



INFORMATION BULLETIN

January 2012

Note: the Shire of Yalgoo Information Bulletin is posted the week before the Council Agenda

Refer Council Resolution C2011-0316

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1. Councillor Calendar

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Day	Date/s	Event	Comment
Thursday	16 February 2012	10.30am Presentation: Shire of Yalgoo Community Study: Overview of key findings Amma Buckley PhD, Senior Research Fellow, Curtin University 11.00am Ordinary Council Meeting	Yalgoo Council Chambers
Tuesday	28 February 2012	2.30pm for 3.00pm Fire Debrief & BBQ	Railway Complex Yalgoo
Wednesday	29 February 2012	11.00am ERM Workshop (Emergency Risk Management) for the LEMC	Railway Complex Yalgoo
Tuesday	6 March 2012	10:00am Murchison Regional Vermin Council	Council Chambers @ Mt Magnet
Thursday	22 March 2012	11.00am Ordinary Council Meeting	Yalgoo Council Chambers
Tuesday – Thursday	27-29 March 2012	Indigenous Councillors Workshop (Department of Local Government)	The Vines, Perth
Tuesday	3 April 2012	10:00am Murchison Regional Vermin Council	Council Chambers @ Mt Magnet
Saturday	7 April 2012	Yalgoo Gymkhana	Yalgoo Racecourse
Saturday	14 April 2011	Yalgoo Races	Yalgoo Racecourse
Thursday	19 April 2012	11.00am Ordinary Council Meeting	Yalgoo Council Chambers
Tuesday	24 April 2012	11.00am LEMC Meeting	Railway Complex Yalgoo
Friday	11 May 2012	WALGA Zone Meeting of Murchison - "Cue Parliament"	Shire of Cue Council Chambers
Friday	11 May 2012	10:00am Murchison Regional Vermin Council	Council Chambers @ Mt Magnet
Thursday	24 May 2012	11.00am Ordinary Council Meeting	Paynes Find
TBA	June/July 2012	WALGA Annual Conference	Perth
Tuesday	5 June 2012	10:00am Murchison Regional Vermin Council	Council Chambers @ Mt Magnet
Thursday	21 June 2012	11.00am Ordinary Council Meeting	Yalgoo Council Chambers

Day	Date/s	Event	Comment
Thursday	19 July 2012	11.00am Ordinary Council Meeting	Yalgoo Council Chambers
Thursday	23 August 2012	11.00am Ordinary Council Meeting	Yalgoo Council Chambers
Thursday	20 September 2012	11.00am Ordinary Council Meeting	Paynes Find
Tuesday	25 September 2012	11.00am LEMC Meeting	Railway Complex Yalgoo
Thursday	18 October 2012	11.00am Ordinary Council Meeting	Yalgoo Council Chambers
TBA	November 2012	Murchison Country Zone Meeting of WALGA - "Cue Parliament"	Shire of Cue Council Chambers
Thursday	22 November 2012	11.00am Ordinary Council Meeting	Yalgoo Council Chambers
Thursday	12 December 2012	11.00am Ordinary Council Meeting	Yalgoo Council Chambers

2. Introduction

Information Bulletin (NB: refer white pages for index and documents)

The Shire receives an extremely high volume of information every month.

This document contains information that is of relevance or interest to elected members but will not generally be presented for a council decision.

Local Governments are routinely invited to comment on state level legislative and policy matters. Given our small size and limited staff resources, the CEO will not always prepare a response and will base this decision on:

- Expertise – does the Shire have staff with relevant expertise on the matter?
- Time & quality – do staff have time to prepare a properly researched agenda paper and recommendation?
- Relevance – how relevant is the outcome of the matter to Shire operations?
- Impact – what is the likelihood that the time and effort required to prepare a submission will be rewarded by real impact on the decision making process?

If an elected member wishes Council to consider making a decision on a particular matter, the elected member should bring the matter to the attention of the CEO or President via a Councillor Information Request to enable the CEO to prepare an agenda item and recommendation for Council to consider.

Alternatively, the elected member may choose to raise the matter by giving notice of motion.

You will find the Information Bulletin index and documents in the white page section.

Executive Activity Reports

Executive activity reports are prepared to inform elected members of progress on Council projects and activities.

Whilst operational matters should not be discussed at Council meetings, Councillors may wish to ask questions of clarification.

Councillors are encouraged to contact the CEO or relevant staff member to resolve queries before the Council meeting.

Excerpts from Local Government Act - Roles of Elected Members and Staff

Excerpts downloaded February 2011

2.8. Role of mayor or president

- (1) The mayor or president —
- (a) presides at meetings in accordance with this Act;
 - (b) provides leadership and guidance to the community in the district;
 - (c) carries out civic and ceremonial duties on behalf of the local government;
 - (d) speaks on behalf of the local government;
 - (e) performs such other functions as are given to the mayor or president by this Act or any other written law; and
 - (f) liaises with the CEO on the local government's affairs and the performance of its functions.

2.10. Role of councillors

- A councillor —
- (a) represents the interests of electors, ratepayers and residents of the district;
 - (b) provides leadership and guidance to the community in the district;
 - (c) facilitates communication between the community and the council;
 - (d) participates in the local government's decision making processes at council and committee meetings; and
 - (e) performs such other functions as are given to a councillor by this Act or any other written law.

5.41. Functions of CEO

- The CEO's functions are to —
- (a) advise the council in relation to the functions of a local government under this Act and other written laws;
 - (b) ensure that advice and information is available to the council so that informed decisions can be made;
 - (c) cause council decisions to be implemented;
 - (d) manage the day to day operations of the local government;
 - (e) liaise with the mayor or president on the local government's affairs and the performance of the local government's functions;
 - (f) speak on behalf of the local government if the mayor or president agrees;
 - (g) be responsible for the employment, management supervision, direction and dismissal of other employees (subject to section *5.37(2) in relation to senior employees);
 - (h) ensure that records and documents of the local government are properly kept for the purposes of this Act and any other written law; and
 - (i) perform any other function specified or delegated by the local government or imposed under this Act or any other written law as a function to be performed by the CEO.

** 5.37 (2) requires the CEO to inform the Council of each proposal to employ or dismiss an employee filling a position that the Council has designated under 5.37 (1), currently DCEO, EHO and Works Foreman. This does not apply to a person acting in the position for less than a year, or employed in the position for less than 3 months in any 2 year period.*

3. Reports

Works and Services

Works and Services Report January 2012

Prepared by Ron Adams, Project Executive

Item	Activity this Month	Planned for Next Month
Roads and Streets	▪	▪
Plant and Equipment	▪ EOY Maintenance	▪
Parks & Gardens	▪ Mowed Parks	▪ Induct New Gardener
Waste Management	▪	▪
Infrastructure (minor)	▪	▪
Health and Safety	▪ Workshop Audit	▪ Schedule First Aid Training
Ranger Services	▪ Removal of Feral Cats	▪
Bush Fire Brigade	▪ Fire Activity	▪
Vandalism & Security	▪	▪
Other	▪	▪ Continue Flood Damage Restoration – Gabyon, Tardie Rds

Major Capital Projects

FCWP #	Project	Status/ Comments	Activity this reporting period
BD003	Capital Works Shire Housing	▪	▪ Scope Works to Shamrock & Selwyn St Homes
BD004	Town Sewerage Upgrade	▪ Preliminary Works with EHO	▪ Lodge Business Case for MWIP Funding
BD006	Hall Refurbishment	▪ Installed Cupboards	▪ Complete Toilet Area & Clean Up
BD008	Staff Housing Gibbons St	▪ Built to move-in status	▪ Cost Finishings (Landscaping)
BD008	Staff Housing Weekes St	▪	▪
BD009	Refurbish Parks and Gardens Work Depot	▪	▪
BD012	Works Depot: Replace Workshop	▪	▪
CA002	Caravan Park Redevelopment	▪ Design Work	▪ Concept Design to Council for Approval
OP001	Payne's Find Airstrip	▪	▪ Fire Shed Construction at Community Centre

FCWP #	Project	Status/ Comments	Activity this reporting period
OP002	Yalgoo Airstrip	▪	▪
OS003	Payne's Find Beautification/Rest Area	▪	▪
OS006	Cemetery: Gazebo, Niche Wall and Gates	▪	▪
RB001	Yalgoo-Morawa Road Seal 4km	▪	▪
RB002	Yalgoo-Ningham Road Seal 4km	▪	▪
RB003	Yalgoo-Ningham Road Repair and Seal	▪ Commenced Repairs	▪
RB004	Yalgoo-Morawa Road re sheet and form 4km	▪ Commenced	▪ Continue Forming
RB005	Yalgoo-Ningham Road re sheet and form 4km	▪	▪
RB008	Blackspot projects: Great Northern Hwy intersections	▪	▪

Use of Authority Delegated to Chief Bush Fire Control Officer

Delegation Number	Details	Use in Reporting Period
3.1 Alteration to Restricted and Prohibited Burning Periods <i>Bush Fire Control Act 1954 s.17 (7) – 11)</i>	Joint delegation to CBFCO and President	

Environmental Health and Building Services

Environmental Health, Building and Development Report January 2012

Prepared by William Atyeo, Environment Health and Building Officer

Activity Report

Item	Activity this Month	Planned for Next Month
Environmental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inspected ATU systems for disposal of effluent owned by Department of Housing. Two with problems have been reported to the Department for attention. ▪ Inspected the Yalgoo Hotel and am very pleased with the progress so far. Beds, linen, and air conditioners have been replaced mostly and the owner has raised the standard in such a short space of time. The owner indicated that there was much to be done and that he would continue along this path until he is satisfied. The owner is to be commended on the raised cleanliness standards of the rooms. Now the structure needs attention, which I am sure he will continue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepare information for business case – town sewerage system
Building Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inspection and sign-off of Extension Hill Temporary Camp. ▪ Railway Building checked for falling masonry. Appears to be structurally sound but will need monitoring. ▪ Inspection of the new Shire dwelling on Gibbons Street. Looks really good, well set out, and a real credit to the Shire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussions and inspection of Yalgoo layout with Executive and Katherine Flower regarding sewerage needs within town. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More follow-up on this matter
Town Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Venus has been requested to remove all the 200 litre storage drums (100+) from Lots 43 and 44 Campbell Street Yalgoo. ▪ Paramount Outdoor advertising sign. I have had telephone calls from 2 representatives following Council's rejection of their application and it would appear that they will be lodging an appeal with the State Administrative Tribunal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide information for SAT Hearing

Corporate Administration

Executive Report December 2011 and January 2012

Prepared by Sharon Daishe, Chief Executive Officer

State of Operations following Bushfire Emergency

Ordinary operations have been significantly interrupted and delayed due to the extended bushfire emergencies in December and January.

We were already running well behind schedule before the fires due to high staff turnover and extended periods with key staff vacancies.

Recovery and return to normal business will take quite some time particularly as most of our office staff are new and still under training and induction.

I expect that it will take a cycle of 18 to 24 months of stable staffing and no further emergencies before we have caught up on our backlog and achieved a more normal operational flow.

Presently we are concentrating on critical business and completing staff training and induction.

Many small matters, and matters of medium priority, will continue to be delayed or not attended to.

Status and Activity Report – Priority Matters

Project/ Program	Status/ Comments	Activity this reporting period
MMG Golden Grove – Yalgoo Ninghan Road negotiations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In progress. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Falling Weight Deflectometer test completed to determine the load bearing condition of the road, report prepared (Greenfields Technical Services)
Karara Mining – application for trucking on Yalgoo-Ninghan Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed. Shire declined application. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Morawa Super Town Project – Yalgoo Morawa Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaged consultant Jodie MGuire to write business case for sealing of Morawa Road in order to apply for CLGF regional component 2011/12 (nb – business case is funded externally) Meeting date conflicted with Council meeting therefore no Shire of Yalgoo representation at Super Town meeting 13 Dec
Ferrowest Option Deed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently finalising details of restrictive covenant to govern the type of construction - to discuss with Ferrowest. This matter is a high priority for completion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Project/ Program	Status/ Comments	Activity this reporting period
Human Resources	<p>Current vacancies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community & Youth Coordinator (unable to recruit until have house available) ▪ Supervisor Parks, Gardens & Town Maintenance ▪ Plant Operators x 2 <p>Note that due to the condition of staff housing awaiting renovation, 2 houses are currently available for the four positions. The plant operator positions will be deferred until housing is available, as we have access to casuals and contractors to cover these duties in the interim.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Judi Hill commenced 5 December in the position of rates and payroll (nb: day 5 of the major bushfire emergency) ▪ Re-Advertised for position of Supervisor Parks, Gardens & Town Maintenance ▪ Advised plant operators of delay in recruitment due to fire emergency ▪ Interviewed for position of DCEO; appointed Heather Boyd (commenced 30 January)
Integrated Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Yalgoo Community Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ICV (Indigenous Community Volunteer) Allan Barden travelled from Canberra to Yalgoo to prepare the RDA expression of interest. Alan arrived the day before the major bushfire emergency and was evacuated early as his accommodation was required for fire personnel. Alan was able to glean the information that he needed to proceed. ▪ Submitted Expression of Interest for Regional Development Australia (RDA – whole project) and Mid West Investment Plan (MWIP – sporting component only) ▪ RDA EOI declined, MWIP approved to proceed to business case. ▪ Allen Barden prepared draft business case for MWIP. Extension sought to 7 Feb (original due date 31 Jan).

Status and Activity Report – Other

These projects are on hold until we catch up with more pressing priorities.

Project/ Program	Status/ Comments	Activity this reporting period
Heritage – Anglican Church, Railway Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Military History Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Municipal Heritage Inventory Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Tourism Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪

Capacity Building – Staff and Elected Members (D)

The Deputy CEO will commence reporting training in the next information bulletin as the training register has not been kept up to date due to staff changeover and the fact that bushfires interrupted and delayed induction and training of new staff.

Funding Applications (D)

Following is a list of funding applications that have been submitted. Items are removed from the list after the Shire has been advised whether the application was successful or unsuccessful.

This list does not include the Shire's recurrent government funding.

Note that where funding has been approved, it does not necessarily mean that the Shire has received the money. After the application has been approved, the Shire must enter into a Funding Agreement with the grant provider. Some programs remit funds when the agreement is signed but others do not remit until the Shire has completed the project, paid all the bills, prepared a claim, had an auditor audit the claim and then submitted the audited claim (the "acquittal") with an invoice to the grant provider.

Lodged	Amount	Funding Program	Purpose	Status
31/10/11	\$270,606 (or \$405,908) ex GST Estimated total project cost is \$811,817 ex GST	CSRFF – provides for funding of 1/3rd of project cost however Shire has also applied for development bonus which if approved, will give ½ of project cost.	Sporting components of Yalgoo Community Hub including Rage Cage, BMX track, Skate Park, refurbishment of tennis court and open sided cover.	Lodged
30/11/11	\$1,162,802	Regional Development Australia – EOI (expression of interest)	Yalgoo Community Hub (full project Community & Youth Centre plus sporting)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not invited to proceed to business case
14/12/11	\$421,211 or \$285,908 (depending on CSRFF)	Mid West Investment Plan - EOI (expression of interest)	Yalgoo Community Hub – sporting component	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved to develop business case
14/12/11	\$663,000	Mid West Investment Plan - EOI (expression of interest)	Town Revitalisation – draining & sewerage component	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved to develop business case
14/12/11	\$400,000	Mid West Investment Plan - EOI (expression of interest)	Staff Housing <i>* note MWDC advised staff housing may be considered regionally so funding may be available in future</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not approved to develop business case *

Councillor Information Requests (D)

Received From	Details	Status
Cr Len Terry 31/1/12	Bring forward for discussion a reward for a staff member.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CEO will prepare recommendation to February Council meeting.

General/Other/Meetings

Item	Comment
Appeal to State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) Piesse St Sign TP 04/11	<p>Matzin Pty Ltd has appealed Council's decision (C2011-1204) to decline approval for an 8m x 2m advertising sign on Piesse Street.</p> <p>Shire President Terry Iturbide and CEO Sharon Daishe attended a directional hearing by teleconference on 25 January 2012. The senior sessional member presiding requested that further information be provided and adjourned the hearing until 16 February 2012 with an invitation for Main Roads to attend. The purpose of the directional hearing is to determine whether there are grounds for mediation, or grounds to proceed to a full SAT hearing.</p> <p>The Shire has affirmed that Council strongly opposes the currently proposed location of the sign but may be willing to consider alternative locations outside the town boundary that do not disturb the visual amenity of the townscape.</p>
CLGF Regional	Engaged

Planned for February

Item	Comment
Induct new Deputy CEO Heather Boyd	CEO will induct in general matters, FIFO finance consultant Christine Harvey will carry out the financial handover and induction. Christine will continue part time FIFO consultant and mentor until after the 2011/12 end of year and 2012/13 budget are complete in order to achieve a quality result and move into the next financial year with trained, competent staff and efficient financial processes.
Induct EA Karen Malloch	Weekend training and induction – formal minutes for binding (quality control and attend to backlog), records management
Budget Review	Accountant Sue Valoszi has been engaged to prepare the budget review. Sue received a high recommendation for her work last year on Sandstone's budget review. I have determined that Christine Harvey will not be able to achieve Heather's induction, our large general backlog and the budget review hence the decision to use Sue to ensure a quality result.
Commence Budget 2012/13 process	Community, councillor and staff requests in accordance with policy.
MWIP Business Cases	Prepare and lodge business cases for Yalgoo Community Hub (sporting component) and Town Revitalisation (sewerage and drainage)
Option Deed	Value land and confirm details of restrictive covenant (aim to present draft Option Deed to Feb or March meeting of Council)
Compliance Annual Return (CAR)	Prepare return and consider new legislative requirements for Audit Committee regarding Compliance Annual Return
Fire Debrief	Arrange internal debrief Shire staff and external debrief when FESA are available
Vince Catania	Royalties for Regions visit 6 Feb
MMG Yalgoo Ninghan Road	Meet with Greenfield's Technical Services to prepare for road negotiations
Perth 13 and 14 Feb training course and meetings (travel Sunday 12/ Wed 15)	with architects (Yalgoo Community Hub), Andrew Beer Dept Regional Development (Community Resource Centres), Sue Valoszi and Christine Harvey (budget review)
SAT Tribunal Piesse Street sign	Teleconference 9:30am 16 Feb

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Dear Mr Brown,

RE: November - December 2011 Update – Activities at the Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory (MRO)

Several ASKAP teams from Sydney travelled to the MRO for installation and commissioning works on Antenna 1, 3, 6 and 8. We now have 15 antennas assembled or in the process of being assembled at the MRO with Antennas 15 and 16 due for arrival at site from China. After AQIS (quarantine) inspections these antenna components are expected to arrive at the MRO in early January.

MRO

All 13 modules of the central site building are now at the MRO and the process of connecting them is underway. All 96 of the geothermal cooling bores have been drilled and pipes have been grouted in place. The internal MRO roads are all but finished (minor speed bumps and final drainage culverts are being installed), while the trenching for power and fibre also is close to completion (95%). For the past few weeks over 30 tradesmen have been working on the control building; fire suppression systems and the laboratories, offices and correlator room fit out.



The Control Building at the MRO Photo Credit: Brayden Briggs CSIRO

SKA Site Bid Team 8 December 2011 London

The Australian delegation headed by Patricia Kelly (Chair, Australia & New Zealand SKA Coordinating Committee - ANZSCC), Dr Brian Boyle (CSIRO SKA Director), Dr Philip

Diamond (Director, CASS) and Dr Michelle Storey (CSIRO SKA Executive Officer) travelled to London to attend the SKA interviews.

The final SKA Site Selection decision will be announced in March 2012.

Murchison Radioastronomy Support Facility (MSF) Build Tender

CSIRO plan to be co-located at the Geraldton Universities Centre (GUC) in our own purpose built facility known as the MSF. The successful tender for the build is yet to be announced. We anticipate an announcement early in the New Year.

MRO Energy Supply

The West Australian Government issued a press release on 3 November 2011, confirming funding for Horizon Power to build the MRO power station. This is excellent news ! The proposed power-plant will be a hybrid diesel/solar power station, developed by Horizon Power and based on their recent experiences with such stations for Marble Bar. For further details refer to:

<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Results.aspx?ItemID=145702>

Visitors at the MRO – 30 November 2011

Dr Carole Jackson and I hosted a visit to the MRO for a delegation from the Chinese Embassy and the Department of Innovation, Industry Science and Research (DIISR).



Dr Carole Jackson (far right) with the Chinese Embassy delegation. Photo Credit: CSIRO

Fires at Boolardy Station

At Boolardy Station we had 2 scrub fires most likely caused by lightning. Mark Halleen (Boolardy Pastoral Station Manager) and CSIRO staff successfully fought these fires. We understand that there were other fires in the Shire of Murchison, also most likely to be caused by lightning.

Murchison Shire Council Meeting 18 November 2011

Barry Turner (MRO / MSF Site Manager) provided an update on the ASKAP Project to the Council. He also presented the update CSIRO - Murchison Shire Council Actions and Issues List for their consideration.

I would like to thank Mike Sully for all his help, support and interest. We appreciate the work Mike and the Council has put into helping CSIRO, ASKAP and Australia's SKA bid. We wish Mike well in his future position !

Cue Parliament – November 2011

Barry Turner (MRO / MSF Site Manger) provided an update on the ASKAP Project at the November meeting.

Alex Joins the Geraldton Team!

Alex Harding (Electrical Technician) joined the Geraldton team on 22 November 2011. Alex is multi-skilled and aside from being a qualified electrician, he also has qualifications in refrigeration and air conditioning, automotive air conditioning and grid connect solar power. Alex and his young family have relocated from Launceston Tasmania to Geraldton Western Australia. We welcome Alex and his family!
This takes our total staff numbers at Geraldton to 9.

Photo Credit: CSIRO

Christmas Closure

The Geraldton Office will be closed from Friday 23 December 2011 and reopens on Tuesday 2 January 2012. For urgent inquiries during this period, please contact me on (02) 9372-4101 or 0437 861 063.

On behalf of CSIRO, I extend my best wishes for the festive season to all of you and your families in the Murchison and the Mid West. I look forward to seeing many of you during 2012, when I will be attending more community meetings around the mid-west to talk about ASKAP and the MRO.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, Priscilla Clayton (08) 9956 8550 or Barry Turner on (02) 9490 5183 or 0400 192 519 in Geraldton if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ant Schinckel'.

Ant Schinckel
ASKAP Theme Leader and Director
CSIRO Astronomy & Space Science

19 December 2011



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Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests

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Cr Terry Iturbide
President
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Dear Cr Iturbide

COMPLIANCE FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the Department of Local Government's new Compliance Framework. The Framework has been developed to provide the local government sector, and the community at large, with information about how the Department of Local Government addresses compliance with the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Developed in consultation with the local government sector and other stakeholders, the Compliance Framework is a high level document which is aimed at providing transparency and certainty to local governments about the Department's compliance role.

The Framework is not a new approach to compliance, nor does it seek to impose additional compliance requirements. It provides information about how the Department will respond to compliance matters and certainty on how complaints made against the sector (or individuals within it) are managed, including the Department's compliance model, approach, tactics and responses.

The Framework gives insight into the manner in which the Department provides graduated responses on compliance, according to the level of risk or seriousness associated with the compliance issue being dealt with.

The compliance model assumes that the sector will, by and large, comply or seek to comply with their statutory obligations. For this reason, not all compliance issues can be responded to in the same way and the Department's tactics can range from education and information, to complaint investigations and statutory inquiries.

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In order to support the approach being implemented, the Department is establishing a pool of suitably qualified investigators, who can be contacted on an 'as required' basis to assist with complex and/or major investigations. It is expected that this approach will improve the timeframes for completion of those investigations.

Quarterly governance round tables will also be coordinated by the Department to better engage with the sector on compliance issues. The first roundtable has been held. The round tables involve representatives from the Western Australian Local Government Association, Local Government Mangers Australia (WA Division) and key departmental staff.

In the future, the Department will be publishing governance updates to provide the sector with compliance and related information as part of the advice, education and support functions.

Please direct any questions you may have about the Compliance Framework to Brad Jolly, Executive Director Governance and Legislation on (08) 6552 1436 or brad.jolly@dlg.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



G M (John) Castrilli MLA
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22 November 2011

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cc Chief Executive Officer
 Shire of Yalgoo

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Issue # 37 20 December

This Week's Headlines

- A Christmas Message
- Vacancies on Boards and Committees
- 2012 New Councillor Seminar

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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Across Western Australia, families everywhere will stop working and will gather together to celebrate Christmas and the Christmas story, or at the very least will down tools and enjoy the break from work and hopefully get some time to relax.

On behalf of the team at WALGA I would like to wish you and your family peace and goodwill over this festive season. If you are travelling on holidays – that you remain safe and that most of all it's a time of joy and relaxation for you. It has been an extremely busy year for most Local Government people with many challenges just to test our mettle and commitment to the sector. Next year promises to be just as demanding and with plenty of challenges so it's time to get some well-earned rest.

The WALGA team join me in thanking you for your support over the year and look forward to working with you in 2012.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Association is pleased to announce that nominations are now being sought for the following vacancies:

- Standards Panel
- State Library Board
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The following vacancies are being 're-advertised' to fill additional positions on each committee:

- Alliance for the Prevention of Elder Abuse
- WA Planning Commission
- WAPC Sustainable Transport Committee
- WAPC Gascoyne Regional Planning Committee
- WAPC Kimberley Regional Planning Committee
- WAPC Peel Regional Planning Committee
- WAPC Pilbara Regional Planning Committee

Nominees are required to submit a completed nomination form, statement addressing the selection criteria and short curriculum vitae (2 pages maximum) before the close of nominations which is 5:00pm **Monday, 9 January 2012**. Nomination Forms are available from <http://www.walga.asn.au/about/policy/governance/vacancies>.

For more information contact Executive Officer Governance and Strategy, Janet Done, on (08) 9213 2013 or jdone@walga.asn.au

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2012 NEW COUNCILLOR SEMINAR

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Details of the seminar are:

- Date: Thursday, **2 February**.
- Time: 2.00pm to 6.30pm
- Venue: Ascot Quays
15 Great Eastern Hwy, Ascot
- Cost: \$154 (inc GST)

The cost of the seminar includes a tea break and the Sundowner.

For further information or to register please contact Marketing and Events Officer, Emily Ferguson, on 9213 2097 or email eferguson@walga.asn.au



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Issue # 1 4 January

This Week's Headlines

- 2012
- Last Chance to Nominate
- Bushfire Preparedness
- Happy for Some; But Not for Others

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2012

The WALGA team send you best wishes for the coming year and hope that you might get a chance to drop in to the WALGA office when you are in the City. We make good coffee/tea and would like the opportunity to introduce you to some of the team.

The WALGA Executive Managers are – **Wayne Scheggia**, Deputy CEO; **Tony Brown**, Executive Manager, Governance & Strategy; **Zac Donovan**, Executive Manager, Marketing & Communications; **Nick Wood**, Executive Manager, Business Solutions; **John Phillips**, Executive Manager, Workplace Solutions, **Ian Duncan**, Executive Manager, Infrastructure; **Mark Batty**, Executive Manager, Environment & Waste and **Allison Hailes**, Executive Manager, Planning and Community Development. Ask for them by name and they'd love to show you around, meet the team and join you for a coffee if you've got the time.

LAST CHANCE TO NOMINATE

The Association is seeking nominations for the following vacancies and if you are interested in applying you will need to submit your nomination by 5pm Monday, **9 January 2012** for:

- Standards Panel
- State Library Board

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BUSHFIRE PREPAREDNESS

We weren't successful in convincing the State Government that they should support WALGA with funding to enable a scoping study to be undertaken in an effort to understand what needs to be done in Local Government's area of responsibility to increase our bushfire preparedness and fire fighting capacity.

This is still a work in progress and we will endeavour to identify funds from other sources and if possible undertake a specific item of work; identifying and mapping fuel load is currently being considered.

HAPPY FOR SOME; BUT NOT SO FOR OTHERS

I heard today of a number of people who didn't much enjoy Christmas because they found this time of year unbearably painful. One colleague of mine sent a message that said '*not much of a Christmas person myself – too many ghosts I guess*'.

In your role as Councillor you are bound to come across people who are depressed, or colleagues will tell you of someone who is depressed. Depression is more than just a low mood – it's a serious illness. People who are depressed are not always easy to help because often they are disinterested, lack energy and motivation, can be irritable, and may not see the point of doing anything.

Some people are not used to talking much – especially about themselves, so even getting a conversation going can be difficult. I became aware of a really terrific resource book for Good Mental Health called '*Taking Care of Yourself and Your Family*' by John Ashfield. This is a free book and available through the Beyondblue organisation.

You can order by visiting their website www.beyondblue.org.au under [Get Information](#)... It might be useful to have a couple of copies on hand so that you can pass them on if you find someone you think could do with a kind word and a very useful book on looking after themselves and family.

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This Week's Headlines

- Meeting with Transport Minister
- Metropolitan Local Government Review Forum
- 2012 New Councillor Seminar

MEETING WITH TRANSPORT MINISTER

Representatives from the Association met with the Minister of Transport, Housing and Emergency Services, the Hon Troy Buswell MLA on Tuesday and discussed a range of issues including;

- Grain Freight
- Road Funding
- State Budget Submission

Whilst the meeting focused on the Transport portfolio, the Minister indicated a strong desire to meet again on other issues associated with his portfolio, particularly emergency services.

The Minister indicated he was developing a new proposal for capital funding of critical local and State road infrastructure and acknowledge our concerns about maintenance funding in the wider context.

He was very supportive of Local Governments being utilised to construct road projects where capacity exists.

For further information, please contact Executive Manager Infrastructure, Ian Duncan on 9213 2031 or email iduncan@walga.asn.au.

METROPOLITAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW FORUM

The Association will be hosting a Metropolitan Local Government Review Forum for the Mayor/President, CEO and one other Elected Member of Metropolitan Local Governments on Monday, **16 January 2012**, 9:30am at Ascot Racecourse, 70 Grandstand Road, Ascot.

The forum will consider a number of models for good Local Government in the context of metropolitan Perth. It is not intended for boundary maps to be identified rather the development of a framework for Local Governance.

Following the Forum the Association will finalise its draft submission to the Review Panel. The draft submission will be sent to Zones prior to State Council endorsement at a special meeting to be held on Monday, **30 January 2012**.

For further details on the forum and the Zone/State Council process please contact Executive Manager Governance & Strategy, Tony Brown on 9213 2051 or email tbrown@walga.asn.au

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This Week's Headlines

- Metropolitan Local Government Review Forum
- New WALGA Building Name
- Have Your Say Now!

METROPOLITAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM FORUM

WALGA conducted a forum of more than 70 leaders from metropolitan Local Governments at Ascot Racecourse on Monday, 16 January 2012. The forum included representatives from all but one of the State's metropolitan Local Governments. The forum was held to assist WALGA determine a sector-preferred model to include in its submission to the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel.

Forum participants considered four models ranging from a simple refinement of the current structure through to a single-council model but had a strong preference for the two models that reinforced strategic cooperation. The Forum has recommended a preferred future for the sector that would reinforce strategic cooperation and could reduce the number of Councils.

The two preferred models will be considered by the President's Advisory Group in order to recommend a position for endorsement from the WALGA Zones and State Council and then submission to the Panel. The agenda item for Zone and State Council consideration, will be prepared and distributed on Friday 20 January 2012.

There was significant diversity of opinion among the forum participants across all aspects of the review including the models that were presented and even to the need for a metropolitan review. There was a lot of concern about how to define a structure that deals not only with the current metropolitan population, but also has the scope and flexibility to adapt to significant population change over the next 50 years.

For further information please contact Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Strategy on 9213 2051 or email tbrown@walga.asn.au

NEW WALGA BUILDING NAME

With the new building finally on the horizon, it has been suggested that a new name be developed rather than continuing with the traditional default of "Local Government House".

The new name would ideally project the building, both as the headquarters for the peak representative body for Local Government in Western Australia and also as a representation of Australian best practice in environmentally sustainable office design.

We are keen to hear of any ideas for potential names, and if your Local Government would be interested in putting forward a suggestion, please do so by the end of January.

To submit your proposed name please contact Executive Manager Corporate Business Solutions, Nick Wood on email nwood@walga.asn.au



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HAVE YOUR SAY NOW!

WALGA is holding a forum on Emergency Management - 16 March 2012 Burswood Grand Ballroom - we're looking for feedback on the topics you would like discussed at this forum. A flyer is going out to all Councils this Friday with details.

Councils in Western Australia face significant and critical Emergency Management issues. This is a forum where you can get a 'hands on' appreciation of the issues facing all Local Governments and identify the actions your Council should be taking now to make sure that you have plans in place and the knowledge and skills to act if your community is unfortunate enough to be in the path of a fire, cyclone, flood etc.

This will be a lively, informative and experiential day with a focus on practical outcomes. Keynote speakers will be leaders from within the sector and the public service and workshops will be focused on Emergency Management Planning; Recovery and Funding. Registration forms are being developed and will be distributed as soon as key note speakers and the agenda are finalised and I encourage you to put this date in your diary. Cost will be \$95 for the all day event, followed by a sundowner.

If you have an emerging or urgent issue that you would like discussed at this Forum please contact Emily Ferguson, Marketing and Events Officer eferguson@walga.asn.au by COB Wednesday, 1 February.

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Issue # 4 24 January

This Week's Headlines

- Local Government Reform Forum
- Vacancies on Boards and Committees

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM FORUM

On Friday, 16 January, 29 Councils from the metropolitan area attended a forum at Ascot to consider the sector's response on Local Government Reform to the Robson Panel, which will shortly make a recommendation to the Minister for Local Government on the preferred way to reform metropolitan Local Government.

The Robson Panel was established by the Minister for Local Government in 2011 and they called for submissions from individual Councils, WALGA, LGMA and other interested parties on their response to reform and their view of metropolitan Local Government with a view to the next 50 years. WALGA, on behalf of its members established a President's Advisory Group to guide its positioning for the President, Mayor Troy Pickard and called for submissions from appointed consultants to develop a WALGA Submission and a number of models that could be examined and discussed by representatives from metro Local Governments.

The Forum was facilitated by Bevan Bessen and a team of approximately 12 WALGA staff led by Executive Manager Governance and Strategy, Tony Brown, who ensured that the process of the day ran efficiently and smoothly. Tony Brown was the architect for the day and he ensured that preparation for the day, the process and the final development of the Paper that is currently being considered by WALGA Zones all occurred in a seamless manner.

There have been a small number of media reports quoting one or two participants who appear dissatisfied with the outcome. That's OK - you get that in a democracy. What is important to remember is that it was the vast majority of delegates representing the metropolitan Local Governments that determined the outcome of the forum. That dominant majority view will always be the most significant driver for the Association. Some of the media that you will read suggests that WALGA is pursuing a particular view and/or has manipulated the outcome in some way. The media has a funny way of reporting on events and on conversations they hold with various parties, however, I can tell you now that the process that was conducted was without bias and the outcomes were reported freely by the participants. Some people held differing views On the day, although the majority of people supported the two preferred models – these are:

- Model 1: a reduced number of metropolitan Local Governments (around 20) to be defined under a framework of pre-determined criteria examining economic, environmental social and organisational sustainability, complimented by a number of Regional Councils (5) to undertake regional level activities, such as waste management, regional planning, economic development and natural resource management, and;
- Model 2: approximately 10-15 metropolitan Local Governments based on the Activities Centre Policy and utilising a hierarchy of activity centres, strategic metropolitan centres, secondary and emerging centres and incorporating the implications of Directions 2031, with the existing Metropolitan regional Councils having their functions expanded to include strategic planning, transport and other regional tasks.

The full submission, addressing all of the Panel's questions and Terms of Reference, is now being considered by the Zones and will go to a special State Council Meeting for endorsement on Friday, **30 January**. The outcome will be the WALGA submission on behalf of its members to the Panel chaired by Professor Alan Robson.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Association is pleased to announce that nominations are now being sought for the following vacancies:

- Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Advisory Committee
- Coastal Rock Fishing Safety Working Group
- Local Health Authorities Analytical Committee
- Seniors Ministerial Advisory Group
- WA State Graffiti Taskforce
- Trails Reference Group
- Tourism Industry Reference Group

Nominees are required to submit a completed nomination form, statement addressing the selection criteria and short curriculum vitae (2 pages maximum) before the close of nominations which is 5:00pm Thursday, **23 February 2012**.

Nomination Forms are available from <http://www.walga.asn.au/about/policy/governance/vacancies>.

For more information contact Executive Officer Governance and Strategy, Janet Done, on (08) 9213 2013 or jdne@walga.asn.au

FARMSAFE WA ALLIANCE



In partnership with St John Ambulance, WA Regional Police, Fire & Emergency Service Authority and the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Farmsafe WA are delivering..

Emergency Care and Injury Management Free Workshops For Rural Community Members

Farmsafe WA Alliance is an independent not-for-profit, non-government organisation encouraging and leading the way to safer farming.

Farmsafe WA is coordinating a project funded by the Department of Health, Western Australia which will involve the delivery of a series of free community workshops throughout the Midwest region during March 2012.

Delivered in partnership with St John Ambulance, Fire and Emergency Service Authority (FESA), Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS) and the WA Regional Police, the workshops will include interactive skill stations run by the different emergency services.

The workshops will cover practical information on how to deal with medical and other emergencies in rural environments and will cover topics such as:

- ◆ Emergency planning and preparedness
- ◆ Practical skills and specific scenario demonstrations
- ◆ The role each emergency service plays in the community
- ◆ Who to call in a medical emergency
- ◆ A chance to meet your local emergency service officials

The workshops will run for approximately 3 hours and include complimentary refreshments. All attendees will receive a show bag with freebies, including health and safety information and resources.

WORKSHOP DETAILS

CARNAMAH	5TH MARCH	2.30-5.30pm
MORAWA	6TH MARCH	2.30-5.30pm
MINGENEW	7TH MARCH	2-5pm
GERALDTON	10TH MARCH	2-5pm
MULLEWA	11TH MARCH	1.30-4.30pm
CUE	13TH MARCH	10-1pm
MT MAGNET	14TH MARCH	2-5pm

Venues to be advised....

Register NOW as places are limited!

Visit our website for more information or call us to secure your place!

The Emergency Care & Injury Management Project is an initiative of Farmsafe WA Alliance & is funded by the Department of Health, Western Australia & supported by the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Fire & Emergency Service Authority, St John Ambulance & the WA Regional Police.



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Farmsafe WA Alliance is also running workshops for upper primary school children...

The 'Safety of Young People in Agriculture' Project will see workshops run in selected schools during March of 2012. Workshops will be held in the following locations:

Carnamah | Morawa | Mullewa | Mingenew | Geraldton | Northampton | Mount Magnet

Parents and caregivers are also encouraged to attend!

For more information on this project, please visit our website at www.farmsafewa.org





ABN 14 074 009 091

19 December, 2011

ASX Announcement

SHARE PLACEMENT COMPLETE

As foreshadowed on 16 December 2011, Ferrowest Limited ("the Company") is pleased to announce that it has placed 5,000,000 shares at 20 cents per share with TFA International Pty Ltd (100% owned subsidiary of Sichuan Taifeng Group of China) ("Taifeng") to raise \$1,000,000.

Taifeng will subscribe for a further 9,000,000 shares in January 2012, also at 20 cents per share, to complete the first \$2,800,000 equity tranche.

A second equity tranche, as contemplated under the terms of the Investment Agreement signed on 19 September 2011, will follow Chinese Government approval later in the first half of 2012 with a further 10,000,000 shares at 20 cents per share to raise an additional \$2,000,000. 18,000,000 options will be issued to Taifeng coincident with the second tranche. The options will vest progressively over the next two years with an exercise price of 24 cents each (Refer to the announcement of 19 September 2011 for details).

Taifeng will also earn a 66.7% joint venture interest in the Yogi Mine Project by sole funding \$20,000,000 of direct project expenditure.

The shares issued today are subject to a 12 month voluntary escrow agreement. The 9,000,000 shares making up the balance of the first tranche will also be under a 12 month escrow following their issue in January 2012.

An Appendix 3B is attached in respect to the placement.

For further information please contact: Brett Manning – Managing Director +61 8 9277 2600



The Yogi Mine Project - Outline

The Yogi Mine Project proposes the development of a magnetite mining and concentration operation coupled with exploration of potential direct shipping ore ("DSO") grade haematite at the Yogi iron deposit near Yalgoo in the mid west region of Western Australia. Proposed production of magnetite concentrate will target 4,500,000 tonnes per annum ("tpa") at 67%Fe. 3,000,000tpa would be exported through the new proposed Port of Oakajee with the other 1,500,000tpa planned to supply the Eradu Pig Iron Project (detailed below).

Exploration of potential haematite DSO targets will be a high priority for the Yogi Mine Project with the current concept, subject to satisfactory exploration, study results and government approvals, envisaging conceptual mine production of around 1.5Mtpa. The DSO would be transported by road train to Geraldton for export to China. The relatively simple open cut mine scenario and existing road train approved transport corridor over a relatively short trucking distance direct to the existing port provide an excellent basis for rapid development where exploration is successful.

The current magnetite Inferred Resource estimate at Yogi classified and reported in accordance with the JORC Code is 572 million tonnes at 27.5%Fe with target magnetite potential[#] at Yogi estimated at between 0.8 and 1.2 billion tonnes.

Mineral Resource Estimate	Million Tonnes (Mt)	Fe%	SiO ₂ %	Al ₂ O ₃ %	P%	LOI%
Inferred (Fresh)	500.0	27.68	48.19	5.40	0.06	0.08
Inferred (Transitional)*	72.5	26.28	45.38	5.59	0.05	1.39
Inferred Total	572.5	27.51	47.84	5.42	0.06	0.25

Notes: Tonnages rounded to nearest 10,000 tonnes. Cut-off Grade 23.0% total Fe. Surficial oxide material is not reported as part of the mineral resource estimate.

*Transitional material is partially oxidised but magnetite-bearing.

The target potential is conceptual in nature as insufficient data exists to define a Mineral Resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in further Mineral Resource. The target potential is based upon calculations prepared by Ferrowest Limited with reference to current experience at Yogi and available data.

The Eradu MPI Project - Outline

Ferrowest Limited is developing the Eradu MPI Project aimed at producing seaborne traded merchant pig iron ("MPI") at 96%Fe using magnetite concentrate from the Yogi magnetite deposit near Yalgoo in the mid west region of Western Australia. Proposed initial production is 1,000,000 tonnes per annum. The plan to process the magnetite concentrate to pig iron at Eradu, 60Km east of Geraldton is premised on the ITmk3[®] technology and excellent existing infrastructure servicing the project area. The resulting value added merchant pig iron product will be a relatively high margin, high quality, low volume product for export to quality electric arc furnace steel making plants worldwide.

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves is based on information compiled by Graeme Johnston, a Fellow of the Geological Society of London and Malcolm Titley, a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy.

Graeme Johnston is a Director of the Company and a geological consultant to it through Corad Pty Ltd. Graeme Johnston has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a 'Competent Person' as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Graeme Johnston consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

Malcolm Titley (MAusIMM) is a Director and Principal Consultant of CSA Global and is responsible for the estimation of the Mineral Resource for the Yogi deposit. Malcolm Titley has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the Australian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Malcolm Titley consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.



HON. MAX TRENORDEN MLC

Member for the Agricultural Region

5 December 2011

Chief Executive Officer
Ms Sharon Daishe
Shire of Yalgoo
PO Box 40
YALGOO WA 6635

Dear Ms Daishe

As you will be aware, I introduced the "Local Government Amendment (Regional Subsidiaries) Bill 2010" (the Bill) into the Legislative Council in November 2010. Following its consideration by the Standing Committee on Legislation the Bill was re-introduced for debate in the Legislative Council last week, where it passed without amendment.

The Bill now moves to the Legislative Assembly where it is listed on the Notice Paper to be dealt with when Parliament resumes in 2012.

It is clear now that Local Government will have legislation that will allow for the establishment of regional subsidiaries, the question now is what form this legislation will take. I have argued that a low compliance is essential, recognition must also be given to the fact that flexibility is required to assist Councils perform effectively without over regulation. The Minister for Local Government, however, is on record for being focused on wanting to increase the compliance of the Bill.

I encourage you to make up your own mind on the provisions of the Bill and make your thoughts known to your Member of Parliament in the Lower House.

Thank you for your past support, and I look forward to your continued support as the Bill is progressed.

My intention in introducing this Bill was to enable local government in Western Australia to form a regional subsidiary that includes flexibility, with charters as the principal regulatory source and with appropriate levels of compliance and regulatory burden – in short to assist with good and effective local governance.

On another matter you would be aware the Minister for Local Government recently introduced the Local Government Act Amendment Bill 2011, which will be considered in the Legislative Council when Parliament resumes in 2012. I would be interested in any views you may have on this legislation.

Yours sincerely


Hon Max Trenorden MLC
Member for the Agricultural Region

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To the Mayor, Councillors and CEO

2012 National General Assembly of Local Government – Call for Motions

I write to invite you to participate in the 2012 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) which will be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra between 17 - 20 June.

As the major event on the annual local government events calendar, the NGA typically attracts more than 700 mayors, councillors and senior officers from councils across Australia. The NGA is your opportunity to contribute to the development of national local government policy.

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Board is calling for motions for the 2012 NGA under this year's theme 'National Voice, Local Choice – Infrastructure, Planning, Services'.

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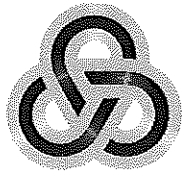
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I would encourage you to make sure the views of your Council and your community are represented at the 2012 NGA.

Yours sincerely

Mayor Genia McCaffery
PRESIDENT



AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

2012 National General Assembly of Local Government

Discussion Paper

National Voice, Local Choice Infrastructure, Planning and Services

Prepared by the Australian Local Government Association to help councils develop motions for the
2012 National General Assembly for Local Government.

Introduction

Local government plays a significant role in the Australian economy. It is estimated that local government employs up to 180,000 people across the nation; has more than \$245 billion of physical assets (including 650,000 kilometres of local roads worth more than \$80 billion); and has a total national expenditure of up to \$28 billion per annum (or around 2 per cent of Gross Domestic Product).

Local government is a richly diverse level of government. Because of its unique position at the heart of Australia's local and regional communities, it is also a highly responsive, accountable and dynamic level of government.

Some of local government's recent national achievements include:

- developing and advocating a clear set of principles for constitutional reform;
- successful delivery of over 4000 community infrastructure projects worth more than \$1 billion on time and within budget as part of the Australian Government's response to the Global Financial Crisis (GFC) to create jobs and economic stimulus throughout the nation;
- campaign launch for the renewal and permanent adoption of the Roads to Recovery program (R2R); and
- Actively pursuing internal reforms to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of local government through improved asset management and structural reform including amalgamations where appropriate.

As 2012 dawns, there is an air of uncertainty about the future direction of the international economy and broad debate within Australia about the likely impacts on our economy of any major downturn. At the same time there is a strong acknowledgment of the strength of the mining boom and agreement that the nation as a whole should share the benefits of growth and that we should avoid growing regional inequality. There is, however, disagreement about how this might be achieved, particularly with regard to the need for a national mining profits tax and the way the revenue from the Goods and Services Tax should be distributed across states.

While the debate is focused mostly at the national and state government level, local government faces similar questions about how to address disparity between councils and how to meet the expectations from local communities that all Australians should receive a similar and reasonable level of infrastructure and services. There is a strongly held view that planning at the local level should reflect local concerns but be integrated with state and national planning to achieve the best outcome for local communities. People want to see the three levels of government working together effectively and they want to see the services and infrastructure they need planned for and delivered at the local level.

economy. At the local level, our communities expect well kept parks, playing fields, footpaths, swimming pools, libraries and all the other infrastructure that modern day local government provides.

All infrastructure providers are faced with significant challenges to meet expectations within constrained budgets and an understandable unwillingness of communities pay additional taxes and charges. Local government has proven itself to be practical and reliable in delivering infrastructure projects for local communities. In recent times the Australian Government has acknowledged this by providing grant programs such as the Community Infrastructure funding in the Economic Stimulus Package, and the highly successful Roads to Recovery (R2R) program.

The Australian Government commissioned Ernst and Young to review local infrastructure financing in November 2011. The review was aimed at identifying additional sources of capital for local infrastructure, including Public Private Partnerships and superannuation capital.

Are there untapped sources of funding for local government infrastructure and how can councils be supported to access them? What other local government infrastructure funding programs could the Australian Government consider introducing?

Local Roads

ALGA's 2010 study into local road funding found that expenditure on local roads has been less than the life cycle cost for the past five years and that the shortfall in funding to simply maintain rather than improve Australia's local roads in the period from 2010 to 2025 is estimated to be around \$1.2 billion annually. Local government needs to look creatively and pragmatically to suggest ways to address this shortfall.

ALGA is currently mounting a national campaign for the R2R program to be increased and renewed. As part of this campaign, delegates at the NGA will be asked to consider and pass a motion relating to the R2R program.

How can the Roads to recovery Program be strengthened or complemented to support councils?

COAG Road Reform Plan

COAG is currently looking into the feasibility of mass, distance and location charging for heavy vehicles as a form of funding for road infrastructure. This would create a direct link between the road damage caused by heavy vehicles and funds available to road authorities.

From a local government perspective, we have strongly argued that it is critical that any form of direct charging should include local roads. Local government's concern is that if a selective approach to the charging of roads is adopted and there is no direct charge for the use of local roads by trucks, these roads would be perceived as being "free" and would result in the transfer of traffic to these roads. As local roads are generally built to a lower standard than arterial roads, any diversion of heavy vehicle traffic to local roads would cause massive and disproportionate damage.

education required? Do potential legal impediments hamper your council's ability to responsibly manage the challenges of climate change?

Planning

Local government plays an important role in land use planning and development approvals systems in all state jurisdictions in Australia. Councils develop strategic plans for the future development of their municipalities, coordinate and provide a range of physical and community infrastructure, guide the application of land use and development zones through a planning instrument and administer the local planning instrument on a day to day basis.

Constitutionally, planning is a state responsibility and as such there is no single national planning and development system. Instead there exists a composite of state and territory systems and thus the 'experience' of the planning system by national developers or developers operating in more than one state varies from state to state.

As the 'primary gateway' for those wishing to develop land, including the vast majority of occasional one-off builders or developers, local government provides an essential service to the community. The downside is that councils are held responsible for the performance of all parts of the system, some of which are not in their control, such as the responsiveness and requirements of state planning departments and referral agencies. It is the development assessment component of the planning systems that is the most confrontational and subject to greatest scrutiny and criticism, even though the vast majority of development applications across Australia are determined efficiently and effectively by councils (either under delegation or by full council).

The Federal Government has traditionally played a relatively passive role in the area of land use and development planning. However, this has changed over the past few years as senior policy makers have increasingly identified planning as a means of achieving an ambitious agenda including housing affordability, competition policy and economic stimulus. A Major Cities Unit (MCU) and national urban policy and urban design protocol is now in existence and Infrastructure Australia continues to provide advice on major infrastructure priorities nationally.

Whilst planning continues to generate considerable interest at the local level, the community at large is passionate about the rights of the community to retain an active role and involvement in the planning process. The Commonwealth and many sections of industry and small business remain committed to 'fast tracking' approval systems usually at the cost of limiting community and elected officials' involvement in the planning process.

Is the Commonwealth providing national leadership in addressing the range of planning issues that confront local government today and possibly in the future? What opportunities exist in this area to encourage local government to work together regionally or on common priority issues to make better use of scarce resources, pool data and information and enhance regional outcomes? What assistance is required to meet the challenges of eplanning and electronic Development Assessment?

This policy defines major cities as having a population of over 100,000. By adopting this classification, there are 18 major cities in Australia that accommodate some three quarters of Australia's population. The key challenges facing Australia's cities are in many ways the same or similar to those faced by all local governments. These include:

- providing sufficient, affordable and accessible housing choice;
- creating safe and interesting community spaces;
- meeting the needs of a changing (growth, stagnant or declining) and ageing population;
- ensuring an inclusive and cohesive society;
- improving productivity growth; and
- addressing the implications of climate change and strengthening the resilience against natural disasters.

What more does the Commonwealth need to do in sustainably managing the challenges of our cities? How supportive is your council of the need to sustainably manage population change and the livability of our cities? What specific challenges do our cities with populations under 100,000 face? What can be done to assist these smaller centres?

Regional Development

The Australian Government has a renewed focus on regional development since being re-elected to office in August 2010. Through Regional Development Australia (RDA) the Australian Government brings together all levels of government to support the development of regional Australia.

A key focus of RDA is on the economic, social and environmental issues affecting communities. The Australian Government has allocated almost \$1 billion over five years (some of which is subject to the passage of the Mineral Resource Rent Tax) for regional development initiatives through the Regional Development Australia Fund. RDA committees have been given a key role in shaping regional infrastructure investment to meet identified regional needs.

Is your council involved in an RDA committee? Are you undertaking initiatives to drive development in your area independently of RDA? Are there issues, examples or case studies that other councils can learn from based on your experiences? What other regional development initiatives should the Commonwealth consider introducing?

Natural Disasters and Emergency Management

Increasingly, our communities are facing a diverse range of natural disasters and emergency situations. Local government is well positioned to provide immediate on-the-ground assistance to communities. Local government's ability to respond in practical and timely ways has been demonstrated time and time again particularly during recent bushfires, floods and cyclones.

Given that local government is the level of government closest to the people it is understandable that councils continue to be among the first organisations that people look to for assistance and leadership. This important role centres on councils' ability to connect communities, make local resources readily available and partner with other levels of government, NGOs and businesses to both prepare and mitigate where possible and respond and recover from such disasters. The

Broadband

The National Broadband Network (NBN) is expected to have a major impact on service delivery. Through the NBN, communities will gain access to high speed broadband and councils will be able to build on the benefits that flow from access to online services in general.

Recently, many councils have been working closely with the Australian Government on the roll-out of the NBN. The NBN will provide new ways of doing business across Australia and many of the benefits for the community and government are only just beginning to be realised.

By working in collaboration with other councils in this new online environment, councils may be able to make innovative changes that would not be possible working alone.

Local governments have identified the potential benefits of online services to:

- extend and enhance the service delivery capabilities of local government to the community;
- realise efficiency and productivity gains with the aim of reducing the cost of service delivery;
- provide a greater level of communication and interaction between local government and the local community; and
- provide the ability to work more effectively across levels of government in delivering coordinated 'whole of government' services at the local level.

The *2008-09 State of the Regions* report points out the benefits of broadband to remote regions of Australia. For remote regions, broadband is expected to be significant in reshaping the local economy, building skills and providing greater access to services, such as health and education, to those communities and individuals which currently have very limited access.

The Government has signalled a greater focus on regional development in the rollout and has asked NBN Co to ensure that fibre is built in regional areas as a priority. It has also encouraged NBN Co to explore mechanisms by which community inputs and advice on regional priorities can be facilitated in order to overcome the digital divide and improve the efficiency of the rollout. This regional focus is important in ensuring equal access to those communities.

Access to affordable and reliable broadband services creates significant opportunities for local government and local communities. Opportunities include:

- the delivery of local government services via the internet;
- joined up government services;
- facilitation of business networks and services to support local and regional development; and
- social and community benefits.

How will modern communication channels allow you to provide your community with better access to council services? Will your council be able to improve the efficiency and responsiveness of field officers by providing them access to their data anywhere at any time? How could the NBN allow you to provide better reporting and public accountability for the delivery of community outcomes? Are there opportunities for local government to progress eDemocracy?

National Policy Updates

Financial Assistance Grants Review

ALGA has been calling for the Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) to be reviewed for many years. This has been outlined in the annual submission for the Federal Budget, as well as in representations from ALGA to Commonwealth decision-makers.

Local government, through ALGA, has constantly drawn attention to the inadequacy of the current level of FAGs, their decline in relative terms since 1996 and the need to update the FAGs escalation methodology.

The 2011-12 Federal Budget contains a commitment from the Government to review the “equity and efficiency” of the FAGs program. The review is expected to be completed by 2013.

ALGA continues to stress that any review should look at two key areas: the adequacy of the current level of FAGs and the indexation arrangements. ALGA has also argued that the significant increases in federal funding to the states through the GST and renegotiated intergovernmental arrangements covering Specific Purpose Payments support the case for an increase in funding to local government.

ALGA will continue to argue the case for additional FAGs and a change to the escalation methodology (from CPI to greater alignment with existing local government cost indices).

Constitutional Recognition

In less than five years, considerable progress has been made toward a referendum on the recognition of local government.

ALGA and state and territory associations have developed a comprehensive constitutional reform campaign to be conducted over the coming years and have secured an undertaking from the Australian Government to hold a referendum by 2013 on local government recognition in the Australian Constitution.

The core of the ALGA campaign is that although the Commonwealth Government has provided direct funding to local government for many years, a recent High Court decision has highlighted its lack of power to do so. The 2009 High Court case of *Pape v Commissioner of Taxation* has found that the Commonwealth does not have power to directly fund areas such as local government. It can only spend money where it has a specific power under the Constitution.

Without constitutional recognition, direct Commonwealth funding of local government, through programs such as Roads to Recovery, may be technically invalid. Local government needs certainty and security of funding in order to provide the range and level of services expected by the community.

The Australian Government recently set up an Expert Panel to provide advice on if, how and when the Government should proceed on a referendum on the constitutional recognition of local government. The Panel presented its report late last year and favoured the option for recognition proposed by ALGA. The Government is yet to respond to the report.

A full report of progress on the campaign will be provided at the NGA.

Cost Shifting IGA Renegotiation

Currently a key indicator of the legitimacy and level of recognition given to local government is the way local government is treated, by other levels of government in particular, when councils are involved in the delivery of services on behalf of or in partnership with other levels of government.

In April 2006, all levels of government in Australia signed the Intergovernmental Agreement Establishing Principles Guiding Intergovernmental Relations of Local Government Matters (the IGA). The IGA, at the highest level, is an important expression of trust and respect between all levels of governments, and a commitment to deal with each other [fairly] in accordance with the agreement when other levels of government seeks to delegate responsibilities to local government.

Part I outlines the Fundamental principles of the IGA. These are:

- All parties are committed to achieving an open and productive relationship between the three spheres of government.
- All parties acknowledge the need for services and functions to be provided to communities in an efficient and effective manner.
- All parties agree in principle that where local government is asked or required by the Commonwealth Government or a State or Territory Government to provide a service or function to the people of Australia, any consequential financial impact is to be considered within the context of the capacity of local government.

The IGA, which is currently being reviewed by governments, outlines a set of principles designed to establish an ongoing framework to address future cost-shifting.

2012 National General Assembly Call for Motions

Guidelines and Background Information

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Through the review process, minor edits may be made to motions to ensure they can be included in the Business Papers. These edits will change the motion to call for action, for example to 'call on the Australian Government' to do something, to ensure relevance to local government nationally by removing state specific references or to ensure the wording is consistent with current conventions such as referring to the Australian Government instead of the Federal Government.

To assist in facilitating efficient and effective debate, motions that cover similar matters will appear grouped together in the Business Papers and the matter will be debated only once with the lead or strategic motion being that which is debated.

Motions that are agreed to at the National General Assembly become Resolutions. These Resolutions are then considered by the ALGA Board when setting national local government policy and when the Board is making representations to the Federal Government at Ministerial Councils, during meetings and in ALGA publications. The ALGA Board is not bound by any resolutions passed at the NGA.

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2012 National General Assembly Call for Motion

Required Information for Online Form

Motions are to be submitted online at www.alga.asn.au. The following information will be required when you submit a motion using the online form.

Motion

- Text of the Motion

Theme

- Which theme do you believe the motion should fall under?
- Infrastructure, Planning, Services

National Objective

- Why is this a national issue and why should this be debated at the NGA?
- Maximum 100 words

Summary of Key Arguments

- Background information
- Supporting Arguments
- Maximum of 300 words (additional information should be provided as speaking notes to the council representative who will move the motion at the NGA)

Declaration

You will need to declare that the motion has been endorsed by your Council.

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Attn: Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Sharon

Total Haulage for December 2011

During the Month of December a total of 88,335t of lump ore and 61,567t of fines ore was transported by road train to the Rail Siding via Wanara Road.

Yours sincerely
MOUNT GIBSON MINING LIMITED



George Hewitt
General Manager

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Sent: Tuesday, 13 December 2011 3:37 PM
To: ceo@yalgoo.wa.gov.au
Subject: Bushfires

Stephen

Hi Sharon,

Bridget and myself would like to convey our thanks to the Shires employees and volunteers who were involved in fighting the recent bushfire on Murgoo And neighbouring stations. There were some trying conditions at times and everyone did their bit. Thankfully we had some nice rain yesterday that will Help in the recovery of the burnt country. Could you please pass on our thanks and appreciation to those involved.

Regards,
Reg.



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Health

December 22, 2011

Key Stakeholders
 Murchison WA

Dear Colleagues,

Nutrition and Dietetics Activities in the Murchison 2011

2011 has been a busy year for the WACHS- Midwest Dietitians, especially in the Murchison. For the first time our department welcomed the allocation of a full-time position to the Murchison (including Mullewa and Yalgoo). I was fortunate enough to be offered this position and I have enjoyed the challenge of regular (occasionally bumpy!) travel.

The fly-in-fly out and drive-in-drive-out model based in Geraldton has proved to work well over the last 12 months, with a regular visiting schedule established. I have had the opportunity to work with many different community organizations, departments and individuals, and as a result some exciting projects have been started. I would like to take the opportunity to let you know what has been happening in your community.

Mullewa

The first half of the year in Mullewa was focused on the Youth Centre as I was requested to run a number of healthy eating activities and cooking sessions for the kids after school hours. I also assisted in the review and rating of recipes for the Youth Centre's Solid Choices cookbook. Still with a focus on the kids, both Mullewa District High School and Our Lady of Mount Carmel requested classroom sessions and I was able to deliver a number of interactive sessions with children of all ages.

In the second half of the year I began running lunch time sessions in the Mullewa Men's Shed encouraging men of all ages to join in with cooking and have a yarn to the dietitian. We have had a great response to this and I would like to thank Meedac for the provision of some of the vegetables from their garden.

I am hoping to continue the Men's Shed lunch sessions in 2012, and am planning to include a regular Ladies Morning Tea session with the ladies at the Art Centre.

Yalgoo

This year I was asked to contribute to the ladies cooking sessions that have been running monthly in Yalgoo. These cooking sessions have included informal education and interactive activities as well as healthy, yummy food! A Zumba class was also set up as a result of a community meeting early in the year, and I was able to contribute a Zumba DVD to the community.

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The major focus for the second half of the year has been the Healthy Store Project with the Yalgoo store. With a grant made available through the Swap It, Don't Stop It campaign and much help from the Yalgoo community, especially the Yalgoo Primary School, we were able to design a series of "Shelf Talkers" that have been placed in the store. These signs identify the healthy options in the store and are supported by recipe cards and posters designed by the local children, as well as a plan for in-store cooking demonstrations in the new year.

The big launch of the shelf talkers was to happen during the Yalgoo Health and Community Services Expo planned for the 8th December 2011. Unfortunately, this event had to be cancelled as roads were closed due to bush fires. The shelf talkers have had a much more inconspicuous introduction to the store; however an official launch is to be rescheduled for early February 2012.

Mount Magnet

Early in 2011 we ran some recipe modification sessions at Bidi Bidi and with the seniors group where participants were given files to create their own recipe books. From there, we planned a trip to the Granites for a healthy lunch time cook up. We were able to use this time to have a yarn about diabetes and setting up a regular walking group. Some 'Go For 2&5' Goodie Bags were handed out to those who participated in the discussion.

Over the year I have also been involved in running healthy eating and cooking sessions with the after-school girls group, and the Mt Magnet District High School students in conjunction with FoodBank WA.

The biggest day of the year was July 1st when we held a Health and Community Services Expo in Mt Magnet to coincide with the opening of the Murchison Outreach Centre and the NAIDOC celebrations. A number of stalls were set up with fun and interactive activities and displays, including a "how much sugar" activity where participants matched the sugar content to various drinks. A coordinated effort was required to bring various health workers to Mt Magnet for the day and I thank everyone who was involved.

Cue

Working with the teachers at Cue Primary School, we were able to implement Take the Challenge, the healthy lifestyle lessons aimed at children of all ages. The teachers were able to provide some valuable feedback about the program design and session content.

In September, a cooking and education session was organized for Stay On Your Feet Week at the Telehealth centre. We cooked up some calcium-rich salmon patties for lunch and then ate custard for dessert while the physiotherapist discussed the importance of exercise for bone health.

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Meekatharra

This year I attended and offered support to the Junjar Mudar Mia Playgroup and the Stay and Play Kindy in an attempt to target nutrition education for children. Thankyou to the mothers, fathers and playgroup/ kindy managers for welcoming me at those sessions. If you have any ideas or requests for 2012 please feel free to contact me.

I have been working very closely with the Meekatharra District High School in order to support the school canteen and enable them to meet WA School Canteen Association criteria. The provision of daily healthy recess and lunch for the school children, in conjunction with the Breakfast Program supported by FoodBank WA, has been a priority. The aim for 2012 is to put a stop to the lunch-time delivery of fried chicken and chips and takeaway foods to the school, and encourage support for the healthy options available from the school canteen.

A project aimed for 2012 in Meekatharra is the Chronic Disease Self Management course, called the LIFE course. This course is aimed at everyone who has a chronic disease, with the goal being to encourage self management. It has been adapted to be suitable for the Aboriginal population and will be run by myself and Julie Hancocks, the Diabetes Nurse.

Karalundi Aboriginal Education Centre

It is always a busy day when I am out in Karalundi! This year we have worked on running nutrition education sessions with each of the classes as well as some targeted one-on-one sessions. The interactive class room sessions seemed to capture the interest of both students and teachers when learning how much fat one meat pie really contains (and that it takes 125 minutes to walk it off!)

We have also started the ball rolling with the Karalundi kitchen where I have been able to offer support for providing healthy meal and snack options for teachers and students, and the plan for a rotating menu to be developed early in the year.

Yulga Jinna Remote Community School

School sessions planned for November unfortunately had to be cancelled due to road closures. I look forward to meeting the Yulga Jinna community in 2012!

As well as these community projects, all sites have the opportunity for one-on-one outpatient consultations for high priority clients as well as inpatient assessments at Mullewa and Meekatharra Hospitals.

For more information on any of the activities that I have been involved in during 2011, or for ideas, requests or more information on any proposed projects for 2012, please feel free to contact me through Allied Health reception (Geraldton) on 9956 2204, or via email ashlee.cross@health.wa.gov.au.

Kind regards,

Ashlee Cross

Clinical/ Community Dietitian

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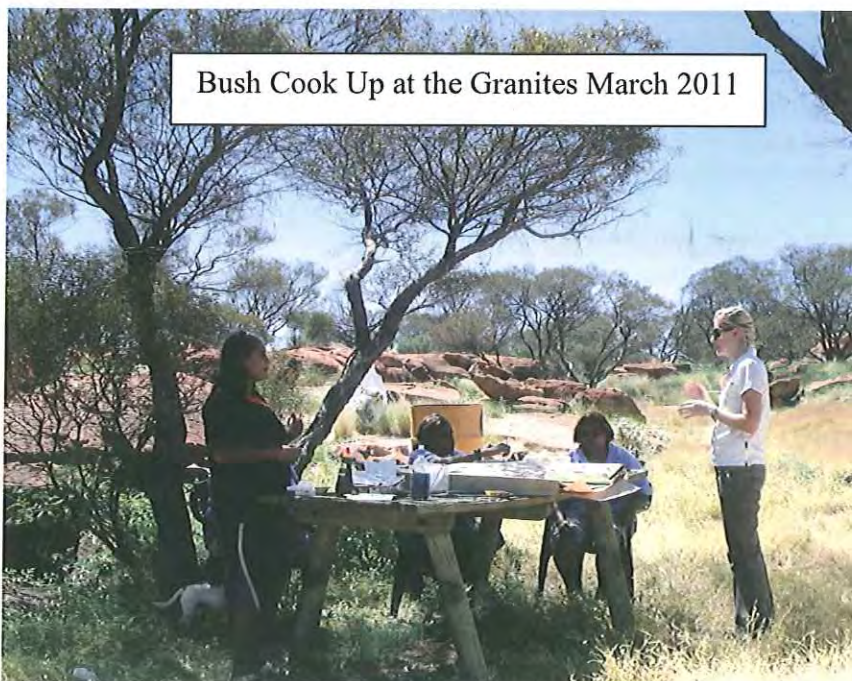


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Healthy Eating Session with kids at Karalundi



Bush Cook Up at the Granites March 2011

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Nutrition stall at the Mt Magnet Health Expo July 2011



Stay On Your Feet Week cooking session in Cue

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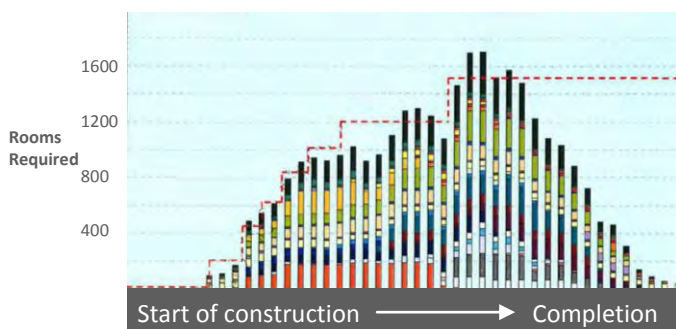


DECEMBER 2011 DRAFT

Employment and accommodation

Oakajee Port and Rail (OPR) is developing a deepwater port at Oakajee, 25km north of Geraldton, and rail infrastructure to connect mid-west iron ore mines to the port.

Integrated port and rail infrastructure will deliver substantial benefits, particularly to the mid-west, through increased employment and broader economic and community development opportunities.



Approximate port accommodation requirements during construction – Draft, November 2010

Employment Requirements

With a construction period of more than three years and an estimated 2600 workers required at its peak, workforce planning is a critical task for OPR. Once in operation, approximately 250 permanent positions will be created – most based in the region.

The number of workers required on-site will vary during construction. The above bar graph illustrates the approximate accommodation requirements for the port village. The different colours represent 25 different work packages including components such as construction of the breakwater, shiploading facilities, stockyards and utilities.

The number of construction contractors and their time on the project varies greatly. Some may only be required for a few weeks or months; others may be required from start to finish.

Preliminary studies show the greatest demand for rooms will occur just over half-way through construction.

Managing fluctuations in employment requirements and ensuring sufficient capacity will be one of the key challenges for OPR.



Approximate village accommodation locations – Draft, August 2011

Accommodation

Having an accommodation village near the port construction site has many advantages, including worker safety, ease of access, minimising traffic and noise impacts on the wider community and ensuring a ready supply of city-based accommodation for tourism. It also minimises amenity impacts associated with having large numbers of workers housed within tourism and suburban settings.

Studies into the final location and scope of accommodation villages near the port and along the proposed rail route are underway.

Meanwhile, OPR has received conditional planning approval for the port development accommodation village from the Shire of Chapman Valley.

As always, OPR is committed to the local region and community, and the use of villages will not detract from the opportunities the project development will provide for the local population.



Senator the Hon Don Farrell

Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water

Councillor Terry Iturbide
Shire of Yalgoo
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Info Bulletin
copy to: Bill
: Heather

Dear Mayor

I am writing to provide information about the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme (the Scheme) which is one step closer with the commencement of regulations on 8 November 2011. The Scheme delivers on a key commitment of the Australian Government under the COAG endorsed *National Waste Policy: Less Waste, More Resources*.

The Scheme aims to lift television and computer recycling from the current low rate of around 17 per cent to 80 per cent by 2021-22, diverting this waste from landfill, reducing dumping and recovering resources. As it rolls-out incrementally from 2012, the Scheme will provide people with greater choice for recycling when disposing of televisions and computers, while helping Australia's recycling industry to grow.

Australian householders and small business will be able to access Scheme run collection services free of charge. In its early years the Scheme is expected to build on, rather than replace, existing waste management and recycling activities. However, over time it is likely the Scheme will replace existing recycling services – which will reduce costs for local government and, through them, the community.

The Scheme will be regulated under the landmark *Product Stewardship Act 2011* and using the *Product Stewardship (Televisions and Computers) Regulations 2011* (The Regulations).

From 8 November 2011 television and computer importers and Australian manufacturers will need to fund and organise the collection and recycling of televisions, computers, printers and computer products to meet annual recycling targets; these start at 30 per cent by June 2013 and rise each year thereafter. The first collections by the industry under the Scheme will start in 2012, expanding across metropolitan, regional and remote areas of Australia by the end of 2013.

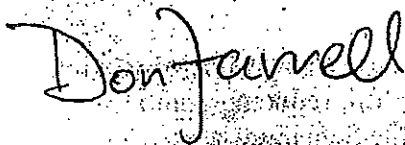
The Regulations do not apply to local government and the Scheme does not change state, territory or local government responsibilities in relation to regulating waste. However, the television and computer industry have advised they expect to seek agreements with third parties to provide collection services on their behalf. There may be opportunities for local governments to negotiate partnerships or commercial arrangements to collect televisions and computers on behalf of the industry, who will then arrange for them to be recycled. If you wish to explore these opportunities with industry, please contact the Department at ewaste@environment.gov.au for their contact details.

Consultation with local government over the past two years has highlighted the importance of coordinating the Scheme with existing electronic waste collection, and to work closely with local governments on any issues that arise, including communication with householders. As services are rolled out by the television and computer industry, they will be required to provide householders and local governments with advice about the details and timing of the delivery of these services.

The Australian, state and territory governments, in consultation with local government and other stakeholders, are working together to develop additional information for local governments and communication tools for householders and more information will be provided to you as the Scheme's implementation progresses. If you would like further information please contact ewaste@environment.gov.au or visit www.environment.gov.au/ewaste.

The new Scheme is an important step towards meeting the aims of the National Waste Policy to reduce waste and manage waste as a resource. I look forward to the roll-out of the Scheme from 2012 and a significant increase in the recycling of televisions and computers across Australia over the next 18 months.

Yours sincerely



Senator Don Farrell

From: Vivien Hardison [<mailto:VHardison@walga.asn.au>] **On Behalf Of** Ricky Burges
Sent: Friday, 20 January 2012 12:30 PM
To: undisclosed-recipients:
Subject: New Name for WALGA Building

Dear Chief Executive Officer

With the new WALGA building finally on the horizon, it has been suggested that a new name be developed rather than continuing with the traditional default of "Local Government House".

The new name would ideally recognize the building, both as the headquarters for the peak representative body for Local Government in Western Australia, and also as a representation of Australian best practice in environmentally sustainable office design.

We are keen to hear of any ideas for potential names, and if your Local Government would be interested in putting forward a suggestion, please do so by the end of January.

To submit your proposed name, please contact Executive Manager Corporate Business Solutions, Nick Wood on email nwood@walga.asn.au

Kind regards

Ricky

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ECONOMIC BRIEFING

INFLATION

JANUARY 2012

The Consumer Price Index, Perth grew 2.8% in the year ending September 2011, which was broadly in line with the rate over the previous four quarters. Consumer prices are forecast to increase at a similar rate through the remainder of 2011/12 reflecting further wages growth and reasonably strong economic expansion in the State. This is offset by subdued conditions in the housing sector and some food prices returning to more normal levels following the natural disasters of last summer.

It is estimated that the CPI will increase 3.5% through 2012/13, including the estimated 0.7% increase associated with the introduction of the Carbon Tax in July 2012. The majority of this increase will be seen in the first two quarters of 2012/13. It is then anticipated that consumer inflation will ease to 3.25% through June 2014 as the impact of the Carbon Tax works through.

This situation has reversed in the past year, with the CPI for Perth being below the national average. This result is strongly influenced by the price of housing, which has fallen over the past year. Forecasts from the State Treasury and Reserve Bank suggest that the next few years will see a return to the historical relationship, with consumer inflation in Western Australia higher than the national average driven by growth in economic activity, wages and population.

WAGES

During the so called “global financial crisis” wage costs in the public sector increased more rapidly than in the private sector. This situation has turned around in the past four quarters, with private sector wage growth again exceeding that in the public sector. More recent data on Average Weekly Earnings suggests that this trend continued through to the end of 2011.

Consumer Price Index, Perth
History and Forecast

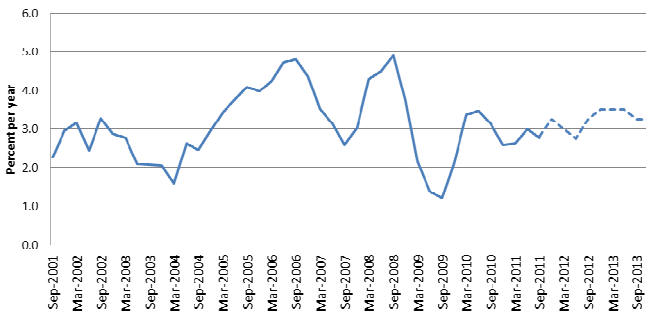


Figure 1 Consumer Price Index, Perth

Source: ABS Cat No 6401.0 Consumer Price Index, Aust. Sep 2011

For most of the past eight years the rate of consumer inflation in Western Australia has been considerably higher than the national average, and at times has been more than 1% per annum higher. As the Reserve Bank can only set a single target cash interest rate, this has meant that at times fiscal policy consistent with national targets have been out of step with those ideal for Western Australia.

Wage Price Index

(Total Hourly Rates of Pay Excluding Bonuses)

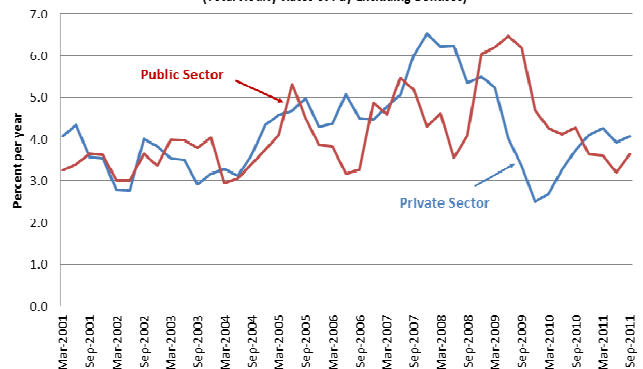


Figure 3 Wage Price Index by sector for Western Australia

Source: ABS Cat No 6345.0 Labour Price Index, Aust. Sept 2011

The unemployment rate in WA has averaged 4.2% for 2011/12 to date. Although this is slightly below the average rate of 4.4% in 2010/11, it is anticipated by State Treasury that the unemployment rate will increase to average 4.5% over 2011/12. Unemployment is expected to remain below this level into the future, reflecting growth in economic activity and moderate growth in labour supply despite an increase in the participation rate of those aged 15 – 64 years.

The Wage Price Index is expected to increase 4.25% in 2011/12, following 3.8% growth in 2010/11. The index is anticipated to increase 4.5% in 2012/13 as tight labour market conditions continue.

Difference between CPI for Perth and
Average of Australian Capital Cities

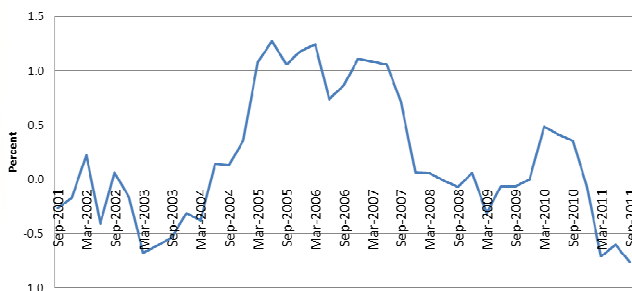


Figure 2: Difference between Perth CPI and the national average.

Source: ABS Cat No 6401.0 Consumer Price Index, Aust. Sep 2011



Figure 4 Wage Price Index for Western Australia
Source: ABS Cat No 6345.0 Labour Price Index, Aust. Sep 2011

ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION COSTS

Road construction costs have increased more strongly than the costs of other building activities since 2009 as on-going Federal, State and Local Government funded work underpins activity in the sector. The steady increase in fuel prices has, and is expected to continue to exert pressure on road construction costs. Diesel prices increased 10 – 12% across different regions in WA during the past year with increases in international prices being only partly offset by a strengthening Australian dollar.



Figure 5 Road and Bridge Construction Cost Index.
Source: ABS Cat No 6427.0 Producer Price Indexes, Aust. Sep 2011
It is forecast that road construction costs will increase from the current 3% per year to 3.5% in the year ending June 2012, and 4.5% in the year to June 2013.

NON-RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS

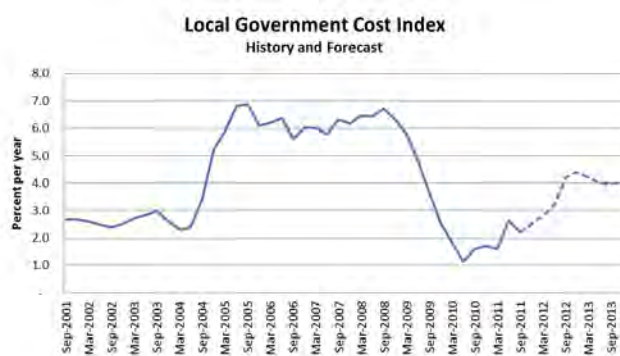
Despite continued inflow of capital investment in the resources sector, the broader construction sector remains in a “holding pattern”. The value of non-residential construction work done fell 7% in the first half of 2011, compared with the same period in 2010. Federal Government funded stimulus work has generally been completed although the State Government is continuing to drive a significant capital works program, heavily weighted toward the health and justice sectors. Education sector projects also remained strong, growing 16.5% year on year.

It is difficult to estimate the impact of the Carbon Tax on construction costs as it remains unclear as to the extent to which major energy producers will be sheltered by rebates or be able to pass on costs down the supply chain. Early

estimates suggest that the overall impact on costs will be 1 – 2%¹. Labour costs, material pricing and tender pricing currently remains relatively flat. It is projected that the non-residential construction cost index will increase marginally in the year ending June 2012 (0.5%) and then increase 3.5% in the year to June 2013.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COST INDEX

The Local Government Cost Index increased 2.2% in the year ending September 2011. Data for the December quarter is due to be published at the end of February. Based on the analysis set out above, the Local Government Cost Index is forecast to increase 3.2% in the year to June 2012 and 4.0% in the year to June 2013.



The parameters underpinning this forecast are summarised in the table below.

	Forecast Increase in Year ending June (%)	
	2012	2013
Wages and Salaries	4.25	4.5
Road and Bridge Construction	3.5	4.5
Non-residential Building	0.5	3.5
Consumer Prices	2.75	3.5
Machinery and Equipment	1.5	1.5
Electricity and Street Lighting	18.0	12.0
Local Government Costs	3.2	4.0

Cost increases faced by Local Governments for electricity and street lighting remain subject to Government policy and difficult to anticipate. The estimates included are based on potential electricity distribution price increases to be provided under the Western Power access arrangement due to take effect from July 2012.

For further information or to comment please contact Ian Duncan on 9213 2031 or email iduncan@walga.asn.au. Current and previous editions of **Economic Briefing** are available at www.walga.asn.au/news-publications/publications/economic_briefing/



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ISSUES UPDATE

VACANCIES ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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- Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Advisory Committee
- Coastal Rock Fishing Safety Working Group
- Local Health Authorities Analytical Committee
- Seniors Ministerial Advisory Group
- WA State Graffiti Taskforce
- Trails Reference Group
- Tourism Industry Reference Group

Nominees are required to submit a completed nomination form, statement addressing the selection criteria and short curriculum vitae (two pages maximum) before the close of nominations at 5:00pm Thursday, **23 February**.

Nomination Forms are available from <http://www.walga.asn.au/about/policy/governance/vacancies>.

For further information please contact Executive Officer Governance and Strategy, Janet Done on 9213 2013 or email jdone@walga.asn.au

MWAC INFORMATION BULLETIN

The January edition of the MWAC Information Bulletin is now available. Highlights for this month include:

- Federal Government consultation sessions on the Packaging Impacts Consultation Regulation Impact Statement;
- Developments in Asbestos Management related activities in Western Australia; and

- City of Rockingham opens a new Waste Education Centre.

For further information or to subscribe to the MWAC Information Bulletin email notification list, please contact Waste Management Officer, Heather Squire on 9213 2069 or email hsquire@walga.asn.au.

OFFICER TRAINING

Customer Service and Complaints Handling for Officers

Customer Service and Complaints Handling outlines the competencies required when providing customer service in a Local Government environment, including identification of customer needs and the use of effective communication skills.

It requires an ability to understand and work with a diverse range of customer groups and is appropriate for all areas of Council.

Date: Monday, 13 February

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$395 (GST exempt)

ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING

Meeting Procedures and Debating for Elected Members

New Course Date Added (20 February NOW FULL)

Meeting Procedures and Debating is specifically designed for both experienced and newly elected members who wish to enhance their meeting skills.

Concentrating on knowledge of meeting procedures and high level debating techniques, this course is a practical tool kit for those who attend council and committee meetings as members or presiding members.

Date: Monday, 29 February

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WALGA

To: Chief Executive Officer

Organisation: All Councils

Reference: Various

Subject: Vacancies on Boards and Committees

Priority: High

← **From:** Tony Brown, Executive Manager
Governance and Strategy

IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	Governance and Strategy
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Boards and Panels who have requested a representative from Local Government
Action Required:	Complete, sign and return nomination forms by COB Thursday 23 February 2012

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