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Background

Under the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) Elected Members have a legislative requirement to undertake compulsory training and meet the constraints outlined within the City of Stirling's (the City's) Elected Member Training Policy. The City is required to report on all training undertaken by Elected Members in their role.

On 1 January 2026, amendments to the Act under the *Local Government Amendment Act 2024* came into effect. These amendments recognise the ongoing commitment Elected Members make to developing the skills and knowledge needed to serve their community.

The amendments included the introduction of a training declaration and strengthened compliance measures for compulsory training.

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* course within 12 months of being elected. If an Elected Member has completed the course (or one of the other qualifying courses listed in Regulation 36 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996) within the previous five years, they are exempt. The *Council Member Essentials* course consists of the following modules:

- Understanding Local Government;
- Serving on Council;
- Meeting Procedures;
- Conflicts of Interest; and
- Understanding Financial Reports and Budgets.

Continuing Professional Development

In accordance with Section 5.128 of the Act, a Local Government is required to prepare and adopt a policy relating to the continuing professional development of Elected Members.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held Tuesday 29 October 2024, Council resolved (Council Resolution Number 1024/022) to adopt the Elected Member Training Policy (formerly known as Elected Member Professional Development 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 Elected Member Training Policy prescribes that both the *Council Member Essentials* course and any continuing professional development completed by Elected Members will be included in this report.

Following the 1 January 2026 amendments, Regulation 36A of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 also requires Elected Members to provide a formal declaration confirming completion of the *Council Member Essentials* course or their exemption, which is captured as part of the City's records.

Comment

The details of all training completed by Elected Members during the 2025/2026 Financial Year are set out below.

Council Member Essentials Course

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	Module Completed	Date Completed	Training Provider
Karlo Perkov	Understanding Local Government	29 January 2026	WALGA
	Conflicts of Interest	29 January 2026	WALGA
	Serving on Council	29 January 2026	WALGA
	Understanding Financial Reports and Budgets	29 January 2026	WALGA
	Meeting Procedures	30 March 2026	WALGA

Elected Member	Module Completed	Date Completed	Training Provider
Daniela Ion	Meeting Procedures	1 December 2025	WALGA
	Understanding Local Government	4 February 2026	WALGA
	Conflicts of Interest	4 February 2026	WALGA
	Understanding Financial Reports and budgets	25 February 2026	WALGA
	Serving on Council	5 June 2026	WALGA

Note: Not all Elected Members are required to complete the *Council Member Essentials* course. Elected Members who completed a qualifying course within five years before being elected are exempt under the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, and so are not included in the table above.

Continuing Professional Development

Where an Elected Member is not required to complete the *Council Member Essentials* course above, the Elected Member is encouraged to undertake ongoing continuing professional development across their term. The following table details the continuing professional development completed by Elected Members during the 2025/2026 Financial Year.

Elected Member	Professional Development Completed	Date Completed
Tony Krsticevic	Transport and Roads Forum	14 Aug 2025
Stephanie Proud JP	Transport and Roads Forum	14 Aug 2025
Mark Irwin AM	Australian Institute of Company Directors Western Australian Annual Lunch	14 Aug 2025
Mark Irwin AM	Western Australian Local Government Association Local Government Convention	22–24 Sep 2025
Elizabeth Re	Western Australian Local Government Association Local Government Convention	22–24 Sep 2025
Tony Krsticevic	Western Australian Local Government Association Local Government Convention	22–24 Sep 2025
Michael Dudek	Western Australian Local Government Association Local Government Convention – Voting Delegate	22–24 Sep 2025
Stephanie Proud JP	Western Australian Local Government Association Local Government Convention – Annual General Meeting Only – Voting Delegate	23 Sep 2025

Elected Member	Professional Development Completed	Date Completed
David Lagan	Western Australian Local Government Association Local Government Convention – Annual General Meeting Only – Proxy Delegate	23 Sep 2025
Joe Ferrante	Western Australian Local Government Association Local Government Convention – Annual General Meeting Only – Proxy Delegate	23 Sep 2025
Lisa Thornton	Australian Institute of Company Directors – Company Directors Course	15–21 Oct 2025
Elizabeth Re	PLANET Western Australian Planning for Elected Members (One Day)	4 Nov 2025
Elizabeth Re	Wellbeing In The Workplace 2025	5 Nov 2025
Joe Ferrante	World Business Forum Sydney 2025	11–12 Nov 2025
Andrea Creado	Australian Institute of Management Operational Improvement	1 Mar 2026
Mark Irwin AM	Australian Institute of Company Directors Australian Governance Summit 2026 (Virtual)	9-11 Mar 2026
Karlo Perkov	Sustainability Leaders Summit	10–11 Mar 2026
Tony Krsticevic	Sustainability Leaders Summit	10–11 Mar 2026
Elizabeth Re	Environmental Health Australia (Western Australian) State Conference	30–31 Mar 2026
Elizabeth Re	18th International Federation of Environmental Health World Congress on Environmental Health	27 Apr – 1 May 2026
Mark Irwin AM	Berkeley Changemaker Program	6–8 May 2026
Tony Krsticevic	Australian Placemaking Summit 2026	13–14 May 2026
Karlo Perkov	Australian Local Government Association - National General Assembly 2026	23–25 Jun 2026
Rob Papparde	Australian Local Government Association - National General Assembly 2026	23–25 Jun 2026
Michael Dudek	Australian Local Government Association - National General Assembly 2026	23–25 Jun 2026

In addition to the training above, Elected Members attended various internal workshops and briefings held by City officers to inform and support their roles on Council.