



INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUE NO. 17/2013

19 September 2013

Information Bulletin

Issue No. 17/2013

Inside this Issue	
<p>➔ Correspondence & Papers Pink Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Correspondence ▪ WA Local Government Association (WALGA) News Issue No 35.13 – 9 September 2013C-1 Issue No 36.13 – 16 September 2013C-3 ▪ Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) News 6 September 2013C-6 13 September 2013C-17 ▪ Media Releases
<p>➔ Information from Human Resources Blue Divider</p>	
Information to Standing Committees	
<p>➔ Technical Services Green Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outstanding Matters and Information Items Various Items..... T-1 ▪ Monthly / Quarterly Departmental Reports Technical Services Works Programme T-2 ▪ Municipal Waste Advisory Council Minutes 21 August 2013 T-9
<p>➔ Community Services Beige Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outstanding Matters & Information Items Report on Outstanding Matters – Community Services Committee..... C-1 ▪ Monthly / Quarterly Departmental Reports Community Development Report –Community Development Report September 2013..... C-2 Leisure Services Report –August 2013..... C-7 Manager Library & Heritage Services Monthly Report – August 2013 C-10 Tourism/Events & Visitor Centre Monthly Report – August 2013 C-18 Manager Ranger & Emergency Services Monthly Report –August 2013 C-23 ▪ ... Minutes of Occasional/Advisory Committees Highland Gathering 14 August 2013 C-28 ATSIAG 3 September 2013C-30 ▪ Information Flyers.....C-33
<p>City Strategy Lilac Divider</p>	Nil
<p>Development Services Yellow Divider</p>	Nil



Issue No. 35.13

9 September 2013

Please copy and distribute to interested readers

HEADLINES

- ◀ COUNTRY REFORM POLICY FORUM
- ◀ METROPOLITAN REFORM IMPLEMENTATION POLICY FORUM
- ◀ STATE GOVERNMENT CUTS THE SWIMMING POOL OPERATING SUBSIDY
- ◀ CRIMINAL PROPERTY CONFISCATION GRANTS PROGRAM – NOW OPEN
- ◀ EXTENDED DEADLINE: WALGA SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO PASTORAL LEASES
- ◀ HOST AND NOMINATE – COMMUNITY SAFETY MONTH 2013
- ◀ WALK OVER OCTOBER – REGISTRATIONS OPEN
- ◀ ENGINEERS AUSTRALIA COASTAL CLIMATE CHANGE GUIDELINES WORKSHOP
- ◀ E-LEARNING TRAINING
- ◀ OFFICER TRAINING
- ◀ ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING

ISSUES UPDATE

COUNTRY REFORM POLICY FORUM

WALGA President, Mayor Troy Pickard, is establishing a Country Reform Policy Forum to develop policy concerning Local Government reform in country Western Australia, including research and exploration of appropriate governance models to support the diversity of regional WA. Reform has been explored broadly by WALGA, particularly through the work undertaken to formulate The Journey: Sustainability into the Future (SSS). The State Government has indicated that this term of Government will focus on Metropolitan Local Government Reform, however has not stepped away from possible reform in non-metropolitan areas. It is timely to convene this policy forum and to seek the input of those officers and Elected Members with an interest in providing and guiding policy to their sector. Broad representation of up to 24 Elected Members is being sought from across the State together with six officers to contribute to this important work.

Should you have an interest in participating, please send a brief Expression of Interest (approximately 50 words) via email to jborges@walga.asn.au, by 5pm Friday, 27 September.

For further information, please contact Executive Manager Governance & Corporate Services, Tony Brown on 9213 2031 or email tbrown@walga.asn.au

METROPOLITAN REFORM IMPLEMENTATION POLICY FORUM

The WALGA President, Mayor Troy Pickard, is establishing a Metropolitan Reform Implementation Policy Forum to assist and guide WALGA in its support, policy and advocacy roles during the Metropolitan Local Government Reform Implementation Process. The Policy Forum will consist of 10 Elected Members and five senior officers drawn from across the Perth metropolitan region. It is anticipated that the senior officers appointed to the Policy Forum will bring a range of high-level functional expertise in key subjects including planning, finance and governance. Brief Expressions of Interest

(approximately 50 words) are sought from Elected Members and senior officers interested in becoming a member of the Policy Forum and can be submitted to Strategy & Reform Manager, Tim Lane at tlane@walga.asn.au by 5pm Friday, 27 September.

For further information, please contact Executive Manager Governance & Corporate Services, Tony Brown on 9213 2031 or email tbrown@walga.asn.au

STATE GOVERNMENT CUTS THE SWIMMING POOL OPERATING SUBSIDY

The Department of Finance wrote to all Local Governments on Wednesday, 28 August advising that the Swimming Pool Operating Subsidy has ceased with effect from 8 August 2013. The Subsidy has been in place since the 1960's to assist Local Government offset the operational costs of swimming pools. There are approximately 120 public pools in WA that were eligible for funding from a pool of \$360k. WALGA has written to the Minister for Finance and the Minister Sport and Recreation to express the sector's concerns about the impact of this decision and will provide advice to the sector in due course.

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

CRIMINAL PROPERTY CONFISCATION GRANTS PROGRAM – NOW OPEN

Local Governments are being urged to apply for State Government grants of up to \$200,000 for projects to prevent or reduce drug-related crime and drug abuse, support crime victims or aid law enforcement. A total of \$2 million is available in this latest round. The closing date for applications is 5pm Friday, 13 September.

Further information about the criminal property confiscation grants program, including guidelines and an application form, is available on the Department of the Attorney General website at <http://dotag.wa.gov.au>. Applicants in regional areas wanting more information can access a

recorded television information session through Westlink and all applicants are encouraged to discuss their proposed project with the Department's grant administrator on 9264 1206 (country callers 1800 994 400).

EXTENDED DEADLINE: WALGA SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY INTO PASTORAL LEASES

WALGA has successfully achieved an extension to provide comments for the inquiry into pastoral leases in Western Australia. The new due date for comments to WALGA is 5pm Wednesday, **25 September**. Please address the following terms of reference in your feedback, a requirement of the Standing Committee. The Committee will inquire into and report on pastoral leases granted to the pastoral industry in Western Australia, in particular:

- The management of the increase in the number of stock and environmental damage on pastoral land;
- The adequacy of security of land tenure;
- The proposed pastoral lease 2015;
- Procedures for granting or renewing pastoral leases; and
- Any other matter.

For further information, please visit [http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/parliament/commit.nsf/\(\\$all\)/79408CEE13DAAAE448257BC10026AF5F?opendocument](http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/parliament/commit.nsf/($all)/79408CEE13DAAAE448257BC10026AF5F?opendocument) or contact Environment Policy Manager, Julia Beijeman on 9213 2039 or email jbeijeman@walga.asn.au.

HOST AND NOMINATE - COMMUNITY SAFETY MONTH 2013

October is Community Safety Month - a time to raise awareness and promote active participation in safety events as everyone has a role to play in making our community safer. Local Governments are encouraged to register a safety program, initiative or event that takes place in October. Register your event with ICCWA before Friday, **20 September** to receive free merchandise and promotion. Do you know of someone or a group that has shown initiative in your Local Government or local community to reduce injury and promote safety messages? Contact ICCWA with your nomination before Friday, **13 September**.

For further information and registration, please contact Megan Farley at mfarley@iccwa.org.au, or visit <http://www.iccwa.org.au/community-safety-month.html>.

WALK OVER OCTOBER - REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Walk Over October encourages West Australians to be more active by walking for health, transport, recreation and the environment. To help celebrate Walk Over October, Local Governments, schools, community groups and workplaces are invited to organise a walk event during October. Register online at www.walkoveroctober.com.au by Friday, **20 September** to hold a community or workplace event in October, and to receive a free Walk Over October merchandise pack.

For further information and registration, please contact Anna Sheppard 9382 5953 or email anna.sheppard@heartfoundation.org.au.

ENGINEERS AUSTRALIA COASTAL CLIMATE CHANGE GUIDELINES WORKSHOP

This one-day workshop will provide practical advice on how to adapt to climate change and uncertainty for coastal development. It will be held at Engineers Australia WA Division, 712 Murray St, West Perth from 9.15am to 4pm on Wednesday, **2 October 2013**. The workshop will cover the three documents by Engineers Australia that contain comprehensive and practical advice on how we can respond to threats from climate change, and more general environmental advice for coastal development. Planners, managers, engineers, consultants and contractors should attend the workshop. It will be particularly relevant to Local and State Government authorities and their consultants.

To register for this workshop, please visit <https://events.engineersaustralia.org.au/ei/getdemo.ei?id=1666&s=D4G0L6IKQ>.

TRAINING

ELEARNING TRAINING

Work in an Emergency Management Context

Duration: Self-paced (approx. 3 hours online)
Cost: \$250 (GST exempt) includes assessment costs
Date: Enrol anytime (3 months to complete upon date of enrolment)

The following courses will run from 9.00am to 4.30pm in the WALGA Boardroom unless otherwise marked.

OFFICER TRAINING

Enterprise Agreements, Development and Negotiations

Date: Thursday, **12 September**
Cost: \$415 (+ GST)

Introduction to Local Government

Date: Monday, **23 September**
Cost: \$415 (+ GST)

Policy Development and Procedure Writing

Date: Wednesday, **25 September**, Thursday, **26 September**
Cost: \$790.00 (+ GST)

Certificate IV in Government (Procurement and Contracting)

Date: Monday, **18 November** to Friday, **22 November** (5 day course)

Cost: \$4,250 (GST exempt)
Venue: Shire of Peppermint Grove, Boardroom

ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING

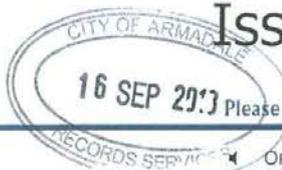
Land Use Planning

Date: Monday, **16 September**
Cost: \$395 (GST exempt)

Sustainable Asset Management

Date: Tuesday, **17 September**
Cost: \$395 (GST exempt)

For further information, please contact Training Coordinator, Bree Crockett on 9213 2098 or email training@walqa.asn.au.



Issue No. 36.13

16 September 2013

Please copy and distribute to interested readers

HEADLINES

- AWARE 2013/14 FUNDING GUIDELINES LAUNCHED
- SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PREFERRED SUPPLY
- WALGA'S ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES SURVEY RESULTS
- CHAIN OF RESPONSIBILITY LEGISLATION
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO DFES REQUEST – POTENTIAL OPTION TO TRANSFER BUSH FIRE BRIGADES
- 2013 ROMAN II CONFERENCE – REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN
- NEW COUNCILLOR TRAINING
- E-LEARNING TRAINING

- OFFICER TRAINING
- ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING
- REGIONAL TRAINING

MAILBAG

- INFOPAGE: WESTPLAN AIRCRASH – LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION
- INFOPAGE: STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POLICY 4.1 – OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT
- INFOPAGE: ROADWISE PROGRAM
- INFOPAGE: DEVELOPMENT OF NEW REGULATIONS FOR OPERATION OF MOBILE EQUIPMENT

ISSUES UPDATE

AWARE 2013/14 FUNDING GUIDELINES LAUNCHED

The All West Australians Reducing Emergencies (AWARE) program guidelines have been released for the 2013/14 funding round.

The AWARE program is a grant scheme designed to enhance WA's emergency management arrangements by making funding available to help build local and district level emergency management capacity. The program has been reviewed and the grant criteria have now been extended providing more flexibility for Local Governments.

Grants are available for a minimum of \$2,500 and a maximum of \$25,000 (including GST). There is no closing date for applications, however projects must be completed by the end of the 2013/14 financial year.

To access the guidelines and application visit the State Emergency Management Committee Secretariat website at http://www.semc.wa.gov.au/Publications/semc_aware_app_guidelines_2013-14.pdf

For further information, please contact the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) Secretariat on 9482 1700.

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PREFERRED SUPPLY

WALGA is pleased to announce the launch of a new Preferred Supply panel for Sustainable Energy Infrastructure.

This contract has been expanded to 19 suppliers that deliver products and services for PV Panels and renewable energy generation, energy consulting and analysis services, street lighting infrastructure, electrical contracting, demand side management and waste to energy infrastructure.

Details regarding the appointed companies, the discounted Preferred Supplier consulting rates, company profiles and service offerings are all

accessible as commercial-in-confidence information through WALGA eQuotes.

Appointed supplier contact and account management details can also be publicly accessed in the products and services section of the WALGA website.

For further information, please contact Business Development Manager, Andrew Blitz on ablitz@walga.asn.au.

WALGA'S ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to those Local Governments that contributed to WALGA's environmental issues survey. The data collected from this 2013 survey will update our understanding of the Local Government sector's priority areas and ensure that your Association is allocating its resources and advocacy efforts in the most productive way.

We are currently in the process of collating the responses and once this is completed we will distribute results to all Local Governments.

For further information, please contact Climate Change Coordinator, Caroline Perks on 9213 2049 or email cperks@walga.asn.au.

CHAIN OF RESPONSIBILITY LEGISLATION

New Chain of Responsibility (CoR) legislation places obligations on all parties in the road transport supply chain - consigner, packer, loader, scheduler, driver, operator/owner (of the business) and receiver - to take steps to prevent breaches of road transport law. Parties within the transport chain must be satisfied their programs and compliance systems for road transport are in place and adequately meet their obligations under the law.

The legislation, expected to be introduced in March 2014 following drafting of supporting regulations, will affect Local Governments as transport is key to day-to-day operations.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads WA are conducting information sessions throughout the State on the legislation and the requirements of parties in the transport chain. Local Governments are invited to contact the Main Roads WA, Heavy Vehicle Operations Help Desk on 138 486 for information session locations and times.

For further information, please contact Policy Officer Road Safety, Mal Shervill on 9213 2068 or email mshervill@walga.asn.au

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO DFES REQUEST – POTENTIAL OPTION TO TRANSFER BUSH FIRE BRIGADES

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) has released the aggregate results on Local Government responses to their letter asking whether, if future legislation provided the option for Local Governments to transfer the responsibility for bush fire brigade operations and administration to DFES, Local Governments would choose to retain or transfer the responsibility.

Over 86% of all Local Governments (121 of 140), including 96% of Local Governments with registered bush fire brigades, provided a response. To access the summarised results, visit the DFES Legislation Review website at https://extranet.dfes.wa.gov.au/sites/volunteers/legislation_review/default.aspx

For more information, contact the DFES Legislation Review Team on 9395 9763.

2013 ROMAN II CONFERENCE - REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

The 2013 ROMAN II Conference will be held at the Rendezvous, Scarborough on Friday, **22 November 2013** and provide attendees a fantastic opportunity to network with peers and hear how other Local Governments are using the ROMAN II tools.

To register, please visit the event website – www.cvent.com/d/44qngf.

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

NEW COUNCILLOR TRAINING

WALGA is again holding a New Councillor Seminar this year following the October Local Government Elections. The Seminar will be held on Friday 6 December 2013 at Ascot Quays, Great Eastern Hwy, Ascot.

The seminar will focus on the essential elements of:

- Professional Development
- Good Governance
- The Relationship Between Mayor and CEO
- Integrated Strategic Planning
- Town Planning
- Leadership

Further information and a registration form will be provided closer to the event.

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

TRAINING

E-LEARNING TRAINING

Work in an Emergency Management Context

Duration: Self-paced (approx. three hours online)
Cost: \$250 (GST exempt) includes assessment costs
Date: Enrol anytime (three months to complete upon date of enrolment)

OFFICER TRAINING

Introduction to Local Government

Date: Monday, **23 September**
Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Venue: WALGA Boardroom
Cost: \$415.00 (+ GST)

Policy Development and Procedure Writing

Date: Wednesday & Thursday, **25 & 26 September**
Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Venue: WALGA Boardroom
Cost: \$790.00 (+ GST)

Certificate IV in Government (Procurement and Contracting)

Date: **18 November to 22 November**
Time: 9:00am - 4:30pm
Venue: Shire of Peppermint Grove, Boardroom
Cost: \$4,250 (GST exempt)

ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING

Professionally Speaking For Elected Members

Date: **Wednesday, 18 September**
Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Venue: WALGA Boardroom
Cost: \$450.00 (+ GST)

REGIONAL TRAINING

City of Albany

The City of Albany is holding the following Elected Member and Officer Training during November. All courses start at 9:00am and conclude at 4:30pm.

For further information, costs and enrolments for the City of Albany courses, please contact Michelle Ledgard on 9841 2213.

- Preparing Agenda and Minutes – Friday, **8 November**
- Councillor Roles and Responsibilities – Saturday, **9 November**
- CEO Performance Appraisals – Saturday, **30 November**

For further information, please contact Training Coordinator, Bree Crockett on 9213 2098 or email training@walga.asn.au.

DIARY DATES: WALGA ZONE MEETINGS

 Denotes Teleconference

1-2 Oct	Kimberley Country Zone	
14 Oct	Pilbara Country Zone	
22 Nov	Murchison Country Zone	Cue

DIARY DATES: WALGA ZONE MEETINGS

'Denotes Teleconference

1-2 Oct	Kimberley Country Zone	
14 Oct	Pilbara Country Zone	
22 Nov	Murchison Country Zone	Cue
22 Nov	Avon Midland	Victoria Plains
22 Nov	South West Country Zone	Bunbury
25 Nov	Northern Country Zone	Mingenew 10am
25-26 Nov	Kimberley Country	Halls Creek
25 Nov	South Metropolitan Zone	
27 Nov	South East Metropolitan Zone	
28 Nov	Central Metropolitan Zone	
28 Nov	North Metropolitan Zone	
28 Nov	East Metropolitan Zone	
28 Nov	Great Eastern Country	Kellerberrin
28 Nov	Gascoyne	Gascoyne Junction
28 Nov	Peel Zone	Murray
29 Nov	Goldfields Esperance	TBA
29 Nov	Great Southern Country	Denmark (AGM)
29 Nov	Central Country Zone	Quairading
21 Feb '14	York	
2 May	Chittering	
20 Jun	Wongan-Ballidu	
22 Aug	Moora	
21 Nov	Goomalling	
21 Nov	North Metro Zone	Wanneroo

ALGA NEWS

6 SEPTEMBER 2013

ALGA calls on incoming government to honour community funding commitments

The President of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis, has called on leaders of the Labor Party, Liberal Party and National Party to give priority to community infrastructure funding and to honour funding commitments already made under the current Government.

ALGA called for significant funding for community infrastructure in its election plan for resourcing local community priorities released in June 2013 and Mayor Lewis wrote to political party leaders on 21 August asking them to honour funding allocations of at least \$150 million and projects already identified under the existing Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF).

"Funding provided under regional development programs for community infrastructure is critical to allowing councils to address deficiencies in such infrastructure which is fundamental to communities' social and economic wellbeing," Mayor Lewis said.

"The allocations made to councils under recent rounds of RDAF have been taken up by councils across Australia. But the decision to bring forward the election to 7 September meant that there was no time for the Commonwealth to finalise the funding agreements for hundreds of projects. As a consequence these vital projects are now at risk."

Mr Truss reaffirmed the Coalition's commitment to community infrastructure last week when he announced funding of \$200 million a year for five years for a new National Stronger Regions Fund to be established in 2015 but there is great concern in local government that existing funding allocations will not be honoured.

"I urge all parties to support the projects which councils have already identified as community priorities under announced funding allocations and I will be seeking an early meeting with the Minister for Regional Development in the incoming government to pursue this issue," Mayor Lewis said.

ALGA inundated with submissions for Roads Congress challenge

Following ALGA President Felicity-ann Lewis's invitation to councils across Australia to participate in "The Local Government Challenge: A Council's Experience" at the upcoming National Local Roads and Transport Congress, ALGA has been inundated with submissions demonstrating how local government initiatives have improved community infrastructure.

The Congress, to be held from 12-14 November in Alice Springs, will include two sessions providing an opportunity for councils to showcase significant road and transport

projects in their local area.

As part of the Local Government Challenge, councils have provided details of projects including road resurfacing, bridge replacements, road duplications and upgrades with details of the steps they took to overcome difficulties to deliver successful projects in their communities. All submissions will be displayed at the Roads Congress, with about six councils being invited to speak about their projects.

Upon receiving details of local projects for the competition, Mayor Lewis said that she had been "privileged to hear about the many great road infrastructure projects which councils have been able to deliver for their communities, most of which have relied on federal funds through programs like Roads to Recovery".

One of the aims of the Roads Congress is to highlight the importance of federal funding in overcoming road and infrastructure challenges and to reinforce the need for increased and permanent funding under the Roads to Recovery program.

This year's Congress provides a unique opportunity for local government to unite and shape a national proposal for the local roads agenda for the new federal government. With the theme, Sustaining our Roads: Good Business, Good Governance, Good Bottom-line, this year's Congress will include the launch of the 2013 State of the Local Roads Assets Report, which will assess current levels of expenditure and the standard of community roads and infrastructure.

For more information about the Congress, visit the ALGA website, or click [here](#).

Local government supports inclusive playspaces initiative

A national charity - Touched by Olivia - is working to make playspaces appropriate for everyone in the community, including those with disabilities.

Six inclusive playspaces have recently opened across the country - in Campbelltown, Five Dock, Dubbo, Brisbane, Ryde and Melbourne - and over 30 more are in various stages of development across Australia.

From early development, through to recreation in the twilight years, play is an important activity for increasing brain activity, decreasing obesity and encouraging vital social connections.

Touched by Olivia hopes that there will be an inclusive playspace in every community through a unique partnership model that brings all levels of government together with communities and corporations.

The initiative has the support of Mayor of Marion and ALGA President, Felicity-ann Lewis: "As the President of ALGA and as the Local Government Disability Champion, I urge councils to consider a Touched by Olivia inclusive playspace when they are upgrading an existing playground or planning a new playground."

"It is a way that councils can strengthen connections with their communities and create more socially inclusive facilities. My council of Marion is currently working with the

Touched by Olivia Foundation to install an inclusive playspace and I look forward to seeing the joy and benefits it will bring to people of all ages in our community.

"On a broader scale, the City of Marion is doing a lot to help people with disabilities. This week, I updated members attending the National Disability Services Members' Annual General Meeting in Marion on the specific work we are doing to remove barriers that make it hard for people with a disability to be active members of their community."

Mayor Lewis told the meeting that three facilities in the City of Marion had been upgraded to meet disability access standards in the past financial year as part of a \$2.6 million commitment to making buildings more user-friendly over the next decade.

"Park Holme Community Hall, Marion Swimming Centre and Clovelly Park Community Hall have been upgraded with ramps, disability access toilets and handrails. These halls are now easier to access for the many people that use them for everything from exercise classes to social groups," Mayor Lewis said.

Touched by Olivia led a workshop last year that came up with six principles that any local government can bring to their next playspace design:

1. Everyone can play
2. Access to nature
3. Total experience
4. A connection to the community
5. Play independence
6. Friendship

Inclusive playspaces are important in communities because:

- 1 in 5 Australians have a disability.
- 61 per cent of children aged 5-14 years with a disability have an intellectual disability.
- Nationwide spread of high density living in units and apartments highlights the need for access to quality inclusive community spaces.
- More than a quarter of Australian children are overweight or obese
- 14 per cent of children aged 4-17 have mental health problems.

A panel of corporate partners will be working in numerous communities with local councils.

To read more about the inclusive playspace principles, and access research and resources, visit: www.inclusiveplayspace.com or go to www.playgroundfinder.com to can find the closest inclusive playspace .

For further information, please contact Rebecca Ho, Executive Officer at Touched by Olivia on 0414 506 606.

President's Column

After five weeks of intense campaigning by political candidates contending federal seats

in the 2013 election, Australians will be asked to cast their votes at the ballot box tomorrow, noting that more than 2.5 million people have already made their selection through pre-polling and postal voting.

The campaign has seen a conservative approach to promised spending, reflecting the fiscal realities for whichever party forms government on Saturday. Despite that, there have been some announcements which have focused on important issues for local communities which local government has been concerned and these are welcome. Overall though, it is disappointing that none of the major parties has issued a specific local government policy and of course this election will go down in history because of the decision not to proceed with the referendum on financial recognition of local government.

There have been announcements to ensure the continuation of the Roads to Recovery program and the Black Spots funding program. The Coalition has promised \$300 million for a new bridge renewal program, which is an issue that ALGA has been strongly advocating for. We would hope that if the Labor Government is re-elected, it will match that commitment.

Local government is also pleased to see renewed focus on community safety, Indigenous employment, invasive species management and community sporting facilities. These are issues our communities care about and we hope that the next government will be able to follow through with previous commitments made in these areas.

Prior to the election, we saw an additional \$150 million in infrastructure funding promised to communities under the Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) and of course we keenly welcomed that announcement. But we are now concerned that an incoming government may not honour those promises. This week I issued a media release calling on leaders of the Labor, Liberal and National Party to give priority to community infrastructure funding and to honour funding commitments made by the current Government. The Labor Party has committed to these projects but the Coalition has warned that projects where funding agreements have not already been signed will not proceed.

Leader of the Nationals, Warren Truss, has said that a Coalition Government would create a new regional funding program worth \$200 million each year for five years. While we support this initiative, we note with concern that this program would not commence until 2015. That timing would create a period of more than a year without significant regional development funding following tomorrow's election if a Coalition Government was to be elected. Therefore, should the Coalition form government on Saturday, we will be urging them to re-consider their timing.

While many of the promises have been modest, a lot have been community-focused and that is to be welcomed. ALGA will work to ensure that we continue our strong relationship with whichever party forms the next government and that the interests of our local communities are given priority.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis
ALGA President

Latest population estimates revealed

New population figures released this week by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) include the latest population estimates for the current Commonwealth Electoral Divisions.

According to the ABS Director of Demography, Bjorn Javis, Fraser - in Canberra's north - is Australia's most populous electorate, with just over 202,000 residents.

"The smallest is Franklin - right at the bottom of Tasmania - with around 101,000 people," Mr Javis said.

"The four electorates with the oldest population were all on the New South Wales coast, and the very oldest was Lyne, which stretches from Hallidays Point to Crescent Head.

"With a median population age of 47 at June 2012, Lyne beats the neighbouring electorate of Cowper, 45 years, as well as being older than Gilmore and Richmond who tied for third with a median age of 44 years.

"The inner-city electorate of Melbourne, along with Lingiari in the Northern Territory were the youngest electorates in Australia, both with median ages of 31 years.

"Men outnumbered women the most in the electorate of Durack in northern Western Australia, where there were 124 men for every 100 women, but the NT's Lingiari (113 men per 100 women) and Queensland's Flynn (110) also had high ratios of men to women.

"The electorates with the highest proportion of women are Sturt, on the eastern outskirts of Adelaide, Goldstein in Melbourne and Bradfield on the northern fringe of Sydney - all with 93 men per 100 women."

For further information on total populations, see [Regional Population Growth, Australia, 2012](#) (cat. no. 3218.0). For statistical breakdowns, see [Population by Age and Sex, Regions of Australia](#) (cat. no. 3235.0).

Cash is king for recovering communities

Queensland Community Recovery and Resilience Minister David Crisafulli has backed a report suggesting cash donations are more beneficial to victims of natural disasters than material goods or gift cards.

The [Regional Australia Institute \(RAI\) report](#) found victims of Cyclone Yasi in Cardwell, south of Cairns, had to drive 50 kilometres to use food vouchers they were given.

Mr Crisafulli says cash donations also help local economies recover.

"The greatest gift that people can give is cash," he said.

"We always acknowledge that that is not always available, not always easy, but it does make a big difference when you've got cash to be able to respond."

Mr Crisafulli has also backed the report's recommendation that infrastructure damaged by natural disasters be upgraded rather than just replaced.

The report found in the rush to get things back to normal, communities often failed to take strategic advantage of government investment.

Mr Crisafulli says councils should be aware of the report.

"Wherever practical, to actually repair it to a higher standard and that's one I have been at pains to explain - I want to see infrastructure replaced to a better standard," he said.

"It will cost a little bit more up-front but it will save bucketloads of pain and money in the future."

NSW Councils have concerns with proposed new state planning legislation

Coffs Harbour City Council has joined other councils in writing to NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell asking for another iteration of the Planning Bill 2013 Exposure Draft and further consultation.

There are widespread fears that the proposed new NSW planning legislation will not provide satisfactory environmental and social outcomes.

Director of land use, health and development, Chris Chapman said the NSW government was looking to have 80 per cent of development applications "code-assessable" which means they comply with a development code already accepted by the community.

There are fears neighbours will not be consulted and environmental issues will not be adequately considered.

South Australia wants bottom up approach to development

"Top down" regional development doesn't work according to a new paper prepared for South Australia's Local Government Association.

The paper, prepared by South Australia's Centre for Economic Studies (SACES) says South Australia's regional communities need regional structures and assistance to capitalize on local assets.

The paper notes that regional communities benefit from tripartite partnerships between the three spheres of Government. It suggests current partnership agreements should be kept relevant through regular review but that the best results for economic growth occur when local communities are assisted to develop local assets, using local players.

Current Regional Development Australia bodies are jointly supported by federal and local government in SA but were recently dealt a blow when the SA Government reduced support. It is not clear what will happen to the bodies under a Coalition Federal

Government.

SACES Executive Director, Associate Professor Michael O'Neil said the latest paper "Further Consideration to the Task of Strengthening Regional Development" builds on previous policy papers commissioned by the LGA "Partnering with Local Government to Deliver Regional Outcomes" and "Growing Country Communities".

"We know that good economic development flows from assisting local people to make the best use of social, economic and environmental resources in the local area," Michael O'Neil said.

"Understanding the processes of economic development and what drives growth and development in the long term will lead to new approaches. Included in the new approach should be the realisation that communities benefit better if local assets are capitalised on, a 'bottom up' approach to economic development rather than the 'top down' method so frequently favoured.

Professor O'Neil said some two-thirds of additional investment in local and regional economies comes from existing local business and new start-ups by local people.

"Local Government and regional bodies have an instrumental role in designing and implementing 'bottom up' development strategies and facilitating 'place based' solutions," he said.

LGA President, Mayor David O'Loughlin, said Local Government was well aware of the need to stimulate and support local business and industry.

"Local Government has direct impact on local economic activity including expenditure on goods and services in the local area, providing services to residents and upgrading, renewing and maintaining local assets," Mayor O'Loughlin said.

"However, some of the most important measures for improving economic development are not under the direct control of Councils. Schools and healthcare facilities are not the province of Local Government but they are essential community services.

"For this reason tripartite agreements and partnerships between the three spheres of Government are vital for community health and economic wellbeing."

Dentists call for more action on fluoridation

The Australian Dental Association (ADA) is disappointed that the issue of water fluoridation hasn't been raised during the federal election campaign.

Dr Karin Alexander, Federal President of the ADA, said: "We understand that the Federal Government does not have direct power over water supplies. However, that does not mean the future Federal Government has the right to stand idly by while Queensland and NSW divest their responsibility to public health."

"The Federal Government should not allow local councils to be swayed by fringe groups who peddle fear, innuendo and conspiracy theories to remove fluoride or discontinue its

use from water supplies," Dr Alexander said.

"The political parties during this election campaign have so far failed to take the lead and combat these developments. We expect more.

"Water fluoridation is safe and offers oral health benefits for all people regardless of whether they are rich or poor. Not having fluoride in drinking water will cost the community more in the form of higher incidence of dental decay.

"Public hospital and private practice dentists will be placed in a position where they will be required to treat more cases of dental emergencies which could have been prevented through water fluoridation.

"The Child Dental Benefits Scheme, which has bipartisan support, will be called on to fund more fillings or extractions if there is no longer support for fluoride. Does the future Federal Government really want to create further dental problems that will cost more to fix later?

"The ADA calls on the political parties to show their commitment to one of the top 10 public health initiatives of the 20th Century by requiring that water fluoridation of communities be a condition of funding for the states and territories."

Agsafe celebrates 20 years

To help celebrate 20 years of running stewardship programs for the agvet chemical and reseller industry, Agsafe hosted a commemorative dinner in Brisbane last month.

The dinner was held at Brisbane's Eagle Farm Race Course to coincide with Agsafe's annual conference.

Attendees included members of CropLife Australia, AgStewardship Australia, The Veterinary Manufacturers & Distributors Association, Elders, CRT, AgLink, and Ruralco.

Members of ToxFree, VIP Packaging, A&C Packers, Accensi and Ecopolymers who are major partners with *drumMUSTER* and ChemClear also attended.

During the official proceedings, Chairman of Agsafe and Managing Director of Sipcam Australia, Damien Ryan spoke of the importance of Agsafe and its programs - Accreditation & Training, *drumMUSTER* and ChemClear.

From his extensive experience in the industry, Damien Ryan was proud that Agsafe had helped change the attitudes of resellers towards introducing safety into their workplaces, one of those priorities was to ensure that workers return home safely each day.

One of Agsafe's long-term trainers Rosemary Henderson told a number of stories of her time training agribusiness staff for the past 20 years. In addition to training thousands of industry personnel, Ms Henderson has help guide the evolution of Agsafe over the years, through her participation on various Agsafe committees.

Ms Henderson has also been the recipient of numerous industry achievement awards

including Agsafe course provider of the year, Agsafe Award for Service and CropLife Australia President's Award.

Vernon Keighley, who has served as Agsafe's Operations Manager *drumMUSTER* National Manager and currently as *drumMUSTER* and ChemClear Southern NSW Consultant, was the final speaker of the night.

Mr Keighley spoke about his 20 years of service with Agsafe, highlighting his efforts to help bring in self-regulation to the industry and establishing Agsafe as an independent body.

For photos visit our [website](#).

Wellington Council advised to buy, raise flood prone homes

The Wellington Council, in NSW, has been advised to purchase and voluntarily raise a number of local homes in the town's flood prone areas.

The council has adopted a draft Floodplain Risk Management Plan, now on public exhibition, which replaces and updates a 1996 document.

The consultants who developed the plan admit while Burrendong Dam has a significant affect on any flooding event, extreme events can still happen in both the Macquarie and Bell rivers.

The purchasing and raising is estimated to cost nearly \$2 million.

"So we'll be sending out letters to those individual property holders, letting them know about the plan and encouraging them to contact council, if they want more information," Mayor Rod Buhr said.

"It really depends on the response we get from them and the public generally as to what we'll do going forward, whether or not we initiative a buyback scheme or not."

Councillor Buhr says if a flood-prone property buyback scheme was initiated in the town, it would be largely funded by the state government.

The council is calling for submissions on the draft plan, that outlines areas likely to be affected by flooding in the Macquarie and Bell rivers, and what can be done to mitigate damage.

NSW regional council wins national award

A north western council devastated by bushfire earlier this year has been named the "Most Positive Shire Council" of the year.

The Warrumbungle Shire Council was announced the winner by the Australian Education and Leadership Centre in Perth.

The region is recovering from a bushfire that destroyed 53 homes and more than 90 per cent of the Warrumbungle National Park earlier this year.

The Mayor, Peter Shinton, has praised the efforts of staff in the recovery process, saying many volunteered time and took on extra work duties.

"They all stepped up to the plate, a lot of them volunteered in the fire fighting effort anyway but when it came to setting up the recovery centre staff stepped up to take positions there and they did an excellent job."

He says the disaster tested the council's organisation and resilience.

"It was in response to the rapidity that the council launched the Mayor's Bushfire Appeal, and the way we sought government assistance when we realised the tragic events in January were larger than we'd ever experienced before.

"We've got very well trained staff and they all stepped up."

Nominations open for rural women's award

Nominations are being encouraged for the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) Rural Women's Award before applications close on 31 October.

The RIRDC Rural Women's Award is Australia's pre-eminent Award for rural women. The Award identifies and supports emerging leaders and change agents who have the capability and resources to drive innovation, productivity and sustainability within primary industries, and build economic and social development within rural communities.

The Award acknowledges that women offer a unique approach to leadership, which involves connecting and collaborating to effect change and influence, often without the need for position or authority.

The Award supports women with demonstrated leadership capabilities, or leadership potential and community contribution, who have the desire and commitment to make a greater contribution to their industries and communities. It provides women with financial and professional support to implement their visions for primary industries and enhance their leadership capabilities.

Each State and Territory winner will receive a \$10,000 financial bursary to implement their Award vision. Each State and Territory winner and runner-up will have the opportunity to participate in the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) Company Directors Course and will be supported to develop an individual integrated leadership plan.

State and Territory RIRDC Rural Women's Award 2014 winners and runners-up can expect to be interviewed by the media and where practical attend and speak at relevant public functions.

The National winner and runner-up will each be given an additional \$10,000 bursary to assist in meeting national commitments such as speaking engagements. RIRDC and

relevant State/Territory agencies reserve "non exclusive" rights to publish any material generated from successful applicants' involvement in the Award.

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

Councils welcome delegates from across NSW for conference

Gosford City and Wyong Shire Councils will next week host the Local Government New South Wales (LGNSW) Water Management Conference.

The conference will provide an opportunity for Councillors, local government professionals, government representatives, and the broader industry to tackle key water management issues and discuss emerging water industry issues.

Wyong Shire Mayor, Doug Eaton said the conference will showcase the Central Coast to delegates from across New South Wales.

"The Central Coast has a compelling story to tell, not only do we have a strategic and well managed water supply system in place, but the completion of the Mardi-Mangrove Link in 2011 was an enormous feat from an infrastructure and water management perspective," he said.

"And now the statistics tell the story - water storage levels are currently the highest since August 1994, and the region's water consumption reflects a significant decrease in water use.

"The current levels are a direct result of both the investment Councils have made in the water supply system, as well as the commitment of the people of the Central Coast."

Gosford City Mayor Laurie McKinna said a number of key projects and achievements for the region will be promoted during the conference.

"Around 200 delegates from the water industry and Councils throughout New South Wales will be attending this three day conference, with Gosford City and Wyong Shire Councils given the opportunity to promote some of our key projects," he said.

"Many of the delegates will have to opportunity to tour part of the Mardi-Mangrove Link infrastructure and some of the innovative works completed within Gosford City as well as attend a presentation on WaterPlan 2050 - our region's long term water supply strategy."

The LGNSW Water Management Conference will be held from Sunday 8 September - Tuesday 10 September 2013.

ALGA NEWS 13 SEPTEMBER 2013

ALGA President congratulates new PM on appointment to high office

ALGA President Felicity-ann Lewis has written to Prime Minister elect Tony Abbott and Deputy Prime Minister elect Warren Truss to congratulate them on the Coalition's success in the 2013 federal election and their appointments to high office.

In her correspondence, Mayor Lewis has requested early meetings with Mr Abbott and Mr Truss to discuss the Coalition's policies concerning local government and the current policies facing communities.

Mayor Lewis reinforced the need for certainty for direct funding to councils, following the previous Government's decision not to proceed with a referendum on financial recognition of local government at the time of the recent federal election: "Councils need to be assured that direct Commonwealth funding is not at risk and gaining this assurance from the Australian Government will continue to be one of our top priorities. A referendum is the most effective way to provide that assurance."

Mayor Lewis also raised the issue of community infrastructure funding. "I am also keen to discuss the Coalition Government's new regional funding program - the National Stronger Regions Fund - and the status of existing funding allocations of at least \$150 million for community projects under the former Regional Development Australia Fund."

"While ALGA welcomes the new regional funding program, we are concerned that funding promises made under the former program may not be honoured. We are also concerned that the National Strong Regions Fund will not be established until 2015."

ALGA has invited Mr Truss to speak at ALGA's National Roads and Transport Congress in November and to attend ALGA's next Board meeting.

Roads Congress to hear new Government's plans for local infrastructure

ALGA will be inviting federal Ministers with responsibility for local roads and infrastructure to address ALGA's 2013 National Local Roads and Transport Congress and outline the Coalition's policies for local government.

Councils have identified local roads and infrastructure as a major priority for their communities and the sector is keen to hear how the Federal Government will be working with local government to build the infrastructure of the 21st century across Australia.

The local roads and infrastructure agenda has been adopted by the new Government, which has given commitment to a National Stronger Regions Fund. The Fund will allocate \$200 million a year to building local infrastructure in regional areas.

In addition, the Coalition has promised a national Bridge to Renewal Program, which would provide \$300 million a year to spend on fixing bridges across the country. It has also said that it will seek to ensure that Roads to Recovery (R2R) is continued and is adequately funded so that local councils can continue to provide essential transport infrastructure for their communities. In 2011, ALGA successfully lobbied to the Commonwealth to extend the Roads to Recovery program to 2019. The decision to renew R2R was announced at the 2011 National Roads Congress.

The Coalition will also continue funding for the Black Spot programme, which provides approximately \$60 million a year to address road sites that are high risk areas for serious crashes.

The 2013 Roads Congress to be held in Alice Springs from 12-14 November will be important event for councils wanting to engage with the new Government and the Opposition on their agendas for local government.

To register, or to find out more, please click [here](#).

Local government keeps abreast of invasive species threat

ALGA has this week heard first-hand from experts experienced in managing the risk of pandemics and mitigating threats to the natural environment from invasive species, which will inform the role of local governments in protecting the environment.

ALGA attended a two-day workshop and seminar in Canberra, organised by the CSIRO, to discuss the science of bio-security and bio-invasion. The CSIRO has been the lead scientific agency working on how to best manage current threats and to reduce the impacts of future threats.

The event attracted researchers and practitioners from across the country to discuss how Australia should best prepare for the future. Central to this will be role of local government in land management and planning.

The issue of land management is an important one for many councils across the country.

A key element of this is how to best deal with the constant threats of invasive pest species and their effects on the land and natural eco-systems. Examples of invasive pest species include the cane toad, red fox, feral dogs and cats and the fire ant.

The threat of pest species is an issue that governments of all levels have been working to address and local government is especially concerned about the impacts these species can have on their communities. They can degrade land, destroy crops and financially jeopardise entire areas. The most obvious example is that of the mouse and rabbit plagues that have hit Australia over the last century and devastated large tracks of agricultural land. This issue is experienced not only by rural and less-developed areas. Urban areas also deal with pests such as bamboo and the Indian Myna Bird.

Councils have become increasingly engaged at the grass-roots level to not only boost their own capacity to guard against invasive species but to increase community awareness and better inform them about what they can do.

President's Column

On behalf of local government, I have written to congratulate our new Prime Minister, Tony Abbott and our new Deputy Prime Minister, Warren Truss on the Coalition's victory in the 2013 federal election and their appointments to high office. I have also sought early meetings with them to discuss the Coalition's policies concerning local government and the current priorities facing communities.

Of particular urgency for local government is the need for certainty for direct federal funding to councils. This is an issue which ALGA has been advocating for over many years and despite the decision not to proceed with a referendum on financial recognition of local government at the time of the last federal election, councils need certainty that direct Commonwealth funding is not at risk. The referendum would have provided that certainty and we need to know whether a Coalition Government is committed to a referendum or whether it has an alternative solution. Gaining assurance from the federal government on this issue will continue to be one of our top priorities and I am keen to discuss our continued work in this area with the new Government as soon as possible.

I am also keen to discuss the Coalition Government's new regional funding program - the National Stronger Regions Fund - and the status of existing funding allocations of at least \$150 million for community projects under the former Regional Development Australia Fund. While ALGA welcomes the new regional funding program, we are concerned that funding promises made under the former program may not be honoured. Prior to the election, I urged all parties to support the projects that councils have already identified as community priorities under previously announced funding allocations. We are also concerned that the National Stronger Regions Fund will not be established until 2015, this leaves a gap of more than a year between the time of the federal election and the establishment of a regional funding program through which communities can apply for federal assistance for important infrastructure. Once the Government's ministry has been sworn in, I will also be seeking a meeting with the Minister for Regional Development to pursue this issue.

ALGA has welcomed the Coalition's commitment to building the infrastructure of the 21st century, as the provision of quality community and regional infrastructure is an issue of priority for local government. We also welcome the Coalition's commitment to ensuring the continuation of the Roads to Recovery program and the Black Spots funding program and delivering a \$300 million bridge renewal program, all of which are issues that ALGA has been strongly advocating for.

ALGA is pleased that the Coalition is focused on issues affecting Indigenous employment and community safety and we are especially pleased that the Coalition has outlined specific health programs with a rural and regional focus. As part of its health policy, the Coalition has announced that it will double the Practice Incentive Payment to encourage newly trained doctors to practise in rural and remote areas for a set period of time. It is also investing \$52.5 million in grants in rural and remote health infrastructure and a further \$40 million for 100 additional intern places, with first priority to be given to non-government hospitals in rural and remote areas.

I look forward to working with the newly elected Coalition Government to ensure that the

interests of our local communities are given priority.

Local Government NSW demands Premier restore planning reform balance

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Joint Presidents have strongly urged NSW Premier the Hon. Barry O'Farrell to restore the balance back to the community in his Government's proposed planning reforms or risk a council-led direct action campaign against the legislation.

Concerns about the proposed changes have been raised repeatedly by councils and LGNSW since the initial Green Paper was released by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure in July 2012. In the most recent correspondence to Mr O'Farrell this week, the LGNSW Joint Presidents reiterated their concern that the planning reforms favoured developers at the expense of the community.

Joint President of Local Government NSW, Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM, said the NSW Government is not only ignoring the community, but breaking an election promise.

"The Coalition's election *Contract with NSW* promised the return of planning powers to the community, and Premier O'Farrell and his Ministers have failed, and in fact broken their election promise, and we have had enough!" Cr Rhoades said.

"Councils and the broader community do not accept that the proposed new system delivers on this promise and many actually believe that it is doing quite the opposite."

"With the NSW Government ignoring repeated calls from Local Government NSW to amend its proposed changes to the planning system, councils are becoming increasingly frustrated."

"If Premier O'Farrell does not respond to our letter within the next fortnight as we have requested, it is highly likely that some form of direct action campaign against the legislation will be proposed at the LGNSW Annual Conference next month."

Joint President of Local Government NSW, Cr Ray Donald, said most concerning to councils was the reduction in the community's ability to have a say in local development.

"The reduction in community engagement during assessment of contentious developments seriously risks reducing transparency," Cr Donald said.

The proposed changes to the planning system is one of the five strategic themes that will be debated by delegates at the upcoming LGNSW Annual Conference, taking place on 1-3 October 2013 at the Sydney Town Hall.

Melbourne largest growing capital city

New figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics indicate the greater Melbourne area

has recorded the largest growth of any capital city in Australia.

That growth continues to strain infrastructure and resources. The population has increased by 406,600 people in the five years to June 2012.

Suburbs in the Melbourne's northern and western suburbs have grown substantially. The population of the South Morang area, north of Melbourne, including Doreen and Mernda increased by 25,800 people over a five year period.

In nearby Craigieburn, the population rose by 12,895. In the western suburbs, the population of Point Cook has grown by 19,863 and nearby Tarneit has expanded by 15,348 in that same five year period.

Heather Marcus is the mayor of Wyndham, which includes the Point Cook and Tarneit areas. She is also the spokeswoman for the National Growth Areas Alliance, which represents 25 of Australia's fastest-growing municipalities.

Ms Marcus says in Wyndham, the demand for services is great: "We're struggling to keep up with sporting ovals, community centres, kindergartens, libraries, all the essentials that the residents need in the cities of today," she said.

"I think probably people think it's very cheap to go to these fast-growing areas because the land is cheaper.

"So therefore they're all coming out and that's where you're getting the explosion in these outer growth areas."

Ms Marcus says local and state governments have to come to the party and help pay for new infrastructure.

"There's a whole lot of areas that have to be examined very, very closely because we cannot continue to grow at this rate without the governments providing some of this infrastructure to the councils," she said.

Preferred model to manage Melbourne's growth released

With planning well advanced on a new metropolitan strategy to manage Melbourne's growth and retain its status as a vibrant liveable city, delivering a more coordinated approach to metropolitan planning is critical.

Cr Bill McArthur, President of the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) said councils had advised Minister Guy about the preferred shape, role and functions of the new Metropolitan Planning Authority.

"The operational model developed by councils calls for an independent statutory authority that can forge whole-of-government commitment to the strategy. It must also focus its efforts on addressing issues that are only within the State's jurisdiction to influence, rather than duplicating the role of local government.

"It is expected that the Metropolitan Planning Authority (MPA) would also ensure smooth

and constructive resolution of the inevitable tensions that arise between metropolitan and local interests.

"While generally Melbourne 2030 was a solid planning strategy, we must learn from the inadequate leadership that contributed to ongoing implementation problems. The Authority must coordinate and deliver city-shaping infrastructure and services that address prioritised needs."

Minister Guy announced the establishment of a new Metropolitan Planning Authority earlier this year to assist with implementing the metropolitan strategy, and sought the views of councils on its operation.

To inform this process, the MAV convened local government to develop a preferred model that could inform the Minister's decision on its role, responsibilities and how it should be governed.

The preferred operating model, developed with expert assistance from SGS Economics and Planning, was presented to Minister Guy last month.

Cr McArthur said that anticipated interim arrangements whereby the current Growth Areas Authority (GAA) may take on functions of the new Metropolitan Planning Authority would not be welcomed by councils.

"We understand that this solution is practical, but it would be less than ideal given the absence of local government representation on the GAA. Council representation on the MPA from Melbourne's west, north, east, south and central regions, together with the inclusion of key State authorities and agencies is a must."

View the preferred Metropolitan Planning Authority model at www.mav.asn.au

Queensland ecotourism plan released

A final version of the Queensland Ecotourism Plan 2013-2020 was released last week at the second DestinationQ forum on the Gold Coast.

The plan pledges to encourage local government to support ecotourism via development opportunities that can complement rural and conservation land uses.

It aims to provide tourism operators, government, community and other stakeholders with a clear direction on how Queensland will leverage its competitive advantage to become a world leader in ecotourism.

As part of a three-year action plan local government authorities will be invited to participate in regional forums involving QPWS regional directors, regional tourism organisations and other key stakeholders in order to promote coordination and information sharing about ecotourism opportunities and emerging tourism trends and priorities.

To access the plan, click [here](#).

Business welcomes "small business friendly councils" pilot program

NSW peak business organisation, the NSW Business Chamber, has welcomed the NSW Government's piloting of its proposal for a 'Small Business Friendly' certification program for local councils to encourage them to be more responsive to small businesses.

The pilot program, in partnership with the Office of the Small Business Commissioner, will be trialled in Parramatta City Council along with Boorowa, Tenterfield and Lismore representing regional and rural councils.

The Small Business Friendly Councils pilot will:

- Develop a 'Small Business Friendly Charter' outlining key principles for becoming 'Small Business Friendly';
- Provide a diagnostic evaluation tool to assist Councils to identify their strengths and weaknesses in becoming 'Small Business Friendly';
- Provide a tier recognition system for Councils to recognise their efforts in engaging with their small business community.

"This initiative, that the NSW Business Chamber has put forward to the NSW Government and the Small Business Commissioner, is about getting local councils to be a helpful partner to their small business communities, rather than a hindrance," Stephen Cartwright, CEO of the NSW Business Chamber, said.

"Local councils have an important role to play in supporting the success and growth of small businesses but what we find is a disjointed experience for our members depending on which Local Council area they are located in.

"I commend the Small Business Minister, Katrina Hodgkinson, and the Small Business Commissioner, Yasmin King, for embracing this initiative. The NSW Business Chamber looks forward to making a lasting positive difference to the relationship between councils and small business."

Humpty Doo drumMUSTER open for business

Northern Territory's agvet chemical users can now return their empty and clean agvet chemical containers for recycling thanks to a new agreement with a local council.

Litchfield Council has signed on to host the brand new *drumMUSTER* site at their Humpty Doo Waste Transfer Facility.

The new community service will provide a simple solution for farmers and other chemical users to dispose of their eligible agvet chemical containers used in their operations in the surrounding regions.

drumMUSTER is free to farmers thanks to a 4 cents per litre/kilogram levy they pay on eligible products made by chemical companies who have signed onto the *drumMUSTER*

agreement.

Litchfield Mayor, Allan McKay said he welcomes the *drumMUSTER* service at Humpy Doo Waste Transfer Station.

"This free service offered to local farmers and other chemical users plays a huge part in protecting our local environment," he said.

"It is safer and cleaner solution to our local farmers."

drumMUSTER's National Program Manager, Allan McGann said Litchfield Council will join the hundreds of councils across the country who provide the service to rate payers.

"*drumMUSTER* is an essential community service for a lot of regions. Farmers, pest control operators and other chemical users will benefit from having a regular service to offload drums that are becoming an environmental problem on their land," he said.

"With a few small to medium farming operations, along with a few large melon farms, in the council region, there's guaranteed to be drums just waiting to be returned and recycled."

The new site will be run with the help of the NT Farmers Association, who recently signed on to take over the *drumMUSTER* and ChemClear services across the territory.

Since 1999, *drumMUSTER* has collected more than 22 million drums nation-wide. That represents more than 27,000 tonnes of waste avoiding landfill and being recycled into new and useful things again, like plastic cable covers, wheelie bins and pipes.

For further information on the *drumMUSTER* program, call 1800 008 707, or log on to www.drummuster.com.au

Communities mark Suicide Prevention Day and R U OK? Day

Hundreds of local events were held by community organisations across Australia this week in support of suicide prevention.

Tuesday 10 September marked **World Suicide Prevention Day**. Australians were encouraged to take the time to learn about suicide, recognise the signs and help to ensure that everyone knows that there are ways to receive and provide help.

Thursday 12 September marked **R U OK?Day** which is dedicated to reminding people to regularly check in with family and friends. To access resources to use throughout the year to help you ask 'are you ok?' regularly of family, friends and colleagues, click [here](#).

Considering deploying or obtaining a grant for CCTV in

your LGA?

A free guide has been developed to help councils considering a CCTV program.

State and federal government schemes are available to help local governments fund the implementation of CCTV systems and other crime reduction initiatives. The incoming federal government has committed about \$50 million for grants assistance to local councils for CCTV and other measures.

If councils are considering a CCTV program, there are several issues to factor in - from how to obtain a grant, to how to engage with the community, find the right solutions, ongoing maintenance, policy and procedure development and privacy considerations.

Whether councils are seeking a grant or have received funding and are tackling the selection and integration aspects of CCTV, the free Safe City CCTV Local Councils guide could assist.

The guide has been designed by an expert in CCTV, who has worked with multiple local councils around Australia. The guide outlines what councils need to know to get funding, and what to do once they have received funding.

The Safe City CCTV for Local Councils guide is available to download from www.councilcctv.com.au

ACELG Annual Report released

The Australian Centre of Excellence in Local Government (ACELG) 2012 Annual Report has been released. The Report outlines key achievements and research between January and December 2012, and includes a complete list of publications and financial statements for the year. This will be a useful document for those interested in the progress of ACELG to date and its ongoing contribution to the local government sector in Australia.

The current *ACELG Project Plan* is an affiliated document that provides further detail about ACELG and its current work for 2013.

Exceptional leadership should be rewarded

Amidst the bright lights and constant commotion of Australian politics, it's easy to overlook the important work and exceptional leadership that takes place behind the scenes.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants' Leadership in Government Awards™ recognises the outstanding skills and experience of our best Public Servants.

In 2013 there are two awards - the *Federal Government Leader of the Year Award* and the *Outstanding Contribution in Public Administration Award*. Each acknowledges the personal qualities (like integrity, determination and professionalism), and the professional abilities (such as relationship building, negotiating with influence and facilitating change)

that make great leaders in Public Service.

Nominations are now open. So if you work with, or know of, a leader in government worthy of recognition, take the time to **put their name forward**.

Applications close on 1st October. For more information, and to make your nomination, visit leadershipingovernment.com.au

ALGA News can be read online each week at www.alga.asn.au/news.aspx
Editor: newscomments@alga.asn.au Tel: 02 6122 9434.
Australian Local Government Association - 8 Geils Court, Deakin, ACT, 2600.
Copyright © 2001 Australian Local Government Association. ISSN 1447-980X

[Advertise in ALGA News](#)
[Unsubscribe](#)

Information Bulletin

Issue No. 17/2013

Inside this Issue	
<p>➔ Correspondence & Papers Pink Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Correspondence ▪ WA Local Government Association (WALGA) News Issue No 35.13 – 9 September 2013C-1 Issue No 36.13 – 16 September 2013C-3 ▪ Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) News 6 September 2013C-6 13 September 2013C-17 ▪ Media Releases
<p>➔ Information from Human Resources Blue Divider</p>	
Information to Standing Committees	
<p>➔ Technical Services Green Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outstanding Matters and Information Items Various Items..... T-1 ▪ Monthly / Quarterly Departmental Reports Technical Services Works Programme T-2 ▪ Municipal Waste Advisory Council Minutes 21 August 2013 T-9
<p>➔ Community Services Beige Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outstanding Matters & Information Items Report on Outstanding Matters – Community Services Committee..... C-1 ▪ Monthly / Quarterly Departmental Reports Community Development Report –Community Development Report September 2013..... C-2 Leisure Services Report –August 2013..... C-7 Manager Library & Heritage Services Monthly Report – August 2013 C-10 Tourism/Events & Visitor Centre Monthly Report – August 2013 C-18 Manager Ranger & Emergency Services Monthly Report –August 2013 C-23 ▪ ... Minutes of Occasional/Advisory Committees Highland Gathering 14 August 2013 C-28 ATSIAG 3 September 2013C-30 ▪ Information Flyers.....C-33
<p>City Strategy Lilac Divider</p>	Nil
<p>Development Services Yellow Divider</p>	Nil

1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

- Administrator Planning Services – commences 23/09/13.

Staff Leaving:

- Parks Maintenance Operator – termination effective 5/09/13.

Other Staff Movements (Internal):

- Strategic/Statutory Planning Officer successful in recruitment and promotion to the Project Coordinator Contribution Schemes – effective 5 September 2013.

Current Recruitment Activity:

- Project Coordinator Contribution Schemes – recruitment complete.
- Senior Building Surveyor – interviews complete, recruitment progressing.
- Building Surveyor – interviews complete, recruitment progressing.
- Administrator Planning Services – recruitment complete.
- Website Administrator – interviews complete, recruitment progressing.
- Aquatic Centre Recruitment – applications closed 5/09/13.
 - Pool Lifeguard
 - Swim Instructor
 - Aqua Instructor
 - Customer Service Officer
- Senior Records Officer – applications closed 12/09/13.
- Leisure Services Coordinator – applications close 19/09/13.
- Liaison and Compliance Officer – applications close 19/09/13.
- Statutory Planning Officer (12 month contract – applications close 26/09/13.
- Strategic/Statutory Planning Officer – applications close 26/09/13.
- Administration Officer, Rangers (6 month part-time maternity leave contract) – applications close 26/09/13.

Information Bulletin

Issue No. 17/2013

Inside this Issue	
<p>➔ Correspondence & Papers Pink Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Correspondence ▪ WA Local Government Association (WALGA) News Issue No 35.13 – 9 September 2013C-1 Issue No 36.13 – 16 September 2013C-3 ▪ Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) News 6 September 2013C-6 13 September 2013C-17 ▪ Media Releases
<p>➔ Information from Human Resources Blue Divider</p>	
Information to Standing Committees	
<p>➔ Technical Services Green Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outstanding Matters and Information Items Various Items..... T-1 ▪ Monthly / Quarterly Departmental Reports Technical Services Works Programme T-2 ▪ Municipal Waste Advisory Council Minutes 21 August 2013 T-9
<p>➔ Community Services Beige Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outstanding Matters & Information Items Report on Outstanding Matters – Community Services Committee..... C-1 ▪ Monthly / Quarterly Departmental Reports Community Development Report –Community Development Report September 2013..... C-2 Leisure Services Report –August 2013..... C-7 Manager Library & Heritage Services Monthly Report – August 2013 C-10 Tourism/Events & Visitor Centre Monthly Report – August 2013 C-18 Manager Ranger & Emergency Services Monthly Report –August 2013 C-23 ▪ ... Minutes of Occasional/Advisory Committees Highland Gathering 14 August 2013 C-28 ATSIAG 3 September 2013C-30 ▪ Information Flyers.....C-33
<p>City Strategy Lilac Divider</p>	Nil
<p>Development Services Yellow Divider</p>	Nil

TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS		
ITEM	REFERRING COMMITTEE	COMMENTS
Council 25 February 2013 Matter for Referral – Cr Northcott “That Council Request Officers investigate and report back to Committee the matter of provision of a fully accessible playground within the City of Armadale by November 2013.”	Technical Services	Investigation under way with report to be presented to November Technical Services Committee Meeting.
Council 27 May 2013 Matter for Referral - Cr Munn “Success of the Fremantle program in banning plastic bags in retail centres.”	Technical Services	Report to be presented to Committee.
Council 24 June 2013 Matter for Referral – Cr J Stewart “That the matter of Cobham Way footpath be referred to the Technical Services Committee.”	Technical Services	Report to be presented to Committee.
Council 24 June 2013 Matter for Referral – Cr Wielinga “That the matter of the possibility of a vehicle access policy for the City’s reserves be referred to the Technical Services Committee.”	Technical Services	Report to be presented to Committee.
Council 26 August 2013 Matter for Referral – Cr Geary “That the matter of Local Area Traffic Management on Waterwheel Road, Bedforddale be referred to the Technical Services Committee.”	Technical Services	Report to be presented to Committee.

TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE
Works Programme – October 2013 – October 2013



Department	October 2013	November 2013	December 2013
Civil Works	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicholson Road – between Harrisdale Drive and Road I. Nicholson Road – between Road I and Piara Drive. Ranford Road – Lake Road to Alex Wood Drive. Ranford Road – Alex Wood Drive to Tonkin Highway. Balannup Road – interim upgrade. Private works for MRWA – corner Warton Road and Armadale Road. Forrestdale Business Park – swale. Herbrides Drive – cul-de-sac. Clover Approach – cul-de-sac. Reilly Road extension to Balannup Road. Armadale Road cycle-path between Gribble Ave and Haynes Shopping Centre. <p><u>Maintenance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routine maintenance as per Programme. 	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicholson Road – between Harrisdale Drive and Road I. Nicholson Road – between Road I and Piara Drive. Ranford Road – Lake Road to Alex Wood Drive. Ranford Road – Alex Wood Drive to Tonkin Highway (Pending MRA). Herbrides Drive – cul-de-sac. Clover Approach – cul-de-sac. Armadale Road cycle-path between Gribble Avenue and Haynes Shopping Centre. Westfield Road upgrade (MRRG). Railway Avenue upgrade (MRRG). Streich Avenue/Denny Avenue (Spud Shed). Gecko Road footpath. Tillinga Street footpath. Willowmead Way – re-seal. <p><u>Maintenance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routine maintenance as per Programme. 	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicholson Road – between Harrisdale Drive and Road I. Nicholson Road – between Road I and Piara Drive. Ranford Road – Lake Road to Alex Wood Drive. Ranford Road – Alex Wood Drive to Tonkin Highway (Pending MRA). Westfield Road upgrade (MRRG). Lake Road upgrade (behind Bunnings). Streich Avenue/Denny Avenue (Spud Shed). Armadale Road cycle-path between Gribble Avenue and Haynes Shopping Centre. Lang Street upgrade. Peet Road footpath. Hart Street footpath. <p><u>Maintenance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routine maintenance as per Programme.

Department	October 2013	November 2013	December 2013
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract road sweeping. • Footpath defects. • Drainage maintenance in various locations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract road sweeping. • Footpath defects. • Drainage maintenance in various locations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract road sweeping. • Footpath defects. • Drainage maintenance in various locations.
Development	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 active areas of civil works. • 6 civil works submissions under review. • 2 water management submissions under review. • 4 landscaping submissions under review. <p><u>Churchman Brook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Brookdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Armadale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Mt Nasura</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 WAPC subdivision submission under review. <p><u>METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</u></p> <p><u>MRA - Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p>	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 active areas of civil works. • 6 civil works submissions under review. • 2 water management submissions under review. • 4 landscaping submissions under review. <p><u>Churchman Brook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Brookdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Armadale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Mt Nasura</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 WAPC subdivision submission under review. <p><u>METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</u></p> <p><u>MRA - Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p>	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 active areas of civil works. • 6 civil works submissions under review. • 2 water management submissions under review. • 4 landscaping submissions under review. <p><u>Churchman Brook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Brookdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Armadale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Mt Nasura</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 WAPC subdivision submission under review. <p><u>METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</u></p> <p><u>MRA - Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p>

Department	October 2013	November 2013	December 2013
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 civil works submissions under review. • 2 active areas of civil works. <p><u>MRA - Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing – awaiting further submissions. <p><u>MRA - Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 WAPC subdivision submissions under review. • 2 active areas of civil works. • 3 civil works submissions under review. • 2 landscaping submissions under review. • 1 active major public utility installation. <p><u>MRA - Champion Lakes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 WAPC subdivision submission under review. • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 landscaping submission under review. <p><u>MRA - Lake Road - Champion Glades</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 water management submission under review. <p><u>MRA - Seville Grove</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 civil works submissions under review. • 2 active areas of civil works. <p><u>MRA - Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing – awaiting further submissions. <p><u>MRA - Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 WAPC subdivision submissions under review. • 2 active areas of civil works. • 3 civil works submissions under review. • 2 landscaping submissions under review. • 1 active major public utility installation. <p><u>MRA - Champion Lakes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 WAPC subdivision submission under review. • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 landscaping submission under review. <p><u>MRA - Lake Road - Champion Glades</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 water management submission under review. <p><u>MRA - Seville Grove</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 civil works submissions under review. • 2 active areas of civil works. <p><u>MRA - Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing – awaiting further submissions. <p><u>MRA - Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 WAPC subdivision submissions under review. • 2 active areas of civil works. • 3 civil works submissions under review. • 2 landscaping submissions under review. • 1 active major public utility installation. <p><u>MRA - Champion Lakes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 WAPC subdivision submission under review. • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 landscaping submission under review. <p><u>MRA - Lake Road - Champion Glades</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 water management submission under review. <p><u>MRA - Seville Grove</u></p>

Department	October 2013	November 2013	December 2013
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. • 1 water management submission under review. <p><u>MRA – Gillam Drive</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current movement in area of civil works. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. • 1 water management submission under review. <p><u>MRA – Gillam Drive</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current movement in area of civil works. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. • 1 water management submission under review. <p><u>MRA – Gillam Drive</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current movement in area of civil works.
Design and Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Resurfacing – Nookawarra Place. • Road Resurfacing – Taronga Way. • Blackspot Roundabout – Gilwell/Clifton. • LATM – Gribble Avenue. • LATM – Waterwheel Road. • Carpark – John Dunn Reserve. • Carpark – Karragullen Oval. • Carpark – Alfred Skeet Oval. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterwheel Road LATM. • Seventh Road Design. • Road Resurfacing – Dollis Way. • Lighting - Armadale Road. • Fourth Road. • Coleus Way cul-de-sac. • Clover Approach cul-de-sac. • Hebrides Drive cul-de-sac. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jarrah Road, Roleystone – Carpark. • Drainage – Aviemore Drive. • Piara/Nicholson/Riva - Roundabout Finalisation. • Lang Street. • Nicholson Road Stage 4. • Balannup Road. • Streich Avenue/Denny Avenue (Spud Shed).
Parks Works	<p><u>Capital/ Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fletcher Park - Scoping Stage 2 works - meeting with Wallangarra Pony Club to follow. 	<p><u>Capital/ Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fletcher Park - Stage Cross Country Course Feasibility works – Proposal tabled and being reviewed. Environmental Services leading. • Nicholson Road Landscaping project postponed due to Water Corporation mainline works. • Armadale Golf Course works scope being reviewed post Property Services costs being realised. Course design Master Plan to be developed and will steer irrigation system design and 	<p><u>Capital/ Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fletcher Park - Stage Cross Country Course Feasibility works – Proposal tabled and being reviewed. Environmental Services leading. • Nicholson Road landscaping project postponed due to Water Corporation mainline works. Deferred until 2014 planting season. • Armadale Golf Course works scope being reviewed post Property Services costs being realised. Course design Master Plan to be developed and will

Department	October 2013	November 2013	December 2013
	<p><u>Asset Renewal Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Skeet Reserve – replacement skate facilities. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract landscape maintenance. • Contract play space maintenance. • Scheduled mowing. • Irrigation maintenance. • Bushland maintenance. • Civic Precinct maintenance. • New estate maintenance. • Citywide streetscape maintenance. • Customer requests. • Barbecue cleaning. 	<p>install.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POS Precinct B – ordering of equipment underway. <p><u>Asset Renewal Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oval lighting projects scoping. Initial site audit to establish service capabilities. • Renewal of pumps and cabinets - ordered and being constructed prior to install. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract landscape maintenance. • Contract play space maintenance. • Scheduled mowing. • Irrigation maintenance. • Bushland maintenance. • Civic Precinct maintenance. • New estate maintenance. • Citywide streetscape maintenance. • Customer requests. • Barbecue cleaning. 	<p>steer irrigation system design and install.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POS Precinct B upgrade installations underway. <p><u>Asset Renewal Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oval lighting projects scoping. Initial site audit to establish service capabilities. • Renewal of pumps and cabinets - ordered and being constructed prior to install. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract landscape maintenance. • Contract play space maintenance. • Scheduled mowing. • Irrigation maintenance. • Bushland maintenance. • Civic Precinct maintenance. • New estate maintenance. • Citywide streetscape maintenance. • Customer requests. • Barbecue cleaning.
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 Design and Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Wide Green Strategy. • Kelmscott CBD Stage 1- Detailed Design. • Jull Street landscape detailed design. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Wide Green Strategy Draft Report. • Jull Street landscape detailed design. • Parks asset database field collection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Wide Green Strategy Final Report. • Parks asset database field collection ongoing - data processing and

Department	October 2013	November 2013	December 2013
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks asset database field collection ongoing - data processing and integration into asset database. • Jarrah Road Landscape Concept. • Playground Report - All Access. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ongoing - data processing and integration into asset database. • Golf Course Master Plan Design to be commissioned in consideration of Feasibility Study and Safety Audit J Lane. • John Dunn Master Plan (Rugby Oval Upgrades) concept design. • Oval lighting auditing of existing services at proposed sites to establish design capabilities. • Playground Report - All Access. • Entry Statement Report • Kelmscott CBD Stage 1- Detailed Design. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> integration into asset database. • Armadale Golf Course irrigation system design and construct. • Playground Report - All Access Final Report
Property Management	<p>Capital Works Upgrade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Administration: Re-design of existing stores area to provide accommodation for Property Services and Waste Services. • Armadale Hall External Toilets – re-design and inclusion of accessible unisex facility. • Seville Grove Library – Airconditioning upgrade. • Aquatic Centre – Shade sails. • Aquatic Centre – Security screens to windows. • Arena – Upgrade airconditioning to 	<p>Capital Works Upgrade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Administration: Redesign of existing stores area to provide accommodation for Property Services and Waste Services. • Armadale Hall External Toilets – redesign and inclusion of accessible unisex facility. • Aquatic Centre – Shade sails. • Arena – Upgrade air conditioning to aerobics area and gymnasium. • Arena – Upgrade to office air conditioner. • Reg Williams Pavilion (Minnawarra House) – electrical upgrade to Centre. 	<p>Capital Works Upgrade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Administration: Redesign of existing stores area to provide accommodation for Property Services and Waste Services. • Armadale Hall External Toilets – redesign and inclusion of accessible unisex facility. • Arena - Sanding and remarking sports floors. • Kelmscott Hall –Re-roof. • Seville Grove Library – Air conditioner Replacement • Armadale Hall – Internal upgrades. • Cross Park – Electrical upgrade to

Department	October 2013	November 2013	December 2013
	<p>aerobics area and gymnasium.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arena – Upgrade to office airconditioner. • Reg Williams Pavilion (Minnawarra House) – electrical upgrade to Centre. <p><u>Renewal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration - Signage to exterior of building (ongoing). • Administration: Supply and install new generator (ongoing). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Park – Electrical upgrade to sports pavilions. <p><u>Renewal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration - Signage to exterior of building (ongoing). • Alfred Skeet Pavilion – Numerous works • Armadale Bowling Club – Numerous works 	<p>sports pavilions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Churchmans Brook - Security screens. <p><u>Renewal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration - Signage to exterior of building (ongoing). • Armadale Bowling Club – Numerous works. • Champion Centre – Internal refurbishments. • Arena – Internal painting.
City Projects	<p><u>Capital Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piara Waters Stage 2 – Works commencing. • New office complex – earthworks commence. 	<p><u>Capital Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piara Waters Stage 2 – Works continuing. • New office complex – site works commence. 	<p><u>Capital Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piara Waters Stage 2 – Works continuing. • New office complex – site works ongoing.



MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL
"Getting the Environment Right"

Municipal Waste Advisory Council

Unconfirmed Minutes

**4.00pm Wednesday
21 August 2013
Local Government House, Boardroom
15 Altona Street, West Perth**

CONTENTS

1	PRESENTATION – MATTRESS RECYCLING	4
2	PROCEDURAL MATTERS	4
3	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.....	4
3.1	CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MWAC MINUTES	4
3.2	BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MWAC MINUTES	4
4	DECISION ITEMS.....	5
4.1	MEETING DATES – MWAC AND OAG***	5
4.2	PREFERRED SUPPLIER – RECYCLABLE MATERIAL.....	6
4.3	PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP - APPROACHES	7
4.4	PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE – PLANNING	8
5	DISCUSSION ITEMS.....	9
5.1	LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM.....	9
5.2	HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM Mk3***	9
6	INFORMATION ITEMS.....	10
6.1	PILBARA DATA STUDY.....	10
6.2	CASH FOR CONTAINERS UPDATE	10
6.3	DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT REGULATION – LICENSING GUIDANCE	10
6.4	HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE UPDATE	11
6.5	INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY	12
6.6	KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL CAMPAIGN	12
6.7	C&D PREFERRED SUPPLIERS ACCREDITED	12
6.8	WARR ACT REVIEW	12
6.9	WASTE AUTHORITY BUSINESS PLAN 2013/14	12
7	REPORTS.....	13
7.1	WORKING GROUPS/COMMITTEE REPORTS.....	15
7.2	CORRESPONDENCE	16
8	OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS	16
8.1	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MAYOR ALANNAH MAC TIERNAN	16
8.2	OAG AND MWAC AGENDA/ MINUTES	16
9	NEXT MEETING	16

ATTENDENCE

Cr Doug Thompson (Fremantle)	WALGA State Council	Chair
Mayor Don Ennis (Town of Narrogin)	WALGA State Council	Deputy Chair
Cr Julie Brown (Gosnells)	WALGA State Council	
Cr Wally Barrett (Murray)	WALGA State Council	
Cr Greg Campbell (Harvey)	Bunbury Harvey Regional Council	
Cr Jeff Munn (Armadale)	Rivers Regional Council	
Cr Garry Trinder (Subiaco)	Western Metropolitan Regional Council	
Mr Brian Callander	Mindarie Regional Council	OAG Deputy
Mr Steve Fitzpatrick	Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council	
Mr Alex Sheridan	Rivers Regional Council	
Mr Tim Youé	Southern Metropolitan Regional Council	
Ms Rebecca Goodwin	Western Metropolitan Regional Council	
Mr John Hogg	Western Metropolitan Regional Council	
Mr Sebastian Camillo (Gingin)	Non-Metropolitan Local Government	
Mr Bernie Burnett (Canning)	Metropolitan Local Government	
Ms Rebecca Brown	Municipal Waste Advisory Council	
Ms Heather Squire	Municipal Waste Advisory Council	
Ms Ariane Katscherian	Municipal Waste Advisory Council	
Mr Mark Batty	WA Local Government Association	
Mayor Troy Pickard	WALGA President	Observer

APOLOGIES

Cr Graham Pittaway (Bayswater)	Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council	
Cr Ron Ashplant	City of Greater Geraldton	
Cr Robert Willis (Melville)	Southern Metropolitan Regional Council	
Cr Michael Aspinall (Gingin)	Non Metropolitan Local Government	
Mr Mark Wong	City of Greater Geraldton	OAG Chair
Ms Vanessa Fernandez	Municipal Waste Advisory Council	
Cr Ron Hoffman	FORC Representative	Observer

1 PRESENTATION – Mattress Recycling

MWAC welcomed Mr Adam Johnson, who discussed mattress recycling.

2 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2.1 Election of Municipal Waste Advisory Council Chair

The current MWAC Chair Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan resigned from her position in August 2013. It had been suggested that the election of an MWAC Chair be postponed until after the Local Government elections in October, however it was agreed there would be a need for an MWAC Chair to be in place for the coming months.

Nominations for the Chair were called. Cr Doug Thompson was elected unopposed as the new MWAC Chair. This position is for a two year term, expiring in August 2015.

2.2 MWAC Minutes tabled at WALGA State Council

The Minutes of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council meeting held 26 June were noted at the WA Local Government Association State Council meeting on Wednesday, 3 July 2013.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 Confirmation of the Previous MWAC Minutes

MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL MOTION (MAYOR ENNIS/ CR MUNN)

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council held on 26 June 2013 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

3.2 Business Arising from the Previous MWAC Minutes

A	Issue	December MWAC Item 4.3 Priority Products for EPR		
	Action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More information be provided to the February MWAC Meeting on the roll out of the National TV and Computer Product Stewardship Scheme and the current activity on Mattresses. 2. More information be provided on the characteristics of products which make them suitable for Product Stewardship. 		
	Timeframe		Status	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete. 2. In progress.

B	Issue	December MWAC Item 4.4 Local Government Waste Education – Metro		
	Action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the Report on Metropolitan Recycling Waste Education. 2. Endorse the pursuit of funding from the Waste Authority to increase the consistency and penetration of waste educations messaging. 3. Engage with Local Government regarding the waste education messages used. 4. Investigate the reasons and potential solutions for inconsistent education messages (e.g. contractual). 5. Investigate the materials which have a lower recycling rate as a potential focus for education 		
	Timeframe		Status	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete. 2. Complete. 3. In progress 4. In progress 5. In progress

C	Issue	February MWAC Item 4.5 Research Paper into Tyre Management		
	Action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the Research Paper into Tyre Management in Australia; and 2. Continue Advocacy for the introduction of Extended Producer Responsibility for Tyres. 		
	Timeframe		Status	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete. 2. Ongoing.

D	Issue	February MWAC Item 5.2 Waste & Recycle Conference		
	Action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Independent survey of those not attending the Conference (Elected Members), focusing on why they are not attending and what would make them more likely to attend; 2. Investigation into alternative venues; 3. Circulate issues raised to MWAC and request further suggestions, speakers and feedback; 4. Convene a meeting of the Strategic Waste & Recycle Conference Group and the MWAC Chair to discuss format and timing of the Conference. 		
	Timeframe		Status	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. In progress 4. In progress 5. Complete 6. Meeting date to be set.

4 DECISION ITEMS

4.1 Meeting Dates – MWAC and OAG***

MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL MOTION (CR BARRETT/ CR CAMPBELL)

That the Municipal Waste Advisory Council endorse the proposed meeting dates for 2013 and 2014, as amended.

CARRIED

In Brief

- Meeting dates for 2013 and 2014 have been proposed, the dates of zone meetings have been considered when setting these dates.
- OAG meetings are only scheduled every 2 months or as needed.
- There is no MWAC/OAG meeting in October due to the Local Government elections.

Relevance to Strategic / Business Plan: N/A

Policy Implications: N/A

Budgetary Implications: N/A

Actions/Advocacy Activity

N/A

Background

MWAC / OAG have agreed to revisit meeting dates for 2013 and 2014. The OAG agreed to meet every 2 months, unless otherwise required. MWAC have agreed to reduce the number of meetings.

Comment

Due to the Local Government elections in October, it is suggested that OAG / MWAC meetings be deferred to November. The December meetings would then be cancelled. OAG / MWAC may need to consider some matters out of session.

The meeting dates have been compared with the current know Zone meeting dates to ensure they are on different days and public holidays for 2014. The proposed meeting dates are **attached pg. 1**.

Discussion at the Municipal Waste Advisory Council meeting

MWAC agreed to postpone the November 2013 meeting to early in December to ensure Zone delegates had been nominated. The date of the Officers Advisory Group meeting will be 2 weeks before the MWAC meeting. The Executive Officer will advise members of the changed dates.

4.2 Preferred Supplier – Recyclable Material

MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL MOTION (CR CAMPBELL/ CR BARRETT)

That the Municipal Waste Advisory Council investigate the potential for the development of a recyclable material preferred supplier panel.

CARRIED

In Brief

- Preferred Supplier Arrangements assist Local Governments with the procurement of goods and services.
- There are several waste management related Arrangements currently in place, for example waste collection.
- An additional Preferred Supplier Arrangement has been suggested.

Relevance to Strategic / Business Plan:

- Key Results Area: Member Engagement and Services
 - Strategy: 3.3 Use Local Governments collective bargaining power in negotiating the best outcomes for the sector.
 - KPI: 6: Use of Local Government collective bargaining power in relation to purchasing/negotiation.

Policy Implications: N/A

Budgetary Implications: May be budgetary implications to develop of a Preferred Supplier Arrangement.

Actions/Advocacy Activity

N/A

Background

MWAC has budgeted for the development of 2 preferred suppliers arrangements in 2013/14. These relate to used motor oil (a current Preferred Supplier) and organic products (as part of the Waste Authority funded projects). It has also been suggested, in correspondence from Adam Johnson, that MWAC undertake a preferred supplier arrangement for mattress recycling.

Comment

Undertaking a preferred supplier arrangement for mattresses would not necessarily assist all Local Governments as these services are mainly available only in the metropolitan area. However, developing preferred supplier arrangements for a range of recyclable materials would have a potential benefit to all Local Governments. Materials that could be covered under such an arrangement could include:

- Scrap metal;
- Paper / cardboard;
- Timber; and
- Mattresses.

Further investigation is needed to determine the demand from Local Government for such an arrangement and how the project could be funded.

Discussion at the Municipal Waste Advisory Council meeting

MWAC discussed this item and emphasized that further investigations would include consultation with current suppliers for the various services.

4.3 Product Stewardship - Approaches

MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL MOTION (MAYOR ENNIS/ CR CAMPBELL)

That the Municipal Waste Advisory Council write to the Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water advocating that a co-regulatory or mandatory approach be taken in the development of Product Stewardship Schemes for paint and batteries.

CARRIED

In Brief

- Under the *Product Stewardship Act 2011*, every year a list is produced which highlights material for Product Stewardship.
- On the 2013/14 list paint and batteries are included and MWAC advocated strongly for the inclusion of these products.
- The approach taken to Product Stewardship for these products, voluntary, co-regulatory, mandatory, is yet to be decided, however the Federal Government seems keen to pursue a voluntary approach only.
- A voluntary approach will not necessarily deliver an effective Scheme and action is needed to ensure that any schemes put in place meet the needs of Local Government and the community.

Relevance to Strategic / Business Plan:

- Key Results Area: Membership Engagement and Services
 - Strategy: 3.2 Facilitate Local Government engagement in Product Stewardship Schemes
 - KPI: 7: Success of engagement activities in relation to Product Stewardship Schemes

Policy Implications: N/A

Budgetary Implications: N/A

Actions/Advocacy Activity

Actively engage in the development of the Product Stewardship schemes.

Background

The Parliamentary Secretary has released the first priority statement for Product Stewardship. The list is intended to put industry on notice that a particular material is under consideration and to provide a clear focus for Government Policy development. The materials are:

- Waste architectural and decorative paint;
- End-of-life handheld batteries (less than 2kg in weight);
- Packaging (and subsets of packaging, such as consumer packaging and beverage packaging);
- End-of-life air conditioners with small gas charges; and
- End-of-life refrigerators with small gas charges.

The last two products are included because of the potential ozone depleting properties of the gas used.

Comment

MWAC advocated for the inclusion of paint and batteries in this list as a Product Stewardship Scheme is urgently needed for these materials. The process of developing Schemes for these products has commenced – with a very clear direction from the Federal Government to focus on voluntary schemes as the first stage.

Unfortunately voluntary schemes will not necessarily deliver the outcomes needed by Local Governments. These outcomes include:

- Collection and recycling costs are covered;
- There is reasonable access to recycling options for the whole community;
- Industry is involved in the collection of materials;
- Clear and measurable targets; and
- Timely Implementation.

In the first instance, it is suggested MWAC seek assurance from the Parliamentary Secretary that:

- Any schemes developed will meet the key outcomes required by Local Government; and
- There is willingness for the Federal Government to regulate for Product Stewardship.

Discussion at the Municipal Waste Advisory Council meeting

The Executive Officer outlined the process which had led to the listing of paint and batteries. The Chair identified that it was important for MWAC to advocate strongly for a mandatory or co-regulatory approach to Product Stewardship. The motion was amended to reflect this.

4.4 Project Steering Committee – Planning

MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL DRAFT MOTION (MAYOR ENNIS/ CR BARRETT)

That the Municipal Waste Advisory Council endorse the following member for the Planning Project Councillor Doug Thompson.

CARRIED

In Brief

- At the June MWAC meeting members were nominated for all of the Waste Authority Project Steering Committees.
- With the departure of Mayor MacTiernan as Chair of MWAC a new representative for the Planning Steering Committee is needed.

Relevance to Strategic / Business Plan:

- Key Results Area: Program Delivery
 - Strategy: Seek opportunities for additional Program delivery, in line with priorities identified.
 - KPI: Other funding programs identified and pursued.

Policy Implications: N/A

Budgetary Implications: This Project makes up a significant proportion of MWAC's budget for the 2013/14 financial year.

Actions/Advocacy Activity

MWAC is actively engaged in the projects and members champion the projects to their Councils.

Background

MWAC was successful in gaining funding from the Waste Authority for these projects which focus on:

- Planning Project – to greater integrate waste management plans into Local Government planning systems.
- Communications and Promotions Project – to undertake a metropolitan wide campaign to increase recycling through the kerbside recycling bin.
- Best Practice Compost Project – actively encouraging and seeking commitment from Local Government to use Alternative Waste Treatment derived organic product.

One of the key governance mechanisms to ensure the Projects are on track and have an adequate level of input from the sector involves the Steering Groups identified in the Project Proposals. To ensure both practical and strategic input, it is suggested that the MWAC representatives include both an Officer and Councillor. The Waste Authority will have representative(s) on all of the Steering Groups.

Comment

With the departure of the MWAC Chair, a new representative is needed for the Planning Steering Committee. Steering Committees will meet 3 – 4 times a year; requirements on members are anticipated to be:

- Attendance and active participation at meetings;
- Reviewing documents out of session, as required; and
- Reporting back to MWAC (with assistance from MWAC staff) on the progress of the Projects.

Discussion at the Municipal Waste Advisory Council meeting

Cr Thompson indicated he was interested in taking up the position on the Planning Steering Committee.

5 DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Local Government Reform

In Brief

- The State Governments approach to Local Government reform has been released, along with the Government response to the Robson Review;
- The impact on waste management is yet to be determined; and
- MWAC/WALGA have articulated a clear vision for how waste management should be structure.

For Discussion

- *What are the issues for waste management in the reform process?*
- *How can MWAC engage further?*

Background

On Tuesday 20 July, the Government announced its preferred option for Local Government reform in the metropolitan area. The Government has also responded to the recommendations from the Robson Review, in relation to waste management these were:

- *The State Government consider the management of waste treatment and disposal at a metropolitan-wide scale either be undertaken by a State authority or through a partnership with local government.*
 - *Response: **Supported.*** The State Government will await the recommendations of the Strategic Waste Infrastructure Planning Working Group, which includes local government and industry representation, before considering options for metropolitan waste treatment and disposal.
- *The existing Regional Local Governments in the metropolitan area be dissolved, their provisions in the Local Government Act 1995 be repealed for the metropolitan area and a transitional plan for dissolving the existing bodies in the metropolitan area be developed.*
 - *Response: **Deferred.*** Regional Councils are primarily concerned with the treatment and disposal of waste. The recommendation of the Strategic Waste Infrastructure Planning Group will be considered when it has concluded its work later this year.

WALGA will be hosting a breakfast session, on Thursday 29 August, to discuss the Vision for Waste Management in the Metropolitan Area Paper.

Discussion at the Municipal Waste Advisory Council meeting

The Executive Manager of Governance and Corporate Services, Mr Tony Brown, presented an overview of the reform process, timeline and WALGA's role. WALGA is currently developing a toolkit to assist Local Government's with the reform process. This tool kit is being developed and is expected to be available in November. The Executive Officer suggested an out of session MWAC meeting to discuss waste management implications and provide input to the toolkit.

Mayor Pickard highlighted the Waste Visions Paper has been accepted by the Local Government waste sector.

5.2 Household Hazardous Waste Program Mk3***

In Brief

- The current HHW Program finishes in July 2015 therefore there needs to be consideration of what the next phase of the Program should entail.
- This discussion item is to briefly consider the current Program and identify general parameters for the development of the next iteration of the HHW Program.

For Discussion

- *What should a future HHW Program include?*
- *How should we measure the success of a future Program?*

Background

The current HHW Program provides funding for

- A set number of permanent facilities in the metro area and non-metropolitan Regional Centres - all disposal costs covered;
- Temporary Collection Days scheduled each year – all collection & disposal costs covered;
- Training for facility operators – as needs basis;
- Small education / promotion budget; and
- Budget for facility upgrades.

Attached pg. 2 is an outline of the current Program and suggestions for consideration in relation to a future Program.

Discussion at the Municipal Waste Advisory Council meeting

MWAC raised that education needs to be a priority in the next version of the Program. MWAC discussed researching the quantity of household hazardous waste currently not disposed of via the Program, including via illegal dumping and through kerbside collection. MWAC also discussed investigating the demand for the Program, including potentially surveying the public, to address the scale of uncollected waste. It was highlighted that the type of HHW in the metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas may vary.

6 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Pilbara Data Study

- The Waste Authority has released the Waste Data Study for the Pilbara Region and Shire of Broome.
- The purpose of this study was to provide stakeholders with accurate data that could be used to assist in developing sustainable waste management systems.
- In 2011/12, a total of 669,816 tonnes of waste was generated across the region, with the C&D stream accounting for 56% of this total. 57% of waste was disposed in landfill (this includes onsite disposal at mine sites).
- The landfill diversion rate is currently 16% for MSW, 39% for the C&I waste and 50% for C&D waste.
- Growth projections are influenced by activity in the resource sector. This presents a wide range of future population estimates.
- The Study is available from: <http://www.wasteauthority.wa.gov.au/resources/pilbara-broome-waste-study>

6.2 Cash for Containers update

- A description of each of the options being considered under the Decision Regulatory Impact Statement (DRIS) for Packaging has been released and is available from <http://www.scew.gov.au/resource/description-policy-options-being-considered-packaging-impacts-decision-riis>
- Currently it is not clear when Ministers will consider these options. The DRIS is due to go to Senior Officers in early October – following that Ministers will either consider the DRIS out of session or it will go to the December SCEW meeting.

6.3 Department of Environment Regulation – Licensing Guidance

- The recently established Department of Environment Regulation has released two new Guides as part of the Re-Engineering for Industry Regulation and Environment (REFIRE) reform program, for premises Licensed or Registered under the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (EP Act).
- The Guide to Licensing provides advice for those operating, regulating, or interested in industrial facilities that are covered by the Prescribed Premises Categories of the EP Act. Examples of Local Government activities that are subject to the EP Act include: crushing building material for reuse; managing facilities relating to sewage, liquid waste, livestock sale yards or holding pens, solid waste depots, and various categories of landfills.
- The Draft Fees Guide provides guidance on how to calculate and substantiate fees for premises licensed under part V of the EP Act. The closing date for comments is **Saturday, 31 August**. Submissions can be

sent to refire@der.wa.gov.au. WALGA is interested in receiving feedback on the appropriateness of the fees in this document to Local Government operations (i.e. are the fees reasonable). However, will not be making a formal submission at this stage.

- The Guides are available from: www.der.wa.gov.au/about-us/media/23-new-guides-for-licensing.

6.4 Household Hazardous Waste update

Quarterly Report

- The April to June 2013 quarter has been the fourth quarter of the 2012/2013 financial year. Within this quarter:
 - 265,595kg of HHW was collected through the Permanent facilities and Temporary Collection Days.
 - Paint was the largest tonnage of material collected making up 62% of the total.
- The overall expenditure for the Program was \$939,140 (excl. GST). The distributions of costs are as follows:
 - 64% of the total costs was spent on collection, testing and treatment of coming from HHW facilities:
 - 55% in the Metropolitan; and
 - 9% from Non Metropolitan.
 - 27% of the total cost was spent on Temporary Collection Days, including recycling/disposal, packing, transport and promotion;
 - 1% was spent on a Co-funded Temporary Collection Day; and
 - 8% was spent on improving infrastructure within the facilities.
- Key accomplishments in this quarter are:
 - The commencement of battery recycling by MRI, through Toxfree;
 - Provision of new equipment to three facilities;
 - An increased program awareness due to TCD's; and
 - Successfully completing six fully funded TCD's; and
 - Successfully completing one co funded TCD

Annual report

- The overall expenditure for the program in 2012/13 was \$1,974,515 (excl. GST). The distribution of costs are as follows:
 - \$1,182,260 on HHW Disposal in the Metropolitan area;
 - \$175,117 on HHW Disposal in the Non – Metropolitan area;
 - \$362,289 on the promotion and running of fully funded TCD's;
 - \$92,089 on Infrastructure development for metropolitan and non-metropolitan area;
 - \$3,618 on training of staff in permanent facilities;
 - \$6,221 on promotion and running of co – funded TCD's;
 - \$20,922 on general promotion of the Program; and
 - \$132,000 on WALGA administration for the Program, including the employment of one full time staff member.
- During the financial year a total of 487,381kg of HHW was collected. The largest tonnage collected was paint (55%)
- In the 2013/2014 financial year, the focus will be to:
 - Create awareness of the HHW throughout WA;
 - Upgrade permanent facilities with new equipment to improve safe storage of HHW;
 - Collect and recycle mixed dry cell batteries through MRI;
 - Hold fully funded and co-funded TCD's throughout Western Australia;
 - Increase the number of TCD's in the non-metropolitan area;
 - Deliver site specific training for permanent facility staff; and
 - Investigate product stewardship arrangements for high volume materials such as paint and batteries.

6.5 Industry Development Opportunity

- The Electrical, Utilities and Public Administration Training Council Inc. (EUPA) is asking for Expressions of interest to receive assistance and support in the area of Workforce Development. This offer is open to government and the private sector.
- EUPA has secured funding through the Waste Authority of WA to provide a coordinated and strategic approach to workforce development that will ensure:
 - The waste industry workforce has the capacity and capability to implement the State Waste Strategy; and
 - The waste industry is able to provide for a sustainable workforce at a time when the State as a whole is experiencing acute skills shortages and local industry is facing increasing competition for skilled labor.
- Opportunity to receive advice and assistance at no cost in developing contemporary guidelines and strategies in:
 - Attraction and recruitment of employees;
 - Retaining employees;
 - Work/life balance for employees; and
 - Explore funding opportunities for onsite and offsite training and development for employees
- Expressions of interest close 31 August 2013. For more information contact Susan Creer on 0499 551 175 or 9240 2688 or susan@eupa.com.au

Discussion at the Municipal Waste Advisory Council meeting

MWAC discussed the benefit of accredited training for Local Government staff and suggested a national accreditation module specifically for Household Hazardous Waste could be developed.

6.6 Keep Australia Beautiful Campaign

- Keep Australia Beautiful have indicated they will be rolling out a new anti-littering campaign and will be seeking Local Government support. The campaign focuses on the message *Bin it. You know it's the right thing to do.*
- More information, including what Councils can do to support the campaign; will be circulated in the coming weeks.

6.7 C&D Preferred Suppliers Accredited

- All Earth and Capital Recycling have both been accredited under the new Department of Environment Regulation (DER) Asbestos Guidelines;
- Both of these companies are also WALGA Preferred Suppliers and will be promoted to Local Governments.

6.8 WARR Act Review

- A Discussion Paper on the WARR Act Review is due to be released soon. Once the Paper has been released, previous comments from the OAG / MWAC will be used to draft a Submission.
- Depending on the timeline for consultation, a Draft Submission will be circulated out of session to OAG/MWAC for comment.

6.9 Waste Authority Business Plan 2013/14

- The Waste Authority's Business Plan for 2013/14, with projects to 2017/18, has been released. The Plan is fairly similar to the previous Plan; however there are some changes in funding allocations. Large scale shifts of funding, with relevance to Local Government, include:
 - Waste and Recycling Infrastructure Planning – funding in long term increased by approx. \$1M.
 - Planning Horizons – funding increased in both short and long term.

- Best Practice – clearly identifies that Local Government will be the first sector to be focused on in relation to best practice. Funding for the Best Practice Implementation Incentives has increased by approx. \$1M this financial year.
- Grant Programs – funding increased significantly (\$460,000 in this financial year, up from \$50,000 last year).
- Communication and promotion – budget for Communications Strategy increases by \$150K this year.
- Engagement in Action funding decreased this financial year.
- Strategic Partnership funding – decreased long term.

7 REPORTS

1. Chairs Report

2. Country Reports

3. Bunbury Harvey Regional Council (BHRC)

- Banksia Road Compost Facility has been commissioned with 568 tonnes of organics being processed at the facility in the first month. Contamination rates have settled around the 5% level with the Waste Education Officers and Council Officers targeting problem areas and conducting bin audits with positive results.
- The City of Bunbury and Shire of Capel residents have all been issued with a third lime green bin for organics with organics bins collected weekly and the yellow top recycling bins and the red top waste bins alternating on a fortnightly collection.
- The City of Bunbury has introduced alternative bin sizes for their residents to match their needs and life style. Bin sizes are Organics 140ltr or 240ltr, Recycling 140ltr or 240ltr or 360ltr, Waste 140ltr or 240ltr.
- Commercial organics to be targeted next with the City of Bunbury offering organics collection services to schools, restaurants, accommodation hostels, hospitals etc.
- Waste Education Officers have been working with Schools, Colleges, TAFE and Universities in the region on all aspects of waste and have been promoting the Schools Waste Wise program.
- Stanley Road waste transfer station is under construction and is expected to be completed in mid-November 2013, the new waste transfer station will replace the existing wts with fully hard stand area and a undercover area for the trash and treasure shop

4. Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC)

- Tender for the supply of Alternative Cover Slurry Dry Mixes for the next three to five years was recently awarded to Odour Control International (Australia).
- Tenders are about to be sought for (1) surveying services and (2) civil works for drainage and revegetation at EMRC's facilities.
- Construction of Red Hill Farm Stage II is almost complete and should be ready for receiving waste by October 2013.
- The recently installed leachate pond covers are working well. There is separation between storm water and leachate which allows the storm water to be harvested.
- Recent mechanical changes to the Hazelmere Wood Waste grinder have almost eliminated the need for additional dust extraction.
- EMRC has been providing consulting services in the areas of contaminated site investigations, site remediation and environmental compliance monitoring to other local governments. Eleven site assessments have been completed, with the majority of projects focusing on the investigation and reporting of historical landfill sites in accordance with the state contaminated sites legislation.
- EPA approval received for the proposed Resource Recovery Facility at Red Hill (anaerobic digestion or gasification).
- Tender issued for engineering design services at Hazelmere Resource Recovery Park.
- Completed waste audit of kerbside waste and Red Hill Waste Management Facility.
- Hazelmere Pyrolysis Project progressing after receipt of federal funding support.

5. City of Greater Geraldton (CoGG)

6. Mid West Regional Council (MWRC)

7. Mindarie Regional Council (MRC)

- The Mindarie Regional Council's Strategic Community Plan 2013/14 – 2033/34, Corporate Business Plan and informing plans (Asset Management Plan, Financial Plan and Workforce Plan) have all been adopted by Council.
- Tender has been awarded to Ertech for the supply and installation of clay lining for Stage 2 Phase 3 of the Tamala Park landfill beginning in August.
- A tip face resource recovery project is being developed with the approval of funds from the Waste Authority's Regional Funding Program. Earlier trials using an excavator to recover recyclable material from the landfill site at Tamala Park have taken place with excellent results.
- Tamala Park has recently been inspected by DER and was given an excellent report. The tidiness and general appearance of the site was complimented along with 100% compliance with all aspects of the tip face – cover, drainage, exposed waste etc.
- The City of Stirling have resumed tipping at Tamala Park as of 5th August. Negotiations are continuing between the parties with the view to the City of Stirling being retained as a member of the MRC.
- The Resource Recovery Facility in its fourth operational year is operating as anticipated and for the financial year just concluded has accepted the required tonnage of just under 100,000 tonnes and has achieved its waste diversion targets.
- Over 18 tonnes of dry celled batteries were removed from the Tamala Park site for recycling as part of the HHW program. The majority of these collected from community and school collections bins located throughout the region.
- In the first six months of 2013 just under 100 tonnes, predominantly TV's have been recycled from the Tamala Park site through the TechCollect program.

8. Rivers Regional Council (RRC)

- RRC will be releasing a tender for expression of interest for processing

9. Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC)

RRRC Site Visit by Minister Environment Hon Albert Jacob,

- SMRC was pleased to welcome the new Minister for Environment & Heritage the Hon Albert Jacob to at the RRRC for a site visit in July to inspect the SMRC's operating facilities. The Minister was accompanied on the visit by the Chair of the Waste Authority, Marcus Geisler, newly appointed Acting Director General DER, Jason Banks, ministerial staff and DER officers.

Materials Recovery Facility

- The SMRC's new MRF completed its first 12 months of operation in July. The plant has successfully processed all member Councils recyclables and has also processed recyclables diverted from other recycling facilities in Perth.
- Construction works have commenced of a new bale storage shed to be erected alongside the existing MRF. The storage facility will provide additional capacity for the storage of bales of recovered recyclables.
- SMRC is currently evaluating tenders received for the beneficial reuse of glass recovered from co-mingled recyclables.
- The MRF currently recovers a total of approximately 10,000 tonnes per annum of glass including coarse and fine glass fractions. The successful contractor will adhere to a plan for the beneficial re-use of the glass requiring diversion of the glass from landfill.
- A contract is expected to be awarded to the successful tenderer in September.

Waste Auditing Facility Weekly Recycling Audits

- SMRC member Councils including the City of Cockburn, City of Melville and Town of East Fremantle have implemented weekly collection of recyclables to provide additional capacity and thereby assist residents who run out of space in their recycling bin to avoid placing their recyclable materials in the green composting bin.
- Over the next 6 months detailed waste and recycling audits will be conducted across the Cities of Melville and Cockburn to gauge the impact of the weekly recycling collections on the recycling behaviours of residents. The audits will be conducted with grant funding from the WA Waste Authority Regional Funding Program.

City of Perth Audits

- SMRC is currently conducting waste and recycling audits for the City of Perth during the month of August. The characterisation audits will provide the City of Perth with detailed information on waste and recycling streams being generated from a range of dwelling types and commercial premises.

10. Western Metropolitan Regional Council (WMRC)

- Commencement of waste supply to the AnaeCo AWT Plant continues to be delayed.
- Design of the next stage of major infrastructure works at the WMRC Transfer Station is underway; however the works will not proceed until the commencement of the AnaeCo AWT Plant which will allow WMRC to assess its operational impact on the site.
- WMRC's Plastic Free July campaign was extremely successful this year. Over 4,000 people from 14 countries signed up to the challenge and attempted to acquire no single-use plastic during July. Several other regional council and local governments participated in the campaign in 2013. Social media played a large part in spreading the challenge internationally.

11. Forum of Regional Councils (FoRC)

- Meeting with Minister for Environment to discuss the FORC and MWAC vision for waste management in the metropolitan area. Enquired what the Minister's vision was for waste management and he stated that they had not considered it at this stage.
- Met with the Minister for Energy's Chief of Staff to discuss the FORC and MWAC vision for waste management in the metropolitan area. Also sought their view on waste to energy facilities and it was stated that they had 1,000MW surplus capacity in the system at the moment, so weren't looking for extra power.
- Met with the Premier's Environmental Adviser to discuss the FORC and MWAC vision for waste management in the metropolitan area. He advised that they were seriously looking at taking over waste management however could not articulate what that meant e.g. collections, running waste facilities etc. He also stated that the Premier was very interested in waste to energy.
- A number of members attended the Integrated Alternative Waste Treatment Options Technology In Focus: Non Thermal video conference on 31 July 2013.

7.1 Working Groups/Committee Reports

1. Waste Management Association of Australia (WA)

Representative: MWAC Executive Officer

WMAA met on Wednesday 14 August to discuss the progress of projects.

2. Australian Packaging Covenant (APC)

Delegates/Nominees: MWAC Executive Officer

The Executive Officer will provide a discussion item for MWAC on the APC at the next meeting.

3. National Waste Policy Working Groups

Delegates/Nominees: MWAC Executive Officer

The Working Groups have not met since the last MWAC meeting

4. Electrical, Utilities and Public Administration Training Council – Waste Industry Working Group

Delegates/Nominees: MWAC Executive Officer

This Working Group has not met since the last MWAC meeting

5. Regional Investment Plan Assessment Group

Delegates/Nominees: MWAC Executive Officer, Ms Rebecca Goodwin, Mr Mark Wong

The Group does not formally meet, but has been active assessing applications via email.

6. HHW Program Advisory Committee

Delegates/Nominees: Mr Peter Hoar

The Advisory Group met on 24 July to review the previous financial year of the Program and discuss options for the next iteration of the Program.

7. State Waste Planning Infrastructure Project

Delegates/Nominees: Mr Brian Calendar
The delegate will report at the meeting.

8. Waste Authority Projects – Steering Committees

Delegates/Nominees: Planning TBA and Kyle Boardman, Education Cr Rob Willis and Shelley Cocks, Compost Cr Doug Thompson and Brendan Doherty.

The Planning and Education Committees have met and agreed Terms of Reference and Project Plans. A meeting of the compost steering Committee will be arranged for early September.

7.2 Correspondence

The Municipal Waste Advisory Council correspondence report from 27 June to 21 August 2013 was tabled at the meeting.

MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL MOTION (CR CAMPBELL/ CR BARRETT)

That the Municipal Waste Advisory Council correspondence report from 27 June to 21 August 2013 be received.

CARRIED

8 OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Acknowledgement of Mayor Alannah MacTiernan

The Chair highlighted the work Mayor Alannah MacTiernan had done as MWAC Chair.

MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL MOTION (CR BARRETT/ CR MUNN)

That the Municipal Waste Advisory Council extends their thanks to Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan for her contribution as MWAC Chair.

CARRIED

8.2 OAG and MWAC Agenda/ Minutes

The Executive Officer advised that OAG and MWAC Agendas and Minutes will no longer be available via WasteNet and will be circulated via email. The WasteNet website is being upgraded and will no longer have a log in.

The meeting closed at 5.30pm.

9 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council will be held at Local Government House, Boardroom, on Wednesday 11 December.

Information Bulletin

Issue No. 17/2013

Inside this Issue	
<p>➔ Correspondence & Papers Pink Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Correspondence ▪ WA Local Government Association (WALGA) News Issue No 35.13 – 9 September 2013C-1 Issue No 36.13 – 16 September 2013C-3 ▪ Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) News 6 September 2013C-6 13 September 2013C-17 ▪ Media Releases
<p>➔ Information from Human Resources Blue Divider</p>	
Information to Standing Committees	
<p>➔ Technical Services Green Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outstanding Matters and Information Items Various Items..... T-1 ▪ Monthly / Quarterly Departmental Reports Technical Services Works Programme T-2 ▪ Municipal Waste Advisory Council Minutes 21 August 2013 T-9
<p>➔ Community Services Beige Divider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outstanding Matters & Information Items Report on Outstanding Matters – Community Services Committee..... C-1 ▪ Monthly / Quarterly Departmental Reports Community Development Report –Community Development Report September 2013..... C-2 Leisure Services Report –August 2013..... C-7 Manager Library & Heritage Services Monthly Report – August 2013 C-10 Tourism/Events & Visitor Centre Monthly Report – August 2013 C-18 Manager Ranger & Emergency Services Monthly Report –August 2013 C-23 ▪ ... Minutes of Occasional/Advisory Committees Highland Gathering 14 August 2013 C-28 ATSIAG 3 September 2013C-30 ▪ Information Flyers.....C-33
<p>City Strategy Lilac Divider</p>	Nil
<p>Development Services Yellow Divider</p>	Nil

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – AUGUST 2013		
	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
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 9 September 2013 Matter for Referral – Cr J MacDonald - Forrestdale Entry Statement	Community Services	For consideration in the Skeets Master Planning Project.
Council 9 September 2013 Matter for Referral – Cr J Stewart – Theatrical and Performance usage at Armadale Hall	Community Services	Theatrical and performance usage at the Armadale District Hall be considered in any refurbishment proposal
Council 9 September 2013 Matter for Referral –Cr D Shaw – Motocross Dirt Bike	Community Services	Investigate possible locations for a dirt bike/motocross park to be developed in the City of Armadale

COMMUNITY PLANNING:

Forrestdale Consultation

The Community Consultation for the Forrestdale Community Hub Master Planning (Alfred and William Skeet Reserves) is progressing with the first community workshop having been held on the 5 June at 6:30pm at the Forrestdale Hall and the second workshop on 21 August 2013. Concept design ideas were available for further community input at the community event of the opening of the Forrestdale skate park which was held on Friday 13 September 2013. Final comments will be collated and Master Plan options will be prepared for consideration by Council.

John Dunn and Rushton Park Master Planning

The extended community submission period ended on 21 June 2013. The submissions have been collated and the Master Plan design options were refined with cost benefit analysis. A recommendation to adopt Options 1 for both facilities was presented to Council at its meeting of 9 September 2013.

Cross Park Skate Park

Construction is underway with a practical completion date set for 11 September 2013. There were some delays due to wet weather. Landscaping works will be undertaken, however the facility is able to be used after practical completion.

Piara Waters and Harrisdale Shared Community and School Use Concept Plans

Concept plans and cost estimates for the three, Department of Education/City of Armadale shared use sporting and community use sites are complete. Plans and cost estimates are being finalised and will be presented to Council in due course.

Jull Street Activation

The Mall lighting/banner poles detailed design is nearing completion. Detailed design and “palette” of materials and colours is being undertaken by the Landscape Architect in consultation across directorates for further consideration. There is a delay in the delivery for the free Wi-Fi service (previously in August), due to a landowner not allowing access to their building for the server power unit. Other sites are currently being investigated.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

ACCESS AND INCLUSION

Accessible Gym Program

The second pilot Gym Programs for people with disability at the Armadale Arena has concluded. The aim of the program was to support people with a disability to safely use the gym equipment and to feel comfortable participating in the gym environment. The ultimate goal was for a person with a disability to be able to access the gym environment by themselves or with a carer to maintain and improve their health. Nine participants completed the first program and seven completed the second program. The outcomes achieved by participants included weight loss and increased confidence to access programs at the Armadale Arena.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Playgroup at Baker's House

The Armadale Community Family Centre has been facilitating a weekly playgroup at Baker's House with Family Centre staff leading the playgroup activities and supporting parents attending the playgroup. With assistance from the City, the playgroup will be continuing at Baker's House as a parent-run playgroup. This is more sustainable due to the parents taking the lead with the playgroup activities rather than paid staff.

Forrestdale initiatives

Families attending Forrestdale Primary School have been invited to join the City's *Stargate Drama Program* that is currently running at the Evelyn Gribble Community Centre in Brookdale. Several families have taken up the opportunity to be involved. Families in Forrestdale will be invited to complete a survey distributed by the City and Forrestdale Primary School to determine what activities and programs their children may be interested in. Options on the survey will include a local drama program, a music program and a sports program and will culminate in the implementation of one of these initiatives depending on what the majority of the families nominate.

The Federation of WA PCYC has made contact with the City of Armadale to conduct their *Families in the Park* program in Forrestdale. This program encourages families to utilise local parks and help build a sense of community among those who attend. PCYC provide active and creative activities and ask that children be accompanied by an adult. This program is funded by FACSIA through Communicare Communities for Children

CHAMPION CENTRE & INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT

Active Response Bereavement OutReach (ARBOR)

The Champion Centre welcomes ARBOR (Active Response Bereavement OutReach) which provides services for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people free of charge. Services include suicide bereavement counselling, home visits with trained Volunteer Peer Supporters, yarning circles, support groups and suicide awareness education through training and presentations in the community.

ARBOR offers education for professionals and communities in order to educate, support and equip practitioners with appropriate knowledge to walk alongside their clients. 'Grieving Aboriginal Way' has been recently developed to highlight the effects of suicide within Aboriginal Communities and to highlight the need for awareness and understanding of support services to provide sound and solid cultural support to those bereaved.

Other specialised areas of support within ARBOR include Yarning Circle Support Groups, which utilise an Aboriginal specific support framework to engage Aboriginal communities and families.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Community Grants Program

The first round of the City's Community Grants Program 2013/2014 closed on Friday 30 August 2013. Twenty two applications were received and are being considered for funding.

Advice confirming the allocation of Annual Contributions for 2013/14 has been sent to applicants.

IGNITE BASKETBALL

Ignite continues to operate once a month while additional funding is sought. The first two sessions attracted 29 attendees and the remaining sessions will be held on 19 October and 9 November 2013.

Funding

The City's application to the Attorney General's Department's Crime Prevention program for \$300,000 over two years was unsuccessful. However, the City has been granted \$50,000 a year over three years from the Department of Sport and Recreation, \$15,000 from Tony Simpson and \$5,000 from the Local Drug Action Group. An application to Healthway has recently been submitted for the amount of \$320,000 over three years for an expected start date of February 2014.

Ignite Domestic League

A number of Ignite participants have been selected for a 'mixed team' which competes with other teams. The squad competes on Saturday mornings and has an additional training session on a Tuesday night. As of 7 September, the team has earned its way to the top of the league with a record of 3 wins and 1 loss.

POSITIVE AGEING

Greendale Centre Feasibility Study

The City and Dale Cottages share a vision of the Greendale Centre as a thriving community centre that is well patronised by the broader community and sustainably operated by Dale Cottages. To achieve this vision, the City has appointed a consultant to undertake a feasibility study to determine what the main functions of the centre could be in the short and longer terms and what upgrade works would be required to suit preferred functionalities with the resulting information to be included in a grant application to Lotterywest.

Carolyn Stroud from Courage Advisory Service has concluded twelve interviews with peak organisations and selected Local Governments working with the older population. A consultation session was also held with the Positive Ageing Working Group Meeting held on 2 September. Surveys have also been distributed within the community for comment. The study will progress under the direction of the project management team and will be completed in October 2013.

Technology Buddies

The next six week series of *Technology Buddies* commences on the 21 October 2013. *Technology Buddies* comprises a partnership between the City and Kelmscott Senior High School, with older people receiving assistance with the technology item of their choice from a student. The first series of the program was very successful with all available program places booked.

Positive Ageing Session

The City of Armadale hosted two presentations on 4 August 2013 at the Armadale Library. The first session *Step into Volunteering* was presented by Wendy Stanley and the second, '*Learning to Sleep Well*' was presented by Lee Lenyk a naturopath and life coach. Twenty people attended each session.

The next *Positive Ageing Session* is a special 'men's only' event to be held on Wednesday 2 October at 1.30pm at the Armadale Library. The first presentation will be '*Prostate Cancer: Prevention and early detection*' by Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and the second session will be '*Transition into Retirement*' presented by Lee Lenyk, a naturopath and life coach.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Armadale Volunteer Services continues to receive record enquiries with 185 enquires made in July and August. Interestingly, 150 enquiries (81%) have been made by people less than 50 years of age and 35 (19%) enquiries have come from City of Armadale post codes. The City of Armadale is one of only a couple of Volunteering Referral Services south of the river with Gosnells hosting an e-Volunteer Service and Peel offering a service at the City of Mandurah.

Armadale Volunteer Services (AVS) will host a training session for volunteers and volunteer managers on Friday 27 September at the Champion Centre. The training will consider the *importance of personal and professional boundaries*.

In October, in partnership with the City of Gosnells, AVS will be host *Key Issues in Volunteer Management* training at Baker's House. This training will develop the skills of Volunteer Managers and covers the key principles for effective volunteer management, such as:

- What motivates people to volunteer, to stay or leave your organisation;
- Job Descriptions, recruiting, selecting, retaining, rewarding, dismissing volunteers;
- Developing a recruitment message to attract the best volunteers;
- Attracting and retaining Generations X, Y and Boomers.

Planning is also underway for the end of year recognition function for all volunteers living and/or volunteering in the City of Armadale. This event will be a high tea celebration in acknowledgment of the *tenth anniversary of Armadale Volunteer Services*.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Cross Park Skate Park Launch Event Consultation

A consultation session was held in Roleystone on 12 September 2013 for local young people to share their ideas for the launch event of the Cross Park Skate Park. The consultation was well attended and the young people were very positive about the completed skate park. Based on their suggestions and feedback, the launch event will include a DJ, live band performance, BMX, skate and scooter demonstrations along with prizes and giveaways. Local business and community groups will also be invited to provide suggestions for the launch event and future activation of the skate park. The launch event is currently scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday October 26, 2013.

Youth Programs in the City of Armadale

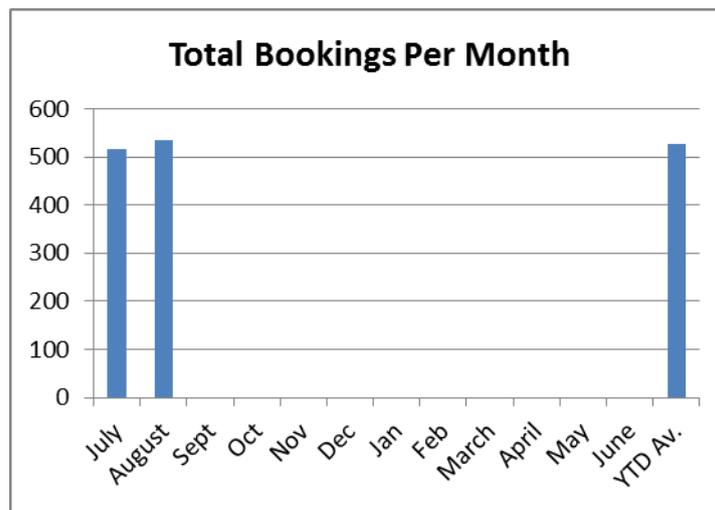
The City has launched a range of youth programs in recent months culminating in the release of the Youth Programs brochure (which is available as a download from the Youth Page of the City of Armadale website). The brochure has been distributed to various youth agencies, local businesses and schools to promote the range of free activities available. These activities include the weekly Hip Hop dance program at the Armadale Arena, the KICK IT @ the YAA program which provides free BMX, skate and scooter workshops and the promotion of upcoming school holiday activities.

AUGUST 2013

LEISURE SERVICES

Bookings

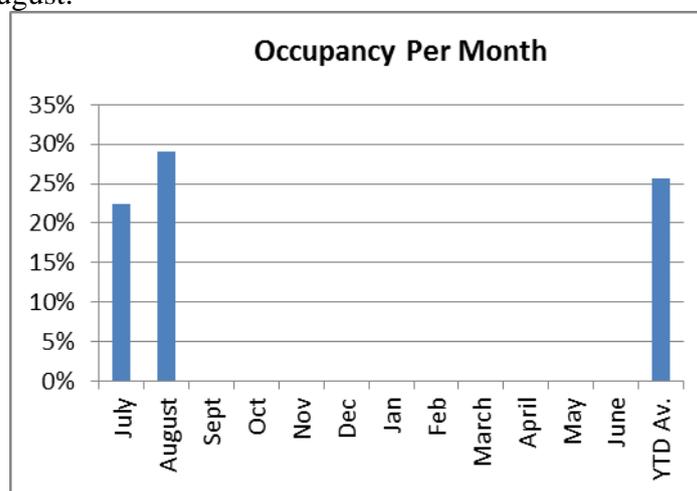
The Community Facilities were booked 536 times in August; again Bakers House, Kelmscott Hall, Harold King and Champion Centre were the most popular facilities for the month. A low point was the cancellation of a regular hirer at Armadale Hall, the Oh Do Kwan Tae Kwon Do group who have found an alternate location due to the ongoing cancellation of bookings by the City of Armadale.



Facility Occupancy

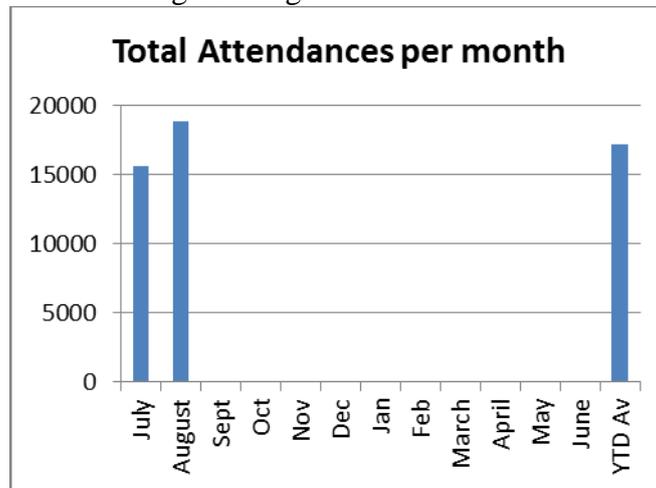
In July our facility occupancy was 26%. This is calculated subject to the number of available hours and actual use. Ideally the occupancy rate will average at around 30% for the financial year, with peaks and lows subject to school term and seasons.

This figure provides the community facilities team with a good indication where we can encourage hire of quiet facilities. After a quiet month in July for Churchman Brook Community Centre and John Dunn Hall both facilities have increased patronage in August.



Facility Attendance

18,845 people attended our facilities in July; these statistics are based on estimates given from hirers when making bookings.

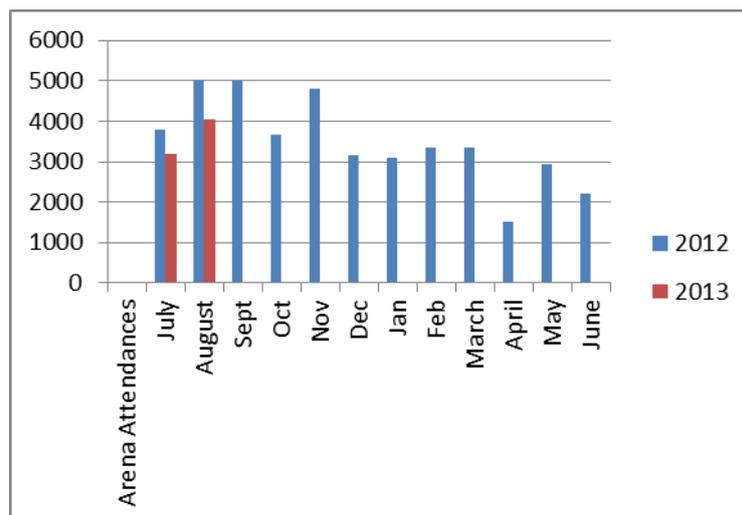


Armadale Arena

Armadale Arena attendances and participation numbers were low again this month in comparison to 2013; this trend is a concern and is believed to be the result of another 24 hour gym opening nearby and cancellation of programs due to roof leaks.

Ladies daytime netball now has 4 teams registered in the competition, this is the first time we have successfully managed to attract enough teams for the competition since the City started operating Armadale Arena.

The centre has experienced a 36% increase in regular hirers at the centre, this is a result of Netball WA commencing a weekly program and a new Karate group booking the centre.



Armadale Aquatic Centre

Armadale Aquatic Centre is scheduled to reopen on 14 October 2013 for the season. The Centre staff have been busy coordinating maintenance, Centre bookings for the upcoming season and the recruitment of casual staff.

Significantly visitors to the Centre will see more welcoming entry and the entry past reception has an improved flow to manage peak periods.

AUGUST 2013

LIBRARY SERVICES

Statistical Performance Indicators

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

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

48 regular sessions were held. These include: story time, Baby Rhyme Time, Books on Wheels, English conversation classes, reading & writing groups, computer training sessions, games mornings and the Men's Social Group. A total of 545 people participated in these various activities.

Three special events were held during August which attracted a further 87 attendees.

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

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

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

Report – General session

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

Topic: Wendy Brown: Your family history starts with you

Date: 29 August 2013

Venue: Armadale Library meeting room

18 family historians attended the memoir writing workshop facilitated by genealogist and author, Wendy Brown.

Wendy used her book, *Who are you Charlie Brown?* as a basis for leading the group through the steps and setbacks she experienced in tracing the family history of her grandfather, an orphan raised in a workhouse in the early 1900s.

After a morning tea break the group was divided into smaller interest groups to explore how they each would begin writing about a significant event that either they or a family member experienced. The intention was to record something memorable that other members of the family would have an interest in, and give an insight into the lives of their past relatives.

Many of those attending gave thanks for the opportunity to begin the next step in the process of gathering and documenting their family histories. Some admitted they will need more confidence boosting to get them started!

Report: Children's Activity Session
Prepared by: Shirley Reilly - Librarian



Topic: Children's Book Week 2013
Presenters: Sean Avery and Samantha Hughes
Date: 17th August, 2013
Time: 1.30-3pm
Venue: Armadale Library

No. Attending public session: 20 children, 15 adults
No. of children visited/read to as part of Children's Book Week library outreach sessions: 437



Comments:

The theme for Children's Book Week 2013 (August 17-23) is 'Read Across the Universe'. Each year, schools and public libraries from all over Australia spend the week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. Schools and public libraries offer activities, competitions and tell stories relating to the theme to highlight the importance of reading.

Our main event for Children's Book Week was a presentation by children's authors and illustrators Sean Avery and Samantha Hughes. Sean read his book 'All Monkeys Love Bananas' and then the enthusiastic group of children and parents enjoyed creating a story together and ideas were gathered and voted on by everyone. Somehow a story about a strange beast crossed between a monkey and a guinea pig, set in an enchanted forest with a runaway tooth monster gained momentum and these elements in the story inspired some of the children when they made their mini books later in the session.

Sean and Sam were fantastic, engaging everyone in the session, inspiring their imagination when creating the story and making the books. One family that attended even came from Marangaroo after seeing the session advertised in the West Australian newspaper.

During Children's Book Week, Armadale librarian Shirley Reilly visited schools and a childcare centre to read shortlisted stories from the Children's Book Council 'Book of the Year' Awards and promoted library services and programs. In total she read to 437 children during the week at Gwynne Park Primary School, Kindaimanna Community Kindergarten, Clifton Hills Primary School and Mulberry Tree Childcare Roleystone. The Better Beginnings family literacy program and the Year 1 Ripper Readers were two of the programs promoted.

Children’s Book Week story times were held at each Branch for the weekly story time session. A group of 9 children and 4 carers from Canning Vale Education Support Centre visited Armadale Library for a special story time.

Various shortlisted titles were also displayed in each of the City’s libraries.



Bookmaking fun at the CBW session



Author/illustrator Sean Avery reading his book

LIBRARIES AND HERITAGE

Birtwistle Local Studies Library

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

The following projects and activities have involved the BLSL staff, volunteers or visitors:

The month of August presented a variety of opportunities for volunteers and staff to receive some training and professional development.

Two BLSL volunteers attended workshops facilitated by the Oral History Association of Australia (WA Branch) to increase their confidence and skills as oral history interviewers using the new Digital Recording equipment.

A seminar on the use of photographs held in heritage collections provoked discussion on the paucity of information held in the BLSL collection regarding Aboriginal people's connection to the local district.

Armadale to Fremantle Railway

The anniversary of the last train to travel on the Armadale to Fremantle line happens in February 2014. In an exercise to gather information and prepare an exhibition, Reinaard Manger, GIS officer, was invited to the BLSL to discuss a suitable way to represent a route map of the former Armadale to Fremantle railway track.

Family History

During August there were a number of new faces making bookings to receive assistance from the BLSL family history volunteers. Several 'walk-in' enquiries and phone calls cited the City View newsletter as the prompt for their interest.

Oral histories

The following people were interviewed during August:

- Jean James and Kim Fletcher about their time with the Kelmscott branch of the South Suburban Junior Farmer's League Club
- June Castledine and the Carradine Choir (a joint choir with CWA)
- Ian McCormick and his time of working for the Peter's Poultry farm in Kelmscott
- Gail & Hugh McCormick identified different locations and residents in the Armadale west area from the 1960s using the City of Armadale's aerial maps.

HERITAGE SERVICES

History House Museum

Local Government & Local History Session – WALGA Conference

The History House Museum curator attended this session which explored the role local government can play in the preserving and promotion of its region's heritage.

Speakers at the session included Stan Scott, CEO of the Shire of Toodyay; City of Wanneroo Deputy Mayor Laura Grey; and cultural officer from the City of Melville, Cathy Day.

All speakers spoke about the importance of heritage to the local community and the role local government can play in preserving and enhancing that heritage. This was clearly demonstrated by Stan Scott who spoke about the challenges and advantages Toodyay has encountered when dealing with their heritage.

He pointed out the importance of planning when it came to heritage and making sure it is a part of the larger plan for local government. He also showed how the shire has used its heritage to promote local festivals and events which bring people into the shire. He closed by stating that for the Shire of Toodyay their heritage is an asset not a cost.

The key point from Laura Grey's talk was the important role community play in heritage. It is important to consult with the community when determining what has cultural value for the results may surprise. Local Government cannot insert a heritage value onto a place or object, it is important to consult with the community for it is these community values that give a place or object its cultural value.

Education Report

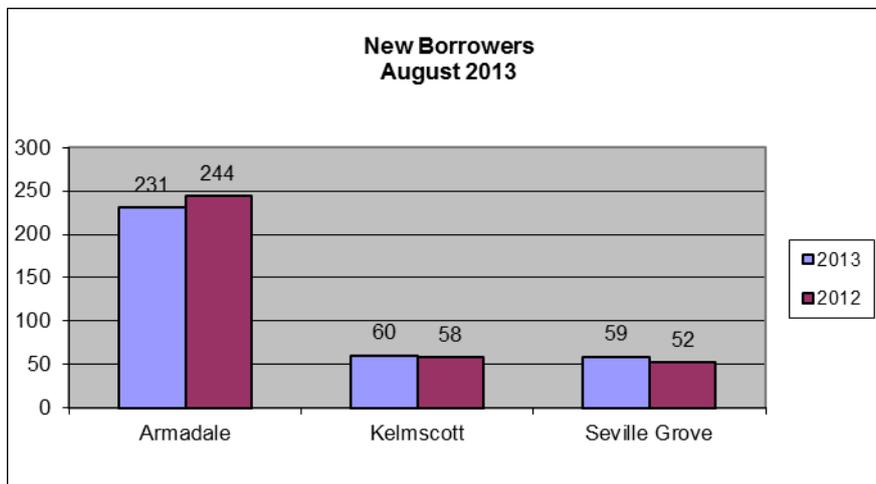
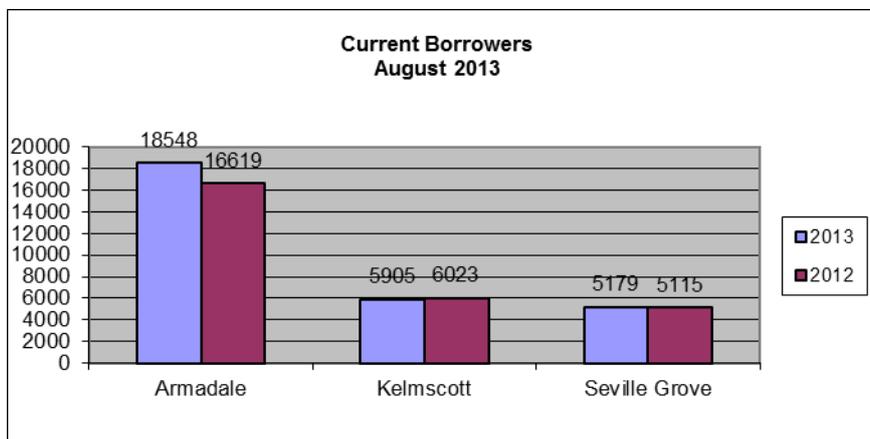
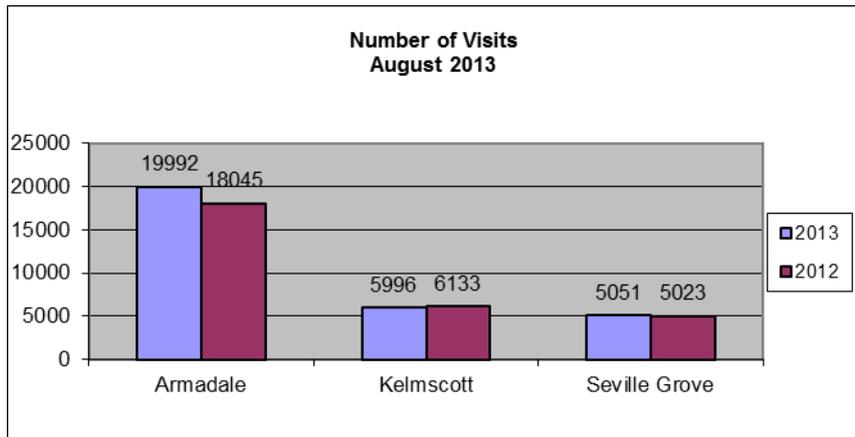
The joint project between Community Services and History House Museum, *Telling Tales: Stories in Clay*, is well into the planning stage. A meeting was held with the storyteller Simon James and ceramic artist Joanna Wakefield to go over the final details of each person's contribution to the project. The first workshop will be held on 3rd October.

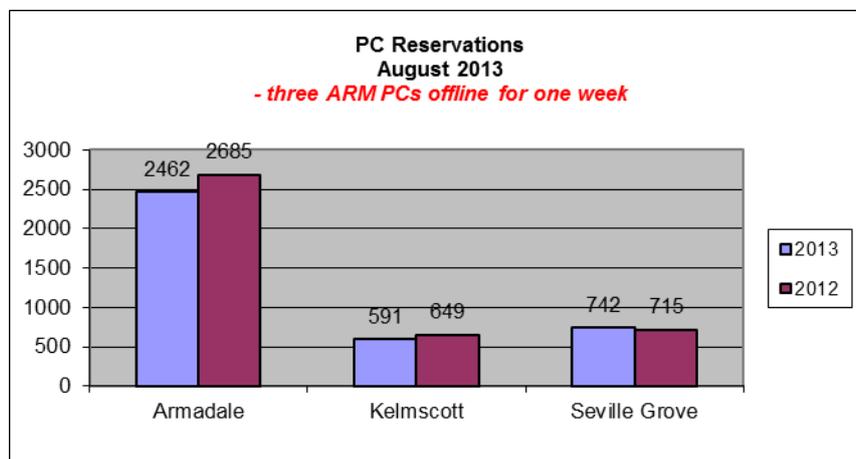
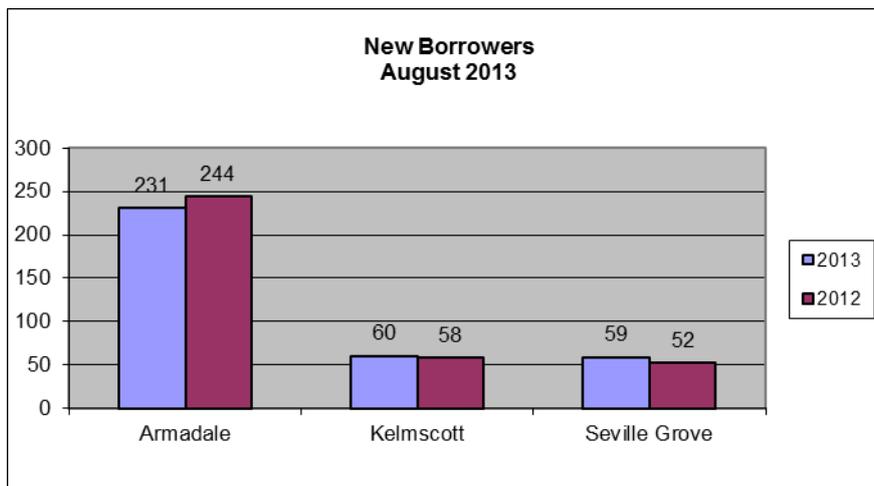
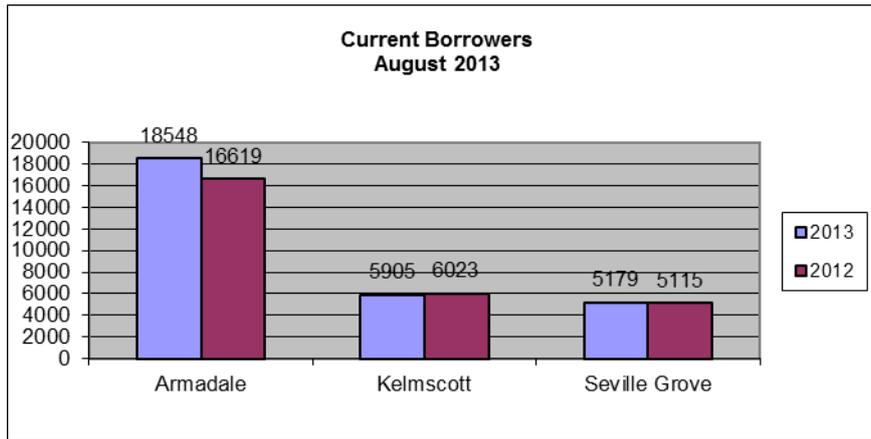
The Seniors Guest Speaker program this month entailed a talk by Jeff Walker from Armadale Library on Picture Armadale and Councillor Henry Zelones, Mayor of the City of Armadale on Local Government.

Rostrata Primary School visited the Museum on Wednesday 28th August to participate in a variety of activities including Making a brick, "School's in" and a visit to the Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum.

The Education Officer also visited two classes at Piara Waters Primary School to give a presentation on the historic landmarks around the Armadale CBD.

LIBRARIES AND HERITAGE STATISTICS





Month: August Year: 2013

History House Museum	Current Month	Year to date		
	August 13	August 12	July 13- June 14	Jul 12 – June 13
General Visitors	109	150	313	318
School Visits	55	0	96	0
School Incursions	57	0	57	56
Holiday Programs	0	0	15	19
Community Programs	0	0	0	0
Seniors Programs	51	14	87	32
Total Visitors	272	164	568	425
Volunteer Hours	248	186	463	331
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum	August 13	August 12	July 13 – June 14	Jul 12 – June 13
Visitors	152	212	290	333

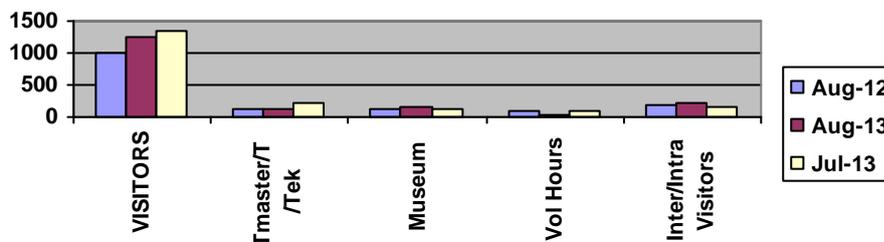
Birtwistle Local Studies Library				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	Aug13	Aug 12	Jul 13-Aug13	Jul 12-Aug12
Reference Enquiries	4	6	6	14
Research Enquiries	7	11	29	32
Visitor Attendance	111	89	236	217
Volunteer Hours	124	62	247	99
Digitising Records	12	37	24	59
Oral History				
Letters Sent	3	3	3	5
Interviews Completed	3	4	5	5
Transcripts Completed/ reviewed	2	2	4	5
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	32	33	57	75
Volunteer Hours - Interviewing	6	20	9	26
Family History Research				
Reference	3	2	5	5
Research	59	31	107	66
Volunteer Hours	35	50	68	81

Picture Armadale: Total visits – 12,214
Pages per visit - 36

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

AUGUST 2013

Visitor Centre STATISTICS:



AUGUST 2013

Visitors	Ticketek & Ticketmaster enquires	TOTAL Visitors Less Ticketmaster	Inter State Visitors	Overseas Visitors	TOTAL O/seas & Interstate VISITORS	Volunteer Hours	Museum
1259	124	1135	144	88	232	31	152

JULY 2013

Visitors	Ticketek & Ticketmaster	TOTAL Visitors Less Ticketmaster	Inter State Visitors	Overseas Visitors	TOTAL O/seas & Interstate VISITORS	Volunteer Hours	Museum
1342	209	1133	83	74	157	99	138

VISITOR CENTRE OPENED FOR 194 HOURS

AVERAGE VISITORS PER WEEK: 315
 VOLUNTEER HOURS PER WEEK: 8

VISITOR CENTRE - DOLLAR VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY:

Average Visitor Spend – Day Visitor:

\$ 2,026 per day = **\$ 14,188** per week = **\$ 56,750** per month

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

Average Spend – Including Accommodation:

\$1,242 per night = **\$ 8,700** per week = **\$ 34,800** per month

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

TOTAL TOURISM DOLLAR VALUE – AUGUST 2013: \$91,550

Tourism Overview – August 2013

Visitor Numbers have increased 30% comparing data to the same time last year with the introduction of Ticketek and increased local marketing.

Our main international hits on our website www.visitarmadale.com.au are still coming from Singapore followed by New Zealand and Malaysia.

Evidentially the marketing campaign into Jetstar Asia Singapore in-flight magazine is producing solid results. During this period the Visitor Centre Coordinator was on two weeks annual leave.

Meeting

- Visitor Centre Coordinator attended a Volunteer Management Meeting.
- Manager Tourism and Visitor Centre Coordinator met with TCWA judge, Graham Bolton, doing our 'onsite' assessment for the 2013 Perth Airport Tourism Awards.
- Meeting held with Manager Tourism and Visitor Centre Coordinator discussing VCAWA conference plans for their Annual Conference being held in Armadale in September 2013.
- Meeting held with Tourism Destinations Marketing Advisory subcommittee, Tourism Manager and Visitor Centre Coordinator with discussions towards the creation and development of a 'Spring into Armadale' logo.
- Visitor Centre Coordinator and Tourism Officer met with IT support for training for new Visitor Centre e-newsletters layout and design.
- Visitor Centre Coordinator met with a new B & B member to assist with their membership and booking console development of their product within our on-line Booking Reservation system.
- Attended famils with Araluen Botanic Park, Araluen Golf Course and Avocados and De Blis Café.
- Visitor Centre Coordinator met with the volunteer recognition function planning subcommittee.

Marketing

- Submission has been submitted for the Visitor Centre within the Perth Airport 2013 Tourism Awards.
- On-going marketing with 'Your Guide to Perth and Fremantle'.
- Destination marketing continues into Jetstar Air Asia and Australian in-flight magazines and Perth airport Runway magazine.
- Full page advertisement with the Examiner Newspaper.
- Continued marketing with Experience Perth in their 2014 holiday planner and NATAS travel fair in Singapore.
- Visitor Centre Coordinator met with local businesses to continue the development of Armadale branded locally produced products. A wide range of product is now available at the Visitor Centre.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

- Natalie Hewlett, Arts Management WA, commenced a Preservation Needs Assessment for the City's Art Collection. A Condition Report of the Collection will also be included.
- The Tourism Manager also attended the following meetings:
- Tourism WA Budget and Key Initiatives Briefing at the Perth Convention Bureau.
- A Highland Gathering Committee meeting with the Coordinator of Major Arts and Events.
- Had the privilege of attending the funeral of one of our long term Volunteers at the Visitor Centre – Maz Harfield.
- Organised and conducted a Famil of the Araluen Golf Resort, Champion Lakes, Avocados Accommodation, the Minnowarra Precinct and the Elizabethan Village with new staff members – the Jull Street Mall Coordinator and the Major Arts and Events Coordinator.
- The Tourism Manager, in collaboration with Araluen Botanic Park, developed and facilitated a COA prize package for the Araluen Photo Competition currently running in the West Australian as part of their 'Spring at Araluen' promotional activities.
- A double page spread partnership in the West Australian Saturday Travel Section on 7 September, including editorial, was facilitated by the Tourism Manager working with Araluen Botanic Park and the West Australian Newspaper.

Jull Street Mall

The Jull Street Mall (JSM) Coordinator, Jeanette Friedrich, commenced work on the 30 July 2013.

Jeanette has commenced the Jull Street Mall Reactivation Strategy to be presented to the Director of Community Services on Friday 13th September.

Meetings

- The Community Services Director, the Tourism Manager and the JSM Coordinator met with The MRA to discuss 'Place Activation' in the Jull St Mall.
- The Tourism Manager and JSM Coordinator met with the COA Economic Development Manager to discuss Economic Development projects within the Jull St Mall.
- Blackrooke Advertising and Design met with the Tourism Manager and JSM Coordinator to commence development of a logo for the 'Spring into Armadale' Campaign.
- The Tourism Manager and JSM Coordinator attended a Tourism WA Seminar at the PCEC on their Budget and Key Initiatives for 2013 / 14.
- The Tourism Manager and JSM Coordinator conducted famil over two days with tourism and business operators within the region
- The Arts and Events Coordinator and JSM Coordinator met with Entertainment Bank, a company specifically targeting children's activities to discuss school holiday events.
- The Tourism Manager and JSM Coordinator met with CEO of Experience Perth to familiarise her with updates of new local product and operators.

- The Arts and Events Coordinator and JSM Coordinator attended a ‘Who’s Who in Tourism Breakfast hosted by FACET and Tourism Council of WA.
- The Arts and Events Coordinator and JSM Coordinator met with Entertainment Bank, a company, also specifically targeting Xmas products that will be used in the JSM.

MAJOR ARTS AND EVENTS:

The Major Arts and Event team worked consistently over the following projects throughout the month:

Outside the Frame

The Outside the Frame Art Awards and Exhibition was held on 20-25 August 2013, with the Awards Evening on Wednesday, 21 August. Approximately 200 people attended the evening.

Jane King was the exhibition Curator with a BA Economics and Fine Arts from UWA. Tara Daniels, Education Program Manager at PICA and educator in several arts disciplines and Andrew Purvis, lecturer in Visual Art at Curtin University and writer for Art & Australia, Artlink, were engaged to judge the exhibition. The judges were impressed with the increased standard of the exhibition and publically stated,

“The standard of the exhibition has lifted from previous years, bringing Outside the Frame up to a competing level with other exhibitions across Perth of the same category such as the Metamorphous competition”.

This year’s exhibition featured works from nine different schools with Penrhos College taking out the school award having the most winning entries.

The following schools participated in the exhibition:

- Carey Baptist College
- John Wollaston Anglican Community School
- Canning Vale College
- Kelmscott Senior High School
- Kalamunda Senior High School
- Rossmoyne Senior High School
- Thornlie Christian College
- St Norbet’s College
- Penrhos College

An event survey was conducted to gauge patron satisfaction of the event;

- 100% of attendees stated they enjoyed the exhibition.
- Most frequent comments,
"Fantastic opportunity for high school students" and "Love to see this event continued"

Advertising

The event was advertised in the Examiner Newspaper in conjunction with the Visitor’s Centre to streamline and reduce cost, featuring 1x full page colour advertisement. Other advertising was via social media on the Visitor’s Centre Facebook page and banner placement on Minnowarra Park.

2013-2014 Event Season

The month of August entailed significant forward planning, preparation and investigation for the upcoming 2013-2014 Major Events season. Site meetings were conducted and suppliers were engaged to obtain quotes and discuss and determine the exact infrastructure needs with the goal of obtaining a more beneficial price point from suppliers for of the City.

- Held forward planning meetings to determine infrastructure needs for 2013-2014
- Met with the external suppliers to discuss and determine infrastructure needs across the entire event season
- Site visits conducted with suppliers to Minnowarra Park and Memorial Park

Highland Gathering

- Confirmation of Celtic Band, Irish Dancers, Pipe Bands
- Researched and secured sprung stage for dance competitions
- Highland Gathering Committee meeting held and support of the Clans was established via Don Munro for the Kilt Run
- Meetings held to discuss logistics required to hold Kilt Run
- Investigated proposed Kilt Run route to determine logistical and infrastructure requirements
- Investigated legal responsibilities and indemnity clauses required to hold a Kilt Run
- Met with Royal Life Saving to determine specific needs for First Aid for Kilt Run
- Met with WAMA to discuss needs and expectations for HG 2013 and determine required infrastructure
- Expanded Clans database with the assistance from Don Munro
- Investigated 'Shinty'(traditional Scottish Hockey) and set up meeting with WA Shinty Association to discuss involvement

Carols by Candlelight

- Met with Don Cook from Armadale City Concert Band to discuss involvement and expectations for 2013 Carols by Candlelight
- Engaged with schools for Carols by Candlelight 2013
- Sent formal expressions of interest to local schools
- Set meeting with local schools and Don Cook to determine program
- Meet with sound, audio and staging suppliers to determine infrastructure requirements and conducted site visits.
- Liaised with Jull Street Mall Coordinator regarding collaborative approach to Toy Parade and activities to support the event.
- Communicated with LED Candle suppliers
- Set timeline for production of Carols program and songbook

RANGER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

AUGUST 2013

Animal Control

Dogs

Ranger Services received five hundred and twenty two (522) requests for assistance during the report period. The primary focus of Ranger Services is managing the response to the community for requests for service. This has again increased over the last twelve (12) months as can be demonstrated by the overall number of requests for assistance as compared to the corresponding period of 2012.

Livestock

During this report period Ranger Services attended to twenty (20) 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, this matter was heard and determined in the Armadale Magistrates Court during the report period.

OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALTY \$	COST \$	TOTAL \$
Attack on Dog	Guilty	1,900	129.35	2,029.35

Vehicles

Parking

Ranger Service attended to one hundred and eighty eight (188) 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 six (26) 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 increase, 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

Ranger Services have received several complaints, from concerned members of the community, regarding household rubbish being deposited onto reserves and road verges throughout the district. Keeping roadsides, reserves and other areas litter free is a major focus of the City of Armadale and Rangers are ever vigilant in identifying and apprehending litter offenders.

During this report period Ranger Services attended to forty nine (49) requests for service. The overall number of litter related incidents for 2013/2014 shows a disturbing increase in litter enquiries from the corresponding period of 2012/2013.

Fire Services

There were one hundred and twenty nine (129) enquiries relating to fire during the August report period; however these matters were principally related hazard reduction and the approaching firebreak inspection process.

General

Dog Amendment Bill 2013

The second reading of the Dog Amendment Bill was presented to Parliament on 26 June 2013. The main focus of the Bill is to tighten provisions relating to the ownership and keeping of dangerous dogs.

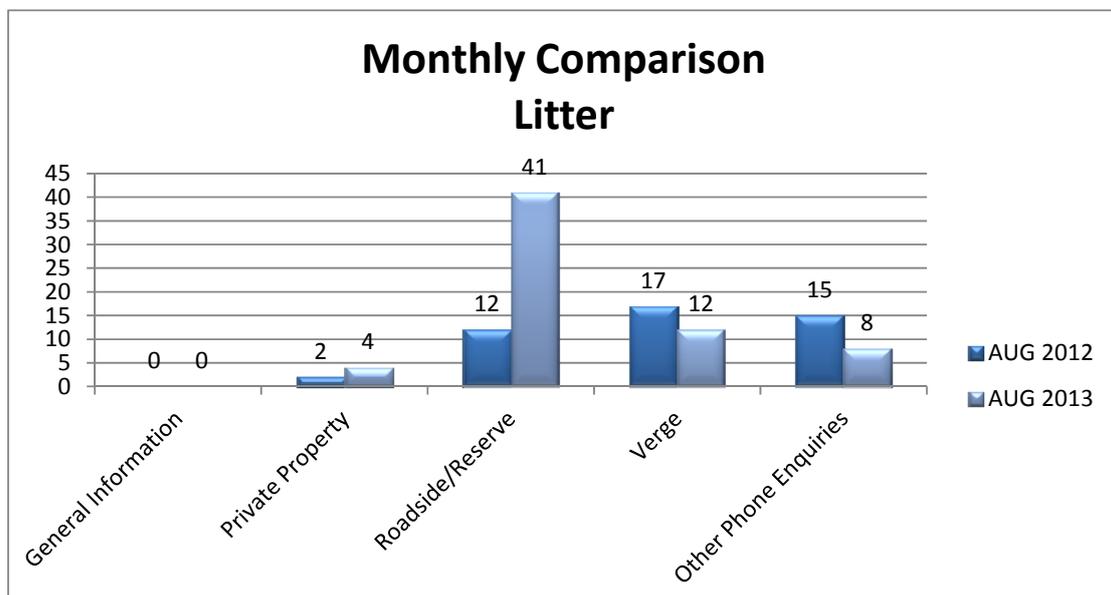
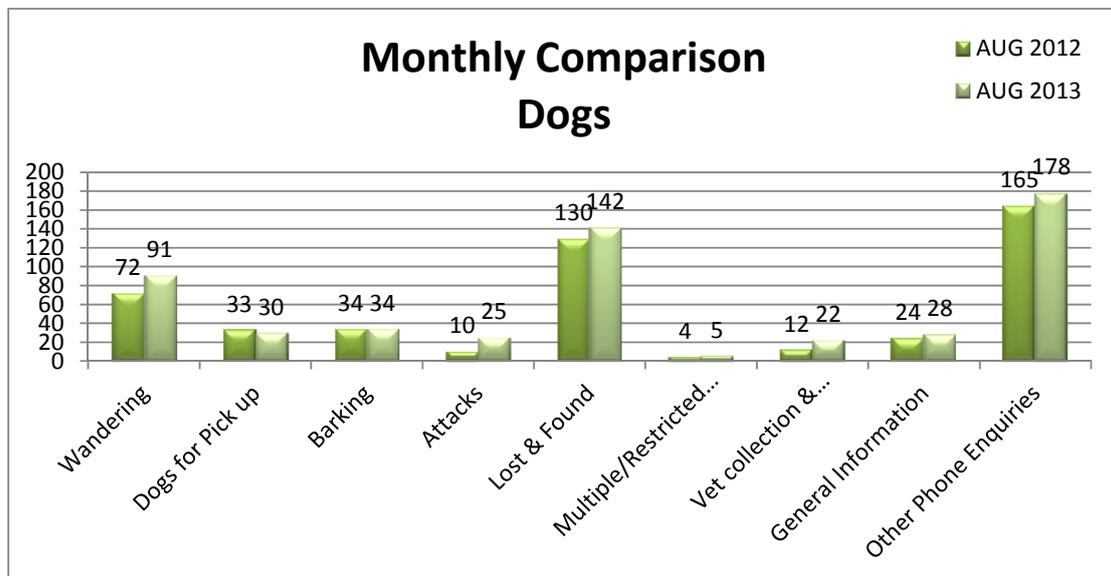
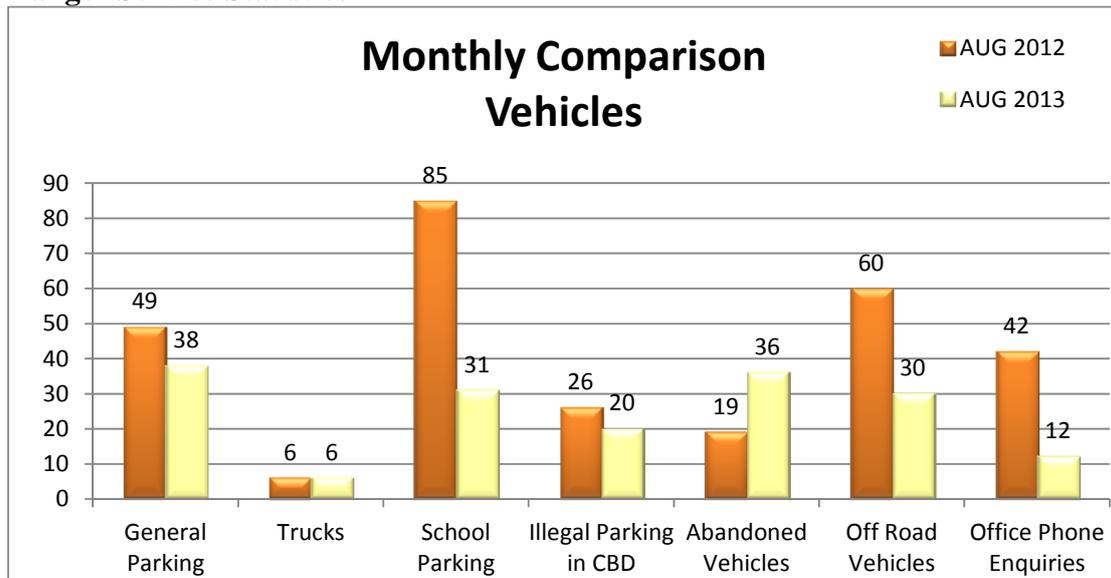
The bill introduces amendments in the following key areas

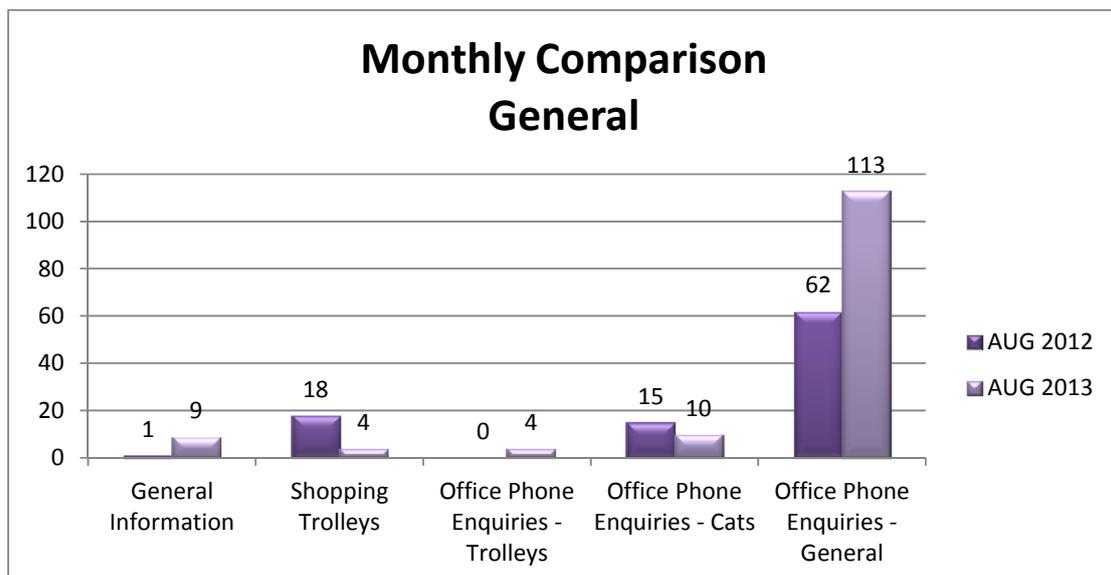
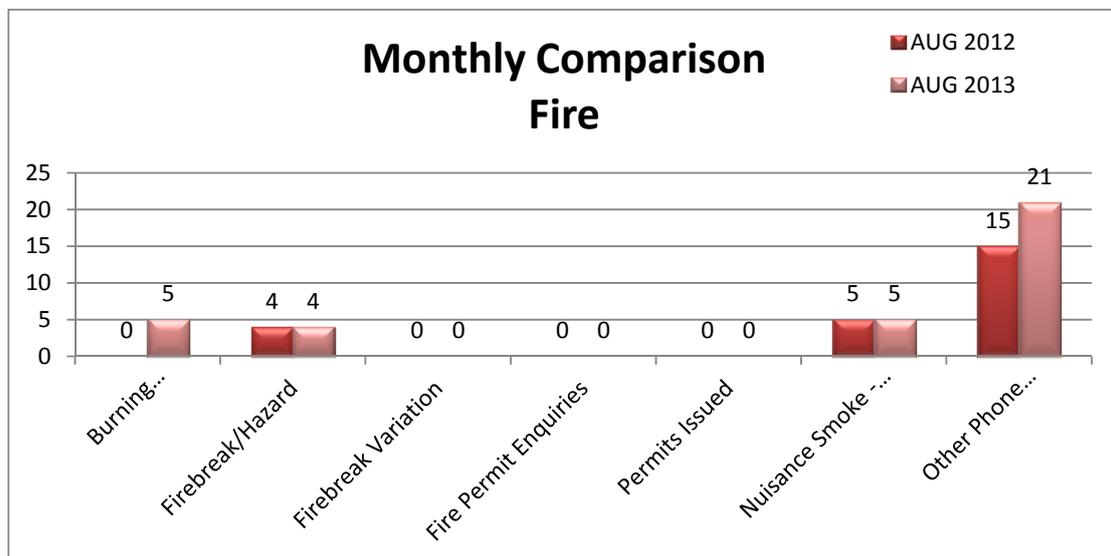
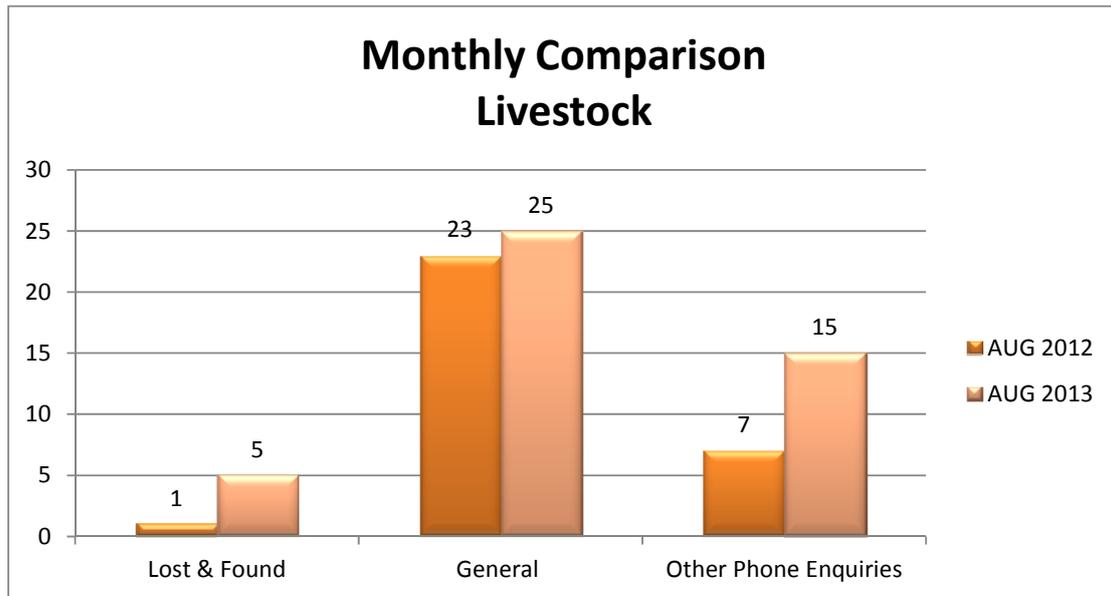
- Improving community safety through increased controls over dangerous dogs and higher penalties, encouraging more responsible dog ownership; enabling nuisance, including nuisance barking, to be more effectively dealt with; recognition of assistance dogs as an extension of the guide dog provisions; and meeting changing community expectations in areas such as micro chipping, lifetime dog registrations and impounding provisions.
- Brings together the current provisions covering restricted breeds, currently contained in regulations, into the Dog Act. This bill will ban the sale, purchase, transfer, breeding and advertising of dangerous dogs which are restricted breeds.
- Expands the interpretation of dangerous dogs to include commercial security dogs, which by the very nature of the industry require those dogs to be specifically trained to demonstrate aggressive behaviour when working. Individual dogs can also attack or exhibit threatening behaviour and local governments have the power to declare those dogs dangerous on an individual basis.
- Increases penalties for all offences under the act and specifically targets dangerous dogs irrespective of breed. The bill provides minimum penalties for offences in relation to dangerous dogs, with all other penalties listed being the maximum a court can impose. The bill also makes it a criminal offence where a dangerous dog kills a person or puts a person's life in danger, which may result in imprisonment for up to 10 years.

- Improves the ability of a local government to more effectively deal with the nuisance caused by barking dogs by enabling Rangers to take remedial action on a single nuisance dog barking complaint where they are satisfied an offence has occurred. The amendments also provide Rangers with additional enforcement tools, such as the capacity to issue infringement notices or on-the-spot fines and to escalate enforcement measures if the nuisance is not controlled or abated.
- Acknowledges advances in dog behaviour management and training, allowing appropriately retrained, retired racing greyhounds to return to the community as household pets without being required to wear a muzzle, which will prevent the euthanasia of hundreds of greyhounds which are retired from or are unfit for racing.
- Requires that from 1 November 2013, all new dogs to be micro chipped for the purpose of identification and registration. Registered dogs that are transferred to new owners after 1 November 2013 will need to be micro chipped before they are sold or transferred. All dogs will be required to be micro chipped by 1 November 2015, providing a two-year lead time for existing owners and their dogs.

The Dog Amendment Bill has been more than 10 years in development. The consultation phase resulted in 1 500 submissions from the public. There is widespread and extensive support for the proposed amendments. It is envisaged that the bill will be passed by the Legislative Assembly, and come into operation during the current sitting of Parliament.

Ranger Service Statistics





MINUTES OF OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES



City of Armadale Highland Gathering

MINUTES

Wednesday 14 August 2013

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Bet Munro (BM)
Don Munro (DM)
Stephen Sullivan (SS)
Beverley Sullivan (BS)
James Cowie (JC)
Jamie Forsyth (JF)
Yvonne Bradfield (YB)
Shelley Farrell (SF)
Clare Szmekura (CS)
Cnr Stewart (arriving late) (Cnr JS)

Apologies:

Cnr Stewart (arriving late) & Alan Miller

2. Business arising

- YB introduced SF – New Major Events & Arts Coordinator and provided overview of new Department Structure

3. Section Reports

a. Highland Dancing

- High profile Judge coming in from Sydney
- Dates of the event have been posted
- HG13 will be cross promoted at August & September Competitions
- Will introduce a choreography section to supplement program if required
- Dancer of the day to be presented by the Mayor on the Day
- Tabled: City of Armadale Titles – Highland Gathering Program 2011

b. Heavy Events

- NA

- c. Clan Tents
 - NA
- d. Pipe Bands
 - Kalamunda Pipe Band back on board after many years – attracting an extra 110 supporters
 - Action: COA to provide marketing collateral for use ECU Scottish Radio Station
 - Action: JF will send COA Events Team media contacts
 - Action: will cross promote HG13 at 9/11/2013 Battlefield Pipe Band Event
- e. Bar
 - General Discussion: Product & Price
- f. Entertainment
 - Proposed Program elements confirmed

4. Armadale Cycling Classic

- YB Spoke to ongoing communication with new cycle club and confirmed that:
 - The COA was committed to maintaining its long standing support of the Armadale Cycling Classic
 - the Cycle Classic would be moved to a different Date and potentially a new location

5. Appointment of Spokesperson

- General Discussion: Changes to the program resulting in changes to the traditional roll of the MC

6. Highland Gathering Kilt Run

- YB Provided overview of the Kilt Run proposal
- Proposed Kilt Run Map Tabled
- General Discussion: Marketing of the event via social media
- DM Action: email to Clans to endorse the Event

7. General Business

- Potential food vendors suggested:
 - Armadale Village Café
 - UK Central
- Action: COA Events Team to research

8. Next Meeting – 25 September 2013

9. Closure – 8pm

**CITY OF ARMADALE
 NOTES**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group
Tuesday 3 September 2013 at 12.30 pm
 Meeting Room, Champion Centre, Champion Drive, Seville Grove
 Chair: Jodie Clarke
 Notes: prepared by Jodie Clarke

1. Business of meeting

(i) Attendance

Name	Organisation	Title
Jodie Clarke	City of Armadale	Indigenous Development Coordinator
Kelly-Anne Charles	City of Armadale	Manager Community Development
Cr. Guenter Best	City of Armadale	City Councillor
Victoria Rafferty		Torres Strait Island Elder/ Community Representative
Keith Lethbridge	Department of Indigenous Affairs	Community Support
Karen Cross	Department of Housing	Area Manager
Vicki Davis	Department of Housing	Aboriginal Customer Support Officer
Teresa Miller	Save the Children & One Life Suicide Prevention	
Norma Garlett		Aboriginal Elder/ Community Representative
Christine Parry	Armadale Health Service	Aboriginal Health Officer
Kevin Giles	Marman Mia Mia	Director
Joel Colley	Disability Services Commission	A/ Local Area Coordinator Armadale South
Aubrey Mitchell	Marman Mia Mia	Treasurer

(ii) Apologies

Name	Organisation	Title
Albert McNamara	-	Aboriginal Elder & ATSIAG Chairperson
Carolyn Fisher	City of Armadale	Community Development Support Officer
Lyall Garlett	Department of Education	Coordinator Aboriginal Education
Lexie Trancollino	Department of Human Services	Indigenous Specialist Officer
Brenda Brittain	City of Armadale	Champion Centre Development Officer
Madge Hill		Aboriginal Elder/ Community Representative
Wendy Ashwin		
Maxine Nicholson	- South Metropolitan Health	

Turner		
Emmie Bynder		
Gary Bennell		Aboriginal Elder/ Community Representative
Gloria Bennell		Aboriginal Elder/ Community Representative

(iii) Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes of the ATSIAG meeting held 6 August 2013 were confirmed by Keith Lethbridge.

(iv) Business Arising from Minutes

Christine advised – “Boodjari Yorgas currently has eighty (80) babies on their books born since January 2013.”

2. Information Items

Native Title Southwest Settlement Presentation

An update on progress of the negotiations and consultation with the Nyoongar community was provided by SWALSC Regional Development Coordinators, Margaret Drayton and Gail Jones. The Coordinators reported some difficulty in attracting people to attend community meetings and are keen to consult with as many people as possible.

SWLASC Facilitators are able to attend meetings with families at their request. Jodie advised that the Champion Centre is available for use if families would like to hold a meeting.

3. Updates

• **One Life Suicide Prevention**

In partnership with Muggin Aboriginal Corp and Relationship Australia, One Life will commence the Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid workshops on the 17-18th September at Settlers Common.

• **Department of Housing**

Due to the question raised in the last minutes regarding percentage of Aboriginal evictions Karen advised that 10 Aboriginal people had been evicted this year. The breakdown of those evictions were 6 for arrears, 1 for abandonment/disruptive behaviour, 1 for disruptive behaviour and 2 for non-occupation. It was also advised that the waiting lists were as follows – general wait 8-10 years and urgent accommodation needs 2-3 years.

• **Champion Centre**

Jodie provided an overview of the programs running at the Champion Centre and the partner agencies that are now accommodated at the centre. .

- **Disability Services Commission**

Joel is keen to arrange a team development exercise for the Disability Services Commission, bushwalking with Elders of the community. Kevin Giles indicated that Marman Mia Mia could assist.

- **Norma Garlett**

Norma raised a need for support for Aboriginal children at Gwynne Park Primary School. The group discussed a range of possible supports and interventions and agreed for key partners to meet to discuss further.

Action – Jodie to facilitate a meeting with school, education and service providers to assist in programs relevant for children at GPPS.

- **General Discussion**

Action - Update distribution list for ATSIAG and resend Terms of Reference to members for discussion at the next meeting.

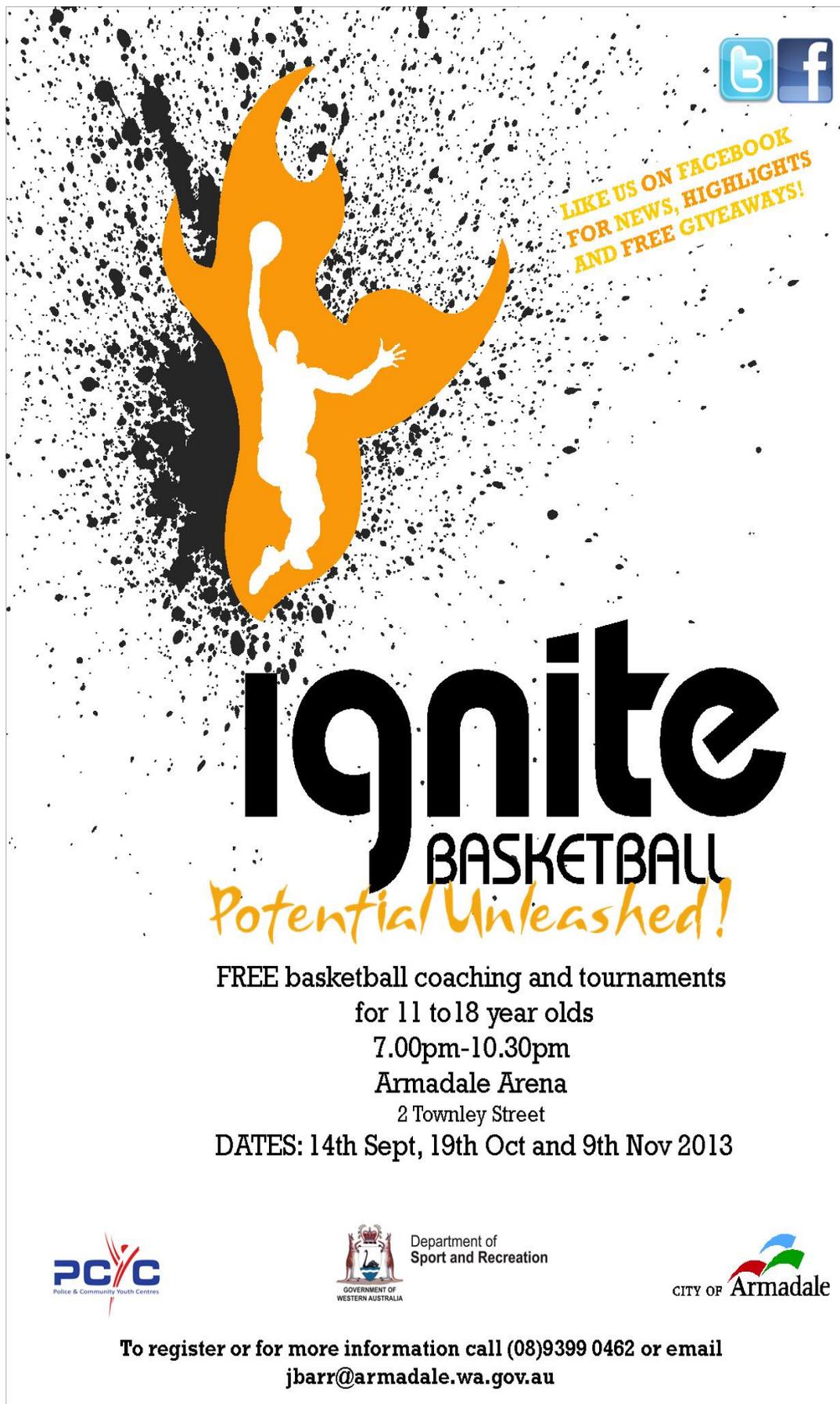
Action - Request for South Metro Health to do a presentation to ATSIAG

Action - Request for South Metro & WA Police to have representatives to sit on ATSIAG

Meeting closed at 1.30pm

Next Meeting - Tuesday 1st October 2013 at 1.30pm

Information Flyers



The flyer features a central graphic of a white silhouette of a basketball player in mid-air, set against a large, stylized orange flame. The background is white with black splatters. In the top right corner, there are social media icons for Twitter and Facebook. Below these icons is the text: "LIKE US ON FACEBOOK FOR NEWS, HIGHLIGHTS AND FREE GIVEAWAYS!". The word "ignite" is written in a large, bold, black font, with "BASKETBALL" in a smaller, bold, black font below it. Underneath "BASKETBALL" is the tagline "Potential Unleashed!" in a yellow, cursive font. The event details are listed in a black, sans-serif font: "FREE basketball coaching and tournaments for 11 to 18 year olds", "7.00pm-10.30pm", "Armadale Arena", "2 Townley Street", and "DATES: 14th Sept, 19th Oct and 9th Nov 2013". At the bottom, there are three logos: PCYC (Police & Community Youth Centres), the Government of Western Australia logo, and the City of Armadale logo.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK
FOR NEWS, HIGHLIGHTS
AND FREE GIVEAWAYS!

ignite

BASKETBALL

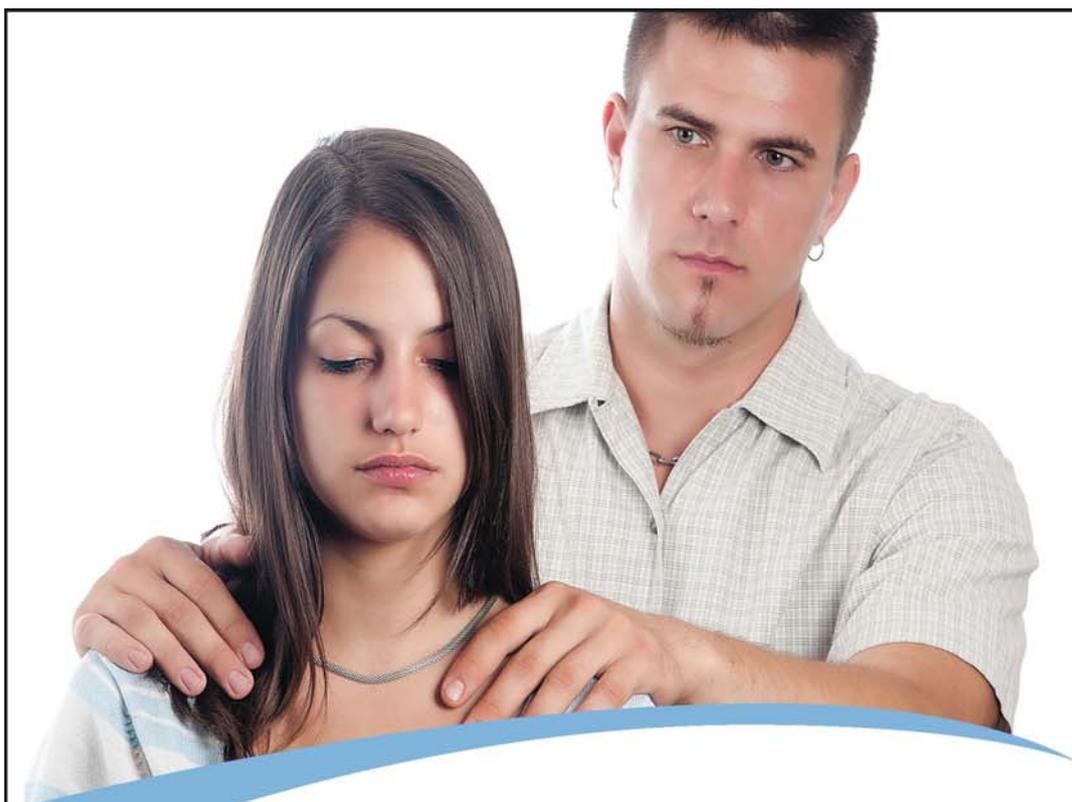
Potential Unleashed!

FREE basketball coaching and tournaments
for 11 to 18 year olds
7.00pm-10.30pm
Armadale Arena
2 Townley Street
DATES: 14th Sept, 19th Oct and 9th Nov 2013

  Department of
Sport and Recreation

 CITY OF Armadale

To register or for more information call (08)9399 0462 or email
jbarr@armadale.wa.gov.au



Free Workshop

For Volunteers and Volunteer Managers

Personal and Professional Boundaries

- This workshop seeks to increase your understanding of the importance of personal and professional boundaries.
 - Identify poor boundaries.
 - Maintaining boundaries.
-

Date: Friday 27 September

Time: 9am – 3pm

Venue: Champion Centre, 76 Champion Dr, Seville Grove

RSVP: By Wednesday 18 September on 9399 0642 or email volunteering@armadale.wa.gov.au for catering purposes and dietary requirements.



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of Local Government and Communities

CITY OF  **Armadale**



Key issues of Volunteer Management

Facilitated by Volunteering WA, this free half day workshop will enhance your volunteer management skills. Topics covered include:

- Recruiting, selecting, retaining, rewarding, and dismissing volunteers.
- Attracting and retaining Generations X, Y and Boomers.
- What motivates people to volunteer, to stay or leave your organisation.

Date:
Thursday 17 October

Time:
10am to 3pm

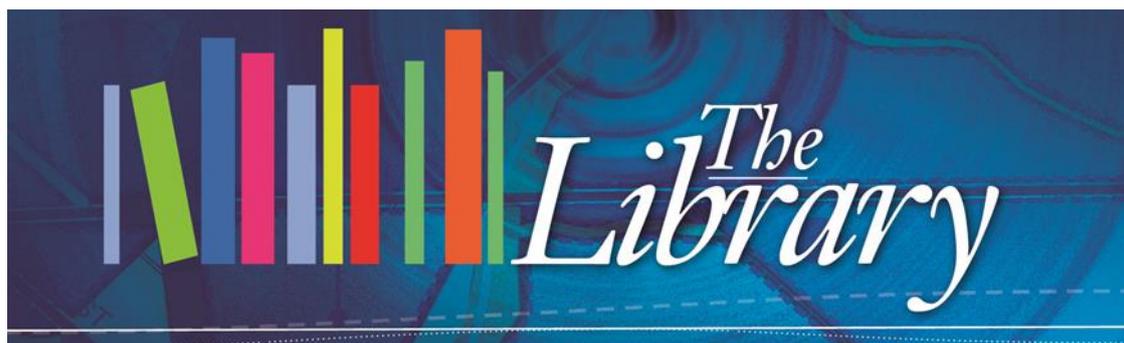
Location:
Baker's House,
10 Welcome Meander,
Harrisdale



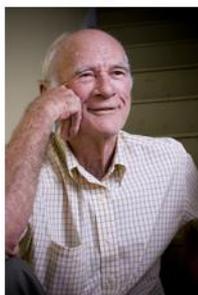
This workshop is hosted by the Gosnells e-Volunteer Hub, in partnership with Armadale Volunteer Services. Bookings are essential and lunch will be provided.

Registrations close **Monday 14 October**. To secure your place, please contact:

- Marie Walker (Gosnells e-Volunteer Hub) 9397 3123 or volunteering@gosnells.wa.gov.au
- Wendy Stanley (Armadale Volunteer Services) 9399 0642 or volunteering@armadale.wa.gov.au



Positive Ageing Sessions



These two sessions are for men only.

**Wednesday 2 October
1.30 - 4pm
Armadale Library**

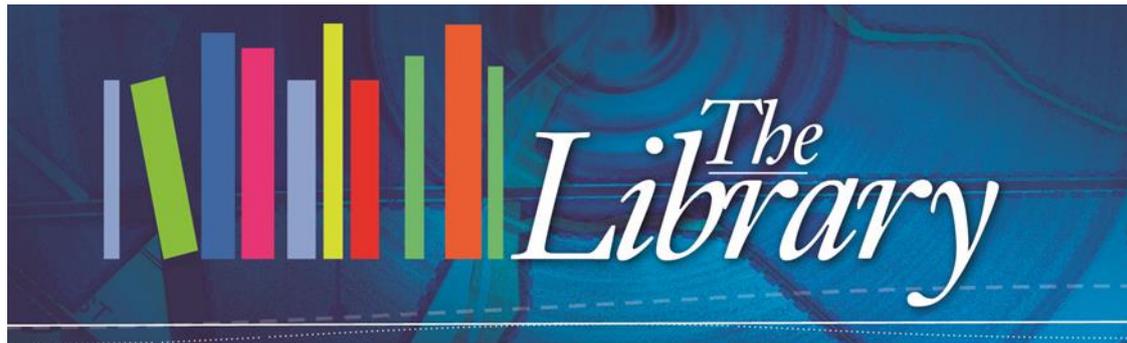
Prostate Cancer: Prevention and early detection 1.30 - 2.30pm

This session will be presented by the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. It will cover what can go wrong with the prostate, what prostate cancer is, risk factors, testing and how the Prostate Cancer Foundation can help.

Transition to Retirement 3 - 4pm

We will look at your view of retirement, what is important in your life, what your options are and how to make the changes you want.

**Refreshments will be provided.
Bookings are essential. Call 9399 0125.
Armadale Central Shopping Centre, Armadale**



Positive Ageing Sessions

Moving through menopause naturally

Monday 21 October
5.30 - 7.30pm
Armadale Library



Find out how to take a responsible and active role in treating your menopausal symptoms through the discussion of a variety of approaches.

This session is for women only.

Refreshments will be served between 5.30 - 6pm.
Bookings are essential. Call 9399 0125.
Armadale Central Shopping Centre, Armadale