

WALGA Quarterly Overview Report

Q4 October – December 2017



Shire of Irwin

This is your Council's WALGA Quarterly Report for the December 2017 quarter.

2017 saw WALGA embark upon a Members First initiative, seeking to revitalise how we engage with our Members through partnership, collaboration and conversation.

One part of that strategy are the individualised quarterly reports, outlining the interactions and activities of the Association relevant to your specific Council. These reports are intended to share with Councils what the Association is doing in areas of advocacy, policy development and service delivery.

We are continually looking for ways to improve the reporting metrics and we welcome any feedback you may have.

MEMBER SERVICES



2
Number of times Governance advice was provided to the Shire of Irwin.



29
Number of times Employee Relations advice was provided to the Shire of Irwin.



7
Number of times Recruitment advice was provided to the Shire of Irwin.



3
Number of times Preferred Supplier Arrangement (PSA) advice was provided to the Shire of Irwin.



2
Number of times Procurement advice was provided to the Shire of Irwin.



1
Number of times the Shire of Irwin accessed Tender and Contract Management Services.

SECTOR ADVOCACY

DRIVER FATIGUE CAMPAIGN

Aiming to raise awareness about driver fatigue in WA, WALGA commissioned a special mobile facility to visit hot spots and assist in keeping motorists moving over the holiday period. The campaign is supporting the Driver Reviver program, which is coordinated by WALGA's RoadWise program. The

Driver Reviver program sees up to 70 volunteers at locations across the State during the festive season, offering free tea and coffee to drivers who need a break, and raising awareness about driver fatigue and the positive impact exercise has when tired.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROAD ASSET AND EXPENDITURE REPORT 2016-17

WALGA's annual Local Government Road Asset and Expenditure Report provides a comprehensive analysis of the investment in WA roads and acts as a supporting document, useful in inter-governmental negotiations on the allocation of road funds. WALGA sought information from all Local Governments on their road expenditure information for the financial year. The Shire of Irwin contributed road data to the report.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA NATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY ARRANGEMENTS (WANDRRA)

On behalf of Local Government, WALGA continues to conduct ongoing advocacy to the Office of Emergency Management and other stakeholders regarding opportunities to improve natural disaster recovery and relief funding

arrangements. New arrangements are expected to apply from mid 2018 and will impact the financial support available to the Shire of Irwin.

ROAD SAFETY FUNDING

WALGA developed and submitted an application to the Road Safety Council for Road Trauma Trust Account (RTTA) funding from 2019/20 to enable regional Local Governments to address run-off road crashes, which are the most common type of serious road crashes in regional WA. An outcome from the application is anticipated in May 2018.

CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY STATEMENT REVIEW

WALGA is reviewing the existing policy statement on climate change to ensure it reflects the contemporary views of the sector and takes into account the significant scientific, technological and political developments that have occurred. WALGA released a discussion paper and has sought input from Local Government on key advocacy priorities for Local Government and the preferred content of the policy statement. The Shire of Irwin has not yet provided feedback on the discussion paper. Submissions are open until Tuesday, 16 January 2018.

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ROADWISE ACTIVITIES



8

Number of RoadWise activities conducted in the Shire of Irwin this quarter.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PEOPLE AND CULTURE SEMINAR 2017

Held on Friday, 13 October, the Local Government People and Culture Seminar provided delegates with a platform to engage with Local Government Officers from a range of disciplines and organisational levels, with speakers offering expertise to help attendees influence their organisation's culture and build capacity to innovate. Topics included workplace investigations, traineeships and their benefits, building great organisational culture, best practice recruitment and good governance.



2 Local Government Officers from the Shire of Irwin attended.

REGIONAL ROAD GROUP (RRG) MEETINGS

The RRGs make recommendations to the State Advisory Committee (SAC) in relation to the Annual Local Government

Roads Program for their Region and any other relevant issues.

The Shire of Irwin participated in the following RRG meetings this quarter:

- Mid West RRG Meeting

WALGA staff attend RRG meetings to provide executive support and advice.

WEBINAR: LONG SERVICE LEAVE

WALGA conducted a Long Service Leave Webinar to provide an overview of long service leave entitlements for Local Government employees and advice as to how to interpret Local Government (Long Service Leave) Regulations. Held on Thursday, 7 December, 61 attendees participated in the webinar.



This recorded webinar is now available for download on WALGA's training website.

RESOURCES

- Heavy Vehicle Cost Recovery Policy Guideline for Sealed Roads - in conjunction with Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services, WALGA developed a guideline to provide additional clarification for implementing heavy vehicle cost recovery policies.

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