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**Chief Executive Officer,
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July 2026

From the CEO's Desk

The global economy and financial markets appear to have avoided the worst-case scenario from the war in the Middle East, but tensions between the parties have re-escalated of late and traffic through the Strait of Hormuz remains well below pre-war levels.

Macro Economics and the Domestic Economy

WATC maintained market access throughout the conflict, as evidenced by very strong demand for the WATC 2039 green bond issued in the still relatively early stages of the conflict in April. Investors were attracted by Western Australia's ongoing strong economic performance, its recently reaffirmed top credit rating and its strong ESG credentials.

The 2026–27 State Budget confirmed Western Australia's outstanding fiscal position, with ongoing operating surpluses and a low debt profile compared to other states. Forecasts for the fiscal variables assume steady GDP growth in the coming years, supported by solid growth in private consumption and business investment, ongoing labour market strength, inflation coming down swiftly next year and goods exports remaining around recent highs.

However, the past few months have added to evidence that WATC will continue to operate in an environment of higher interest rates. Faced with demand pressures, the RBA had to start tightening monetary policy even before the war and delivered one more cash rate hike in Q2, taking the cash rate back to its recent peak. While further rate increases are not the market's baseline scenario, they cannot be completely ruled out at this point. Interest rates remain quite high globally, reflecting inflation rates above central bank goals, elevated government debt levels and a rise in investment in many

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jurisdictions, particularly more recently in data centres.

Investor Activities

From a WATC perspective, the second quarter of 2026 highlighted our continued focus on supporting Western Australia's growth strategy through strong funding outcomes and investor engagement.

Following the release of the ***2026–27 Western Australian State Budget***, we reinforced our role in financing the State's substantial infrastructure pipeline, which includes a $10.2 billion debt funding requirement in 2026–27 as part of an estimated $37.1 billion term funding program (new money and refinancing) over the four years to 2029–30. The Under Treasurer of Western Australia and WATC Chairperson, Joann Wilkie PSM, joined me in presenting a range of State Budget highlights to domestic investors from across Sydney and Melbourne. The events, which attracted participants from major superannuation funds, banks and asset managers, reinforced the strong demand for Western Australian semi-government debt and our continued ability to access to capital markets.

In April we achieved a significant milestone with the successful issue of our third green bond. The $2.0 billion October 2039 green bond generated record demand, attracting an order book of $7.86 billion and participation from 81 investors across domestic and international markets. The transaction strengthened our Sustainable Bond Program and expanded our global investor base. The issuance also introduced a new focus on biodiversity and nature-based outcomes through the addition of a new theme – *Enhancing and Protecting Our Natural Capital* – to the Green Bond Project Pool. The evolution reflects growing investor interest in nature and biodiversity, and positions WATC to engage more deeply on these topics.

May saw the release of our ***2026 Sustainability Bond Program Allocation and Impact Report***. The report introduced an enhanced impact framework designed to provide greater transparency and clearer links between government policy, funded projects and measurable environmental outcomes. It highlighted achievements including significant emissions reductions, the delivery of electrified rail infrastructure and increased water supply capacity. Allocation proceeds continue to support a diversified portfolio of projects aligned with Western Australia Government priorities, including:

- Renewable energy and energy efficiency – approximately $2.8 billion
- Transport supporting the net-zero transition – approximately $1.6 billion
- Climate adaptation and resilience, including water infrastructure – approximately $0.4 billion.

Future allocations will extend to natural capital projects supported by our most recent green bond. The program's continued alignment with international standards and Moody's highest Sustainability Quality Score supports Western

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Australia's position as a credible and innovative issuer in global sustainable finance markets.

Client Activities

We remained actively engaged with clients and stakeholders throughout the quarter. Late May saw our organisation participate in the ***2026 IPAA WA Budget Briefing***, where Joann Wilkie and myself provided insights into the State Budget, economic outlook and funding program. The sold out event provided an understanding of the State's priorities through expert analysis and clear insights to ultimately support the government sector with a better undrestanding of the State budget.

Late May I was pleased to host leaders from across the Western Australian government sector at a presentation with Deutsche Bank Bank's Chief Geopolitical Strategist for Asia. The breakfast meeting provided an opportunity for leaders across the sector to consider contemporary geo-political issues and their impacts on Western Australia through an external lens, and facilitated a question and answer session for attendees.

The quarter also saw external recognition of WATC's commitment to transparency and accountability, with our 2025 Annual Report receiving a Silver Award at the IPAA WA W.S. Lonnie Awards. WATC has been a long-time supporter of these awards that recognise excellence in public sector annual reporting, so it was pleasing to get a positive result for our most recent efforts.

Our Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion

Internally, we continued to invest in our people and organisational culture through a range of diversity, inclusion and wellbeing initiatives. Activities included first aid training, an International Day of Families event focused on social and workforce trends, and Aboriginal Cultural Awareness training to support cultural understanding and inclusion.

Welcoming New Recruits

The quarter also welcomed new appointments, including Truong Le as our caretaker of General Manager Funding and Markets, the return of John Vojkovich as Principal Advisor in Advisory Services, further strengthening organisational capability and expertise and Nicola Cartwright in our Marketing and Communications team.

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Kaylene Gulich
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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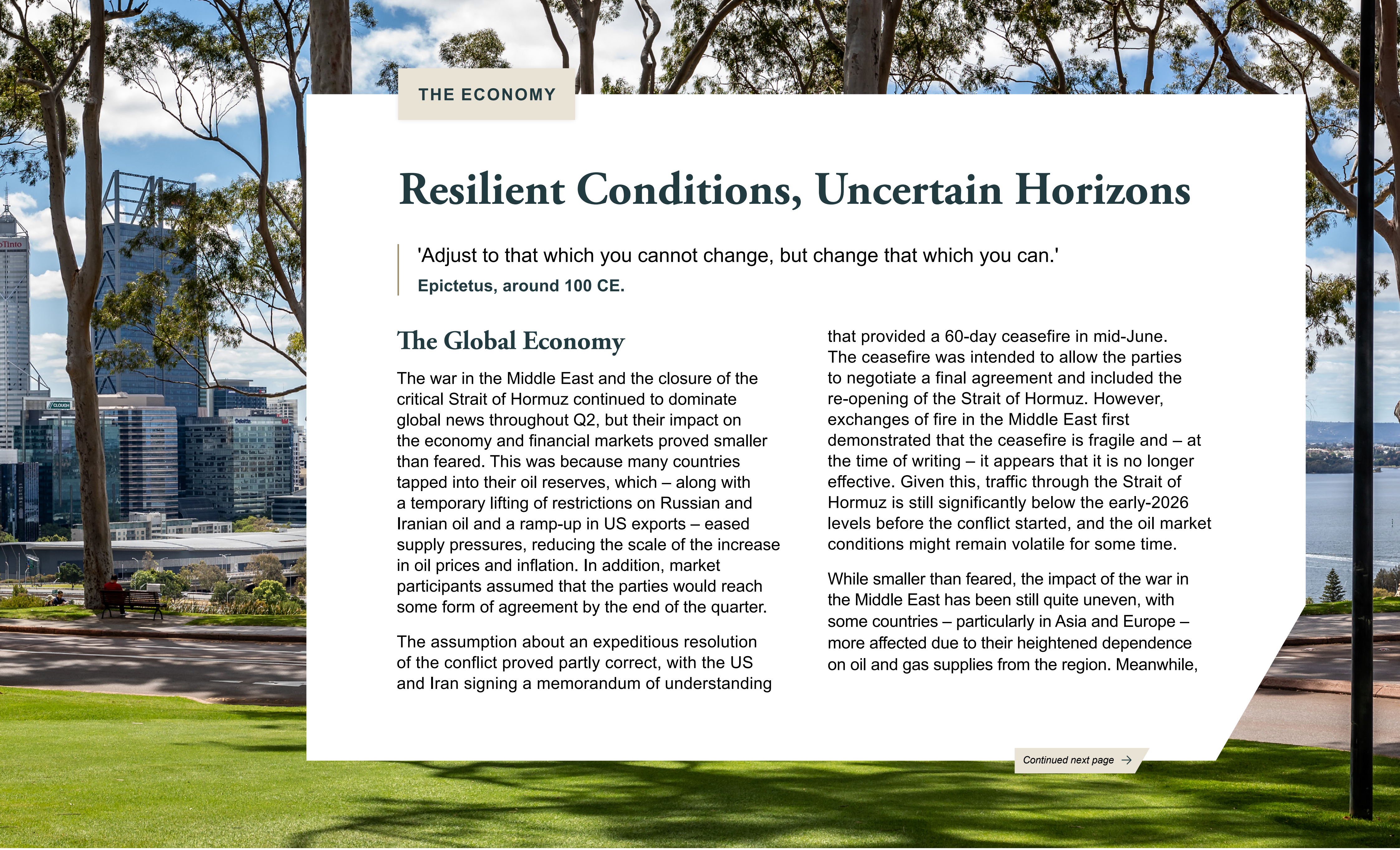

THE ECONOMY

Resilient Conditions, Uncertain Horizons

> 'Adjust to that which you cannot change, but change that which you can.'
> **Epictetus, around 100 CE.**

The Global Economy

The war in the Middle East and the closure of the critical Strait of Hormuz continued to dominate global news throughout Q2, but their impact on the economy and financial markets proved smaller than feared. This was because many countries tapped into their oil reserves, which – along with a temporary lifting of restrictions on Russian and Iranian oil and a ramp-up in US exports – eased supply pressures, reducing the scale of the increase in oil prices and inflation. In addition, market participants assumed that the parties would reach some form of agreement by the end of the quarter.

The assumption about an expeditious resolution of the conflict proved partly correct, with the US and Iran signing a memorandum of understanding that provided a 60-day ceasefire in mid-June. The ceasefire was intended to allow the parties to negotiate a final agreement and included the re-opening of the Strait of Hormuz. However, exchanges of fire in the Middle East first demonstrated that the ceasefire is fragile and – at the time of writing – it appears that it is no longer effective. Given this, traffic through the Strait of Hormuz is still significantly below the early-2026 levels before the conflict started, and the oil market conditions might remain volatile for some time.

While smaller than feared, the impact of the war in the Middle East has been still quite uneven, with some countries – particularly in Asia and Europe – more affected due to their heightened dependence on oil and gas supplies from the region. Meanwhile,

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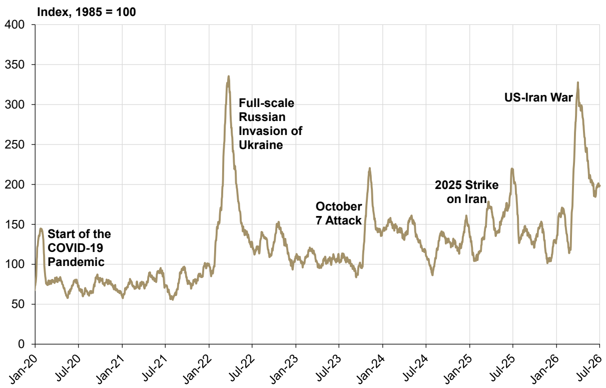
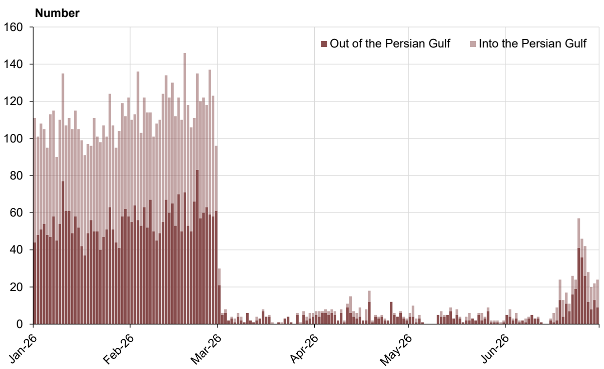
Geopolitical Risk Index



Daily Commercial Vessel Crossing Through the Strait of Hormuz



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economic conditions in the US, as well as in Australia and Western Australia, remained resilient.

US GDP rose by an annualised 2.1% in Q1, with a strong contribution from fixed investment largely related to development of data centres. The second strongest contributor was government spending, which reflected the re-opening of the US government following the longest shutdown on record in the final quarter of 2025. Personal consumption expenditures also added to growth in Q1, but less than in the previous quarter.

Incoming US economic data suggest that the pace of growth was likely maintained in Q2. Despite a sharp rise in fuel prices, real personal consumption expenditures picked up in the first two months of the quarter, though this came partly at the expense of household savings. PMI indicators also pointed to ongoing expansion, both in manufacturing and services, despite supply chain disruptions and cost pressures. US exports benefited from the global oil supply shortages, with oil credits reaching a record high in late April, before declining in the later stages of the US-Iran war.

US labour market conditions remained healthy, with the unemployment rate low and broadly in line with the FOMC's longer-run estimate. However, gains in non-farm payrolls have slowed, and the unemployment rate has held broadly steady partly due to lower participation.

The rise in fuel prices resulting from the conflict in the Middle East translated into a spike in US inflation. Annual rates of PCE inflation, the measure targeted by the Fed, rose to 4.1% in headline terms and 3.4% in core terms. In both cases, this represented the highest level in around three years and was well above the Fed's 2% target.

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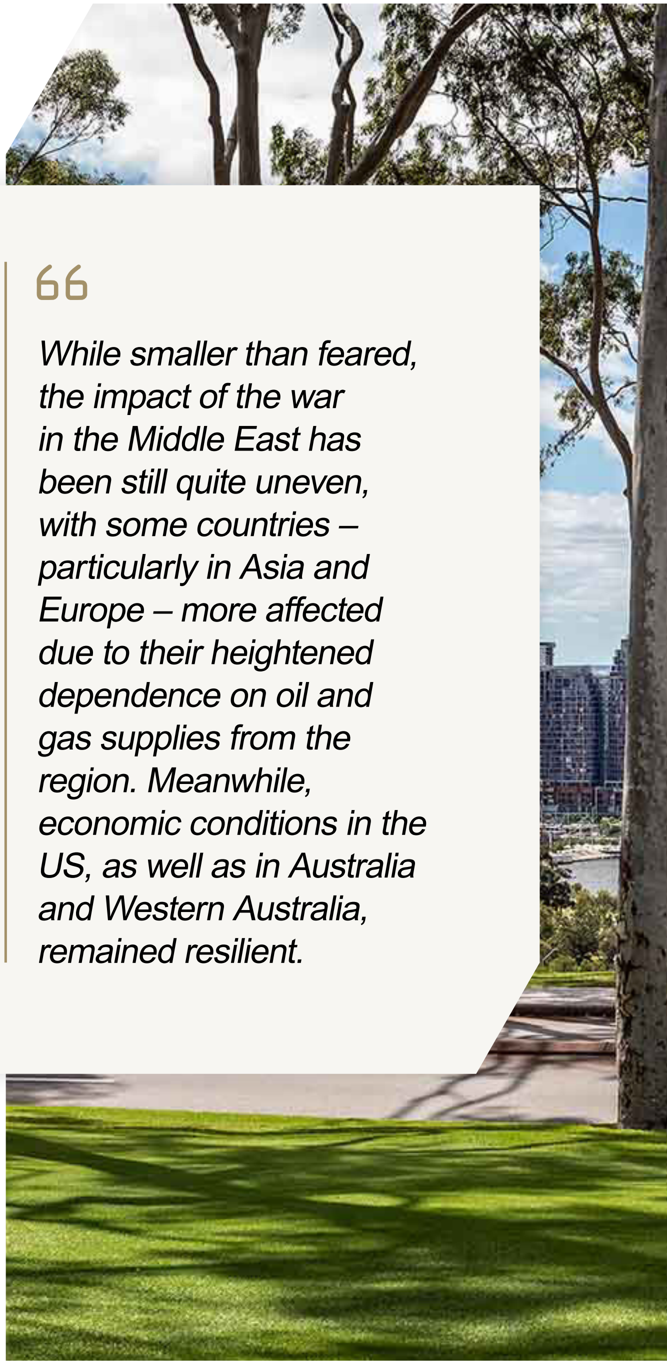

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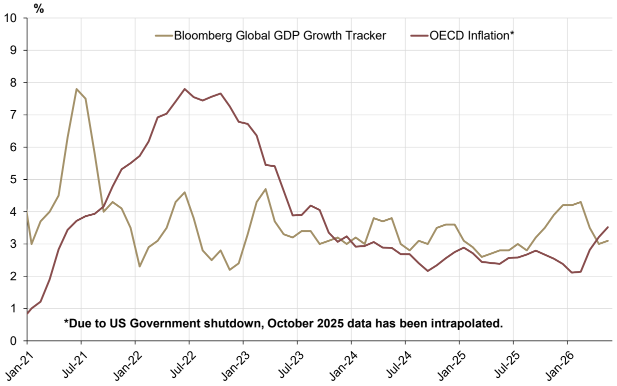
Annual Rates of Global GDP Growth and OECD Inflation



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The rise in global oil prices pushed up inflation rates in other major advanced economies, while dragging economic conditions down, with the largest impacts felt in Europe and Asia. That said, June saw some mildly encouraging signs.

In the euro area, HICP inflation rates peaked at 3.2% for headline inflation and 2.6% for core inflation in May, before declining to 2.8% and 2.4% in June, respectively. While lower, euro area inflation rates are still somewhat above the ECB's definition of price stability of 'below but close to 2%'. Euro area GDP growth slowed to just 0.3% QoQ in Q1, while business conditions pointed to contraction in April and May, which was followed by stagnation in June.

The UK also saw a slowdown in economic growth, with GDP increasing 0.6% QoQ in Q1, which was followed by the economy slipping into contraction in Q2. UK inflation has been above the Bank of England's target of 2% for nearly two years, but the annual price growth during the war in the Middle East has been artificially held down by base effects from the rise in utility costs in 2025.

Base effects are also keeping the annual rates of inflation in Japan in check. However, the Japanese economy has benefited from the recent information technology boom and the lower exchange rate, thanks to which GDP growth accelerated to 0.5% QoQ in Q1, and the economy remained in expansion throughout the Middle East war.

In China, annual GDP growth accelerated to 5.0% in Q1, though this was followed by weakness in the first two months of Q2, particularly in the property sector and retail sales. However, industrial production growth remained quite solid, supported by high demand for electronics and electric vehicles. Despite some divergence regarding the pace, the PMIs pointed to ongoing expansion in Q2. Cost and price pressures have picked up, however, posing another upside risk to inflation, both globally and in Australia.

The Australian Economy

The impact of the war in the Middle East on the Australian economy was visible, but quite limited given the scale of disruptions in global markets.

Real GDP rose by 0.3% in Q1 2026, while the annual rate of growth remained at 2.5%. The largest contributor to quarterly GDP growth was business investment, supported primarily by development of data centres in the eastern states. The contribution of household consumption was half that of business investment and partly supported by higher out-of-pocket costs for electricity after energy bill relief measures expired. Growth in business investment and household consumption was partly offset by net exports, which detracted heavily from growth, mainly due to a surge in the value of automotive fuel imports amid the spike in global oil and petrol prices.

The official ABS and commercial bank data suggest that, after a temporary setback in April, household consumption is again on the rise, as concerns over the impact of the war in the Middle East have eased.

Higher fuel prices – along with higher out-of-pocket electricity costs – led to a rise in consumer price inflation in Australia, but inflation pressures appear less pronounced than during the previous spike in 2022. Having reached a peak of 4.6% in March, headline inflation declined to 4.2% in April and 4.0% in May, reflecting a fuel excise cut and stabilisation in global oil prices in the later stages of the war. However, trimmed mean inflation continued to climb and has most likely drifted further away from the 2–3% target range in Q2.

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Labour market figures have been quite choppy month to month, but trend employment continued to climb, with a cumulative gain of 53.6k over the three months to May, roughly the same as in the previous three months. The trend unemployment rate stood at 4.4% in May, which is still very low by historical standards, while the trend underemployment rate of 5.8% is the lowest since 2008.

The capital city average of the Cotality home value index fell by 1.3% in Q2, but the decline was driven by Sydney and Melbourne, while other capital cities saw gains. In addition, the decline in home prices was much smaller nationwide (-0.4%), reflecting the ongoing 1.1% increase in the regions. Home prices remain 6.1% higher through the year across the capital cities and 11.0% up YoY nationwide.

The decline in home prices in some capital cities in Q2 followed solid gains in the previous years, and was triggered by renewed monetary policy tightening by the RBA as well as – according to some analysts – by a decline in sentiment among investors following the negative gearing and capital gains tax changes in the 2026–27 Commonwealth Budget.

The 2026–27 Commonwealth Budget confirmed that Australia's fiscal position remains solid compared to its advanced-economy peers. The underlying cash deficit is estimated at 1.0% of GDP in 2025–26 and forecast to remain around that level in 2026–27 and the outyears, with the structural deficit expected to narrow gradually. Federal Government net debt declined to 18.8% of GDP in mid-2026, according to the Commonwealth Treasury forecast, and is expected to stay around 20% of GDP this financial year and in the following years.

The Western Australian Economy

The national accounts showed that Western Australian real state final demand picked up by 0.5% in Q1, to be up 2.8% through the year. All major categories of private sector spending – household consumption, dwelling investment and business investment – contributed positively to the quarterly growth. Public sector investment remained high, while government consumption fell after sustained gains in previous quarters.

Household spending data for the first two months of Q2 suggest Western Australia's economy has weathered the effects of the war in the Middle East well, with consumer spending continuing to outpace the other states and rising 7.6% over the year to May.

Western Australian trend employment rose by a solid 11.2k over the three months to May, with the employment-to-population ratio remaining well above the national level (65.9% versus 63.8%). The trend unemployment rate stood at 4.4% in May, the same as for Australia as a whole, despite the trend participation rate being very high at 68.9%. The trend underemployment rate, at 5.0%, is also by far the lowest of all states, indicating very tight labour market conditions. Western Australia again outpaced all other states in annual wages growth in Q1, with a 3.6% YoY gain.

Despite the disruptions in the global energy market, inflation pressures appear to have eased in Western Australia over the past quarter. The annual rate of Perth CPI inflation averaged 4.2% in the three months to May, compared to 4.7% over the previous three months. Annual inflation excluding food and energy also declined a little, to 3.6% from 3.8% in the previous three months.

Perth remained one of the capital cities that continued to see gains in home prices. The 2.0% gain in Q2, while smaller than in previous quarters, was still the strongest of all state capital cities. The quarterly gain in Western Australian regional home prices was even stronger (3.7%). Over the year, home prices are up 22.0% in Perth and 23.9% in Western Australian regions.

Western Australia's 2026–27 Budget confirmed the State's outstanding fiscal position, with an eighth consecutive operating surplus of A$3.5b estimated for 2025–26 and ongoing surpluses in the following four financial years. Net debt is estimated to have reached 7.1% of GSP in 2025–26 and is not expected to exceed 10% of GSP in the following four years, which is by far the lowest profile of all states.

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Financial Markets

The impact of the conflict in the Middle East on financial market sentiment have been quite contained, especially in global equity markets, and the ceasefire deal in mid-June saw the impacts of the conflict partly or completely unwound in commodity and fixed income markets. Markets have since become largely desensitised to the exchanges of fire between the US and Iran.

Global equity markets have remained quite resilient throughout the US-Iran conflict, with the MSCI World Index, a gauge of stocks in advanced economies, reaching a record high in early June, led by the US market. The US benchmark index, the S&P 500, also hit a record high in early June. Despite slight declines towards the end of the quarter, the S&P 500 is up 14.9% for Q2, its strongest quarterly gain in six years.

Following a spike in the early stages of the Middle East war, oil prices oscillated around US$100 a barrel, depending on the degree of hostilities between the parties. The 60-day ceasefire saw oil prices plummet to around their pre-war levels, before they picked up somewhat in mid-July as tensions re-escalated.

Overall, Brent futures dropped by 38.4% in Q2. Gas futures, measured by the Dutch TTF, fell much less, by 13.2%, reflecting more severe disruptions to gas facilities in the Middle East. Q2 also saw declines in the prices of coal (-9.0%), wheat (-5.8%) and iron ore (-7.1%). Iron ore futures were dragged down by concerns over steel production in China, which is still trending downwards. Supplies from the Simandou mine in Guinea have picked up, but remain marginal.

The drop in oil prices in Q2 saw concerns over inflation and monetary policy tightening decline a little, dragging government bond yields lower towards the end of the quarter. However, the scale of decline differed across the advanced economies, depending on their respective monetary policy and outlook.

In the US, the Fed – which a quarter ago was expected to keep rates unchanged in 2026 – is now expected to increase them this year. The most recent ‘dot plot’ projections also showed a radical shift in the assessment of the appropriate path of monetary policy towards tightening, followed by some hawkish public appearances by FOMC members. Ongoing expectations for monetary policy tightening saw US Treasury yields climb by 37bps for 2-year maturities and 15bps for 10-year yields.

In other advanced economies, the ECB increased its policy rates by 25bps in June, with some market participants expecting further tightening, as is the case for the Bank of England, though expectations for both eased a little over the quarter. The Bank of Japan continued to normalise monetary policy, with another 25bps hike to 1.00%, the highest level since the mid-1990s.

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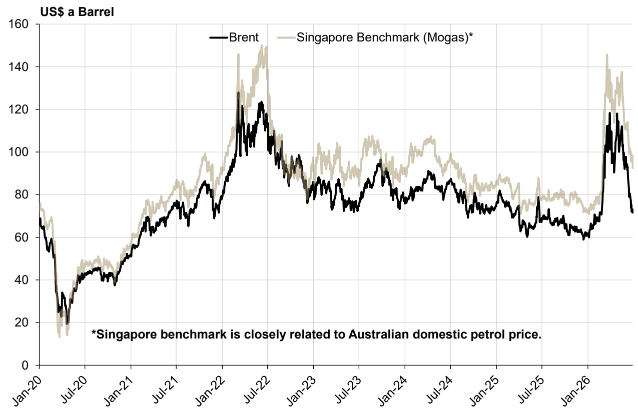
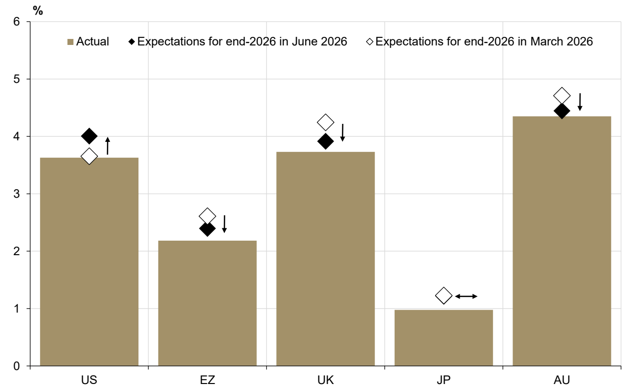
Global Oil Prices



Central Bank Policy Rates - Actual and Expected



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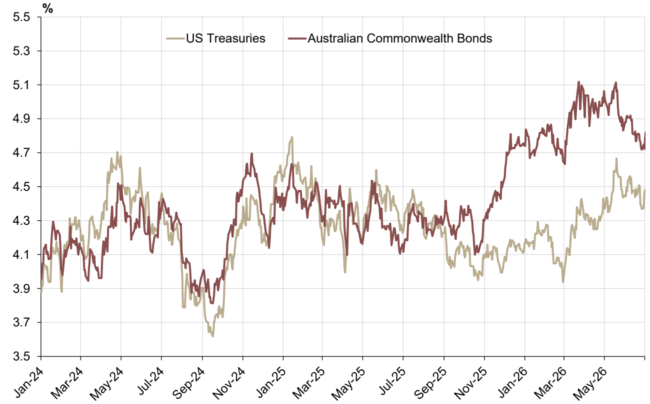
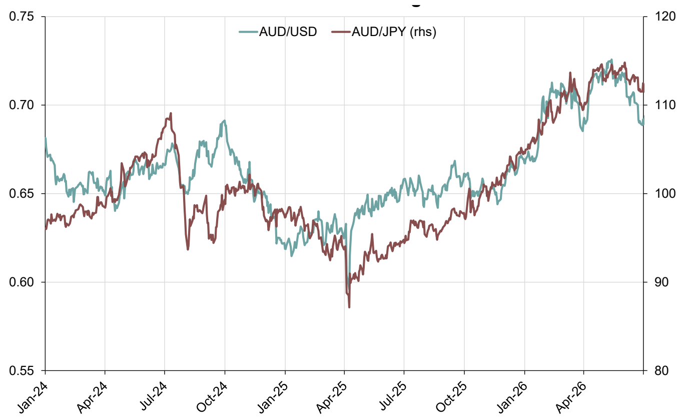
10-Year Bond Yields



Australian Dollar Exchange Rates



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Having started to tighten monetary policy ahead of the war in the Middle East due to demand pressures, the RBA increased the cash rate target by another 25bps in May, taking it to the previous cycle high of 4.35%. Market expectations for further tightening eased after some downside surprises to economic data and a fall in domestic fuel prices. At the time of writing, one more cash rate hike is only partially priced in for 2026. However, the RBA continues not to rule out further monetary policy tightening if it is necessary to deliver price stability, while stressing that interest rates need to remain at a restrictive level for some time. That said, lower cash rate expectations saw Commonwealth bond yields decline in Q2, by 29bps for 3-year yields and 25bps for 10-year yields.

The decline in RBA monetary policy tightening expectations put some drag on the Australian dollar. Having reached a four-year high in May, the AUD/USD started its descent, partly due to appreciation of the greenback amid the shift in the Fed's monetary policy outlook, to be up just 0.3% for the quarter. The Australian dollar also finished the quarter 2.7% stronger against the Japanese yen and 1.4% higher against the euro.

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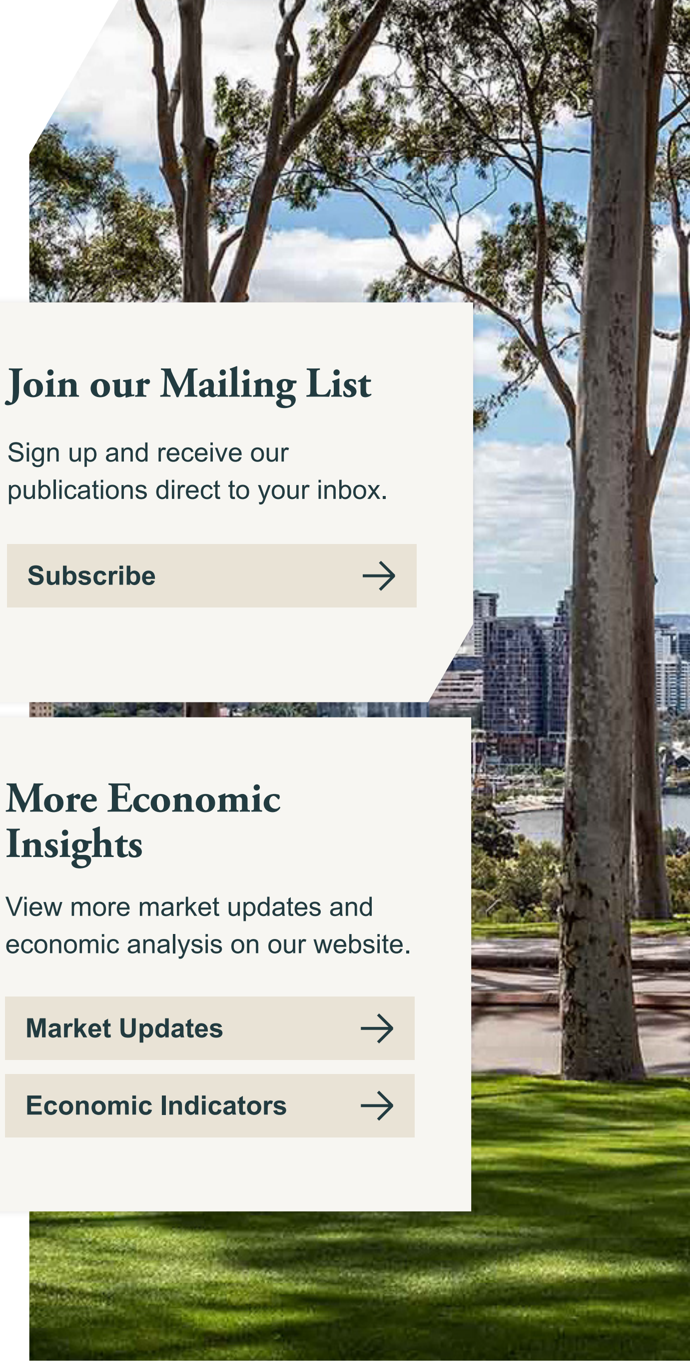

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State Budget Engages Domestic Investors

The ***2026–27 Western Australian State Budget*** reinforces the strong pipeline of State infrastructure investment that is supported by WATC's continued access to domestic and international capital markets.

With a financial year 2026–27 term funding requirement of approximately $10.2 billion, WATC remains well positioned to deliver the State's borrowing program in a disciplined and cost-effective manner. Budget forward estimates also highlight a significant and sustained funding program, with approximately $37.1 billion of term funding (including the 2026–27 requirement, and comprising new money and financing) expected over the four years to 2029–30. This reflects continued government investment in key sectors such as energy transmission and decarbonisation, water infrastructure including desalination, and housing and urban development.

Western Australia continues to offer investors a strong credit profile, supported by AAA/Aaa ratings and a resilient economic outlook.

Domestic Investor Engagement

In June 2026, the Under Treasurer of Western Australia and WATC Chairperson, Joann Wilkie and WATC CEO, Kaylene Gulich presented at investor functions in Sydney and Melbourne, covering key aspects of the Western Australian State budget and implications for WATC's funding program. The events attracted participation from major superannuation funds, banks, asset managers and WATC's panel banks that support distribution of our securities. Investor discussions and feedback reinforced continued strong domestic demand for WATC's high-quality semi-government debt.

Maintaining Market Access

The combination of strong credit fundamentals, active investor engagement, and a diversified investor base positions WATC to continue delivering its funding program effectively.

Ongoing domestic and offshore engagement remains a WATC strategic priority that will be enacted consistently throughout the financial year to support our continued access to capital markets in delivery of the funding program

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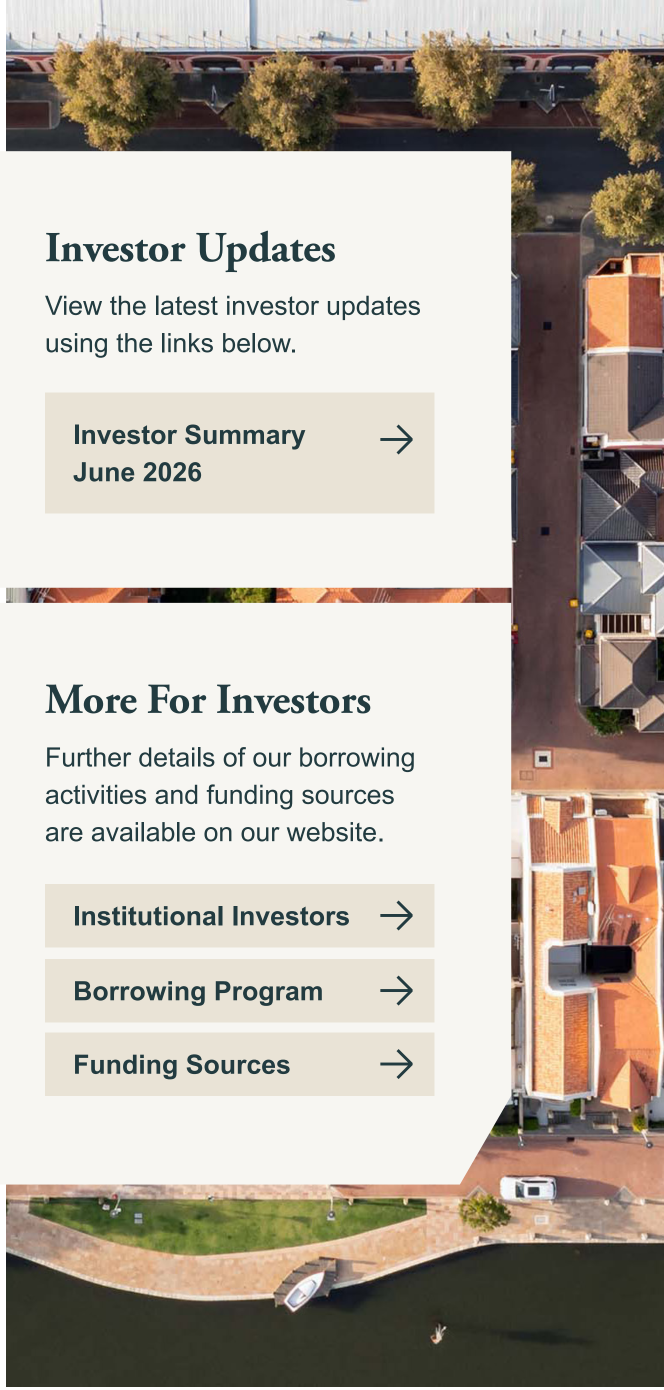

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Our Third Green Bond Attracts Record Investor Demand

The successful issue in April 2026 further strengthens our Sustainable Bond Program and reinforces investor confidence in Western Australia's ESG credentials.

The $2.0 billion October 2039 maturity green bond was met with exceptional demand, generating an orderbook of $7.86 billion - approximately 3.9 times oversubscribed and the largest in WATC's history.

The transaction attracted 81 investors, with around 92% of allocations being to real money accounts, highlighting the depth and quality of demand. This strong outcome reflects continued momentum in sustainable finance markets and demonstrates WATC's ability to access capital competitively while diversifying its investor base.

Expanded Investor Base

There was strong participation from both domestic and international investors, including significant offshore interest from Europe, the United Kingdom and Asia. A total of 16 new investors, 11 from offshore, participated in the deal further expanding WATC's global investor base. The result, which follows recent investor engagement initiatives including domestic and international roadshows, highlights how our sustainable bond program, which is an integrated component of our overall benchmark bond program, is effective in attracting both traditional accounts and ESG-focused investors.

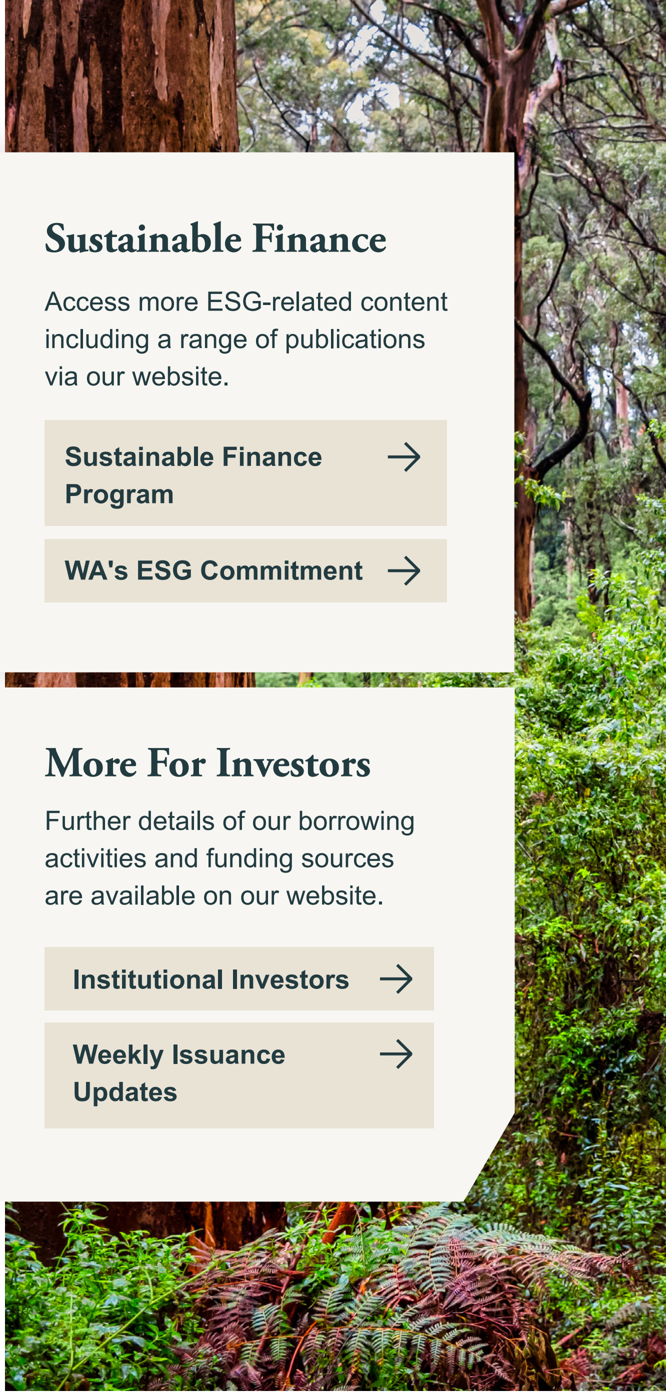
Evolution and Significance

A key development in this issuance was the expansion of our Green Bond Project Pool to include a new theme 'Enhancing and Protecting Our Natural Capital'. This new theme broadens the focus beyond decarbonisation and infrastructure to include biodiversity and nature-based outcomes. The evolution reflects growing investor interest in nature and biodiversity, and positions WATC to engage more deeply on these topics.

Green bond issuance forms part of our broader funding strategy to maintain strong ESG credentials that supports our ongoing access to domestic and international capital markets. The successful April issuance demonstrates this strategy continues to deliver, supporting both funding outcomes and Western Australia's reputation as a credible and forward-looking issuer.

More Information

Investor Term Sheet →



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2026 Sustainable Bond Program Report

Our updated Sustainable Bond Program Allocation and Impact Report marks another step forward in transparency and impact reporting for our investors.

Released in May, the report allocates proceeds raised under our Sustainable Bond Program and introduces an enhanced Impact Framework, providing a clear line of sight between government policy, funded projects, outcomes, and measurable environmental impact. The report moves beyond traditional output-based reporting to focus on measurable, attributable outcomes, enabling investors to better understand the impact of their investments. Key innovations include:

- A structured framework linking investment to outcomes and impact
- New methodologies for quantifying emissions reductions and other benefits
- Improved data consistency and comparability across projects.

Market Recognition

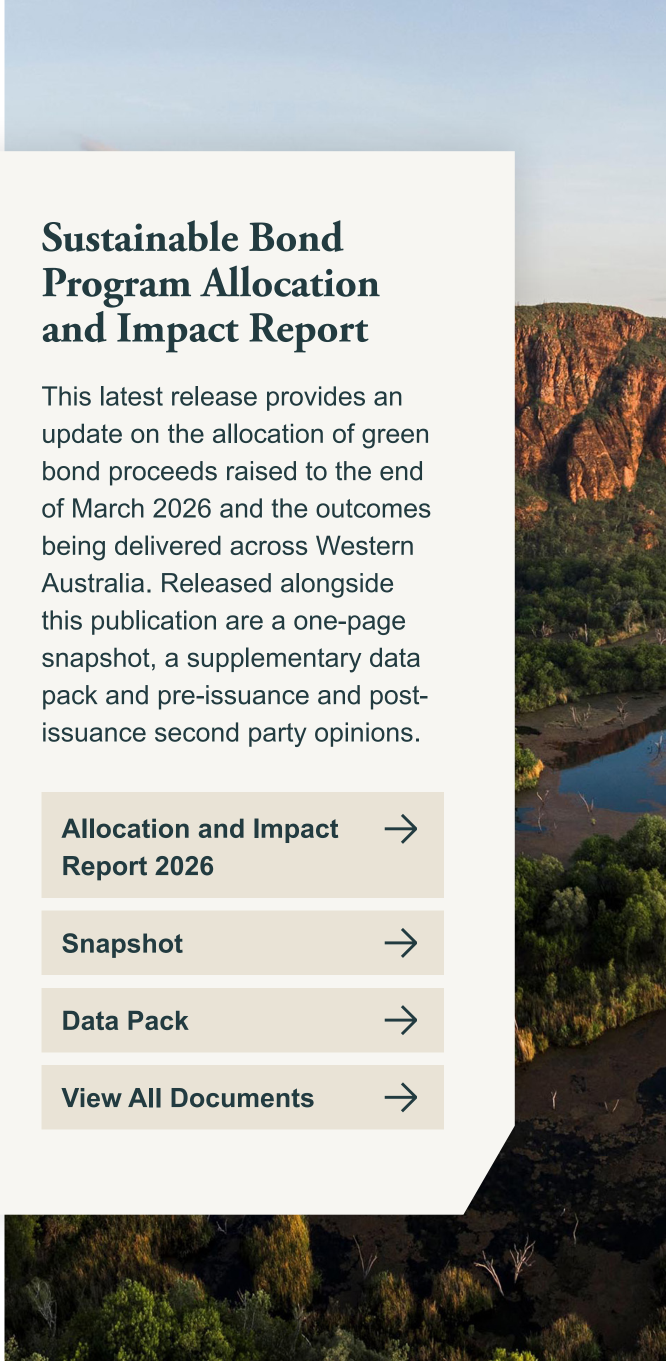
Our Sustainable Bond Program continues to be independently verified, with Moody's assigning WATC's green bonds its highest Sustainability Quality Score (SQS1 – Excellent). Our framework is aligned with international standards, including the ICMA Green Bond Principles, and shows strong alignment with the Australian Sustainable Finance Taxonomy. Market feedback on the updated report has been highly positive, with stakeholders highlighting its comprehensiveness and clarity of impact reporting. By providing transparent and credible reporting, the program continues to strengthen Western Australia's position in global sustainable finance markets.

Delivering Tangible Outcomes

The report highlights a range of measurable impacts delivered via the program including:

- An estimated 111,753 tonnes of CO_2 emissions avoided in FY25, rising to a forecast 534,825 tonnes by FY28
- Delivery of 72 kilometres of electrified rail infrastructure
- Increased future water supply capacity, including 50 GL per year from desalination infrastructure.

This data provides investors with clear evidence of the environmental outcomes their capital supports.



Sustainable Bond Program Allocation and Impact Report

This latest release provides an update on the allocation of green bond proceeds raised to the end of March 2026 and the outcomes being delivered across Western Australia. Released alongside this publication are a one-page snapshot, a supplementary data pack and pre-issuance and post-issuance second party opinions.

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Insights from the IPAA WA Budget Briefing

This year's briefing featured presentations from the Under Treasurer of Western Australia and WATC Chairperson, Joann Wilkie PSM, and WATC CEO, Kaylene Gulich PSM.

The ***2026 IPAA WA Budget Briefing*** held on 22 May, unpacked key insights from the ***2026–27 Western Australian State Budget*** and explored what it means for the sector, the State, and organisations.

Joann Wilkie delivered the keynote presentation, providing valuable insight into the State's economic outlook, Government priorities, and the opportunities and pressures shaping the 2026–27 Budget. Her presentation helped provide attendees a clearer understanding of a substantial and significant public policy document. Kaylene Gulich shared insights into the State's funding task, financial market conditions, and WATC's role in supporting the delivery of the Budget through ongoing financing activities.

The briefing provided attendees with expert insight and a comprehensive, easy-to-understand overview of the Budget and its implications to the Government sector, along with valuable perspectives and commentary to help support strategic planning, budgeting and decision-making across the sector. Following both presentations, attendees had the opportunity to ask questions of the speakers during an interactive Q&A session.

Speaker Presentations

Click on the links below to view the slide decks presented at the event.

Joann Wilkie: The Tale of Five Charts and Why it Matters to You →

Kaylene Gulich: Funding the State Budget →

Above – WATC CEO Kaylene Gulich speaking at the IPAA WA Budget Briefing on 22 May.

NEWS AND REPORTS

WATC Wins Silver Award for its 2025 Annual Report

Recognition of our continued commitment to transparent and accountable reporting.

On Friday 27 March 2026, the Institute of Public Administration Australia WA (IPAA WA) hosted the ***41st Annual W.S. Lonnie Awards***, recognising excellence in annual reporting across the Western Australian government sector. WATC's ***2025 Annual Report*** received a Silver Award in the Public Financial and Non-Financial Corporations category.

The W.S. Lonnie Awards recognise annual reports that demonstrate accountability and transparency in a clear, concise and independent way. One of WATC's core values is integrity – a commitment to being open, honest, and accountable. Our continued success at these awards reflects the consistent application of this value in our approach to annual reporting.

Special acknowledgement goes to the Marketing and Communications and Finance and Treasury Operations teams, along with all WATC staff that contributed and reviewed content. Collaboration and hard work have delivered another outstanding annual report for WATC.

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Above – Head of Marketing and Communications, Christopher Rinsma, accepting the Silver Award for WATC's 2025 Annual Report from Des Pearson AO FIPAA, a judge on the WS Lonnie Awards Judging Panel.

> *An informative and well structured report with clear KPIs and a very good explanation of the Corporation's role. The report demonstrated strong governance and strategic clarity and featured effective use of digital navigation, and a well articulated strategic outlook.*
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> **Lonnie Judges' Comments**

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Supporting Wellbeing and Inclusion

Over the quarter, we continued to support team members through initiatives that strengthen wellbeing, connection and inclusive workplace behaviours.

At WATC, we are committed to Diversity and Inclusion, and the health and wellbeing of our employees. Our journey to better inclusivity is supported through a range of programs and initiatives, while our wellbeing activities help support the physical, mental and social wellbeing of our workforce. In the second quarter of 2026, our staff were invited to participate in a number of initiatives that supported these commitments.

First Aid Training

Two First Aid training sessions were held on 19 February and 19 May, with the second session offered due to strong staff interest. Delivered by St John Ambulance WA, the training included pre-course online learning as well as practical, hands-on activities at the WATC office.

WATC offers First Aid and CPR training on a three-year cycle, in alignment with the validity period of accreditation for each component. In the first year of the cycle, both First Aid and CPR are covered, while years two and three focus on CPR. As the theoretical first year in the cycle, the 2026 sessions covered both First Aid and CPR.

The sessions helped staff refresh and build practical, life-saving skills for both home and workplace safety, while supporting personal confidence and contributing to overall wellbeing.

International Day of Families

We recognised International Day of Families with a 90-minute lunch-and-learn held on 23 June 2026.

The session featured a talk from our CEO Kaylene Gulich on three selected topics related to family, social and economic trends:

- Understanding changing birth rates
- Making sense of modern households
- Families, finances and futures.

The topic of how workplaces of the future will look and operate differently was also discussed in terms of workforce demographics and lifecycles, the need for constant upskilling and skills development, and changing ways of working to support flexibility, especially as technology changes.

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Top – Amandeep Kochar from our Advisory Services team administers ventolin using an inhaler. **Above –** Tamara Marsh from our Corporate Treasury Services team assists Sherly R. from our Risk Management team with simulated wound care.

Top – WATC Chief Executive Officer Kaylene Gulich ahead of her presentation for International Day of Families. **Above –** Team members from the across the organisation who attended collaborating in groups as part of the session.

The presentation included small-group discussions, giving colleagues the opportunity to reflect on the themes, share perspectives and discuss key takeaways. With approximately 25 attendees, the event provided an engaging and social way to learn about the issues affecting families, while recognising the diverse ways families are structured today and their broader impacts.

Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training

As part of WATC's ongoing commitment to cultural respect, inclusion and reconciliation, all staff are asked to participate in Aboriginal Cultural Awareness training.

Two sessions were held during the quarter on 16 and 17 June, with a third session scheduled for 30 July 2026. Delivered by Auspire – Australia Day Council of Western Australia, the program is led by experienced First Nations educators and provides a culturally safe and reflective learning experience.

The training is designed to build greater understanding of Aboriginal history, culture and perspectives, including the impacts of colonisation and how these continue to shape experiences today. Participants also explore key cultural protocols, values and beliefs systems, while developing practical skills to engage respectfully and effectively with Aboriginal people and communities. The training supports culturally informed decision-making and helps foster respectful, inclusive behaviours in the workplace and beyond.

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More on Diversity and Inclusion at WATC

Our Diversity and Inclusion Plan continues to build on our positive practices and guides our progress to be a more inclusive workplace. Find out more via our website.

Our Commitment to Inclusivity →

New Appointments

Fixed Contract

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ROLE
General Manager Funding and Markets

BUSINESS UNIT
Markets

I commenced my role at WATC in June 2026 taking on the responsibilities of the General Manager, Funding and Markets position and providing leadership and support to the Markets and ESG and Investor Relations teams.

I have over 25 years of experience across law, finance, banking, and treasury management. Prior to joining WATC, I spent over four years at Wesfarmers as Group Treasurer, where I was responsible for overseeing the Wesfarmers' Group's balance sheet, funding, capital management, and financial risk activities. Before Wesfarmers, I built a 16-year career at the Commonwealth Bank in Sydney, where I held a number of senior leadership roles. These included Global Head of Debt Capital Markets and Head of Hybrid Capital Markets, where I led the origination and execution across a broad range of funding and capital market transactions.

I began my career in Melbourne as an accountant at Pitcher Partners before transitioning into law at Allens, specialising in mergers and acquisitions and capital markets financings.

I enjoy spending time with my family and reading. I am also looking forward to taking advantage of the office's proximity to Jacob's Ladder to improve my fitness.

Returning to WATC

John Vojkovich

ROLE
Principal Advisor

BUSINESS UNIT
Advisory Services

As a Principal Advisor in the Advisory Services Team, I use my expertise in financial management to provide in-depth analysis and problem-solving to drive innovation and support clients in making informed decisions.

I have over 20 years of experience in senior and executive roles across corporate and government sectors, including local government, financial services, manufacturing, agribusiness, health, disability services and the arts. In the government entity space, I managed the financial operations of Keystart, which included oversight of a $4.5 billion funding program and the development of alternative funding options. I also led the analytics team, transforming business operations through advanced business analysis, portfolio modelling and dynamic reporting solutions.

I am a Chartered Accountant and Certified Practising Accountant, Chartered Secretary and Chartered Governance Professional. I hold a Master of Applied Finance from the Financial Services Institute of Australasia (FINSIA), a Graduate Diploma of Applied Corporate Governance from the Governance Institute of Australia and a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Western Australia.

Outside of work I enjoy getting off the beaten track, attending gigs, swimming, playing tennis and golf (badly), and spending time with my wife and two kids.

CAREERS

New Appointments

New Appointment

Nicola Cartwright

ROLE
Marketing and Communications Officer

BUSINESS UNIT
Marketing and Communications

As a Marketing and Communications Officer, I support a range of organisational marketing and communication initiatives and activities, assisting with editing, copywriting, graphic design, website management, email marketing and CRM.

Prior to joining WATC, I spent three and a half years working across the agriculture, agency and recruitment sectors. During this time, I delivered rebranding projects, digital marketing campaigns and social media strategies, while also managing client accounts, supporting business development initiatives, coordinating events and producing and designing a range of marketing collateral. I enjoy the variety that marketing offers, particularly the opportunity to work across different industries, collaborate with diverse stakeholders and continuously learn new ways of working.

I hold a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Marketing, from The University of Western Australia.

Outside of work, I enjoy watching sport and planning my next trip or searching for somewhere new to eat. I also enjoy attending concerts, exploring everything from scenic natural landscapes to vibrant city streets, and experiencing different cultures.

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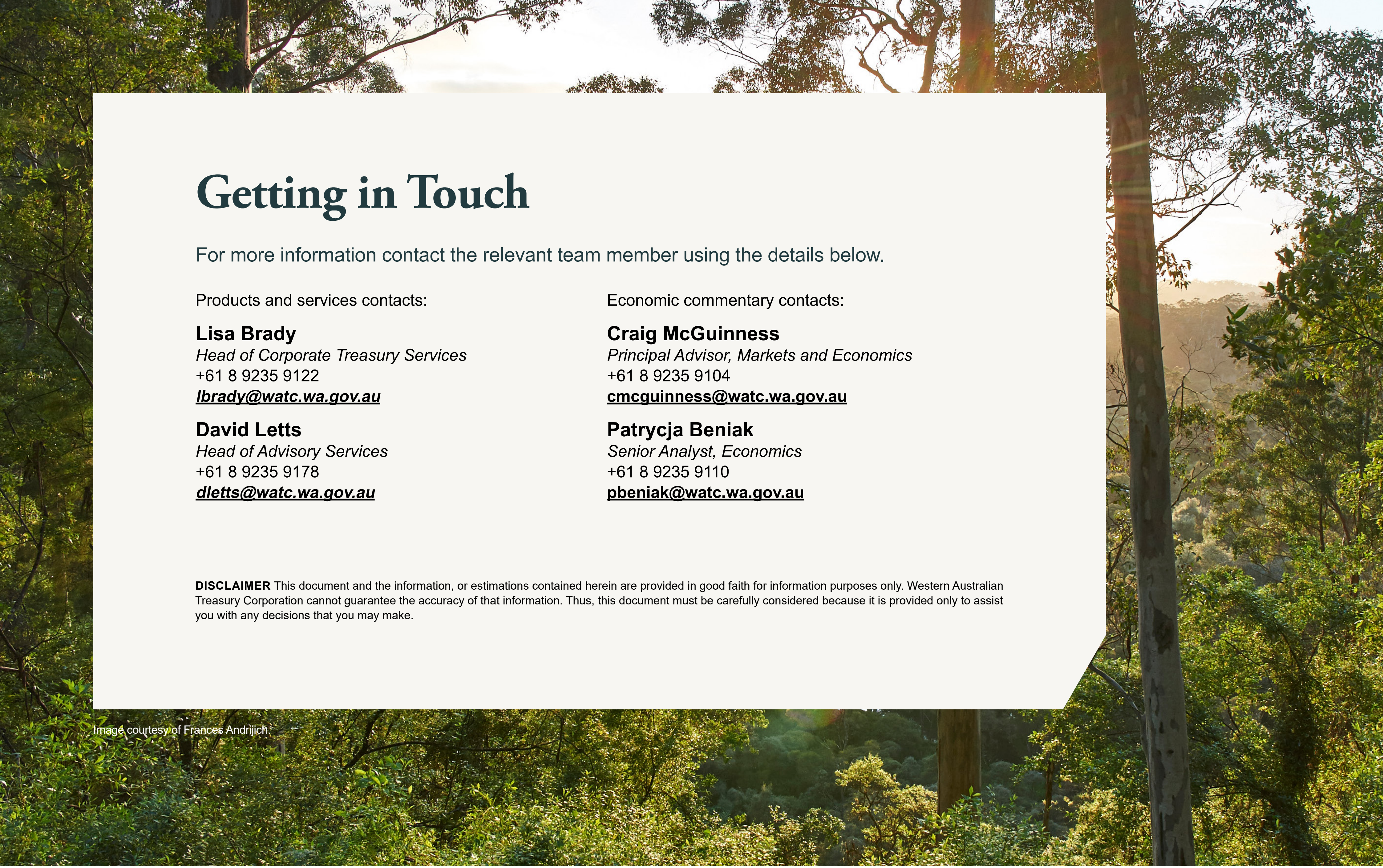

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WATC's principal activities involve:

- funding and debt management
- asset and investment management
- financial advisory services
- financial risk management
- treasury management services and systems.

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