



SHIRE OF EXMOUTH

Attachments

SPECIAL Council Meeting – 19 October 2021

Shire of Exmouth Audit Committee Terms of Reference

1. Objectives of Audit Committees

The Audit Committee's role in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996 (the Regulations) is to provide assistance and guidance to Council on the discharge of its duties under Part 6 and 7 of the Local Government Act 1995 (the Act). The Audit Committee assists Council to monitor the integrity of the Shire's financial reporting, external audit, risk management, internal controls and compliance with legislative requirements.

2. Powers of the Audit Committee

The Audit committee is to report to Council and provide appropriate advice and recommendations on matters relevant to its term of reference. This is in order to facilitate informed decision-making by Council in relation to the legislative functions and duties of the local government that have not been delegated to the CEO.

The committee is a formally appointed committee of council and is responsible to that body. The committee does not have executive powers or authority to implement actions in areas over which the CEO has legislative responsibility and does not have any delegated financial responsibility. The committee does not have any management functions and cannot involve itself in management processes or procedures.

3. Membership

- i. The committee will consist of at least three members and the majority of the members are to be elected members. The members can consist of elected members and external members. All members shall have full voting rights.
- ii. External persons appointed to the committee will have business or financial management/reporting knowledge and experience, and be conversant with financial and other reporting requirements.
- iii. Appointment of external persons shall be made by Council by way of a public advertisement and be for a maximum term of two years. The terms of the appointment should be arranged to ensure an orderly rotation and continuity of membership despite changes to Council's elected representatives.
- iv. Reimbursement of approved expenses will be paid to the external person who is a member of the committee.
- v. The presiding member of the Committee will be an elected member chosen by the members of the Committee.
- vi. The CEO and employees are not members of the committee.
- vii. The CEO or his/her nominee is to be available to attend meetings to provide advice and guidance to the committee.
- viii. The local government shall provide secretarial and administrative support to the committee.

4. Meetings

The committee shall meet at least twice per year.
Additional meetings shall be convened at the discretion of the presiding person.

5. Reporting

Reports and recommendations of each committee meeting shall be presented to the next ordinary meeting of the Council through its minutes.

6. Duties and Responsibilities

The audit committee is responsible for:

- 6.1. Guiding and assisting Council in carrying out its functions under:
 - i. Part 6 of the Act and its functions relating to other audits and other matters related to financial management; and
 - ii. Part 7 of the Act in relation to auditing the Council's financial accounts.
- 6.2. Review report given to it by the CEO under regulation 17(3) and is to –
 - i. Report to the council the results of that review; and
 - ii. Give a copy of the CEO's report to council.
- 6.3. To monitor and advise the CEO when the CEO is carrying out functions in relation to a review under –
 - i. Regulation 17(1); and
 - ii. The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1996 regulation 5(2)(c)
- 6.4. To support the auditor to conduct an audit and carry out the auditor's other duties under the Act
- 6.5. To oversee the implementation of any action that Council
 - i. Is required to take by section 7.12A(3); and
 - ii. Has stated it has taken or intends to take in a report prepared under section 7.12A(4)(a); and
 - iii. Has accepted should be taken following receipt of a report of a review conducted under regulation 17(1); and
 - iv. Has accepted should be taken following receipt of a report of a review conducted under the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 regulation 5(2)(c);
- 6.6. To perform any other function conferred on the audit committee by these regulations or another law.
- 6.7. The Audit Committee's duties include:
 - i. Review the Auditor's interim audit report;
 - ii. Review the final audited financial statement and audit report;
 - iii. Review the annual Compliance Audit Return;
 - iv. Review the appropriateness and effectiveness of Council's systems and procedures in the CEO report in relation to risk management, internal control and legislative compliance.
- 6.8. The Office of the Auditor General has been appointed by government to audit the financial operations of the Shire of Exmouth

CEO PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Name

The name of the Committee shall be the Shire of Exmouth CEO Performance Review Committee (CEOPRC).

2. Head of Power

The Committee is established by Council under Section 5.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

3. Definitions

- **Act** means the *Local Government Act 1995*.
- **Committee** means the Shire of Exmouth CEO Performance Review Committee as stipulated in this document.
- **Council** means the Council of the Shire of Exmouth
- **Chief Executive Officer** (CEO) means the Chief Executive Officer of the Shire of Exmouth.
- **Elected Member** means a Councillor of the Shire of Exmouth.
- **Independent Facilitator** means the person appointed to assist with the performance review process and who is acceptable to both parties, i.e. CEO and Committee.
- **KPI's** means Key Performance Indicators as agreed between the CEO and Committee to deliver the key priorities of the Shire of Exmouth Corporate Business Plan.
- **Salaries and Allowances Determination** means the determination provided by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal under Section 7A of the *Salaries and Allowances Act 1975* which requires the Tribunal at intervals of not more than 12 months, to "inquire into and determine, the amount of remuneration, or the minimum and maximum amounts of remuneration, to be paid or provided to chief executive officers of local governments".
- **Total Reward Package** refers to the remuneration payable to a Chief Executive Officer as defined by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal.

4. Objectives

- 4.1 The Committee is established to fulfil the following functions:
- 4.1.1 Undertake an annual assessment of the CEO's performance in accordance with the provisions of the CEO's contract of employment as well as relevant statutory requirements;
 - 4.1.2 In conjunction with the CEO, develop key performance indicators deliver Council's key strategic priorities including those reflected in the Shire's Corporate Business Plan;
 - 4.1.3 Review the CEO's Total Reward Package annually and make recommendations to Council in relation to remuneration in accordance with the relevant terms of the contract of employment, taking into consideration the CEO's performance, the existing level of remuneration, and the applicable Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Determination.
 - 4.1.4 Provide positive communication opportunities between Council and the CEO; and
 - 4.1.5 Provide guidance to Council in assessing the CEO's performance.

5. Committee Structure

- 5.1 The Committee shall consist of the Shire President, and two elected members;
- 5.2 An independent facilitator, who is not a member of the Committee, may be appointed to assist the Committee by agreement between the CEO and Committee.
- 5.3 A quorum will be three members.

- 5.4 The Committee will be provided with secretariat support from the Shire of Exmouth Manager of Human Resources.

6. Terms of Appointment

Appointment to the Committee shall be for a minimum term of two years and determined by the Council following ordinary local government elections, with the term to expire on the date of the subsequent ordinary local government elections.

If a member of the Committee resigns prior to an ordinary local government election, the Council will appoint a replacement.

7. Presiding Member

- 7.1 The Presiding Member of the Committee will be the Shire President.
- 7.2 The role of the Presiding Member includes:
- 7.2.1 overseeing and facilitating the conduct of meetings in accordance with the Act and the Shire's Meeting Procedures Local Law (2016);
 - 7.2.2 ensuring all Committee members have an opportunity to participate in discussions in an open and encouraging manner; and
 - 7.2.3 where a matter has been debated significantly and no new information is being discussed, to call the meeting to order and ask for the debate to be finalized and the matter resolved.

8. Meetings of the Committee

- 8.1 The Committee will meet as required to facilitate an annual assessment of the CEO's performance.
- 8.2 A meeting of the Committee is to be held:
- 8.2.1 if called for by either the Presiding Member or at least two Committee members in a notice to the CEO setting out the date and purpose of the proposed meeting; or
 - 8.2.2 if so decided by the Committee; or
 - 8.2.3 If called for by Council.
- 8.3 The Committee shall also meet with the CEO at least six monthly on such dates and at such times as the Committee determines to receive and discuss an update on the progress of KPI's or other matters.
- 8.4 The Committee may seek feedback from third parties by mutual agreement with the CEO to attend meetings and provide pertinent information, where necessary.

9. Powers of the Committee

- 9.1 The Committee is a formally appointed committee of Council and is responsible to that body.
- 9.2 The Committee does not have executive powers or authority to implement actions in areas over which the CEO has legislative responsibility.
- 9.3 The Committee does not have any delegated authority.
- 9.4 The Committee recommendations are to be referred to Council for consideration and decision before implementation.

10. Voting

- 10.1 Each member of the Committee at a meeting will have one vote.

11. Review Process

The review process and timelines will be determined by the Committee and CEO and aim to be completed by June 30th annually.

12. Completion of Process

The performance review panel must deliver a report to Council that outlines:

- What worked in the process?
- The new KPI's for the next 12 months.
- The new remuneration package.
- Recommended changes to this process over the next 12 months.

13. Record Keeping

The Shire President is to hold the record of the Performance review. All documents relating to the review process must be registered on the Shire of Exmouth records management system.

The Human Resource Manager will provide the administrative assistance to the Shire President.

14. Dispute

Where the CEO and Performance Review Committee cannot agree with the review rating and / or the renegotiation of the TRP then the dispute resolution process as outlined in the CEO Employment Contract is to be invoked.

15. Reporting Requirements

Recommendations arising from the Committee's deliberations shall be presented to the earliest available ordinary meeting of Council.

16. Alteration to Rules of Procedure

The Committee is to conduct a review of its terms of reference providing Council with recommendations for any changes annually.

17. Termination of Committee

Termination of the Committee shall be in accordance with the Act.



Ningaloo Tourism Advisory Group Terms of Reference (TOR)

The Ningaloo Tourism Advisory Group (Advisory Group) Terms of Reference

This TOR document establishes the agreed roles and functions for the Advisory Group, both collectively and individually. It is utilised by the Advisory Group to ensure that its operation is governed responsibly.

The Advisory Group's Terms of Reference will be endorsed and approved by resolution of the Shire of Exmouth Council, who is ultimately responsible for the economic and social well being of the Exmouth community and Ningaloo destination. The Advisory Group will be established as per Part 5 Administration of the Local Government Act 1995.

Purpose

The Ningaloo Tourism Advisory Group is established to provide;

- Advice and strategic oversight of the tourism development and marketing of the Ningaloo destination, and support the ongoing development and implementation of initiatives (infrastructure, marketing, events, tourism experiences) to achieve the strategic tourism and economic objectives of the Shire of Exmouth.
- Support the marketing success and financial sustainability of the Ningaloo Aquarium and Discovery Centre and ensure engagement with the broader region in driving the success of this important tourism asset.

Responsibility of the Ningaloo Tourism Advisory Group

The Advisory Group is responsible for:

- Facilitating the exchange of information; providing advice and the development of relationships that assist in identifying potential pathways and synergies with National, State and Local Government organisations.
- Ensuring appropriate expertise is sourced on destination marketing; event; infrastructure and tourism product development initiatives and programs that support and promote the tourism, cultural and heritage values of the Ningaloo region.
- Identify and facilitate engagement and leverage opportunities with surrounding local government authorities and key partners to assist with the development of packages and promotional activities.
- Assist with identifying funding opportunities to enhance the product offering by providing new, and refreshing existing experiences.
- Raise the profile of the Ningaloo Centre and the broader Ningaloo destination brand as an iconic tourism asset and build upon its current success in increasing visitation to the region.
- Ensure the Ningaloo Aquarium and Discovery Centre interpretative component remains relevant, refreshed and consistent with a high quality contemporary museum standard.

Authority of the Advisory Group

The Advisory Group will have delegated authority to approve strategic direction, appoint and apply resources deemed necessary including allocated funding for the effective marketing and promotion of the Ningaloo region.

The Shire of Exmouth will establish a dedicated "Tourism Development Fund" Reserve that will have funds allocated on an as needs basis. This Reserve will be designed to attract and hold any third party partner funds in trust where appropriate. Once held in the Shire of Exmouth "Tourism Development Fund" Reserve these funds cannot be used for any other purpose.

The Advisory Group will report regularly to the Shire Exmouth as per the requirements of a Committee of Council.

Structure and Composition of the Ningaloo Tourism Advisory Group

Ningaloo Tourism Advisory Group Membership;

- The Advisory Group shall consist of a minimum of five (5) members and a maximum of nine (9) members, with the Shire of Exmouth President (or nominated Shire Councilor) being a permanent member representing the Shire of Exmouth.
- The term of appointment for membership will be 2 years, with the exception of the Shire President (or nominee) which will be ongoing.
- Group members may be nominated for re-appointment upon expiry of their term up to a maximum of a further two consecutive terms. Should a vacancy occur during the term of appointment, the appointment to fill the casual vacancy will be filled by an invitation from the Advisory Group and subsequently endorsed by the Shire representative (the CEO).
- Representatives have a responsibility to attend meetings of the Advisory Group, contribute to discussion and vote on matters. A member of the Advisory Group may resign at any time. The resignation must be in writing in the form of a letter or email addressed to the designated Executive Officer, stating the member's intention to resign from the Advisory Group. Resignations will be acknowledged by the designated Executive Officer and Shire CEO.
- The Advisory Group may invite one or more persons to join the advisory group "by invitation" where it is deemed by the group that a specific expertise is missing in other members. The person may be a regular "standing" invitee or simply an invitee for a particular item or items. The invitee is not a committee member and does not hold voting rights.

Industry Representation:

A maximum of four (4) industry members will be sought on the basis of expertise, interest, understanding and commitment to the Exmouth and Ningaloo tourism and business sector, and enhancing the marketability of the Ningaloo region. To ensure continuity from current approach the Ningaloo Visitor Centre Management Committee will be asked to seek nominations and make recommendations to fill two of the four "industry representative" positions from its current membership with one of these positions being the NVCMC Chair.

Stakeholder Representation:

The following agencies and groups will be invited to nominate an Advisory Group member which should be at CEO/Board level or similar:

- Department Biodiversity Conservation & Attractions (DBCA)
- Exmouth Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ECCI)
- Australia's Coral Coast / Tourism WA (ACC/TWA)
- Gascoyne Development Commission

Council Representation:

The Shire President or their nominee will represent the interests of the Council.

Chair:

The Chair will be elected from the Advisory Group membership for a two year period.

Deputy Chair:

The Deputy Chair will also be elected from the Advisory Group membership for a two year period.

Council Staff Involvement:

The Shire Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the designated Shire Executive Officer, from time to time, may nominate staff involvement on the Advisory Group. Council staff required to attend the Advisory Group will participate and contribute to the discussion and debate but will not have any voting rights.

Advisory Group Support:

The designated Shire Executive Officer will arrange for administrative support for the Advisory Group. Such support will include the preparation and distribution of the agenda, notice of meeting and business papers and recording of the minutes. The Advisory Group secretariat is also responsible for arranging meeting venue, refreshments and coordinating any presentations.

Expertise:

Membership of the Advisory Group is generally to consist of senior representatives from DBCA, ACC, ECCI and GDC.

The Industry representatives will be invited to nominate for a position on the Advisory Group based on their expertise or experience in the following areas.

- A significant and relevant understanding of the Tourism Industry.
- A significant relevant understanding of the marketing of iconic tourism assets.
- A significant relevant understanding of commercial business practices, including but not limited to business development and sponsorship.
- A significant interest in tourism related development of the region.

Role of Chair:

The Chair of the Advisory Group will be appointed from amongst the Advisory Group as elected by the voting members of the advisory group and endorsed by the Shire of Exmouth Council.

Should the Chair of the Advisory Group be absent from a meeting and no acting Chair has been appointed, the members of the Group present at the meeting have the authority to choose one of their number to Chair the meeting.

Voting Members:

All of the following have 1 voting right per position;

- Industry representatives (4 voting positions)
- Exmouth Chamber of Commerce and Industry (1 voting position)
- Shire of Exmouth Council representative (1 voting position)

Other members will not have voting rights. In the event of a split vote the Chair will cast the deciding vote.

Operation of the Ningaloo Tourism Advisory Group Executive Officer:

The Shire's designated Executive Officer is responsible for:

- Preparing the agendas for the Advisory Group, on behalf of, and in consultation with the Chair.
- Taking and writing the minutes of the Advisory Group meetings.
- Preparing the Advisory Group Reports and Recommendations for consideration and decision of the Group.

Frequency and Location of meetings / minimum number of meetings:

For the first year the Advisory Group will meet quarterly as a minimum and as frequently as is deemed necessary to undertake its role effectively. Meetings will be held at the most cost effective location.

A notice of each meeting confirming the date, time, venue and agenda will be forwarded to each member of the Advisory Group as soon as practicable prior to the meeting date. Advisory Group meetings are permitted to be held other than in person, by any technological means as consented to by all members of the Advisory Group.

Attendees:

Any elected member of the Shire of Exmouth Council may attend and speak at an Advisory Group Meeting.

Quorum for meetings:

The minimum quorum for an Advisory Group meeting is 50% or more of the voting members.

Advisory Group Members out of pocket expenses:

Advisory Group members are volunteers however are entitled to travel and out of pocket expenses for attendance at meetings and official functions.

Advisory Group member interest:

Members of the Advisory Group will not participate in discussions and will not vote on any issues in respect of which there is an actual or perceived conflict of interest. Members' interest in matters to be discussed at meeting are to be disclosed as prescribed under section 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995 and the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996. An interest is defined under regulation 34C of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, being:

"Interest" means an interest that could, or could reasonably be perceived to, adversely affect the impartiality of the person having the interest and includes an interest arising from kinship, friendship or membership of an association.

Where an interest must be disclosed, the disclosure is to be made at the meeting immediately before the matter is discussed or at the time the advice is given, and is to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Access to advice:

The Advisory Group has the authority to investigate any matters within its terms of reference as set out in the Advisory Group's terms of reference, with the resources it needs to do so and with the right of access to information including external professional advice as necessary.



Elected Member Prospectus

Becoming a Zone Delegate or State Councillor

2021

About WALGA

WALGA is an independent, member-based, not for profit organisation representing and supporting the WA Local Government sector.

Our purpose is to leverage the collective strength and influence of the Local Government sector for the benefit of WA Local Governments and their communities.

What Does WALGA Do

WALGA provides value to Member Local Governments by advocating and facilitating sector solutions and policy, and by delivering member-centric, quality services.

How Does WALGA Work

WALGA employs approximately 100 staff across the areas of:

- Policy portfolios including asset management, community, emergency management, environment, infrastructure, planning, roads and waste;
- Services and advice including governance, industrial relations, procurement, recruitment, supplier panels, tender management, and training for officers and Elected Members; and,
- Operational functions including events, finance, human resources, information technology, marketing and media management.

How is WALGA Funded

A number of components contribute to the WALGA operational budget. As with most member-based organisations, WALGA has an annual Membership fee paid by all Member Councils. To ensure fairness, the annual Membership fee is indexed to the size and capacity of each Local Government. It contributes less than 10 per cent of WALGA total turnover.

WALGA secures additional funding through: charges to State and Federal departments and agencies for the administration of grants; fee-for-services selected for use by Member Local Governments; and returns from supplier contracts as part of group buying arrangements that guarantee lowest market rates for Members.

Role of Zones

State Councillors are elected to State Council from one of 17 Zones, which are groupings of Local Governments convened together on the basis of population, commonalities of interest and geographical alignment.

The relationship between State Council and Zones within the Western Australian Local Government Association is a critical one in the political representation of Local Government at the State and Federal levels.

Zones have an integral role in shaping the political and strategic direction of WALGA. Not only are Zones responsible for bringing relevant local and regional issues to the State Council decision making table, they are a key player in developing policy and legislative initiatives for Local Government.

WALGA's Constitution outlines that the functions of Zones are to:

- Elect one or more State Councillors;
- Consider the State Council agenda;
- Provide direction and feedback to their State Councillor; and,
- Any other function deemed appropriate by the Zone.

Additional activities undertaken by Zones include:

- Developing and advocating on positions on regional issues affecting Local Government;
- Progressing regional Local Government initiatives;
- Identifying relevant issues for action by WALGA;
- Networking and information sharing; and,
- Contributing to policy development through policy forums and other channels.

Zones provide input into State Council's advocacy agenda in two critical ways: by passing resolutions on items contained in the State Council agenda, and by generating new agenda items for consideration by State Council.

Zone Motions

To generate new agenda items for consideration by State Council, a Zone may pass a resolution requesting that WALGA take action. For example, a Zone motion may request WALGA to investigate an issue, undertake advocacy, or develop policy.

It is best practice that Zone motions are submitted with the backing of a resolution of Council; however, as Zones are self-governing and autonomous, individual Zone delegates may submit motions for the Zone to consider.

It is recommended that the Zone be advised whether a motion to be considered has been endorsed by Council, or has been submitted by an individual Zone delegate.

Role of Zone Delegates

Zone delegates are elected or appointed to represent their Council on the Zone and make decisions on their Council's behalf at the regional level.

In fulfilling their role as Council's delegate, the Zone delegate should give regard to their Council's positions on policy issues.

There is also an expectation that Zone delegates will report back to their Council about decisions made by the Zone.

Role of State Council

WALGA is governed by a President and a 24 member State Council, elected from the Local Government sector.

Each State Councillor represents a WALGA Zone. There are 12 metropolitan zones and 12 regional zones. All 139 WA Local Governments are invited to be Members of WALGA and a zone.

Elected Members are able to nominate to represent their Local Government on their zone and in turn, through the zone election process, to represent the zone on State Council.

State Council's primary role is to govern the successful operation of WALGA and broadly includes:

- i. Strategy formulation and policy making;
- ii. Development, evaluation and succession of the Chief Executive Officer;
- iii. Monitoring financial management and performance, including the annual budget;
- iv. Monitoring and controlling compliance and organisational performance;
- v. Ensuring effective identification, assessment and management of risk;
- vi. Promoting ethical and responsible decision making;

- vii. Ensuring effective communication and liaison with members and stakeholders; and;
- viii. Ensuring an effective governance framework and culture.

Role of State Councillor

State Councillors have ultimate responsibility for the overall successful operations of WALGA.

The principal roles of State Councillors relate to:

- Policy positions and issues;
- The strategic direction of WALGA;
- Financial operations and solvency; and,
- All matters as prescribed by law.

State Councillors, as directors of a board, are required to act consistently in the “best interests of the organisation as a whole”. This effectively means that the duties of a State Councillor are owed to all Member Local Governments.

State Councillors are also expected to be ‘champions’ for WALGA and for the Local Government sector.

Commitment of the Role of State Councillor

State Councillors are expected to attend State Council meetings, of which there are six per year. As State Councillors are elected to State Council by their Zone, State Councillors would also be expected to attend and play a prominent role in Zone meetings, including reporting back to their Zone about WALGA’s activities and advocacy.

State Councillors are also expected to attend WALGA events and functions and play an active role in representing the Local Government sector, and contributing to policy debates and other forums.

State Council operates a number of internal and external committees and policy forums. There is an expectation that State Councillors play a leading role in serving on State Council’s committees on behalf of WALGA and the Local Government sector.

State Councillors are paid a sitting fee of \$3,580 per annum (rate applicable for the 2021-22 financial year) and expenses incurred to attend State Council meetings are reimbursable.

Opportunities for State Councillors

State Councillors, as board members of WALGA, are key leaders in the Local Government sector in Western Australia. Not only do State Councillors represent their community on their Council, they also have the opportunity to represent their region (Zone) and the Local Government sector at the state level.

All State Councillors will be appointed to a Policy Team or the Finance and Services Committee. Policy Teams provide State Councillors with hands-on exposure to development of policy positions and submissions to Government on behalf of the Local Government sector in WA. The Chair of the relevant Policy Team will also have the opportunity to attend meetings with Government Ministers to advocate on behalf of Local Government.

Become Involved

We hope that involvement in your Association – by representing your Council on the Zone, or representing your Zone on State Council – will be an enriching and rewarding experience.

Consider nominating for a position on the Zone or State Council and you play a role in shaping policy and advocacy on behalf of Local Government in Western Australia!

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Gascoyne Regional Road Group

Reference information for Elected Members on a Regional Road Group

June 2021

This reference information aims to inform Elected Members of a Regional Road Group of matters pertinent to the business of that Group.

Specifically, the contents will inform Elected Members of:

- State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement
- Role of the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee
- Terms of Reference for a Regional Road Group
- Regional Strategies for Significant Local Government roads
- Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) network
- Accredited Mass Management Scheme (AMMS)
- Funding sources for road projects
- Key Performance Indicators for a Regional Road Group
- WALGA RoadWise

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1.0 Regional Road Groups

The State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement mandates the existence and operation of Regional Road Groups, which the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee oversees.

The State Roads to Local Government management structure identified the following Regional Road Groups:

- Gascoyne
- Goldfields-Esperance
- Great Southern
- Kimberley
- Metropolitan
- Mid-West
- Pilbara
- South West
- Wheatbelt North
- Wheatbelt South

The Chairperson of a Regional Road Group shall be an Elected Member.

A Regional Road Group is responsible for

- Assessing road-funding submissions from its member Local Governments.
- The annual distribution of funds to Local Government roads.
- Monitoring and reporting on the effectiveness of applying funds to Local Government roads in its region.

Main Roads Western Australia provides technical and administrative support to Regional Road Groups.

See Annexure 1 for Terms of Reference for a Regional Road Group and Annexure 5 for the profile of the Gascoyne Regional Road Group.

2.0 Regional Road Sub-Groups or Technical Groups

Regional Road Sub Group

A Regional Road Group may establish a Regional Road Sub Group(s) to:

- Assist to identify road-funding priorities.
- Consider local road issues to inform decision making by the Regional Road Group.
- Provide advice to the Regional Road Group.

A Regional Road Group will determine and approve the Terms of Reference for a Regional Road Sub Group(s). The Terms of Reference will include:

- Roles and responsibilities of the Sub Group(s).
- Process to elect the Chairperson.
- Membership of the Sub Group(s).
- Voting rights within the Sub Group(s).
- Voting rights of the Sub Group(s) at the Regional Road Group.

Elected Members can be members of a Regional Road Sub-Group(s).

A Local Government may apply to the Regional Road Group to transfer from one Sub Group to another.

Regional Road Technical Group

A Regional Road Group may establish a Regional Road Technical Group to assist with management and consideration of local road issues; and provide technical advice as requested.

- Assist to identify road-funding priorities.
- Consider local road issues to inform decision making by the Regional Road Group.
- Provide technical advice to the Regional Road Group.

A RRG will determine and approve the Terms of Reference for a Regional Road Technical Group(s). The Terms of Reference will include:

- Roles and responsibilities of the Technical Group(s).
- Process to elect the Chairperson.
- Membership of the Technical Group(s).

The Technical Group(s) is an advisory group with no voting rights at the Regional Road Group.

Elected Members can be members of a Technical Group(s); however, ordinarily, Local Government technical staff comprise a Regional Road Technical Group.

A Local Government may apply to the Regional Road Group to transfer from one Technical Group to another.

3.0 State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement

The State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement (the Agreement) is a formal agreement between State and Local Government in Western Australia.

The Agreement is intended to ensure that the funds available from State Government sources for local roads are allocated across the State of Western Australia, focusing on areas of strategic importance and areas that will provide maximum benefit. The needs of all road users and the Western Australian community will be considered during the distribution process. (State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement, Guiding Principles, page 2)

The current Agreement expires in 2022/2023 and states, “On an annual basis, the share of State road funds to be allocated on Local Government roads will be equivalent of the State Budget estimated motor vehicle licence fees for that year.” (State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement, Funding sources, page 3)

The Agreement recognises and determines the membership of:

- State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee
- Regional Road Groups
- Regional Road Sub Groups (if considered necessary)

Under the Agreement, the available funding is split into two categories:

1. Local Government Managed Programs (Category 1)
2. Main Roads Western Australia Managed Programs (Category 2)

The Agreement (page 3) is projected to produce annual allocations from State road funds to Local Government roads for the years 2018/19 to 2022/23 as per the following schedule:

2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
\$182.3 million	\$188.9 million	\$193.4 million	\$198.4 million	\$203.4 million

The revenue is to be distributed to Local Government roads on the basis of¹:

Local Government Managed Programs

(Category 1): 66%

- Direct Grants
- Road Project Grants
- State Black Spot
- Strategic and Technical Support

Main Roads Western Australian Managed Programs

(Category 2): 34%

- State Initiatives on Local Roads
- Traffic Management, Signs and Pavement Markings
- Bridgeworks and Inspections
- Remote Aboriginal Access Roads
- Regional Road Group Support

The allocation to the categories and sub categories will move in line with the total Agreement pool or as otherwise approved by the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee. (State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement, page 4)

4.0 State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee

The Agreement stipulates the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee (SAC) will oversee, monitor and recommend to the Minister for Transport the distribution of State funds to Local Government roads.

The SAC sets and is responsible for the procedures covering the administration and functioning of the Agreement.

Membership

The SAC consists of:

- Managing Director of Main Roads Western Australia.
- Chief Executive Officer of the Western Australian Local Government Association (or their nominee).
- Four elected State Councillors as nominated by the Western Australian Local Government Association.
- Four Main Roads Western Australia senior officers nominated by the Managing Director of Main Roads.

The Managing Director of Main Roads Western Australia chairs the SAC.

¹ See Annexure 2: Road Funding Sources, and Annexure 3: Indicative timetable for Funding Submissions.

Responsibilities

The responsibilities of SAC include:

- Recommending the annual local roads program to the Managing Director, Main Roads WA (for consideration by the Minister for Transport).
- Monitoring the delivery and acquittal of funded programs/projects.
- Redistributing funds between projects, programs and Regional Road Groups if required to suit delivery progress/schedules.
- Reviewing individual Regional Road Group procedures.
- Set procedures covering the administration and functioning of the Agreement.
- Responding to transport issues received from Regional Road Groups, Local Government and Main Roads WA.
- Deciding and approving changes to relevant policies and processes affecting the Agreement.
- Responding to transport issues received from Regional Road Groups, Local Government and MRWA.

The SAC meets four times each year and meeting agendas/minutes are on the WALGA website at: <http://walga.asn.au/Policy-Advice-and-Advocacy/Infrastructure/Funding.aspx>

5.0 Regional Strategies for Significant Local Government Roads

Each Regional Road Group has a document known as *Regional Strategies for Significant Local Government Roads*. The document provides a strategic view of regionally significant Local Government roads and the development strategies for those roads. The current version of the document is *Roads 2030* and under development is *Roads 2040*.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the State Government and WALGA requires that Regional Road Groups review their road development strategies at five yearly intervals to assess the effects of changing circumstances and demand on the local road network.

Local Governments (via Regional Road Groups) work collaboratively to review their local road network to produce an agreed strategic approach to allocate limited funding across the extensive local road network in WA.

It is important to note that only projects on local roads included in the current version of *Regional Strategies for Significant Local Government Roads* are eligible for Road Project Grant funding under the current State Roads Funds to Local Government Agreement.

See Annexure 2 for a breakdown of State Government and Federal Government funding sources for Local Government roads.

The SAC must endorse any amendment to a Regional Road Group's *Regional Strategies for Significant Local Government Roads* document. If a Regional Road Group seeks an amendment for a road crossing into an adjoining region, SAC requires evidence of agreement with the adjoining Regional Road Group.

Access the current version of *Regional Strategies for Significant Local Government Roads* for each Regional Road Group:

<http://walga.asn.au/Policy-Advice-and-Advocacy/Infrastructure/Roads/Roads-2030-Regional-Road-Development-Strategies.aspx>

6.0 Level One Bridge Inspections

Local Governments are responsible for bridges on local roads and must perform annual level-one inspections of bridges under their responsibility. Local Governments submit inspection reports to Main Roads WA. Demonstration of such inspections is critical for a Local Government to be eligible for funding from the Agreement to maintain or replace a bridge.

Main Roads WA performs other detailed technical inspections of bridges, known as level-two and level-three inspections, on behalf of and/or in consultation with Local Governments.

Main Roads WA will provide a list each year to every Regional Road Group to monitor annual level-one bridge inspections by member Local Governments. A Regional Road Group may discuss outstanding inspections and, if necessary, consult with Main Roads WA or WALGA to provide support.

To guide Local Governments in their responsibilities a *Level 1 Bridge Inspection Framework* is available on the WALGA website:

<https://walga.asn.au/getattachment/Policy-Advice-and-Advocacy/Infrastructure/Roads/Level-1-Bridge-Inspection-Framework-version1-2020-Final2.pdf?lang=en-AU>

7.0 Key Performance Indicators for Regional Road Groups

Part 7 of the Agreement relates to Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Regional Road Groups. Part 7 states, *Key Performance Indicators will focus on Expenditure Performance, asset management and road safety. KPIs have been established for monitoring purposes and no financial incentives or penalties will apply on the basis of performance against KPIs. Main Roads Western Australia and WALGA will prepare an annual KPI report for SAC. The report will be provided to the Regional Road Groups.*

Expenditure performance

- 1.1 Number of Regional Road Group meetings held. Minimum two meetings per year.
- 1.2 Percentage of Black Spot Programs funding expended. (Includes State Government and Australian Government Black Spot Programs). Target 90%.
- 1.3 Percentage of road project grants expended (includes commodity route supplementary funds projects). Target 90%.
- 1.4 Road project grant applications submitted to SAC (via Main Roads WA) by November each year.

Asset management

- 2.1 Percentage of sealed road length subject to a documented visual condition survey within the region in the previous 5 years. Target 50%.

Road safety

- 3.1 Metropolitan Regional Road Group only - Percentage of road project grant funded road improvements subject to road safety audits. Target 100%
- 3.2 Other Regional Road Groups - Percentage of Road Project Grant funded projects that include Safe System improvements to roads and roadsides. Target 50%.

Local road inventory data

- 4.1 Number of Local Governments by RRG that provide a road inventory data update to Main Roads WA for uploading into the IRIS database in the last three financial years. Target 100%.

Reporting on the KPIs commenced in 2012-2013. Annexure 4 is the KPI report for 2019/2020.

8.0 Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network

The Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network consists of ten levels of road network (i.e. RAV Network 1 to RAV Network 10) on which an approved category of restricted access (heavy) vehicle can be driven (i.e. category 1 restricted access vehicle to category 10 restricted access vehicle). Main Roads WA maintains an electronic list of all roads in the RAV Network.

A restricted access vehicle cannot travel on any road not listed in the RAV network - to do so is contrary to the law.

A higher category restricted access vehicle (e.g. a RAV 10) cannot be driven on a lower RAV rated road (e.g. a RAV 5 road); however, a lower category restricted access vehicle (e.g. a RAV 4) can be driven on a higher RAV rated road (e.g. a RAV 7 road).

Restricted Access Vehicles can only operate on a road (RAV route) approved by Main Roads WA. Vehicle operators may apply to Main Roads WA to add or amend a RAV route and it is the policy of Main Roads WA to refer applications to Local Governments for preliminary assessment.

To provide guidance to a Local Government when assessing an application to add or amend a road on the RAV network, WALGA developed a model policy known as "Policy for Assessing Applications to Operate Restricted Access Vehicles on Local Government Roads". Download the model policy from the WALGA website [here](#).

Main Roads WA maintains the following guidance documents for the RAV network:

1. Guidelines for Approving RAV Access
<https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/globalassets/heavy-vehicles/rav-access/access-guideline-approving-rav-access.pdf>
2. Standard Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Route Assessment Guidelines
<https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/globalassets/heavy-vehicles/rav-access/access-guide-standard-restricted-access-vehicle-rav-route-assessment-guidelines>

As of right vehicles

An *as of right vehicle* is any vehicle not a restricted access vehicle, for example, rigid trucks and semi-trailers. These vehicles may operate state-wide provided they are:

- Not a road train or b-double;
- Within regulation axle mass limits;
- Less than nineteen (19) metres in combination length or less than 12.5 metres in length for rigid vehicles;
- Less than 42.5 tonnes in total combination mass;
- Less than 2.5 metres wide (excluding mirrors and lights); and
- Less than 4.3 metres high.

9.0 Accredited Mass Management Scheme (AMMS)

The Accredited Mass Management Scheme (AMMS) is a scheme allowing heavy vehicles to carry additional payload on an identified and limited part of the road network assessed as suitable by Main Roads WA.

AMMS allows for three concessional mass levels and allows for any product and use of any proven loading control method. Vehicles accredited under the AMMS can only carry additional mass.

Local Governments retain control over heavy vehicles using local roads. A transport operator applies to have local roads assessed for inclusion in the AMMS network. Main Roads WA seek the support of Local Government before assessing the suitability of a local road for inclusion in the AMMS network. At that time, Local Governments can seek to have relevant conditions applied to the use of a particular local road.

Once approved for access, a road is included on the AMMS network list of roads published on the AMMS page of the Main Roads WA website.

Similar to the RAV network, transport operators must comply with the particular conditions of the AMMS network on which they are operating.

Information about the AMMS is available on the Main Roads WA website:

<https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/globalassets/heavy-vehicles/getting-a-permit/amms/permits-information-sheet-accredited-mass-management-scheme-amms-information-sheet.pdf>

10.0 Informing Own Councils

Each Regional Road Group approves and recommends to the SAC a substantial amount of road funding on behalf of member Local Governments. It is useful that delegates to each Regional Road Group or Sub-Group keep their own Councils informed of the business and decisions made by the Regional Road Group of which they are a member.

11.0 WALGA RoadWise

WALGA RoadWise aims to engage Local Governments and communities in actions that support and contribute to the implementation of *Driving Change*, Road Safety Strategy for Western Australia (2020-2030).

WALGA RoadWise supports Local Governments, community groups, local businesses and individuals to become involved in the community road safety network across Western Australia.

A team of regional and metropolitan based RoadWise Road Safety Advisors assist members of the statewide community road safety network (that includes Local Governments) by:

- promoting participation and community ownership
- facilitating opportunities for leadership in local road safety
- supporting local road safety committees
- providing access to resources and training
- sharing information

These actions contribute to building the capacity of the network to make an effective contribution to preventing or reducing death or serious injury on the public road network in Western Australia.

The contact details for the WALGA RoadWise Road Safety Advisor for the Gascoyne Region:

Engel Prendergast
Telephone: 9213 2060 or 0437 413 225
Email: eprendergast@walga.asn.au

12.0 Main Roads WA Contact

Contact details for Main Roads WA Mid West-Gascoyne Region are:

Carnarvon office:
470 Robinson Street, Carnarvon WA 6701 or PO Box 480, Carnarvon WA 6701
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Or

Geraldton office:
Eastward Road, Geraldton WA 6531 or PO Box 165, Geraldton WA 6531
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13.0 WALGA Contacts

For further information, please contact the people listed below.

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14.0 ANNEXURE 1 - Terms of Reference for Regional Road Groups

Excerpt from *State Road Funds to Local Government Procedures*
(Part 7 – December 2020 – document number D21#545923, Main Roads WA)

7. Terms of Reference for Regional Road Groups

Region

Each Local Government in Western Australia shall be included in an appropriate RRG as defined by SAC. As a principle, the regional boundaries be as similar as possible to those used by MRWA.

Where there are exceptional circumstances, a Local Government may apply to SAC to transfer from one RRG to another. Supporting documentation shall accompany an application to justify the reasons for a change.

Where SAC approves a Local Government to transfer to another RRG, it will amend funding allocations to reflect the change.

Chairperson

An Elected Member shall be the Chairperson of a RRG. A RRG shall elect a Chairperson at least every second year at its first meeting following Local Government elections.

Membership

An Elected Member shall represent each Local Government on a RRG.

Voting and Decision Making

As far as practicable, decisions should be by consensus. Where voting is necessary, only Local Government Elected Members will be voting representatives on the following basis:

- One vote for each Local Government represented at RRG meetings where no Sub Group(s) exist; or
- One vote for each Sub Group represented at RRG meeting where Sub Group(s) exist.

Unresolved issues shall be brought to the attention of SAC by the RRG.

Meetings

The Chairperson of a RRG, assisted by the Secretariat, will develop an annual meeting timetable relating to the timetable of SAC. A RRG shall determine its annual meeting timetable at its first meeting after advice of SAC meeting timetable.

The schedule of RRG meetings can be found on the WALGA website.

Delegated Representatives

A member of a RRG may delegate authority, including voting rights, to another Elected Member from the same Local Government to attend and represent them at a meeting.

Reporting Structure

A RRG shall record minutes of its meeting and provide a copy to each member and to SAC. The RRG shall make recommendations as required to SAC.

Observers

A RRG may invite to a meeting any person with appropriate experience or expertise to assist in any matter.

Secretariat

MRWA shall provide technical and administrative support to the RRG. Regional Managers will provide the primary contact for each RRG. (See Attachment 5 for a Guide).

Regional Road Sub Group

A RRG may establish a Regional Road Sub Group(s) to:

- Assist to identify road-funding priorities.
- Consider local road issues to inform decision making by the RRG.
- Provide advice to the RRG.

A RRG will determine and approve the Terms of Reference for a Regional Road Sub Group(s).

The Terms of Reference will include:

- Roles and responsibilities of the Sub Group(s).
- Process to elect the Chairperson.
- Membership of the Sub Group(s).
- Voting rights within the Sub Group(s).
- Voting rights of the Sub Group(s) at the RRG.

A Local Government may apply to the RRG to transfer from one Sub Group to another.

Regional Road Technical Group

A RRG may establish a Regional Road Technical Group to assist with management and consideration of local road issues; and provide technical advice as requested.

A RRG will determine and approve the Terms of Reference for a Regional Road Technical Group(s). The Terms of Reference will include:

- Roles and responsibilities of the Technical Group(s).
- Process to elect the Chairperson.
- Membership of the Sub Group(s).
- The Technical Group(s) is an advisory group with no voting rights at the RRG.

A Local Government may apply to the RRG to transfer from one Technical Group to another.

Correspondence

Address all correspondence:

Chairperson

RRG

C/- Regional Manager

MRWA

Responsibilities

Within policies and guidelines established by SAC, the RRG shall be responsible for assessing road funding submissions from its members, the annual distribution of funds to Local Government roads, monitoring and reporting on the effectiveness of the application of the funds to Local Government roads in its region.

A RRG shall ensure that funds made available by the State are applied to the road network to:

- Maximise capacity and resources through joint purchasing and resource sharing
- Maximise benefits to the community
- Preserve, improve and extend the road system and
- Comply with the obligations of the Managing Director of Main Roads under legislation.

A RRG is responsible for:

- Developing and recommending to SAC, an annual Local Government roads program for their region.
- Monitoring the implementation of the program in their region.
- Developing and recommending to SAC, Strategies for Significant Local Government Roads.
- Developing and recommending to SAC, three year works projections.
- Regularly review project prioritisation methodologies for annual distribution of road funds to Local Government roads within the region.
- Developing regional specific policies and procedures to suit local circumstances.
- Providing updates of regional specific procedures to SAC for approval prior to formal introduction.
- Providing funding information to Local Governments to facilitate expenditure of road funds.
- Assisting SAC with Local Government priorities at the regional level.
- Advising SAC of any likely under expenditure with an explanation as to the cause and proposed solutions.
- Monitoring and responding to the safety performance of the Local Government road network in the region.
- Dealing with any other business relevant to the transport needs of the region.

Key Performance Indicators

RRG have key performance indicators (KPI) reported annually to SAC. The KPIs are:

- Number of RRG meetings held. (Minimum two meetings per year).
- Percentage of Black Spot Programs funding expended. (Includes State Black Spot Program and Federal Government Black Spot Program). (Target 90%).
- Percentage of road project grants expended. (Includes Commodity Route Fund). (Target 90%).
- Road project grant applications submitted to the State Advisory Committee by December each year.
- Percentage of sealed road length subject to documented visual condition survey within the region in the previous five years. (Target 50%).
- Metropolitan RRG only – percentage of road project grant funded road improvements subject to road safety audits / inspections. (Target 100%).
- Other RRG – percentage of road project grant funded projects that include Safe System improvements to roads and roadsides. (Target 50%).
- Number of Local Governments by RRG that have uploaded road inventory data into the MRWA IRIS database in the last three financial years. (Target 100%).

Attachment 5 – State Road Funds to Local Government Administrative Procedures

(To be used as a guide)

Executive Support

MRWA's Regional Office will provide the executive support and all other administrative, technical support to the RRG. (Where there are Sub Groups or Technical Groups to the RRG, support is to be provided by Local Government.) The following is an outline of the support to be provided:

- Provide information to Regional Road Groups and Local Governments on annual and programs of works, indicative funding and other financial matters.
- Provide the necessary support to assist Local Governments in programming and prioritising projects.
- Provide minute takers for meetings, distribute the minutes to the Regional Road Group members and State Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee.
- Provide the necessary administrative duties involved in the follow up of meeting action.

Records

The following will be maintained by MRWA to support RRG:

- Correspondence File (which provides background information required to support action of the Regional Road Group).
- Meeting and Agenda files (to ensure that ready access is available and records of Minutes maintained).
- Annual and Three-Year Program of Works including amendments.
- Summary of Payments of Local Road Funds to Local Governments.
- Certificates of Completion for Local Roads Projects and Direct Grants.
- An up-to-date Procedures and Road Projects Evaluation Guidelines Manual.
- An up-to-date list of RRG and Sub Group or Technical Group membership.

Meetings

Timing and Venue

An annual timetable will be established and meeting should be conducted on a regular basis. The date and venue of meetings to be determined by the RRG. Consider holding meetings at locations equitable for all participants.

Meeting Agenda

MRWA staff to prepare the Agenda in consultation with Chairperson of the RRG.

Agenda Format

- Chairperson to open meeting, welcome members and observers and call for apologies.
- Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting.
- Business arising from previous minutes.
- Presentation of Advisory Committee Minutes since last RRG meeting.
- Inwards and Outwards Correspondence

- Reports:
 - Chairperson
 - WALGA Representative Submissions from Local Governments
 - Recommendations to State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee
 - Summary of payments made to Local Governments (recoups, audit forms).
 - Amendments to Program of Works.
 - Black Spot and Road Safety Progress Report
- General Business.
- Future meeting dates.
- Meeting close.

The Agenda provided to each RRG member is to include the following:

- Minutes of the previous meeting.
- Summary of financial status and completion of projects.
- Copies of inward and outward correspondence.
- Any other relevant papers, maps etc. to assist the Group.

Correspondence

In general, correspondence is to be dealt with in the following manner:

- RRG correspondence is addressed to the Chairperson or the Regional Manager.
- All correspondence dealing with Local Roads Funding and RRG involvement is treated as inwards correspondence at the RRG meetings.
- Urgent matters are referred by email/facsimile direct to the Chairperson, or otherwise presented at the RRG meeting.

15.0 ANNEXURE 2 - Road Funding Sources

The following funding sources are available to Local Governments for roads.

Direct Grants (State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement)

Provided annually for routine maintenance of Local Government roads. The grants are allocated directly to a Local Government using the Asset Preservation Model formula provided by the Western Australia Local Government Grants Commission.

Road Project Grants (State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement)

Provided annually and used for specific projects assessed and prioritised by a Regional Road Group. Funding may only be used on roads of regional significance for specific road improvements; and major preservation works such as resealing to maintain the road asset.

Commodity Routes (State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement)

Provided annually (from the Road Project Grant allocation) for routes where there is a significant high priority transport task associated with the transport of a commodity such as grain, timber, agricultural lime, iron ore, etc. The funding is intended for roads requiring upgrade or maintenance to accommodate the commodity transport function.

Road and Bridge Condition Data Collection Fund (State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement)

Provided annually (from the Road Project Grant allocation) for assessing the condition of regionally significant Local Government bituminous sealed roads as defined in each Regional Road Group's *Regional Strategies for Significant Local Government Roads*; and to assist Local Governments perform Level 1 bridge inspections on local roads.

State Black Spot Program (State Government)

The Program targets improving the safety of roads with a proven crash history or high-risk location with the likelihood of crashes occurring identified by a road safety audit/inspection. Projects on local roads are funded by a joint contribution of two dollars from the State Government and a one-dollar contribution from the Local Government where the project resides.

State Initiatives on Local Roads (State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement)

Provided annually for works that are generally larger in nature and fall outside the criteria of other funding groups, however are still of strategic importance to the State.

Bridge Works/Bridge Inspections (State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement)

The Commonwealth provides Financial Assistance Grant funding to the Western Australian Local Government Grants Commission in the form of Untied Funds for Local Government. Some of this funding is set aside for major maintenance and replacement of bridges on Local Government roads. The State provides a matching contribution of \$1 for every \$2 provided under this arrangement.

Remote Aboriginal Community Access Roads (State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement)

The Commonwealth provides Financial Assistance Grant funding to the Western Australian Local Government Grants Commission in the form of Untied Funds for Local Government. Some of this funding is set aside for access roads serving Aboriginal Communities. The State provides a matching contribution of \$1 for every \$2 provided under this arrangement.

Australian Government Black Spot Program (Australian Government)

The Program aims to reduce the social and economic costs of road trauma by treating locations with a record of casualty crashes or with the likelihood of crashes occurring identified by a road safety audit/inspection. The Australian Government fully funds projects on local roads under this program.

Roads to Recovery (Australian Government)

Funded by the Australian Government, the Roads to Recovery Program commenced in 2001 to address the significant amount of Local Government road infrastructure reaching the end of its economic life and its replacement was beyond the capacity of Local Governments. Roads to Recovery funds are paid directly to Local Governments for priority road projects chosen by Local Governments.

See Annexure 3 – Indicative timetable for funding submissions.

16.0 ANNEXURE 3 – Indicative timetable for funding submissions

Indicative timetable for funding applications and proposed meetings of the Gascoyne Regional Road Group.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT BLACK SPOT PROGRAM

Process step	Month
Call for submissions	April
Proposed Gascoyne RRG meeting	June
Submissions close	July
Submissions assessed	September/October
Prepare recommended program	October/November
Proposed Gascoyne RRG meeting	November
State Panel meets and assesses recommended program	December
Submit recommended program to State Government for approval	December
Proposed Gascoyne RRG meeting	February
Approved program announced	May

STATE GOVERNMENT BLACK SPOT PROGRAM

Process step	Month
Call for submissions	April
Proposed Gascoyne RRG meeting	June
Submissions close	July/August
Submissions assessed	September/October
Proposed Gascoyne RRG meeting	November
Prepare recommended program	November
State Panel meets and assesses recommended program	December
Submit recommended program to State Government for approval	December
Proposed Gascoyne RRG meeting	February
Approved program announced	May

ROAD PROJECT GRANTS

Process step	Month
Local Governments apply to the RRG for project funds with supporting justification	September (for next financial year)
Proposed Gascoyne RRG meeting	November
RRG's provide project recommendations to SAC	November (for next financial year)
SAC makes project recommendations to the Managing Director, Main Roads WA	December (for next financial year)
Proposed Gascoyne RRG meeting	February
Proposed Gascoyne RRG meeting	June
Local Governments advised of approved projects	June (for next financial year)
RRG to advise SAC of likely under expenditure of allocated funds (if applicable)	Before end of June (for current financial year)

COMMODITY ROUTE SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING

Process step	Month
Proposed Gascoyne RRG meeting	June
Call for submissions	June
Submissions close	September
RRG assesses projects and makes recommendations to Technical Review Group (consists of representatives from WALGA and Main Roads WA, Perth)	September/October
Technical Review Group assesses projects and makes recommendations to SAC	October/November
Proposed Gascoyne RRG meeting	November
SAC approval	December
To State Government for approval	January
Approved program announced	January
Proposed Gascoyne RRG meeting	February

17.0 ANNEXURE 4 - Key Performance Indicators

Regional Road Group Key Performance Indicators Annual Report 2019/2020

1.1 Number of Regional Road Group meetings held. (Minimum 2 meetings per year)

Region	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Great Southern	2	2	2	2	1
South West	4	4	4	4	3
Gascoyne	3	3	3	3	3
Mid-West	2	2	2	2	2
Goldfields-Esperance	1	2	2	2	2
Kimberley	2	2	2	2	2
Wheatbelt South	2	2	2	2	3
Wheatbelt North	2	2	2	2	3
Pilbara	2	2	1	1	2
Metropolitan	2	2	2	2	2

Regional Road Groups met at least twice during the reporting year except the Great Southern Regional Road Group.

1.2 Percentage of Black Spot Programs funding expended. (Target 90%) (Includes State Government and Australian Government Black Spot Programs)

Region	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
	%	%	%	%	%
Great Southern	90	83	87	61	58
South West	87	86	90	91	85
Gascoyne	100	0*	0*	96	100
Mid-West	36	87	49	4*	47
Goldfields-Esperance	48	100	50	66	100
Kimberley	91	49	39	85	58
Wheatbelt South	53	78	75	74	78
Wheatbelt North	64	55	52	83	90
Pilbara	93	125	100	0**	80
Metropolitan	72	52	63	66	61
Total	73	70	60	62	76

The Gascoyne, Goldfields-Esperance and Wheatbelt North Regional Road Groups achieved the 90% target.

1.3 Percentage of road project grants expended. (Target 90%) (Includes Commodity Route Supplementary Fund projects)

Region	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
	%	%	%	%	%
Great Southern	93	82	86	69	86
South West	91	90	89	83	84
Gascoyne	100	100	97	98	93
Mid-West	97	100	94	100	95
Goldfields-Esperance	92	78	89	96	86
Kimberley	79	87	89	84	48
Wheatbelt South	89	91	99	94	89
Wheatbelt North	96	97	91	85	90
Pilbara	100	100	63	55	89
Metropolitan	95	79	79	78	78
Total	93	86	88	84	84

Three Regional Road Groups met the 90% target with two Regional Road Groups at 89%.

Metropolitan Region by Sub Group

Sub Group	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
	%	%	%	%	%
North West	100	100	89	61	94
West	62	83	86	78	53
Central	100	61	78	93	79
East	100	79	97	91	98
South East	100	58	76	79	91
South West	100	92	92	95	65
Total	95	79	86*	79	84

Three of the six metropolitan sub-groups achieved the 90% target.

Member Local Governments of Metropolitan Subgroups

North West	Joondalup, Stirling & Wanneroo
West	Cambridge, Claremont, Cottesloe, Mosman Park, Nedlands & Peppermint Grove
Central	Perth, Subiaco & Vincent
East	Bassendean, Bayswater, Kalamunda, Mundaring & Swan
South East	Armadale, Belmont, Canning, Gosnells, Serpentine-Jarrahdale, South Perth & Victoria Park
South West	Cockburn, East Fremantle, Fremantle, Kwinana, Melville & Rockingham

1.4 Road project grant applications submitted to the State Advisory Committee (via Main Roads WA) by November each year.

Region	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019/2020
Great Southern	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
South West	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Gascoyne	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mid-West	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Goldfields-Esperance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kimberley	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wheatbelt South	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wheatbelt North	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pilbara	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Metropolitan	X	✓	✓	✓	✓

2.1 Percentage of sealed road length subject to a documented visual condition survey within the region in the previous 5 years. (Target 50%)

Region	% of sealed road length surveyed in the past 5 years				
	2015-2016	2016/2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Great Southern	71	71	73	54	50
South West	74	71	68	74	64
Gascoyne	46	46	36	89	75
Mid-West	67	62	37	68	43
Goldfields-Esperance	35	40	69	44	74
Kimberley	75	74	53	76	24
Wheatbelt South	66	62	62	90	89
Wheatbelt North	86	83	80	83	72
Pilbara	92	100	100	100	50
Metropolitan	84	72	78	74	77
Total for WA	75	70	65	77	71%

The data excludes 19 Local Governments that do not use RAMM to manage road condition data.

3.1 Metropolitan Regional Road Group only - Percentage of Road Project Grant funded road improvements subject to road safety audits. (Target is 100%)

Region	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019/2020
	%	%	%	%	%
Metropolitan	100	100	100	100	100

3.2 Other Regional Road Groups - Percentage of Road Project Grant funded projects that include Safe System improvements to roads and roadsides. (Target is 50%)

Region	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019/2020
	%	%	%	%	%
Great Southern	69	51	51	56	51
South West	75	66	68	58	67
Gascoyne	70	57	100	100	100
Mid-West	66	62	100	100	100
Goldfields-Esperance	50	51	60	50	97
Kimberley	86	92	75	84	71
Wheatbelt South	96	40	70	66	68
Wheatbelt North	84	34	59	63	65
Pilbara	80	79	100	80	50

All the non-metropolitan Regional Road Groups achieved the target.

4.1 Number of Local Governments by RRG that provide a road inventory data update to Main Roads WA for uploading into the IRIS database in the last three financial years (2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020). (Target 100%)

Region	Number of Local Governments in RRG	2016-2017, 2017-18 and 2018-19	2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20
Great Southern	12	7	10
South West	16	6	6
Gascoyne	4	2	1
Mid-West	16	5	6
Goldfields-Esperance	9	5	5
Kimberley	4	3	3
Wheatbelt South	18	7	7
Wheatbelt North	24	9	11
Pilbara	4	1	2
Metropolitan	30	18	11
Total	137	63	62

In the last three financial years, 45% of Local Governments provided road inventory data for uploading into the Main Roads WA IRIS database.

18.0 ANNEXURE 5 – Profile of Gascoyne Regional Road Group

(Source: Report on Local Government Road Assets & Expenditure 2019/20, Appendix 5, page 73)

Local Governments (4)	Carnarvon, Exmouth, Shark Bay and Upper Gascoyne			
Length of roads in Region (km)	Sealed:	538		
	Gravel:	1,898		
	Formed:	1,412		
	Unformed:	369		
	Total:	4,217		
Shire of Carnarvon	Sealed	269	Gravel	541
	Formed	525	Unformed	181
	Total:	1,515		
Shire of Exmouth	Sealed	155	Gravel	15
	Formed	43	Unformed	23
	Total:	236		
Shire of Shark Bay	Sealed	40	Gravel	374
	Formed	165	Unformed	6
	Total:	585		
Shire of Upper Gascoyne	Sealed	75	Gravel	968
	Formed	679	Unformed	159
	Total:	1,881		
				