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## ALGA NEWS 13 FEBRUARY 2015

### 2015 NGA Registrations launched

Registrations for the 2015 National General Assembly to be held in Canberra from 14 to 17 June, 2015 will open next Wednesday, 18 February.

The Assembly theme *Closest to the Community: Local Government in the Federation* will put the spotlight on one of the key political drivers of 2015, the White Paper processes on Federation and Taxation.

Invitations have been extended to the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, the Deputy Prime Minister, as well as number of keynote and panel speakers.

Information on registrations, call for motions and the NGA Discussion Paper will be available on line from Wednesday, and this information will also be sent to councils late next week.

Motions for the 2015 NGA will be accepted online, and will close on 17 April 2015.

### 2015 Regional Cooperation and Development Forum

The 2015 Regional Cooperation and Development Forum will be held on Sunday 14 June and will include the launch of the 2015-16 State of the Regions Report.

The 2015 Regional Forum is the opening event of the National General Assembly of Local Government. It is a great opportunity for mayors, councillors, RDA members and other key decision and policy makers to gather together, share contemporary knowledge and experience to strengthen the ability of Australia's diverse regions to compete in the global economy.

This year's Forum and report examines the critical role played by our regional infrastructure assets and models the productivity benefits arising from strategic investment in a range of asset classes.

### State of the Assets work expands

ALGA will produce a National State of the Assets Community Infrastructure Report for the first time in 2015.

The report will complement the successful National State the Local Roads Assets report which has been produced since 2012. State of the roads data will also be collected again this year.

ALGA has commissioned Jeff Roorda and Associates (JRA) in partnership with the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG), Institute of Public Works Australasia (IPEWA) and JAC Comrie to undertake the National State of the

Assets Community Infrastructure Report which will capture the state of key asset groups such as building and facilities, parks and recreation, stormwater and water cycle management, water and wastewater, and airports.

ALGA will continue to discuss the development of the project with state and territory associations to ensure the categories used in the data collection are the most appropriate.

It is expected data collection will commence in March and April, with the report to be released at the National Local Roads and Transport Congress in Ballarat in November 2015.

## President's Column

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ALGA lodged its [2015-16 Budget Submission](#) at the end of last week.

The document outlines local government's key national priorities in the context of the Federal Government's fiscal constraints and includes proposals for initiatives in 2015-16 as well as proposals for programs and directions in future budget years.

It builds on ALGA's strategic direction and key issues in our ongoing advocacy work.

The submission, while recognising the challenging fiscal environment, calls on the Australian Government to immediately restore indexation of Financial Assistance Grant (FAGs), which was frozen in the 2014-15 Budget for a period of three years.

In the longer term, ALGA would like to see a review of the adequacy of the base and indexation methodology of FAGs.

The importance of the local road network has been highlighted in the Submission, with ALGA proposing a strategic regional roads program aimed at boosting productivity through investment in first and last mile projects.

The \$100 million would supplement the valuable Roads to Recovery program, which will see councils receive a one-off doubling of R2R funds this financial year. The first and last mile strategic program would help enhance regional productivity through additional investment to improve access for freight vehicles and connectivity between local roads and preferred state and national freight routes.

Beyond 2015-16, ALGA has asked for the Federal Government to commit to a permanent doubling of Roads to Recovery and a permanent Bridges Renewal Program.

Community infrastructure has been identified as a key area of investment to support local communities, with a \$300 million program per annum for the next four years proposed to allow councils to plan and deliver adequate and appropriate community infrastructure projects to enhance their resilience.

ALGA's submission also looks at disaster funding arrangements, managing the effects of climate change and the provision of indigenous municipal services.

Next week, the ALGA Board will come together for a two day strategic planning meeting,

to review the ALGA Strategic plan, discuss the ongoing campaign to have FAGs indexation restored and address a number of other strategic issues. This important meeting will help guide ALGA's ongoing advocacy work as we head towards a Federal election in 2016.

Mayor Troy Pickard  
ALGA President

## Strategic board meeting

The ALGA Board will hold its annual two-day strategic planning meeting in Canberra next week.

The meeting will focus on a review of ALGA's 2014-2017 Strategic Plan which outlines the organisation's core priorities and guides ALGA's advocacy work, representing local government at a national level.

The ALGA board will also consider details for the ongoing campaign to restore the indexation of Financial Assistance Grants, which was frozen in the 2014 Federal Budget.

More detail on the outcomes of the board meeting will be in future editions of ALGA News.

## Green Army Round 3 now open for applications

Community organisations, environment groups and local councils around Australia are invited to nominate new Green Army projects to support practical environment and conservation activities in their region - with Round 3 of the programme now open for applications.

The Green Army gives Australians aged 17-24 years the opportunity for training and experience in environmental and conservation fields and to explore careers in conservation management.

Successful round 2 projects will be announced shortly.

Applications for projects under Round 3 of the programme close on 17 March 2015.

To be eligible for Round 3, projects sponsors must have at least one project ready to begin between 1 June 2015 and 30 June 2016.

Community information sessions on the Green Army Programme are also underway in each state and territory during February 2015.

Session locations and times are available [here](#).

Further information on the Green Army including project guidelines and the application form is available online [here](#).

## Neighbour Day 2015 made easy - Free resources for councils

Neighbour Day is the perfect opportunity for local councils to bring people together to acknowledge and celebrate the strong sense of neighbourhood many communities have. The day is held on the last Sunday in March every year, and in 2015 it will be Sunday March 29.

When people register an event on the new Neighbour Day website they can access the free e-kit and resources which include:

- posters (can be co-branded and include local sponsors),
- invitations,
- e-cards,
- calling cards,
- signs for selfies and for use at events,
- Certificate of Recognition template (can be co-branded),
- 'How to Council' - tips for making it easy,
- 'How to Social for Councils' - ready-made content for Facebook and Twitter,
- similar resources for general community use,
- media release template for local use, and
- stories, recipes, tip sheets, links to Very Neighbourly Organisations, and more!

The aim is to help grow connected, healthy and resilient neighbourhoods.

Remember to register events to help track participation. Neighbour Day is brought to you by Relationships Australia.

*To find out more about our annual national celebration of Neighbour Day visit [www.neighbourday.org/](http://www.neighbourday.org/), follow us on Facebook [facebook.com/neighbourday](https://www.facebook.com/neighbourday) or Twitter [@neighbourday](https://twitter.com/neighbourday).*

## Local Government: Australia's Economic and Workforce Powerhouse

The Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government, based at the University of Technology Sydney, will launch Australia's first, extensive profile of the local government workforce, next week.

Centre Director, Associate Professor Roberta Ryan says the report explodes the myth that local government is only about roads, rates and rubbish.

"Local Government is, in fact, an Australian powerhouse, punching above its weight in terms of its contribution to the nation's economy and social fabric, particularly in regional, rural and remote Australia.

"Local government is a big business. Australia's 556 local governments employ nearly

200,000 people in a diverse range of roles across the country. Together, Australia's local governments spend more than \$30 billion annually," A/Prof Ryan said.

In a number of rural and remote Local Government Areas across Australia, local government is either the top, or one of the top, employers.

Other key findings include:

- More than 4.5 percent of the local government workforce across Australia is Indigenous. The figure surpasses both state and territory governments (two percent), the federal government (1.5 percent), and the private sector (1.3 percent). Nationally, local government has exceeded the Council of Australian Governments (CoAG) public sector indigenous employment target of 2.6 percent.
- The local government workforce is ageing and, on average, is older compared with other government and industry sectors. According to the ABS Census, 37 percent of the local government workforce is aged 50 years or over, compared to the Australian labour force average of 29 percent. Correspondingly, the proportion of local government employees aged less than 35 years is much lower than the Australian average.

*Profile of the Local Government Workforce* is free to download from [www.acelg.org.au](http://www.acelg.org.au), next week.

## Senate votes to initiate historic Inquiry into Regional Capitals in Australia

The Senate's Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee will hold an inquiry into the future role and contribution of regional capitals to Australia, with the report due by 1 December 2015.

Greens Senator for Tasmania, Senator Peter Whish-Wilson said, "In this parliament we spend a lot of time developing policy for big cities and quite a bit of time on rural policies, especially relating to agriculture, but we spend no time at all on the special needs of the unique middle-sized cities dotted around our country.

"Regional capitals, like Launceston or Ballarat or Orange, are blessed with unique challenges and opportunities, and this Inquiry provides the Senate with an opportunity to investigate how we can craft policy specifically to cater for their needs.

"The Inquiry will investigate what policies governments could pursue to help these cities thrive and relieve some of the pressure on the larger metropolises," he said.

Among the issues to be explored are:

- a. an assessment of current demographic trends and the changing role of regional capitals;
- b. an analysis of current funding provided to regional capitals;
- c. an analysis of the benefit of additional funding regional capitals could receive based on population, demand for services and their strategic importance for the region, state or country;

- d. investment challenges and opportunities to maintain or grow regional capitals, including infrastructure, community and human services, communications and natural resources;
- e. incentives and policy measures that would support sustainable growth in regional capitals;
- f. the impact the changing environment will have on regional capitals; and
- g. any other related matters.

## Contemporary dance funded for regional areas

The Australia Council for the Arts has funded five arts organisations to stage performances,

mentor local artists and engage with audiences to enable regional communities to experience contemporary dance.

Australia Council Director Dance Carin Mistry said the funding would allow regional audiences to see touring productions by major dance companies and choreographers, newly commissioned work and meet the artists through activities such as workshops and Q&A sessions.

"Contemporary dance is not often toured to regional areas, which makes it difficult for audiences to experience this type of dance and increase interest in this artform," Ms Mistry said.

The five organisations to receive funding are:

- Country Arts SA
- Mandurah Performing Arts Centre (WA)
- Ausdance Qld
- Frankston Arts Centre (Vic)
- BlakDance Australia in partnership with Performing Lines (National)

Applications are now open for the Australia Council's new grants model. The first round closes on 3 March.

For more information click [here](#).

## NBN set to narrow digital divide for 400,000 homes and businesses

Access to faster broadband in remote and regional Australia is one step closer, as the company building the National Broadband Network (NBN) announced on Monday 9 February that construction work is complete on all ten of its satellite ground stations.

These stations will act as a backbone to help deliver NBN services to around 400,000 Australian homes and businesses via two of the biggest telecommunications satellites in

the world - a crucial component designed to level the playing field between city and bush.

The news follows a recent Akamai report which ranked Australian Internet speeds at 44th globally, suggesting many schools, businesses and homes in remote areas are at risk of falling behind in a vastly competitive digital world.

NBN Co's Satellite Architect, Julia Dickinson said many people in bigger cities take for granted the benefits that fast broadband provides.

To mark the milestone, NBN Co is launching the 'Shoot for the Stars' competition to give Aussie school kids aged 5-12 the opportunity to decorate the nose cone of the rocket which will launch the first satellite into space. In addition, the grand prize winner and their school will have the opportunity to name the satellite, etching their place in history.

For entry details and terms and conditions on the 'Shoot for the Stars' competition please click [here](#).

## Surf Life Saving Australia releases online tsunami guide

Surf Life Saving Australia's interactive online resource *Tsunami: The Ultimate Guide*, funded by the Australian Government, is a valuable resource which can be used by individuals and schools to educate on all aspects of tsunami hazards.

The release of the guide coincided with Australia's participation in an international tsunami warning exercise PacWAVE15 last week - a Pacific-wide exercise to evaluate the effectiveness of the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (PTWS), and to measure the readiness of countries in the Pacific Ocean to respond to distant and local tsunamis.

Australia's participation in PacWAVE15 is coordinated by the Bureau of Meteorology, in consultation with the relevant authorities and jurisdictions, including state and territory members of the Australian Tsunami Advisory Group (ATAG) of the Australia-New Zealand Emergency Management Committee.

On average, Australia experiences the effects of a tsunami about once every four years. Typically they cause dangerous rips, waves and strong currents which are hazardous to swimmers and boaters.

The guide was recognised for its importance when Surf Life Saving Australia received a Highly Commended award as a Project of National Significance at the 2014 Resilient Australia Awards.

The guide was funded through the Australian Government's National Emergency Management Projects (NEMP) program which funds emergency management projects of national significance.

*Tsunami: The Ultimate Guide* can be accessed [here](#).

## Overseas born Aussies hit a 120 year peak

The proportion of Australians who were born overseas has hit its highest point in 120 years, with 28 per cent of Australia's population - 6.6 million people - born overseas, according to figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

"Australia traditionally had a high proportion of migrants, but we've now hit a peak not seen since the gold rushes of the late 1800s," said Denise Carlton from the ABS.

"Overseas migration has been a large contributor to the total Australian population growth for several years - it has consistently been the main driver since 2005-06, contributing more than 50 per cent of population growth in Australia.

"While the largest migrant groups were people born in the United Kingdom and New Zealand - with a total of over 1.8 million Australian residents being born in those two countries, the next two most common birth places were from the Asian region.

"These were China and India, with around 450,000 and 400,000 people respectively.

More information on migrants living in Australia, and data on overseas and interstate migration can be found in [Migration, Australia, 2013-14](#) (cat. no. 3412.0), available from [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au).

## Submissions invited on regional 1800 MHz radio frequency reallocation

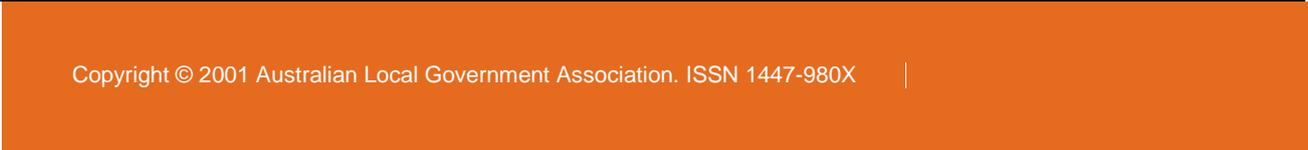
The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) is seeking comment from potentially affected apparatus licensees and other stakeholders on a draft reallocation recommendation for the regional 1800 MHz radio frequency spectrum.

The ACMA proposes to recommend to the Minister for Communication that the frequency ranges 1725-1785 MHz and 1820 - 1880 MHz in regional Australia be declared for allocation via the issue of spectrum licences.

The increasing availability of Long Term Evolution (LTE) broadband mobile telecommunications technology using the 1800 MHz band has led to an increasing demand for access to it in regional areas to deploy mobile telecommunications services. 1800 MHz band spectrum in the major cities is already licensed and used extensively, mainly for 4G mobile telecommunications.

The ACMA invites written comments on the terms of the draft recommendation and other matters raised in the discussion paper by 11 March 2015.

The discussion paper, Draft spectrum reallocation recommendation for the 1800 MHz band - Regional areas of Australia is available [here](#).



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## **1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS**

### **New Staff:**

- NIL

### **Staff Leaving:**

- Club Development Officer – Youth – resignation effective 10/2/15.

### **Other Staff Movements (Internal):**

- NIL

### **Current Recruitment Activity:**

- Manager Financial Services – recruitment progressing.
- Business Systems Support Officer – LG Reform – recruitment progressing.
- Coordinator Finance & Administration (Technical Services) – applications close 26/2/15.
- Community Facilities Planning Coordinator – recruitment progressing.
- Administration Assistant (Building) – position withdrawn.
- Truck Driver – recruitment progressing.
- Coordinator Customer Service – recruitment progressing.



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<b>TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS</b>		
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>REFERRING COMMITTEE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<p><b>Ordinary Council Meeting October 27 2014 Matter for Referral – Cr Butterfield.</b>  <i>"That the matter of a report on the possibility of installing traffic calming measures on Paterson Road (including funding options) be referred to the Technical Services Committee"</i></p>	<p>Technical Services</p>	<p>Investigation under way with report to be presented to March Technical Services Committee Meeting.</p>
<p><b>City Strategy Meeting November 17 2014 Matter for Referral – Cr Munn.</b>  <i>"That the Councillor item in regard to the playground at the Piara Waters Recreation area be referred to the relevant Directorate for action and/or report to the appropriate Committee."</i></p>		<p>Investigation under way with report to be presented to March Technical Services Committee Meeting.</p>
<p><b>City Strategy Meeting January 19 2015 Matter for Referral – Cr Wielinga.</b>  <i>"That the Councillors items in regard to:</i>  1. <i>Trees for Confined Spaces</i>  2. <i>Community Facebook Pages</i>  <i>be referred to the relevant Directorate for action or report to the appropriate Committee "</i></p>		<p>Officers investigating provision of additional information. Further advice to be provided as the matter progresses.</p>
<p><b>Ordinary Council Meeting February 9 2015 Matter for Referral – Cr Northcott.</b>  <i>"That the matter of issues regarding Settlers Common be referred to the Technical Services Committee".</i></p>		<p>In progress.</p>

**TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE**



## **Design, Traffic and Development**

### **Water Corporation – Nicholson Road Works – Harrisdale Drive to Warton Road**

To cater for current and future growth in the City of Armadale, the Water Corporation will be constructing 800 metres of water supply pipeline on Nicholson Road from mid-February until the end of June 2015.

During this time the south bound lanes will be closed and the traffic directed to the other lanes under controlled traffic management.

To keep the community and residents informed of this work the Water Corporation will be placing the attached notice in the Comment News on 10 and 17 February and Examiner newspaper on 12 and 19 February.

A resident newsletter, also attached, will be distributed in the week commencing 9 February 2015.

## Public Notice

### Nicholson Road Works – Harrisdale Drive to Warton Road

To service significant growth in Forrestdale, Water Corporation is preparing to construct a pipeline in the Nicholson Road reserve.

The works will start in mid-February 2015 and are currently expected to be complete in June 2015.

Traffic management between Harrisdale Drive and Warton Road will be in place to ensure the safety of the public and construction crews.

Traffic delays are expected, so please plan your journey ahead and take alternative routes where possible.

While access to local residences will be maintained at all times, residents are urged to take extra care and adhere to all traffic management directives.

The works will generally take place between 7:00am and 6:00pm on weekdays and 7:00am and 3:00pm on Saturdays.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding while these critical works are undertaken.

For more information, please call our 24 hour Faults, Emergencies and Security line on 13 13 75.



## Nicholson Road Forrestdale: works in your area

February – June 2015

### Supporting Growth in the City of Armadale

To cater for current and future growth in the City of Armadale, the Water Corporation will construct 800 metres of water supply pipeline on Nicholson Road from mid-February until the end of June 2015.

The project team aims to minimise impacts to all stakeholders in the vicinity of the pipeline works, which are being undertaken in close liaison with key stakeholders, including the City of Armadale.

These essential works will involve significant heavy vehicle movements and construction activity on and around Nicholson Road. A pipeline stockpile and site offices will also be established in the pipe easement at the end of Erade Drive near the corner of Nicholson Road and Warton Road.

We are promoting our **'Think Safe, Act Safe'** message throughout works delivery - your patience and co-operation is appreciated.

### Construction Stages

To minimise impacts to local residents and other Nicholson Road users, our critical works will be conducted in stages.

Staging will ensure road restoration works can be conducted while the same traffic management plan is in force, also minimising inconvenience to all road users.

#### **STAGE ONE: Harrisdale Drive & Nicholson Road junction**

These works will start during the week commencing Monday February 23 and are currently expected to take about one week to complete. The Harrisdale Drive Intersection at Nicholson Road will need to be closed during this period as we must cross the Intersection.

#### **STAGE TWO: Nicholson Road to The Grandstand junction**

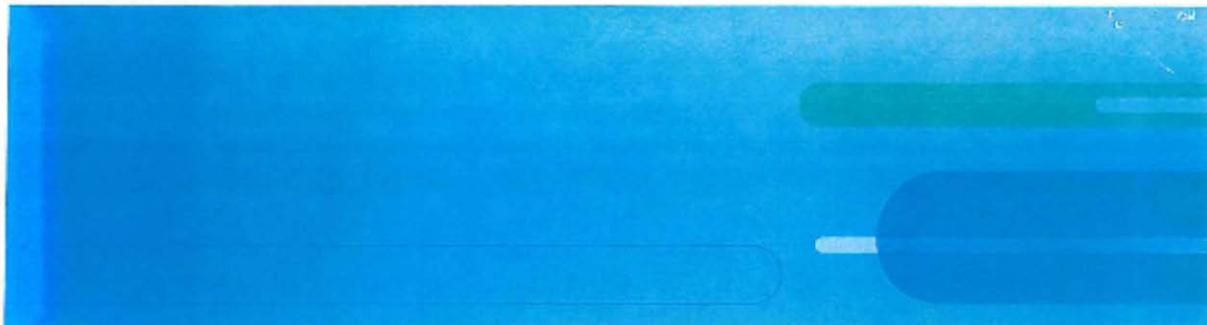
These works are currently scheduled to commence in early March and are expected to continue until early April. Stage two works will require closure of The Grandstand entrance from Nicholson Road.

During this period, affected local residents will be required to use clearly marked detours, via either Warton Road or Harrisdale Drive, to enter the residential precinct north of Nicholson Road.

#### **STAGE THREE: The Grandstand to Warton Road junction**

These works are currently scheduled to commence in the April and are expected to continue for approximately one month.

### Traffic Management



To ensure the safety of the public and construction crews, and to deliver our works in an orderly manner, staged, **contra-flow traffic management arrangements** and **reduced speed limits will be in force**.

**As traffic delays are likely, motorists are advised to plan their journeys, or take alternative routes where necessary.**

Motorists must adhere to all traffic management directives in the vicinity of the works. These may take the form of signage, on-site traffic management personnel or a combination of both.

#### **Pedestrian Safety**

This pipeline is being constructed by open-trench excavation. Excavations will be cordoned off, fenced and clearly signed.

Please follow signage instructions or the advice of on-the-ground traffic controllers and take extra care when travelling near our works zone.

#### **'Think Safe, Act Safe'**

#### **Hours of work**

Hours of work will generally be between 7.00am and 6.00pm, Monday to Saturday.

Works occurring after 7pm or on Sundays or public holidays will be conducted in accordance with approved noise management plans.

There will be a general break in the works over the Easter break, from 3 April to 6 April, inclusive.

#### **Want More Information?**

For further information contact the Project Communications Officer on (08) 9420 3265.

For after-hours assistance contact our 24-hour Faults, Emergencies and Security Line on 13 13 75.

**Web:** [www.watercorporation.com.au/projects](http://www.watercorporation.com.au/projects)



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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

**Access and Inclusion**

**Disability Advisory Team**

The City's Disability Advisory Team (DAT) meets on the first Tuesday of every second month. The team comprises community members, local service providers, a City Councillor and officers.

The DAT Meeting met on the 3 February. Guest speaker, Corinne Omacini the City's Environmental Officer gave the team an update on the Accessible Trail at Settlers Common. Please refer to the attached DAT Notes for further information.

**Arts and Cultural Development**

**Jull St Mall 'Music in the Mall' Friday Lunchtime Performances**

Following a successful response from the community and local traders to the Christmas Music Series in Jull St Mall in December 2014, the City is coordinating a new series of Friday lunchtime music performances for the Jull St Mall in February and March 2015. The eight week 'Music in the Mall' program will feature a range of local and culturally diverse professional artists performing every Friday between 12pm-2pm.

**Jull St Mall Twilight Markets**

The inaugural Jull St Mall Twilight Market was presented on Friday 6 February to an enthusiastic and appreciative public. The City coordinated three acts to perform that included the Village Vibes African marimba band, the local Classic Sound Fiddle Group, and the local Selendang Sutra Indonesian dance troupe. The next Twilight Market is scheduled for Friday 6 March and the entertainment programming will include a local swing band, a local Chilean Pan pipe band and local dancers.

**Sri Lankan Cultural Society WA**

The City has been meeting with the Sri Lankan Cultural Society of WA (SLCSWA) to assist the group to access a meeting space at Baker's House in Harrisdale. To continue to gain an insight into the group, a City officer attended the SLCSWA Independence Day function at the Perth Town Hall on Sunday 8 February 2015.

**Heron Park Harmony Day Festival**

The City of Armadale has been invited to partner with Satterley to coordinate the Heron Park Harmony Day Festival on 21 March 2015 at Baker's House. The City is working with the Sri Lankan Cultural Society of WA to present a Sri Lankan cultural performance at this event.

## **Children & Families**

### **Intergenerational Playgroup**

An Intergenerational Playgroup developed by the City in partnership with Playgroup WA commenced on 10 February at the Greendale Centre. Communicare's Communities for Children will provide a workshop for participating parents to create homemade toys with a focus on aspects of child development. It will also be an opportunity for parents to become familiar with the services offered by Communicare.

### **Community Dance Program**

The City is partnering with a local dance school to provide a 12 week specialised dance program from March 2015 for children aged nine to 15 years of age. This program will include 'taster' classes during the April 2015 school holidays, and will incorporate Protective Behaviours education.

## **Community Partnerships**

The City is planning for a 'Blessing of the Roads' community safety event in partnership with Satterley, to be held at Baker's House in Harrisdale on 29 March. This event is held just prior to Easter to raise awareness of road safety before the Easter break.

## **Drug Aware Ignite Basketball**

### **Temporary Re-location**

Drug Aware Ignite is re-launching on 28 February at Serpentine Jarrahdale Community Recreation Centre in Byford. Due to roof repairs at the Armadale Arena, the program will be based there for three months.

### **Young People Achievements**

The City has nominated two young Ignite participants to embark on the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure. Kiarra Ninyette and Maddison Walsh will be leaving on 12 March for a six day trip where they will be part of the crew helping to sail the tall ship to Monkey Mia. During the trip, they will be keeping a diary that will be posted on the Ignite website along with pictures when they return.

Five Drug Aware Ignite participants took part in the 2015 Friendship Games that were held in Perth this year. Featuring an international selection of young people, they competed in a selection of sports and activities over the course of two weeks in the spirit of good sportsmanship and positive relations.

### **Staff Training**

Drug Aware Ignite brought together Hope Community Services and Save the Children to take part in 'Rock and Water' training on 2 February. The course consisted of practical techniques that allow facilitators to help young people calm themselves and deal positively with conflict.

### **Annual Report**

The Drug Aware Ignite Annual report is now complete. It documents the achievements of 2014 with a selection of data, stories and pictures. The Annual Report may be accessed by calling the Community Development Support Officer on 9399 0642.

### **Indigenous Development**

#### **Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS)**

Notification of the outcome of the City's application for Indigenous Advancement Strategy funding from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet is anticipated in March 2015.

#### **Partners in Recovery (PIR) Network Meetings**

PIR Networking meetings continue to occur at the Champion Centre once a month. This group is made up of a number of people from various local service providers in the mental health industry.

#### **Looking Forward Project**

The Richmond Fellowship's Looking Forward Project aims to improve Aboriginal mental health outcomes in the south east metropolitan corridor, by developing a culturally safe mental health framework for the Nyoongar community and Aboriginal health organisations.

The Looking Forward Project Advisory Group will hold their meetings at the Champion Centre every second Thursday of the month. This group is made up of Partners in Recovery staff, local Aboriginal elders and staff from other support services.

### **Champion Centre**

#### **Aboriginal Driver Training**

Participation in the program has steadily increased since the start of the year. SAPLO Woody Humes will be on leave for the next three weeks and the program will recommence on Friday 6 March.

#### **Challenger's Leadership, Development and Nutrition Course**

The Cert 3 course commenced this week with approximately 15 students completing the course this term. Four of the students have returned after completing their Cert 2.

#### **SecondBite**

Staff continue to make 3 weekly pickups at Coles in Thornlie. The Champion Centre provides program participants with bread, rolls and fresh fruit and vegetables when available to supplement their children's food intake.

#### **Gnulla Walrininj Luncheon**

On 12 January the Champion Centre partnered with Muggins Aboriginal Corporation to raise awareness about domestic violence and mental health

issues. Approximately 80 people attended this event including a range of service providers and community members.

### **Anniversary of the Apology Event**

The Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples was delivered by then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd on February 13, 2008, and acknowledged in particular the Stolen Generations. Each year the National Sorry Day Committee encourages all schools, community groups, workplaces and individuals to commemorate the anniversary of this important event in Australia's history. We encourage everyone to engage in events that mark the Anniversary of the Apology. For Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, this date holds deep meaning.

The Champion Centre will mark the occasion with a light luncheon for elders between 12-2pm on Friday 13 February.

### **Indigenous Parenting Services (IPS)**

#### **Playgroups**

Playgroups have recommenced in the new term:

- Save the Children (StC) play groups are operating on Wednesdays and Fridays. The “Deadly Chef’s” cooking program which runs in conjunction with the playgroup has temporarily ceased after the resignation of staff. StC have organised for workers from Foodbank to teach mum’s, grandmother’s and carer’s how to prepare low healthy cost meals for the next seven weeks, until StC can organise someone else to facilitate the Deadly Chef’s program.
- The Department of Child Protection and Family Support play group has recommenced their program on Thursdays. The number of parents and children attending increases each week.

#### **Family History Project**

The Family History project has re-started for the year and is running every Wednesday. Numbers are expected to increase now that the school term has begun again. The family history board in reception is regularly updated.

#### **Harmony Day**

IPS, Save the Children & Armadale Police Rangers are partnering to celebrate Harmony Day, this will be at the Bob Blackburn Oval on Wednesday 18 March. Included will be a parade by the Armadale Police Rangers, followed by fun activities and a light supper.

#### **Peppa Pig’s Big Splash**

“Peppa Pig’s Big Splash” to be held Wednesday 4 March. The Armadale Aquatic Centre Staff will be conducting water safety with parents and the children of the playgroup.

#### **Ausdance/Monkeyfunk**

IPS and Save the Children playgroup are in negotiation to set up an eight week Monkeyfunk program during term two.

Monkeyfunk is a workshop which brings parents and their children together to dance, build confidence and encourage them to be active and creative together in all parts of their lives. The workshop model is adaptable to each location and we are hoping to find a local didgeridoo player as part of this program.

### **Aboriginal Community Health Unit**

The staff and Doctor of this program are back providing health checks and immunisations on a Wednesday. Feedback from this group is that numbers are rising each week and that apart from servicing StC play group mums and bubs they are seeing a number of people that usually attend their centre for follow ups as well.

### **Positive Ageing**

#### **Positive Ageing Working Group Meeting**

A Positive Ageing Meeting was held on 2 February to discuss the direction of the Positive Ageing area and the future of the Positive Ageing Working Group. Please refer to the notes attached for further information.

#### **Dementia Friendly Communities Workshop/ Consultations**

The City is working with Alzheimer's Australia WA to consult with community members with dementia and their carers. This consultation session will be held in Harrisdale at the Piara Waters Pavilion on 13 February at 10am.

Alzheimer's Australia WA received a social innovation grant from the Department of Local Governments and Communities to implement their Dementia Friendly Communities Project. This two year project will develop a range of initiatives to create a Dementia Friendly Community approach across WA. A dementia-friendly community is a place where people living with dementia are supported to live a high quality of life with meaning, purpose and value. Alzheimer's Australia WA have organised community consultations and will invite people living with dementia and their carers/support persons to tell them what it is like to live with Dementia in their community.

Once Alzheimer's Australia WA have collated the consumer feedback gathered in the consultations, they will be supporting two metropolitan and two rural local governments to develop a Dementia Friendly Communities approach. The resources and information that will result from this process can then help other LGAs to become Dementia Friendly as part of their inclusion plans.

#### **Pole Walking Groups**

The City has coordinated Pole Walking Groups since October 2014, based at the Armadale Visitors Centre three times per week. Groups of up to eight participants and a volunteer Pole Walking leader leave at 8.30am on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday for a one to two hour walk.

Two Pole Walking Groups are now also operating at Roleystone at the Roleystone Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays. Groups of up to 16 leave at 6.30am.

The City will promote pole walking groups to enlist more leaders for pole walking groups to operate in Byford and Kelmscott.

### **Positive Ageing Bladder Incontinence Seminar**

The City received a grant of \$1,500 from the Continence Foundation of Australia to host a Positive Ageing Bladder Incontinence Help Is At Hand' Seminar at 9.30am on 18 February at the Piara Waters Pavilion, in partnership with the Continence Clinic at the Armadale Health Services.

This a free seminar which aims to demystify incontinence issues in the community and educate members of the public, health professionals and fitness instructors on the latest information, treatment options and where to go for help. There will be presentations on continence issues, treatments and how to access the Continence Clinic, surgical options, and a presentation on safe pelvic floor exercises.

### **Technology Buddies**

Technology Buddies will recommence on 16 February at the Armadale Library. This program is a result of a partnership with Kelmscott Senior High School. It is an opportunity for the older person to partner with a student to learn how to use their technology items including cameras, ipads and smart phones.

### **Positive Ageing Sessions**

Positive Ageing Sessions are held on the first Wednesday of the month (excluding January) at the Armadale Library. Evening sessions are held occasionally.

The topic for the first Positive Ageing Session on 4 February was 'Making Informed Housing Decisions' 'Retirement Villages and Residential Parks' and 'Strata Titles and Downsizing to a different form of Ownership'. Presented by the Seniors' Housing Centre, 63 people attended the session.

### **Upcoming session**

The next Positive Ageing Session will be on 4 March at the Armadale Library at 1.30pm. Topics include 'Cancer Prevention Awareness' facilitated by Cancer Foundation WA and ' It's never Too Late' facilitated by Life Coach Dorothy James.

### **Come and Try- Let's Get Crafty Sessions**

Come and Try – Let's Get Crafty Sessions will be held every second month in 2015 at 10am at the Armadale Library. The first session was held on 12 February on Scrapbooking for beginners.

## **Youth Engagement**

### **Armadale Youth Network (AYN)**

The Armadale Youth Network (AYN) recommenced bi-monthly meetings in January. Coordinated by the City, the network provides opportunity for organisations that work with young people in the City of Armadale to provide information on upcoming programs, discuss partnership opportunities for future initiatives and discuss key issues that are impacting on local young people. The network continues to be well attended with 20 representatives at the January meeting.

The City has distributed and promoted various grant and training opportunities, events and programs held during January and February to all members of the network.

### **Armadale Youth Collaborative Action Network (CAN)**

The City continues to coordinate and facilitate the bi-monthly Armadale Youth CAN as the Armadale operational component of the Youth Partnership Project. This is a local coordination planning group that comprises local youth service providers.

The Community Development Officer – Youth chairs this meeting which is well attended by local agency representatives from within the City of Armadale. Regularly attended by 32 key youth representative agencies, the network is currently working towards the identification of a strategic plan for 2015.

### **Skate Park Clinics**

The City's skate park clinics have recently commenced for 2015. These clinics are facilitated by professional skate boarding, BMX and scooter riders and operate at the City's Armadale Youth Activity Area and Roleystone Cross Park. These programs are appropriate both for beginner riders to develop their skills and for experienced riders to take their skills to the next level.

## **Armadale Volunteer Services**

### **Step into Volunteering**

A "Step into Volunteering" session will be held on Thursday 5 March from 5.30– 6.30pm at the Armadale library. The session is for potential volunteers in the community who are thinking about volunteering but are not sure how to get started.

### **Stress Management Training**

Armadale Volunteer Services will host Stress Management Training for volunteers at the Evelyn Gribble Centre on Thursday 30 April. This half day session will be facilitated by Bernie Rozario from Growth Focused.

**National Volunteer Week**

The theme for National Volunteer Week, celebrated from 11 to 17 May, is “Give Happy Live Happy”. Armadale Volunteer Services will host a whole of community event for all volunteers living and/or volunteering in the City of Armadale on Wednesday 13 May at the Kelmscott Hall.

## LEISURE SERVICES

In January 2015 the Leisure Services Department;

- Provided 106 programs to the community programs
- Had 66,349 attendances to our facilities
- Had 1377 bookings at our facilities and reserves
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### Community Facilities and Reserves

#### Bookings

December and January are traditionally quiet months for community facilities. with only 445 bookings in January 2015, although there has been a slight increase in comparison to 2014 with 135 more bookings. Reserve hire remains relatively consistent with 565 bookings. Winter sport clubs are preparing for the upcoming winter season. Officers continue to liaise with the clubs regarding ground preparation, and the smooth transition from summer to winter sports.

A highlight for January was welcoming six new regular hirers to our facilities. As a new hirer of a facility an induction prior to the commencement of bookings is undertaken that covers a variety of areas from fees and charges to how to use the electronic equipment.



Community Service Officers have been working with various service providers in the community who are looking to access suitable facilities two examples are:

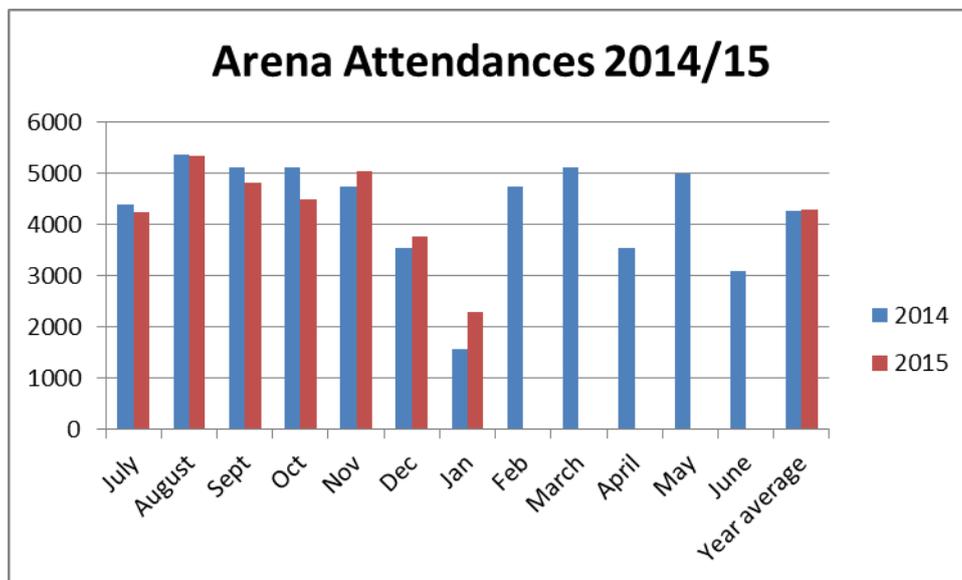
- Sri Lankan Cultural Society a well managed group with over 200 members that coordinates numerous programs for the CaLD community, management agreements are being developed for that exclusive access to a meeting room at Bakers House.
- Leakrist, an after school care program at Harold King had approached the City for additional leased space. Additional space is essential for

licensing and if not approved would result in service level reduction. After assessing existing regular hirers at Harold King and partnering with Leakrist to find solutions we are confident that when the lease is renewed in July it will accommodate the groups needs to ensure service levels are maintained.

**Armadale Arena**

Although PCYC has cancelled all programs our attendances remain consistent and in January increased significantly. Due to the cancellation of PCYC gymnastics program approximately 180 children may no longer have a local gymnastics club. Centre staff and the Club Development Officer have been working closely and have formed a working group to develop a new gymnastics club which will commence once the Arena roof has been repaired.

STAR fitness attracted 96 more participants than January 2014 and centre staff are focusing on creating a positive, social environment for participants in the STAR program. Personal Training is slowly, but steadily increasing with 28 participants in January.

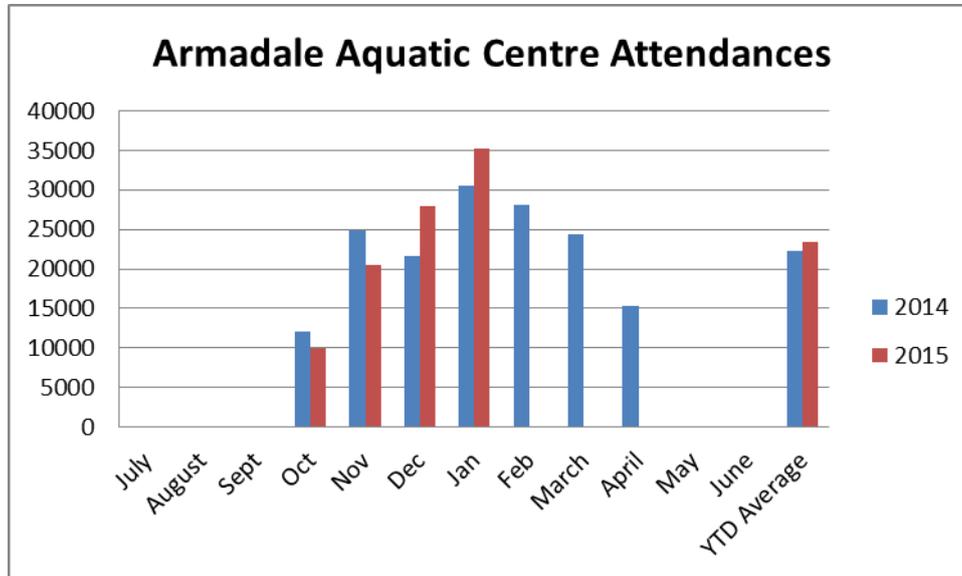


**Armadale Aquatic Centre**

Summer at Armadale Aquatic Centre is a busy place and attendances increase annually. The Centre bookings for January were once again at capacity for the month and also fully booked for term 1. This year we had to turn away 5 local schools due to limited space, while this is not the ideal situation accommodating everyone is a major challenge.

January attracted 35,245 visitors; approximately 5,000 more than in previous years. On the first day of Vacswim over \$25,000 revenue was received, creating one of the busiest ever days on record for the Centre.

In conjunction with the Education Department program Vacswim, the City also ran a holiday series that received high praise from the participants and attracted a high quality of teachers. The Centre's learn to swim program will be a focus for future years with an aim to increase overall participation.



## **JANUARY 2015**

### **LIBRARY SERVICES**

#### **Statistical Performance Indicators**

The Library Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of January 2015:

#### **Providing libraries for leisure, pleasure and inspiration and life-long learning**

##### ***Reports on activities and community information sessions held during the month.***

34 regular sessions were held. In any month these could include: story time, Baby Rhyme Time, school holiday programs, English conversation classes, reading & writing groups, computer training sessions, 3D printing workshops, games mornings and the Men's Social Group. A total of 633 people participated in these various activities.

20 children, teachers and parents were reached with external visits to schools and other community childcare facilities.

One special session was held with a total of 17 attending.

#### **Reports on sessions of interest:**

##### Report – January 2015 School Holiday Programme – Fly into the library

Topic: Fly into the library

Presenters: Andy Jones, U Can Hatch Us, Shirley Reilly, Jenny Ramshaw, Birds of Prey, Josephine and Goggles, Chantalle Grummet

Dates: 8,12, 15, 16, 20, 21, 23, 28, 29 January

Venues: Armadale, Kelmscott and Seville Grove Libraries

No. Attending: 209 children; 110 adults

ARM: Andy Jones: 45 children, 25 adults; Birds of Prey 46 children; 25 adults;

Winged Creatures 12 children, 5 adults; KMS: Lego Encounters: 41 children,

20 adults; SVG: Josephine and Goggles: 37 children, 20 adults;

Book Cubby: 28 children, 15 adults

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January school holidays saw hundreds of children fly into the library to experience an exciting array of activities!

Interstate author and performer Andy Jones flew into Armadale Library with his popular "What's the Joke?" show as part of a WA tour. He used guitar, drums and other props to help kids understand humour and why jokes are funny. The audience, including several Dads, wore crazy hair and danced some hip hop as part of this hilarious and vibrant session!

The U Can Hatch Us chicken hatching program was in residence at Armadale Library for two weeks. The display was housed near the front of the library and hundreds of children and adults watched the chicks hatch in the incubator and quickly grow in the brooding pen. It was wonderful to watch nature in action and many people commented how interesting and educational this was too. Everyone (including the staff) thoroughly enjoyed watching the progress of eleven very cute chicks.

The Armadale Book Cubby was in residence for a week at each of our libraries and a bookmaking session was held. The children were encouraged to make a book about birds or flight and over 40 books were created and displayed in the cubby for everyone to read. Other professionally produced community published books are also housed in the cubby made by children about children.

Yvonne Sitko from WA Birds of Prey thrilled the audience with the chance to get up close and personal with an array of stunning birds. It was fascinating to see these majestic creatures and learn about an Australian kestrel, falcon, barking owl, barn owl, and Micro the Wedge-tailed eagle. Children and adults had the chance to have a photo taken holding Micro which was very exciting for all concerned.

Fly into your library was a fitting theme for two sessions of Lego Encounters to get the children's creative juices flowing. They started on building kites and birds, progressing onto individual challenges of rockets and planes and then group challenges. The sessions were designed to give the children a taste of the Lego Encounters club which will be starting in first term and continuing throughout the year on a monthly basis during school terms.

Josephine and Goggles the Goose entertained an enthusiastic crowd of young children and parents with their musical madness and 'I am Special' storytelling show. Lots of singing, dancing and interaction kept the children enthralled.

Chantalle Grummet presented a drawing workshop with an eager group of upper primary children. They had fun learning to draw some winged creatures including dragons, birds, butterflies and fairies. The children looked at pictures in many library books to provide inspiration and ideas on techniques to use for their drawings.

Our summer reading club encouraged children to read five books over the holidays and receive stickers and rewards to make reading fun. A fantastic range of school holiday activities engaged many children and families and enticed them to visit our libraries, borrow books and enjoy some exciting experiences.

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Topic: Teen Crafts

Presenters: Gwen Fuller and others, Kay Cooper, Jo Bright

Date: 21, 23, 28, 30 January 2015

Time: 2pm – 4pm

Venue: Armadale Library Meeting Room, Cotton Wool Kelmscott, and Colours Down Under Armadale.

No. Attending: Knitting 7, Crochet 5, Appliqué 3, Silk Ribbon Embroidery 3

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Over the last two weeks of school holidays, Armadale Library offered teenagers of the local area the opportunity to learn some classic crafts. Four lessons were conducted, providing participants with a brief and practical introduction to some old-fashioned activities. No technological know-how or electronic gadgets were needed – just good hand-eye co-ordination and a touch of creativity.

The first week of crafts included knitting and crochet - and these two classics proved to be the most popular. Attendees were given instruction from a team of helpful seniors making this an intergenerational program.

The final week of the holidays saw the craft activities of appliqué and ribbon embroidery conducted offsite.

All participants for each of these sessions were female and within the target age group. They were attentive and eager to learn, relishing in discovering a new skill they could take home and develop further. There were even members of the one family who attended all four sessions. One parent remarked that the Library was providing an invaluable service in helping to impart these skills that could so easily fade away.

Unfortunately the last two sessions saw a drop in attendance. This could be owing to a combination of factors - having the crafts held offsite away from the convenience of the library's location, and possibly the inconvenience of the events being held during the week before school resumed. This was a series of events that should have had higher attendance, but nevertheless, those who chose to participate learned a great deal and were very appreciative of the Library for providing the opportunity. Lessons learned from this series will be considered when offering a similar series of crafts.

## **Background**

### **HERITAGE SERVICES**

#### **Statistical Performance Indicators**

The Heritage Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of January 2015.

#### **Birtwistle Local Studies Library**

*The following projects and activities have involved the Birtwistle Local Studies Library staff, volunteers or visitors:*

##### **Demolition of 1970s Armadale Library building**

The progressive demolition of the old Armadale Library building on Orchard Avenue was recorded in photographs. These have been added to the album that recorded the early days of the building as a library in 1974.

##### **Oral histories**

The oral history project to record the history of the Araluen Botanic Park from the perspective of the volunteers will begin with interviewees Liz Dunn and Grant Nixon who have been involved since the park became the responsibility of the State Government.

##### **Display in the BLSL foyer**

In conjunction with the "Are you Bush fire ready?" campaign, photographs from the Roleystone-Kelmscott Bushfire, 6-7 February 2011, have been put on display. The photographs were donated to the BLSL collection by people who witnessed the fire's path of destruction, and, several of whom actively defended their homes from the burning embers.

##### **Volunteer luncheon and planning meetings**

A luncheon was held in the Armadale Library meeting room to welcome the BLSL volunteers back into their routines that begin early in February. A planning meeting preceded the lunch when volunteers made suggestions concerning possible guest speakers for the year and ways to encourage an interest in the Family History resources available to family historians.

A representative from the Rail Heritage Museum was invited to take possession of eight volumes of photographs and notes on the railway stations and sidings in WA, researched and collated by volunteer, Ben Bransby, a former WAGR employee.

Ben had duplicated his work for inclusion in the BLSL collection. He was presented with a gift voucher in appreciation of the work that he did, on behalf of the BLSL, for the benefit of Western Australia's railway history.

### **Former City of Armadale resident donations**

Ian Boersma made two visits to the BLSL and both times shared some valuable insights into the people and development of the district that took place during his years of growing up in Wungong. He has offered to donate to the BLSL his extensive collection of photographs, oral histories and research notes.

### **Picture Armadale**

A new volunteer who has local district knowledge has joined the team of volunteers and is rapidly adding new photos to the online Picture Armadale collection.

### **History House Museum**

#### **Temporary Exhibition**

The 100 Years of Guiding exhibition is currently on display at History House Museum and the development of the Centenary of WWI exhibition continues.

#### **Lotterywest interpretation of Cultural Heritage Grant**

The City of Armadale was successful in its application for \$23,162 from Lotterywest to undertake the installation of new displays at the Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum. The installation of the new display is planned for May this year and will include new text panels, images, layout and display furniture. This project will update and revitalise the museum with an increased focus on the passion Bert Tyler has for vintage machinery and the local community while keeping the original 'back shed' feel of the museum.

### **Museum Programs**

#### **School Holiday Program**

"Summer Fun @ the Museum" was a success with more the 60 participants. Activities included: Mystery Objects, Museum Detective, Some of our favourite things and over the Australia Day weekend, making Australian flags.

#### **Minnawarra Historic Precinct Open Day**

History House Museum, the Birtwistle Local Studies Library and library staff are working together to organise an open day at the Minnowarra Historic Precinct which will celebrate how the City of Armadale collects, preserves, interprets and displays its history. The open day is planned for Sunday 17 May.

### **Museum Donations**

The museum has received three donations this month.

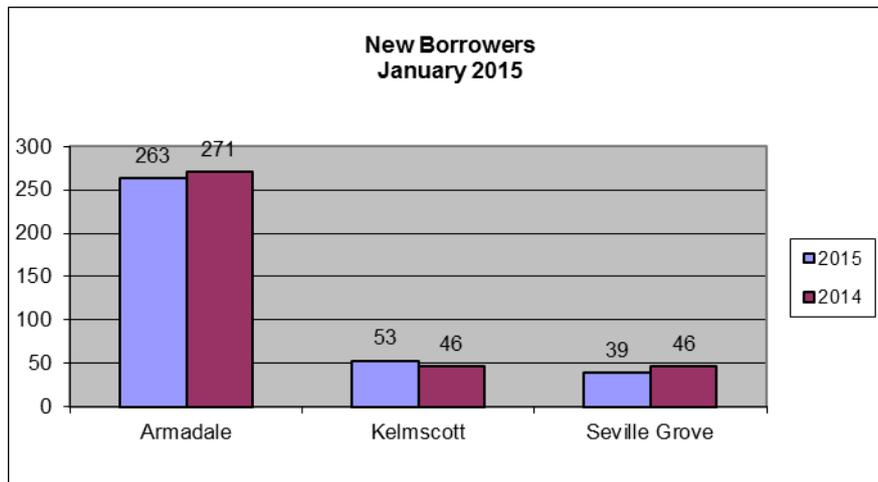
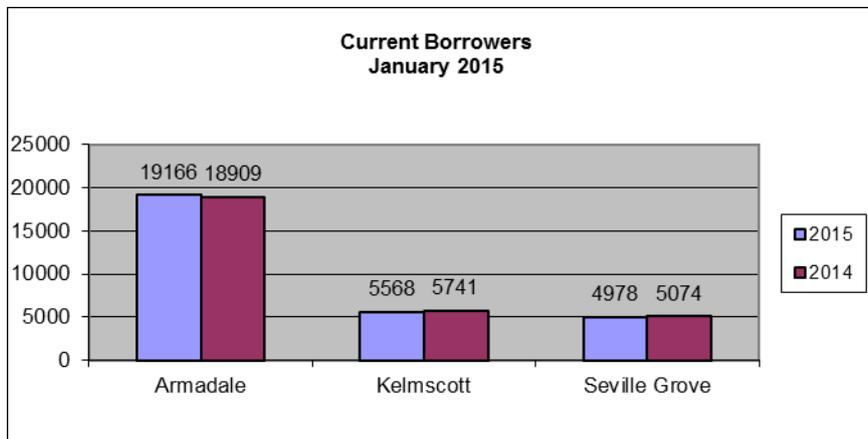
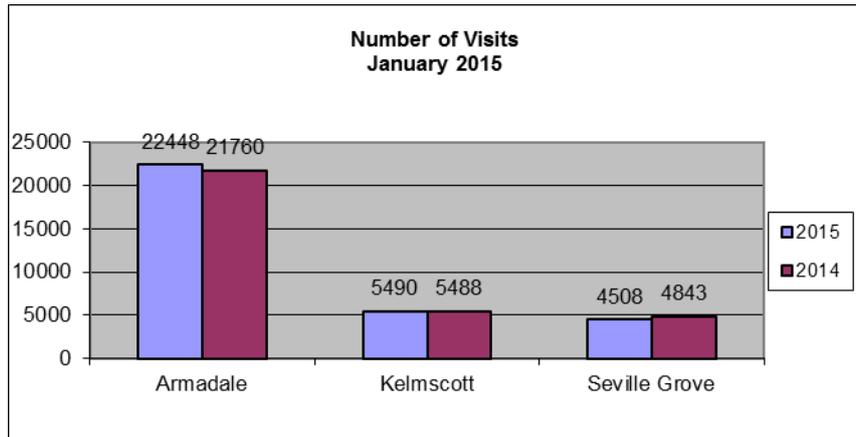
The first is a box used at Armadale Primary school from c1940-1983 to store wood for the fire place and later for storing sports equipment. It was given to deputy principle David Lindup as a gift when the school closed down and moved. He used it to store firewood at his home until he donated it to the museum.

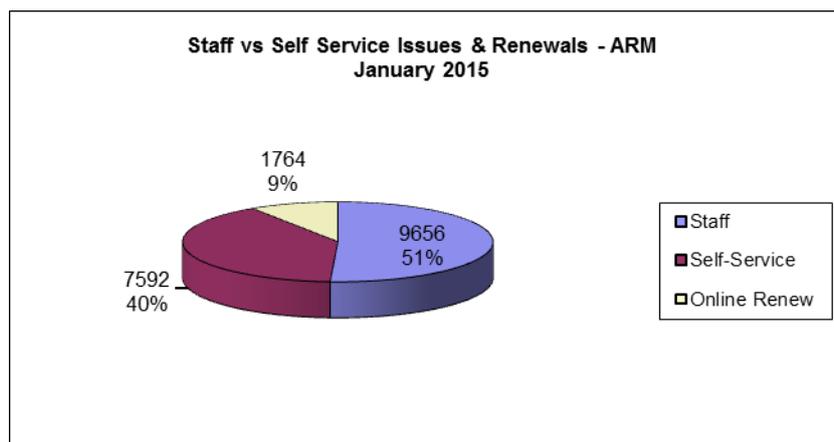
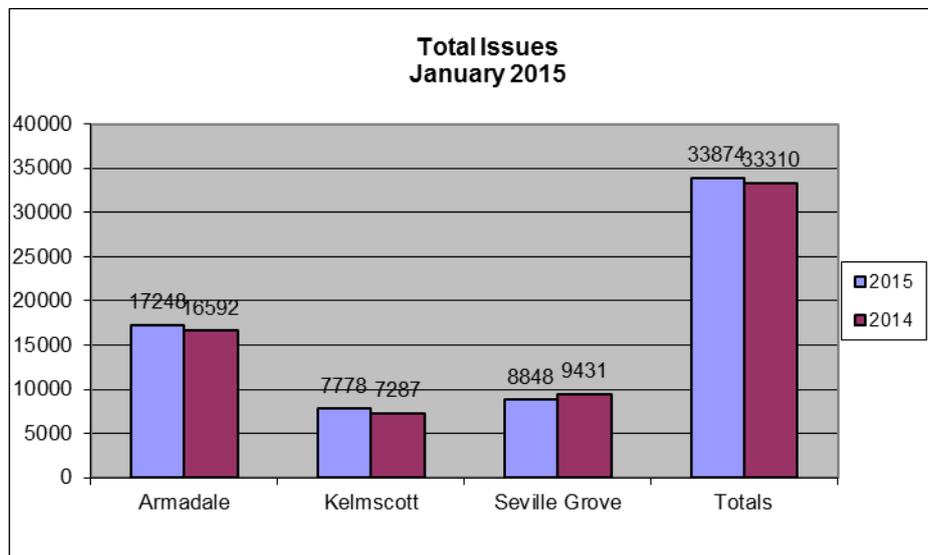
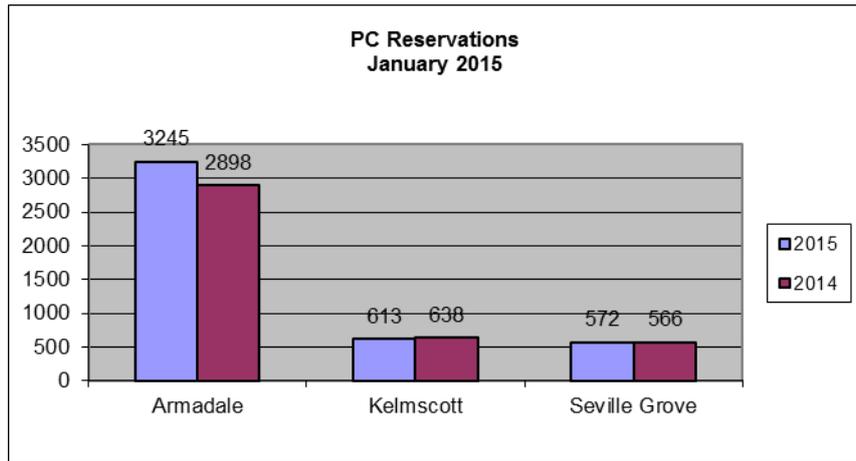
The next two items were donated by Mr Keith McCulloch a former Water Authority Ranger who lived at the ranger's house near Canning Dam in the 1970s and 80s. He has donated a large framed photograph of the Canning Dam as well as a copy of the plans for Canning Dam. The photograph was a retirement gift from the Water Authority

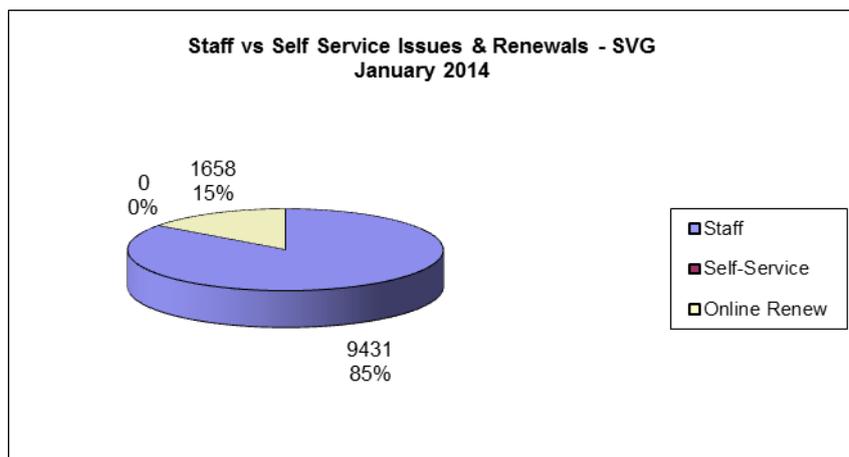
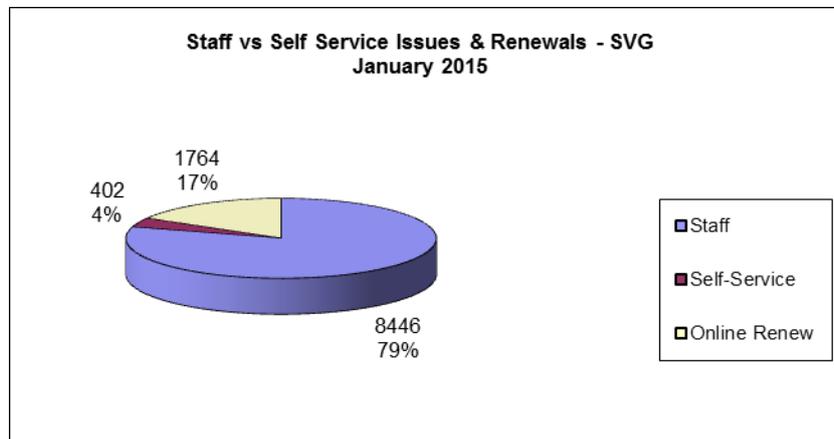
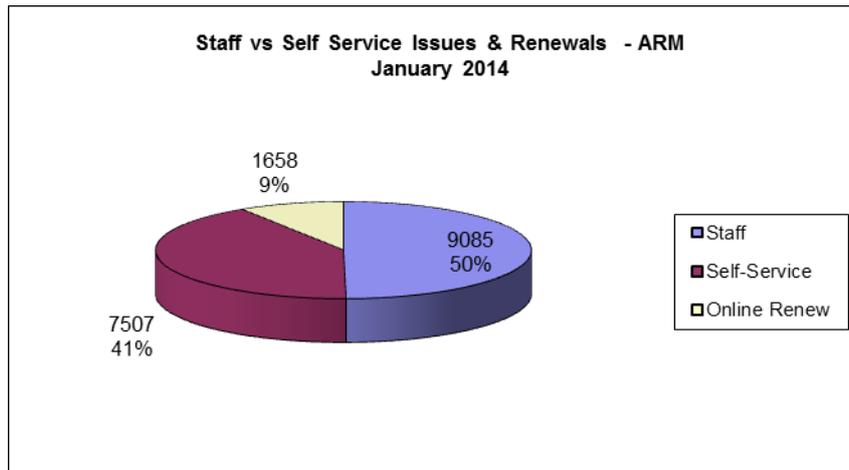
**Museum Education Report**

The 2015 teachers' mail out has been completed and been sent out to schools. Already bookings are coming in. The Anzac exhibition program has been written and was included in the mail out. The Museum's education programs are now on our webpage. A Teacher's Information Afternoon is planned for March.

Statistics







**Birtwistle – Statistics – January 2015**

<b>Birtwistle Local Studies Library</b>				
	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Year to date</b>		
	<b>Jan 15</b>	<b>Jan 14</b>	<b>July 14 - Jan 15</b>	<b>July 13 - Jan 14</b>
Reference Enquiries	7	5	42	28
Research Enquiries	15	7	72	68
Visitor Attendance	103	101	634	693
Volunteer Hours	27	36	938	641
Digitising Records	18	12	211	82
<b>Oral History</b>				
Letters Sent	3	5	16	15
Interviews Completed	0	2	10	11
Transcripts Completed/ reviewed	0	2	13	17
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	3	0	164	132
Volunteer Hours - Interviewing	0	6	24	35
<b>Family History Research</b>				
Reference	2	2	91	34
Research	20	36	190	96
Volunteer Hours	8	13	276	266

**Month: January Year: 2015**

<b>History House Museum</b>	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Year to date</b>		
	<b>Jan 15</b>	<b>Jan 14</b>	<b>July 14- June 15</b>	<b>Jul 13 – June 14</b>
General Visitors	167	134	1007	1275
School Visits	0	0	250	358
School Incursions	0	0	352	118
Holiday Programs	80	18	109	56
Community Programs	0	0	142	107
Seniors Programs	0	0	54	125
<b>Total Visitors</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>1914</b>	<b>2039</b>
Volunteer Hours	90	199	1003	1169
<b>Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum</b>	<b>Jan 15</b>	<b>Jan 14</b>	<b>July 14 – June 15</b>	<b>Jul 13 – June 14</b>
Visitors	96	134	1164	1240

## **RANGER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

### **Animal Control**

#### **Dogs**

Ranger Services received five hundred and forty two (542) requests for assistance during the report period. The primary focus of Ranger Services is managing the response to the community for requests for service.

Whilst some of the operational areas are recording a decline in activity from the comparable period of 2013/2014, it is interesting to observe that there is an 11% overall increase in the total number of requests for assistance for this period.

#### **Cats**

Ranger Services received seventy nine (79) requests for assistance during this report period.

Whilst the overall number of cat registrations demonstrates a small but steady increase, with the total number of cats currently registered standing at 2,209, there has been a marked decrease in the overall number of cats registered as compared to the corresponding period of 2013/2014

#### **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 Magistrates Court during this report period.

OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALTY \$	COSTS \$	TOTAL \$
Dog Attack on Person	Guilty	1,200	150.80	1,350.80
Dog Attack on Person	Guilty	3,500	150.80	3,650.80
Dog Attack on Animal	Guilty	1,000	2,325.80	3,325.80

### **Vehicles**

#### **Parking**

Ranger Service attended to two hundred and twenty seven (227) general enquires relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period.

#### **Commercial Vehicles (Trucks)**

There has been a slight decrease in the number of reports received regarding trucks being parked in residential areas for extended periods of time. Rangers will continue to be vigilant in this area of operations.

### **Parking Control around Schools**

Ranger Services will continue to attend at local schools throughout the district, on a regular basis, to ensure the safety of children is maintained. One of the ways of achieving this is by a strict application of the Local Law Relating to Parking; thereby reducing the risk of injury caused by the indiscriminate parking of vehicles, to ensure a safer environment for children on their way to and from school and to decrease traffic congestion surrounding schools during drop off and pick up times. Notwithstanding it is the responsibility of every driver to ensure that they are aware of, and comply with parking and other traffic requirements in a particular area.

#### Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

Ranger Service attended to seventeen (17) reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in a prohibited area, during the report period.

### **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 attended to two hundred and ten (210) enquires, during this report period, mainly associated with alternative style firebreaks and advice regarding general fire safety.

Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades experience the usual amount of calls to bush/scrub fires, during January, however due to the excellent response from members they have been able to deal with those incidents in a timely and effective manner, thereby reducing the potential for a major fire situation.

### **General**

Ranger Services are now actively engaged in the annual firebreak inspections programme, this year Rangers have been particularly vigilant in targeting vacant land with long dry grass

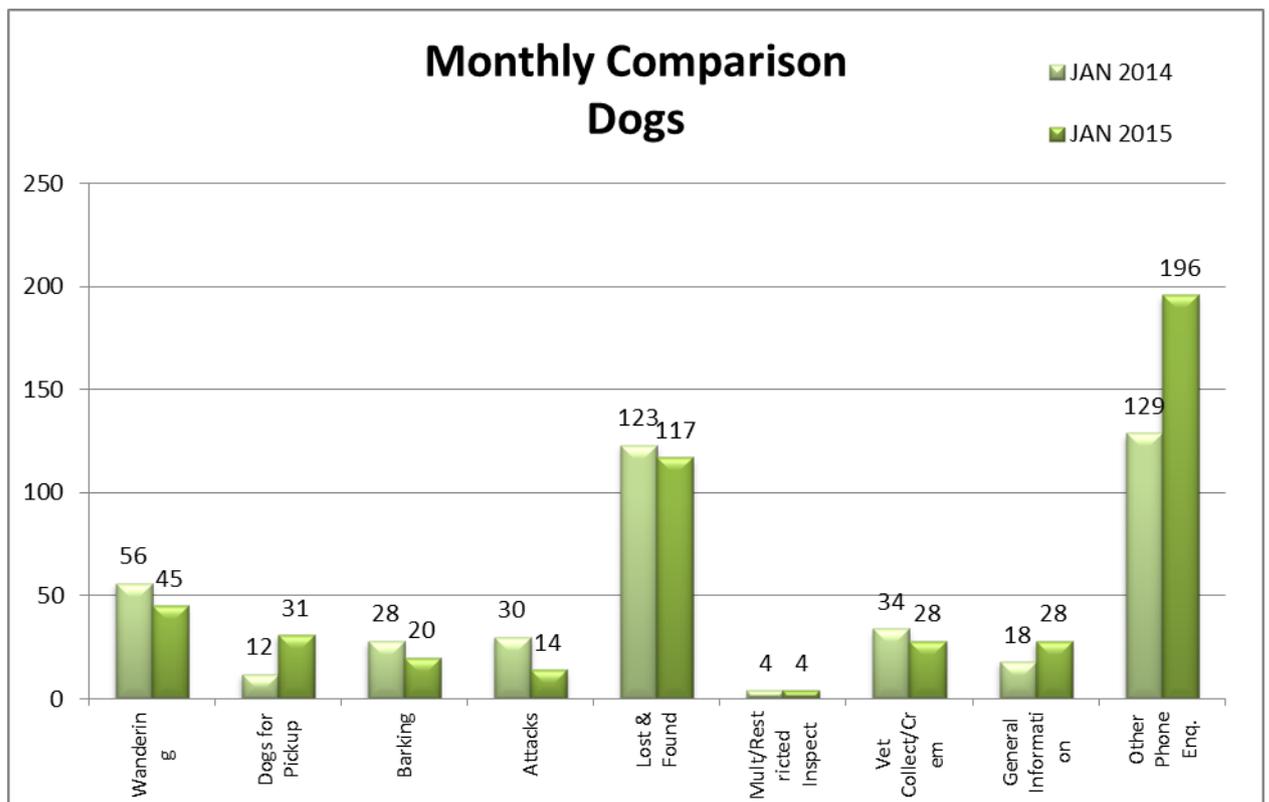
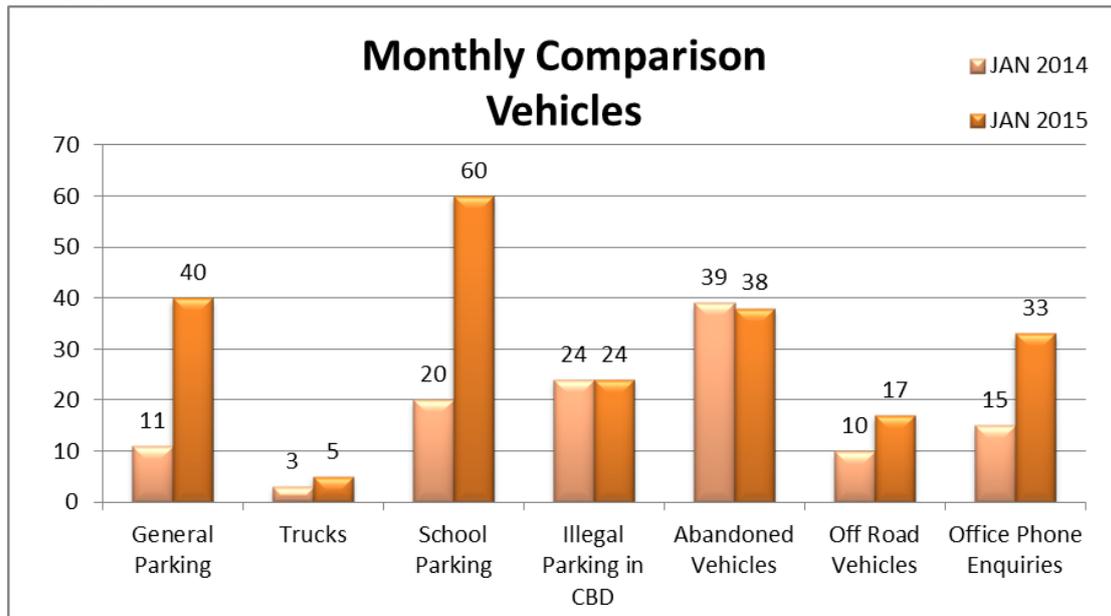
During this report period Ranger Services carried out firebreak inspections on eight hundred and forty two (842) properties, 36 infringement notices have been issued to land owners for failing to comply with the current Firebreak Notice

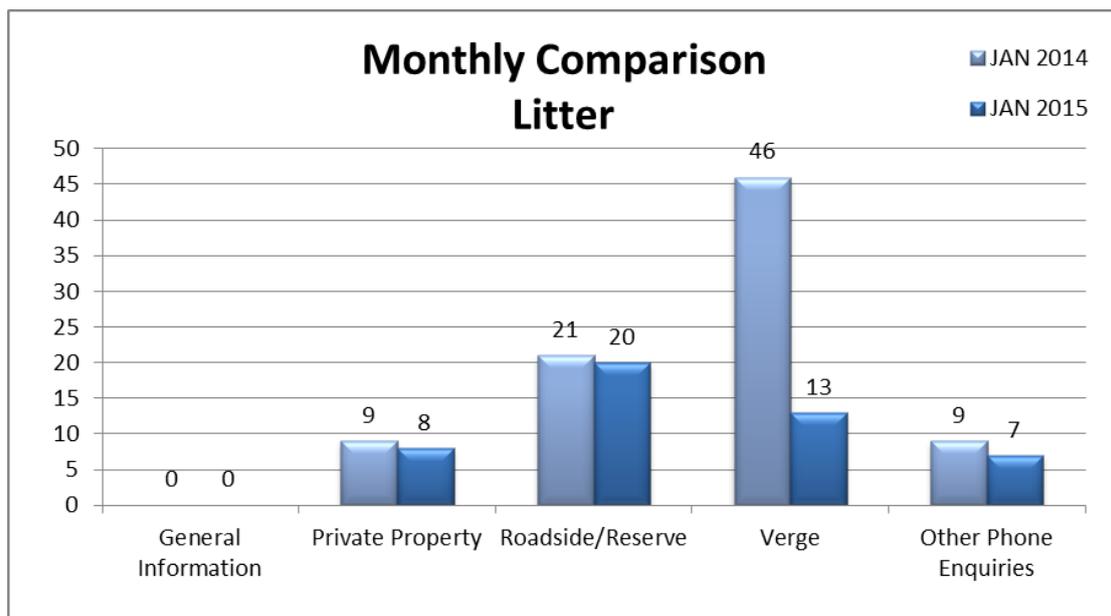
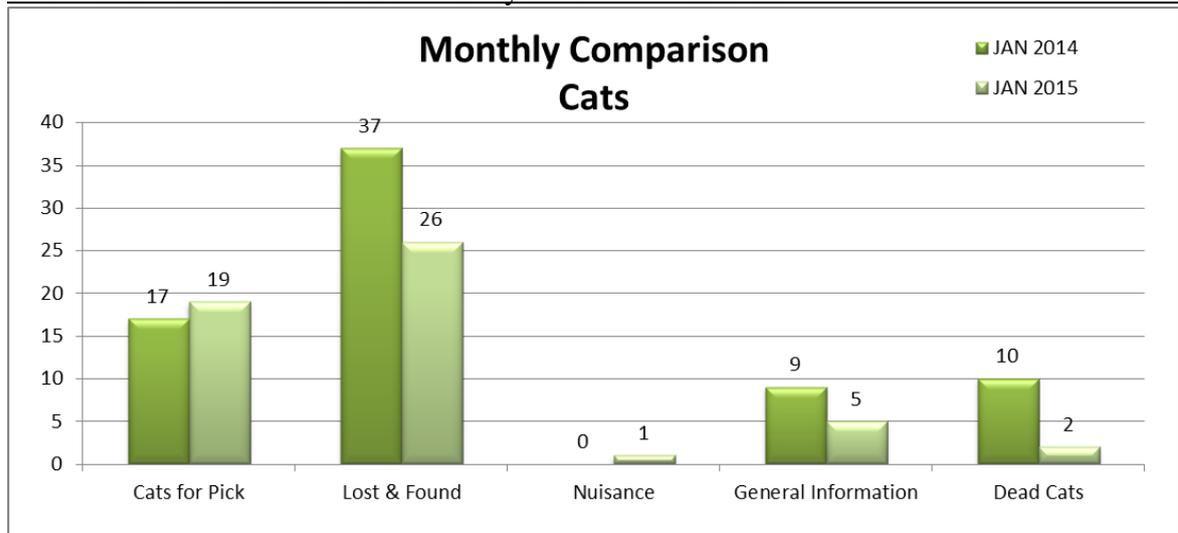
The primary focus of Ranger Services is managing the response to the community for requests for service. This has significantly increased over the last five years commensurate with the population growth and the general requirements for Ranger Services to enforce a number of Acts and Local Laws relating to Local Government operations and jurisdiction.

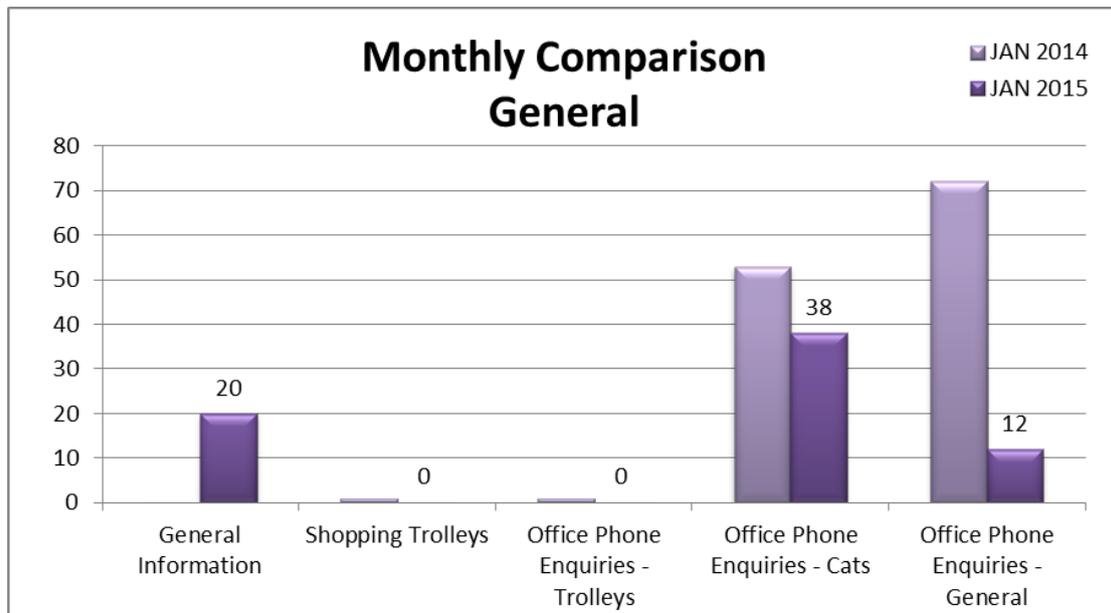
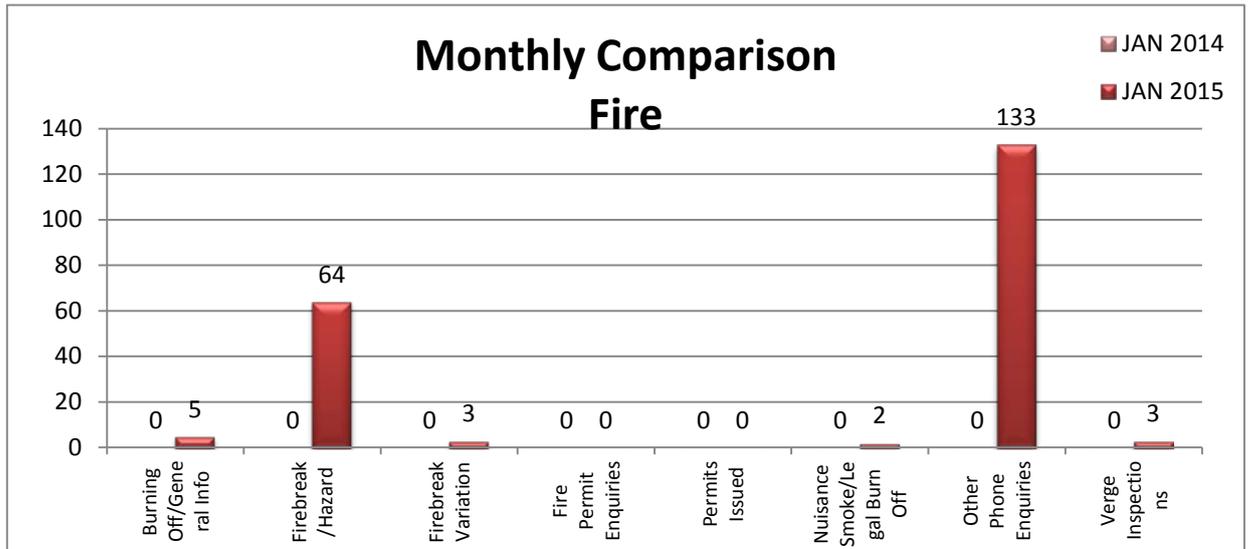
Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Fire-fighters play a significant and vital role in ensuring that the community is a safe place to work, live and play. Whether it is carrying out risk management activities, fire prevention activities, fighting a fire, teaching fire safety education to school children, working with local residents to improve their own personal safety or responding to bushfires, the activities and learning skills required to manage these incidents and activities can be extremely exciting and challenging

The approach currently being taken is to encourage every resident to accept responsibility to reduce the impact of bushfires by establishing and following a Bushfire Action Plan which includes a pre-fire season clean-up and general annual preparation and maintenance programmes.

**Statistics**







## Tourism and Events

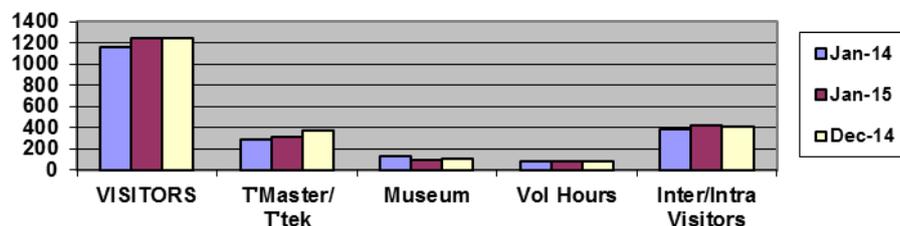
### Visitor Centre

During this period the Visitor Centre experience a consistent level of patronage with the top three international visitors this month being United Kingdom, Germany and Spain.

The new 2015 Visitor Centre membership prospectus is being sent to all prospective tourism businesses in the region. We intend to grow our membership base this year with the new boundary extensions, so that we can help to develop a vibrant tourism community.

Next month our membership forms will be available on our website.

### STATISTICS:



#### January 2015

INTRA-STATE VISITORS	INTER-STATE VISITORS	OVERSEAS VISITORS	TICKETMASTER/TICKETEC	MUSEUM VISITORS	TOTAL VISITORS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
662	40	62	370	107	<b>1241</b>	84

#### December 2014

INTRA-STATE VISITORS	INTER-STATE VISITORS	OVERSEAS VISITORS	TICKETMASTER/TICKETEC	MUSEUM VISITORS	TOTAL VISITORS	VOLUNTEER HOURS
664	40	62	370	107	<b>1243</b>	78

### **Destination Marketing**

The city has continued an ongoing destination marketing program of the Armadale region including:

- Gwn7 Television advertising campaign;
- Your guide to Perth and Fremantle (airport distribution);
- Jetstar Asia magazine;
- Experience Perth NATAS & MATA travel show;
- Scout magazine;
- Curtin FM radio;
- Examiner Newspapers;
- Inspire Magazine;
- 2015 Chinese Planner; and
- Experience Perth 2015 planner.

## **Major arts and events**

### **Stakeholder Engagement**

During the month of January a series of meetings were conducted to assist with the planning and delivery of the City's major events calendar. Stakeholders were consulted individually prior to the final event briefing.

- Channel 9
- Heritage FM
- Stage and Studio Productions
- Concert and Corporate Productions
- WA Police
- Royal Life Saving
- MRA
- Taborde Traffic Management
- Carlisle Events
- Cardile International Fireworks
- Carnival Amusements
- Coates Hire
- Onsite Rentals
- Cliftons
- PRF Electrical Contracting
- Department of Mines and Petroleum
- Risk Reduction Services
- Paramount Security
- Australian Protection Services
- Classic Sounds Vocal Ensemble
- Armadale Scout Group
- Salvation Army
- Kelmscott Church of Christ
- Banyan Creative
- Entertainment Bank
- Focus Promotions
- Heritage FM
- SES
- Various Internal CoA Departments

### **Movies in the Park**

During January the City of Armadale held two free summer cinema screenings at Rushton Park in Kelmscott. Frozen was screened on Friday 9 January and the Lego Movie was screened on Friday 16 January.

There were approximately 1200 – 1500 patrons at both screenings, which is double the number of people attending the 2014 movie series. The audience demographics included a high number of young families due to the genre of the movie screened.

Patron feedback was positive regarding the selection of the movies and the event in general. The City's events team will implement some changes to the program in 2016, which will include advertising the approximate screening time of the movie and add children's activities.

The City also developed a strong working relationship with the Armadale Scout Group who provided the community sausage sizzle for both evenings.

### **Australia Day**

The City's Australia Day event was once again very successful. An estimated 35,000 people attended the event.

The stage entertainment comprised of headline act Murphy's Lore, which was very popular with the audience. The City also provided opportunities for local emerging artists Ava Sharp (8 years old), David Scott (16 years old) and Isobel Wiltshire (18 years old) to be supporting acts. The National Anthem was sung by Channel 9 presenter Jerrie Demasi.

The fireworks display conducted by Cardile International Fireworks ran for 20 minutes (approx) and was well received by the crowd. Leading up to the event the Department of Mines and Petroleum conducted a site inspection of the designated exclusion zone. The department expressed their concern with the proximity of the firing zone to the buildings, which delayed the approval of the City's fireworks permit.

The City will be conducting a review of the application process with the Department of Mines and Petroleum and will raise Council's concerns of the exclusion zone and application approval timeframes.

#### Coming Events

Twilight Markets  
Jull Street Mall  
Friday 6 March 2015  
5.00pm-8.30pm

Minnawarra Art Awards  
Armadale District Hall  
Friday 1 May 2014 – Sunday 17 May 2015  
11am – 4pm

Minnawarra Festival  
Minnawarra Park and surrounds  
Sunday 3 May 2015  
11am-4pm

### **Jull Street Mall**

#### **Business Liaison**

Significant liaison has occurred between the City and local businesses operating in the Jull Street Mall. This liaison has included meeting with the WA Police, Lend Lease, MRA, Westzone Enterprises and the individual business owners in the mall.

The City also attended the Traders Group Meeting held on 28 January 2015. The meeting was called to discuss the Jull Street Mall Twilight Markets. The group is very supportive of the initiatives being implemented by the City to activate the mall.

#### **Music in the Mall**

After the successful music in the mall program held prior to Christmas, the City has extended the program to occur from Friday 6 February 2015 – Friday 27 March 2015. The music in the mall will be held every Friday from 12:00pm – 2:00pm during this time. The feedback from Jull Street Mall traders has been supportive.

### **Twilight Markets**

The first Twilight Markets was held on February 6 in the Jull Street Mall and was very successful. The feedback received from local business, stall holders and local community was very positive. It is estimated that 500 people attended on the night.

The Twilight Markets included 26 market stalls, music performances, food stalls and children's entertainment. Local business owners in the Jull Street Mall were very happy with the markets and reported increased turnover and enquiry.

The feedback from community members attending the markets was positive, although some feedback was received to increase the quality and diversity of stall holders and to increase the number of food vendors. The City will encourage local food businesses to operate at the next market and increase the number and quality of the market stalls.

The next market will be held on Friday 6 March 2015, from 5:00pm – 8:30pm.

**MINUTES/NOTES OF OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**CITY OF ARMADALE**

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory  
Group**

**NOTES**

**For the meeting held on Tuesday 3 February 2015 commencing at  
12.30 pm  
At the Champion Centre, Champion Drive, Seville Grove**

Chair: Jodie Clarke  
Notes taken by: Norelle John

**1. Business of meeting:**

**(i) Attendance:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Title</b>
Kelly-Anne Charles	City Of Armadale	Manager Community Development
Jodie Clarke	City of Armadale	Indigenous Development Coordinator
Norelle John	City of Armadale	Community Development Support Officer
Cr. Guenter Best	City of Armadale	City Councillor
Lyall Garlett	South Metro Education Region	Coordinator Aboriginal Education
Khaiah Thomson	Disability Service Commission	Local Area Coordinator
Wendy Ashwin	Aboriginal Health Coordinator	Hall & Prior Aged Care Org
Dena Gower	South Metropolitan Population Health Unit	Aboriginal Health Professional

**(ii) Apologies:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Title</b>
Keith Lethbridge	Department of Aboriginal Affairs	Community Support
Cheryl Metcalfe	ABOR Anglicare WA	Manager ABOR
Victoria Rafferty	Torres Strait Island Elder	Torres Strait Island Elder
Amanda Poglits	Department of Child Protection	Aboriginal Practice Leader
Madge Hill	Aboriginal Elder	Aboriginal Elder
Karen Cross	Department of Housing	Area Manager
Vicki Davis	Department of Housing	Aboriginal Client Services Officer

## Information Items from the Community Services Directorate

Christine Parry	Armadale Health Services	Aboriginal Health Officer
Lexie Trancollino	Department of Human Services	Indigenous Specialist Officer
Renee Edwards	Department of Child Protection	Aboriginal Practice Leaders
Emma Spencer-Percy	Partners in Recovery	

## 2. Updates:

- Jodie suggested inviting year 12 students from three different schools to sit in on future meetings.  
*Action: Jodie to speak to City of Armadale CDO Youth for assistance.*
- Ruah has been undertaking research as part of the mental health program 'Looking Forward'.  
*Action: Jodie to invite Ruah to provide an update on the project for the April ATSIAG meeting.*
- Jodie asked the group to suggest a guest speaker for future meetings.  
*Action: all members to consider guest speakers and advise Jodie.*
- The City has submitted a grant application to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet for ~\$1 million per annum to develop partnerships to improve access to services for Aboriginal people. Notification of the outcome is expected in March 2015. If successful, Jodie plans to hold a meeting with key stakeholders in May to determine who will be involved and what activities will be delivered.
- The Champion Centre has been liaising with RAC regarding their driver training program and discussed ways of helping the students to access driving lessons once they have completed their learners test. There is an RAC training centre near the airport which could be utilised. Funding is required to subsidise the cost of lessons.

## 3. Round Table

- Lyall discussed that the North and South Metro school areas are receiving their own funds now so money is accountable through the schools directly not through the Education Department.
- Dena discussed the concept of setting up healthy lifestyle programs and bringing in other service providers to assist. In Rivervale there is a new partnership with Bentley Armadale Medicare Local (BAML). They could also be a group that could participate in future ATSIAG meetings and will be invited in future.
- Members asked if information is available about the Indigenous community in the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale. Following the boundary change of 1 July, there will be a need to consider how people in SJ can access support from the Champion Centre. For example, activities could be provided through schools and facilities in SJ.
- Wendy discussed the challenge Hall & Prior has experienced with maintaining the employment of Indigenous people.
- Khaiah discussed the large number of people within the Harrisdale, Piara Waters and Southern River area that are requiring services.
- Jodie advised that a grant application has been submitted to establish a community garden at the Champion Centre. The aim is to involve the local

community and schools to participate in growing their own produce and making nutritional meals to compliment the programs operating at the centre. Notification of the outcome is expected in March. Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group is keen to partner with the centre to make the garden sustainable. A natural playground for the early years has also been proposed for the area behind the Champion Centre, adjacent to Bob Blackburn Reserve. The natural habitat will be brought forward and all the other plants will be removed to bring it back to traditional flora. Organisations such as Save the Children would be keen to buy a plot and use that with their programs.

## **Other Business**

### **Indigenous Advancement Strategy**

The City has prepared an application to the federal government's Indigenous Advancement Strategy funding program and are expecting to hear back in May whether they have been successful in receiving grant money to implement this strategy.

Recent changes to the federal governments funding program in the Families and Communities area will result in the City being unable to access direct funding to maintain the Indigenous Parenting Service beyond 30 June 2015. However the launch of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (managed by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet) provides the best immediate opportunity to secure funds to maintain and active role in the coordination of services for vulnerable children and families in 2015 and beyond. It also provides an opportunity for the City to expand its focus to promote economic participation as a key strategy in overcoming social and economic disadvantage.

The four program areas of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy are:

- Jobs, Land and Economy
- Children and Schooling
- Safety and Wellbeing
- Culture and Capability

Jodie provided members with an A3 sheet demonstrating the types of activities/programs that the City intends to deliver in partnership with community, non-profit and government partners and sought ATSIAG members' feedback on the proposal. If implemented, Jodie will be discussing the plans once we are aware of the funding allowance and quickly implement services providers on board to help this strategy.

**4. Meeting closed at 1:50pm**

**5. Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday 7 April 2015**

## POSITIVE AGEING WORKING GROUP NOTES

Date: Monday 3 November 2014

Time: 10.00am

Chair: Ruth Butterfield

Venue: City of Armadale Garden Room – 7 Orchard Avenue Armadale

Notes prepared by: Wendy Hill

### 1.0 Attendance & Apologies

<b>Attendance:</b>	
Cr Ruth Butterfield	Deputy Mayor – City of Armadale & Positive Ageing Working Group Chair Person
Ms Rebekah Milnes	Community Development Coordinator- City of Armadale
Ms Wendy Hill	Community Development Officer - Positive Ageing Access & Inclusion - City of Armadale
Mr Harold Preston	CEO- Dale Cottages
Ms Louise Hansen	Southern Districts Support Association
Ms Doreen Southam	Community Representative
Ms Caroline Dryland	CEO- Southside Care
Ms Lorraine Kirwan	Local Area Manager – Disability Services Commission
Ms Chris Bloomer	Community Representative
<b>Apologies</b>	
Ms Cheryl Samborski	CEO – Anchor Home Help

### 2.0 Notes

Distributed to members.

### 3.0 Actions from previous meeting

Ms Hill to talk with Alzheimer's Australia regarding the possibility of Alzheimer's Australia conducting a mini engagement with providers of aged care services in the Armadale area before the 13 February 2015.

*'The City of Armadale hosted a morning on the 14 January with Alzheimer's Australia WA to discuss Dementia Friendly Communities. Jason Burton who is the general manager at Alzheimer's Australia WA presented information about Dementia Friendly Communities and discussed the proposed community consultation. Surrounding Local Governments and key people from local organisations attended'*

Ms Hill to inform the group of the numbers attending the 'Positive Ageing Sessions' and Events.

*'Ms Hill informed the group:*

- *Discussed the history of the 'Positive Ageing Sessions' and why they are held at the Library*
- *The average number of people attending the 'Positive Ageing Sessions' are between 40 – 60 people'*

## Information Items from the Community Services Directorate

- *Presentations for the 'Positive Ageing Sessions' are decided from evaluations from the sessions and from interest from organisations wanting to present.*
- *The 'Come and Try Let's Get Crafty' mostly are fully attended with a wait list.*
- *Events vary in numbers depending on area, venue and topic. Many events are partnered with other organisations.*

*Councillor Butterfield:*

- *Requested a copy of the numbers of people attending the Positive Ageing Sessions' and events. (attached)*
- *Commented on the venue the 'Positive Ageing Sessions' are held. Perhaps we need to consider newer areas and Serpentine/ Jarrahdale. Ms Hill commented that the Positive Ageing events are held at different venues and in the newer areas of Armadale.*

**4.0 Guest Speaker**

None

**5.0 Directions of the Positive Ageing Group**

Ms Hill discussed the direction of State Government and the City of Armadale, research completed and future research planned.

- State Government Direction
  - *Global Age- friendly Cities: A Guide*
    - This document follows a bottom-up approach. It involves older people in analysing and expressing their situation to inform government policy.
    - Three pillars to active ageing have been identified with six determinants and eight topic areas.
    - The three pillars are participation, health and security.
    - The six determinants of active aging are health and social services, behavioural, personal, physical environments, social and economic.
    - The eight topic areas are transportation, housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment, communication and information, community and information, and community support and health services.
  - *An Age Friendly WA: The Seniors Strategic Planning Framework 2012-2017*
    - This framework reflects the recommendations of the United Nations and builds on nationally developments. It is a direct response to the needs of WA seniors as identified through extensive consultation.
    - The vision of the strategy is *'That all Western Australians age well in communities where they matter, belong and contribute'*.
    - For an ageing and changing WA the strategy outlines 13 key factors with ten planning needs required. The key factors are vulnerability, experience, diversity, more singles, seniors as carers, high expectation, dementia and other chronic conditions, willingness to help, special needs groups, time, rapid growth in numbers, skill set, and social isolation. The ten planning needs are intergenerational understanding

and respect, housing force participation, self-reliance, transport, lifelong learning, and financial security.

- The strategy discusses three planning principles required for an aging population. These are for the older person to have individual choice, rights and dignity, ageing well is lifelong, and ageing in place.
- To implement the planning principles there are five key pathways required. These are promoting health and wellbeing, access to essential services, economic security and protection of rights, welcoming and well-planned communities, and opportunities to contribute
- The key outcomes of these pathways are being involved, friendly communities and key services and supports.
- The strategy outlines what is in place, where to next and what will help within each pathway.

The group asked for a copy of the summary of the summary of the ‘An Age - friendly WA: The Seniors Strategic Planning Framework 2012 – 2017 (Attached)

- *Direction from the State Government is for most Local Governments to become Age- Friendly.*
- City of Armadale Direction
  - The Positive Ageing Area is included in the Community Strategic Plan which informs the City’s Corporate Business Plan.
  - A Community Development Strategy will be informed by the Corporate Business Plan and will be developed in the next six to twelve months after the boundary change to include Serpentine/Jarrahdale. This will be a four year document. Included in this document will be priorities for all areas of community development.
  - The priorities concluded from the ‘Ask Armadale’ Consultation’ were:
    - Safety. Areas noted were making it a safe place, security, road, safe public transport.
    - Housing. Areas noted were affordable housing, aged care facilities/services, aged housing, provision of facilities at a low cost.
    - Social participation. Areas noted were facilities for seniors and recreation, keeping independent and happy, financial strain.
    - Retirement. Areas noted were decision to retire, changes they will have, ageing and it’s problems, transitioning to retirement.
    - Health. Areas noted were loss of health, access to quality health, adequate health providers, accessibility to health services.
  - The priorities concluded from the ‘Community Perceptions 2014’ consultation were:
    - Safety. Areas noted were control of graffiti, vandalism and anti-social behaviour.
    - Housing.
    - Community Inclusion. Area noted was consultation.
  - We learnt from the ‘Community Perceptions 2014’ consultation:

Information Items from the Community Services Directorate

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- Services and facilities for the older person was relatively high, climbing back towards higher scores attained nine years ago – 74 % satisfied.
  - The older person was the highest who read the local papers and newsletters and the least likely to access information via internet.
- Future Research Planned
    - Speak with key organisation/people.
    - Further website research on key government policies
    - Living with Dementia Café
    - Link other research to key areas
    - Research to ascertain what the City have to do to become an Age Friendly Community.

## **6.0 Future of the Positive Ageing Group**

- The Positive Ageing Working Group was a key recommendation of the Positive Ageing Strategy 2011-2014 which has now been reported on and finalised. In going forward, the City's officers recommend a broader sector network is developed, comprising various levels of staff from a range of organisations. It is envisaged that this will be an effective mechanism for identifying and addressing priorities of the older population across the sector. Examples of sector networks that have been successful include the Armadale Early Years Network and the Armadale Youth Network which have resulted in a number of productive partnerships and further projects.
- This recommendation was accepted by the group; therefore this is the final meeting of the Positive Ageing Working Group in its current format. The Positive Ageing Network will be held every two months in the morning at Frye Park, with the commencement date to be advised. There will be a rotating chair and note taker.

## **7.0 Any other business**

### **8.0 Any other items**

- The Greendale Centre consultation with the Positive Ageing Working Group - group members requested clarification regarding inclusion of their feedback in the final report, as they felt the recommendations were inconsistent with the group's contribution.

*Action: Ms Milnes to enquire and will advise members individually.*

- Mr Preston would like a copy of the results from the survey completed on the Greendale Centre.

*Action: Ms Hill to email Mr Preston a copy of the survey.*

**Meeting Closed: 11.30am**

**POSITIVE AGEING SESSIONS (Since 2010)**

**SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE NUMBERS**

<b>TITLE OF SESSIONS</b>	<b>DATE OF FORUM</b>	<b>PEOPLE RSVP'd</b>	<b>PEOPLE ATTENDED</b>
"Alzheimer's"	2010		25
"Preparing for Emergencies"	Tuesday 20 July 2011		20
"Improve Your Knowledge Of The Health System"	Tuesday 11 October 2011		30
"Diabetes" & "Get Moving in Armadale"	Friday 14 October 2011		15
"Plan for Your Future"	Thursday 29 March 2012		45
"SCAM WATCH"	Thursday 19 July 2012	34	28
"Making Informed Housing Decisions/Low Cost Housing Options"	Monday 10 September 2012	2	Cancelled
"Downsizing/Reverse Mortgages and Accessing Equity"	Friday 5 October 2012		14
"Modifying Your Home"	Wednesday 31 October 2012		17
???????	May		
"Healthy Bladder & Bowels" & "Medication and Potential Side Effects"	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August, 2014		19
"Step into Volunteering" & Learning to Sleep Well	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014	17	20
"Prostate Cancer- Prevention and Early Detection" & "Transition to Retirement" MENS ONLY SESSION	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October, 2014	12	11
"Moving Through Menopause Naturally" WOMENS ONLY SESSION	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October, 2014	20	18
"Thyroid Health Awareness"	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November, 2014	33	35
"The Importance of Exercising" & "Speak Out about Diabetes"	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February, 2014	24	29
"Seniors Matters" & "Ageing well and Living Independently"	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March, 2014	32	35
"Become Stroke Safe" & "Services for Carers"	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April, 2014	44	41
"Understanding Depression & Anxiety" & "How to sidestep Depression & Anxiety"	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May, 2014	58	59
"Your Driving Future" & "A Fitting Farewell"	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June, 2014	47	42
"Travelling Wisely"	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June, 2014 (Evening Session)	54	48

## Information Items from the Community Services Directorate

“Champagne Life on a Beer Budget” & “Managing Arthritis and Osteoporosis”	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July, 2014	60	56
“Family Carer Information Evening”	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July, 2014	13	12
“Old Zoo, New Zoo” & “Step into Volunteering”	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August, 2014	20	26
“Will you recognise your Heart Attack”	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September, 2014	34	33
“Superannuation and Retirement”	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September, 2014 (Evening Session)	27	25
“Planning for the Future”	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October, 2014	58	48
“I Have Memories” & “Living with Dementia”	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October, 2014	31	29
“Healthy Kidneys” & “Preparing a Will”	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November, 2014	66	61
	<b>TOTALS</b>	568	544

## CITY OF ARMADALE

### DISABILITY ADVISORY TEAM MEETING NOTES

Tuesday 3 February 2015

Bi-monthly meeting held at the City of Armadale Committee Room, 7 Orchard Avenue Armadale

Chair: Cr Melissa Northcott

#### 1.0 Attendance & Apologies

##### Attendance

Name	Title	Organisation
Cr Melissa Northcott	City of Armadale Councillor and DAT Chairperson	City of Armadale
Wendy Hill	Community Development Officer - Seniors, Access and Inclusion	City of Armadale
Sue Hillel	Building Services Manager	City of Armadale
Mark Dadd	Community Representative	
John Glassford	Community Representative	
Lorraine Kirwin	Local Area Manager	Disabilities Service Commission
Gail Nesci	Principle Occupational Therapist	Armadale Health Services
Pat Hart	Community Representative	
Ron Fisher	Community Representative	
Corrine Omacini	Environmental Officer	City of Armadale

##### Apologies

Name	Title	Organisation
Philip Crabb	Property Manager	City of Armadale
Lynne Darby	Community Representative	
Sheila Parker	Community Representative	
Sheila-Anne Macleod	Area Manager Kelmscott	Disability Services Commission

#### 2.0 Minutes

Confirmed by Cr Melissa Northcott  
Correction made Tony Buti's name and title.

None.

### **3.0 Guest Speaker – Corrine Omacini- (Environmental Officer) ‘Updates on the Settlers Common Accessible Trail’.**

- Armadale Settlers Common in Bedforddale is a 383 ha bushland reserve, of which approximately 287 ha is vested in the City of Armadale for the purpose of 'parks and recreation'. The Common lies on the Darling Scarp and is within the wider Darling Range Regional Park. The project for a trail upgrade is through about a 60 hectare block.
- The project was scoped with Armadale Settlers Common Working Group and went through council December 2014.
- January 2014 the City wrote to the Minister seeking permission to spend POS CIL funds on the proposal.
- The project involves extending the wheelchair accessible trail, installing a larger picnic facility, and a new car park that can cater for wheelchairs (Acrod parking).
- The DAT supported the proposal. It was suggested the inclusion of a toilet and more seating included along the trail.
- After Ms Omacini left the continued with further discussion on the trail. Some members thought the toilet was a key priority to be added into the design before this project could go ahead.
- Mr Glassford informed the group he thought monies had been allocated for the inclusion of a toilet at Settlers Common.
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*Action: Ms Hill to further discuss with Ms Omacina on the groups view on a toilet at the Accessible Trail.*

*Action: Ms Hill to find out if monies have been allocated for a toilet at Settlers Common.*

### **4.0 Round Tables- Projects planned for 2015**

- Wendy discussed:
  - the Accessible Business Brochure to be finalised and the option of some photos to use.
  - The Disability Accessible Events Checklist will be distributed to City staff to trial at their events. After a trial period Accessible Events Checklists will be developed to suit individual events.
  - Dementia Friendly Communities may be part of the DAIP in the future.
  - The review of the DAIP will commence the second half of this year
  - Community and organisation representatives from Serpentine Jarrahdale will be invited to be members of the Disability Advisory Team after the 1 July.
- Lorraine discussed the takeover of Nulsen and the possibility of new units being managed.
- Ms Nesci discussed carers recognition and the clinical redesign to services as Fiona Stanley is now open so changes will be made with other hospitals.

- Cr Northcott discussed:
  - the accessible playground
  - the NDIS and the NDIS disability reform.

#### **5.0 Updates from Community Development Officer (Senior Access and Inclusion):**

- Ms Lynne Darby has resigned from the DAT meeting. On behalf of the group we would like to thank you for your valuable contribution to the group.

#### **6.0 Other agenda items**

- April's DAT meeting was discussed as it falls straight after the Easter weekend. The group decided to miss the April's Meeting and to meet on the 9 June.

#### **7.0 Other business**

- Ms Gill commented on the lack of adult change facilities (hoist and adult change table) in the change rooms at the Armadale Aquatic Centre.

*Action: Ms Gill to email Ms Hill the concern.*

- Cr Northcott was very pleased to announce that she received confirmation that the Perth Arena is fully disability accessible. A formal email will be sent to the group with the information.

*Action: Cr Northcott to email information on Accessibility on the Perth Arena to the group.*

- Mr Glassford enquired how the facilities within the Serpentine/Jarradale will be audited in accessibility within the Serpentine/Jarradale area.

- *Action: Ms Hill to invite Mr Philip Crabb Property Management at the City as guest speaker to discuss auditing of facilities.*

**Meeting closed at 11:00**  
**Next Meeting – 9 June 2015.**