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## ISSUES UPDATE

### URANIUM SURVEY CLOSING SOON

WALGA is seeking feedback from the sector on uranium mining and transport. The survey opened in April, and will close at the end of October. If you would like to participate please click the link below. The survey will take approximately two minutes and will help WALGA to build a policy position on uranium mining and transport. The survey will close at 5:00pm, Wednesday, 31 October. Survey link - <http://www.surveymonkey.com/>

For more information, please contact Environment Policy Officer, Julia Beijeman at 9213 2039 or email [jbeijeman@walga.asn.au](mailto:jbeijeman@walga.asn.au)

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES – Local Government Self Insurance Scheme

The Association is pleased to announce that nominations are now being sought for the following vacancies:

- Local Government Self Insurance Scheme – Senior Officer

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 at close of business on Thursday, 18 October.

Nomination Forms are available from <http://walga.asn.au/MemberResources/GovernanceStrategy/CurrentCommitteeVacancies.aspx>

For more information contact Executive Officer Governance and Strategy, Janet Done, on 9213 2013 or email [jdane@walga.asn.au](mailto:jdane@walga.asn.au)

### FREEHILLS MERGER CONFIRMED

On Monday, 1 October 2012 Freehills, one of WALGA's Preferred Suppliers of Legal Services, merged with international firm Herbert Smith, creating the new global law firm Herbert Smith Freehills. Herbert Smith Freehills will continue to provide WALGA Members with the premium quality full-service legal advice they have been

accustomed to receive from previous firm Freehills.

For any legal queries, please contact partner, Melanie Cave on 9211 7842.

### ROMAN II CONFERENCE 2012

The ROMAN II Conference is a leading Asset Management event, attended by asset managers from Local Governments and consultants. It provides a fantastic opportunity to gain valuable experience and knowledge about the new ROMAN II system and a great opportunity to network with your industry peers. To register please visit: <http://www.cvent.com/d/tcqs4>

Date: Friday, 12 October

Venue: The Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle

For further information, please contact ROMAN II Administration Officer, Eva Niedzwiedz on 6143 1987 or email [eva.niedzwiedz@roman2.com](mailto:eva.niedzwiedz@roman2.com)

### pin2fix UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has tested the application and provided feedback. Preliminary testing identified an issue with the email notifications to Councils, however this has now been rectified and notification emails are now being sent through as soon as an issue is raised. The new Apple iOS6 mapping software has been raised as another issue with the iphone app. The digital design team have amended the application code to fix this mapping problem, and an update has been submitted to Apple for processing. Once this has been confirmed, we will advise users so they are able to download the updated version of the application on their iphones.

To submit feedback or for further information please email [pjones@walga.asn.au](mailto:pjones@walga.asn.au)

### OFFICER TRAINING

Preparing Agendas and Minutes in Local Government – LAST COURSE FOR 2012

Preparing Agendas and Minutes outlines the

performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to organise meetings, make arrangements, liaise with participants and develop and distribute meeting-related documentation.

The course applies to individuals employed in a range of work environments who organise a variety of meetings.

They may provide administrative support or have responsibility for these tasks in the context of a particular team, work group or project.

**Date:** Friday, 12 October

**Time:** 9:00am – 4:30pm

**Venue:** WALGA Boardroom

**Cost:** \$395 (+ GST)

Policy Development and Procedure Writing in Local Government – LAST DATE FOR THIS COURSE FOR 2012

*Policy Development and Procedure Writing* focuses on the skills needed to write clear procedures and how to effectively establish, coordinate and promote policy development within the Local Government sector.

Course content includes the need for consulting on, developing, implementing and reviewing procedures for Council.

It also examines the development of policy through discussions, policy structure and its changing nature.

**Date:** Monday, 15 - Tuesday, 16 October

**Time:** 9:00am – 4:30pm

**Venue:** WALGA Boardroom

**Cost:** \$790 (+ GST)

#### **ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING**

##### Professionally Speaking

*Professionally Speaking (or how to deal with communication minefields – everything from media interviews to hostile public meetings)* is an interactive workshop specifically designed to get participants 'battle-ready' and offers practical techniques for handling unfamiliar public speaking situations with confidence and aplomb.

*Presented by award winning TV journalist, Andrea Burns.*

**Date:** Wednesday, 7 November

**Time:** 9:00am – 4:30pm

**Venue:** WALGA Boardroom

**Cost:** \$450 (+ GST)

Course flyers can be downloaded at [www.workplacesolutions.asn.au](http://www.workplacesolutions.asn.au).

Contact the training team at [training@walga.asn.au](mailto:training@walga.asn.au) to secure your place

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REVIEW**

WA Police is undertaking a review of Neighbourhood Watch via a survey. The survey will allow Neighbourhood Watch to use your feedback to assess the positives, negatives and future opportunities for the program.

Your feedback is vital for the future planning and development of a sustainable and effective Neighbourhood Watch in WA.

Please follow the link to complete the survey [http://nhwa.com.au/index.php?option=com\\_surveyforce&view=survey&Itemid=117](http://nhwa.com.au/index.php?option=com_surveyforce&view=survey&Itemid=117).

A supply of hardcopy surveys can be distributed to your Local Government if you have a population of Neighbourhood Watch volunteers or participants who do not have access to the internet and would like to complete the survey.

*For hard copies or more information please contact Neighbourhood Watch State Coordinator, WA Police - Community Engagement Division, Yolanda Zec on 9222 1513 or email [yolanda.zec@police.wa.gov.au](mailto:yolanda.zec@police.wa.gov.au)*

#### **NEW REPORT: FIXING THE HOLE IN AUSTRALIA'S HEARTLAND**

Desert Knowledge has recently released a report that calls for new approaches, new thinking and new commitment in regard to remote Australia.

Extensive consultation has led the authors to make the following conclusions about what people in remote Australia want:

1. A say in decisions which affect them;
2. Equitable and sustainable financial flows;
3. Better services and a locally responsive public service;
4. Local control and accountability where possible; and,
5. Inclusion in a greater Australian narrative.

The Report states that a structural response to these concerns is required for successful governance.

The Report can be accessed from <http://www.desertknowledge.com.au/Files/Fixing-the-hole-in-Australia-s-Heartland.aspx>

#### **SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY MONTH**

In October Local Governments are encouraged to get involved and support this year's Community Safety Month.

Community Safety Month is coordinated by the Injury Control Council of WA and aims to raise awareness about a range of community safety issues including personal safety, online safety, road safety, suicide prevention, emergency management, safety in public places and safe work practices.

All Local Governments have a role to play in preventing injury, reducing crime and promoting safe behaviour practices.

Local Governments can get involved by organising an event or tagging the community safety messages onto existing local events (e.g. festivals, community shows, shopping centre displays etc.).

*For more information download a copy of the Community Action Kit from <http://www.iccwa.org.au/community-safety-month>*



## Issue No. 41.12

15 October 2012

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- ✦ OFFICER TRAINING
- ✦ ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING

- ✦ REGIONAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FORUM
- ✦ FREE WORKSHOP – PLANNING AND DESIGNING FOR PEDESTRIAN GUIDELINES
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### MAILBAG

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## ISSUES UPDATE

### 2012 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FORUM

The Local Government Emergency Management Forum follows on from the successful event held at the Burswood Entertainment Centre on Friday, 1 June 2012.

Guided by feedback received at the previous forum, attendees will hear from speakers from the State Emergency Management Committee and the Office of Bushfire Risk Management on recent State developments.

Informative case studies will be presented from State and Local Government, as well as a presentation by Anne Leadbeater from Murrindindi Shire Council in Victoria.

Attendees will be provided with an update on the outcomes from WALGA's Emergency Management workshops held across the State in August and September, and will have an opportunity to contribute to the development of WALGA's strategy in addressing issues raised.

The Forum is open to all Local Government representatives, including Elected Members, CEOs, Senior Management and Officers.

**Date:** Monday, 19 November

**Time:** 9:30am – 5:00pm

**Venue:** Technology Park Function Centre, Bentley

**Cost:** \$95 (incl GST)

**RSVP:** Monday, 12 November

*For further information or to register please visit the WALGA website – [www.walga.asn.au](http://www.walga.asn.au) or contact Marketing & Events Support Officer, Ulla Wolter on 9213 2043 or email [uwolter@walga.asn.au](mailto:uwolter@walga.asn.au)*

### INVITING PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR COMMODITY ROUTE SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING

Local Governments are invited to submit applications for Commodity Route Supplementary Funding. Application Forms, Application Guidelines and Assessment Guidelines for the CRSF are available at

<http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/BuildingRoads/Projects/LocalGovernment/Pages/LocalGovernment.aspx>. Please note that the forms have been amended since the last round of applications and participants should in particular note the changes to the eligibility criteria and the maximum allocation limit per project.

Applications must be submitted via the Regional Road Group to [stateroadfunds@walga.asn.au](mailto:stateroadfunds@walga.asn.au). The closing date for submissions is Friday, 7 December.

*For further information please contact Manager Roads and Transport, Mark Bondietti on 9213 2040 or email [mbondietti@walga.asn.au](mailto:mbondietti@walga.asn.au).*

### WALGA TAX UPDATE AND GST WORKSHOP

The WALGA Tax Service is hosting a workshop on Tuesday, 4 December which will provide an update on GST changes over the past 12 months.

This year's workshop will examine detailed changes to Division 81 (Exempt Fees & Charges) with practical examples to explore the fundamental GST issues.

*For further information please email [walgatax@uhyhn.com.au](mailto:walgatax@uhyhn.com.au)*

### pin2fix UPDATE FOR IPHONES

The issue with the iOS6 Mapping has now been resolved for the pin2fix application. The update is now available to download at the App Store.

Thank you to everyone that has provided feedback, we are currently investigating all new ideas and enhancements and will advise of any upgrades in the coming weeks.

*For further information or to submit feedback please email [pjones@walga.asn.au](mailto:pjones@walga.asn.au)*

### OFFICER TRAINING

[Policy Development and Procedure Writing \(2 day Workshop\)](#)

*Policy Development and Procedure Writing*

focuses on the skills needed to write clear procedures and how to effectively establish, coordinate and promote policy development within the Local Government sector.

Course content includes the need for consulting on, developing, implementing and reviewing procedures for Council. It also examines the development of policy through discussions, policy structure and its changing nature.

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**Time:** 9:00am – 4:30pm

**Venue:** WALGA Boardroom

**Cost:** \$790.00 (+ GST)

#### ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING

##### CEO Performance Appraisal

*CEO Performance Appraisals* provides the skills and knowledge required for Elected Members to manage the performance of their Chief Executive Officer.

Topics covered within the course include the legal responsibility of Elected Members to review the performance of their CEO, the process involved before and after the review, measuring achievements and setting goals.

**Date:** Tuesday, 23 October

**Time:** 9:00am – 4:30pm

**Venue:** WALGA Boardroom

**Cost:** \$395 (GST exempt)

##### Manage Conflict

*Manage Conflict* provides the skills to manage conflict within the Council, and between the Local Government and the community and the wider community.

Topics covered within the course include understanding and respecting the difference between governance and operational matters, communication and conflict resolution ideas and the development of an action plan to implement better channels of communication.

**Date:** Wednesday, 24 October

**Time:** 9:00am – 4:30pm

**Venue:** WALGA Boardroom

**Cost:** \$395 (GST exempt)

Course flyers can be downloaded at [www.workplacesolutions.asn.au](http://www.workplacesolutions.asn.au).

Contact the training team at [training@walga.asn.au](mailto:training@walga.asn.au) to secure your place

#### REGIONAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FORUM

The Shire of Cranbrook is hosting a Regional and Economic Development Forum on Tuesday, 23 October.

A half day Economic Development Toolkit Workshop will follow on Wednesday, 24 October.

Eminent speakers including Dr. Helen Armstrong, Dr Colin Armstrong, Rob Edkins, Debra Bishop, Simon Millcock and Kate Charters will present on topics that can be applied to regional development across a broad spectrum of interests.

Topics ranging from the Science of Networks, Opportunities of the emerging Carbon Economy, Innovation and Diversity, Managing Perceptions, Leveraging Opportunities and Maximizing Competitive Advantage, to Advocacy and Policy Making will appeal to anyone with an interest in Regional and Economic Development.

For further information, please contact Shire of Cranbrook's Manager of Business Development, Cassandra Stipanicev on 9826 2206 or email [mbd@cranbrook.wa.gov.au](mailto:mbd@cranbrook.wa.gov.au)

#### FREE TRAINING SESSION – PLANNING AND DESIGNING FOR PEDESTRIAN GUIDELINES

The Department of Transport will be holding a free training session on the application of the 'Planning and Designing for Pedestrian Guidelines' and the 'Walkability Audit Tool'.

The session will be held on Wednesday, 7 November from 9:30am to 3:30pm at the Dalyellup Community Centre, Goose Way, Dalyellup.

The training is designed to build the skills, knowledge and capacity of WA planning and engineering professionals.

A copy of the guidelines and the tools are available on the Department of Transport website – [www.transport.wa.gov.au](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au)

For further information please contact Principal Policy Officer Department of Transport, Alice Haning, on 6551 6150 or email [Alice.Haning@transport.wa.gov.au](mailto:Alice.Haning@transport.wa.gov.au)

#### NATIONAL DISABILITY SERVICES GRANTS FOR SUPPORT WORKER TRAINING

The Disability Services Commission (DSC) has resourced National Disability Services WA to allocate grants for support worker training across the sector to the value of \$270,000.

The grants will provide up to \$20,000 for single organisations and up to \$50,000 for joint initiatives (please note that these are one off grants).

Grants are required to be acquitted within a 12 month period (by November 2013).

The closing date for applications is Friday, 26 October. Two information sessions will be conducted for organisations seeking further information about the grants.

10:00am – 11:00am Wednesday, 17 October (to register visit <http://www.eventbrite.com.au/event/4462108286>)

4:00pm – 5:00pm Thursday, 18 October (to register visit <http://www.eventbrite.com.au/event/4462136370>)

Both sessions will be held at NDS WA, Board Room, Unit 1/59 Walters Drive, Osborne Park.

For more information, please contact David Rogers, Disability Sector Training Coordinator, NDS Western Australia on 08 9208 9815 or [david.rogers@nds.org.au](mailto:david.rogers@nds.org.au)

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#### DIRECTORY CHANGES

Mr Clayton Higham is Acting CEO at the Shire of Kalamunda

DIARY DATES: WALGA ZONE MEETINGS

'Denotes Teleconference

22 October	Pilbara Country Zone
9 November	Murchison Country Zone
22 November	Kimberley Country Zone
23 November	Avon Midland Country Zone
23 November	South West Country Zone
26 November	Northern Country Zone
26 November	South Metro Zone
29 November	South East Metro Zone
29 November	Central Metro Zone
29 November	North Metro Zone
29 November	Gascoyne Country Zone
29 November	East Metro Zone
29 November	Peel Country Zone
29 November	Great Eastern Country Zone
30 November '	Central Country Zone
30 November	Great Southern Country Zone
	Goldfields Esperance Country
30 November '	Zone
3 December	Pilbara Country Zone

ALGA NEWS

5 OCTOBER 2012

## Climate Change Inquiry highlights uncertainty

The Senate Economics Legislation Committee is currently holding an inquiry into the [Clean Energy Amendment \(International Emissions Trading and Other Measures\) Bill 2012 and related bills](#). These Bills manage both the mechanism to allow the Australian-European Union carbon trading scheme to come into force by 1 July 2015 and some tinkering around the edges that has been required since the Carbon Price and related programs commenced on 1 July.

Submissions received before the cut off date of 3 October highlight a number of issues that should be addressed. However, the primary issues related to ensuring that investment into low-carbon technologies is encouraged as a side-effect of changes announced by Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, Greg Combet, earlier this year. The problem raised is the confidence that business and industry is going to need to feel before investing time and money into the development of those low-carbon products and services. This is the issue that government needs to address across a number of fronts in relation to the changes that formed the *Clean Energy Futures* (CEF) package.

The issue of uncertainty is one not just for business and industry, but also for local government. At present, councils across the country are gauging their interest in participating in a number of programs that form part of the CEF. The most central is the Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI). The landfill portion of the CFI can require the installation of the expensive infrastructure.

Like those bodies that are looking for certainty to invest in the vital technologies that will make the transition to a low-carbon future possible, councils need to know that the programs they are participating in, and putting money into, will be there for the future and will provide a decent financial return, as well as reducing carbon emissions.

Local government is committed to addressing the issue of climate change and carbon reduction, but as this inquiry shows, uncertainty across numerous sectors exists, and might limit the effectiveness of these programs and needs to be addressed by government.

## Expert in road health to address National Roads Congress

According to leading transport expert from the UK and keynote speaker at the 2012 National Local Roads and Transport Congress, Matthew Lugg OBE, the saying "prevention is better than cure" applies to roads as much as it does to our health.

Mr Lugg recently lead a review by the English Government into the severe damage to local road networks caused by three successive extreme winters.

"One of the key findings from the review was that much of this damage could have been

prevented by better asset management," Mr Lugg said.

Asset management will be a focus at this year's Congress, being held from 14-16 November in Hobart, with a major highlight being the release of the first State of the Local Road Assets Report.

Councils are currently developing asset management policies consistent with the National Framework on Asset Planning and Management and these policies are being used to underpin the management of the local road network. As asset management plans mature and allow for transparent linkages to long term financial planning, local government will be better placed to argue for increased funding for the local road network.

Matthew Lugg is the Director of Environment and Transport for Leicestershire County Council, and Chair of the Midland Highway Alliance Board.

To find out more about the Congress or to register your attendance, go to [www.alga.asn.au](http://www.alga.asn.au)

## Proposed amendments to the Native Title Act 1993

The Australian Government has released proposed amendments to the Native Title Act 1993, which focus on improving agreement-making, encouraging flexibility in claim resolution and promoting sustainable outcomes.

Stakeholders, including local government bodies, are invited to provide comments on the exposure draft. The draft legislation, explanatory cover sheet and a link to the survey are now available on the Attorney-General's Department website, by clicking [here](#).

The process follows an announcement by the Attorney-General in June 2012 that the Australian Government would progress a number of amendments to the Act relating to 'good faith' and associated provisions under the 'right to negotiate' regime, the disregarding of historical extinguishment of native title in areas such as parks and reserves, and processes for Indigenous Land Use Agreements.

Comments can be provided either via the Department's [online survey](#) or alternatively can be sent via email to [native.title@ag.gov.au](mailto:native.title@ag.gov.au). The deadline for providing feedback on the exposure draft is by close of business on Friday 19 October 2012 (EST).

For further information, contact [native.title@ag.gov.au](mailto:native.title@ag.gov.au).

## President's Column

Constitutional recognition has been a major focus of ALGA this year and as such, ALGA has met a series of important milestones, which I hope to build on as the Association's new President.

Following the release of the Expert Panel Report, which favoured ALGA's preferred option of financial recognition, on 22 December last year, ALGA has prepared a draft bill and explanatory memorandum to amend Section 96 of the Constitution. We sought a response to the Expert Panel's recommendations, but were met with a consistent response from the Government that they were waiting for the decision of the High Court in the Williams case. Following the release of the Williams decision in June and the Government's legislative response, ALGA obtained expert legal advice that the constitutional uncertainty about the direct federal funding of local government remained.

ALGA held a strategic Board meeting on 26 July, which agreed on a series of steps to advance constitutional recognition. It was also agreed that the ALGA President and President-elect would meet with Minister Crean and argue for ALGA's proposed way forward, especially a Parliamentary Committee which would consider critical issues relating to the actual wording of the question for the referendum and a time for the referendum when it was most likely to be successful to gain bi-partisan support. We are also seeking funding for a public education campaign in the lead up to a possible referendum.

I have sent letters to the Independents, Greens and Liberals informing them of what we are asking for and seeking their support. I am looking forward to discussing that correspondence with members of Parliament next week, when I am in Canberra. As we are still awaiting a formal response from the Government regarding our proposed way forward, I issued a media release last month calling on the Government to establish a Parliamentary Committee to consider the timing of a referendum and the question. A Parliamentary Committee would give members from all sides of politics the chance to discuss and agree on issues such as the timing of a referendum and the wording of a referendum question before a bill is introduced to Parliament. Referendums are few and far between but previous processes have involved a Parliamentary Committee.

While constitutional recognition has occupied much of ALGA's time and resources, it is important to be aware that the much awaited review of the Financial Assistance Grants is also an issue that I am focussed on engaging with the Government and Opposition. Along with constitutional recognition, this item is critical to our long-term viability as a sphere of government and I will be advancing our position strenuously when I meet with Members of Parliament.

I look forward to updating you on the outcomes of my meetings with members of Parliament in next week's edition of *ALGA News*.

**Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis**  
**ALGA President**

## [Councils win Keep Australia Beautiful Beverage Container Recycling Grants](#)

78 local communities around the nation have been awarded a Keep Australia Beautiful Beverage Container Recycling Grant - a threefold increase on the 23 grants awarded in

2011.

The grants were open to all communities across Australia with up to \$10,000 per applicant available for projects that could demonstrate they would result in a measurable diversion of beverage containers out of landfill, through increased recycling in local communities with a particular focus on out and about areas.

Example initiatives include recycling infrastructure and signage at community events, in sporting or retail venues, shopping strips or education centres, essentially locations where large crowds gather and the provision of recycling infrastructure helps the public place their recycled material in the right bin.

To date, the Beverage Container Recycling Community Grants Program has resulted in almost \$800,000 being distributed through the Keep Australia Beautiful Network to over 125 community groups, councils, schools and other organisations Australia wide.

The 2012 Community Grant Recipients include:

**NSW - 17 recipients**

Albury City Council, Lavington Swim Centre, Rotary Club of Cobar, Ku-Ring-Gia Council, Lismore City Council, Broken Hill Council, Ellalong Tidy Town, Great Lakes Council, Hurstville City Council, Lake Macquarie Council, Port Macquarie Hastings Council, Shellharbour City Council, Surf Life Saving NSW, Tamworth Regional Council, Tropical Fruits Inc. Lismore, V8 Supercars, Wagga Wagga City Council.

**VIC - 12 recipients**

Melton Shire Council, City of Monash, McClelland College Frankston, Sale Tennis Club, South Gippsland Shire Council, City of Whittlesea, Ararat Rural City Council, Mitchell Shire Council, Northern Grampians Shire Council, Frankston City Council, Melbourne Girls Collect, Central Murray Regional Waste Management Group.

**QLD - 13 recipients**

Mackay Secondary High School, Homestead Secondary School, Laura Secondary School, Gin Secondary School, Redland City Council, Scarborough Secondary School, Pentland Secondary School, Bundaberg SLSC, Xceler8 Media Inc., Townsville City Netball, Border Rivers Catchment Management Association, Sacred Heart School Sandgate, Rainbow Bay SLSC.

**WA - 10 recipients**

Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale, Shire of Corrigin, Shire of Chapman Valley, Australian Association for Environmental Education WA, Shire of Woodanilling, City of Gosnells, City of Cockburn, Gnaraloo Station Trust, Care for Hedland Environmental Association, Project Shorelines.

**SA - 14 recipients**

Friends of Port Moorowie, Tatachilla Lutheran Collect, Penfield Golf Club, Point Turton

Progress Association, Finding Workable Solutions, District Council of Robe, Tennis Millswood Complex, Port Vincent Tidy Towns, Surf Lifesaving National Carnival, Walker Flat Progress Association, Minda Inc, Hutt Street Centre, Seaford Shopping Centre, Two Wells Scouts.

#### **TAS - 6 recipients**

Glenorchy City Council, Launceston City Council, Marist Regional College, Penguin Football Club, St Mary's Collect Hobart, Glamorgan Spring Bay Council.

#### **ACT - 2 recipients**

Orana Steiner School, Pegasus.

#### **NT - 4 recipients**

Palmerston City Council, East Arnhem Shire Council, Coomalie Council, Tiwi Islands Shire Council.

## NSW Government commits funding to Bridges for the Bush

The NSW Government announced this week that it would top up the \$10 million previously committed to improving bridges on key freight links in regional NSW, bringing the total amount available over the next five years to \$145 million. It is understood that the NSW Government is still seeking matching funding from the Australian Government.

The Bridges for the Bush initiative is intended to improve road freight productivity through NSW by upgrading or replacing bridges at 17 key locations over the next five years. These locations have been identified through consultation with local government and other key industry stakeholders.

A new and dedicated infrastructure development program will fund the necessary upgrade of the network. Two high priority strategic program investment areas have been identified to help manage ageing assets and provide the biggest benefit to freight productivity in the short term (over five years). These two priority programs are outlined below.

- **Program 1 - Higher Mass Limit bridge restrictions** - replacing or upgrading the next five high priority HML deficient bridges on State roads (total cost expected to be \$132 million)
- **Program 2 - Heritage Timber Truss Bridges** - the replacement of six heritage timber truss bridges (to HML standard) and upgrade of six heritage timber truss bridges to provide ongoing safe service levels
  - HML standard bridges (total cost expected to be \$80.5 million)
  - ongoing safe service levels (total cost expected to be \$69 million)

A project plan is being developed to deliver the priority 1 and 2 programs in the next five years. Project development has already commenced on the 17 bridges and is in various

stages of progress. It includes preliminary and concept design, detail design, environmental assessment and commencement of construction works.

## Dwelling approvals strengthened in August

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Building Approvals show that the number of dwellings approved rose 6.4 per cent in August 2012, in seasonally adjusted terms, following a fall of 21.2 per cent in the previous month.

Dwelling approvals increased in Victoria (30.2 per cent), Western Australia (16.1 per cent) and Queensland (1.8 per cent) but decreased in New South Wales (-18.3 per cent), South Australia (-1.0 per cent) and Tasmania (-0.9 per cent) in seasonally adjusted terms.

In seasonally adjusted terms, approvals for private sector houses fell 0.5 per cent in August. Private sector house approvals fell in New South Wales (-10.4 per cent) and Queensland (-3.6 per cent) but rose in Western Australia (11.0 per cent), South Australia (1.4 per cent) and Victoria (0.8 per cent).

The value of total building approved rose 9.4 per cent, in seasonally adjusted terms, after falling for 2 months. The value of residential building rose 9.2 per cent while non-residential building rose 9.8 per cent.

Further information is available in Building Approvals, Australia (cat no. 8731.0) on the ABS website at [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au)

## Interest in Citizenship increasing

The Australia Citizenship Test Snapshot 2011-12 reveals increased participation and pass rates for people from vulnerable backgrounds, according to the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Chris Bowen MP.

Minister Bowen said more people from vulnerable backgrounds were expressing interest in acquiring citizenship since the government introduced education pathways for migrants.

"Becoming a citizen is an important step which shows commitment to our nation and its people," Mr Bowen said.

"It is important that new Australians understand the pledge they make as new citizens: that Australia is a peaceful nation built on democratic beliefs, rights and liberties, and whose laws they will uphold."

The latest citizenship snapshot supports that Australia has a high citizenship take-up rate compared with other countries in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

"The high citizenship take-up rate is a mark of the success of the citizenship focused model

of Australian multiculturalism," Mr Bowen said.

A record 71,662 applicants from more than 196 countries took the citizenship test in 2011-12, up almost 20 per cent on last year's figure of 59,787.

The top five countries of birth for migrants who took the test are the United Kingdom (16.6 per cent), India (13.9 per cent), China (10.1 per cent), the Philippines (6.1 per cent) and South Africa (5.1 per cent).

The Australia Citizenship Test Snapshot report is available, click [here](#).

## End date approaches for Victorian flood payments

People affected by major flooding this year in the Indigo and Towong Local Government Areas in northern Victoria have until Thursday 11 October to lodge a claim for the Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment.

Attorney-General and Minister for Emergency Management, Nicola Roxon said that while many of those affected have already received the assistance, others were yet to apply.

"The floods which inundated the region in late February caused widespread damage to homes, businesses and farming land," Ms Roxon said.

The Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment provides a one-off payment of \$1,000 for eligible adults and \$400 for each eligible child in declared Local Government Areas. It is available to those:

- whose home was destroyed or severely damaged
- who were seriously injured in the disaster
- who were stranded in or unable to gain access to their home for 24 hours or more, or
- whose home was without utilities or other essential services for at least 48 hours.

More information about the Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment is available [here](#).

Claims can be lodged through Centrelink Online Services (follow the links from the [humanservices.gov.au/disaster](http://humanservices.gov.au/disaster) page); by calling 180 22 66; or by handing a completed paper claim form to staff at a Centrelink or Medicare Service Centre.

## Risk Assessment, Measurement and Mitigation Sub-Committee (RAMMS) Meeting

The Commonwealth/State Risk Assessment, Measurement and Mitigation Sub-committee (RAMMS) met recently at the Bureau of Meteorology offices in Melbourne, discussing current and future priorities.

RAMMS formally endorsed a discussion paper on Risk Communication that was a product of the Risk Communications Workshop held on 15-16 August 2012 attended by RAMMS members and Community Engagement Sub-committee representatives.

Over the coming 12-24 months, RAMMS intends to focus more heavily on the measurement and mitigation aspects of its remit having channelled the vast majority of its efforts to date into the risk assessment space. Implementation of the long-term projects constituting the National Work Program for Flood Mapping, revision of the National Emergency Risk Assessment Guidelines, and development of a NERAG Practice Guide and online training course will continue to be priorities.

ALGA is represented on RAMMS, one of four subcommittees that reports to the Australian and New Zealand Emergency Management Committee, which in turn supports the Standing Council for Police and Emergency Management.

## Number of women nominating for local elections increases

More than a quarter of current councillors, including 17 mayors, are not standing again at the 2012 council elections to be held in Victoria on 27 October.

More than 2000 candidates have been confirmed for the 78 elections, four per cent more than the number that contested the 2008 elections.

Municipal Association of Victoria chief executive Rob Spence, said the high level of nominations confirmed community interest in civic duties continued to thrive.

"We've seen particularly high numbers of nominations in many outer suburban councils, which potentially highlights the tensions and challenges facing growth communities," he said.

"Our dedicated stand for council campaign has really paid off with a 42 per cent drop in the number of councillors elected unopposed."

Of the 631 councillor vacancies, only 32 were uncontested this year.

"It's also pleasing to see more females nominating," he said.

"Thirty-three per cent of all candidates are women, up from 31 per cent in 2008."

Every vacancy is being contested at 61 councils across the state. The Victorian Local Governance Association also welcomed the increased participation of women in local government elections.

There is a woman standing for election in every council in Victoria, but the percentage is still below the 35 per cent recorded in 2005.

## Major performing arts companies are robust and well-managed

Australia's major performing arts companies are robust, stable and have continued to expand their city audiences in line with population growth, according to the latest Australian Council *Snapshot of Major Performing Arts Company Key Trends*.

They have also extended their reach and engagement in regional and remote communities. The report, drawn from an extensive set of audited data provided by the major companies, contextualises the external influences and impacts to make sense of the data.

"Given the complexity of the breadth and depth of activities undertaken by the companies it is vital we understand the big picture - and how well managed they are," Executive Director, Bethwyn Serow, said.

Working capital has increased across the group by \$11.9 million and whereas in 2001 only nine companies had positive reserve funds, that number has more than tripled in 2011.

The report found that major performing arts companies' education programs reached out to over half a million school children last year as well as running workshops for over 28,000 attendees and other free and self-presented performances.

Although the global financial crisis (GFC) and the associated drop in national and international tourism had a negative impact on opera audience figures, opera as an art form is not in decline. New business models are generating new audiences, the results will come through strongly in the 2012 data.

The trend over the past ten years incorporates the strong growth before and after the GFC. For example, from 2002 to 2011 paid capital city attendances at performances by major performing arts companies have grown by 13 per cent. Regional access and participation has also grown substantially, with attendances of 800,000 in 2011.

## Register for Anti-Poverty Week: 14-20 October

Anti-Poverty Week aims to strengthen community understanding of poverty and hardship in Australia and around the world. During Anti-Poverty Week, councils can help to fight poverty and hardship by:

- strengthening public understanding of poverty and hardship around the world and in Australia
- encouraging research, discussion and action to address these problems, including action by individuals, organisations and governments
- inspiring commitment to make a difference.

[Promotion materials](#) are available for download including posters, flyers, postcard and an e-booklet. Councils organising an activity are also asked to register their event on the Anti-Poverty Week website.

## ICLEI Thriving Neighbourhoods Conference 2012

The Thriving Neighbourhood Conference, hosted by ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives), is a unique opportunity to gain information, insights and collaborative opportunities for those who are committed to sustainability at the local level.

Conference participants will include delegates from local councils, government departments and agencies, associations, the private sector and the professions.

This is not a local government conference per se but a conference that will bring together presenters and participants in local government need to collaborate to deliver on community expectations and needs.

The program is available on the Conference website along with information on how to register, please visit [www.thrivingneighbourhoods.org](http://www.thrivingneighbourhoods.org) or download the flyer [here](#).

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## Government flags motion for Parliamentary Committee

ALGA President, Felicity-ann Lewis met with Local Government Minister Simon Crean this week to discuss ALGA's proposal to progress the issue of constitutional recognition of local government by establishing a Parliamentary Committee to consider critical issues related to a potential referendum.

During the meeting, Minister Crean said that the Government was negotiating a motion to be introduced into Parliament for the establishment of a Parliamentary Committee to consider the timing of a referendum on constitutional recognition of local government and the wording of the referendum question.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard gave an undertaking when coming to office in 2010 to hold referendums by the end of 2013 on both constitutional recognition of indigenous Australians and constitutional recognition of local government. Despite the Government's decision last month to defer a referendum on indigenous recognition, ALGA has continued to work with the Commonwealth on putting in place the conditions for a successful local government referendum, which would ensure that important federal funding for local communities can continue.

ALGA has long maintained that the only way to protect direct federal funding for community services and infrastructure is to have local government recognised in the Australian Constitution.

ALGA is seeking an amendment of Section 96 of the Constitution so that it would read: "Parliament may grant financial assistance to any state or local government body formed by or under a law of a state or territory on such terms and conditions as the Parliament sees fit."

The report of an expert panel, established by the Government to explore the need for acknowledging local government in the Constitution, recommended last December that the case for financial recognition was a viable option.

By establishing a Parliamentary Committee, members of all sides of politics will have an opportunity to focus on the exact words of the referendum question, which is expected to be considered by the Committee as part of its Terms of Reference. ALGA understands that the issue of bi-partisan support across the political spectrum is critical for success and the Committee is likely to consider the level of support for a referendum.

## Opposition Leader reinforces in-principle support for referendum

Opposition Leader Tony Abbott has reinforced the need for local government associations

to secure political support from all sides of politics, at both the federal and state levels, in order to progress the issue of constitutional recognition of local government.

During a meeting with ALGA President Felicity-ann Lewis this week, Mr Abbott reinforced the Opposition's in-principle support for ALGA's suggested wording for an amendment to Section 96 of the Constitution to recognise local government and encouraged the sector to discuss the wording with state governments.

ALGA acknowledges the need for support from all sides of politics to ensure maximum success for a referendum proposal and is seeking to ensure that all parties, including the Independents, support direct funding of local government.

Recognising local government in the Constitution will secure the Commonwealth's ability to continue providing direct funding for councils to maintain local roads, infrastructure, services and facilities that local communities need and deserve.

An example of direct funding programs is the Roads to Recovery program, where the Commonwealth provides funding of about \$350 million a year to councils for maintaining local roads. Local roads are a good example of community infrastructure that every Australian resident benefits from.

Recent High Court decisions in the Pape Case and the Williams Case -which both considered the power of the Commonwealth to provide direct funding to entities not recognised in the Constitution - raise serious doubts about the Australian Government's legal ability to continue directly funding local councils.

## NBN public symposium focuses on opportunities to come from infrastructure

A public symposium, sponsored by the University of Canberra this week, looked at the critical questions and issues being faced as the National Broadband network (NBN) commences widespread operations in Australia. The symposium brought together academics, industry analysts, government regulators and policy makers to examine the important issues that will arise as the NBN is rolled out. The symposium heard that the NBN, the most significant national infrastructure project in decades, promises to revolutionise telecommunications infrastructure and the telecommunications policy environment, which will challenge thinking about content, connectivity and control.

Speakers at the symposium presented a range of perspectives on what an NBN future will look like and the potential benefits it can bring to regional communities, government service delivery and social cohesion. Keith Besgrove from the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy told participants that the internet will contribute \$70 billion to the economy and that local government, in particular, has the potential to vastly improve service delivery. Although each council is different, about 60 per cent of councils had common core services which could be enhanced by the NBN.

Several councils had excellent initiatives. He provided examples of initiatives in Townsville, Kiama and Armidale councils which were trialling tele-health initiatives under the Government's NBN local government programs. Rosemary Sinclair, chair of

the Government's Regional Telecommunications Inquiry Review Committee spoke of the regional opportunities for the NBN. Regional communities, she stressed, wanted "reliable" and "affordable" broadband and these were far greater than considerations about speed.

Dr Tony Ayers from Tektel talked about the need to explain the NBN to a non-technical audience and has created a new website [www.BroadbandExplained.com](http://www.BroadbandExplained.com) to explain the NBN in simple terms to the general public. One of the key messages of the session was that people should not get "hung up on the plumbing" and how the NBN will be delivered. Rather, communities should focus on the outcomes and opportunities.

## President's Column

This week I spent a major part of my time in Canberra meeting with members from all sides of politics, including the Independents, to discuss progressing the issue of constitutional recognition of local government. The meetings follow letters I sent two weeks ago to parliamentary leaders and the Independents outlining a series of steps that ALGA has proposed to advance the constitutional recognition process.

The ALGA Board's proposed way forward includes the establishment of a Parliamentary Committee that would consider critical issues such as the timing of a referendum and the actual wording of the question for the referendum. We are also seeking funding for a public campaign in the lead up to any referendum.

Support from across the political spectrum is essential in order for a referendum to succeed, which is why I met with the Leader of the Opposition, Tony Abbott; Independents Andrew Wilkie, Tony Windsor and Bob Katter; Greens Senator Lee Rhiannon; Nationals Senator Barnaby Joyce; Local Government Minister Simon Crean; and Finance Minister Penny Wong.

Each Member of Parliament that I met with expressed their willingness to support ALGA's proposal to progress constitutional recognition of local government and recognised the merits of a Parliamentary Committee process to consider the timing of a referendum that would maximise success and the wording of the question.

ALGA is seeking financial recognition of local government in the Constitution to protect direct federal funding for community services and infrastructure. We are calling for an amendment of Section 96 of the Constitution so that it would read: "Parliament may grant financial assistance to any state of local government body formed by or under a law of a state or territory on such terms and conditions as the Parliament sees fit."

**Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis**  
**ALGA President**

## Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program - extension to closing dates for round three

The Government has previously announced additional funding for its Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSPP) to provide \$50 million for Round 3 over 2012-13 and 2013-14.

The program guidelines have now been amended to provide greater clarity on how local government can participate in the Program. In this regard, state and territory governments have been encouraged to consider submissions from local government for the delivery of livestock transport industry projects. These projects should improve heavy vehicle safety and could include:

- First and last mile projects linking to saleyards and including the associated on and off ramps, gate, wash bays and fencing,
- Rest areas associated with long distance transport spelling yards which could include truck stopping bays, fencing and other infrastructure to support the animals and drivers, and
- Saleyard ramps and gates associated with loading and unloading a livestock transport vehicle.

The closing date for submissions under the Livestock Transport Industry Category has been extended to 31 October 2012 with the closing date applications from state and territory governments for these projects extended to 30 November 2012. All other applications from state and territory governments for non -livestock transport related categories are due by 31 October 2012.

The Program guidelines can be found [here](#).

## NSW Local Government farewells valued mayors

Three of NSW's most esteemed and respected councillors, serving a combined total of 98 years in local government, have been honoured for their loyalty and commitment to the sector by the Shires Association of NSW in Sydney last week.

President of the Shires Association of NSW, Cr Ray Donald, thanked long serving and now retired councillors Cr Bill Bott AM, Cr Wal Mitchell AM and Cr Mike Montgomery AM, for their many years of dedication and hard work serving their communities.

Cr Adam Marshall was also thanked for his almost nine years as councillor and four years as mayor, noting his significant contribution to the Shires Association of NSW and the Local Government community. All of these councillors opted not to stand in the recent 2012 Local Government elections.

“These four highly motivated councillors have significantly contributed to building Local Government in NSW to what it is today. I thank each of them for their consistent support, not only for their councils, but also their years of dedication to Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW (LGSA),” said Cr Donald.

“Whether it is lobbying the State Government on important rural and regional matters, advocating Shire Association policies to their local areas, or donating their time to serve on the Shires Association board of Executives, Crs Bott, Mitchell, Montgomery and Marshall have maintained a heavy involvement at the LGSA over many years, and I am extremely grateful,” he said.

“I felt it was important to acknowledge the years of fantastic achievements, valuable work, wisdom, passion and loyalty invested by these councillors into shaping their own councils, and indeed Local Government State-wide.”

“These four former Mayors have unquestionably left a positive impact on Local Government in NSW throughout their many years of service. Their knowledge and expertise will be missed by many, leaving a strong legacy on which our industry can build upon.”

## Victorian Council decides CCTV not always the best option

The City of Yarra is considering manning taxi ranks with council workers to increase public safety, rather than installing CCTV cameras.

Under the proposal, trained staff would manage taxi ranks on Swan, Smith and Brunswick Streets.

The call comes after the Victorian Premier, Ted Baillieu, promised \$3 million in grants for local councils to place CCTV cameras in crime hot spots.

Yarra Councillor Anthony Main says more CCTV cameras will not make the streets safer.

"CCTV can only be used after any incidents," he said.

"We're trying to look at a situation to create preventative measures, to set a different tone and change the environment on the street."

Councillor Main says everyone in Melbourne has been touched by the death of ABC employee Jill Meagher.

"I think it's the responsibility of all public representatives to take these issues on board and put forward a progressive alternative," he said.

## Low Carbon Australia helps Wagga with energy saving

Low Carbon Australia is helping finance a project that will more than halve the energy costs of Wagga Wagga's Oasis Aquatic Centre.

Low Carbon Australia Limited is an independent company established by the Australian Government in 2010 to deliver innovative programs to help the move towards a low carbon economy. It provides financial solutions to Australian business, government and the wider community to encourage action on energy efficiency, cost-effective carbon reductions, and accreditation for carbon neutral products and organisations.

Wagga Wagga City Council will install a cogeneration unit at its aquatic centre after the summer season, as part of a \$780,000 upgrade.

Low Carbon Australia's CEO Meg McDonald congratulated Wagga Wagga City Council on its foresight and said it was among a growing number of local governments acting to reduce their energy costs.

"Councils are responsible for street lighting, recreation and cultural centres and waste facilities that can be high energy users and carbon emitters," she said.

"Upgrading with cleaner technology and equipment can help councils make significant inroads on reducing their energy costs and lowering carbon emissions. "

Wagga Wagga City Council's Mayor Rod Kendall said the new cogeneration unit is expected to produce annual energy cost savings of at least \$320,000.

"That's more than half the aquatic centre's estimated annual energy costs. The gas-fired generator will create electricity for the centre and the heat the engine produces will be used to heat our pools," he said.

## Building resilience through disaster management education

The Townsville City Council has launched two DVDs designed to increase cyclone awareness in migrant and Indigenous communities.

The DVDs will be distributed at next month's Cyclone Sunday and through social media.

Mayor Jenny Hill says both communities were identified as needing tailored help when it comes to disaster preparedness.

"We dramatised and used an approach of using actual volunteers from those communities as part of the DVD presentation and as well we've created I suppose a picture book like narrative that comes with the DVDs," she said.

Councillor Hill says the entire community should cast its mind towardness preparing for the wet season.

"Whether we're allegedly going to have 10 cyclones or only one cyclone across the coast, it's trying to get people to understand that you've always got to be prepared," she said.

"The reality is it's only going to take one cyclone to hit Townsville to cause massive

damage and really start to tear away at the fabric of our community."

## Labour shortages in rural Australia

The mayor of the rural Victorian city of Swan Hill says more asylum seekers should be sent to fill labour shortages in regional Australia.

John Katis says the Afghans in his region are hardworking and fit well into the community.

"They will work from daylight till dusk. These are the kind of people that we want to come into our country," he said.

Mr Katis says Swan Hill has residents from more than 40 countries.

He says Afghan and other asylum seekers are making a big contribution to local industries and the community.

Mr Katis says instead of using foreign labourers on temporary visas, more asylum seekers should be given the chance to work and settle in regional Australia.

"They support the community. What more can you want of anybody that is working on the land? I think they do a fantastic job," he said.

## Regional approach to deal with Native Title Claim to be considered

Ten councils in the western region have been asked to register as interested parties in a massive native title claim.

The claim is from the Ngemba, Ngiyampaa, Wangaaypuwan and Wayilwan people.

The area at the centre of the application stretches from Bourke and Walgett in the north to Ivanhoe and Hillston in the south.

The claim includes crown land and water within the area but free hold land is excluded.

The Mayor of the Warren shire Rex Wilson says the council will register as there will be issues that will need to be resolved as part of any Native Title determination.

"I don't think it would have a great affect at all really because a lot of the land in question is community land anyway," he said.

The claim takes in the Bogan, Brewarrina, Carrathool, Central Darling, Cobar, Coonamble, Gilgandra, Lachlan, Walgett and Warren council areas.

## Applications open for Local Sporting Champions program

Junior sportsmen and women find it difficult to meet the ongoing and significant costs associated with participation at sporting competitions, particularly sportsmen and women from regional areas.

The Local Sporting Champions program is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12-18 towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state, national or international sporting championships or a School Sport Australia state or national championships.

Please click [here](#) for more details.

## Nominations open for 2013 Diversity@Work Employment and Inclusion Awards

Councils are being encouraged to be part of the 2013 Diversity@Work Awards and:

- Attract and retain the best talent to your organisation by leveraging upon the national recognition of being a diversity and inclusion employer of choice.
- Be a part of the nation's longest standing diversity and inclusion awards program and contribute to leading business in Australia.
- Receive feedback to benchmark your organisational diversity practices from a panel of judges, representing industry thought leaders, business innovators and academics.

The 2013 Awards night will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre on Friday, 12 July.

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

## International Disaster Management Conference

The World Conference on Disaster Management (WCDM) is now calling for presentations for the 23rd WCDM taking place June 23rd - 26th in Toronto, Canada at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

WCDM is proud to be the premier annual event for disaster management professionals, providing a global perspective on current issues and concerns in the industry.

For more detailed information or to submit an abstract, visit the conference website, or

click [here](#).

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### **New Staff:**

- Term Programs Instructor – commenced 27/9/12.

### **Staff Leaving:**

- Nil

### **Other Staff Movements (Internal):**

- Organisational Development Officer transferred from part-time to full-time – effective 15/10/12.

### **Current Recruitment Activity:**

- Building/Health Information Officer – interviews complete, recruitment progressing.
- Supervisor Streetscapes – applications closed 13/9/12.
- Administration Officer Ranger Services – interviews complete, recruitment progressing.
- Landcare Worker x 2 – applications closed 27/9/12.
- Bushcare Supervisor – applications closed 27/9/12.
- Landscape Designer – applications closed 27/9/12.
- Recreation Centre Staff – applications closed 2/10/12.
  - Term Program Instructors
  - Coaches
  - Umpires
- Asset Officer – applications closed 4/10/12.
- Senior Technical Officer (Civil Construction) – applications closed 4/10/12.
- Subdivision Engineer – applications closed 4/10/12.
- Coordinator Building Services (Commercial) – applications close 18/10/12.
- Senior Building Surveyor – applications close 18/10/12.
- Plant Operator/Waste Vehicle Collection Operator – applications close 18/10/12.
- Seniors Activities & Promotions Officer – re-advertised with new position title of Activities & Promotions Officer (Positive Ageing) – applications close 25/10/12.

**Current Recruitment Activity (cont.):**

- ❑ Customer Service Team Leader – applications close 25/10/12.
- ❑ Health & Fitness Team Leader – applications close 25/10/12.
- ❑ Coordinator Property Services – applications close 25/10/12.
- ❑ Human Resources Officer (Part-time) – applications close 1/11/12.
- ❑ Senior Environmental Health Officer – applications close 1/11/12.
- ❑ Community Development Officer – Children & Families (Part-time) – applications close 1/11/12.
- ❑ Recreation Facilities Staff (Casual) – applications close 5/11/12.
  - Crèche Assistant
  - Customer Service Officer
  - Aqua Instructor

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<b>Nil</b>		



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## WASTE & RECYCLE CONFERENCE WRAP-UP!

This year's Waste & Recycle Conference delivered on the theme of Great Expectations: fostering an environment for commitment.

The Conference successfully drew together industry, Local, State and Federal Government and other stakeholders for a comprehensive discussion on waste management, at a local, state and national level.

The Program Schedule include tours of waste infrastructure across the Perth Metropolitan area, including sites visits to landfills, alternative Waste treatment facilities, MRF's,



demolition sites and an class A Nature reserve. Workshops covered Data management and an introduction to Waste Industry, an introduction and overview of the

industry and a refresher for many. This year the Conference introduced a successful public Recycling Expo, which will be included in future conferences. The Expo included workshop session international and local speakers a lively debate on the Cash for Containers and even a recycled fashion show (some of the models pictured above).



The Conference was a great success with 47 exhibitor booths, and over 350 attendees. Providing outstanding opportunities to share knowledge and gain valuable contacts across the sector.

Thank you again to all Waste & Recycle 2012 Conference attendees, sponsors, speakers and exhibitors.

Next Year's Conference will run 10-13 September, for more information see [www.wasteandrecycle.com.au](http://www.wasteandrecycle.com.au)

## WASTE AUTHORITY RELEASE GUIDANCE ON C&D

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) have finalised *Guidelines for managing asbestos at construction and demolition waste recycling facilities*. The Guidelines incorporate work by the Department of Health (DoH) and Worksafe Australia.

DoH has advised that implementation of these guidelines will manage any public health risks associated with asbestos in recycled construction and demolition material.

The implementation of the guidelines by recyclers will enable Main Roads WA to resume the use of recycled C&D aggregate in

their road building projects.

For more information and to download a copy of the Guidelines please see [www.dec.wa.gov.au](http://www.dec.wa.gov.au)



A photo-based iPhone app has recently been published to record beverage container litter in Australia.

The container Savers Challenge encourages individuals to photograph container litter, which is then uploaded to a central map database, which will show the distribution of container litter across Australia. The project aims to highlight the issues associated with beverage container litter and establish an answer to the question of where exactly where Australia's 3 billion un-recycled cans and bottles end up.



For more information and to download the iPhone app, visit the Container Savers website: [www.naturevesusnurture.com.au](http://www.naturevesusnurture.com.au)

[www.wastenet.net.au](http://www.wastenet.net.au)

### CASH FOR CONTAINERS GETS CRANKING

Momentum is growing for a "cash for cans" recycling scheme in WA, with schools to be paid 10¢ for each aluminium can returned through several Local Government initiatives.

The City of Vincent has already established a collection scheme, offering local schools up to \$2000 for cans collected this year, the City of Fremantle is set to follow with a similar scheme.

City of Vincent Mayor Alannah MacTiernan, explained that, as well as helping schools

financially, the campaign would also educate the community on the value of re-using materials that would otherwise be landfill or litter.

South Australia diverts almost 70 per cent of waste from landfill to recycling, but WA manages just 32 per cent.

WALGA have developed a toolkit for Local Governments interested in developing a cash for containers event. For more information, visit [www.wastenet.net.au](http://www.wastenet.net.au)

### BAN ON SENDING E-WASTE TO LANDFILL

Televisions, computers, computer equipment and fluorescent lighting were banned from landfill in Metropolitan Adelaide on 1 September 2012.

ZeroWaste South Australia and the EPA are working with Councils to use this ban as an educational tool to inform residents of their need to recycle these items rather than put them in their bins.

Alternative services to help the community recycle their e-waste have been provided, such as; commercial companies who accept electronic waste or through the *National*

*Television and Computer Recycling Scheme* drop off points and events that will roll out over the next 18 months.

Fines of up to \$30,000 will be applied for intentional or reckless breaches by waste transporters or landfill deposits and infringements of \$300 of anyone caught breaching the ban.

This ban will be spread across the state by 1 September 2013.

For more information, visit [www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au](http://www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au)

### RIVER OF RUBBISH

Environment Minister Bill Marmion has urged the public to stop dropping rubbish in and around Perth's rivers after the Swan River Trust retrieved more than 6.3 tonnes of general refuse and 5 tonnes of timber and rubble from waterways and foreshores in 2011-12.

Material collected included 125 large items, such as chairs and tyres, from the Swan Canning Riverpark during the 12 month period.

"This is a conversation we need to have as a community to make it clear that littering is not okay," he said.

The release of the river rubbish figures comes just weeks after Keep Australia Beautiful released its national litter index, which indicated that West Australians were among the worst litterers in the country.



The Government has substantially increased fines for both illegal dumping and littering, the Minister appealed to the Public saying that "it is now it's up to the general public to do their bit and stop dumping rubbish where it doesn't belong."

For more information visit [www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au](http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au)

### MEGA MRF

The new Materials Recovery Facility is now taking recyclables. The contents of residents yellow top bins will now be processed at the Canning Vale site.

The SMRC are offering tours of the facility, Tours of the MRF will begin in October. Please contact the Tour Coordinator, Emily Tomsett, on 9256 9555.

The state of the art facility has the capacity to process approximately 70 sea containers worth of recyclables per month.

For more information, visit the SMRC Website [www.smrc.com.au](http://www.smrc.com.au)

### INFINITY AWARDS WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the 2012 Infinity Awards:

- Waste Champion Colin Leek, Curtin University
- Community Winner Bus Preservation Society of WA
- Business Winner Waste Not Want Not
- Waste wise Schools Badgingarra Primary School, and
- Government Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority.

Every year the Infinity Awards recognise the exceptional work undertaken towards waste reduction and recycling across the state.

This year's winners were amongst a record breaking number of outstanding entries across the five categories.

For more information on the winners and their stories visit [www.zerowaste.wa.gov.au](http://www.zerowaste.wa.gov.au)

#### Did you know?

The landfill gas industry in Australia creates 850 million kilowatt hours of renewable energy from gases captured from decomposing waste.

This is enough to power more than 1 20,000 homes.

(Source: [www.thegreenpages.com.au](http://www.thegreenpages.com.au))

### ROYAL REVIEW

The State Government has released its response to the review of the Country Local Government Fund (CLGF) which was undertaken earlier this year by the Western Australian Regional Development Trust (Trust).

funding. Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls said the State Government accepted 23 recommendations, and partially accepted the remaining three.

The Trust provides independent and impartial advice to the Minister for Regional Development on the allocation and management of all Royalties for Regions

For information on the Royalties for Regions funding opportunities visit the Department of Regional Development and Lands website [www.rdl.wa.gov.au](http://www.rdl.wa.gov.au)

### CFI FOR YOU?

Councils that own or manage landfills and want to participate in the Australian Government's Carbon Farming Initiative should be aware that the landfill determination has now been registered on the Federal Register of Instruments.

The determination covers projects that involve the installation of gas capture equipment since 1 July 2010 and landfill projects transitioning from Greenhouse Friendly and GGAS.

The determination gives effect to the methodology for the capture and combustion of methane from landfill legacy waste in accordance with section 106 of the Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative Act) 2011.

A variation to the determination prepared by the department will provide opportunities for existing gas capture systems that are not transitioning from Greenhouse Friendly or GGAS.

For more information, please contact [cfi@climatechange.gov.au](mailto:cfi@climatechange.gov.au)

[www.wastenet.net.au](http://www.wastenet.net.au)

### REPEAL RESULTS IN RUBBISH RESULTS

One New South Wales metals company alone plans to bring 7000 truckloads of waste to southeast Queensland landfills this financial year to avoid paying the NSW waste levy.

Australian Council of Recycling director Grant Musgrove this morning said it would save that company, which he would not name, "millions of dollars", but damage recycling efforts in NSW and Queensland.

Mr Musgrove, director of the Australian Council of Recycling, said Queensland had made a mistake in becoming the only Australian state to remove its waste levy. "You

simply can't measure interstate trucking of residuals from recycling operations."

Mr Musgrove said his organisation's members, comprising about 85 per cent of Australia's recycling businesses, agreed a big problem was developing. Stating "there is just a powerful economic incentive to avoid paying the levy."

Queensland is now the only mainland Australian state not to have a waste levy to encourage recycling.

(Source: [www.brisbanetimes.com.au](http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au))

The Port Hedland landfill reopened to the public on Friday 21 September after a temporary closure due to a fire at the facility.

The fire began on Sunday, 16 September in the pallet pile and spread to green waste pile before staff were able to extinguish the fire.

The back half of the landfill will remain closed due to heavy machinery operating in this area. No one will be allowed in this area.

(Source: [www.porthedland.wa.gov.au](http://www.porthedland.wa.gov.au))

[www.wastenet.net.au](http://www.wastenet.net.au)

### E-WASTE RECYCLING ROLLOUT ROLLS ON

A free television and computer recycling service has been launched in Melbourne, as part of the *National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme*.

The recycling service will allow householders and small businesses to drop off unwanted televisions, computers and computer equipment for recycling free of charge.

This will be the first service to be delivered under the TechCollect Program, established by the Australian New Zealand Recycling Platform, which has been approved by the Australian Government to deliver services under the scheme.

For more information, visit [www.environment.gov.au/settlements/waste/ewaste/index.html](http://www.environment.gov.au/settlements/waste/ewaste/index.html)

### 20 MILLION DRUMS COLLECTED

Established in 1998, drumMuster, now has 762 sites across Australia collecting and recycling clean, eligible, non-returnable crop production and on-farm animal health chemical containers. The chemical drums are usually baled, mulched and made into new items like plastic garden stakes, cable covers or new wheelie bins.

The Program also provides support for families with children suffering from cancer or other life threatening diseases in the Riverina region, with the children's charity Country Hope in Wagga receiving 25 cents for each drum inspected through their work with the program.

"drumMuster's action embodies the ideals of the Australian Government's Product Stewardship Act 2011, which provides a framework to help ensure we all share responsibility for the products we consume.

Voluntary product stewardship activities can be accredited to provide recognition and encouragement, and to give certainty to the community about "green" claims made by industry. Implementation of a voluntary accreditation framework under the Act is scheduled for early 2013.



For more information visit the drumMuster website [www.drummuster.com.au](http://www.drummuster.com.au)

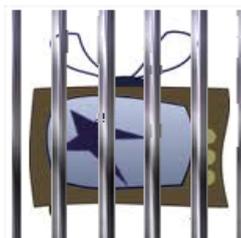
### PRISON PROCESSING OF E-WASTE

E-waste is one of the fastest growing waste types in the country. The Australian Bureau of Statistics shows that 16 million units reached their end of life in 2007-08, with 88% going to landfill.

One of the significant barriers to recycling electronic waste is the complex process of disassembly and significant manual handling costs may limit the ability of products to be recycled. One company, Buyequip has come up with an answer to the labour issues.

Buyequip has now partnered with prison industries at the Southern Queensland Correctional Centre (SQCC) near Gatton.

This partnership is not only boosting material recovery rates but it is also providing important opportunities for prisoners.



Since January the partnership has diverted an estimated 23 tonnes of e-waste from landfill.

For more information, visit: [www.sustainabilitymatters.net.au](http://www.sustainabilitymatters.net.au)

### SURVIVAL BAGS

Local authorities and their contractors in the United Kingdom have been invited to take part in a series of pilots to test the effectiveness of textiles 'survival' bags.

Recent research by the Waste & Resources Action Programme (WRAP) showed that textiles that have been disposed of in bin or in bags along with other recyclable materials are often contaminated so that badly that they cannot be re-used or recycled.

The pilot projects that will be run by WRAP will determine if 'survival bags' can protect textiles during the collection and sorting process—particularly a bag splitter in a MRF and compaction in collection vehicles.

WRAP is hoping to run pilots with at least two English local authorities and one from Scotland, for a minimum of three months.

For more information, visit [www.letsrecycle.com](http://www.letsrecycle.com)

### NO SPACE FOR WASTE

One of Dubai's two landfill sites is almost full and due to close. The other will reach capacity in less than seven years.

Waste management officials at the municipality are on a drive to cut the city's domestic waste by 15 to 20 per cent a year.

Every Dubai resident sends 2.8 kilograms of waste to the landfill every day. Bulldozers and compactors try to crush the day's supply of domestic waste into a more manageable size before covering the whole thing under a 10cm blanket of sand.

Among several recycling campaigns implemented by the waste department, its home-recycling initiative - My City, My Environment - has had the most success.

The project involves equipping each home with two bins: one for organic waste and one for recyclables. The municipality collects and separates all recyclable waste, meaning very little effort is required on the part of residents to adopt a green attitude.

My City, My Environment was first tested in Nad Al Hammar, and Al Mizhar 1 and 2 in March. In three months, the programme saved 500 tonnes of waste in those areas.

The department plans to expand the programme to Al Warqa and Al Barsha 1, 2, and 3 communities by January.

For more information, see: [www.thenational.ae](http://www.thenational.ae)

Fatalities in waste and recycling collection for 2011 pushed the industry to the fourth most dangerous occupation, according to the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

For 2011 waste and recycling collection had a fatality rate of 41.2 per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers. The rate was 29.8 in 2010.

Fishing workers once again had the highest fatality rate, followed by logging workers and aircraft pilots/flight engineers.

Source: [www.waste360.com](http://www.waste360.com)

[www.wastenet.net.au](http://www.wastenet.net.au)



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## 2012 EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>3-4 October</b>	<b>WasteQ Interactive Conference</b> Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre, QLD For more information, visit <a href="http://www.wasteq.com.au">www.wasteq.com.au</a>
<b>18 October</b>	<b>2012 Women of Waste Professional Development Seminar</b> Lachlan's Old Government House, Sydney For more information, visit <a href="http://www.wmaa.asn.au">www.wmaa.asn.au</a>
<b>17-19 October</b>	<b>WasteMinz</b> Hamilton, New Zealand For more information, visit <a href="http://www.wasteminz.org.nz">www.wasteminz.org.nz</a>
<b>21-22 November</b>	<b>Australasian Waste and Recycling Expo</b> Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour For more information, visit <a href="http://www.awrc.com.au">www.awrc.com.au</a>

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## 2012 SUBMISSIONS CALENDAR

<b>28 September</b>	<b>Draft Gascoyne Regional Planning and Infrastructure Framework</b> The draft Gascoyne Regional Planning and Infrastructure Framework (the Framework) has been prepared for the region, which encompasses four local governments – the Shires of Carnarvon, Exmouth, Shark Bay and Upper Gascoyne. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/6371.asp">http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/6371.asp</a>
<b>28 September</b>	<b>Contaminated Sites Act 2003 Review</b> The DEC are seeking feedback on whether the Act is currently effectively identifying, recording, managing and cleaning up contaminated sites. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/content/category/32/755/1579/">www.dec.wa.gov.au/content/category/32/755/1579/</a>
<b>30 September</b>	<b>National food Plan</b> The Australian Government is developing Australia's first ever national food plan to help ensure that the government's policy settings are right for Australia over the short, medium and long-term. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.daff.gov.au/nationalfoodplan/national-food-plan">www.daff.gov.au/nationalfoodplan/national-food-plan</a>
<b>22 October</b>	<b>MWAC submission on the recently released Guidelines for Managing Asbestos at C&amp;D Waste Recycling Facilities</b> For more information, visit <a href="http://www.wastenet.net.au">www.wastenet.net.au</a>



## WHAT IS MWAC?

The Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) is a standing committee of the Western Australian Local Government Association with delegated authority on municipal waste issues.

MWAC's membership includes the major Regional Councils (waste management). This makes MWAC a unique forum through which all the major Local Government waste management organisations cooperate.

MWAC focuses its work in three main areas:

- The proactive development of policy on priority issues;
- Comprehensive representation of Local Government views on legislation, regulations, administrative policy and related matters; and
- The delivery of grant funded programs consistent with Local Government priorities.



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<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE                  REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – OCTOBER 2012</b>		
	<b>DEPT.</b>	<b>ACTION/STATUS</b>
“That the matter of profiling local business at events held at Champion Lakes be referred to the Community Services Committee.”	Community Development	C16/3/12 That the City investigate the possibility of a higher profile of regional attractions at Champion Lakes Events with a future report to be received.
That the portion of the Armadale-Fremantle Railway Line remnants from Nicholson Road to Taylor Road is worthy of entry in the MHI at an “A” Management level in its entirety.	Libraries and Heritage Services	D1/6/12 Resolve that the preservation and enhancement of historical items be referred to Community Services Committee for further investigation.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

### **YOUTH:**

#### **Ignite Basketball**

Ignite Basketball celebrates its 15th week of operation with an average of 40 young people engaging each Saturday night. Young people are developing their basketball skills, receiving education on the impacts of drugs, alcohol and risk behaviours and developing team leadership skills through round robin, full court tournaments. Recently Ignite has achieved the qualification of eight of its participants as Junior Coaches. Course participants have been awarded certificates from Basketball WA after attending an introduction to basketball coaching that will serve as a foundation to more advanced awards at a later date. Several members from the course are now taking active staff roles within Ignite Basketball and setting examples for many others to follow.

### **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:**

Indigenous Literacy day was held at the Champion Centre on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September. This event was to encourage Aboriginal parents of children 0 - 6 to involve their families in literacy-based activities. Traditional story telling and dance workshops were presented by Daniel Garlett, Jeremy Garlett and the Sister Kates Home Kids Aboriginal Corporation. Over 100 people attended the event.

### **SENIORS, ACCESS AND INCLUSION:**

#### **Seniors Housing Seminar**

Westfield -Kelmscott Seniors Club hosted a seminar on housing in partnership with the City of Armadale. The seminar on 'Downsizing' and 'Reverse Mortgages and Accessing Equity' was presented by the Seniors' Housing Centre. Feedback from participants indicated a great interest in both topics with some seniors booking into the City's next housing seminar on 'Modifying Your Home' on the 31 October.

### **VOLUNTEERING:**

#### **Step into Volunteering**

Armadale Volunteer Services hosted a Step into Volunteering session on Thursday 27th September at the Armadale Library. This free session attended by 11 people, some of which expressed an interest in taking up a volunteer position in the City. The inaugural session of Step into Volunteering was held during National Volunteer Week in May and attracted 6 people.

### **Volunteer Management Training**

Armada Volunteer Services in partnership with the City of Gosnells e-Volunteer Hub presented a special Advanced Volunteer Management training session with Martin J Cowling at Frye Park Pavilion on Tuesday, 16 October. This workshop was extremely well received with 38 people attending.

### **Volunteer Recognition Event**

A volunteer recognition event is being planned for November 23 at Memorial Park commencing at 3.30pm. The event will have an Olympics theme and will be tagged Volunteering - Everybody Wins!

### **Eat Act Live**

The City's first progress report on Eat Act Live has been submitted to the Department of Health and Ageing. The report demonstrates the successful engagement of 171 residents in the City of Armadale and City of Gosnells in a number of healthy eating and physical activity programs which aim to modify behaviours and improve health outcomes.

*September 2012*

## **LIBRARY SERVICES**

### **Statistical Performance Indicators**

The Library Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of September 2012 is attached.

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

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

44 regular sessions were held in September. These include: story time, Baby Rhyme Time, Books on Wheels, World of Words Multicultural Group, reading & writing groups, computer training sessions, games mornings, Men's Social Group, Crime Club and Family Tree Group. A total of 420 people participated in these various activities. Additionally, 251 people were reached with external visits to schools and other community facilities.

Reports on some these are detailed below. :

#### **“E” (Enrich, Educate, Evolve) Session**

##### **Report: Children's Activity Session**

**Prepared by: Shirley Reilly**

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**Topic: Armadale Young Writers' Award presentations**

**Presenter: Cr. Henry Zelones, guest author Norman Jorgensen**

**Date: 8/9/2012**

**Time: 5.30-6.30pm**

**Venue: Seville Grove Library**

**No. Attending: 70**

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Comments: The Armadale Young Writers Award was launched on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 to encourage local students in Years 5-10 that reside or attend school in the City of Armadale to enter a creative writing competition. This is the second year of the competition that replaced the Mary Durack Award for Young Writers which ran for 30 years and involved the Cities of Armadale and Swan and the Shires of Kalamunda and Mundaring.

Local author Doris Stutley who has written the popular young adult “Operation” series of mystery crime novels assisted with the promotion of the Award by conducting 3 writing workshops at Armadale Library and 25 workshops in schools to encourage students to enter the competition and share her writing knowledge and expertise. Sponsorship was provided by the Belmont and Mill Point Rotary Clubs to fund the school workshops. Doris also assisted in having the winning and place getting entries published in an anthology by Bushytail Books.

Categories for the competition were: Years 5 & 6; Years 7 & 8; Years 9 & 10 and an open category for these year groups on the topic ‘Living in Armadale’ which was chosen to encourage students to write stories based in or about living in the Armadale area. Winners and place getters received prizes of cash, a trophy, a certificate and a copy of the anthology. The school of the Overall winner (Roleystone Community College) was presented with a Perpetual trophy to keep at the school until May 2013.

A total of 108 entries were received which was slightly more than in 2011. Our judges for the Award were Margaret Kett, Susan McEwan and Susan Lally.

An award presentation was held on Friday September 8th at the Seville Grove Library and was hosted by the Mayor Cr. Henry Zelones and attended by Councillors, school representatives and the award winners and their families. Author Norman Jorgensen spoke to the audience encouraging the young writers to keep going and about his career as an author. The Best Overall Award is now named in honour of longstanding judge Lorraine Adams who sadly passed away in 2011. Her son Scott Adams attended the Awards to present the trophy to the winner Finn Swenson.



**Author Norman Jorgensen with Best Overall winner Finn Swenson and Mayor Cr. Henry Zelones**



**Winners and placegetters for the Armadale Young Writers' Award 2012**

## HERITAGE SERVICES

### Statistical Performance Indicators

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

<b>Birtwistle Local Studies Library</b>				
	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Year to date</b>		
	<b>Sept 12</b>	<b>Sept 11</b>	<b>Jul 12-Sept 12</b>	<b>Jul 11-Sept 11</b>
Reference Enquiries	11	11	25	23
Research Enquiries	12	4	44	26
Visitor Attendance	75	123	292	371
Volunteer Hours	25	111	124	369
Digitising Records	27	12	86	45
<b>Oral History</b>				
Letters Sent	0	3	5	17
Interviews Completed	1	2	6	8
Transcripts Completed/ reviewed	2	3	7	7
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	31	36	106	129
Volunteer Hours - Interviewing	4	9	30	20
<b>Family History Research</b>				
Reference	22	2	27	22
Research	22	25	88	97
Volunteer Hours	23	24	104	80

History Museum	House	Current Month	Year to date		
			Sept 12	Sept 11	July 12- June 13
General Visitors		72	165	390	475
School Visits		0	25	0	134
School Incursions		0	N/A	56	N/A
Holiday Programs		0	N/A	19	N/A
Community Programs		0	N/A	0	N/A
Seniors Programs		33	N/A	65	N/A
<b>Total Visitors</b>		<b>105</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>609</b>
Volunteer Hours		155	194	489	521
<b>Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum</b>		<b>Sept 12</b>	<b>Sept 11</b>	<b>July 12 – June 13</b>	<b>Jul 11 – June 12</b>
Visitors		<b>217</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>582</b>

### **Birtwistle Local Studies Library**

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

### **Dr Roberta Jull research project**

In readiness for the theme of the 2012 Pioneers' Reunion, 6 October, a BLSL volunteer completed her research into the life and achievements of Dr Roberta Jull. Dr Jull became committed to bringing about social reform in the first three decades of the 1900s. Her efforts had a significant impact on improving the educational attainments and the health and well-being of women, children and families.

A time-line summarising Dr Jull's commitment to improving living standards for all will be on display in the foyer of the BLSL after the Pioneers' Reunion day.

### **Seniors' centres outreach activity**

The BLS Librarian was invited to present two sessions to seniors as part of the History House Seniors' Programme, 'Snippets of the past'.

The Southside Care Centre was visited on 5 September, with pieces of vegetables, fruit and herbs and a selection of BLSL photographs to prompt memories and stories of family life, in general, and the CoA in particular.

On the 13 September, the John Green Centre was visited and all the members enthusiastically shared their stories of growing up in the district or the country regions or as migrants settling into the Australian lifestyle in the 1960s-1980s.

Both sessions brought forth memories and stories of past times.

## **Research enquiries**

The following list of enquiries that were made to the BLS Library, indicate the breadth of local history being researched by individuals:

- The naval munitions depot in Byford
- Charlie Knox, traffic inspector for Byford
- Mary Agnes Abernethy of Byford
- WW 1 reference material (continued)
- Byford group settlement from the district
- The Turner, Day and Hymus families

## **History House Museum**

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator)

### **Museum Australia Conference – Adelaide**

Attendance at the Museum's Australia National Conference was the focus of the month. This year's conference focussed on the role of research in museums and how to get that information out into the community. There were a number of interesting case studies presented of how different cultural organisations were engaging with different communities.

Highlights of the conference were the presentation by Ms Jill Austin the curator of the Chicago History Museum which has the last few years have done two exhibitions, Catholic Chicago and Out in Chicago. Both of these exhibitions looked at the history of Chicago through the eyes of first the local Catholic community and in the second case the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. In both cases the museum was able to do new research into Chicago history, invite a new audience to the museum and expand its knowledge and collection.

A second engaging presentation was by Victor Steffensen the director of Mulong Productions who is using video to record tradition knowledge and to pass it onto new generations. An interesting part of this project was to get young members of the community to reproduce the performances by elders who had been filmed. This was a way to prevent the knowledge being lost should the elder pass away. That same knowledge was available on video but being presented by a different member of the community.

Other presentations explored the use of technology to engage with different communities. The importance of the National Broadband Network (NBN) for museum was looked into. The NBN would allow a museum to stream larger files and use a variety of techniques to tell their stories. The role of social media in connecting to different communities was looked at. Social media is a quick way to get out a message and to receive feedback on what your museum is doing.

The Museums Australia conference was again a useful professional development opportunity for History House Museum staff and ensures the museum is in touch with the latest innovations and movements in the moveable heritage field.

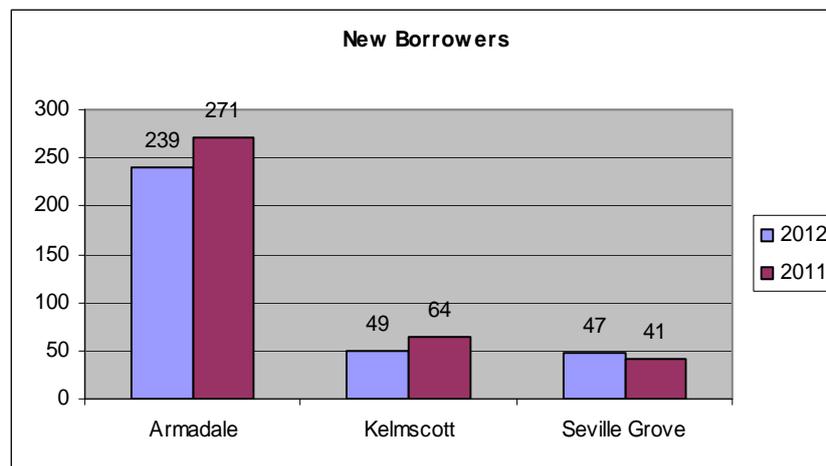
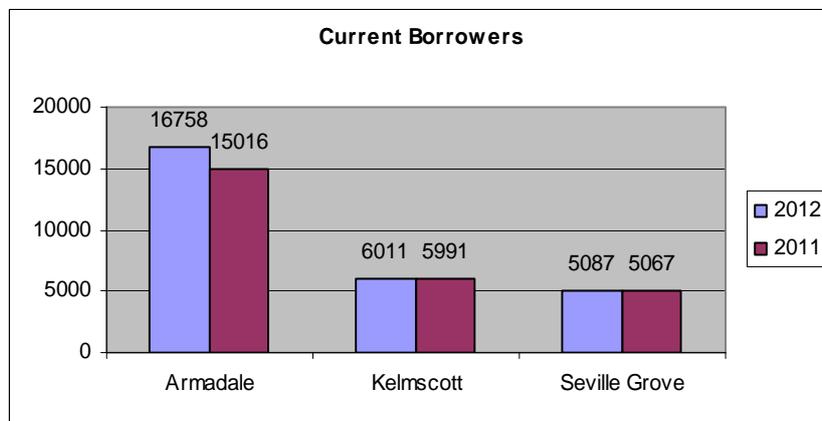
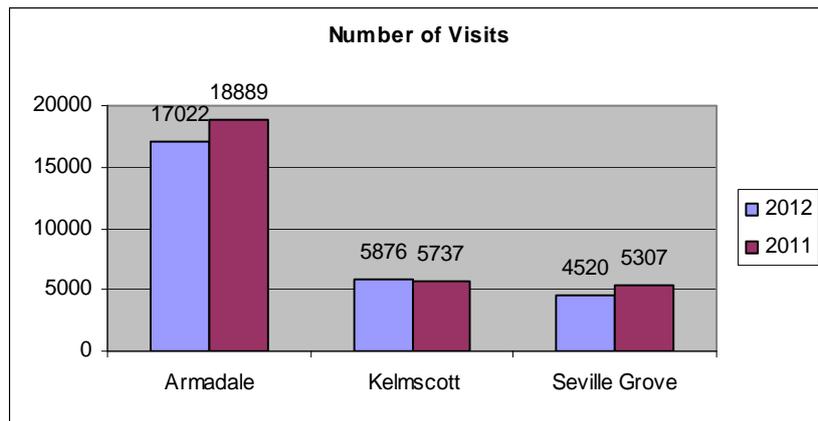
### **Public Programs**

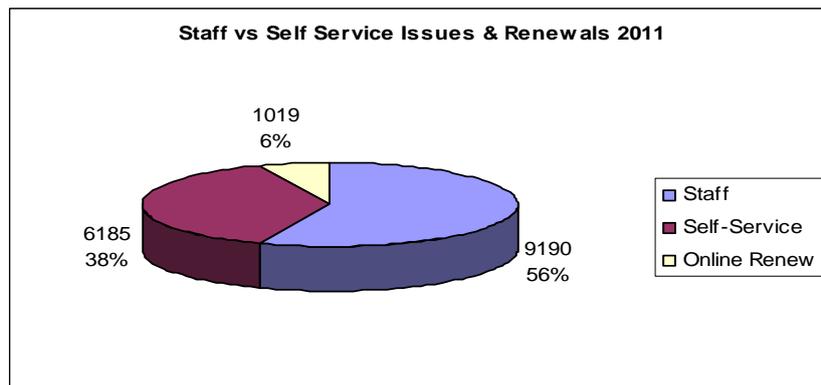
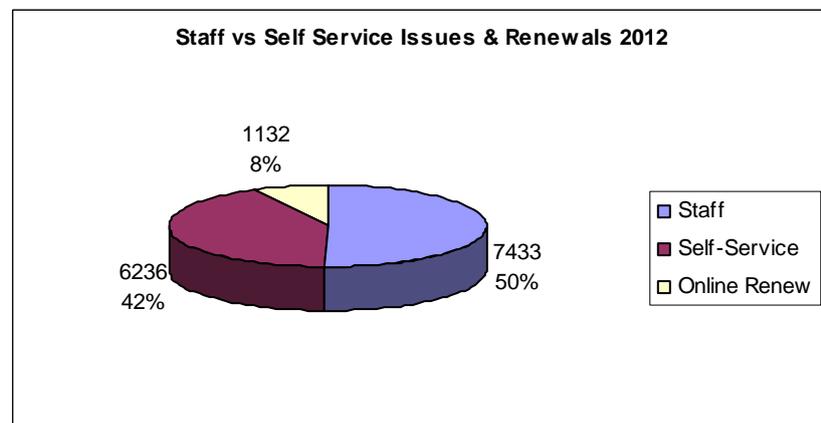
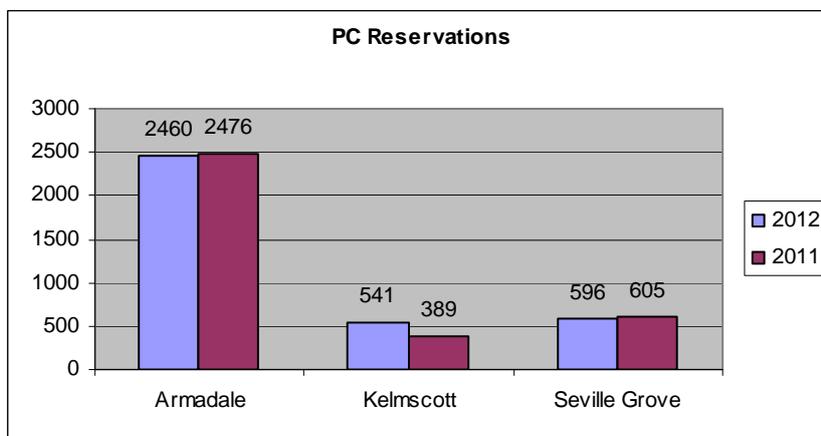
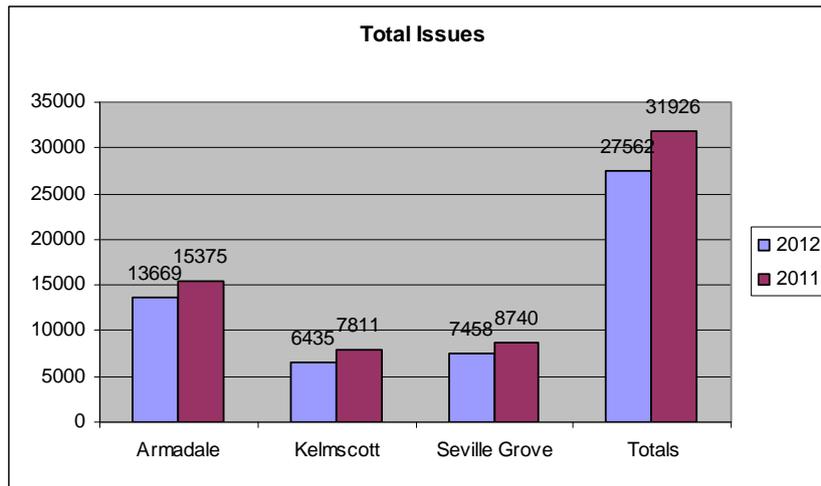
The Seniors Day Centre Program continues to be very well received. This month's topic was "Snippets of the Past" which was presented by Susan Hall, the City's Historian/ Local Studies Librarian. There were 33 participants in total who thoroughly enjoyed the experience of remembering the past via the stimulus of objects and photographs. Both Southside Care and Southern Districts Support Association have committed to the program for 2013.

School programs are currently being reviewed for 2013 in order to bring them more in line with the Australian Curriculum and more relevant to the needs of local teachers.

Research is continuing into our next on-line program which focuses on our program "Armada Walk". We will put onto the website a map of the walk, a power point presentation of the sites along the walk and a booklet with the researched information on each site.

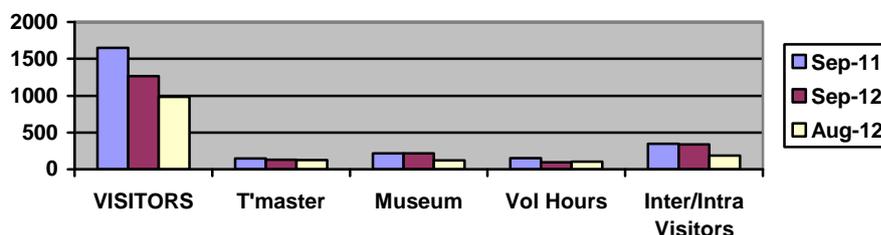
### Library Statistics





***TOURISM DEVELOPMENT***

**STATISTICS:**



***SEPTEMBER 2012***

Visitors	Ticketmaster	TOTAL Visitors Less Ticketmaster	Inter State Visitors	Overseas Visitors	TOTAL O/seas & Interstate VISITORS	Volunteer Hours	Museum
<b>1267</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>1137</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>217</b>

***AUGUST 2012***

Visitors	Ticketmaster	TOTAL Visitors Less Ticketmaster	Inter State Visitors	Overseas Visitors	TOTAL O/seas & Interstate VISITORS	Volunteer Hours	Museum
<b>986</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>121</b>

***VISITOR CENTRE OPENED FOR 190 HOURS***

**AVERAGE VISITORS PER WEEK: 317**  
**VOLUNTEER HOURS PER WEEK: 24**

**VISITOR CENTRE - DOLLAR VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY:**

*Average Visitor Spend – Day Visitor:*

**\$ 2,030** per day = **\$ 14,213** per week = **\$ 56,850** 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:*

**\$1,811**per night = **\$ 12,675** per week = **\$ 50,700** per month

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

**TOTAL TOURISM DOLLAR VALUE – SEPTEMBER 2012:**  
**\$107,550**

## **Armadale Visitor Centre and Tourism**

### ***September 2012***

September was an exciting month, with the announcement, at the GWN7 Tourism Awards Gala Dinner held in Mandurah on 20 September, of our Tourism Development Coordinator receiving the highly valued 'Golden I' Award. This Award recognises the outstanding contribution of a Visitor Centre Manager to the many aspects of Visitor Servicing and how this has impacted and contributed to the development of tourism within our State.

The award included a perpetual trophy, a small replica trophy and a certificate sponsored by the West Australian Newspaper Group.

On the same evening, our Armadale Visitor Centre was a finalist in the Management and Staff training category at the 2012 GWN7 Tourism Awards.

Also, at the recent Tourism Council of WA 'Finals Fever' function, held at the Fremantle Esplanade, the Armadale Visitor Centre became one of 4 finalists in the Perth Airport 2012 Tourism Awards for the Category of Visitor Information and Services. Winners will be announced on November 10 at a Gala Dinner held in the Grand Ballroom of Crown WA.

An increase of visitor numbers to the centre from last month of 28% with a large increase in Interstate and Overseas visitors by 80%

Evidentially the marketing campaign into Jetstar Asia and Singapore in-flight magazine undertaken by our Tourism Development area is producing solid results.

Our new website went live on the 27 September and already Google analytics has shown an increase in traffic.

### **Meetings**

- The Tourism Coordinator and Visitor Centre Coordinator attended a famil at the Holiday Haven in Jarrahdale.
- The Tourism Coordinator and Visitor Centre Coordinator held a teleconference with the VCAWA to discuss content of the City of Armadale VCAWA State Conference host town 2013 proposal.
- The Tourism Coordinator and Visitor Centre Coordinator met with the IT department on the 6<sup>th</sup> September to view and discuss the new website designs.
- We have launched our new WEB SITE! [www.visitarmadale.com.au](http://www.visitarmadale.com.au) . We sincerely appreciate the effort, time and commitment of the City's IT Department including our team within Web Design and Development.
- The Visitor Centre Coordinator attended a VCAWA board meeting in Mandurah and a Tourism function with Tourism Australia, ATEC (Australian Tourism Export Council) and VCAWA board members.
- The Tourism Coordinator and Visitor Centre Coordinator attend the VCAWA State Conference held in Mandurah from 18 September to 20 September.
- Our Visitor Centre Coordinator attended a VCAWA board meeting on 21 September.
- The Tourism Coordinator and Visitor Centre Coordinator attended the FACET 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Celebrations and their awards presentation.

- Visitor Centre Coordinator met with IT Department of the COA, participating in group discussions regarding social media guidelines.
- The Tourism Coordinator and Visitor Centre Coordinator attended the Tourism Council of WA's 'Finals Fever' function at the Esplanade on 27 September where Armadale Visitor Centre was announced as a finalist in the Perth Airport 2012 Tourism Awards.

### **Staff**

- All staff and volunteers attended an after hours 'get together' on 5<sup>th</sup> September to introduce new volunteers and casual staff to our team. Visitor Centre training has been given to our new casuals. This training includes Customer Service, Operational Procedures, Bookeasy, Centaman and Ticketmaster.
- The regular weekly staff meetings have continued, with attention being paid to the updating of our policies and procedures manual.
- Several members of our Tourism Officer team attended the VCAWA Annual State Conference on 19 and 20 September as part of their development, training and networking opportunities.

### **Marketing**

- We continue in the preparation and editorial component of the new 2013 Regional Visitor Guide which is expected to be at the printers early December 2012.
- Destinal marketing continues with 'Runway' Perth Airport Magazine, Jetstar Asia In-flight Magazine and the Roleystone Courier, featuring our 'Tulips or Fairways' Spring Campaign.
- The Tourism Coordinator and Visitor Centre Coordinator met with our Graphic Designers to develop the 'Spring into Armadale' Tulip T- Shirt concepts on 25 September
- Meetings have been held with the Experience Perth Marketing Body discussing the City's advertising in the new 2013 Experience Perth planner.
- We have undertaken to advertise through the Countryman Newspaper in partnership with the VCAWA.

### **Tourism Development**

- The Tourism Coordinator and Visitor Centre Coordinator attended Business Armadale's Women in Business luncheon on 26 September.
- The Tourism Coordinator conducted a presentation, showcasing the City of Armadale to the delegates at the VCAWA State Conference on 20 September. Gift bags, including a beautiful tulip, were given to all delegates as a memento of Armadale....so close, so unexpected!
- The Tourism Development Coordinator participated in a 'live to air' interview on 101.1 radio station with Jenny Seaton promoting the spring bushwalks on September 3.

- The Tourism Coordinator participated in a desktop assessment panel interview on 7 September as part of the finalist's interview process for the Golden I Award.
- The Tourism Coordinator met with the Tourism Artistic Reference group on September 12 to continue with the development of individualised and specific Armadale regional tourism souvenir products.
- The Tourism Coordinator met with the Executive Director of Community Services and the Executive Manager of Community Services Community Development for the Arts & Events portfolio official 'hand over' on 27 September. The Arts & Events area will sit under the oversight of the Tourism Coordinator for the period until 30 June 2013.
- The City of Armadale Tourism Department became a member of the Australian Tourism Export Council. We have also accepted an invitation from Tourism WA to engage in the development of day packages into our region to sell on board Cruise Ships coming into Fremantle.

## **EVENTS**

### **October 2012**

Planning for the summer events season is now in full swing, with the first event on the calendar being Highland Gathering on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **Highland Gathering**

This year's event will feature acclaimed Celtic rock band 'Highlander' from the Eastern states. Also on the main stage will be Heel and Toe band, David Hyams and the Miles to Go Band, and local Celtic group The Ferrymen.

There will be a fashion parade featuring kilts from House of Tartan, and Highland Dance performance from nationally awarded dancers on the main stage.

Western Australian Medieval Alliance have been contracted to coordinate the Medieval Fair and an outstanding range of activities will be available for children as well as adults. They have assisted in building the crafts stalls aspect of the event with forty vendors registered to attend this year.

The building of the Youth Activity Area has reduced space for the Pipe Band competition component of the event, and this year we will trial holding the competition opposite Minnowarra Park on Frog Hollow Park.

#### **Summer Event Calendar**

The event calendar is currently being produced and will be circulated to Councillors and the Community Services committee

## **RANGER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

*September 2012*

### **Animal Control**

#### **Dogs**

Ranger Services received four hundred and sixty (460) requests for assistance during the report period. It is of interest to note that there is slight reduction in the number of requests for assistance in the progressive totals from September 2011 to September 2012.

The primary focus of Ranger Services is managing the response to the community for requests for service.

#### **Livestock**

During this report period Ranger Services attended to fifteen (15) requests for assistance in dealing with stock wandering. The majority of incidents involving stock on public roads, and highways, occur outside normal working hours generally late night or early hours of the morning.

#### **Court Action**

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

Dog Attack on Person	<b>Guilty</b>	2,500	500	<b>3,000</b>
Dog Attack on Person	<b>Guilty</b>	1,500	500	<b>2,000</b>
Dog Attack on Person	<b>Guilty</b>	1,500	750	
Dog Attack (on animal)	<b>Guilty</b>	800	500	<b>1,300</b>

#### **Vehicles**

##### **Parking**

Ranger Service attended to eighty six (86) matters relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period. It is envisaged that this area of Ranger Service operations will steadily increase as development within the CBD increases.

### Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

Ranger Service attended to fifty eight (58) reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in areas that are prohibited, during the report period.

### Abandoned Vehicles

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

### Litter

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

During this report period Ranger Services attended to fifty three (53) requests for service. The overall number of litter related incidents shows a continuing increase in litter enquiries from corresponding periods of previous reports.

### Fire Services

There were fifty nine (59) enquiries relating to fire incidents during this report period; however these matters were principally related to smoke emission concerns.

### General

#### **Cat Act Legislation**

**The *Cat Act 2011* received Parliamentary assent on 9 November 2011. This Act will be implemented through a two phases approach;**

**Phase One by 1 November 2012; and**

**Phase Two by 1 November 2013.**

It is proposed that the legislation will take effect 12 months after the legislation is approved by Parliament. This timeframe is to provide the State Government, local governments, cat owners and cat welfare organisations with adequate time to prepare for the introduction of the legislation, and all matters relating to implementation to be resolved.

Draft Cat Regulations, to support the Act, have recently been released to Local Government for comment to enable their introduction to coincide with the commencement of Phase 1 of the Cat Act 2011, on 1 November 2012.

In addition, industry and key stakeholders such as cat breeder, cat fanciers, foster carers, cat management facilities etc will be invited to identify and develop industry specific guidelines to address specific management and operation needs.

Notwithstanding the above, the legislation will not take effect until the supporting regulations have been adopted and gazetted. It is intended that once the legislation takes effect, owners will have a further 12 month period within which time they will need to ensure that their cats are micro chipped, sterilised and registered.

The two year lead-in period will provide the community, industry and local government the opportunity to make plans to comply with the requirements.

The new cat laws will come into effect in November 2012 and will apply to domestic cats throughout the State, however cat owners will have a one year grace period until November 2013 to undertake the Cat Act provisions. No action is presently required from cat owners

The Department of Local Government will coordinate the implementation of the legislation and provide support and advice to both local governments and members of the public with regard to fulfilling their responsibilities under the legislation..

Local governments, particularly those that do not currently have cat local laws will require new equipment and vehicles, possibly new pounds, or a refit to current pounds, additional staff and training of staff.

The relevant decision making steps, discussion papers and the proclaimed legislation are available from the Parliament of Western Australia website and are accessible using the following link

<http://www.dlg.wa.gov.au/Content/Legislation/ProposedCatAct.aspx>

**MINUTES OF OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

# CITY OF ARMADALE

## NOTES

### **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group**

Monthly meeting

Tuesday 4 September 2012 at 12.30pm

Meeting Room, Champion Centre- Champion Drive, Seville Grove

Chair: Mr Albert McNamara

Minutes prepared by Karina Hall

#### **1. Business of meeting**

##### **(i) Attendance**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Title</b>
Cr. Guenter Best	City of Armadale	City of Armadale Councillor
Ms Jodie Clark	City of Armadale	Indigenous Development Coordinator
Ms Karina Hall	City of Armadale	Indigenous Children and Families Officer and note taker
Mr Lyall Garlett	Dept. Education-South Metro Education Region	Aboriginal Coordinator
Mr Neil Kegie	City of Armadale	Executive Manager Community Services
Ms Alberta Victoria Rafferty	-	Community Representative/Torres Strait Island elder
Mr Albert McNamara		Chair Person
Mr Keith Lethbridge	Department of Indigenous Affairs	Community Support
Mr Bob Tizard	-	Community Representative
Ms Amanda Poglits	Department of Child Protection	Aboriginal Practice Leader

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Title</b>
Mr Ross Tomasini	Department of Indigenous Affairs	
Mr Damian Cunnane	Department of Housing	
Mrs Madge Hill	-	Community Representative /Aboriginal Elder
Ms Sheila-Anne Macloud	Disability Services Commission (DSC)	Acting Area Manager-Kelmscott
Ms Liz Woolfenden	Department of Health	Acting Director-Community Clinical Nurse Manager

**(ii) Minutes from previous meeting**

Moved by Cr Guenter Best and seconded by Mr Neil Kegie

**(iii) Business arising from today's minutes**

- Neil Kegie to confirm start dates for Keith Lethbridge's secondment at the Champion Centre, on behalf of ATSIAG.

Outstanding actions from previous meetings:

- Dept. Child Protection to provide information/promotional materials regarding the Armadale Support network to ATSIAG.
- CANWA Growing Communities publication to be posted to contributing artists-*Champion Centre awaiting copies to be provided from CANWA.*
- Dept. Health to provide promotional material regarding the Best Beginnings program to CoA and ATSIAG.
- City of Armadale to provide update regarding Champion Centre safety.

Completed actions:

- ATSIAG letter of support for Keith Lethbridge's secondment to the Champion Centre was posted to DIA on 13 August 2012. ATSIAG's recommendation to place Mr Lethbridge has been accepted by DIA and the City of Armadale.

**2. Information Items**

**(i) One Stop Shop Updates**

**Champion Centre**

Student Awards

The Champion Centre's Students Awards will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September to celebrate the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth in years 11 and 12 living within the City of Armadale.

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Relevant service providers are invited to showcase their services at the event.

#### Royal Life Saving Service

The Royal Life Saving Service will be running one hour swimming lessons for Indigenous children from the 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> of October at the Armadale Aquatic Centre.

#### Hip Hop

Brendon Burns, of YMCA, is in discussion with the Champion Centre to run hip hop classes at the Champion Centre this year.

#### Noongar Sports

The Armadale Noongar association are currently running youth programs every Friday at the Champion Centre.

#### Aboriginal Literacy Day

Aboriginal Literacy Day will be held on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2012 at the Champion Centre. Local playgroups and community groups have been invited to the event which is aimed at children aged 0-5 years and their families.

#### City of Armadale

The Department of Indigenous Affairs has seconded Keith Lethbridge to the Champion Centre for a period of six months to strengthen links between government and non government agencies and to assist Aboriginal families access required services.

**Action: Neil Kegie to confirm start dates for Keith Lethbridge.**

#### IGNITE basketball

The City of Armadale has met with Noongar patrol to discuss Ignite Basketball and Noongar's train line project, a engagement and referral program targeting vulnerable young people on the Perth-Armadale train line.

It was confirmed by Noongar patrol at the meeting that none of the children recently in contact with the Patrol are Ignite Basketball participants, suggesting the diversionary success of Ignite Basketball.

#### Department of Education

The *Boys at Risk* program is still running every second Wednesday from the Champion Centre.

#### Department of Housing

No representative present

#### Department of Health

No representative present

#### Department of Child Protection

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The Department is holding a family fun day on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September between 12.30pm- 4.30pm at Memorial Park, Armadale.

**WA Police**

No representative present

**Disability Services Commission**

No representative present

**General Business**

**Mr Bob Tizard**

Mr Tizard has met with the Kensington PCYC to discuss a partnership with Settlers Common to develop a walk way and other projects with ‘at risk’ boys. The program is aimed at educating and mentoring young men.

**Marmum Mia Mia**

AGM will be held 1<sup>st</sup> of November at 10.00am at the Champion Centre

Meeting closed at 2.00pm

**(ii) Next Meeting Details**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2012 12.30pm

## NOTES

**Meeting name: Positive Ageing Working Group**

**Venue: City of Armadale Committee Room – 7 Orchard Avenue Armadale**

**Date: Monday 3 September 2012**

**Time: 10.00am**

### 1.0 Attendance & Apologies

<b>Attendance:</b>	
Cr Ruth Butterfield	Deputy Mayor – City of Armadale
Ms Chris Bloomer	Community Representative
Ms Wendy Hill	Seniors Access & Inclusion Officer- City of Armadale
Ms Carolyn Fisher	Community Development Support Officer- City of Armadale
Ms Doreen Southam	Community Representative
Ms Lorraine Gill	Disability Services Commission- Accommodation
Ms Caroline Dryland	CEO- Southside Care
<b>Apologies:</b>	
Ms Cheryl Samboorski	CEO – Armadale Home Help
Ms Trudi Hodges	CEO- Dale Cottages Inc.

### 2.0 Actions

Today's actions:

Action: Wendy Hill to collate information from Western Australian Age- Friendly Communities Forum and distribute to Positive Ageing Working Group when it is available.

July actions:

Action 1: Wendy Hill has contacted Chris Bone Executive Director from Armadale Health Services and extended an invitation to join the Positive Ageing Working Group.

### 3.0 Brief overview of 'Western Australian Age- Friendly Communities Forum'

On 10 August 2012, the City of Melville hosted the 'Western Australian Age-Friendly Communities Forum'.

Wendy Hill, Doreen Southam and Trudi Hodges from the Positive Ageing Working Group attended the forum. Information provided included data and case studies from Western Australian LGA's research into Age-Friendly Communities.

Action: Wendy Hill to collate information from Western Australian Age- Friendly Communities Forum and distribute to Positive Ageing Working Group when it is available.

#### **4.0 Direction for Positive Ageing Working Group**

Wendy Hill discussed several options for projects the PAWG could commence work on. A special meeting will be organised to lock in projects for the group to work with.

#### **Next meeting**

Monday 5 November 2012