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6,000 mobile black spots nominated

Six thousand locations have been nominated as having inadequate mobile coverage under the first stage of the Australian Government's \$100 million Mobile Black Spot Program, with an [interactive map](#) of those locations open for review until 15 October.

The nomination process was open to the community as well as organisations like councils.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Communications Paul Fletcher said the volume of locations is evidence of strong community demand for improved mobile phone coverage in outer metropolitan, rural and regional Australia.

Locations on the database are now eligible to be the subject of a proposal for a new or enhanced mobile base station.

Mr Fletcher said it is expected between 250 and 300 new mobile phone base states will be built under the program.

The final location for the base stations will be chosen via a competition selection process, which is designed to allocate funding to locations which will deliver the greatest benefit in terms of new coverage, he said.

The government expects to announce the locations selected for funding in the first half of 2015 and the first base stations to be under construction in the second half of 2015.

ALGA in its submission on the program argued that those in rural and remote areas should have access to the same level of telecommunications services as their urban counterparts and it was important to improve mobile coverage in areas prone to natural disasters.

Anthony Albanese to speak at Roads and Transport Congress

Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Tourism Anthony Albanese has confirmed his attendance at the 2014 National Local Roads and Transport Congress in Tamworth from 12 - 14 November.

Mr Albanese will speak on Day 2 of the Congress.

The 2014 National Local Roads and Transport Congress will explore the themes of *Collaboration and Corridors* and there will be a strong focus on how we best manage our transport infrastructure and systems and how they contribute to Australia's continued economic growth.

Also speaking at the Congress are Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss, former Deputy Prime Minister John Anderson AO; Brent Finlay, President of the National Farmers'

Federation and Jack Short, our international guest speaker, who recently ended 10 years as Secretary General of the International Transport Forum.

For a copy of the program and to register for the 2014 National Local Roads and Transport Congress visit the ALGA [website](#).

State of the Assets data due today

Updated data for inclusion in the 2014 State of the Assets Report must be submitted by close of business today, 10 October.

The report, commissioned by ALGA, is being undertaken by Jeff Roorda and Associates (JRA), will update the successful 2013 edition which reported on the state of local government road assets and the degree of asset management and long term financial planning implementation across the country.

The NSOA Report which will be released by ALGA at the [National Local Roads and Transport Congress](#) in Tamworth 12 - 14 November 2014.

Data for the report must be submitted by close of business today, Friday 10 October. To take part, register and log on [here](#).

President's Column

The announcement of the application process for the National Stronger Regions Fund is good news for local councils and their communities keen to develop new infrastructure projects but unable to do so without financial assistance from the Australian Government.

The Fund will invest \$1 billion over five years to support investment in priority economic and infrastructure areas in regions, particularly those regions needing assistance to stimulate growth.

The first projects will be funded in 2015-16.

Local government and not-for-profit organisations are eligible to apply for grants of between \$20,000 and \$10 million, with the funding to be matched dollar for dollar, and projects to be completed by 31 December 2019.

Contributing cash funding can come from any organisation including local government, state or territory governments, not-for-profit organisations and private sector companies.

I expect that this will encourage collaborative partnership projects in many communities keen to develop new infrastructure projects, particularly in areas where the applicant, such as a council, is unable to raise the necessary funds on their own.

While the fund is not just accessible by local government, it is designed to stimulate regional growth, something which benefits local communities, and that is something that councils will welcome.

In the program guidelines, outcomes identified for the fund include promoting economic activity; increasing productivity; increasing employment and a more skilled workforce; improved partnerships between local, state and territory governments, the private sector and community groups; and more stable and viable communities where people chose to live. Importantly, councils should note that the most important assessment criterion for projects will be the extent to which they contribute to economic growth in the region.

What is not clear however from the guidelines is what will qualify as a region, whether it is a council area, or a broader region as defined by previous Regional Development Australia Committee boundaries, or geographic areas.

That is an area ALGA has raised with the Government to ensure that councils have clarity when applying for funding.

Applications for Round 1 must be submitted by 28 November. The applications will be assessed by the end of March 2015 and successful projects announced in May 2015.

Round 2 applications will be accepted between 1 May 2015 and 31 July 2015.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis
President

To the local government polls in Tasmania

Voting will start in the Tasmanian local government elections on Tuesday 14 October and be open for a two week period.

The elections cover all 29 Tasmanian councils and are the first to take place since a number of electoral reforms were introduced. The changes to the Local Government Act in 2013 prevented dual representation in both the Tasmanian Parliament and local government, and also saw the introduction of all-in, all-out local government elections every four years, with four-year terms for mayors and deputy mayors.

The last local government elections were held in 2011. Since then 11 Tasmanian councils have reduced councillor numbers. These reductions will be implemented as part of this month's elections.

Counting of votes and the announcement of results will follow the close of polls on 28 October.

For more information visit the Tasmanian Electoral Commission [website](#).

Record number of council candidates in South Australia

The 2014 council elections in South Australia have attracted a record 1,334 candidates including 72 positions elected unopposed and a record number of 382 women standing for council. The number of mayors and councillors returned unopposed was the lowest on record resulting in 1,261 candidates vying for 629 positions.

Voting material will be mailed out to electors between the 20 and 24 of October, with voting to close at 5pm on Friday 7 November.

Counting of votes will start the following day, and the declaration of results will follow at the end of each election count.

For more information visit the Electoral Commission of South Australia [website](#).

Green Army on the ground

One of the first Green Army projects in Victoria is underway with young people working on a range of environmental activities at the iconic Dandenong Ranges.

Federal Environment Minister Greg Hunt visited the project site at Belgrave this week to launch the local Green Army project with Federal Member for La Trobe, Jason Wood MP.

The Green Army team will focus on land works in the southern and eastern areas surrounding the Puffing Billy Corridor to improve the conservation values of the Dandenong Ranges.

"The team will undertake revegetation activities and weed management including control of the invasive Wandering Trad. The project will also improve trail connectivity in the parks, bushland reserve and trackside properties of the historic Puffing Billy Railway," Mr Wood said.

The Programme encourages practical, grassroots action to support local environment and heritage conservation projects across Australia, providing training to 15,000 young Australians by 2018.

Further details on the programme are available at the Green Army [website](#).

Broadband internet downloads on the brink of one exabyte of data

Australians downloaded nearly one million terabytes - or one exabyte - of data via broadband in the three months to June this year, according to a report released on Tuesday 7 October by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

"Overall, there was a 16 per cent increase on broadband downloads in the three months to December last year," said Lesley Martin from the ABS, "but if you look solely at mobile handsets, then downloads jumped by 40 per cent."

"Our total download volume for the three months was 996,160 terabytes via broadband, and 38,734 terabytes via mobile handset."

"Exactly five years ago, for the three months ended June 2009, we were just about to hit 100,000 terabytes of downloads, so today's result makes a tenfold increase in just five

years."

"The increase reflects the dominance of broadband, Australia's continuing appetite for the internet and particularly the swing towards higher download speeds," said Ms Martin.

The survey also found that two-thirds of broadband subscribers had download speeds of eight Mbps or greater, and that mobile wireless is the most prevalent internet technology in Australia, accounting for half of all connections.

Further information is available in *Internet Activity, Australia, June 2014* (cat. no. 8153.0) available for free download from <http://www.abs.gov.au/>.

Property Council highlights UK infrastructure approach

Australian infrastructure planners should look to UK 'City Deals' as a vehicle for lifting economic productivity, according to new research released on Wednesday 8 October by the Property Council of Australia.

UK City Deals are a formal agreement between the UK central government and a region aimed at boosting economic growth and productivity through a shared infrastructure deal.

The *Introducing UK City Deals* report prepared by KPMG for the Property Council outlines the benefits of this approach for Australian policy makers.

"Under UK City Deals, infrastructure needs are assessed and funded region-by-region, leveraging local expertise and other funding mechanisms, with clear rewards for success.

"Under the UK model, infrastructure funding is directly linked to economic growth. To be successful, projects must deliver the maximum economic bang for the taxpayer buck.

"A *City Deal* assigns funds by region or metropolitan area and relies on local expertise and creativity to maximise productivity outcomes." KPMG provided advice to all levels of government in the UK to implement the *City Deal* policy.

20 million trees grants open

Communities can now apply for grants through the \$50 million, 20 Million Trees program.

The funding aims to re-establish Australia's green corridors and urban forests, as part of the National Landcare Program.

20 Million Trees projects can be undertaken in urban and regional areas, on public and private land.

Communities, groups and individuals can apply for grants of between \$20,000 and \$100,000.

Applications are open until 30 October 2014.

Project guidelines and more information is available [here](#).

As well as the grants, the Australian Government will also be running a tender process for service providers to undertake large-scale tree plantings. More details on the National Service Provider process will be available over the coming months.

International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction

Monday 13 October is the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction.

The International Day for Disaster Reduction started in 1989 with the approval of the United Nations General Assembly. The UN General Assembly sees the day as a way to promote a global culture of disaster reduction, including disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness.

The day promotes how people and communities are reducing their risk to disasters and raising awareness about the importance of disaster risk reduction. Each year the day is themed. For 2014 the theme is *Resilience is for Life: Older Persons and Disasters*.

In Canberra, the Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC is hosting a forum featuring a panel of speakers who will explore Australia's contribution to natural disaster risk reduction at home and in our region.

The forum will draw on the perspectives of researchers, academia, government and NGOs and is jointly hosted by the Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC, the Australian National University, the Attorney-General's Department and the Australian Red Cross.

The forum will be held from 5.30 to 7.30pm at University House, Australian National University.

Resilient Australia - Western Australia winners named

A partnership between the Shire of Augusta Margaret River and the Australian Red Cross has taken out the top honour in this year's Resilient Australia Awards, Western Australian judging.

Now in their 15th year, the awards recognise innovative projects and campaigns that make communities more resilient when facing emergencies and natural disasters such as bushfires, floods and destructive storms.

Commonwealth Minister for Justice Michael Keenan and WA Emergency Services Minister Joe Francis announced the WA award winners in each of the three categories; Not for Profit, Local Government and State Government on Wednesday 8 October.

Mr Francis said the overall state winner, the Augusta Margaret River/Red Cross 'Get Ready' project, involved a successful campaign encouraging residents to adopt a 'shared responsibility' approach to emergency preparedness.

Winner of the State Government category was 'Bushfire Patrol', a bushfire education program devised by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services and the WA Education Department.

The winners of each category are now in the running for national awards to be announced by Minister Keenan on November 24, 2014.

Anti-Poverty week starts Sunday

More than 400 activities will be held around Australia as part of Anti-Poverty Week 2014. About 1,000 organisations and more than 20,000 people will participate in events from 12 - 18 October.

Activities during the Week will include launches, forums, workshops, awards, exhibitions, fund-raisers, publications, presentations, addresses, festivals and many other activities focussing on different aspects of poverty and hardship at home and abroad.

Key themes include links between poverty and education, health, work, finance, housing, food and utilities. Other issues include Indigenous poverty, homeless people, poverty and children, poverty and older people, poverty and people with disabilities, rural poverty and many others.

Participants include major national organisations, educational institutions, welfare agencies, community groups, businesses, unions, government departments and local councils around Australia.

For more information and to find an event near you visit
<http://www.antipovertyweek.org.au>

25 years of Heart Foundation Tick

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Heart Foundation Tick program, and ahead of the roll out of the Health Star Rating system the Heart Foundation has recently begun reviewing its pioneering public health initiative.

The Heart Foundation's National CEO Mary Barry said it is now 25 years since the Tick was first launched and we are reviewing how far we've come and what we have achieved.

"In 1989, when the Tick program began, there was no information available to consumers about the contents of products. There wasn't even a nutrition information panel on the back of the packet. The Heart Foundation ensured that all products carrying the Tick also carried a nutrition information panel.

Ms Barry said the Heart Foundation has played a major role in the development of the

new Health Star Rating system and strongly supports its adoption and roll out.

"At this stage uptake of the star rating system by the food industry is voluntary and is yet to be fully taken up, so there remains an important role for the Tick to complement any new labelling system and to encourage the industry to make their foods healthier."

Ms Barry added that the Heart Foundation is considering a range of options for the future of Tick as part of the review.

The review is expected to be completed at the end of 2015.

People who would like to participate in the Tick Review can complete a survey and for more information please visit <http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/healthy-eating/heart-foundation-tick/pages/default.aspx>.

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Updated program for National Local Roads and Transport Congress online

An updated program has been released for the 2014 National Local Roads and Transport Congress to be held in Tamworth from 12 - 14 November.

The Congress theme *Corridors and Collaboration* will be explored by a panel of eminent speakers in regional transport.

Now confirmed for the program are Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss; Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Tourism Anthony Albanese; former chair of the National Transport Commission Greg Martin; National Farmers Federation President Brent Finlay; former Secretary/CEO Department of Infrastructure, Energy, Resources, Tasmania Norm McIlfratrick; chair of the Inland Rail Implementation Group John Anderson; and international speaker Jack Short, former Secretary General of the International Transport Forum.

The Congress will also include a forum featuring council representatives who will discuss the transport challenges and issues faced by these different local government areas.

A complete list of speakers is included in the program on the ALGA website.

There is still time to secure your attendance at this important event.

With infrastructure funding such a vital issue for all councils, it is important to be involved in the debate and help shape local government policy in relation to transport issues into the future.

Register [online](#) today.

Inland Rail update at Congress

Chair of the Inland Rail Implementation Group, the Hon John Anderson AO is among the speakers at the 2014 National Local Roads and Transport Congress to be held in Tamworth from 12-14 November.

Mr Anderson will speak at the Congress on Thursday 13 November on the Challenges of the Inland Rail project.

The Inland Rail Freight project will connect Brisbane to Melbourne via regional south east Queensland, inland New South Wales and rural Victoria.

The Inland Rail Implementation Group has among its responsibilities, determining construction priorities, engagement with stakeholders and the community, and providing the

Government with advice on the steps to move the project forward and how to best utilise the initial \$300 million the government has committed for pre-construction and early works.

In a long political career, Mr Anderson served as the Member for Gwydir in north-western NSW from 1989 through until 2007.

In 1996 he became Minister for Primary Industries and Energy in the Howard Government, and in 1998 became Minister for Transport and Regional Development. From 1999 until 2005 Mr Anderson was Australia's Deputy Prime Minister. As leader of the National Party he was instrumental in establishing the Roads to Recovery Program.

He was named an officer of the Order of Australia in June 2011.

For a copy of the program and to register for the 2014 National Local Roads and Transport Congress visit the ALGA [website](#).

Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements Public hearings

The Productivity Commission will hold hearings in Sydney, Melbourne, Townsville and Brisbane in late October as part of its review of natural disaster funding arrangements. Locations, dates and times are available from the Commission's [website](#).

The public hearings provide participants with the opportunity to elaborate on their submissions and to discuss issues with Commissioners. Those who lodge submissions are encouraged, but are under no obligation, to appear at the public hearings.

Submissions on the Productivity Commission's draft report into disaster funding arrangements will be accepted until Tuesday 21 October 2014.

ALGA will lodge a submission on the draft report which will be available on the ALGA website next Wednesday, and ALGA will be appearing before the Commission in Melbourne.

President's Column

As ALGA President I have been privileged to play some important roles, including representing local government in Australia on the international scene as part of ALGA's membership of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF) and the United Cities Local Government-Asia Pacific (UCLG-ASPAC) and representing local government as part of the Council of Australian Government (COAG).

Two years on, I am coming to the end of my term, and last week I attended my final COAG meeting.

It is an honour to represent the interests of local government in this forum, attending alongside the Prime Minister and the first ministers of the states and territories.

There was lengthy discussion at the meeting on counter-terrorism measures and the Commonwealth's investment of \$13.4 million to strengthen community engagement and

countering extremism to complement existing programs.

The Reform of the Federation and Taxation White Papers were also important agenda items.

COAG acknowledged the importance of the Federal system, and supported the White Paper process which will look at the roles and responsibilities of the three spheres of government. The meeting agreed that the review would be conducted in a spirit of partnership in a bid to achieve consensus as far as possible on reform directions.

COAG discussed the need for all jurisdictions to work together to ensure the Federation debate was well-informed, open and constructive about the need for change and about any potential changes to existing roles and responsibilities put forward through the Federation White Paper process.

Importantly for local government any change of roles and responsibilities will require governments to have certainty about funding streams for associated activities and service delivery responsibilities.

Given financial constraints local government is operating in any proposed changes or reform of current funding arrangements that may emerge through either the Federation White Paper on the Taxation Reform White Paper will need to be closely evaluated.

It is vital that all councils take part in these processes to ensure the voice of local government is heard and recognised as a vital sphere of government in the Federation.

ALGA has provided [comment](#) on the first Federation White Paper Issues Paper, and more information on the Reform of the Federation is available on the [website](#).

The Communique from the 38th COAG Meeting is available [here](#).

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More draft emissions reduction methods released for consultation

The Australian Government has released three more draft Emissions Reduction Fund methods for public consultation.

Emissions reduction methods set out the rules for estimating emissions reductions from proposed activities.

The draft methods cover projects in large industrial facilities, wastewater treatment and transport.

The draft facilities method will credit verified emissions reductions achieved at facilities that report emissions under the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Scheme and produce a saleable product.

The Government is consulting on a number of priority methods across a range of sectors to

ensure methods are ready for use when the Emissions Reduction Fund begins. The first five draft methods were released for public consultation in September 2014.

Businesses, community organisations and individuals are invited to make submissions on the most recent draft methods by 5pm AEDT on 12 November 2014.

Submissions on the draft methods for commercial building energy efficiency and avoided clearing of native regrowth close next Thursday, 23 October.

Further details about the draft methods and how to make a submission are available [here](#).

Regional Development Australia Committee review

Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss updated delegates at the Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia conference in Alice Springs last week on the outcomes of the review of the Regional Development Australia (RDA) model.

Mr Truss told the conference that the government will retain the existing 55 RDA committees which will be expected to focus more strongly on regional economic development and facilitating local projects that aim to make a difference for their local communities.

RDA committees will be funded to:

- maintain and keep current a three to five year regional plan;
- advise on priority activities that will drive regional economic development;
- assist local community stakeholders to develop project proposals, including applications for the National Stronger Regions Fund;
- provide advice to the government on critical issues affecting each region; and
- be a mechanism to increase awareness of Australian Government programs in their communities.

Mr Truss said the appointment process to RDA's will also be simplified. The chair and deputy chair will be appointed by the government, jointly with state and territories where they are funding partners. The chair and deputy will make appointments to fill committee vacancies themselves.

The importance of engagement with local government was also stressed.

A copy of Mr Truss' speech is available [here](#).

Heart Foundation releases Blueprint for Active Australia

The National Heart Foundation of Australia's released its [Blueprint for Active Australia](#) in Canberra yesterday.

The Blueprint is a call to all Australian governments to implement a 13-point plan to get the nation moving.

Mary Barry, National CEO of the Heart Foundation said despite the image of ourselves as an active nation; the data tells a different story.

"The majority of Australian children between the ages of 5-17 do not currently meet the physical activity guidelines and participation decreases with age, from 36 per cent of five to eight year olds to just 6 per cent of 15 to 17 year olds."

Physical activity levels in both adults and children are lower than those of most comparable nations. Since 2001, the proportion and number of Australians doing very little or no exercise has continued to increase.

This second edition of the Blueprint features new action areas, reflecting a growing evidence base that reinforces the need for urgent, coordinated and concerted action across all levels of government.

The report argues that the potency of physical activity as a policy investment for Australia extends far beyond health; that active living plays a key role in broader economic and social goals for our nation.

South Australia creates Australia's largest public library network

More than 130 public libraries across South Australia have been connected, allowing customers to borrow and return items at these libraries with the one library card.

The One Card Network was launched last week.

The One Card Network is a collaboration between South Australian councils, the Libraries Board of South Australia, Public Library Services, the Local Government Association of South Australia, and library staff in more than 130 Council and school-community-based libraries across South Australia.

Local Government Association President Mayor David O'Loughlin highlighted the savings to councils across SA as a result of the shared project between State and Local Government.

"It's been estimated that the implementation cost of the new shared system over 4 years will be at least \$700,000 less than the cost of councils continuing to operate separate library management systems over the same length of time," Mayor O'Loughlin said.

The new system is set to boost the appeal of an already popular community service according to James Bruce, Chairman of the Libraries Board of South Australia.

For more information read the [summary report](#) of the benefits of the One Card project.

National Roundtable on dams and water infrastructure announced

The Minister for Agriculture, Barnaby Joyce, announced on Tuesday 13 October that a

National Water Infrastructure Roundtable will be held on Wednesday, 29 October in Canberra.

"The Australian Government's Water Infrastructure Ministerial Working Group identified around 30 projects which should be a priority to progress from 63 projects submitted by the states and territories.

Minister Joyce said he was hopeful that the roundtable would bring together everyone involved in water infrastructure from across Australia, including investors, representatives of irrigators, mining and power industries, financiers, state and territory governments, local governments and construction companies.

The Australian Government's Water Infrastructure Ministerial Working Group has identified a shortlist of projects which could potentially begin immediately, or which could be fast-tracked for development.

"The shortlist of projects includes a number of sites across Australia in Tasmania, Queensland, New South Wales, Northern Territory and Western Australia. This list of projects will be included in the Green Paper for the Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper," Minister Joyce said.

Murray-Darling Chairman to finish up

Murray-Darling Basin Authority chairman Craig Knowles has advised he will finish in the role when his four-year term expires in January 2015.

Federal Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment, Senator Simon Birmingham, said that Mr Knowles had played an extremely valuable role in working towards a balanced and consultative approach in the development of the Basin Plan.

Mr Knowles said he had enjoyed his time in the role and felt he had achieved what he had set out to do.

"I came into this role with the challenge of taking the MDBA through a process and delivering a Basin Plan to the Australian Parliament in what has been, for more than 100 years, an extremely challenging and important area of public policy," Mr Knowles said.

"I also express my great appreciation to the many thousands of Australians who attended meetings, wrote submissions, came up with solutions, took leadership roles and helped to educate us all along the way. The fact that we are now well into the second year of implementation is a testament to both the quality of the Basin Plan and to the men and women who crafted it."

Senator Birmingham said an appointment of a new Chair would be made in due course, consistent with the requirements of the Water Act.

Are businesses in your community energy efficient?

The Australian Food and Grocery Council (AFGC) is offering an energy efficiency

program for small and medium enterprises in the food and grocery manufacturing sector - *AFGC empower*. The program, funded by the Department of Industry, provides energy efficiency related information and advice to businesses, with less than 200 employees, in the sector. As a part of the program, AFGC have developed various tools and factsheets which are available on the program [website](#). These tools assist businesses to identify, prioritise and implement energy saving opportunities.

The program also provides free energy assessments and implementation support through workshops. The energy assessments are on a first come basis. The program finishes in April next year, and the AFGC is looking to engage with as many businesses as possible. There is no cost for businesses to take part. For more information contact Kartik Madhira (Kartik.madhira@afgc.org.au) on (02) 6270 9016.

Inspiring leaders

The Australian Government and the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) launched the Creating Inspiring Rural Community Leadership and Engagement (CIRCLE) program on Monday 13 October, which will provide resources and grants to build capacity in Australia's regions.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development Warren Truss said the CIRCLE program, funded by the Australian Government and developed by FRRR, focuses on fostering community leadership in rural, regional and remote communities.

"It is critical to encourage local leadership skills and build community capacity to address local issues and keep community spirit alive through initiatives like the CIRCLE program."

FRRR Chief Executive Officer Alexandra Gartmann said CIRCLE had three main components: providing training and development materials; delivering a \$350,000 grants program focused on building leadership; and conducting an environmental scan to assess development opportunities.

"Community groups can access a series of [case study videos](#) and other information online at the FRRR website. Web users can also register to attend the first of a series of [CIRCLE webinars](#) at 1.30pm on 28 October, which will feature the Chairman of the Into Our Hands Foundation, Loretta Carroll.

For more information about the CIRCLE program, visit [FRRR](#).

Fostering social cohesion

ACELG has been appointed by the Australian Human Rights Commission to develop an online resource to assist local government to prevent and respond to racism and intercommunity conflict as part of the National Anti-Racism Strategy.

ACELG is seeking input from councils regarding initiatives they have undertaken to foster social cohesion.

The Human Rights Commission has prioritised the development of a practical resource to support local governments in responding to racism and strengthening social cohesion in their communities.

ACELG is looking to showcase a number of local governments as part of the online resource and are keen to hear from councils which have implemented strategies, policies and programs to build social cohesion/and or prevent or respond to racism; adopted internal strategies for cultural diversity in the workplace; partnered with other organisations to strengthen community relationships; worked with sections of the community, especially young people, to understand their attitudes to different cultures; and worked to build relationships between diverse communities or different faith groups.

ACELG can be contacted about the project on social.cohesion@acelg.org.au

It is expected the resource will be available in July 2015.

Boundless Canberra playground opens

The ACT's all-inclusive playspace, Boundless, was opened on Saturday.

The playground, in Kings Park, near the Carillon at Lake Burley Griffin, caters to children of all physical ability levels, and is one of a growing number of playgrounds being constructed as part of the Livvi's Place National Network of inclusive playspaces, an initiative of the Touched by Olivia Foundation.

The first Livvi's Place playground opened in 2006 in Cambelltown, Sydney and the first regional playground opened in Dubbo, NSW, in 2011.

An all-abilities playground is currently under construction in Port Macquarie.

The Foundation hopes to see 10 of the playgrounds constructed each year.

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Freight Rail Inquiry Findings Welcomed

The Parliamentary Inquiry into the management of the State's freight rail network highlights a number of key deficiencies in the current arrangements.

The WA Local Government Association has long advocated for a number of the recommendations resulting from the Inquiry, which was conducted by the Economics and Industry Standing Committee and tabled in Parliament on 16 October.

WA Local Government Association President, Mayor Troy Pickard, said the freight rail network played an integral role in the economic development and wellbeing of many regional communities.

"The freight rail network is a vital linchpin in the regions," Mayor Pickard said.

"While the intent of the State Government's current freight rail network management structure was to effectively balance economic needs of the grains industry and rail providers, the findings of the Inquiry clearly demonstrate that a series of decisions have led to the current situation where rail lines have been withdrawn from service and the costs transferred to Local Governments.

"The sector strongly endorses the Inquiry's recommendations that no further grain freight rail lines be removed from service.

"In particular, the Association welcomes the report's recommendation for a study into the cost impact for Local Governments affected by the closure of grain freight lines.

In instances where grain freight lines are closed, the only option is to shift the freight task from rail to road. This typically results in significant increases to road upgrades and maintenance costs for Local Governments.

"Where grain freight routes serve regional rather than local demand, there is a sound argument that these roads should be the responsibility of the State Government," Mayor Pickard said.

"As a matter of urgency, the State Government should implement the report's recommendation for a review of Western Australia's road hierarchy to resolve this.

"The report highlights that to date only \$118 million has been provided for investment in affected roads, well short of the \$320 million identified in the Strategic Grain Freight Review as being required.

"WALGA looks forward to working with the State Government to redress this shortfall."

One of the key outcomes of the Inquiry was to make the obligations of rail providers such as Brookfield and the Public Transport Authority more transparent.

"A lack of transparency about the operations of Brookfield, the PTA and some other key stakeholders has led to a loss of trust in the regions," Mayor Pickard said.

"The Local Government sector urges Brookfield, CBH and the Public Transport Authority to actively engage in seeking solutions."

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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

- ❑ Casual Health Technical Assistant – commencement date 2/11/14.
- ❑ Customer Service Team Leader (Leisure Facilities) – commencement date 3/11/14.
- ❑ Manager Financial Services – commencement date 12/1/15.

Staff Leaving:

- ❑ Building/Health Compliance Officer – resignation effective 31/10/14.

Other Staff Movements (Internal):

- ❑ NIL

Current Recruitment Activity:

- ❑ Parks Maintenance Operator – recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Tractor Operator – recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Records Officer (Archives & Projects) – recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Project Officer - Local Government Reform – applications closed 9/10/14.
- ❑ Communications Officer – Local Government Reform – applications closed 9/10/14.
- ❑ ICT Technical Support Engineer – Reform Projects – recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Applications Support Officer ICT – recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Coordinator Technical Services – to be re-advertised as Coordinator Administration Technical Services, with applications closing 31/10/14.
- ❑ Subdivision Engineer – applications close 23/10/14.
- ❑ Environmental Officer – applications close 23/10/14.
- ❑ Secretarial Assistant (Part-time) – Bushcare and Environmental Working Group - internal expression of interest – recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Community Arts & Cultural Development Officer – applications close 30/10/14.
- ❑ Records/Freedom of Information Officer – applications close 30/10/14.

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TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE
Works Programme – October 2014 – December 2014



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City Projects	<u>Capital Works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New office complex – construction continuing. Internal works, preliminary landscaping. • Pre-tender stage for Harrisdale (East) Shared Use Site. • Pre-tender stage for Kelmscott Library. 	<u>Capital Works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New office complex – construction continuing. • Design and documentation for Harrisdale (East) Stage 1. • Design and documentation for Kelmscott Library. 	<u>Capital Works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New office complex – fit-out due for completion. • Prepare documentation for Stage 1 construction Harrisdale (East). • Design and documentation for Kelmscott Library.
Civil Works	<u>Construction</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Railway Avenue - upgrade between Merrifield Avenue and Westfield Road. • Lori Road – cul-de-sac. • Griffith St - road resurfacing. • Salter Road – new footpath. • Whittington Street – new footpath. • Ashley Drive – new footpath. • Kingsley Terrace – new footpath. • Lori Road - road resurfacing. • Savage Road - road resurfacing. • Huxley Court – road resurfacing. • Slab Gully Rd new concrete footpath • Baxendale Way - road resurfacing. • Church Avenue – Black Spot project 	<u>Construction</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Railway Avenue - upgrade between Merrifield Avenue and Westfield Road. • Hebrides Road – cul-de-sac. • Chevin Road – rehabilitation. • Streich Ave – Road resurfacing • Strawberry Drive – Black Spot project (new concrete footpath). • Hakea Road – new concrete footpath. • Dew Street – new concrete footpath. • Newton Court – new concrete footpath • Seville Dr – Black spot new footpath • Church Abe black spot new footpath • Jull Street Mall Streetscape Project. 	<u>Construction</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Railway Avenue - upgrade between Merrifield Avenue and Westfield Road. • Gillam Drive/Bruns Street - round about. • Nicholson Road B- rehabilitation. • Chevin Road – rehabilitation. • Seventh Road/Gribble Avenue - round about. • Dew St – new concrete footpath

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	(new concrete footpath). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jull Street Mall Streetscape Project. <u>Maintenance:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance as per Programme. • Contract road sweeping. • Footpath defects. • Bridge routine maintenance 	<u>Maintenance:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance as per Programme. • Contract road sweeping. • Footpath defects. • Bridge routine maintenance 	<u>Maintenance:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance as per Programme. • Contract road sweeping. • Footpath defects. • Bridge routine maintenance
Design and Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road – Stage 4. • Streich Avenue – MRRG. • Nicholson Road - (Swamp) MRRG. • Seville Drive – shared path. • Armadale Road – shared path. • Cable Close. • Canns Road S&L. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road – Stage 4. • Balannup Road. • Gillam Drive/Bruns Street - Heavy Vehicle Access. • Westfield Road LATM. • Landmark Building - car park. • Railway Avenue – principal shared path. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road – Stage 4. • Balannup Road. • Challis Primary School – Parking. • Gwynne Park Primary – Parking. • Road Resurfacing S&L. • Fourth Road – upgrade.
Parks Design and Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks asset pick up and data migration new estates areas 2014/2015. • Request for Tender - Armadale Golf Course - Irrigation supply and install. • Armadale Golf Course - construction - drawing development - “J Lane” select greens and tees. • Parks Standard Drawing Set - development. • Street Tree Policy. • Sporting Ovals Guidelines. • Updated Verge Policy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warton Road Landscape Design Documentation. • Ranford Road Landscape Design Documentation. • Landmark Building – car park landscaping. • Parks asset pick up and data migration – new estates areas and POS Strategy 2014/2015. • Parks 2015/2016 Capital Budget. • Parks asset data migration – Assetic System. • Request for Tender – Armadale Golf Course – irrigation supply and install. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warton Road Landscape Design Documentation. • Ranford Road Landscape Design Documentation. • Balannup Tender Documentation.

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Parks Subdivisional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Various approvals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Various approvals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Various approvals.
Parks Works	<p><u>Capital/Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploratory drilling for new water - ongoing. Landscaping works on Kelmscott CBD to continue. Landscaping – Jarrah Road, Roleystone. Landscaping – Nicholson Road. POS Strategy - Precinct A Works - ongoing. Request for Tender - John Dunn Memorial Oval - Front Fields - lighting/irrigation and turf works - ongoing. William Skeet Skate Park - Phase Two (half pipe and landscaping). <p><u>Asset Renewal Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lighting Projects - Tender 15/14 and 	<p><u>Capital/Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploratory drilling for new water - ongoing. Landscaping works on Kelmscott CBD to continue. Landscaping – Jarrah Road, Roleystone. Landscaping – Nicholson Road. POS Strategy - Precinct A - Works ongoing. John Dunn Memorial Oval - Front Fields -lighting/irrigation and turf works - ongoing. William Skeet Skate Park - Phase Two (half pipe and landscaping). Landmark building landscaping to begin. Irrigation headwork’s and pumps to be completed. <p><u>Asset Renewal Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lighting Projects - Tender 15/14, 	<p><u>Capital/Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploratory drilling for new water - ongoing. Landscaping works on Kelmscott CBD to continue. Landscaping – Jarrah Road, Roleystone. Landscaping – Nicholson Road. POS Strategy - Precinct A - Works ongoing. John Dunn Memorial Oval - Front Fields -lighting/irrigation and turf works - ongoing. William Skeet Skate Park - Phase Two (half pipe and landscaping). Landmark building landscaping to begin. Irrigation headwork’s and pumps to be completed. Burtonia Park /Erad Park - bollard installs to be completed. Piara Waters Oval - drink fountain install. <p><u>Asset Renewal Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alfred Skeet/Gwynne Park/Morgan

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	<p>Tender 16/14 in progress.</p> <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract landscape maintenance. • Contract play space maintenance. • Scheduled mowing and general maintenance. • Irrigation maintenance. • Bushland maintenance. • Civic Precinct maintenance. • New estate maintenance. • Contract streetscape maintenance. • Customer requests. • Barbecue cleaning. • Street tree maintenance. • Parks operations review. 	<p>Tender 14/14, Tender 12/14 and Tender 16/14 in progress.</p> <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract landscape maintenance. • Contract play space maintenance. • Scheduled mowing and general maintenance. • Irrigation maintenance. • Bushland maintenance. • Civic Precinct maintenance. • New estate maintenance. • Contract streetscape maintenance. • Customer requests. • Barbecue cleaning. • Street tree maintenance. • Parks operations review. • Active sportsground renovations. 	<p>Park sports oval lighting completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rushton Park Oval lighting ongoing. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract landscape maintenance. • Contract play space maintenance. • Scheduled mowing and general maintenance. • Irrigation maintenance. • Bushland maintenance. • Civic Precinct maintenance. • New estate maintenance. • Contract streetscape maintenance. • Customer requests. • Barbecue cleaning. • Street tree maintenance. • Parks operations review. • Active sportsground renovations.
<p>Property Management</p>	<p>Capital Works</p> <p><u>Upgrade:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Administration –works to carry out building upgrade • Depot Amenities - refurbishment construction project – ongoing. • Cross Park - electrical upgrade to sports pavilions continuing – ongoing. • Lions Park – ongoing should option be approved. • Arena Roofing – consultation ongoing, and tender preparation. 	<p>Capital Works</p> <p><u>Upgrade:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Administration –works to carry out building upgrade • Depot Amenities - refurbishment construction project • Cross Park - electrical upgrade to sports pavilions continuing – (with Western Power via SAGE - ongoing). • Alfred Skeet - female change rooms and unisex facility tender. • Lions Park • Arena Roofing – tender. 	<p>Capital Works</p> <p><u>Upgrade:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Administration –works to carry out building upgrade • Depot Amenities - refurbishment construction project • Cross Park - electrical upgrade to sports pavilions continuing – (with Western Power via SAGE - ongoing). • Alfred Skeet - female change rooms and unisex facility. Tender to be awarded. • Lions Park

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	<p><u>Renewal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Springdale Park - upgrade of site main switchboard. <p><u>New</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Buildings - fire systems compliance works – tender preparation • Administration Building - fire system installation planning and consultation. • Visitors Centre Building - fire system installation completed. • Arena Building - fire system installation planning and consultation. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical Compliance Servicing - multiple buildings. • Air Conditioning Servicing – multiple buildings. • Waste Management services to many facilities – Grease trap maintenance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History House – fire panel and detectors. <p><u>Renewal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Springdale Park - upgrade of site main switchboard. • Armadale Bowling Club – new fencing to boundary of site. <p><u>New</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration Building - fire system installation planning and consultation. • Arena Building - fire system installation planning and consultation. • Depot Buildings – new amenities / toilets - ongoing works <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical Compliance Servicing - multiple buildings. • Air Conditioning Servicing – multiple buildings. • Waste Management services to many facilities – grease trap maintenance. • Minor painting works to various facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arena Roofing – tender awarded. • History House – fire panel and detectors. <p><u>Renewal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Springdale Park - upgrade of site main switchboard (ongoing). • Armadale Arena –gutter replacement. <p><u>New</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Buildings - fire systems compliance works – Tender awarded • Administration Building - fire system installation planning and consultation.(Ongoing) • Arena Building - fire system installation planning and consultation.(Ongoing) <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical Compliance Servicing - multiple buildings. • Air Conditioning Servicing – multiple buildings. New contract awarded • Waste Management services to many facilities – Grease trap maintenance • Minor painting works to various facilities.
Subdivisional Development	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 active areas of civil works. 	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 active areas of civil works. 	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 active areas of civil works.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 civil works submissions under review. • 4 water management submissions under review. • 1 active major public utility installation. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AREA WORKS</u></p> <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 civil works submission under review. • 1 WAPC subdivision submissions under review. <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 active areas of civil works. • 1 civil works submission under review. • 1 major public utility installation. <p><u>Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 WAPC subdivision submissions under review. • 4 water management submissions under review. • 4 civil works submissions under review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 civil works submissions under review. • 4 water management submissions under review. • 1 active major public utility installation. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AREA WORKS</u></p> <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 civil works submission under review. • 1 WAPC subdivision submissions under review. <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 active areas of civil works. • 1 civil works submission under review. • 1 major public utility installation. <p><u>Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 WAPC subdivision submissions under review. • 4 water management submissions under review. • 4 civil works submissions under review. • 5 active areas of civil works. • 2 active major public utility installations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 civil works submissions under review. • 4 water management submissions under review. • 1 active major public utility installation. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AREA WORKS</u></p> <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 civil works submission under review. • 1 WAPC subdivision submissions under review. <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 active areas of civil works. • 1 civil works submission under review. • 1 major public utility installation. <p><u>Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 WAPC subdivision submissions under review. • 4 water management submissions under review. • 4 civil works submissions under review. • 5 active areas of civil works. • 2 active major public utility installations.

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ALL ABILITIES PLAYGROUND UPDATE

The matter of providing funding and investigating a fully complete accessible playground to be provided at one of the City's parks was referred at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 25th February 2013.

The All Abilities Playground Report (T88/12/13) was presented to Council for consideration and Recommended:

- That Council receive the City of Armadale All Abilities Playground Report.
- A Working Group be formed and consultants engaged to produce a concept plan and associated costings in consultation with the community.

An internal working group has been agreed comprising of Technical Services Officers, Community Services Officers and 2 Elected Members, Cr Munn and Cr Northcott.

Update

Following a preliminary meeting of the City Staff working group members it was noted Stockland and the Touched by Olivia Foundation are intending on creating a similar All Abilities Playground adjacent to Forrest Road in the Sienna Woods Development. As playgrounds of this nature are destination playgrounds, realistically the City could only maintain and accommodate one playground of this nature, the working group sought to clarify the Stockland project and determine if the two projects can be combined. Preliminary meetings were held with Stockland and Touched by Olivia to determine if the two projects can be combined to achieve both the City's and Stockland's desired outcomes. The two projects aims and objectives appear to be consistent.

A Heads of Agreement has been signed between the City, Stockland and the Touched By Olivia Foundation. To start the project the Touched By Olivia Foundation undertook in-classroom school consultations on Tuesday 23rd September with various schools.

Touched By Olivia Foundation also held an open Consultation event on the 24th of September 2014.

Touched by Olivia Foundation Background

Abstract from the Touched by Olivia Foundation:

- The Foundation works with local councils, communities and corporations to upgrade or build inclusive playspaces, giving children regardless of ability, the opportunity to play side by side. Since 2006, it has been the mission of the Touched by Olivia Foundation to help improve the health and happiness of Australian kids. One of our initiatives is firmly focused on creating a level playing field for children of different abilities. Livvi's Place is a concept for inclusive playspaces, also known as all abilities playgrounds, that enable children and parents of all abilities and ages to play side-by side on the same equipment, ensuring full integration of children and families.

- It is the vision of Touched by Olivia Foundation that there will be a Livvi's Place in every community. There are currently Seven Livvi's Places in Australia, with our last Livvi's Place opening in late 2013. In amalgamation, there are a further 46 projects currently in development across Australia.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – OCTOBER 2014		
	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
Cr Shaw - That the matter of displaying sporting trophies and memorabilia at sporting facilities be referred to the Community Services Committee.	Leisure Services	

COMMUNITY PLANNING:

Armadale District Hall

The community engagement process for the Armadale District Hall is underway with information being sent to stakeholder groups and promoted to the wider community. The engagement process has two areas of focus, the first is a request for peoples' 'memories of the hall' over the years which is being coordinated by the City's Local Studies area . The second is seeking feedback on the concept as presented to Council in July 2014 with a particular question in relation to the options for the Gallery in the main hall. This is also open for comment by the wider community. A workshop with key stakeholder groups is being conducted on the 28 October 2014 and a councillor briefing is anticipated for early December at which the results of the feedback will be presented prior to finalising a recommended design for Council's consideration.

Armadale Golf Course

Following on from the EOI process for the management of the Armadale Golf Course a preferred provider has been selected. The preferred provider will now be asked to submit a response to Councils Tender process.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Children & Families

Children's Week

Children's Week runs from 18-26 October. The City of Armadale will be actively involved in three planned events:

- A toddler morning in Memorial Park from 9-11.30am on Tuesday 21 October, which features interactive activities for pre-school aged children and their parents/caregivers.
- National Walk2School Day on Wednesday 22 October. Selected schools will gather at the Armadale Arena for a healthy breakfast snack and physical activities before walking to school under the supervision of teachers and City of Armadale staff.
- An intergenerational visit to the zoo on Thursday 23 October. Interested active grandparents will meet at the Armadale Hall and take up to two grandchildren each to the zoo with a subsidised zoo entry and bus provided.

Working with the City's Health and Wellbeing Officer on the Walking School Bus initiative has resulted in Roadwise offering support for the Walk2School Day during Children's Week. Roadwise has also shown an interest in the consultation with local schools that has begun through the City's Health Department.

Early Childhood Educator Sessions

The delivery of presentations to early childhood educators on the Australian Early Development Census continues. Thus far, AEDC presentations have been delivered to seven child care centres, one family day care coordination unit and two family day care educators. Within the City of Armadale there are 17 child care centres and approximately 6 family day care providers. Following feedback from these presentations, discussions have begun with Parkerville to facilitate a forum style sharing of ideas for child care educators and early childhood teachers. The aim of this forum will be to develop a strong transition to school/kindergarten process that all stakeholders in a child's life can actively be involved in.

Access and Inclusion

Disability Advisory Team

The City's Disability Advisory Team meets on the first Tuesday of every second month. The team comprises community members, local service providers, a City Councillor and officers from the Community Development and other departments. The Disability Advisory Team met on the 7 October and featured guest speaker Gemma Court (Community Marketing Manager) for Stockland, who provided an update on the consultation undertaken for the 'All Abilities Playground'. For information on the 'All Abilities Playground, and other items discussed at the meeting please refer to the attached notes.

Community Partnerships

Networking Lunch

The Community Development team, in partnership with the Citizen's Advice Bureau, hosted the third community networking lunch for the year on 15 October at the Greendale Centre in Armadale. The Citizens Advice Bureau provided information about litigation, law, mediation and identified spokespersons within the city. City officers discussed how the City works to support seniors, people with disability and children and families in a round table discussion with all attendees.

The networking event was attended by 30 people from a range of organisations, including some attending a community networking lunch for the first time. People exchanged information and learnt about services provided by the City and other organisations.

The next networking lunch will be held in December with details to be finalised.

Community Safety Day

The City, in conjunction with WA Police, hosted a Community Safety Day event on Sunday 19 October.

Many local services providers attended on the day including, Hope Community Services, Public Transport Authority, Local Policing Teams, Police Dog Squad, Police Pipe Band, Forensics, Civil Pride Action Group, Roadwise, Holyoake, Child Protection and Family Support and many more.

The day started off well with nice blue sky but later constant rain kept attendance numbers down. Feedback from people who attended indicated that they enjoyed the interactive nature of the event and the opportunity to meet their local Police Officers.

Drug Aware Ignite Basketball

Armadale's Drug Aware Ignite Basketball and Fremantle's Streetball programs were brought together for the first time on October 4 in a mass tournament at Armadale Arena. In what is a first for Western Australia, two of Perth's most successful youth engagement programs clashed in a fun competition which promotes fitness, health and positive life choices.

Both Drug Aware Ignite and Streetball use the sport of basketball to engage at-risk young people from across the city and provide an alternative to drinking, drugs and youth crime. These programs are strategically run during times and in areas where youth disorder is at its highest.

The night featured a special guest, former AFL West Coast Eagles player Travis Gaspar, who spoke with the young people about his experience in the AFL and playing in a grand final. Streetball won the challenge match by a single point, 10 – 9 in the final.

Indigenous Development

Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS)

The City has submitted an application to the Federal Government's Indigenous Advancement Strategy funding programme for \$3.5m over three and a half years from January 2015- June 2018, and expects to be notified of the outcome in December.

Community Development Foundation (CDF)

The CDF developed the School Passport Program which is an incentive-based program with two primary objectives: to increase parent/carer involvement in the school; and to increase regular student attendance. Parents and carers earn points through their involvement in school activities on an hourly basis. The CDF will adapt their passport system from January 2015 to include activities for parents and children aged 0-5 years that operate from the Champion Centre.

Aboriginal Choice

Aboriginal Choice is an Aboriginal organisation tasked with talking with Aboriginal Elders to identify how we can help Aboriginal Elders to access services and feel comfortable about using them. Aboriginal Choice will support events for seniors and want to develop seminars for Elders at the Champion Centre.

Telethon Institute

The Indigenous Development Coordinator met with Dr Tracy Reibel, a Senior Researcher for the Telethon Institute to provide a tour of the Champion Centre and discuss possible synergies between the work of the centre and the institute. Possible connections include:

- Involvement of local senior and elder women from the community to share information, identify community expectations and discuss research relevant to improving the health system for Aboriginal women, particularly within the maternal health area.
- A cultural security for Aboriginal birthing women project (involving Murdoch University).
- Connection with media and tourism programs at Murdoch University as a means of creating future education pathways or building community capacity in these areas.
- Potential for the Champion Centre to be included in a collective impact evaluation project.

Champion Centre

Gnulla Yorgas Gathering

On 2nd October Aboriginal women attended the Gnulla Yorgas Gathering at the Champion Centre. A Welcome to Country was presented by Teresa Miller and Guest Speakers included Carol Garlett (WA Education), Dorothy Rodney (Keystart Aboriginal Home Ownership Scheme), Tahn Donovan (Deadly Divas Clothing), Indigenous Business Australia and Small Business Development Corporation. This event proudly supported by Armadale Noongar Corporation, Department of Local Government and Communities, Yongah Marr Yorgas, City of Armadale.

Mental Health Family Day

Richmond Fellowship WA and the Looking Forward Project (with support from the Western Australian Association for Mental Health (WAAMH) and the City of Armadale) hosted a family fun day for the local Noongar community as part of Mental Health Week on 8th October. This event was an opportunity for the Noongar community to meet people from local mental health and drug and alcohol services. The event featured Noongar Elders and service providers sharing stories and their experiences of working together. As well as entertainment and food, there was also be a number of fun activities for the kids including a bouncy castle, face painting and other art activities.

Noongar Radio Workshop

Noongar radio is looking to share your organisation's message with the Aboriginal community in Perth!

Dr Ross James and Kate Schertz from Human Communication Resources (HCR) is partnering with Noongar radio to conduct community service announcement workshops to be broadcast on local Noongar radio 100.9 fm. The goal at HCR is to work with organisations to develop creative and effective community service announcements that will educate and inform the Perth Aboriginal community.

The Got Something to Say Workshops aim to:

- Promote communication partnership between community, service providers, and radio station.
- Train service providers and community members to design, produce, and present community service announcements during a 1-day workshop.
- Utilize community input to continue to create new and creative messages.

HCR ran a workshop with staff, residents and hotdeskers at the Champion Centre, which included a morning session for creating a message, and an afternoon session for producing a message that will be aired on Noongar radio. The message was about the Champion Centre and what the people here can do to help. Dr James advised that he has never run a session and recorded a message from spontaneous discussion and is keen to come back to create and develop messages for residents and hotdeskers regarding their organisations and the work they do at the Champion Centre.

Indigenous Parenting Services

All programs have recommenced after School Holiday break.

Positive Ageing

Positive Ageing Seniors Festival 2014

Senior's Week is a state-wide celebration that occurs each year. The aims are to recognise and thank seniors for their contributions to the community, challenge negative stereotypes of seniors and present a positive image of ageing, encourage younger West Australians to make decisions to improve their health and wellbeing in later life, and to promote inter-generational celebration of seniors.

Information Items from the Community Services Directorate

The City has partnered with other organisations to host a variety of events commencing on 4 November and concluding on 27 November. Senior's Week activities include:

- City of Armadale - Positive Ageing Sessions and Let's Get Crafty, Next Stop Armadale, Pole Walking, Caring and Sharing your Family Photos, Senior's Expo and Board Games Morning
- Dale Cottages - Melbourne Cup Lunch and Greendale has Talent
- Araluen Golf Resort - Araluen Golf Challenge
- Armadale RSL - RSL Remembrance Day Service and Seniors Lunch
- Kelmscott Church of Christ - Journey through the Ages
- Champion Lakes Boating Club - Come and Try Kayaking

Technology Buddies

Technology Buddies will recommence on Monday 20 October at the Armadale Library and conclude on the 17 November. This weekly program is a partnership with Kelmscott Senior High School. It is an opportunity for the older person to partner with a student to learn how to use their technology items including cameras, ipads and smart phones.

Armadale Pole Walkers

The City will host Pole Walking groups three times a week from the Visitors Centre from 20 October. Volunteer Pole Walking Leaders and interested participants were trained in Pole Walking by the 'Seniors Recreation Council'.

Pole Walking is walking with a set of specially designed poles to assist and further enhance everyday walking. It is a fun and functional way to exercise and is considered the 'Best All in One Workout'. The benefits of pole walking include improved stability, posture and mobility; it works major muscle groups for strength and increases bone density; has a positive impact on cholesterol and blood pressure; and encourages social interaction.

Positive Ageing Working Group Meeting

The Positive Ageing Working Group meets on the first Monday of every second month. The group comprises community members, local service providers, a councillor and staff from the City. The Positive Ageing Working Group met on 1 September at which an update was provided on Nursing Home and Independent living services. A discussion regarding the Positive Ageing Strategy 2011- 2014 actions was deferred to the next meeting.

Positive Ageing Sessions

Positive Ageing Sessions are held on the first Wednesday of every month (excluding December and January) at the Armadale Library. Occasionally evening sessions are held.

Held recently

A Positive Ageing Session, 'Respect and Remembrance' was held at the Armadale Library on 9 September. The 5000 poppies knit/crochet session is a community tribute of *Respect and Remembrance* where poppies will be made as part of the ANZAC Centenary Commemoration. The poppies will go to Albany WA for the 2014 Remembrance Day Ceremony, the City of Wanneroo Art Gallery, Federation Square

Information Items from the Community Services Directorate

Melbourne, and then to the Perth CBD for further ceremonies. Fifteen people attended the session with a total of 560 poppies being knitted /crocheted.

A Positive Ageing Session was on Wednesday 1 October. The topic presented was 'Planning for Your Future'. The Office of the Public Advocate discussed 'Enduring Power of Attorney', 'Enduing Power of Guardianship' and 'Advance Health Directive'. Fifty people attended the session.

To celebrate 'Mental Health Week' the City hosted a Positive Ageing Session on Wednesday 8 October. Dr Frans Hugo from the Armadale Health Service, Older Adult Mental Health Unit presented 'I have memories' and Alzheimer's Australia WA presented 'Living with Dementia'. Thirty four people attended.

Upcoming sessions

A 'Positive Ageing Session' will be on Wednesday 5 November at 1.30pm at the Armadale Library. The topics to be discussed are 'Healthy Kidneys' presented by Kidney Health Australia and 'Preparing your Wills' by Citizens Advice Bureau of WA. This will be the last 'Positive Ageing Session' for 2014. They will resume in February 2015.

Positive Ageing - Let's Get Crafty

A new program, Let's Get Crafty began in the Armadale Library in May and will continue to be held on the second Thursday of each month. Local craft groups, community centres and local craft businesses have the opportunity to provide instructors for the come and try sessions. Instructors will be able to promote their craft with participants having the opportunity to join craft groups in the local community.

The most recent 'Let's Get Crafty, Let's Start Model Building' was hosted on Thursday 9 October at the Armadale Library. A kit was supplied at a cost of \$13.00. Interest was expressed to start a model club in the Armadale area.

The next 'Let's Get Crafty, Christmas Decoration Fun' will be hosted Thursday 10 November at the Armadale Library. A kit will be supplied at a cost of \$10.00. This will be the last session for 2014.

Stay On your Feet Week Activities

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

To celebrate Stay on Your Feet Week, the City in partnership with Dale Cottages, hosted a 'Talk to A Professional Morning' at the Greendale Centre on 10 September. The event provided opportunity for community members to seek information and advice from various health professionals in an informal setting. The attending health professionals included Armadale Health Service Older Mental Health Unit, Australian Hearing, Breast Screen WA, Dale Community Care, Forrest Road GP, Nervana Chiropractic, OPSM Armadale, and Prescription Plus Pharmacy. Thirty people attended.

Volunteer Services

International Association for Volunteer Effort 23rd World Volunteer Conference
In September, Australia hosted the International Association for Volunteer Effort's 23rd World Volunteer Conference for the first time in 28 years. The conference attracted 800 delegates from more than 65 countries. Guest speakers included, Dr Kang- Hyun Lee, World President, International Association for Volunteer Effort; Mr Richard Dictus, Executive Coordinator United Nations Volunteers and The Hon. Michael Kirby AC.CMG

The theme for the conference was '*Volunteering - Today's Imperative*'. The conference focus was on the future of volunteering and included topics such as corporate volunteering, social media, volunteers and emergency management, Indigenous volunteers and youth volunteering.

Step into Volunteering

A "Step into Volunteering" session will be held on Thursday 23 October at the Armadale library. The session aims to provide information and assistance to people who may be interested in volunteering, so they can start volunteering in the community.

International Volunteer Manager's Day

2014 is the 15th anniversary of International Volunteer Manager's Day, held annually on November 5. This year Armadale Volunteer Services will host a special lunch for volunteer managers to thank them for their ongoing support.

Special guest speakers at this lunch include, Volunteering WA – Engaging Corporate Volunteers (<http://www.corporatevolunteers.org.au/>) and Big Help Mob - is a mob of ordinary people who combine their powers to perform extraordinary feats of volunteering for people, ecosystems and animals that need help (<https://bighelpmob.org/>).

Youth Engagement

Armadale Youth Network

The Armadale Youth Network (AYN) recommenced bi-monthly meetings in September. Administered and coordinated by the City, the network provides opportunity for organisations that work with young people in the City of Armadale to develop a shared knowledge of community services in the area, share ideas and information on upcoming programs, discuss partnerships opportunities for future initiatives and discuss key issues that are impacting on young people in the City of Armadale. For example, the closure of youth programs during school holidays was identified as something that needs to be addressed. The issue and possible solutions will be further explored at the next AYN meeting when service providers in the City of Armadale will meet to discuss school holiday programs.

The network has enabled many service providers working with youth to access training and grant opportunities which will assist in future programs being delivered within the City. The AYN also promoted various events and programs held during September to all members of the network.

Armadale Underpass Urban Art Project

The City was awarded funding of \$14,619.50 from Community Arts Network WA to coordinate the Armadale Underpass Urban Art Project. This project provides an opportunity for local youth to work with professional artists to enhance and develop their artistic skills and attitudes toward artwork over 10 weeks, commencing in October. The participants will be involved in a range of workshops which will lead to a contemporary art mural onto the Camillo Road Underpass that links Westfield Park Primary with Westfield Park Reserve.

The Armadale Underpass Urban Art Project aims to encourage young people that have an interest in art but may have limited opportunity to explore their creative abilities. This is achieved through encouraging young people in the Armadale region to explore their creative abilities, explore their identity and further develop their self-confidence through a meaningful project relevant to their interests.

Involved in the project are participants from previous creative art projects as well as other inspiring artists within the City of Armadale. Local youth agencies, school chaplains and case workers were asked to nominate participants who they feel would benefit from the program. This resulted in nine inspiring artists nominated to participate in the program.

Stall at the Public Health and Wellbeing Launch

This was an opportunity to showcase the Youth Activity Area Smoking Prevention Program coordinated by the City to peak public health bodies, funding bodies, state government departments, non-government organisations, local education institutes and external stakeholders. This project aimed to increase young people's knowledge on the negative health and social implications of smoking as they apply to the smoker, their friends and family, and to influence the attitudes of young people towards not smoking.

The launch provided an opportunity to network with public health colleagues and as a result of the stall two new contacts were made with public health stakeholders.



LEISURE SERVICES

Department Snapshot

In September 2014 the Leisure Services Department;

- Provided 137 programs to the community
- Had 36,799 attendances to our facilities
- Had 1574 bookings at our facilities and reserves

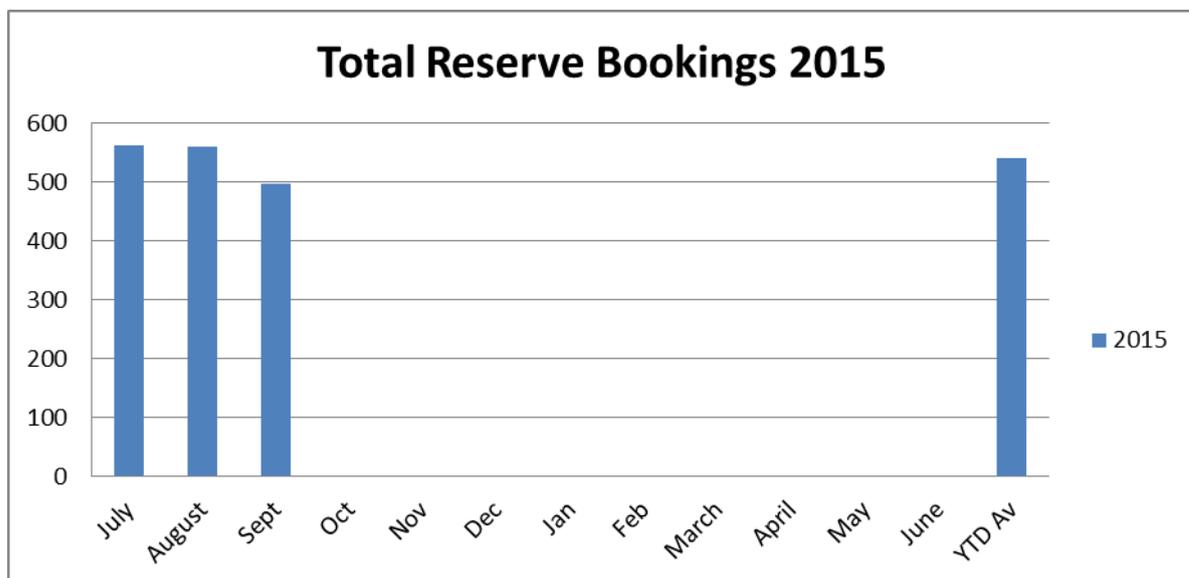
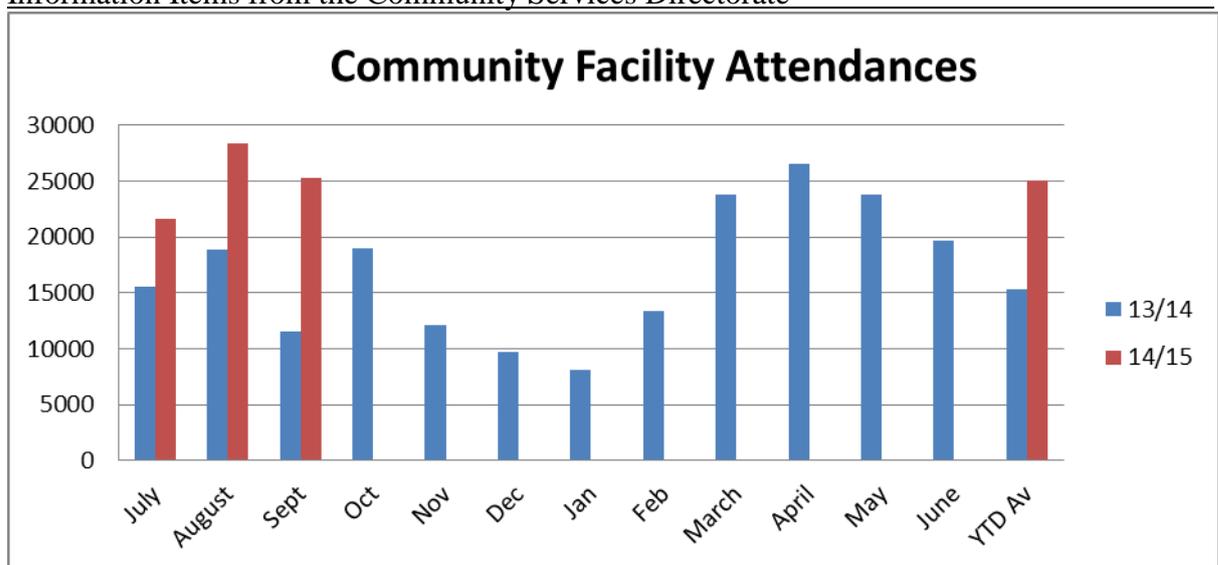
Community Facilities and Reserves

Bookings

Bookings for Community Facilities have plateaued at 862, with a year to date increase of 253 from 2013/14. The season transition from winter to summer has been successful across all reserves and the new Piara Waters Senior Cricket Club has now commenced. An increased trend in social competition sport, especially for Cricket is putting additional pressure on reserve usage and this is being closely monitored to avoid wear through over use.

Reserve use decreased slightly in September, with winter sport finals and the maintenance period commencing. Rushton Park, Piara Waters and Frye Park were the busiest reserves. Rushton Park doesn't have a winter sport club however the high use from Personal Trainers and various community groups.



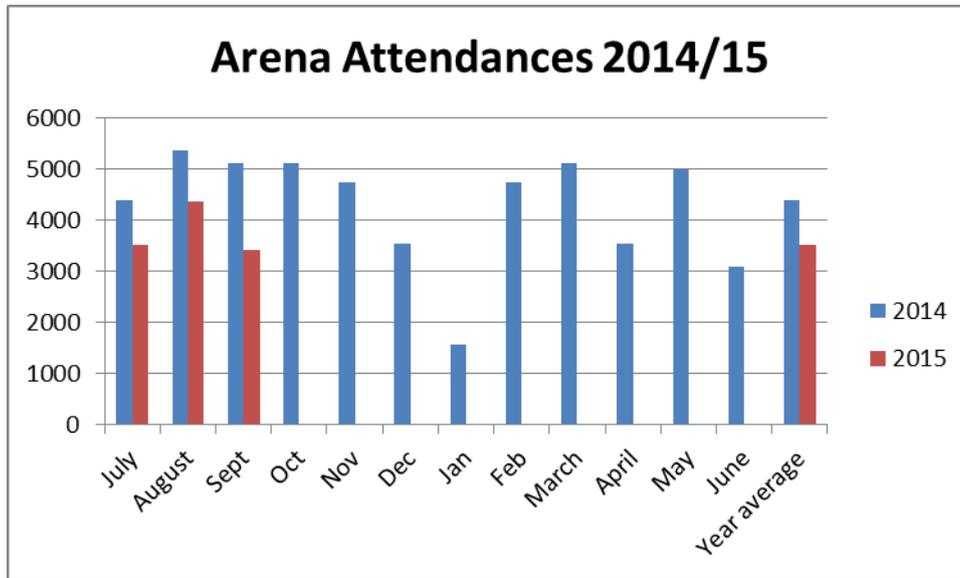


Armadale Arena

Armadale Arena attendances remain significantly lower than 2014/15. This is a direct result of cancelled programs from hirers, and a slight decrease in crèche attendances during September. New programs being launched by Leisure Services aim to attract participants from these programs. While regular hire attendances have decreased, centre operated health and fitness attendance have increase overall. The gym has seen the biggest increase with an additional 250 member visits from September 2013.

Gym membership numbers have increased again by 30. Currently there are just over 200 active members, and this indicates a rebuild from the lost membership base when nearby 24 hour fitness centres opened. Centre staff continue to provide high level customer service and a positive personalised experience has resulted in some old members returning to the facility.

Unfortunately three of the four outdoor fitness sessions had to be cancelled due to weather conditions the class that went ahead was on a very overcast day and only attract 25 people. Significant work had gone into planning classes with developers at Champion Lakes and the outcome was disappointing.



OCTOBER 2014

LIBRARY SERVICES

Statistical Performance Indicators

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

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

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

43 regular sessions were held. These include: story time, Baby Rhyme Time, English conversation classes, reading & writing groups, computer training sessions, games mornings and the Men's Social Group. A total of 581 people participated in these various activities.

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

8 special sessions were held with a total of 177 attending. In addition the Armadale Young Writer's Award presentation was held with 109 people attending.

Reports on some of the special sessions:

Topic: Armadale Young Writers' Awards

Presenter: Cr. Ruth Butterfield

Guest author: Jen Banyard

Venue: Seville Grove Library

No. Attending: 109

The Armadale Young Writers' Awards was launched on June 1st 2014 to encourage local students in Years 3-10 that reside or attend school in the City of Armadale to enter a creative writing competition.

Local authors Doris Stutley and Deb Fitzpatrick conducted writing workshops at Armadale Library to encourage students to enter the competition and share their writing knowledge and expertise. The winning entries were published in an anthology by Bushytail Books.

Categories for the competition were: Years 3 & 4; Years 5 & 6; Years 7 & 8; Years 9 & 10 and an open category for these year groups on the topic 'Living in Armadale' designed to encourage students to write stories based in or about living in the Armadale area. The Years 3 & 4 category was added this year. Winners and place getters received prizes of cash, a trophy, a certificate and a copy of the anthology. The school of the overall winner, Cecil Andrews Senior High School, was presented with a perpetual trophy to display at the school until May 2015.

A total of 153 entries were received. The judges for the Awards were Tricia McKenzie and Alia Parker from the State Library of WA for the general prose section. Patricia Hawkes, a school teacher judged the 'Living in Armadale' category.

An award presentation was held on Friday 5 September at the Seville Grove Library and was hosted by the Deputy Mayor Cr. Ruth Butterfield and attended by Councillors, library staff, school representatives and the award winners and their families. Author Jen Banyard spoke to the audience encouraging the young writers to keep writing and about her career as an author. The Overall winner was Rachel Hedges, a Year 9 student from Cecil Andrews Senior High School.



Topic:	The Pizza Man: Little Caesar's Pizzeria
Presenter:	Theo Kalogeracos
Venue:	Armadale Library Reading Room
No. Attending:	43

Supporting the current trend of interest in all things cooking, including cook-books, the library was excited to have Theo Kalogeracos, owner of Little Caesar's Pizzeria and recent World Champion pizza maker, as the guest presenter of an evening session in the Armadale Library. Theo's first outlet is in Mundaring where he is recognized for gourmet style pizzas. Theo was an amusing and informative speaker who shared his passion for quality produce and unusual combinations in pizza designing. Whilst Theo discussed everything from dough-making to selection of ingredients his assistant cooked a variety of pizzas for the audience to taste. People were offered pizza with chicken and satay sauce, prawn pizza, pork-belly and desert pizzas.

Following the formal part of the session the attendees queued to buy Theo's cooking books. Comments about the event were extremely positive with requests for similar sessions in the future. At the suggestion of two attendees who took the initiative to suggest a pizza cooking class with Theo, a suggestion to which he reacted very positively, library staff are investigating possibilities for a cooking class early in 2015.

The evening's audience consisted of many people who don't normally attend library functions, providing an opportunity to promote the services of the modern day public library.

Topic:	Family Farming:
Presenter:	Tom Price of Illawarra Orchard, Karragullen
Venue:	Armadale Library Meeting Room
No. Attending	18

The history and current challenges of the orchard industry are an important aspect of the district's history. In support of this, Tom Price, local orchardist, businessman and historian shared his family's history and the challenges he faces as an orchardist in a rapidly changing fruit market. He shared photographs of his grandfather, his father and his family working since the early 1900s to developing a productive orchard.

He explained the highly competitive fruit market and the influence that the two major supermarket chains have had on the selection and sale of fruit for consumers. He highlighted how important it was to be ahead of the trends for fruit varieties and the risks that have to be taken before a crop is sent to the market: matching the tree variety with the local environment, the timing and method of planting, the timing of the blossom and availability of the bees for pollination, and added to this the vagaries of the weather.

Attendees had many questions for Tom shared over refreshments at the end of the session.

Topic: Where Slams Meet Sonnets...
Presenter: Perth Poetry Club and Open Micers

Date: 25 September 2014

Time: 7.00-8.00pm

Venue: Armadale Library Reading Lounge

No. Attending: 22 (10 Open Micers) and 4 Featured Performers

Armadale Library in collaboration with Perth Poetry Club (PPC) invited local poets and writers to come and share their work in front of a live audience, and for poetry lovers to come and hear some of the club's regular performers. The session aimed to expose some hidden talent within the City and to provide a positive venue for writers

who may lack the courage to perform in public, or who find it difficult to find a space in the local area in which to read their work. The Reading Lounge was transformed into a club-like atmosphere, providing the much needed relaxed and supportive environment.

Elio Novello of the PPC, graciously hosted the event, bringing along four guest poets. The evening was structured in a similar way to the Clubs regular events in Northbridge, with the guest poets performing in-between the brave open micers. Each performer had a limited amount of time to read their work. Some performers chose to use a microphone, others projecting their poems using the power of their voice alone. Subject matter ranged from war, the Middle East, love and relationships to strawberries, fairies and baboons pulling ploughs.

Sales of books and zines of the featured poets were available for purchase at the end of the event. This was yet another session which exceeded its allocated time slot, finishing just after 9pm. It was a success for both the Library and the PPC, with attendees enjoying spending time after the event networking over a drink and a bite to eat. The enthusiasm of those who attended and the successful turnout is an indication that other poetry and spoken word events are worthwhile avenues to explore.

HERITAGE SERVICES

Statistical Performance Indicators

The Heritage Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of October 2014:

Birtwistle Local Studies Library

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

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

Claude Marsh's history based on his diaries

Linton Reynolds' rewrite and expansion of the diaries of Claude Marsh is now in its 5th version with a final draft pending its release on Saturday 22 November at a presentation in the Armadale Library.

BLSL Volunteer

Volunteer Helen Tromans and her husband have designed a cover for the Photographic history of the Buckingham Bridge compiled by Vern Pascoe.

Volunteer Barbara Walker has been researching the background details of the WW1 soldiers' names listed on the War Memorial Obelisk. Several have been found to be incorrectly listed as part of the Armadale community and for others, their date of enlistment is incorrect.

Donation

Former Canning Dam ranger, Keith McCulloch has donated a large, framed print of an aerial view of the Canning Dam, circa 1985. Photographs of the aftermath of the 1977 bushfire will be added to the BLSL collection.

Research requests

Photo for Briggs wedding photo found on Picture Armadale
History of the Millar's house on Outram Road
Query regarding an apparition in a new house in Mt Nasura
History of 4 Ecko Road, Mt Nasura
Dale Christian College regarding the history of the school site
Details for a biography of Jo Lori
Photo of the Armadale District Hall

History House Museum

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator)

Museum Exhibitions

World War One Exhibition (2015)

Research for this project is continuing. Recently the curator has been going through the Armadale Kelmscott Roads Board minute books from 1914-1920 looking for insights into how WWI was impacting on the lives of the local community. Points of interest found in the minute book include: the struggle some families had in paying their rates with members serving overseas; the reduction in government grants during the war; the community spirit fostered during the war particularly in relation to the community assisting the Roads Board construct and maintain some of the roads; and the issue of motor vehicles speeding through the district.

Love and Marriage Exhibition

This exhibition will be closing down in the first week of October. It has been a very popular exhibition and has generated much discussion by those who viewed it. The exhibition has also generated a small donation of an image of the bride wearing one of the wedding dresses on display.

Centenary of the Girl Guide Movement

The Armadale branch of the Treefoils has finished putting together their exhibition on the centenary of the Girl Guide movement in Australia and will be installing the exhibition on October 8th. As part of the exhibition the Armadale branch of the Girl Guides have booked a visit and the Treefoils will be organising a get together at the museum of former Girl Guides.

Museum Programs

History House, in partnership with Armadale Library, are putting on a second series of song writing workshops and concerts. David Hyams, who was involved in the original Musician in Residence program at History House Museum, is assisting with the workshops. These workshops and concerts are to be held in late October through to November at the Armadale Library.

Museum Donations

History House Museum has recently added a number of civic gifts onto the database, including a number of mounted ANAZC images presented to the COA by the Armadale RSL. The museum has also recently acquired a copy of the film Blame, which was filmed in Roleystone.

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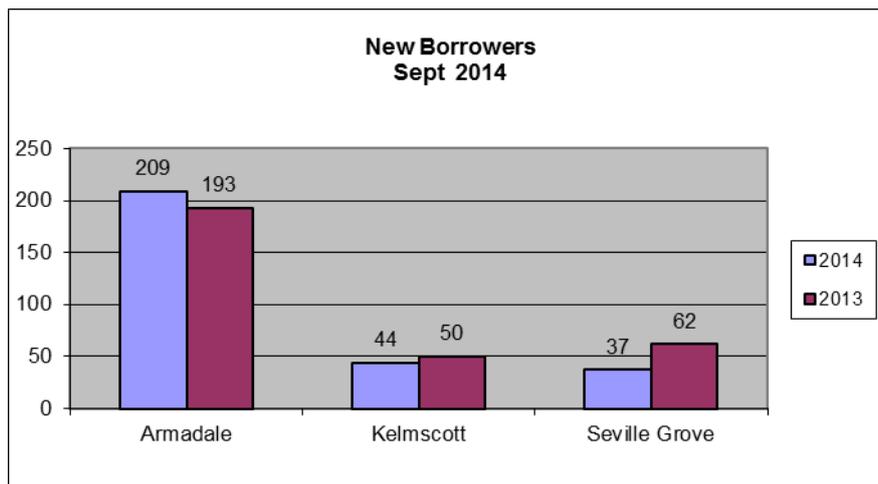
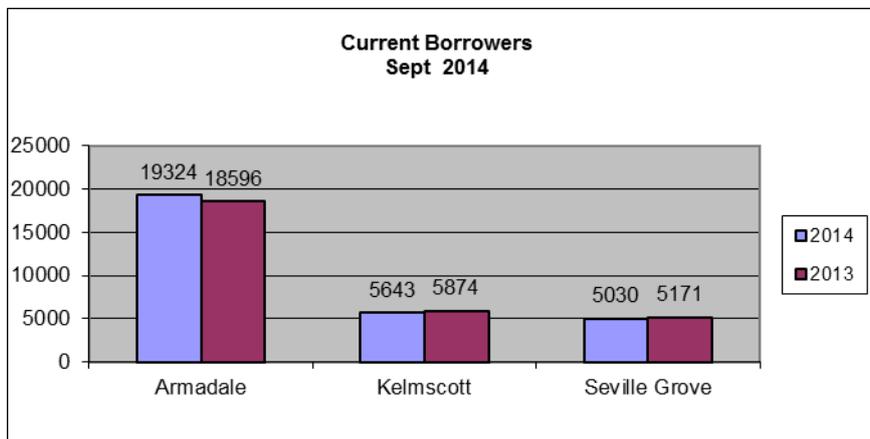
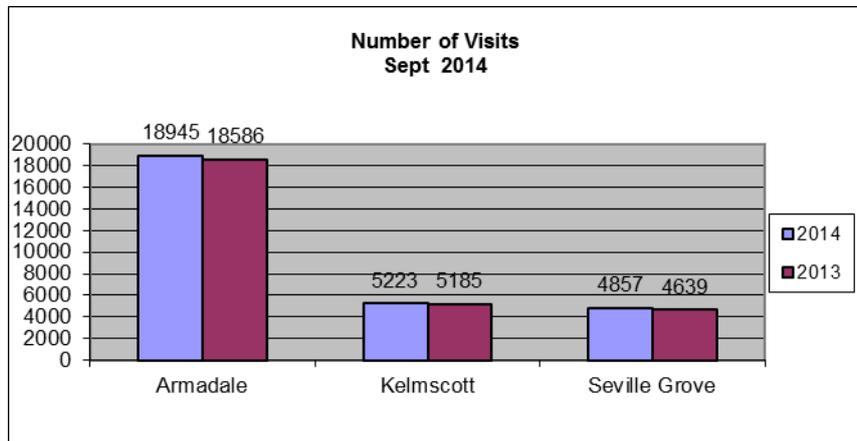
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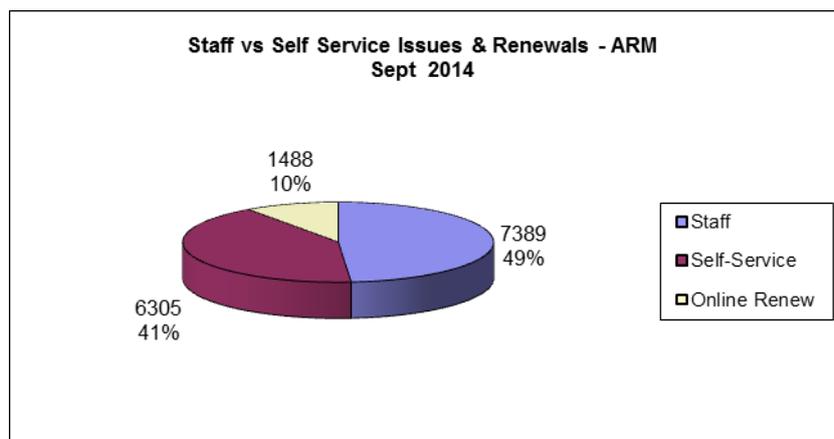
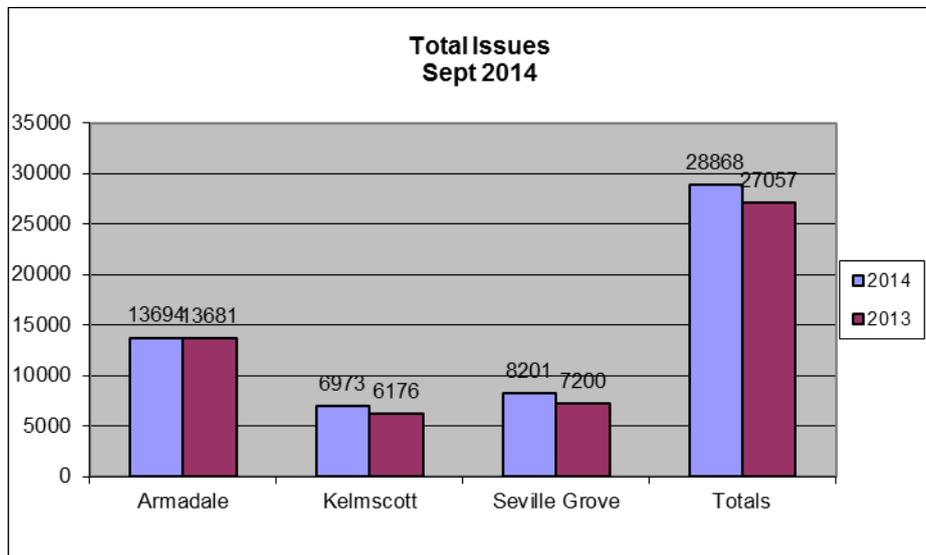
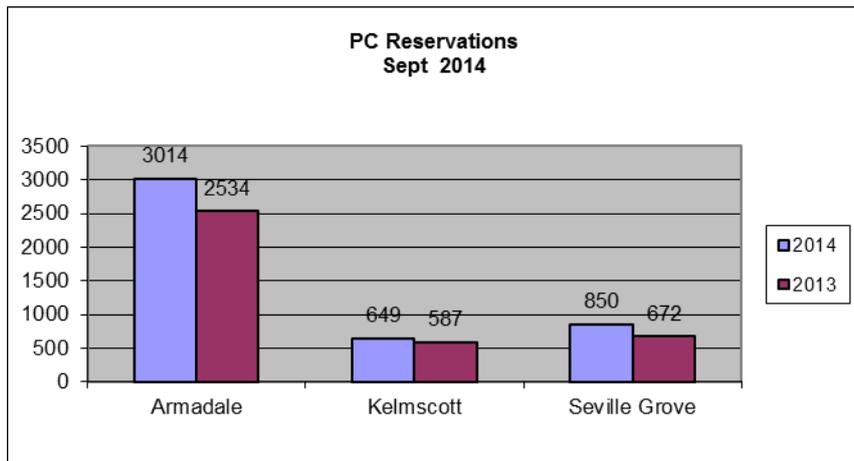
Birtwistle Local Studies Library				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	Sept 14	Sept 13	July 14-Sept 14	July 13-Sept 13
Reference Enquiries	2	7	17	13
Research Enquiries	23	7	37	36
Visitor Attendance	117	73	251	309
Volunteer Hours	146	173	501	420
Digitising Records	36	12	96	36
Oral History				
Letters Sent	2	2	5	5
Interviews Completed	1	0	7	5
Transcripts Completed/ reviewed	2	2	5	6
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	33	19	104	76
Volunteer Hours - Interviewing	4	4	16	13
Family History Research				
Reference	1	15	9	20
Research	43	73	135	180
Volunteer Hours	43	55	152	123

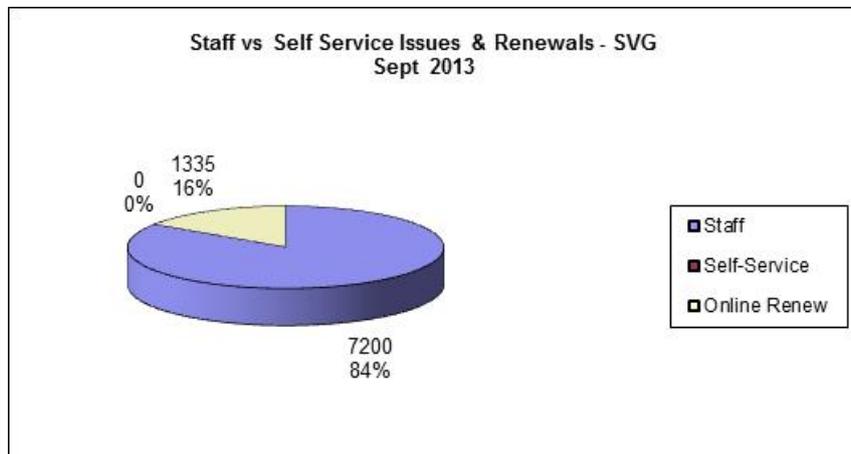
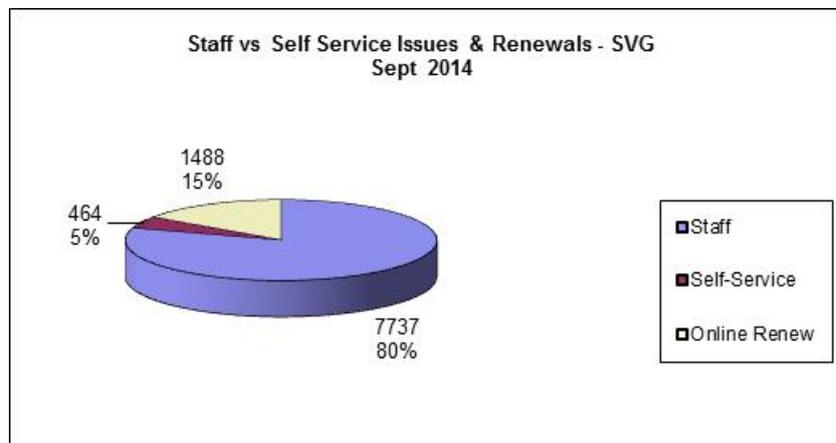
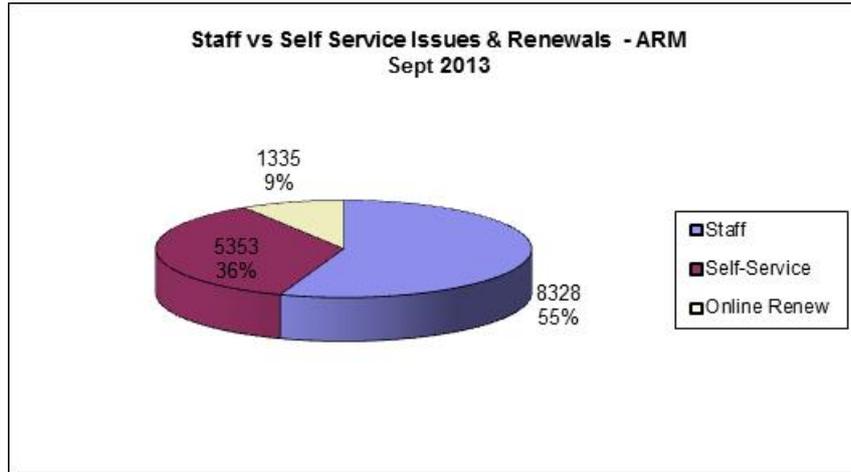
Month – October 2014 - History House Museum

History House Museum	Current Month	Year to date		
		Sept 14	Sept 13	July 14- June 15
General Visitors	198	152	507	465
School Visits	211	154	250	250
School Incursions	0	61	352	118
Holiday Programs	0	0	18	15
Community Programs	0	0	56	0
Seniors Programs	24	24	40	111
Total Visitors	433	391	1223	959
Volunteer Hours	170	190	505	653
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum	Sept 14	Sept 13	July 14 – June 15	Jul 13 – June 14
Visitors	246	324	628	614

Library Statistics







RANGER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Animal Control

Dogs

Ranger Services received five hundred and twenty seven (527) requests for assistance during the September 2014 report period.

Cats

Ranger Services received seventy four (74) requests for assistance during this report period. The mainstream of requests related to feral cats which are unable to be rehomed due to their undomesticated behaviour.

Livestock

During this report period, Ranger Services attended to sixteen (16) requests for assistance in dealing with stock wandering on the road.

Court Action

The following information relates to legal action taken by Ranger Services during September 2013.

OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALT Y \$	COSTS \$	TOTAL \$
Dog Attack on animal	Guilty	6,300	150.80	6,450.80
Dog Attack on animal	Guilty	6,100	150.80	6,250.80
Dog Attack on animal	Guilty	2,200	150.80	2,350.80
Dog Attack on animal	Guilty	3,200	150.80	3,350.80

Vehicles

Parking

Ranger Services attended to one hundred and eighty eight (188) incidents relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period.

Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

Ranger Services attended to sixteen (16) reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in areas that are prohibited, during the report period.

Litter Control

During this report period Ranger Services attended to twenty eight (28) requests for assistance regarding the illegal dumping or rubbish. 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.

Fire Services

The number of enquiries relating to Burning Off and Fire Hazards has increased significantly from the corresponding report period of September 2013. Ranger Services are currently undertaking fuel loading measurements on Council Reserves and inspections of vacant/residential blocks where fire hazards have been identified by members of the public.

Emergency Services General

Progress on the National Review of Warnings and Information

Since February this year a review team led by the Emergency Management Commissioner Victoria, and supported by a national steering committee, has been undertaking a National Review of Warnings and Information.

Informed by an analysis of local and international literature written since 2008, and interviews with more than 100 practitioners and subject matter experts across the country, the review is also investigating the use of Emergency Alert, the telephony based warning system.

With a vast amount of work undertaken in recent years to improve the way the emergency services provide information and warnings to the community, the National Review of Warnings and Information aims to share jurisdictional knowledge, look for commonalities applied in practice, and develop a picture of good practice across a range of hazard types, such as fire, flood, storm and cyclone.

To bring together the various work and findings to date, a national workshop was held in NSW in September to discuss and explore the emerging themes. The review encompasses a number of themes including: Policy and Process, Channels and Systems, Construction of Warnings, Community Response, Workforce Capability, and Continuous Improvement & Innovation

2014 WA Fire and Emergency Services Conference

Hundreds of emergency services volunteers from around the State converged on Perth recently for the 2014 Western Australian Fire and Emergency Services Conference. A key focus of the two day conference was how emergency services can better prepare and respond to future extreme weather events.

The Theme for the 2014 Conference was “Innovation, Action, Change Leading The Way in Emergency Services. This year the program also included tours of DFES facilities including the State Operations Centre, Training Academy and Simulation Centre.

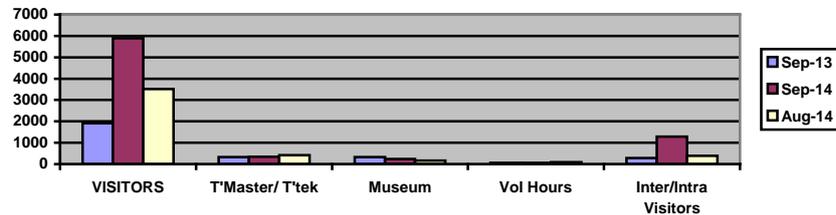
A live practical demonstration, which showcased the latest operational techniques and equipment was part of the conference program. The program also featured a variety of streamed sessions for individual volunteer services with an opportunity to update delegates across a range of key topics.

“Volunteers are vital to emergency services in Western Australia and play a fundamental role in protecting local communities,” Commissioner Gregson said. The annual conference is a unique opportunity for personnel from all over the State to increase their knowledge, learn new skills and understand developments in emergency management.”

TOURISM

Visitor Centre Statistics:

STATISTICS:



SEPTEMBER 2014

Visitors	Ticketmaster/ Ticketek	TOTAL Visitors Less T/Master & Ticketek	Inter State Visitors	Overseas Visitors	TOTAL O/seas & Interstate VISITORS	Volunteer Hours	Museum
5889	341	5548	334	713	1047	54	246

AUGUST 2014

Visitors	Ticketmaster/ Ticketek	TOTAL Visitors Less T/Master & Ticketek	Inter State Visitors	Overseas Visitors	TOTAL O/seas & Interstate VISITORS	Volunteer Hours	Museum
3518	411	3107	130	262	392	83	171

VISITOR CENTRE OPENED FOR **192 HOURS**

AVERAGE VISITORS PER WEEK: **1472**

VOLUNTEER HOURS PER WEEK: **16**

VISITOR CENTRE - DOLLAR VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY:

Average Visitor Spend – Day Visitor:

\$12,805 per day = **\$ 89,638** per week = **\$ 277,400** per month

Figures based on \$50 per person coming 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:

\$6.868 per night = **\$ 48,075** per week = **\$ 157,050** per month

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

TOTAL TOURISM DOLLAR VALUE – SEPTEMBER 2014:

\$434,450

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This month's statistical report includes the Visitor Centre Out-Post at Araluen Botanic Park for the whole month of September. The Outpost was manned 7 days per week from the 22 August until the end of the Tulip festival on the 26 September.

Our Top five international visitors:

Malaysia

Singapore

India

United Kingdom

Indonesia

Overall breakdown of figures:

3,425 Intrastate Visitors

175 Interstate Visitors

824 International Visitors

3,944 Locals

For the six week period, 9,000 visitors came into the Grand Marquee with over \$5,000 of Visitor Centre retail stock being sold.

The team, including VC volunteers, engaged with visitors supplying them with information of the region, promotions and retail opportunities.

Pole walking training commenced on 25 September with 20 participants led by four volunteer team leaders. Seniors Recreation Council of WA attended the training at Minnowarra Park followed by information session and morning tea at the Library.

A roster has been set in place for the guides and the walkers with the first walk starting on Monday 20 October, operating out of the Visitor Centre.

The Visitor Centre ran a stall at the Highland Gathering with over 542 visitors being provided with the Armadale Regional Visitor Guide and members promotional marketing brochures and flyers.

The Tourism Manager and Visitor Centre Coordinator attend a two day 'Cruise down under' conference at the Crown to promote the Next Stop Armadale Walking Tour. They met with the General Manager at Araluen Golf resort to discuss cooperative partnerships for the Golf Resort's 20 year celebration being held in November of this year.

Marketing

- Advertising continues in Your Guide to Perth and Fremantle including your Guide to Western Australia, both of which are distributed from the two Perth Airports.
- Continued advertising in Jetstar and Scoot magazines with preparation for an advertorial in Scoot's next edition. This marketing is reflecting in the consistent numbers of people who are visiting the City from Malaysia and Singapore.
- Ongoing destination marketing radio campaign with Curtin FM radio aimed at regional listeners, continues including marketing 'The Next

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Stop Armadale' Walking Tour and a special three week campaign advertising the Perth Kilt Run.

- The Cineads campaign with Grand Cinemas Armadale continues for a further two months as part of the marketing strategy to engage our new residents and citizens.
- Consistent marketing into the Examiner newspapers each month is targeting the history and nature demographic of the community marketing 'Next Stop Armadale'.
- An extensive marketing campaign with Scoop magazine, across the State of WA has commenced.
- A photo-shoot was undertaken to capture the essence of the spring season wildflowers, tulips and natural landscape. This collateral will be used extensively over the upcoming year to promote and invite people to the City to explore, stay and return to the region.

Major Arts and Events

Annual Planning

The Major Arts and Events team has been making preparations for the upcoming events season with meetings being held with stakeholders.

Perth Kilt Run and Highland Gathering

The 2014 Perth Kilt Run Perth and Highland Gathering events were held on Sunday 14 September 2014.

Both events attracted a record attendance with 324 registrants for the Perth Kilt Run and an estimate of up to 15,000 people attended the Highland Gathering.

The Perth Kilt Run course commenced in Minnowarra Park and traversed throughout Frog Hollow and Sanctuary Lakes. The 2014 event introduced a new route which was more conducive to spectator involvement. The event also saw the introduction of the 2.5km Leisure Run as well as the 5km Challenge aiming of attracting families and causal runners. The new route proved to be very popular with both returning and new participants.

This year a small registration fee of \$10 was charged with proceeds going to four Perth charities, Make a Wish Foundation, Amanda Young Foundation, Leukaemia Foundation and Ronald McDonald House Charities. The feedback received by patrons was very favourable, indicating they are happy to support a charitable cause and would like to see this continue.

With the Perth Kilt Run and Highland Gathering being a dual pronged event, Monarch Events were engaged to assist with the delivery of the Perth Kilt Run. The input Monarch Events provided was an asset to the event.

The Mayors Procession was utilised as a connector between the two events, leading into the speeches by Mayor Zelones and Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi with presentation of prizes to the Perth Kilt Run Winners.

The official welcome and presentation of prizes to the winners was conducted on the main stage with the honourable Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi congratulating the winners alongside Mayor Henry Zelones. Perth Kilt Run winners:

- Thor Stewart - First male
- Petra Glennie - First female
- Liam Isles - First child
- Best Costume went to Lisa Graziana
- Quirkiest Team went to the Bedford Fire Brigade Volunteers
- The Run Jimmy Run prize went to Andy (no surname) who decided to do an extra lap

Traditional components of the Highland Gathering were retained hosting many Scottish/Celtic organisations and community groups to promote their organisation. In addition to these community groups other traditional elements were Scottish entertainment, food and crafts for the local community to enjoy while viewing the various events.

COMING EVENTS

Carols by Candlelight

Preparations are currently being made for Carols by Candlelight, which will once again be held in Memorial Park. The much loved Toy Parade that was introduced in 2013 will make its way down the Jull street Mall and open the Carols by Candlelight event.

Carols by Candlelight

Memorial Park

Sunday 7 December 2014

6:30

Notes/Minutes from Committees and Groups

CITY OF ARMADALE

DISABILITY ADVISORY TEAM MEETING NOTES

Tuesday 7 October 2014 at 9.30am

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

Chair: Cr Melissa Northcott

Notes: Norelle John

1.0 Attendance & Apologies

Attendance

Name	Title	Organisation
Cr Melissa Northcott	City of Armadale Councillor and DAT Chairperson	City of Armadale
Wendy Hill	Community Development Officer - Seniors, Access and Inclusion	City of Armadale
Sue Hillel	Building Services Manager	City of Armadale
Lance Hogg	Local Area Coordinator Kelmscott	Disability Services Commission - Kelmscott
Mark Dadd	Community Representative	
John Glassford	Community Representative	
Ron Fisher	Community Representative	
Pat Hart	Community Representative	
Lynne Darby	Community Representative	
Sheila Parker	Community Representative	
Guests		
Gemma Court	Community Marketing Manager	Stocklands
Gavin Giles	Community Planning Projects Manager	City of Armadale
Joy Avery	Landscape Architect	City of Armadale

Apologies

Name	Title	Organisation
Gail Nesci	Principle Occupational Therapist	Armadale Health Services
Sheila-Anne Macleod	Area Manager Kelmscott	Disability Services Commission - Kelmscott
Philip Crabb	Property Manager	City of Armadale

2.0 Minutes

Confirmed by Cr Melissa Northcott.

3.0 Actions from August minutes

Change to August minutes, All Abilities Playground community consultation in conjunction with “Touched by Olivia” – not “Touched by Liberty”.

4.0 Guest Speaker – Gemma Court (Community Marketing Manager at Stockland), ‘All Abilities Playground Update/Consultation Findings’

- Ms Court updated the group on Stockland’s progress on the ‘All Abilities Playground’ in the residential development of Sienna Wood, Hilbert. The playground will feature enclosed fencing and extra wide slides for safety, access and inclusivity.
- Community consultation has been undertaken in conjunction with the not for profit organisation “Touched by Olivia”. Rebecca Hoe from “Touched by Olivia” flew from Sydney, Australia to conduct community consultation with children and families from Challis Primary School and surrounds. There was also online consultation conducted which was promoted through City of Armadale, Sienna Wood and Stockland Facebook pages. There will be a two-pronged approach to reporting with “Touched by Olivia” reporting on the face-to-face community consultation and Stockland reviewing the online survey results.
- Reports will be available in approximately two weeks; however early results show the top five items for an all abilities playground being: swings, slides, water play, rock climbing wall and exercise equipment. The top five essential amenities would be toilets, seating, shade, lighting and bins. The top 5 desirable amenities would be picnic tables, a bike track, a walking trail, barbeques and fencing.
- Out of all people surveyed, only one family had a child with a disability which may affect the results.
- Ms Hart and Ms Parker suggested a roundabout that had wheelchair access and a flying fox. Stated examples from Queensland.
- Ms Avery and Cr Northcott suggested viewing Woodbridge Riverside Park in Guildford, the all accessible playground in Bunbury and Yokine Playground for examples of wheelchair accessible roundabouts and flying foxes.
- The Hilbert all abilities playground will be incorporated into a public open space of 3 hectares and is located on the corner of Forrest and Eleventh Roads. The playground will be adjacent to the town centre and future library, contributing to a community hub.
- The playground is earmarked to be completed in the first half of 2015.

- Ms Court will provide a copy of the community consultation report once completed and hopes to present the plans at the December DAT meeting.

5.0 Updates on DAT Projects

- *Accessible Businesses*
 - The first draft of the brochure has been completed. Awaiting more appropriate images. Business Armadale logo size needs to be made larger.
- *Promotion of DAT*
 - No updates.
- *Accessible Path of Travel*
 - No updates.
- *Disability Awareness Week*
 - City of Armadale is not organising an event for Disability Awareness Week; however will promote and support other business events.
 - The Greendale Centre is hosting a luncheon with people with disabilities providing entertainment. They are currently sourcing and looking for further acts so any suggestions are welcome.
 - Mr Hogg suggested 'Catch Music'.
 - Cr Northcott may have a contact of an entertainer, so will follow up.
 - Mr Hogg mentioned Disability Services Commission may be conducting a sausage sizzle.
 - Ms Hill reiterated City of Armadale will pay for cost of promotions for events.
 - Ms Hill advised of funds available from Disability Services Commission. The 'Count Me In' event grant is available for groups to apply for funding for Disability Awareness Week; however the amount offered is only \$250, which is not compatible with the lengthy application process required.
 - Ms Court mentioned Stockland offers Community Grants of \$1,000. Grant applications close 24th October 2014.

Action: Cr Northcott to forward to Ms Hill the contact for an entertainer.

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

- Ms Hill updated the team on contractors reporting on progress against DAIP outcomes. The City reports to Disability Services Commission bi-annually on contractor compliance and progress.
- Ms Hill and Mr Price (Coordinator Governance and Administration) attended a workshop at DSC regarding contractors meeting DAIP requirements.
- Ms Hillel advised it is a mandatory requirement for contractors to adhere to the DAIP; however the internal processes of contractors are not conducive to compliance. She suggested DSC approach Housing Industry Association (HIA) and Masters Builders

Associations/Commissions to suggest training builders/contractors on DAIP requirements.

- Ms Hill agreed the voice of the DAIP needs to come from DSC.
- Mr Glassford suggested including access and inclusion in contractor JSAs (Job Safety Analysis).
- Ms Hill advised a contractor checklist is already operating at the City. It has been suggested to add an accessibility aspect to this to be collated annually to report on the progress of contractors in regarding to the City's DAIP.

7.0

Other agenda items

- Ms Hill read out a letter sent to all local governments advising of changes to ACROD Parking. The new regulations *Local Government (Parking for People with Disabilities) Regulations 2014* will replace the *Local Government (Parking for Disabled Persons) Regulations 1988*. Major changes include a new title and definition with a 'disability parking permit' replacing the current 'ACROD sticker', changes to parking signage and increases to penalties. These changes will be incorporated from 1 December 2014.
- Ms Hill read out Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) News regarding a recent study on wheelchair access requirements.
 - *The Australian Government is preparing to evaluate the [Disability \(Access to Premises - Buildings\) Standards 2010](#). The Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) has commissioned [David Caple and Associates Pty Ltd](#) to measure spaces required by manual and powered wheelchairs and their users in areas such as corridors including corners, doorway clearances, bathroom requirements, lifts, as well as reach distances and sight lines. Organisations and individuals interested in being involved in this review can call (03) 9499 9011 and speak with either David Caple or Sharon Herbstreit. The consultants will then schedule a time and a place where the data collection can occur for your convenience. Participant data is currently being collected in Melbourne with plans for Sydney and/or Brisbane in September to involve other interested participants. Data collection takes around one hour and involves some static anthropometry measurements in the chair and also dynamic measurements whilst moving through some simulated spaces. This initiative for users of manual and powered wheelchairs will bring together a new database for the Australian Government to utilise when reflecting on public space design requirements.*

8.0 Other business

- Round table discussion of other business.
- Cr Northcott thanked Mr Giles for his service at City of Armadale and wishes him the best in his future role.

- Mr Hogg has been spending time in Serpentine-Jarrahdale setting up a family support group. He mentioned City of Armadale is one of the better performing councils in consulting in access and inclusion and implementing the DAIP.
- Ms Hillel discussed the 'Emergency Egress for Occupants with Disability – Consultation Regulation Impact Statement' produced by The Australian Building Codes Board. Invitation to comment on the document closes Friday 31 October 2014.
- A member of the DAT would like to see the introduction of a register identifying houses occupied solely by seniors or people living with disabilities in high fire risk areas. It was suggested member of the Fire Brigade or Bushfire Ready Group be invited to the next DAT meeting. Mr Glassford questioned how people would register. Decided this should be discussed further in a subsequent meeting.
- Cr Northcott thanked Ms Court for her time today and officially closed the meeting.

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Action: Ms Hill to invite a representative from Roleystone and Bedfordale Bush Fire Brigade and Brian Watkins (Manager of Ranger and Emergency Services at the City) to the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 10:45am

Next Meeting – 2 December 2014

CITY OF ARMADALE

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group

NOTES

**For the meeting held on Tuesday 7 October 2014 commencing at
12.30 pm
At the Champion Centre, Champion Drive, Seville Grove**

Chair: Jodie Clarke

Notes taken by: Norelle John

1. Business of meeting:

(i) Attendance:

Name	Organisation	Title
Kelly-Anne Charles	City Of Armadale	Manager Community Development
Wendy Hill	City Of Armadale	CD Disability, Access & Inclusion
Jodie Clarke	City of Armadale	Indigenous Development Coordinator
Norelle John	City of Armadale	Community Development Support Officer
Lexie Trancollino	Department of Human Services	Indigenous Specialist Officer
Dena Gower	South Metropolitan Health	Aboriginal Health Project Officer
Lyall Garlett	South Metro Education Region	Coordinator Aboriginal Education
Khaiah Thomson	Disability Service Commission	Local Area Coordinator

(ii) Apologies:

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

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Cr. Guenter Best	City of Armadale	City Councillor
Dennis Kickett	Armadale Health Services	
Renee Edwards	Department of Child Protection	Aboriginal Practice Leaders
Emma Spencer-Percy	Partners in Recovery	

(iii) Notes from previous meeting:

None.

(iv) Business Arising from Minutes

- Kelly-Anne asked Jodie whether any new members had expressed interest in joining ATSIAG, Jodie indicated they had not. Efforts to recruit new members will continue.
- Seniors Week event – Jodie confirmed that the students from the leadership and nutrition program are organising an event for seniors and their families on 18 November. The event will include a family history workshop and provide information to families about local seniors' service providers. Wendy Hill has included information about the event in the upcoming seniors' week booklet that will be distributed within the community.

2. Updates:**(i) Special Guest Speaker- Cheryl Samborski – CEO Home Help Local**

- In response to a discussion at the August meeting about issues and services impacting on Aboriginal seniors and their families, Cheryl Samborski was invited to outline the services provided to older people by Home Help Local. Moorditj Local provides help and support through HACC services for older and disabled Aboriginal people and carers. This group provides many services to help maintain independence and for clients to be able to stay in their own homes. Services such as domestic care, shopping, personal care, social, respite, transport, centre based activity centre, home and gardening and maintenance. A community garden is being created as well as a self-sustaining garden in different locations to get people involved in growing their own produce.
- There are roughly around 300 clients of all different ages ranging from areas such as Keysbrook to Redcliffe all utilising these services on a regular basis.

3. Round Table

- The group discussed the need for information to be available to people who have disability and mental health issues. Jodie mentioned the brochure wall in the foyer of the centre which promotes information about services in the area.
- Dena mentioned some programs run by South Metropolitan Public Health including a podiatry outreach which runs on a regular basis, diabetes program which runs for 10 week and also a healthy lifestyle program which also runs for 10 weeks.

Other Business

Aboriginal Cultural Tourism Package

Jodie mentioned that the Champion Centre has been working on an Aboriginal cultural tourism package to promote significant sites located within the City and that some families are interested in being a part of this. It could prove an opportunity for income generation and promotion of Aboriginal history and culture within the City Of Armadale.

Indigenous Advancement Strategy

The City is currently preparing an application to the federal government's Indigenous Advancement Strategy funding program.

Recent changes to the federal governments funding program in the Families and Communities area will result in the City being unable to access direct funding to maintain the Indigenous Parenting Service beyond 31 December 2014. However the launch of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (managed by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet) provides the best immediate opportunity to secure funds to maintain and active role in the coordination of services for vulnerable children and families in 2015 and beyond. It also provides an opportunity for the City to expand its focus to promote economic participation as a key strategy in overcoming social and economic disadvantage.

The four program areas of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy are:

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

Jodie provided members with an A3 sheet demonstrating the types of activities/programs that the City intends to deliver in partnership with community, non-profit and government partners and sought ATSIAG members' feedback on the proposal. Subsequent discussion lead to endorsement of the City's proposal.

4. Meeting closed at 2pm

5. Next Meeting:

Tuesday 2 December at 12.30pm