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Annual General Meeting

Perth Convention Exhibition Centre
Perth

6 AUGUST 2014



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Annual General Meeting

Western Australian Local Government Association Annual General Meeting held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Business Session commencing at 3.45pm.

1.1 Record of Attendance and Apologies

Apologies

- Cr Geoff Amphlett
- Cr David Michael
- Mayor Ron Yuryevich

1.2 Announcements

- 2 Matters of Special Urgent Business have been received and will be considered separately following the listed Executive and Member Motions.

2.0 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the 2013 WALGA Annual General Meeting are contained within this AGM Agenda.

Moved: Cr G Pule (Bassendean)
Seconded: President Cr W Barrett (Murray)

That the Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

3.0 Adoption of President's Annual Report

The President's Annual Report for 2013/2014 is contained within this AGM Agenda.

Moved: President Cr E O'Connell (Nungarin)
Seconded: Mayor H Zelones (Armadale)

That the President's Annual Report for 2013/2014 be received.

CARRIED

4.0 WALGA 2013/2014 Financial Statements

The audited 2013/2014 WALGA Financial Statements will be distributed to all members prior to the meeting.

Moved: President Cr W Barrett (Murray)
Seconded: President Cr K Chappel (Morawa)

That the WALGA Financial Statements for 2013/2014 be received.

CARRIED



5.0 Consideration of Executive and Member Motions

As per motions listed.

6.0 Closure

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 5.11pm.



4. Consideration of Executive and Member Motions

4.1 ESL Administration Fees Paid to Local Governments (05-024-02-0059 AH)

Shire of Dardanup:

Moved: Cr P Robinson (Dardanup)
Seconded: President Cr M Bennett (Dardanup)

That WALGA negotiate with the Department of Fire & Emergency Services to;

1. Annually increase the ESL Administration Fee paid to Local Governments by price and property growth indexation.
2. Make a once off increase to the total funds allocated for the ESL Administration Fee funds paid to Local Governments in 2015/16. This increase is recommended to be a compounded on annual property growth and price (CPI) since the introduction of the ESL.

IN BRIEF

- The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) in 2003 to fund career and volunteer fire brigades, volunteer State Emergency Service (SES) units and volunteer emergency service units.
- The ESL has not been reviewed since introduced.
- State Council policy position supports the need for a full review of the ESL to ensure funds are allocated for mitigation and response activities and to allow Local Government to have more control over the allocation and distribution of funds RESOLUTION 219.3/2013.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr P Robinson (Dardanup)
Seconded: President Cr M Bennett (Dardanup)

That WALGA

1. Prepare a business case to DFES to demonstrate that the fee payments to Local Governments no longer cover all of the ESL related costs incurred by local government in collecting the ESL.
2. Negotiate an annual increase to the ESL Administration Fee paid to local governments by price and property growth indexation.
3. Negotiate with DFES to make a once off increase to the total funds allocated for the ESL Administration Fee funds paid to local governments in 2015/16. This increase is recommended to be compounded on annual property growth and price (CPI) since the introduction of the ESL.

The Amendment was put and **CARRIED**

The Amendment became the Motion and was put and **CARRIED**



MEMBER COMMENT

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) was introduced by the WA State Government in 2003 to fund career and volunteer fire brigades, volunteer State Emergency Service (SES) units and volunteer emergency service units throughout the State.

The ESL also funds Department of Fire & Emergency Services' (DFES) corporate support costs.

The ESL is a State Government charge which is levied on rates notices issued by Local Governments. All ESL money collected by each Local Government is paid directly to DFES.

Local Governments are paid an annual administration fee to cover the cost of managing the billing and collection of the levy.

DFES allocates a fixed amount per year towards the ESL administration fee paid to Local Government. This total pool of funds has remained unchanged at \$2,250,000 since 2004/05 (Appendix 1).

Over the same 10 year time period, the total amount of ESL levied state wide has increased approximately 115% from \$116.16m \$249.70m (Appendix 2).

Budget Implications -

The Shire of Dardanup has experienced an ongoing decline in the actual ESL administration fee it receives.

Cost increases in terms of price and wage indexation together with the cost of administering greater numbers of properties has left the Shire with an increased burden of the cost of administering the ESL.

Officer Comment

Table A details the ESL administration fee paid to the Shire of Dardanup since 2004/05.

The annual administration fee paid to Council has seen an actual decline.

In 2004/05 Shire of Dardanup was receiving approximately \$1.99 per rateable assessment for the ESL administration fee.

This has seen an ongoing decline each year and as at 2013/14 the ESL administration fee paid to the Shire of Dardanup equated to approximately \$1.22 per rateable assessment.

Since 2004/05 the number of properties has increased in the Shire by 42.51% with a corresponding 138.64% increase in the amount of ESL levied on Shire of Dardanup properties and paid to the State.



Table A

	ESL Admin Fee	% Inc/ Dec	ESL Levied	% Inc/Dec	Rateable Assessments	\$ / rateable Assessment	% Inc/Dec
2004/05	\$7,710		\$153,757		3,872	1.99	
2005/06	\$8,030	4.15%	\$173,817	13.05%	4,145	1.94	-2.71%
2006/07	\$8,160	1.62%	\$185,834	6.91%	4,483	1.82	-6.04%
2007/08	\$8,450	3.55%	\$264,971	42.58%	4,773	1.77	-2.74%
2008/09	\$8,310	-1.66%	\$238,804	-9.88%	4,968	1.67	-5.52%
2009/10	\$8,110	-2.41%	\$256,257	7.31%	5,098	1.59	-4.90%
2010/11	\$7,460	-8.01%	\$300,620	17.31%	5,130	1.45	-8.59%
2011/12	\$7,310	-2.01%	\$325,184	8.17%	5,292	1.38	-5.01%
2012/13	\$7,060	-3.42%	\$343,660	5.68%	5,395	1.31	-5.26%
2013/14	\$6,730	-4.67%	\$366,921	6.77%	5,518	1.22	-6.80%
10 Yr average	-12.71%		138.64%		42.51%	-38.75%	

It is evident that the ESL administration fee paid to Local Government has no population growth and price indexation mechanism.

Costs for administering the ESL on behalf of the State include:

- Staff costs for managing the rating system.
- Stationery (envelopes, rate notice printing).
- Postage.
- Software support costs.
- Associated support overheads.
- Debt recovery action.
- Ratepayers may elect to pay their rates in 4 instalments. For many ratepayers Council is therefore required to send 4 rate notices per financial year with associated incurred costs.

The declining amounts paid to the Shire for administering the ESL on behalf of DFES are grossly inadequate.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The aggregate annual ESL Administration Fee amount that DFES pays to Local Governments is approved by the Minister for Emergency Services (in accordance with the State Budget) and published annually in the *Government Gazette*.

It is correct that the fee has remained constant at \$2.25 million since the introduction of the ESL in 2003/04. A "once off" additional "Commencement Fee" of \$0.25 million was also paid in 2003/04 to assist Councils during the ESL implementation period.

The annual fee is distributed to Local Governments in accordance with a formula (originally approved by the ESL Executive Steering Committee) which is outlined in section 6 of the 'ESL Manual of Operating Procedures'. The distribution formula takes into account the amount of ESL funds each Local Government raises and the number of ESL assessments each issue's. The fee distribution formula has been the subject of two reviews to-date. Review participants (including WALGA and Local Government representatives) supported the retention of the original formulae.

Importantly however, the \$2.25m pool that is allocated to Local Governments under the formula was not reviewed.



The established State Government policy reflects the view of the then Minister and FESA that the \$2.25 million fee amount was reasonable and more than adequate to cover all of Local Government's 'out of pocket' ESL related expenses.

The \$2.25m pool was determined on the basis of an investigation, on FESA's behalf, by Ron Back in August 1998 into the additional cost/workload that a sample group of Local Governments would incur as administrators of the originally proposed property-based Fire Services Levy. Mr Back concluded that: *"On the basis of the evidence obtained from this review, and having regard to my own understanding of operating practices at other Councils, I was unable to identify any significant additional recurrent costs of the proposed new levy system arrangements to the participating Councils."* Mr Back presented his findings to a meeting of Local Government finance managers (principally metropolitan) held during that period.

WALGA has been advised by DFES that any request to increase the ESL Administration Fee pool would need to be justified by the sector and would require a business case that demonstrates that fee payments no longer cover all of the ESL related costs incurred by Local Governments.



Item 4.1 – Attachment 1

ADMIN FEES PAID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR PERIOD 2003-04 TO 2013-14
(Includes Start Up Fee)

BSL ADMINISTRATION FEE PAID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS												
(* 2003/04 BSL Commencement Fee and 2003/04 BSL Administration Fee included in 2003/04 Figures)												
LG	2003-04*	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Total
ALBANY	28,800	29,200	21,900	31,440	32,760	31,250	30,650	26,820	29,640	27,760	34,650	342,080
ARMADALE	51,950	46,200	45,600	45,000	45,100	47,170	47,600	46,440	49,620	49,300	50,980	527,010
ASHFORDTON	7,600	6,800	5,450	6,300	5,800	6,080	4,850	4,410	4,100	4,880	4,400	65,130
AUSTIN-MARGARET RIVER	18,200	12,640	18,150	13,630	13,630	13,660	13,670	12,780	12,350	11,770	13,060	144,080
BARRENDEAN	16,210	14,500	14,700	13,770	13,500	13,300	13,460	13,280	13,600	13,820	13,750	153,720
BAYSWATER	97,000	62,250	62,040	60,680	55,900	59,150	56,550	57,300	55,260	56,280	57,660	661,270
BELMONT	40,880	36,400	35,780	35,800	35,800	36,700	36,610	35,450	41,400	41,700	42,170	436,290
BEEVERLEY	5,600	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	45,500
BODDINGTON	5,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	45,500
BOYUP BROOK	5,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	45,500
BRIDGETOWN-GREENBUSHES	5,500	4,990	4,840	4,810	5,230	5,150	5,030	4,520	4,400	4,170	4,000	53,680
BRIDGTON	5,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	45,500
BRIDGEMOOR	13,940	12,300	16,080	16,240	13,380	10,600	10,440	10,340	9,670	9,840	9,400	117,300
BROOMEHILL-TAMBELLUP	9,150	5,800	6,050	6,650	7,870	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	60,200
BRUCE ROCK	5,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	45,500
BUNBURY	36,230	34,830	31,830	31,200	30,800	32,300	31,810	31,140	29,740	29,210	28,230	348,670
BUSSELTON	34,500	31,250	32,040	31,670	33,280	30,610	32,470	30,370	29,640	27,950	28,420	346,800
CAVENDISH	29,230	28,040	23,210	23,600	23,200	23,820	23,900	22,600	21,540	24,200	24,220	266,940
GANNING	85,420	84,600	83,650	83,000	84,720	84,470	83,010	80,200	84,450	84,000	80,310	933,420
GAPEL	10,240	6,770	6,600	6,500	3,710	10,650	9,880	6,300	6,000	6,750	6,220	102,510
GARNAHAR	5,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	45,500
GARHARVEN	5,930	4,200	4,200	4,140	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	46,000
GHANAMAN VALLEY	5,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	45,500
GRIFFITH	5,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	45,500
GRAPEHILL	12,450	11,600	11,170	11,560	11,820	11,470	11,180	11,630	12,950	11,910	12,450	136,000
HOOKBURY	71,210	70,400	72,470	74,690	75,480	77,480	79,240	80,910	81,350	82,310	84,430	849,380
COLUR	10,250	6,240	7,510	7,600	7,300	7,270	6,930	6,480	6,170	6,370	5,000	79,720
COOLGARDIE	6,700	6,250	4,950	4,260	3,650	4,980	4,170	4,000	4,300	4,000	4,000	51,300
COOROW	5,800	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	45,500
CORRIHILL	5,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	45,500
COTTESLOE	10,610	10,050	9,280	9,320	8,800	8,070	8,820	8,070	8,650	8,530	8,400	99,050
CRANBROOK	5,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	45,500
DUBALLING	5,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	45,500
CUE	4,980	3,410	3,610	3,510	3,760	3,760	3,640	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	43,220
CUANDERHILL	5,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	45,500
DALWALING	5,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	45,500
DANDARAGAN	6,630	4,800	5,120	5,260	5,600	5,000	5,630	5,100	4,350	4,000	4,410	56,280
DARDANUP	9,980	7,710	8,630	8,160	8,450	8,310	8,110	7,480	7,310	7,050	6,730	86,620
DEMARK	8,310	6,620	8,450	8,200	8,950	6,060	5,830	5,440	5,260	5,010	4,710	66,000
DEEY-WEST ISURRIFF	5,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	45,500
DONNYBROOK-BALINDUP	6,740	5,170	5,110	5,150	4,970	4,970	4,790	4,300	4,300	4,130	4,000	50,670
DOWERIN	5,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	45,500
DUMBLEYUNG	5,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	45,500
DUNDAS	5,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	45,500
EAST FREMANTLE	6,600	7,290	7,050	7,410	7,050	7,160	7,040	6,980	7,000	6,890	6,810	80,460
EAST PILSARA	9,700	5,210	4,820	4,820	4,450	4,000	4,000	4,400	4,040	4,700	4,700	53,610
ESPERANCE	16,840	11,470	12,970	12,520	12,420	12,670	11,930	11,050	10,470	9,860	9,280	132,690

* Includes total of 2003/04 fees plus 2003/04 Start Up Fee



ESL ADMINISTRATION FEE PAID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS												
(* 2003/04 ESL Commencement Fee and 2003/04 ESL Administration Fee* included in 2003/04 Figures)												
LC	2011-04*	2014-05	2015-06	2016-07	2017-08	2018-09	2019-10	2020-11	2021-12	2022-13	2023-14	Total
NEGLANDS	33,518	21,238	21,010	20,730	21,861	19,956	19,050	19,900	20,300	20,010	20,100	227,790
NGAKYA JARRARU	1,950	0	43	70	61	46	40	50	50	60	60	1,550
NORTHAM	13,600	16,644	16,143	16,340	16,940	16,300	16,200	16,500	16,400	16,300	16,200	164,110
NORTHAMPTON	5,240	4,810	4,590	4,410	4,750	4,600	4,480	4,400	4,240	4,040	4,000	51,110
MUNGAREE	2,820	1,900	1,720	1,740	1,850	2,030	2,150	2,440	2,100	2,040	1,740	25,130
PEPPERHUNT GROVE	8,600	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	43,600
PERENDRUP	6,200	3,070	2,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	44,600
PERTH	48,610	67,340	61,340	61,500	61,500	63,700	68,000	77,700	82,000	97,410	100,360	760,630
PRINCELY	5,600	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	45,600
PLANTAGENET	8,140	5,600	5,700	5,600	5,400	5,910	5,160	4,740	4,800	4,000	4,000	59,160
PORT GEDLAND	12,000	10,000	10,000	9,310	9,400	9,170	10,200	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	112,000
QUARRADING	5,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	40,000
RAVENHURST	5,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	40,000
ROCKINGHAM	62,140	81,000	81,400	82,890	82,470	82,600	81,200	80,170	79,000	78,400	77,700	889,620
ROCKMURRIE	15,640	15,000	15,310	15,000	15,100	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	150,000
SANDSTONE	2,800	1,700	1,400	1,300	1,470	1,600	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	13,610
SERPENTINE JARRAHDALE	12,700	8,860	8,900	9,300	11,000	11,700	11,900	11,900	10,800	11,000	11,000	118,500
SNARK BAY	5,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	40,000
SOUTH BORDEN	46,510	48,800	48,300	48,500	48,500	48,000	47,000	46,000	45,000	44,000	43,000	486,100
STIRLING	203,110	202,260	199,210	198,900	199,100	199,900	196,500	196,000	196,700	196,000	196,000	2,145,990
SWANOO	15,010	24,100	24,300	24,300	24,300	24,300	24,400	25,100	25,000	25,700	25,910	273,000
SWAN	89,000	86,300	85,070	86,720	86,480	89,600	90,740	89,000	86,100	91,900	99,820	994,620
TAMMIE	2,850	2,260	2,500	2,510	2,840	3,220	2,510	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	38,940
THREE SPRINGS	5,100	3,200	3,750	3,300	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	43,670
TODDVALE	6,600	6,400	6,310	6,100	6,000	5,760	4,670	4,140	4,000	4,000	4,000	53,100
TRAYNING	4,200	3,500	3,400	3,200	3,220	3,420	3,200	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	39,240
UPPER GOSWOLD	1,200	610	630	500	510	580	610	720	840	910	1,000	8,500
VICTORIA PARK	35,000	36,200	36,300	36,440	36,070	35,470	38,200	35,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	397,600
VICTORIA PLAINS	3,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	40,000
VINDEFIT	38,470	35,740	35,300	35,000	35,200	35,510	36,010	36,370	34,700	34,000	34,410	393,670
WARRICK	5,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	40,000
WARRIEWOOD	3,610	3,150	2,440	2,540	3,370	3,840	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	37,900
WARRINGBORO	93,440	94,500	101,100	100,700	111,100	117,200	118,600	120,800	122,840	124,350	126,110	1,237,220
WARDLAW	3,710	4,440	4,200	4,100	4,800	4,000	4,140	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	40,740
WEST ARTHUR	5,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	40,000
WESTONIA	3,700	1,810	2,100	2,140	2,410	2,560	2,800	3,300	3,640	3,800	3,800	31,800
WICKERIE	5,200	3,500	4,200	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	40,000
WILLAMIE	5,800	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	40,000
WILUNA	4,200	3,700	3,100	3,000	3,500	3,700	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	40,000
WONGAHALLIDU	6,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	40,000
WOODHALLING	3,700	3,000	3,140	2,900	3,300	3,800	3,800	3,800	4,000	4,000	4,000	38,000
WYALKATCHAM	5,100	3,600	4,000	4,100	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	40,000
WYNDHAM EAST EMBERLEY	5,000	4,000	4,000	4,100	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	40,000
YALGOO	3,200	1,800	2,300	2,000	2,300	2,100	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	27,700
YILGARN	3,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	40,000
YONK	3,650	4,350	4,200	4,000	4,100	4,010	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	40,010
TOTAL	2,846,600	2,288,600	2,280,000	2,290,000	2,230,000	2,280,000	2,270,000	2,280,000	2,280,000	2,280,000	2,280,000	23,000,000

* Includes total of 2003/04 fee plus 2003/04 Start Up fee



4.2 Implications of Structural Reform (05-034-01-0103 TB)

Shire of Dardanup:

Moved: Cr P Robinson (Dardanup)
Seconded: President Cr M Bennett (Dardanup)

That WALGA facilitate a meeting between country Local Government Elected Members with Professor Brian Dollery making a presentation on the implications of structural reform, by December 2014.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr P Robinson (Dardanup)
Seconded: President Cr M Bennett (Dardanup)

That WALGA;

- 1. Facilitate a meeting between country Local Government Elected Members with Professor Brian Dollery making a presentation on the implications of structural reform, by December 2014.**
- 2. Supports the position that, if WALGA is to facilitate further presentations on Local Government Reform, then more than 1 presenter should be invited to ensure that a range of views and opinions are given, and that balanced and objective deliberation and debate can be undertaken.**

The Amendment was put and CARRIED

The Amendment became the Motion and was put and CARRIED

MEMBER COMMENT

The current Minister for Local Government the Hon Tony Simpson embarked upon the reform of Local Government boundaries in the Perth metropolitan area in 2013 by submitting proposals to the Local Government Advisory Board. Local Government also submitted their proposals, each have been assessed by the LGAB.

It is expected that once the process has been completed in the metropolitan area the Minister will turn his attention to regional Western Australia, starting with regional centres and moving outward to all rural Local Governments.

During the metropolitan reform there has been a lot of debate about the benefits of reform and the implications to Local Governments and their communities in terms of the cost associated with the reform, the delivery of services and impacts on rates.

IN BRIEF

- Reform of Country Local Governments may follow the current metropolitan reform review.
- Shire of Dardanup recommends that WALGA facilitate a meeting between country Local Government Elected Members with Professor Brian Dollery making a presentation on the implications of structural reform, by December 2014.



For over twenty years there have been boundary changes across Local Government in all states of Australia with the exception of WA. Even with the widespread reform experience there appears to be little evidence of reduced cost to the ratepayer, only increase costs, and in some cases in Queensland, the push to reverse amalgamations.

Since reform in Western Australia was officially announced in February 2009 there has been little or no effort by government to present a case for convincing the community that less Local Governments equates to better and more cost effective Local Government.

Research shows that there is a lot of literature on the negatives relating to amalgamating Local Governments, but very little highlighting the benefits.

It is acknowledged by WA Local Government Association that reform is likely to be pushed out to the rural Local Governments, this is evidenced in that has initiated the Country Reform Policy Forum, set up to allow Local Governments in the country areas to discuss and develop an understanding of the impacts of reform on Local Government and to explore options and opportunities that may influence government on what reform might look like.

The Shire of Dardanup and many Local Governments are aware of the work done by Professor Brian Dollery, Graduate School of Business, University of New England.

Professor Dollery has many research papers and published on Local Government and seems to be the obvious person to invite to the west to do a presentation and participate in a debate about Local Government reform and the options that may be alternatives to boundary changes.

The Shire of Dardanup recommends that WALGA facilitate a meeting between country Local Government councillors with Professor Dollery making a presentation on the implications of structural reform, by December 2014.

Some of Professor Dollery's work include:-

To date, Brian has published 357 refereed journal articles, 35 book chapters and 15 books. Recent books include Councils in Cooperation: Shares Services and Australian Local Government (2012), Local Government Reform: A Comparative Analysis of Advanced Anglo-American Countries (2008), The Theory and Practice of Local Government Reform (2008), Reform and Leadership in the Public Sector (2007) and Australian Local Government Economics (2006). Over the past two decades, Brian has worked with Local Government across all Australian states, largely in the area of structural change, financial sustainability and urban water problems. Brian is presently working on a book on Local Government finance and he is involved in the debate on structural reform in Tasmanian Local Government.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The Association is preparing for the possibility of Non Metropolitan structural reform through the formation of the Country Reform Policy Forum. The Policy Forum has been established to undertake research into appropriate governance models for country Local Governments. There is no pre-determined outcome and all models are being reviewed.

Since the formation of the Systemic Sustainability Study (SSS) process, the Association has convened a number of forums and meetings where eminent structural reform experts have been showcased including Professor Dollery.



4.3 Bushfire Management – Support Vehicles (05-024-03-0010 AH)

Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes:

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr A Pratico (Bridgetown-Greenbushes)

Seconded: Cr J Boyle (Bridgetown-Greenbushes)

That WALGA lobby the Minister for Emergency Services seeking the inclusion of fire support vehicles as eligible items for capital and operational funding under the Emergency Services Levy.

CARRIED

MEMBER COMMENT

A number of Local Governments (including the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes) provide "Fire Support" vehicles for use by their Bush Fire Brigades. Such vehicles are very versatile, and perform a range of functions from incident control, sector and divisional command, to logistics and crew support at incidents. The benefit of having support vehicles is that it frees up dedicated fire appliances to carry out the task they are designed for - which is fire suppression. Current practice for Local Governments that do not provide Fire Support Vehicles is that either a Fire Fighting Appliance or a private vehicle is used for these roles.

The current position of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) is that both capital and operational funding of these vehicles is ineligible under the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) Local Government Grants Scheme. As the Minister for Emergency Services is responsible for approving the LGGS manual and criterion, it is recommended that WALGA lobby the Minister for inclusion in the ESL grants system.

There are numerous fire support vehicles in the Western Australian Local Government brigade structures, either via a dedicated support brigade or as a component of a combatant brigade.

Fire support vehicles are used to assist combatant brigades involved in fire suppression activities with incident management, logistical and welfare support. This is in line with the expectations of DFES that Local Governments improve their local Incident Management capacity.

The rise of dedicated support brigades or provision of support services in a combatant brigade has a twofold effect within volunteer ranks. Firstly, it allows fire fighters to remain at the end of the hose and fighting the fire, rather than being taken off the fire ground to undertake non-combatant roles. Secondly it allows for people who want to assist during an emergency, but can't be a front line fire fighter, to utilise skills that they have, such as communications operators, scribes, plotters and aircraft controllers, to assist in the Incident Management Team.

IN BRIEF

- The activities of a fire support brigade or fire support personnel within a combatant brigade are "normal brigade activities" as prescribed under the Bush Fires Act.
- Despite fire support activities being in compliance with the Bush Fires Act, DFES has made a determination (interpretation) that capital and operational funding of fire support vehicles is not eligible under the ESL.
- The Minister for Emergency Services has legislative responsibility for issuing of guidelines for the collection and distribution of ESL funds.



The activities of a support brigade or support services within a combatant brigade are "normal brigade activities" as prescribed under section 35A of that Act:

41. Bush fire brigades

- (1) *For the purpose of carrying out normal brigade activities a Local Government may, in accordance with its local laws made for the purpose, establish and maintain one or more bush fire brigades and may, in accordance with those local laws, equip each bush fire brigade so established with appliances, equipment and apparatus.*

35A. Terms used

Normal brigade activities means the following activities when carried out by a volunteer fire fighter —

- (a) *the prevention, control or extinguishment of bush fires;*
(b) *any act or operation at or about the scene of a bush fire, or in connection with a bush fire, which is necessary for, directed towards, or incidental to, the control or suppression of the fire or the prevention of spread of the fire, or in any other way necessarily associated with the fire including travelling and support services such as meals and communication systems;*

Whilst personnel in fire support vehicles don't carry out a combatant role during incidents, the operation of these vehicles is in compliance with the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and should therefore their capital and operating costs should be covered under ESL funding.

DFES should properly recognise and appropriately resource and fund support services where they have been established under a needs analysis to ensure support to front line firefighting crews is given and ultimately the protection of the community is increased through a more organised fire fighting response.

The purpose of the ESL is to fund the State's fire and emergency capability. Support services are an integral component of emergency capability.

Under Section 36Y of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act* the Minister for Emergency Services can issue guidelines for the collection and distribution of ESL funds, hence the essence of the Motion is to lobby the Minister to seek a change to the current interpretation by DFES that funding of fire support vehicle capital and operational costs is not eligible expenditure under the ESL.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) is intending to repeal the *Fire Brigades Act 1942*, the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, and the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1998* and develop a single *Emergency Services Act* to better deliver emergency services to Western Australians. The new legislation proposes to introduce a focus on shared responsibility for risk prevention, while also coordinating emergency preparedness and response delivery across government agencies, Local Government, volunteers and private landowners. The new legislation will include increased local government responsibility for risk management on its own land, as well as a stronger compliance role for risk mitigation on private land.

Consideration of funding support for such vehicles and equipment is likely to become more pressing in the next couple of years as the need for additional support vehicles will be increased when the State introduces the *Emergency Services Act* and policy requiring Local Governments to prepare tenure blind bushfire risk management plans (BRMP) for all lands within their district.



The Office of Bushfire Risk Management is currently piloting BRMP's with four Shires (Augusta Margaret River, Collie, Nannup and Boyup Brook) The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2014. The intention is for Local Government's with identified bushfire prone areas to have a BRMP in place. It is reasonable to expect Local Governments identified within bushfire prone areas will need the equipment and resources to undertake additional risk assessments, compliance inspections and mitigation works

The Association is currently advocating for a broad scale review and expansion of the Emergency Services Levy to provide the additional funding needed for the additional planning and mitigation works.

In the short term however, as the Minister can currently issue guidelines for the collection and distribution of ESL funds, it would be prudent to pursue appropriate changes to ensure that support vehicles, particularly in high risk areas, are eligible under the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) Local Government Grants Scheme.



4.4 Contaminated Sites – Auditing Requirements (05-020-01-0001 MB)

City of Bunbury:

Moved: Cr B Kelly (Bunbury)
Seconded: Cr N McNeill (Bunbury)

That WALGA:

- a) Requests the State Government to transfer the responsibility for auditing of contaminated sites reports to the Department of Environment Regulation as either a statutory requirement or on a fee for service basis; and
- b) Investigates and implements measures to reduce the cost of resolving contaminated site issues on Local Government (e.g. discounted consultant fees under WALGA preferred supplier panel contracts)."

IN BRIEF

- The WA Contaminated Sites Act 2003 (the Act), was introduced by the State Government in 2007, in order to minimise the risk posed by contaminated sites to public and environmental health

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr D Lee (Mandurah)
Seconded: Mayor M Vergone (Mandurah)

- c) Calls on State Government to contribute funding for management and remediation of contaminated sites where appropriate.

The Amendment was put and LOST

The original Motion was put and CARRIED

MEMBER COMMENT

The WA *Contaminated Sites Act 2003* (the Act), was introduced by the State Government in 2007, in order to minimise the risk posed by contaminated sites to public and environmental health.

The Act requires responsible parties to report known and suspected contaminated sites to the Department of Environment Regulation, which in turn assigns each site a particular classification depending upon the risks involved and level of investigation and management required.

Both the investigation and management works are typically highly technical in nature, expensive and time consuming, and require the engagement of consultants. For example, the investigations associated with a moderately complex contaminated site may cost in excess of \$100,000, and require between six (6) and twelve months to complete. Management works, where required, can be considerably more expensive and time consuming.



In certain circumstances, particularly where contamination issues are complex, proponents may be required to appoint a private consultant contaminated sites auditor to review investigations and management works, prior to the information being supplied to the Department of Environment Regulation. Contaminated sites auditors are not employees of the department, but rather external consultants. In this manner, proponents at times need to appoint one consultant to undertake the investigations and management works, and a second consultant to review the work of the first consultant.

The appointment of contaminated sites auditors can be expensive with auditors, as private consultants, having an hourly rate in the order of \$300 per hour. It is understood that the resolution of a simple land fill site may attract an auditor fee in excess of \$50,000.

The current approach involving the use of contaminated sites auditors may also introduce inefficiencies to the State Government process as the work of an auditor, being the review of the first consultants work, must in turn be reviewed by the Department of Environment Regulation in determining whether the relevant contamination issue has been sufficiently resolved.

Arguably, it would be less financially burdensome on proponents and more efficient, if the auditing review of contaminated site investigations and management works were to be completed by the Department of Environment Regulation, rather than consultants.

The contaminated sites auditor fees associated with the resolution of the contamination issues may result in a combined cost to Council in the order of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

If endorsed, the recommendation may achieve a change in the State Government's contaminated site process and cost savings for Council.

It is anticipated that various stakeholders may have concerns with the proposal as it represents a fundamental shift in the State Governments approach.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The State Government commenced a review of the Contaminated Sites Act in October 2012. The review has been through two rounds of public comment, and the Association developed submissions for each round. Table 1 outlines the policy review process to date.

Table 1: Review schedule of Contaminated Sites Act 2007

Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6	Stage 7
Release 1 st consultation document	1 st round of public consultation (12 weeks)	Review, analyse public comments	Release 2 nd discussion document	Further public consultation (12 weeks)	Review, analyse public comments	Forward review report (recommending changes) to Minister
Jun 12	Jun - Sep 12	Oct 12 - Oct13	Nov 2013	Nov - Feb 14	Mar - Jun 14	July 14
Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Current	



The Association's advocacy messages delivered through the review process have been:

- All contaminated sites data should be publically available, free of charge;
- The State Government should recognise the legacy issues of many Local Government contaminated sites, and provide financial assistance for the investigation and remediation of these;
- Local Government officers should not be required to report suspected or known contamination;
- An additional site classification, "contaminated – investigation required" should be added;
- A three month time frame for information provision to the Contaminated Sites Committee should be imposed, but extensions made possible;
- The State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) should be responsible for reviewing both DER and Contaminated Sites Committee decisions, to increase administrative transparency.

Local Government were invited to provide input into both of the Association's submissions. During the first consultation round, seven Local Governments provided comment. During the second consultation round no comments were received from the sector. Legislation review is the most effective time to influence changes to government policy and legislation. The Association will consider all resolutions passed at the AGM, but notes that the State Government may be unwilling to consider the members' proposed amendments. This is due to the current stage of State Government's review, and the current financial constraints on the State Government budget.

The Association therefore proposes to advocate to the Office of the Auditor General to undertake an economic analysis of the core theme of the motion, to examine the effectiveness and efficiencies that could be achieved through the Department of Environment Regulation undertaking the contaminated site audit requirements, as defined in the Act.



4.5 Review of Section 6.28 of the Local Government Act 1995 – Valuation of Land (05-034-01-0007 JMc)

City of Bunbury:

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr B Kelly (Bunbury)
Seconded: Cr N McNeill (Bunbury)

That WALGA requests the Minister for Local Government to review Section 6.28 of the Local Government Act that limits the methods of valuation of land to Gross Rental Value or Unimproved Value, and explores other alternatives.

IN BRIEF

- Section 6.28 of the Local Government Act 1995 limits the basis of rating to Gross Rental Valuation and Unimproved Value.
- This motion proposes an expansion of land valuation options for the basis of rating.

CARRIED

MEMBER COMMENT

The method of valuation of land to be used as the basis of rating in Western Australia is either: Gross Rental Value for predominantly non-rural purpose; or unimproved value of land for rural purposes. These are the only two methods available under the Section 6.28 of the Local Government Act in Western Australia.

Eastern State Local Governments can elect to rate on one of the following options:

- Site Value - levy on the unimproved value of land only and disregards the value of buildings, personal property and other improvements.
- Capital Value - value of the land including improvements
- Annual Value - rental value of a property (same as GRV).

It is suggested that a review of the options for the valuation of land for the basis of rating be conducted.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

Alternative land valuation methods came under the scope of the WALGA Systemic Sustainability Study, particularly Capital Improved Valuations which is in operation in Victoria and South Australia.

Whilst the SSS did not land on a particular recommendation for action, it may be opportune to commence a discussion on the inherent advantages and disadvantages of the present and alternative land valuation methods, given the nexus to the Valuation of Land Act 1978 and its review anticipated in 2015/2016.



**4.6A MATTER OF SPECIAL URGENT BUSINESS: Opposition to
Commission of Audit Recommendations**

Shire of Morawa:

Absolute Majority required

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr K Chappel (Morawa)

Seconded: President Cr J Collingwood (Chapman Valley)

That the Members agree that the following item of Special Urgent Business, relating to *Opposition to Commission of Audit Recommendations* be considered.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY



4.6B MATTER OF SPECIAL URGENT BUSINESS: Opposition to Commission of Audit Recommendations

Shire of Morawa:

RESOLUTION

**Moved: President Cr K Chappel (Morawa)
Seconded: President Cr J Collingwood (Chapman Valley)**

That the WA Local Government Association engage with the Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development; all Federal Members of Parliament from Western Australia; and the Australian Local Government Association to lobby against any proposed removal or amendment of Commonwealth funding to Local Government by way of Financial Assistance Grants (FAG's) and the Roads to Recovery Program (R2R).

IN BRIEF

- Opposition to Federal Government Commission of Audit Recommendations relating to any proposed removal or amendment of Assistance Grants and the Roads to Recovery Program

CARRIED

BACKGROUND

It is with great concern that the member Councils of the Northern Country Zone of WALGA have noted that The Report of the National Commission of Audit has recommended the removal of Commonwealth funding to Local Government by withdrawing Financial Assistance Grants (FAG's) and the Roads to Recovery Program (R2R).

A pre Federal Government Budget report prepared by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) stated:

"Commonwealth funding for local councils would end under the recommendations of the Commission of Audit Report released on Thursday 1 May.

The Federal Budget, to be handed down in 12 days' time is expected to pick up some of the 86 recommendations, with others to be adopted in coming months.

The recommendations seek to return the Budget to surplus through substantial savings and would also see the Commonwealth Government give up \$25 billion of income tax revenue and end its involvement in an enormous range of areas and pass responsibility to the states.

Of major concern to ALGA are the recommendations in Volume 2 (recommendations 5 and 22) that the Commonwealth end its funding for local government including the Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) program and the Roads to Recovery (R2R) program.

The Report also recommends an end to Regional Development Australia Committees and that the Commonwealth leaves regional development issues to the state and local government.

The Federal Government provides a total of \$2.2 billion per annum to councils across the country through the FAGs program. It is the Government's cornerstone program for local communities. The end of the program, which was put in place almost 40 years ago, would have a catastrophic impact on the level of local infrastructure and services in every local community.



The Audit Commission has proposed that the FAGs would no longer be necessary as sufficient revenue would be available to state governments which could then determine whether any funds are passed on to councils. Given the priorities which state governments face in areas such as health, education and public transport, individual councils may well find it challenging in securing sufficient funds to meet local infrastructure and service needs.

The end of the R2R program, which both major parties had promised to extend to 30 June 2019, would strip \$350 million a year in road funding from local communities with potentially devastating consequences for productivity, road safety and general access, particularly in regional communities. The promised Bridges Renewal Program is also at risk under the Report's recommendations."

MEMBER COMMENT:

Financial Assistance Grants remain the funding lifeblood for rural and remote Australia and are applied towards the provision of a wide range of essential services. This funding is significant in assisting Councils to provide an appropriate level of services and in alleviating the disadvantages experienced by communities located a long way away from major cities and regional centres. Many Councils do not have a sufficient rating base to fund these services. The methodology of distributing FAG's has always been transparent and removed from any kind of political bias or manipulation. *It is essential that FAG's continue to be directly allocated through the Commonwealth Government into the future.*

R2R funding is a stringently managed program that ensures Australia's local government road network is upgraded to standards able to cope with the nation's road transport requirements. This was a major initiative of the Howard Government and has been structured to ensure that a high level of accountability and value for money in the application of funds prevails. Given the increasing demand for an improved road network, particularly in the vast agricultural and mining regions of Australia, it is vital that this source of funding continues to be delivered directly to local governments by the Commonwealth Government.

If FAG's and R2R funding are replaced with compensatory funding provided to the State Government for discretionary distribution to local governments, the financial independence and autonomy of local government would be severely threatened. It is almost certain that States would significantly redirect and/or severely diminish the amount of funding previously provided directly to local government by the Commonwealth. This would result in massive cost shifting to ratepayers to support the current level of services provided by their respective Councils and the almost certain demise of many local governments in the rural and remote areas throughout Australia.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The motion is consistent with the Association's strategic objectives



4.7A MATTER OF SPECIAL URGENT BUSINESS: Local Government Reform - Dadour Poll Provisions

City of Canning:

Absolute Majority required

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor R Norris (Mosman Park)
Seconded: Cr F Reid (Stirling)

That the Members agree that the following item of Special Urgent Business, relating to *Local Government Reform - Dadour Poll Provisions* be considered.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY



4.7B MATTER OF SPECIAL URGENT BUSINESS: Local Government Reform - Dadour Poll Provisions

City of Canning:

MOTION

**Moved: Commissioner L Reynolds (Canning)
Seconded: President Cr S Bilich (Kalamunda)**

That this Annual General Meeting, recognising the current approach by the State Government to the manipulation of the principles of the 'Dadour' poll provisions;

(a) endorse WALGA's position of providing community access to the poll provisions where 1 or more districts are to be abolished rather than the 2 or more districts as currently provided for in the *Local Government Act 1995*;

(b) endorse WALGA's proposed extension of the poll provisions to significant boundary adjustments subject to any associated criteria and any percentages being agreed to by a majority of all local governments in Western Australia, and

(c) reaffirm as policy, that WALGA is opposed to the removal or dilution of the 'Dadour' poll provisions including the temporary dilution or removal of those provisions.

IN BRIEF

- WALGA's policy position to strengthen the poll provisions is supported.
- If the poll provisions are to be triggered for significant boundary adjustments, then the criteria and associated percentages need more discussion.
- WALGA to adopt a policy position opposing the temporary suspension or dilution of the poll provisions.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

**Moved: Cr B Kelly (Bunbury)
Seconded: Cr E Re (Stirling)**

That the meeting suspend Standing Order 13.2 to allow delegates to speak for more than 3 minutes.

CARRIED

**M: Cr B Kelly (Bunbury)
S: Cr E Re (Stirling)**

That the meeting resume Standing Order 13.2

CARRIED

The Motion was put and CARRIED



MEMBER COMMENT

At the meeting of State Council held on 2 July 2014 it was resolved that WALGA;

1. *Reaffirm its policy position opposing forced amalgamations and supporting voluntary reform; and*
2. *Adopt, and advocate for, a policy position that the poll provisions contained in the Local Government Act 1995 should be amended so that electors of a Local Government where 1 or more Local Governments will be abolished or significantly affected by a boundary change proposal are able to demand a poll on the proposal, with 'significantly affected' being specifically defined as causing a fifty percent variation in:*
 - i. *Population; or,*
 - ii. *Rateable properties; or,*
 - iii. *Revenue.*

The general thrust of WALGA's adopted policy positions is supported by the motion currently before the AGM.

Artificial Boundary Adjustments

Schedule 2.1 of the *Local Government Act 1995* currently reads as follows:-

8. Electors may demand poll on a recommended amalgamation

- (1) Where the Advisory Board recommends to the Minister the making of an order to abolish 2 or more districts (the *districts*) and amalgamate them into one or more districts, the Board is to give notice to affected local governments, affected electors and the other electors of districts directly affected by the recommendation about the recommendation.

As we all know, the Minister is avoiding any potential triggering of the poll provisions by proposing 'boundary adjustments' for paired local governments that have the effect of abolishing only 1 district, rather than the 2 districts (or more) that the Act currently provides for.

In defence of this back-door course of action, the Minister has argued that it would keep elected members in place during the transition period and allow for a smoother transition. "At least one of the councils would continue and there would be no need for new bank accounts, ABN numbers or GST registration".

Apparently the principles of community democracy can be traded off against the principles of administrative efficiency.

WALGA's resolution contemplates the removal the numeral 2 and its replacement with the numeral 1 in clause 8 of Schedule 2.1 of the *Local Government Act 1995*. That is a good thing because it would open up the poll provisions for proposals that would abolish only 1 local government rather than confine it to 2 or more.

Genuine Boundary Adjustments

More importantly, State Council's resolution goes a step further and says that if significant boundary adjustments are to occur that don't involve the abolition of local governments, then there should be some criteria attached to these as well so that the poll provisions can also be accessed by the community where significant change is involved.

State Council's proposed access to the poll provisions for genuine boundary adjustments therefore represents a strengthening of the poll provisions. That also is a good thing.



However the criteria that has been set for what constitutes a significant boundary adjustment (i.e. population, or rateable properties, or revenue) and the 50% figure attached to them has raised some concerns in terms of the ongoing sustainability of surviving local governments.

No explanation has been provided to the local government sector on how the criteria were selected and how the 50% figure was arrived at. Part b) of the motion before the AGM is intended to get the discussion going and provide a way forward.

Suspension of the Poll Provisions

At the meeting of State Council held on 4 September 2013 it was resolved that WALGA adopt a policy position to;

Oppose the State Government's proposal to remove in perpetuity the poll provisions for the metropolitan area contained in Schedule 2.1 of the Local Government Act 1995.

The use of the words "in perpetuity" suggests that WALGA may be amenable to the temporary suspension or dilution of the poll provisions. The policy position of WALGA as it is currently expressed, could therefore be used as leverage by the State Government to change the poll provisions for the worse.

Part c) of the motion is intended to make WALGA's policy position on the matter very clear.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The motion is generally consistent with the Association's policy positions

ALGA NEWS

8 AUGUST 2014

Commemorations across communities

Monday August 4 marked the 100th anniversary since the commencement of World War I.

For the next four years, the Centenary of Anzac will commemorate Australia's involvement in the battlefields of the Great War.

This week, a wreath laying ceremony and the launch of the Soundscape project were held at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra while communities across the nation held their own services, including Cowra where a wreath was laid of the grave of Private Edward George Henderson, a local serviceman who was wounded in Belgium during World War I.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Michael Ronaldson said the Centenary of Anzac will be one of Australia's most important periods of national commemoration, providing all Australians the opportunity to reflect, remember and commemorate the service and sacrifice of more than two million Australians who have served in the Australian Defence Force and those on the home front who have cared for and supported them.

More information on the Anzac Centenary Program can be found at the Anzac Centenary [website](#) and the Anzac Centenary Facebook page at www.facebook.com/anzaccentenary.

Councils sign on for Green Army projects

More than 50 councils will undertake local conservation projects as part of the Green Army.

On Saturday 2 August, Prime Minister Tony Abbott announced the first round of 196 Green Army projects.

Project work includes a koala habitat restoration project by Lismore City Council, environmental restoration work including weed control on two reserves by Toowoomba Regional Council while Dorset Council in Tasmania will undertake weed eradication work on Dorset Mountain Bike Trails.

A number of councils will undertake multiple Green Army projects as part of round one.

A full list of the projects can be found [here](#).

Over the next three years, 1500 projects will be rolled out, with up to 15,000 17 to 24 year olds involved in the program by 2018/19.

Five employment organisations will be used to recruit Green Army participants and manage the program.

These service providers will be responsible for managing work health and safety, training, paying allowances and overseeing project management.

Exploring e-waste options

With the increase in the use of electronic devices in people's everyday lives, there is an increasing focus on how to dispose of these items at the end of their use. Unlike regular waste, e-waste, requires specific disposal processes. The chemicals and heavy-metals involved in the creation of these devices, such as dioxins, cadmium, lead and barium can have serious implications on public and landscape health.

Many councils have been determining the best way to deal the increasing e-waste stream. Some councils offer specific days or weekends where people can hand in e-waste for safe disposal and processing, others outsource and some have continual collection. These, of course, require specialist equipment and staff training and can come at considerable cost.

However, the process of processing electronic devices such as televisions and mobile phones also provide opportunities. Metals such as gold, platinum, lithium can be recycled or sold, the same goes for plastics and some ceramics.

ALGA is currently participating in an e-waste working party exploring e-waste options.

President's Column

As a proud supporter of Anti-Poverty Week, both as president of ALGA and Mayor of Marion City Council, I encourage all councils across Australia to become involved in this year's event and organise an activity during the week which will be held from 12th to 18th October.

The week is held in Australia every year to coincide with the UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on 17 October.

Anti-Poverty Week aims to make the community more aware of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and in Australia; and to encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems.

Poverty and severe hardship affect more than a million Australians. Around the world, more than a billion people are desperately poor.

A report published last year by The National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (NATSEM), a research centre at the University of Canberra, titled [Poverty, Social Exclusion & Disadvantage in Australia](#), includes disadvantage indicators for all local government areas.

In Anti-Poverty Week, we can help fight poverty and hardship.

A range of materials can be accessed [online](#) to help organise an event and to promote Anti-Poverty Week.

There is also a range of ideas on how [local government can become involved and](#)

[examples of activities that local government](#) has organised in the past.

Already a range of activities are proposed for this year, from financial awareness workshops to an op-shop fashion parade.

Please think about how your council can remind the community that there are significant numbers of people in Australia and throughout the world who continue to live in poverty.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis
President

Black Spot Programme nominations open

The Department of Infrastructure and Investment is currently seeking nominations for Black Spot locations from State and Territory Governments, local councils, community groups and associations, road user groups, industry and individuals.

Changes have been made to the programme's eligibility criteria for 2015-16 and 2016-17 aimed at assisting local communities to compete for the additional funding available over the next two years.

Under the new criteria, the minimum Benefit Cost Ratio for proposals has been reduced from 2:1 to 1:1. In addition, the minimum crash history of sites has been reduced from 3 to 2 casualty crashes over five years or 0.13 casualty crashes per kilometre per year over 5 years.

In NSW, limits that restrict the number of Black Spot project in each local government area have also been removed.

In recent years local councils across New South Wales have been restricted to a limit of five active projects and ten proposals for Black Spot Programme projects.

Lifting this restriction for the next two years will give councils more opportunity to access funding to eliminate dangerous road locations and improve the safety and productivity performance of their road networks.

In NSW, to be considered for project funding in 2015-16 site nominations need to be submitted to the Black Spot Consultative Panel by 29 August 2014.

Nomination forms for the Australian Government Black Spot Programme are available [here](#).

Emerging street lighting options for local government

Switching to LED street lighting could save Australia's local councils up to \$87 million and prevent 720,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions from entering the atmosphere each year.

A new Practice Note *Towards More Sustainable Street Lighting* released this week by the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) and supported by the Australian Centre of

Excellence for Local Government (ACELG) calculates that street lighting in Australia costs at least \$400M per year. But, whilst local councils are legally responsible for providing street lighting in Australia - and paying for street lighting - the lights are mostly owned and maintained by the electricity distribution utilities.

In addition to the huge cost and emission savings, the Practice Note also highlights improved safety outcomes for drivers and pedestrians where LED lighting is in use.

IPWEA Sustainability Director, Dr Stephen Lees said IPWEA believed that this was a direct action strategy with measurable benefits, which could help Australia reach its greenhouse gas emission reduction targets while saving ratepayer dollars and improving safety outcomes.

The authors of the Practice Note will be conducting a series of workshops around Australia in October on the new Practice Note, and the issues it raises.

View the Practice Note and workshop details [here](#).

Book Launch - Stemming the tide of alcohol: Liquor licensing and the public interest

On 19 August 2014 the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) and the University of Melbourne are launching the book *Stemming the tide of alcohol: Liquor licensing and the public interest*.

Stemming the tide of alcohol: Liquor licensing and the public interest, examines legislation on how alcohol is sold, promoted and consumed, and the implementation and enforcement of the regulations, from the perspective of reducing alcohol harm.

The book provides local governments, policy makers, public health advocates, researchers, community groups and members of the general public with comprehensive information about the regulation of Australian alcohol markets and tools and interventions that have the potential to reduce alcohol harm.

The launch will be held between 11am and 12 noon in Seminar Room 515, Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, Level 5, 207 Bouverie Street, Carlton, Victoria.

RSVP to 2014 to glenis.thomas@fare.org.au or phone 02 6122 8600 by Friday 15 August.

The book can be pre-ordered at www.fare.org.au

2014 Walk21 Conference in Sydney

This a conference for Local Government transport and land use planners, recreation and leisure staff, community development, ageing and disability officers.

The NSW Government in partnership with the City of Sydney is hosting the 2014 Walk 21 event, the world's leading conference on walking which will be held from 21 to 23 October, 2014.

If you would like to learn the latest about cost effective planning and design, together with ground breaking research and walking leadership models, come to Walk21 Sydney and talk to the world's leading experts. The detailed program for the conference has just gone live and includes pre and post conference workshops and events. There are also sponsorship opportunities available for councils.

Walking is one of the most cost effective modes of transport for short, local trips. In a resource limited environment, we need to fund infrastructure in LGAs that caters for current needs and neighbourhoods that will be sustainable well into the future.

Promoting walking on existing infrastructure as a travel choice at peak times is also crucial. Behaviour change programs such as travel demand management, workplace travel planning, campaigns and community engagement can create significant mode shift.

At the conference, councils will also be able find out about how NSW Government will be implementing *Sydney's Walking Future* and provide feedback on the draft Walking Strategy and Action Plan from the City of Sydney.

For more information click [here](#).

Contacting Triple-zero

More than 2000 Australians have had their say in the Triple Zero review online survey and it is clear most Australians want the Triple Zero service to embrace new technology.

It is also clear that most Australians want to share personal information quickly and easily with the operator when they are in an emergency.

Of those who have responded, 96 per cent said they would like the Triple Zero operator to be automatically provided with details of their precise location - using GPS or similar technology.

Over 80 per cent would like the operator to receive information about their surroundings in an emergency, possibly through live video from a smartphone app.

While voice calls to Triple Zero continue to be the preferred method of contacting Triple Zero, the survey shows there is a strong interest in developing other ways of accessing the service. The top five alternative ways are:

1. Automated alert devices (89 per cent)
2. Smartphone applications (82 per cent)
3. Video calls (70 per cent)
4. SMS (69 per cent)
5. Instant messaging (50 per cent)

The public survey is open until 22 August so you still have time to have your say [here](#).

You can also follow the conversation on Twitter using #TripleZeroReview.

Sustainability in Public Works Awards

Two local government projects were recognised at the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) inaugural 2014 IPWEA Sustainable Solutions in Public Works Awards.

The awards were presented at the IPWEA Sustainability in Public Works Conference last week.

Orange City Council won the Sustainable Communities category award for its 50-year water supply strategy, which was developed in response to the severe water shortage during the last drought that threatened the local economy and many local jobs. The award judges liked the strategy's strong efforts to gain community support and reduce water demand.

The winner of the Climate Change Resilience category award was the Climate Change Adaptation Best Practice Guidelines developed by City of Canada Bay Council in Sydney and the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government. This provides guidance on embedding climate risk considerations into council business through a step-by-step framework and 70 adaptation case studies from around Australia and overseas

Canberra's new water supply dam has won the Sustainable Infrastructure category and also the overall winner awards.

2015 Rural Women's Award now open to applications

Australia's top award for rural women is now open to applications.

The 2015 Rural Industries R&D Corporation (RIRDC) Rural Women's Award identifies and rewards women's contribution to primary industries and rural communities by providing financial assistance, mentoring, resources and support via its nation-wide network of business and community leaders for selected state winners.

The Award is open to all women involved in primary industries. Rural women are encouraged to enter themselves or to nominate someone with a commitment and desire to making a real difference to their industry and community.

State and Territory winners receive a \$10,000 financial bursary to implement their Award vision and will have the opportunity to participate in the Company Directors Course run by the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).

A national winner and runner-up will be selected from the state winners with a further \$10,000 bursary awarded to the winner and \$5,000 to the runner-up to support their professional development and contribution to primary industries.

Applications close on 31 October 2014. Application forms can be downloaded from the RIRDC [website](#).

Riverprize finalists announced

International RiverFoundation has announced four finalists in the 2014 Australian *Riverprize*.

The finalists selected are Margaret River (WA), Bannister Creek (WA), Lake Eyre Basin (QLD, NT, NSW & SA) and Boorowa River (NSW).

The International RiverFoundation will announce the winner at the *Riverprize* Gala Dinner on Tuesday 16 September, at the National Convention Centre, Canberra, during the 17th International Riversymposium.

Dr Deborah Nias, Chair of the Australian *Riverprize* judging panel, said that these finalists showcase the excellent work being done across Australia in river and wetland management and protection.

"These finalists span the nation, from relatively small urban creeks through to vast outback basins, but all of them have passion and commitment, coupled with good science and strategic natural resource management."

The winner of the 2014 Australian *Riverprize* will automatically qualify as a shortlisted applicant in the prestigious Thiess International *Riverprize* in 2015 - where the best of the best in river management globally compete for the grand title.

[Visit the International RiverFoundation website for further details on the finalists.](#)

Cutting red tape

A new Rules Reduction Taskforce in New Zealand is to clear local Councils of red tape.

Mayors have welcomed the announcement that will spell the end of hundreds of "silly, nonsensical and downright irritating" Local Government regulations that the Local Government New Zealand organisation says make life harder for residents.

Minister for Local Government, Paula Bennett said the taskforce would work closely with Local Government and the public to "weed out pedantic and unnecessary rules that frustrate property owners and councils alike".

She said councils were dogged by unnecessary bureaucracy.

The taskforce is expected to be in operation by October, with six members in charge of making decisions about what should stay and what should go.

Improving care for heart failure patients

Too many Australians are suffering and dying from chronic heart failure due to a disjointed national approach to managing the debilitating condition according to the National Heart Foundation of Australia, with the charity calling for more to be done to

give heart failure patients a better quality of life.

The Heart Foundation is calling on governments, policy makers, clinical networks and clinicians to work together to improve the system of care following the release of their consensus statement in the *Medical Journal of Australia* on Monday 4 August, which outlines a number of areas for action to improve the health system.

Some of the actions listed in the paper include:

- Develop and implement a national policy framework with agreement between states, territories and the federal government addressing the core principles and recommendations
- Given limited resources, a risk assessment tool that stratifies patients at higher risk of readmission could be used to ensure those most likely to benefit from a management program are targeted.
- GPs should be empowered to lead care for patients with CHF. This may be through the introduction of funding incentives or provision of nurse practitioners and practice nurses in primary care.

Around 300,000 Australians are living with heart failure, and every year around another 30,000 people are newly diagnosed with the debilitating condition.

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New Planning Reforms Reflect Association's Advocacy

The WA Local Government Association has welcomed the State's planning reforms as the majority of the reforms will result in a clearer, more efficient and effective planning system for all stakeholders including individuals, Local Governments and the development industry.

WALGA President Mayor Troy Pickard said the sector embraced the need for improvements in planning processes several years ago, and the reforms announced today align with many of the actions contained in the Association's Planning Improvement Program.

"The introduction of electronic application systems and standardising delegation of development assessment decisions has been supported by the Association's own improvement program for some time," he said.

"The Association already successfully delivers online planning and building applications through the CouncilsOnline platform and which was initially designed for 11 high growth Councils in 2011. The Association has offered to partner with the State Government to expand this system across all Local Governments."

WALGA is currently finalising a "*Guide for Planning Delegations: Development Applications*", which will be provided to the WAPC and Department of Local Government and Communities to expedite delivery of this important reform initiative initiated by Local Government.

"In embracing planning reform for Local Government, we call on the State to appropriately resource and reform its own processes for scheme review and amendments, which would result in a reduction in some of the delays currently experienced by Local Governments," Mayor Pickard said.

"With the Local Government sector actively pursuing improvements, now is the time for the Minister for Planning to ensure that the significant delays and backlogs within his own Department are also addressed".

Mayor Pickard urged the Government to be thoughtful in its approach to the proposed changes to structure plans.

"Whilst improvements to address the delays in processing structure plans are embraced, the local community should be afforded an opportunity to have input on major development proposals," he said.

In addition he said that while the proposal for all single houses that are compliant with the R-Codes to be exempt from Planning Approval to help reduce assessment time frames is generally supported, it is critical that the Local Governments that do currently require DA's for single houses are consulted, so that the reasons for doing so are understood.

"Whilst supported in principle, this initiative will need further explanation, as not all single house developments can be exempted. Those that are in bushfire prone areas or where there are significant heritage or environmental values will still be subject to assessment," he said.

In addition, Local Government has encouraged the State Government to conduct a cost benefit analysis of the DAPs system to provide clarity on the quantifiable benefits on the new regime. The

Association has written to the Parliamentary Review Committee to seek clarity when the independent review of DAPs will be initiated, as empowered and required in the current legislation.

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Aboriginal Community Services in Limbo

Local Governments are growing increasingly concerned and frustrated about the ongoing lack of certainty about provision of essential and municipal services to Aboriginal Communities and have called on the State and Federal Governments as a matter of urgency to agree on a delivery model.

The WA Local Government Association said there is a lack of clarity about whether the State or Federal Government would be responsible for the funding of basic community services in vulnerable communities from next year.

WALGA President, Mayor Troy Pickard, described the current situation as deeply concerning.

“Local Governments are committed to seeing improvements in living conditions in Aboriginal communities and for service delivery to be normalised, not reactive,” Mayor Pickard said.

“The sector’s attempts over many years to engage with the relevant agencies and participate in the dialogue between the State and Federal Governments have been frustrated by their inability to take ownership of issues and lack of a consistent approach.

“While the concerns of the sector have been acknowledged, there remains limited cohesion between the State and Federal Governments.

“Unfortunately, the stalemate between the State and Federal Governments shows no signs of being resolved anytime soon. This is having a significant impact on the welfare of Western Australia’s 287 Aboriginal communities, and coupled with insufficient funding for services, requires urgent redressing.”

The Federal Government recently advised the WA State Government that as of 1 July 2015, it will cease all funding for municipal service delivery to Aboriginal communities.

“The State currently receives just under \$30 million in funding, which already places severe constraints on the range and quality of services provided to Aboriginal communities,” Mayor Pickard said.

“With just 10 months to go before this funding is withdrawn, the State and Federal Government need to work with the Local Government sector to communicate and clarify their roles and responsibilities. “

In April 2013, the State Government established the Aboriginal Affairs Cabinet Sub-Committee, which sets policy and reform directions, and aims to improve the coordination and effectiveness of government funding for Aboriginal affairs.

The Federal Government recently announced the creation of the National Aboriginal Advancement Strategy and the Indigenous Regional Network. Both initiatives are designed to address employment, education and community safety issues for the Aboriginal population.

“The sector recognises recent efforts by both the State and Federal Government to address some of the key areas of disadvantage in Aboriginal communities such as health and education, however, there is still much work to do and a greater sense of urgency is needed,” Mayor Pickard said.

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Swan Canning River Concerns Validated

The Auditor General's Report into the Swan Canning River System confirms key concerns raised more than three years ago by Local Government.

The WA Local Government Association's *Priority Plan for Investment in the Swan Canning Catchment*, released in 2011, made a number of key recommendations to protect the health of the system.

WALGA President, Mayor Troy Pickard, said the Auditor General's Report was an opportunity to revisit the Priority Plan.

"While the Association welcomes the Auditor General's report, it echoes much of what was identified by Local Government in 2011 as requiring urgent action," Mayor Pickard said.

"There now exists a compelling case to build on the Association's extensive efforts in this area."

WALGA's Priority Plan was developed by a working group comprising members from 21 Local Governments adjacent to the river system.

"WALGA undertook extensive stakeholder engagement with State Government Departments, the Water Corporation and Local Governments in developing the Priority Plan," Mayor Pickard said.

"That was over three years ago and very little has changed. There remains a weak governance structure, poor environmental controls and a lack of ownership by the relevant State Government Departments.

"The drainage agreement cited in the Auditor General's report was a key recommendation of the Association's plan, which has the strong support of every Local Government in Perth."

Amongst other key recommendations in the plan were tighter controls on nutrients and other pollutants to improve water quality.

"The State Government needs to cut through the bureaucracy and design and deliver an affordable urban stormwater management framework as a matter of urgency, similar to those that have been in place in other major capital cities of Australia for nearly two decades".

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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

- ❑ Cadet Building Assessment Officer – commencement date 20/8/14.
- ❑ Roller/Truck Driver – commencement date 2/9/14.

Staff Leaving:

- ❑ Nil

Other Staff Movements (Internal):

- ❑ Parks Maintenance Operator successful in recruitment to position of Roller/Truck Driver, effective 2/9/14.

Current Recruitment Activity:

- ❑ Building Surveyor – recruitment completed, however appointed as a Cadet Building Assessment Officer.
- ❑ Manager Community Infrastructure Planning – position re-advertised under the title of Manager Community Facilities Planning and applications closed 14/8/14.
- ❑ Arts & Events Officer (P/T) – recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Roller/Truck Driver – recruitment complete.
- ❑ Senior Building Information Officer – applications closed 14/8/14.
- ❑ Administration Assistant (Building) - applications closed 14/8/14.
- ❑ Aquatic Centre Recruitment – applications close 1/9/14.
 - Pool Lifeguards
 - Customer Service Officers
 - Swim Instructors
 - Aqua Instructors
- ❑ Senior Environmental Health Officer – to be advertised with applications closing 4/9/14.

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TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS		
ITEM	REFERRING COMMITTEE	COMMENTS
Ordinary Council Meeting May 12 2014 Matter for Referral – Cr Nixon “That the matter of all carpark having a minimum percentage of shade designed into the proposal be referred to the Technical Services Committee.”	Technical Services	Referred to Development Services.

TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE
Works Programme – August 2014 – October 2014



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City Projects	<u>Capital Works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New office complex – construction continuing. Internal works, preliminary landscaping. • Pre-tender stage for Harrisdale (East) Shared Use Site. • Pre-tender stage for Kelmscott Library. 	<u>Capital Works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New office complex – construction continuing. Internal works, preliminary landscaping. • Pre-tender stage for Harrisdale (East) Shared Use Site. • Pre-tender stage for Kelmscott Library. 	<u>Capital Works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New office complex – construction continuing. Internal works, preliminary landscaping. • Pre-tender stage for Harrisdale (East) Shared Use Site. • Pre-tender stage for Kelmscott Library.
Civil Works	<u>Construction</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coleus Way – cul-de-sac. • Lecania Street – cul-de-sac. • Kalanchoe Approach – cul-de-sac. • Railway Avenue - upgrade between Merrifield Avenue and Westfield Road. • Alfred Skeet Oval - Playing Field car park. • Clifton Hills Primary School – car park. • Ranford Road – Stage 3. • Lang Street – upgrade unmade road reserve. • Brown Crescent – new footpath. • Wungong Road – (Black spot) 	<u>Construction</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Railway Avenue - upgrade between Merrifield Avenue and Westfield Road. • Alfred Skeet Oval- Playing Field car park. • Lecania Street – cul-de-sac. • Kalanchoe Approach – cul-de-sac. • River Road - cul-de-sac. • Lori Road – cul-de-sac. • Greendale Place - resurfacing project– Buckingham Road end. • Brown Crescent – new footpath. • Griffith Street – road resurfacing. • Cabernet Close - road resurfacing. • Ranford Road – bike path. 	<u>Construction</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Railway Avenue - upgrade between Merrifield Avenue and Westfield Road. • Hebrides Road – cul-de-sac. • Chevin Road – rehabilitation • Ranford Road – bike path. • Armadale Road – bike path. • Salter Road – new footpath. • Whittington Street – new footpath. • Ashley Drive – new footpath. • Kingsley Terrace – new footpath. • Lori Road - road resurfacing. • Savage Road - road resurfacing. • Groverlands Drive – road resurfacing. • Baxendale Way - road resurfacing.

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	<p>Footpath.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Jacinta Road – new footpath. • Greendale Place - road resurfacing. • Cabernet Close - road resurfacing <p><u>Maintenance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance as per Programme. • Contract road sweeping. • Footpath defects. • Bridge routine maintenance. 	<p><u>Maintenance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance as per Programme. • Contract road sweeping. • Footpath defects. • Bridge routine maintenance. 	<p><u>Maintenance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance as per Programme. • Contract road sweeping. • Footpath defects. • Bridge routine maintenance
Design and Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camillo Road – rehabilitation. • Orlando Street – rehabilitation. • Wungong Road – footpath. • Champion Drive – footpath. • Strawberry Drive – footpath. • Canns Road – traffic calming. • Railway Avenue – path and lighting. • Nicholson Road/Piara Drive/Riva Entrance - roundabout. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road – Stage 4. • Henderson Road – footpath. • Church Ave – footpath and lighting. • River Road – LATM. • Challis Road/Stroma Street– LATM. • Westfield Road – footpath and LATM. • Fourth Road – upgrade. • Seventh Road/Gribble Avenue – roundabout upgrade. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road – Stage 4. • Streich Avenue – MRRG. • Nicholson Road - (Swamp) MRRG. • Landmark Building - car park. • Seville Drive – shared path. • Armadale Road – shared path. • Cable Close. • Fourth Road – upgrade. • Railway Avenue – principal shared path.
Parks Design and Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for Tender (RFT) John Dunn – irrigation, lighting and grass installation. • Parks asset pick up and data migration - New Estates Areas 2014/2015. • Sting nematode monitoring program. • Waterwise Council Program development in conjunction with Environmental Services. • Parks Standard Drawing Set 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks asset pick up and data migration - New Estates Areas 2014/2015. • RFT Armadale Golf Course - Irrigation supply and install. • Armadale Golf Course - construction - drawing development - “J Lane” select greens and tees. • Parks Standard Drawing Set development. • Street Tree Policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks asset pick up and data migration New Estates Areas 2014/2015. • RFT Armadale Golf Course - Irrigation supply and install. • Armadale Golf Course - construction - drawing development - “J Lane” select greens and tees. • Parks Standard Drawing Set development. • Street Tree Policy.

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	<p>development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groundwater Operating Strategy - review in consultation with Department of Water. • All Access Playground - Concept design. • Blackburne Reserve - concept design. • POS A - Detailed design and construction documentation. • RFT John Dunn Memorial Oval - Front Fields - Lighting/irrigation and turf works. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sporting Ovals Guidelines. • Updated Verge Policy. • All Access Playground - Concept design. • POS A - Detailed design and construction documentation. • RFT John Dunn Memorial Oval - Front Fields - Lighting/irrigation and turf works - award of contract. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sporting Ovals Guidelines. • Updated Verge Policy.
Parks Subdivisional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various approvals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various approvals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various approvals.
Parks Works	<p><u>Capital/Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploratory drilling for new water - ongoing. • Landscaping works on Kelmscott CBD to continue. • Landscaping – Jarrah Road, Roleystone. • Landscaping – Nicholson Road. • Cross Park works to be completed. • POS Strategy Precinct A Works commence. 	<p><u>Capital/Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploratory drilling for new water - ongoing. • Landscaping works on Kelmscott CBD to continue. • Landscaping – Jarrah Road, Roleystone. • Landscaping – Nicholson Road. • POS Strategy Precinct A Works ongoing. • RFT John Dunn Memorial Oval - Front Fields - lighting/irrigation and turf works commence. 	<p><u>Capital/Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploratory drilling for new water - ongoing. • Landscaping works on Kelmscott CBD to continue. • Landscaping – Jarrah Road, Roleystone. • Landscaping – Nicholson Road. • POS Strategy Precinct A Works ongoing. • RFT John Dunn Memorial Oval - Front Fields -lighting/irrigation and turf works - ongoing. • William Skeet Skate Park - Phase Two (half pipe and landscaping).

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	<p><u>Asset Renewal Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenders to be awarded for lighting works. • Lighting Projects - Ten 15/14 and Ten 16/14 to begin. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract landscape maintenance. • Contract play space maintenance. • Scheduled mowing and general maintenance. • Irrigation maintenance. • Bushland maintenance. • Civic Precinct maintenance. • New estate maintenance. • Contract streetscape maintenance. • Customer requests. • Barbecue cleaning. • Street tree maintenance. • Parks operations review. 	<p><u>Asset Renewal Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting Projects - Ten 15/14 and Ten 16/14 in progress. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract landscape maintenance. • Contract play space maintenance. • Scheduled mowing and general maintenance. • Irrigation maintenance. • Bushland maintenance. • Civic Precinct maintenance. • New estate maintenance. • Contract streetscape maintenance. • Customer requests. • Barbecue cleaning. • Street tree maintenance. • Parks operations review. 	<p><u>Asset Renewal Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting Projects - Ten 15/14 and Ten 16/14 in progress. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract landscape maintenance. • Contract play space maintenance. • Scheduled mowing and general maintenance. • Irrigation maintenance. • Bushland maintenance. • Civic Precinct maintenance. • New estate maintenance. • Contract streetscape maintenance. • Customer requests. • Barbecue cleaning. • Street tree maintenance. • Parks operations review.
<p>Property Management</p>	<p>Capital Works Upgrade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Administration – tendering and awarding works to carry out building upgrade. • Depot Amenities - refurbishment construction project. Tender assessment and award (delayed due to project redesign). • Cross Park - electrical upgrade to 	<p>Capital Works Upgrade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Administration –works to carry out building upgrade - ongoing. • Depot Amenities - refurbishment construction project – ongoing. • Cross Park - electrical upgrade to sports pavilions continuing – ongoing. • Alfred Skeet - female change rooms and unisex facility. Works to be 	<p>Capital Works Upgrade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Administration –works to carry out building upgrade - ongoing. • Depot Amenities - refurbishment construction project – ongoing. • Cross Park - electrical upgrade to sports pavilions continuing – ongoing. • Alfred Skeet - female change rooms and unisex facility. tender process to

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	<p>sports pavilions continuing - awaiting Western Power approvals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alfred Skeet - provision of female change rooms and unisex facility – drawings and specification to be prepared • Lions Park – report to be submitted to Council for discussion of options. • Arena Roofing – drawings provided and tender called. <p><u>Renewal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale Aquatic Centre – ceilings and roof works. • Springdale Park - upgrade of site main switchboard. Approval of drawings for new switchboard and project costing obtained. <p><u>New</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Buildings - fire systems compliance works – ongoing. • Administration Building - request pricing for fire system installation. • Champion Centre – ceilings in rear offices. • Administration Centre – installation of solar panels and connection to electrical infrastructure. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p>	<p>developed to tender stage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lions Park – preparation of project documentation should option be approved. • Arena Roofing – tender acceptance and works to be scheduled after consultation. <p><u>Renewal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale Aquatic Centre – ceilings and roof works. • Springdale Park - upgrade of site main switchboard – ongoing. • Westfield Seniors – replacement of existing door controller. <p><u>New</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Buildings - fire systems compliance works – ongoing. • Administration Building - fire system installation planning and consultation. • Visitors Centre Building - fire system installation planning and consultation. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical Compliance Servicing - multiple buildings. 	<p>be completed with award to successful contractor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lions Park – ongoing should option be approved. • Arena Roofing – consultation ongoing. <p><u>Renewal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Springdale Park - upgrade of site main switchboard. Completion <p><u>New</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Buildings - fire systems compliance works – ongoing. • Administration Building - fire system installation planning and consultation. • Visitors Centre Building - fire system installation completed. • Arena Building - fire system installation planning and consultation. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical Compliance Servicing - multiple buildings.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical Compliance Servicing - multiple buildings. • Air Conditioning Servicing – multiple buildings. • Fire Services Testing – multiple facilities. • Minor painting works to various facilities • Compliance maintenance to Piara Waters Sporting Facility captured on maintenance programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Conditioning Servicing – multiple buildings. • Fire Services Testing – multiple facilities. • Gas equipment servicing to multiple facilities • Security System maintenance – Battery changes in multiple facilities. • Minor painting works to various facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Conditioning Servicing – multiple buildings. • Waste Management services to many facilities – Grease trap maintenance
<p>Subdivisional Development</p>	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 active areas of civil works. • 5 civil works submissions under review. • 4 water management submissions under review. • 1 active major public utility installation. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AREA WORKS</u></p> <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 civil works submission under review. • 2 WAPC subdivision submissions under review. <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active areas of civil works. 	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 active areas of civil works. • 5 civil works submissions under review. • 4 water management submissions under review. • 1 active major public utility installation. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AREA WORKS</u></p> <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 civil works submission under review. • 1 WAPC subdivision submissions under review. <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 active areas of civil works. 	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 active areas of civil works. • 5 civil works submissions under review. • 4 water management submissions under review. • 1 active major public utility installation. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AREA WORKS</u></p> <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 civil works submission under review. • 1 WAPC subdivision submissions under review. <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 active areas of civil works.

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NATIONAL BRIDGE RENEWAL PROGRAMME
BRIDGE NO 6293 CROYDEN ROAD, OVER SLAB CREEK GULLY

Following a bridge inspection carried out by GHD and MRWA earlier this year assessing the state and condition of the above mentioned bridge/culvert, Main Roads Bridge Division decided to repair this bridge in cooperation with the Federal Funded Bridge Renewal Programme at the earliest possible grant funded support programme.

Technical Services has supported this decision and applied for a national and state supported renewal grant for 2015/16 (the earliest possible available time, for assisted grants).

Based on the severe deterioration of the culvert/bridge, No 6293 (Croyden Road), Main Roads WA was forced to load rate the bridge to a GMV load of 13 tonnes for the next 18 months or so.

Pre-information signs are being installed at Brookton Highway, Gardener Road intersection with McNess Drive as well as load limit signs directly near the bridge, from both approaches.

The City will wish to inform the general public through the local “newspaper” media of the situation, the limits, duration and possible detours.

Main Roads information services for heavy haulage vehicles has this load limit for Croyden Road detailed on their website. (according to MRWA information).

The detailed bridge assessment report is available from Technical Services, on demand.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – MAY 2014		
	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
Matter for Referral – Cr C M Wielinga - That the matter of the possibility of a management plan or policy for the method of construction of firebreaks be referred to the Community Services Committee	Ranger and Emergency Services	Maintenance management plan /policy /practice
Council 11 November 2013 Matter for referral – Cr K Busby – Water Park	Community Services	That the matter of the provision of a water playground within one of City Parks be investigated and a report presented to Council at a later date.
Council 12 May 2014 - That the matter of Rangers' operating hours be referred to the Community Services Committee.	Community Services	Awaiting response from Cr Weilinga

COMMUNITY PLANNING:

Harrisdale East Shared Use site

Work is progressing with Department of Education on detailed design and shared use agreements for the community and sporting facilities to be located across the new high school site; the new primary school site and the adjacent Public Open Space. Site works have begun by both the City and Department of Education. It is expected these facilities will open as planned at the beginning of the 2017 school year.

Armadale District Hall Upgrade

Concept planning for the Armadale District Hall upgrade is progressing, with a Councillor workshop held on the 23 June 2014 for discussion and input, site inspections of the District Hall and Memorial Hall in Hamilton Hill and further information provided through a report to the Community Services Committee on 8 July 2014. Following additional comments, further design options are being undertaken including Community Heritage Advisory Group (CHAG) (21 August 2014) and comment has been received from Heritage Council of WA. A report is to be presented to Council in October/November 2014.

Jull Street Mall Revitalisation

Works for the new lighting is completed and is operational. Paving works have begun at the southern end of the Mall (opposite the Post Office building) and is to be staged so as access to all businesses is not compromised. Installation of free wifi has been completed for the entire Mall area. Planning for Stage 2 interpretation design is underway.

Armadale Golf Course

The golf course upgrade project update was presented to Council through the April Community Services Committee meeting. Expressions of Interest for a future lease agreement were released with a closing date of 8 July 2014. EOI submissions have been assessed and a report will be presented to Council in September.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Children & Families

Stargate Drama Program

The City's Stargate Drama Program is a term-based, 12 week program based at the Armadale District Hall for children and young people aged 8-16 years. Weekly class activities include practising scenes to develop the imagination and projection skills of the students. The current program will conclude in October 2014 with a performance for family and friends.

Australian Early Development Census

The title 'Australian Early Development Index' (AEDI) has now been changed to the 'Australian Early Development Census' (AEDC). The Department of Education is recreating all existing resources and information to feature the new title and logo.

The AEDC is federal government initiative which comprises an Australia-wide survey held every three years to measure the development of children 0 – 5 across five developmental domains – physical health & wellbeing, social competence, language & cognitive skills, communication skills & general knowledge, and emotional maturity. Results of the survey are available on the AEDC website and are grouped into local communities. The AEDC is extremely important in supporting communities to understand the local levels of developmental vulnerability of children, in what communities the vulnerabilities exist, and how to address them with the most effective programs and services. From Armadale's perspective, it was encouraging for service providers that the 2012 AEDI results for Armadale indicated many more children in most domains were 'on track' developmentally than the previous data collection in 2009.

The City has been committed to the AEDC since a pilot data collection project commenced locally in 2004. The City's Children & Families Strategy is based on the AEDC, and the latest AEDC project comprises a partnership with the Department of Education to deliver AEDC information sessions to Educators (previously called child care workers) in Child Care Centres in Armadale. The Department is now looking to use this Armadale-based AEDC initiative as a model to implement state-wide.

Disability, Access and Inclusion

Disability Advisory Team

The City's Disability Advisory Team meets on the first Tuesday every second month. The team comprises community members, local service providers, one of the City's Councillors and officers from the Community Development department. The Disability Advisory Team met on the 5 August and featured guest speaker Gavin Giles (the City's Community Project Manager) who presented an update on the Jull Street Mall project and Joy Avery (the City's Landscape Architect) who discussed the proposed All Abilities Playground. For further information please refer to the attached notes.

Accessible Events Training

The City invited E-Qual Consultants to facilitate an Accessible Events Training session at the Armadale Library on the 2 July. Officers from the City and community organisations involved in event planning were invited to attend. Based on the training, Accessible Events Checklists will be developed.

John Wollaston Community School – Auslan Interpreted Performance

The City supported John Wollaston Community School in their theatrical production of ‘Monkey Puzzle’ by funding the services of Australian Sign Language (Auslan) Interpreters and assisting with promotion of the production. The school hosted three performances from the 6 - 8 August 2014.

The performances featured a technique known as ‘shadow interpreting’ which involved four Auslan interpreters ‘shadowing’ actors on stage as they performed, rather than interpreting from the side of the stage. ‘Shadow interpreting’ enhances the experience of hearing impaired audience members by enabling greater connectivity with character development as the production unfolds.

Community Partnerships

Coffee with a Cop

This initiative commenced after the WA Police approached the City for support in engaging and building rapport with the local community. The initiative comprises a series of dates, times and locations where community members are welcome to talk with local police officers about any issues or concerns they have, over a cup of tea or coffee. To date, Coffee with a Cop has been held four times, attracting many community members.

The City has assisted with promotion, linking the Police in with local organisations and suggesting appropriate locations.

The Off-Road Vehicle Register

A partnership with the local Police is targeting the theft and unlawful use of Off Road Vehicles (ORV). Local Police have launched an ORV register to help identify the rightful owner of an ORV, should they be stolen or used unlawfully. The register will assist in the return of stolen property and aid Police in identifying people who engage in unlawful activity.

Ignite Basketball

Drug Aware Ignite Basketball’s league team the Ignite Tigers U16’s team won their first league championship. The boy’s team had only one loss the whole season and have advanced into the U18’s level, despite all of them being just 15 or 16. The girls’ league team the Ignite Diamonds has re-entered into their league.

Extra Edge Career Development have worked with 25 young people to develop a career action plan assessment

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On 19 September, 15 Ignite participants will attend the Perth Wildcats game. Attendees will be the winners of the in-house tournament that lasts five weeks.

Teaming up with ex-Perth Wildcat Brad Robbins, Ignite will be hosting the first ever “IGNITE vs STREETBALL” event on 4 October 2014. The event will bring together the two basketball based programs for a mass tournament with music, special guests, trophies and prizes. The Streetball Basketball program is a free youth diversionary program for young people which consists of basketball activities and games, and life skills and educational workshops. Operating in 8 week blocks, twice a year.

Indigenous Development**National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day (NATSICD)**

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day is the largest national day to celebrate our children. The day is celebrated across Australia each year on 4 August. Children's Day, and the week leading up to it, is a time to for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to celebrate the strengths and culture of their children.

The day is an opportunity for all Australians to show their support for Aboriginal children, as well as learn about the crucial impact that community, culture and family play in the life of every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child. In 2014 Children's Day will focus on celebrating the positive role culture plays in children's safety and wellbeing.

This year the Champion Centre celebrated the NATSICD theme of *Kids in Culture - Strong, Proud, Resilient* with its annual event on 7 July 2014. Children and their parents from various playgroups, primary schools and the general community were invited to join in the fun with children based activities run by local service providers. These included Polytechnic West – Children Services, Communicare - Communities for Children, Sister Kate's Home Kids Aboriginal Corporation, Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia, 102 children from Westfield Park and Groveland Primary Schools, Coolabaroo Neighbourhood Centre, Save the Children Playgroup and various community groups. Children and 57 parents, teachers and staff also enjoyed the varied workshops by Reds Roving Australian Wildlife Displays - understanding the importance of protecting native animals, Clontarf Foundation – football clinics and Maar Koodjal Dance Group - teaching and performing traditional Noongar cultural dance and stories.

Positive Ageing**Positive Ageing Session**

Positive Ageing Sessions are held the first Wednesday of every month (excluding December and January) at the Armadale Library. The City hosted a Positive Ageing Session on Wednesday 6 August. Topics presented were ‘Old Zoo, New Zoo’ presented by an ambassador from Perth Zoo and ‘Step into Volunteering’ by representatives from local groups dealing animals. Twenty three people attended the session.

The first September ‘Positive Ageing Session’ will be on Wednesday 3 September at 1.30pm at the Armadale Library. Topics to be discussed are ‘Would you recognise a heart attack’ presented by an ambassador from the Heart Foundation and ‘Facts about

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organ and tissue donation’ by Simone McMahon AM, CEO and founder of the Organ Donation and Transplant Foundation of WA.

Another Positive Ageing Session will be hosted in the Armadale Library Tuesday 9 September 10.00am to 3.00pm. The 5000 poppies knit/crochet session is a community tribute of *Respect and Remembrance* where poppies will be made as part of the ANZAC Centenary Commemoration. The poppies will go to Albany WA for the 2014 Remembrance Day Ceremony, the City of Wanneroo Art Gallery, Federation Square Melbourne, and then to the Perth CBD for further ceremonies.

Positive Ageing -Let’s Get Crafty

The City is coordinating ‘Positive Ageing – Let’s Get Crafty’ sessions every second Thursday of each month. Local craft groups, community centres and local craft businesses have the opportunity to provide instructors for the ‘come and try’ sessions. Instructors will be able to promote their craft with participants having the opportunity to join craft groups in the local community. A ‘Let’s Get Crafty - Learn to Cross Stitch’ session was held on Thursday 14 August with 11 participants.

The next ‘Positive Ageing: Let’s Get Crafty’ Session will be on Thursday 11 September at 10.00am at the Armadale Library on Paverpol Fabric Sculpture. A kit will be supplied to participants at a cost of \$10.00.

Family Carer Information Evening

In partnership with Carers WA the City hosted a ‘Family Carer Evening’ on Wednesday 23 July at the Armadale Library at 5.30pm. The evening was for present carers who look after the frail aged, a person with a disability, a chronic illness or mental illness.

Stay On your Feet Week Activities

Stay on Your Feet Week is coordinated by the Injury Control Council of WA on behalf of the Department of Health WA. This special week aims to promote healthy, active ageing and raise awareness within the community that falls are preventable and not a consequence of ageing.

To celebrate Stay on Your Feet Week, the City is partnering with Dale Cottages to host a ‘Talk to A Professional Morning’ on Wednesday 10 September from 9.30am – 11.30am at the Greendale Centre. This is an opportunity for community members to discuss health issues with various health professionals in an informal setting. Health professionals attending are Armadale Health Service Older Mental Health Unit, Australian Hearing, Breast Screen WA, Dale Community Care, Forrest Road GP, Nervana Chiropractic, OPSM Armadale, and Prescription Plus Pharmacy.

Technology Buddies

Technology Buddies will recommence on Monday 18 August at the Armadale Library and concludes on the 15 September. This weekly program is a partnership with Kelmscott Senior High School. It is an opportunity for the older person to partner with a student to learn how to use their technology items, including cameras, ipads and smart phones.

Hoarding

Hoarding is becoming an ongoing issue for the City and local service providers as it can negatively impact:

- The individual(s) involved
- Children in the home
- Animals in the home
- Neighbours
- Service providers

The City has formed a working group to ascertain what the City's and local organisations roles are in this issue. Participants include officers from the City's Community Services, Technical Services and Development Services directorates; Department for Housing; Southside Care; Crossways; Home Help Local, Kelmscott Church of Christ and Neami.

To assist the working group to understand hoarding and how to address it, the City hosted training on 'Hoarding' on 23 July 2014. It was facilitated by Tania Reid from 'For the Crowded House' in Melbourne. Tania specialises in working with people and families affected by hoarding. The workshop was well attended by a range of organisations and service providers, some of whom expressed an interest in participating in the working group.

Volunteer Services

Armadale Volunteer Services recently reviewed the contribution of volunteers to the City's groups and initiatives. The results are as follows:

City of Armadale program	Number of volunteers	Hours contributed
Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group	2365	3283
Armadale Library	10	372
Armadale State Emergency Service	38	9127
Armadale Visitor Centre	9	869
Bedforddale Volunteer Bushfire Brigade	60	6813
Birtwistle Local Studies Library	17	1582
Civic Pride Action Group	12	2600
Environmental Groups	196	5465
History House	7	2120
Roadwise	6	210
Roleystone Fire Brigade (includes Volunteer Bush Fire and Volunteer Fire and Rescue members)	79	9930
Seville Grove Library	7	287
	2806	42 658

Please note: Armadale SES includes 6694 hours of training and the remainder is operational hours. Environmental hours are recorded October to October

In financial terms, this equates to \$1 387 665 contribution made by volunteers to City of Armadale's groups and initiatives. This does not include the many hours contributed by the Mayor and Councillors.

During July 2014, the City's Volunteer Services in partnership with the City of Gosnells hosted Human Resource Management for Volunteer Managers, Level 1 training at Baker's House in Harrisdale. This training was facilitated by Volunteering WA and attracted 19 participants representing 15 different community organisations. All evaluations received either satisfied or highly satisfied ratings and included requests to attend Level 2 of this training in the future. This has now been planned for early 2015.

On 25 August 2014, Armadale Volunteer Services in partnership with the City of Gosnells, are inviting volunteer managers to an inspiring workshop facilitated by Rob Jackson from the United Kingdom. Rob has been called "one of the leading authorities on volunteering in the world!" and has had extensive experience in managing volunteers and fund raising programs. He will share his experiences on the social media revolution in the context of recruiting volunteers, communicating with current teams and enhancing the work of volunteers. To date over 40 registrations have been received for this exciting workshop.

Armadale Volunteer Services will also be hosting Personal and Professional Boundary training in September. This workshop is aimed at Volunteers and Volunteer Managers and will be held on 3 September.

Youth Engagement

Matthew Stott Hitting Wall Project and the Armadale Underpass Urban Art Project

The Matthew Stott Hitting Wall mural was installed on the 26 and 27 July 2014. The mural has been designed by the young people who participated in the Creative Art Project, which resulted in the murals recently installed at the Youth Activity Area, now referred to as the 'Creative Art Group'. The aim of the group was to create a universally appealing, bright and colourful mural featuring a range of characters that could be used as 'targets' for community members using the Hitting Wall. In acknowledgment of Matthew Stott who played the trumpet for Anzac Day services during the 1950s, a trumpet was being featured in the mural. Community members in Seville Grove have contributed very positive feedback to the Creative Art Group while they were painting the mural.

The Creative Art Group will commence work on the Armadale Underpass Urban Art Project during Term 4, 2014.

LEISURE SERVICES

Department Snapshot

In July 2014 the Leisure Services Department;

- Provided 122 programs to the community
- Had 24,535 attendances to our facilities
- Had 825 bookings at our facilities

Community Facilities

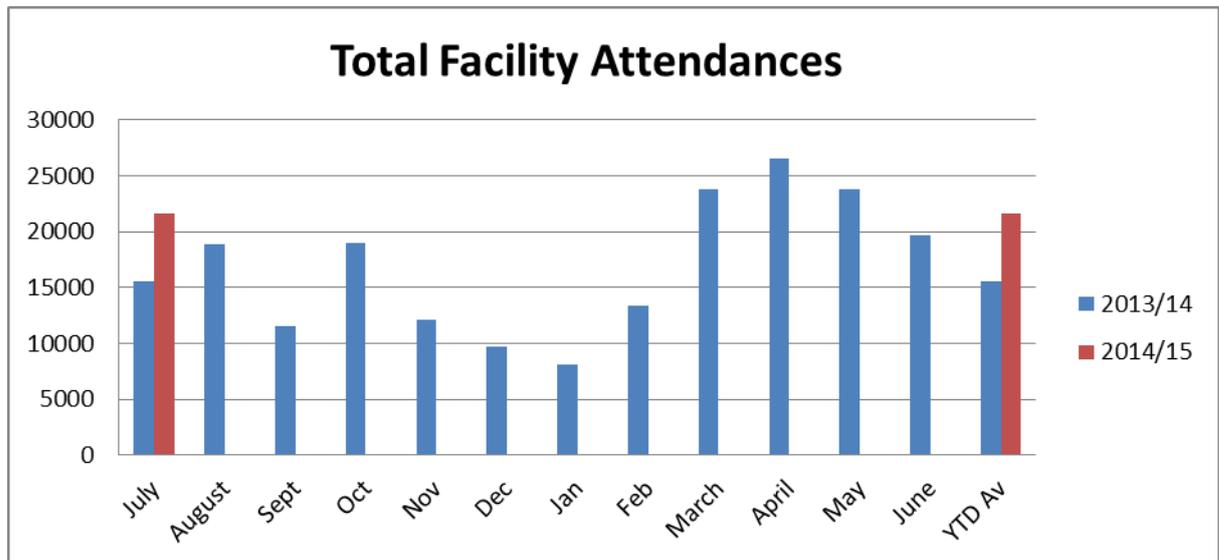
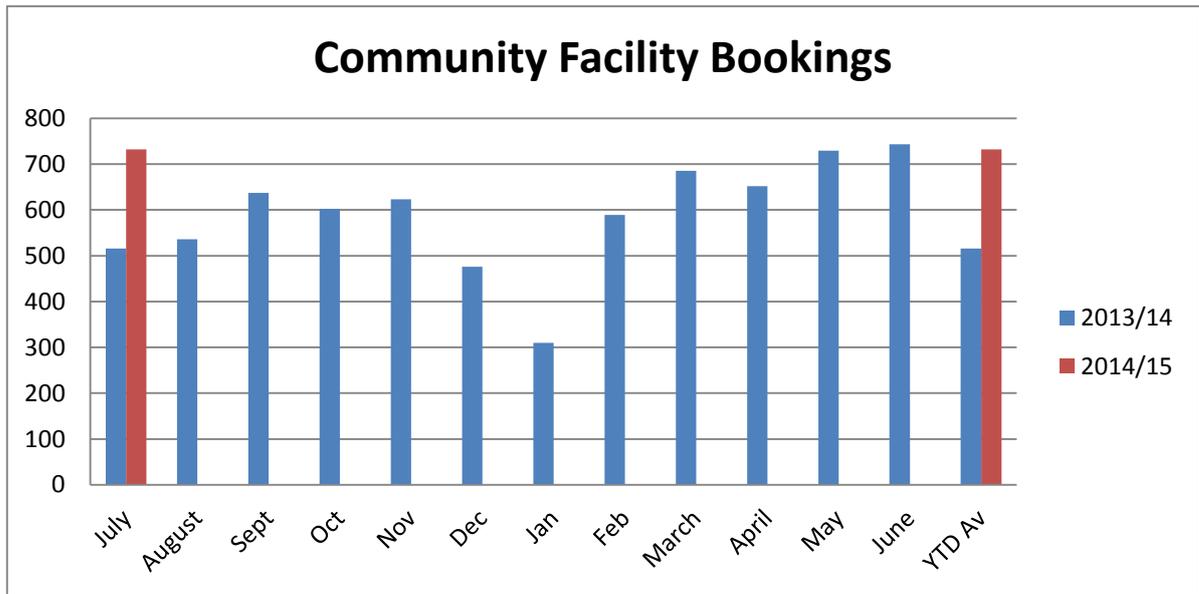
Bookings

Bookings remain consistently above 700 per month now with 732 in July and 21,550 attendances, a total booking increase of 41% from July 2013. This is an amazing growth in 12 months and highlights the fact the City of Armadale facilities are well utilised. The Leisure Services team are working to maintain the same high level of customer service to meet community needs. It is anticipated that there will be a drop in bookings for the summer months, a common trend during the last 4 years.

Piara Waters Pavilion opened for use by the sporting clubs on Saturday 23 July. The weekend was busy with both Piara Waters Senior Football Club and Piara Waters Junior Football Club having open day events on Saturday and Sunday, consecutively. Leisure Services have worked collaboratively with Property Services to ensure a smooth transition into the facility and feedback from both clubs is that that venue has been very well received. Community interest for regular and casual hire of the venue is evident with 2 – 3 phone calls a day with people interested in hiring the venue.

July is traditionally a quiet month for Kidsport funding, with only 84 vouchers processed, this will again increase as we transition to summer sport. The City's new Club Development Officer commenced in July with a busy first month attending the Armadale Sport Club AGM, meeting various club committees and developing a template strategic business plan for Champion Lakes rowing club to be used at upcoming workshops.

The 2013/14 Club Development acquittal was completed and 2015 - 2017 agreement was finalised with the Department of Sport and Recreation. The City grant funding for the program has increased to \$40,000 per annum until 2017 and feedback from DSR is that we are exceeding targets.

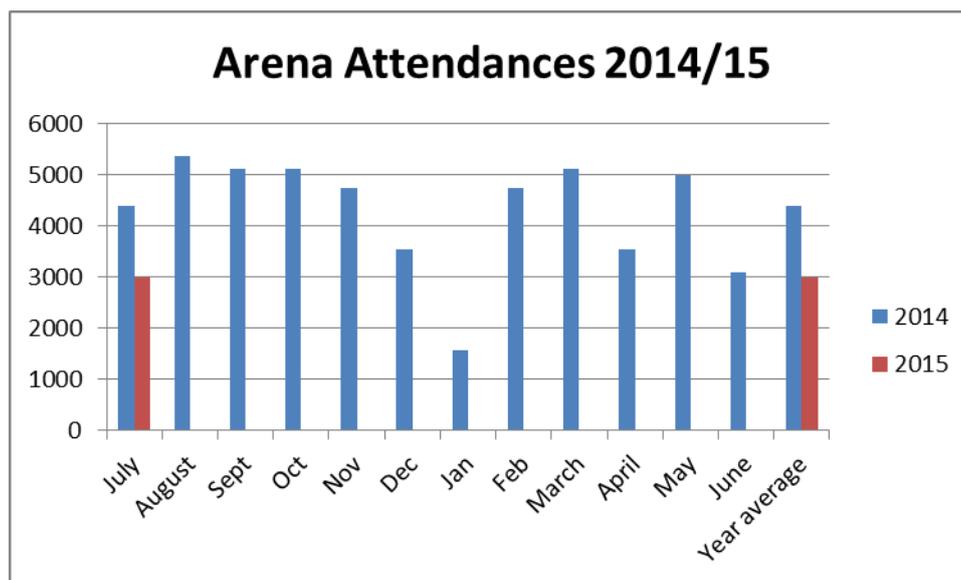


Armada Arena

Armada Arena attendances show a significant decrease from July 2013 to July 2015. This is a direct result of regular hirer information not being presented properly with a change in personnel for two hirer groups. The figures will be updated in the August report. The overall hours booked increased by 15% from July 2013 and the July statistics indicate that revenue is on target to date.

Overall the centre has remained consistent in comparison to July 2013 with membership base and health and fitness programs. Group Fitness class averages decreased significantly this month with an average of only 7, this is a result of the winter and flu season hitting during school holidays when numbers traditionally drop anyway.

Friday morning netball continues to grow with seven teams now in the competition and an increase in demand on crèche services to meet the customer needs which is a positive outcome. Hopefully day time sport will continue to grow and expand to other days as demand increases. While netball continues to grow, maintaining satisfied customers is a challenge in winter with 3 evening cancellations during July due to roof leaks. This should be rectified in 2015 with repairs scheduled this financial year.



Recreation Programs

Winter is a quiet month for outdoor programs provided by the City of Armadale. An officer attended two new resident information evenings presented by Stockland to highlight what existing recreation programs the City offers. These information nights are always well received and Leisure Services are invited back regularly to maintain the developing relationship and sense of community with new residents.

The City of Armadale Half Marathon was held on 20 July, numbers were disappointing with only 70 participants but the course was well received by all involved. The overall positive feedback has been taken on board and discussions are taking place with event organisers to improve participation through better promotions next year.

JULY 2014

LIBRARY SERVICES

Statistical Performance Indicators

The Library Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of July 2014.

At the end of each financial year, as part of its Agreement with the Library Board of Western Australia, each Local Government is required to submit a statistical return that provides the library services budgetary details, staffing detail, local stock numbers and usage figures. The following is a brief summary of the usage figures at the City's three libraries for the 2013/14 Financial Year.

Armadale

- Visits have increased by about 20,000 from last year.
- Number of members has increased, across all age groups, for both residents and non-residents.
- Circulation has increased.

The majority of Armadale's non-resident memberships, that total approximately 25% of the total membership number, are Serpentine-Jarrahdale residents: 60% of non-resident senior members, 52% of non-resident adults, 71% of non-resident young adult and 74% of non-resident junior members are all from Serpentine-Jarrahdale.

Kelmscott

- Visits have increased by 5000 from last year.
- Resident memberships have remained stable, with small increases in seniors and adults, and small decreases in young adult and junior. Non-resident memberships are up.
- Circulation is up.

Seville Grove

- Visits are down slightly at Seville Grove.
- Number of resident members is stable, with an increase in non-resident memberships.
- Circulation stable, very slight decrease.

Note that commencing July 2013, there was an increase in the loan limit from 8 to 12 items per member at one time, bringing the City's Library Service in line with most others, important for comparative purposes.

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

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

39 regular sessions were held. These include: story time, Baby Rhyme Time, School Holiday Programs, English conversation classes, reading & writing groups, computer training sessions, games mornings and the Men's Social Group. A total of 868 people participated in these various activities.

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

2 special sessions were held with a total of 126 attending.

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

Topic: Gardening

Presenter: Sabrina Hahn

Date: 19th July 2014

Time: 10.30 – 11.30am

Venue: Armadale Library Reading Lounge

No. Attending: 75

Sabrina Hahn, ABC radio personality and weekly columnist, brought her exhaustive knowledge of all things gardening to Armadale Library.

Sabrina began her talk by exploring the link between humans and nature, highlighting the important role nature and gardens play in our lives. With backyards becoming smaller and the decline of usable public open space, people are experiencing a nature-deficit disorder. However, Sabrina noted a positive change *is* occurring with resurgence in the interest of native plants and an increase of gardening for food.

Sabrina shared stories of her upbringing and a brief history of her horticultural life. She explained that an insatiable thirst for knowledge has helped her remain relevant and of interest to her listeners and readers. Sabrina told the audience to always experiment, and that since the climate is changing and environments are dynamic, most old advice now no longer applies.

The question and answer session was the main focus of Sabrina's appearance, and the audience were very keen to have some gardening dilemmas solved. A wide range of queries were asked such as the ideal time to plant certain vegetables, dealing with couch grass, attracting insectivore birds, and how to correctly burn off a grass tree. Some audience members also presented Sabrina with samples of diseased leaves, which she analysed and offered solutions. No question was left unanswered.

Information Items from the Community Services Directorate

Sabrina's passion and enthusiasm was infectious, with audience members delighted by her matter-of-fact and sensible approach to gardening. Collins Booksellers had copies of Sabrina's books available for purchase and the Library's gardening magazine range was on display.

Topic: Super School Holidays

Presenters: James Foley, Chris Owen, Scitech, Dora the Explorer, Shirley Reilly and Rita Lennon

Dates: Tuesday 8 July, Thursday 10 July, Monday 14 July, Tuesday 15 July, Thursday 17 July, Friday 18 July

Venues: Armadale, Kelmscott and Seville Grove Libraries

No. Attending: 183 children; 111 adults

ARM: SciTech: 13 children, 5 adults; Dora the Explorer: 102 children; 75 adults; PJ

Story time: 23 children, 11 adults; KMS: My Superhero: 10 children, 8 adults; SVG:

Cartooning: 26 children, 6 adults; Hotdog Books: 9 children, 6 adults

For the July school holidays we welcomed Superheroes to our libraries, commencing with James Foley, Super-Cartoonist, at Seville Grove Library. A room full of young and enthusiastic superheroes tried out their drawing skills with guidance from James, who began by showing us how to draw faces showing different emotions, and then moving on to complete characters with bodies and backgrounds. The Mayor popped in for a visit and some photos for the community newspaper, which also added to the excitement. Books on drawing were eagerly borrowed after the session.

Chris Owen wowed a very small, but enthusiastic audience at Kelmscott Library by reading his book 'My Superhero'. He kept everyone intrigued to the very end of the book before revealing that the superhero was a numbat's Dad. He also explained the writing process for his book and showed examples of what the book looked like in the early drafts through to the finished product. There was a superhero mask craft activity to finish off this fabulous interactive session.

Clare from Scitech hosted a junior forensics session for upper primary children at Armadale Library based on the popular Geronimo Stilton books. The super sleuths were given some evidence and documentation to work out who stole Ms Nomel's fortune. Was it the butler, the driver, the fitness instructor or the gardener? Using their forensic skills and equipment such as microscopes they conducted tests such as fabric analysis, DNA profiling and checked hair and blood samples. Books about forensic science and unsolved mysteries were on display for the children to borrow.

Dora the Explorer visited the regular Tuesday story time session at Armadale Library with a huge audience of over 100 children! Librarians Shirley and Rita read some Dora stories until her arrival. Then it was time for dancing and every child had the opportunity to meet and greet Dora and have their photo taken. The children also made a special Dora bookmark and a colouring in sheet.

Super authors and illustrators made hotdog books at Seville Grove Library, a popular activity which has been present in many school holiday programmes. Librarians were at hand to help with the book folding and the children then filled the pages with fantastic stories and pictures featuring themselves as superheroes. We had the

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pleasure of hearing the children reading their stories to us, and copies of each child's book(s) were placed on display in the Armadale Book Cubby located nearby in the Family Reading Area.

Pyjama story time at Armadale Library was held on National Pyjama Day! Young People's Services Librarians dressed in their finest 'onesies' again and read some super stories to a happy group of mini superheroes wearing their pyjamas. Songs, stories and a superhero door hanger craft kept everyone entertained and made the evening great fun for the families that attended.

A super range of school holiday activities engaged many children and families and enticed them to visit our libraries for some exciting experiences.

HERITAGE SERVICES

Statistical Performance Indicators

The Heritage Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of July 2014.

Birtwistle Local Studies Library

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

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

Decision Makers of Armadale Oral History Project –

The interviewing aspect of this project is now complete and the transcripts will have scanned copies of photographs, electioneering material and other ephemera offered by each of the councillors or mayors added to the text before collating into a finished manuscript.

Oral histories

An interview was successfully conducted with Councillor Colin Campbell, the third person to be interviewed as a relatively new City of Armadale councillor in a program aimed at interviewing councillors fairly early in their first term of office.

Several brief interviews were conducted concerning memories of the community events that took place at the Armadale District Hall. Pam Herbert and Frank Richardson shared their reminiscences of learning to ballroom dance, watching the movie films and school graduations.

Research requests

An array of research enquiries were presented to the BLSL during July:

- The history of the Armadale District Hall
- Old mill manager's house on Ecko Road, Mt Narsura
- Buckingham Family photographs
- Armadale district Girl Guide groups
- Establishment of Picture Armadale website
- Seville Grove teacher re history of Armadale
- Buckingham ruins query from State Heritage Office

Displays in the BLSL foyer

A display of information and photographs was assembled in response to the enquiries regarding the Armadale District Hall. This has since been replaced with one about Dr Roberta Jull in conjunction with an exhibition of medical equipment from the early 1900s from the Royal Perth Hospital's Heritage Museum.

History House Museum

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator)

Museum Exhibitions

Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum

Stage one design, funded by a Lotterywest grant, is almost complete, with final costings now due. Once received the application for a Lotterywest Interpretation of Cultural Heritage Grant will be applied for to assist in funding stage 2, which is the construction and installation stage of the new display. Copies of the floor plan and design have been included with this report.

Museum Programs

NAIDOC Day

History House Museum staff participated in the Champion Centre's NAIDOC Day event on 8 July. An information booth was set up and those who attended were asked to write down what objects and stories they thought should be in the museum. Some the answers included, the role Indigenous soldiers played in WWI and WWII, traditional tools, local fauna, Dreamtime stories and the story of Yagan.

This feedback will be useful for the museum when it starts to look at how to interpret the Nooygar history of the City of Armadale as recommended in the museum's 2008 Interpretation Plan.

Museum and Local Studies Library Open Day

Planning is commencing to hold an open day for the museum and local studies library in the Minnowarra Precinct in early to mid- 2015. This will coincide with the WA Heritage Festival and International Museum Day. The intent of the open day is to demonstrate to the public the work of both the Museum and Local Studies Library and the importance of collecting their history. The open day will include talks on history, demonstrations of the tasks staff and volunteers undertake and hopefully some performances by local musicians and actors.

Museum Donations

Geoffrey Shaw Scouts Collection

This collection includes a number of scout scarfs from across Australia and one from New Zealand as well as Geoffrey's scout cap and sock tops. The sock tops were a way for children whose family may not have been able to afford socks to pretend that did have the correct socks. Geoffrey was a member of the Kelmscott scouts in the 1940s and 50s. This is a significant collection of items as the scouts were a very important social movement that endeavoured to provide new skills to local boys. Scout troops were started in Armadale and Kelmscott in the early 1900s.

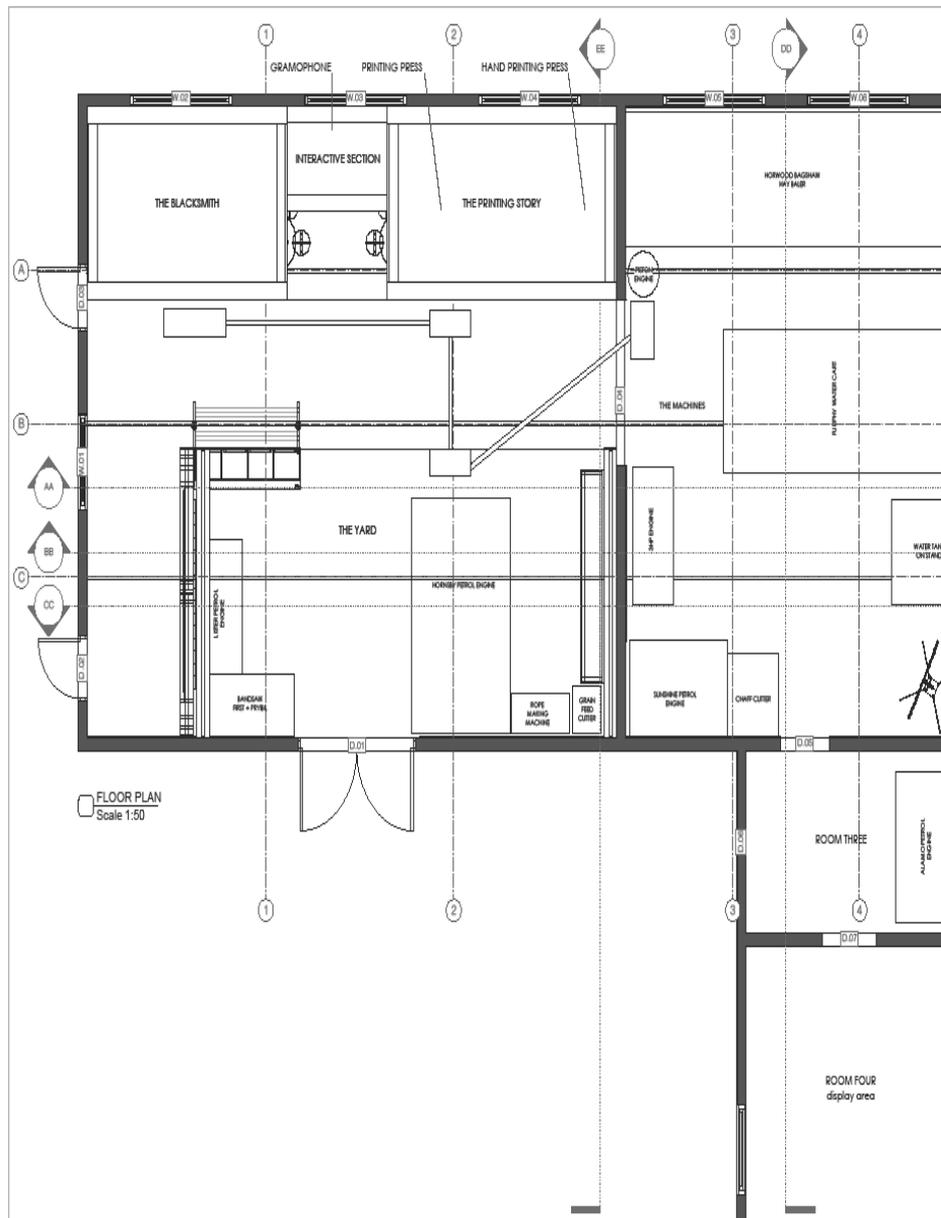
Museum Education Report

School Incursion Program

The Education Officer visited Westfield Park Primary School twice this month. The junior primary children – Years 2 and 3 – participated in two programs. The first held

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on the 3rd July was an experience of what school was like in the 1900s as a part of the Museum’s “School’s In” program. The second was on July 31st with the same classes and the program was “Indigenous Culture” where the children heard about the Nyoongar people, their language, a dreamtime story about the Rainbow Serpent and stone tools. The stone tools have been kindly loaned to the Museum from the Archaeology Department of UWA.





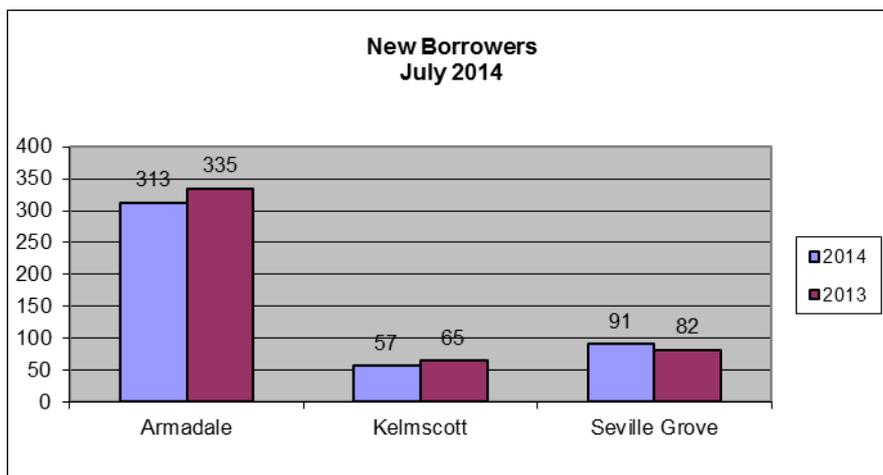
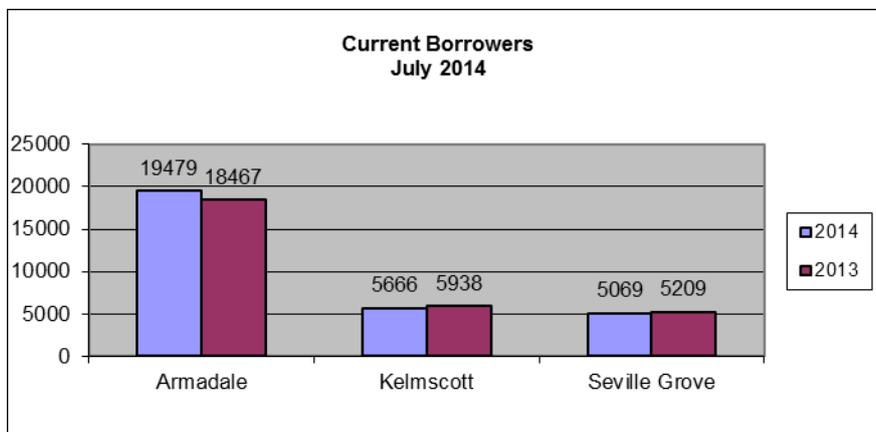
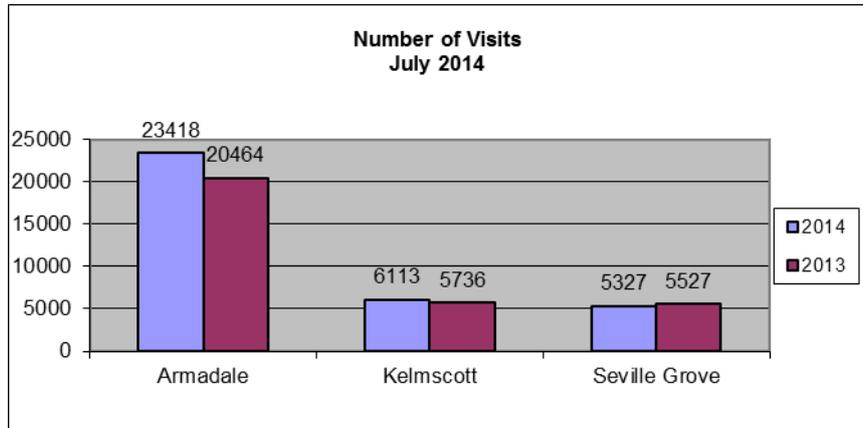
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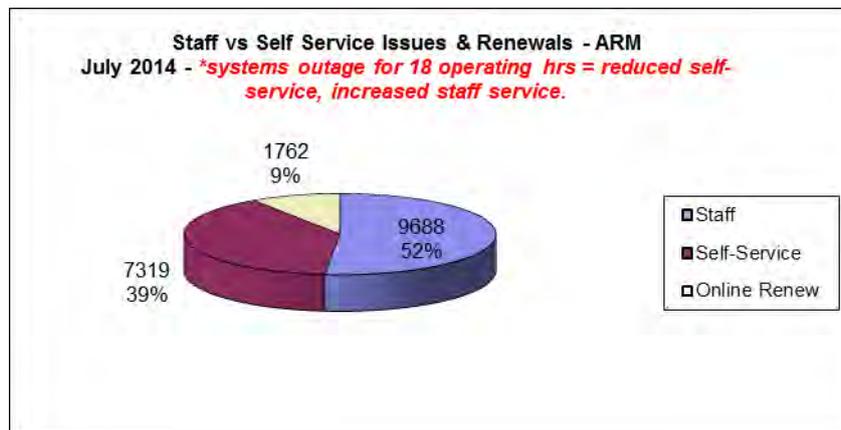
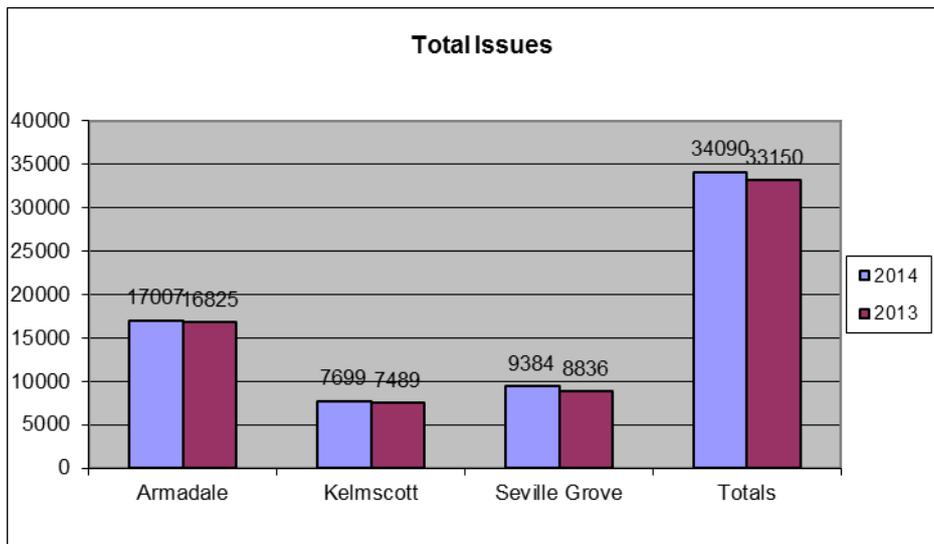
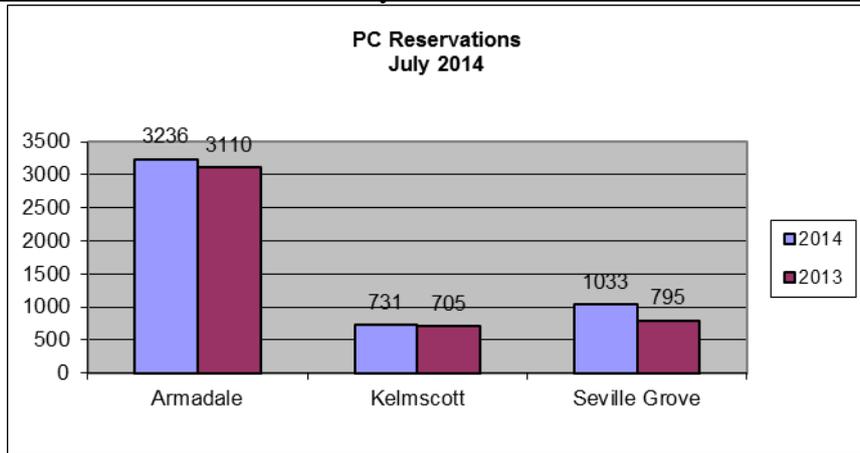
History House Museum	Current Month	Year to date		
		July 14	July 14- June 15	Jul 14 – June 14
General Visitors	138	204	138	204
School Visits	0	41	0	41
School Incursions	128	0	128	0
Holiday Programs	18	15	18	15
Community Programs	30	0	30	0
Seniors Programs	0	36	0	36
Total Visitors	314	296	314	296
Volunteer Hours	184	215	184	215
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum	July 14	July 13	July 14 – June 15	Jul 13 – June 14
Visitors	211	138	211	138

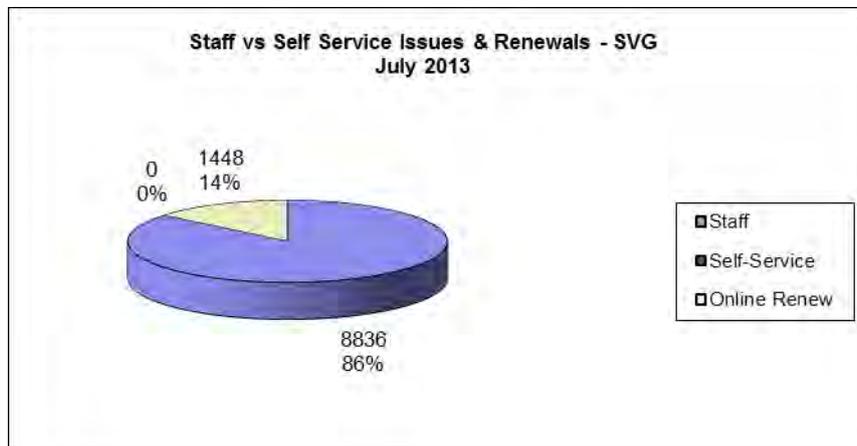
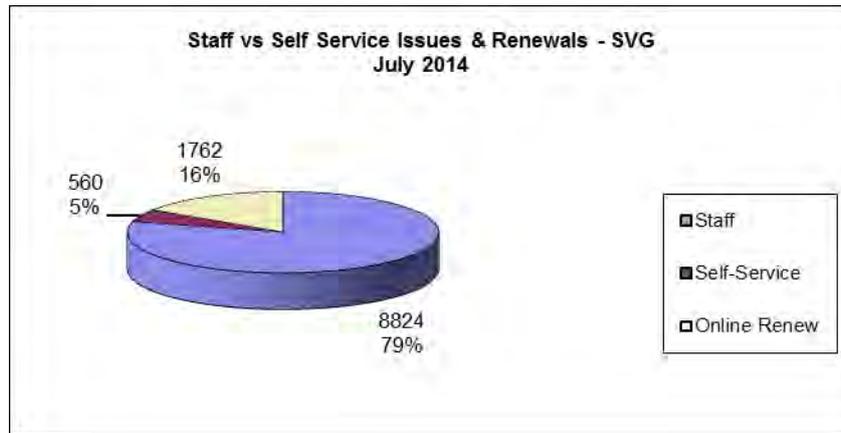
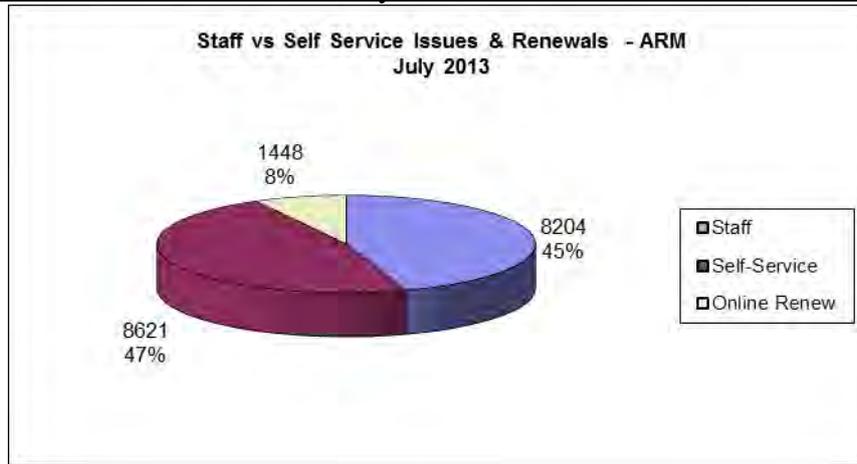
Library Services – Statistics – Birtwistle 2014 –June

Birtwistle Local Studies Library				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	July 14	July 13	July 14	July 13
Reference Enquiries	10	2	10	2
Research Enquiries	6	22	6	22
Visitor Attendance	99	125	99	125
Volunteer Hours	219	123	219	123
Digitising Records	36	12	36	12
Oral History				
Letters Sent	3	0	3	0
Interviews Completed	4	2	4	2
Transcripts Completed/ reviewed	1	2	1	2
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	51	25	51	25
Volunteer Hours - Interviewing	8	3	8	3
Family History Research				
Reference	2	2	2	2
Research	12	48	12	48
Volunteer Hours	64	33	64	33

Library Statistics







RANGER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Animal Control

Dogs

Ranger Services received six hundred and forty (640) requests for assistance during the report period. It is of interest to note that there is slight reduction in the number of requests for assistance in the progressive totals from July 2013 to July 2014.

Cats

Ranger Services received sixty one (61) requests for assistance during this report period. The number of cat registrations continues to increase, with the total number of cats currently registered standing at 2,022.

Livestock

During this report period Ranger Services attended to thirty one (31) requests for assistance in dealing with stock wandering. The majority of incidents involving stock on public roads, and highways, occur outside normal working hours generally late night or early hours of the morning.

Court Action

The following information relates to legal action taken by Ranger Services, these matters were heard and determined in the Armadale Magistrates Court during the report period.

OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALTY \$	COSTS \$	TOTAL \$
Dog Attack on Person	<u>Guilty</u>	2600.00	146.90	2746.90
Dog Attack on Animal	<u>Guilty</u>	1300.00	146.90	1446.90
Dog Attack on Animal	<u>Guilty</u>	1800.00	146.90	1946.90
Dog Attack On Person	<u>Guilty</u>	3500.00	146.90	3646.90

Vehicles

Parking

Ranger Service attended to one hundred and nine (109) matters relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period. It is envisaged that this area of Ranger Service operations will steadily increase as development within the CBD increases.

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 the report period.

Abandoned Vehicles

The number of abandoned vehicles continues to remain at a high number, and the cost to the City in the collection and disposal of the vehicle (most of which have no commercial value) is far in excess of projected budget estimates. This is a problem currently being shared by most Metropolitan Local Governments.

Litter

During this report period Ranger Services attended to thirty seven (37) requests for service. The overall number of litter related incidents for 2014/15 shows a pleasing reduction in the number of litter enquires from the corresponding period of 2013/2014.

Fire Services

There were thirty (30) enquires relating to fire incidents during the July report period; however these matters were principally related to smoke emission concerns.

General

AFAC Board Meeting

Last week the Australian Fire and Emergencies Authorities Council (AFAC) Board met in Perth to discuss a range of strategic issues for the industry. Of note it was agreed that AFAC, in conjunction with National Aerial Firefighting Centre (NAFC), would lead a consultative process aimed at developing and documenting agreed strategic directions for the future use of aviation capabilities to support fire and emergency management. Continual dialogue between key industry partners was also enhanced through the stakeholder function, held the night before the Board Meeting, with more than 40 fire and emergency services, union and local government representatives in attendance.

The inaugural meeting of the Law, Crime and Community Safety Council (LCCSC) also took place this month. Two key national projects were discussed; Ministers agreed that the development of a new National Fire Danger Rating System is a national priority, and noted the delivery of Emergency Alert as a valued national warning capability and discussed future enhancements to the systems operation and technology capability.

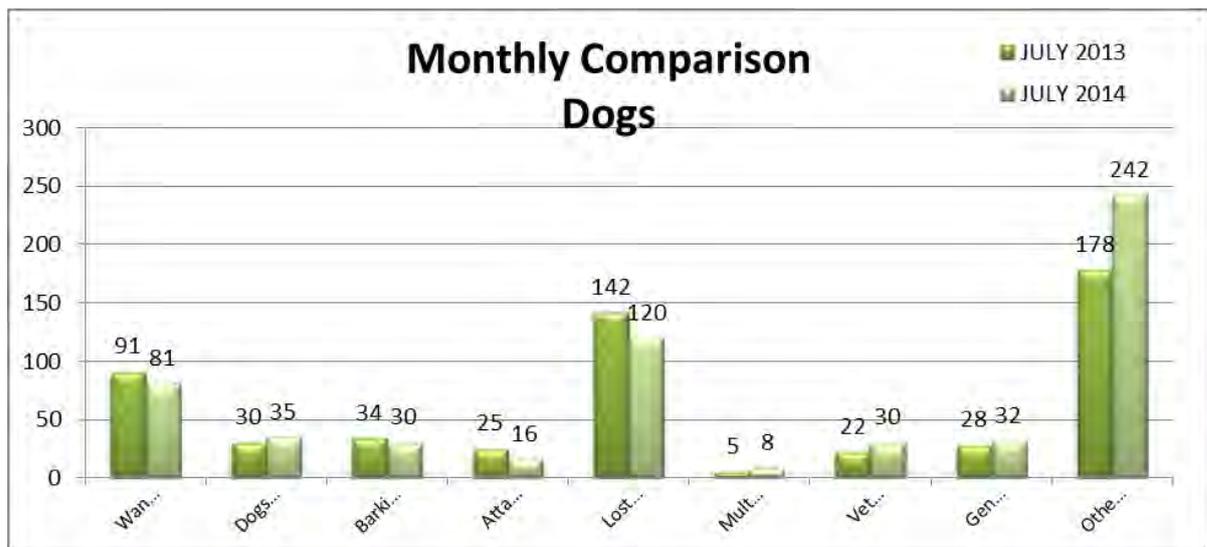
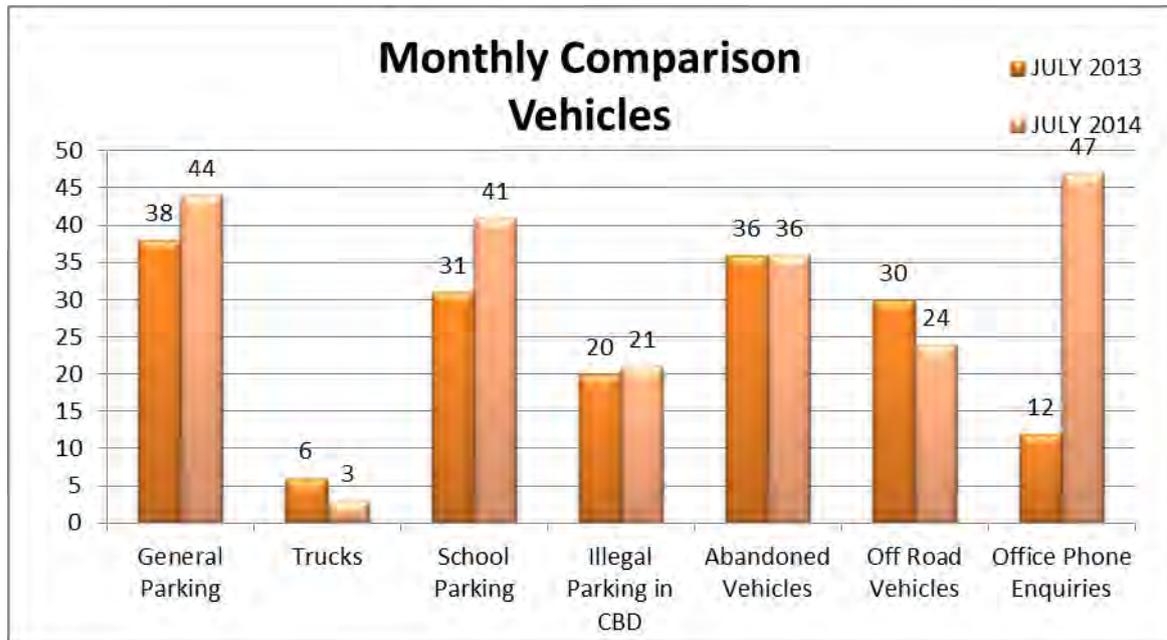
2014 AFAC Conference

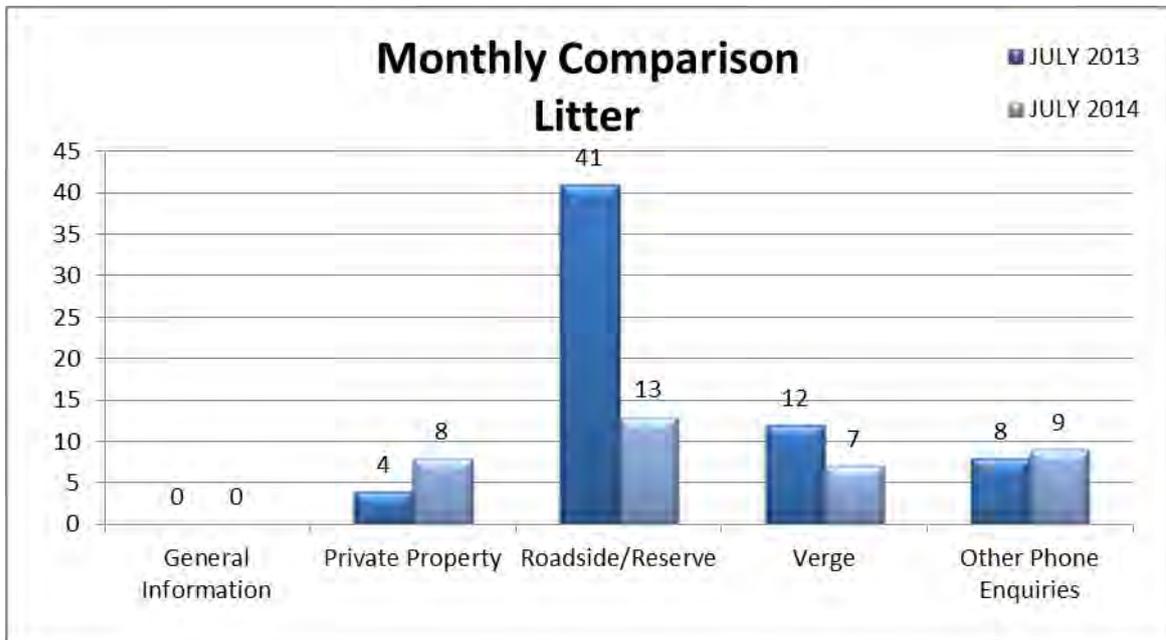
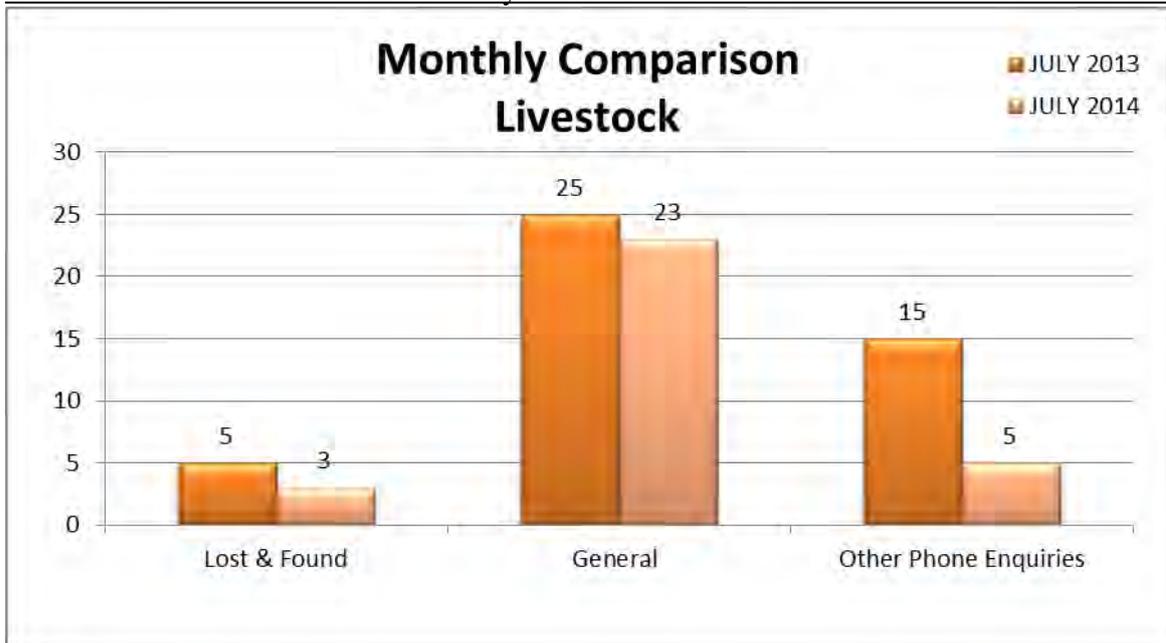
The 2014 Australian Fire and Emergencies Authorities Council (AFAC) conference is to be held in Wellington, New Zealand from 2 -5 September this is Australasia's largest and most important emergency services and public safety conference and trade exhibition.

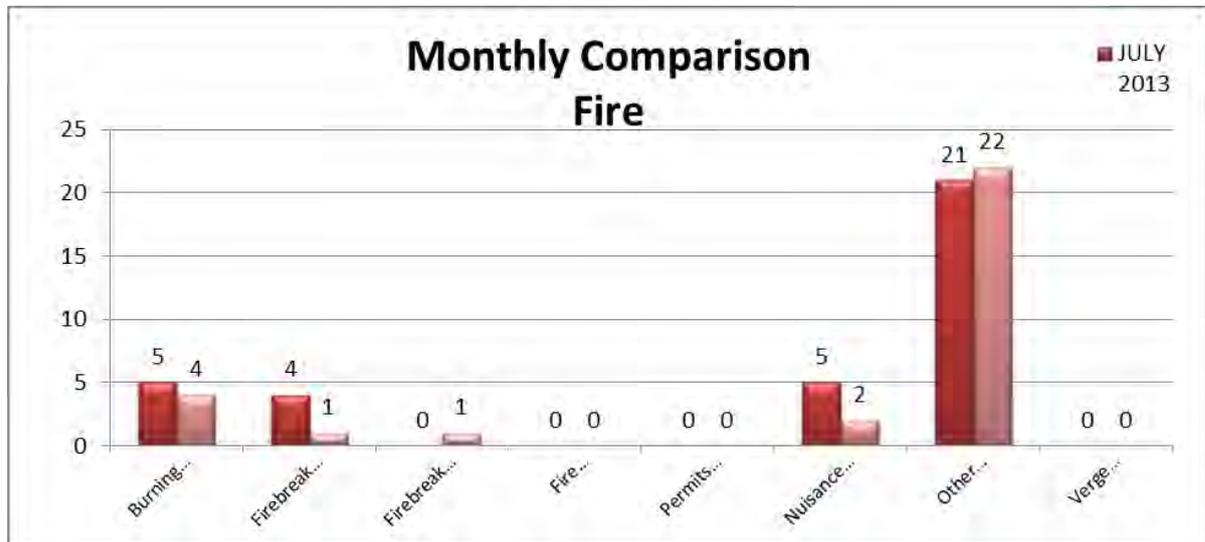
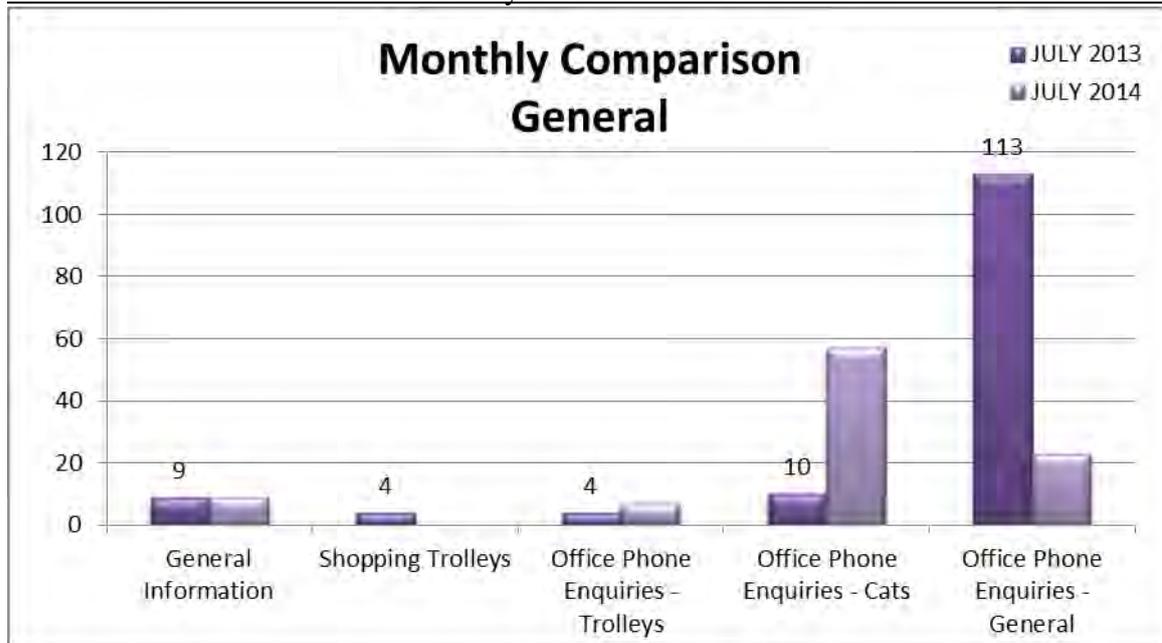
Natural and man-made disasters strike all countries, but particularly in our region, examining how emergency management services, land managers and communities prepared, responded to and assisted with recovery is vital to developing evidence-based policy and practice for the future.

This conference is designed to bring together and share the combined wisdom of experience, research and analysis from across the sector to enable a deeper understanding of the approaches needed to secure the region's future and prosperity.

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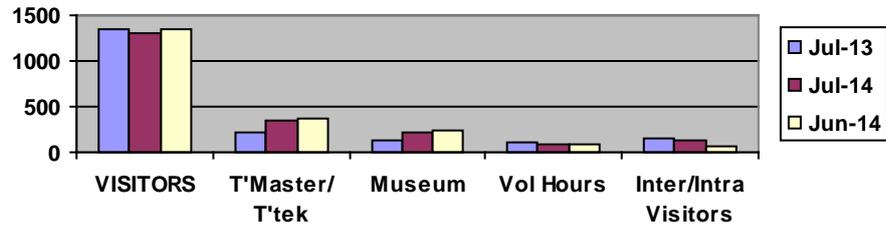






TOURISM

Visitor Centre Statistics:



JULY 2014

Visitors	Ticketmaster/ Ticketek	TOTAL Visitors Less T/Master & Ticketek	Inter State Visitors	Overseas Visitors	TOTAL O/seas & Interstate VISITORS	Volunteer Hours	Museum
1302	339	963	72	58	130	90	211

JUNE 2014

Visitors	Ticketmaster/ Ticketek	TOTAL Visitors Less T/Master & Ticketek	Inter State Visitors	Overseas Visitors	TOTAL O/seas & Interstate VISITORS	Volunteer Hours	Museum
1348	360	988	46	29	75	77	231

VISITOR CENTRE opened for 180 hours – across 7 days per week
AVERAGE VISITORS per week: 326
VOLUNTEER HOURS per week: 23

VISITOR CENTRE - DOLLAR VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY:

Average Visitor Spend – Day Visitor:

\$1,720 per day = **\$ 12,038** per week = **\$ 48,150** per month

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

Average Spend – Including Accommodation:

\$696 per night = **\$ 4,875** per week = **\$ 19,500** per month

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

TOURISM DOLLAR VALUE – JULY 2014: \$67,650

Destination Marketing

Consistent Destination marketing continues in numerous publications and other outlets including:

Your Guide to Perth and Fremantle; Your Guide to Western Australia; Curtin 100.1 FM Radio advertising (currently the Next Stop Armadale Walking Tour); Cineads at Grand Cinemas Armadale; Inflight magazine marketing in Jetstar Asia and Scoot across the whole of Asia; Marketing into the Examiner and Community newspapers; Scoop Magazine including the Major Arts and Events Calendar for 2014/15 as well as a double page spread of ‘Ticket to Armadale – Facebook or Twitter’ within Scoop Traveller. The Perth Guide is available within the Perth International and Domestic Airport Arrivals area.

To meet the outcomes of the 2014/15 Tourism Destination Marketing Plan, details were confirmed with Scoot inflight magazines representatives from Singapore to secure marketing collateral for Scoot and Jetstar inflight magazines on all of their inbound and outbound flights out of Singapore. The next Spring Season edition of Scoot will feature an advertorial of the Armadale region.

Further marketing opportunities have been negotiated with GWN7/Mate/Gem Television to commence development of a 12 month campaign across television showcasing the retail, business and tourism of the City to the greater south eastern corridor of WA. This campaign will encourage business and corporate participation and showcase all that Armadale has to offer.

Strategic development

The City has engaged the services of Place Match Pty Ltd to undertake a review of the current City of Armadale Tourism Destination Marketing Strategy. The required outcome of the review is a strategic document that will assist the Tourism Department in the next five year period in ongoing development and sustainability of tourism economic growth.

The City’s CEO, Manager Economic Development, Manager Communications and Manager of Tourism met with the Chairman and Executive Director of Tourism Council WA during the month of July, facilitating a presentation on the City’s economic and tourism development and discussion on the recent strategic document launched by TCWA ‘Destination Perth, Developing Perth’s Visitor Economy’.

Promotional Activities

An outpost Visitor Information Booth will be operating in the Grand Marque at Araluen Botanic Park during its 2014 ‘Its Springtime Tulip Festival’. The Booth will be open 7 days a week during the month of September between the hours of 11am – 3pm, as well as the two weekends prior and proceeding the month of September during similar hours. Anticipated visitor numbers to the Festival over the six week period are in excess of 60,000 people. This will provide the Visitor Centre will an excellent opportunity to provide information on the City and to promote the Armadale

region to the wider Perth community. The General Manager of Araluen Botanic Park is thanked for this opportunity.

Major Arts and Events

During the month of July the Major Arts and Events team has been making preparations for the upcoming events season with meetings being held with the following key stakeholders:

- Armadale City Concert Band
- MRA
- Highland Gathering Committee
- Monarch Events
- Scottish Masonic Lodge
- Scoop Magazine
- Channel 9

Events Strategy

An online survey was available on the City's website that enabled the community to have their say in the Major Arts and Events strategy. The survey is now closed and the results are currently being compiled for analysis.

COMING EVENTS

Outside the Frame

The Outside the Frame Art Award will be open for viewing on 20 - 24 August, 11am to 4pm daily with the Opening and Awards Night scheduled for Wednesday 20 August, 2014.

The following schools participated in the 2014 Award:

- Armadale Senior High School
- Canning Vale College
- Carey Baptist College
- John Wollaston Anglican Community School
- Kalamunda Senior High School
- Kelmscott Senior High School
- Penrhos College
- Rossmoyne Senior High School
- Saint Norbert College
- Serpentine Jarrahdale Grammar School
- Dale Christian School
- Cecil Andrews Senior High School
- Balcatta Senior High School
- Swan Christian College

Perth Kilt Run

The Perth Kilt Run registration platform went live on 8 August 2014. The event will be held on Sunday 14 September 2014 commencing at 9am. The new route for the Kilt Run will run through Minnowarra Park and Sanctuary Lake.

The Highland Gathering

With the Perth Kilt Run running through the heart of the Highland Gathering this year, the layout of the Highland Gathering has been amended to fit both events into the same area.

The Highland Gathering is scheduled for Sunday 14 September 2014 at 10am.

Notes/Minutes from Committees and Groups

CITY OF ARMADALE

DISABILITY ADVISORY TEAM MEETING NOTES

Tuesday 5 August 2014, 9.30am

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

Chair: Cr Melissa Northcott

Notes: Norelle John

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
Phil Penter	Coordinator of Property Services	City of Armadale
Mark Dadd	Community Representative	
John Glassford	Community Representative	
Lorraine Kirwin	Local Area Manager	Disabilities Service Commission
Sue Hillel	Building Services Manager	City of Armadale
Sheila Parker	Community Representative	
Lance Hogg	Local Area Coordinator Kelmscott	Disability Services Commission

Apologies

Name	Title	Organisation
Pat Hart	Community Representative	
Lynne Darby	Community Representative	
Gail Nesci	Principle Occupational Therapist	Armadale Health Services
Sheila-Anne Macleod	Area Manager Kelmscott	Disability Services Commission

2.0 Notes

Confirmed by Cr Melissa Northcott

3.0 Actions from June minutes

None

4.0 Guest Speaker – Gavin Giles (Community Planning Project Manager), ‘All Abilities Playground’ & Joy Avery (Landscape Architect).

- Mr Giles updated the group on the City’s partnership with Stocklands for an ‘All Abilities Playground’. The playground will be situated amongst the future community centre and parklands in Forrestdale. This project is being guided by a not for profit organisation called “Touched by Liberty”. Consultations will begin shortly in the community to determine the design and play equipment.
- Mr Giles and Ms Avery spoke about the new plans for the Jull Street mall redevelopment.
 - The first stage is upgrading the lighting to make it safer and increase visibility.
 - The second stage the paving will be changed to non-slip pebblestone type paving. Accessible street furniture will be also be installed.

Ms Avery further discussed the accessible seating. Benches with high backs that are slightly elevated off the ground for easy access will be installed. These seats have been specially designed to accommodate people with a disability.

There will also be free wifi in the mall, flags and artistic drawings to create a different and updated look to the mall. Ms Avery also discussed the architectural designs for Jull Street.

5.0 Updates on DAT Projects

- *Accessible Businesses*
 - The first draft of the brochure has been completed. Changes required are:
 - some of the photos will need to be altered to suit the target market.
 - a larger font size with some of the information
 - Business Armadale logo size to be made larger.

The DAT was asked to source photos for the brochure

- *Promotion of DAT*
 - No updates.
- *Accessible Path of Travel*
 - Further discussions were discussed with Shane Asmus (Manager Civil Works) at the annual DAIP Review.
- *Disability Awareness Week*
 - No updates.

6.0 Updates from Community Development Officer (Senior Access and Inclusion):

- Ms Hill discussed the upcoming show 'Monkey Puzzle' being held at John Wollaston Anglican Community School. 'Monkey Puzzle' on Friday night 8th August will be shadowed by Auslan interpreters. The performance is sold out.
- Ms Hill discussed the 'Accessible Training' the City hosted last month. The City invited E-Qual Consultants to facilitate Accessible Events Training at the Armadale Library on the 2 July. City staff and staff from organisations in the community who host forums and events were invited to attend. After the training a working group will be formed to work together to write Accessible Events Checklists to be used when City staff are hosting events.
- Ms Hill discussed the DAIP Progress Report which is attached.

7.0 Other agenda items

Ms Kirwin gave updates on the privatisation of Llowana (DSC Home in Armadale).

Llowana are in the process of identifying an agency that will be responsible for the running of the home. Families of the residents have been asked to decide which out of two agencies organisations they would like to do this. This process is still in talks and will be finalized within the next month. The families would like a good, safe quality service. The staff at Llowana have adjusted well to the changes.

Mr Hogg talked about the changes for the DSC with Local Area Coordinators (LAC).

- The MyWay trial site will be in Cockburn and in the Hills.
- The LAC are wanting to work with school leavers with special needs
 - to ensure they are getting the supports they require,
 - they have the choice of service providers
 - to decide what type of jobs they would like to do when leaving school.
- Students are assessed at DSC in West Perth and can look at working 20 hours per week after they finish school.

8.0 Other business

None

Meeting closed at 10:25am

Next Meeting – 7 October 2014

City of Armadale Highland Gathering

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 6 August 2014, 6pm – 7.05pm

1. Attendance and Apologies

Meeting commenced at 6.00pm opened and Chaired by Cr J. Stewart.

Attendees: Crn Stewart
Bev and Steve Sullivan – WAMRCHDI
James Pearse – WAPIPEBANDS
Alan Miller – Scottish Charitable Masonic Association
Sue Littleton – Mayor’s PA
Shelley Farrell – Major Events & Arts Coordinator
Clare Szmekura – Arts & Events Officer

Apologies: Don and Bet Munro – Clan Munro
Shirley Oliver – Clan Donnachaidh
Jamie Forsyth – WAPIPEBANDS
Javan Waller – Heavy Events Representative

2. Business Arising: General Overview of the Highland Gathering Site Map and the Perth Kilt Run Route. Presentation of marketing collateral:

The Major Arts & Events Team received positive feedback on the proposed site map and Perth Kilt Run route. The general consensus was that both would work well together to present a cohesive event.

Marketing collateral was distributed to all parties for redistribution through their networks.

3. Section Reports:

- *Highland Dancing*
It was presented at the meeting that the Highland Dancing committee has begun its process of preparing for the competition, such as organizing the program, looking for judges, etc. Steve has

reminded the events team that the length of time of the competition is based on the numbers they receive. However, at this stage they anticipated that their program would run between 11am and 3:20pm. It was also confirmed that the Highland Dancer's would not be performing a massed fling as part of this year's Highland Gathering Finale.

- *Pipe Bands*

It was presented at the meeting that the Highland Dancing committee has begun its process of preparing for the competition, such as organizing the program, looking for judges, etc. At this stage they anticipated that their program would include six Pipe Bands and that the program would run between 12 noon and 3:20pm. It was also confirmed that the Pipe Bands would be performing a massed Pipe Band presentation at the main stage area as part of this year's Highland Gathering Finale.

- *Clan Village*

No report

- *Heavy Events*

Major Arts & Events Team have received confirmation that Javan Waller will oversee the Heavy Events Competition again this year.

- *Perth Kilt Run - Crn Stewart recommended:*

That the Major Arts & Events Team explores the possibility of a trophy maker donating trophies for the Perth Kilt Run in addition to prizes.

4. General Business

Scottish Heritage Country Dancers:

Bev Sullivan provided the Major Arts & Events Team with new contact details for the Country Dancers. The Team to communicate with the dancer's to facilitate their possible involvement in this year's Highland Gathering Event.

Master of Ceremonies – Todd Johnston

The Major Arts & Events Team confirmed that Todd Johnston would MC this year's Highland Gathering and Perth Kilt Run events

High Profile International Dignitary - Crn Stewart recommended:

That the Committee Members pursue the idea of inviting an Internal Dignitary to the event, as has been done in previous years', to increase the profile of the event.

Mayoral Procession:

This year it has been indicated that there is a desire for the Highland Gathering community groups, clans and kilt run participants to be more involved within the procession. As the event develops, it will be known to these groups that their presence within the procession is fundamentally an advantage to the Highland Gathering and, the City will continue to encourage these groups to be involved.

5. Next Meeting – Wednesday 3 September 2014

6. Closure

Meeting concluded at 7.05pm