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MEETING WITH MINISTER FARAGHER: LANDFILL LEVY

Representatives from WALGA met with Minister for Environment, Health, Hon Donna Faragher on Friday, 29 May to raise concerns regarding the proposed increase in the Landfill Levy.

Specific points raised with the Minister included:
- Lack of consultation with the sector regarding the increase;
- Local Government opposition to the removal of hypothecation for the Levy;
- Likely increase in illegal dumping as a result;
- Likelihood of increasing transport of waste from the metropolitan to non-metropolitan areas (and dumping in non-manned landfills); and
- Needs of the waste industry (such as support for recycling).

The response from the Minister included:
- That WA needs to improve recycling, particularly construction and demolition; and sees an increase in the Levy as one way to do that;
- Under the proposed WARR Act amendments waste related issues would receive about $13 million/year (as with the current Levy rate); and
- The Department of Environment and Conservation is drafting changes to the Environmental Protection Act to significantly increase the fines for illegal dumping.

There were no suggestions from the Minister about other ways to assist Local Government, such as extra investment in infrastructure to facilitate recycling or extra enforcement officers to ensure that illegal dumping does not increase.

For further information, please contact Manager Waste and Recycling, Rebecca Brown 9213 2063 or email rbrown@walga.wa.gov.au

GRAIN FREIGHT NETWORK UPDATE

The Transport Minister met with representatives from CBH, WA Farmers Federation (WAFF), WestNet Rail and the Pastoralists and Graziers Association (PGA) to discuss the grain freight network. Feedback from WestNet Rail on this meeting is that due to differing views on network investment by WAFF and PGA, and shifting grain transport patterns post deregulation, the Minister is not confident at this stage to commit to investment in the rail network. In response, WestNet announced the following lines will cease operation from mid-June if the State Government does not commit to investment: York-Quairading, Trayning-Meridin, Kutanning-Nyabbing, and Tambellup-Gnowangerup lines.

The Minister released a media statement saying he will utilise the Freight and Logistics Council to assess the grain industry’s transportation needs, and that industry will participate in this process. Although Local Government is not represented on the Freight and Logistics Council, it will participate in a subcommittee dealing with grain freight logistics. Meetings are being arranged by WALGA and the Local Government Grain Freight Infrastructure Joint Zone Working Party with the PGA, WAFF, WestNet Rail and the Transport and Regional Development Ministers to ensure consideration of local roads is central to any discussions and that Local Government is represented in future planning for grain freight logistics.

For further information, please contact Executive Manager Infrastructure, Michelle MacKenzie, on 9213 2031 or email mmackenzie@walga.wa.gov.au

CREATING NEW FUTURES THROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRED ECONOMIES

New economic futures for local communities will be explored at the Building Community Centred Economies: Dialogue for Action conference to be held at the Brisbane Exhibition and Convention Centre from Wednesday, 17- Saturday, 20 June.

For further information, please contact Penelope Towner on 0414 244 710.
WALGA REGIONAL LUNCH EVENT

As an expansion of the WALGA information and networking breakfasts, the Association is organizing a regional lunch in Geraldton. Members are invited to join Marketforce Client Services Director Gavin Bain as he provides insights on how you can develop and manage your own personal brand. The events would be valuable for any Local Government officer or Elected Member wishing to further their professional career, whilst being given the opportunity to network with other Local Government Members. It was decided to offer the regional events as lunches to enable Members from surrounding areas the opportunity to travel. Details of the lunch are:

Venue: City of Geraldton
   The Geraldton Club
   162 Marine Tce
Date: Monday, 15 June
Time: Registration 12:15pm for
   12:30 – 2:00pm
Cost: $77.00 (inc GST)
The registration form can be found at the WALGA homepage at www.walga.asn.au.
For further information, please contact Marketing and Events Officer, Emily Ward on 9213 2097 or email eward@walga.asn.au

HARMONISATION OF DISABILITY PARKING PERMIT SCHEMES IN AUSTRALIA

The Federal Government through the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) has released a Discussion Paper on the proposed Australian Disability Parking Scheme. The Scheme seeks to harmonise conditions for access to disability parking throughout Australia.

Of particular interest to Local Government is Part Two which is summarised below:

National minimum standards for disability parking permit concessions. Permit holders may park in reserved parking spaces displaying the International Symbol of Access (ISA). The following concessions would apply in other parking spaces:

1. If the parking sign is up to and including 30 minutes - up to one hour.
2. If the parking sign is more than 30 minutes - twice the time limit.
3. Parking meters - after the maximum period indicated on the meter has been reached, the time limits in points 1 and 2 apply.

Points 1 and 2 relate to Territory and Local Government operated parking areas. The Discussion Paper and feedback opportunity is available online at the FaHCSIA website –
Information sessions conducted by representatives from the Federal Government and agencies that administer disability parking schemes will also be available, with dates and locations of information sessions available though telephoning 1800 830 740.

For further information, please contact Manager Local Government Advisory Services, James McGovern on 9213 2093 or email jmcgovern@walga.asn.au

OPPORTUNITY FOR WHEATBELT COUNCILS

The West Australian plans to include a special gloss magazine in the newspaper to profile the Wheatbelt region. To be published in the Friday, 19 June edition of the West Australian, the magazine provides an opportunity for Local Governments in the Wheatbelt to promote their region as a place to visit as a tourist or as a location to live and work.

The magazine will be seen by more than 500,000 readers of the West Australian newspaper. WALGA intends to advertise in the magazine to support Wheatbelt Councils, and assist them to attract potential employees. Rates to advertise in the magazine include full page in full colour for $6600; half page, horizontal, full colour at $3850; and a quarter page, full colour at $1925. All rates quoted here include GST.

For further information, please contact Markelle Account Director, Max Wilson on 9216 2033 or Sales Executive with the West Australian Silvio De Grazia, on 9482 9706.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM SUCCESS

Congratulations to the 11 metropolitan and seven regional Local Governments in WA who successfully secured over $56 million in Federal funding for important infrastructure projects under the $550 million Strategic (competitive) component of the Regional and Community Infrastructure Program.

A multi-purpose centre in Maylands to be developed by the City of Bayswater received $10 million - the largest single grant in WA.

For further information, please contact Economist, Ian Duncan on 9213 2040 or email iduncan@walga.asn.au

CAPTIVATE TOOLKIT - INCLUSIVE RECREATION FOR ALL

In October 2008, WALGA launched the Captivate - Inclusive Recreation for All Toolkit to help sport recreation staff make their programmes more accessible for people with disabilities. Copies of the toolkit are available from WALGA.

For further information or to obtain a copy, please contact Administration Officer Planning and Community Development, Jacque Taylor on 9213 2058 or email jtaylor@walga.asn.au

SGFLEET INTRODUCES MICHAEL WALSH

gsfleet is pleased to advise WALGA Members of the addition of Michael Walsh to its Perth management team. Michael joins gsfleet in the role of Business Development Manager – Corporate, and will be working closely with Business Development Manager, Simon Eissens. As a WALGA Preferred Supplier, gsfleet is Australia’s pre-eminent provider of finance, fleet management and salary packaging services to Local, State and Federal Government organisations.

For further information, please contact Michael Walsh on 9340 3610 or email mw@gsfleet.com or Simon Eissens on 9340 3614 or email seissens@gsfleet.com
ISSUES UPDATE

ACTION ON LANDFILL LEVIES

Following a resolution by the Association’s State Council to develop a political and publicity campaign to oppose the 300% increase in landfill levies by the State Government, WALGA President and senior officers last week had separate meetings with Environment Minister, Hon Donna Faragher MLC and members of the Nationals and the Greens.

The exorbitant increases in the landfill levies imposed in the metropolitan area will deliver the Department of Environment and Conservation an additional $30 million per annum which coincidently covers the $33m less allocated to the Department in this year’s State Budget and the 3% efficiency initiative required of all departments by the Treasurer. The $39m represents more than 20% of the Department’s annual budget.

In addition the State Government has admitted that the additional revenue generated by the levies will be allocated to the Department’s general budget rather than being allocated only to reducing waste going into landfill as was intended when the levies were established and as is required by the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007. The Association understands the State Government does not have to change the legislation to increase the levies but will need to do so to allocate the additional revenue to functions other than reducing waste going into landfill.

 Already a number of Local Governments have passed motions condemning the increases and the lack of consultation by the Environment Minister.

At the meeting with the Environment Minister, WALGA President Cr Bill Mitchell outlined the disappointment of the sector at both the size of the increases to the levies and that the changes were made without consultation with the sector.

Cr Mitchell also asked if the levies that currently apply only in the metropolitan area would be extended to regional WA.

The Minister said there was no consultation as the changes were part of the State Budget process and she also did not rule out the levies being extended to regional areas.

At the meeting with the Nationals, Cr Mitchell again expressed disappointment at the size of the increases and the prospect of the levies being extended to regional areas.

For further information, please contact Executive Manager Environment and Waste, Mark Batty on 9213 2078 or email mbatty@walga.wa.gov.au

UPDATE GRAIN FREIGHT NETWORK

Congratulations to Local Governments who have received press coverage on the impact of grain rail closures on their local communities. WALGA President and members of the Local Government Grain Freight Infrastructure Joint Zone Working Party will meet with WestNet Rail on Friday, 12 June to discuss Westnet’s strategy for ceasing operations on lines, and to determine options to address their concerns and that of State Government. It is hoped that a compromise will be reached.

Members of the Working Party have also met with the Pastrawlers and Graziers Association (PGA). The PGA agrees that a strategic integrated network is needed; short, medium and long term planning needs to occur; the Minister’s new taskforce needs to work quickly; and that the Minister could consider conditions on any State investment into the rail to ensure funds were in the public Interest.

Meetings are now being organized with CBH and the Australian Grain Exporters Group. Confirmation has been received that Local Government will be a member of the Minister’s review of grain freight logistics, and a meeting is
scheduled with the Minister’s Chief of Staff to discuss the process and timeframe for the Review.

For further information, please contact Executive Manager Infrastructure, Michelle McKenzie on 9213 2031 or email mmackenzie@walga.asn.au

FUNDING OF DEPRECIATION UNDER THE ROADS TO RECOVERY PROGRAM

ALGA has advised that the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Hon Anthony Albanese has directed that cost for depreciation of plant and equipment used specifically on Roads to Recovery projects are allowed to be charged against the Roads to Recovery program. Depreciation of road assets and general depreciation of Council plant and equipment however, will not be allowed or considered under the terms of this amendment. The amendment to the Notes on Administration will be effective from Wednesday, 1 July.

For further information, please contact Administration Officer Infrastructure, Cheryl Butfield on 9213 2059 or email gbutfield@walga.asn.au

WALGA TAX SERVICE SALARY PACKAGING WORKSHOP FOR OFFICERS

Held in conjunction with the WA Local Government Convention and presented by UHY Haines Norton Chartered Accountants, this practical and comprehensive half day workshop is designed for managers and officers from finance, payroll and human resources to assist Councils in managing and utilising salary packaging to attract or retain staff, and/or reduce FBT liability.

Date: Thursday, 6 August
Time: Registration 9:00am for 9:30-12:45pm followed by lunch and visit to the trade exhibition
Venue: Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre
Cost: Subscribers $325 (excluding GST) Non Subscribers $375 (excluding GST)

For further information, please contact UHY Haines Norton Chartered Accountants on 9444 3400 or visit www.uhyhannah.com.au

OFFICER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The venue for all the following training is:
Local Government House
15 Altona St, West Perth.

The cost for each of the training modules is:
$352 inc GST for Workplace Solutions Members
$385 inc GST for Non Members

Procedure Development
Date: Monday, 29 June
Time: 9:00am - 4:30pm

For further information, please contact Training Coordinator, Bruna Heagney on 9213 2098 or email bheagney@walga.asn.au

2009 AUSTRALIAN SAFER COMMUNITIES AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the 2009 Australian Safer Communities Awards. The awards cover all aspects of community safety in the context of emergency management. Previous Local Government winners are now recognised throughout the emergency management sector for their outstanding achievement, innovation, and professional standing. The entry form is available electronically on the EMA website at www.ema.gov.au, with nominations closing Friday, 3 July.

For further information, please contact the WA Awards Coordinator on 9222 9399, or visit www.teem.wa.gov.au

PLANNING FOR A SAFER ENVIRONMENT

The Injury Control Council of WA is holding a Planning for a Safer Environment seminar on Friday, 26 June at the University of WA from 12:30pm – 5:00pm. Guest speakers will be presenting their findings from a range of studies relating to the built environment and its impact on the health of individuals in the community.

For further information, please contact Coordinator Alcohol and Crime Management Project, Marianne Casey on 9213 2971 or email mccasey@walga.asn.au

CALL FOR FEEDBACK ON CARING FOR OUR COUNTRY TARGETS

Local Governments are encouraged to provide feedback to the Federal Government on the Business Plan, application process, and targets for the Caring for our Country NRM program. The online survey is available at http://www.nrm.gov.au/index.html.

For further information, please contact NRM Facilitator, Jessica Sheppard on 9213 2077 or email jsheppard@walga.asn.au

TOURISM WA CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS – DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

Tourism WA is currently updating its Destination Development Strategies (DDS). As part of the update, Tourism WA will undertake a comprehensive consultation with key industry stakeholders, and is seeking the input of interested stakeholders through a call for submissions. Submissions will assist Tourism WA to identify key development priorities around the State. The closing date for submissions is 5:00pm (WST) Friday, 17 July.

For further information, please visit www.tourism.wa.gov.au/dds

MULTI UNIT HOUSING CODE FOR WA

The DPI has commenced the development of a Multi Unit Housing Code for WA. The intent is to develop a new design code (including design guidelines) for multi-unit residential development for application in conjunction with the current R-Codes. Local Governments are invited to participate as a member of the reference group, as the DPI is currently running workshops to encourage discussion and stimulate feedback.

For further information, please email Vanessa Jackson at Vanessa.Jackson@dpsi.wa.gov.au
Local Governments across the State are now well into Stages 2 and 3 of the Reform process, establishing project teams and undertaking community consultation to discuss and consider reform options.

As mentioned in previous editions, WALGA staff members are available to assist in holding community meetings and the analysis of community feedback. For assistance in this area, please contact Tony Brown or Jo Burgess.

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WALGA has compiled a progress report on the actions being undertaken by Councils and groupings of Councils to inform our staff and the sector. It is available from http://www.walga.asn.au/sss. Councils are encouraged to inform us of updates as they occur and updated progress reports will be posted on the website periodically.

All Local Governments have submitted a checklist to the Reform Committee, with the lists currently being reviewed by Department of Local Government (DLGRD) staff. This review process may take a further two to three weeks to complete.

Once the checklists have been reviewed, the Reform Committee will provide feedback to individual Local Governments on the Committee’s assessment of the information submitted. It is anticipated that Councils will need to address the Committee’s feedback in their final Reform Submissions, together with supporting evidence.

When going through the next stages of the Reform Process, it is helpful to refer to the Structural Reform Guidelines produced by the Local Government Reform Steering Committee. The Guidelines suggest that project teams should consider the following:

- How the preferred amalgamated structure will improve social, economic and environmental capacity on behalf of their communities;
- How the gaps identified in individual checklists will be addressed;
- How community identity and representation will be preserved or improved;
- Community consultation strategies;
- Elected member representation;

Checklists completed, currently being reviewed by DLGRD
Feedback on checklists to be provided to individual Local Governments
Project teams to consider submission criteria as outlined in Reform Steering Committee Guidelines
Progress report on sector activity available at www.walga.asn.au/sss
The Reform Report
The Voice of Local Government

- membership of regional groupings
- the transition timeframe; and
- estimated reasonable additional costs that are likely to be incurred as part of the transition.

I would like to add that should a Local Government find that amalgamation would not improve social, economic and environmental capacity of their local community, this should be expressed, again with supporting evidence in their submission to the Minister by August 31.

The issue of Elected Member representation has been raised through the WALGA Zone process as one that Local Governments feel needs further research. A number of larger Local Governments have expressed concern at the prospect of reducing the number of Elected Members when considering the impact of future population growth for metropolitan Councils and the impact upon community representation and the role of connection played by Elected Members.

WALGA has requested the DLGRD Subcommittee looking at this issue to research the ratios of Elected Members per population in other states both prior to and after Local Government reform, and the effect that this may have had on the community.

WALGA is also investigating the implementation of a support program for Local Government employees and Elected Members as they deal with the upheaval that is likely to occur throughout reform of the sector. The program will offer assistance to all on an anonymous basis, primarily through a helpline staffed 24/7 by trained professionals and access to critical incident counselling. We recognise that in times of stress and uncertainty, individuals aren't necessarily impacted during work hours, at the same time or in the same fashion.

It is anticipated that this program will be in place approaching the August deadline for submissions to the Minister, and we hope to keep it in place for approximately six months.

It is important to note that throughout this process, both WALGA and the DLGRD will continue to offer technical assistance to Councils as they address organisational issues in terms of policies and processes.

I would also like to mention a number of articles that have been published in online media referring to possible amalgamations and the rates levied by different Councils according to populations.

Although these articles are sometimes inflammatory and incorrect, it is our policy not to add fuel to these stories by engaging in disputes or discussions with the writers. We aim instead to engage with and educate the public through avenues such as the President's monthly adverterial in the West Australian and in the ongoing relationships established between Councils and their communities.

Reform Process
- DLGRD subcommittee requested to research changes and effects of Elected Member to population ratios in other States
- WALGA investigating support program for Local Government employees and Elected Members
- WALGA and DLGRD to continue to provide technical assistance
ALGA NEWSLETTER - 5 June 2009

Councils get on with the job of delivering stimulus projects

More than 3,300 projects across Australia are currently being rolled out by Australia's 562 councils under the $800 million Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program, a key part of the Rudd Government's economic stimulus packages. Councils are also involved in a range of other stimulus measures such as road black spot funding and job creation initiatives.

The President of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), Cr Geoff Lake said, "Construction has started on many of these projects and we are already seeing real outcomes on the ground in local communities in terms of job creation, stimulating local demand and delivering valuable infrastructure.

"One of the best aspects of this funding is that the Rudd Government has put its faith in councils to identify their own priority projects for funding. Importantly, it is local communities rather than Canberra bureaucrats who have developed these projects and therefore they reflect localised needs and priorities."

The program funds councils to build and renew local infrastructure such as community centres, town halls, parks and playgrounds, pools and sporting facilities. A list of the projects which have been funded is available at www.alga.asn.au/policy/regdev/reginf/

Broadband and greenfield estates consultation paper

On 7 April 2009 the Australian Government announced it will establish a new company that will invest up to $43 billion over eight years to build and operate a National Broadband Network (NBN) delivering superfast broadband to Australian homes and workplaces.

One of the immediate steps the Australian Government announced was that fibre-to-the-premises (FTTP) infrastructure would be required in greenfield estates that receive planning approval after 1 July 2010.

The Australian Government is undertaking a targeted consultation process with key stakeholders on how to implement this initiative.

A discussion paper has been prepared to assist with this process by setting out possible approaches and highlighting particular areas where the views of stakeholders are being sought. The paper outlines two possible models for the implementation of the initiative. Because of the interaction with planning and development processes, either model would see a significant role for all levels of government necessitating a co-operative approach. The paper foreshadows that, as well as introducing any legislative change necessary, the Australian government will
work with other tiers of government and industry to develop templates, technical
standard or educational material. The options put forward in this paper, therefore,
should be seen as a starting point for discussion, and on which feedback is welcome.
A number of questions have been posed on a wide range of issues, but the Australian
Government is also interested in any additional issues respondents may wish to raise
in relation to this initiative.

Submissions in response to the paper are sought by Friday 12 June. The National
Broadband Network Taskforce has advised that it is about to start meetings with
local government and planning representatives in all jurisdictions (except Tas and
NT) starting 3 June 2009.

Women and heart disease

The National Heart Foundation's Go Red for Women campaign was backed by the major
parties at a Parliamentary breakfast this week.

Health Minister Nicola Roxon said there was
a myth that cardiovascular disease was the
preserve of middle-aged males. In fact, the
leading cause of death among women in
Australia today is cardiovascular disease -
which includes coronary heart disease and
strokes, the biggest killers.

"More than 22,000 women each year die of cardiovascular disease and it is especially
prevalent in older women," she said. "International research indicates that women
are more likely to have atypical symptoms of cardiovascular disease, which may lead
to under-recognition of the disease by both women and their health professionals. If
women are not aware of the risks they face from cardiovascular disease they are
more likely to pass off warning symptoms as less serious problems such as reflux or
muscle pain."

Go Red for Women, aims to raise awareness of the fact that CVD is a serious health
risk for all Australian women and disadvantaged and indigenous women are most at
risk. The campaign promotes a regime of non-smoking, healthy eating, adequate
exercise and control over blood pressure and blood glucose. More information about
Go Red for Women Day on June 12 is at www.goredforwomen.com.au

(Pictured L to R) : Minister Roxon, Greens health spokeswoman Senator Rachael
Siewert, Shadow Minister for Ageing Margaret May and Heart Foundation CEO Dr Lyn
Roberts)

From the President

The ongoing financial sustainability of many councils across Australia remains a
pressing issue. As part of ALGA’s ongoing advocacy on this issue, CEO Adrian-
Beresford-Wylie yesterday addressed the Taxation Review Panel chaired by the
Secretary of the Treasury, Dr Ken Henry, at Parliament House.
Financial sustainability was a major issue on ALGA's agenda when I last served on the ALGA Board during my time as President of the Municipal Association of Victoria from 2004 to 2006. At that time, ALGA commissioned the landmark PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) report into local government finances and it has since been critical in establishing an evidence based approach to tackling the issue. Indeed, that report was referred to by the Prime Minister in November of last year in announcing the first tranche of community infrastructure funding for councils.

The nub of the financing issue is basic fairness - we all know that Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) have declined from around 1% of Australian Government taxation revenues in 1995-96 to 0.7% in 2008-09. This is in contrast to the growth tax which the states and territories have access to from the national level - the GST.

The facts speak for themselves. The PwC report's conservative estimate is that 10-30% of councils have financial sustainability issues. It estimates that the total infrastructure backlog for local government across Australia is $14.5 billion. The Productivity Commission appreciates this position when it recently concluded that 'there is a case to review the provision of Australian Government general purpose grants to local government.' This confirms ALGA's long-held view that FAGs must be reconsidered.

The review into 'Australia's Future Tax System' was announced by the Australian Government in the 2008-09 Budget and followed calls from a wide range of stakeholders (including ALGA) for such a review. The Review was described by the Australian Government as 'the most comprehensive review of Australia's tax-transfer system since World War 2' and its terms of reference have the objective of creating a tax-transfer structure to position Australia for the demographic, social, economic and environmental challenges of future decades.

However, the terms of reference did not include 'matters relating to the roles of different levels of government, the quantum of intergovernmental grants and horizontal equalization.' What ALGA told the Panel yesterday was that despite this, the terms of reference seem to 'approve' local government taxation (council rates) from a tax design principle perspective and that this should be included in the Panel's interpretation.

The core of our argument is the following:

- That council rates based on property meet all the criteria for good tax design: fairness, efficiency, simplicity, transparency and adequacy/sustainability;
- Local government is maximising its potential to raise own-source revenue, but Commonwealth funding is required for general purposes and to assist with infrastructure renewals; and
- FAGs are insufficient and need to be reformed.

These considerations are central to the theme of our National General Assembly - Rising to the Challenge: Infrastructure, Climate Change and Financing - which will feed into the Australian Council of Local Government plenary session on June 25th (the mayors meeting with the Prime Minister). ALGA will continue advocating strongly for reform to local government funding. Adequate funding is at the heart of the sustainability of councils and their ability to provide services to local communities.

Cr Geoff Lake  
ALGA President

**Unsealed Roads Workshop**

The Australia Roads Research Board will be running a workshop in Northam, WA from 7-8 July 2009.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide practitioners the latest developments, new techniques and best practices on how to improve and lower maintenance costs of unsealed roads. The workshop will be run by Bob Andrews. More details can be had from [training@arrb.com.au](mailto:training@arrb.com.au) or Ph 03 9881 1555.

**Austroads Publications**

The following Austroads Publications have been recently released and are available from the Austroads [website](http://www.austroads.com.au).

- Guide to Pavement Technology Part 41: earthworks materials (AGPT041/09)
- Guide to Asset management Part 6: Bridge Performance (AGAM06/09)
- Guide to Asset Management Part 7: Road-related Assets Performance (AGAM07/09)
- Freeway Traffic Flow under Congested Conditions: Monash Freeway Study (AP-R334/09)
- Demand for B-triple and quad-axle B-doable network decoupling Points (AP-R335/09)
- Older driver model assessment program: stage 4 - validation of screening tests to assess at-risk older drivers (AP-R336/09)
- National approach to traffic control at work sites (AP-R337/09)
- Review of relationship to predict subgrade modulus from CBR (California Bearing Ratio) (AP-T130/09)

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**Council on the Ageing Forum**

ALGA attended the COTA Forum held in Canberra on 28 May 2009.

John Falzon, head of the Social Inclusion Board, said the Australian Social Inclusion Agenda should allow all Australians a secure job; access to services; contact with others; deal with personal crisis; and have their voice heard. He said the National Social Inclusion Action Plan was on track for release at the end of the year, but what investments would be attached to the plan was not yet known.
Other speakers included Professor Helen Bartlett, Pro Vice Chancellor at Monash University, who reported on a 3-year research project involving two large local communities, examining how the community defines “ageing well” at the local level. The study was conducted in partnership with the Gold Coast Council and the Ipswich Council, as well as the Queensland Department of Communities.

Further presentations by Alzheimers Australia, Federation of Ethnic Communities Council Australia, Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association, the RSL and various seniors associations relayed a very similar message - social inclusion means participation. Social policies, ageing policies in particular, are often developed with little consultation with older people or consultation at the end of the process and have assumptions about the capabilities of older people. Social inclusion needs to have a quantum shift away from short-term fixes and pilot projects and move to a sustainable consultative, partnership approach.

ALGA presented the initiatives and range of services provided by local government and the competing priorities with limited funding, including the development of the Ageing Toolbox which resulted following the Ageing Action Plan 2004-08. As one COTA representative succinctly put it, "the Social Inclusion Board should know that ageing is not the problem, ageism is!"

Regional Development Funding Program

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Infrastructure Transport Regional Development and Local Government released its final report this week of the Regional Development Funding Program Inquiry. A key recommendation of the report was that the Government replace the Regional Partnerships Program with a new program designed to provide ongoing funding support for regional and local community infrastructure. This recommendation picks up on the central element of ALGA submission to the Inquiry and is consistent with submissions made by a number of state local government associations and councils.

Settlement services

The Australian Government will spend $34 million next financial year on services to help refugees and migrants settle into their new communities, the Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs and Settlement Services.

From July 1, a total of 205 projects delivered through 136 organisations will be funded as part of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship’s (DIAC) settlement grants program (SGP), which aims to help refugees and migrants become self-reliant, contribute to the national economy and acquire crucial life skills and knowledge about life in Australia.

The 2009-10 SGP funding round will include $21 million for new projects.

A complete list of successful applicants in the 2009-10 funding round is available on the DIAC website.
Obesity report

The House of Representatives Standing report on Health and Ageing tabled its report on Obesity yesterday.

The Committee supported the call to develop and implement nationally consistent urban planning guidelines. Among recommendations affecting local government (The Committee recommended that the Federal Government consider using the guidelines developed by the Heart Foundation, the Australian Local Government’s Association and the Planning Institute of Australia as a model for future national urban planning guidelines. “These guidelines will have significant benefits for the environment in which Australians live by embedding physical activity and healthy living into everyday life,” the report states. “They will contribute to ensuring that barriers to physical activity and healthy eating are removed and help to ensure that the healthy lifestyle choice becomes the easiest lifestyle choice.” The Committee also recommended that the Minister for Health and Ageing work with state, territory and local governments through the Australian Health Ministers’ Advisory Council to develop and implement long-term, effective, well-targeted social marketing and education campaigns about obesity and healthy lifestyles, and ensure that these marketing campaigns are made more successful by linking them to broader policy responses to obesity.

Preparing for an emergency

The Food Industry Working Group has developed a pantry list providing information and advice on how to stock your pantry to ensure your household has an adequate supply of food, water and essential items to cope with a prolonged emergency situation such as a cyclone, utility failure, flood and storms, influenza pandemic and earthquake.

While many emergencies will only extend over a few days, some incidents will disrupt the supply of critical foods and groceries. Planning for a 14-day stay at home (possibly without water and electricity) by building and rotating items in your pantry, ensures you are prepared for a wide range of circumstances.

Social networking sites

Australian businesses are cracking down on their employees accessing social networking sites in the midst of a tightening economy as management seeks productivity gains.

New figures released by Telstra Business show a four-fold spike in the number of times employers have blocked worker access to social networking sites between June 2008 and April 2009.

According to a review of web-usage trends of Australian small and medium enterprises; 6000 attempts to access social networking sites are blocked each day, compared with 2000 a day 10 months ago; the total number of URLs “blocked” by organisations has jumped by 193 per cent since January, the majority of which are social networking sites; and the total number of URLs or website addresses “allowed” has been slashed by 58 per cent since January.
Despite the productivity risks, social networking has exploded in recent years in the workplace. Nielsen Online's latest research shows it's more popular than email, and small business owners and managers are now responding with blanket bans. Bigger companies, including Telstra, have introduced social media policies providing guidelines to staff on acceptable usage, saying there is a clear need for formal policies on the use of social networking sites in the workplace.

**WALGA attacks new tax**

Illegal dumping of waste will increase in Perth parks and reserves as the direct result of an exorbitant increase in landfill levies, according to the WA Local Government Association (WALGA).

WALGA President Cr Bill Mitchell said the State Government's 300% increase in landfill levies would also result in affected households paying on average an extra $26 in council rates.

Cr Mitchell said the hike in levies detailed in the recent State Budget seemed to have more to do with meeting departmental financial targets than protecting the environment.

The Department of Environment and Conservation is set to reap an extra $39 million as a result of the increases at the same time as being allocated $33.3m less funding in the recent State Budget. "The $5.7m difference is 3% of the Department's total budget appropriation which is exactly the same as the Treasurer's efficiency target for all departments," Cr Mitchell said.

**Workplace discrimination**

The House of Representatives Employment and Workplace Relations Committee's inquiry into pay equity and associated issues related to increasing female participation in the workforce is accepting submissions.

Further details on the inquiry, including the terms of reference, background documents, membership of the Committee and advice on making submissions can be obtained on the Committee's website, by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4162 or emailing ewr.reps@aph.gov.au

**Outback heroes**

Local government has been asked to help to seek out and applaud the successes of Rural & Outback achievers. Organisations or individuals are encouraged to nominate for this year's Australian Rural & Outback Awards. There are five categories and nominees will have the chance to win a $2,000 cheque and a trophy. Nominations close on Friday 10th July 2009 at www.awardsaustralia.com

**Quote of the week**

"Have patience with all things but first with yourself. Never confuse your mistakes with your value as a human being. You're a perfectly valuable, creative, worthwhile person simply because you exist. And no amount of triumphs or tribulations can ever change that. Unconditional self-acceptance is the core of a peaceful mind."  
-Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622)
If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, Sydneysiders should be feeling very flattered indeed.

One of France's leading architects has proposed a replica Sydney Opera House be built on the banks of the Seine to improve Paris's outer suburbs.

Roland Castro was one of 10 architects commissioned by the President, Nicholas Sarkozy, to come up with ideas to improve the capital. His design shows a facsimile of Joern Utzon's building beside the river at Gennevilliers, on Paris's north-west fringe, which has been marred by street violence since the race riots of November 2005. The plan tries to "plant some beauty where it is now mostly ugliness," Mr Castro said.

Utzon's son, Jan, said it was "flattering that people like the construction so much they think about re-creating it somewhere else". Mr Utzon is in Sydney to launch photographer Katarina Stuebe's book, *Jorn Utzon's Sydney Opera House: A Tribute*.

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- David Evans, General Manager, Maitland City Council
- Phil Rowland, CEO, Mount Alexander Shire
- Alexis Hunt, Coordinator People & Change, Gold Coast City Council
- Andrew MacLeod, Chief Internal Auditor, Brisbane City Council

In recognition of the role of the Best Practice Conference as a key national forum for discussions on local government innovation and best practice, this year's conference will be followed on July 10 by a meeting of the councils participating in the **Local Government Business Excellence Network**, which will also be held at the Novotel Brighton Beach.
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To review the full speaker list at the conference and to register please visit www.halledit.com.au/bridges09 or tel Denise McQueen on 03 8534 5021 or Email denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au

Forthcoming events

For a full listing of forthcoming events, see ALGA's Events calendar.

- 10 - 11 June 2009 Smart 2009 Conference
- 10 - 12 June 2009 Disaster Management
- 10 - 12 June 2009 2009 LGAQ Disaster Management Conference
- 15 - 16 June 2009 spatial@gov Conference
- 17 - 20 June 2009 Building Community Centred Economies: Dialogue for Action
- 18 - 19 June 2009 2009 Infrastructure Colloquium
- 21 - 24 June 2009 National General Assembly of Local Government
- 21 - 24 June 2009 National General Assembly of Local Government
- 23 - 26 June 2009 Australian Copyright Council training sessions
- 30 June - 03 July 2009 Health and Social Impact Assessment Short Course, Deakin University
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Count down to the National General Assembly

It is just over one week until the 2009 National General Assembly (NGA), *Rising to the Challenge - Infrastructure, Financing, Climate Change*. The NGA is the most significant event on the national local government calendar and we are expecting more than 700 mayors and councillors from across Australia to attend.

This event has been timed to follow the three day NGA which will be held from 21 to 24 June. The Australian Government has arranged for the next meeting of the Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) involving all Australian mayors and the Prime Minister to be held on Thursday 25 June 2009 with a dinner for delegates on the evening before.

A number of important issues will be debated at the NGA in relation to future local government financing, funding infrastructure and managing the effects of climate change. The final session of the NGA will refine the outcomes of the discussion over the previous three days and clarify the positions the sector would like to take to the ACLG meeting the following day.

The NGA Business Papers are now available at [http://nga.alga.asn.au](http://nga.alga.asn.au).

Motions which are similar in content have been amalgamated into 'composite motions. There will also be a focused panel discussion session on each of the three themes which will be facilitated by ABC journalist George Negus and which will include specialists in each area. This is your opportunity to ensure the views of your council and the community you represent are included in these national discussions, so if you haven't already, make sure you register you attendance at [http://nga.alga.asn.au](http://nga.alga.asn.au)

Ministerial changes

Maxine McKew has been sworn in as the new Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, this week as part of the changes to the Ministry following the resignation of former Defence Minister Joel Fitzgibbon.

ALGA President Cr Geoff Lake has written to congratulate Ms McKew on her appointment and to invite her to attend the upcoming National General Assembly of Local Government.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, in announcing the changes said Ms McKew would "further assist in this infrastructure roll out, with a particular focus on community infrastructure and local government."

In her media release Ms McKew said: "The Rudd Government's $42 billion Nation Building - Economic Stimulus Plan has made the largest single investment in community infrastructure in the nation's history. My new role concentrates on this important area and I look forward to working with Minister Anthony Albanese in the portfolio."
Gary Gray has been appointed Parliamentary Secretary for Western and Northern Australia. "Mr Gray's extensive knowledge of the West and the Northern Territory, and its particular challenges for the future in terms of resource, land and infrastructure management and development make him ideally positioned to take on this role," the Prime Minister said.

Queen's birthday honours for former ALGWA head

The former president of the Australian Local Government Women's Association, Mrs Kaele Way, has been recognised in the 2009 Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Mrs Way who is Chair of the ALGWA National Steering Committee for the Implementation of the National Framework for Women in Local Government, "The Way Forward" has been appointed a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM).

ALGWA National President, Ms Darriea Turley said women were still greatly under represented in local government. She said Mrs Way had worked tirelessly at federal, state and local levels to encourage more women to stand for election and also for female officers in decision-making positions to strive for higher level management positions. "It is imperative that local government reflects the demographics of its local community," Ms Turley said.

Mrs Way was elected to the City of Whitehorse Council (Vic) in 1997 and served on a range of Council organisations and as State President of ALGWA Victorian Branch from 2002-2005. Elected to the ALGWA National Board Mrs Way served as Vice President from 2002-2004 and as National President from 2004 until April 2009.

From the President

Yesterday I had the opportunity to present to the Local Government Association of Tasmania Annual Conference in Hobart. I have also recently had the opportunity to speak at the Shires Association of NSW Annual Conference and the Local Government Association of South Australia Annual Conference.

These are important opportunities for ALGA to discuss our key areas of work directly with councils. It also provides a worthwhile opportunity to receive feedback directly from local government people around the country.

As part of my presentation to the Tasmanian conference, I outlined the key priorities as I see them for ALGA in 2009-10:

- increasing Federal Government funding to local government (including for community infrastructure);
- fighting cost shifting;
- securing the best deal from the National Broadband Network;
- ensuring local government interests are protected in government responses to climate change;
- influencing urban issues including cities policy, planning, affordable housing and social inclusion;
- assisting local government respond to the impacts of the Global Financial Crisis; and
- progressing reform of the Australian Constitution to improve the way the three levels of government work.
ALGA is committed to working harder and smarter towards advancing the national agenda of local government. In addition to our role at COAG and on 13 ministerial councils, ALGA has had a busy six months in participating in key areas of policy leadership. ALGA has made significant policy contributions recently to the Henry Taxation Review and to the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme. It seems there are an unprecedented number of issues on which local government needs to be engaged at the national level - such as community infrastructure funding to councils, the National Broadband Network, improving asset management, housing, urban policy, social inclusion, planning reform and the list can go on further.

In the past year alone, ALGA has helped secure $800 million for councils in community infrastructure funding, locked in $3 billion in Roads to Recovery funding until 2014 and received $30 million in funding for electronic development assessment as part of the Housing Affordability Fund.

Of course, there is much that still needs to be done but I have confidence that local government is well positioned nationally to meet the challenges that lie ahead. All councils and councillors have an opportunity to take part in shaping this future by attending the National General Assembly of Local Government which begins on 21 June. Now only little more than a week away, it is still not too late to register at http://nga.alga.asn.au. I look forward to seeing you at the NGA.

Cr Geoff Lake
ALGA President

Population increase

Australia’s population increased by 1.9% for the year ending December 2008 according to statistics released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The last time Australia saw higher growth rates (above 2%) was in the 1950's and 1960's as a result of post war migration and high birth rates.

These rates compare with a 1.2% growth rate recorded five years ago.

As at 31 December 2008, Australia’s population had grown to 21,644,000, an increase of 406,100 people over the previous year. Australia's net overseas migration contributed to more than half of this growth at 62% or 253,400 people. Natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) contributed 152,700 (38%).

In the same period, Western Australia continued to record the fastest population growth at 3.1%, followed by Queensland (2.5%), the Northern Territory (2.0%), Victoria (1.9%), the Australian Capital Territory (1.7%), New South Wales (1.4%), South Australia (1.2%) and Tasmania (1.0%).

Queensland and Western Australia gained the most people through net interstate migration from the other states and territories (21,200 and 6,300 people respectively). The states that lost people to interstate migration were New South Wales (down 22,700), South Australia (down 5,200) and Victoria (down 1,000). During December quarter 2008 the population of Tasmania reached 500,000 people.

### Building Code of Australia 2009

The 2009 edition of the Building Code of Australia (BCA 2009) came into effect on 1 May 2009. Like previous BCA changes, BCA 2009 is the result of extensive development and review processes involving research and consultation with stakeholders including a public draft being available on the ABCB website.

BCA 2009 includes a number of changes from BCA 2008. For further information, please contact the ABCB office at abcb.office@abcb.gov.au or 1300 134 631, or visit www.abcb.gov.au

### ICLEI advocates at the UN

Since April 2009, ICLEI has been advocating to the Parties at UN Climate Talks for an official UN recognition of successful local climate action worldwide. Local and regional governments are requesting that their national governments look to local experiences when discussing a new climate agreement.

An increase in systematic capacity building and resources on the local level will dramatically help local actions and measures that can build a stronger climate agreement.

### Sustainable Public Lighting

SA Local Government Association’s final report of the Sustainable Public Lighting project has now been completed. The Project aims were to accelerate the deployment of sustainable and energy efficient street lighting in South Australia and thereby reduce greenhouse gas emissions through a Local Government sector approach.

The report explores best practice energy efficiency lighting systems in use and those presently in development and makes comparisons using various technical metrics. The Project also developed a New Technology (Public Lighting) Implementation Guide to assist Councils to undertake negotiation with ETSA Utilities for transition to sustainable public lighting technologies into local government public lighting. More information at: www.lga.sa.gov.au

### Victorian cost index

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) has released its annual Local Government Cost Index, forecasting that council costs are expected to increase by an average 3 per cent in 2009-10.

Cr Bill McArthur, MAV President said the growth in local government costs had slowed following the economic downturn, however councils would still outlay more to deliver the same mix of services as last year.

The MAV Local Government Cost Index is calculated annually using a combination of construction, materials and wages indices to measure the sector’s expenditure profile. In the previous two years, local government costs increased by 5 per cent (2007-08) and 4.4 per cent (2008-09).
Cr McArthur said there had been a substantial growth in councils’ construction outlays in recent years as the sector increased its infrastructure maintenance and renewal expenditure.

"Local government must continue to increase its spending on assets to address the annual $280 million backlog. If assets aren’t adequately maintained and renewed it creates a huge cost impost on future generations.

"However, the MAV was also urging councils to examine all possible opportunities to trim non-essential costs, and improve productivity and service delivery. It is incumbent upon all governments to show restraint and demonstrate compassion during these challenging economic times.

"This year we’re seeing some council budgets propose reduced surpluses or increased borrowings for capital works in order to limit rate increases for property owners. These are responsible approaches if used as short term financial measures to help stimulate the economy," he said.

**Economic stimulus website**

The Australian Government has launched a handy online tool to allow community members to see how the economic stimulus money is being spent in the various areas around Australia.

All that is required is to type in a street address or postcode. From there a map is displayed showing how the government funds are spent in the area categorised under the following categories: Education; Community Infrastructure; Road and Rail; Housing; Insulation; and Solar. See [www.economicstimulusplan.gov.au](http://www.economicstimulusplan.gov.au)

**Swine Flu now pandemic**

The World Health Organization (WHO) has just announced it is moving to global Phase 6. This means that the world has its first declared pandemic in over 40 years. This follows a week that has seen a dramatic increase in numbers of confirmed cases experienced in Victoria and the issue is now beginning to have an impact on scheduling of public events such as the national swimming carnival. As of 11 June, Australia has now over 1260 cases. By far the majority are in Victoria with 1011 cases, while the other numbers are: NSW 101, QLD 71, WA 31, ACT 22, SA 19, TAS 13 and NT 7. Internationally the figure is nearing 28,000 with a reported death toll of 140 persons. ALGA is liaising with the Federal Government through its membership of the National Pandemic Emergency Committee and daily National Situation Reports updates on Swine Flu are sent to all State and Territory Local Government Associations. Australia is still in the CONTAIN phase but is giving serious consideration to upgrading to PROTECT.

**NSW council numbers**

The president of the Local Government and Shires Association says the time has come to have a sensible debate about reducing the number of local councils in New South Wales.
Bruce Miller, who is from Cowra, says rising cost structures and falling incomes are making it impossible for some of the state's 152 councils to remain viable over the long-term.

He says a perfect storm of difficult circumstances and State Government-imposed new laws means the provision of essential local services is getting tougher.

Councillor Miller says he wants a sensible discussion without emotion that plots a realistic way forward, and if that involves council mergers - so be it.

**Call for investment inquiry**

The State Member for Barwon, Kevin Humphries, has called for an inquiry into advice given by the New South Wales Government on investments that became among the first victims of the global economic meltdown.

Several of the region’s councils stand to lose millions of dollars in investments from the collapse of Lehman Brothers Inc.

Mr Humphries says the councils put money into the sub-prime markets recommended by the State Government on the assumption the relevant departments would have done due diligence investigations.

“They are required to take advice from the Department of Local Government,” he said.

"Indeed, many of the councils across the state, including my own, took that advice and that advice has since, as we know, backfired with many councils losing millions of dollars.”

**World Blood Donor Day**

The World Health Organization (WHO) has chosen 14 June as the day to recognise the millions of people who save lives and improve the health of others by donating blood. The Day highlights the need to regularly give blood to prevent shortages in hospitals and clinics, particularly in developing countries where quantities are very limited. Out of 80 countries with low blood donation rates (fewer than 10 donations per thousand people), 79 are developing nations.

The annual event focuses on motivating more people to become blood donors. It demonstrates how health systems and policy-makers work to make blood transfusions safe and accessible to people worldwide. [World Blood Donor Day site](#)

**Health benefits of good planning**

Previous research has demonstrated links between the built environment and physical activity behaviour, for example, populations living in high density suburbs are more likely to be physically active. This evidence is important to help influence urban planners and policy makers in creating neighbourhoods more conducive to physical activity. A recent study compared neighbourhood environments and physical activity in 11 countries worldwide; Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, China (Hong Kong), Japan, Lithuania, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, and the U.S as part of the International Physical Activity Prevalence Study (IPS). [www.ijbnpa.org/content/6/1/21](#)
Australia Award for Urban Design

Have you been involved in a recent project demonstrating excellence and innovation in all elements of urban design? Are you aware of any recent Australian urban design initiatives, projects or developments that deserve national recognition?

Nominations are now open for the 2009 Australia Award for Urban Design and it's your opportunity to highlight leading examples of urban design in Australia.

The Australia Award for Urban Design was established to recognise recent urban design projects of high quality in Australia and to encourage cities, towns and emerging settlements of all sizes to strive similarly for improvement. It acknowledges the critical role of good urban design in the development of our cities and towns. The Prime Minister Kevin Rudd is patron of the Award. Nominations close 26 June 2009.

Built Environment meets Parliament

BEMP is an annual conversation between parliamentarians and industry leaders that showcases the relationship between Australian communities and their built environment. BEMP offers an opportunity to explore the economic, social, environmental and governance issues that help shape national prosperity.

BEMP 2009 will consist of a welcome dinner at the incorporating the presentation of the Australia Award for Urban Design on Tuesday 11 August and the full-day BEMP Summit on Wednesday 12 August at Parliament House, Canberra.

BEMP is hosted by the Planning Institute of Australia, the Association of Consulting Engineers Australia, Australian Institute of Architects, Green Building Council Australia and Property Council of Australia.

Sunshine Coast gold

A Sunshine Coast hinterland township has created its own "stimulus package" by launching its own money.

Maleny has joined the ranks of places such as Massachusetts, USA, and Brighton in the UK by creating its own currency.

The suitably named "Baroon dollar" will come in denominations of one, two, five, 10 and 20 and will begin circulating within the Maleny community in late August.

The joint project of Sustainable Maleny and the Australian Institute for Community Currencies Inc is one of 1000 local currencies introduced around the world aimed at creating resilient local economies by encouraging people to shop locally.

The money will be legal tender at grocery stores, coffee shops and music and video hire shops at Maleny, Mapleton, Kenilworth, Nambour and Beerwah. More information at www.baroondollar.org

Quote of the week

"Worry affects circulation, the heart and the glands, the whole nervous system, and profoundly affects the heart. I have never known a man who died from overwork, but many who died from doubt." - Dr Chris Mayo
Australian cities occupy five of the top 20 places in a British survey ranking the liveability of 140 of the world's major centres.

Melbourne ranked third in the world, behind Vancouver in Canada and the Austrian city of Vienna in the Economist Intelligence Unit's 2009 Liveability survey.

It assessed 140 cities based on stability, health care, education, infrastructure and culture and environment, giving each one a rating out of 100.

Perth was equal fifth with Calgary in Canada, with Sydney sharing ninth place with Zurich in Switzerland and Brisbane in 16th place.

As well as Vancouver and Calgary, Canadian cities also featured strongly in the top 20, with Toronto (4th) and Montreal (17th).

The New Zealand cities of Auckland and Wellington finished 12th and 23rd respectively.

US centres were well down the list. Pittsburgh ranked highest, in 29th place.

The highest-ranked Asian city was Osaka in Japan (13th). The next highest was Hong Kong (equal 39th with Madrid, Spain) followed by Singapore (54th) and Seoul, South Korea (58th).

The worst city to live on earth is Harare, the strife-torn capital of Zimbabwe.

"The performance of Asian cities reflects the diverse levels of development throughout the region," EIU spokesman Jon Copestake said.

"Australian cities represent many of the best aspects of liveability, while instability in countries like Pakistan and Bangladesh means that cities in South Asia fare much worse."

The Economist Intelligence Unit is a branch of The Economist Group, which publishes The Economist, a weekly news magazine, in London.

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- AESTHETICS OF BRIDGES
- BRIDGE INNOVATIONS
- SPECIAL PRESENTATION: A Career in Bridges
- STEEL BRIDGES
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- Graeme Emonson, CEO, Knox City Council
- Geoff Lake, President, Australian Local Government Association
- Lyn Russell, General Manager, City of Wagga Wagga
- David Evans, General Manager, Maitland City Council
- Phil Rowland, CEO, Mount Alexander Shire
- Alexis Hunt, Coordinator People & Change, Gold Coast City Council
- Andrew MacLeod, Chief Internal Auditor, Brisbane City Council

In recognition of the role of the Best Practice Conference as a key national forum for discussions on local government innovation and best practice, this year's conference will be followed on July 10 by a meeting of the councils participating in the Local Government Business Excellence Network, which will also be held at the Novotel Brighton Beach.


For more details, phone Hallmark Conferences on (03) 8534 5000, email denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au

Forthcoming events

For a full listing of forthcoming events, see ALGA's Events calendar.

- 15 - 16 June 2009 spatial@gov Conference
- 17 - 20 June 2009 Building Community Centred Economies: Dialogue for Action
- 18 - 19 June 2009 2009 Infrastructure Colloquium
- 21 - 24 June 2009 National General Assembly of Local Government
- 23 - 26 June 2009 Australian Copyright Council training sessions
- 24 June 2009 Sustainability Forum
- 30 June - 03 July 2009 Health and Social Impact Assessment Short Course, Deakin University
Media Release

12 June 2009
210 Tonnes of E-Waste Saved from WA Landfills

Enough old televisions, computers and electrical goods to fill 15 shipping containers were collected last weekend in a free e-waste collection event by Local Government.

The 210 tonnes of e-waste collected by 11 metropolitan Local Governments and regional authorities was supported by the WA Local Government Association, the Waste Authority and Apple Pty Ltd.

WALGA President, Cr Bill Mitchell said more than 4000 people took the opportunity to dispose of unwanted electrical goods over the weekend collection.

He said the event which was held to coincide with World Environment Day was estimated to have saved Local Government about $200,000 in e-waste recycling costs.

“With the amount of electronic waste generated in homes generally increasing, it’s great to see so many people taking the time to dispose of their old electronic items responsibly,” Cr Mitchell said.

“These items, if not properly disposed of, have the potential to release toxic metals that impact on both our health and the environment, so we applaud all the Local Government authorities involved that made this event such a success.”

The recycling of the electronic waste is to be paid for by Apple Pty Ltd as part of the company’s corporate responsibility and international environment plan.

“We are now holding discussions with Apple on the possibility of holding some non-metropolitan collection days in the future,” Cr Mitchell said.
Media Release

15 June 2009
Road Close Threat for Grain Trucks

Grain trucks could soon be forced off roads across the Wheatbelt in response to threats that operations could soon cease on the rail freight network.

WestNet Rail has given the State Government until today to commit to $45 million upgrade works or it will cease operations on four lines available to transport grain in the Wheatbelt.

WA Local Government Association President, Cr Bill Mitchell said if rail lines ceased operations there would be increased grain transport demands on local roads which comprise 72% of all roads in WA.

Cr Mitchell met this morning with Shire Presidents and Chief Executive Officers from the Local Governments that would be impacted by the rail lines ceasing operations.

He said as a result of the meeting, the Local Governments had decided to individually assess the potential impact on their local roads and the cost to Councils with increased heavy vehicle traffic.

“If grain can no longer be transported by rail then it will be taken to port by road, and that potentially has a significant impact on the costs to Local Government in repairs and maintenance,” he said.

“It is not a solution to the need to fund rail upgrades by shifting the transport of grain to local roads as this just creates the need for more expenditure on road maintenance.”

To prevent the State Government shifting the cost of the grain transport onto Local Government, this morning’s meeting agreed that permits may no longer be issued for operators of the larger grain trucks.

Under the current system, concession permits are required from Local Government to operate over weight vehicles on local roads.

If Local Governments refuse to issue these permits, the roads will effectively be closed to the larger trucks, forcing haulage operators to either use smaller trucks or only use the Main Roads network.

“If the State Government does not want to commit investment in the rail network, then it will have to be prepared to invest more in local road funding to Local Government,” Cr Mitchell said.

“Local Government simply can’t afford to pick up the ongoing costs of the failure to use the rail network to transport grain.”
Media Release

16 June 2009
Now Uncertainty Over New Tax

Imposing exorbitant increases in the landfill levy on communities and industry may not be within the Constitutional powers of the State Government.

As more local communities demand plans to increase the levies by 300% be abandoned, it is now emerging that the State Government may not even have the authority to effectively impose a new tax.

The WA Local Government Association has received conflicting legal opinion as to whether the State Government could impose the increases and allocate the funds to general departmental revenue.

WALGA President, Cr Bill Mitchell said the Association was now considering if it would invest up to $30,000 to get further legal advice from senior counsel specialising in Constitutional law.

“Local Government across WA is outraged at the way the State Government has gone about ramping up revenue from the community to cover holes in departmental budgets,” Cr Mitchell said.

“The increases currently only affect the metropolitan area but the State Government has not ruled out extending the levies to regional areas.

“Meanwhile Local Government is now faced with having to invest considerable resources into legal opinion to check if the State Government knows what it is doing.”

The proposed new levies will generate the Department of Environment and Conservation $39 million in revenue at a cost to ratepayers up to an additional $48 per year.

Initially intended for all funds generated by the levies to be used to reduce waste going into landfill, the State Government will have to change existing legislation to allocate the extra funds across the department.

Both the Melville City Council and Kwinana Town Council recently passed motions condemning the increases being used for general department expenditure and the cost to the community of the sudden changes.

Cr Mitchell encouraged all WA Local Governments to also formally register their opposition to the exorbitant increase and the lack of consultation by the State Government.

“This whole business has been handled very clumsily. First there was no consultation with the sector or industry; then the increases were too excessive to be absorbed; and now we are not even certain it is within the powers of the State Government to make the changes,” he said.
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1.1 **EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS**

**New Staff:**

- Nil

**Staff Leaving:**

- Environmental Health Officer, effective 12/6/09.
- Executive Assistant Technical Services, effective 10/7/09.

**Other Staff Movements (Internal):**

- Nil.

**Current Recruitment Activity:**

- Asset Management Coordinator – position on hold.
- Engineering Surveyor – position on hold.
- Indigenous Children & Families Officer – no suitable candidates found, looking at alternative options.
- Administration Officer Technical Services – interviews complete, recruitment progressing.
- Parks Technical Officer – applications closed 29/5/09, interviews to be scheduled for 23/6/09.
- Administrative Assistant Governance & Administration (P/T) – applications closed 5/6/09.
- Administration Assistant Health & Building – applications close 17/6/09.

**Of Special Note:**

*Elected Member Training*

Offered by Local Government Workplace Solutions (WALGA), see attached document.

Any Elected Member wishing to attend should register their interest through Vanessa Szlatoszlakev, HR Officer on 9399 0631.
Elected Member Training

Please be advised that Confirmation/Cancellation letters for each course will be sent 2 weeks prior to the course commencement date. If you do not receive a letter confirming your registration, please contact Bronnie Heagney, Training Coordinator, on 9213 2098 or bheagney@walga.wa.gov.au

**JULY**

**MODULE 11:**
Policy Development
This module enhances the ability of Elected Members to participate in the strategic management of their council by focusing on policy development. The course aims to explore the need to move policy development away from the traditional agenda driven environment through discussion on the relationship between policies and existing services, links between policy making and strategic planning and by looking at ways to facilitate opportunities for policy discussion.

Date: Wednesday 8th July 2009
Time: 9:00am – 12:30pm
Venue: WA Local Government Association
Cost: $187 (Inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
$203.50 (Inc GST) for Non Workplace Solutions Members

**AUGUST**

**MODULE 1:**
Legal Responsibilities of an Elected Member
**Running in conjunction with the Local Government Convention**

The primary aim of this module is to keep participants up-to-date with ever-increasing accountability and compliance requirements in respect to the Local Government Act 1995 and the general legal responsibilities that come with being an Elected Member.

Date: Tuesday 4th August 2009
Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Venue: DWAC Office, Belmont
Cost: $352 (Inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
$385 (Inc GST) for Non Workplace Solutions Members

**MODULE 2:**
Land Use Planning
**Running in conjunction with the Local Government Convention**

This module introduces participants to local government land use planning functions and decision-making whilst clarifying the roles and responsibilities of all parties who take part in the planning process. It addresses the strategic and statutory planning framework operating in Western Australia and highlights the scope and limitations of Elected Member’s role in relation to land use planning, subdivision and development control.

Date: Wednesday 5th August 2009
Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Venue: Perth Convention Exhibition Centre
Cost: $352 (Inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
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**MODULE 9:**
Ethics and Conduct of an Elected Member
**Running in conjunction with the Local Government Convention**

The standing of a council and how it is perceived by its community is of vital importance. This module critically examines university held ideas, theories and principles on ethics and provides a positive framework which Elected Members can utilise in order to ensure that they follow appropriate and professional work practice.

Date: Wednesday 5th August 2009
Time: 9:00am – 12:30pm
Venue: Perth Convention Exhibition Centre
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**MODULE 13:**
Customer Service and Complaints Handling
This module enhances the ability of Elected Members to contribute to greater customer focus and improved complaints handling in local Government. Key focus points of the course include methods of developing good listening skills, ways to increase positive interaction between Councillors and others and the purpose of customer service charter and how they are constructed.

Date: Wednesday 8th July 2009
Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Venue: WA Local Government Association
Cost: $187 (Inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
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**MODULE 7:**
Local Government Finance
**Running in conjunction with the Local Government Convention**

The purpose of this module is to inform Elected Members of their roles and responsibilities in financial matters within their Local Government. It will provide Elected Members with the skills to understand, interpret, develop, plan and more effectively manage the financial measures of their Local Government.

Date: Wednesday 5th August 2009
Time: 1:00pm – 4:30pm
Venue: Perth Convention Exhibition Centre
Cost: $187 (Inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
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**Module 10:**
Change Management  
*Running in conjunction with the Local Government Convention*  
This module has been designed to enhance the ability of Elected Members to manage change in the most effective way possible by understanding the origins of change, examining the positive aspects of changes and identifying methods or styles of coping with these within their councils.  
**Date:** Sunday 9th August 2009  
**Time:** 9:00am – 4:30pm  
**Venue:** Perth Convention Exhibition Centre  
**Cost:**  
- $187 (Inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members  
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**Module 5:**  
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**Date:** Tuesday 8th September 2009  
**Time:** 9:00am – 4:30pm  
**Venue:** WA Local Government Association  
**Cost:**  
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**Module 3:**  
Performance Appraisals of the CEO  
This module has been designed to raise awareness amongst Elected Members of their legal responsibilities to conduct a performance review of the CEO in Local Government and to assist with the process involved.  
**Date:** Friday 18th September 2009  
**Time:** 9:00am – 12:30pm  
**Venue:** WA Local Government Association  
**Cost:**  
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**Module 8:**  
Community Consultation and Participation  
This module will provide Elected Members with the skills to participate in planning community consultation strategies and the ability to critically assess the quality of reports on consultation programs which are used within their own local government.  
**Date:** Tuesday 22nd September 2009  
**Time:** 9:00am – 4:30pm  
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BUSHCARE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES
Wednesday, 11 March 2009 – 6.05 PM
Committee Room – City of Armadale Administration Centre

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2. DISCLAIMER

Nil

3. DISCLOSURES OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Nil

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5. PROJECTS FOR COUNCIL’S NOTICE

The following projects are listed for Council’s notice. The Project/Group leader for all projects listed in the table below has agreed to conduct the works with due regard to the City’s safety and training requirements for bushcare activities as described in the City’s Friends Group Manual.

RECOMMEND

That Council be advised that the Project/Group leader listed in the table below has been co-opted to the Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee to protect or rehabilitate bushland by facilitating works by volunteers for this Committee to extent of the scope of works and volunteer duties described.
6. **GUEST SPEAKER**

Nil

7. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 14 January 2009**

RECOMMEND

That the Minutes of the Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14 January 2009 be adopted.

MOVED Mr Adrian Choules
SECONDED Ms Beth Laurie
CARRIED

8. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- Betteray Reserve and Sylvania Park Town Planning Scheme discrepancies in information displayed in City’s Intramaps. At the January meeting, Cr Hart advised that it was probable that a report would be presented to the next meeting of the Development Services Committee.
- Plenary Session April 2009 - It was suggested at the November 2008 meeting that Dr Michael Craig, Murdoch University Fellow, be approached to discuss his work on the Alcoa Rehabilitation project looking at how to attract animals back into our bushland. Ian Colquhoun to approach Dr Craig.
  
  Ian Colquhoun advised that Dr Craig was currently in Peru and would be back in Australia in early April. He would contact him after his return.
- Warwick Savage brainstorm - BEAC members to brainstorm ideas and discuss Warwick Savage Reserve and actions that could be implemented to improve the reserve condition. The suggestion was to undertake a walk through the reserve as part of the spring time walks.
- **Streamcare Presentation** – The Environmental Officer suggested that the Streamcare Presentation by Sandra Byrne be held in conjunction with the Plenary Session. That a
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15 minute timeslot be given to the presentation on Streamcare prior to the start of Dr Craig’s presentation.

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

9.1 Correspondence in

- Water Forever Sustainability Assessment December 2008
- Urban Bushland Council WA (Inc) membership renewal for 2009
- Roleybushcare invoice for member volunteer gifts 2008/09
- Comment News article regarding winner, Steve Aldersea, City of Armadale Environmental Contribution of the Year
- Comment News article regarding environmental volunteers
- City Views February 2009
- Urban Bush Telegraph Autumn 2009
- Hills Heartbeat Festival Brochure (28 March 2009)

9.2 Correspondence out

- Membership renewal for Urban Bushland Council
- Cheque for Roleybushcare volunteer gifts

The Committee requested that a letter be sent to Mr Steven Aldersea congratulating him on winning the Environmental Contribution of the Year award.

RECOMMEND

That a letter be sent to Mr Steven Aldersea from AGLG congratulating him on winning the Environmental Contribution of the Year award.

MOVED Mr Adrian Choules
SECONDED Mr David James

CARRIED

10. COUNCIL RELATED BUSINESS

10.1 Neerigen Brook Management Plan

At its meeting held on 9 March 2009, Council resolved (T9/3/09):
1. That Council adopt the Neerigen Brook Reserve Management Plan.
2. That the provision of a public access on or adjacent to PAW 3 be negotiated with relevant landholders and that the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign

1 This part of the agenda is to focus on providing advice to council on creating and reviewing policy and strategy, and on the Committee's opinion and attitude on environmental issues. Recommendations to Council.
documents that ensure any agreement reached with landholders can be implemented in perpetuity.

3. That Category 1 to 4 works be considered for inclusion in the relevant (5) year and (15) Year Forward plans, with Category 1 works commencing in 2009/10, if financial planning priorities permit.

11. OTHER BUSINESS²

11.1 Control Burn Calendar for 2009

In 2006, the City of Armadale Friends Group Manual was amended to reflect new fire break maintenance and control burn procedures for the City of Armadale and community volunteers.

This procedure includes the presentation of fuel loading assessments that are undertaken annually by City Rangers to the March meeting of BEAC.

A summary of fuel loading assessments undertaken last year is provided below.

1) Errol Green Reserve on Carrick Road, Mt Richon
   - Northern section fuel loading (recorded 2008) = 8.346 t/ha
   - Southern section fuel loading (recorded 2008) = 5.808

2) Creyk Park on Lilian Avenue, Kelmcott
   - Northern section fuel loading (recorded 2007) = 8.318 t/ha
   - Southern section fuel loading (recorded 2007) = 11.396 t/ha

3) Morrison Dr Reserve on Hamersley Street, Kelmcott
   - Fuel loading (recorded 2009) = 6.888 t/ha

4) Goolamrup Reserve on Buckingham Road, Kelmcott
   - Fuel loading (recorded 2009) = 6.682 t/ha

5) Possum Pl Reserve on Grade Road Kelmcott
   - Fuel loading (recorded 2009) = 14.53 t/ha

6) Bob Blackburn Reserve on Champion Drive, Seville Grove
   - Northern section fuel loading (recorded 2007) = 6.482 t/ha
   - Northern section proposed burn 2009.
   - Southern section fuel loading (recorded 2007) = 3.446 t/ha

7) Birtwistle Reserve on Peet Road, Roleystone
   - Fuel loading (recorded 2007) = 6.078 t/ha

² This part of the agenda is for discussion purposes. Items requiring decisions are to be presented in ‘Business Items for Discussion’ on following agenda’s. Administrative matters.
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8) Holden Road Reserve on Wygonda Road, Roleystone
   - Fuel loading (recorded 2007) = 7.184 t/ha

9) Notting Hill Reserve on Michael Road, Roleystone
   - Fuel loading (recorded 2007) = 8.929 t/ha

10) Warwick Savage Park on Thorp Place, Roleystone
    - Northern section fuel loading (recorded 2008) = 10.668 t/ha
    - Southern section fuel loading (recorded 2007) = 3.972 t/ha

11) Herbert Rd Reserve on Conifer Road, Karragullen
    - Fuel loading (recorded 2007) = 10.050 t/ha

12) Springdale Oval on Springdale Road, Karragullen
    - South-east section fuel loading (recorded 2007) = 6.456 t/ha
    - North-west section fuel loading (recorded 2007) = 4.418 t/ha
    - North-east section fuel loading (recorded 2007) = 9.462 t/ha

13) O’Meagher Road Reserve on Canning Road, Karragullen
    - Fuel loading (recorded 2007) = 7.536 t/ha

The Environmental Officer provided an explanation of the Firebreak mapping system which had been undertaken by the City of Armadale for its Reserves and requested input from Committee members as to their adequacy. The Environmental Officer advised that whilst assessing the fuel loading on Council’s Reserves, the officer responsible also carried out firebreak maintenance checks of the Reserves. These were discussed with Parks and is now a matter of budget allocation as to what works can be carried out during 2009.

Committee Members were of the view that those maps considered at the meeting were satisfactory. Ian Colquhoun requested that the maps relating to the Roleystone/Karragullen area be forwarded to Roleybushcare for comment. The Firebreak mapping will be placed onto the City’s Intamaps GIS system and will be available to the public.

Ian Colquhoun advised that the Hall Road Reserve had been partially burnt in 2008 and enquired whether the remainder would be burnt in 2009. He also enquired as to who was responsible for the spraying regime conducted in Council’s Reserves and if there was a list of Reserves which would be the subject of weed control treatment.

Kim Fletcher joined the meeting at 6.45 pm.

The Environmental Officer to provide Ian Colquhoun with feedback on this matter.
Ian Colquhoun advised that a draft Firebreak procedure was currently being formulated and would be presented to the next meeting of BEAC.
11.2 **BEAC Awareness Walks 2009**

Each year BEAC hosts awareness walks for members (not for the wider public). Suggestions for locations for the walks and possible dates are welcome.

At the January 2009 meeting of BEAC, bushwalks in the following locations were suggested:
- Warwick Savage walk in April or May
- Historical information walk with Tom Price

Suggestions for walks and dates for the BEAC bushwalks were invited and provided as follows.
- A walk of Warwick Savage Reserve to be undertaken on 3 May in conjunction with a walk of linked Reserves in Roleystone. Walkers to meet at 9:00 am on Sunday, 3 May 2009 on Simons Drive at the junction of Brookton Highway, Roleystone.
- A walk of Armadale Settlers’ Common to be undertaken on 7 June 2009. The walk to be organised by Kim Fletcher. Final details will be provided at the next meeting of BEAC.

11.3 **Minnawarra Festival – Saturday and Sunday 4th and 5th April 2009**

Volunteers to assist in promoting the local natural environmental and volunteering in Armadale on each of the festival days were sought.

The Environmental Officer advised that the Saturday component of the Minnawarra Festival would be devoted to music and that a tent would not be manned on that day. However, volunteers were sought to man the tent on Sunday, 5th April. As in previous years, BEAC would join with AGLG to provide a display. Evidently, the displays previously obtained from the Museum (feral cat and fox) are no longer being loaned out to organisations other than schools which the Committee thought was disappointing. It was requested that a letter be written to the Museum Director expressing disappointment at the decision and requesting a rethink.

11.4 **Community Portal**

At the January 2009 meeting it was requested that the idea for BEAC to have a page on the Connected Communities Armadale community portal be discussed further at the March meeting. Members can visit the site at [www.armadale.wa.au](http://www.armadale.wa.au)

This matter to be left in abeyance for the time being.

12. **INFORMATION**
12.1 Planning applications & scheme amendments out for public comment.

Nil.

12.2 Items of interest from the Council Committee/ Council minutes/ agenda to note.

Nil

12.3 Grant watch information report
- Lotterywest Grants - ongoing
- Australia Post/Landcare Community Development Grants – through out the year.
- 10th United Nations Association of Australia World Environment Day Awards – nominations close 1st May 2009, entry fee for community groups is $110.

12.4 Other Information items (i.e. progress reports relevant to previous business) to note

Nil

12.5 Press Releases

Nil

12.6 Reminder list –items in progress or scheduled for future meetings

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12.7.1 Clear Felling - Subdivisions [Beth Laurie]

 Asked what steps could be taken to stop clear felling in subdivisions within the City of Armadale.

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3 Information sharing opportunity. Topics that require detailed discussions will be referred to future meetings as agenda items.
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12.7.3 **Friends of Forrestdale [David James]**
- At long last DEC has taken responsibility for the trail which has recently been graded around the whole lake. It is the first time in many years that this has occurred. This was as a result of the Tonkin Highway mitigation funds of $20,000 which were allocated to DEC and is currently being used to upgrade the trails with limestone.
- DEC has not yet started work on the boardwalk. It is hoped that this will start soon before the rain comes.
- Caltrop is a large problem in the area (Nicolson Road, Armadale Road and Taylor Road).
- The issue of Keane Road continues.
- The European House Borer people from the Dept. of Agriculture have recently visited Forrestdale asking if the border has been detected in the area. It is understood that the borer inhabits dead and half dead pine trees.

12.7.4 **Roleybushcare [Ian Colquhoun]**
- Roleybushcare has recently been successful in grant allocations as follows:
  - SALP $10,500
  - Alcoa $4,500
  - CoA Community Grant $500
- The Calendars have sold well, with 800 being sold and a $3,500 profit being realised. The left over Calendars will probably be included in a Welcome Pack for new residents to Roleystone.
- Roleybushcare is looking at holding another photographic competition for adults and juniors with the topic being wildlife and landscape. The winning pictures to be included in the next edition of the Calendar to be printed in two years time.
- Alcoa will be sending out a newsletter to groups next week to advise of the availability of bigger and better dieback-resistant jarrah seedlings.

12.7.5 **Environmental Officer [Paula Haro]**
- Local Biodiversity Strategy – Ironbark Environmental and Eco Logical Australia have been secured as consultants to write the Local Biodiversity Strategy Discussion Paper for the City. Meetings with the Steering Group occurred in February and March 2009 to discuss the project, the vision and objectives and to workshop targets for vegetation protection, retention and management that will underpin the Strategy.
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- Green Corps – In conjunction with the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale, City of Gosnells, Jarrahdale DEC office, SERCUL and AGLG, participation will occur in hosting a Green Corp Team in the region, entitled the South East Corridor Bushland and Creekline Restoration Project. The work to be undertaken by the group will include weed control, dieback treatment, planting construction projects and will occur over a 6 month period. A project/work plan meeting was held last week to distribute the team throughout the region. AGLG has secured the team for 5½ weeks. The team will be undertaking works for the City of Armadale for two weeks.

- Dieback Treatment – will be undertaken during 2009 at Cross Road, Depot Bushland, Errol Green, POW off Peel Road, Sylvania Park, Bettenay Reserve, Winstanley Reserve, Nottinghill Reserve.


13. NEXT MEETING & CLOSURE

   Next Meeting - At 6.00 pm on Wednesday, 13 May 2009, City of Armadale Committee Room.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.58 PM
BUNGENDORE PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING No. 301, WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY 2009

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT
Cr Guenter Best (Chairman)  Mr Don Griffiths
Mr Kim Sarli (Projects Co-ordinator)  Mrs Penny Versteeg
Mr Ron Withnell  Mrs Irene Morcombe (Treasurer)
Ms Miriam Stanborough (Weeds Coordinator)

APOLOGIES
Mr Bill Ladyman, Mr Ian Thompson

Cr Best declared the meeting open at 7:42pm. Minutes of the meeting held 22nd April 2009 accepted as being correct.

Mr Sarli & Mrs Versteeg. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Committee membership – Advice to follow as to Mr Thompson’s status and/or successor. Ms Haro has advertised for applicants for Committee in local papers (see clippings).
   Applications received from Kerry Anne Batt (Bedfordale) & Matthew Hamilton (Byford). Both applicants have conservation or natural resources-related qualifications.
   Committee agreed that these two applicants be recommended to the City of Armadale.
   Ms Stanborough & Mr Griffiths - carried

2. Green Corps environmental work – Mr Sarli and Mrs Versteeg reported on the work undertaken on 21st and 22nd May (extremely windy and wet days). Track 6 from P1t 6 to Track 7 was upgraded by raking and removing debris and small logs. Large logs will have to be removed by the Bedfordale Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade. Track 8 from Track 6 onwards to P1t 10 was cleared of vegetation and some Parrot bush cleared in P1t 7. Some of the understorey around routed timber signs was also cleared. Mrs Versteeg recommended that fallen trees currently blocking Tracks 7 & 8 are cut to the width of the track and then a barrier placed across the tracks in these places using the remaining log ends. Mr Ladyman to request the BVFB to cut these logs prior to commencing their burning program in the Park.

3. Dieback Information Group 2009 Conference – 9am – 4pm on Friday 5th June at Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre, Murdoch University. Mr Ladyman has registered Mr Griffiths, Mrs Versteeg and himself to attend. Mr Griffiths to bring his receipt along to the June meeting for reimbursement.

4. Environmental Community Conservation Grants 2009/10 – Mr Sarli has submitted two grant applications:
   - Biodiversity Conservation ($64,940) Priority 1 – Weed control ($3,000), Faunal Survey, Black Cockatoo ($2,000), Faunal Survey, Bats ($600), Dieback treatment ($4,000), Revegetation 1,000 seedlings ($1,200) and Feral Pig control ($1,500).
   - Regional Parks ($3,500) Priority 2 – Weed control ($1,500) and Feral Pig control ($2,000).
   Information is that DEC has received applications that exceed the money available by double.

5. Protective burn programme and control access – Ms Haro to contact Mr Greg Napier DEC re preventative burning programme in the Wungong Gorge. Mr Ladyman has contacted Mr Gavin Fancone of Bedfordale Volunteer Bushfire Brigade for confirmation that the proposed burning and track preperation programme for Bungendore Park is in hand. Mr Fancone suggested that he may help supervise the Greencops Team while his operator prepared the graded track. Mr Fancone did not attend this meeting so no update was provided. Committee expressed their concern about the lack of communication to Committee about progress on the burning program.
   Mr Griffiths to contact Mr Fancone of the BVFB and Mr Barnett (Chief Fire Officer) about these matters.

6. Track trimming – Mr Lautenier advises that Parks Dept will eventually finish the trimming. Mr Withnell and a team of 20 students from the Armadale Christian College trimmed parts of Honeyeater Hike on 27th May. The bridle trails are still to be done.

7. 2009 Revegetation programme – Messrs Ladyman, Sarli and Withnell reviewed survival rate of last year’s plantings and determined the planting sites for this year – refer to the attached
proforma sheets. Next year we should consider some in-fill planting at Pit 5. Mr Sarti will prepare a list of tasks required for the 2009 revegetation programme in July and circulate to members.

8. **Bird of Bungendore Park report** – Mr Sarti reported that the main text has been completed, but introduction and discussion sections still to be done. The artwork is progressing; Mr Sarti tabled some thumbnail scans of the artwork. Corporate and other sponsorship will assist in the printing of the report.

9. **Woody weeds** - Mr Tony Kirkby has found and treated some suckers on non-native tree stumps with Glyphosate.

10. **Armadale Christian College** – Guy ropes to be attached to the School’s proposed high climbing tower will extend a couple of metres into Bungendore Park. Committee members inspected the site on the planting preview day (May 28th). Committee members agreed in principle to the request.

11. **Strategic Directions Document of Bungendore Park Review** - is open for public comment; submissions close May 31st. A meeting by Committee members to review the document was held at Mr Ron Withnell’s home at 115 Salters Road at 7:40 pm on May 20th. Committee members agreed to a submission outlining a number of changes to the document. Ms Stanborough submitted committee’s formal response to the CoA on May 24th. Mr Sarti submitted a hard-copy with grammatical and spelling errors marked up on May 27th. Mr Withnell, principal of ACC, addressed the CoA responding on behalf of the ACC to the SDD, Mr Withnell & Mrs Versteeg Carried

12. **“Southern Weeds and their control” book** – Mr Sarti purchased a number of books for members. A copy was delivered to the Weeds Co-ordinator.

13. **Voluntary Hours** – members logged their hours since last meeting.

14. **Volunteer work authorisation** – the following motion was put for the ensuing year: Bungendore Park Management Committee authorises members and volunteers to perform maintenance works and management activities for the ensuing year as, and when, required. Moved: Mr Sarti / Mr Griffiths Carried 28/01/2009.

Activity since last meeting includes: Mr Sarti, Mr Ladyman, Mr Withnell planting preview, Ms Stanborough patrolling, Mr Withnell supervising ACC students trimming, Mrs Versteeg and Mr Sarti supervising Green Corps.

**AWAITING COMPLETION AND/OR REPLY**

1. **Control of Galahs and Eastern Long-billed Corellas in Bungendore Park** – Mr Sarti has written to WA Museum to confirm whether these feral species are impacting on obligate hollow breeders etc. before further action can be taken. Still awaiting a response after matter is discussed at the next Threatened Species Recovery Team meeting, which is scheduled for next week.

2. **Fence Repairs** – Again fences have been cut in the southern boundary near Track 12. Rocks and log emplacements at Gates 6, 8, 10 and 14 at Howe Street entrance are intact, however, another log needed there and on the southern boundary. Gate M (wire up) is still intact. Mr Ladyman and Mr Thompson still to deal with.

3. **Dieback treatment information** – Committee agreed a flyer to be prepared. Mr Sarti still to contact Paula Haro re drafting this flyer. Ms Stanborough is prepared to deliver them to neighbours of Bungendore Park.

4. **Work at Admiral Road Entrance** – Ms Stanborough advised that Mr Roy Morley of Wungong, and an employee at Alcoa, has sourced second-hand steel piping from Alcoa which Mr Ladyman is able to cut into 1.5m lengths to install as bollards. Caprail material has also been requested. Delivery of the material to Mr Ladyman’s home is expected in June.

5. **Information display frame** – Mr Ladyman has not yet provided a suitable display frame for Mr Sarti.

6. **Replacement of Gate ‘M’** – Mr Thompson and Mr Ladyman have temporarily wired up this gate. Mr Withnell offered to assist with the help of students with replacement and ATC with possible provision of two swing gates. Drawings are needed for ATC to proceed with gate manufacture.
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GRANTS IN PROGRESS

1. Alcoa Bravo Grant 2005                          $305.35 [XT63]
2. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2008 (08S06)        $6,210 [XT59]
3. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2009 (07S09)        $5,010 [XT56]
4. Regional Parks Community Grant 2009 part-funded $3,500 [XT57]
5. Environmental Community Grant (Biodiversity) 2009/10 $4,390 submitted
6. Environmental Community Grant (Regional Parks) 2009/10 $3,500 submitted
7. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2010                 $4,260 submitted

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

DEC Community Grants co-ordinator – Biodiversity and Regional Parks 2009/10 grant applications.
Swan Alcoa Landcare Program – grant application for 2010
City of Armadale – committee response to Draft Strategic Directions Document
Alcoa of Australia – Request for sponsorship forms for donation of steel piping for fencing.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

City of Armadale – Letter from Ms Paula Haro, advising the receipt of the Budget proposal, and guidelines.
WA govt, Department of Treasury and Finance – Letter advising of purchase order requirements.
City of Armadale – Letter from Ms Paula Haro providing copies of new member applications.
Robert C Hood – Letter requesting approval from committee for council to provide an electronic copy of the
Bungendore Park map.
Dieback Treatment Services – accounts for Dieback control
Jim Prince – account for feral bee control.
City of Armadale Environmental Officer – letter of support for SALP grant application
DEC, Ops Manager, Wangara Regional Park – letter of support for SALP grant application.

INFORMATION RECEIVED

Wangara Whispers
Clippings from local newspapers advertising for Committee members

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Mrs Morcombe & Ms Stanborough carried

BUSHCARE & ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr Ladyman attended the May 12th BEAC meeting and will provide an email summary.
May reserve custodialship, fire management, September plenary session planning
July “Earth Alive Biodiversity” month
September Awards event planning, plenary session
November annual report, April plenary session planning
2. Plenary – Dr Michael Craig to discuss his work at Alcoa to attract animals back (to be deferred.)

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Alcoa Bravo Grant 2008 – Ms Stanborough submitted cheque from Alcoa for $525.00 for her volunteer hours for committee in 2008.
2. Request for electronic map of Bungendore Park – Committee discussed the letter received from Mr Robert Hood of Bedfordale, requesting permission for council to issue him with an electronic copy of the map of Bungendore Park that council uses. Committee declined to approve this request as this is a working map for committee’s use with all tracks marked and numbered. Additionally, committee doesn’t use an electronic version of the map. In replying to Mr Hood it is suggested he consider purchasing an aerial photo from Dept of Land Information, Midland and combine this with OziExplorer software. This is the
3. **Pig activity** – Mrs Versteege reported that pig activity in the Wungong Valley has dramatically increased. Ms Stanborough to inform Mr Tony Eddystone, the Manager of Wungong Regional Park.

4. **Firewood collection** – Mr Withnell reported that there has been illegal firewood collection and cutting down of trees in the dieback-free area on Track I8 within the last 2 weeks. Trail bike activity to Bungendore Park in the area around the school is a daily problem. Access for both suspected to be occurring around the Bedfordale Hall area. Mr Withnell to report both issues to Ranger Services. There have also been a number of break-ins at ACC with various foodstuffs stolen. Concern that there may be people camping within Bungendore Park.

5. **Swan Area Landcare Program 2010 grant** – earlier this year it was announced that SALP grants would be deferred, but some money is now available. Mr Sarti has prepared a $4,260 application – 1,000 seedlings ($1,200), Weed control ($1,000), Dieback treatment ($2,000) and Admin ($60).

6. **Dieback interpretive signs** – Mr Sarti has arranged for manufacture of two interpretive signs by Sunny Sign Company to be delivered to Mr Withnell’s school. Installation to be co-ordinated by Mr Withnell - one at Dieback planting site (Dryandra Drive), the other towards the Albany Highway entrance in consultation with Mr Tuffnell.

7. **Leave of absence** – Mr Sarti requested leave of absence for June and July meetings.

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**SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** (4th Wednesday)

Committee Meeting Room 7:30 pm, 24th June 2009

Meeting declared closed at 9:30pm.

Miriam Stanborough (Acting Secretary)

Signed: .................................................. Date: .........................

Chairman/Acting Chairman – Bungendore Park Management Committee
AGENDA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2009 AT
THE CITY OF ARMADALE COMMENCING
AT 6PM

Alex Sheridan
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
2 June 2009
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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors
Cr Ron Hoffman  City of Gosnells (Chairman)
Cr Bob Tizard  City of Armadale (Deputy Chairman)
Cr Jeff Munn JP CMC  City of Armadale
Cr Julie Brown  City of Gosnells (Alternate Councillor)
Cr Kevin Trent RDF  City of South Perth
Mayor James Best  City of South Perth
Cr Gary Brown  City of Mandurah
Cr Noel Nancarrow  Shire of Murray
Cr Barrie Thomson  Shire of Murray
Cr Kevin Murphy  Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale
Cr John Kirkpatrick  Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale

Officers
Alex Sheridan  CEO  RRC
Andrew Bruce  Director Technical Services  City of Armadale
Bob Sutton  Co-ordinator Waste Services  City of Armadale
Dave Harris  Director Infrastructure  City of Gosnells
Dave Denton  Manager Engineering Operations  City of Gosnells
Steve Cope  Director Strategic Planning  City of South Perth
Sebastian Camillo  Manager Env. Health Services  City of South Perth
Allan Claydon  Director Works & Services  City of Mandurah
Kyle Boardman  Co-ordinator Facilities and Waste  City of Mandurah
Ian Daniels  Director Technical Services  Shire of Murray
Richard Corburnow  Director Engineering  Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale

Copies to:
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Ian Cowie  CEO  City of Gosnells
Cliff Frewing  CEO  City of South Perth
Mark Newman  CEO  City of Mandurah
Dean Unsworth  CEO  Shire of Murray
Joanne Abbiss  CEO  Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale

Apologies
Cr John Hughes  City of Mandurah
Cr Ron Mitchell  City of Gosnells

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

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8.1 Correspondence from the Town of Kwinana

Author: Alex Sheridan

Date of Meeting: 4 June 2009

PURPOSE
To consider correspondence from the Town of Kwinana in regards to the proposed Alternative Waste Treatment facility in Postans.

BACKGROUND
The CEO received on Thursday 28 May 2009 a copy of the following letter by e-mail from Mr Neil Hartley, the CEO of the Town of Kwinana. The e-mail was also sent to a number of CEO’s from the member Councils requesting that be forwarded to the other CEO’s as Mr Hartley did not have all the e-mail addresses.

Mr Hartley did say in his e-mail that the letter was posted that day to all Mayors/Presidents and CEO’s of the Rivers Regional Council. The letter in its entirety is as follows:

“26 May 2009

Dear Sir

Alternative Waste Treatment Facility – proposed to be constructed in the Town of Kwinana.

Following an invitation from Rivers, our CEO Neil Hartley recently met with Mr Ron Hoffman and Mr Alex Sheridan at your Rivers Regional Council Offices in Armadale, to be updated on the Alternative Waste Treatment Facility proposal, and to seek the Town’s feedback as to an interest as a potential member of Rivers. To address the ‘easy’ issue of the Town’s interest as a potential member of Rivers first, we are always open to different alternatives but this particular question has not been formally considered by Council in the recent past. As you are aware, we have historically aligned ourselves with the SMRC; but the City of Rockingham is currently reviewing its entire waste strategy and as we presently deliver some of our waste to their landfill site, we may have to again reconsider our alignments depending upon their final decision.

In respect to the Rivers Regional Council proposal to construct its ‘Alternative Waste Treatment Facility’ in the Town of Kwinana on Water Corporation land at McLaughlan Road, the site chosen by you is only several hundred metres from family homes at our nearby Orelia suburb of Windsor Hills; directly adjacent to a large regional environmental wetland (part of the Beeliar system); and relies on the Water Corporation leasing land to Rivers.”
A Memorandum of Understanding is understood to exist between the two key potential lease partners (Water Corporation and Rivers), to progress discussions towards such an outcome.

The Rivers Regional Council has been very open with its proposal and has met with the Town’s Councillors, its staff, and more recently with community members in regard to the proposed project. Unfortunately for Rivers, neither of these groups is in favour with the facility being located in our district, nor likely to change their minds in the future given the proposed facilities close proximity to a residential area and a weighting tourist area, namely “The Spectacles”.

Messrs Hoffman and Sheridan explained to Neil that the Rivers Regional Council itself (i.e. the member Councils) was firmly in agreement with the location of the site in Kwinana and that on this basis, they were progressing with amongst other things, the environmental studies and community consultation.

At this meeting, Neil advised that the Town of Kwinana had a subsequent letter (to the MOU referred to above) from the Water Corporation, advising that following the Town’s representations to it, that a lease agreement would not be forthcoming unless the Town of Kwinana was in agreement with the Rivers project, an ‘agreement’ from the Town’s position, which is simply not going to occur. The CEO advised me that the Rivers representatives were of the view that their Memorandum of Understanding prevailed over the Town’s recently received letter and that they understood there was still an ‘agreement in principle’, to lease Rivers the required land (a point that we all need to clarify it would seem). The Rivers representatives also advised they were, in accordance with Rivers Regional Council resolutions, progressing with the site assessments of the McLaughlan Road preference, and that they will also be encouraging the State Government to make the land available to them via a lease. We find this attitude particularly arrogant in light of the fact that this Council and our community strongly oppose such a facility on this site and that the Water Corporation are well aware of the Town’s opposition to the facility being constructed and operated from this site.

I trust I have fairly represented the situation in the above summary, but what I do want to highlight to all the Mayor’s and CEO’s of the Rivers Regional Council, is the Town of Kwinana’s position of a Rivers’ Alternative Waste Treatment Facility within the Town of Kwinana on Water Corporation land at McLaughlan Road, and to ask that you reconsider your resolution.

The Town of Kwinana holds the following views:

1. The Town does not support an Alternative Waste Treatment Facility in our local government area that is designed almost entirely, to accept refuse from households external to Kwinana;

2. The Kwinana community will not support such a facility within Kwinana in its current location or configuration;

3. We do not believe the Water Corporation Memorandum of Understanding provides Rivers with the necessary lease commitment (when read with the subsequent letter to the Town from the Water Corporation – see attached – and when considered against the Town’s opposition to the project);
4. That we will be seeking the support of the Member for Kwinana, Mr Roger Cook MLA, to oppose the project at a political level, and to support the Kwinana community’s stance on the issue;

5. The state electronic, radio and paper media will provide Kwinana with the ‘high moral ground’ and not support the communities endeavouring to ‘dump their rubbish’ outside of their own districts. Also, Rivers member Council’s local community newspapers will ‘pick up’ on the story and this will assist those who wish to either see promoted, an adverse local community view of the relevant local governments, or wish to promote themselves as future local government Councillor representatives;

6. There will be opposition from environmental representatives to a facility contiguous to a regional wetland and this will damage the ‘green credentials’ and challenge the ethics of likened Rivers local governments;

7. The recent history of SMRC’s fugitive plumes will be a reference point that will disadvantage Rivers in its ability to console Kwinana residents and the media;

8. The lack of capacity of Rivers to ‘guarantee’ no future adverse impacts on local residents will highlight the risk of such a project to the local community and make it difficult for the government licensing authorities to support the project against the opposition that will eventuate; and

9. That the original assessment process chosen by Rivers was flawed, at least to the extent it did not restrict sites to within the boundaries of the member local governments.

Mr Hartley has been in contact with your Chairman Ron Hoffman to outline the above and Neil advises me that notwithstanding that request to reconsider before a formal letter is forwarded, the Rivers member Councils are still keen to progress the Kwinana site as its preferred option.

I now formally ask on behalf of the Kwinana community, that you reconsider your position and modify your site considerations to exclude sites within the Town of Kwinana (or any nearby sites that adversely impact upon our community). The Town is prepared to launch a strong public and political opposition to the proposal.

Yours sincerely

Carol Adams
Mayor

COMMENT
In the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Water Corporation there is no mention of the Town of Kwinana’s ‘agreement’ and indeed there is no available mechanism to obtain such an ‘agreement’. If a mechanism was available such as Planning Approval, the Town of Kwinana would need to be able to justify its position in terms of the project failing to comply with the Town Planning Scheme or Local Laws etc. The Town of Kwinana, therefore, remains unaccountable in voicing objection to the project and any ‘Planning Objections’ are unlikely to be sustained because the site is zoned appropriately. Obviously, Environmental ‘objections’ can be made through the appropriate channels.
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Comments on the Town of Kwinana's views:

1. "The Town does not support an Alternative Waste Treatment facility in a Local Government area that is designed almost entirely, to accept refuse from households external to Kwinana."

The proposed Alternative Waste Treatment (AWT) facility will be designed to accept refuse from member Councils and membership is certainly open for the Town of Kwinana to consider. It is noted, the Town of Kwinana’s refuse is delivered outside their boundary to the City of Rockingham landfill at Millar Road.

2. "The Kwinana community will not support such a facility within Kwinana in its current location or configuration."

This seems to be an assertion from the Mayor in the absence of supporting data. Full community support would always be nice but in general is not a reality, and is not a valid criterion for a proposed development and is generally not the norm.

3. We do not believe the Water Corporation Memorandum of Understanding provides Rivers with the necessary lease commitment (when read with the subsequent letter to the Town from the Water Corporation – see attached – and when considered against the Town’s opposition to the project);

The MoU between RRC/Water Corporation does not mention support or ‘agreement’ by the Town of Kwinana as a precondition of a proposal to lease the land.

4. That we will be seeking the support of the Member for Kwinana, Mr Roger Cook MLA, to oppose the project at a political level, and to support the Kwinana community’s stance on the issue;

As part of Rivers Regional Council Environmental Approvals process all relevant Politicians are being made aware of the RRC’s proposal.

5. The state electronic, radio and paper media will provide Kwinana with the ‘high moral ground’ and not support the communities endeavouring to ‘dump their rubbish’ outside of their own districts. Also, Rivers member Council’s local community newspapers will ‘pick up’ on the story and this will assist those who wish to either see promoted, an adverse local community view of the relevant local governments, or wish to promote themselves as future local government Councillor representatives;

The RRC will not dump rubbish within the Town of Kwinana. The resource will be treated and the resulting ‘compost’ will be utilised within Western Australia and the residual will be transferred to a landfill but obviously not within the Town of Kwinana. The ‘rubbish’ from the Town of Kwinana is being dumped by the Town of Kwinana in the City of Rockingham.

The second sentence in point 5 appears to be rather ‘threatening’ from the Mayor.
6. There will be opposition from environmental representatives to a facility contiguous to a regional wetland and this will damage the ‘green credentials’ and challenge the ethics of likeminded Rivers local governments;

The RRC has no real problem with opposition from ‘environmental representatives’ as long as it is stated in terms of substantive threats to the environment or public health. The RRC is aware that the project is of major benefits to the environment in terms of energy, resource recovery and conservation, avoidance of greenhouse gas production, land degradation and protection of ground water.

7. The recent history of SMRC’s fugitive plumes will be a reference point that will disadvantage Rivers in its ability to console Kwinana residents and the media;

The SMRC facility which is well known for its problems is not a valid reference point. The RRC facility will be a fully enclosed building on a concrete pad with negative air pressure. Objections to fugitive plumes can be made through the appropriate channels.

8. The lack of capacity of Rivers to ‘guarantee’ no future adverse impacts on local residents will highlight the risk of such a project to the local community and make it difficult for the government licensing authorities to support the project against the opposition that will eventuate; and

The RRC or the eventual proponent will not be asked to provide any such guarantee. The facility will be required to meet appropriate environmental conditions as part of its licence. If the facility fails to meet its licence conditions, the EPA/DEC has a number of remedies which it can employ including the closure of the facility.

9. That the original assessment process chosen by Rivers was flawed, at least to the extent it did not restrict sites to within the boundaries of the member local governments.

Many sites within the Rivers Regional Council boundaries were assessed however the two preferred sites based on the full selection criteria were McLaughlan Road in the Town of Kwinana and Millar Road Landfill Site in the City of Rockingham.

In general the Town of Kwinana appears to have no substantive objections to the Rivers Regional Council proposal and the tone of the letter appears to be threatening in nature.

RECOMMENDATION
The CEO in conjunction with the member Council’s CEO’s and the Technical Advisory Committee draft a ‘model response’ which can be utilised by the member Councils in response to the Mayor of the Town of Kwinana’s correspondence.

9. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
10. ADVICE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the City of Mandurah on Thursday 18 June 2009.

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at ____________
MINUTES

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THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2009 AT THE CITY OF
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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 6.05pm. He welcomed everyone, in particular, those in the gallery, Mayor Olwen Searle and Mr Ian Cowie (CEO) City of Gosnells, Cr Colin Cala and Mr Cliff Frewing (CEO) City of South Perth, Mr Ray Tame (CEO) City of Armadale and Mr Dean Unsworth (CEO) Shire of Murray. The Chairman also acknowledged Cr Julie Brown, Cr Wally Barrett, Cr Christine Thompson as Alternate Councillors.

The Chairman was also pleased to announce that the Dead of Amendment had been signed by the Minister for Local Government allowing the Shire of Waroona to become a member of the Rivers Regional Council.

The Chairman at 6.06pm acknowledged the arrival of Mr Steve Cleaver (Director Community Services) and Cr John Salerian from the Shire of Waroona.

2. DECLARATION BY NEW MEMBER

The new member present, Cr John Salerian, read aloud and signed the Declaration.

3. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors
Cr Ron Hoffman
Cr Bob Tizard
Cr Jeff Munin JP CMC
Cr Julie Brown
Cr Kevin Trent RFD
Mayor James Best
Cr Gary Brown
Cr Wally Barrett
Cr Christine Thompson
Cr Kevin Murphy
Cr John Kirkpatrick
Cr John Salerian JP

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Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale
Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale
Shire of Waroona (from 6.06pm)

Apologies
Cr John Hughes
Cr Ron Mitchell
Cr Noel Nancarrow
Cr Barrie Thomson
Cr Laurie Snell

City of Mandurah
City of Gosnells
Shire of Murray
Shire of Murray
Shire of Waroona

RRC Officer
Alex Sheridan
Chief Executive Officer

In Attendance
Mayor Olwen Searle
Cr Colin Cala

City of Gosnells
City of South Perth
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4. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**
   
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5. **RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**
   
   Nil

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
   
   Nil

7. **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**
   
   Nil

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**
   
   Nil

9. **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

   **9.1 Correspondence from the Town of Kwinana**
   
   The Chairman suggested everyone could have their say and if any financial matters were to be discussed it would possibly be behind 'closed doors'.
   
   **MOVED J BROWN/BEST**
   
   The CEO in conjunction with the member Council's CEO's and the Technical Advisory Committee draft a 'model response' which can be utilised by the member Councils in response to the Mayor of the Town of Kwinana's correspondence.
   
   **MOVED TIZARD/TRENT**
   
   That Standing Orders be suspended.
   
   CARRIED 12/0
Standing Orders were suspended and discussion took place.

MOVED J BROWN/MUNN
That Standing Orders be resumed.

MOVED J BROWN/BEST
That as the movers of the original motion it be withdrawn.

MOVED TREVOR BROWN
That:

1. Rivers Regional Council thank Mayor Adams for her correspondence and note her concerns.

2. The CEO in conjunction with the member Councils CEO's develop an appropriate response to address the matters raised in Mayor Adams correspondence.

3. This Council request the member Councils to advise the Town of Kwinana that Rivers Regional Council will respond on their behalf.

10. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC
Nil

11. ADVICE OF NEXT MEETING
The next meeting will be held at the City of Mandurah on Thursday 18 June 2009.

12. CLOSURE
There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.48pm.
WASTE SERVICES REPORT JANUARY - MARCH 2009

1. NEW SERVICES

January – March 2009 Quarter:
Refuse Bins: January saw 73 new services being delivered – the highest percentage going to Armadale (30%), Harrisdale (30%) and Piara Waters (14%).
February saw 69 new services being delivered – the highest percentage going to Harrisdale (42%), Seville Grove (17%) and Armadale (16%).
March saw 135 new services being delivered – the highest percentage going to Harrisdale (27%), Seville Grove (22%) and Piara Waters (18%).

Total for the quarter: 277 new services

January to March 2008 quarter:
Refuse Bins: January – 85, February – 49, March – 51
Recycling Bins: January – 85, February – 49, March – 51

Total for the quarter: 185 new services

2. DOMESTIC WASTE COLLECTION

Tonnes Collected: 4547.42 (Previous Quarter 4820.64)
YTD Tonnes: 13,777.05
Bins Collected: 22,034 (Domestic), 1,097 (Commercial)

3. RECYCLING COLLECTION

Tonnes Collected 1377.40 (Previous Quarter 1069.84)
YTD Tonnes: 2983.50

4. MATERIAL RECYCLED AT ARMA DALE LANDFILL (TONNES)

Total waste accepted at the Landfill for the quarter was 16,498.75 tonnes. The Levy was paid on 11,213.28 tonnes.
5. VERGE COLLECTION TONNAGES

- The Junk Collection started on the 2nd February 2009 and ran for seven weeks.

- Tonnages collected during the general junk collection are as follows:

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- The Spring Greenwaste Collection commenced on the 6th October 2008 and ran for 10 weeks. The Autumn Greenwaste Collection is due to commence on 25th May and run for ten weeks.

- Total Greenwaste collected during the Spring Verge Collection (Oct 8–Dec 08) was 1,075.08 tonnes.

6. ROLESTONE GREENWASTE SITE

- Roleystone accepted 294.02 tonnes of the total greenwaste collected for the Spring verge collection (Oct–Dec 08).

- Approximately 52 tonnes of greenwaste came into site via 885 vehicles.
Metals removed from Landfill
2008-09

- Metals
- Log (Metals)
City of Armadale
7 Orchard Ave
ARMADALE WA 6112

Attn: Mr Anton Lees

Dear Mr Lees

I would like to thank you for your council's efforts in completing a water conservation plan for the Department of Water. We have now completed an assessment of all the plans.

The intent of the water conservation plans was to provide a tool that would assist local governments in maintaining public open space under conditions of decreasing water availability. The PCS-Sum software used in the process was a pilot project for the metropolitan local governments.

In general, our assessment of the plans has indicated that many local governments, including yours, have been very proactive and are committed to water conservation.

Your local government's water usage appears to be within the allocation limit, but this is dependent on the accuracy of the means used to measure use. If there have been any licence anomalies identified during this water conservation planning process, you are encouraged to contact the Swan Avon Region office of the Department of Water.

We encourage you to continue implementing the plan and have attached a reporting template incorporating your actions for you to monitor and report on your progress.
Should you consider applying for an increase in water allocation, you must discuss with the region office the issue of water availability. The reporting template will be a means for you to demonstrate that you have explored opportunities to source new water requirements within the existing licensed allocation.

Thank you again for your participation in the water conservation planning process.

Should you have any further questions, please contact us at waterefficiency@water.wa.gov.au

Yours sincerely

Leon English
Manager
Water Recycling and Efficiency

Cc Mr Anton Lees
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<td>Policy is currently being developed and is anticipated to be presented to the Community Services Committee August meeting.</td>
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LIBRARY & HERITAGE SERVICES GENERAL MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2009

1. LIBRARY SERVICES

1.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

The Library Department’s statistical performance indicators report for the month of May is attached. (Refer to Attachment “CA-1”.)

1.2 “E”xtension Activities (Enrich, Educate, Explore, Escape, Entertain, Evolve)

Reports on activities and community information sessions held during the month:

1.2.1 “E” (Escape & Evade) Session

Report – National Simultaneous Storytime
Prepared by – Rita Lennon, Librarian, Armadale Library

Topic: National Simultaneous Storytime 2009
Presenters: Rebekah Milnes and Gregg Pearce, (Community Development Officers, City of Armadale)
Date: Wednesday, 27th May 2009
Time: 11.00am
Venue: Armadale Library
No. Attending: 14 children; 8 adults

Comments: In this 9th year of the National Simultaneous Storytime, held during Literacy and Numeracy Week, the featured story was “Pete the Sheep”, written by Jackie French and illustrated by Bruce Whatley.

In keeping with some of the characters in the story Gregg dressed up as a shearer, and brought along his faithful companion, Lizzie – a miniature kelpie. Needless to say Lizzie was a big hit with the children.

Rebekah used her vocal talents in reading the story while Gregg and I embellished the tale using sheep and English Sheep Dog puppets and a curly wig.
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Using activity sheets drawn by Bruce Whatley the children were invited to make either a sheep or a sheepdog mask. The sheep and dog masks were given trendy hairdos using cotton wool and rug wool. There were “Pete the Sheep” stickers for each child and “sheep crackers” (cottage cheese on rice crackers) were provided as a fitting healthy snack afterwards.

The event was very enjoyable and all who attended had a great time, with many borrowing books before leaving the library. A selection of storybooks and non fiction books about sheep, farms and sheep dogs were on display throughout the session.

1.3 Marketing Workshop

(Report prepared by Bill Leigh: Senior Branch Librarian)

On the 4th May, the staff of the City of Armadale Library Services participated in a library marketing workshop presented by John Stanley, a marketing consultant with considerable experience in the public library sector. The aim of the workshop was to prepare staff for the different environment and work practices which will be encountered as a result of the relocation of the Armadale Library to its new premises in the Armadale Central Shopping Centre. The workshop was challenging and stimulating, resulting in a number of useful strategies for improvements to service delivery. Many positive comments were received from participants, including the following:

“The training day was very uplifting, and exhausting, but it was terrific to have everybody together brainstorming ideas and being enthusiastic about the possibilities for our library service. Finding out about the characteristics of each user group, from spoodles to grey tigers was also very useful.”

“The session with John Stanley was an excellent team building exercise. From it came an abundance of fresh ideas for the new Armadale Library and a common sense of purpose towards making it a truly unique and valuable community space. These ideas will flow on through all three City of Armadale libraries and further cement their position as being fundamental to a progressive and changing urban environment.”
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“The workshop was of great value as it was an opportunity for all library staff to come together as one team with joint objectives. This was particularly useful for local studies as the library is presently isolated from the rest of the City of Armadale Libraries.”

“The concept of 'thinking outside the box' got everyone's brains working and there were some excellent ideas put forward. I found the day very inspiring and I have had really positive feedback from staff. It was a wonderful opportunity to all get together as one team and work collectively together.”

2. HERITAGE SERVICES

2.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

The Heritage Department’s statistical performance indicators report for the month of May 2009 is attached. (Refer to Attachment “CA-2”.)

2.2 Birtwistle Local Studies Library

(Report prepared by Lorraine Pearce, Historian/Local Studies Librarian)

AMLIB Information Day

The Historian/Local Studies Librarian was asked to make a presentation at an AMLIB Information Day held at the Riverton Public Library. The presentation involved how the AMLIB automated library system used by the City of Armadale Libraries can be applied to local history collections.

The talk was based on the following:

- Types of materials in the Birtwistle Local Studies Library Collection
- Ability to create catalogue entries specific to the library’s needs.
- Demonstration on using the City of Armadale Libraries’ Net Opac to search the Birtwistle Local Studies Library Collection.
- Future plans for cataloguing the local history collection which include:
  1. Importing images into their catalogue record
  2. Adding sound bites and links to transcripts in the oral history catalogue record
- Suggestions of improvement of the following available with AMLIB:
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1. Increasing the size of the thumbnail image connected to the catalogue record

2. The image and information should be located on the same page

3. The need for NetOpac to be more in accordance with the Web 2.0 environment that internet users are familiar with today.

District History Rewrite Webpage

A webpage on the City of Armadale Website has been created to promote the District History Rewrite. At the beginning of the webpage along with their photograph, researchers and writers of the book Jennie and Bevan Carter share, in a recorded message, their background and what they find interesting about the project. The page is then broken into the following sections containing scans of original documents illustrating the information provided:

- The Scope of the Written History
- A Tiny Piece of the Story So Far
  - Original Landowners
  - European Settlers
  - Relationships between Original Landowners and European Settlers

The Manager for Libraries and Heritage and the Historian/Local Studies Librarian are listed as contacts should people have any queries regarding the project.

Community Talk by Tom Price – “Families: Their Contribution to the History of a District”

Thirty-eight people attended a talk organised by the Historian/Local Studies Librarian and given by Tom Price in the City of Armadale Administration Building Function Room. Tom, third generation owner of Illawarra Orchard in Karragullen, shared with the group some of his family history as well as the history of Illawarra Orchard and the Karragullen/Roleystone/Canning Mills area. The talk featured many old photographs which proved to be popular with those in attendance.

After the presentation Tom was able to answer questions relating to orcharding and the history of the area, continuing the discussion with individuals over morning tea.

Centenary of Gazettal of Armadale Township Display

Seville Grove Library is currently housing a display to commemorate the Centenary of Gazettal of Armadale Township which was exhibited at the Minnowarra Festival. The display highlights important events in Armadale’s
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history during the period of the gazetted and recent times. The information can also be found on the City of Armadale website.

2.2 History House Museum

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator)

De-accessioning Program
History House Museum has started a program of identifying items within the collection that have no association with the history of the City of Armadale, any person associated with the City of Armadale or has inadequate documentation. These items are being assessed and then presented to the Public History Advisory Group for de-accessioning and suggested disposal methods.

Items in the collection are being de-accessioned to reduce the pressure on the museum storage space and any potential drain on museum resources. Many of the items are being transferred to the museum public program collection.

Collections Mosaic Plus V10
History House Museum has updated its collection management system by up-grading to version 10. This upgrade has improved the museum’s ability to enter and retrieve relevant data pertaining to objects in the collection. The upgrade also allows for a wider range of data files to be linked to records greatly improving the amount of data the database can retrieve.

Museum Donations
We recently had a donation of a Lake Jandakot Sailing Club Commodores Cap and club tie to the museum. The cap and tie were worn by Mr Pearce Harrison between 1957 and 1960. These items are significant as they represent a recreational pursuit on Forrestdale Lake that no longer exists. Forrestdale Lake was once large enough and deep enough for local residents to sail on it. The cap and tie were kindly donated by Jean Harrison the wife of Pearce.

3. VISITOR SERVICING

3.1 Statistical Performance Indicators: May 2009

1496 people came to the Centre for the month of May 2009 compared to 1468 for the same period in 2008.
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May Stats

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VISITOR CENTRE OPENED FOR 218 HOURS

AVERAGE VISITORS PER WEEK: 374
VOLUNTEER HOURS PER WEEK: 35

VISITOR CENTRE - DOLLAR VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY:

Average Day Visitor Spend:

$2,288 per day = $16,012 per week = $64,050 per month

Based on $50 per person who came into the Visitor Centre staying one day in our area,
This is a conservative figure as current guidelines are based on $80 per person each day.
Figure calculated as - Visitors less Ticketmaster.

Average Spend – Including Accommodation:

$911 per night = $6,375 per week = $25,500 per month

Figure is calculated by Using Inter and Overseas figures only for the month, based on $150 per person.

TOTAL TOURISM DOLLAR VALUE – MAY 2009: $89,550
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REPORTING DATA

The Visitor Centre continues to obtain Postal Codes from as many people as possible when they visit the Centre.

**POSTAL CODES for May 2009 (not accurate to Door Count)**

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3.2 Visitor Centre

SMS Technology Trial Project:

The Visitor Centre Association of WA has applied for grant funding to conduct an SMS technology trial project in Visitor Centres. Armadale has been selected to participate, as one of only two Visitor Centres throughout the State, in this project.

The trial of an SMS and Bluetooth service will consist of downloadable content in either a slideshow or video clip that can be sent via SMS to the visitor, once they enter a code.

This technology can expand to operators, regional information, bookings, and events. In addition, the centre will trial a Bluetooth service in which visitors can receive free information via Bluetooth to their mobile phones.

By participating in this trial, the Visitor Centre will be able to promote this technology using local operators, encouraging them to participate and build their content in the expanding SMS environment.

Over the weekend of the 16th & 17th May, the Coordinator worked at the Hospitality and Tourism Careers Expo held at the Perth Convention Centre, in the Tourism Village area.

This resulted in extensive distribution of Armadale brochures and information including packs compiled by Centre staff.

Armadale Visitor Centre hosted a meeting of the Experience Perth Visitor Centre Management Network on the 28th May. Fifteen Visitor Centre Managers from across the ‘Experience Perth’ region attended, including Swan Valley, Rockingham, Mandurah and Mundaring. We were able to use the Waterford Executive Conference Centre in Bedfordale as part of our showcasing of the Armadale Region, with all attendees leaving with an Armadale marketing pack.

The Coordinator attended the official launch of the new branding of the Serpentine Valley at Café on the Dam by the Minister of Tourism, Dr Elizabeth Constable on the 17th May 09.
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RANGER & EMERGENCY SERVICES GENERAL MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2009

1. Animal Control

1.1 Dogs

Ranger Services received three hundred (300) requests for assistance during this report period. Whilst the overall number of requests for assistance is only slightly lower than the comparable period of 2008, it is pleasing to note a 38% decrease in the number of reported dog attacks from the corresponding period of 2007/2008.

Ranger Services will continue to make available educational, training and management programmes that are adequate and appropriate to reduce both the seriousness and frequency of dog attacks.

1.2 Livestock

During this report period, Ranger Services attended to twelve (12) requests for assistance in dealing with stock wandering on the road, again this represents a significant reduction in the number of reported incidents.

1.3 Court Action

The following information relates to legal action taken by Ranger Services pursuant to the provisions of the Dog Act 1976, these matters were heard and determined in the Armadale Magistrate’s Court during the month of April 2009.

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2 Vehicles

2.1 Parking

Ranger Services received sixty four (64) requests for assistance, and issued twenty eight (28) infringement notices in regard to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period.
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2.2 Abandoned Vehicles

The number of abandoned vehicles dealt with by Ranger Services continues to be of concern, with twenty two (22) being recorded during this report period.

2.3 Commercial Vehicles (Trucks)

The number of reports received in relation to trucks being parked in residential areas for extended periods has risen slightly during this report period. Rangers will continue to be vigilant in this area of operations.

2.4 Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

Ranger Services attended to fourteen (14) reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in areas that are prohibited during the report period.

3. Fire Services

Rangers continue a high profile in relation to hazardous blocks and offer advice to land owners with regard to fuel reduction and ongoing maintenance of firebreaks.

Ranger Services received two hundred and forty one (241) requests for assistance during the report period, which represents a 28% increase from the corresponding period of 2007/2008.

4. General

Nominations Open for 2009 Firefighting Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2009 Firefighting Awards. Firefighters and FESA staff are invited to nominate firefighters and teams/brigades who have excelled and gone beyond the call of duty in the past 12 months. These awards give the opportunity to recognise extraordinary achievements and also give firefighters the chance to acknowledge the hard work of their fellow team mates.

Devotion to duty beyond normal expectations, exceptional commitment to the team, or the development of an initiative or idea are just some of the many qualities that make a firefighter worthy of being nominated.

Nominations can be submitted for the following categories:

Career Fire and Rescue Service of Western Australia Award
Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service of Western Australia Award
Murray Lang Bush Fire Service of Western Australia Award
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Youth Achievement Award (firefighters 16 – 25 years old)

Nomination forms are available here or by visiting the awards page of www.fesa.wa.gov.au. For more information contact the Awards Coordinator on 9323 9399 or email awards@fesa.wa.gov.au

Nominations close 5pm Friday, 31 July 2009.

5. Statistics – May 2009

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MINUTES OF OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Armadale Highland Gathering Working Group Meeting of 12 May 2009. (Refer to Attachment “CA-3”.)

Connected Communities Armadale Inc. Meeting of 5 March 2009. (Refer to Attachment “CA-4”.)

Public History Advisory Group Meeting of 2 April 2009. (Refer to Attachment “CA-5”.)
Information Items from the Community Services Directorate

MISCELLANEOUS

A Program of Events for the period July to December 2009 to be provided by the Community Services Directorate:

Program of Forums/Events/Activities continued
July – December 2009

For further information on upcoming events and activities please contact Community Services Development Officer or visit City of Armadale website www.armadale.wa.gov.au
COA Libraries
Borrower’s Reservations
May 2009

COA Libraries
Comparison Reservation by Staff & Direct by Borrower
May 2009
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MINUTES

OF THE ARMADALE HIGHLAND GATHERING WORKING GROUP HELD ON TUESDAY, 12 MAY 2009 IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MEETING ROOM, CITY OF ARMADALE, COMMENCING AT 6.04 PM

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING – 24 MARCH 2009

Cr Stewart suggested that inclusion of Council’s Tourism Coordinator (Yvonne Bradfield) on the Armadale Highland Gathering Working Group and Minnawarra Festival Working Group would be beneficial to both Committees.

The Events Coordinator advised she had had discussions with the Manager Libraries & Heritage Services in regard Council’s Tourism Coordinator (Yvonne Bradfield) becoming a member of the Armadale Highland Gathering Working Group and Minnawarra Festival Working Group. Patricia Walker had advised that although Yvonne Bradfield would be available to provide advice, if called upon, her present work commitments made it difficult for her to attend either of the Working Group Meetings on a regular basis.
3. PORTFOLIO REPORTS

3.1 Site Layout/Logistics – Events Coordinator
The Events Coordinator advised that the site layout was not something that needed to be decided until all vendor registrations had been received. As it gets closer to the date of the event a draft plan will be provided for the group’s scrutiny.

3.2 Pipe Band Competition – Ken Manolas
Ken Manolas advised that the State Pipe Band Championships had just been held and it looks as though (6) of the major pipe bands in Western Australia will be available to play at the 2009 AHG. If this is the case, there will be about almost twice the number of mini bands playing as last year.

3.3 Clans
In reply to a query from Alister Wilson regarding the size of tent available to the Clans, the Events Coordinator advised that the size of the Clan tent had been increased in size compared to that of the previous year and this had resulted in a lot more space being available. Barbara Ewing-Manolas advised that there will be the same number of clans taking part as last year. She will be able to confirm this information next month after the Clan gathering to be held on Sunday, 17 May 2009.

3.4 Entertainment – Cr Jim Stewart
At the previous meeting held on 24 March 2009, the subject of possible entertainment had been discussed and a number of possible entertainers suggested for the 2009 AHG.

In regard to the Bon Scott Theme proposed by Cr Stewart, a report was considered by Council and it was resolved that instead of considering a theme in isolation that Council support a review of the Armadale Highland Gathering in conjunction with all other events and programs.

Barbara Ross enquired whether contact had yet been made with choirs in the area. The Events Coordinator advised that this had not yet occurred as the scheduling aspect of the Gathering had not yet been undertaken but she would be happy to discuss this with members.

The Armadale Concert Band are retained on a sponsorship contract with Council and as part of that contract, they perform at 3 of Council’s events per annum free of charge. The Events Coordinator advised that it was her recommendation that the Armadale Concert Band be scheduled to play first at the 2009 AHG for logistical reasons.

The Events Coordinator advised that in order to keep the AHG stimulating it was important that the same performers not be used at every event.

Members suggested that following performers be considered for the 2009 AHG:
- Miles to Go
- Clan
• **Heel n Toe**

*It was suggested that the Events Coordinator provide, for Committee’s consideration at the next meeting, a list of performers willing to perform at the 2009 AHG. Until the budget allocation is known, securement of the Bad Piper also be left for consideration to the next meeting of the AHG.*

*It was also suggested by Committee that the Events Coordinator approach various Choirs in the local area in regard their availability to perform at the 2009 AHG.*

3.5 **Cycling Event – Henk Vogels**

*2009 will provide another good field of competitors in the cycling event. It will be the 20th anniversary of the event. Henk to provide the Events Coordinator with a list of competitors as soon as names become available.*

3.5 **Highland Dancing Competition - Peter Andrews**

*Nil*

3.6 **Heavy Events – Alasdair Courtney**

*The Events Coordinator advised that she was in the process of contacting Alasdair Courtney with a view to him taking over management of the Heavy Events.*

3.7 **Royal Scottish Country Dancing Displays**

*Barbara Ewing-Manolas requested that, if possible, the small children be engaged to dance on stage at the 2009 AHG. Liaison to occur with Peter Andrews in this regard.*

*The Events Coordinator to check if payment had been made to the Burns Club.*

3.8 **Food and Craft Vending – Events Coordinator**

*The Events Coordinator advised that the registrations of interest would be sent out in June/July 2009 for craft. These are also available on Council’s event website.*

3.9 **Finance – Events Coordinator**

*No information to report until budget considerations have been finalised. However, the allocation of funding would probably be the same as last financial year.*

4. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

*Nil*

5. **NEXT MEETING**

*The next meeting to be held on 14 July 2009 at 6.00 pm in the City of Armadale Committee Room*
6. **CLOSURE**

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.00 PM
MINUTES

CONNECTED COMMUNITIES ARMADALE INCORPORATED MEETING
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT THE CITY OF ARMADALE ON
THURSDAY, 5 MARCH 2009 AT 3.15 PM

1.0 Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting at 3.15 pm.

2.0 Attendance & Apologies

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3.0 Declaration of Members’ Interest

Nil

4.0 Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 27 November & 3 December 2008

RECOMMEND

That the Minutes of the Connected Communities Armadale Incorporated (CCAI) Meeting of 27 November and 3 December 2008 be received.

5.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes – 27 November & 3 December 2008

5.1 Questionnaire of User Groups

Creation of a questionnaire to gauge current users and non users, community groups to find out how they would use the website and what they might be looking for. This depended on two things:

(1) The creation of a Questionnaire for survey of user groups;
5.2 Community Portal Website

Richard Price was to draft a letter to Unify (the developers of the website) requesting a per annum cost to maintain upgrades. However, they never responded. Richard then contacted Oliver Fehr and asked him if he would be interested in providing support services. He has since come back with a proposal to migrate the website from the existing platform and software base (controlled by Unify) to one that would be controlled and owned by Connected Communities. The quote for the works will be $5,000. (Refer to Attachment “A-1”.) The annual maintenance cost is not included in the quote.

Cr Zelones explained that the quote was for the transfer of the current site to a new a new software platform (Plone 3). In terms of changing the structure, it gives a whole new design, layout and colours.

Following a lengthy discussion in regard to the currency of the website, the current users and would-be users, Committee members were of the view that ideally a survey of user groups was preferable in the first instance to gauge relevance of the community portal but that the transfer of the website to the control of the CCAI was a priority. Mr Fehr and Mr Price be requested to attend the next meeting of the CCAI to discuss the migration of the website.

Action:
An invitation be extended to Mr Oliver Fehr and Richard Price to attend the next meeting of the CCAI to advise on quote for Migrating the Community Portal website.

6.0 General Business

6.1 Financial Statements
The Financial Statements for the period ended 23 February 2009 were tabled for Committee’s consideration. (Refer to Attachment “A-2”.)

6.2 Budget Allocation
Research to be undertaken in regard to clarification of the budget commitment to the CCAI from the City of Armadale and Armadale Redevelopment Authority. This matter to be referred to the next meeting of the CCAI for consideration.

6.3 Compliance with Constitution
Compliance with the rules of the Constitution being met were discussed and queried whether they were in fact being complied with, i.e. the holding of an AGM within 18 months of incorporation. This matter to be referred to the next meeting of the CCAI for consideration.
7.0 **Next Meeting – 26 March 2009**

The next Meeting of Connected Communities Armadale Incorporated will be held on **Thursday, 26 March 2009 at 3.00 pm** in the City of Armadale Committee Room.

8.0 **Close**

**MEETING CLOSED AT 4.35 PM**
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CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF PUBLIC HISTORY ADVISORY GROUP HELD IN BIRTWISTLE LOCAL STUDIES LIBRARY, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON

THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2009 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

Ms Hazel James
Mr Kim Fletcher           Chair
Cr L Reynolds
Mrs Faye Clay
Mrs Colleen Fancote
Ms Kath Coulthard

APOLOGIES:

OBSEVERS:

Nil

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Patricia Walker - Manager Libraries and Heritage
Mrs Lorraine Pearce - Historian/Local Studies Librarian
Mr Christen Bell - Museum Curator

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2009 were confirmed.

2. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

2.1 District History Rewrite (Manager Libraries and Heritage)
Next meeting of Steering Committee to be held on Thursday 9 April 2009.

2.2 **Plaques for Parks** (Manager Libraries and Heritage)

As previous meeting was cancelled the wording for latest plaques is to be presented at Community Services Meeting on Tuesday 7 April 2009.

2.3 **100th Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Armadale Township**

History House 100th Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Armadale Township Exhibition will be completed for the Minnawarra Festival on Sunday 5 April.

Display promoting the centenary is now on the City of Armadale Website.

### 3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 **History House Museum Report** (Curator)

Report and statistical data attached.

3.2 **Birtwistle Local Studies Library** Report (Historian/Local Studies Librarian)

Report and statistical data attached.

3.3 **Reports from PHAC committee members**

Committee members are invited to report on the activities of their respective organisations

*(Any other information items that require a decision will be listed as a business item on the agenda for the next meeting.)*

*City of Armadale, Community Representatives.*

- Hazel James resigned as Public History Advisory Group Chairperson owing to her inability to attend meetings on time due to work commitments. Will remain as a group member.

- Long time local resident Keith Gregson has been successful in obtaining permission from the Main Roads Department to place a plaque 18 kms north of the township of Williams along the Albany Highway. The plaque will mark the lonely grave of Pat Hart who worked transporting sandalwood and was found dead at the spot by workmates.

  Keith Gregson owing to his work on the Albany Highway was able to show Kim Fletcher culverts built by convicts when constructing the road.

  Three local Aboriginal Elders have submitted the idea of recognising Bill Clare at the Champion Lakes development to the Armadale Redevelopment Authority. Bill was a
well known sportsman and active community member who was a resident to the Champion Lakes area.

**Armadale and Districts Perseveration Group Inc Representative**

- Kath Coulthard presented to the Birtwistle Local Studies Library on behalf of the Kelmscott History Group:
  1. 2 hard copies of the *Kelmscott River Foreshore Interpretation Plan*
  2. CD containing the *Interpretation Plan Report*
  3. A hard copy *Archaeological Excavation of the Kelmscott Town Lot 26 Report*

The donation was gratefully accepted into the library.

**Western Australian Genealogical Society Representative**

Colleen Fancote was interviewed on the Steve Gordon Show on 6PR Radio Station on the evening of Sunday 8 March 2009. The interview involved a discussion on the history of Kelmscott. The CD containing the interview is to be deposited into the Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

The Kelmscott History Group is placing a display in the Birtwistle Local Studies Library for the Minnawarra Festival. The display will feature panels that were created for the Kelmscott River Foreshore Heritage Walk plaques.

**Public History Volunteer Representative**

Faye Clay expressed appreciation on behalf of the Birtwistle Local Studies Library Volunteers on being kept informed by the Historian/Local Studies Librarian about the move into the new library. Mrs Clay said that it was a concern to some of the volunteers about the differences of working in the new library in comparison to the environment of the present Local Studies Library. Keeping the volunteers informed of the changes has aided in alleviating any stress associated with the move.

**City of Armadale, Council Representative.**

Cr Reynolds is working with the City of Armadale web designer to make available on the City’s website an index of Road Board meetings that will link up to an image of a copy of the original record. The records will be made available in 10 year batches.

After researching at Landgate Cr Reynolds has been able to resolve the Kelmscott – Jandakot boundary issue. Images have been taken of the records from the Boundary File and the CD containing the information is available in the Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

Meeting closed: 8:17pm.

**Next Meeting**

**THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2009**
Attachment 1.

Report for History House Museum
for January and February 2009

January

Saluting Their Service Grant

The Bedfordale Honour Roll is currently being restored thanks to fund received through the Saluting their Service Grant.

Group Visits

January has hosted several group visits from the Armadale Home Help Group and Care Time a support group for Adults with Disabilities. Both groups enjoyed their visits.

Museum Displays

History House Museum is currently developing two displays. The first is a temporary display about the 100th Anniversary of the Gazetting of the town of Armadale. The second display is stage one of the History House Museum Interpretation Plan. It will introduce visitors to the Museum to the history of the City of Armadale.

Who Was That Soldier Lesson Plan

A new lesson plan encouraging students to research local men and women who served in the Australian armed forces during war time has been developed with the assistance of PHAG member Hazel James. The plan encourages students to take this information and turn it into a creative project or a display at the museum. Research information can be lodged with the Birtwistle Local Studies Library.
Attachment 2.

Report for Birtwistle Local Studies Library
for January and February 2009

January

Oral Histories on Webpage

Excerpts from oral history recordings are continuing to be placed on the City’s webpage, the current number being twelve.
Interviews are selected for their content which reflects some interesting, informative and entertaining areas of district history.

Family History Open Day

In response to a newspaper article, a number of people took advantage of the Birtwistle Local Studies Library Family History Research Open Day.
Aside from the usual family history bookings the library was visited by those who wanted to see what the library had to offer.
The open day presented an opportunity to display materials available other than those which are computer based. The result was very positive with people using the resource books to assist with their family history research; others showed an interest in the Western Australian History and City of Armadale Local History section of the library. There was also some interest shown in the upcoming “How to Use Ancestry” talk and a number of people joined the electronic mailing list in order to receive newsletters and information.

Rust proofing Old Armadale Schoolroom Window Frames

Owing to the water from sprinklers causing rust to the Old Armadale Schoolroom inside and outside window frames they have been treated.
The frames have been cleaned, rust proofed and painted.
Parks and gardens have agreed to reset the sprinklers so that the water does not spray onto the building therefore protecting it from further water damage.
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