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ECONOMIC BRIEFING

local government



FEDERAL BUDGET 2013-14

The 2013-14 Federal Budget, released on 14 May, has been delivered amidst a worsening economic outlook. The economic growth forecast for 2013-14 has been revised downwards and required the Federal Government to make spending cuts in a number of areas.

Fortunately, Local Governments have been spared most of the pain, with funding levels from major programs such as Financial Assistance Grants and Roads to Recovery being maintained in 2013-14 and future years. These and other specific funding initiatives that affect Local Governments are discussed further below.

Financial Assistance Grants

While Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) are being provided at the anticipated level over the next few years, there has, once again, been a 'fiddle' with the numbers where payments for the coming year are brought forward to the current financial year.

This means the total FAGs payments for WA in 2013-14 will be unusually low at \$138.4 million, when the prepayment cycle is anticipated to end. Local Governments should be building appropriate contingencies into their budgeting to deal with this scenario.

Table 1 WA Financial Assistance Grants payments 2012-13 to 2016-17

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
General Purpose Grants	163.5	85.0	179.2	189.4	199.9
Unfunded Local Road Grants	103.6	53.4	111.2	116.1	121.0
Total FAGs	267.1	138.4	290.5	305.5	320.9

Nationally, the FAGs pool of funding is projected to increase by 4.1% in 2014-15 and by 4.3% in 2015-16 and 2016-17. These increases reflect the current indexation methodology where the funding pool is escalated by a combination of forecast population growth and CPI increases. During the current FAGs review, WALGA and ALGA both argued this escalation methodology is inadequate, since Local Governments face costs that increase at a greater rate than the CPI.

Roads to Recovery

Funding for the Roads to Recovery program is broadly consistent with forward estimates from previous Budgets. Western Australia is expected to receive \$52.2 million in 2012-13 and \$54.6 million in 2013-14. Funding will then remain consistent at \$51.2 million a year from 2014-15 to 2016-17.

MAY 2013 – Federal Budget Edition

Other Infrastructure Programs

New projects

The Federal Budget is providing funding from 2013-14 for a number of new infrastructure projects. In WA this includes:

- \$500 million towards a public transport project in Perth (either the Light Rail project or a new rail link to the airport)
- \$418.3 million on the Perth to Darwin National Highway (Swan Valley Bypass)
- \$307.8 million to improve the Great Northern Highway between Muchea and Wubin.
- Other projects, including: the North West Coastal Highway (Minilya to Barradale), the upgrade of High Street (Fremantle) and grade separations on Tonkin Highway.

Black spots

Federal funding for black spot projects will be \$7.5 million in 2013-14, up slightly from \$7.4 million in 2012-13. Then from 2014-15 to 2016-17, funding will be \$6.5 million a year.

Regional Aviation Access Program

Funding for the Regional Aviation Access Program is being increased – by an additional \$3.4 million in 2013-14 and \$6.4 million in 2014-15. This funding provides grants for safety upgrades at remote airstrips on a co-funding basis. Indigenous communities may be able to access 100 per cent funding under this program.

Digital Local Governments

The Federal Government will provide an additional \$5.7 million during 2013-14 and 2014-15 to expand support for Local Governments to develop online services that take advantage of the National Broadband Network (NBN). This additional funding expands the Digital Local Government program from the existing 40 Councils to an additional 15 Councils. According to the Department of Broadband's website, the following WA Local Governments are eligible to apply for the new round of funding: Kwinana, Rockingham, South Perth, Northampton, Murray and Northam.

Municipal and Essential Services Program

The Municipal and Essential Services Program has been extended. The Government is providing \$44.1 million to continue the program through to the end of 2013-14. The program helps deliver essential services to approximately



340 remote communities in Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania.

National Drought Program Reform

The Federal Budget indicates that \$99.4 million will be provided over four years for a new Farm Household Allowance (FHA) under reforms to the National Drought Program.

The new FHA will be available to eligible farm families in periods of hardship, regardless of the reason for that hardship. Eligibility for the FHA will be determined by an assessment of the farmer's financial situation.

Australian Government Grants System

The Federal Government stated it will provide \$9.1 million from 2013-14 to 2016-17 to implement a web-based whole-of-government electronic grants system. The system is intended to be a 'one-stop shop' for agencies and grant applicants and as such, it will include advertising, application and reporting functions.

Building Socially Inclusive Communities

A number of initiatives will be funded over the next two years to support social inclusion in communities with large migrant populations. 'Building Socially Inclusive Communities' is an expansion of the Diversity and Social Cohesion Program. The measure is intended to 'promote social inclusion and build resilience in particular communities at risk of social discord'.

As part of this initiative, the Government will provide a range of infrastructure grants to enable communities to create meeting places to promote social harmony. Funding will also be provided to translate program information into different languages.

Budget Economic Outlook – What a difference a year makes

Recent economic conditions, including increasing uncertainty about the prospects for world economic growth, means the Federal Budget's forecasts are lower compared to the previous Budget:

Table 2 Federal Budget Economic Forecasts

Economic indicator	2012-13 Budget Forecast	2013-14 Budget Forecast
Real Gross Domestic Product		
2012/13	3.25%	3%
2013/14	3%	2.75%
Consumer Price Index		
2012/13	3.25%	2.5%
2013/14	2.5%	2.25%
Wage Price Index		
2012/13	3.75%	3.5%
2013/14	3.5%	3.5%

Although the outlook has worsened, the Government was eager to point out that the Australian economy continues to outperform the rest of the developed world. The Budget Papers also emphasised the opportunities that exist for Australia:

The Australian economy is expected to undergo two large and important transitions over the forecast period. Following the largest investment boom in Australia's history, the resources sector will transition from the investment phase toward exceptional growth in production and exports. More broadly, the Australian economy will transition to non-resource drivers of growth.

Source: Budget Strategy and Outlook: Budget Paper No. 1

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COST INDEX

The Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) increased by 0.4% in the March quarter 2013.

Table 3 Key LGCI figures for the March quarter 2013

Index	Dec qtr 2012 to Mar qtr 2013 (%)	Mar qtr 2012 to Mar qtr 2013 (%)
Wages	0.9	3.7
Road and Bridge Construction	0.6	2.7
Non-residential Building	-0.3	-0.7
Other costs	0.5	2.4
Machinery and Equipment	-0.1	3.5
Electricity and street lighting	0.0	4.3
Local Government Cost Index	0.4	2.5

Over the last three quarters the LGCI annual rate of increase has steadily decreased from 3.4% in the June quarter 2012 to 2.5% in the most recent quarter. The continued decrease in the LGCI annual movement is largely due to lower increases in wages and road/bridge construction costs.

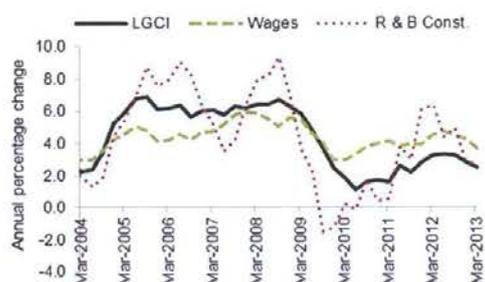


Figure 1 Local Government Cost Index, Wages, and Road and Bridge Construction comparison

Source: WALGA calculations; ABS Cat No 6345.0 Wage Price Index, Mar 2013; ABS Cat No 6427.0 Producer Price Indexes, Mar 2013.

For further information or to comment please contact Paul Schollum on 9213 2096 or email pschollum@walga.asn.au.

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CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION

The Prime Minister has announced that a Referendum will take place to coincide with the Federal Election in September to seek Recognition for Local Government in the Australian Constitution. The Australian Local Government Association is conducting a national campaign to gain a YES vote at the Referendum which will involve various media. WALGA supports the campaign and is contributing a proportional share of the costs on the condition of State Council that all state associations also contribute their fair share. Following the announcement by the Prime Minister on Thursday morning all WA Councils were sent a copy of the WALGA media release and a document of key speaking points prepared by ALGA as a reference for mayors and presidents when speaking with their local media.

While there are sections of Local Government in WA who oppose Constitutional Recognition, the vast majority of Members do support the change. The most critical reason for voting YES is to provide certainty for Commonwealth funding for Local Government across Australia which could be put at risk by recent court proceedings. Over the past three years alone more than 6000 local projects across Australia have received Commonwealth funding including the \$1.75 billion Roads to recovery program.

For further information please contact Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Wayne Scheggia on 9213 2024 or email wscheggia@walga.asn.au

IMPLICATIONS OF STRUCTURAL REFORM

There is some conjecture and uncertainty in the Local Government sector regarding the practical implications of Clause 11(4) of Schedule 2.1 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, which states:

A contract of employment that a person has with a local government is not to be terminated or varied as a result (wholly or partly) of an order under section 2.1 so as to make it less favourable to that person unless — (a) compensation acceptable to the person is made; or (b) a period of at least 2 years has elapsed since the order had effect.

The Association is liaising with the Department of Local Government to get some further clarity about the practical effects of the above clause. As soon as more information is provided, WALGA will release the information to the sector.

For further information please contact Executive Manager Governance and Strategy, Tony Brown, on (08) 9213 2051 or tbrown@walga.asn.au.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO REPRESENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Association is pleased to announce the following vacancies:

- Local Government Advisory Board – Member and Deputy Member
- Air Quality Coordinating Committee – Metropolitan Member

Nominees are required to submit a completed nomination form, statement addressing the selection criteria and short curriculum vitae (2 pages maximum) before the close of nominations which is 5:00pm, Thursday, 13 June. Nomination Forms are available from <http://www.walga.asn.au/MemberResources/GovernanceStrategy/CurrentCommitteeVacancies.aspx>.

For more information contact Governance and Strategy Support Officer, Margaret Degebrod, on (08) 9213 2036 or mdegebrod@walga.asn.au.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

This forum will bring together a variety of organisational units within Local Government, including engaging CEO's and Elected Members as key decision makers for the sector to discuss how their roles contribute to broader community crime prevention priorities, raise awareness of the importance and scope for Local Government to contribute to crime prevention outcomes, as well as consider best practice through examples of Local Government presentations. The Forum will cover topics such as measuring the effectiveness of community programs and Crime Prevention through Environmental Design. The detailed program is available at www.walga.asn.au

Date: Monday, 27 May
Time: 8:30am – 4:30pm
Venue: Crown Perth, Burswood
Cost: \$195 (incl GST)
RSVP: Monday, 20 May

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

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES NETWORK FORUM 12 JULY

The Council of the Ageing (COTA) and Department of Communities are pleased to host the Western Australian Age-Friendly Communities Network Forum on Friday, 12 July at the City of Melville. A registration flyer is enclosed in the mailbag. For information about Age Friendly

Communities and how Local Government can incorporate an age friendly approach to their strategic planning process please visit www.communitites.wa.gov.au

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

2013 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION SURVEY

The 2013 Local Government Remuneration Survey has now been published and sent to participating Local Governments. This year's survey covers salary information for over 120 different position types along with workforce planning reports. The survey contains valuable data from 122 Local Governments across Western Australia, New South Wales, Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria. Local Governments who have not participated but are interested in purchasing a CD version of the survey are invited to contact Local Government Workplace Solutions.

For further information, please contact Workplace Solutions Support Officer Brianna Akesson, on 9213 2092 or email bakesson@walga.asn.au

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLIC HEALTH PLANS CASE STUDIES PROJECT EVENT

In 2012, the Association commissioned Stoneham and Associates to work with participating Local

Governments to test the general framework for public health planning proposed in the Public Health Bill to see if it would be applicable to a variety of Local Governments across WA. The Association is holding an event to share the findings of the project so far on Tuesday, 28 May from 8:30am-12:30pm at the State Library of WA. Come along to learn more about the case studies and a number of other exciting Local Government public health projects. To RSVP, please contact Jacque Taylor, on 9213 2058 or jtaylor@walga.asn.au by 5:00pm Wednesday, 22 May.

For more information, please contact Senior Community Policy Advisor, Erin Fuery on 9213 2080 or email efuery@walga.asn.au

PLEASE COMPLETE WALGA'S ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES SURVEY

WALGA is conducting an environmental issues survey to ensure we have a thorough understanding of the most important environmental issues facing Local Government in rural and urban areas. This 2013 survey will update our understanding of Local Government issues and ensure that the Association is allocating its resources and advocacy efforts in the most productive way. To participate please visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BQMD86F> before 5:00pm on Friday, 31 May.

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

OFFICER TRAINING

Policy Development and Procedure Writing in Local Government

Date: Monday, 13 May and Tuesday, 14 May
Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Venue: WALGA Boardroom
Cost: \$790.00 (+GST)

Conducting Performance Appraisals

Date: Wednesday, 15 May
Time: 8:30am – 12:30pm
Venue: WALGA Boardroom
Cost: \$295.00 (+GST)

ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING

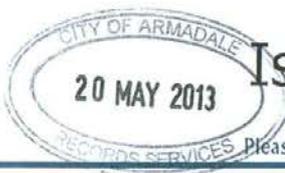
Councillor Roles and Responsibilities

Date: Saturday, 25 May
Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Venue: WALGA Boardroom
Cost: \$395.00 (GST exempt)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ONLINE TRAINING

This online unit provides the foundation to increase Local Governments' knowledge of their responsibilities under the *Emergency Management Act 2005*, including all relevant concepts, legislation, policies and procedures, to assist with emergency management planning and decision making.

For further information log onto walgatraining.com.au or contact the training team at training@walga.asn.au, or on 9213 2098 to register.



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STATE GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE REVISIONS

The Treasurers' announcement earlier this week regarding the State's intention to "re-cash flow payments to Local Government in 2013-14" sent the phones into overdrive this week, as speculation ran wild about what particular payments he was referring to. Unfortunately no clarification was provided with the statement, but our investigations have identified that the Department of Fire and Emergency Services will defer \$4 million from 2012-13 to 2013-14 in payments for volunteer fire fighters' appliances and training equipment, whilst the Department of Sport and Recreation will be deferring \$1.5 million from 2012-13 to 2013-14 from the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund. Apparently all Local Governments affected by this action have been contacted by the relevant agencies and advised of the impact on their circumstances.

For further information please contact Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Wayne Scheggia on 9213 2024 or email wscheggia@walga.asn.au

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONVENTION 2013

The 2013 annual Local Government Convention and Trade Exhibition will return to the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre - commencing on Wednesday, 7 August – Friday, 9 August with the closing event being the fabulous Convention Gala Dinner. Copies of the Information and Registration brochure were sent to all Councils last week and registrations are to be made online by visiting the WALGA website – www.walga.asn.au The Registration brochure is also available in electronic format and can be downloaded from the WALGA website.

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mdegebrot@walga.asn.au.

FREE CLIMATE CHANGE & ROAD MANAGEMENT MODELING WORKSHOP – REGISTER NOW

This workshop presents the results of a National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility research project to develop a financial model to calculate the impacts of climate change on three major asset classes of importance to Australian Councils – sealed roads (both hotmix and spray sealed) and unsealed roads. Asset managers, engineers and technical staff should attend the workshop which will include:

- A presentation describing the project and its key findings
- A demonstration on how to use the project outputs in the Institute of Public Works Engineering asset management NAMS.PLUS software
- Opportunities for questions and discussions with project staff

The workshop will be held at WALGA and will run from 11:00am – 3:00pm on Wednesday, 5 June. Please RSVP by Thursday, 30 May.

To register for this workshop, please contact Climate Change Coordinator, Caroline Perks on 9213 2049 or email cperks@walga.asn.au

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WASTE EDUCATION & COMMUNICATION INITIATIVES

WALGA is consulting with Local Government Officers to identify the range of communications, education and marketing activities undertaken by Local Governments on the topic of waste and recycling (within the last three years). The data collected will inform the State Waste Communications Strategy that is under development by the Waste Authority. WALGA will host a workshop to discuss the outcomes of this survey, and explore funding needs in this area on Friday, 14 June. The survey will take about 10-20 minutes to complete. To complete the survey, visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TNZLZ3J> by 5:00pm Friday, 31 May.

For further information, please contact Manager Waste and Recycling, Rebecca Brown on 9213 2063 or email rbrown@walga.asn.au

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR WA COASTAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE 2013

The Swan River Trust and Alcoa Landcare Program (SALP) announced the opening of the 2014 funding round which will provide grants to environmental community groups for on-ground works in the Perth Region. SALP is open until Tuesday, 18 June. To download the SALP Guidelines and funding application form please visit www.perthregionnrm.com

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

CCTV RULING IN NSW

The recent NSW State Administrative Tribunal ruling on CCTV in public places breaching privacy, was featured in the recent edition of the national Government News. WALGA has received queries from members seeking clarification on the impact, if any, in Western Australia. WALGA is seeking legal advice and will advise members shortly.

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

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OFFICER TRAINING

Enterprise Agreements Development and Negotiation

Date: Monday, 27 May
Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Venue: WALGA Boardroom
Cost: \$415 (+ GST)

Presenting with Confidence

Date: Friday, 31 May
Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Venue: WALGA Boardroom
Cost: \$450 (+ GST)

ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING

Councillor Roles and Responsibilities *SATURDAY*

Date: Saturday, 25 May
Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Venue: WALGA Boardroom
Cost: \$395.00 (GST exempt)

REGIONAL TRAINING

Meeting Procedures and Debating- Shire of Dardanup

Held at: Shire of Dardanup
Date: Thursday, 30 May
Contact: Gemma Richardson, 9652 0800
Cost: To be advised by Council

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

REGIONAL FREIGHT PLAN

The State Government has released the *Western Australian Regional Freight Transport Network Plan* which provides a long-term infrastructure blueprint for the development of the State's regional roads and rail lines. Local Governments and Regional Road Groups were consulted during the development of this plan. Further details and a copy of the plan are available from the Department of Transport website at <http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/aboutus/26568.asp>.

For further information please contact the Plan's Project Manager, Melissa Murphy on 08 6551 6099 or email melissa.murphy@transport.wa.gov.au.

DIARY DATES: WALGA ZONE MEETINGS

'Denotes Teleconference

4-5 June	Kimberley Country Zone
21 June	South West Country Zone
24 June	South Metro Zone
21 June	Avon Midland Country Zone
24 June	Pilbara Country Zone
24 June	Northern Country Zone
26 June	South East Metro Zone
26 June	Peel Country Zone
27 June	Great Eastern Country Zone
27 June	Central Metro Zone
27 June	North Metro Zone
27 June	East Metro Zone
27 June	Gascoyne Country Zone
28 June	Great Southern Country Zone
28 June	Central Country Zone
28 June	Goldfields Esperance Country Zone
5-6 August	Kimberley Country Zone
16 August	South West Country Zone
22 August	Great Eastern Country Zone
23 August	South West Country Zone
23 August	Central Country Zone
26 August	South Metro Zone
28 August	South East Metro Zone
28 August '	Gascoyne Country Zone
29 August	Central Metro Zone
29 August	North Metro Zone
29 August	East Metro Zone
29 August	Peel Country Zone
30 August	Great Southern Country Zone
1-2 October	Kimberley Country Zone
15 November	South West Country Zone
22 November	South West Country Zone
25 November	South Metro Zone
25-26 November	Kimberley Country Zone
27 November	South East Metro Zone
28 November	Central Metro Zone
28 November	North Metro Zone
28 November	East Metro Zone
28 November	Peel Zone

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

ALGA NEWS

10 MAY 2013

Government confirms 2013 referendum on local government

ALGA President Felicity-ann Lewis has declared that the national campaign to convince Australians to vote 'yes' to include local government in the Constitution to secure funding for local services and infrastructure will intensify now that the Federal Government has given its commitment to a September 2013 referendum.

"The Government's decision to support holding a referendum at the time of the September federal election is the signal we have been waiting for to carry forward our fight to protect federal funding for councils," Mayor Lewis said.

"I call on the Opposition, and all political parties, to support the referendum proposal and referendum funding legislation, when it is debated in the House of Representatives and the Senate next week.

"We have recently advertised for a National Campaign Director to lead an integrated campaign involving every council across the country.

"As we have argued for many years, the only way to protect direct federal funding for community services and infrastructure is to have local government recognised in the Australian Constitution.

"Councils want financial certainty. They need formal recognition as legitimate recipients of direct federal funding. Without it, funding under programs such as Roads to Recovery are at risk of High Court challenge.

"Recent High Court decisions in the Pape Case and Williams Case, which both considered the power of the Commonwealth to provide direct funding to entities not included in the Constitution, only strengthen our case to formalise the Commonwealth's arrangements for funding councils directly.

"So much has been done to advance the case for constitutional recognition of local government and our efforts have received considerable support. We have been encouraged by final recommendations of both the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government and the Federal Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government, which supported and endorsed a 2013 financial recognition referendum.

"As I have said on numerous occasions, local government wants to win this referendum which is in the interests of every local community. We accept that getting a referendum passed will be a major challenge. But local governments across the country support the financial recognition option and are committed to working hard within their local communities to get a referendum on the question of financial recognition passed by the majority of voters in the majority of states.

"Winning a September referendum to include local government in the Constitution is in the interests of every local community. That's why councils across the country will be

working hard to convince every Australian to vote 'yes' to community services when they head to the polls in September."

For more on the campaign and the legislative process for a local government referendum, read ahead to the President's Column.

Indigenous housing should be addressed in Budget

At a recent Select Council on Housing and Homelessness meeting, Housing Ministers from all jurisdictions discussed access to home ownership for Indigenous households, including challenges faced by Indigenous households and current government assistance. Ministers agreed to work together to improve Indigenous home ownership outcomes in both established housing markets and on Indigenous land in order to progress policy outcomes under the COAG National Affordable Housing Agreement.

The Commonwealth has released an Indigenous Home Ownership Paper, which will further inform discussions and present a strong evidence base for this issue for the future. This paper was prepared by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) with input from all state and territory governments and well as local government.

Home ownership, however, is just part of the broader issue of Indigenous housing and infrastructure, which was a key element of the ALGA submission to the 2013-14 Federal Budget, which will be handed down on 14 May. An audit by the Western Australian Government in 2008 provided a public estimate of \$540 million to address the backlog in housing maintenance in remote Indigenous communities. This estimate did not include the impact of factors like overcrowding, total supply of housing, or the cost of municipal and essential services such as roads, electricity, water, drainage, sewerage and waste removal. ALGA believes that the estimate would be significantly higher if these factors were to be taken into account, in fact analysis shows that the total cost to support, renew and maintain community infrastructure, including housing in Indigenous communities would be around \$2 billion at the outset.

ALGA acknowledges the difficult financial decisions that need to be made at this time. However, these are needs that exist now and need to be addressed. The work being done by the Select Council is important and Indigenous home ownership is one part of the bigger picture. But until the Government is prepared to put the resources in, the broader picture of Indigenous infrastructure and housing cannot improve.

NBN coming to another 1.3 million premises across Australia

The Australian Government has announced plans to connect another 1.3 million homes and businesses to the NBN, bringing the total number of premises where NBN construction will commence or be complete by 30 June 2016 to more than 4.8 million.

Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Stephen Conroy, released the updated NBN three-year rollout plan, which would see the broadband

network rolled out to every part of Australia.

"We are connecting all households to the NBN for free because we believe all Australian households deserve access to the NBN's fast, reliable and affordable broadband," Senator Conroy said.

"There are already over 50,000 Australians using the NBN today, with NBN fibre construction commenced or complete for almost one million homes, businesses, schools and hospitals in over 80 communities across the country."

By 30 June 2016, 4.8 million homes, business, schools and hospitals will see construction commence or be complete, including:

- An additional 406,100 premises in New South Wales, bringing the total number of premises with construction commenced or complete to more than 1,416,800
- An additional 303,000 premises in Victoria, bringing the total number of premises with construction commenced or complete to more than 994,600
- An additional 255,700 premises in Queensland, bringing the total number of premises with construction commenced or complete to more than 934,300
- An additional 181,500 premises in Western Australia, bringing the total number of premises with construction commenced or complete to more than 610,700
- An additional 117,700 premises in South Australia, bringing the total number of premises with construction commenced or complete to more than 445,000
- An additional 45,000 premises in the Australian Capital Territory, bringing the total number of premises with construction commenced or complete to more than 180,300
- In the Northern Territory, the rollout of the NBN will be complete for more than 65,400 premises by the end of 2015.
- In Tasmania, the rollout of the NBN will be complete for more than 208,400 homes and businesses by the end of 2015.
- And more than 7,303 schools, 663 hospitals, 120 university campuses and 1,415 aged care facilities across the country.

"Our internet needs are growing and we simply can't rely on the ageing copper network that was designed for telephones, not high-speed broadband."

"By the time today's Year 7 students finish high school, their household's internet needs will have increased six-fold - we need the NBN to meet our needs now and into the future."

"The NBN will transform the delivery of services across education, health care, aged care and allow us to harness our full potential as a digital economy."

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

President's Column

Following this week's announcement that the Government will support a September referendum to include local government in the Constitution to secure funding for local services and infrastructure, we now turn our attention to the need for bipartisan support

and legislation to be passed during the last sitting period before Australians go to the polls.

Next week is a critical time in the legislative process for a local government referendum. Legislation which would allow for the public funding of a yes campaign by ALGA will be considered by the House of Representatives and the Senate. It needs to pass both houses if there is to be such funding. Moreover, it will be the first test of the strength of the bipartisan commitment to the referendum. The shared view among all commentators and experts is that without bipartisan support it is not possible for a referendum to succeed.

The Government's challenge is to deliver on its commitment to have a referendum in 2013 and by implication, to do what it can to give such a referendum the best chance of success - and that includes working with the Opposition to make sure that party politics does not get in the way of the referendum.

ALGA's challenge is to work within a rapidly decreasing timeframe to run a successful campaign which sees the referendum passed - the first such success in more than 36 years. We are currently recruiting ALGA's Campaign Director and advancing campaign arrangements including identifying campaign agencies and the location of our campaign offices. But as I have said many times before, we don't just want to run a referendum, we want to win a referendum, and to do that we need bipartisan support for a referendum to go forward.

Councils across the country have been calling for a referendum for years and local government has never been more ready. But as history has shown, bipartisan support is critical to the success of referendums, which is why I'm calling on the Opposition, and all political parties, to support legislation to deliver a 2013 referendum, when it is discussed in the House of Representatives and the Senate next week.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis
ALGA President

\$1 billion for 10,000 new affordable rental homes

The Australian Government this week opened a new round of incentives worth \$1 billion over 10 years to build 10,000 new affordable rental homes under the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS).

"We know that housing affordability is a concern for many Australians and we're investing heavily to address that concern," Minister for Housing and Homelessness Mark Butler said.

"This new round will deliver about 10,000 new affordable rental homes across Australia by 2015-16.

"Through this NRAS round, the Government will look to preference projects that embrace universal design principles, which helps support independent living for older people and people with a disability."

NRAS offers annual financial incentives, currently valued at \$9,981 per year per dwelling,

for 10 years, to build and rent new homes or apartments for low to moderate income tenants, at 20 per cent below the market value rent.

“This scheme is helping Australians struggling in the rental market, saving low and middle-income tenants thousands of dollars each year,” Mr Butler said.

"We remain firmly committed to delivering 50,000 more affordable rental homes by 30 June 2016, three quarters of which has already been built or is under way."

Applications for NRAS Round 5 incentives will close on 6 August 2013, with properties to be available for rent from July 2015 to June 2016.

For more information, including application details, eligibility, preferred locations, the number of incentives available in each state and territory and helpful facts, go to: www.fahcsia.gov.au/nras

New Grattan report focuses on urban transport

Building more homes in established areas of cities and improving urban transport could substantially boost national prosperity and economic growth, according to a new Grattan Institute report.

Productive cities: opportunity in a changing economy shows that a new divide is opening in Australian cities, with growing gaps between the incomes, qualifications, house prices and access to jobs of residents in inner and outer areas.

The report analyses housing, income and transport data in Australia's four largest cities to show that while highly paid and qualified workers are living close to city centres, workers with trade skills and low skills, and people on low incomes, are living further from the centre.

"If the trend continues unchecked, then many people risk being locked out of the parts of the city that offer the richest access to jobs," says Grattan Institute Cities Program Director, Jane-Frances Kelly.

"Our cities have served our economy well for a long time, but there are growing signs that our housing and transport systems are not keeping pace with the needs of an ever more knowledge-intensive and skilled economy."

The report recommends increasing the supply and diversity of dwellings in existing suburbs, in line with previous Grattan research showing that the greater housing choice that Australians want can be achieved if residents are engaged in decisions about their neighbourhoods and the disincentives developers face are addressed.

It also recommends consideration of road-user charging to ensure that road space is preserved for the most productive uses and as a way to raise funds for public transport.

The report finds that while inner city residents have rich access to a range of jobs, in large outer areas of Australia's biggest cities, less than 10 per cent of all jobs in the city can be

reached within a 45-minute drive.

The Grattan report findings are similar to the conclusion identified in the ALGA commissioned National Economics State of the Regions report that examined housing affordability issues in 2011.

Community wellbeing indicators report released

The *Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government* (ACELG) has published a new resource to assist local councils assess the progress of community wellbeing in their local government areas.

The report, *Community Wellbeing Indicators: Measures for Local Government*, outlines key research and initiatives under the theme, and includes a 'community wellbeing indicators survey template' that can be adapted for use by local governments nationally to measure, analyse and assess the progress of community wellbeing.

This project was undertaken with the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) as an [ACELG Research Partnership Scheme](#) initiative, and was written by Alan Morton and Lorell Edwards.

The aim is to demonstrate that a core set of wellbeing indicators and a menu of 'fit for purpose' indicators can provide wellbeing data to local government, and is a worthwhile and valuable investment in strengthening local government capacity and accountability.

The tool contained in the research report will allow councils to measure community wellbeing using a number of standard indicators, to track changes over time, benchmark performance against results from comparative surveys in councils (QLD), and identify policy measures that can improve community outcomes.

While it is state-based research, it has been written with a national local government audience in mind, and both ACELG and LGAQ will promote the use of the survey tool by other jurisdictions.

The research builds upon work ACELG's work in this area with Penrith City Council (NSW) *Options for a Local Government Framework for Measuring Liveability* that maps current research and thinking on the state of community liveability indicator development across Australia, and the LGAQ's [Community wellbeing Indicators Project](#) (and subsequent pilot survey work).

Presentations on the research will be made at the *ACELG Local Government Researchers Forum*, 6-7 June in Adelaide ([registrations now open](#)) and to LGAQ stakeholders.

Possible new fire and emergency services levy for NSW

Millions of property owners in NSW face a new levy to fund fire and emergency services, after an overhaul of how land is valued to determine land tax and council rates.

A parliamentary inquiry released its final report into the land valuation system,

recommending changes designed to increase transparency and make it more equitable.

The government is believed to be preparing to endorse the recommendations and will use the overhaul of the valuation system to introduce the emergency services levy.

The charge, first signalled in last year's budget, means every property owner would face an annual charge of about \$300 to fund fire and emergency services.

At present, three-quarters of the annual \$950 million cost of funding Fire and Rescue NSW, the Rural Fire Service and the State Emergency Service is paid for by a tax on insurance companies, passed onto customers via higher premiums for home contents insurance.

The rest is funded by the state and a tax on local councils.

The government wants to overhaul the system, which it argues is unfair as it allows those without insurance the benefit of fire and emergency services without having to pay for them. It also increases the price of insurance.

The owners of the estimated 810,000, or 36 per cent, of NSW properties that do not have home contents insurance would be forced to share the funding load for the first time, as the system moves from an insurance- to a property-based levy.

Councils urged to apply for energy efficiency assistance

The \$24 million Local Government Energy Efficiency Program (LGEEP) is one of five programs established under the Australian Government's Low Carbon Communities (LCC) initiative. LGEEP supports smaller-scale energy efficiency projects in local governing authority buildings and community facilities, particularly where those authorities are situated in low socio-economic or otherwise disadvantaged areas.

LGEEP is a non-competitive, capped allocation grant program. The program helps local governing authorities to improve their energy efficiency, reduce carbon emissions and provide the best outcome for their local communities. Every local governing authority in Australia is eligible to make one application for funding to LGEEP to install solar and/or heat pump hot water systems in one or more of their buildings or community facilities.

LGEEP is open for applications until 5pm (AEST) on 31 May 2013. More information about LGEEP is available on the LGEEP website:

<http://www.climatechange.gov.au/lgeep>.

Urban growth boundary for Melbourne

A "rock-solid" urban-growth boundary is to be erected around Melbourne.

The Victorian Government has revealed the move as part of its plan to protect prime farmland being swamped by urban sprawl.

This will also include a new statewide "agricultural production overlay" to protect farms

from development.

Planning Minister Matthew Guy said the boundary would encourage the city to grow up, not out.

The plan has been welcomed by the Victorian Farmers Federation, which has called for more details to be released.

The Urban Development Institute of Australia also backed the move, claiming Melbourne had 25 years worth of land ready for development.

The plans are part of the Government's push to decentralise Victoria.

Speaking at last week's Regional Victoria Living Expo in Melbourne, Deputy Premier Peter Ryan said regional growth was an important focus for the Government.

"A 2012 report found that by supporting growth in the regions we can help reduce the estimated \$95 billion in cumulative congestion costs associated with expanding Melbourne's outer-metropolitan areas over the next 20 years," Mr Ryan said.

"The cumulative cost of providing critical infrastructure to support an additional 50,000 persons in the regional cities is \$1 billion; this compares with inefficiency costs of \$3.1 billion associated with the same number of persons being accommodated in metropolitan Melbourne."

Analysing Australia's night time economy

The National Local Government Drug and Alcohol Committee (NLGDAAC) has released its report, Australian Night Time Economy - A First Analysis.

In 2011, the City of Sydney commissioned research into the night time economy to support its OPEN Sydney strategy and action plan 2012-2030.

The NLGDAAC, recognising the value of Sydney's work, commissioned this report as a step to build upon the findings of the City of Sydney study, and cast the research at a national, state, and local government level.

This research is important to our cities as they seek to improve their night time economies by creating diversity of activity such as:

- Late night retail trading
- Later cultural experiences
- Increased entertainment options
- Late night dining and food services
- New uses for underutilised spaces

To support the development of a diverse night time economy in our cities, it is also essential that the environment in which it operates is sustainable, by effectively managing development and providing safe public spaces.

The measurement of the night time economy provides a base from which to analyse the success that accompany these activities. This report provides a clear view of the economic contribution levels that night time services deliver, as well as a clear picture of the numbers of businesses, jobs, income and taxes across a range of activities and services which make up the diversity of our cities at night time. This report analyses the amount and types of changes in the sector's economy 2009 - 2011.

The NLGDAAC will consider further research opportunities to build on this report, and plans to discuss outcomes and future activity with Federal and State governments, as well as non- government organisations with an interest in establishing the balance needed to protect and invest in this vital sector of our economy.

A copy of the NLGDAAC media release and a copy of the report can be downloaded at bit.ly/12bS1kd

National Crime Prevention Fund (NCPF)

The National Crime Prevention Fund (NCPF) is a \$40 million component of the Australian Government's package of measures to address gang violence and street crime in the community.

The NCPF will support initiatives in high crime areas that address societal disconnection of at-risk young people and provide diversionary and educational activities to reintegrate them into society.

The program will also support the installation of CCTV systems in established trouble spots and other security infrastructure measures to improve community safety.

Grants of up to \$500,000 for local government organisations to fund security related infrastructure projects are available. The application form and program guidelines are available from the [Attorney-General's Department](http://www.attorney-general.gov.au) website.

Applications must be lodged by 9.00pm (AEST) on Wednesday 29 May 2013.

For more details see www.crimeprevention.gov.au

Committee's cyber safety recommendations critical for older people

The Australian Human Rights Commission has urged the government to adopt the recommendations in the Joint Select Committee's *Cybersafety for Seniors: A Worthwhile Journey* report.

Age Discrimination Commissioner, Susan Ryan, said, "Awareness and support are crucial, so the Committee's recommendations about publicising the Broadband for Seniors kiosks and the new cybersafety telephone hotline through traditional forms

of media that are older people actually use, are particularly important."

Eight of the report's 13 recommendations draw from the Commission's submissions and input into the Committee's inquiry.

"One of the most important recommendations we made was in relation to researching fraud victimization of older people, so I am pleased to see that the report recognises older people can be the targets of cybercriminals because they have substantial assets and may be less savvy technology users," Commissioner Ryan said.

"The Committee's recommendations about the need to teach older users how to protect themselves from cyber fraud, and to make reporting cybercrime online easier for them, are extremely important."

Should the recommendations be adopted, Commissioner Ryan said she expected more over 65s would feel confident enough to gain computer skills and go online to access all the crucial information and services they need, particularly with the emphasis the report places on training and community access to training.

"Feeling comfortable and safe on the internet is extremely important for older people, not only so that they can take advantage of the ease and convenience of shopping, banking and accessing other services, but so that they can use social media as well," she said.

Commissioner Ryan said that providing older people with the confidence to participate in the online world would provide tremendous benefits in assisting to reduce the incidence of social isolation in these age groups.

Entries for the Heart Foundation Healthy Community Awards close soon

The Heart Foundation Healthy Community Awards provide an opportunity for local government to celebrate their achievements and receive recognition for their commitment to creating healthier communities.

Councils have the chance to receive a high level of recognition for their healthy community work, and receive part of the \$38,000 in cash awards.

More information on the Awards can be found at www.heartfoundation.org.au/lga

9 May 2013

Referendum is Recognition for Communities

Communities across Western Australia should get behind Constitutional Recognition of Local Government to ensure they continue to benefit from critical funding initiatives.

Today the Prime Minister announced a Referendum will be held at the next election to change the Australian Constitution to recognise Local Government.

WA Local Government Association President Mayor Troy Pickard said it was critical that the public recognised the importance of the Referendum in supporting their communities.

"A referendum about Constitutional Recognition could easily be glossed over by the public as having little relevance to them but nothing could be further from the truth," Mayor Pickard said.

"What this referendum means for local communities is that they will at last have certainty for the funding of a range of Commonwealth funded projects that could otherwise be under threat.

"There have been some significant projects undertaken in WA and across Australia that have involved the Federal Government directly funding Local Governments.

"However it has become apparent through various recent court proceedings that these funding arrangements could be challenged and possibly voided in the High Court. The Referendum seeks to redress that threat."

In an opinion article in yesterday's *The West Australian*, Federal Minister for Regional Development and Local Government, Anthony Albanese detailed more than 6000 projects across Australia that had been directly supported with Commonwealth funding included a number of key initiatives in WA.

Among the examples in WA, Minister Albanese cited the Swan Regional Riverside Park, Champion Lakes Regatta Centre in Armadale and a tourist and information centre for the Shire of Derby/West Kimberley.

He also said that Constitutional Recognition for Local Government highlighted that the role of Councils had evolved from road maintenance and rubbish collection to providing more comprehensive community services such as recreation centres and community housing.

"It is about saying yes to retain important community benefits. It is about saying yes to our communities," he said.

Mayor Pickard said the most significant Commonwealth funded project that could be at risk was Roads to Recovery which has contributed \$1.75 billion to local roads over the past three years.

"We hope that the public can see through the rhetoric that usually accompanies referendums and hold to the simple principle that there is a genuine community benefit in saying YES to Constitutional Recognition," he said.

Ends

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16 May 2013

State Fiscal Woes Support YES Vote

The current financial challenges faced by the State Government gives further weight to removing the uncertainty of Federal funding to Local Government by Constitutional Recognition.

The Federal Government today released the draft constitutional amendment bill - which outlines a small and pragmatic change to the Constitution to legitimise payments to Local Government – at the same time as the State Government winds back various projects to try to avoid a budget deficit.

Already this week the State Government is reported to have abandoned plans for its light rail project and tax relief for small business with the Premier foreshadowing taxes may have to be increased significantly without WA receiving a greater share of GST receipts from the Federal Government.

WA Local Government Association President Mayor Troy Pickard said given the State Government's fiscal concerns, the prospect of securing the Federal funding stream for local projects should be embraced.

"Recognising Local Government in the Constitution has nothing to do with removing state's rights or the power of direction of Local Government by the respective State Governments. To think differently is an unfounded fear," he said.

"But what Constitutional Recognition is about is securing the revenue stream from Federal Government to Local Government that should be expected to help relieve financial demands on state budgets."

The draft constitutional amendment bill includes an amendment to Section 96 of the Constitution so that it would read: "Parliament may grant financial assistance to any state or any local government body formed by a law of a State on such terms as the Parliament sees fit."

The bill will be debated in Parliament in the coming weeks and if supported by the Opposition will allow a referendum on financial recognition of Local Government to proceed at the time of the September Federal election.

Mayor Pickard said in addition to the State Government winding back previous projects, the Treasurer had also announced a temporary freeze on some payments to Local Governments to assist the State's cash flow issues.

"Voting YES in the September referendum is about giving certainty to the continuation of Federal payments to Local Governments," he said.

"In the State Treasurer's own words, 'we are in a very tough financial situation' and must 'take steps to address what is emerging as a longer-term structural imbalance between what we spend and what we earn'.

"Surely those steps must include locking in the legal and Constitutional future of direct Federal funding to Local Governments?"

"Given the seemingly fragile long term budget scenario for the State, Western Australians have every right to expect that their State Government will continue to do all it can to secure the future of Federal funding that comes into WA."

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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

- Nil

Staff Leaving:

- Building Health Information Officer – resignation effective 17/5/13.
- Building Health Information Officer – resignation effective 6/6/13.
- Administration Officer (Parks & Environment) – resignation effective 29/5/13.

Other Staff Movements (Internal):

- Parks Maintenance Operator successful in recruitment to Leading Hand Parks position – effective 14/5/13.
- Technical Officer Engineering Design successful in recruitment to Subdivision Engineer – effective 15/5/13.

Current Recruitment Activity:

- Senior Building Surveyor – position on hold.
- Parks Maintenance Operator (Civic Precinct) – to be advertised 25/5/13.
- Parks Maintenance Operator x 2 – to be advertised 25/5/13
- Asset Officer – interviews completed, recruitment progressing.
- Subdivision Engineer – recruitment completed.
- Leading Hand Parks – recruitment completed.
- Administration Assistant (Building) – interviews held 8/5/13, recruitment progressing.
- Mechanical Technician – applications closed 2/5/13, interviews to be scheduled.
- Backhoe Operator – interviews held 16/5/13, recruitment progressing.
- Management Accountant – no suitable candidates found, re-advertised 11/5/13, applications close 23/5/13.
- Web Developer/Designer – Advertised 11/5/13, applications close 23/5/13.
- Governance & Administration Officer (previously titled Governance & Administration Assistant) – Advertised 11/5/13, applications close 23/5/13.
- Major Events and Arts Coordinator – advertised 18/5/13, applications close 30/5/13.

- ❑ Technical Officer Engineering Design – Advertised 18/5/13, applications close 30/5/13.
- ❑ Building Health Information Officer – to be advertised 25/5/13.
- ❑ Plant Operator/Landfill Attendant – to be advertised 25/5/13.
- ❑ Administration Officer (Parks & Environment) – to be advertised 25/5/13.

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

TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE
Works Programme – April 2013 – June 2013



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

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Development	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 active areas of civil works. • 5 civil works submissions under review. • 3 water management submissions under review. • 6 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><u>Armadale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 WAPC subdivision submission under review. <p><u>Mt Nasura</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 WAPC subdivision submission under 	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 active areas of civil works. • 6 civil works submissions under review. • 2 water management submissions under review. • 4 landscaping submissions under review. <p><u>Churchman Brook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Brookdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Armadale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Mt Nasura</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 WAPC subdivision submission under 	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 active areas of civil works. • 6 civil works submissions under review. • 2 water management submissions under review. • 4 landscaping submissions under review. <p><u>Churchman Brook</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Brookdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Armadale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Mt Nasura</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 WAPC subdivision submission under

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

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	review. <u>MRA – Gillam Drive</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current movement in area of civil works. 	review. <u>MRA – Gillam Drive</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current movement in area of civil works. 	review. <u>MRA – Gillam Drive</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No current movement in area of civil works.
Design and Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue – Rowley Road MRRG Project. • Issue – Soldiers Road MRRG Project. • Issue – Rowley/Nicholson Road Intersection. • Issue – Forrest/Railway Intersection • Review Nicholson Road Stage 4. • Finalise – Fourth Road Upgrade. • Issue – Gillam-Bruns Roundabout Blackspot. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue – Fourth Road Upgrade. • Prepare Hopkinson Road Transfer Station Access. • Review Nicholson Road Stage 4. • Prepare Lang Street (2013/2014 Project). • Prepare Road Resurfacing Projects (2013/2014). • Submit MRRG Grant Applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalise Hopkinson Road Transfer Station Access. • Finalise outstanding Nicholson Road Stage 4 issues. • Issue Reilly Road – Reilly to Skeet. • Issue Reilly/Balannup/Gracefield Roundabout. • Issue Reilly/Skeet Roundabout. • Issue Road Resurfacing Projects (2013/2014). • Submit 2014/2015 Blackspot Grant Applications.
Parks Works	<u>Capital/ Works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fletcher Park - commencement of Stage 1 upgrade works - complete and open to the Club. Scoping Stage 2 works - meeting with Wallangarra Pony Club to follow. • Armadale Gateway landscaping – NE quadrant - complete. • Kelmscott CBD landscaping redevelopment – planting this winter. • Soil moisture monitoring system review underway due to alternative products 	<u>Capital/ Works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fletcher Park - commencement of Stage 1 upgrade works - complete and open to the Club. Scoping Stage 2 works - meeting with Wallangarra Pony Club to follow. • Armadale Gateway landscaping – NE quadrant complete. • Kelmscott CBD landscaping redevelopment – planting this winter. • Soil moisture monitoring system review underway due to alternative products 	<u>Capital/ Works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fletcher Park - commencement of Stage 1 upgrade works - complete and open to the Club. Scoping Stage 2 works - meeting with Wallangarra Pony Club to follow. • Kelmscott CBD landscaping redevelopment – planting this winter. • Soil moisture monitoring system review underway due to alternative products now available. • POS Strategy - Precinct C Bronzewing

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	<p>now available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POS STRATEGY Precinct C Bronzewing Reserve pathway and playground complete. Hydrozoning and mulching to be completed. • Precinct C Horrie Hill Reserve. Pathways complete. • Precinct C Reg Williams Reserve. Half pipe painting scheduled then all complete. • Precinct C Rotary Park. Turfing to be completed and repair fountain. • Precinct C Don Simmons Reserve upgrade work in progress. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precinct C Harber Drive/Chiltern Reserve reticulation and pathways complete trees to be installed. • POS STRATEGY Precinct G Creyk Park upgrade complete. • Precinct G Sanctuary Lake Reserve lighting to be installed. • Precinct G Damerham Reserve complete. • Precinct G Apex Park complete. • Precinct G Murray Court complete. • Memorial Plaques – various locations. Plaques ordered. • Municipal Signage – various locations. Complete. • Tree Planting – various locations. Trees 	<p>now available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POS STRATEGY Precinct C Bronzewing Reserve. Hydrozoning and mulching to be completed. • Precinct C Reg Williams Reserve. Half pipe painting scheduled then all complete. • Precinct C Don Simmons Reserve upgrade work in progress. • Precinct C Harber Drive/Chiltern Reserve reticulation and pathways complete trees to be installed. • Precinct C Rotary Park. Turfing to be completed and repair fountain. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POS Strategy Precinct G Sanctuary Lake Reserve lighting to be installed. • Memorial Plaques – various locations. Plaques ordered. • Tree Planting – various locations. Trees ordered winter planting. 	<p>Reserve. Hydrozoning and mulching completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precinct C - Reg Williams Reserve - half pipe painting and all works complete. • Precinct C Don Simmons Reserve - tree planting complete. • Precinct C Harber Drive/Chiltern Reserve - reticulation, pathways and tree planting complete. • Precinct C Rotary Park - turfing and repair fountain complete. • POS Strategy Precinct G Sanctuary Lake Reserve - ighting to be installed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Plaques – various locations - plaques installation complete. • Tree Planting – various locations - trees ordered for winter planting. • Lowanna Way – median tree planting complete. • Townley Street– median tree planting complete. • Gillam Drive/Bruns Street – roundabout tree planting complete. • Piara Waters Street Tree Planting – commencing.

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	<p>ordered winter planting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Blackburn Reserve – new bore and headworks installed. Wiring to be completed. <p><u>Asset Renewal Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Blackburn Reserve – new bore and headworks installed. Wiring to be completed. • Playground Renewals – Bronzewing Reserve completed. Lina Hart Reserve playground completed, seat to be installed. Mazzega Park completed. • Minnowarra Park – replacement seats ordered. • William Skeet Reserve – replacement skate facilities ordered. • Gwynne Park – replacement goalpost facilities completed. • Cross Park – replacement irrigation infrastructure complete. <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. 	<p><u>Asset Renewal Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Blackburn Reserve – new bore and headworks installed. Wiring to be completed. • Minnowarra Park – replacement seats to be installed. • William Skeet Reserve – replacement skate facilities ordered. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract play space maintenance. • Scheduled mowing. • Irrigation maintenance. • Bushland maintenance. • Civic Precinct maintenance. • New estate maintenance. • Citywide streetscape maintenance. • Customer requests. 	<p><u>Asset Renewal Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Blackburn Reserve – new bore and headworks installed, wiring completed. • Minnowarra Park – replacement seats completion. • William Skeet Reserve – replacement skate facilities order under construction. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract landscape maintenance. • Contract play space maintenance. • Scheduled mowing. • Irrigation maintenance. • Bushland maintenance. • Civic Precinct maintenance. • New estate maintenance. • Citywide streetscape maintenance.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbecue cleaning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbecue cleaning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer requests. • Barbecue cleaning.
Parks Subdivisional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Haven Stage 8. • Heron Park Stage 10B. • Heron Park Stage 3 and 5 CCW. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Haven Stage 8. • Heron Park Stage 10B. • Heron Park Stage 3 and 5 CCW. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Haven Pipeline Corridor Stage 7.
Parks Design and Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowanna Way median landscaping. • Townley Street median landscaping. • Tender renewal of Ten/15/12 Landscape Maintenance of Heron Park Estate. • Tender renewal of Ten/16/12 Citywide Weed Management and General Turf Insect Control Services. • Vandalism report 2012/2013. • Contract Maintenance Schedule. • Subdivision Estate Schedule. • Report on Waste Collection Parks. • POS Strategy Precinct G expenditure. • Lighting Audit Active Reserves. • Piara Waters Streetscape Plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developer Guidelines documentation development underway- draft for review May 2013. • DCS Nicholson Road landscape design and documentation. • DCS Warton Road landscape design and documentation. • Precinct A POS strategy draft concepts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New tender Landscape Maintenance of Various Reserves. • New tender Landscape Maintenance of Champion Lakes Beach, Interpretative Centre and Residential Estate. • New tender Landscape Maintenance of PAW's and Townscape Amenity Service Specified Area E. • Vandalism report 2012/2013. • Contract Maintenance Schedule. • Subdivision Estate Schedule. • Report on Waste Collection Parks. • Report on Vertu Estate irrigation of residential verges. • Contract Maintenance Schedule. • Subdivision Estate Schedule. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on Waste Collection Parks. • POS Strategy Precinct G expenditure. • Lighting Audit Active Reserves. • Piara Waters Streetscape Plan. • Draft Developer Guidelines issued to departments for internal review. • DCS Nicholson Road Stage 1 landscape design and documentation issued for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender renewal of Ten/15/12 Landscape Maintenance of Heron Park Estate – Council review and award of tender. • Tender renewal of Ten/16/12 Citywide Weed Management and General Turf Insect Control Services – Council review and award of tender. • Developer Guidelines finalised. • DCS Nicholson Road Stage 1 - Tender evaluation. • DCS Warton Road Stage 1 - landscape design and documentation Tender evaluation. • City Wide Green Strategy. • Jull Street landscape detailed design. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New tender Landscape Maintenance of Various Reserves – review and issue for tender. • New tender Landscape Maintenance of Champion Lakes Beach, Interpretative Centre and Residential Estate – review and issue for tender. • New tender Landscape Maintenance of

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	underway.	tender. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCS Warton Road Stage 1 landscape design and documentation issued for tender. • Precinct A POS strategy draft concepts finalised. • City wide green strategy start up. 	PAW's and Townscape Amenity Service Specified Area E – review and issue for tender. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vandalism report 2012/2013. • Contract Maintenance Schedule. • Subdivision Estate Schedule. • Report on Waste Collection Parks. • Report on Vertu Estate irrigation of residential verges. • Contract Maintenance Schedule. • Subdivision Estate Schedule. • Report on Waste Collection Parks. • POS Strategy Precinct G expenditure. • Lighting Audit Active Reserves. • Piara Waters Streetscape Plan.
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 – Main switchboard and electrical supply (ongoing). • Westfield Child Health - Installation of additional parking bays (completed). • Administration - Repave to West entry of building (completed). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale Aquatic Centre - Front foyer redesign, new carpets, ceilings, lighting and painting. Armadale Aquatic Centre. • Armadale Hall - Upgrade universal 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Capital Works</u></p> <p><u>Upgrade:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Workshop – Main switchboard and electrical supply (ongoing). • Westfield Child Health - Installation of additional parking bays (completed). • Administration - Repave to West entry of building (completed). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale Aquatic Centre - Front foyer redesign, new carpets, ceilings, lighting and painting. Armadale Aquatic Centre. • Armadale Hall - Upgrade universal 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Capital Works</u></p> <p><u>Upgrade:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Workshop – Main switchboard and electrical supply installation (ongoing). • Depot Administration Re-design of existing stores area to provide accommodation for Property Services and Waste Services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale Aquatic Centre - Front foyer redesign, new carpets, ceilings, lighting and painting. • Armadale Hall - Upgrade universal

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	<p>access to side of building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Dunn Hall – Construction of new undercroft storage unit. <p><u>Renewal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration toilets renewal, upstairs male and female. Completion expected end of May. Ground floor and Visitors toilet completed. • Administration - Signage to exterior of building (ongoing). • Settlers Common – Renewal of carpets to Field Study Centre (completed). • Harold King: Painting to front entry and exterior of building. • Willow Heights: Replace defective decking to veranda. • Administration: Supply and install new generator (ongoing). 	<p>access to side of building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Dunn Hall – Construction of new undercroft storage unit. <p><u>Renewal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration toilets renewal, upstairs male and female. Completion expected end of May. Ground floor and Visitors toilet completed. • Administration - Signage to exterior of building (ongoing). • Settlers Common – Renewal of carpets to Field Study Centre (completed). • Harold King: Painting to front entry and exterior of building. • Willow Heights: Replace defective decking to veranda. • Administration: Supply and install new generator (ongoing). 	<p>access to side of building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Dunn Hall – Construction of new undercroft storage unit. <p><u>Renewal:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration toilets renewal, upstairs male and female. Completion expected end of May. Ground floor and Visitors toilets have been completed. • Administration - Signage to exterior of building (ongoing). • Harold King: Painting to front entry and exterior of building. • Willow Heights: Replace defective decking to veranda. • Administration: Supply and install new generator (ongoing).
<p>City Projects</p>	<p><u>Capital Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piara Waters Stage 1 continuing. • Piara Waters Stage 2 (Contract Stage). • New Office complex - tender stage. 	<p><u>Capital Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piara Waters Stage 1. • Piara Waters Stage 2 construction commencement. • New office complex – tender stage. 	<p><u>Capital Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piara Waters Stage 1 completion. • Piara Waters Stage 2 construction commencement. • New office complex – tender close.

UPDATE FROM PROPERTY SERVICES

Administration Toilet Refurbishment

The Administration toilet refurbishment project is fast coming to an end.

There is a final inspection prior to handover from the builder for the upstairs second and final stage is scheduled for the 16 May 2013.

The first and second stage works on both floors comprised of the total interior demolition of existing facilities, with an all new layout, floor and wall tiling, vanity cupboards, benches and fittings installed.

The existing non-complying disabled toilet on the first floor has been completely changed and now conforms to current standards.

Due to the structural physical building constraints, the ground floor disabled toilet has been totally refurbished within existing walls and brought up to an earlier acceptable compliance standard.

Lighting is automatic upon entry, as is flushing of the male toilet urinals.

Administration Standby Electrical Generator

Due to many power outages experienced by the City over the years, valuable operational working time and customer services have been compromised due to power loss.

The Administration houses all the IT equipment which services outlying buildings such as the Depot, Libraries, Waste Facility and Community Centres, providing them with computer and telephone services.

Once power is lost, all the City's major buildings lose their operational capacity.

With the provision of a standby electrical generator, AC power will be generated to service the Administration, Technical Services and History House buildings, allowing normal business practices and customer service activities to continue as normal.

The tender for the generator was awarded in March 2013 and construction of the various parts, both in Australia and Europe, has commenced.

Delivery of the generator and its ancillary equipment is expected by late June 2013, with commissioning and handover mid-August 2013.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE UPDATE – MAY 2013

Welcome to the latest Local Government Conference Update. Our upcoming conferences will provide local governments with valuable information on key municipal responsibilities including: Community Safety, Customer Service and improving your community's CBD.

For a description of upcoming conferences read on below or visit <http://commstrat.com.au/events>

CONFERENCE CALENDAR

June

- **National Community Safety & Security Conference**, 4-5 June 2013, MELB
- **CBD & Town Centre Design and Development Conference**, 19-20 June 2013, SYD
- **Reinventing Government Customer Service Conference**, 25-26 June, 2013, MELB

August

- **Best Practice in Local Government Conference**, 14-15 August 2013, MELB
- **National Local Government Financial Management Conference**, 14-15 August 2013, MELB

September

- **15th AAPA International Flexible Pavements Conference**, 22-25 Sept, BRIS

October

- **2013 Government Sustainability Conference**, 7-8 October 2013, MELB

November

- **3rd Local Government & Public Sector Building Maintenance & Management Conference**, 19-20 Nov, MELB
 - **26th Annual Finance & Treasury Association Congress 2013**, November 19-21, BRIS
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CONFERENCE DETAILS

NATIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY & SECURITY CONFERENCE

- June 4 - 5, The Hotel Windsor, Melbourne
- For more information visit www.communitysafetyconference.com.au

The National Community Safety & Security Conference will provide knowledge and practical solutions for improving public safety and security in Australian communities. Featuring expert advice, practical case studies and interactive discussion, this event will showcase examples of successful crime prevention and community safety initiatives of local governments and other community-focused organisations.

Conference themes include:

- Creating safer public spaces and night-time entertainment precincts
- Use of CCTV, public lighting and other crime prevention technologies
- Tackling Graffiti and Vandalism
- Achieving successful engagement with the community and local business
- Reducing violence in the community

Speakers include:

- Alan Peucker, Chief Executive, Australian Safe Communities Foundation
- Suzie Matthews, Manager Business Precincts, Late Night Economy & Safe City, City of Sydney
- Nina Sprake, Executive Coordinator Community Safety & Development, Gold Coast City Council
- Andrew Galloway – Manager Community Safety, Auckland Council
- Gill Metz, State Manager, Neighbourhood Watch Victoria

CBD & TOWN CENTRE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

- June 19 - 20, The Menzies, Sydney
- For more information visit www.cbdconference.com.au

The 2nd CBD & Town Centre Design and Development Conference will provide attendees with practical knowledge and expert advice on how to optimise the planning, design and development of Australia's CBDs and town centres for the benefit of local communities and businesses.

This conference will provide leading case studies and expert advice on how to achieve successful design and revitalisation of the centres of cities, suburbs and regional towns.

Conference Sessions Include:

- Transforming CBDs: New solutions and future directions
- CBD Revitalisation in Action
- Planning & Implementing Town Centre Rejuvenation
- Revitalising the Public Domain
- Optimising town centres: balancing the design and commercial perspectives

Conference Speakers will include:

- Hisham Elkadi, Chair and Head of School of Architecture & Built Environment, Deakin University
 - Josephine Wing, Manager, Centres and Urban Renewal, NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure
 - Virginia Todd, Senior Project Manager, Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development
 - Simon Porter, Urban Designer, Rockdale City Council
 - Kati Westlake, Manager Urban Design, Parramatta City Council
 - Doug McNeill, Manager Planning & Building, Colac Otway Shire
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REINVENTING GOVERNMENT CUSTOMER SERVICE CONFERENCE

- June 25 - 26, The Hotel Windsor, Melbourne
- For more information visit www.governmentcustomerservice.com.au

The Reinventing Government Customer Service Conference 2013 is designed to provide customer service professionals in the three tiers of government with knowledge and practical information for delivering relevant, timely, efficient and cost effective customer service. The conference will focus on themes including: best practice, optimising the customer experience and improving customer service on a budget.

Speakers include:

- Byron Thompson, Program Leader - Customer Service, Marketing & Communications, EPA VICTORIA
 - Erin Marsterson, Team Leader Service Quality, Corporate Services, CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL
 - Ben Conyers, Access & Delivery Manager, Access & Information, STATE LIBRARY OF VICTORIA
 - Fran Flavel, Corporate Strategy & Planning Coordinator, PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL
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6th ANNUAL BEST PRACTICE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

Developing Excellence in Local Government Organisations

- August 14 & 15, Melbourne Park Function Centre
- Visit www.lgnews.com.au/lgbestpractice

Leading-edge case studies and expert advice for local governments on how to improve organisational culture, systems and performance will be detailed at the 2013 Best Practice in Local Government Conference - Australia's national conference on local government organisation development and performance improvement.

Conference Speakers will include:

- Nick Heath, General Manager, Hobart City Council and Chair, Local Government Business Excellence Network
 - Kerry Thompson, CEO, Wyndham City Council
 - Paul Buckley, CEO, Latrobe City Council
 - Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government (ACELG)
 - Alan Lilly, Chief Executive, Eastern Health
 - Simone Cook, Manager People Learning and Culture, Bankstown City Council
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NATIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

- August 14 & 15, Melbourne Park Function Centre
- For more information visit www.lgnews.com.au/lgfinance

The inaugural National Local Government Financial Management Conference will provide council professionals with practical knowledge and expert advice on how to optimise financial performance and generate cost efficiencies within local government organisations.

This event will be co-located with the 6th Annual Best Practice in Local Government Conference. Those registered to attend the National Local Government Financial Management Conference can also attend sessions of the Best Practice in Local Government Conference.

15th AAPA INTERNATIONAL FLEXIBLE PAVEMENTS CONFERENCE

- September 22-25, Brisbane
- For more information visit www.aapaconference.com.au
- Call for Speakers open

The Australian Asphalt Pavement Association is pleased to announce our biennial conference and to also launch our First Call for Papers. We hope that you will be able to participate either as a speaker or delegate at their three day conference.

This significant Conference will feature eminent presenters from Australia and around the world, including invited key speakers. A balanced, relevant technical program, supplemented by a major supporting exhibition, will make this Conference the highlight of the 2013 flexible pavements calendar both in Australia and internationally.

2013 GOVERNMENT SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE

October 7 & 8, Melbourne Park Function Centre
Visit www.enviroinfo.com.au/govsus

Call for Speakers

The 2013 Government Sustainability Conference will again provide delegates from local, state and federal government authorities with comprehensive analysis and advice about how to embed environmentally sustainable policies and practices within their organisations and the communities they serve.

3rd LOCAL GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SECTOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE & MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

- November, 19-20, The Windsor Melbourne
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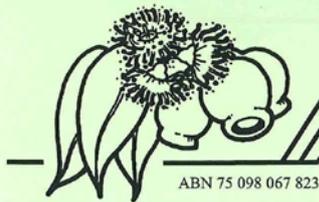
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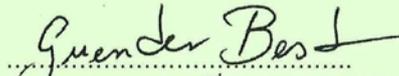
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BUNGENDORE PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT 2011 – 2012

Cr Ruth Butterfield
Chairman, Technical Services Committee
City of Armadale

The following report is an account of the operation and activities of the Bungendore Park Management Committee and related information for the Bushcare & Environmental Working Group reporting year (from 1st October 2011 to 30th September 2012) and is submitted to the Technical Services Committee for its reference and presentation to Full Council.


Cr Guenter Best, 22nd November 2012

WHAT WE DO

Committee's Aim

Conserve and manage Bungendore Park as a conservation reserve for low-impact usage.

Responsibility

The Bungendore Park Management Committee is responsible to the Technical Services Committee, a standing committee of the Armadale City Council.

Committee's Objectives

The primary objectives are –

- ❖ **Management** – to protect, restore and enhance the natural bushland environment.
- ❖ **Conservation** – to conserve the indigenous plant, fungi and animal species and their habitats to meet the needs and aspirations of future generations.
- ❖ **Education** – to promote awareness and better understanding of the natural environment and appreciation of its views.
- ❖ **Passive Recreation** – to facilitate public enjoyment of the natural attributes of the park without compromising conservation and management plan objectives.

Terms of Reference

Procedures are formalised for the operation and legal framework between Armadale Council, City administration and conduct of the Bungendore Park Management Committee. These procedures include insurance issues, declaration of interests, auditing of account books and other aspects relating to Local Government operations.

Tenure and Management

Bungendore Park is an "A" class reserve (A4561) vested in the City of Armadale which, since June 1981, has delegated management responsibility to the community-based Bungendore Park Management Committee. The management of Bungendore Park is described in the Strategic Directions Document 2009–2019 which was approved by Council on 14th September 2009.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Membership

The Bungendore Park Management Committee is a community-based committee formed from local groups and interested community members.

The committee membership of 12 comprises:

- Cr Guenter Best (Chairman)
- Mrs Kerry Batt (Secretary & Dieback Co-ord)
- Mrs Irene Morcombe (Treasurer)
- Mr Don Griffiths
- Mr Ron Withnell
- Mr Kim Sarti (Projects Co-ordinator)
- Ms Miriam Stanborough (Weeds Co-ordinator)
- Mrs Penny Versteeg
- Mr Matt Hamilton
- Mr Simon Dawkins
- Two positions vacant

Other organisations

Bungendore Park Management Committee is a member of three other organisations viz.

- Greening Australia (WA),
- Urban Bushland Council WA, and
- Armadale Bushland and Environmental Working Group [aka BEAC].

PRESSURES

Although difficult as a volunteer group, Committee continues to deal with vandalism to signs, fences and particularly gates and environmental vandalism by unauthorised vehicle, quad-bike, motorbike, horse activity and collection of firewood from the park. This year the entire stonework entrance statement at Albany Highway was destroyed. The committee is also aware of the environmental impacts of feral pigs

in the park and the adjoining areas and the concerns of residents in Mount Richon.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Community Involvement

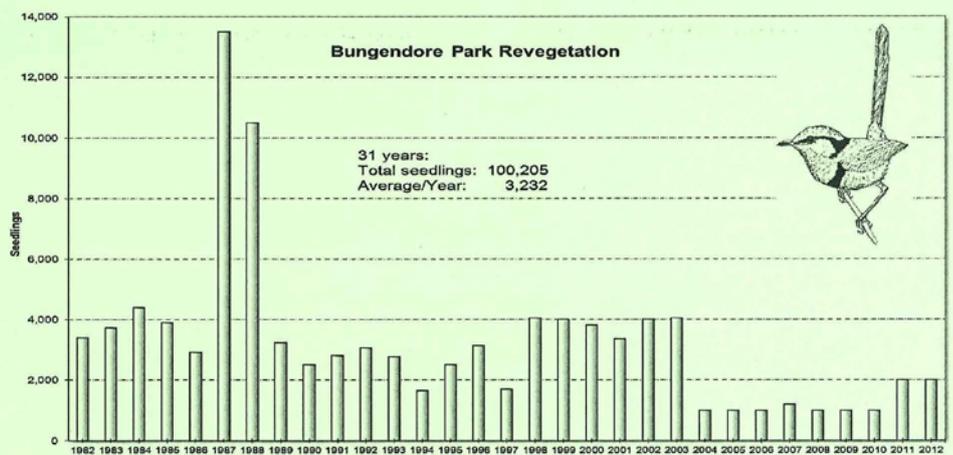
With the assistance of the local community, the Committee has been undertaking habitat restoration and revegetation of disused gravel pits and degraded areas in the park since 1982. Community Planting Day was held 29th July with 25 adults and 5 children planting 1,180 seedlings, the remaining 820 seedlings by Southern Hills Christian College students bringing the planted total since 1982 to 100,205 seedlings (see graph below). This year auger-drilled holes were trialled using both a Kanga loader and a hand-held digger – the hand-held device was quite successful. Seedlings were grown from seed collected by Armadale Wildflower Society from plants within the park to maintain genetic integrity. Slow-release fertiliser was applied to the seedlings at the time of planting.

Armadale Lions Club members provided their mobile cooking facility and volunteer services at the *Pancakes in the Park* and *Bungendore Bush Breakfast* events.

Thanks to Southern Hills Christian College for use of its chairs, trestles and toilet facilities for the outdoor park events.

Public Awareness

Threatening weather on 6th November 2011 meant the *Bungendore Bush Breakfast* was held in the college grounds near under-cover shelter. Nevertheless ≈60 people enjoyed the usual cooked breakfast with raconteur Keith Lethbridge reciting bush poems and playing a tune.



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Pancakes in the Park was held 24th March in conjunction with Hills Heartbeat Festival at Southern Hills Christian College.

The City of Armadale held two *Spring (Kambarang) Walks* in the park – 16th October 2011 (22 walkers) and 23rd September 2012 (number unknown).

The park is regularly visited by bird observers. In October three groups were known to visit the park – one comprised 20 people from the Netherlands, another group of 5 from Victoria with their leader from Cairns and another family group from Qld.

The *A-Z Discovery of Bungendore Park* pamphlet was updated and reprinted (2,500 copies).

Two colour pamphlets *Fighting Phytophthora Dieback in Bungendore Park* and *Control of Weeds in Bungendore Park and Surrounding Parkland* were produced and mailed to surrounding residents.

Some 26 people attended the Fungi Foray held on a blustery winter's day in June. This was the 5th such scientific survey conducted in the park.

Planning is well underway for a 2013 Bungendore Park calendar depicting flora, fungi and fauna to be found in the park with explanatory text.

30th Anniversary Celebrations

The final event in 2011 to commemorate committee's 30th anniversary was a Digital SLR photography workshop held on 8th October. It was conducted by Tony Harman with 12 participants (two came from Trigg).

Other Activities

Activities in which committee members participated included –

- Attending the BEAC end-of-year breakfast BBQ function at Wungong Dam.
- Trimming vegetation obscuring the routed wooden sign at Albany Highway entrance.
- Attending a breakfast function in February to receive the Swan Alcoa Landcare Program cheque for 2012.
- Conducting a review in April 2012 of previous year's revegetation plantings and to discuss strategy for this year's planting in Pit 5.
- Discussing with City of Armadale staff and Animal Pest Management Services options for feral pig control on land managed by the City and pig-affected residential areas. Further meetings held with DEC and Water Corp to discuss a co-ordinated pig control effort.
- Attending an *Endemic Sense of Place: Exploring the Social Sustainability of the State of WA* seminar at Murdoch University.

- Attending a *How do we work together for ecosystem health?* forum at the Cockburn Wetlands Centre. The keynote address was given by Professor Katharina Eckerberg, Umeå University, Sweden.
- Continuing Dieback control treatment of affected areas and 15 m buffer interface. Some 4,440 metres of active edge treated, 21,600 individual stem injections into tree trunks and ≈14,400 litres of foliar spray emulsion applied. DEC Science's research has proven a 3-year treatment cycle be adopted in lieu of existing 4–5 year cycle.
- Attending the BEAC plenary session *Black Cockatoo Conservation* with speakers Ron Johnstone (WA Museum) and Chris Phillips (Kaarakin Cockatoo Rehabilitation Centre).
- Continuing the bat survey in the park with Joanna Bugar (PhD candidate, Murdoch Uni). No bats were trapped on 8th November (storm fronts previous days); on 14th January two species of bats were trapped and released.
- Attending a *Managing for Healthy Forests* symposium to discuss current research investigating effects of climate change on our woodlands and forests. Professor Lyn Beazley (WA Chief Scientist) mentioned some of Committee's efforts in her opening address.
- Discovering plants of *Dryandra bipinnatifida* ssp *bipinnatifida* on a graded fire track; this species not previously recorded in the park.
- Attending the 11th Dieback Information Group seminar at Kalamunda on 27th July covering topics: protection and disease prevention, threat abatement plan, latest research and findings, "Discovering Dieback" DVD, Dieback in the Greater Blue Mountains (NSW) World Heritage Area, deleterious effect of long-term use of Phosphite, long-term survival of the Dieback pathogen in the forest and community engagement in raising awareness and rehabilitation work.
- Purchasing two Bushnell infrared cameras to monitor wildlife movement within the park.
- Attending the Environmental Weeds Action Network AGM where the guest speaker was John Thorp, National Weeds Management Facilitator based in Tasmania.



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EXTERNAL FUNDING

Successful grant applications

- Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2012 (\$6,760) for Dieback treatment, to purchase seedlings and continue weed control.
- DEC Environmental Community Biodiversity grant 2012 (\$6,790) for revegetation seedlings, feral bee control, continue Dieback treatment, continue weed control and faunal surveys (Black cockatoos, bats and frogs).
- DEC Regional Parks Grant 2012 (\$3,650) for Dieback treatment, weed control and revegetation seedlings.

Grant applications awaiting decision

- Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2013 (\$9,650) for Dieback treatment, continue weed control, and for Phyto-Fighter boot cleaning stations.
- State NRM Environment 2012-13 (\$18,000) for Dieback treatment and weed control.

Unsuccessful grant applications

- Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2012 (\$3,190) for two Phyto-Fighter boot cleaning stations.
- DEC Interpretation & Recreation in Natural Areas grant 2012 (\$2,135) for interpretive pamphlet *Bats and Frogs of Bungendore Park*.
- Biodiversity Fund - Round One 2011-12 – joint application by City of Armadale for Bungendore Park and Settlers' Common for a 6-year period rotational Dieback treatment.

Other funding sources

- Sale of books and cards at organised events.
- Donation tin at organised events.

Acknowledgements

Committee receives a budget allocation (\$5,630 for 2011/12) from the City of Armadale for its administration expenses and to assist in the management of this 498 ha reserve. Many of the projects that are undertaken would not be possible without funds from external sources. Committee thanks the WA State Government (DEC), State NRM Program and the Swan Alcoa Landcare Program for their continued financial support.

PROJECTS

Projects in which Committee has some involvement (continuing or completed) include –

- Partially burying rocks to improve barrier fencing at Gate 6 and bollards near Track 12.
- Installing security screens and monitored alarm system to the Willow Heights building at Armadale Settlers' Common (Committee's store room has been vandalised many times).

- Continuing weed and woody weed control (wattle & eucalypts) within Bungendore Park and on adjacent DEC-managed land including treatment for Cotton Bush, Blue Periwinkle, Paterson's Curse, Babiana and Genista.
- Continuing feral European honey bee control where hives have been established in known tree breeding hollows.
- Installing four bench seats along walk trails.
- Inviting Dr Peter Adams (Murdoch Uni) to present his results of feral pig research including the Wungong Catchment area.
- Modifying the 'kissing' gate at Admiral Road entrance and concrete capping of bollards.
- Continuing fauna surveys (that commenced in 1993) of both ground vertebrates and avifauna including three endangered Black Cockatoo species.
- Meeting with Ian Thompson (Fire Control Officer, Bedforddale VBFB) to discuss the fire control plan. Due for mosaic burning in 2012: Zone 2 (burned September), Zone 7 (burned May and June) and Zone 15.
- Planning is well underway for the annual *Bungendore Bush Breakfast* and the *Dark in the Park* astronomy evening – both events to be held in November.

VOLUNTARY HOURS

Committee keeps a tally of the number of hours involved by community members assisting in the activities within the park. The community hours recorded for 2011/2012 were –

Activity	Hours
MANAGEMENT	
Revegetation/Habitat enhancement	216
Construction	58
Education/Public relations	160
Rubbish removal	4
Patrolling, fire management	137
Vandalism repair	15
MONITORING	
Surveys, inc. success of past activities	386
TRAINING	
Training	22
ADMINISTRATION	
Minutes	67
Secretarial & accounting	13
Meetings	160
Grant applications, reports etc.	77
TOTAL	1,315

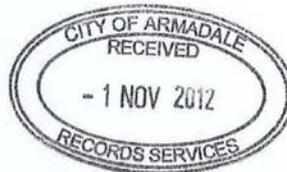
Based on \$30/hour volunteer rate, this equates to a \$39,450 input by the community.



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29 October 2012

Mayor Henry Zelones
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RE: 2012 SmokeFree WA KELMSCOTT ANNUAL SHOW

Dear Henry,

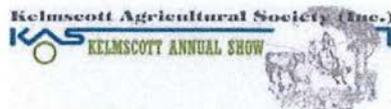
Please accept my sincere thanks for Cities support towards this year's SmokeFree WA Kelmscott Annual Show at Rushton Park, Kelmscott on the 19th & 20th October. The support the Kelmscott Agricultural Society Inc receives from Councillors, Parks Services & Property Services is fantastic and something the Kelmscott Agricultural Society and certainly I don't take for granted. Can you please pass on my thanks to Paul Lanternier, Shayne Wasley & Graham Dufficey. Paul, Shayne & Graham really did go out of their way to ensure the SmokeFree WA Kelmscott Annual Show ran smoothly and was a success.

For your records, the SmokeFree WA Kelmscott Annual Show was a huge success this year with smokers happy to 'butt out' to comply with our Healthway sponsorship obligations and for the health of others. We were also blessed with perfect weather attracting a near record crowd of just over 16,500 people passing through the gates over two days.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ross Kitson'.

Ross Kitson
President



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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – APRIL 2013		
	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
That the matter of a policy in regard to acquisitions, commissioning and funding of public artworks be referred to the Community Services Committee.	Community Planning Infrastructure	C45/11/12 Request the development of a Public Art Policy for consideration. <i>Comment:</i> <i>In preparation of the Policy, an audit is currently being undertaken of the City's existing public art including those provided by the private sector.</i>

COMMUNITY PLANNING:

Forrestdale Consultation

A workshop has been planned to kick off the consultation with the Forrestdale community and stakeholders for the Master Planning of Alfred and William Skeets Reserves. This workshop will also touch on the anti-social issues prevalent and seek to find short and longer term ways of addressing these. The workshop will be on Wednesday the 5 June at 6:30pm-8pm at the Forrestdale Hall.

John Dunn and Rushton Park Master Planning

On site signage has been installed on both John Dunn and Rushton Park that displays the draft concept designs and provides background and contact information. The consultation period has been extended to provide further opportunity for casual reserve users. All submissions need to be in by Friday the 31 May at close of business through written or emailed submissions. Information is also available on the City's website on the *Out for Comment* Section.

Cross Park Skate Park

Redesign of the skate park is progressing, with geotechnical and service surveys being finalised in the week beginning 20 May 2013.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

ACCESS & INCLUSION

A Gym Program for people with disability has commenced at the Armadale Arena. The aim of the program is to support people too safely and confidently access the gym environment by themselves or with a carer to maintain and improve their health. The pilot program commenced on 16 May and will run for five weeks.

The next Disability Advisory Team Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 June 2013.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Celebrating Families Week

Children and families in Armadale celebrated Families Week at 'Growing Together' a nature based play event at the Evelyn Gribble Community Centre on Monday 20 May. Local families got their hands dirty with tree planting and craft activities using natural materials, and contributed to the beautification of gardens at the community centre. Families also joined in earthworm and pot planting activities at the Minnowarra festival on Sunday 19 May.

Mobile Playgroup at Baker's House

A new partnership has been forged with the Armadale Community Family Centre to provide a mobile playgroup at Baker's House in Terms 2 & 3. When the weather is fine, families will be encouraged to use the outdoor area of Baker's House. As the weather is unpredictable at this time of year, the indoor Children's Space will be used with a view to encourage parents in attendance to form their own playgroup.

CHAMPION CENTRE & INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT

Driver Training Program

This program continues to thrive, drawing people as far as Geraldton and operating at capacity most weeks.

Supported Play Groups

New partnerships with Coolabaroo & Save the Children are improving access for Aboriginal families to supported playgroups. Operating weekly at the Champion Centre and supported by staff from the City's Indigenous Parenting Service, the programs provide culturally relevant support to parents and caregivers to support them in their parenting roles and to enhance their children's development. Thanks to the generous contributions of Save the Children and Outcare's Live Works program, the children's play room has been transformed into a bright, cheery, child friendly space with fresh paint, more toys, tables, chairs, mats and art work.

Outcare Live Works program

Young men from the Live Works program have recently completed a two day Indigenous Mental Health First Aid training at the Champion Centre facilitated by Yorgum. A follow up luncheon to present certificates for course completion will be organised in the coming weeks.

Champion Centre Artworks

The Outcare Live Works program is working with Champion Centre and Property Services staff to identify maintenance and construction works which can be undertaken by the Live Works team as part of their 20 week program. One such initiative is the development of artworks for the building and surrounding bush environment, including a mural on the front face of the building designed by a professional artist employed by Outcare Youth Services, and created by the young men participating in the Live Works program.

NAIDOC Celebration Day

Preparations for NAIDOC 2013 are well underway with. Weekly meetings at the centre are attended by local service providers and community members who contribute energy and enthusiasm to plans for the event. The event will feature various 'Hubs' of activity for Children & Families, Youth, Elder's, Art and Craft, Food, Entertainment and Health & Wellbeing with coordinators appointed for each of these hubs. Service providers are registering to host their own information stalls and with the support of funding from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the event is sure to be bigger and possibly better than previous years.

Family History Day on 17 May

The City's Indigenous Parenting Service, Waabiny Mia, in collaboration with the State Library of WA, State Records Office, Department of Indigenous Affairs and Armadale Library, provided families with assistance to develop their family story through Family History Day activities at the Champion Centre on 17 May. People learnt how to access family history records to develop their family story, participated in information and art workshops and enjoyed a light lunch.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The City of Armadale has submitted a nomination for the Western Australia Premier's Awards 2013 for Excellence in Public Sector Management. The awards are an opportunity to recognise innovative and creative projects being undertaken by the public sector to improve the delivery of services to the Western Australian community. The nomination outlined the successes of the Ignite Basketball program.

An application is also being prepared for the National Crime Prevention Fund through the Attorney General's Department to support Ignite Basketball for the next two years. The National Crime Prevention Fund supports initiatives that address the societal disconnection of at risk young people

Eat Act Live

Eat Act live is coming along in leaps and bounds with 306 people having accessed the program since commencement. Strong partnerships with local Doctors' surgeries and other community organisations have created successful referral pathways, whilst the biggest advocates of the program continue to be current participants whose word of mouth referrals see new people signing up every week. Participants of the Eat Act Live program will participate in HBF Run for a Reason on 26 May. This is a very special milestone as many of those participating would have previously struggled to walk a lap around the local park, let alone walk or run a 4km or 12km course.

Ignite Basketball

Whilst awaiting notification of the outcome of the recent application to the Attorney-General's Department's Indigenous Justice Program to fund Ignite Basketball for the next three years, the City continues to pursue avenues of funding including the federal government's Indigenous Sport and Recreation Program (\$511,000), and the National Crime Prevention Fund (\$300,000). With four weeks remaining of Ignite, it is vital to secure ongoing funding to continue supporting young people who benefit from the program, 73% of which state that since attending Ignite they have not been in trouble with the law.

POSITIVE AGEING

The next Positive Ageing Information session will be held at the Armadale Library on Wednesday 22 May from 1.30-4.00pm. Topics include 'Get on Board' – Transperth network journey planning, ticketing, local network information and safety and security; and 'Ageing Well' – Life coach and naturopath Lee Lenyk will discuss how becoming conscious, aware and actively reviewing and valuing life contribute to living and ageing well.

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

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Armadale Volunteer Services hosted a training session for volunteer managers on 8 May at the Champion Centre. The training "Managing the Older Volunteer" was presented by Dr Megan Paull from the Murdoch Business School with nine volunteer managers attending the session.

Armadale Volunteer Services hosted a VIP viewing of the Minnowarra Art Award for local volunteers on 16 May at the District Hall to celebrate National Volunteer Week.

Information Items from the Community Services Directorate

The event was highly regarded by the 60 plus volunteers who celebrated the contribution of volunteering to the community whilst appreciating the exceptional art work exhibited as part of the Minnowarra Art Award.

Also during National Volunteer Week Armadale Volunteer Services hosted a training session for volunteers at the Champion Centre. The training “Self Care for the Volunteer” focussed on preventing compassion fatigue.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT**Youth Hub at NAIDOC 2013**

As Perth is the host city for NAIDOC 2013, the Champion Centre are planning to host a bigger and better celebration which will include the addition of a youth hub to the event program.

The youth hub will include service provider stalls relevant to youth, sporting activities, art, dance and cultural themed activities. The hub will also provide a space for young people to call their own and to share information with young people and their parents on programs and services in the community.

Through Ignite Basketball and One Step Closer positive relationships have been forged with many at risk young people particularly Indigenous youth. These young people have developed skills in sport, participated in education workshops and have built leadership and teamwork skills, which have contributed to a vast improvement in their behaviour. In the lead up to the NAIDOC celebration these young people will be encouraged to participate in the day with a range of activities on offer. A cultural education session will be held at Ignite Basketball on the 15th of June, celebrating the art, music and history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Participants in the Ignite Basketball and One Step Closer programs will also be encouraged to take on roles to assist with running the youth hub with staff across both programs nominating participants for leadership and participation awards acknowledging their efforts in the presence of the wider community, their families and friends.

The NAIDOC Celebration Day will take place on Tuesday, 9 July between 10.00am – 4.00pm at the Champion Centre (76 Champion Drive, Seville Grove) and the adjacent Bob Blackburn Reserve.

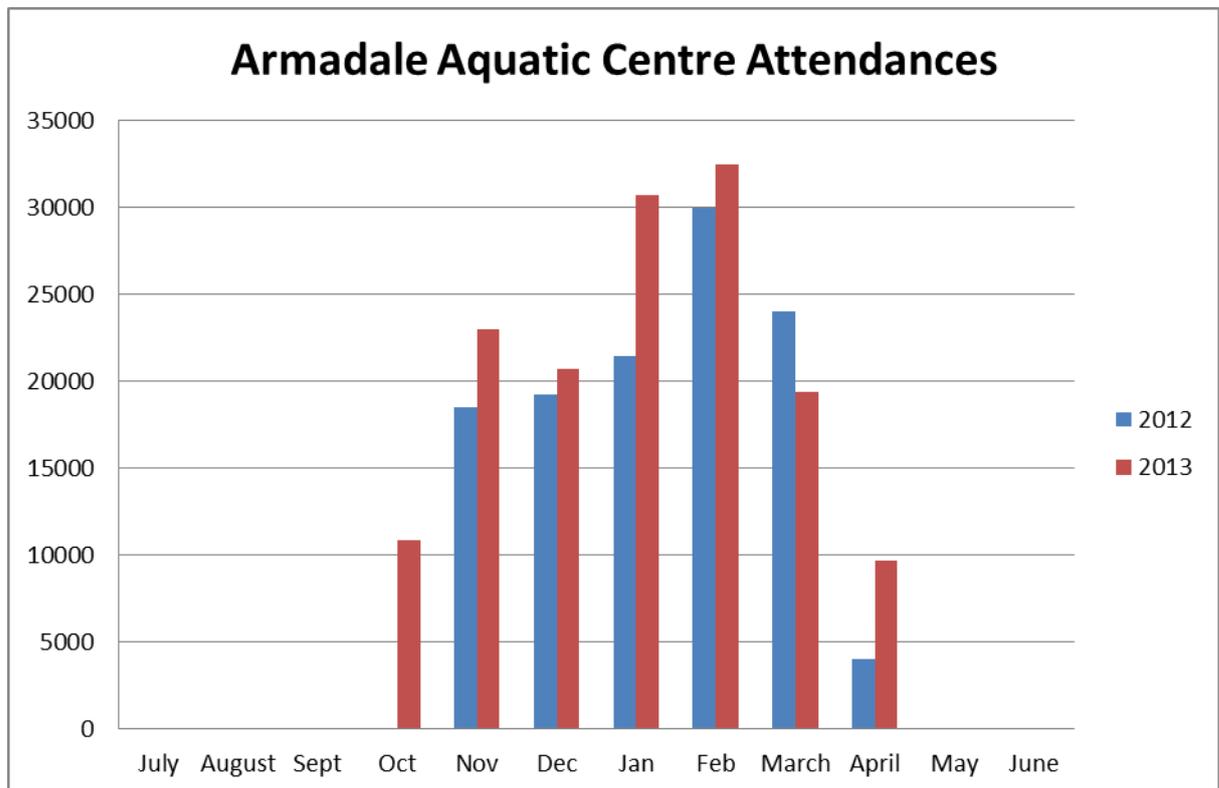
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LEISURE SERVICES

ARMADALE AQUATIC CENTRE

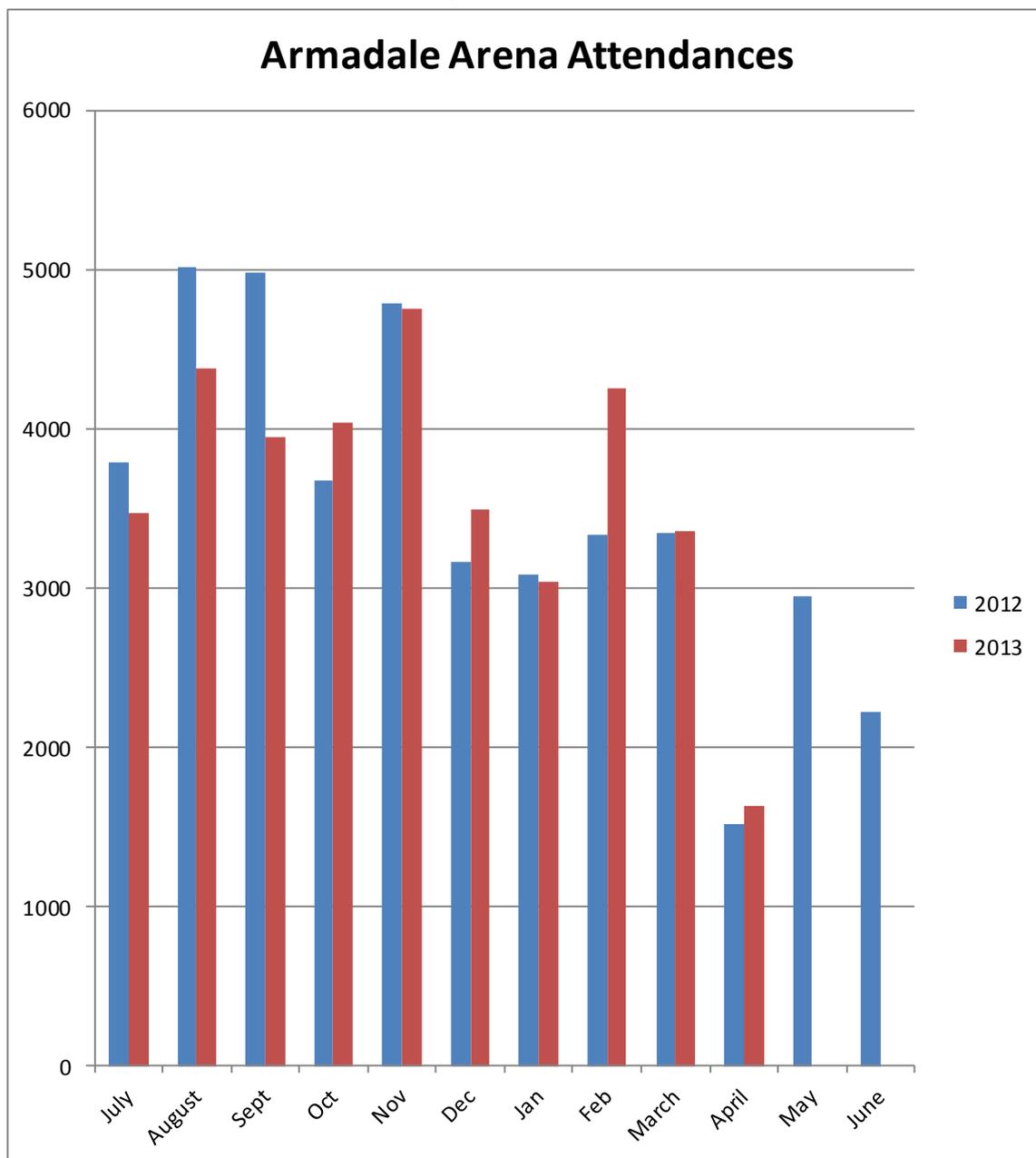
Armada Aquatic Centre closed for the season on Friday 19 April 2013. The centre had 146,833 attendances for the season, a 20% increase on 2012.

Work has now commenced on the foyer area and repairs to tiles during the off season in preparation for summer 2014.



ARMADALE ARENA

Armada Arena attendances have continued to increase from 2013. April attendances are significantly lower than previous months; this is a result of the change of sport season break week and lower attendances during the finals.



OUTDOOR FITNESS

Armadale Arena, in partnership with Landcorp, hosted free Oxygenio fitness classes at Champion Lakes every week during April. 78 participants attended and the classes were well received by all involved.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

During April the Club Development Officer met with 4 clubs to support governance, club improvements and grant applications. Armadale Christian Soccer Club received a \$2000 grant as a result of the support.

Southern River Senior Football Club and the East Fremantle Junior District were officially allocated the new Piara Waters facility as the future home venue. The Club Development Officer will commence working with the clubs to create a well-managed club entity prior to winter season 2014.

APRIL 2013

LIBRARY SERVICES

Statistical Performance Indicators

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

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

41 regular sessions were held. These include: story time, Baby Rhyme Time, Books on Wheels, reading & writing groups, computer training sessions, games mornings and Men's Social Group. A total of 430 people participated in these various activities. Additionally, 356 people were reached with external visits to schools and other community facilities.

Three additional Library and Heritage community engagement sessions were held in the City's libraries this month.

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

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

“E” (Educate, Explore, Evolve) Session

Report: Community Engagement Session

Prepared by: Jan Pedroli – Librarian Community Engagement

Topic:	Author Talk
Presenter:	Susan Midalia
Date:	24 April 2013
Time:	7.00 – 8.00 pm
Venue:	Armadale Library Meeting Room
No. Attending:	9

Comments:

A small, but very appreciative and engaged group of people attended Susan Midalia's talk about the art of writing, and to hear about her books, in particular her latest title, *An unknown sky*. Being a short story writer Susan's focus was on short stories and the various ways in which to craft them.

During the latter part of the talk the audience started to ask questions of Susan and from this point onward the session became very animated. This resulted in the session running well over the allocated timeslot but nobody was particularly concerned about this.

At the end of the session attendees expressed their appreciation to both Susan and the library for putting on the event and expressed the wish that we would continue to organise events of this nature.

Report – April 2013 School Holiday Programme

Prepared by – Shirley Reilly, Librarian, Armadale Library

Topic: Water Wonders**Presenters: SciTech – Tim and Jess; Sanny Ang; Shirley Reilly, Rita Lennon - Librarians - Armadale and Seville Grove Libraries****Dates: Friday 26 April, Tuesday 30 April, Thursday 2 May 2013****Venue: Armadale, Kelmscott and Seville Grove Libraries****No. Attending: 65 children; 33 adults**

SVG: Scitech H2O Science Show - 43 children, 20 adults; KMS: Origami with Sanny Ang - 8 children, 4 adults; ARM: Pyjama Story time - 14 children, 9 adults

Comments:

Our first wet and watery activity on a warm autumn day was the Scitech H2O science show at Seville Grove Library. The fantastic Scitech team demonstrated some experiments and shared lots of educational information about water with interaction from the audience. The children formed groups and worked out how to make a dam with a plastic tub and an assortment of materials. Over 40 children attended this session.



A keen group of children learnt how to make some interesting origami water creatures with Sanny Ang at Kelmscott Library including a flutterby, Chinese hopping frog and a fish. Sanny recounted a story while creating each creature and this helped the children learn how to make the correct folds. Origami books were on display and borrowed after the session.



The famous storytelling tiger duo (also known as Rita and Shirley) sang songs, read stories and created craft at Pyjama story time with the children who came in their pyjamas and brought along some of their bath toys too. 'Big Red Bath' by Julia Jarman and 'Mr Archimedes Bath' by Pamela Allen were two of the stories read out loud. The children had fun with bubbles and a picture of Mr. Archimedes bath with animals to glue in and decorate.



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

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

Report – General session

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

Topic: Local heritage – family heritage

Date: 3 April 2013

Venue: Southside Care Centre, Gillam Drive, Kelmscott

The Historian/ Local Studies Librarian took a selection of 12 enlarged and laminated photographs from the Birtwistle collection to the Southside Care Centre in Kelmscott.

These were used as a prompt for sharing the memories of the mainly senior members of the centre about either living in the district of Armadale or of their younger years.

The photographs included the original St John ambulance vehicles, Colin Hatfield's drive-in screen, the Old Jarrah Tree, St Mary's in the Valley church and cemetery, Mobil petrol station, Gladalan's nursery, an old barn, the Canning Contour Channel, Gilwell Scout Masters' Training Camp and the Armadale Co-op store.

Several of the members were long-time residents of the district and so were able to tell tales about some of the places, whereas other members who were relatively new to the district, shared some of their experiences of similar places but in different localities.

Two gentlemen told of working in the timber towns of the South East of the State and the efforts of fund raising to purchase an ambulance vehicle for the district.

Sixteen people attended the talk which was a segment in the daily activities provided by the centre.

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

Report – General session

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

Topic: Morning tea & Runnymede Orchard reminisces

Date: Friday, 12 April 2013

Venue: Clay property, Albany Highway, Bedforddale

Invitations were issued to the heritage volunteers from the Birtwistle Local Studies Library and the History House Museum, and to members of the Cross family who developed the orchard from the early 1900s until it was sold in the 1960s.

Twenty volunteers and Cross family members braved the persistent light rain to enjoy morning tea under the fruit trees at the Faye & Cam Clay property in Bedforddale.

Photographs and memories of the Runnymede orchard and the district were shared between all of the guests because each had some association that they wanted to clarify or explore further. The Clays had long wondered if their property was part of the Runnymede Orchard until the 1940s and neighbour, Bob Tizard, was curious about his property. The discussion was inconclusive but brought out other interesting facts about the topography and landmarks of the orchard and the area.

The writer of the story of Runnymede Orchard, Phil Cross (based in Darwin), was unable to attend the gathering but will be in Perth in mid-June. Museum curator,

Christen Bell has agreed to host a follow-up meeting on 12 June, 9:30-11:00 for the heritage volunteers and the extended Cross family. The exhibition of *Well, I'll Be Dammed*, should present as a pertinent background to the gathering and it is anticipated that more photos and names will be added to the Birtwistle collection.

Report – Improvement in ‘language and cognitive skills in AEDI results and the role played by the library’s Better Beginning program.

Prepared by –Shirley Reilly, Librarian, Armadale Library

The following information was provided to the City’s Library team.

What is the AEDI?

Taken from the website <http://www.rch.org.au/aedi/>

The AEDI is a measure of how young children are developing in Australian communities. Like a census, it involves collecting information to help create a snapshot of early childhood development in communities across Australia.

The AEDI is a population measure of children’s development as they enter their first year of formal school (pre primary). Information for the AEDI is collected through a teacher-completed checklist that measures five areas of early childhood development. These five areas, or domains, are closely linked to the predictors of adult health, education and social outcomes:

- physical health and wellbeing
- social competence
- emotional maturity
- language and cognitive skills (school-based)
- communication skills and general knowledge.

The domain that we are most interested in is the ‘language and cognitive skills’ as this covers literacy and reading skills.

In 2009 32% of WA children were developmentally vulnerable or at risk in the language and cognitive skills domain. In 2012 this has decreased to 24%. Various organizations including the State Library - Better Beginnings and Public Libraries have contributed to these results.

What were the results in Armadale?

In Armadale the results for this domain showed a significant improvement –

In 2009 the percentage of children that were considered developmentally vulnerable for the language and cognitive skills domain was **16.2%**

Summary of 2012 AEDI results for Armadale Community - 1,015 children surveyed

Domain	Percentage of children on track ⓘ	Percentage of children developmentally vulnerable ⓘ
ⓘ Physical health and wellbeing	71.4%	12.9%
ⓘ Social competence	73.9%	8.7%
ⓘ Emotional maturity	71.7%	10.1%
ⓘ Language and cognitive skills (school-based)	73.3%	9.8%
ⓘ Communication skills and general knowledge	75.2%	9.2%

Overall there are 28 per cent of children developmentally vulnerable on one or more domains of the AEDI ⓘ and 12.6 per cent are developmentally vulnerable on two or more domains ⓘ.

These results show a significant improvement in the literacy skills of pre primary children in Armadale in the past three years! The Better Beginnings family literacy program and library programs like rhyme and story time have contributed to these improvements and are making a difference. These are very heartening statistics for our area.

Library stats for JK issues – in January, February, March 2012 – a total of 12781 items were borrowed. In January, February, March 2013 – a total of 13755 items were borrowed – this is also a great indicator for our library service that more books are being borrowed and read with children. Keep up the great work promoting and encouraging parents with young children to keep reading!

HERITAGE SERVICES

Statistical Performance Indicators

The Heritage Department’s statistical performance indicators report for the month of April 2013:

Birtwistle Local Studies Library

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

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

Special project: *Bushfire Compendium*

The compilation of the post-2011 Roleystone-Kelmscott bushfires interview transcripts into a *Bushfire Compendium* is progressing well under the hand of volunteer Helen Tromans who is using her skills with graphic design to format the booklet into a special keep-sake that will be printed and sent to each of the interviewees and the donors of photographs used to support the stories of the interviewees.

WA Heritage Festival 18 April to 18 May

To mark the beginning of the WA Heritage Festival a collection of photographs, depicting different non-extant places in the district of Armadale, were put on display in the mall immediately outside the Armadale Library.

Library staff reported that a great deal of interest was shown in the photographs with several comments coming back to the Local Studies Librarian that added new information to the sites that were once of importance to the community such as the original Armadale Brickworks, Gladalan Nursery and the Butcher's old barn in the Canning Valley.

Foster Families

Dr. Deb Rosser was the special guest speaker at the April meeting of the Local History Practitioners' Group held at the City of Perth Library on William Street. The focus of Deb's talk was the research that she is doing for the resources being made available on the *Find and Connect* website. The purpose is to provide a comprehensive list of organisations that may be able to assist people to find out about the foster-care homes, the children and the supervisors of years past across Australia. In addition to the list of organisations, Deb is compiling a bibliography of references that include mention of former foster care homes and supervisors.

State Library of New South Wales

A thank you letter was received during April from the SL NSW regarding the donation of a transcript of the *CW Story: a brief history of the Colyer-Watson Group (established in Sydney 1920s)*. This had been included in the collection of transcripts that had come from those donated to the Birtwistle Local Studies Library last year by the Kalamunda Oral History Group. These had been part of the collection compiled by oral historian, Donald Dawson. Research had revealed that the information contained in the transcript was not significant to the City of Armadale but was to the history of businesses in the City of Sydney.

Family History

The members of the Birtwistle Family Tree Group and the Kelmscott Genealogy Group were invited to attend a two part seminar at the State Library of Western Australia on Wednesday 17 April. Nine members from the district attended to learn more about the information available from the online newspapers accessible from the Library's website and from the British archival resources, also available using the internet.

2.3 History House Museum

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator)

Well I'll be Dammed Exhibition

The exhibition text and design have been completed and will be installed at History House Museum in early May with the opening to the public on the 13th of May.

Museums Australia Museum and Galleries National Awards

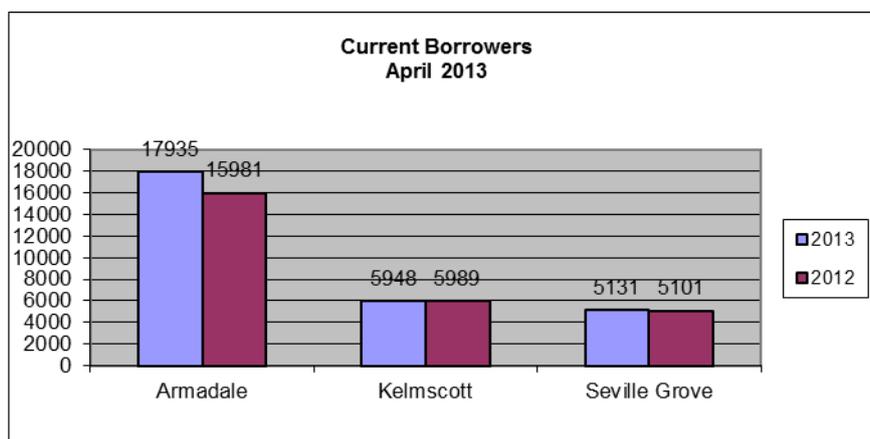
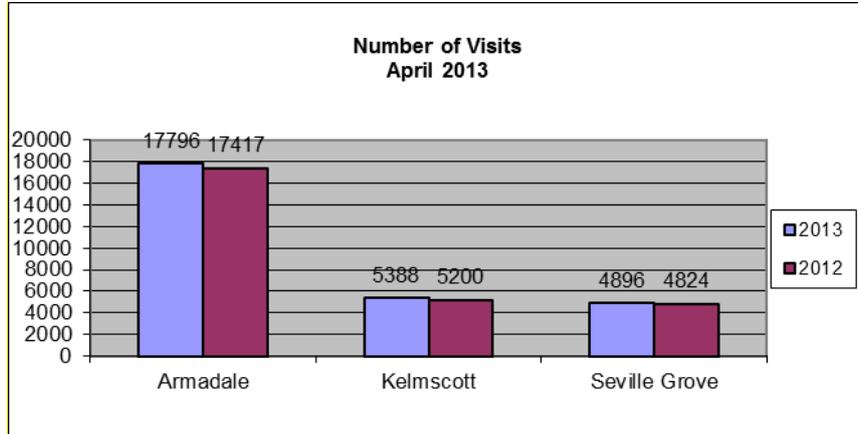
The 'Welcome to Armadale: 1830-1913' permanent exhibition at History House Museum has been shortlisted for the Museums Australia's MAGNA awards in its category. The HHM curator will be attending the ceremony in Canberra which will be part of the 2013 MA National Conference program.

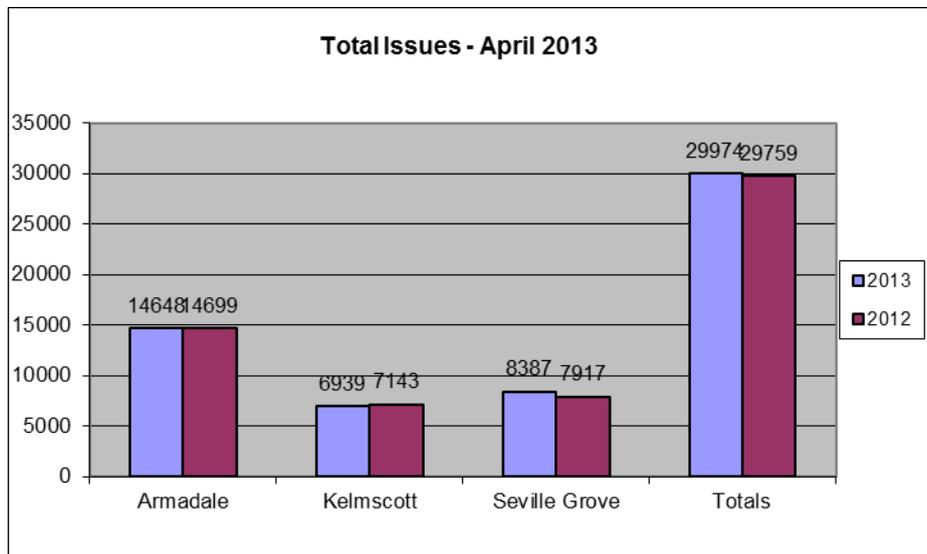
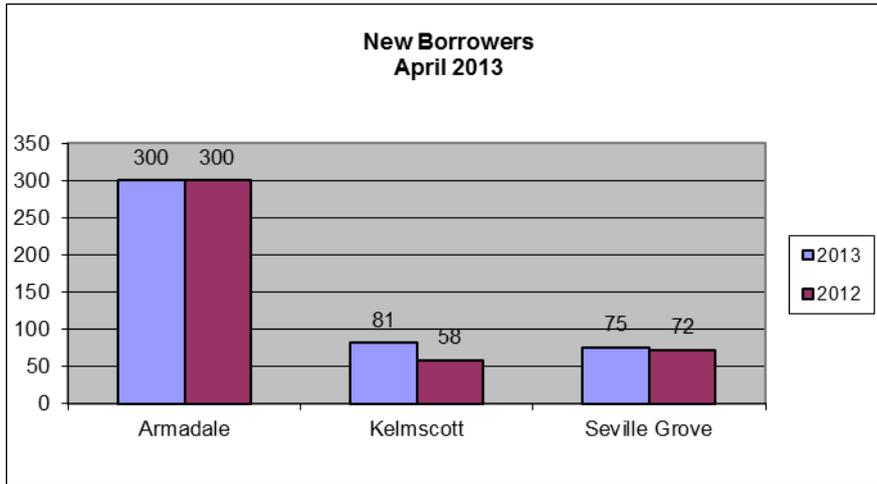
School Visit

Southern Hills Christian College Year 6 class visited the Museum and participated in a number of activities. The Mayor, Councillor Henry Zelones, gave a talk to the class about Local Government and how it works in Armadale. Also, the class looked at objects and photographs about Armadale's World War One Anzacs as well as museum activities such as Mystery Objects, Museum Detective and the Magnifying Glass Game. This is the third year this school's year 6 group has visited the Museum.

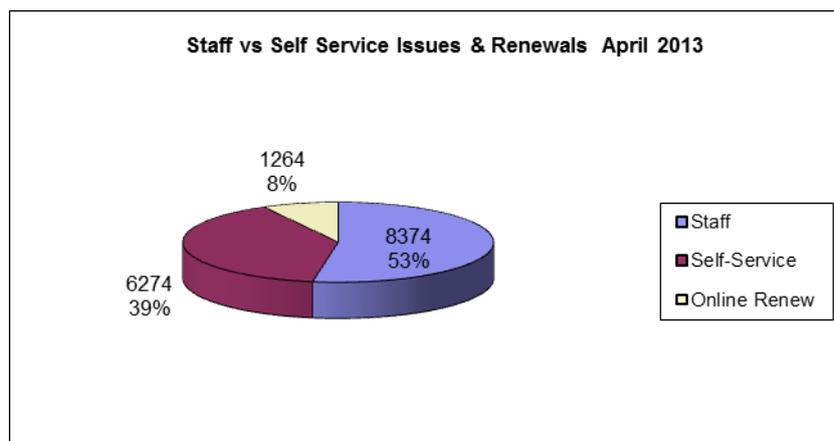
School Holiday Program

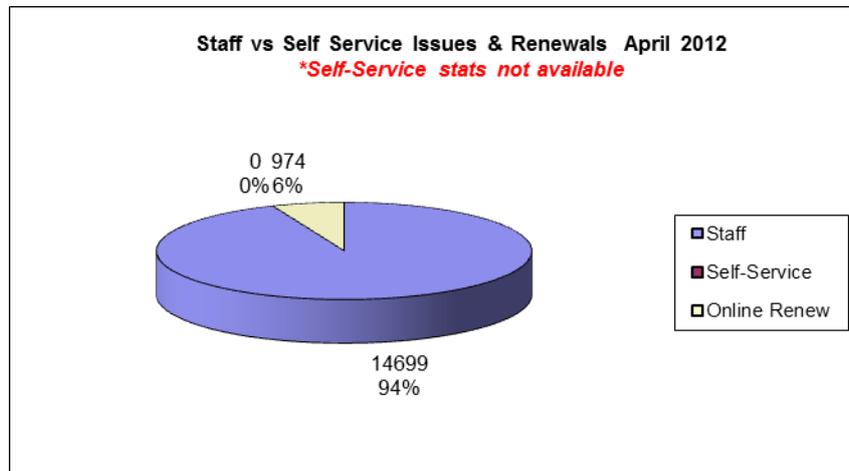
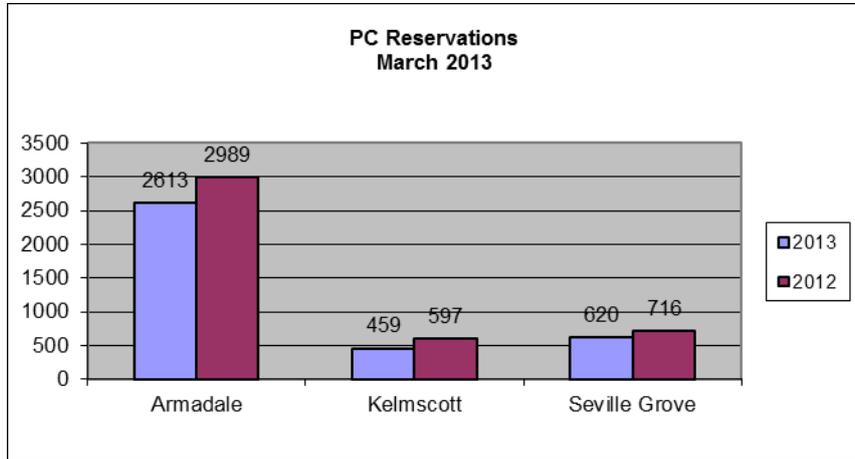
"Wonderful Windmills" was very successful with over 27 participants in two sessions. The participants made a Dutch Windmill and a hand windmill each.





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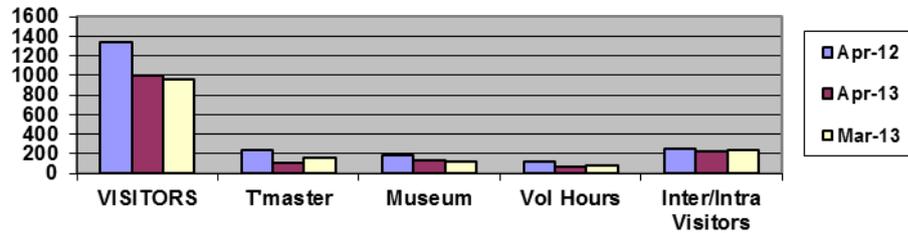


Birtwistle Local Studies Library				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	Mar 13	Mar12	Jul 12-Mar 13	Jul 1–Mar 12
Reference Enquiries	4	8	62	89
Research Enquiries	12	4	77	78
Visitor Attendance	81	125	821	925
Volunteer Hours	12	34	185	685
Digitising Records	12	24	167	36
Oral History				
Letters Sent	2	3	15	17
Interviews Completed	1	0	17	14
Transcripts Completed/ reviewed	1	3	15	19
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	38	52	332	329
Volunteer Hours - Interviewing	6	0	69	51
Family History Research				
Reference	2	4	36	60
Research	34	46	244	344
Volunteer Hours	44	44	310	220

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

MONTH: APRIL 2013

STATISTICS:



APRIL 2013

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

MARCH 2013

Visitors	Ticketmaster	TOTAL Visitors Less Ticketmaster	Inter State Visitors	Overseas Visitors	TOTAL O/seas & Interstate VISITORS	Volunteer Hours	Museum
961	159	802	89	147	236	74	123

VISITOR CENTRE OPENED FOR 173 HOURS

AVERAGE VISITORS PER WEEK: 249
VOLUNTEER HOURS PER WEEK: 18

VISITOR CENTRE - DOLLAR VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY:

Average Visitor Spend – Day Visitor:

\$ 1,596 per day = **\$ 11,175** per week = **\$ 44,700** per month

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

Average Spend – Including Accommodation:

\$1,184 per night = **\$ 8,288** per week = **\$ 33,150** per month

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

During the month of April our statistics at the Visitor Centre show overseas arrivals continue to grow strongly with UK, Singapore and Malaysia leading. Our strong Destinal marketing campaigns into Jetstar Air Asia inflight magazine are producing solid results.

There is still a strong demand for accommodation with VC members indicating their occupancy rates at 90%

Google analytics shows the Visitor Centre website continuing to grow averaging 1500 views per month with the accommodation pages being the most viewed. This has resulted in an increase in online accommodation bookings through the online reservation system. The main uses of devices are iPad and iPhone. We are extremely appreciative of the City's IT department as they are in the process of developing a mobile app to allow consumers to view our website in a consistent format.

Marketing

Destination marketing continues into Jetstar Air Asia In-flight Magazine and Perth Airport Runway magazine. We are also continuing with cooperative advertising in 'Your guide to Perth and Fremantle'

The Visitor Centre has presented to WALGA the design created by Blackrooke for the annual 2013 Banners in the Terrace Competition. The display will be along the Terrace from 28 July to 10 August. A professional/digital banner will be designed with this year's theme Future Focus.

Armadale Visitor Centre participated in Experience Perth marketing campaign for their winter campaign.

RANGER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

April 2013

ANIMAL CONTROL

Dogs

Ranger Services received five hundred and thirty six (536) requests for assistance during this report period. Whilst the individual areas of dog control vary from the corresponding period April 2012, the overall number of requests for assistance is slightly less than April 2011/2012.

Livestock

During this report period Ranger Services attended to forty one (41) enquiries for assistance in dealing with stock wandering on the road.

VEHICLES

Parking

Ranger Services received one hundred and fifty (150) requests for assistance, and issued ninety three (93) infringement notices in regard to various offences relating to the parking of vehicles during this report period.

The number of Infringements issued, in the vicinity of schools still remains relatively low and this is attributed to the ongoing Ranger Services attendance at local schools throughout the district, on a regular basis, to ensure the safety of children is maintained.

One of the ways of achieving this is by a strict application of the Local Law Relating to Parking; thereby reducing the risk of injury caused by the indiscriminate parking of vehicles, and to ensure the smooth flow of traffic is maintained.

Abandoned Vehicles

The number of abandoned vehicles reported to Ranger Services continues to be of concern, with thirty five (35) being recorded during this report period.

Commercial Vehicles (Trucks)

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

Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

Ranger Service attended to twenty two (22) reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in areas that are prohibited, during this report period.

FIRE SERVICE

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 received two hundred and fifty one (251) requests for assistance during the report period.

General

Dog Registration Checks

Rangers will be conducting an extensive dog registration survey throughout the district during the next 2-3 months.

A fundamental part of the door knock is to create an awareness of both the Dog Act and the City of Armadale Local Laws Relating to Dogs, identify potential and actual problems and provide advice that may assist in preventing or treating a problem.

Prepare Now for the Storm Season from May to October

Storm Preparation

DFES State Emergency Service recommends that you begin preparing early for potential winter and spring storms, even weeks before they are forecast, as this can reduce damage to your home and protect your family.

Trim branches to prevent them falling on your roof or car.

Clear gutters and downpipes so they don't over flow after heavy rain.

- Check your roof, gutters and fences and repair them if they are loose or damaged.
- Ensure your insurance cover is adequate.
- Prepare an emergency kit with a portable radio, torch, spare batteries and a first aid kit.
- Prepare an emergency plan – allocate tasks to each family member and plan what you will do if you have to leave your home.

When a Storm is Forecast

- Store or weigh down loose objects around your home like outdoor furniture and children's play equipment.
- Secure other loose items such your wheelie bin.
- Secure garden sheds.
- Secure boats, trailers and caravans.
- Ensure pets and animals are in a safe area.
- Move vehicles under cover.
- Prepare for possible loss of electricity
- Check your emergency kit is in order with a portable radio, torch, spare batteries and a first aid kit.
- Construction site workers should store loose building material and tie down sheds.
- Boat owners should securely moor their boats.

Information Items from the Community Services Directorate

- Campers should find safe shelter away from trees, powerlines, storm water drains and streams.

During a Storm

- Stay inside, close curtains and blinds and stay away from windows.
- If there is lightning unplug electrical appliances.
- Do not use landlines, unless it is an emergency.
- Listen to ABC Local Radio for storm advice and warnings.
- If swimming, boating or surfing leave the water.

If you are caught outside in a storm:

Find shelter away from trees, power lines, drains, rivers and waterways.

If you are driving in a storm:

- Slow down, turn your headlights on and keep a safe distance from other drivers.
- If you cannot see, pull over and park safely with your headlights and hazard lights on until the rain clears.
- Take care in areas that have been flooded and do not drive into water of unknown depths.

After a Storm

- Keep away from fallen powerlines, trees and damaged buildings.
- Check your home, car and property for damage
- Check on your friends and neighbours
- Contact your landlord or insurance company to report damage
- Stay away from stormwater drains, streams and rivers.
- If your home has been badly damaged and you cannot fix it yourself contact the SES on **132 500**.
Be patient the SES may have many calls for assistance.

If you have a life threatening emergency call **000**.

For more tips visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au

Statistics

