

EMRC Newsletter

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1. CEO's message



As we move into the new financial year, I look back on the last 12 months with immense pride. The EMRC has been very busy illustrating the value of Perth's Eastern Region. Nothing makes this more evident than the Economic Report Card, a simple explanation of the value Perth's Eastern Region has compared with the whole of Western Australia.

I am also excited as this value will continue to increase, as we move forward with the development of new transport infrastructure. Last month the EMRC hosted a Transport Advocacy Tour providing important stakeholders a firsthand insight into how our major road and rail links are developing and the economic benefits they will undoubtedly bring.

I thank the EMRC staff and our many stakeholders for making this past year so successful and for their dedication to ensuring that Perth's Eastern Region is a great place to live, work, play and do business. I look forward to another fruitful year working with you all.



PETER B. SCHNEIDER
Chief Executive Officer

2. Gross Regional Product in Perth's Eastern Region increased by \$27.9 million

The EMRC has been working with economic and demographic specialists REPLAN analysing data from the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics Census to compile a snapshot of the economy of Perth's Eastern Region. The resulting Perth's Eastern Region Economic Report Card 2018 provides an overview and commentary on key economic factors for the region compared with Western Australia as a whole.

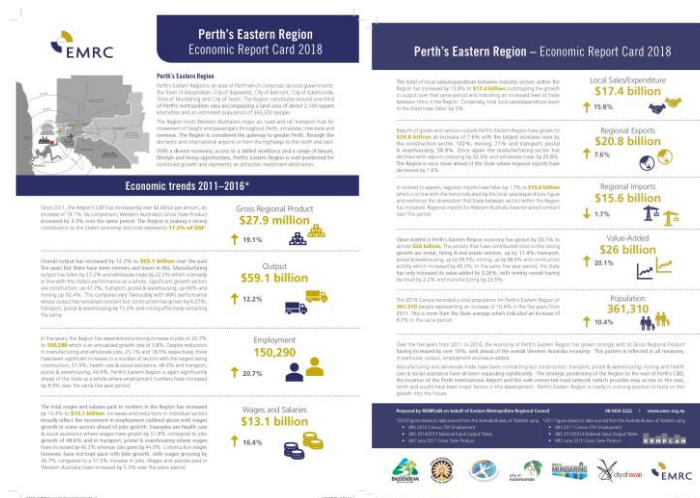
Perth's Eastern Region constitutes one-third of Perth's metropolitan area with an estimated population of 365,500. This research confirms to the community the importance of their contribution to Western Australia's overall economy.

Between 2011 and 2016, the economy of Perth's Eastern Region has grown strongly with its Gross Regional Product having increased by over \$27.9 million (19%), well ahead of the overall Western Australian economy. This pattern is reflected in all measures, in particular increases in output (\$59.1 billion), employment (20.7%) and value-added (\$26 billion).

This proves how Perth's Eastern Region is clearly in a strong position to build on this growth into the future. The EMRC is proud to be part of this growth and will continue to work hard in order to make Perth's Eastern Region a great place to live, work, play and do business in.

Perth's Eastern Region Economic Card 2018 is available on www.emrc.org.au/regional-services/regional-development/economic-development.aspx.

For more information please contact Regional Development at regionaldevelopment@emrc.org.au



EMRC Economic Report Card

3. New road and rail links vital for development in Perth's Eastern Region

The \$1.86 billion Forrestfield-Airport Link (FAL) and the \$1.12 billion NorthLink WA projects will stimulate economic development and improve transport efficiency throughout Perth's Eastern Region, Councillors were told during a tour of the region's two major infrastructure projects.

The Connecting Perth's Eastern Region Transport Advocacy Tour provided the EMRC Councillors and other invited guests with a firsthand look at the progress on the two projects which are expected to transform the region's transport links.

Beginning at the FAL Information Centre, tour participants viewed an impressive model of the tunnel boring machines being used to create the underground tunnels that form this new rail line. All but 500 metres of the eight and a half kilometre track will be underground and the route will run from Bayswater Station on the Midland Line along Tonkin Highway and Brearley Avenue, through the Perth Airport Estate and on to Forrestfield. Dave Thomas, FAL Project Director, explained the tunnelling process in a presentation which included footage of the tunnel boring machine “Grace” breaking through the end of a tunnel section. Trains will enter the tunnel through dive structures, one of which is at the new Forrestfield station. Tour participants viewed this station before they continued to the Airport Central Station and the location of the Redcliffe Station which will be fully underground.

The next part of the tour focussed on NorthLink WA, a new road which will provide a high standard, free flowing route to improve travel times, traffic flows and reduce driver frustration. Rob Arnott, Senior Project Director at Main Roads WA, provided commentary along the way to the Abbey Street underpass, an initiative to ensure safe crossing of the potentially hazardous main road by school children. Afterwards at the Great Northern Connect site office, Rob described how NorthLink WA will provide a non-stop route from Morley to Muchea and link to Gateway WA. This enables regional traffic movements to commercial and industrial areas such as Malaga, Kewdale, Perth Airport and the Perth CBD. Rob also described some of the environmental work being undertaken and the planned native wildflower plantings which will act as an attraction as well as completing the project landscaping. Lastly, participants were escorted through the closed Central Section construction area and viewed first hand one of the astounding total of 16 bridges under construction.

Attendees provided some positive feedback on the Transport Advocacy Tour which covered the two interesting projects. Once completed, the Forrestfield-Airport Link and NorthLink WA will change the layout of Perth, and more importantly reduce congestion and travel time in key areas. The Forrestfield-Airport Link line will be open in 2020 and NorthLink WA will be complete in mid-2019.



Model of the tunnel boring machines

For more information please contact Wendy Harris at regionaldevelopment@emrc.org.au

4. Eastern Region Councils recognised as Gold Waterwise by Water Corporation

Councils participating in the EMRC Water Quality and Conservation Program (WQCP) were formally recognised at the Water Corporation’s *Waterwise Recognition Event* in May 2018, for demonstrating leadership in sustainable water management. The majority of councils participating in the WQCP achieved Gold recognition, and all councils were re-endorsed as Waterwise.

The City of Swan, Town of Bassendean, and Town of Victoria Park achieved Gold Waterwise Council status as part of the Waterwise Council recognition scheme after reporting on their Water Efficiency Action Plans (WEAP) for the first time in October 2017. These successful councils were invited to the recognition event to celebrate receiving Gold Waterwise status along with ten other councils from across Western Australia. The EMRC’s Chairman, Cr David McDonnell, and the Director Regional Services, Wendy Harris, attended the event to congratulate Perth’s Eastern Region Councils on their success as part of the WQCP. The City of Belmont and Shire of Mundaring were re-endorsed as Waterwise Councils.

The Waterwise Council Gold Recognition Scheme was introduced in 2016 and, since then, the majority of Perth's Eastern Region councils have achieved Gold Waterwise Status, with some councils achieving the status twice as part of EMRC's program. The EMRC encourages councils to participate in Water Corporation's Waterwise Council program to reduce water use and provide sustainable water solutions to Perth's Eastern Region as part of the WQCP.

To achieve Gold Waterwise Status, councils reported on specific criteria aligned with the Water Sensitive Cities Index, including actions on creating resilient, sustainable, productive and liveable communities that influence a balanced water cycle. For some local governments, this included actions such as:

- Demonstration water wise verges
- Education trailers
- Water sensitive urban design projects
- Urban canopy plans, community engagement, and
- Improving irrigation controls within local parks and reserves.

Some of these actions are now on display on Water Corporation's [Waterwise Council website](#) for the community and other councils to view.

The EMRC wishes to congratulate all councils involved in the Waterwise Program in 2017/2018 with special mention to the councils who received Gold Status as part of the EMRC's Water Quality and Conservation Program.

5. Swan River Ramble Winners Announced

EMRC CEO Peter Schneider presented a \$100 iFly voucher to an excited winner this month as the winner of the Swan River Ramble.

A thrilled Kylie, the winner, told how she highly enjoyed herself as she rode her bike around the Swan River in the sun searching for QR codes.

The Swan River Ramble is a marked path with colourful signage along the Swan River recreational shared paths. With help from our 'cartoon character' Eric, the Swan River Ramble is a fun way for children and families to enjoy all the amenities that the Swan River has to offer.

76 people entered the competition with Kylie winning the prize. All that was required to enter the competition was a smartphone with a QR reader application. Entry requirements were simple, find Eric at one of the 14 locations, scan the QR code and correctly answer the question.

The EMRC would like to congratulate Kylie on winning and is looking forward to the competition again next year. Although the competition has ended, the Swan River Ramble is still active. You can still follow the signage and answer the QR code questions at any time.

For more information and other events and activities happening in Perth's Eastern Region, check out perthseasternregion.com.au

6. EMRC Staff Tree Planting Day

EMRC staff from the Red Hill Waste Management Facility and Ascot Place in Belmont, joined forces again for another successful tree planting day.

The event took place on 22 June 2018 at the Red Hill Waste Management Facility and marks the 9th year since its inception. Even though the skies looked threatening, the rain held off, providing perfect conditions for the event.

Over 50 staff took part in tree planting and together, managed to plant more than 2,000 tubestock in just over an hour. This is a remarkable effort by all involved and demonstrates the power and value of teamwork.



EMRC Staff Tree Planting Day

The tree planting day provides an opportunity for Ascot Place and the Red Hill Waste Management Facility staff to come together and gain a better understanding of the rehabilitation efforts. A deeper appreciation of the importance of providing habitat for our native animals was also achieved. The event has become a favourite among staff, providing not only a lot of fun but more importantly, a valuable lesson in working together to manage the environment.

For more information on environmental management at the Red Hill Waste Management Facility, please contact EMRC's Manager Waste, Environmental Operations, Sandra Evans on 9424 2249 or Sandra.evans@emrc.org.au

7. EMRC Host WALGA's Doing more Business with Local Governments Seminar

The EMRC gave local businesses in Perth's Eastern Region the opportunity to gain an insight into local government tenders. On 9 May 2018, the EMRC hosted the free "*Doing More Business with WA Local Government*" workshop presented by the WA Local Government Association's Alison Maggs.

Previously proven to be very popular in 2016, this workshop again quickly filled to capacity. Attendees were eager to be provided with an insight into the tendering process possibly giving them a competitive edge when it comes to competing for tenders.

Alison Maggs covered topics such as local government tendering, criteria and process, pricing, key tips on preparing responses, quotations, eQuotes, and becoming a preferred supplier. This proved to be insightful for the attendees as many made comments on how they were pleased with the workshop.

With the success of these workshops, the EMRC looks forward to holding more of these free events. The EMRC also takes pride in its role in educating and providing opportunities for local businesses in Perth's Eastern Region.

For more information please contact Regional Development at regionaldevelopment@emrc.org.au

8. EMRC 2018/2019 Community Grants Program

The EMRC is offering grants of up to \$1,500 each to community groups through its 2018/2019 EMRC Community Grants Program.

The program, which opened on Monday, 2 July 2018 with a total pool of \$15,000, provides support to the development or maintenance of the sustainability, social, cultural and/or recreational needs of the local community. Eligible applicants include members of the Gidgegannup, Hovea, Parkerville and/or Stoneville communities.

The EMRC believes that thriving local communities are essential for the wellbeing of those who live there. The EMRC are delighted that we have the opportunity to demonstrate our continued support for our local communities through this valuable initiative.

Applications must be received by 3pm Friday, 24 August 2018. For a copy of the 2018/2019 Community Grants Program Guidelines and Application Form, visit www.emrc.org.au/emrc-community-grants-program.html or contact the EMRC on (08) 9424 2209 during business hours.

9. Council and committee meeting dates

EMRC Council and committee meeting dates for 2018 are as follows:

EMRC COUNCIL MEETING

Commencing at 6.00pm

Thursday	23 August (if required)	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	20 September	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	6 December	EMRC Administration Office

AUDIT COMMITTEE (AC) MEETING

Commencing at 6.30pm

Thursday	9 August (if required)	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	6 September	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	4 October (if required)	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	22 November (if required)	EMRC Administration Office

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CEOAC) MEETING

Commencing at 12.30pm

Tuesday	7 August	EMRC Administration Office
Tuesday	4 September (informal)	EMRC Administration Office
Tuesday	2 October (if required)	EMRC Administration Office
Tuesday	20 November	EMRC Administration Office

RESOURCE RECOVERY COMMITTEE (RRC) MEETING

Commencing at 5.00pm

Thursday	9 August (if required)	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	6 September (if required)	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	4 October (if required)	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	22 November (if required)	EMRC Administration Office

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING

Commencing at 4.00pm

Thursday	9 August (if required)	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	6 September (if required)	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	4 October (if required)	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	22 November (if required)	Red Hill Waste Management Facility