

Jacqui Dodd Scholarship



2025 Scholarship Nominations Now Open

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

Provided since 2021, the Scholarship is named in honour of former long-serving WALGA Training Services Manager the late Jacqui Dodd.

The LGA50220 Diploma of Local Government - Elected Member program is the highest level of qualification that an Elected Member can obtain through WALGA Training. This specialised training program enables participants to increase their skills and knowledge in order to confidently provide leadership to their community and to efficiently and effectively fulfill their role and responsibility, particularly in relation to good decision making in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 and relevant regulations.

"The Diploma of Local Government - Elected Member provided by WALGA has been instrumental in enhancing my understanding of local government operations and the complexities of strategic decision-making. The training course and face to face days offered practical insights into governance, community engagement, and policy development, all of which have been directly applicable to my role. WALGA's training has been invaluable in building the confidence and competence needed to serve my community effectively. I highly recommend this course to anyone looking to expand their knowledge and impact as an elected member"

Cr Tallan Ames | 2025 Graduate
Town of Bassendean

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. After completing the Council Member Essentials training, Elected Members will begin the program with a foundation workshop. Following this, they will attend 7 intensive and specialised workshops at WALGA's premises in West Leederville. Each workshop is complemented by a one-hour mentoring session via ZOOM to prepare participants for all assessment tasks.

Program Details

Commencement:	Thursday, 13 November 2025 12-18 months
Duration:	The scholarship must be completed within 18 months.
Attendance:	8 WALGA Workshops in West Leederville (attendance in person required for a total of 9 days). Each workshop is followed up by a 1 hour mentoring session via Zoom to prepare participants for all assessment tasks.
Time Commitment:	In addition to attending the training, participants need to allow for research, reading and assessment preparation time of 20-30 hours per unit.
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 qualify for the Jacqui Dodd Diploma Scholarship, you must be:

- An Elected Member currently serving on a WA Council
- Successfully completed all Council Member Essentials Training
- Never received this Scholarship previously

Application Requirements:

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

- A written statement demonstrating what benefits you, your Council and what your community would gain from this professional development opportunity. The written statement also must demonstrate how you will meet the required study commitment and how you propose to fit your study (Full attendance at all WALGA Workshops and Mentoring sessions plus assessment preparation) into your busy life (250-500 words)
- 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 1 July 2025 and will close on 15 August 2025, 12:00pm.

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