

WALGA Webinar: Sustainability Reporting Frameworks for Local Government



Date: Thursday, 7 May 2020

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

WEBINAR OVERVIEW

Please join us for this fantastic opportunity to learn how sustainability frameworks can be used to embed sustainability across Local Government by providing a strategic approach to the planning, management and evaluation of activities and services.

PROGRAM

- 10:00am** **Welcome and introduction**
Melanie Davies, Biodiversity and Sustainability Project Officer, WALGA
- 10:05am** **Use of the UN Sustainable Development Goals to drive sustainability outcomes**
Dr Sandy Y L Chong, President, UN Association of Australia (WA Division)
- 10:25am** **Optimising Local Government use of the One Planet Living Framework**
Dr Georgia Scott, Senior Project Officer-Sustainability, City of Fremantle
- 10:50am** **Localisation of the SDGs and community outcomes reporting**
Jag Walia, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Melville
- 11:15am** **Development of a customised Sustainability Performance Framework**
Melanie Bainbridge, Sustainability Lead, City of Canning
- 11:40am** **Interactive workshop session**
Gemma Cook, Environment Policy Officer, WALGA;
Melanie Davies, Biodiversity and Sustainability Project officer, WALGA
- 12:00pm** **Close of Event**



PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

Dr Sandy Y L Chong, President, United Nations Association of Australia (WA Division), will discuss the progress being made in Australia to adopt the UN's Sustainable Development Goals at the different levels of government, and the role currently being played by business and civil society. Sandy will provide information on the current uptake of the SDGs to show how Australia is tracking and offer insights into places where the SDGs need further consideration. Sandy will also provide examples of how the SDGs have been incorporated into organisational operations to achieve ambitious sustainability outcomes.

Dr Georgia Scott, Senior Project Officer-Sustainability, City of Fremantle, will discuss how the City of Fremantle has used the One Planet Living sustainability framework to guide and track sustainability within the organisation. Georgia will outline the annual reporting and peer review process, as well as indicative costs and obligations of using the program. Georgia will share her thoughts on the benefits and challenges of working with One Planet Living, and suggestions for optimising its use for your council.

Jag Walia, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Melville, will share the City of Melville's experience with localising the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by integration across the City's Strategic Community Plan 2016-2026. The City has created online Community Outcome Reporting Dashboards to measure performance against goals. Jag will also discuss how the City's business processes operate in accordance with the ISO14001 Environmental Management System guided by Business Excellence principles. The City is working towards a Smart City approach to progress sustainable development.

Melanie Bainbridge, Sustainability Lead, City of Canning, will present an overview of the Sustainability Performance Platform for Local Government, an innovative and ambitious project led by the City of Canning. This platform will support sustainability storytelling and drive collective achievement and advocacy for the Local Government sector. The project aims to go beyond best practice and support the integration of sustainability across Local Government operations in WA and beyond.