

Jacqui Dodd Scholarship



2026 Scholarship Nominations Now Open

WALGA Training is proud to support the sector by offering the prestigious Jacqui Dodd Scholarship.

Established 2021, in honour of the late Jacqui Dodd, a highly respected and long-serving WALGA Training Services Manager, the Scholarship supports Elected Members to undertake the LGA50220 Diploma of Local Government -Elected Member, the highest nationally recognised qualification available through WALGA Training.

The course strengthens leadership, governance, and decision-making capability, equipping participants to meet statutory responsibilities, interpret complex legislative and financial information, and contribute confidently to Council decision-making.

It supports Elected Members to lead with clarity, confidence, and purpose in the best interests of their communities.

"The Diploma gave me a strong grounding in the governance and legislative frameworks that underpin everything we do as Elected Members. It helped me make more informed decisions and engage more confidently in complex policy discussions. It was also a great way to connect with Councillors from across the State and learn from their experiences. If you are new to Council and if you can, complete WALGA's training early! It's a game-changer for understanding your role and responsibilities."

Georgie Carey | 2023 Graduate

Former Deputy Mayor | Town of Mosman Park

LGA50220 Diploma of Local Government - Elected Member

The Diploma of Local Government - Elected Member is nationally recognised within the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) and consists of 10 Units of Competency. It is delivered through 9 structured workshops, commencing with a Foundation Workshop linked to Council Member Essential Training.

Course Details

Commencement: Wednesday, 11 November 2026

Duration: 12-24 months (dependent on workshop scheduling). Scholarship recipients must complete the qualification within 18 months.

Attendance: Nine mandatory WALGA workshops delivered in West Leederville, or via Zoom (total of 10 days). Each workshop is followed by a one-hour online mentoring session via Zoom to support assessment preparation.

Time Commitment: In addition to workshop attendance, participants should allow approximately 20–30 hours per unit for research, reading, and assessment preparation.

Available Scholarships:

- 2 x Metro Scholarships
- 2 x Regional Scholarships

For more information about the LGA50220 Diploma of Local Government - Elected Member, [click here](#).

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Eligibility Requirement:

To be eligible for the Jacqui Dodd Diploma Scholarship, applicants must:

- Be an Elected Member currently serving on a Western Australian Local Government Council
- Have successfully completed all Council Member Essentials Training
- Not have previously received this Scholarship

Application Requirements:

To apply for the Jacqui Dodd Diploma Scholarship, applicants must submit:

- A written statement of 250–500 words outlining the benefits of this professional development opportunity to themselves, their Council, and their community. The statement must also demonstrate how the applicant will meet the required study commitments and explain how they plan to balance their studies with existing responsibilities, including full attendance at all WALGA workshops and mentoring sessions, as well as time for assessment preparation.
- A current digital profile picture

Scholarship Benefits:

- The scholarship will cover 50% of the training and assessment fees up to the value of \$5,085.00
- Regional applicants can apply upon successful completion of the program for reimbursement for travel expenses of up to \$1,000.00 (receipts must be provided).

Terms and Conditions:

Scholarship students must commit to the agreed training schedule and attend all classes and submit assessments on the agreed due date. WALGA Training reserves the right to cancel the Scholarship enrolment due to poor attendance, non-submission of assessment work and unsatisfactory course progress.

How do I apply?

- Complete the Nomination Form
- Attach all supporting documents
- Email the completed form and documents to: training@walga.asn.au

An outline of the full Diploma course is available on our website: [WALGA Training](#).

Nominations open on 14 July 2026 and will close on 14 August 2026, 12:00pm.

If you have any further questions, please email training@walga.asn.au