

Councillor Training 19-20



Amendments to the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 relating to elected members training came into effect in September 2019 with a new mandatory training course, "Council Members Essentials" being required to be completed within 12 months of being elected.

A person who is a council member on the day on which the Local Government Regulations comes into operation is exempt from the requirement until the end of their term of office.

The members elected in 2019, for which the amended regulations apply, are:

- Cr Paula Cristoffanini
- Cr Brian Daniel
- Cr Kylie Kennaugh

All newly elected members have enrolled in the Council Member Essentials course through WALGA. This course comprises the following five units:

1. understanding local government
2. serving on council
3. meeting procedures
4. conflicts of interest, and
5. understanding financial reports and budgets.

Pursuant to Section 5.127 of the Local Government Act 1995:

- (1) A local government must prepare a report for each financial year on the training completed by council members in the financial year.
- (2) The CEO must publish the report on the local government's official website within 1 month after the end of the financial year to which the report relates.

A table detailing elected member training completed for the year to 30 June 2020 is shown below -

Councillor	Course	Provider	Mandatory Training	Completed
Cr Townshend*	WALGA 2019 Conference	WALGA New	No	4/9/2019
Cr Godden	Beyond Paradigms Conference - 3 days	Economy Network	No	6/10/2019
Cr Earl	Understanding Local Government	WALGA	No	28/10/2019
Cr McLeod	Understanding Local Government	WALGA	No	28/10/2019
Cr Meldrum	Understanding Local Government	WALGA	No	28/10/2019
Cr Earl	New Mayors and Deputies - 1 day	DLGSC	No	25/11/2019
Cr McLeod	New Mayors and Deputies - 1 day	DLGSC	No	25/11/2019
Cr Cristoffanini	Planning Practices - The Essentials	WALGA	No	29/11/2019
Cr Daniel	Planning Practices - The Essentials	WALGA	No	29/11/2019
Cr Cristoffanini	Understanding Local Government	WALGA	Yes	7/12/2019
Cr Kennaugh	Understanding Local Government	WALGA	Yes	8/12/2019
Cr Daniel	Understanding Local Government	WALGA	Yes	12/12/2019
Cr Cristoffanini	Planning Practices - Advanced	WALGA	No	13/12/2019
Cr Kennaugh	Conflicts of Interest	WALGA	Yes	21/02/2020
Cr Kennaugh	Meeting Procedures	WALGA	Yes	22/02/2020
Cr Earl	Mayors and Presidents COVID 19 Weekly updates	WALGA	No	
Cr Cristoffanini	Conflicts of Interest	WALGA	Yes	8/05/2020
Cr Cristoffanini	Meeting Procedures	WALGA	Yes	9/05/2020
Cr Cristoffanini	Understanding Financial Reports and Budgets	WALGA	Yes	11/06/2020
Cr Meldrum	CEO Performance Appraisals	WALGA	No	15/06/2020
Cr Cristoffanini	Serving on Council	WALGA	Yes	In progress
Cr Daniel	Conflicts of Interest	WALGA	Yes	In progress
Cr Daniel	Meeting Procedures	WALGA	Yes	In progress
Cr Daniel	Serving on Council	WALGA	Yes	In progress
Cr Daniel	Understanding Financial Reports and Budgets	WALGA	Yes	In progress
Cr Kennaugh	Serving on Council	WALGA	Yes	In progress
Cr Kennaugh	Understanding Financial Reports and Budgets	WALGA	Yes	In progress
Cr McLeod	Meeting Procedures	WALGA	No	In progress
Cr Meldrum	Diploma of Local Government	WALGA	No	In progress

*former

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