



# TRAINING REPORT

Elected Members  
2025/2026



## BACKGROUND

On 6 July 2019, amendments to the Local Government Act 1995 (the Act) relating to elected member training, came into effect. These amendments addressed the complex and significant role that elected members take on when elected to Council.

The amendments included the introduction of compulsory training, continuing professional development and reporting.

### Compulsory Training

In accordance with Section 5.126 of the Act and Regulation 35 of the Local Government Administration Regulations 1996, elected members must complete the Council Member Essentials modules within 12 months of being elected, which commenced from the October 2019 Local Government elections. Council Members Essentials consists of the following modules:

- a) Understanding Local Government
- b) Serving on Council
- c) Meeting Procedures
- d) Conflicts of Interest
- e) Understanding Financial Reports and Budgets

### Continuing Professional Development

In accordance with Section 5.128 of the Act the Council is required to adopt a policy relating to the continuing professional development of Elected Members. At its meeting held 28 January 2026, Council resolved (C2601/8) to adopt the [Elected Member Training and Professional Development Council Policy](#).

### Reporting

In accordance with Section 5.127 of the Act a report must be prepared annually on all training completed by elected members within a financial year. This report must be published on the City's website within one month after the end of the financial year to which the report relates.

The details of all training completed by elected members during the 2025/2026 financial year are outlined below.

## Council Member Essentials modules

All elected members who were elected at the 2025 ordinary local government elections are required to complete the Council Member Essentials modules. The following table details the modules of the Council Member Essentials course that have been completed by elected members during the 2025/2026 Financial Year.

| Elected Member    | Unit Completed                              | Date Completed               | Training Provider |
|-------------------|---|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Cr Peter Adams    | Understanding Local Government              | Participating / not finished | WALGA             |
|                   | Conflicts of Interest                       | Participating / not finished | WALGA             |
| Cr Herman Dykstra | Meeting Procedures                          | 21 November 2025             | WALGA             |
|                   | Understanding Local Government              | 20 November 2025             | WALGA             |
|                   | Conflicts of Interest                       | 20 November 2025             | WALGA             |
|                   | Serving on Council                          | 31 May 2026                  | WALGA             |
|                   | Understanding Financial Reports and Budgets | 31 May 2026                  | WALGA             |
| Cr Max Mueller    | Understanding Local Government              | 11 May 2026                  | WALGA             |
|                   | Conflicts of Interest                       | 26 June 2026                 | WALGA             |

## Continuing Professional Development

Elected members are encouraged to undertake/continue professional development during their term as elected members. The following table details the professional development training completed by elected members during the 2025/2026 Financial Year.

| <b>Elected Member</b>    | <b>Unit Completed</b>                   | <b>Date Completed</b> | <b>Training Provider</b>        |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Cr Jarrod Kennedy</b> | Planet WA: Planning for Elected Members | 5 November 2025       | Planning Institute of Australia |
| <b>Cr Mikayla Love</b>   | Planet WA: Planning for Elected Members | 5 November 2025       | Planning Institute of Australia |
| <b>Cr Kate Cox</b>       | Planet WA: Planning for Elected Members | 5 November 2025       | Planning Institute of Australia |