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INFOPAGE



To: Chief Executive Officer
From: Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager
Planning, Reform and Improvement
Organisation: PERTH/PEEL COUNCILS
Date: 8 February 2013
Reference: 05-036-03-0010
Subject: Perth Peel Industrial Land Supply Working Group -
Nomination
Priority: HIGH

IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	CEOs, Planning
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Seeking a WALGA representative for an ILS Working group.
Action Required:	Nominations to WALGA by Wednesday 27 February 2013

The Department of Planning is seeking a WALGA representative to join the Perth Peel Industrial Land Supply (ILS) Working Group.

We are therefore seeking one local government representative to be the WALGA representative on this Working Group. The Department advised that this group will meet on an as needed basis, usually quarterly. The Department has also advised that the representative should be able to provide input into the industrial land planning process.

Attached is the ILS Taskforce governance structure which shows the Perth Peel ILS Working Group reporting through the ILS Taskforce, chaired by the Department of Planning Director General, Mr Eric Lumsden.

If you are interested in being the WALGA representative, a short explanation of your experience and interest by answering the following questions is all that is required.

- What is your relevant experience in Local Government? Please provide examples that relate to industrial land planning.
- If successful, what do you see as your role and how would you represent Local Government and the Association?

Nominations can be sent to Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager Planning Reform and Improvement at vjackson@walga.asn.au by Wednesday 27 February 2013.

For further information please contact Vanessa at 9213 2064.

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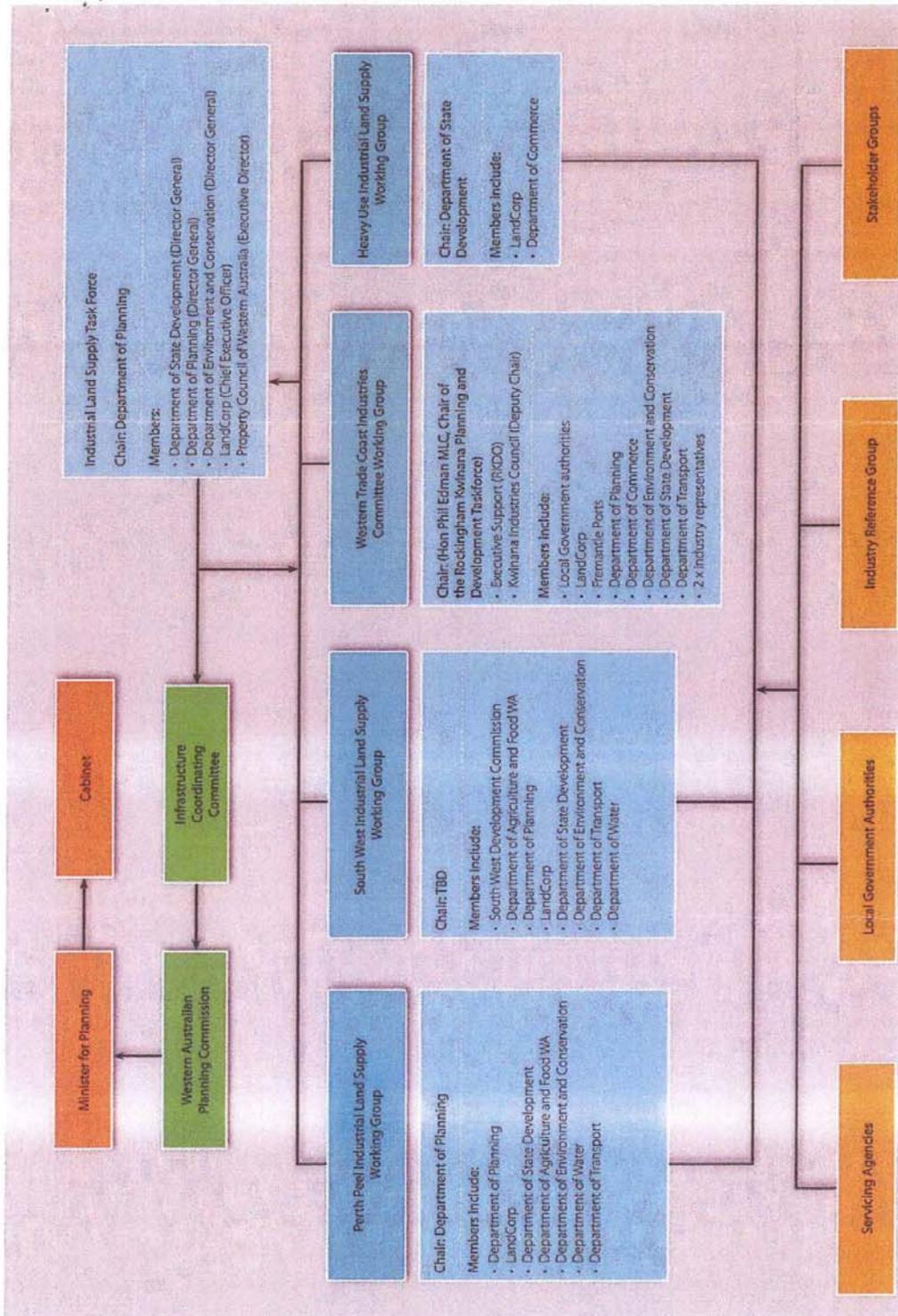
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To: Swan Canning Policy Forum
From: Julia Beijeman, Environment Policy Officer
Organisation: C21 Local Governments
Date: 14 February 2012
Reference: 05-064-02-0014 JB
Subject: Swan and Canning River Update
Priority: Low

IN BRIEF

Operational Area:	Swan Canning Policy Forum
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The INFOPAGE provides an update on Swan and Canning River issues and current work underway -<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting held with the Swan River Trust CEO;• Input into the Swan River Trust's Proactive Funding assessment;• Work begun to list the Swan and Canning Rivers on the State Heritage Register;• Data for an asset management tool captured;• Article about urban drainage partnership published; and• Liberal Party funding announcement.
Action Required:	For noting

Swan Canning Policy Forum Update – Recent Activities

Work is advancing across a number of issues pertaining to the Swan and Canning Rivers. The following INFOPAGE updates the Swan Canning Policy Forum on progress made since its last meeting in December 2012.

Meeting with the CEO of Swan River Trust

The Western Australian Local Government Association (the Association) President, Mayor Troy Pickard, and Environment and Waste Executive Manager, Mark Batty met with the CEO of Swan River Trust on Wednesday, 6 February. Mayor Pickard raised two issues at this meeting. These were:

- 1. Wall stabilisation best management practices**
A best management practice guide for Local Governments was produced by the Swan River Trust in 2009. Mayor Pickard discussed updating and re-launching this document to Local Governments, to enhance information support for river wall management within the sector. The Swan River Trust agreed to update the manual, and will convene a meeting to re-engage Local Governments with the suite of tools, initiatives and resources that are available. The best management practice guide is available at <http://www.swanrivertrust.wa.gov.au/the-river-system/tackling-the-issues/foreshore-management/riverbank/best-management-practices-for-foreshore-stabilisation>.
- 2. Funding**
Mayor Pickard highlighted that the current funding arrangement inadequately supports Local Government management of the Swan and Canning Rivers.

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Sites selected for 2013/14 Proactive Funding round

The Association has engaged with the Swan River Trust assessment panel to establish funding recipients for the 2013/14 round of Proactive Funding. The Proactive Funding stream does not call for expressions of interest, instead sites for funding are decided by applying a set of assessment criteria. The Swan River Trust will approach Local Governments to develop partnerships and project plans, once the selected sites are approved by the Swan River Trust's Board. The Association's role was to ensure the site selection process was transparent and robust. If requested, the Swan River Trust can meet with the Policy Forum and outline the Proactive Funding stream process in detail.

Swan Canning heritage listing

Work has begun to list the Swan and Canning Rivers as a heritage site on the State register. An issue to address is how the river area should be defined. The Association has drafted a discussion paper seeking the preferred definition option of Policy Forum members, which will be circulated shortly. The Association has also raised the upcoming work with the Swan River Trust and the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC), and is seeking their definition preferences to mitigate potential delays further into the process. Both the Trust, and the DEC, have expressed reluctance to list the Swan and Canning Rivers on the State register, but the Association is using its relationship with these organisations at an officer level to progress the work.

Data captured for asset management tool

In late 2012, the Swan River Trust used a hovercraft to update its database of built and natural assets along the Swan and Canning Rivers. The video footage, which captured the condition of assets such as river wall footings and other hard and soft engineered structures, is now being used to populate a computerised asset management tool. Once completed, the asset management tool will be used to target funding priorities and management priorities. Not only will this information help to allocate funding to priority areas, Local Governments will be given full access to the information for internal planning and other purposes.

Urban drainage article in Western Councillor

The Association published an article titled "Partnering in Urban Drainage - Taking Urban Drainage to the Next Level" in its Western Councillor magazine. The article highlighted a collaborative commitment between the Association, the Swan River Trust, the Water Corporation and the Department of Water, to improve drainage management within the Swan and Canning coastal catchment. A copy of the article is available at

<http://walga.asn.au/NewsPublications/Publications/WesternCouncillor/2013.asp>.

Liberal Party announcement to improve Perth's rivers

Mayor Troy Pickard met with the Government, in response to an action point from the previous Swan Canning Policy Forum meeting. On behalf of the sector, Mayor Pickard told the Liberal Party that current funding arrangements are inadequate to support Local Government management of the Swan and Canning Rivers. Since this meeting the Liberal Government has announced a \$16.25 million investment into the Swan and Canning Rivers. The investment includes \$7 million over four years to help the Swan River Trust partner with Local Governments to protect public open space, improve connectivity, usability and amenity. The money would be spent on repairing existing walls, building new walls, and extensive foreshore works across a range of priority areas, including \$1.35 million for Mends Street Jetty foreshore to the Narrows Bridge, and \$1.25 million for Tranby foreshore and Ascot to Ashfield Parade and Garvey Park. The Liberals also committed to continue to support the Swan Canning Water Quality Improvement Plan through a \$3 million investment.

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- ◀ LOCAL GOVERNMENT (UNIFORM PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2013
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- ◀ OFFICER TRAINING
- ◀ ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING
- ◀ DRAFT DETERMINATIONS – CORRECTING GST AND FUEL TAX ERRORS
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ISSUES UPDATE

ELECTED MEMBER FEES AND ALLOWANCES

The Association advocated for a number of years for the need to review the fees and allowances paid to Elected Members. We were successful in April 2012 when the *Local Government Act 1995* was amended to transfer the responsibility for the setting of Elected Member fees, allowances and expenses from the Minister for Local Government to the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal.

Proclamation of these sections of the Act were postponed until the Tribunal was in a position to carry out the research necessary to set the levels of Elected Member fees, allowances and expenses. The Tribunal is now in a position to begin this formal inquiry. The Tribunal is aiming to publish a determination report by the end of April 2013 to enable Councils to plan for any increase in fees, expenses and allowances in their 2013/2014 budget. The determinations will, however, not come into effect until Monday, 1 July.

As part of their inquiry the Tribunal will consult with the Local Government sector.

For further information please contact Executive Manager Governance & Strategy, Tony Brown on 9213 2051 or email tbrown@walga.asn.au

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (UNIFORM LOCAL PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2013

The Local Government (Uniform Local Provisions) Amendment Regulations 2013 ("the Regulations") were published in the Government Gazette on Friday 1 February 2013. The Regulations will come into effect on Tuesday, 2 April. The Regulations will replace Part 9 of the Building Regulations 2012 that were put in place to cover the matters regulated by sections 375 and sections 377-380 of the *Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960* which were repealed by the *Building Act 2011* in April 2012. Those sections related to the powers of Local Government to regulate private building

works, and Part 9 of the Building Regulations made transitional arrangements for those powers until lasting amendments could be made to the Local Government (Uniform Local Provisions) Regulations 1996.

The Regulations were developed with the representatives of the WALGA, Local Government Managers Association (WA) and the Australian Institute of Building Surveyors.

A copy of the regulations can be accessed from the State Law publisher's website; at http://www.slp.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/main_mrtitle_1771_homepage.html

For further information about Building Act matters, please contact Policy Manager, Vanessa Jackson, on 9213 2064 or email vjackson@walga.asn.au

PROCUREMENT WORKSHOPS FOR REGIONAL WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Procurement has emerged as a priority issue for Local Government with increasing media and regulatory scrutiny. As a leading authority in procurement, WALGA recently held a Procurement Workshop at the City of Belmont on Wednesday, 30 – Thursday, 31 January. The Workshop coincided with the release of the 2013 Procurement Handbook, which is the pre-eminent procurement resource for Local Government in Western Australia. Nearly 120 Chief Executive Officers, Managers and Officers attended the Workshop, which focused on contemporary procurement issues and case studies; building capacity in procurement; procurement Governance and organisational structure; and practical use of the tools and templates within the new Procurement Handbook.

Based on the extremely positive feedback from participants, WALGA is planning to hold a number of additional Procurement Workshops in regional Western Australia for Managers and Officers from Local Governments in these regions.

For further information or to register your interest in attending one of these Procurement Workshops in your region, please contact Administration Officer – Business Solutions, Nikki Hagan via email at nhagan@walga.asn.au

OFFICER TRAINING

Customer Service and Complaint Handling

Customer Service and Complaints Handling outlines the competencies required when providing customer service in a Local Government environment, including identification of customer needs and the use of effective communication skills. It requires an ability to understand and work with a diverse range of customer groups and is appropriate for all areas of Council.

Date: Thursday, 14 February

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$415.00 (+ GST)

Executive Assistant Workshop

The *Executive Assistants Workshop* was designed to assist Executive Assistants in their relationship with their Managers, Elected Members, colleagues and customers with a view to improving organisational skills and management. The workshop will explore the individual's learning capabilities with the aim to enable participants to actively engage in knowledge and skill development. Participants will have the opportunity to investigate coaching and mentoring techniques whilst developing an understanding of the importance of an Executive Assistant in a professional context.

Date: Monday, 25 February – Tuesday, 26 February

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$790.00 (+ GST)

Presenting with Confidence **NEW COURSE**

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Date: Thursday, 28 February

Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom

Cost: \$395.00 (GST exempt)

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DRAFT DETERMINATIONS – CORRECTING GST AND FUEL TAX ERRORS

Draft determinations have been released by the ATO for public consultation. The determinations will specify the circumstances in which a taxpayer will be able to correct, in a later activity statement, GST and fuel tax errors made in an earlier activity statement. The *"Correcting GST mistakes guide"* and *"Fuel tax credits: making adjustments and correcting mistakes guide"* outlines the existing policy and will be updated to reflect the final determinations.

The key proposed changes include:

- credit mistakes are no longer subject to value limits;
- debit mistakes are subject to more generous value and time limits; and,
- the method of calculating the sum of the errors is simplified. In determining the sum of the errors, debit and credit errors are no longer able to be offset against each other.

Comments on the draft determinations must be made by Tuesday, 19 February and should be directed to; Bronlynn Graham Indirect Tax (GST) Interpretative Assistance PO Box 3524 Albury NSW 2640 or email: GSTBoTimplementation@ato.gov.au

THE PRACTITIONER'S CERTIFICATE IN MEDIATION COURSE

The Practitioner's Certificate in Mediation is presented by nationally accredited instructors and is conducted Australia-wide by the Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia. The course offers a practice-oriented qualification in mediation and participants who successfully complete the assessment module may apply for accreditation under the National Mediator Accreditation Scheme (NMAS) through IAMA. With mediation being adopted widely across the legal, commercial, industry, education and Government sectors, an understanding of the practical application of mediation techniques is an important and useful professional skill, whether you want to be a mediator or assist parties to a mediation.

Date: Wednesday, 3 April – Saturday, 6 April and Friday, 12 April – Saturday 13 April.

Venue: St Catherine's College, Nedlands

Cost: Members – \$3105 (incl GST),

Non-members – \$3435 (incl GST)

For further information or to register please visit the IAMA's website at www.iama.org.au

MEDIA RELEASES

07 February State Strategy to Improve Community Safety

Local Government News



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ISSUES UPDATE

OCTOBER 2013 ELECTION – IMPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF EARLY RESIGNATION OF ELECTED MEMBERS

Elected Members and Local Governments are reminded of some important dates that relate to the upcoming election activities.

If an Elected Member whose term ends in October 2013 provides notice between Saturday, 19 January 2013 and Saturday, 20 July 2013 of the intention to vacate office early, the Council may request the approval from the Electoral Commissioner to postpone the extraordinary election until the ordinary election day on Saturday, 20 October 2013. See S 4.16(4) of the Local Government Act.

If the office of an Elected Member whose term is due to end in October 2013 becomes vacant or they resign after Saturday, 19 January 2013 but before Saturday, 20 July 2013 the Council may request the approval from the Electoral Commissioner to postpone the extraordinary election until the ordinary election day on Saturday, 20 October 2013. See S 4.16(4) of the Local Government Act.

Any vacancy that occurs on or after Saturday, 20 July 2013 shall remain unfilled until the ordinary election day provided there is sufficient time to allow compliance with the electoral requirements.

For further information, please contact Manager Governance, James McGovern on 9213 2093 or email jmccgovern@walgasg.nsw.gov.au.

OVERSEAS RECRUITMENT

Workplace Solutions is pleased to announce that they will be undertaking an overseas recruitment campaign in Dublin, Ireland in April this year.

Local Governments are invited to submit expressions of interest by providing position descriptions, benefits offered and any other relevant details of positions for which they would like Workplace Solutions to identify candidates.

RESERVATION FORM DUE

A reminder to please send through your reservation form if you wish to participate in this year's Banners in the Terrace competition. Over a third of the available banner poles have already been reserved, so please send through your forms as soon as possible to avoid missing out.

Banner reservation forms are due by Thursday, 28 March; however they are all likely to be reserved before the deadline. Please note that you do not have to specify a category to reserve a banner pole.

For further information please contact Public Relations Assistant, Porla Jones on 9213 2095 or email pjones@walgasg.nsw.gov.au.

EARTH HOUR "SWITCH TO RENEWABLES"

Earth Hour 2012 saw over seven million people switch off their lights to show support for a more sustainable world.

This year Earth Hour will be held on Saturday, 23 March at 8:30pm, and will have an additional renewable energy focus. Households, Local Governments and businesses can pledge to switch, or register as already switched – sending a clear message that the renewables revolution is well and truly underway in Australia.

By encouraging your community to get involved, your Local Government could win a FREE solar power system to donate to a community recipient of your choosing. The Local Government areas (based on population size) with the highest number of online pledges will win.

Follow the pledge leaderboard and map on the earth hour website to see how your council is doing. A fact sheet for Local Governments is available at <http://www.earthhour.com.au/membersandpublications/infocopy2012>.

For more information, or to register, please visit <http://www.earthhour.com.au>, or contact Meryn Legarda at mlegarda@wvg.com.au.

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Meeting Procedures and Debating

Meeting Procedures and Debating is specifically designed for both experienced and newly elected members who wish to enhance their meeting skills. Concentrating on knowledge of meeting procedures and high level debating techniques, this course is a practical tool kit for those who attend council and committee meetings as members or presiding members.

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DIARY DATES: WALGA ZONE MEETINGS

Denotes Teleconference

22 February	South West Country Zone
22 February	Central Country Zone
22 February	Avon Midland Country Zone
23-24 February	Kimberley Country Zone
25 February	South Metro Zone
27 February	South East Metro Zone
28 February	North Metro Zone
28 February	East Metro Zone
28 February	Great Eastern Country Zone
28 February	Gascoyne Country Zone
28 February	Great Southern Country Zone
1 March	Kimberley Country Zone
7 April	Central Metro Zone
18 April	Central Metro Zone

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24 April	East Metro Zone
24 April	Peel Country Zone
26 April	South West Country Zone
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4-5 June	Kimberley Country Zone
21 June	South West Country Zone
24 June	South Metro Zone
26 June	South East Metro Zone
27 June	Great Eastern Country Zone
27 June	Central Metro Zone
27 June	North Metro Zone
27 June	East Metro Zone
27 June	Gascoyne Country Zone
27 June	Peel Country Zone
28 June	Great Southern Country Zone
5-6 August	Kimberley Country Zone
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ALGA NEWS

8 FEBRUARY 2013

ALGA calls for Federal Government action on local government referendum

ALGA President, Felicity-ann Lewis will meet with Local Government Minister Simon Crean next week to seek early action by the Government to address recommendations of a Parliamentary Committee on the steps necessary for a referendum on constitutional recognition of local government to be held at the time of the federal election on 14 September.

Last month, the Joint Select Committee investigating the likelihood of a successful 2013 referendum to gain financial recognition of local government in the Constitution issued a preliminary report, which included a number of recommendations requiring immediate action by the Federal Government.

"The Committee's preliminary report, issued on 24 January, conveyed a sense of urgency in light of the limited timeframes available for the Government to put in place the preconditions identified for a successful referendum if it were to be held at the same time as the federal election," ALGA President Felicity-ann Lewis said.

"The announcement of the election date means that there are now just over seven months until polling day in which the Government can put in place the measures required for a winnable referendum on constitutional recognition of local government.

"Minister Simon Crean has announced that he will not be responding to the inquiry's recommendations until a final report is handed down at the end March.

"We have strong concerns that a delay in the Government's response to the Committee's recommendations will not leave enough time for actions necessary to put in place the preconditions for a successful referendum and will substantially impact on local government's ability to run a successful campaign.

"The Committee based its preliminary recommendations on the majority report of the Government's Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government, which was released in December 2011. Although the Expert Panel report was released more than a year ago, the Government has not addressed its recommendations and little progress has been made on this issue."

The recommendations of the Expert Panel recognised a number of preconditions for referendum success: the need for strong bipartisan support; the Commonwealth negotiating with state and territory governments to achieve their support for financial recognition; a public education campaign to achieve informed and positive community engagement; and changes to the referendum process to allow public funding of referendum campaigns.

"It is our understanding that the Commonwealth has not negotiated with individual states or begun the process of making the necessary changes to the legislation which governs referendum processes. The Committee also asked the Government to release a draft

constitutional amendment bill for public consultation by 31 January and this has not occurred," Mayor Lewis said.

"Local government needs greater certainty about the timing of the referendum processes if we are to give a referendum in 2013 the best chance of success."

For more on this issue, read ahead to the President's Column.

ALGA's Federal Budget Submission calls for changes to address cost shifting

ALGA's submission to the 2013-14 Federal Budget outlines steps to address cost shifting by the Commonwealth and state governments.

Cost shifting occurs when other levels of government continue to assign additional responsibilities to councils and has been estimated to have a negative impact on councils of between \$500 million and \$1.1 billion annually. Additional responsibilities that have been placed on councils in recent years include increased emergency and disaster management, environmental programs, community education, business development, management of certain land and the transfer of roads.

The effects of years of cost shifting to local government from other levels of government, mainly state governments, for which the sector remains uncompensated, have magnified over recent years, and present a genuine threat to the fiscal sustainability of the sector.

ALGA's submission outlines the need for reform in Commonwealth-local government financial relations to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of councils. It calls for a strengthened *Intergovernmental Agreement Establishing Principles Guiding Intergovernmental Relations of Local Government Matters* (IGA), which is signed by all Australian governments and outlines a set of principles designed to establish an ongoing framework to address future cost shifting and prevent the cost shifts that have occurred in the past.

Under the terms of the IGA, it is to be reviewed after five years of operation and ALGA welcomes the commitment to review the IGA announced by Minister Crean on 16 November 2011. However, more than a year later, this issue remains to be progressed.

ALGA believes that the IGA must be continued and bolstered so that all levels of government can agree to comply with its principles whenever new or additional functions, or new or increased service standards affecting local government, are being considered.

Without a strong agreement, local and regional communities cannot be confident that their social, economic and environmental needs are being fully and openly appreciated by other levels of government. Similarly, a renewed IGA must continue to ensure that funding flows to local government so that it can effectively discharge the functions expected of it.

ALGA's Submission to the 2013-14 Federal Budget is now online and can be accessed [here](#).

Register now for 2013 National General Assembly

This year's National General Assembly (NGA) promises to be politically charged and of critical importance to local government, as the sector unites to plan initiatives for the betterment of our communities.

With the federal election announced for 14 September, ALGA anticipates key federal politicians accepting the invitation to address the NGA.

ALGA has invited:

- Prime Minister, the Hon Julia Gillard;
- Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Simon Crean; and
- Leader of the Opposition, the Hon Tony Abbott.

ALGA is pleased to have already received a number of acceptances and is pleased to confirm that the NGA will include addresses from:

- Leader of the Nationals, the Hon Warren Truss;
- Leader of the Greens, Senator Christine Milne; and
- Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Water, Senator Barnaby Joyce.

Delegates at the NGA will have the opportunity to hear from these key politicians as they present their party platforms and local government policies. Delegates are also given the opportunity to directly engage with them.

More information about the NGA will be sent in hard copy to councils over the coming weeks.

You can now register online at www.alga.asn.au and access the early bird discount to save \$100.

President's Column

I will soon be writing to all Mayors and Councillors about the implications of the Prime Minister last week announcing the date for the 2013 election and the time for a possible referendum to recognise local government in the Constitution. While the Government has yet to commit to holding a referendum in 2013, we now have a firm date which councils and local government associations can factor into their planning should the referendum go ahead.

On 20 February, ALGA will be appearing before the Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government at its second public hearing in Sydney. The Committee, which includes members from the major parties, as well as the Greens and Independents, has already issued a preliminary report in which the

majority of members recommended that a referendum on the financial recognition of local government (through a change to Section 96 of the Constitution to allow the continuation of direct federal funding of councils) be held at the same time as the 2013 federal election.

The preliminary report of the Committee also recommended that the Government immediately engage with the states to secure their support for a referendum proposal and also that the Government begin all necessary preparatory activities to ensure a successful outcome in the referendum. These activities include the administrative steps necessary to satisfy the preconditions for success identified by ALGA, the 2011 report of the Expert Panel on Local Government Constitutional Recognition, and various experts. Those preconditions include a public education campaign and public funding of the Yes and No cases.

Minister Crean issued a press release on 24 January welcoming the Committee's preliminary report but indicating that the Government would not be responding to the preliminary report and would instead wait for the Committee's final report expected to be delivered at the end of March 2013.

ALGA's position on a 2013 referendum remains unchanged: ALGA is committed to supporting a referendum on the financial recognition of local government at a time which maximises the chances for success. By this we mean holding a referendum after the preconditions for success have been put in place. As yet there has been little progress on those preconditions and ALGA has expressed its strong concerns that time is running out for the actions necessary to meet the preconditions and for local government to be able to run a successful campaign.

I have written to both the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition calling on them to issue a joint statement supporting the need for a referendum and I have written to Minister Crean asking the Government to respond to the Joint Select Committee's recommendations.

As prefaced in the article leading this edition of *ALGA News*, I will also be meeting with Minister Crean next week to seek early action by the Government to address the preliminary recommendations of the Joint Select Committee.

ALGA is working closely with state and territory local government associations on constitutional recognition and I urge councils to contact their local association if further information on this issue is required or on how a state based campaign might be developed to support a referendum

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis
ALGA President

ALGA provides submission to public transport discussion paper

The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport released *Walking, Riding and Access to Public Transport-Draft report for discussion* last October. The draft report explores how the Australian Government can work with other governments, business and the community to encourage and support walking and riding as part of the transport systems in Australia's cities and towns.

ALGA has issued a submission to the draft report, in which the Association congratulates the Government for engaging the community on ways to encourage more participation in active transport modes such as walking, riding and use of public transport.

In its submission, ALGA reiterates its support for a diverse and integrated transport system that is closely aligned with land use planning and quality urban design solutions.

ALGA argues that it makes good economic and financial sense to promote greater active transport participation and that spending in this area should be based on greater levels of investment. The local government sector warns against diluting existing transport resources, which are already stretched.

The draft report is available for [download](#).

ALGA's submission can be accessed [here](#).

Faster broadband for regional and remote Australia

The Gillard Government this week announced that all Australians will now have access to faster speeds on the National Broadband Network than they can get today over the ageing copper network, following an upgrade to the NBN's fixed wireless and satellite services.

The NBN's fixed wireless and long term satellite services will be upgraded to provide broadband speeds of 25 megabits per second download and 5 megabits per second upload (25/5 Mbps).

"This means that people living in regional and remote Australia will be able to access significantly faster speeds than what is available now through ADSL services," Senator Conroy said.

"This upgrade represents a doubling of speeds for the NBN's fixed wireless and satellite services.

"It will lead to improved education and health services for regional and remote Australia, as well as greater opportunities for small businesses and agriculture. It will allow high-quality video conferencing, making it easier to work remotely.

"For too long, people living in regional and rural Australia have had to put up with slow, unreliable internet services-if they could get a connection at all.

"The Government's investment in the NBN means all Australians, no matter where they live, will have access to faster broadband services. Like water and electricity, the Gillard Government sees fast broadband as an essential utility that should be made available to all

Australians.

"The price for customers for the 25/5 Mbps service on fixed wireless and satellite will be the same as that charged for 25/5 Mbps fibre services at around \$40 per month.

"The Government is delivering on its commitment of uniform national wholesale pricing for broadband services. This means people living in regional and remote Australia will pay the same prices for NBN services as people in Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane.

"The 25/5 Mbps service will be available by mid-2013 on the fixed wireless network and from the start of operation of the long term satellite service in 2015."

For more information about the NBN rollout visit www.nbnco.com.au/rollout.

ACELG releases excellence research guide

The Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government has released a guide to facilitate a greater role for practitioners in local government research.

ACELG's *Make Your Knowledge: A Guide to Developing and Documenting Research* guide has been released in an effort to encourage local government research professionals develop ideals, document good practice and share their body of work with a wider audience.

The publication offers instruction on the production of research outputs, outlines and introduces the types of thinking required in constructing academic work, and offers a number of relevant research examples that are likely to build on the technical abilities of practitioners in the area seeking to enhance their own research capacity.

This guide builds on a suite of other ACELG initiatives to encourage a greater role for local government practitioners in sectoral research. It will also provide a valuable tool for those wishing to submit papers to the upcoming [Local Government Researchers Forum](#) to be held in June 2013.

The full paper can be found [here](#).

Australia's first automotive supplier advocate

On 6 December 2012, the Prime Minister the Hon Julia Gillard MP and the Minister for Industry and Innovation the Hon Greg Combet AM MP, announced the appointment of Will Angove as Australia's first Automotive Supplier Advocate.

As noted in Recommendation 4 of the Prime Minister's Manufacturing Taskforce Report, persuading other levels of government to increase their purchases of locally-made vehicles can provide a significant and immediate boost to the local industry. This is why one of the major areas of responsibility for Mr Angove will be to encourage both government and private fleet operators to consider the merits of Australian-made vehicles

in their procurement decisions.

There are many advantages in purchasing locally manufactured vehicles for a fleet. These include the range of vehicles available, safety considerations, fuel economy, environmental effects and operating costs.

In addition, the automotive manufacturing sector directly employs approximately 50,000 Australians along with a further 200,000 in supporting jobs and is backed up with huge investment in manufacturing capacity, research and development and high value add skills creation. The sector has a unique set of capabilities which is critically important to maintain to preserve manufacturing in Australia into the future.

Mr Angove has already met with representatives from the Australian Local Government Association and Australasian Fleet Management Association to discuss the matter of fleets. Both organisations were very supportive of the work Mr Angove will be undertaking in his role as Automotive Supplier Advocate including addressing participants at a number of key forums throughout the year.

Diversity and Social Cohesion Program

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship has advised that the Diversity and Social Cohesion Program (DSCP) application round for 2013-14 opened on 1 February 2013.

The DSCP provides the additional resources often needed by not-for-profit community organisations to develop their own projects and find their own ways of helping their community build stronger community relations.

The aim of DSCP funding is to:

- Promote respect, fairness and a sense of belonging for Australians of every race, culture and religion. This aim primarily focuses on promoting inter-community harmony and understanding.
- Develop the community capacity-building skills of specific community groups under significant pressure, due to their cultural, religious or racial diversity. This aim primarily focuses on supporting specific communities with the purpose of building their social cohesion and/or to promote their positive contributions to Australia.

Community organisations can apply for funding of up to \$50,000 to develop projects that aim to address issues of cultural, racial or religious intolerance or to develop community capacity-building skills. Projects must provide an opportunity for participation and interaction by different members of the community.

Applications must be lodged by 5pm (Canberra time) Friday 1 March 2013.

For further information, including the Application Information Booklet and application form, click [here](#) or contact the Diversity and Social Cohesion Program helpdesk on 1800 453 004.

Old natural disasters impact on local government

Brisbane's damage bill from severe weather associated with ex-tropical cyclone Oswald is estimated at \$60.5 million.

Lord Mayor Graham Quirk says the council will be left about \$23 million out of pocket after Federal disaster relief payments.

He says council will have to find more savings to balance the budget or rates may have to rise.

"We're already going to have a bill which will exceed 100 million dollars in terms of the January 11 event," he said.

"This is now another 23 million dollars on top of that.

"Every eight million dollars that we spend in this city is about 1 per cent of our rates revenue - that's the equation."

Infrastructure across south-east Queensland's Fraser Coast is being assessed for damage as the flood clean-up gains momentum.

Maryborough experienced near record flooding in the Mary River due to ex-tropical cyclone Oswald.

Rural communities at Brooweena and Tiaro were also hit hard, along with residential areas of Burrum Heads.

On a positive front, Murweh Shire Mayor says a \$14 million flood diversion project in Charleville has helped restore confidence among business owners and residents.

It is a year today since Charleville's most recent flood episode, when hundreds of people were evacuated to the local showgrounds after authorities feared a levy on the Warrego River would fail.

NSW councils to examine further opportunities for raising resources

Broken Hill City Council will consider new ways to get money from mining companies at a conference later this month.

Councillors Dave Gallagher and Darriea Turley will represent the city at the Western Division of Councils conference in Nyngan.

Deputy Mayor Turley will put a motion to the conference proposing that a mining

taskforce be created to sort out how to rate mines.

She says one thing Broken Hill City Council wants it to look at is how to get revenue from mines outside the city council area.

"At the moment you've got mining companies outside of Broken Hill using our roads and other services and we can't even rate them, and yet the community have to pay for contribution to services," she said.

"We just want to get it right. It's certainly not going to happen overnight and that's why we say a taskforce might be best placed - a taskforce that isn't supported by the State Government - and that needs to look at those critical issues."

Councillor Turley says the proposed taskforce would also look at the New South Wales government's Royalties for Regions program, which sees royalties from country areas redistributed in areas where they are generated.

She says most of the money is going to coal-mining areas like the Hunter Valley.

Local water quality decision respected by State

Queensland's Health Minister says he respects a council decision to remove fluoride from the Cairns water supply in the state's far north.

The Cairns Regional Council voted on the issue this week and says fluoridation will cease within a fortnight.

Lawrence Springborg says fluoride in the water prevents tooth decay but councils should be free to make their own decisions.

"That is the position of Queensland Health, of the Government, to promote the benefits of fluoride but notwithstanding that we respect that local governments might want to make a different decision in consultation with their community and using their own advice," he said.

Annette Sheppard from the group Cairns Residents Against Fluoridation says the council has taken a brave stance.

"I absolutely applaud the council's decision," she said.

"I think it's a very brave move on their part and I think that it's one that reflects the overwhelming majority of people in our community."

Outdoor spaces to restrict smoking in WA

People who light up in Perth city's outdoor malls will now face fines, after the council voted to ban smoking in pedestrian areas, the first in Western Australia to do so.

The council voted unanimously to ban smoking in the Hay Street and Murray Street malls and in Forrest Place after the Works, Urban and Development committee approved the change to local law earlier this month.

Perth Lord Mayor Lisa Scaffidi says the move will particularly protect young people who frequent the malls.

"Families and especially children are enjoying these spaces more than ever before, and we know that passive smoking is a very big problem," she said.

The Australian Council on Smoking and Health's Mike Daube says the ban is particularly important for young people.

"This really tells us that smoking is in every way on the nose," he said.

"This is a decision that'll protect non-smokers, especially children.

"It'll send out an important message to kids and I think it's a tremendous step forward."

Professor Daube says the ban will also reduce healthcare costs.

Help give voice to regional arts!

Regional Arts Australia (RAA) promotes the development of arts and culture in regional and remote parts of the country. It provides country Australians access to outstanding cultural experiences that are home-grown and supports community well-being and development.

As part of ongoing national consultation, RAA invites you to complete a brief survey to help identify your current engagement and priorities.

Please note RAA will be undertaking a major national consultation program later this year.

To complete the survey, click [here](#).

Alga president meets with local government minister over referendum concerns

Alga president felicity-ann lewis is meeting with local government minister simon crean today, 15 february, to clarify the government's intention to hold a referendum on constitutional recognition of local government at the time of the 2013 federal election on 14 september.

In 2010, the federal government committed to holding a referendum in 2013 to gain financial recognition of local government in the australian constitution. The joint select committee currently investigating the likelihood of a successful 2013 referendum issued a preliminary report on 24 january, recommending that a referendum go ahead at the time of the 2013 federal election and that the government take immediate action to progress the issue. This included the need for the government to release a draft constitutional amendment bill by 31 january for public consultation.

Minister crean welcomed the release of the interim report but stated that the government will not be responding to the recommendations until after a final report is released, due at the end of march.

"given the federal election is set for 14 september, this could reduce the time available for the legislative and administrative processes for a referendum to just five and a half months," mayor lewis said.

Alga is concerned about the collapsed timeframe this leaves for the government to put in place the identified preconditions for a successful referendum recommended by the committee, which includes the commonwealth negotiating with state and territory governments to achieve their support for financial recognition; a public education campaign to achieve informed and positive community engagement; and changes to the referendum process to allow public funding of referendum campaigns.

"alga is keen to clarify whether the commonwealth has begun the process of making the necessary changes to the legislation which governs referendum processes," mayor lewis said.

"we are also concerned about the impact any delay may have on the coordination and management of a successful campaign to inform and convince the community of the need for constitutional reform in the lead up to a 14 september referendum."

The joint select committee will hold its second public hearing next week, on 20 february, which alga and a number of councils will be attending.

Geraldine doogue confirmed for 2013 national general assembly

Well known and widely respected abc presenter geraldine doogue will address this year's national general assembly (nga). The nga is an opportunity for the local government sector to hear geraldine's observations and insights into how best to prepare for the challenges of the future.

With a career in media spanning four decades, geraldine has been in a unique position of observing australia, australians and the changes that have occurred in recent history.

Australian's are increasingly seeking to reconcile their rapid pace of life and the growing influence of technology on daily life, within their roles within the community and in public life. Geraldine will draw on her experience and observations to provide approaches for us as we seek to reconcile and embrace this in our own lives.

Geraldine had carved out a reputation in print, television and radio. Geraldine has worked for 2ue and on commercial television, co-presenting channel 10's main news bulletin. She played a major role in abc tv's coverage of the gulf war. In 1992 geraldine began presenting life matters, a new abc radio national program which set out to cover the full gamut of social issues in everyday life. In 1998, she also became host of abc tv's compass program, which looks at issues of spirituality, philosophy and belief every sunday evening. And recently she moved to saturday mornings to host a program focusing on international politics, australia's role on the world stage, and business, called saturday extra.

Geraldine has been awarded a churchill fellowship, is recognised as an officer in the order of australia, has been awarded two penguin awards and a united nations media peace prize and has received an honorary doctorate of letters by her alma mater, the university of western australia.

This year's nga is themed *foundations for the future - twenty 13*, will be held at the national convention centre canberra from 16 - 19 june.

Register now at www.alga.asn.au and access the early bird discount to save \$100!

National disability strategy - first report on progress released

A report setting out how governments across australia will work together to deliver the national disability strategy has been presented to the council of australian governments (coag). The strategy's purpose is to promote inclusion and engagement across every aspect of government service delivery.

The minister for disability reform, jenny macklin said the *national disability strategy report to the council of australian governments 2012* will drive the implementation of the national disability strategy over the next two years.

"through the national disability strategy, all governments have committed to working with people with disability, their families and carers, and the disability services sector to deliver changes that will improve people's lives," ms macklin said.

The national disability strategy covers six broad areas-inclusive and accessible communities; rights, protection, justice and legislation; economic security; personal and community support; learning and skills; and health and wellbeing.

Improving the design of both mainstream and disability-specific services will transform the experiences and lives of people with disability and create more inclusive communities. The national disability strategy addresses the barriers faced by australian with disability and will ensure that services and programs including healthcare, housing, transport and education address the needs of people with disability.

The parliamentary secretary for disabilities and carers, senator jan mclucas said the australian government is committed to working with state, territory and local governments to continue to implement the strategy.

"local governments as well as state and territory governments have a significant role to play in promoting inclusiveness in every aspect of service delivery, supporting opportunity for full participation and ensuring that the built environment is accessible to all," senator mclucas said.

A new initiative under the strategy is the appointment of disability champion ministers from a range of portfolios, who will play an important role in broadening the focus of disability into other areas of government. Five state government ministers have nominated as disability champions. Alga president mayor felicity-ann lewis is the disability champion for local government.

In her role as disability champion, mayor lewis is encouraging all councils to look at their projects and programs to see whether changes can be made to increase the accessibility of those programs to people with disability.

"small changes to the accessibility of outdoor spaces, access to transport and premises have the potential to make a significant difference to the ability of people with disability to fully participate in the community," mayor lewis said.

A further report on the progress and achievements of the strategy will be provided to

coag in 2014.

President's column

Next wednesday, 20 february, marks the second public hearing of the joint select committee on constitutional recognition of local government, which alga will be attending to outline the requirements for a 2013 referendum slated for the time of the federal election, set for 14 september.

At the previous public hearing on 16 january, alga raised concerns about the diminishing amount of time available for the government to meet a number of preconditions identified in a report by the expert panel on constitutional recognition in december 2011 as necessary for ensuring the best chances of a successful referendum. These preconditions have again been recognised as crucial to success by the committee, which recommended immediate action by the federal government in a preliminary report released on 24 january.

We welcomed the preliminary report and the fact that it was seized with a sense of urgency about the need to take immediate action to satisfy the preconditions, including engagement by federal ministers with their state government counterparts to secure support for the referendum proposal, circulation of a draft constitution amendment bill by 31 january for public consultation and undertaking the steps necessary to change the referendum machinery provisions act to allow for public funding of the yes, no and public information campaigns.

We are currently seven months out from a referendum if one is held at the time of the federal election and it is not clear what steps the commonwealth has taken to begin the process of making the necessary changes to the legislation which governs referendum processes.

Alga will be raising these issues at the hearing next week and will await with interest the committee's final report and its assessment of whether there is sufficient time for the government to take the steps identified in its preliminary report. Alga is also looking forward to the government's response to the report.

Mayor felicity-ann lewis
alga president

07 February 2013

State Strategy to Improve Community Safety

A State strategy identifying opportunities for greater coordination and effective use of closed circuit television assets will enhance the role of CCTV as a crime prevention and prosecution tool.

WA Local Government Association President Mayor Troy Pickard welcomed today's announcement by the WA Liberal Party committing to a State CCTV Strategic Plan, which follows discussions with the Police Minister regarding Local Government CCTV assets and their input into WA Police activity.

"CCTV contributes to many Local Government community safety and crime prevention strategies, together with initiatives such as environmental design and community awareness programs," Mayor Pickard said.

"There is an increase in the uptake of CCTV, with the sector investing an estimated \$6 million in CCTV assets and around \$4m each year in their maintenance and monitoring.

"As usage has increased, our members have identified a need for greater consistency in the purchase, implementation and management of CCTV assets and for coordination of processes in using these assets to assist WA Police in prosecutions."

Mayor Pickard said WALGA was gathering information from members on current CCTV activity by Local Governments to identify the gaps and opportunities in current processes and investment across the sector which would inform the proposed strategic plan.

"The proposed plan will provide an important mechanism to clearly define CCTV assets held across all agencies and establish investment and ongoing maintenance needs, both new and across the existing network," Mayor Pickard said.

"A coordinated approach will highlight areas of best practice and priority need and assist in the nature and direction of future funding in this area - an approach which also holds true for crime prevention strategies across the board."

Mayor Pickard said WALGA would be holding a Local Government Community Safety Forum in May, assisted by grant funding from the WA Police, with presentations during the conference focusing on the cost of crime to Local Governments, crime prevention through environmental design and CCTV.

"Local Governments, relevant State Government agencies and stakeholders will be discussing the ways in which Councils and their communities can contribute to increased community safety and reduce the incidence of crime and its effects; and I am certain that coordination will emerge as a key theme in this forum also."

Mayor Pickard said in the lead up to the State Election, Local Government was also seeking commitment on two key crime prevention related initiatives: funding for WA Police to expand the Crime Prevention Diversity Officers Program in appropriate Perth metropolitan high schools and the expansion of community policing initiatives by WA Police in rural WA. Major political party responses to these questions and others can be found at whatsinitforyou.asn.au

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13 February 2013

Rivers Infrastructure Focus a Start

A Liberal Party commitment to invest \$12.4 million towards infrastructure on the Swan Canning River system will provide the foundation for future investment but falls well short of what is required to improve the health of the system.

This week's announcement by Liberals WA commits funding over four years for Riverpark infrastructure and a linked path network, along with additional funding for a water quality improvement plan and black swan population project.

WA Local Government Association President Mayor Troy Pickard welcomed the announcement as a good start but stressed far more would be needed.

"Whilst it is positive to see the health of our rivers in the spotlight, current estimates of the required investment to protect, stabilise and rehabilitate these shorelines alone are closer to \$200 million over five years," Mayor Pickard said.

"Any future government needs to understand that the benefits provided by our river system cannot be enhanced and maintained solely through modest projects such as these."

Mayor Pickard said that Local Government had sought commitment from each of the major political parties on a \$250m investment to implement the sector's Swan Canning Priority Plan as a part of their State Election campaign *What's In It For You?*

The result of extensive research and investment by those Local Governments, organisations and agencies responsible for the well-being of the river system, the Priority Plan outlines the urgent need for sustainable funding mechanisms to address the increasing infrastructure backlog, water quality improvements and improved institutional arrangements for drainage governance.

Unconditional support was received by the Greens, with the Nationals not giving a specific position and WA Labor committing to prioritising a coordinated response to the health of the rivers, with funding subject to budgetary process.

"Whilst this announcement is welcomed - as is the support expressed by the WA Labor and Greens parties; it is clear that to achieve sustainable development of one of our greatest natural assets, significant and ongoing investment, together with greater coordination and commitment to that investment by government, is required," Mayor Pickard said.

Mayor Pickard said Local Governments continued to contribute to this aim, with the recent signing of an urban drainage agreement between Local and State Government as one example of their commitment.

He said in the lead up to the State Election, local communities would be encouraged to consider major political party commitments to those issues important to Local Government such as Local Government reform, discounts on waste charges for seniors and pensioners, more State funding for underground power and the introduction of a container deposit system similar to that of South Australia.

Go to www.whatsinitforyou.asn.au for the details of each of the critical issues asked of the parties and roll over the icons to see their actual responses.

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New Staff:

- Building & Health Information Officer – commence 29/1/13.
- Planning Services Information Officer – commence 21/2/13.
- Casual Group Fitness Instructor x 2 – commence 6/3/13.

Staff Leaving:

- Nil.

Other Staff Movements (Internal):

- Nil

Current Recruitment Activity:

- Senior Building Surveyor – position on hold.
- Customer Service Officer (Cashier) – applications closed 24/1/13, shortlisting complete.
- Planning Services Information Officer – recruitment complete.
- Supervisor Streetscapes – applications closed 31/1/13.
- Parks Maintenance Operator (Civic Precinct) – applications closed 31/1/13, interviews complete.
- Community Facilities Officer – interviews scheduled for 20/2/13.
- Coordinator Asset Management – applications close 28/2/13.
- Senior Asset Officer – applications close 28/2/13.
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<p>City Strategy Lilac Divider</p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p>Development Services Yellow Divider</p>	<p>Nil</p>

TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS		
ITEM	REFERRING COMMITTEE	COMMENTS
Nil		

TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE Works Programme – December 2012 – February 2013		 CITY OF Armadale	
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Civil Works	<u>Construction</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicholson Road – between Harrisdale Drive and Road I. Nicholson Road – between Road I and Piara Drive. Abbey Road/Armadale Road realignment. Ranford Road – Lake Road to Armadale Road. Ranford Road – Lake Road to Alex Wood Drive. Jull Street/Third Avenue pedestrian crossing. Armadale Road/Seville Drive – traffic signals. Wright Road/Harrisdale Drive – widen intersection. Armadale Road - cycle path. Ainsley Court – re-surface. Mahara Court – cul-de-sac. 	<u>Construction</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicholson Road – between Harrisdale Drive and Road I. Nicholson Road – between Road I and Piara Drive. Abbey Road/Armadale Road realignment. Ranford Road – Lake Road to Armadale Road. Ranford Road – Lake Road to Alex Wood Drive. Jull Street/Third Avenue pedestrian crossing. Armadale Road/Seville Drive – traffic signals. Wright Road/Harrisdale Drive – widen intersection. Armadale Road - cycle path. Mahara Court – cul-de-sac. Reilly Road (fill old open drain) Nattai Court (cul-de-sac). Brooks Road/Caprea Roundabout. Church Avenue/Fourth Road roundabout upgrade. Alice Road – footpath. Tyres Road – footpath. Merlin Close - footpath. 	<u>Construction</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicholson Road – between Harrisdale Drive and Road I. Nicholson Road – between Road I and Piara Drive. Abbey Road/Armadale Road realignment. Ranford Road – Lake Road to Alex Wood Drive. Armadale Road cycle path. Reilly Road (fill old open drain). Townley Street - re-surface and Local Area Traffic Management (LATM). Bedforddale Hill Road – Local Area Traffic Management (LATM). Garland Road (cul-de-sac). Banyard Road - drainage upgrade. Forrest Road – re-surface between Commerce and Green Avenue. Ranford Street – footpath. Patterson Road – footpath. Nash Street – footpath.

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	<p><u>Maintenance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine Maintenance as per Programme. • Contract Road Sweeping. • Footpath Defects. • Drainage maintenance in various locations. 	<p><u>Maintenance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine Maintenance as per Programme. • Contract Road Sweeping. • Footpath Defects. • Drainage maintenance in various locations. 	<p><u>Maintenance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine Maintenance as per Programme. • Contract Road Sweeping. • Footpath Defects. • Drainage maintenance in various locations.
Development	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 active areas of civil works. • 12 civil works submissions under review. • 5 water management submissions under review. • 1 active major public utility installation. • 2 landscaping submissions under review. <p><u>Churchman Brook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Brookdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</u></p> <p><u>MRA - Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 WAPC subdivision submissions under review. • 2 civil works submissions under review. • 2 active areas of civil works. 	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 active areas of civil works. • 8 civil works submissions under review. • 4 water management submissions under review. • 2 landscaping submissions under review. <p><u>Churchman Brook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Brookdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 area of civil works. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</u></p> <p><u>MRA - Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. • 2 active areas of civil works. 	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 active areas of civil works. • 8 civil works submissions under review. • 4 water management submissions under review. • 2 landscaping submissions under review. <p><u>Churchman Brook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Brookdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 area of civil works. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</u></p> <p><u>MRA - Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. • 2 active areas of civil works.

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	<p><u>MRA - Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 structure plan under review. • 1 local water management strategy submission under review. <p><u>MRA - Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. • 2 civil works submissions under review. • 2 landscaping submissions under review. • 3 structure plans under review. • 4 WAPC subdivision submissions under review. • 4 water management submissions under review. • 1 Movement Network Policy submission under review. • 1 active major public utility installations. <p><u>MRA - Champion Lakes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. <p><u>MRA - Lake Road - Champion Glades</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Urban Water Management Plan submission under review. <p><u>MRA - Seville Grove</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review • 1 Urban Water Management Plan submission under review. 	<p><u>MRA - Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing – awaiting further submissions. <p><u>MRA - Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 active area of civil works. • 2 civil works submissions under review. • 2 landscaping submissions under review. • 1 Movement Network Policy submission under review. • 1 active major public utility installation. <p><u>MRA - Champion Lakes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 WAPC subdivision submission under review. • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 landscaping submission under review. <p><u>MRA - Lake Road - Champion Glades</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Water Management submission under review. <p><u>MRA - Seville Grove</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review • 1 water management submission under review. 	<p><u>MRA - Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing – awaiting further submissions. <p><u>MRA - Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 WAPC subdivision submission under review. • 2 active areas of civil works. • 2 civil works submissions under review. • 2 landscaping submissions under review. • 1 active major public utility installation. <p><u>MRA - Champion Lakes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 WAPC subdivision submission under review. • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 landscaping submission under review. <p><u>MRA - Lake Road - Champion Glades</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 water management submission under review. <p><u>MRA - Seville Grove</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review • 1 water management submission under review.

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	<u>MRA – Gillam Drive</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 WAPC subdivision submission under review. • 1 active area of civil works. 	<u>MRA – Gillam Drive</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works 	<u>MRA – Gillam Drive</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works
Design and Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalise - Soldiers Road - Metropolitan Regional Road Group (MRRG). • Finalise - Bedforddale Hill Road Blackspot Project. • Finalise - Challis Road Blackspot Project. • Finalise Columbia Parkway local area traffic management (LATM). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalise – Brooks/Caprea Roundabout. • Public Consultation – Brooks/Raeburn Roundabout. • Finalise – Gilliam/Bruns Roundabout Blackspot Project. • Finalise - Rowley-Nicholson Intersection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalise - Rowley Road – Metropolitan Regional Road Group (MRRG). • Finalise - Paterson Road Drainage. • Finalise – Forrest/Railway T-Junction and cul-de-sac. • Finalise Jull/Third - Whitehead Local Area Traffic Management (LATM). • Finalise Brooks/Raeburn Intersection.
Parks Works	<u>Capital/Asset Works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fletcher Park - commencement of upgrade works - pending clearing permit application approval. • Continue playground upgrades - Churchman’s Brook completed, and Matthew Stott Reserve postponed awaiting POS Precinct B works commencing onsite. • Morgan Park lighting asset renewal ongoing. • Reg Williams Reserve Precinct C - POS Strategy upgrade underway. • Don Simmons Reserve Precinct C - POS Strategy upgrade in progress. • Harber Drive/Chiltern Reserve Precinct C - POS Strategy upgrade completed. • Rotary Park Precinct C POS Strategy upgrade Bore Licence granted. 	<u>Capital/Asset Works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fletcher Park - commencement of upgrade works - pending clearing permit application approval. • Continue playground upgrades - Churchman’s Brook completed, and Matthew Stott Reserve postponed awaiting POS Precinct B works commencing onsite. • Morgan Park lighting asset renewal underway. • Reg Williams Reserve Precinct C - POS Strategy upgrade works in progress. • Harber Drive/Chiltern Reserve Precinct C - POS Strategy upgrade. • Creyk Park Precinct G - POS Strategy upgrade mostly completed. Playground soft fall installation complete, shadesail and some environmental works to be finalised. 	<u>Capital/Asset Works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fletcher Park - commencement of upgrade works -Underway due for completion 26th January 2013. • Palomino Park Equestrian Upgrade completed and official opening Saturday, 19 January 2013. • Armadale Gateway landscaping – NE quadrant clearing works completed by MRWA. • Under-road boring completed for irrigation works. • Final quotes and traffic management being sourced to construct to landscape design. • Soil Moisture monitoring system review underway due to alternative products now available. • Memorial Park - Anzac Ribbons project completed but 1 structure removed due to safety and reinstalled week ending 18 January 2013.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creyk Park Precinct G - POS Strategy upgrade mostly completed. Playground soft fall installation underway and some environmental works to be finalised. • Sanctuary Lake Reserve Precinct G - POS Strategy upgrade. • Damerham Reserve Precinct G POS Strategy upgrade. • Apex Park Precinct G POS Strategy upgrade. • Brookwood Estate bore relocation to POS as per Bore Relocation Agreement – underway in conjunction with Developer D J MacCormick. • Jull St CBD landscape redevelopment planning commencing. • Kelmscott CBD landscape redevelopment planning almost completed. • Soil Moisture Monitoring commenced. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract play space maintenance. • Scheduled mowing. • Irrigation maintenance. • Bushland maintenance. • Civic Precinct maintenance. • New estate maintenance. • Citywide streetscape maintenance. • Customer requests. • Barbecue cleaning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanctuary Lake Reserve Precinct G - POS Strategy upgrade. • Damerham Reserve Precinct G POS Strategy upgrade. • Apex Park Precinct G POS Strategy upgrade work in progress. • Armadale Gateway landscaping and irrigation works SE quadrant underway. Planning for remaining NE quadrant with clearing works within main island to commence this month. • Memorial plaques and signage ordered. • New Bore Bob Blackburn Reserve planning underway. • Minnowarra Park replacement bench seats. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract play space maintenance. • Scheduled mowing. • Irrigation maintenance. • Bushland maintenance. • Civic Precinct maintenance. • New estate maintenance. • Citywide streetscape maintenance. • Customer requests. • Barbecue cleaning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morgan Park lighting asset renewal underway. • Reg Williams Reserve Precinct C - POS Strategy upgrade works in progress. • Don Simmons Reserve Precinct C - POS Strategy upgrade work in progress. • Harber Drive/Chiltern Reserve Precinct C - POS Strategy upgrade. • Creyk Park Precinct G - POS Strategy upgrade mostly completed. Playground soft fall installation and shade sail complete, and some environmental works to be completed. • Sanctuary Lake Reserve Precinct G - POS Strategy upgrade. • Damerham Reserve Precinct G POS Strategy upgrade. • Apex Park Precinct G POS Strategy upgrade work in progress. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract play space maintenance. • Scheduled mowing. • Irrigation maintenance. • Bushland maintenance. • Civic Precinct maintenance. • New estate maintenance. • Citywide streetscape maintenance. • Customer requests. • Barbecue cleaning

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Parks Subdivisional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precinct Stage 9A. • Heron Park 1 – Stage 5. • Heron Park Phase 2 Stage 10A. • Wungong Precinct E Foreshore. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</u></p> <p><u>MRA - Forrestdale Business Park:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review landscape works. <p><u>MRA - Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 1 and 2 reviewed landscape plan. • Stage 3, 4, and 5 review landscape plan. • Stage 6 review landscape plan. • Stage 7 review landscape plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harrisdale Stage 3A. • Harrisdale Stage 2B. • Wungong Precinct E Foreshore. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</u></p> <p><u>MRA - Forrestdale Business Park:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review landscape works. <p><u>MRA - Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sienna Woods Stage 1 and 2 reviewed landscape plan. • Sienna Woods Stage 3, 4, and 5 review landscape plan. • Sienna Woods Stage 6 review landscape plan. • Sienna Woods Stage 7 review landscape plan. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>METROPOLITAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY</u></p> <p><u>MRA - Forrestdale Business Park:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review landscape works. <p><u>MRA - Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sienna Woods Stage 1 and 2 reviewed landscape plan. • Sienna Woods Stage 3, 4, and 5 review landscape plan. • Sienna Woods Stage 6 review landscape plan. • Sienna Woods Stage 7 review landscape plan.
Parks Design and Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Dunn and Palomino Park Equestrian - full efficiency audit of new irrigation systems - completed. • Parks Capital Projects file development-underway. • GUMS water source and area of use audit and mapping - ongoing. • GUMS reticulation system audits - completed. • Parks schedule of estimates development - ongoing. • Parks Handbook - ongoing. • Parks 5 year capital asset Replacement Plan/Budget development - underway. • Vandalism monthly report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks Capital Projects file development-Complete • GUMS water source and area of use audit and mapping - Ongoing. Mapping for sensitive Jandakot Water Area complete. • Parks 5 year capital asset Replacement Plan/Budget development – Complete. • Department of Water annual groundwater consumption report 2011/2012 – Complete. • City of Armadale Groundwater Use Performance Report 2008-2012 – underway. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developer Guidelines documentation development underway- pending draft review February 2013. • GUMS water source and area of use audit and mapping - Ongoing. • City of Armadale Groundwater Use Performance Report 2008-2012 – completed. • Parks Asset Database completion of asset data collection and integration - to be finalised ASAP. • Review of Standard Specification Bore, Headworks and Electrical Cabinet Installation underway.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Water annual groundwater consumption report 2011/2012 – TBA. • City of Armadale Groundwater Use Performance Report 2008-2012 – underway. • Armadale/Kelmscott CBD Commercial Marketing Project Tulip Displays Report - completed (Pending further business group discussion). • Parks Asset Database completion of asset data collection and integration - pending (awaiting PDA reprogramming). • Public Open space Strategy Precinct B - concept designs and estimates tabled with POS Working Group - TBC. • DCS Nicholson Road landscape design and documentation. • DCS Warton Road landscape design and documentation. • RFT Albany Highway/South West Highway entry landscape design and documentation assessment and report to TSC. • Ranford Road realignment landscape design and documentation review. • Jull Street review landscape design and documentation. • Tender No 11/12 - Armadale and Kelmscott CBD Landscape Maintenance - Tender approved by Council, to be awarded 1 September 2012. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks Asset Database completion of asset data collection and integration - pending (awaiting PDA reprogramming).Underway • Public Open space Strategy Precinct B - concept designs and estimates tabled with POS Working Group - TBC. • Armadale/Kelmscott CBD Commercial Marketing Project Tulip Displays Report - completed (Pending further business group discussion). • Review of Standard Bore and Irrigation Installation Specifications Underway. • Review of COA Standard Turf Installation Specification-Underway. • Field Assessment of Active Reserve Turf Nutrition and Program Review-Underway. • Citywide Sting Nematode Monitoring Program-Underway. Testing complete for all active reserves. • Champion Lakes Residential Area Turf Condition Report completed for Parks consideration. • RFQ Northerly Reserve POS Turfing Upgrade-Underway. • Ranford Road landscape design and documentation (Tonkin Hwy- Armadale Road) review when available from working group. • DCS Nicholson Road landscape design and documentation. • DCS Warton Road landscape design and documentation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Standard Specification Irrigation Installation- Complete. • Review of COA Standard Specification Turf Installation -Underway. • Field Assessment of Active Reserve Turf Nutrition and Program Review - Complete and corrective nutrient and soil amendments made. • Citywide Sting Nematode Monitoring Program to be formalised. • 2013/2014 Draft Budget compilation underway. 1-5 year Draft Capital review complete. • Draft report Memorial Park Artillery Display completed. • Draft report Gerald Russell Park Memorial Upgrade underway. • Preparation of Citywide and precinct POS plans underway with GIS. Plans for Nth Forrestdale, central Armadale/Kelmscott, Wungong and Hills to inc coding system for SARS, Colloquial names, area, PC and HO dates, Parks hierarchy. • Ranford Road landscape design and documentation (Tonkin Highway- Armadale Road) review when available from working group. • DCS Nicholson Road landscape design and documentation. • DCS Warton Road landscape design and documentation.

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Property Management	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Capital Works</u></p> <p><u>Upgrade:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Workshop - switchboard (ongoing). Difficulties with utilities and confirmation of regulations. • Old Administration Building - Roof and flashings - weather permitting – ongoing. • Technical Services – Rear roof (flat) painting and replace broken tiles and re-point ridge capping. • Administration art storage facility racks continuing. <p><u>Renewal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration toilets renewal, upstairs staff and lower ground - male and female. Subject to tender result. • John Dunn Hall/Pavilion - Pedestrian and paving re surfacing. • Roleystone Guide Hall – Painting to main ceiling. • Roleystone Hall – Patch and painting to walls. • Evelyn Gribble – Painting walls to clinic. • Forrestdale Hall Toilets – Replacing of hand basins. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Capital Works</u></p> <p><u>Upgrade:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Workshop - switchboard (ongoing). Difficulties with utilities and confirmation of regulations. • Old Administration Building - Roof and flashings - weather permitting – ongoing. • Technical Services – Rear roof (flat) – painting. • Armadale Aquatic Centre - Replace ceilings and lighting to main offices. • Westfield Child Health - Installation of additional parking bays. • Roleystone Theatre - Install extra security lights rear of building. • Administration - Installation of new ramp lighting. • John Dunn Pavilion - Supply and installation of new security screens. <p><u>Renewal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration toilets renewal, upstairs staff and lower ground - male and female (ongoing). • Armadale Hall - Sanding and repairs, coat and seal stage flooring. • Minnowarra House - Repairs to male and female toilet floors, seal and coat with “2 pac”. • Administration - Alterations to Chief Executive Officer’s office. • Administration - Signage to exterior of building. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Capital Works</u></p> <p><u>Upgrade:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Workshop - switchboard (ongoing). Difficulties with utilities and confirmation of regulations. • Westfield Child Health - Installation of additional parking bays (ongoing). • Administration - Repave to West entry of building. • Armadale Aquatic Centre - Front foyer redesign, new carpets, ceilings, lighting and painting. • Armadale Hall - Upgrade universal access to side of building. • John Dunn Hall. <p><u>Renewal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration toilets renewal, upstairs staff and lower ground - male and female. • Administration - Signage to exterior of building (ongoing). • Harold King - Sand and repair main hall floor, line marking for two badminton courts re seal. • Westfield Seniors - Replace all downpipe covers to front of building. • Depot - Supply and install storage cabinets to store area.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westfield Scout Hall – Renew doors. • Visitors Centre – External site lighting replaced. • Administration - Painting to exterior of building. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westfield Seniors - Painting to front of building. • Administration: Supply and install new generator (ongoing).
City Projects	<p><u>Capital Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bakers House (Practical Completion). • Piara Waters Stage 1. • Piara Waters Stage 2 (Tender Stage). • Civic Precinct Accommodation. • Abbey Road Redevelopment. 	<p><u>Capital Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bakers House (Defect Rectification). • Piara Waters Stage 1. • Piara Waters Stage 2 (Tender Stage). • Civic Precinct Accommodation. • Abbey Road Redevelopment. 	<p><u>Capital Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piara Waters Stage 1. • Piara Waters Stage 2 (Contract Stage). • Civic Precinct Accommodation. • Abbey Road Redevelopment.

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Lessons for City of Armadale

Achieving High Diversion Recycling Rates

A presentation by Dr Adam Read from the UK indicated an increasing recycling rate due to:

- a) Legislative drivers and legislated targets.
- b) National Waste Strategy.
- c) Local Waste Strategy.
- d) Local communities developing fit for purpose solutions, with separate waste collections.

Achieving a high diversion from landfill and increasing recycling rates requires:

- a) Public engagement through events and other avenues
 - b) Involving the community in decisions for collection services
 - c) Communication Campaign
 - Set Up: Brand, content, copy, design
 - Phase 1: Raising awareness that the new scheme is on its way
 - Phase 2: Setting the scene. Telling residents what's arriving and when.
 - Phase 3: Guidance on how to use the service.
 - d) Having people on the ground to answer questions and promote the new services to enhance the messages, enable better understanding and make residents want to be involved in the service to make it work. It enhances participation and increases recycling recovery rates. Talk to residents when contamination problems arise.
 - e) diverting organics and food waste segregation. Treating organics is about greenhouse gas emissions reductions as well as preserving landfill space and recovering resources.
 - f) prevent waste where possible.
 - f) make waste services easy to use and let residents/businesses know via notes and bin tags if they are getting it wrong. Keep records of repeat offenders.
 - g) Monitor the collections in the early months with bin inspectors to see if residents are getting things right.
 - h) Ensure quality service, consistency of material quality and compliance with standards and policies at an acceptable cost. Quality supply chain of recyclable materials. End markets receive a higher quality material that has a greater value.
- Investment at MRF
- i) Return of source separation. Segregated feedstocks have high quality outputs.
 - j) Consider joint procurement of services. Benefits include improving efficiency and reducing carbon footprint.

Investment in good communications is imperative to ensure that new waste services for recycling are utilised correctly and understood. Can also underpin home composting and waste prevention initiatives. Get media onside.

Queensland – Brisbane City Council's Towards Zero Waste

Main focus areas:

- a) reducing consumption
- b) using purchasing programs as a waste prevention tool

- c) incorporating zero waste concept and purchasing into waste planning, forward thinking and stakeholder engagement.
- d) strategies are developed around prevention rather than end of pipe solutions
- e) what you throw away is governed by what you buy, how much you use and how efficiently you use it.
- f) Sustainable procurement
- g) Tender development and evaluation criteria
- h) Specifying waste reduction initiatives as a condition of contract to supply good and services
- i) Using councils purchasing power to change the way goods and services are supplied to the community
- j) Prevent or delay the onset of waste across residential, commerce and industry, council's operations
- k) Promote eco-efficiency (cleaner production) to food production industries, restaurants, manufacturing
- l) Purchasing methodologies to reduce waste (packaging take-back; returnable/reusable packaging; closed loop procurement)
- m) Turning waste into resources and product evaluation techniques (whole of life cost)
- n) Residential: focus groups determine what would work – considered impact of e-waste compared with food waste. Food waste reduction program.
- o) Educate residents to develop better purchasing habits by using the waste hierarchy in planning and purchasing.
- p) Council operations – standardised procurement and internal waste minimisation; closed loop infrastructure; Green IT program.
- q) Procurement is the first line of defence against waste and is both proactive and preventative.

Product Stewardship

IT equipment that will fit in the wheelie will likely end up there rather than be recycled.

Education and Marketing

No waste service can be delivered effectively if the participants in that service do not know why they are asked to change, how to use the system and where everything is transported and what happens to it.

Recycling Organics & Alternative Waste Treatment

Alternative Waste Treatment (AWT) is used throughout Europe, however the technology is struggling to maintain viability in Australia. The various forms of AWT have their strengths and weaknesses. It is important to look at the final products and their end-uses and markets when making a decision about this type of technology. In addition the life cycle and greenhouse gas analysis should be considered.

The Penrith City Council has opted for source separation of organics for recycling and has large scale windrow composting close to source. There was a large emphasis on

marketing and using the final product in sports grounds and within the local community. Creating a closed loop recycling system.

Waste Management Strategy

Key recommendations for preparing a Waste Minimisation Strategy.

1. Know organisation, people and community
2. Keep it simple! Access information about global perspective and solutions and ensure they are suitable locally
3. Don't underestimate residents
4. Integration across council departments to get all service areas involved
5. Don't try to use another organisations strategy without understanding all underlying issues
6. Don't develop something you can't deliver
7. Identify waste streams with greatest gains, such as organics
8. Look at what others are doing – what are the good and bad points and adapt to own circumstances
9. Community identified outcomes
10. Benchmarking innovation and entrepreneurship and look within the organisation for solutions
11. Develop mechanisms for councils and local businesses to work together in waste minimisation and come up with solutions
12. Ensure budget, policy and legislation are considered

Glass and CDL

CDL is working at reducing litter in South Australia. Other states are

Landfill Carbon Pricing

This will affect the City as it is within the top 500 carbon emitters. The main emphasis is on reducing carbon through gas capture and also pricing correctly to ensure future emissions and future carbon pricing are taken into account.

Recommended Key Actions

1. Develop a Waste Minimisation Policy
2. Prepare a Waste Management Strategy
3. Develop Waste Services Procedures
4. Enhance Marketing and Education
5. Investigate Local Composting of Household & Commercial Organics Options
6. Education of Staff in Waste Minimisation, Services and Green Purchasing

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – JANUARY 2013		
	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
That the portion of the Armadale-Fremantle Railway Line remnants from Nicholson Road to Taylor Road is worthy of entry in the MHI at an “A” Management level in its entirety.	Libraries and Heritage Services	D1/6/12 Resolve that the preservation and enhancement of historical items be referred to Community Services Committee for further investigation.
That the matter of a policy in regard to acquisitions, commissioning and funding of public artworks be referred to the Community Services Committee.	Community Planning Infrastructure	C45/11/12 Request the development of a Public Art Policy for consideration. <i>Comment:</i> <i>In preparation of the Policy, an audit is currently being undertaken of the City’s existing public art including those provided by the private sector.</i>

COMMUNITY PLANNING:

Don Simmons Reserve

As part of the Public Open Space Strategy to upgrade Don Simmons Reserve, the City has concluded working with a community artist and Gwynne Park Primary School on the art-tile project. In addition to the other park upgrades being finalised and installed, the art tiles have been laid and the project is complete.

Bakers House

The Baker's House "*Opening Event*" has been scheduled for Sunday the 10th March, 2013 coinciding with the Concerts in the Park Series at Baker's Park. Formal invitations have been sent out to official and civic guests. General invitation to the community will be in the form of local newsletters, community newspapers, developer newsletters and City Views. Information about hiring of the facility, local services, events and tours will be available on the day.

Master Planning - Springdale Park, Cross Park, John Dunn Reserve and Rushton Park

Draft concept plans and options have been prepared and were discussed at a Councillor workshop on 13 November 2012. Further stakeholder and resident workshops to discuss the draft concepts and options were held on the 26 and 27 November. Draft concept options were presented to the Council in December, and were approved to advertise for broader community comment from 18 December to 8 February 2013. Recommendations on the preferred concept options will be presented to Council in March 2013.

Master Planning – Gwynne Park, Bob Blackburn Reserve, Alfred and William Skeet Reserves

The Master Planning process for these three sites will begin in the 2012/13 financial year. It is envisaged the Master Plans will be complete by December 2012.

Shared Use Sites in Piara Waters and Harrisdale

The City has worked with the Department of Education to produce concept plans to guide the development of three community and sporting sites shared with schools in Piara Waters and Harrisdale. The sites include two Primary Schools (yet to be developed) in Piara Waters and the future High School site in Harrisdale. First draft concept plans have been prepared and have been refined by the City officers, representatives of the Department of Education and the consultant team. It is anticipated final concepts will be available mid March 2013.

Armadale Golf Course Redevelopment

The City has been successful in obtaining \$315,590 from the Department of Sport and Recreation CSRFF 2013/2014 funding round. Community Planning will liaise with Parks Services in the detailed design and delivery of this project.

Skate Park Strategy - Review

The 2002 Skate Park Strategy review is currently being undertaken as it is considered appropriate to update the strategy in view of changing needs of wheeled sports (e.g. BMX, skate boarding, scooters), demographics and population growth. The updated strategy will help guide the City's deliberations on the provision of new and/or upgrades to existing facilities. A desktop review is underway on other Local Government strategies.

Public Art Policy

An audit of the City of Armadale's existing public art has been undertaken. This also includes public art provided by the private sector. A draft Public Art Policy is currently being prepared.

Jull Street Revitalisation Project

The Jull St Mall Revitalisation Project report was presented at the 19 February 2013 City Strategy Committee meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Access & Inclusion

Disability Advisory Team Meeting

The 'Disability Advisory Team' met on Tuesday 5 February to discuss upcoming DAT Working Group Meetings and projects the CDO (Seniors, Access and Inclusion) will be working with in 2013.

Local Government Officer Disability Networking Meeting

The Community Development Officer (Seniors Access and Inclusion) attended the 'LG Officers Disability Networking Meeting' on the 7 February. Dawn Walton and Sue Henson from the Disability Services Commission provided an update on 'Count Me In' and the new compulsory outcome for the 'Disability Access and Inclusion Plan' - employing people with a disability. There were further discussions about the 'Your Welcome' project.

Disability Awareness Training

The City conducted its third session of 'Disability Awareness Training' on the 12 February and received complimentary feedback about the benefit of the training.

'At Risk Communities Strategy'

The Community Development Officer (Seniors, Access and Inclusion) attended the final consultation of 'At Risk Communities Strategy' on Monday 23 January. The purpose of this strategy is to provide direction to DFES and information to stakeholders to assist at-risk people (People who are unable to receive, understand, or act on information, prior to or during an emergency) to be better prepared for bushfire. The Strategy currently sits with Department of Fire & Emergency Services Assistant Commissioner for final approval and review. A Working Group is being developed of which a Community Development Officer will be a member.

Children & Families

The next Stargate Drama term program is due to commence in partnership with the Armadale Community Family Centre at no cost to the City. This highly successful drama program has been running for 2 years and supports children aged 8-12 years of age to develop their confidence and self-esteem through drama. Students who are nominated by teachers to attend the program may have been victims of bullying, experience low self-esteem or come from difficult or disadvantaged family circumstances.

The highly valued Nutrition and Fruit in Schools program continues to provide students with fruit and healthy food options.

Community Partnerships

Jade Browning has commenced in the Community Development Officer - Community Partnerships role.

The Ignite Basketball Program has been successful in securing some funding through Healthway for 3 years. To complement this funding and ensure the program continues to run for this 3 year period an application has been developed and submitted to the Attorney-General's Department for the Indigenous Justice Program. The Indigenous Justice Program aims to support safer communities by reducing youth offending. Ignite Basketball will work in partnership with the WA Police to link offending youth to the program and monitor their progress.

The City of Armadale is continuing to work with Neighbourhood Watch to strengthen their connections with the community. Neighbourhood Watch has taken the lead on the Street Meet and Greet concept in which community members host BBQs to get to know their neighbours. The Street Meet and Greet will be launched in the new areas of Harrisdale and Piara Waters with Neighbourhood Watch promoting the concept at community events on the 23 March and 7 April.

Indigenous Development

Two new officers have commenced at the Centre, welcome to Brenda Brittain - Champion Centre Development Officer and Ada Hanson - Indigenous Children and Families Coordinator Co-ordinator. The Centre is gearing up for the launch of two programs (Waabiny Mia & Yorgalicious) which will be held on 26 February at 10.00am - 2.00pm here at the centre. The launch will provide a delicious brunch and a number of pampering options including massages, flower essences, make up, hair dressing and a yarnning circle which is open to women, children and men. Invitations have been sent through a number of service providers and local people within the community.

The Centre also welcomes officers from Outcare - Live Works program to the centre. Outcare have 5 staff based at the Centre and they will support young men completing a 20 week Cert 11 in Construction. We look forward to Outcare staff working at the Centre and forming a close relationship with current and future programs.

The Aboriginal Driver Training continues to operate at the centre at a steady pace with numbers of participants rising each week. We recently had a group from Wagin attend and feedback provided from this group was very positive.

Eat Act Live

Free healthy lifestyle courses such as ‘Bench Warmers’, ‘Get Fresh’, ‘Healthy Around the House’ and ‘Lift for Life’ have commenced in Armadale and Gosnells.

Positive Ageing

‘An Age Friendly WA: The Strategic Planning Framework 2012 – 2017 was launched by the Minister for Seniors and Volunteering on the 19 December 2012. The Framework is designed to guide the actions of government agencies and their community and business partners in service, planning and development. The report is available from the Seniors’ section of the Department for Communities website www.communities.wa.gov.au

Volunteer Services

Armadale Volunteer Services has seen an enormous increase in volunteering enquiries in January 2013 with 81 enquiries received by the service. This is up from 20 enquiries received in January 2012. February is also shaping up to be a busy month with 32 enquiries already received this month compared to 35 enquiries received in February 2012. This increase has been noticed at other volunteer centres and has been attributed to changes in Centrelink requirements and improvements to the Volunteer WA web pages.

The Volunteer Service hosted a meeting for other Volunteer Services in February. This session proved extremely beneficial to all parties and Armadale Volunteer Services again received written compliments.

On February 28 Armadale Volunteer Services will host a “Step into Volunteering” session at the Armadale library. This session is aimed at people who are thinking about volunteering but are not sure how to get started.

On March 13 Armadale Volunteer Services will host a Volunteer Management Network meeting for Volunteer Coordinators who run programs in the SE Corridor. This session will be held at the Champion Centre.

Youth Engagement

The Y.A.A Fest event took place on Friday the 1st of February at the Youth Activity Area. The event ran between 3.00pm – 7.30pm with an attendance of 150 young people. A range of entertainment features including live performances from band The Leftovers, Hip Hop duo ASAP and Marksman as well as appearances from Skateboarding Australia Skate team and Madd Gear scooter rider Billy Watts. The 6112 youth crew – a core group of 12 young people - were involved in the stages of planning the event including selecting entertainment, designing promotional material and setting up and packing down the event. The young people expressed a keen interest in running more events and being involved in planning programs in the area.

Information Items from the Community Services Directorate

The Ramped Summer School Holiday Program has wrapped up with two successful programs taking place. The Hip Hop dance program at the Champion Centre had an overall attendance of 39 participants who varied in ages from 7 -17 years. Both the parents and young people expressed an interest in seeing the program continue during the school term.

A skate, BMX and scooter competition was held on Wednesday the 23rd of January and was extremely successful with 30 participants in the competitions and approximately 50 people in the audience.

JANUARY 2013

LIBRARY SERVICES

Statistical Performance Indicators

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

Reports on activities and community information sessions held during the month. 30 regular sessions were held. These include: story time, Baby Rhyme Time, School Holiday Activity programs, Books on Wheels, World of Words Multicultural Group, reading & writing groups, computer training sessions, games mornings and Men's Social Group. A total of 366 people participated in these various activities. Additionally, 60 people were reached with external visits to schools and other community facilities.

1 additional Library and Heritage community engagement session was held in the City's libraries this month.

Reports on some these are detailed below. :

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

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

“E” (Entertain, Educate, Explore, Escape, Entertain) Sessions

Report – January 2013 School Holiday Programme
Prepared by –Rita Lennon, Librarian at Seville Grove Library

Topic: Summer Allsorts

Presenters: Rita Lennon & Jenny Ramshaw, Librarians at Seville Grove and Kelmscott Libraries ; SciTech – Marko and Shelley

Dates: Thursday 3rd January, Wednesday 9th January, Tuesday 15th January, Friday 25th January, Thursday 31st January 2013

Venue: Armadale and Seville Grove Libraries, Armadale Arena, Armadale Aquatic Centre

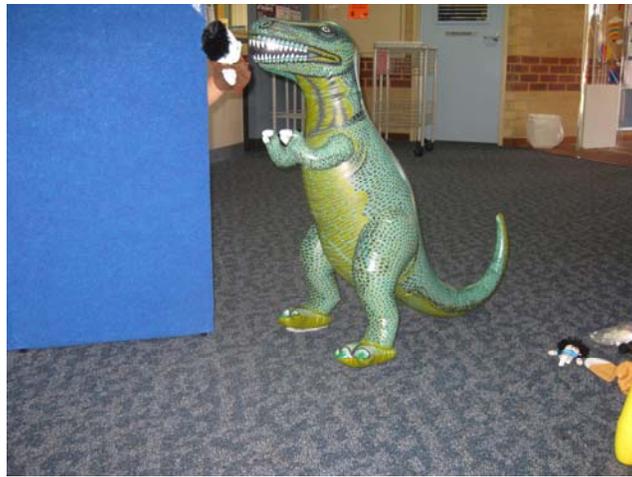
No. Attending: 90 children ; 43 adults

Arena (2 sessions): Hotdog books (1) – 11 children, 8 adults ; Hotdog books (2) – 19 children, 5 adults ; SVG: Digital hotdog books - 8 children, 5 adults ; ARM: SciTech's Endless Energy - 37 children, 17 adults ; Aquatic Centre - 15 children, 8 adults

Comments:

After a sizzling start to the school holidays it was time to chill out at the Armadale Arena and create hotdog books with a summer/sports theme. We decided to run 2 sessions, 2 weeks apart so that different kids could attend each time. Some sporty and

summery clip art was provided to stimulate ideas and the kids also used a variety of other craft materials to illustrate their story books. The completed books were “published” on the photocopier so the kids had an original copy of their book(s) and one to share with family and friends.



Hotdog books at the Arena

Taking photos for Digital hotdog books

For the next activity kids had a chance to produce digital hotdog books at Seville Grove Library. Armed with old digital cameras and resources from the Better Beginnings Fairy Tales toolbox the kids set up story scenes using felt boards, puppets and toys, and then took photos to include in their books. Some also took a photo of themselves for the front cover. Despite some technical hitches with cameras and downloading to the PCs all of the photos were finally printed and the kids added text under each picture to tell a story.

A lot of energy was expended at Armadale Library during SciTech’s Endless Energy science show. Marko engaged the kids in various demonstrations of the different states of energy and this was followed by a hands-on activity coordinated by Shelley, who asked the kids to work together in groups to make something that moves something else. A variety of materials were supplied and each group demonstrated the dynamics of their creation to the rest of the audience.



Fun with physics - the SciTech way

Fergus the Frog and some library friends

We ‘hopped’ over to stay cool at the Armadale Aquatic Centre for Storytime by the Pool to end the school holiday programme with a splash. Fergus the Frog made a special guest appearance and participated in a froggy dancing song plus a hi-5 with the kids. After sharing some stories about hot summer days and frogs the kids made their own pop-up frog booklets, “Hop into a story”. It was also a great opportunity to promote our library Storytime and Baby Rhyme Time sessions to those attending and to some neighbouring families whose interest was engaged by our activity.

A wonderful selection of activities was enjoyed by a wide age range of children who came to our libraries, the Arena and the Aquatic Centre for an interactive and entertaining experience.

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

Report – General session

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

Topic: 100 years of Brookton policing

Date: 6 February 2013

Venue: Armadale Library meeting room

Twenty one people attended the talk by Ellen Parrick on the ‘100 years of Brookton policing’. This was three more than had booked for the late afternoon’s presentation.

Ellen gave a brief history of the settlement of the Brookton district and the need for a resident police officer to be appointed to the district.

The police station, built in 1913, was occupied by the first permanent officer and his family in December of that year. One all-purpose room of the building was dedicated to police and court operations, with two separate lock-up cells constructed at the rear of the property. The remainder of the building was dedicated to the officer's residence. The building underwent several structural changes before closing as a police station in the 1980s and then becoming the local history museum.

The audience was enthralled by Ellen's passion for the history of Brookton and its police station. This was furthered when recognition was given to the number of pioneering families from the City of Armadale, and more recent residents, sharing a history with the Brookton district.

HERITAGE SERVICES

Statistical Performance Indicators

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

Birtwistle Local Studies Library

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

The Birtwistle Local Studies Library re-opened to the public on 2 January 2013. However, the volunteers were offered a break from attending their library duties until the week beginning 4 February. The BLS Librarian made use of the opportunity of not having to prepare and supervise projects for the volunteers to complete a number of outstanding project such as the 2011 Roleystone-Kelmscott bushfire interview transcriptions, re-assessing the status of the current oral history interviews, contacting likely speakers for the Family History Tree Group's monthly meetings and planning the projects for the volunteers to undertake during the first half of 2013. A work schedule was developed for the Local History Library Officer.

WA Heritage Festival 18 April to 18 May

Arrangements have been made with Ye Old Narrogin Inne to host a performance by actor and story-teller, Simon James to tell the sad tale of the Murder at the Ye Old Narrogin Inn which took place on 14 February 1874. This will be on Wednesday 8 May, 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Light refreshments will be provided to the people who book for the event. This performance will be promoted locally through the City of Armadale's media department and through the promotional outlets organised by the National Trust of Australia (WA).

Oral histories

Use of the hand-held Zoom Q3 recording equipment is gaining popularity with the interviewing volunteers. It is simple to use, it is less cumbersome to transport and less intimidating to use with the interviewees than the Marantz PMD digital recorder with its two separate microphones and stands. The quality of the recordings are commensurate with the standards recommended by the State Library of Western Australia.

Recently a local resident received tuition on how to use a handheld recorder to interview her 98 year old father talking about his life.

Interviews that have taken place during January are with Margaret Lee, a former employee of the Armadale Co-operative Store, and with Margaret Munday and her involvement with the Kelmscott Show and working at Gladalan Plant Nursery.

Family History

Implementation of the 2013 Family Tree Group programme for the year began with the first meeting on 31 January at which 15 people attended and received their bag of brochures from the City of Armadale with added resources for finding family history information at the BLSL and other centres (SLWA, WAGS and from online resources).

Volunteers

Sadly, resignations have come from two volunteer Audrey Farley (transcriber) and from Anne Ellis (Family History) because of family commitments.

A welcome back lunch held was provided for the BLSL volunteers on 31 January to bring the them together before their voluntary commitments commence for 2013. The function provided an opportunity to farewell Audrey and Anne while welcoming a new volunteer, Barbara Walker.

City of Armadale greeting cards

The project to supply the City of Armadale staff with a selection of images on A6 sized cards is progressing. The greeting cards have the dual purpose of sharing some of the City's pictorial history and in providing a unique piece of stationary to send to clients or to sell as a package to interested visitors.

2.3 History House Museum

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator)

Holiday Program

Clay Tablets & Scrolls – Wednesday 23 Jan

This program was fully booked with 50 children and parents attending over two sessions. Children were given clay and paper to make a clay tablet and a scroll. They were encouraged to look through the What Were They Reading Then exhibition to get inspiration for what they were going to write on their tablet or scroll.

Donations

Home made Harpsichord – Irvin Phillips

Irvin a retired piano teacher and technician built the harpsichord in 1999. He has gone on to build another four. This one has been used in small concerts and in his home.

This item has a strong provenance and demonstrates the skill and creativity of a member of the local community. It also demonstrates the importance music has played in the social life of many COA residents. It is a rare item as very few harpsichords have been built in Australian.

Bull Banksia Lamp – Frank Richardson

Made by Frank from a Banksia nut found on the way down to Fairbridge. Was made in the 1960s and used in his Armadale home.

This item has a strong provenance and demonstrates the handcraft and electrical skills of a local resident.

Jarrah Ash Tray – Pam Herbert

The ash tray was a gift from Kath Herbert, the niece of the owner of a wine saloon located on Third Road in the 1960s.

This item has a good provenance and is linked to a local business. It represents the growth of the Armadale CBD and the changing social attitudes towards smocking in WA society.

Brass ash Tray – Pam Herbert

This ash tray was souvenired by Pam Herbert when she was a bar maid at the Railway Hotel in the early 1970s. It represents the ongoing operation of the Hotel one of the early Jull Street businesses. It also represents the changing attitudes towards smocking in WA society.

Butter dish – Pam Herbert

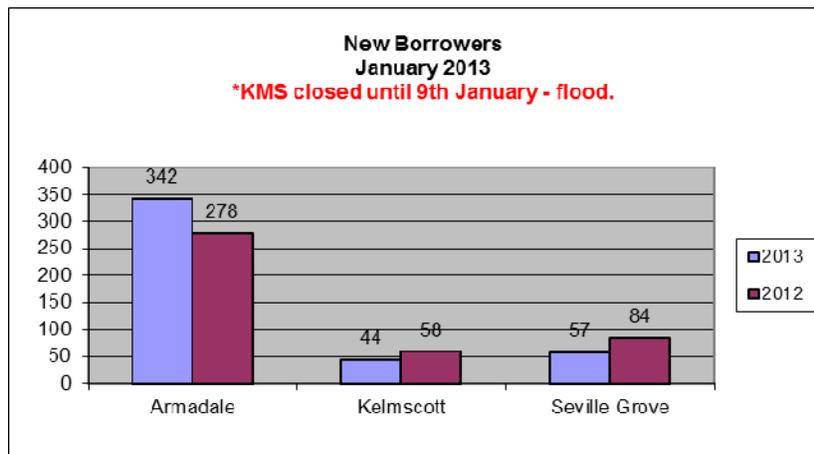
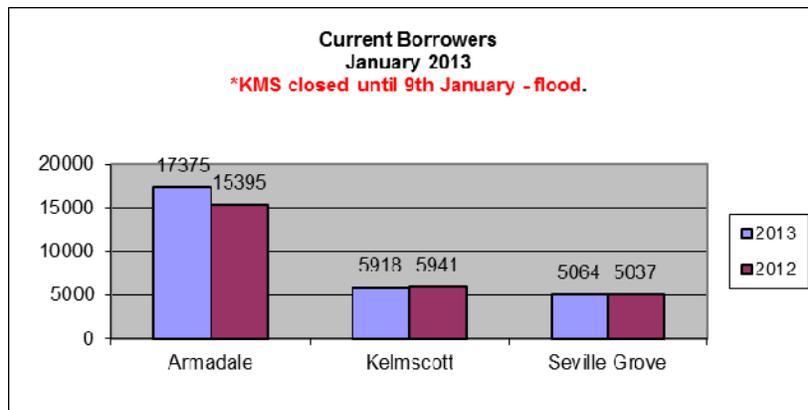
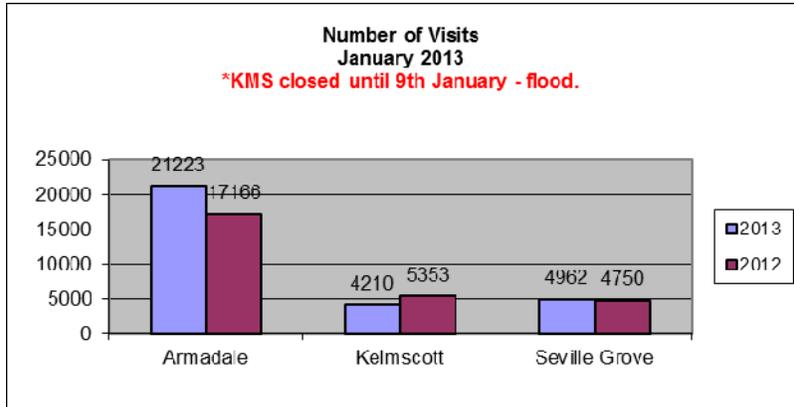
Picked up from Railway Hotel where she worked c1970

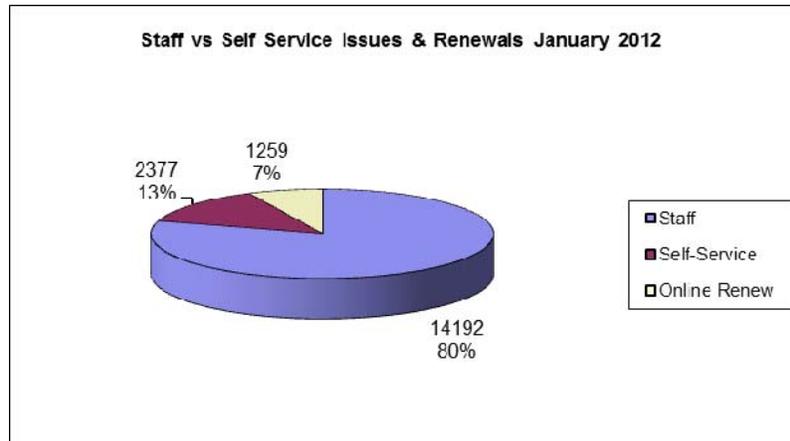
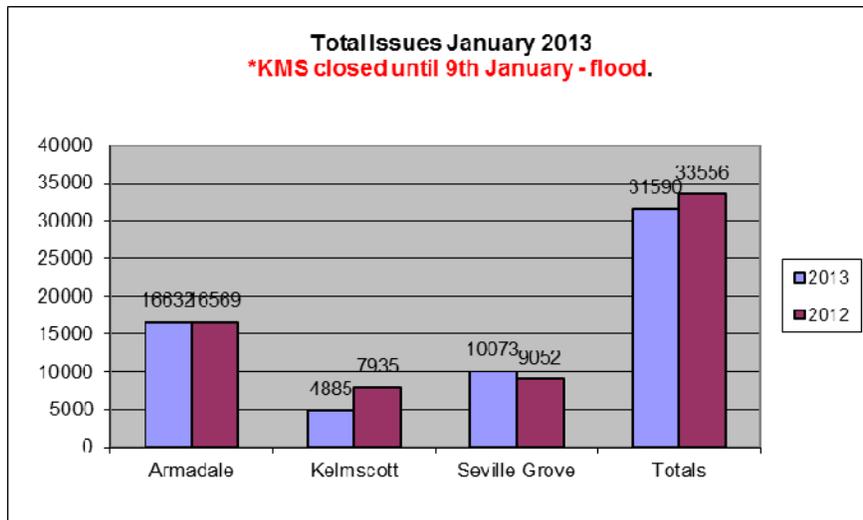
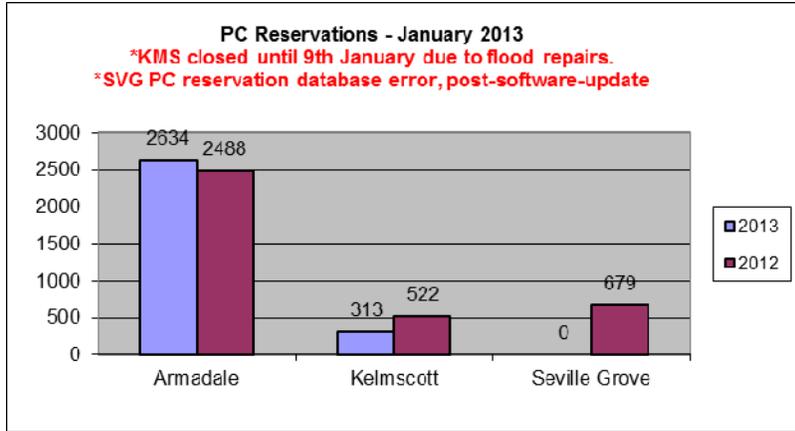
This item has a good provenance and represents a local business and the development of the Armadale CBD in the 1970s. It also represents the history of on the early businesses started on Jull Street in the early 1900s.

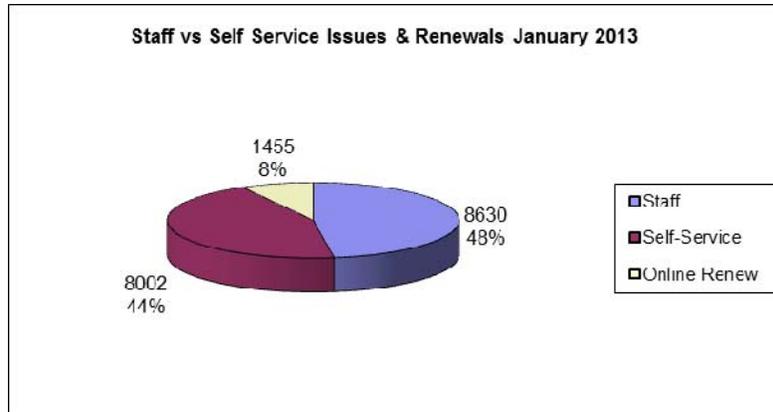
LIBRARIES AND HERITAGE

Statistics:

January







Statistics

January 2013

Birtwistle Local Studies Library				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	Jan 13	Jan 12	Jul 12-Jan 13	Jul 11–Jan 12
Reference Enquiries	4	21	53	68
Research Enquiries	2	18	61	66
Visitor Attendance	101	97	647	747
Volunteer Hours	0	9	168	591
Digitising Records	15	0	140	11
Oral History				
Letters Sent	1	1	11	14
Interviews Completed	2	1	14	12
Transcripts Completed/ reviewed	1	0	12	13
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	21	2	222	244
Volunteer Hours - Interviewing	6	5	57	45
Family History Research				
Reference	4	4	33	4
Research	33	26	180	26
Volunteer Hours	0	0	214	0

Total visits = 9548

Average Pages per visit = 16

Month: January Year: 2013

History House Museum	Current Month	Year to date		
		Jan 13	Jan 12	July 12- June 13
General Visitors	104	71	720	830
School Visits	0	29	74	301
School Incursions	0	N/A	56	N/A
Holiday Programs	50	N/A	93	N/A
Community Programs	0	N/A	0	N/A
Seniors Programs	0	N/A	138	N/A
Total Visitors	154	100	1080	1131
Volunteer Hours	180	96	998	1012
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum	Jan 13	Jan 12	July 12 – June 13	Jul 11 – June 12
Visitors	131	?	1038	?

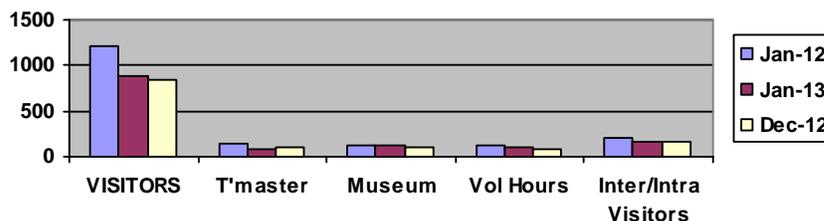
The statistics will provide a closer look at how the community is using museum services.

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

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

MONTH: JANUARY 2013

STATISTICS:



JANUARY 2013

Visitors	Ticketmaster	TOTAL Visitors Less Ticketmaster	Inter State Visitors	Overseas Visitors	TOTAL O/seas & Interstate VISITORS	Volunteer Hours	Museum
891	90	801	54	101	155	113	131

DECEMBER 2012

Visitors	Ticketmaster	TOTAL Visitors Less Ticketmaster	Inter State Visitors	Overseas Visitors	TOTAL O/seas & Interstate VISITORS	Volunteer Hours	Museum
852	98	754	56	109	165	85	104

VISITOR CENTRE OPENED FOR 192 HOURS

AVERAGE VISITORS PER WEEK: 223

VOLUNTEER HOURS PER WEEK: 28

VISITOR CENTRE - DOLLAR VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY:

Average Visitor Spend – Day Visitor:

\$ 1,430 per day = **\$ 10,013** per week = **\$ 40,050** per month

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

Average Spend – Including Accommodation:

\$830 per night = **\$ 5,813** per week = **\$ 23,250** per month

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

TOTAL TOURISM DOLLAR VALUE – JANUARY 2013: \$63,300

This month we had a 5% increase in visitors to the Visitor Centre as well as an increase of visitors to the Museum.

Majority of the International visitors came from Germany, United Kingdom and Canada.

Google Analytics reports an increase of 85% new visitors to our website www.visitarmadale.com.au with the majority from Australia. The most pages viewed were the home page, events page and attractions pages.

We look forward to increasing our membership database as we approach our 2013 membership drive over the next couple of months.

Visitor Centre Membership

We continue to assist our membership enquiries and continue to build positive member relationship including the distribution of our monthly tourism e'newsletter and frequent correspondence. Several meetings have been conducted with members to discuss and encourage their advertising in the 2013/2014 Armadale Regional Guide.

Membership drive underway with new prospectus at the printers expected to be circulated first week in February.

The Armadale 2013/14 Regional Visitor Guide is expected to be delivered by the end of February 2013.

EVENTS

Summer Cinema

The City of Armadale holds two free summer cinema screenings a year at Rushton Park in Kelmscott. The screenings commenced in 2009.

This year screenings were scheduled for Sunday 13 January and Sunday 24 February.

Due to inclement weather the event was cancelled on 13 January and rescheduled for the following Sunday – 20 January.

This event screened the Dr Seuss movie 'Lorax' with pre-show entertainment by Scooby Circus – Scooby Circus (Morgan Scarfe) gave a 30 minute performance and then engaged and instructed children in a number of circus related activities with equipment provided by himself.

The event was enjoyed by around 350 people – largely families and children.

Happy Feet 2 is scheduled for 24 February, with pre show entertainment with Fairy Ciara and the Eco Faeries.

Australia Day

A large part of January was taken up with planning and delivery of Australia Day.

Stakeholders were met and consulted with individually prior to a briefing meeting held on Tuesday 15 January with major stakeholders

An estimated 40 to 45000 people attended the event and only one incident was reported.

The stage entertainment was well received. Featured were: All Aussie Tribute Show, Youth band 'Splint', Gerard Maunick and Tina Simone and the Bartlett Bros.

Local Noongar man and Aboriginal Police Liaison Officer, Jeremy Garlett performed Welcome to Country.

The National Anthem was delivered by two 16 year old Armadale girls, Lauren Marsden and Isobel Wiltshire.

Chloe Hoffman, local police cadet and recipient of this year's Premiere's Active Citizenship Award, joined the Mayor onstage to countdown to the fireworks – a 22 minute spectacular set to an all West Australian sound track.

The feedback from the event has been positive, from audience members, key stakeholders, and performers – many of whom said 'it was the best yet'.

Received from a community member:

Dear Sir / Madam Last night I had the privilege of attending the Australia Day festivities in Armadale. This was the first time that we had done so as we had previously attended the Fire Works display in the city. I would like to congratulate your council and all staff that were involved with the night as it could not have been a more enjoyable event for the consumer. The amenities and location were excellent, the fire work display was outstanding and the level of scrutiny by police was brilliant. I hope that you will be in a position to keep this event in Armadale for many years to come. WELL DONE a brilliant night for families and brilliant show case of Armadale's commitment to the community. Regards Gav Healy

Minnawarra Art Award

The Minnawarra Art Award Curator for 2012, Louise Morrison has decided to not renew her contract for the 2013 award.

We have advertised for a Curator for this year, with applications closing on Friday 22 February.

Expressions of interest letters have been sent out and advertisements have been placed in Art source and the Artists Chronicle.

This year's award is scheduled from Tuesday 14 to Sunday 19 May with the opening night on Tuesday 14 May. The exhibition will again be held in the Armadale District Hall.

RANGER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

January 2013

Animal Control

Dogs

Ranger Services received five hundred and seventeen (517) requests for assistance during the report period. The primary focus of Ranger Services is managing the response to the community for requests for service.

Court Action

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

OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALTY \$	COSTS \$	TOTAL \$
Littering Driving on closed road	Guilty	20	3,3100.00	3,330.00

Vehicles

Parking

Ranger Service attended to one hundred and seventy three (173) general enquiries relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period.

Commercial Vehicles (Trucks)

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

Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

Ranger Service attended to thirty three (33) reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in a prohibited area, during the report period.

Rangers currently provide a service to the community in respect to reports of off-road vehicles being driven or used in certain areas, particularly where it is identified that life and or property are at risk. Notwithstanding the City of Armadale do not have a local law relating to the control of off-road vehicles, such matters are dealt with pursuant to the “*Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978*” (ORV Act)

Where a complaint is received alleging that a contravention of the ORV Act has occurred, regardless of it being in a private or public place, Ranger Services initiate a full and thorough investigation of the incident.

The investigating officer establishes a Customer Request Management File (CRM) on which all relevant information is recorded, such as –

- Complainants' details and statements.
- Description and details of the alleged offender.
- Witnesses statements
- Any other information that may be deemed relevant to the investigation.

Litter

During this report period Ranger Services received eighty (80) requests for service in relation to Litter and the illegal dumping of rubbish. Keeping Roadsides and Council Reserves litter free is a major focus of the City of Armadale and Rangers are ever vigilant in identifying and apprehending litter offenders.

Amendments to the Litter Act which allowed for new penalties were passed in August 2012. Now the Litter Act Regulations have been amended and were gazetted on the 11 January 2013 allowing for increased fines for littering and also introducing a new offence of littering that creates a public risk to people, property or animals.

Littering that creates a public risk incurs on the spot fines of up to \$500 for individuals and \$2000 for corporations. Also, the penalty for discarding cigarette butts rose to \$200 from \$75. Maximum penalties through prosecution are \$5000 for individuals and \$10,000 for corporations. These penalties can be applied as of 11 January 2013.

Another important aspect of these changes includes and 'owner onus' provision where if an owner a vehicle involved in a littering offence cannot identify the person in charge of the vehicle at the time then the owner is liable for the fine.

Fire Services

Rangers continue a high profile in relation to hazardous blocks and offer advice to land owners with regard to fuel reduction and ongoing maintenance of firebreaks.

Ranger Services attended to two hundred and sixty six (266) enquires, during this report period, mainly associated with alternative style firebreaks and advice regarding general fire safety.

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

Firebreak Inspections

Ranger Services are now actively engaged in the annual firebreak inspections programme, and have been particularly vigilant in targeting vacant land with long dry grass especially in light of the amount of late rain experienced thereby increasing the fuel growth.

At the time of writing this report Ranger Service have inspected one thousand nine hundred and ninety six (1,196) properties throughout the district.

Statistics

January 2013 Statistics

<i>DOGS</i>	January 2013	January 2012	2012/2013 Progressive Total	2011/2012 Progressive Total	
Wandering	69	56	434	482	Down 10%
Dogs for Pick Up	32	32	251	266	Down 6%
Barking	27	18	208	244	Down 15%
Attacks	22	21	123	150	Down 18%
Lost & Found	152	168	873	794	Up 10%
Multiple / Restricted Inspections	5	9	28	37	Down 2%
Vet collection & Cremation	20	9	99	95	Up 4%
General Information	25	18	116	129	Down 10%
Sub Total	352	331	2132	2197	Down 3%
Office Phone Enquiries	165	152	1314	1447	Down 9%
Total	517	483	3446	3644	Down 5%

<i>PARKING / VEHICLES</i>	January 2013	January 2012	2012/2013 Progressive Total	2011/2012 Progressive Total	
General Parking	22	18	186	164	Up 13%
Trucks	5	4	37	30	Up 23%
School Parking	0	9	300	292	Up 27%
Illegal Parking in CBD	19	19	134	109	Up 23%
Abandoned Vehicles	30	32	163	141	Up 16%
Off Road Vehicles	33	21	229	176	Up 30%
Sub Total	109	103	1049	912	Up 15%
Office Phone Enquiries	64	35	351	171	Up 106%
Total	173	138	1400	1083	Up 29%

<i>LIVESTOCK</i>	January 2013	January 2012	2012/2013 Progressive Total	2011/2012 Progressive Total	
Lost & Found	2	6	10	8	Up 25%
General	15	0	81	87	Down 7%
Sub Total	17	6	91	95	Down 4%
Office Phone Enquiries	2	0	29	120	Down

Total	19	6	120	215	80% Down 44%
<i>LITTER</i>	January 2013	January 2012	2012/2013 Progressive Total	2011/2012 Progressive Total	
General Information	0	0	4	0	Up
Private Property	4	9	27	46	Down 41%
Roadside / Reserve	21	15	100	70	Up 43%
Verge	30	28	144	154	Down 6%
Sub Total	55	52	275	270	Up 2%
Office Phone Enquiries	25	25	79	55	Up 44%
Total	80	77	354	325	Up 9%

<i>FIRE</i>	January 2013	January 2012	2012/2013 Progressive Total	2011/2012 Progressive Total	
Burning Off / General Information	6	2	24	55	Down 56%
Firebreak / Hazard	96	93	449	519	Down 13%
Firebreak Variation	17	26	143	121	Up 18%
Fire Permit Enquiries	0	0	32	91	Down 65%
Permits Issued	0	0	320	422	Down 24%
Nuisance Smoke - Legal Burning Off	2	n/a	27	n/a	
Sub Total	121	121	995	1208	Down 18%
Office Phone Enquiries	145	135	629	559	Up 13%
Total	266	256	1624	1767	

<i>GENERAL</i>	January 2013	January 2012	2012/2013 Progressive Total	2011/2012 Progressive Total	
General Information	0	0	10	52	Down 81%
Shopping Trolleys	4	25	46	15	Up 206%
Sub Total	4	25	56	67	Down 16%
Office Phone Enquiries - Trolleys	1	4	29	23	Up 26%
Office Phone Enquiries - Cats	12	12	169	86	Up 97%
Office Phone Enquiries - General	99	75	570	655	Down 13%
Total	112	91	768	831	Down 8%

MINUTES OF OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES

CITY OF ARMADALE

NOTES

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group

Monthly meeting

Tuesday 5 February 2013 at 12.30pm

Meeting Room, Champion Centre, Champion Drive, Seville Grove

Chair: Mr Albert McNamara

Minutes prepared by Carolyn Fisher

1. Business of meeting

(i) Attendance

Name	Organisation	Title
Albert McNamara	-	ATSIAG Chairperson
Carolyn Fisher	City of Armadale	Community Development Support Officer
Kelly-Anne Charles	City of Armadale	Manager Community Development
Cr. Guenter Best	City of Armadale	Councillor
Keith Lethbridge	Department of Indigenous Affairs	Community Support
Lexie Trancollino	Department of Human Services	Indigenous Specialist Officer
Sheila-Anne Macleod	Disability Services Commission	Acting Area Manager, Kelmscott District
Victoria Rafferty	-	Torres Strait Islander Elder/Community Representative
Leon Harp	Department of Health	Senior Project Officer/Men's Health- South Metropolitan Public Health Unit
Vicki Davis	Department of Housing	Aboriginal Customer Support Officer
Christine Parry	Armadale Health Service	Aboriginal Health Officer
Brenda Brittain	City of Armadale	Champion Centre Development Officer
Ada Hanson	City of Armadale	Indigenous Children and Families Coordinator
Cheryl Metcalfe	ARBOR- Anglicare WA	Manager- ARBOR
Tricia Flynn-Scrutton	ARBOR- Anglicare WA	Counsellor

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Claire de Dulin	Department of Disability Services	Local Area Coordinator
Joe Collard	Parkerville Inc.	
Lyall Garlett	Department of Education	Coordinator Aboriginal Education
Madge Hill	-	Aboriginal Elder/ Community Representative
John Lockridge	Outcare	
Karina Chicote	Save the Children	Coordinator SE Corridor Youth Development Project
Katherine Webster	Western Australian Liberal Party	Liberal Candidate for Armadale

(ii) Apologies

Name	Organisation	Title
Loretta Hill	Armadale Health Service	
Denis Pickett	Armadale Health Service	Aboriginal Liaison Officer
Jamie Barr	City of Armadale	Ignite Basketball Coordinator
Damon Oliver	Armadale Youth Resources	Youth Outreach Coordinator
Sam Mesiti	Outcare	Manager Youth Services
Jodie Clarke	City of Armadale	Indigenous Development Coordinator

Welcome to Country provided by Madge Hill

(iii) Minutes from previous meeting

CORRECTIONS:

Page 1: Harold Hums be replaced Harold Humes.

Page 1: Alta Ninmar be replaced with Alta Winmar.

Action: Carolyn Fisher

Minutes of the ATSIAG meeting held 13 November 2012 be confirmed.

Moved by Cr Gunter Best.

Seconded by Keith Lethbridge.

(iv) Business Arising from Minutes

Sister Kate's to submit proposal to the City of Armadale for consideration regarding financial support for a children's art banner project and the establishment of an Aboriginal meeting place in a local Armadale park. – *no submission made.*

2. Information Items**(i) One Stop Updates**

Champion Centre

The City of Armadale welcomes two new employees, Brenda Brittain - Champion Centre Development Officer, and Ada Hanson - Indigenous Children & Families Coordinator. Both Brenda and Ada are experienced officers and will be assets to the Champion Centre.

The appointment of both positions enables Jodie Clarke, Indigenous Development Coordinator to focus on the development and implementation of an Indigenous Development Strategy for the City. Danny Ford has been contracted to assist the City to develop an Indigenous Development Strategy.

Action: Danny Ford to be invited to future ATSIAG meeting to provide update to ATISAG on a draft strategy framework.

Motion by Joe Collard: That the scope of the consultants work should include an Aboriginal history of the area and identification of Aboriginal place names and sites of cultural significance.

Seconded by Christine Parry.

Kelly-Anne Charles clarified that the scope of the consultancy includes advice on the development of a strategic framework to guide the future direction and ongoing development of the City's Indigenous development area. The request for identification of Aboriginal place names and sites of cultural significance could be accommodated as actions within the strategy following engagement with ATSIAG and the community to confirm.

Action: Keith Lethbridge to support Joe Collard to make a request to the Department of Indigenous Affairs for assistance to identify Aboriginal place names and sites of cultural significance.

From this week onwards, Outcare Youth Services staff will be working from the Champion Centre five days a week providing youth and family support programs.

Action: Invite Sam Mesiti, Manager Youth Services to next ATSIAG meeting to provide update on programs.

This week the Champion Centre will launch *Yorgalicious*, a weekly Indigenous women's program and *Waabiny Mia*, a parent and lifestyle program.

City of Armadale

The City of Armadale's Community Grants program is now open. The program allows Community organisations and groups apply for up to \$1,000 in funding for programs, activities and events.

The City's Annual Contributions program will Monday, 11th February. This program allows community organisations and groups apply for up to \$20,000. Interested organisations can contact Carolyn Fisher, Community Development Support Officer on 9399 0642 or info@armadale.wa.gov.au.

Department of Indigenous Affairs

Community group, Marmum Mia Mia have purchased a 12 seat bus. The vehicle purchase has allowed the group to host local bushwalks and camps. Community groups who are interested in bushwalking for the organisation or clients can contact Keith Lethbridge, 9399 0620 or klethbridge@armadale.wa.gov.au.

Department of Housing

Vicki Davis has recently been appointed to the position of Aboriginal Customer Support Officer with the Department of Housing.

Vicki is looking to support Aboriginal families with housing submissions, tenancy agreements, dispute resolution and other related housing information.

If groups would like information or Housing support, Vicki can be contacted on 9391 1629 or Vicki.davis@housing.wa.gov.au.

Department of Health

The Armadale-Kelmscott Memorial Hospital offers an antenatal clinic for local Aboriginal women. This program is having success in encouraging local women to have their babies in Armadale, rather travel outside of the area.

The Hospital has recently employed five Aboriginal grandmothers to assist pregnant Aboriginal women with pregnancy, birth and parenting advice and support.

Disability Services Commission (DSC)

In December 2012, DSC along with several local organisations hosted a *Celebration for All* event in Minnowarra park; an inclusive event to celebrate Disability Awareness Week.

The event was very successful with several hundred people attending throughout the day.

(ii) **General Business**

Parkerville

Albert McNamara and ATSIAG have received a letter from Parkerville Inc. requesting ATSIAG's support for their 'HIPPY' program, a two year home based parenting and early childhood programme.

ATSIAG group members unanimously supported the request for a letter of support.

Action: City of Armadale officer prepare letter of support on behalf of ATSIAG

Department of Health

The Department of Health, in conjunction with Marmum Mia Mia and local men's groups have been working collaboratively on various men's programs designed to improve the health of men in the Armadale community. Programs include Health and

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Wellbeing Days, health checks or “Pit Stops”, family fun days featuring activities and stalls, walks and camping outings and other health related programs.

ARBOR

Active Response Bereavement Outreach (ARBOR) is a free service for people bereaved by suicide. ARBOR provides peer support, counselling services, home visits and support groups.

ARBOR is currently operating from the Champion Centre for one half day per week and are currently running a six week Yarning and Grieving session for grieving Aboriginal families.

Outcare

As of this week, Outcare Youth Services will be operating from the Champion Centre. In partnership with Department of Housing, Outcare will be running a 20 week program for young offenders (14-23years) and those at risk of offending.

The program supports young people by providing intensive support to a range of services including employment assistance, guidance with Centrelink, Juvenile Justice and legal support, driving instructing, provided food and meals and part-time construction work of Department of Housing properties.

The program aims to provide troubled young people with a habit of work and sufficient education and guidance for them to make healthy lifestyle choices. Eleven young people from the Armadale area have already registered for the program.

Meeting closed at 2.20pm

(iii) Next Meeting Details

Tuesday 5th March 2013 at 12.30pm

MINUTES OF OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES

**DISABILITY ADVISORY TEAM MEETING NOTES
Tuesday 5 February 2013, 9.30am**

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

Chair- Wendy Hill
Notes prepared by Carolyn Fisher

1.0 Attendance & Apologies

Attendance

Name	Title	Organisation
Wendy Hill	Community Development Officer- Seniors Access and Inclusion	City of Armadale
Carolyn Fisher	Community Development Support Officer/ Note Taker	City of Armadale
Lynne Darby	Chief Executive Officer	Directions WA
Ron Fisher	Community Representative	
John Glassford	Manager Property Services	City of Armadale
Pat Hart	Community Representative	-
Sheila-Anne Maclead	Acting Area Manager - Kelmscott District	Disability Services Commission
Sheila Parker	Community Representative	-
Felicity Lockyer	Corporate Business Information Officer	Intework
Lorraine Kirwin	Local Area Manager- Manager Services South	Disability Services Commission
Gail Nesci	Principal Occupational Therapist	Armadale Health Service
Nigel Gundry	Coordinator Building Services (Residential)	City of Armadale

Apologies

Name	Title	Organisation
Cr.Melissa Northcott	Councillor and Chairperson	
Mark Dadd	Community Representative	

2.0 Minutes

No corrections to be made.

3.0 Actions from November Minutes

(i) Shane Asmus has been invited to today's meeting- Shane is unexpectedly absent

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(ii) Felicity Lockyer of Interwork invited to today's meeting and is present

4.0 Guest Speaker: Shane Asmus (City of Armadale Manager Civil Works)

Not present at today's meeting.

Action: Wendy Hill to invite Shane Asmus to future DAT meeting to provide update on City Civil Works including footpaths.

5.0 Updates on DAT projects

(i) Accessible Businesses

At the December 2012 DAT meeting, a working group was formed to inform and promote the benefits of accessibility to local business.

Action: Wendy Hill to confirm date for first meeting for working group and one of the working group representatives to provide update to DAT at the next April meeting.

(ii) Promotion of DAT

At the December 2012 DAT meeting, a working group was formed to better promote the DAT to the community.

Wendy Hill discussed promoting both the Positive Ageing Working Group and the DAT together in the local newspapers. Lynne Darby offered to promote the DAT in the Directions' family newsletter.

(iii) Shane Asmus information and working group formation

Shane Asmus is not present at today's meeting. Shane Asmus to be invited to April 2013 DAT meeting, after which a working group can be established to identify a network of priority routes for people with a disability.

(iv) Disability Awareness Week and DAT

Last December, Disability Services Commission (DSC), in conjunction with a number of local organisations hosted an inclusive event to celebrate Disability Awareness Week. Sheila-Anne Maclead will provide an overview of the event at the next DAT meeting, at which time the DAT can provide any feedback and comments on DSC's December event.

Wendy Hill has been in contact with a number of Perth Local Government Authorities in relation to Disability Awareness Week celebrations in order to gain an overview of how other LGA's organise and run programs for Disability Awareness Week.

Action: Sheila-Anne McCloud to provide overview of *Celebration for All at April 2013 DAT meeting*.

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

- Clay Tales

Wendy Hill is currently collaborating with Hazel James, City of Armadale Museum Curator on a story-telling and craft project similar to the established 'Clay Tales' series.

Wendy and Hazel propose to run 8-10 workshops over August and September this year culminating in a final exhibition of art works at a City coordinated exhibition event, which will run during Disability Awareness Week. More information to be provided to the DAT at future meetings.

- Pool Hoist

Wendy Hill is currently applying for funding for a pool hoist for the Armadale Aquatic Centre pool. Wendy is awaiting letters of recommendations from supporting agencies in order to submit the grant application.

- Local Government Officers Disability Networking Meeting
- Wendy will be attending this meeting Thursday 7 February.

7.0 Terms of Reference

5.0 of the DAT Terms of Reference stipulate that members of the group shall elect a presiding member every year from amongst themselves.

Wendy Hill recommends altering the Terms of Reference to stipulate that a presiding member hold the position for a period of two years.

The DAT members passed the recommendation.

Action: The DAT Terms of Reference to be updated with this alteration.

8.0 Other Business

Since last year, the City of Armadale has been facilitating disability awareness training for City staff.

The training has received positive feedback from participants, with some participants noting that the training has provided them with a greater understanding of the barriers faced by persons with a disability in everyday environments.

The City will continue to run the training for the next 12 months.

The Meeting closed at 10.35 am.

Next Meeting

The next Disability Team Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 April 2013.