

# Main Roads in-house delivery of road maintenance and some minor capital works

We've welcomed another 132 new and transitioning employees to Main Roads throughout February, across the Great Southern Region, South West Region and our Metropolitan Incident Response Service.

In Albany, staff were welcomed by Managing Director John Erceg and Chief Operating Officer Des Snook on Thursday 1 February, before they made their way to Bunbury for a second event on Friday 2 February.

"I congratulate our Great Southern and South West Regions on their successful transitions" John said.

"I'm pleased to welcome another 100 staff to Main Roads across the two regions, which will enable us to continue to increase our capability and capacity across the State Road network".

Regional Director Great Southern Region Andrew Duffield said that the transition would help enhance



Above: Managing Director John Erceg welcomes staff to Main Roads alongside Regional Director Great Southern Region, Andrew Duffield.

training and development opportunities for new and existing staff in the region.

"The transition will enable us, as a Region, to reinforce training and development for our staff, and to provide opportunities where new employees, with contemporary construction experience, can mix with employees who have years of experience on the ground".



The Great Southern Region celebrates the transition to Main Roads.



Above: Tyler Buchanan, John Walter, Lyndon James-Wallace, Roy Miniter, Alyssa Nixon-Lloyd and Michael Schulz at the Great Southern Transition.

In the South West Region, staff were joined by Local Members Jodie Haans (Collie-Preston), Robyn Clarke (Murray Wellington) and Don Punch (Bunbury) for the lunch-time event.

South West maintenance workers John Trela, Ron Aitken and Doug Ninnette were all originally employed by Main Roads and, having moved to employment with the Contractor in the late 1990's, they're now back in the Main Roads fold.

"It's quite surreal to be back working for Main Roads" John said.

"It's been 24 years since Main Roads privatised and here we are, in 2024, back".



Above: Managing Director John Erceg with Jodie Haans, John Trela, Ron Aitken, Robyn Clarke, Doug Ninnette and Don Punch at the South West Transition.

Road maintenance in the South West Region will be further strengthened with the acquisition of a new office on Rose Street in Manjimup. Twenty employees are expected to make the new office home, providing a base for increased road network management responsibilities.

Deputy Premier Rita Saffioti MLA was thrilled to visit the Manjimup office on 7 February, alongside Jane Kelsbie, Member for Warren-Blackwood.

"Last year we announced we would be setting up a new office in Manjimup, and here it is" the Deputy Premier said.

"Establishing this office will provide a long-term regional employment opportunity for the South-West, and a new local interface for Main Roads customers".

Director of South West Operations Rob Barnsley said it had been a big week for the Region.



Above: Deputy Premier Rita Saffioti (second from left) and Jane Kelsbie (third from left) with L-R South West Area Manager Catherine Mills, Daniel Cassidy, Bill Leihnsman, Ron Aitken, Manjimup Shire President Donelle Buegge, Andrew Herdigan, Mick Aitken, Jye Pedretti, Director South West Operations Rob Barnsley and Chief Operating Officer Des Snook in Manjimup.

"It's wonderful to be able to welcome these workers to Main Roads, or back to Main Roads in some cases" Rob said.

"The entire South West team has worked tirelessly to ensure a smooth transition for these new employees and that's evident in what we see here today.

"It's also really pleasing to see the Manjimup Office come together and I look forward to the crew here really being part of the local community".



Staff in the South West celebrate the transition to Main Roads

### Premier and Deputy Premier Visit Albany

The Premier of Western Australia, Hon Roger Cook MLA, and Deputy Premier and Minister for Transport Hon Rita Saffioti MLA, took some time to meet and greet new staff in the Great Southern Region on Monday 5 February.

In the Region for the State Government’s Community Cabinet, they met with newly transitioned employees Shannon Flugge, Lindsay Clyne and Alyssa Nixon-Lloyd.

“It’s been a long transition but now that we’re finally here we can focus on making our road networks a safer place for our families and friends” Shannon said.

“I’m excited about the opportunity to understand more about the asset management space and looking after the great assets that we have in the Great Southern Region” Alyssa said.



Above: Deputy Premier and Minister for Transport Rita Saffioti with Shannon Flugge, Lindsay Clyne, Premier Roger Cook, Alyssa Nixon-Lloyd and Local Member Rebecca Stephens in Albany.

### Metropolitan Region Incident Response Service Transition

The second last of the transitions took place on Tuesday 13 February, with 32 employees joining the Metropolitan Region’s Incident Response Service (IRS).

The IRS operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, deploying specially trained, mobile road crews to assist with the quick and safe removal of broken-down vehicles, debris and other obstructions. They also respond and assist at vehicle crashes, helping to restore normal traffic conditions as quickly as possible.

The crew will be based at Main Roads’ new Radium Street Depot in Welshpool, providing them with a central base to action call outs on Perth’s freeways, highways, Graham Farmer Freeway Tunnel and in the Central Business District.



Above: Managing Director John Erceg welcomes the Incident Response Service crew to Main Roads.



Above: Manager Crisis and Emergency Management Paul Bond and Chief Operating Officer Des Snook were on hand to welcome the Incident Response Service to Main Roads.

Managing Director John Erceg said that providing on road rapid response to incidents on the metropolitan road network is an incredibly important service provided to the community.

“Our Incident Response Service is often the first to attend incidents, assist people who are in shock and clear hazards” John said.

“To support this critical service and ensure we can continue to provide a high level of service to the community we’ve procured more than 18 new vehicles including Impact Protection Push Vehicles, vans and light vehicles, along with all the equipment required to do the job safely”.

Crew member Lester Bennett said it’s been a long-time dream to be part of the Government sector.

“I always used to notice the Incident Response Vehicles and say to myself one day, I want to be part of that team, Lester said.

“I believe the sky is the limit now that we’re at Main Roads.

“I’m just really proud to wear the uniform, I’m proud of what we do and the service that we provide and how we are able to help people in so many different ways.

“You know what it’s like, if you love your job, it doesn’t feel like it’s a job”.

### Further information

For further information on the transition process, please visit our external [webpage](#).



The Incident Response Service Team transition to Main Roads