

Councillor Training 2023-2024



16 July 2024

In September 2019 amendments to the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* came into effect relating to training for elected members.

A mandatory training course, "Council Members Essentials" is required to be completed within 12 months of being elected and this course comprises the following five units:

1. Understanding Local Government
2. Serving on Council
3. Meeting Procedures
4. Conflicts of Interest
5. Understanding Financial Reports and Budgets

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 three members for which the regulations apply, are:

- Cr Greg Boland elected 21 October 2023, completed 14 June 2024
- Cr Nikki Jones elected 21 October 2023, partly completed
- Cr Melisa D'Ath elected 07 May 2024, completed 14 June 2024

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 listing elected members training which was completed in the financial year ending 30 June 2024 is shown below -

Year	Councillor	Course	Registered	Provider	Essential Member Training	Completed
23-24	Cr Meldrum	Climate Summit for Local Government 2023	Yes	Cities Power Partnership	No	8/09/2023
23-24	Cr Meldrum	WALGA Conference 2023	Yes	WALGA	No	19/09/2023
23-24	Cr Binks	WALGA Conference 2023	Yes	WALGA	No	19/09/2023
23-24	Cr Earl	WALGA Conference 2023	Yes	WALGA	No	19/09/2023
23-24	Cr Earl	WALGA Conference 2023 - Convention Breakfast	Yes	WALGA	No	19/09/2023
23-24	Cr Binks	WALGA Conference 2023 - Convention Breakfast	Yes	WALGA	No	19/09/2023
23-24	Cr Muir	WALGA Conference 2023 - Day 1	Yes	WALGA	No	17/09/2023
23-24	Cr Boland	Governance Induction	Yes	WALGA - James McGovern	No	26/10/2023
23-24	Cr Jones	Governance Induction	Yes	WALGA - James McGovern	No	26/10/2023
23-24	Cr Meldrum	Governance Induction	Yes	WALGA - James McGovern	No	26/10/2023
23-24	Cr Boland	Planning Induction	Yes	Planning Context - Charles Johnson	No	6/11/2023
23-24	Cr Jones	Planning Induction	Yes	Planning Context - Charles Johnson	No	6/11/2023
23-24	Cr Boland	New Councillor Seminar	Yes	WALGA - Tony Brown	No	10/11/2023
23-24	Cr Jones	New Councillor Seminar	Yes	WALGA - Tony Brown	No	10/11/2023
23-24	Cr Boland	Understanding Local Government: E-learning	Yes	WALGA	Yes	28/05/2024
23-24	Cr Boland	Serving on Council: E-learning	Yes	WALGA	Yes	5/06/2024
23-24	Cr Boland	Meeting Procedures: E-learning	Yes	WALGA	Yes	13/06/2024
23-24	Cr Boland	Conflicts of Interest: E-learning	Yes	WALGA	Yes	14/06/2024
23-24	Cr Boland	Understanding Financial Reports and Budgets: E-learning	Yes	WALGA	Yes	6/06/2024
23-24	Cr Jones	Understanding Local Government: E-learning	Yes	WALGA	Yes	19/06/2024
23-24	Cr Jones	Serving on Council: E-learning	Yes	WALGA	Yes	To be completed
23-24	Cr Jones	Meeting Procedures: E-learning	Yes	WALGA	Yes	28/06/2024
23-24	Cr Jones	Conflicts of Interest: E-learning	Yes	WALGA	Yes	19/06/2024
23-24	Cr Jones	Understanding Financial Reports and Budgets: E-learning	Yes	WALGA	Yes	To be completed
23-24	Cr D'Ath	Understanding Local Government: E-learning	Yes	WALGA	Yes	28/05/2024
23-24	Cr D'Ath	Serving on Council: E-learning	Yes	WALGA	Yes	5/05/2024
23-24	Cr D'Ath	Meeting Procedures: E-learning	Yes	WALGA	Yes	13/06/2024
23-24	Cr D'Ath	Conflicts of Interest: E-learning	Yes	WALGA	Yes	14/06/2024
23-24	Cr D'Ath	Understanding Financial Reports and Budgets: E-learning	Yes	WALGA	Yes	6/06/2024
23-24	Cr Jones	State Budget Event 10 May 2023	Yes	Margaret River Chamber Of Commerce & Industry	No	10/05/2024
23-24	Cr Boland	State Budget Event 10 May 2023	Yes	Margaret River Chamber Of Commerce & Industry	No	10/05/2024
23-24	Cr Muir	State Budget Event 10 May 2023	Yes	Margaret River Chamber Of Commerce & Industry	No	10/05/2024
23-24	Cr Kennaugh	State Budget Event 10 May 2023	Yes	Margaret River Chamber Of Commerce & Industry	No	10/05/2024



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