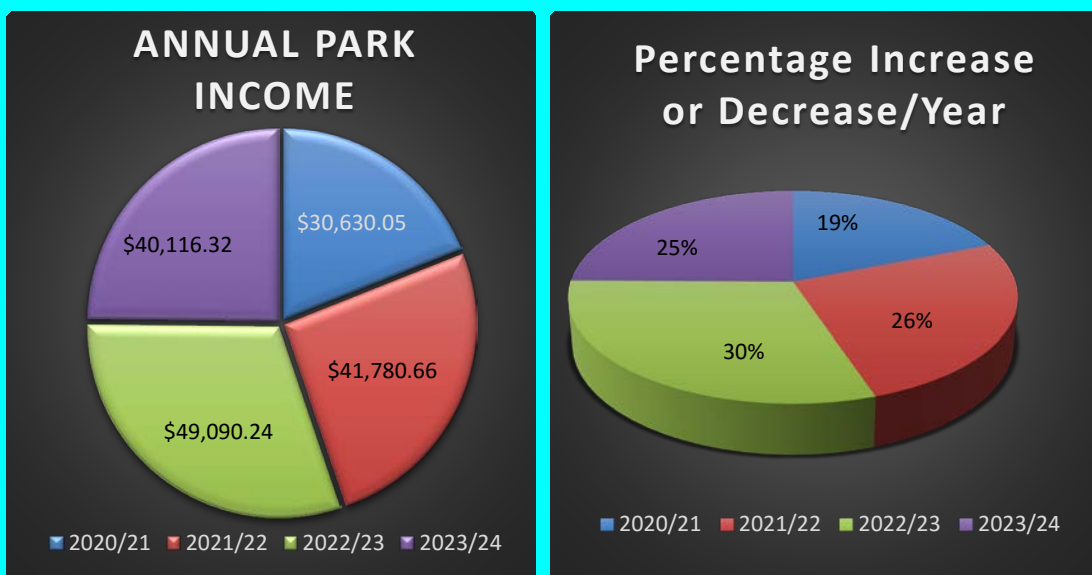
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

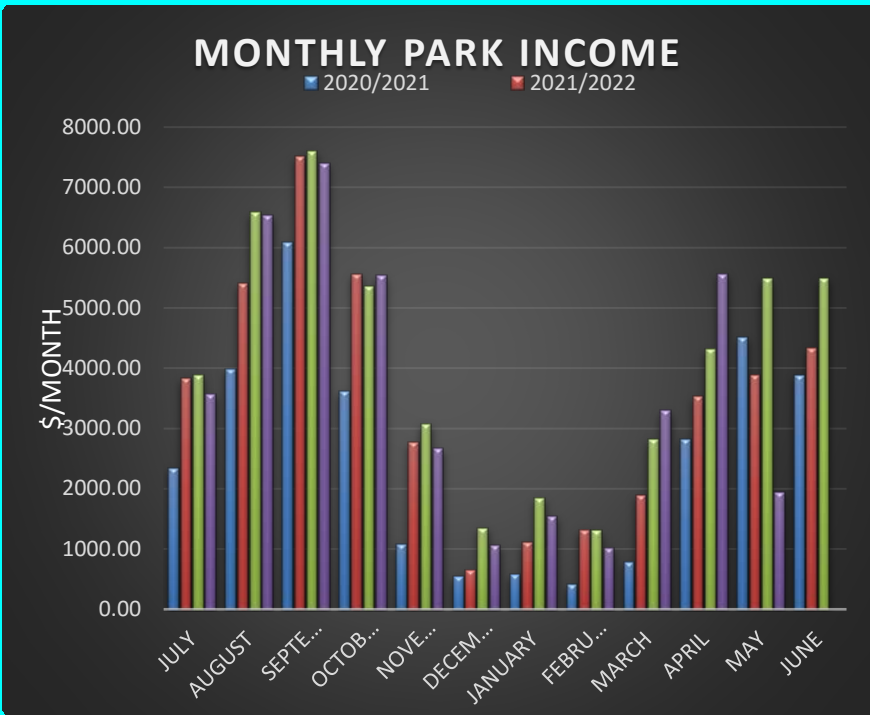
- Various minor repairs and maintenance ongoing. Focal area being bathroom maintenance (fixtures and disabled bathroom upgrade)
- Disabled toilet drainage will need some major work as tree roots have made their way into the pipes.

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Permanent signage required to say “If office is unattended, please ring the caretakers phone or Shire office alternatively you can visit the Shire office during business hours Monday to Friday to complete your booking”.
- Overflow – new signs needed for sites and information sign needed to describe who to ring or see to book in and outline that you must un-hook. Defined bays might be a good idea for this area.

STATISTICS





HOOD-PENN MUSEUM

The Museum has had some pretty exciting and interesting additions recently, Buddy Kent donated a 249 lb Anvil, the meat scales and meat safe used in Cyril Perrins butcher shop here in Westonia also a beautifully kept 1950's Singer sewing machine.





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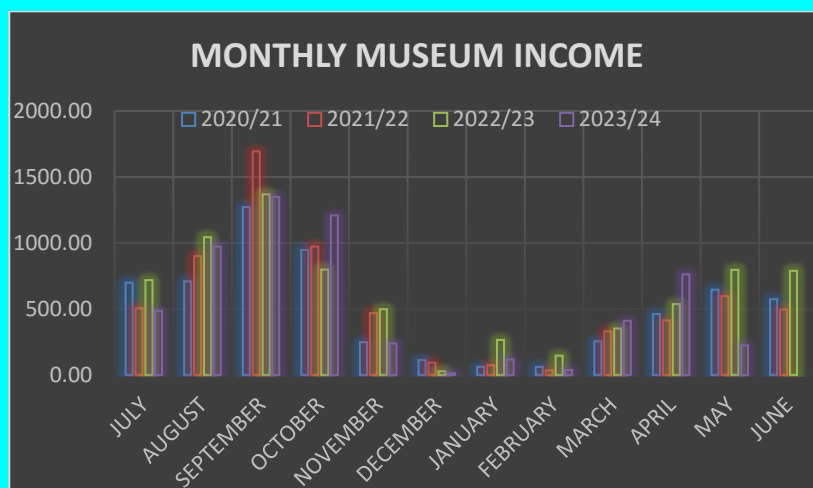
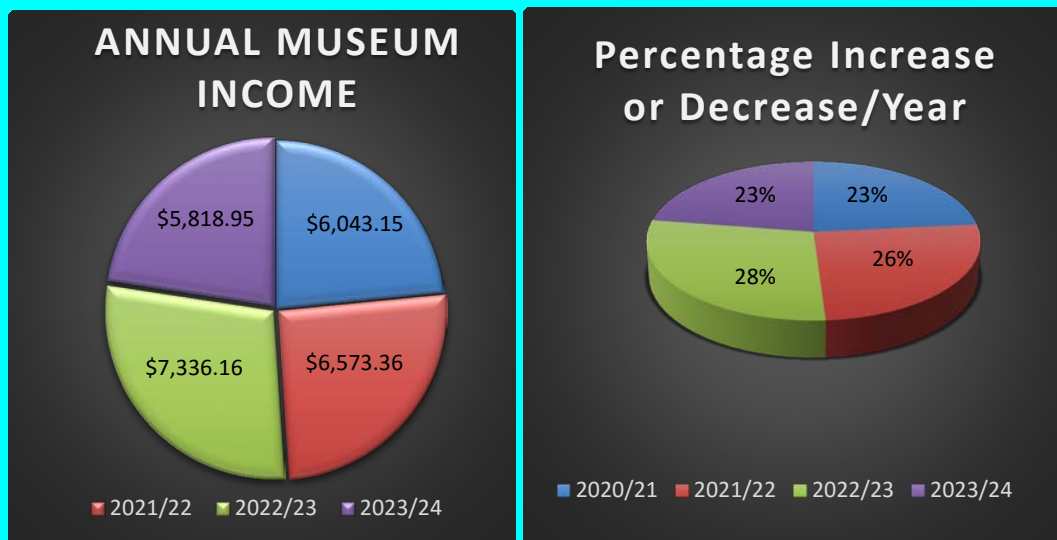
RECENT PROJECTS

- Old Truck modification for farming scene and Back drop in-place.

FUTURE PROJECTS

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

STATISTICS





**WALGA Quarterly
Services Report
January to April 2024**



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Quarterly Update

National Inquiries

In addition to preparing a sector-wide submission to the Legislative Council Standing Committee Inquiry into Regional Telecommunications, WALGA is currently preparing a submission for the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability. WALGA's request to extend the deadline for the latter Inquiry to 31st May 2024 has been granted.

WALGA encourages all Local Governments to make a submission.

Economic Briefing and Development Framework Templates released

Committed to supporting our Members, WALGA offers practical assistance to Local Governments as they serve their communities. The release of WALGA's most recent Economic Briefing assists Local Governments in budgeting for the 24/25 financial year. The [Economic Development Framework](#) has also been updated and templates have been developed for [Business Cases](#) and [Economic Development Strategies](#) that can be customised. Both the Framework and templates can be found on the WALGA website.

WALGA guidance document for Council Members considering State or Federal candidacy

With the Western Australian State Election to be held in March 2025 and a Federal Election to take place within the next year, WALGA has developed a guidance document tailored for Council Members contemplating involvement in State or Federal politics. The [Guidance Document](#) can be found on the WALGA website.

WALGA's 2024 Local Government Directory

With the cooperation of the 139 Member Councils WALGA compiled, published and distributed the 2024 Local Government Directory in early April. [The Directory](#) is the ultimate one-stop resource that provides details on all Councils, including Elected Members, key statistics, contacts and resources. Hard copies are available at WALGA, and the online resource is on the WALGA website.

Upcoming WALGA Training



- Recovery Coordinators for Local Government
- Health and Safety Representatives Training Course (5 Days)
- Health and Safety Representatives Refresher Training (1 Day)
- Procurement Planning and Risk Management
- Introduction to Waste Management



Influence.

Advocacy

State Budget Hand Down & State Budget Submission

Ahead of the 2024-25 State Budget, WALGA prepared a submission to the State Government in November 2023, outlining the sector's priorities for the upcoming budget.

Priority areas included:

- Making our roads safer
- Community infrastructure for a changing population
- Climate Action
- Accelerating the transition to a circular economy
- Disaster resilient communities
- Improved services
- Better governance and oversight

As the State Budget is handed down on May 9, WALGA will release a news update on advocacy areas that have been successful and those that WALGA will continue to campaign on.

State Election Campaign

In addition to the 2024-25 State Budget Submission, WALGA has commenced the development of its 2024-25 advocacy platform and campaign. In addition to multiple media interviews, WALGA has engaged in discussions and meetings with key stakeholders, Ministers, State Government agencies, and industry associations.

Advocating for positive change

In March, WALGA hosted our annual Aboriginal Engagement Forum and assisted in launching the WA Tree Festival. Both initiatives highlight our commitment to working with our Members, stakeholders and the wider community to provide the support Local Governments need to best serve their local communities.

WALGA Wins

Long Service Leave Regulations

WALGA's collective voice assisted in the request to review the State's Long Service Leave (LSL) Regulations, which have recently been updated by the Department of Local Government, Sport, and Cultural Industries to have long service leave entitlement based on the average number of hours an employee has worked during the accrual period.

Previously, the entitlement was based on the employee's status when leave was taken. Entitlement to LSL is also now "portable" within the Local Government sector. WALGA is pleased that the State Government has carried out a review of the sector's Long Service Leave Regulations, having sought clarity since 2013.

ARENA funding

WALGA has been working with Local Governments for nearly two years to develop the ARENA (Australian Renewable Energy Agency) Project which was announced in March 2024 by the Minister for Climate Change and Energy the Hon. Chris Bowen. This project is the first of its kind, bringing together the buying power of Local Government to reduce costs associated with transition to EVs and ensure knowledge sharing across the sector. Twenty two Local Governments across the State have committed to spending \$7.68m to roll out 129 Battery Electric Vehicles to replace existing petrol and diesel vehicles.

Taking the lead to protect mature trees on private land

In March, WALGA released a new Model Local Planning Policy (LPP) to support Local Governments to stem the loss of tree canopy cover in urban areas across Western Australia. Councils can adopt the Model Local Planning Policy Tree Retention, which will clarify whether tree removal (or other tree damaging activity) is work that requires development approval. The LPP aims to provide a consistent approach to preserve trees at all stages of the planning and development process, including strategic planning proposals and subdivision applications, as well as development applications.

Support.

Key Statistics: Shire of Westonia



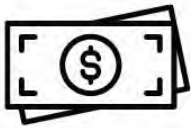
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Employee
Relations queries



5

procurement advice transactions



\$ 36,290

estimated PSP quarterly
spend



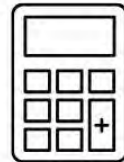
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Training Courses Attended



\$41,585

Local Government House Trust
value



Tax Advisory Service

supporting Local
Government tax compliance

WALGA Contacts



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From: [Bill Price](#)
To: [Chantelle Pedrotti](#)
Subject: FW: Westonia | Town Water Pressure
Date: Friday, 10 May 2024 7:47:58 AM

From: Kathy Balt <Kathy.Balt@watercorporation.com.au>
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2024 4:23 PM
To: Bill Price <ceo@westonia.wa.gov.au>
Subject: Westonia | Town Water Pressure

Hi Bill,

Just to keep you informed, we just had a meeting regarding the water pressure in Westonia and the meeting agreed that a number of pressure data loggers will be placed throughout the town next Friday (10th May). The loggers will be left in situ for a week and then the data will be analysed. Our Team Leader Operations Engineering, Chep Smith will be installing them himself and analysing the data.

Chep will liaise with the property owner on the day as the water will be turned off for a few minutes while he installs the logger.

Bill, are there any particular hot spots you would be keen to see a data logger installed?

In the background our operators will check the valve configuration from the offtake point to the town.

To give time for the data loggers to gather information and the data to be analysed, we have convened another meeting for Friday, 24th May to discuss the results and next steps.

I will get back to you again after that meeting.

I will however see you next Tuesday as I will be with the team giving you an update on the Goldfields Pipeline Upgrade project.

Have a great weekend

Kath

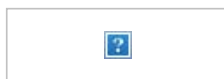
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From: Bill Price <ceo@westonia.wa.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 8:56 AM
To: Kathy Balt <Kathy.Balt@watercorporation.com.au>
Subject: RE: Westonia Townsite - Petition Dissatisfaction Town Water Pressure

Cheers for update

From: Kathy Balt <Kathy.Balt@watercorporation.com.au>

From: [Bill Price](#)
To: [Chantelle Pedrotti](#)
Subject: FW: Wheatbelt Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants - Round 7 now open!
Date: Friday, 10 May 2024 7:49:13 AM

From: Rex Drabik <Rex.Drabik@wheatbelt.wa.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2024 4:17 PM
Subject: Wheatbelt Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants - Round 7 now open!



Are you seeking funding to support a local economic development project?

If so, Round 7 of the **Wheatbelt Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants program** is now open for applications.

The RED Grants program is a State Government initiative aimed at stimulating economic development and diversification in regional WA. The program is delivered locally by the Wheatbelt Development Commission, with support from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

Up to \$250,000 is available for individual Wheatbelt projects that:

- Support sustainable jobs
- Enhance productivity
- Build skills and capabilities
- Promote industry expansion or diversification
- Attract new investment into the region

Check out the program guidelines and eligibility on the [Wheatbelt Development Commission website](#) or give us a call to discuss your project proposal. The Commission can be contacted by phone on (08) 9622 7222 or email grants@wheatbelt.wa.gov.au

Applications must be submitted online using the SmartyGrants application form link available on the Commission's website.

Applications for Round 7 close at 5pm on 26 June 2024.



From: [Bill Price](#)
To: [Chantelle Pedrotti](#)
Subject: FW: Invitation to present to RDA Wheatbelt Committee and dinner - Westonia
Date: Friday, 10 May 2024 7:48:08 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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From: Pippa Harris <admin@rdawheatbelt.com.au>
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 11:03 AM
To: Bill Price <ceo@westonia.wa.gov.au>; ceo@yilgarn.wa.gov.au; ceo@nungarin.wa.gov.au
Cc: Josh Pomykala <josh.pomykala@rdawheatbelt.com.au>
Subject: Invitation to present to RDA Wheatbelt Committee and dinner - Westonia

Dear Mr Price, Mr Warren and Mr Halse

Regional Development Australia Wheatbelt Inc only meets face to face four times a year and we aim to have committee meetings around the region as much as possible.

We extend an invitation for you and Councillors Crees, Della Bosca and de Lacy to join the Committee at a working lunch on Wednesday 12th June 2024. We also offer an opportunity to then present an update on opportunities and issues facing your Shires and initiatives taken to tackle the challenges. This could be a verbal or PowerPoint presentation.

A further invitation is extended for you to join the Committee and Staff for dinner, as our guests.

If you would kindly rsvp by Friday 31st May for catering and scheduling.

Wednesday 12th June 2024 - Westonia

Westonia Council Chambers, 31 Wolfram St, Westonia. T: 6046 7063

- 12 Noon - Lunch
- 12.30 pm – Shire’s Westonia, Yilgarn, Nungarin presentation (20 minutes each)
- 1.30 pm – RDA Wheatbelt meeting Commences

6.00 pm drinks for 6.30 Dinner with guests at the Westonia Pub/Motel/Tavern. 39 Wolfram St, Westonia T: 9046 7012

Kind regards
Pippa

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Our **vision** is to actively shape the future of the Wheatbelt region. We commit to our **mission** of collaborating across communities, advocating with key decision makers and harnessing innovation to create local opportunity, growth and impact, because our **purpose** is to be the Wheatbelt’s voice to Federal Government to facilitate social and economic development.

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From: [Bill Price](#)
To: [Chantelle Pedrotti](#)
Subject: FW: Intellectual Freedom Policy
Date: Friday, 10 May 2024 7:49:27 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Janet Deegan <janet.deegan@slwa.wa.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2024 10:06 AM
To: Bill Price <ceo@westonia.wa.gov.au>
Subject: Intellectual Freedom Policy

Bill Price
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Westonia

26 April 2024

Dear Bill

I am writing to inform you that the Library Board of Western Australia has approved an Intellectual Freedom Policy.

Intellectual freedom is the freedom to seek, receive and impart information without restriction within the context of the law. Across the democratic world, there are increasing calls to ban books, library programs and even the defunding of community library services.

Freedom of access to information and freedom of expression are cornerstones of democratic society and core professional values for librarians. Banning books and programs in libraries undermines the principles of free speech, intellectual freedom, stifles the exchange of ideas and limits access to knowledge and diverse perspectives.

The Library Board and State Library strongly support intellectual freedom and the policy, which is attached for your information, can be used to support responses to remove materials or ban programs. The State Library can offer support and assistance to local public libraries responding to any requests they receive. The initial contact for advice and assistance is Janet Deegan, Public Library Liaison Librarian, 9427 3162 or email janet.deegan@slwa.wa.gov.au

Yours sincerely

Catherine Clark
CEO and State Librarian

STATE LIBRARY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM POLICY

Purpose

Intellectual freedom is the freedom to seek, receive and impart information without restriction within the context of the law. The policy outlines how the State Library of Western Australia addresses its responsibilities to intellectual freedom.

Scope

The policy:

- applies to all State Library staff, volunteers and members of the Library Board of Western Australia;
- encompasses the content of collections the State Library offers to the public and its services, events, programs and exhibitions; and
- relates to the use of State Library venues.

Context

Intellectual freedom is a fundamental human right. Everyone has the right to seek, receive and impart information and ideas. These rights are enshrined in international human rights instruments to which Australia is a signatory and are essential for a democratic society and culture (see Supporting Documents section below).

The policy is based on the premise that a key responsibility of libraries is to oppose any infringement on intellectual freedom. To this end, the State Library collects and makes available the widest variety of ideas and knowledge, reflecting the diversity of Western Australian communities.

Principles

Equitable access

Everyone should have same opportunity to seek, receive and impart information no matter their age, gender, race, religion, disability, cultural identity, sexuality, language, socioeconomic status, political allegiance or social viewpoint.

Anyone may enter the State Library either in person or online and expect to receive the same level of service. Exceptions to this are people who have been asked to leave for not abiding by the Library Use Policy or excluded from entering under the Library Board (State Library) Regulations 1956.

Freedom of opinion and expression

The right to freedom of opinion is the right to access, hold and express opinions, without exception or restriction (within the law).

State Library collections are developed to be inclusive, without censorship or bias, to represent the diversity of our community and create a sense of belonging and connection, while recognising the colonial bias of its historic materials.

State Library events and programs express a range of different viewpoints. Clients should be able to explore a topic from all sides to form their own opinion.

The State Library provides a variety of venues for hire. Supporting intellectual freedom, anyone may apply to hire a venue as outlined in the Library's Venue Hire Policy.

Privacy

State Library clients have the right to privacy. The Library's Privacy Policy and Privacy Statement sets out the way client's personal information is collected, stored and made available.

Freedom from censorship

Censorship is the suppression of ideas, no matter how they are expressed, whether it is the written word, speech or images.

The State Library doesn't promote or discourage particular viewpoints and generally does not censor material, except where State and Federal law restricts access to materials.

The State and Local Government Agreement for the Provision of Public Library Services in Western Australia establishes the way in which State and Local Governments work together to deliver public library services across the State. One of the guiding principles of the agreement states, "Access to information and ideas, free of censorship and the influence of sectional interests, will be unrestricted, within legal and regulatory obligations."

The State Library filters some content retrieved through its public internet connections and wifi service.

Recognising that content filtering is a form of censorship, access to the following types of internet content may be restricted: • content restricted by law (State and Federal), • pornography, • sites that offer gambling; and • sites that facilitate the unauthorised sharing of copyrighted materials.

The Library will consider requests for specific websites to be unblocked if they are acceptable for members of the general public.

The State Library welcomes families and young people to use its facilities, collections and services. The selection of heritage and general collection items is not influenced by the possibility that children might view them. The supervision of reading and viewing activities and attendance at library programs by children and young people under 18 is primarily the responsibility of their parent or caregiver.

Aboriginal self determination

The State Library acknowledges that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander self-determination is a human right enshrined in the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to which Australia is a signatory. In particular, the State Library supports Article 13 that states, "Indigenous peoples have the right to revitalise, use, develop and transmit to future generations their histories, languages, oral traditions, philosophies, writing systems and literatures, and to designate and retain their own names for communities, places and persons."

The State Library acknowledges the colonial origins of many of its collections and will work with Aboriginal people and communities to reverse and repair harm, identify and sustain cultural knowledge and preserve its integrity and value.

Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Library Board of Western Australia that:

The State Library supports the right of all Western Australians to access information within the law regardless of age, gender, race, religion, disability, cultural identity, sexuality, language, socioeconomic status, political allegiance or social viewpoint.

The State Library is committed to the principles of equitable access, freedom of expression, freedom from censorship, privacy and Aboriginal self determination.

Responsibility for this document

Chief Executive Officer and State Librarian (content) All State Library staff (implementation)

References

All these documents can be found by searching the State Library's website. • Privacy Policy • Privacy Statement • Library Use Policy • Client Code of Conduct • Membership Terms and Conditions • Collection Strategy • State and Local Government Agreement for the Provision of Public Library Services in Western Australia • Freedom of Information (guide applications under the Freedom of Information Act 1992) • Public Internet Access Guideline • Venue Hire Policy • Copyright Takedown Position Statement

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COURSE OUTLINE: MEETING PROCEDURES

Program Overview: Participating effectively in meetings is a critical aspect of being an Elected Member - meetings are said to be the 'bread and butter' of your role.

You will learn to analyse and interpret information, as well as gain valuable insight in how to collaborate with other elected members to make informed strategic decisions.

This course focuses on providing comprehensive knowledge of how to be fully prepared for a meeting; meeting procedures and high level debating techniques.

Learning Outcomes: As a result of completing this course, participants should be able to:

- Critically read agendas and evaluate Local Government officer reports
- Understand and be able to correctly use procedural motions and effectively raise 'points of order'
- Demonstrate skills as a chair within legal and ethical requirements
- Understand the importance of checking and confirming the minutes
- Use knowledge of meeting procedures to move, second or foreshadow motions, use correct amendment rules where appropriate and take the right of reply; and
- Participate confidently in Council and committee meetings.

Who Should Attend: Suitable for both newly elected and returning Elected Members.

Duration: 1 day (9:00am – 4:30pm)

SESSION TIMES

- Start: 9.00am
- Morning Tea: 10.30am
- Lunch: 12.30pm
- Afternoon Tea: 2.30pm
- Conclude: 4.30pm

COURSE RESOURCES

Prior to the course you will receive a box of training resources which includes the following material. If you have not received the training resources 3 days prior the course, please inform WALGA Training as soon as possible.

- Name-cards
- Pens and notepads
- Learner Guide
- Presenter folder
- Any additional printed course handouts/resources

Please ensure all participants bring along a digital device to log onto our eLearning hub (MOODLE) to access any digital resources required on the day.

ROOM REQUIREMENTS AND SET UP

The training venue is to be arranged by the **Local Government** prior to the commencement of the training session with the following to assist the trainer to commence in a timely manner.

- Setup room in a U-shape if possible
- Setup and test all IT requirements such as computer, overhead projector and screen
- Ensure a whiteboard with markers are available and flip chart (if possible)
- Layout course materials e.g. learner guides, handouts, name tags, notepad and pens to assist punctual start.
- Set up water, tea and coffee facilities and lunch.

Please also ensure that **current COVID-19 restrictions are adhered to** and that the venue being utilised has the capacity to comfortably fit the maximum number of participants to allow for workshop activities and group work. Current information can be found on the WALGA website by clicking [here](#).

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Friday, 10 May

Good morning,

Yesterday the State Government handed down their 2024/25 Budget.

In the lead-up to the announcements, WALGA advocated on behalf of our 139 Member Local Governments through the development and promotion of our State Budget Submission.

WALGA's submission, published in November 2023, contained initiatives that Local Governments and the communities they represent consider to be priority areas for investment.

These initiatives were consistent with the sector's aspirations to enhance community well-being and enable economic prosperity.

I would like to assure Members that as well as circulating our State Budget Submission 2024/25, WALGA undertook a number of meetings with key decision makers, enacted events, social media activity and advocated at every opportunity.

We acknowledge the support of Local Government initiatives including:

- The Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Funding (CSRFF) allocated an additional \$6.7 million to enable Local Government and community groups to deliver a further 35 sport and recreation projects across WA that were deemed eligible for support but not previously provided due to program funding constraints.
- The Perth and Peel Urban Greening Strategy was allocated an additional \$2.9 million in 2024/25 to raise awareness and identify policy measures to enhance tree

canopy and green spaces across the Perth and Peel regions. This compliments the existing \$3.6 million Urban Greening Grants program administered by WALGA.

- The Office of the Local Government Inspector will be established within the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries with funding of \$702,000 in 2024/25.
- The Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) has been allocated \$32.5 million from 2023/24 to 2027/28 to meet additional demand and costs; and
- Five important regional airstrips managed by Local Governments in Carnarvon, Onslow, Albany, Kununurra and Eucla have received funding of \$21.3 million.

However, WALGA is somewhat frustrated that despite a multi-billion dollar surplus the Government has missed the opportunity to invest in other community priorities outlined in our submission.

This includes more funding to support our bushfire volunteers and keep our communities safe through Emergency Management funding, more Community Emergency Services Managers (CESMs), the renewal of our ageing libraries, the upgrade of arts and cultural facilities across the State, addressing coastal erosion and improving child safeguarding measures.

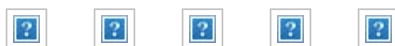
I'd like to thank all our Members, stakeholders, and WALGA Staff who through the State Budget Submission and their everyday efforts to support their local community, advocated for these key areas, enhancing community wellbeing and economic prosperity.

Going forward, we will continue to leverage the collective strength and influence of the Local Government sector for the benefit of WA Local Governments and their communities, as well as developing our 2024/25 State Election campaign.

For the full State Budget summary and how the 2024/25 Budget impacts Western Australian Local Governments, I encourage you to visit <https://walga.asn.au/state-budget>

Yours sincerely,

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