

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

For the purposes of the Land Regulations and Geographical divisions the Colony is divided into six Divisions:

South-West Division contains 67,000 square miles, & is the most temperate part of Western Australia. It was the portion of the Colony first settled, & is that in which about four-fifths out of the whole population now reside.

Gascoyne Division contains an area of 133,000 square miles, & in its present state is only suitable for pastoral purposes, & has been proved to be healthy for all kinds of stock. Included in this division is the rich Murchison Goldfield.

North-West Division contains 81,000 square miles, & is a rich pastoral division, consisting of well grassed plains, fairly well

watered. The Pilbarra Goldfield is within this division, & is yielding an increasing quantity of gold.

Kimberley Division contains an area of 144,000 square miles. The Kimberley Goldfields, situated at the watershed of the Fitzroy & the Ord, have attracted considerable notice, & it is certain will eventually prove to be very valuable.

Eucla Division contains 59,000 square miles, & is almost unoccupied.

Eastern Division contains 491,920 square miles, & comprises the interior of the Colony. The Yilgarn Goldfields are within this division.

Area.—The greatest length of the territory of W.A. from Cape Londonderry in the north to Peak Head (south of King George's Sound) in the south, is 1,450 miles, & its breadth from Steep Point, near Dirk Hartog's Island on the west, to the 129th meridian, on the east, about 850 miles, containing, according to the latest computations, an area of 975,920 square miles, or 624,588,800 acres. The area of the whole Continent of Europe is 3,797,000 square miles, whilst the grand total of the British Dominions is 9,178,071 square miles, & that of Great Britain & Ireland, 120,840 square miles.

DISTRICT ROADS BOARDS.

The formation, construction, and maintenance of the public roads throughout the Colony, excepting those within the boundaries of a municipality, is entrusted to the care of local boards appointed to represent the several road board districts into which the Colony is divided, and which it is optional for the governor to designate, define, or alter, at any time, by notice in the Government Gazette.

The districts as at present constituted are:—

ARTHUR
ARTHUR WEST
ASHBURTON
AUGUSTA
BEVERLEY
BEVERLEY EAST
BLACKWOOD, LOWER
BROOME HILL
BRUNSWICK
BUNBURY
CANNINGTON
CHITTERING
CLAREMONT
COOLGARDIE EAST
COTTESLOE
CUE
DARDANUP
DANDARAGA
DUNDAS
ESPERANCE
FREMANTLE
GASCOYNE, LOWER
GASCOYNE, UPPER

GERALDTON
GINGIN
GOOMALLING
GREEN HILLS
GREENOUGH
IRWIN
JANDAKOT
KALGOORLIE
KATANNING
KELMSCOTT
KIMBERLEY, EAST
KIMBERLEY, WEST
KIMBERLEY GOLDFIELDS
KOJONUP
LEEDERVILLE
MECKERING
MINILYA
MOORADONG
MOORAMBINE
MURCHISON
MURRAY
NANNINE
NARROGIN

NELSON
NORTHAM
NORTHAMPTON
PEPPERMINNT GROVE
PERTH
PERTH SOUTH
PILBARRA
PLANTAGENET
ROCKINGHAM
ROEBOURNE
SERPENTINE
SUSSEX
SWAN
TABLELAND
TOODYAY
VICTORIA PARK
VICTORIA PLAINS
WANDERING
WILLIAMS
YILGARN
YORK

MUNICIPALITIES.

Showing Year Proclaimed, Name of Division and Electorate, Capital Value of Rateable Property, Annual Revenue, Rates per £, Miles of Streets formed, Estimated Population &c.

- Albany Municipality**—Division, £7,600; general rate, 1s. 6d.; special rate, 6d.; pop. 1,000; council meets every alternate Wednesday.
- Bunbury Municipality**—Division, South-West; electorate, Bunbury. Town clerk, H. I. Farrell; mayor, James Moore; councillors, C. E. Spencer, G. Hayward, M. E. Wallis, J. J. Tuxford, G. Parker, J. Hislop, H. Brashaw, W. Brown & W. Prosser. Annual value rate, prop. £18,718; amount of rates, £1,403; rate per £, 1s. 6d.; pop. 2,500; miles of streets, 14; proclaimed 20 Feb. 1871; council meets at Municipal chambers twice monthly, 1st & 3rd Mondays.
- Busselton (Vasse)**—Electorate, Sussex. Town clerk, George B. Milne; mayor, John Bovell, Queen st.; councillors, Thomas Fox, W. Porritt, George W. Barnard, Geo. T. McDaniel, Joseph Bovell & Christopher J. Hough; auditors, W. E. Everingham & C. M. Barnard. Annual value rate, prop. £2,815; general rate, 9d.; health rate, 6d.; pop. 400; miles of streets, 3; proclaimed 20 Feb. 1871.
- Garnarvon Municipality**—Division, Central; electorate, Gascoyne. Town clerk, H. A. Gors; mayor, George Baston; councillors, W. E. Fonnor, J. Pinconet, P. McNish & H. A. Hubble. Annual value rate, prop. £20,000; amount of rates, £90; rate per £, 1s.; pop. 250; miles of streets, 3; council meet 1st Monday in every month; proclaimed 19 May, 1891.
- Claremont Municipality**—Town clerk, G. A. Harris c.e.; mayor, James King; councillors, A. Barratt, J. de Castilla, T. J. Briggs, A. G. Ross, E. A. Harney, James Gravo, P. J. Fitzpatrick, G. H. Johnston & J. H. Williams (treasurer); med. health officer, Dr. Bennington; inspector, C. H. Evans. Councillors are also members of Health Board; proclaimed 15 June, 1898; council meets 3rd Monday in each month.
- Coolgardie Municipality**—Division, Eastern; electorate, Yilgarn. Mayor, A. G. Jenkins M.L.C.; town clerk & treasurer, William J. Cochrane; councillors, C. H. Hill M.N.L. Levison, G. Bellingham, J. F. Moore, W. M. Faahan, A. Counsel, J. T.
- Glowsy, Alfred Mercer & Shirley White.** Annual value of rate, prop. £101,083; amount of rates for year £8,423 11s. 8d.; gen. rate, 1s. 6d. and health 2d.; pop. 6,000, exclusive of unregistered blocks; proclaimed 1894.
- Ossack Municipality**—Proclaimed 30 November, 1887.
- Que Municipality**—Division, Gascoyne. Town clerk, Alex. Mitchell; chairman, W. H. Gale; councillors, Robt. Allen, James Campbell, W. Sutton, O. K. Jaques, C. Stewart & C. O'Brien. Annual value rate, prop. £12,507 10s.; amount of rates, £625 7s. 6d.; rate per £, 1s.; pop. in municipality, 1,000; in district, 2,000; proclaimed 1894; council meets fortnightly.
- Day Dawn Municipality**—Electorate, Central Murchison. Mayor, W. H. Gollup; town clerk, William Carlson; councillors, H. W. Edwards & Edwd. Scott. Annual value of rate, prop. (approximate only), £5,500; general rate per £, 1s.; pop. about 200; council meets every 2nd & 4th Tuesday; proclaimed January, 1895.
- East Fremantle Municipality**—Electorate, East Fremantle. Town clerk, H. H. Parker; mayor, M. L. Moss; councillors, Angwin, McDonald, Evans, Bunting, Gasson, Reynolds, Owens, McCarthy & Easton. Annual value rate, prop. £20,000; gen. rate, 1s. 6d.; special rate, 1s. 4d.; pop. 2,000; council meets alternate Wednesdays.
- Esperance**—Division, Eucla. Town clerk, Henry C. Sims; chairman, W. R. Burton J.P.; councillors, John Coleman, F. J. Daw, D. M. Peck, S. Hosier, C. H. Christian & W. W. Goodhnt; health officer, Dr. E. Black. Annual value rate, prop. £11,378 10s.; general rates, 1s. 3d. in £; health rate, 2d.; pop. 1,000; council meets every alternate Tuesday; proclaimed Nov. 1895.
- Fremantle Municipality**—Town clerk, Major George Bland Humble J.P.; town surveyor, E. Howard Gliddon; councillors—West ward, John R. Doonan, E. W. Davies & Fred Jones; North ward, R. S. Newbold, D. Chester & Alfred E. Webster; South ward, William T. John J.P.
- Boulder City**—Electorate, East Coolgardie. Town clerk, M. M. Hopkins; mayor, J. M. Hopkins J.P.; councillors, M. Byrne, J. McCarthy, J. Keegan, W. Baldwin, W. Rabbish, W. Millen, A. DeBaun, T. Taylor & L. Cullen. Annual value rate, prop. £3,000; gen. rate, 1s. 6d.; pop. 6,000; council meets fortnightly.
- Broad Arrow (Kurawa) Municipality**—Electorate, North-East Coolgardie. Town clerk & engineer, James Campbell c.e.; mayor, J. W. Carlyle J.P.; councillors, C. S. Rhodes, P. Borthold, W. J. Bonner, W. Mettam, A. R. Nelson, H. M. Scott, J. V. Seebeck, H. N. Blakeman & A. W. C. Dunlop. Annual value rate, prop. £15,000; general rate, 1s. 6d.; pop. about 2,500; council meets on alternate Mondays; proclaimed 1897.
- Bulong Municipality**—Electorate, North-East Coolgardie. Town clerk, W. S. Lecky; mayor, R. C. Jones J.P.; councillors, B. I. Corry, O. Vector, C. G. Burden, George Greenwell, M. O'Connell & H. K. Corry. Annual value of rateable prop.

Roads Boards, which must consist of seven persons, inclusive of the Chairman, whom the members choose from amongst themselves, are elected by ballot by the ratepayers in the district whose names are on the Roads Board electoral list, and each elector has a proportionate number of votes to the rateable value of the property owned or occupied by him in the district.