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MEETING WITH HON LIZA HARVEY MLA; MINISTER FOR POLICE; ROAD SAFETY; SMALL BUSINESS; WOMEN'S INTERESTS

The Association met with the Hon Liza Harvey on the 2 May 2013 to discuss a range of issues: as follows:-

Neighbourhood Watch Program – The Minister reaffirmed a commitment to work with Local Government to develop a more contemporary program and to continue the engagement with volunteers. The Minister also recognised the important role of Local Government in fostering the Program.

CCTV Strategy for Western Australia – The Minister committed to working with WALGA to ensure that Local Government issues are addressed. The progression of the Strategy is subject to State budget considerations (first week of August).

The Community Safety and Crime Prevention partnership agreements with the State Government were discussed, as most were signed in 2003 and are due for renewal. The Minister advised she would seek further advice on these plans as she considered that the Local Government 'Community Strategic Plans' (required by the *Local Government Act 1995*) would probably achieve the same outcome as the current partnership arrangements.

WA Police Crime Statistics – A new data management system is being developed which will provide more comprehensive crime statistics for a Local Government area, including graffiti data. The system is still under development and should be completed by the end of 2013.

Road Safety – The Minister expressed strong support for the role of Local Government in addressing road safety issues and the achievements of WALGA's RoadWise program. The Minister emphasised the need to develop demonstrable evidenced based measures within road safety programs to ensure that the current approaches are correct.

For further information please contact Policy Manager Community, Jodie Holbrook on 9213 2044 or email jholbrook@walqa.asn.au

CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION

The Constitutional Alteration Bill has passed through the House of Representatives in an outstanding affirmation of the Local Government case, with MPs voting 133-2 to support the Bill, with one pair. WA MP Dr Denis Jensen and NSW MP Alex Hawke were the two dissenting votes. This is an important win for Local Governments across the country as we move toward securing funding certainty for our communities. We are hopeful that the Bill will receive the same overwhelming support when it is considered by the Senate later this month. The national campaign run by the ALGA will be complemented by state level support to Local Governments from WALGA.

For further information please contact Deputy CEO, Wayne Scheggia on 9213 2024 or email wscheggia@walqa.asn.au

CONTAMINATED SITES ACT 2003 REVIEW-SUBMISSION SUMMARY AVAILABLE

In September 2012, WALGA entered a submission to stage one of the *Contaminated Sites Act 2003* review. A summary of submissions has now been released, and is available at <http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/pollution-prevention/contaminated-sites.html>. A discussion document will be released for public comment, which WALGA will circulate to Local Governments. The Association will seek input from Local Governments when preparing the stage two submission.

For further information, please contact Environment Policy Officer, Julia Beijeman on 9213 2039 or email jbeijeman@walqa.asn.au.

LGC 2013 – REGISTRATIONS OPEN

The 2013 annual Local Government Convention and Trade Exhibition will return to the Perth

Convention Exhibition Centre - commencing on Wednesday, **7 August** – Friday, **9 August** with the closing event being the very popular Convention Gala Dinner. Registrations are to be made online by clicking on the 2013 Local Government Convention Registration link – www.walga.asn.au.

For further information and registration enquiries, please contact Marketing & Events Officer, Ulla Wolter on 9213 2043 or email uwolter@walga.asn.au

BANKSIA SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Banksia Foundation, a national not-for-profit organisation that promotes environmental excellence and sustainability, has opened its 2013 round of awards. Local Governments are encouraged to apply for a Banksia Award, with nominations open until Friday, **26 July**. Two new categories were introduced this year to recognise Local Governments' strong focus on sustainability. These are; the Local Government Sustainability Award; and the Local Government Sustainable Procurement Award. Banksia Sustainability Awards are regarded as the most prestigious environmental awards in Australia.

For further information, please contact Environment Policy Officer, Julia Beijeman on 9213 2039 or email jbeijeman@walga.asn.au.

2013 ROMAN II CONFERENCE – CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND SPONSORSHIP

The 2013 ROMAN II Conference will be held at the Rendezvous, Scarborough on Friday, **22 November** with the day's closing event being the very popular networking sundowner. The call for technical paper abstracts and sponsorship packages are now available in electronic format from the ROMAN II website – www.roman2.com.au

For further information regarding abstracts or sponsorship, please contact Administration Officer – ROMAN II, Eva Niedzwiedz on 6143 1987 or email eva.niedzwiedz@roman2.com.au

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE MANAGEMENT OF DECLARED PLANTS AND ANIMALS IN WA

The Office of the Auditor General for Western Australia is conducting a survey to assess how effectively the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA) and the Department for Environment and Conservation (DEC) manage declared pest animals and plants. A report (including the findings of this survey) will be tabled in Parliament in the second half of this year. The survey takes 10-15 minutes to complete and closes Friday, **14 June**. To take the survey, please visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OAGdeclaredplantsandanimals>.

For further information, please contact Environment Policy Officer, Julia Beijeman on 9213 2039 or email jbeijeman@walga.asn.au.

eLEARNING TRAINING

Introduction to Local Government- *NEW ONLINE COURSE

The course provides underpinning knowledge about the way Local Governments are constituted, the separation of roles between the Council and the Administration

and the responsibilities of working in a compliance environment. *This eLearning program would be an ideal inclusion to a Local Government induction program.*

Duration: Self-paced (approx. two hours online)
Cost: \$195 (+ GST)
Date: Enrol anytime (three months to complete upon date of enrolment)

OFFICER TRAINING

Executive Assistant Workshop *limited places left*

Date: Thursday **13 June** – Friday, **14 June**
Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Venue: WALGA Boardroom
Cost: \$790.00 (+ GST)

Managing Employee Performance

Date: Monday, **17 June**
Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Venue: WALGA Boardroom
Cost: \$415.00 (+ GST)

ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING

Managing Conflict

Date: Monday, **24 June**
Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Venue: WALGA Boardroom
Cost: \$395.00 (GST exempt)

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Additional course flyers can be downloaded at <http://walgatrainig.com.au> Contact the training team at training@walga.asn.au to secure your place.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REVIEW – OPTION TO TRANSFER LOCAL BUSH FIRE BRIGADES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) is investigating further a number of key issues raised during the recent comment period for the review into the *Fire Brigades Act 1942*, the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1998*, in particular the issue relating to the administration and operation of bush fire brigades. DFES sent a letter to all Local Government CEOs on 23 May 2013 seeking a response to the following question: *If future legislation provided the option for Local Governments to transfer the responsibility for bush fire brigade operations and administration to DFES, would your Local Government be likely to retain or transfer the responsibility?* DFES are encouraging all Local Governments to respond as part of the Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) process, emphasising that the position provided with respect to the above question is indicative only and does not obligate the Local Government in any way. DFES are accepting responses from Local Government.

For further information, contact Jeff Warren or Lauren Townsend at legislation@dfes.wa.gov.au or on (08) 9395 9763.



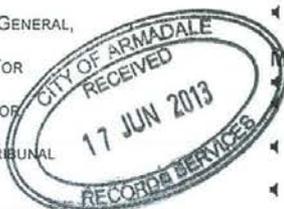
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ISSUES UPDATE

MEETING WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

Association President Mayor Troy Pickard and senior WALGA staff met with the Department of Transport Director General, Reece Waldock, to progress issues raised at the Metropolitan Mayors' Forum. Matters discussed included; Light Rail - Efforts by the light rail project team to effectively consult with senior Local Government staff and Elected Members were acknowledged. The Department was urged not to risk the positive working relationship with an onerous legislative approach. Land-use planning adjacent to freight rail and road corridors - The impact of rail and road freight corridors on adjacent land use is expected to be highlighted in the Freight and Intermodal Plan for Perth due to be finalised this year. Limitations in the State planning system affect the ability of Local Governments to ensure effective land-use planning adjacent to these corridors. The Director General committed to supporting Local Government efforts to address the identified limitations in the planning system. Train Station Parking - The Director General discussed the commercial constraints encountered in previous attempts to progress mixed use, multi-storey parking at railway stations but agreed to continue to look for opportunities and to work toward a pilot project with a Local Government on off-station site parking for commuters.

For further information please contact Executive Manager Infrastructure, Ian Duncan on 9213 2031 or email iduncan@walga.asn.au.

MEETING WITH MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

Association President Mayor Troy Pickard and senior WALGA staff met with the Minister for Agriculture and Food; the Hon Ken Baston MLC on Wednesday, 12 June. The meeting covered a

wide range of issues where the President outlined sector concerns on biosecurity, particularly on the resourcing of the Department of Agriculture and the governance of Recognised Biosecurity and Declared Species Groups, the Government commitment to ongoing logistical and financial support for Australian Plague Locust and European Wasp response activities, and for the State Natural Resource Management program.

The Association will be seeking additional input from the sector in relation to biosecurity governance issues and the State NRM program with a view to presenting the findings to both the State NRM and Biosecurity Senior Officers Groups respectively, in the near future.

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

MEETING WITH THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE

Association President Mayor Troy Pickard and senior WALGA staff met with the Minister for Environment and Heritage, Hon. Albert Jacob, MLA on Thursday, 30 May. The meeting covered progress on legislative reviews, funding arrangements and the State Government's Climate Change Statement. Please see the Infopage included in this week's mailbag for further details.

For further information, please contact Environment Policy Manager, Karen Barlow on 9213 2027 or email kbarlow@walga.asn.au

SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES TRIBUNAL DETERMINATIONS

Elected Member Fees, Expenses and Allowances
The Salaries and Allowances Tribunal are in the final stages of completing their determination on Elected Member fees, allowances and expenses.

The *Local Government Act 1995* was amended in 2012 to give the Tribunal the role of determining Elected Member fees, expenses and allowances. As this is the first determination and report on payments to Elected Members, there has been extensive consultation and a significant number of complexities to be taken into account before the report could be completed. The Tribunal is expecting to complete the report very shortly. The determinations will be effective from Monday, **1 July** when parts of the current Local Government Regulations will be repealed. [CEO Remuneration Survey](#) -The Salaries and Allowances Tribunal are currently inquiring into the remuneration for Local Government CEOs, with their forthcoming determination to be effective from Monday, **1 July**. As part of the inquiry process, Local Governments were requested to complete an online survey of salary packages currently being paid to CEOs. WALGA Understands that this is an important component of the inquiry process for the Tribunal and we would like to remind all CEOs to complete the online survey as soon as possible.

For further information please contact John Lukin or Nicole Hull at the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal on 6557 7001.

JUNE ECO NEWS NOW AVAILABLE

The June 2013 edition of Eco News is now available at <http://www.walga.asn.au/NewsPublications/Publications/WALGAEcoNews.aspx>

For further information, or to subscribe to Eco-News please contact Environment Policy Officer, Julia Beijeman on 9213 2039 or email jbeijeman@walga.asn.au.

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LAST TWO PROCUREMENT WORKSHOPS FOR REGIONAL WA

The final two Workshops are being held at the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder on Tuesday, **9 July** and City of Greater Geraldton on Thursday, **25 July**. These free workshops are from 9:00am – 4:30pm and will equip participants with an understanding of Local Government procurement requirements, procurement risks and how they can be mitigated, and practical procurement skills in accordance with WALGA's Procurement Handbook and Templates.

To register your attendance please email Business Solutions Support Officer, Nikki Hagan at nhagan@walga.asn.au

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REGIONAL TRAINING

Introduction to Local Government

Date: Wednesday, **26 June**
Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Venue: Shire of Roebourne
Contact: Carmen Moore, 9186 8644

Local Government Act: Introduction

Date: Thursday, **27 June**
Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm
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2013 WA STATE COASTAL CONFERENCE

The 2013 WA State Coastal Conference – *Balancing Communities and Coasts* will be held on from Wednesday, **31 July** - Friday, **2 August** and will centre around: Research, Planning and Management for our Coast; Adapting to the Changing Coast; and Communities and Our Coasts.

To register or for further information, please visit www.2013wacoastalconference.com.au.

FOAMED BITUMEN STABILISED MATERIALS

WA Profiling, a Preferred Supplier to the WALGA Road Building Preferred Supplier Contract is hosting a stakeholder workshop called *Foamed Bitumen Stabilised Materials- International and Local Experiences*. The workshop will be held at Crown Perth on Monday, **1 July** and will focus on the construction of smarter and greener pavements with reduced whole of life costs while withstanding the demands imposed on road networks.

For further information or to register please email p.aylward@waprofilng.com.au or call 9258 4488

DIARY DATES: WALGA ZONE MEETINGS

'Denotes Teleconference

21 June	South West Country Zone
24 June	South Metro Zone
21 June	Avon Midland Country Zone
24 June	Pilbara Country Zone
24 June	Northern Country Zone
26 June	South East Metro Zone
26 June	Peel Country Zone
27 June	Great Eastern Country Zone
27 June	Central Metro Zone
27 June	North Metro Zone
27 June	East Metro Zone
27 June	Gascoyne Country Zone
28 June	Great Southern Country Zone
28 June	Central Country Zone
28 June	Goldfields Esperance Country Zone
5-6 August	Kimberley Country Zone
16 August	South West Country Zone
22 August	Great Eastern Country Zone
23 August	South West Country Zone
23 August	Central Country Zone
26 August	South Metro Zone
28 August	South East Metro Zone
28 August '	Gascoyne Country Zone
29 August	Central Metro Zone
29 August	North Metro Zone
29 August	East Metro Zone
29 August	Peel Country Zone
30 August	Great Southern Country Zone
1-2 October	Kimberley Country Zone
15 November	South West Country Zone
22 November	South West Country Zone
25 November	South Metro Zone
25-26 November	Kimberley Country Zone
27 November	South East Metro Zone
28 November	Central Metro Zone
28 November	North Metro Zone
28 November	East Metro Zone
28 November	Peel Zone
28 November	Great Eastern Country Zone

28 November Gascoyne Country Zone
29 November Central Country Zone
29 November Great Southern Country Zone

ALGA NEWS

14 JUNE 2013

Local government representatives to focus on regional development

Every year, ALGA hosts a Regional Cooperation and Development Forum as a precursor to the National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA). This year is no different, with more than 350 local government representatives and elected officials expected to gather in Canberra on Sunday, 16 June, for the 2013 event.

The Forum is designed to encourage the sharing of ideas and opportunities through a mix of academic and practitioner insights. The Forum will hear from the Hon Catherine King, Commonwealth Regional Services Minister and senior officials, including those from the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport and the Regional Australia Institute.

The keynote address will be delivered by Professor John Martin of the Centre for Sustainable Regional Communities at La Trobe University. Professor Martin's presentation will be based on a research program comparing the sustainability of small towns in Canada and Australia.

Monday, 17 June, will mark the official opening of the NGA, which is expected to attract more than 1000 delegates to Canberra's National Convention Centre.

This year's NGA will provide a key opportunity to receive detailed information about the national campaign to include local government in the Constitution.

The NGA will provide delegates with briefings on the campaign strategy, details regarding the strategy's implementation, and most importantly, training on the crucial role councils can play in preparing each community to vote 'yes' to include local government in the Constitution.

ALGA is urging each council to ensure that at least one representative attends the NGA.

For more information and a program, click [here](#).

2013-14 State of the Regions Report soon to be released

One of the highlights of the Regional Development Forum is the launch of the annual State of the Regions Report - commissioned by ALGA and prepared by National Economics - to provide comprehensive economic analysis of every local government area in Australia.

The *2013-14 State of the Regions Report* will present the policy findings that build on the work commenced by National Economics in 2012-13. The Report provides further evidence for why a new national approach to regional development is required and what alternative policy approaches should be considered.

This year's Report incorporates the latest census and examines the implications from a social and economic perspective of Australia's approach to managing the impacts of natural disasters. It analyses government debt, household wealth, the risk of inefficient infrastructure investment in regional areas and includes a detailed assessment of the effects of the mining industry, concluding that there have been negative effects on areas outside Western Australia and parts of Queensland.

Following its release on 16 June at Canberra's National Convention Centre, the *2013-14 State of the Regions Report* can be accessed via the ALGA website: www.alga.asn.au

ALGA's federal election document to be unveiled next week

Day two of next week's National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) will be marked by the launch of ALGA's 2013 federal election document, which will be presented to all political parties.

A 10 Point Plan for Resourcing Community Priorities will outline local government's core priorities and propose a list of specific actions that are needed at the federal level to build resilience at the local and regional level in order to prepare communities to meet their current and future challenges. Among those challenges is the need for Commonwealth reform to bolster local government finances.

A financial recognition referendum, slated for 14 September, is one of the specific objectives of ALGA's election document. It is also a major priority for the ALGA Board.

ALGA is fully aware of the critical need for investment in local communities across Australia to ensure that all Australians, wherever they live, enjoy an appropriate level of services and infrastructure and equal opportunities. That is why ALGA has devised the *10 Point Plan for Resourcing Community Priorities*.

Local government has a lot more to offer Australian communities but it needs the appropriate support and resources to do so. The 10 Point Plan will present local government's agenda and provide a way forward for local communities to achieve their potential in partnership with the Federal Government.

ALGA's 10 Point Plan will be available on the ALGA website - www.alga.asn.au - following the launch of the document on Tuesday, 18 June, at 11.30am.

President's Column

The Queen's Birthday Honours Lists were released on Monday, 10 June, and as in previous years, I was heartened to learn of the many recipients recognised for local government service. It is with great pleasure that I extend my congratulations to the following local government leaders and recipients of Queen's Birthday Honours and thank them for their contribution to local government.

The following local government champions were recipients of the Order of Australia:

OFFICER (AO) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

Ronald William Clarke, Runaway Bay, Qld

Distinguished service through leadership roles with local government and philanthropic organisations and to the promotion of athletics.

MEMBER (AM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

Rosalind Marianne Blades, Noble Park, Vic

Significant service to local government.

MEDAL (OAM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

Jayne Alison Bates, Penneshaw, SA

Service to local government and to Kangaroo Island.

Cr Judith Grace Bromfield, New Norfolk, Tas

Service to local government.

Keith Edwin Davis, Wollongong, NSW

Service to community and local government.

Cr Rodney James Fyffe, Bendigo, Vic

Service to local government and the community.

Cr Jacolyn Dorothy Greenow, St Marys, NSW

Service to local government, and to the community, particularly to the disabled.

Terence Lancelot Hunt, Kempsey, NSW

Community service and local government.

Robert William Legge, St Marys, Tas

Service to local government, and to the community. Robert Legge is a former member of the ALGA Board.

Leonard William Tozer, Gundagai, NSW

Community service in local government.

The full Queen's Birthday Honours Lists are available at www.itsanhonour.gov.au

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis

ALGA President

ALGA President opens Local Government Researchers' Forum

Local government practitioners and academics took part in the Local Government Researchers Forum held last week at Adelaide University. In opening the Forum, ALGA President and Mayor of Marion, Felicity-ann Lewis, talked about the value of work arising from the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government research program

and the practical nature of much of the research that is being undertaken across the nation.

Mayor Lewis spoke about the benefits of applied research to local governments and how modern councils are managing challenges through new mechanisms.

Research topics included local government finance and revenue; local government as a community facilitator; future workforce issues; local innovation; the application of climate change research; local demographics; planning and community wellbeing; and the shape, size and future of local government in Australia.

A summary of the plenary discussion along with completed papers and presentations will be available soon on the ACELG Local Government Research Network website:
lgresearch.net.au

For further information please contact Stefanie Pillora, ACELG Program Manager, Research: stefanie.pillora@acelg.org.au or 9514 4897.

Renewed interest in Sister City relationships

A sister-city agreement between country music meccas, Nashville and Tamworth, has been signed in Nashville.

Tamworth Mayor, Col Murray, and Nashville Mayor, Karl Dean, strengthened cultural ties between their two cities on Friday.

A delegation from Tamworth Regional Council and Destination NSW attended the ceremony, at Nashville's Country Music Hall of Fame, whose first inductee was the legendary Hank Williams in 1961.

The Nashville-Tamworth sister-city agreement is Nashville's seventh.

It also has sister-city arrangements with Edmonton in Canada (1990); Caen in France (1991); Belfast in Northern Ireland (1995); Magdeburg in Germany (2003); Taiyuan in China (2007); and Mendoza in Argentina (2009).

Karl Dean says he wants the people of Tamworth, and its musicians, to make the most of the cultural exchange.

"One of the great things about being Mayor of Nashville is when you tell anybody in the world where you're from they immediately think of music," he said.

"Nashville has benefitted from having several Australians who have done very, very well here and who live in this city and who have been great citizens of our community."

He says country music binds the two communities now and, hopefully, into the future.

Regional Development Australia funding announcements

A redevelopment of the Parkes Airport is expected to create more than 40 extra ongoing

jobs.

The council has received \$1.5m from the Regional Development Australia Fund for the project, which will include an expansion of the terminal and an upgrade of the runway lighting.

The redevelopment is expected to create more than 40 jobs during construction and another 40 positions once completed.

Mayor Ken Keith says work on the \$3m redevelopment will be getting underway shortly.

"Work will start very soon, I'd imagine in the next financial year we'll see work undertaken because a lot of the planning has already been done," he said.

"They would like the funds expended by 2016 so I think over the next two years we'll have all that work done and completed.

"There's a few parts of the project, one is to renew the lighting on the runway and the second part is to actually expand and improve the terminal facilities including the baggage handling side of things and also to increase the size of the car park."

The Orange City Council also received \$4m from the fund for its regional museum.

Mayor John Davis says the project will include exhibition space, a cafe and a tourist information centre.

"It's a hole that's been there for many years," he said.

"The museum people have been promised for a long, long time, many, many years that they would get a facility.

"I'm certainly very proud to be part of the council, with my fellow councillors, that have shown support for a museum and said that we would make sure that it happened."

Councillor Davis says it's exciting to have secured the extra funds.

\$1.4 million upgrade to Alpha Aquatic Centre

The Federal Labor Government this week announced it would contribute \$1.4 million to the \$4 million redevelopment of the Alpha Aquatic Centre in Central West Queensland under the Regional Development Fund.

The redevelopment includes upgraded facilities and the replacement of the current 50 metre swimming pool with a sustainable, heated 25 metre pool with wheelchair access. The new pool will also have two extra lanes, allowing more people to swim at different levels.

Heating the pool will extend the club's swimming season, and allow increased use by other community groups in the Barcaldine region.

Good sports infrastructure strengthens communities and the upgraded aquatic centre will help cater for the region's growing population.

I commend Barcaldine Regional Council for their successful funding application.

This project is a good example of the real benefits of targeted, long-term investment in regional communities.

Overall, the project will support 16 local jobs during construction and five ongoing jobs upon completion.

The project is expected to be completed by end 2014.

Funding is being provided through Round Four of the Regional Development Australia Fund.

More information on the Regional Development Australia Fund can be found at www.regional.gov.au

Torres Strait future plans

Torres Strait Island Regional Council Mayor Fred Gela says the Federal Government supports a long-term plan to secede the Torres Strait from Queensland.

Councillor Gela says he is working with governments to help the Torres Strait become a separate territory under the Federal Government in the next 15 years.

"We need to commence and start dialogue to have them form and establish and be fair dinkum about establishing an implementation committee, so we can start developing the journey, and mapping that journey forward, in terms of achieving the end result of being a territory within ourselves," he said.

He says it is a slow process but one that needs to happen.

"Autonomy is something that we've wanted for quite some time," he said.

"If there's anything that we've learnt it's that successive governments have only provided us with lip-service."

Qld State Budget impacts local councils

The Queensland Budget has laid out a total of \$4.2 billion to rebuild the state after the January floods, and about half of that money will go towards rebuilding roads.

The Bruce Highway will receive \$690 million, while \$40 million has already been announced for flood-damaged infrastructure repair through a Betterment Fund.

The Federal Government will also contribute \$40 million to the Fund.

In the Budget, there's \$150 million to help councils carry out projects including water and sewerage upgrades.

CEO of the Local Government Association of Queensland, Greg Hallam, says there were no surprises, but he's happy with the allocations.

"There was a great deal of generosity by the State Government and indeed the Federal Government around the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements program. We will end up with a better road network as a consequence of that spending."

Under the Transport and Roads Investment Program, the Warrego Highway will have almost \$316 million spent on it, the Landsborough \$138.5 million and the Cunningham Highway \$125.5 million.

Sydney City delivers substantive energy efficiency dividends

The City of Sydney says it has saved enough power to run a small town by retrofitting old buildings with energy-efficient measures.

The council says it is saving as much as 50 per cent on power and water bills in government-owned buildings by installing LED lights and motion sensors, adjusting the voltage of entire buildings, and upgrading childcare, library and community facilities.

"We save a lot on ... valuable resources and that, in turn, saves a lot of money," said Steve Castell, the council's property development co-ordinator.

The savings have been made under a contract with Origin Energy to cut electricity use in the city's buildings by 6.4 million kilowatt hours a year.

That is enough power to supply 870 households annually, saving an estimated \$880,000 in annual power bills.

Lord mayor Clover Moore says cities are the greatest emitters of greenhouse gases and it makes good business sense to reduce their environmental footprint.

The council has set itself a target to reduce overall water and energy use by 20 per cent, and to reduce carbon emissions by 70 per cent, by 2030.

Mayor pleads for flood recovery workers to stay

The Gympie Mayor says the Queensland Government needs to extend the contracts of recovery officers employed after this year's floods.

Two farm financial counsellors will finish working in Kingaroy and Gympie at the end of the month because the Government is no longer funding the service.

Ron Dyne says the region has been struggling since the 2011 floods and the officers are

still desperately needed.

"It wasn't just in the Gayndah area and the North Burnett and Bundaberg areas that have had the impact," he said.

"We've had lucerne farmers who have been extensively impacted who haven't had an income for over three years, so I think it is ... premature at this stage to be withdrawing any assistance that they can provide."

Councillor Dyne says it is disappointing farmers are leaving the area and the Government needs to step in to support them.

"We need to keep these farmers on their properties," he said.

"A lot of them are younger people, so that's a positive because a lot of the farming community are a little more mature and we need to make sure these younger farmers remain on the land and are given every opportunity to remain on the land and succeed."

Indigenous housing program on target

The \$5.5 billion *National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing* (NPARIH) is on track to deliver housing targets, according to an independent review.

The release of the review's findings comes halfway through the 10-year partnership, which is building new homes and refurbishing or rebuilding existing homes in remote Indigenous communities across the country.

It found as of 30 April this year 1,682 new houses and 5,436 refurbishments had been delivered nationally under the NPARIH and it was on track to reach 4,200 new houses by 2018, having already exceeded the original target to rebuild or refurbish 4,800 houses.

It also showed the National Partnership Agreement was having a significant impact on reducing overcrowding.

Data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, contained in the review, showed the proportion of Indigenous households in remote Australia affected by overcrowding fell from 22.3 per cent in 2006 to 20.1 per cent in 2011.

The number of households impacted by severe overcrowding in remote Australia had also been reduced from 5.1 per cent in 2006 to 3.9 per cent in 2011.

The review also showed the program exceeded its 20 per cent target for Indigenous employment in the delivery of new housing construction in every State and the Northern Territory.

It found the National Partnership was delivering better property and tenancy management that helped ensure Indigenous people living in remote communities had the same rights and responsibilities as any other public housing tenant.

For more information, click [here](#).

Recognise Refugee Week

Refugee Week is Australia's peak annual activity to raise awareness about the issues affecting refugees and celebrate the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society. Refugee Week is always held from Sunday to Saturday of the week which includes 20 June (World Refugee Day). In 2013, Refugee Week will be held from Sunday 16 June to Saturday 22 June. The theme for Refugee Week this year is "Restoring Hope". Read more about the theme [here](#).

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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

- ❑ Asset Officer – commences 24/6/13.
- ❑ Web Developer – commences 26/6/13.
- ❑ Mechanical Technician – commences 1/7/13.

Staff Leaving:

- ❑ Indigenous Children & Families Coordinator – resignation effective 29/5/13.
- ❑ Technical Officer Engineering Design – resignation effective 9/7/13.

Other Staff Movements (Internal):

- ❑ Nil.

Current Recruitment Activity:

- ❑ Senior Building Surveyor – position on hold.
- ❑ Parks Maintenance Operator (Civic Precinct) – interviews scheduled, recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Parks Maintenance Operator x 2 – applications closed 6/6/13.
- ❑ Asset Officer – recruitment complete.
- ❑ Administration Assistant (Building) – interviews complete, recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Mechanical Technician – recruitment complete.
- ❑ Management Accountant – interviews complete, recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Web Developer/Designer – recruitment complete.
- ❑ Governance & Administration Officer (previously titled Governance & Administration Assistant) – interviews complete, recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Major Events and Arts Coordinator – interviews complete, recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Technical Officer Engineering Design – applications closed 30/5/13, recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Building Health Information Officer – applications closed 6/6/13.
- ❑ Plant Operator/Landfill Attendant – applications closed 13/6/13.

Current Recruitment Activity (cont.):

- Administration Officer (Parks & Environment) – applications closed 6/6/13.
- Indigenous Children & Families Officer – advertised 1/6/13, applications closed 13/6/13.

Of Special Note:

Elected Member Training – Offered by Local Government Workplace Solutions (WALGA).

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

WALGA TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE FOR ELECTED MEMBERS						
JANUARY – JUNE 2013	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Councillors Roles & Responsibilities		5			19	
Effective Community Leadership		6			20	
Strategic Planning	11			10		
Financial Reporting and Budgets	12			11		
Change Management		12		31		
Policy Development		13			1	
Land Use Planning			16		7	
Sustainable Asset Management			17		8	
CEO Performance Appraisal				14		
Managing Conflict				15		
Meeting Procedures & Debating		10		28		
Professional Speaking		7	13			3

Duration of each course = 1 full day

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TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS		
ITEM	REFERRING COMMITTEE	COMMENTS
Resolution T/18/4/13 – Accessible Playground “That Council Request Officers investigate and report back to Committee the matter of provision of a fully accessible playground within the City of Armadale by November 2013.”	Technical Services	Investigation under way with report to be presented to November Technical Services Committee Meeting.

TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE
Works Programme – May 2013 – July 2013



Department	May 2013	June 2013	July 2013
Civil Works	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road – between Harrisdale Drive and Road I. • Nicholson Road – between Road I and Piara Drive. • Ranford Road – Lake Road to Alex Wood Drive. • Townley Street - resurface and Local Area Traffic Management (LATM). • Ranford Road – cycle path between Lake Road and McNeill Road. • Commerce Avenue/Third Road – hardstand and footpath fronting RSL. • Rowley Road – upgrade. • Reilly Road – extension to Balannup Road. • Streich Avenue railway crossing intersection – channelisation works. • Gillam Drive/Bruns Street roundabout installation. • Cobham Way footpath. • Nash Street footpath. 	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road – between Harrisdale Drive and Road I. • Nicholson Road – between Road I and Piara Drive. • Ranford Road – Lake Road to Alex Wood Drive. • Commerce Avenue/Third Road – hardstand and footpath fronting RSL. • Rowley Road – upgrade. • Reilly Road – extension to Balannup Road. • Gillam Drive/Bruns Street roundabout installation. • Patterson Road – upgrade drainage 	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road – between Harrisdale Drive and Road I. • Nicholson Road – between Road I and Piara Drive. • Ranford Road – Lake Road to Alex Wood Drive. • Commerce Avenue/Third Road – hardstand and footpath fronting RSL. • Rowley Road – upgrade. • Reilly Road – extension to Balannup Road. • Forrest Road / Railway Avenue (south) intersection upgrade.

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	<p><u>Maintenance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance as per Programme. • Contract road sweeping. • Footpath defects. • Drainage maintenance in various locations. 	<p><u>Maintenance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance as per Programme. • Contract road sweeping. • Footpath defects. • Drainage maintenance in various locations. 	<p><u>Maintenance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance as per Programme. • Contract road sweeping. • Footpath defects. • Drainage maintenance in various locations.
Development	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 active areas of civil works. • 6 civil works submissions under review. • 2 water management submissions under review. • 4 landscaping submissions under review. <p><u>Churchman Brook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Brookdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Armadale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Mt Nasura</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 WAPC subdivision submission under review. 	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 active areas of civil works. • 6 civil works submissions under review. • 2 water management submissions under review. • 4 landscaping submissions under review. <p><u>Churchman Brook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Brookdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Armadale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Mt Nasura</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 WAPC subdivision submission under review. 	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 active areas of civil works. • 6 civil works submissions under review. • 2 water management submissions under review. • 4 landscaping submissions under review. <p><u>Churchman Brook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Brookdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Armadale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Mt Nasura</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 WAPC subdivision submission under review.

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	<p><u>METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</u></p> <p><u>MRA - Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 civil works submission under review. • 2 active areas of civil works. <p><u>MRA - Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing – awaiting further submissions. <p><u>MRA - Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 WAPC subdivision submission under review. • 2 active areas of civil works. • 3 civil works submissions under review. • 2 landscaping submissions under review. • 1 active major public utility installation. <p><u>MRA - Champion Lakes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 WAPC subdivision submission under review. • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 landscaping submission under review. <p><u>MRA - Lake Road - Champion Glades</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 water management submission under review. 	<p><u>METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</u></p> <p><u>MRA - Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 civil works submission under review. • 2 active areas of civil works. <p><u>MRA - Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing – awaiting further submissions. <p><u>MRA - Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 WAPC subdivision submissions under review. • 2 active areas of civil works. • 3 civil works submissions under review. • 2 landscaping submissions under review. • 1 active major public utility installation. <p><u>MRA - Champion Lakes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 WAPC subdivision submission under review. • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 landscaping submission under review. <p><u>MRA - Lake Road - Champion Glades</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 water management submission under review. 	<p><u>METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</u></p> <p><u>MRA - Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 civil works submissions under review. • 2 active areas of civil works. <p><u>MRA - Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing – awaiting further submissions. <p><u>MRA - Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 WAPC subdivision submissions under review. • 2 active areas of civil works. • 3 civil works submissions under review. • 2 landscaping submissions under review. • 1 active major public utility installation. <p><u>MRA - Champion Lakes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 WAPC subdivision submission under review. • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 landscaping submission under review. <p><u>MRA - Lake Road - Champion Glades</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 water management submission under review.

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	<u>MRA - Seville Grove</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review • 1 water management submission under review. <u>MRA – Gillam Drive</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current movement in area of civil works. 	<u>MRA - Seville Grove</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. • 1 water management submission under review. <u>MRA – Gillam Drive</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current movement in area of civil works. 	<u>MRA - Seville Grove</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. • 1 water management submission under review. <u>MRA – Gillam Drive</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current movement in area of civil works.
Design and Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue – Fourth Road Upgrade. • Prepare Hopkinson Road Transfer Station Access. • Review Nicholson Road Stage 4. • Prepare Lang Street (2013/2014 Project). • Prepare Road Resurfacing Projects (2013/2014). • Submit MRRG Grant Applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalise Hopkinson Road Transfer Station Access. • Finalise outstanding Nicholson Road Stage 4 issues. • Issue Reilly Road – Reilly to Skeet. • Issue Reilly/Balannup/Gracefield Roundabout. • Issue Reilly/Skeet Roundabout. • Issue Road Resurfacing Projects (2013/2014). • Submit 2014/2015 Blackspot Grant Applications. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing review of Nicholson Stage 2, 3 and 4. • Begin 2013/2014 Blackspot Design Program dependent of staffing. • Due to staffing, some June programmed projects may be undertaken in July.
Parks Works	<u>Capital/ Works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fletcher Park - commencement of Stage 1 upgrade works - complete and open to the Club. Scoping Stage 2 works - meeting with Wallangarra Pony Club to follow. • Armadale Gateway landscaping – NE quadrant complete. 	<u>Capital/ Works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fletcher Park - commencement of Stage 1 upgrade works - complete and open to the Club. Scoping Stage 2 works - meeting with Wallangarra Pony Club to follow. • Kelmscott CBD landscaping redevelopment – planting this winter. 	<u>Capital/ Works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fletcher Park - commencement of Stage 1 upgrade works - complete and open to the Club. Scoping Stage 2 works - meeting with Wallangarra Pony Club to follow. • Kelmscott CBD landscaping redevelopment – planting this winter.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelmscott CBD landscaping redevelopment – planting this winter. • Soil moisture monitoring system review underway due to alternative products now available. • POS Strategy Precinct C Bronzewing Reserve. Hydrozoning and mulching to be completed. • Precinct C Reg Williams Reserve. Half pipe painting scheduled then all complete. • Precinct C Don Simmons Reserve upgrade work in progress. • Precinct C Harber Drive/Chiltern Reserve reticulation and pathways complete trees to be installed. • Precinct C Rotary Park. Turfing to be completed and repair fountain. • POS Strategy Precinct G Sanctuary Lake Reserve lighting to be installed. • Memorial Plaques – various locations. Plaques ordered. • Tree Planting – various locations. Trees ordered winter planting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soil moisture monitoring system review underway due to alternative products now available. • POS Strategy - Precinct C Bronzewing Reserve. Hydrozoning and mulching completed. • Precinct C - Reg Williams Reserve - half pipe painting and all works complete. • Precinct C Don Simmons Reserve - tree planting complete. • Precinct C Harber Drive/Chiltern Reserve - reticulation, pathways and tree planting complete. • Precinct C Rotary Park - turfing and repair fountain complete. • POS Strategy Precinct G Sanctuary Lake Reserve - ighting to be installed. • Memorial Plaques – various locations - plaques installation complete. • Tree Planting – various locations - trees ordered for winter planting. • Lowanna Way – median tree planting complete. • Townley Street– median tree planting complete. • Gillam Drive/Bruns Street – roundabout tree planting complete. • Piara Waters Street Tree Planting – commencing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soil moisture monitoring system review underway due to alternative products now available. • POS Strategy Precinct G Sanctuary Lake Reserve - lighting to be installed. • Tree Planting – various locations - trees ordered for winter planting. • Piara Waters Street Tree Planting – commencing.

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	<p><u>Asset Renewal Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Blackburn Reserve – new bore and headworks installed. Wiring to be completed. • Minnowarra Park – replacement seats to be installed. • William Skeet Reserve – replacement skate facilities ordered. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract play space maintenance. • Scheduled mowing. • Irrigation maintenance. • Bushland maintenance. • Civic Precinct maintenance. • New estate maintenance. • Citywide streetscape maintenance. • Customer requests. • Barbecue cleaning 	<p><u>Asset Renewal Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Blackburn Reserve – new bore and headworks installed, wiring completed. • Minnowarra Park – replacement seats completion. • William Skeet Reserve – replacement skate facilities order under construction. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract landscape maintenance. • Contract play space maintenance. • Scheduled mowing. • Irrigation maintenance. • Bushland maintenance. • Civic Precinct maintenance. • New estate maintenance. • Citywide streetscape maintenance. • Customer requests. • Barbecue cleaning. 	<p><u>Asset Renewal Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Skeet Reserve – replacement skate facilities order under construction. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract landscape maintenance. • Contract play space maintenance. • Scheduled mowing. • Irrigation maintenance. • Bushland maintenance. • Civic Precinct maintenance. • New estate maintenance. • Citywide streetscape maintenance. • Customer requests. • Barbecue cleaning.
<p>Parks Subdivisional Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various approvals. • Heron Park Stage 3 and 5 CCW. • Heron Park Stage 6 Pre-Handover. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various approvals. • Heron Park Stage 3 and 5 CCW. • Heron Park Stage 6 Handover. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various approvals. • Heron Park Stage 3 and 5 CCW. • Heron Park Stage 9 Pre-Handover. • Heron Park Stage 3 CCW Pre Handover.

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Parks Design and Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New tender Landscape Maintenance of Various Reserves. • New tender Landscape Maintenance of Champion Lakes Beach, Interpretative Centre and Residential Estate. • New tender Landscape Maintenance of PAW's and Townscape Amenity Service Specified Area E. • Vandalism report 2012/2013. • Contract Maintenance Schedule. • Subdivision Estate Schedule. • Report on Waste Collection Parks. • Report on Vertu Estate irrigation of residential verges. • Contract Maintenance Schedule. • Subdivision Estate Schedule. • Report on Waste Collection Parks. • POS Strategy Precinct G expenditure. • Lighting Audit Active Reserves - review. • Piara Waters Streetscape Plan - finalise. • Draft Developer Guidelines issued to departments for internal review. • DCS Nicholson Road median landscaping Stage 1 - pretender documentation • Precinct A POS strategy draft concepts finalised. • Citywide Green Strategy start up. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender renewal of TEN/15/12 - Landscape Maintenance of Heron Park Estate – Council review and award of Tender No 18/13. • Tender renewal of TEN/16/12 - Citywide Weed Management and General Turf Insect Control Services – Council review and award of Tender No 19/13. • Developer Guidelines finalised. • DCS Nicholson Road median landscaping Stage 1 –Tender • Citywide Green Strategy. • Jull Street landscape detailed design. • Kelmscott CBD landscape masterplan • New tender Landscape Maintenance of Various Reserves – review and issue for tender. • New tender Landscape Maintenance of Champion Lakes Beach, Interpretative Centre and Residential Estate – review and issue for tender. • New tender Landscape Maintenance of PAW's and Townscape Amenity Service Specified Area E – review and issue for tender. • DCS Warton Road median landscaping Stage 1 prepare & review DRAFT landscape design and documentation for tender. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender No 23/11 - Tree Management Services – tender renewal. • DCS Nicholson Road Stage 1 - Tender evaluation and draft report. • DCS Warton Road median landscaping Stage 1 - pretender documentation. • City Wide Green Strategy • Jull Street landscape detailed design. • Kelmscott CBD landscape master plan. • New Tender - Landscape Maintenance of Various Reserves – tender evaluation. • New Tender - Landscape Maintenance of Champion Lakes Beach, Interpretative Centre and Residential Estate – tender evaluation. • New Tender - Landscape Maintenance of PAW's and Townscape Amenity Service Specified Area E – tender evaluation. • Vandalism report 2012/2013. • Contract Maintenance Schedule. • Subdivision Estate Schedule. • Report on Waste Collection Parks. • Report on Vertu Estate irrigation of residential verges. • Contract maintenance schedule. • Subdivision estate schedule. • Report on parks waste collection. • POS Strategy Precinct G expenditure. • Lighting audit active reserves.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vandalism report 2012/2013. • Contract Maintenance Schedule. • Subdivision Estate Schedule. • Report on Waste Collection Parks. • Report on Vertu Estate irrigation of residential verges. • Contract Maintenance Schedule. • Subdivision Estate Schedule. • Report on Waste Collection Parks. • POS Strategy Precinct G expenditure. • Lighting Audit Active Reserves - review. • Piara Waters Streetscape Plan – correspondence out. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piara Waters Streetscape Plan – Stage 1 implementation. • GUMS water source and area of use audit and mapping - Ongoing. • Preparation of DOW 2012/2013 Groundwater Abstraction Report Underway. • Review of Parks 5 Year Capital Budget to be completed. • Parks asset database field collection underway - data processing and integration into asset database. • Review of COA Standard Specification Turf Installation -underway. • Citywide Sting Nematode Monitoring Program to be formalised. • Preparation of Citywide and precinct POS plans with GIS complete. • Minnowarra Park lake dredging project feasibility study complete. Preparation of cost estimates and tender specification.
<p>Property Management</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Capital Works</u></p> <p><u>Upgrade:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Workshop – Main switchboard and electrical supply (ongoing). • Westfield Child Health - Installation of additional parking bays (completed). 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Capital Works</u></p> <p><u>Upgrade:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Workshop – Main switchboard and electrical supply installation (ongoing). 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Capital Works</u></p> <p><u>Upgrade:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Workshop – Main switchboard and electrical supply installation (ongoing).

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – MAY 2013		
	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
That the matter of a policy in regard to acquisitions, commissioning and funding of public artworks be referred to the Community Services Committee.	Community Planning Infrastructure	C45/11/12 Request the development of a Public Art Policy for consideration. <i>Comment:</i> <i>In preparation of the Policy, an audit is currently being undertaken of the City's existing public art including those provided by the private sector.</i>
That the matter of the provision of electronic library services at Bakers House be referred to the Community Services Committee	Library and Heritage Services	Cr Munn, as the initiator of the item has requested that the matter be presented when he returns from his leave of absence. As such a report is being prepared for the Community Services Committee meeting.

COMMUNITY PLANNING:

Forrestdale Consultation

The Community Consultation for the Forrestdale Community Hub (Alfred and William Skeet Reserves Master Planning) has been initiated with a community workshop held on the 5th June at 6:30pm at the Forrestdale Hall. The workshop, which was facilitated by an external facilitator, posed four questions to the participants:

1. What are the positives of the Forrestdale community?
2. What are some of the challenges?
3. What community facilities or spaces at the hub could maximise the positives and minimise the challenges?
4. What else could be done to strengthen the Forrestdale community?

There was an excellent turnout at the workshop with over 50 participants spanning the full cross section of the Forrestdale community in age and perspective, in addition to most stakeholders being represented. It was a very positive and successful workshop with some great ideas provided. The data is being collated and is being analysed in association with the broader strategies for the area and will feed into draft designs for the next workshop, which will investigate further into the future design of the hub.

JOHN DUNN AND RUSHTON PARK MASTER PLANNING

On site signage has been installed on both John Dunn and Rushton Park that displays the draft concept designs and provides background and contact information. The consultation period has been further extended to provide further opportunity for the Kelmscott Residents Association to provide comment following their meeting of 13 June 2013. The submission period ends 21 June 2013 and the signs on site will then be removed. The submissions will be collated and a recommendation presented to Council.

CROSS PARK SKATE PARK

Redesign of the skate park is progressing. Geotechnical and service surveys have been undertaken. A start up site inspection was undertaken with Convic, Manager Community Infrastructure Planning and Manager Parks on 12 June 2013. A project time frame and update will be available for the next Information Bulletin.

ARMADALE GOLF COURSE REDEVELOPMENT

Detailed design for the Armadale Golf Course redevelopment is underway. It is expected that handover to Technical Services for implementation will occur shortly. Community Services will continue to liaise with Technical Services until project completion.

PIARA WATERS AND HARRISDALE SHARED COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL USE CONCEPT PLANS

Concept plans and cost estimates for the three Department of Education/City of Armadale shared use sporting and community use sites are almost complete. It is expected the final plans and estimates will be provided to officers by 21 June 2013. When available the concept plans will be presented to Council.

JULL STREET ACTIVATION

Further consultation on the concept plans has been undertaken with the plan being presented to the Disability Advisory Team meeting on Tuesday 4 June 2013 for input. The Mall lighting/banner poles are being designed in detail. Detailed design and “palette” of materials and colours is being undertaken by the Landscape Architect in consultation across directorates for further consideration. Free wi-fi service within the Mall is being implemented.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Australian Early Development Index (AEDI) Information Sessions for Child Care Centre staff - an AEDI presentation aimed at Educators based at local child care centres is being finalised by the City in collaboration with the Department of Education’s Office of Early Childhood Development and Learning. The AEDI provides a national snapshot of young children’s health and development. A survey is conducted in pre-primary and reflects what has taken place in the lives of children prior to entering school, and the results help communities to understand how their children are developing compared to other children nationally.

The presentation, to be delivered by the City’s Community Development Officer – Children and Families, explains the importance of the early years, how to access the AEDI results, and how to effectively use the data to inform programs offered to children that will address the issues and build on the strengths reflected by the recent data collection. It is specifically for children in Armadale, with detailed suburb-by-suburb information available on the AEDI website www.aedi.org.au

Another Stargate Drama Program series has reached its conclusion, with students from Challis and Gwynne Park Primary Schools performing on 11 June to an audience of 30 family and friends. The junior group had a ‘Mad Scientist’ script while the seniors enjoyed recreating a humorous ‘Whodunnit’ scene. The 12 week program involves students from local schools whose families would not otherwise be in a financial position to enrol their child in a private drama academy. The program engenders team work, imagination, creative yet respectful communication and healthy self-esteem amongst the children participating. The feedback received from both parents and children involved in the program has been overwhelmingly positive, in many cases crediting the program for changing the outlook and behaviour of their children. The next series is planned for August 2013.

CHAMPION CENTRE & INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT

The Driver Training Program has continued to operate at full capacity in recent weeks. Staff from the Departments of Health and Education have provided additional support to participants with limited reading and writing skills, enabling them to complete the course.

Indigenous Play Groups (Coolabaroo & Save the Children) - both programs are progressing well with the number of participants increasing each week with 10-12 parents and children attending last week. The centre is a hive of energy on the days that the play groups operate.

The Outcare Live Works lads and staff will undertake a week-long camp, during which they will complete part of the Champion Centre art work (snake) under the direction of Outcare's artist John Cox. Centre staff are looking forward to seeing the finished product which will complement the planned mural art works on the frontage of the building. It is hoped that the art works will be completed before the NAIDOC event on 9 July 2013.

Champion Centre update grade – new floor coverings in the reception, hallway and office areas will be laid at the Champion Centre from 28th June – 4th July 2013. The centre will be closed for this period and all service users are to be notified in the coming week of this closure.

NAIDOC Celebration Day 9 July – the working group continues to meet every Monday at 1:00pm at the centre to progress arrangements for the day. An electronic and printed version of the flyer is available for distribution, and invites have been forwarded to VIPs.

Save the Children Family Support workers have moved into their office space and have been busy engaging with clients at the centre. The Youth Worker has commenced an art program for Aboriginal children and parents at the centre on Thursday afternoons, some of which may be displayed at our NAIDOC celebration day.

Bentley Armadale Medicare Local will be based at the centre one day a week (Tuesdays) to give free medical checks, information and referrals to participants that have completed the driver training option and to people from the local Aboriginal community that would like this option. Once the medical is completed the participants will receive a voucher for two free driving lessons.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The City of Armadale has submitted an application for the National Crime Prevention Fund through the Attorney General's Department to support Ignite Basketball for the next two years. The National Crime Prevention Fund supports initiatives that address the societal disconnection of at risk young people and provide diversionary and educational activities to reintegrate them into society. The outcome of the funding will be announced in August.

Ignite Basketball has put in a nomination for the 2013 Constable Care Child Safety Awards. The Constable Care Child Safety Awards is an independent state-wide awards program created to celebrate the achievements of remarkable Western Australians dedicated to protecting children from harm and creating child-safe environments and communities. The Ignite Basketball nomination outlined how Ignite Basketball creates a positive, child safe environment that enables young people to reach their potential.

The Forrestdale Sports Association has been successful in receiving funding from the Department of Sport and Recreation to run Friday night football activities. The aim is to engage with local young people, activate the Forrestdale Sport Club area and create a community hub. The Forrestdale Sports Association will work in partnership with the WA Football Commission and the City of Armadale to implement the program.

Eat Act Live

New physical activity and healthy eating programs have commenced in Armadale and Gosnells in June. Participant numbers are strong with almost all registered participants going on to complete the program and many demonstrating interest in continuing regular physical activity as a result of the learning, encouragement and results they have experienced.

Ignite Basketball

More than 40 young people participated in Ignite Basketball's Final Night tournament and celebrations on 15 June. The Ignite Basketball Final Night was a culmination of 40 weeks of hard work, dedication and personal development for the participants and staff involved in the program.

Through the night participants were awarded for their hard work based on leadership, role modelling, effort, initiative and on-court skills and enjoyed entertainment by DJ Lenny, rapper Knowledge Bones and an inspirational talk from ex-Fremantle Dockers legend, Antoni Grover.

Ignite Basketball is a fantastic initiative that has made a positive difference to the lives of many young people in our local community. Since it began in June 2012, Ignite Basketball has had 246 young people register, over 40% of whose families are currently in contact with the Department of Child Protection. Ignite offers young people the opportunity for young men and women to keep regularly active, develop leadership skills, gain formal qualifications and work with positive role models for a brighter future.

Since attending Ignite, 73% have stated they have not been in trouble with the law, 71% have learnt more about the dangers of drugs and alcohol and 62% now better understand the consequences of their behaviour. These figures clearly illustrate the impact Ignite Basketball has had on our young community.

While awaiting notification of the outcome of the recent application to the Attorney-General's Department's Indigenous Justice Program to fund Ignite Basketball for the next three years, the City continues to pursue avenues of funding including the federal government's Indigenous Sport and Recreation Program (\$511,000), and the National Crime Prevention Fund (\$300,000).

POSITIVE AGEING

A Positive Ageing Information session was held at the Armadale Library on Wednesday 22 May from 1.30-4.00pm. Topics included 'Get on Board' – Transperth network journey planning, ticketing, local network information and safety and security; and 'Ageing Well'. Life coach and naturopath Lee Lenyk discussed how actively reviewing and valuing life can contribute to living and ageing well.

The next Positive Ageing Working Group meeting will be on Monday 1 July 2013.

At Risk Communities Working Group – the Seniors, Access and Inclusion Officer attended the first meeting of this new forum on 12 June. The purpose of the group is to provide guidance and advice on matters pertaining to the At-Risk Communities Program, which seeks to ensure at-risk people and communities are better prepared for bushfire, by developing a training package that enables Service Providers and

Agencies to work with their clients to prepare and respond to bushfires. The intention is to finalise the program and pilot it early next year.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Armadale Volunteer Services continues to receive record enquiries. 387 enquiries have been received from potential volunteers from January to May 2013 compared to 520 enquiries for the whole of 2012.

Armadale Volunteer Services is currently supporting Volunteering WA with its Red Ribbon Project which celebrates Volunteering WA's 25th Anniversary. Red Ribbon (fabric) has been sent to Volunteer Centres throughout the state to be signed by anyone who volunteers. The signed ribbon will be returned to Volunteering WA and joined up and draped over Government House to celebrate International Volunteers Day 5 on December 2013.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

The first meeting of the Armadale Youth Network was held on 29 May at the Champion Centre. The objectives of the network are to:

- Develop a shared knowledge of community services provision in the area
- Offer support, debrief and share ideas
- Share information on upcoming programs and services
- Discuss opportunities for partnerships
- Discuss key youth issues impacting on or projected to impact on the Armadale area

Government and non-government organisations working directly to provide services and programs to young people within the City of Armadale are welcome to attend the bi-monthly meetings. Current key issues discussed include the need for a program of events and programs to positively engage young people in the Jull Street Mall and the need for agencies to proactively prepare for the emerging issues surrounding the impacts of increased migrant and refugee settlement in the Armadale area. Attendees provided positive feedback, noting that it was very useful to meet with a range of agencies working specifically with young people within the City of Armadale.

The next Armadale Youth Network meeting will be held on Wednesday 31st July at 10.00am at the Champion Centre.

MAY 2013

LIBRARY SERVICES

Statistical Performance Indicators

The Library Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of May 2013:

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

55 regular sessions were held. These include: story time, Baby Rhyme Time, Books on Wheels, English conversation classes, reading & writing groups, computer training sessions, games mornings and the Men's Social Group. A total of 391 people participated in these various activities. Additionally, 898 people were reached with external visits to schools and other community facilities.

Three additional Library and Heritage community engagement sessions were held in the City's libraries this month. In addition, "Murder at the Narrogin Inn" was held as part of the WA Heritage festival.

"E"xtension Activities (Enrich, Educate, Explore, Escape, Entertain, Evolve)

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

Report – General session

Prepared by – *Susan Hall– Historian/Local Studies Librarian -BLSL - library*

Topic: Murder at the Narrogin Inn

Date: Wednesday 8 May 2013

Venue: Ye Old Narrogin Inn, 2 South Western Highway, Armadale

The performance of the *Murder at the Inn* on Wednesday was a great success – everyone was swept away by Simon James' interpretation of the murder that took place on Friday 13 February 1874.

62 of the booked 65 people attended the evening's performance – a good attendance, considering that some may have decided that the stormy weather was too risky to be on the roads. The three missing guests did give apologies during the day.

The success of the evening was with thanks to the Armadale Library team effort that involved the acceptance of and confirmation of the bookings and with negotiating the disappointed people who had to go on a waiting list, or not being added to the list because of the enthusiastic interest in the evening, and those who helped on the evening by acting as wonderful hosts. Barbara Hugill, Manager of the Visitor Centre, joined the staff in handing out promotional bags of brochures and City of Armadale promotional material.

Representatives from the Comment News were in attendance: editor, KarenValenti and the photographer, Marcelo Palacios.

A cancellation early on Wednesday enabled an invitation to be extended to wait-listed John Foster and his wife Val. John is a direct descendent of the murdered hotelier, William Foster.

It was sad to realise that some staff were unable to attend the performance although they had wanted to. But – there is a demand for a repeat performance and so options will be investigated, possibly for the proposed ‘Spring into Armadale’ event later in the year.

The following is a comment from Pam Herbert:

“A quick note to thank you and all those City of Armadale staff who were involved last night. It was an enjoyable evening, the ambiance was excellent and the refreshments were plentiful. The tale was well told. Look forward to the next time.”

Report: Community Engagement Session
Prepared by: Jan Pedroli – Librarian Community Engagement

Topic: Heritage Perth
Presenter: Richard Offen
Date: 2 May 2013
Time: 4.30 – 5.30pm
Venue: Armadale Library Meeting Room
No. Attending: 34

Comments:

Richard Offen, Executive Director of *Heritage Perth*, is a gifted speaker who managed to pass on his passion for Perth’s heritage to a sell-out audience in the Armadale Library’s meeting room. Richard, through his enthusiasm for the subject, made his audience realise that there is a lot to love and be proud of with regards to our city, Perth.

Many people in the room were vaguely familiar with the beginnings and subsequent development of our capital city, but to be taken through the whole process, however briefly, was a treat! Considering he only migrated from the UK 12 years ago, Richard’s knowledge of Perth is enormous. He spoke for well over an hour and the audience were eager to hear more! Demands for Richard’s return and follow up talks were loud and clear and will certainly be pursued by the library.

Many people stayed for a cuppa and chat after the session ended and shared stories of ‘old Perth’ with Richard and one another. A lovely evening for all concerned!

An email received by an attendee following the event read:

“I am emailing to say Thank You and to let you know how much I enjoyed the Talk by Richard Offen last night in the Library. It was informative and entertaining. Please pass my thanks on to the Library Staff.”

Report – *National Simultaneous Storytime*

Prepared by – *Shirley Reilly, Librarian,
Armadale Library*

Topic: National Simultaneous Storytime 2013

Presenters: Rita Lennon – Librarian, Seville Grove and Shirley Reilly – Librarian, Armadale

Date: Wednesday, 22nd May 2013

Time: 11.00am

Venue: Armadale Library

No. Attending: 19 children; 9 adults

Comments: In this 13th year of National Simultaneous Storytime, held during Library and Information Week, the featured story was “The Wrong Book” written and illustrated by Nick Bland.

National Simultaneous Storytime 2013 aims to celebrate and acknowledge the vital work being done in libraries, schools and communities around Australia to develop young people’s literacy and numeracy skills.

The event has been organized by the Australian Library and Information Association, to promote the value of reading and literacy, the importance of Australia’s book industry and the role of libraries. It is estimated that this book was read to approximately 200,000 children across Australia during the week.

A delightful group of children and adults attended the session at Armadale Library and enjoyed hearing Librarians Rita and Shirley read “The Wrong Book”. There was some confusion about what book to read – where was the right book, were we all in the right place? Once we worked out we were supposed to read ‘The Wrong Book’ all went smoothly! Songs were also sung and children made a crown craft.

There were groups of children from Fifth Road Child Care Centre and Family Day Care, as well as lots of parents with their own children in the audience. It was a lovely storytime ‘extra’ enjoyed by all.



Report: Community Engagement Session
Prepared by: Jan Pedroli – Librarian Community Engagement

Topic: Road Wench
Presenter: Shannon Meadows
Date: 28 May 2013
Time: 7.00 – 8.00pm
Venue: Armadale Library Meeting Room
No. Attending: 31

Comments:

When Shannon Meadows decided that a legal career wasn't for her she took the plunge and took off to Europe. Not long after arriving she landed her 'dream-job': being a tour leader for a company that organises tours for 18-35 year olds. Five years later Shannon decided that she had done her bit of travelling and returned to Perth to write the definitive book on being a tour leader and commence studies in creative writing.

Having finished her book, which she self-published she is now available for talks about her finished book and another one that she is currently working on.

A fairly large group of people decided that the subject matter would make for more than a laugh or two and they were not disappointed. Shannon raced through a series of stories that kept herself and her audience breathless at times. At the end of the talk many people took the opportunity to have a chat with the author and purchase a copy of her book.

It was just wonderful to see that after the talk most of the people attending decided to not rush off but stay and have a chat with one another. This turned out to be a great opportunity to have a chat with most of the attendees and tell them about upcoming events.

The message of the attendees was clear: "great to have these sessions at our library" and : "more of the same, please"!

Report: Community Engagement Session
Prepared by: Jan Pedroli – Librarian Community Engagement

Topic: Positive Ageing Sessions
Presenter 1: Carol Prince - Transperth
Presenter 2: Lee Renyk – Life Coach
Date: 22 May 2013
Time: 1.30 – 4.00pm
Venue: Armadale Library Meeting Room
No. Attending: 15

Comments:

This was the first of a series of Positive Ageing sessions to be held in the City of Armadale Libraries in collaboration between the Library and the Seniors Access and Inclusion Officer, Wendy Hill.

The first session was conducted by Carol Prince of Transperth who took her audience through many of the options available to patrons of Perth's public transport system. It was wonderful to be taken through many forms of public transport, be told how they fit together, how to make best use of the systems and why certain things are 'just the

way they are'. Carol Prince, through her presentation technique, made sure that the session did not turn into a complaints session about all the things that are perceived to be wrong with our public transport. The audience, at the end of the talk, was clearly appreciative of the information given to them.

At the afternoon tea break it was great to see people mix, talk to one another and the presenter and generally be happy to be here. Only one or two people left after the Transperth session and others arrived to attend the next presentation to be given by Lee Renyk.

Lee Renyk is a naturopath and 'life coach'. Her presentation was titled "Ageing Well". By inviting remarks and questions from the audience Lee managed to get people engaged in the subject matter: changing attitude! Through examples and questions Lee Renyk encouraged people to look at themselves and their approach to life and other people. Without a doubt she made more than a few people re-assess their situation and open the door to better and more positive interaction with other people as well as themselves.

After the talks, many of the people attending had another cuppa and a chat, filled out their evaluation forms – unanimously very positive – before being on their way. It was great to hear from desk-staff how positively people were commenting on the afternoon. This first collaboration between Library and Seniors Officers will definitely be continued, as the format clearly is one that is beneficial to both parties.

Report – *Armadale Young Writers' Awards– Writers' Workshops*
Prepared by – *Shirley Reilly, Librarian, Armadale Library*

Topic: Armadale Young Writers' Award – Writers Workshops

Presenter: Doris Stutley, Author

Dates: Thursday 9 May, Saturday 4 May, Saturday 11 May 2013

Time: 5.30-6.30pm and 11.00am-12noon

Venue: Armadale Library

No. Attending: 27 students

Comments: The Armadale Young Writers' Awards will be launched on June 1st 2013 to encourage local students in Years 5-10 that reside or attend school in the City of Armadale to enter a creative writing competition. This is the third year of the competition.

Local author Doris Stutley who has written the popular young adult "Operation" series of mystery crime novels conducted writing workshops for these year groups at Armadale Library to encourage students to enter the competition and share her writing knowledge and expertise. Doris has also been conducting writing workshops at some local schools in 2013 and her enthusiasm and support is very much appreciated.

Entry forms for the competition and flyers advertising the workshops were mailed to eligible library members as well as being promoted in the libraries. Schools have also received promotional materials for the competition and workshops.

Three workshops were held and the Year groups were divided into three sessions.

<u>Years</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
9-10	2
7-8	12
5-6	<u>13</u>
Total	27

Writing paper, pens, pizza and soft drinks were provided for participants. Feedback from students was positive and students felt the workshops were helpful with their creative writing experience.



LIBRARIES AND HERITAGE

The Heritage Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of May 2013:

Birtwistle Local Studies Library

(Report prepared by Susan Hall, Historian/Local Studies Librarian)

The following projects and activities have involved the BLSL staff, volunteers or visitors during the month of May:

May was a productive month of activities in the Birtwistle Local Studies Library, the highlight being the performance by Simon James telling the story of the murder of hotelier William Foster by convict cook, John Gill at the Narrogin Inn in February 1874.

For the family historians, guest speaker Allannah Sturch inspired ideas for creative ways to present and preserve vital family documents and photographs in family albums.

Oral histories recorded this month have documented aspects of community members involved with the Country Women's Association and with the establishment of the South Suburban Junior Farmers' League. Both organisations provided essential service to the general community: the CWA to support families in difficulty as a result of an emergency and the Junior Farmers' by providing activities and engagement with young adults of the district in the 1940s to the 1980s.

Decision Makers' oral history project

Notice has been given that the application to Lotterywest for funding of the City of Armadale's Decision Makers' project has been successful.

Oral histories

The following people were interviewed:

Emilie Marchesi	As individuals and as a couple regarding
Emilie Marchesi and June Castledine	the Kelmscott branch of the Country
June Castledine	Women's Association WA

Athold Wigg & Ted Love regarding the history of the South Suburban Junior Farmer's League Club

Family History

Family Tree Group meeting: Sixteen BLSL family history researchers attended the talk by guest speaker Allannah Sturch who gave ideas and inspiration for compiling family albums (based on Creative Memories scrap book methods) to preserve the condition of the ephemeral documents, documents and photographs that can be accumulated when doing family histories. The album concept also provoked interest from other family members, more so than a collection of loose papers and photographs.

Several members of the Family Tree Group brought along their family albums to share and inspire others.

History House Museum

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator)

2013 Museums Australia National Conference

The curator of History House Museum attended the 2013 MA conference in Canberra. The theme of the conference was, *How museums work: people, industry and nation*.

Key points of interest in the conference included:

- Development of family based programs at the National Portrait Gallery and the importance of multi-generational learning.
- The History in Place project, which looked at using tablet technology to link local museums with schools
- Dr Stephen Hajkowicz from the CSIRO spoke about the six megatrends that they have identified that will impact upon Australian society. They include:
 - More from less – importance of sustainability
 - Great expectations – the importance of the genuine experience
 - Virtually here – the digital world and its impact on daily life
 - Forever young – Australia’s aging population
 - Going, going gone – protecting bio diversity
 - The silk highway – the economic shift from West to East
- Dr Brendon Nelson the director of the Australian War Memorial spoke about the changes occurring at the memorial and the shift towards focussing personal stories in their interpretation of Australia’s role in world conflicts and peace keeping operations.
- The discussion on the future of standards in museum conservation was of great interest.

2013 Museum and Gallery National Awards

On May 19 the Welcome to Armadale: 1830-1913 exhibition received a highly commended in its category at the Museum and Gallery National Awards which were part of the Museums Australia National conference. The judges’ comments were ‘This is an interesting presentation and a strong example of what can be achieved by an organisation with a small budget. This exhibition updates clearly address issues of eco-friendly and sustainable practice.’

Well I’ll Be Dammed

History House museum opened Well I’ll be Dammed on May 9. This temporary exhibition looks at the Hills Water Scheme which impacted on the local region socially, economically and environmentally. The display looks at the reasons why the Hills Water Scheme was needed, why the Armadale district was selected and the people who helped create it. This exhibition will run until September 2013.

History House Museum in the Media

History House has had a good run of publicity this month. In the *Comment News* there were stories relating to the museum being shortlisted for a Museum and Gallery National Award for *Welcome to Armadale: 1830-1913* (14 May 2013) and a request for information from the public relating to local performance groups for the next temporary exhibition at the museum (21 May 2013). In the *Examiner* there was a

story about the museum receiving a highly commended award at the Museum and Gallery National Awards for Welcome to Armadale: 1830-1913 (30 May 2013).

On Sunday May 5 the curator of the museum was interviewed on 6PR about the new temporary exhibition at History House Museum *Well I'll Be Dammed* which looks at the Hills Water Scheme.

Telling Tales – Stories in Clay

We have been successful in getting our grant to fund an arts program for disabled people within the City of Armadale. The program allows people to gain the skills needed in producing an art work which has been inspired by stories from cultures represented within the City.

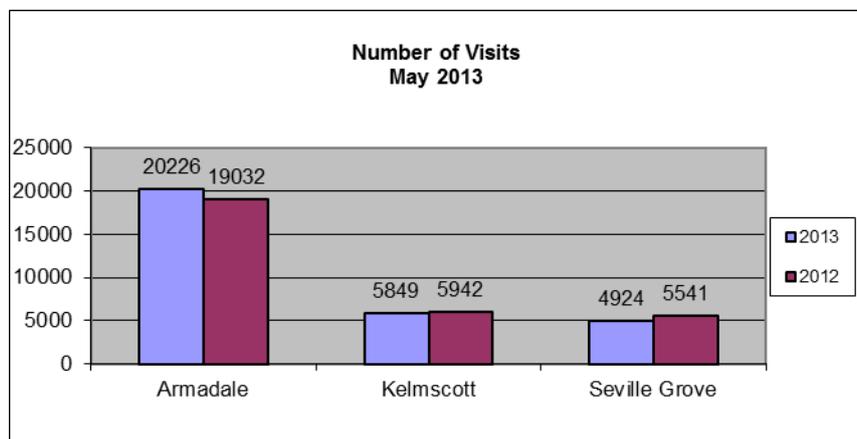
Education Officer Report

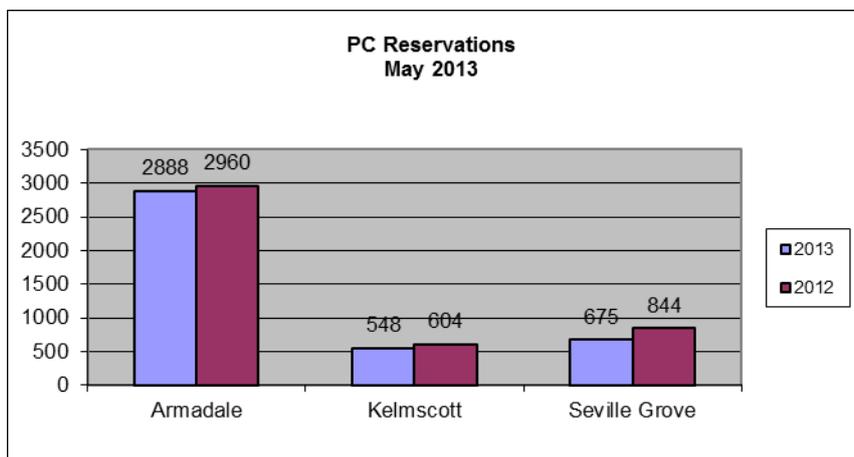
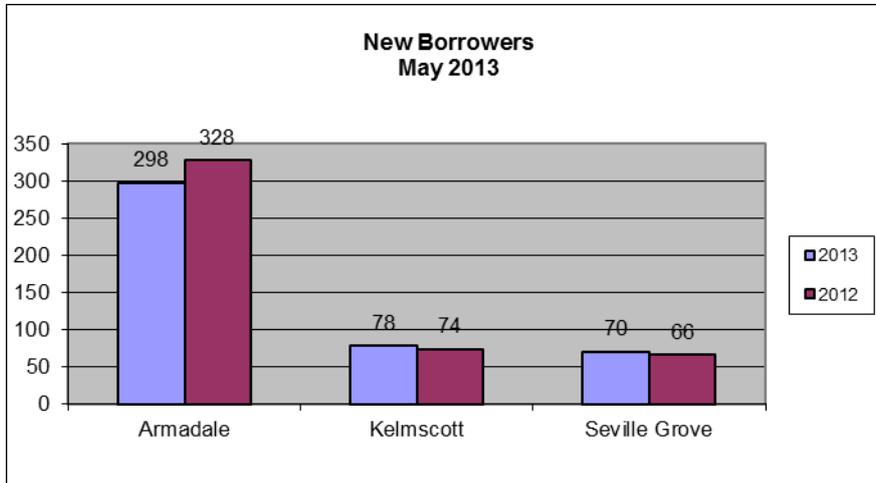
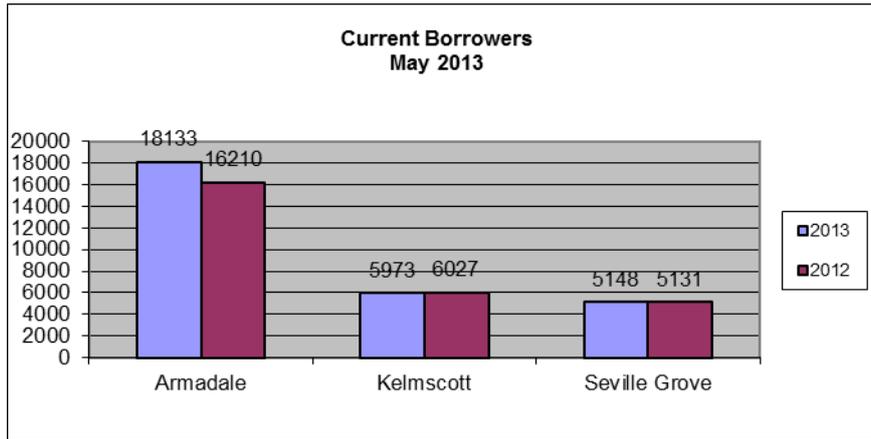
The Seniors Guest Speaker Program continues to be a success with talks at both Southside Care and Southern Districts Support Association. This month the Mayor presented a talk on local government and our Education Officer presented a talk on the places of historical significance in the City's CBD.

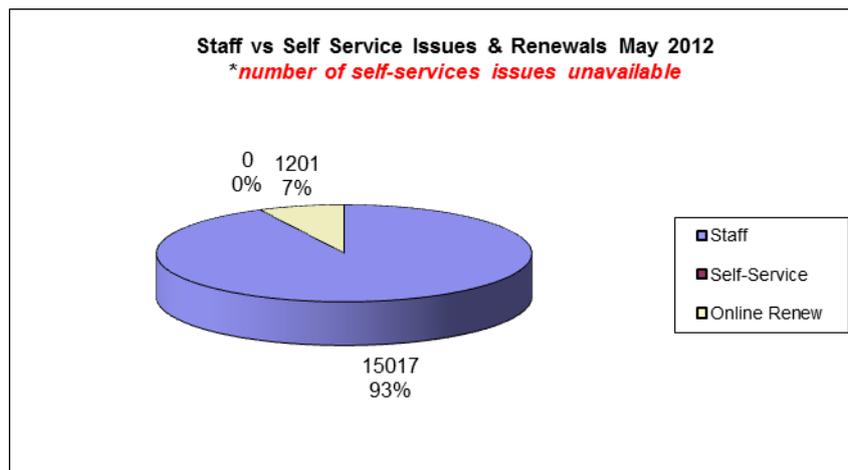
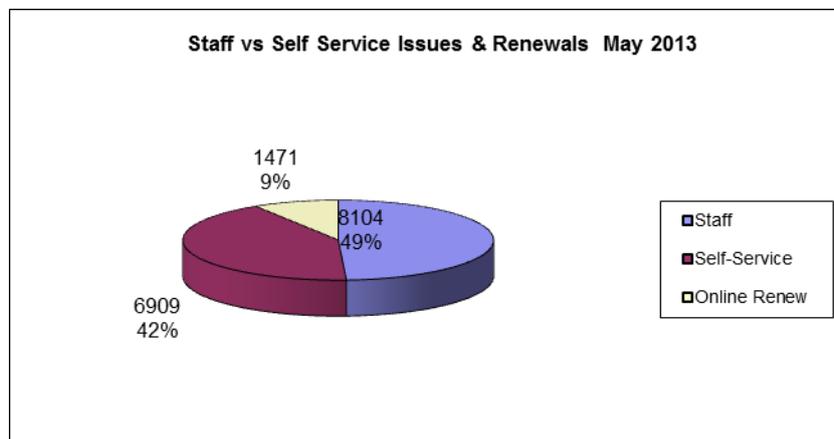
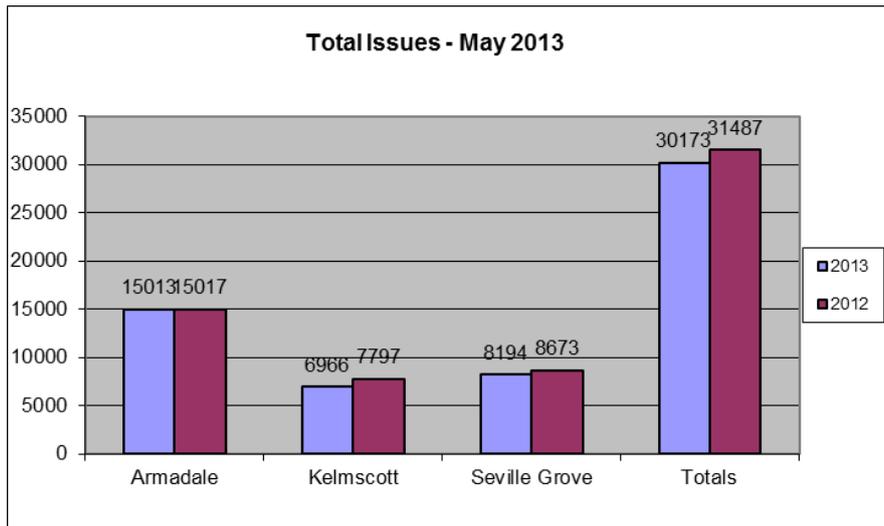
We have had five school visits this month with the more popular programs being "School's In" and "Pioneer's Footsteps". We have also had two visits to schools with our MiaB programs "Dress Ups" and "Old Time Games".

Statistics

May







HERITAGE SERVICES

Statistical Performance Indicators

History House Museum	Current Month	Year to date		
		May 12	July 12- June 13	Jul 11 – June 12
	May 13			
General Visitors	370	92	1400	1554
School Visits	256	236	356	723
School Incursions	180	N/A	236	N/A
Holiday Programs	0	N/A	131	N/A
Community Programs	0	N/A	19	N/A
Seniors Programs	45	N/A	199	N/A
Total Visitors	851	328	2341	2277
Volunteer Hours	231	237	1641	1489
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum	May 13	April 12	July 12 – June 13	Jul 11 – June 12
Visitors	150	283	1571	1514

July 2012 will see a new method for recording users of museum services. The statistics will provide a closer look at how the community is using museum services.

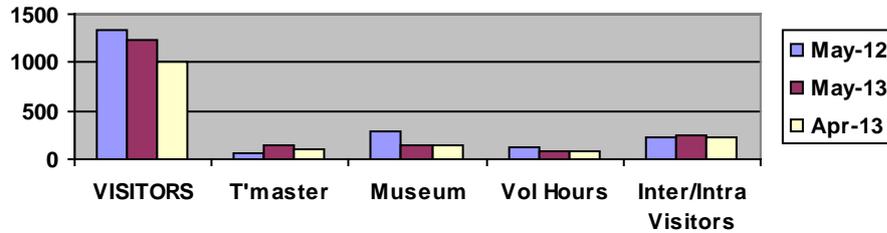
- General Visitors include individuals and adult groups
- School visits are school groups that come to History House Museum
- School Incursions is when a museum program is delivered at a school
- Holiday programs are museum programs run during school holidays
- Community programs are general programs or events held by History House
- Seniors programs are specially designed programs for Seniors

Birtwistle Local Studies Library				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	May13	May 12	Jul 12-May 13	Jul 11–May 12
Reference Enquiries	2	16	73	112
Research Enquiries	3	17	82	105
Visitor Attendance	95	121	1020	1188
Volunteer Hours	115	49	804	764
Digitising Records	18	60	197	123
Oral History				
Letters Sent	3	1	19	28
Interviews Completed	4	0	22	16
Transcripts Completed/ reviewed	3	1	21	21
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	45	50	404	430
Volunteer Hours - Interviewing	7	2	82	59
Family History Research				
Reference	2	5	40	69
Research	26	45	315	421
Volunteer Hours	34	45	384	294

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

MONTH: MAY 2013

STATISTICS:



MAY 2013

Visitors	Ticketmaster	TOTAL Visitors Less Ticketmaster	Inter State Visitors	Overseas Visitors	TOTAL O/seas & Interstate VISITORS	Volunteer Hours	Museum
1238	149	1089	107	134	241	82	150

APRIL 2013

Visitors	Ticketmaster	TOTAL Visitors Less Ticketmaster	Inter State Visitors	Overseas Visitors	TOTAL O/seas & Interstate VISITORS	Volunteer Hours	Museum
997	103	894	114	107	221	72	135

VISITOR CENTRE OPENED FOR 201 HOURS

AVERAGE VISITORS PER WEEK: 310

VOLUNTEER HOURS PER WEEK: 21

VISITOR CENTRE - DOLLAR VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY:

Average Visitor Spend – Day Visitor:

\$ 1,945 per day = \$ 13,613 per week = \$ 54,450 per month

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

Average Spend – Including Accommodation:

\$1,291 per night = \$ 9,038 per week = \$ 36,150 per month

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

TOTAL TOURISM DOLLAR VALUE – MAY 2013: \$90,600

Visitors numbers to the centre continue to rise with a 25% increase in Overseas Visitors with the top three being France, Germany and UK our Ticketmaster sales have increased by 20%.

We are now able to compare annual data with Google Analytics and during the month of May we have had an increase of 70% in website visits. It is evident that our new website is being well utilised by not only visitors from within Australia but we have also had a huge increase of online presence from USA.

Majority of mobile devices used to browse our website are iPhone and iPad.

Meetings

The Visitor Centre had a stall at the Minnowarra Festival attended by a Tourism officer and the Visitor Centre Coordinator giving show bags branded with the italic I and selling local products.

The Visitor Centre Coordinator attended the Minnowarra Art awards during the Opening night, corporate night assisting in the Art sales.

The Visitor Centre Coordinator and Tourism officer continued visiting many members and new members' onsite across our City. We were able to invite members to participate in cooperative marketing and invite them to upgrade their information on our website.

Both the Tourism Coordinator and Visitor Centre Coordinator visited various members in preparation for the 2013 Annual Visitor Centre Association State Conference.

The Visitor Centre Coordinator has had discussions with Ticketek and we have now been approved the Ticketek agency along with our Ticketmaster agency.

Major Arts and Events and Tourism Development

The Tourism Development Department has been productive in developing and organizing a business/tourism expo for the City of Armadale's small businesses. Coordinating our efforts with Small Business Centre –South East Metro Manager Kim Charles & Business Armadale, we have successfully achieved a date, time and place for the Tourism Expo while building our database with interest parties.

The Tourism Coordinator has been attended business networking luncheons and City events such as the Murder at the Narrogin Inn held by our City's Libraries.

Arts & Events Team

The Arts & Events team have undergone a successful month with the delivery of Armadale's Minnowarra Festival & Minnowarra Art Awards. The Minnowarra Art Awards saw the successful organisation of three great cocktail events, attended by targeted groups of people from the greater Perth region. The Minnowarra Festival received great response from our city and community; attended by our community people, day visitors, intrastate visitors and members of the Grand Fondo. The team have not only held two events within the month of May, and concurrently, but they have simultaneously undergone progress in this year's development of the Highland Gathering, Carols by Candlelight and Australia Day 2014.

RANGER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

April 2013

ANIMAL CONTROL

Dogs

Ranger Service received five hundred and fifty three (553) requests for assistance during this report period. Whilst the number of requests for assistance is higher than the comparable period of 2012, it is worthy to note a small drop in the overall progressive total from the same period of 2011/2012.

Livestock

During this report period Ranger Services attended to twenty (20) requests for assistance in dealing with stock wandering on the road. Whilst these numbers vary from month to month, an overall reduction of 20% is registered in this area of operations from the progressive period of 2011/2012

Court Action

The following information relates to legal action taken by Ranger Services pursuant to the provisions of the Dog Act 1976, this matter was heard and determined in the Armadale Magistrates Court during the month of May 2013.

OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALTY \$	COSTS \$	TOTAL \$
Dog Attack	Guilty	900	2,155.70	3,055.70

VEHICLES

Parking

Ranger Services received two hundred and five (205) requests for assistance, and issued one hundred and six (106) infringement notices in regard to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period.

There has been a 113% increase in the overall progressive total requesting assistance in this area of operations.

Abandoned Vehicles

The number of abandoned vehicles reported to Ranger Services continues to be of concern, with thirty three (33) being recorded during this report period.

Commercial Vehicles (Trucks)

The number of reports received in relation to trucks being parked in residential areas for extended periods still remains relatively low; Rangers will continue to be vigilant in this area of operations.

Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

Ranger Service attended to twenty nine (29) reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in areas that are prohibited, during this report period.

FIRE SERVICE

Ranger Services received three hundred and fifty three (353) requests for assistance during the report period.

There has been a slight reduction increase in the overall number of requests for assistance, in this area of operations, from the corresponding period of 2011/2012. Ranger Services 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.

General

Cat Act 2011

From 1 November 2013, the full *Cat Act 2011* takes effect and will require all cats that have reached six months of age to be sterilised, micro chipped and registered with their relevant local government.

Local Government Minister Tony Simpson said the aim was to reduce the thousands of stray cats being euthanized each year and to provide for responsible cat ownership. “The legislation will also help address the large stray and feral cat population that causes a nuisance, damages property and kills wildlife.”

Each local government is responsible for administering and enforcing the legislation.

For more information on how the *Cat Act 2011* will affect you and your feline friend, visit the Department of Local Government’s [Responsible Cat Ownership](#) webpage.

Responsible cat ownership checklist

Even though the laws do not commence until November 2013, as a responsible pet owner you are still encouraged to:

Keep your cat confined to your property, especially at night.

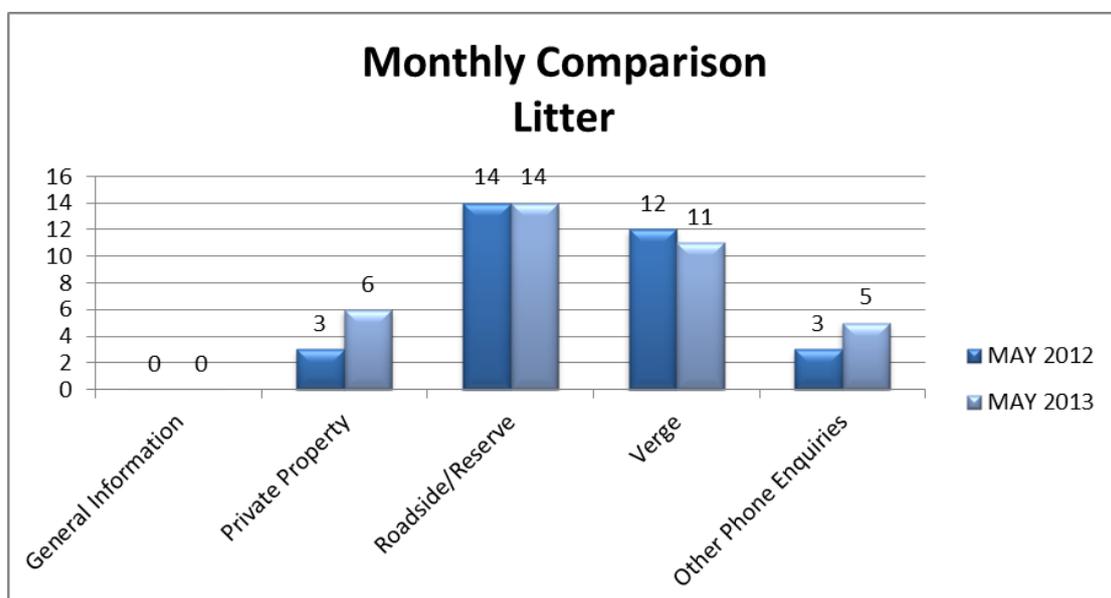
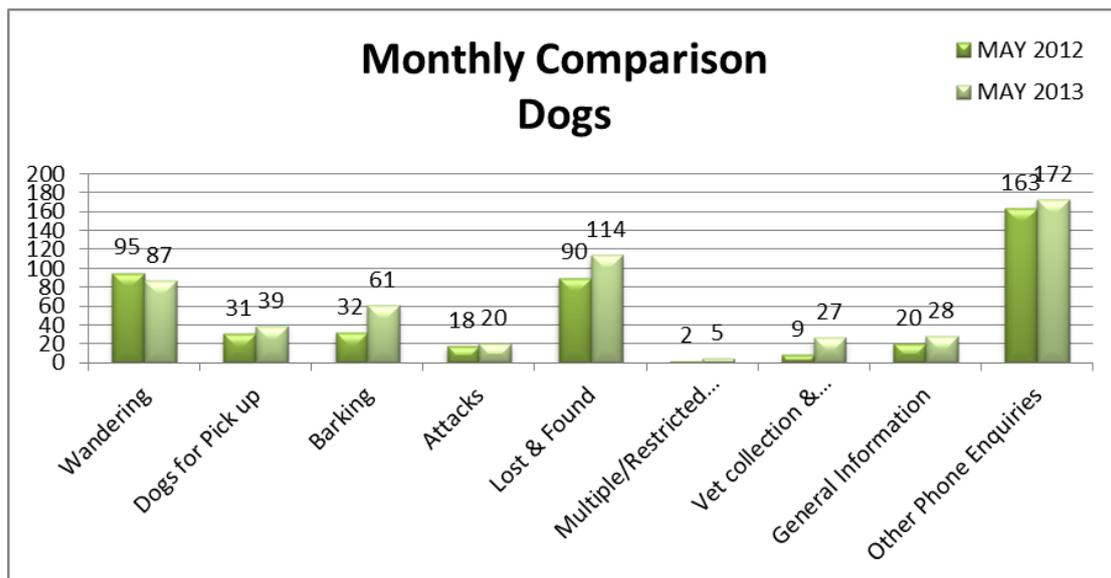
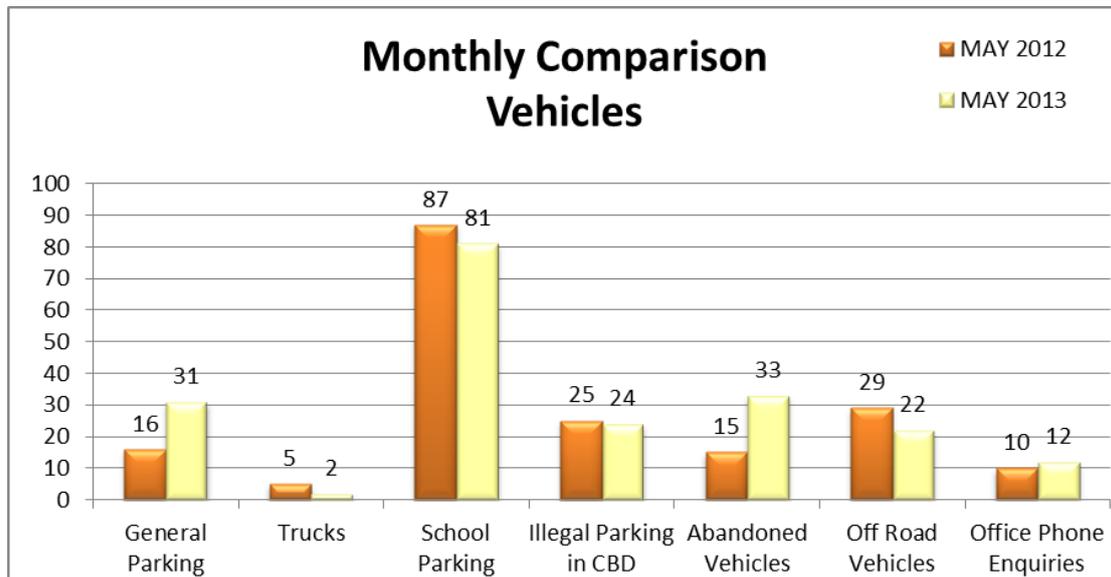
Ensure your cat is easily identifiable with a collar and a name tag.

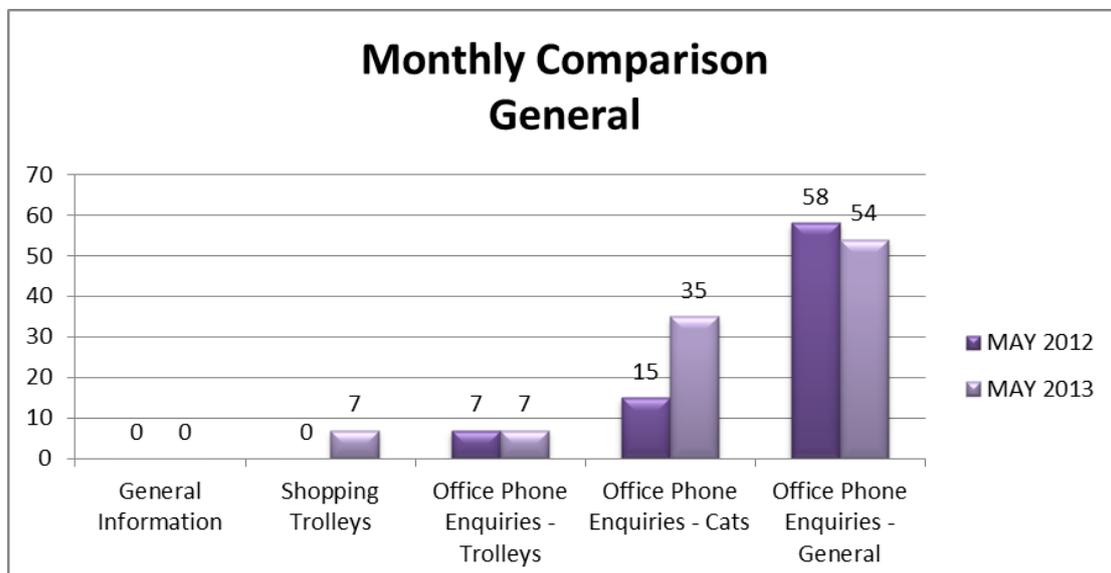
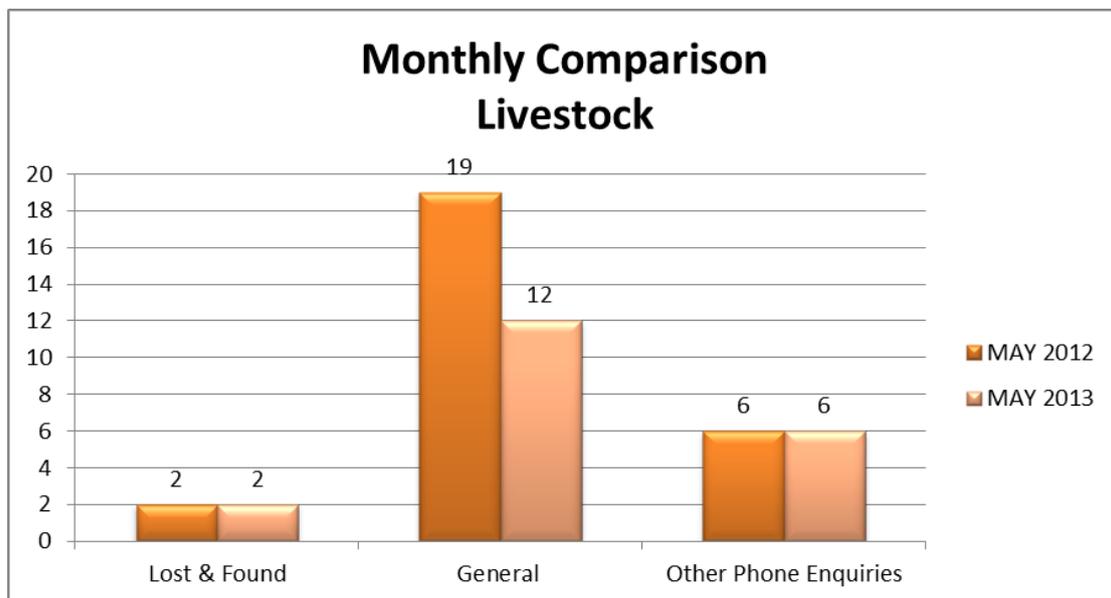
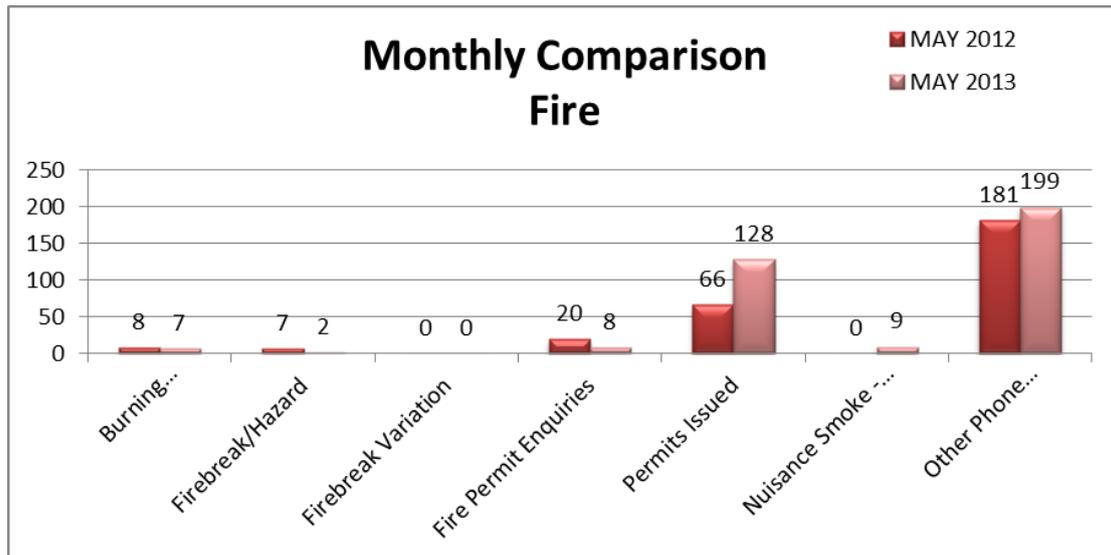
Microchip your cat.

Sterilise your cat.

Vaccinate your cat.

Statistics





MINUTES OF OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES

CITY OF ARMADALE

NOTES

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group

Monthly meeting

Tuesday 4 June 2013 at 12.30pm

Meeting Room, Champion Centre- Champion Drive, Seville Grove

Chair: Ms Jodie Clarke

Minutes prepared by Carolyn Fisher

1. Business of meeting

(i) Attendance

Name	Organisation	Title
Jodie Clarke	City of Armadale	Indigenous Development Coordinator
Kelly-Anne Charles	City of Armadale	Manager Community Development
Jamie Barr	City of Armadale	Ignite Basketball Coordinator
Lyall Garlett	Department of Education	Coordinator Aboriginal Education
Joel Colley	Disability Services Commission	Local Area Coordinator
Keith Lethbridge	Department of Indigenous Affairs	Community Support
Karen Cross	Department of Housing	Area Manager
Vicki Davis	Department of Housing	Aboriginal Customer Support Officer
Garry Bennell		Community Representative/ Aboriginal Elder
Gloria Bennell		Community Representative/ Aboriginal Elder

(ii) Apologies

Name	Organisation	Title
Albert McNamara	-	Aboriginal Elder & ATSIAG Chairperson
Cr. Guenter Best	City of Armadale	City Councillor
Victoria Burrows	AIME Mentoring, Murdoch University	Program Coordinator
Cheryl Metcalfe	Anglicare- ARBOR	Manager- ARBOR
Jenna Flynn-Scrutton	AIME Mentoring	
Christine Parry	Armadale Health Service	Aboriginal Health Officer
Madge Hill		Community Representative/ Aboriginal Elder
Lexie Trancollino	Department of Human Services	Indigenous Specialist Officer

(iii) Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes of the ATSIAG meeting held 7 May 2013 confirmed by Jodie Clarke.

(iv) Business Arising from Minutes

- **Sister Kate's Banner Project**

The City of Armadale is in discussion with Sister Kate's on the design of artwork for banners to be displayed in Jull St Mall, Armadale, as part of the City's Jull Street Revitalisation Project. Discussion is on-going.

Ms Clarke advised that arrangements have made for artworks supplied by Sister Kate's to be hung in the Champion Centre during NAIDOC celebrations on July 9.

2. Information Items

- **NAIDOC Event- 9 July 2013**

This year the national NAIDOC focus City is Perth, making this year's event even more significant for the Champion Centre.

NAIDOC will be celebrated at the Centre in July and will feature an array of activities and events including arts & craft, live bands, an Elders precinct, local exhibitors, food stalls, health and wellbeing, a Defence Serviceman exhibit, a cultural space, and children's and youth activity spaces.

The Champion Centre will utilise the centre itself, plus the front car park and Bob Blackburn oval at the rear to accommodate the many stall and activities.

3. Updates

- **Department of Indigenous Affairs**

Mr Lethbridge, in conjunction with Drug Arm is coordinating overnight bushwalks for local Aboriginal boys who have been in contact with the justice system.

The next walk is scheduled for 20th and 21st June and will cover 15km of the Bibbulmun Track and will feature local Aboriginal cuisine. Currently there are 5-6 spots still available on the camp, and interested persons can contact Mr Lethbridge to secure a space.

Mr Lethbridge and Marmum Mia Mia have been approached by Frank Bobongie of the Aboriginal Visitors Scheme, WA Prisons to assist in developing a longer and more intensive Bibbulmun track experience for young offending men.

The extended walk would cover the entire 1000km track over a number of weeks and would include rest points where a suitable organisation would present to the participants on a specific life topic- e.g. employment opportunities, University entry paths, relationships etc.

The walk would serve as a personal development and educational and cultural experience for the men involved, and would assist in supporting former prisoners re-enter society and reduce the rate of re-offending.

- **Ignite Basketball**

Ignite a joint partnership between PCYC and the City of Armadale is a youth diversionary program aimed at 12-18 year olds, which has been operating from the Armadale Arena for the past 39 weeks.

Approximately 35-40 youth attend the Saturday night sessions each week, with 85-90% of these attendees Indigenous.

The weekly program teaches young people basketball skills, fitness, basketball refereeing and coaching skills, and incorporates games and tournaments.

The sessions also encourage healthy lifestyles through the inclusion of healthy snacks and meals on the night, drug and alcohol and nutrition education, career planning and personal development and team building.

Ignite invites interested community members, organisations and parents to come along to their VIP event on the 15th June at the Armadale Arena to witness the program and to learn more about the night's format and activities.

- **Department of Education**

The Department of Education is continuing its Boys at Risk program which engages young boys from selected local Primary Schools in cultural, educational and mentoring activities.

The program is targeted towards Aboriginal boys from Westfield Primary School, Grovelands Primary School and Challis Primary School. Boys must have a satisfactory school attendance record to participate in the program.

- **Department of Housing**

Ms Davis explained that some Aboriginal clients have demonstrated difficulty in interpreting Housing tenancy agreements and accepting some of the required clauses. The Department of Housing is preparing to host several information sessions targeted at Aboriginal clients to better explain tenancy agreements and to provide support to clients experiencing difficulty with their housing.

Meeting closed at 1.50pm

Next Meeting - Tuesday 2nd July 2013 at 12.30pm

DISABILITY ADVISORY TEAM MEETING NOTES

Tuesday 4 June 2013, 9.30am

Bi-Monthly Meeting, held at the City of Armadale Committee Room, 7 Orchard Avenue Armadale

Chair- Cr Melissa Northcott
Notes prepared by Carolyn Fisher

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
Pat Hart	Community Representative	
Gail Nesci	Principal Occupational Therapist	Armadale Health Services
Sheila-Anne Macleod	Area Manager Kelmscott	Disability Services Commission
Sheila Parker	Community Representative	
Ron Fisher	Community Representative	
John Glassford	Manager Property Services	City of Armadale
Susan Hillel	Building Services Manager	City of Armadale
Mark Dadd	Community Representative	
Gavin Giles	Manager Community Infrastructure Planning	City of Armadale

Apologies

Name	Title	Organisation
Lorraine Kirwan	Local Area Manager - Manager Services South	Disability Services Commission
Lynne Darby	Chief Executive Officer	Directions WA

2.0 Minutes
Confirmed by Cr Northcott

3.0 Actions from April's minutes
None

4.0 Guest Speaker: Gavin Giles (City of Armadale Manager Community Infrastructure Planning) ggiles@armadale.wa.gov.au

Jull Street Mall is set for an over-haul as part of the City's Jull St Revitalisation project. The revitalisation project hopes to address several issues with the current mall such as anti-social behaviour, poor seating, mall disuse during non-business hours, poor business tenancy, and a bland and unattractive appearance. The improved Jull St will be an inviting and attractive community space which will support business, community events, art projects, markets and community interaction.

New features include attractive greenery, free Wi-Fi, improved lighting and seating, external trading and alfresco areas, new banner poles which will feature community art banners and City event advertising and a public art piece incorporated into the floor of the mall.

The opportunity for the City to utilise the space for community events is great. Night markets, hawker markets, pop-up shops, street theatre, and busking competitions are all suggestions for new events that will reinvigorate the space and bring the community back into the mall for social and cultural experiences.

Mr Giles stressed that as part of the design process he is mindful of incorporating disability-friendly features into the mall. Mr Giles invited DAT members to consider the current concept plan and provide any feedback or comments via email to him directly.

5.0 Updates on DAT projects

- Accessible and Inclusive Businesses:

No update; working group meeting will follow today's DAT meeting.

- Promotion of DAT:

Cr Northcott and Ms Hill are working with the City's Communications Department to improve the promotion of the DAT group to the community. The DAT group has recently featured in City Views, a City publication distributed to Armadale residents, and the Examiner community newspaper. Both articles outlined the DAT's role within the community and called for new members.

- Accessible path of travel

Ms Hill and Mr Asmus met with other City staff. Opus conducts safety inspections on pathways twice a year for the City. Ms Baskovich from Technical Services will look into if Opus can conduct an accessibility check at the same time as the safety checks.

6.0 Updates from Community Development Officer (Seniors Access & Inclusion)

- Stories in Clay - The City of Armadale has received grant funding to coordinate a story-telling and craft project, *Stories in Clay*. Wendy Hill and Hazel James from the City are collaborating to coordinate the clay workshops which will run during September and October and culminate in a final exhibition of art works during National Disability Awareness Week (2-6th December)

- Pool Hoist – The City of Armadale has been unsuccessful in their grant application for a pool hoist.
Ms Hill will continue to investigate other sources of funding for the purchase of a hoist.
- Gym Program - Last week the disabled gym class commenced, coordinated by Ms Hill and the Armadale Arena.
Operating once a week for five weeks the program will introduce participants to the gym environment with the goal of increasing participation of people with a disability in the gym and improving self-confidence and overall wellbeing.
Ms Hill plans to link-in with the existing City-run *Lift for Life* program, a free 24-week strength-based gym class currently operating from the Armadale Arena. It is Ms Hill's hope that participants who complete the first 5 weeks of gym classes will have the skills and confidence to enter an inclusive and regular gym program.
- Interwork - Aboriginal Liaison Officer, Ms Sally Atkinson has expressed interest in joining the DAT group. Ms Atkinson in her role with Interwork assists people with a disability find and maintain paid work.
DAT member's unanimously agreed for Ms Atkinson to join the DAT.
Action: Ms Hill to invite Ms Atkinson to future DAT meeting.

7.0 Other business

Disability Awareness Week 2013 falls between December 2 and December 8. The celebratory week recognizes achievement and contributions of people with a disability. DSC, in conjunction with the City of Armadale and service providers will be hosting a week of activities to celebrate the date. Planning is currently underway and more information will be provided to the DAT group closer to the date.

Meeting closed at 10.20am

Next Meeting

The next Disability Team Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 August 2013.

Information Flyers from Community Services

Club Presidents' Sundowner

Sporting club Presidents and key committee members are invited to attend the Club Presidents' Sundowner.



Ian Crawford

Ian Crawford has taught and coached all over the world and has worked closely with Manchester United, the British Rugby Union and international Olympians. Ian specialises in enhancing club leadership, developing people and producing high performing teams.

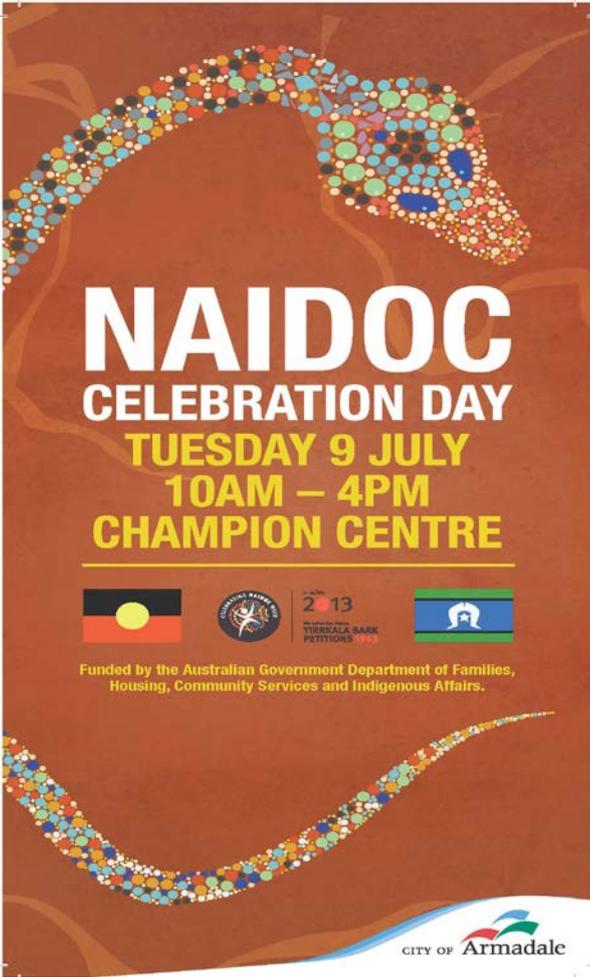
Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the City of Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones, club leaders and City staff as well as hear from renowned guest speaker, Ian Crawford.

Food and drinks provided
**alcoholic beverages will be supplied – please arrange transport accordingly.*

Friday 21 June
5.45 – 7.30pm
Champion Lakes Regatta Centre,
Sports Island, Henley Drive,
Champion Lakes

RSVP by June 18 to amcglynn@armadale.wa.gov.au or phone 08 9399 0407.





NAIDOC CELEBRATION DAY

**TUESDAY 9 JULY
10AM – 4PM
CHAMPION CENTRE**



Funded by the Australian Government Department of Families,
Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

