

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

Kimberley transition on track

We're edging closer to our final transition, in the Kimberley Region on 28 November.

Existing MACA employees have registered their interest to join Main Roads and Human Resources recently visited the Region to commence the "sign-up" process. The Safety and Plant Manager positions have been filled and interviews are underway for Safety Advisors.

Main Roads is in the process of acquiring MACA's maintenance trucks and equipment, and new light vehicles have been ordered to supplement the Region's fleet. Additionally, negotiations have commenced to lease a larger office in Broome, existing depots are being upgraded and additional housing is being purchased.



Kununurra crew Juan Tait, Cameron Djanghara, James Hill and Ben Sneath.

Panel contracts are being developed to engage construction support personnel and labour for the Region's direct managed works and supply options are being considered for other materials and services.

Since the first transition in October 2022, and following the Kimberley Region's transition, Main Roads will have created over 400 new jobs in the Regions, and over 150 new jobs in the Metropolitan area. While a large percentage of these jobs have been filled by employees from contractors who have transitioned to new jobs with Main Roads, additional positions have been established and filled through external recruitment to support the process.

What's happening in the Wheatbelt?

As the Wheatbelt Region approaches the two-year anniversary since transition, the team has been able to reflect on the transition process and achievements to date.

Across the Region, fault reports, maintenance repair costs and construction costs have reduced, while maintenance repairs are noted to be more durable and recurring defects almost non-existent.

The Region is continuing to improve its relationship with various Local Government Authorities (LGAs). This has enabled the LGAs to respond to incidents across the network more efficiently, and the Region to better support the LGAs to deliver cost effective maintenance solutions.

Most significantly, the Region has seen a drop in customer complaints by approximately 70 per cent, which can be attributed to faster response times and improved quality of our maintenance work.

Local business spend has also significantly improved. Aboriginal business expenditure currently sits at around 40 per cent, compared to below five per cent pre-transition.

The transition has also enabled upskilling for Project Management staff in the Region, and it's providing an opportunity for maintenance workers to gain first-hand experience in cost estimating, construction methodology, resource management, staging of works and stakeholder management.

Mid West - Gascoyne Wrap Up

Since January 2023, the Mid West - Gascoyne Region has expended \$16 million through their Plant and Equipment Panel Contract, for the provision of wet and dry hire plant and equipment for direct managed capital and maintenance works.

The expenditure has been predominantly focussed on local businesses with the direct managed model allowing Project Managers, Supervisors and Maintenance Workers to be more involved in the construction process.

Maintenance work in the Region is being completed on, or ahead of schedule, and more cost effectively since the transition. The direct construction team, led by the Region's Construction Manager, has now completed three projects - shoulder widening, widening and overlay, and construction of a truck bay and access – with a combined value of \$9 million.



The Mid West-Gascoyne Region complete sealing work opposite the Paynes Find Roadhouse on Great Northern Highway.

The Mid West - Gascoyne team is now assisting the Pilbara Region with widening work on a 100-kilometre section of Great Northern Highway between Kumarina and Newman. This collaboration has allowed for continuity of work for the construction team, while fast-tracking key road safety upgrades.

The Region has also recently taken delivery of five positrac skidsteers, a sign truck and an 18-tonne tag-along plant trailer.

Great Southern Update

In August this year, the Great Southern Region opened their new fit for purpose depot in Katanning. The 5,800m² depot provides a local base to support road maintenance and network management responsibilities in the northern part of the Great Southern Region.



The Great Southern Region's new Katanning Depot.

The Region's heavy maintenance crew has been busy completing their shoulder grading program. Starting at Chester Pass Road, the team completed 1,613 lane kilometres of grading in just over three months.



Shoulder grading underway on Albany Lake Grace Road.

The Region has also procured a number of new plant items including a Graco line marking machine (pictured below), grinder, hot bitumen adhesive applicator and minor plant trailer – each of which enables the team to undertake their work more safely and efficiently.



Celebrating 1 Year in the Goldfields Esperance Region

The Goldfields Esperance Region celebrated one year since their transition with a morning tea on 2 October. The occasion doubled as an opportunity to recognise the work done by the Region in the lead up to the transition and celebrate their 2023 Managing Director's Award win.



Pavement and culvert repairs on Mt Magnet Leinster Road.

The Region has noticed an increase in economic activity over the last 12 months, particularly in the mining and freight sectors. Maintenance and network operations staff have been extended in responding to more than 60 significant traffic and weather-related accidents on the network, including a number of heavy vehicle incidents that have been the result of fatigue, mechanical failure or poor weather conditions.

With increased traffic on the network, the regional maintenance and direct managed work teams have been kept extremely busy repairing critical assets including culverts, grids and flood crossings, and high priority pavement and surface defects.



Rock pitching on Goldfields Highway.

New Metro sign crew

The Metropolitan Region's newly established "sign crew" have been busy setting up processes to procure, manage and install signs for Minor Improvement Works on the network. Three crews operate across the Metropolitan area, with a dedicated Supervisor overseeing work.

In just over 12 months, the team has completed 731 work packages with 3,510 new signs installed and 1,653 signs removed. That's an average of 13.5 packages each week, 65 installs and 30 removals!



One of our Metropolitan Sign Crew in action.

Yungatha joins signs supply panel

We're proud to welcome Belmont based Aboriginal company, Yungatha Pty Ltd as the fourth member of the Statewide Signs Supply Panel Contract, and our first Supply Nation registered Aboriginal business on the panel.



Yungatha is engaged for an initial five-year term, with one extension option for a period of two years available. They join Corsign WA, Jason Signmakers and Sunny Sign Company on the Signs Supply Panel.

Further information

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