



# MEDIA RELEASE

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Two Wagin Councillors have been recognised for their many years of service at the 2024 Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) Awards.

Shire President Cr Phil Blight and Councillor Greg Ball were recently recognised at a ceremony held at Winthrop Hall at the University of Western Australia in the presence of Mayors, Presidents and Councillors from across Western Australia.

Shire President Cr Phil Blight received a Life Membership of WALGA in recognition of outstanding service to WALGA and the Local Government sector and distinguished contributions to the community.

Cr Blight is one of the state's longest serving Councillors having been first elected in 1992 and has served as Shire President since 2008. A proud supporter of regional Western Australia, Cr Blight is the Central Country Zone delegate to WALGA's State Council and is an unwavering advocate of both the Shire, Wheatbelt Region and country way of life.

Cr Greg Ball received a Merit Award in recognition of notable contributions to WALGA, Local Government and the Local Government sector. Cr Ball was first elected to Council in 2007 and was Deputy Shire President from 2009-2016 and from 2017-2023.

In relation to the award, the Shire President said: *"I am pleased to see Cr Greg Ball has received recognition for his outstanding contribution to the community of Wagin and I am humbled to have been awarded Life Membership of WALGA."*

*"It is wonderful to see those that have made a contribution to their communities through local government across Western Australia be recognised."*

Cr Greg Ball stated, *"I am glad to have contributed in some small way."*

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*WALGA President, Cr Karen Chappel presents President Phil Blight with WALGA Life Membership at 2024 WALGA Awards in recognition of outstanding service to WALGA and the Local Government sector and distinguished contributions to the community.*



*WALGA President, Cr Karen Chappel presents Cr Greg Ball with Merit Award at the 2024 WALGA Awards in recognition of notable contributions to WALGA, Local Government and the Local Government sector.*