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Meeting with the Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC

WALGA President, Deputy President, CEO and staff met with the Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Jobs and Trade Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC on Thursday, 1 June.

They discussed a range of issues including the continuation of funding for both Elected Member Training and the Regional Centres Growth Planning process, and the opportunity to increasing the roll-out of the pilot Kimberley School Program model (as funded through the Regional Service Reform Program) to the Murchison to improve the education outcomes for youth in that region.

The Minister acknowledged the value of the outcomes being sought, but was very clear on the financial challenges facing the State in the lead up to the State Budget in September, and that all existing programs and funding allocations are currently being reviewed.

The other issue raised was in relation to post border biosecurity. The President outlined the position of WALGA in relation to the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act (2007), the lack of regulatory oversight by DAFWA, and concerns in relation to the Recognised Biosecurity Group construct.

The President also presented the Minister with a range of existing governance, policy and legislative barriers and solutions for her information and consideration.

The Minister indicated a strong preference for greater presence and engagement by DAFWA in the regions and is open to examining options for improvements to the current governance, legislative and regulatory challenges preventing effective post border biosecurity under the current approach.

The Minister made it clear that WALGA would be invited to the table for ongoing conversation about the issues and was grateful for the expertise and information available within the Association.

For more information, email Executive Manager, Environment and Waste Mark Batty or call 9213 2078.

Collaboration on Homelessness – Examples Sought

The WA Council on Homelessness (WACH) is seeking to gain an understanding of the extent of collaboration between Local Government and other agencies in the pursuit of ending homelessness.

WALGA is on the WACH, represented by the Executive Manager, Planning and Community Development, Joanne Burges.

The Association will be collating this information and is keen to hear from Local Governments about examples or case studies in their area.

To send through a brief overview or for more information, email Executive Manager,

Planning and Community Development Joanne Burges or call 9213 2018.

Training

The following courses are available for Local Government Officers:

Effective Supervision - Part 1
Tuesday and Wednesday, 13 to 14 June

Presenting with Confidence
Monday, 19 June

Local Government Act 1995 – Advanced
Monday and Tuesday, 26 to 27 June

Policy Development and Procedure Writing
Thursday and Friday, 29 to 30 June

For more information or to register online, visit the WALGA Training website or email the Training team.

2017 WA Local Government Convention

The 2017 WA Local Government Convention and Trade Exhibition will return to the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre from Wednesday, 2 August to Friday, 4 August.

Themed Members First, the program reflects WALGA's fresh perspective on how to better understand and respond to the needs of Local Government by focusing on improving Member engagement and service.

The Information and Registration brochure can be downloaded from the WALGA website.

Registrations can be completed online by visiting the WALGA Registration Portal.

For more information, email Marketing & Events Officer Ulla Wolter or call 9213 2043.

Local Government Spend on Tourism

The Australian Regional Tourism Network (ARTN), in partnership with Austrade has undertaken research to gain a better understanding of Local Government's involvement and contribution to tourism. The research was supported by WALGA and ALGA.

All 561 Australian Local Governments were contacted to participate in a survey and there were 256 responses. The results provide important baseline data to inform future policy and demonstrate the degree in which Local Governments are involved in tourism.

To access a copy of the background and survey results, [click here](#).

For more information, email the Australian Regional Tourism Network.

2015-16 Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure

The 2015/16 Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure has been finalised and distributed to all Local Governments and key stakeholders including the Minister for Transport and Main Roads WA.

The report provides information on the lengths and types of roads, paths and bridges and highlights trends in the data over the preceding five years.

It includes statistics and trends on the funding sources and amount of Local Government expenditure on roads, paths and bridges.

Details are provided on the allocation of expenditure between expansion, upgrade, maintenance and renewal of the network at a regional level and for individual Local Governments.

The expenditure statistics are analysed to provide comparisons of road preservation performance, net preservation needs and expenditure effort. These comparisons provide insight into the adequacy of funding and the difference between road preservation needs and current expenditure on road preservation.

The full report can be accessed from the WALGA website.

For more information, email Policy Manager Transport and Roads, Mark Bondiotti or call 9213 2040.

Inviting Project Applications for Commodity Route Supplementary Funding

Local Governments are invited to submit applications for Commodity Route Supplementary Funding in 2018/19.

This money is provided as part of the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement.

Application forms, application guidelines and assessment guidelines for the CRSF are available on the Main Roads website.

Local Governments may submit project proposals to their Regional Road Group for review and qualifying submissions must be submitted to stateroadfunds@walga.asn.au by Friday, 22 September.

For more information, email Policy Manager Transport and Roads, Mark Bondiotti or call 9213 2040.

WALGA Composite Advertising Program - 2017 Elections

WALGA will once again be coordinating the Composite Election Advertising Program for Local Governments conducting in-person elections on Saturday, 21 October.

This program features a series of four statutory election advertisements to be run in The West Australian between August and October, and one discretionary 'Vote Today' advertisement.

A registration form and request for a purchase order will be sent to participating Local Governments in July, however we wish to advise for your 2017/2018 budget considerations that the cost per Local Government will be \$1810 (excluding GST).

Local Governments conducting postal elections will be participating in the WA Electoral Commission's Composite Advertising Program.

For more information, email WALGA Governance Team.

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Review of the Local Government Act

The Minister for Local Government has written to the Association advising of the commencement of the review of the Local Government Act 1995. The process will be in two stages.

The first stage will focus on modernising Local Government, with the policy work and consultation to be completed in 2017 with a Bill in 2018. Key topics in this phase will be simplifying the disclosure of gifts, amendments to Regional Subsidiary legislation and regulation, increasing elector participation, electronic disclosure (making information more readily available), and some reducing red tape provisions.

The theme focus for the second phase is delivering for the community, with the policy work and consultation to be completed in 2018 with a Bill in 2019.

Key themes for this phase will be improving behaviour and relationships, increasing community participation, enabling Local Government enterprises, improving financial management and reducing red tape.

WALGA is looking to carry out a thorough consultation process with the sector on the key issues for the Act review processes.

The Ministers office has advised that there may be some flexibility as to what issues are to be considered in stage one or stage two.

Based on this, the Association will consult the sector on all potential Act amendment issues this year.

The process we be looking to undertake will be as follows:

- An Infopage will be distributed to Local Governments including a discussion paper on issues that have been identified over the last eight years including advocacy positions resolved by the sector. This will include a request for Local Governments to submit additional items for consideration in the Act review process. Councils can submit individually or collated collectively through their Zone.
- WALGA to hold Zone/regional group forums on the Act/Regulatory amendment suggestions. Can be held in-conjunction with a Zone meeting or separately.
- A further paper to be prepared following the forums identifying all issues and potential changes.

- Finalise feedback and provide recommendations on legislative and regulatory change through a State Council agenda item that would go through the Zones.

It is expected that this process will be carried out between July and November with the State Council item being considered at the Wednesday, 6 December meeting.

For more information, email Executive Manager, Governance and Organisational Services Tony Brown or call 9213 2051.

Vehicle Licence Fee Concession

Vehicle licence fees were historically a Local Government tax, intended to fund road construction and maintenance. Responsibility for collecting this tax was progressively handed to the State Government, but vehicles registered by Local Governments have been exempt.

In January the State Government advised Local Governments that this exemption would no longer apply from Saturday, 1 July.

The actions taken in response during the lead up to the March election have not lead to a change in policy and the Premier has recently advised that there will be no change to this decision of the previous Government as the additional funds have already been included in budget estimates.

However, Hon Rick Mazza MLC has given notice of motion that the regulation changes introduced to remove the concession from Local Governments be disallowed.

Following discussions between the WALGA President and Mr Mazza, a letter detailing why this disallowance motion should be supported has been sent to all Members of the Legislative Council.

The disallowance motion is likely to be considered in August. The Association will continue to raise this matter with Members of Parliament at appropriate opportunities.

For more information, email Executive Manager, Infrastructure Ian Duncan.

2018-2019 State Budget Submission

Each year, WALGA prepares a submission to the State Government outlining the sectors' priorities for the upcoming budget. WALGA is seeking input from Local Governments on the priority issues to raise in its 2018-2019 State Budget Submission.

The State's weak financial position will pose a significant challenge for the Government in setting the budget. The latest projections contained in the 2016-2017 Mid-Year Financial Projections Statement show that WA is expected to record a net operating deficit of more than \$3 billion, while net debt is expected to rise to more than \$41 billion across the forward estimate period.

The focus for the budget will therefore be to bring the State's finances back onto a sustainable footing through reductions to spending. This will leave limited room for new spending commitments, and in the worst case scenario, may see a reduction in funding to the sector.

For more information, email Policy Manager, Economics Dana Mason or call 9213 2096.

Name Change for WALGA Team

The Planning and Community Development Team has had a name change.

After a lot of review and discussion about the nature of the work that the team does and the service expectations of Members, it became clear that the focus is on advocacy, policy development and representation regarding issues affecting people and the places they live, work and recreate in.

The Planning and Community Development Team will now be called People and Place.

For more information, email Executive Manager, People and Place Jo Burges or call 9213 2018.

Training

The following WALGA training courses are being delivered at WALGA's West Leederville offices:

Local Government Act 1995 – Advanced
Monday and Tuesday, 26 to 27 June

Policy Development and Procedure Writing
Thursday and Friday, 29 to 30 June

Preparing Agendas and Minutes
Monday, 17 July

Effective Letter and Report Writing
Tuesday, 18 July

Local Government Act 1995 - The Essentials
Wednesday, 19 July

For more information or to register online, visit the WALGA Training website or email the Training team.

Recorded Webinar Available now: Decision Making in Practice - Delegations

Approximately 70 attendees 'tuned in' to WALGA's Decision Making in Practice – Delegations webinar, conducted on Thursday, 1 June.

The webinar was targeted at those Elected Members and Local Government Officers responsible for maintaining a delegation register and those who use delegated authority to make decisions.

This recorded webinar is now available for download on WALGA's training website and contains the video, powerpoint presentation and a comprehensive Q&A section.

These Q&As were gathered during and post webinar to ensure every opportunity was made to answer all questions received from our Members.

[Click here to access the webinar.](#)

For more information, visit the WALGA Training website or email the Training team.

Vacancies on Boards and Committees

The Association is pleased to announce the following vacancies:

- WA Local Government Grants Commission
1 Metropolitan Member and 1 Deputy Metropolitan Member
- Local Health Authorities Analytical Committee (LHAAC)
1 Non-Metropolitan Member
1 Metropolitan Member
- MWAC - Officers Advisory Group (OAG)
1 Metropolitan Serving Officer and 1 Non-Metropolitan Serving Officer
- Library Board of WA
1 Member from a City or Town not in the Metropolitan area.

Nominees are required to submit a completed nomination form, statement addressing the selection criteria and short curriculum vitae (two pages maximum) before the close of nominations 5:00pm Friday, 16 June.

Nomination forms are available [here](#).

For more information, email Governance Support Officer, Margaret Degebrodts or call 9213 2036.

Bushfire Mitigation: Public Submissions Open

The State Government is hosting an invite-only Bushfire Summit on Friday, 23 June. Due to the restricted entry, the State Government has opened a short public submission period to allow the many and varied stakeholders with an interest in Bushfire Mitigation to make a submission.

The purpose of the summit and submissions is to hear stakeholders' views on a range of bushfire management issues to guide future strategies to mitigate bushfires in WA.

The State Government hopes to gather and understand perspectives and examine bushfire management, including the delivery of rural fire management.

Public submissions close on Sunday, 9 July.

For more information, visit the Office of Emergency Management website.

A Talk on Growing WA Tourism

Prolific researcher in tourism, Professor Ross Dowling, will present on three types of tourism which can help strengthen WA's tourism assets – ecotourism, cruise ship tourism and the emerging sector of geotourism.

The new WA State Government has been elected with a clear mandate to boost jobs and economic growth. High on their list of priorities is tourism which currently supports 97,000

jobs and contributes \$10 billion in visitor spending.

To achieve this, the government has committed to spend \$45 million per annum per year for the next five years on tourism marketing. However, at the same time it is essential that we continue to build the supply side of tourism, that is, the products that visitors want to come here to experience.

When: Friday, 23 June

Where: ECU Joondalup campus, JO.7.103

Time: 1:00pm to 14:00pm

Cost: Free

To register or for more information, [click here](#).

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President's Column

Today, I am representing you at the 44th meeting of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) in Hobart, advocating for the local government sector on important national strategic issues such as public infrastructure investment, progress on Indigenous affairs, and national security and community safety, among others.

Recent events have once again reminded us that terrorism is a challenge being faced across communities and jurisdictions not just around the world, but also here in Australia. These events always impact locally and, while we know that local communities are extremely resilient and always rally together in adversity, this is no excuse for complacency or a lack of preparedness.

It is important that local government is engaged upfront in a range of prevention, protection, and engagement strategies to address this challenge. Local leadership is often critical when discussing cultural matters at the local level, almost as critical as it is when dealing with a crisis. Good leaders know that building tolerance and understanding is vital, and as important an investment as implementing any physical protection or prevention strategies.

Many councils exercise this leadership by using arts and cultural activities as a way of ensuring locals feel and enjoy being part of a community and as well as to celebrate diversity and the broader social, cultural and natural environment.

However local government also has an important role in helping secure the safety of our communities at events, including mass gatherings, in our local areas.

While policing and counter terrorism are not within local governments' area of responsibility, local government is always willing to be consulted and engaged by the other levels of government on this issue. Having a seat at COAG is an important mechanism to ensure this occurs, and to ensure that governments work in unison to protect our communities and our nation's reputation for peace, tolerance and prosperity.

Mayor David O'Loughlin ALGA President

Western Sydney City Deal on track for 2017 delivery

A roundtable of eight Western Sydney councils has confirmed a Western Sydney City Deal is on track for delivery in 2017.

Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation, the Hon Angus Taylor MP, and NSW Minister for Western Sydney, Stuart Ayres, recently co-chaired a meeting of mayors and general managers from Sydney's west and southwest districts.

Discussions focused on delivering better outcomes for a City Deal region expecting 500,000 additional residents by 2036. Connectivity was raised as a critical driver of growth, with improved transport to and from and within the region.

The local government areas of Wollondilly, Camden, Campbelltown, Liverpool, Fairfield, Penrith, Blue Mountains and Hawkesbury will work together with the Commonwealth and NSW Governments to deliver a City Deal tailored to the needs of the region.

The Western Sydney City Deal is expected to be finalised in the second half of 2017.

Current and future impacts of climate change on housing, buildings and infrastructure

On 9 May 2017, the Senate sought an inquiry into the current and future impacts of climate change on housing, buildings and infrastructure from the Environment and Communications References Committee.

The Terms of Reference for the inquiry are broad and wide ranging, accounting for the full range of projected climate scenarios, and include the impact of the effects of climate change on:

- the vulnerability of infrastructure in coastal areas
- water supply and sewage treatment systems
- transportation, including railways, roads and airports
- public recreation and tourism facilities.

The Committee has invited councils to provide written submissions addressing issues that may be of relevance to them and the sector. Submissions should be lodged by 21 July 2017.

The Committee prefers to receive submissions online as an attached document through the Committee's [website](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/OnlineSubmission) via www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/OnlineSubmission.

Further information, including alternative ways to provide submissions, are available on the Committee website. The Committee Secretariat can also be contacted on (02) 6277 3526.

What you need to know about the WannaCry ransomware attack

WannaCry – a ransomware program targeting Windows users – paralysed more than 230,000 computers in around 150 countries last month, shutting down healthcare services and taking

many large companies offline.

The program works by encrypting important files and then demanding a ransom of around US\$300 – payable in bitcoin – which increases to around US\$600 after three days. After seven days, all encrypted files are deleted if no payment has been made.

The vulnerability was in a common protocol used in nearly every Windows network and Microsoft has now provided additional guidance for protecting your systems and networks from this specific threat.

Ransomware continues to be a one of the most popular cyber threats today, especially to large organisations with both valuable data and legacy systems. Trustwave – a Singtel Optus managed security solutions provider – recommends these seven steps to help prevent ransomware from taking over.

1) Back up your data

This allows you to quickly recover from an incident. Be sure to regularly replicate file changes in your production environment, so your fall-back point is an acceptable amount of time for your organisation in case of an attack.

2) Disconnect from the Internet

At the first sign of a malware infection, detach the compromised machine from the network, cutting off the attacker's control of it. Note – this will not stop the encryption process if it's already been initiated by the ransomware.

3) Use anti-malware tools

It's not enough to simply have anti-virus running on your desktops. You also need live anti-malware capabilities that can conduct real-time code analysis and dynamic URL categorisation.

4) Spread security awareness

Ransomware campaigns tend to begin like most malware infections – with an end-user clicking or opening something malicious. Preach the importance of social engineering defence.

5) Deploy advanced email security

To complement awareness with technology, you should adopt an email security gateway that incorporates threat intelligence to effectively thwart emails that contain malicious URLs.

6) Patch your software and systems

Malware often requires an unpatched vulnerability to run, so ensure that your entire environment is updated with the latest security fixes. Vulnerability scans and security testing help businesses identify their network-connected assets and learn how those assets are vulnerable to attack.

7) Report the event

If you're a victim of a ransomware attack, you need to initiate your incident response, which should include contacting the authorities

Call for local voices on agricultural water use

Water use efficiency is a key issue for Australia's agriculture sector, and a House of Representatives inquiry is keen to hear from local voices with opinions on the subject.

The House Agriculture and Water Resources Committee is investigating the adequacy and efficacy of water use efficiency programs in Australian agriculture.

Committee Chair Rick Wilson MP says the Committee is seeking feedback from farmers, irrigators and community leaders around Australia, but is particularly keen to hear from people in South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania.

"Australian farmers are among the world's most efficient irrigators, particularly due to the often harsh Australian climate," Mr Wilson said.

"Given the challenges of a dry climate, management of water usage is more important than ever."

The inquiry is looking at how the Government can invest in water infrastructure in order to assist farmers and communities to extract the maximum value out of each drop of water.

Making a submission to the inquiry is easy – simply visit aph.gov.au/wue and click 'Upload Submission', or email agriculture.reps@aph.gov.au for more information.

People interested in the inquiry can also subscribe to the About the House newsletter, to receive fortnightly news about this and other inquiries conducted by the House of Representatives.

Technology obsolescence striking down council records

Council departments are responsible for important audiovisual records held on video and audio tape, which are now obsolete. From oral histories relating to the local area, video capturing the development and evolution of the town to council meetings and community events, many of these records are rich historical references.

What is not widely known is that it is now highly challenging to sustain access to these records due to technology obsolescence. Simply put, the video and audio playback equipment needed to play the corresponding formats are no longer manufactured or supported, and spare parts supply is disappearing at a rapid rate.

While not without its own challenges, digitising content is the only viable method for maintaining the information for the long-term. This data preservation method, however, still requires obsolete playback devices to facilitate the transformation process. The Australian National Film and Sound Archive's "Deadline 2025" paper released in 2015 highlighted the issue, pointing to a shrinking 10-year window to digitise content on video and audio tape. This position is echoed by experts around the world.

The consequences of the problem may not be immediately evident, but future access and use of these audiovisual records will be seriously impeded, if not impossible, as the required technology and skills will be prohibitively expensive.

The first step in the preservation journey is understanding what you have in your physical audiovisual collection, identifying all or part of the collection that is appropriate for

preservation and then engaging internal or external resources to explore how an audiovisual digitisation program can be initiated.

The new digital paradigm offers significant efficiency and benefit to the operations of local council record management; however, this new technology has isolated old technology. If content on physical audiovisual formats is to be kept for the future, digitisation needs to be prioritised because time has run out.

For a detailed look at what technology obsolescence means for video and audio tape records, read this whitepaper from DAMsmart.

The future of Australia's cities

The Committee on Infrastructure, Transport and Cities has begun a new inquiry into the Australian Government's role in the development of cities. It will examine city planning and sustainable urban development, focusing on how to transition existing capital cities, and how to develop new and existing regional centres.

Committee Chair, Mr John Alexander OAM MP, said collaborative and flexible urban planning is essential to Australia's future.

"Australia's population is expected to double by 2075. Existing cities cannot continue to absorb this growth without affecting our high standard of living," Mr Alexander said.

"We need options for adapting infrastructure and services in existing cities to sustainably accommodate much larger populations. We also have to examine opportunities to develop new or existing regional centres.

"Our inquiry will investigate potential for the Commonwealth Government to provide leadership and coordinate longer-term national city planning to address these issues."

The inquiry will be split into two sub-inquiries:

Sustainability transitions in existing cities

1. Identifying how the trajectories of existing cities can be directed towards a more sustainable urban form that enhances urban liveability and quality of life and reduces energy, water, and resource consumption;
2. Considering what regulation and barriers exist that the Commonwealth could influence, and opportunities to cut red tape; and
3. Examining the national benefits of being a global 'best practice' leader in sustainable urban development.

Growing new and transitioning regional cities and towns

1. Promoting the development of regional centres, including promoting master planning of regional communities;
2. Promoting private investment in regional centres and regional infrastructure;
3. Promoting the competitive advantages of regional location for businesses;
4. Examining ways urbanisation can be redirected to achieve more balanced regional

development; and

5. Identifying the infrastructure requirements for reliable and affordable transport, clean energy, water and waste in a new settlement of reasonable size, located away from existing infrastructure.

Submissions are open until Monday 31 July 2017. Councils are welcome to make submissions to either or both sub-inquiries, but should clearly indicate which part of the terms of reference they address. For more information about how to make a submission, contact the Committee secretariat.

Further information on the inquiry, including the full terms of reference, is available on the Committee website.

Latest Black Spot roads projects announced

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Hon Darren Chester MP, has announced the allocation of Black Spot Programme funding for projects in Western Australia, New South Wales, Northern Territory, South Australia and Queensland.

“The Australian Government knows the difference safer roads makes to the community and by improving these ‘black spots’ over the next 12 months everyone will benefit,” Mr Chester said.

“I’m passionate about keeping people safe on our roads, and on average completed Black Spot road projects reduce fatalities and injuries by 30 per cent.”

The announcements so far reveal that the 2017-18 Black Spot Programme funding round has been allocated as follows across the four states and the NT:

State/Territory	Funding allocation	Details of funded projects
WA	\$6.68 million	http://minister.infrastructure.gov.au/chester/releases/2017/june/dc163_2017.aspx
NSW	\$19.2 million	http://minister.infrastructure.gov.au/chester/releases/2017/june/dc159_2017.aspx
NT	\$1.2 million	http://minister.infrastructure.gov.au/chester/releases/2017/june/dc156_2017.aspx
SA	\$5.47 million	http://minister.infrastructure.gov.au/chester/releases/2017/june/dc164_2017.aspx
QLD	\$12 million	http://minister.infrastructure.gov.au/chester/releases/2017/june/dc151_2017.aspx

Announcements for the remaining states and the ACT are forthcoming from the Minister.

For more information on the Australian Government’s *Black Spot Programme*, or to nominate a black spot, visit <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/blackspots/>.

Productivity Commission - recent updates relevant to local government

The Productivity Commission has released its draft report *Introducing Competition and Informed User Choice into Human Services: Reforms to Human Services*. The Commission is inviting submissions to the draft report by Friday 14 July 2017 and also welcomes attendance to a [public hearing](#).

Public hearing dates and venues are:

Location	Date	Venue
Sydney	Monday, 24 July	Adina Apartment Hotel, Surry Hills, 359 Crown St, Surry Hills
Canberra	Tuesday, 25 July	Productivity Commission, Level 2, 4 National Cct, Barton
Melbourne	Thursday, 27 July	Productivity Commission, Level 12, 530 Collins St, Melbourne
Perth	Monday, 31 July	Mantra on Murray, 305 Murray St, Perth

Further information on how to provide a submission is included on the [inquiry website](#). The final report will be submitted to the Australian Government in October 2017.

The Commission has also released its technical supplement to the initial report on *Transitioning Regional Economies*. The technical supplement describes the data and techniques used to construct the index of regional adaptive capacity developed for the initial report.

The technical supplement is available on [the Commission's website](#).

ALGA NEWS

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President's column

I was thrilled to see so many of our local government champions from around the nation receive accolades for their achievements and contributions in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List and I extend my personal congratulations to all of them.

I'm particularly delighted that former member of the ALGA Board, Mrs Margaret De Wit, received a Medal (OAM) in the General Division. Margaret served on the ALGA Board from 19 July 2012 to 31 March 2016. Margaret also served as President of the Local Government Association of Queensland and Councillor for Brisbane City Council. Congratulations Margaret!

In just a matter of days, ALGA will officially open its two major annual events: the Regional Cooperation and Development Forum this Sunday and the National General Assembly of Local Government on Monday.

This year's Regional Forum, themed Pillars of Growth, will be an important opportunity for mayors, councillors and other key decision-makers from metropolitan, regional, rural and remote councils to come together in the Nation's Capital to share their knowledge and experience in building substantive local and regional capacity.

The forum is also the official venue for the launch of the annual State of the Regions report. This year's report by National Economics – the 20th in the series – continues to examine the key factors driving and hindering regional economic growth, and assists local councils to understand their own region and compare performance with other regions.

The theme of this year's National General Assembly of Local Government, 'Building Tomorrow's Communities', goes to the heart of the role of local government in modern Australia. Key presentations will address how councils, often working in partnership with other levels of government, or the private and not-for-profit sectors, are shaping the future and responding appropriately to the challenges that lie ahead.

Timelines are now very tight but you can still register for both events at this link: <http://www.conferenceco.com.au/nga/>.

I'm looking forward to opening these notable events and I hope to see you there.

Mayor David O'Loughlin

ALGA President

Queen's Birthday honours for local government

The 2017 Queen's Birthday Honours List has once again recognised the time and effort that many exceptional community members have dedicated to their local community through service to local government.

We are proud to acknowledge the honours presented to:

Companion (AC) in the General Division

- The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Melbourne Robert Bennett Doyle.

For eminent service to the people of Melbourne through roles in local government, to the Parliament of Victoria, particularly in the areas of health and public administration, and to the community as a supporter of youth, social welfare and medical research foundations.

Member (AM) in the General Division

- The Honourable James Glennister Cox, Launceston TAS.

For significant service to the Parliament of Tasmania, to local government and the people of Launceston, and to road safety

- Mr Paul David Thomas, Wallaroo SA.

For significant service to local government, to the community of the Northern Yorke Peninsula, to tourism, and to cultural festivals

- Mr Claude George Ullin, Armadale VIC.

For significant service to the community through a range of organisations, to the visual arts, to multiculturalism, and to local government

- Mr Walter Clifford Barrett, Pinjarra WA

For service to local government, and to the community of the Murray shire

Medal (OAM) in the General Division

- Mr Michael Francis Blair, Baulkham Hills NSW

For service to the community of Baulkham Hills, and to local government

- Ms Yvonne Braid, Wagga Wagga NSW.

For service to local government, and to the community of Wagga Wagga

- Mr Frank Hollis Creagh, Broadwater WA

For service to the community of the Dandaragan shire, and to local government

- Mr Thomas Bernard Cullen, Coonamble NSW.

For service to local government, and to the community of Coonamble

- Mrs Margaret Anne De Wit, Bellbowrie QLD.

For service to local government, and to the community of Brisbane

- Ms Jennifer Rae Dowell, Goonellabah NSW.

For service to local government, and to the community of Lismore

- Mrs Mary Carmel Knowles, Rossarden TAS

For service to the community of the Northern Midlands, and to local government

- Mrs Shaaron Jeanette Linwood, Herberton QLD.

For service to local government, and to the community of the Atherton Tablelands

- Mr Stuart John McLean, Hamlyn Heights VIC.

For service to the community, and to local government

- Mr Desmond George Manwaring, Condobolin NSW.

For service to local government, and to the community of the Lachlan shire

- Mr William Gerard Melbourne, Seymour VIC.

For service to local government, and to the community of the Mitchell shire

- Mrs Karin Susan Orpen, Ferntree Gully VIC.

For service to local government, and to the community of Ferntree Gully

- Mr Frank Rigby, Stockton NSW.

For service to local government, to community health, and to the environment

- Mr Bruce Leslie Scott, Windorah QLD.

For service to local government, and to the community of Barcoo Shire

- Mr John Thomas Seymour, Marrar NSW.

For service to local government, and to the community of the Riverina

- Mr James Morison Treloar, Tamworth NSW.

For service to local government, and to the community of Tamworth

- Mrs Erika Johanna Vickery, Naracoorte SA.

For service to local government, and to the community of Naracoorte

- Mr Kenneth Hugh Whan, Benalla VIC.

For service to local government, and to the community of Benalla

- Mrs Colleen Fay Wills, Quirindi NSW.

For service to local government, and to the community of Quirindi

Public Service Medal

- Mr Troy Daniel Green, Casuarina NSW

For outstanding public service to local government in northern New South Wales

- Mr Peter Hamilton Franks, Kuranda QLD.

For outstanding public service to local government in Queensland

- Mr Bernard Anthony McCarthy, Parramatta Park QLD

For outstanding public service to local government in Queensland

The full Queen's Birthday Honours List is available [here](#).

Mobile Black Spots Round Two - roll out schedules released

Minister for Regional Communications, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, has welcomed the release of indicative rollout schedules for mobile towers being delivered under Round 2 of the Mobile Black Spot Program.

Telstra, Optus and Vodafone have all now released indicative rollout schedules on their websites. All 266 Round 2 base stations, contracted under agreements signed with the Australian Government through the Mobile Black Spots Program, are expected to be delivered by October 2018.

“Australians can now check online to get an indication of when their new local phone tower from Rounds 1 and 2 of the Coalition’s Mobile Black Spots Program is expected to be up and running,” Minister Nash said.

“I do remind residents that these rollout schedules are meant as an indication and could be subject to some change.”

Round 2 will deliver new or improved coverage to 6,300 homes and businesses across 17,700 square kilometres, including 1,900 kilometres along major transport routes. In total, Rounds 1 and 2 will deliver new or improved coverage to 32,000 homes and businesses across 68,000 square kilometres through 765 mobile towers.

Nationwide, Round 2 will deliver new and upgraded base stations to every state and the Northern Territory – NSW (39), Victoria (32), Queensland (76), Western Australia (78), South Australia (20), Tasmania (6) and the Northern Territory (15).

A further \$60 million has been committed to target specific priority locations which had not received a bid for a tower from a telecommunications company in Rounds 1 and 2, with a competitive process to allocate the funding expected to commence later this year.

More information about the Program is available at www.communications.gov.au/mobile_coverage

Drone safety review takes flight

CASA has released the Terms of Reference for the review of aviation safety regulation of remotely piloted aircraft systems, commonly known as drones.

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, the Hon Darren Chester MP, said the review's findings and recommendations would ensure future growth in drone operations safely integrates into Australian airspace.

"The Australian Government is committed to fostering an environment that ensures the safety of commercial and privately-owned aircraft, drone operators, and other people and property, while facilitating growth and innovation in the use of drones in Australia," Mr Chester said.

"We are already seeing drones being successfully used in agriculture, mining, infrastructure assessment, search and rescue, fire and policing operations, aerial mapping and scientific research.

"CASA will be mindful that any proposed new regulatory requirements should also support the potential of drone operations to improve productivity, reduce costs and improve workplace safety across a range of industries and applications."

Mr Chester said the review would examine a number of regulatory options raised by stakeholders with a view to improving aviation safety in Australia.

"I encourage those interested in aviation safety to contribute to this important review, the outcome of which will provide CASA with a firm basis to consider any future regulatory changes," he said.

The Terms of References are available at: <https://www.casa.gov.au/aircraft/standard-page/drone-safety-review>

Local Drug Action Team applications open

Councils around Australia have already played a leading role in forming Local Drug Action Teams (LDAT) in their communities. With 40 teams up and running, the second round of applications is now open.

The LDAT program provides a unique opportunity for communities to create positive change and help prevent the harm caused by alcohol and other drugs before they happen. The LDAT program shifts the emphasis to primary prevention by encouraging cross-sector partnerships in communities to lead evidence-informed positive change. The program also provides communities with resources, support and grant funding.

Councils are welcome to apply to become an LDAT and help form a team with cross-sector representatives. In this round, LDATs will receive a minimum of \$10,000 to either develop their LDAT further or implement activities.

An invitation-only grant round will be open on 15 August where LDATs will be invited to apply for further funding of up to \$40,000 (including the initial \$10,000).

There is comprehensive information and tools available on the Alcohol and Drug Foundation's site to help get your application ready and you can contact the LDAT team if you have any questions.

Find out more about LDAT here.

Innovation districts - A model for a thriving Australian economy

Australian businesses and governments are beginning to see the learning and growth potential that comes from collaborating and partnering with each other in emerging 'innovation districts'. Recent research conducted by Optus Business and Australia's leading digital start-ups and established organisations revealed that both these cohorts share common goals of long term sustainability, yet both are experiencing unsettling digital disruption in their business. The smart disruptors are those who embrace a new mindset of collaboration and partnership, which enables their businesses to more readily anticipate and respond to changing customer needs for products and services.

It is our belief that innovation districts are emerging as the new geographies of innovation. These dense clusters of industry bring together complementary business types and 'kindred spirits' – institutions, educators and other organisations – to facilitate the flow of knowledge and capability within the economy. Collaboration and partnerships, through networks of people, places and technology, will position Australia strongly for growth in the future and to remain globally competitive.

The challenge now is to ensure that outcomes of innovation districts deliver on their economic and social promise by developing new business models and practices that foster a culture of true collaboration leading to increased value for participants.

Optus Business and Business Models Inc co-authored a paper on innovation districts and you can download the full report from the Optus web site.

If you would like to find out more about innovation districts or have feedback on the paper, please contact Samantha Kennedy at sam.kennedy@optus.com.au.

By Sam Kennedy, Director, Government Strategy and Innovation, Optus Business

Consultation on possible amendments to carrier powers and immunities

The Australian Government has released a consultation paper on proposed changes to telecommunications carrier powers and immunities laws so they remain relevant in the rapidly changing communications sector.

Carrier powers and immunities are designed to strike the right balance between the

community's need to access reliable, affordable telecommunications services while ensuring that local governments and communities have a say in the deployment of major telecommunications infrastructure.

Most carrier powers and immunities have been in place since 1997. Since then, fixed-line and mobile communications technologies have evolved rapidly and there has been a dramatic increase in demand for voice and broadband services.

The changes seek to clarify the operation of some existing powers and immunities, allow for the deployment of new types of network infrastructure, make changes to some existing facility types, and streamline notification and objection rules. The proposed changes should reduce the time and costs for local governments in assessing large volumes of applications and planning documents.

The Department of Communications and the Arts is seeking feedback on whether the changes should proceed, and if so, in what form. Interested parties, including local governments, community groups and industry are encouraged to comment.

More information, including the consultation paper and draft amendments to the legislative instruments are available on the Department of Communications and the Arts website. Submissions are required to be lodged by Friday, 21 July 2017.

New resource: prevention of violence handbook

Following the release in 2015 of *Change the story: A shared framework for the primary prevention of violence against women and their children in Australia* Our Watch has just released a practical guide to assist organisations, including local government, to put theory into practice.

Change the story brought together international research, and nationwide experience, on what drives violence against women and what works to prevent it. It established a shared understanding of the evidence and principles of effective prevention, and presented a way forward for a coordinated national approach.

The new handbook translates that 'big picture' framework into 'on-the-ground' action. *Change the story* outlines the 'what' and 'why'; the handbook presents the 'how' of primary prevention.

The new handbook outlines how you can assist in preventing violence against women in your context, whether it's a workplace, school, sports club, local government or NGO, with step-by-step guides and templates.

Access the handbook on the Our Watch website: [Putting the prevention of violence against women into practice: How to Change the story.](#)

Register for a free 2016 Census data seminar

Registrations are now open for the 2016 Census Data Seminars series. Whether you're a government planner, an academic, not-for-profit, small business owner or simply a data enthusiast, the Census Data Seminar series will be beneficial for you and attendance is free.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), universities, and local government partners will play host to 29 seminars across Australia including on Norfolk Island.

Seminars will offer insights and stories from the data collected in the 2016 Census – who we are, where we come from, how we live and where we're headed. Presentations will be tailored to the seminar location, providing a snapshot of the local area with comparison to the rest of Australia.

Data specialists from the ABS will also be on hand to provide Census data product support and guidance.

If unable to attend in person, seminars in capital cities will be webcast live and available on-demand from the ABS YouTube channel after the event.

Dates and locations are on the ABS website. To register, go to abs.gov.au

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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

- Senior Branch Librarian – 19/07/2017

Staff Leaving:

- Leading Hand Waste Disposal – 14/6/2017
- Manager Community Development – 30/06/2017

Other Staff Movements (Internal):

- Extension of secondment – Senior Strategic Planning Officer - Until 03/05/2019

Current Recruitment Activity:

- Asset Protection Officer – Closes 22/06/2017
- Waste Disposal Officer – Recruitment Progressing
- Administrative/Lands Officer – Recruitment Progressing
- Statutory Planning Officer – Recruitment Progressing
- Administration Officer – Ranger & Emergency Services (Part-Time) – Recruitment Progressing
- Truck Driver/Operator – Recruitment Progressing
- Manager Property Services – Recruitment Progressing
- Manager Ranger & Emergency Services – Recruitment Progressing
- Parks Technical Officer - Recruitment Progressing

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TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS		
ITEM	REFERRING COMMITTEE	COMMENTS
Ordinary Council Meeting of Monday, 29 May 2017: Matters for Referral – Cr Zelones: <i>“That the matter of barriers to prevent vehicle access to active sporting reserves be referred to the Technical Services Committee.”</i>	Technical Services	Report anticipated for presentation at the 3 July 2017 Technical Services Committee Meeting.

TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE
Works Program – June 2017 – August 2017



Department	June 2017	July 2017	August 2017
City Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piara Waters (South) – Contract award • Armadale Aquatic Centre Redevelopment – Design – Documentation for tender continues • Aquatic Centre Geothermal Bore tender award • Piara Waters (South-East) – Continue design process • Armadale District Hall – Design tender award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piara Waters (South) – Construction commence • Armadale Aquatic Centre Redevelopment – Construction tender period • Piara Waters (South-East) – Continue design process • Armadale District Hall – Design underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piara Waters (South) – Construction ongoing • Armadale Aquatic Centre Redevelopment – Construction tender period • Piara Waters (South-East) – Continue design process • Armadale District Hall – Design continuing
Civil Works	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seville Dr – Streetscape • Balannup Rd Gracefield Bvd – Roundabout • Westfield Rd – Drainage Upgrade <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance as per Program • Contract road sweeping • Footpath defects • Car park maintenance • Road shoulder regrade • Gully educting 	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wungong and Harber - Roundabout • Balannup Rd Ranford Rd– Intersection Improvement <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New footpath on Slee Ave between Camillo Rd- Third Ave (LHS), Kelmscott • New footpath on Bilkurra Way between Carrawatha Ave and Mirria Way (LHS) • Resurfacing Fourth Rd between South West Hwy and Church Ave, Armadale (Tentative) • Resurfacing Railway Ave between Gillam Dr and Lowana Way, Armadale (Tentative) • Routine maintenance as per Program • Contract road sweeping • Footpath defects • Car park maintenance • Gully educting 	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBC <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resurfacing Fourth Rd between South West Hwy and Church Ave, Armadale (tentative) • Resurfacing Railway Ave between Gillam Dr and Lowana Wy, Armadale (tentative) • Resurfacing Forrest Rd between Milman Wy and Eight Rd, Armadale (tentative) • Routine maintenance as per Program • Contract road sweeping • Footpath defects • Car park maintenance



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Engineering Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balannup Rd ultimate upgrade – Ranford Rd to Reilly Rd (DCS) • Balannup Rd service relocation (DCS) • Balannup Rd Lot 173 contamination assessment (DCS) • Balannup Rd/Ranford Rd Street Light relocation (Black Spot) • Streich Ave/Foster Rd intersection improvement (Black Spot) • Tait St/Kootingal/Windarra intersection upgrade (Black Spot) • Adams Ct cul-de-sac • Brook Pl cul-de-sac • Erica St cul-de-sac • Armadale Landfill – traffic movement and car parking layouts • Gwynne Park informal parking • John Dunn Oval Dog Pound car park and ring road • Eighth Rd upgrade (Subject to agreement with MRA) • Fourth Rd Power Undergrounding • Management of Street Lighting installation works (DCS/Muni/Black Spot) • Reilly Rd East Street Lighting upgrade design (Black Spot) • Black Spot concept designs for 2018/19 submission • Soldiers Rd Footpath • Urch Rd Footpath • Westfield Rd drainage upgrade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balannup Rd ultimate upgrade – Ranford Rd to Reilly Rd (DCS) • Balannup Rd service relocation (DCS) • Balannup Rd Lot 173 contamination assessment (DCS) • Balannup Rd/Ranford Rd Street Light relocation (Black Spot) • Streich Ave/Foster Rd intersection improvement (Black Spot) • Tait St/Kootingal/Windarra intersection upgrade (Black Spot) • Carradine Rd/Carawatha Ave intersection upgrade • Armadale Landfill – traffic movement and car parking layouts • John Dunn Oval Dog Pound car park and ring road • Eighth Rd upgrade (Subject to agreement with MRA) • Fourth Rd Power Undergrounding • Management of Street Lighting installation works (DCS/Muni/Black Spot) • Reilly Rd East Street Lighting and Line Marking upgrade design (Black Spot) • Black Spot concept designs for 2018/19 submission • Soldiers Rd Footpath • Bunney Rd drainage upgrade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balannup Rd ultimate upgrade – Ranford Rd to Reilly Rd (DCS) • Balannup Rd service relocation (DCS) • Balannup Rd/Ranford Rd Street Light relocation (Black Spot) • Streich Ave/Foster Rd intersection improvement (Black Spot) • Tait St/Kootingal/Windarra intersection upgrade (Black Spot) • Tait St resurfacing – Armadale to Lowanna (MRRG) • Carradine Rd/Carawatha Ave intersection upgrade • Eighth Rd upgrade (Subject to agreement with MRA) • Management of Street Lighting installation works (DCS/Muni/Black Spot) • Reilly Rd East Street Lighting upgrade design (Black Spot) • Bus Shelters (various) • Forrestdale Business Park East drainage system



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Parks Design and Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Dunn Dog Park Tender documentation • Flematti Park Design Tender documentation • Various Civil Works design input • Piara Oval East design • Memorial Park playground design Tender documentation • Piara Oval South contract administration • Nicholson Rd St 4 documentation <p><u>Harrisdale/Piara Waters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various landscape works submissions under review • Various landscape works in pre-handover period <p>Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Area Works</p> <p><u>Wungong</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various landscape works submissions under review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Dunn Dog Park tender documentation • Flematti Park Design tender documentation • Various Civil Works design input • Piara Oval East design • Memorial Park playground design Tender documentation • Piara Oval South contract administration • Nicholson Rd St 4 documentation • Reserve upgrade works - Precinct G <p><u>Harrisdale/Piara Waters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various landscape works submissions under review • Various landscape works in pre-handover period <p>Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Area Works</p> <p><u>Wungong</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various landscape works submissions under review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Park playground design Tender documentation • Benbeculla Park Playground upgrade design • Migrant Park Playground design • Minnowarra Dredge and Landscape Tender documentation • Piara South contract administration • Armadale Town Hall landscaping concept • Balannup Living Stream Request for Tender • Various Civil Works design input • Piara Oval East design • Nicholson Rd St 4 Tender <p><u>Harrisdale/Piara Waters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various landscape works submissions under review • Various landscape works in pre-handover period <p>Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Area Works</p> <p><u>Wungong</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various landscape works submissions under review
Parks Works	<p><u>Capital</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various Capital Works projects • Patterson Park Playground upgrade • Sports Oval Lighting Upgrade - John Dunn Memorial and Gwynne Park Main Ovals • Gerald Russell Park Arbour • Cross Park Cricket Net Relocation 	<p><u>Capital</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various Capital Works projects • Patterson Park Playground upgrade • Champion Lakes Beach Playground upgrade • Sports Oval Lighting Upgrade - John Dunn Memorial and Gwynne Park Main Ovals • Cross Park Cricket Net Relocation • Warton/Ranford/Skeet contract administration • Groundwater production bores, Gwynne Park, Cross Park, Fancote Park, Springdale Oval, • Municipal Entry Statements Forrestdale and Albany Hwy Kelmscott • Warton Rd landscaping • Ranford Rd landscaping 	<p><u>Capital</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various Capital Works projects • Champion Lakes Beach Playground upgrade • Sports Oval Lighting Upgrade -John Dunn Memorial Oval and Gwynne Park Main Oval. • Cross Park Cricket Net Relocation • Warton /Ranford / Skeet contract administration • Groundwater production bores, Gwynne Park, Cross Park, Fancote Park, Springdale Oval • Municipal Entry Statements Forrestdale and Albany Hwy Kelmscott • Warton Rd landscaping



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Parks Works cont.	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract landscape maintenance • Contract play space maintenance • Scheduled mowing and general maintenance • Irrigation maintenance • Bushland maintenance • Civic precinct maintenance • Contract new estate maintenance • Contract streetscape maintenance • Customer requests • Contract barbecue cleaning • Contract street tree maintenance • Urban Forest plantings maintenance and new install 	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract landscape maintenance • Contract play space maintenance • Scheduled mowing and general maintenance • Irrigation maintenance • Bushland maintenance • Civic precinct maintenance • Contract new estate maintenance • Contract streetscape maintenance • Customer requests • Contract barbecue cleaning • Contract street tree maintenance • Urban Forest plantings maintenance and new • Bridge and boardwalk upgrades • Streetscape garden upgrades 	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract landscape maintenance • Contract play space maintenance • Scheduled mowing and general maintenance • Irrigation maintenance • Bushland maintenance • Civic precinct maintenance • Contract new estate maintenance • Contract streetscape maintenance • Customer requests • Contract barbecue cleaning • Contract street tree maintenance • Urban Forest plantings maintenance and new • Bridge and boardwalk upgrades • Streetscape garden upgrades
Property Management	<p><u>Design</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelmscott Hall Upgrade – final design and documentation completed <p><u>New Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot Workshop – installation of new doors to replace existing and extend office and create a reception waiting area • Westfield Scout Hall – asbestos removal • Waste Site – installation of evacuation system to be reviewed and completed • Waste Site – building compliance review <p><u>Upgrade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greendale Centre upgrade/refurbishment – works continuing. roof works completed • Creyk Park Pavilion – proposed building works completed • Administration Centre – AC works upgrade works design completed • Morgan Park internal upgrade to kitchen completed • City wide Security upgrade to Web based application for remote management – various facilities 	<p><u>Design</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelmscott Hall Upgrade – final design and documentation scope for tender <p><u>New Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roleystone Theatre asbestos removal • Westfield Scouts Kitchen Upgrade • Electrical works at Landfill shed completed • New structures at Landfill - Completed <p><u>Upgrade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greendale Centre upgrade/refurbishment – Works continuing • Administration Centre – AC works upgrade works to order supply all equipment – RFT scope • City wide security upgrade to Web based application for remote management – various facilities ongoing • EPM completed all sites including evac diagrams. 	<p><u>Design</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelmscott Hall Upgrade – final design and documentation award preferred <p><u>New Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roleystone Theatre asbestos removal programmed • Armadale Scout Hall Asbestos removal • All works at Landfill site completed <p><u>Upgrade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greendale Centre upgrade/refurbishment – works 80% completed • Greendale Centre fit out internal spaces • City wide security upgrade to Web based application for remote management – various facilities ongoing • AC Admin Building – award preferred



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Property Management cont.	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmed maintenance works continue in all of the City’s buildings, and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Electrical Safety Program – Residual Current Devices (RCDs) ○ Air conditioning maintenance – monthly ○ Fire Services maintenance in various sites 	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmed maintenance works continue in all of the City’s buildings, and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Electrical Safety Program – Residual Current Devices (RCDs) ○ Air conditioning maintenance – monthly ○ Fire Services maintenance in various sites 	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmed maintenance works continue in all of the City’s buildings, and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Electrical Safety Program – Residual Current Devices (RCDs) ○ Air conditioning maintenance – monthly ○ Fire Services maintenance in various sites
Subdivisional Development	<p><u>Harrisdale/Piara Waters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 civil works submissions under review • 6 active areas of civil works • 1 water management submissions under review <p><u>Newhaven Commercial</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easthope Link service road intersections upgrade works – new roundabout <p>Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Areas</p> <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area civil works • 1 civil works submissions under review <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allen Rd surface monitoring • 1 active areas of civil works • 1 civil works submission under review <p><u>Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 active areas of civil works • 2 civil works submissions under review • 4 water management submissions under review • Vermillion Ave – drainage issue 	<p><u>Harrisdale/Piara Waters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 civil works submissions under review • 6 active areas of civil works • 1 water management submissions under review <p><u>Newhaven Commercial</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easthope Link service road intersections upgrade works – new roundabout <p>Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Areas</p> <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 active areas civil works • 1 civil works submissions under review <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allen Rd surface monitoring • 1 active areas of civil works • 1 civil works submission under review <p><u>Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 active areas of civil works • 2 civil works submissions under review • 3 water management submissions under review 	<p><u>Harrisdale/Piara Waters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 civil works submissions under review • 6 active areas of civil works • 1 water management submissions under review <p><u>Newhaven Commercial</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easthope Link service road intersections upgrade works – new roundabout <p>Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Areas</p> <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 active areas civil works • 1 civil works submissions under review <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allen Rd surface monitoring • 1 active areas of civil works • 1 civil works submission under review <p><u>Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 active areas of civil works • 2 civil works submissions under review • 3 water management submissions under review



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Subdivisional Development cont.	<p><u>Neerigen Brook South/Brickworks Drain</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 water management submission (FP3) under review <p><u>Lake Road – Precinct A</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review • 1 active area civil works • 2 UWMP <p><u>Champion Lakes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Civil works under review • 1 active area of civil works 	<p><u>Neerigen Brook South/Brickworks Drain</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 water management submission (FP3) under review <p><u>Lake Road – Precinct A</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review • 1 active area civil works • 2 UWMP <p><u>Champion Lakes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Civil works under review • 1 active area of civil works 	<p><u>Neerigen Brook South/Brickworks Drain</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 water management submission (FP3) under review <p><u>Lake Road – Precinct A</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review • 1 active area civil works • 2 UWMP <p><u>Champion Lakes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Civil works under review • 1 active area of civil works



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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – JUNE 2017		
ITEM	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
<p><u>Shopping Trolleys in Public Access Areas</u> <i>(Refer to item 5.1 of Committee Services Committee Meeting 4 April 2017)</i> That the matter be referred to the relevant Directorate for action and/or report to the appropriate Committee <i>(Cr Best)</i></p>	<p>Ranger Services/Parks & Garden</p>	<p>Councillor Item to be investigated and reported Administratively. Manager Ranger and Emergency Services to liaise with Parks & Gardens. Memo to be forwarded to Councillors.</p>
<p><u>Investigation of Assistance Walks for Disabled Persons in Natural Environment</u> <i>(Refer Item 5.2 of Committee Services Committee Meeting 4 April 2017)</i> That the matter be referred to the relevant Directorate for action and/or report to the appropriate Committee <i>(Cr Stewart)</i></p>	<p>Community Development</p>	<p><i>Pending</i></p>
<p><u>Nature Play Area – Bedfordale Hall</u> <i>(Refer Matters for Referral of Council Meeting 12 June 2017)</i> That the matter be referred to the relevant Directorate for action and/or report to the appropriate Committee <i>(Cr Geary)</i></p>	<p>Community Planning</p>	<p><i>Pending</i></p>

COMMUNITY PLANNING

Planning for community facilities and services in the City’s established and growth areas, involving;

- Community facilities planning
- Managing external grants for community facilities
- Advocating for related funding and services
- Aligning internal and external partners

Master Plan projects

<i>Project</i>	<i>Status</i>
Cross Park Pavilion Feasibility Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Consultation done • Report to Council in July
Forrestdale Hub Feasibility Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary meetings held with various departments and MRWA to discuss impending outcomes as a result of the widening of Armadale Road • Feasibility study scope widened to include the Hub as a whole
John Dunn Memorial Park BMX Facility Feasibility Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Plan commenced
John Dunn Memorial Park Off-Leash Dog Exercise Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Services budget approved • Draft design complete • Report to Council requesting amendments to Local Laws Relating to Dogs at John Dunn; approval for public notice
Kelmscott Community Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Application approved • Management agreement being prepared

Community Infrastructure External Grants Schedule

EXTERNAL GRANTS SCHEDULE (as at 14.6.17)				
Project	Lead Department - Construction	Funding Source	Grant Amount Sought \$	Status
Armadale District Hall Upgrade	City Projects	Lotterywest	1,000,000	Notification of outcome in December 2016
Greendale Centre Upgrade	Property	Lotterywest	1,550,000	Grant being actively managed
Harrisdale East Pavilion	City Projects	DSR (CSRFF)	800,000	Grant being actively managed
Piara South Playing Field & Pavilion	City Projects	DSR (CSRFF)	500,000	Grant being actively managed
Indoor Aquatic Centre	City Projects	NSRF (National Stronger Regions Fund)	10,000,000	Liaising with Department
Indoor Aquatic Centre	City Projects	DSR (CSRFF)	1,000,000	Notification of outcome in December 2016
Golf Course Upgrade	Parks	DSR (CSRFF)	315,590	Grant being actively managed
Lighting Upgrade - Gwynne Park - John Dunn - William Skeet	Parks	DSR (CSRFF)	550,000	Notification of outcome in December 2016
Seville Grove Library/Champion Centre	Property Services	Lotterywest	4,060,000	Grant confirmed

Social Planning

<i>Project</i>	<i>Status</i>
Community Centres and Child Care Centres affected by Dept of Local Government and Communities funding changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mundarda Child Care Centre (MCCC) and Armadale Community Family Centre (ACFC) affected as Roleystone Neighbourhood Family Centre owned by the City • Facilitated workshops held with the ACFC and MCCC - options from 1 July 2018 include the organisations operating the buildings independent of the City and possible relocation to another facility • Information to Council with outcome of investigation - mid 2017
Draft Occupancy Arrangements of CoA Land or Facilities Policy and Management Practice	Report to Council to be prepared
Seville Grove Library and Champion Centre Feasibility Study	Complete. Final report presented to Council in March 2017 and to Lotterywest as part of the funding submission for the community elements of the Bob Blackburn Community Hub
Wungong Community Facilities Planning Project (looking at the potential functions of planned facilities)	Initial internal meeting planned to determine scope of project; discussion with external stakeholders to follow
Child Health accommodation	Council endorsed Recommendation to expand service at Bakers House

Internal Processes

<i>Project</i>	<i>Status</i>
Master Plan Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document is currently being finalised and prepared for circulation • Executive Summary to be available for public view, distributed to sporting clubs and community groups
Community Infrastructure Plan (CIP) Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In progress
Dog Park – (Stocklands temporary space activation) adjacent to Harrisdale Shopping Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks forwarded conditions of use back to developer • To be confirmed
Dog Park – adjacent to Town Centre, Wungong Cell F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure plan approved; design to be confirmed
RECN 3 ‘Club/Community Group Application(s) for Council Support of Capital Works Projects’ – Policy and Management Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed Policy to be considered by Council in July/August

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Community Development Teams aim is to build a safe, healthy and connected community through the facilitation of various programs and services.

This includes four areas of focus:

- Places Activation
- Partnerships
- Community Engagement
- Capacity Building

Major Projects

Age Friendly Community Strategy

The City is in the process of consulting our community about what our Age Friendly Community Strategy should look like to ensure that Armadale effectively caters for its ageing population. This project is funded through a \$10,000 Age Friendly Community Grant from the Department of Local Government and Communities. A reference group has been identified to help oversee the project. Consultation with the community has concluded which included 4 workshops, 200 surveys, Vox Pops and a Walk the Beat activity.

A Councillor workshop is planned for August 2017 to present the findings from the community consultation and to gather further feedback. As a result, an Age Friendly Community Strategy will then be developed for adoption and implementation.

Community Group Capacity Building Program

The City of Armadale hosted the first ever GivingBackthon in partnership with Impact Seed, the first of its kind in partnership with Local Government in Western Australia. The participants followed a designed thinking process, which put the community at the centre of problem solving. Each team took on a social issue and by the end of the day developed a potential solution for presentation to the judges.

Bedfordale Connect Inc. were the winners with their proposal which included a social media solution, using young people in Bedfordale to engage via social media with other young people, with the hope it will lead to youth driven community projects.

The Runner up prize was awarded to V4me, led by AtWork Australia, for their solution to support unemployed and underemployed people in finding work. They created an online Webapp tool where people can vouch for the experience and skills of jobseekers. The tool provides the opportunity for community members to post video references to give employers peace of mind when hiring someone who may have been out of employment or struggling to find employment.

The People's Choice award went to the Waste Warriors, who created an app based game, where children can change the waste behaviours of their family by trying to

collect rewards for completing real world tasks like turning out the lights or using reusable shopping bags.



Access and Inclusion

Club Abilities Project- Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2016-2021 (DAIP): Outcome 1.2

The City has partnered with Inclusion WA through a \$47,000 grant to build capacity of community groups and clubs to include people with disability and mental health issues into existing structures/programs. A steering group has been identified to oversee the project. Memberships of this group include CoA, Inclusion WA, Clubs, and people with disability. The proposed timeframe for the project is from March 2017 – March 2018.

Inclusion WA has conducted consultation in the community to identify the direction of the project. A ‘Community Consultation Initial Report’ has been presented to the City of Armadale with a summary of the outcomes of the consultation, project outputs, proposed training sessions for clubs and service providers, club mentoring and project timelines.

Identified Community Workshops have now been scheduled. These are as below:

- Social Inclusion & Disability Awareness: Tuesday 18 July 4-6pm, Frye Park Pavilion;
- Mental Health & Valued Roles: Thursday 15 August 10am – noon, City of Armadale;
- Recreation Advice Workshop: Tuesday 5 September 10am –noon, City of Armadale; and

- Building Stronger, Better Connected Clubs: Wednesday 6 – 8pm, Frye Park Pavilion.

Representatives from Inclusion WA have started mentoring specified clubs.

Disability Access and Inclusion Reference Group

The Disability Access and Inclusion Reference Group (DA&IRG) met 18 May..

Positive Ageing

Positive Ageing Sessions

The next Positive Ageing Session will be on the 7 June at 1.30pm at the Armadale Library. Topics for this session are; Emphysema, bronchitis and asthma presented by a representative of Juniper Community and Doula Care presented by Nicolette Smith from 'The End of Life'.

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Consultation has now concluded. Consultation included four workshops with community and service providers, surveys online and in hard copy, 'Vox Pop' Activities (mini interviews) were conducted at a Positive Ageing High Tea and in Armadale Shopping City and a 'Walk the beat' engagement activity in Roleystone and Armadale.

The City will receive a report on the outcomes of the consultation early July with a Councillor's Workshop being held in August.

Community Arts and Cultural Development

ARC Artist Retail Collective Inc

Lead ARC coordinator Charlene O'Brien has been successfully moving forward with the process of incorporation and has submitted their application to the Department of Commerce for approval. She has formed a Board of Management committee and will be presenting an information session for prospective artist participants on Friday 23 June, hosted by the City of Armadale. The completion of the Incorporated Association process is expected before 30 June 2017 and the venue leasing arrangements will start immediately afterwards. Ms O'Brien is also currently exhibiting her work in Budapest after being invited to represent Australia in a European eco-fashion exhibition.



Armadale Hills Open Studio Arts Trail 2017

Plans are progressing for this highly successful artist-driven cultural tourism initiative in September with two artist meetings held so far. There are a number of new high quality local artists keen to be involved and some previous artists holding off this year for various reasons, mostly due to other commitments. New ideas currently being explored include a collective Aboriginal Art Open Studio based at the Champion Centre, a pilot invitation initiative to selected high quality neighbouring Byford-based artists, and stronger self-coordinated digital marketing tactics.

Children and Families

Families Week 2017

During May 16 to 21 the City of Armadale and several community partners hosted events for Families week. The first of these was an information evening at Mundarda Child Care Centre. This event was attended mostly by Mundarda CCC families. Connections were made for many families to support services in the Armadale area.



The second event was a family fun morning at Armadale Community Family Centre and Bob Blackburn Oval, which gave families the opportunity to connect and learn about services available to them in the City of Armadale. During the course of the 3

hour event. It was estimated that up to 50 families attended, many of whom did not realise the Family Centre offered so many support services.



Walk to School Day

On Friday 19 May the City was invited to attend Piara waters Primary School to support and encourage active transport to school. The school used this event to foster leadership in a group of students on arrival at school. The story and photos of the morning can be found at:

<http://www.piarawatersps.wa.edu.au/blog/2017/05/19/national-walk-safely-to-school-day/>

Local Government and Early Years Networks Working in Partnership Forum

On Wednesday 31 May WACOSS launched the “Local Government & Early Years Networks Working in Partnership Resource” available at:

https://www.dlhc.wa.gov.au/Publications/Documents/EYN_Booklet.pdf . The City of Armadale has been featured in this Local Government resource as a great example of Local Government and Early Years Networks working together.

Presenting at this forum was Professor Donna Cross from Telethon Kids who eloquently spoke about the necessity to share the knowledge that we have about the value of early identification of developmental issues of children and then of the need to appropriately support families to address those issues early to alleviate children starting school at a disadvantage. Of particular interest was the evidence based argument of the economic benefit of early intervention – the first 1000 days in a Child’s life to achieve future prosperity.

Youth

Ignite Basketball

The program is now in the 21st week of a 40 week program and has seen an average 48 young people attending per session. In addition to its junior coaches stepping up to a senior leadership position and leading the team, we have seen a large increase of participants now following their path. The “Ignite NXT” pathway has had more volunteers in 2017 than all previous years put together with young people of 12 and up learning to referee and run the tournament points board, as well as ensure their peers are fed and on the buses at the end of the night.



From June 30th, the program will be handed over to Save the Children to continue, with the bulk of the funding coming from the Bendat Foundation.

Donations and food pick ups

Two community members have provided the session with donated food from Coles and Woolworths that is then given to the participants for their families. In addition, another provides toiletries which are then distributed through the Champion Centre and Ignite program.



Wildcats and MC Trooth

Ignite’s resident “Educator through Hip Hop” Ryan “MC Trooth” Samuels has continued his sessions throughout the year with several 45 minute long presentations on a variety of topics. These have included, “The difference between a healthy and

unhealthy fear”, “What strength really means”, “Solving conflict without violence” “What are the REAL effects of drugs and alcohol”, “The relationship with police.”

Perth Wildcats have also continued their close relationship by providing player appearances every second or third week. We have had inspirational speeches and coaching from Greg Hire, Damian Martin, Matty Knight and more. Young people have been able to take on professional players one on one, ask questions and discover the testament to hard work through basketball.

AYIP

Armadale Youth Intervention Partnership (AYIP) has been extremely busy building links with schools and youth focused organisations in order to strengthen the services we provide to young people.

There are many branches to the AYIP model, but one of the main focuses over the next year will be the assessment of young people within Armadale to determine average literacy levels. This will create a baseline to which we can formulate a collaborative plans can be formulated to deliver affordable Individual Education plans and reading and writing tutoring when needed.

Building Community Relationships and Asset Mapping

The City’s CDO –Youth has continued developing strong relationships with the local schools, youth organisations and government officers in the City’s region. One of the City’s catchment schools, Southern Hills Christian College, has undergone management and system changes and is on the upswing of reconnecting with the community. They have offered their 120 young Emergency Services Cadets as volunteers for the City in any way the City may need in future. The high ropes and abseiling adventure course equipment located on Southern Hills has been identified as a unique community asset to our region and the City’s CDO –Youth will look at incorporating that into future youth programs for the City and for partner organisations to utilise.

Meetings with Armadale Senior High School, Carey Baptist College and Cecil Andrews College also unveiled excellent assets that the community and City are welcome to utilise in future including; ASHS brand new commercial kitchen and salon, CBC’s youth space rooms, cafeteria and meeting rooms and CAC’s STEM centre facilities.

The CDO – Youth is a member of the WA Local Government Youth Development Network who meet quarterly and discuss youth initiatives spanning across all WA Local Governments. The CDO – Youth has been researching youth spaces – internal and external, based on compiling data, trends and consultation information from other local governments who have previously undergone that process. Some of this information will go towards background for the Parks and Garden Review and the rest will contribute to an upcoming youth engagement project – Reviewing Youth Places and Spaces Report that the City is still awaiting DLGC to hear about the funding outcome.

Armadale Youth Network

The Armadale Youth Network had its third meeting on 12 June. The AYN is attended by representatives from 25 local operating organisations, services and agencies

working with young people within our region. Meetings are used to discuss: youth issues, challenges, program updates, identified risk areas/ trends surrounding local areas and youth, good news stories, partnership opportunities, shared training initiatives and funding opportunities, collaboration and more.

Armadale Aspire Partnerships

The City’s CDO – Youth has met with all partner schools to finalise Memorandum’s of Understanding for involvement in the Armadale Aspire youth career development Program. The program is set to launch in Term 3, week 1 on the 19 July 2017 and run for six weeks, one day a week. Partners in the program include: Carey Baptist College, Armadale SHS, Kelmscott SHS, Cecil Andrews College, Southern Hills Christian College, Roleystone Community College, Alita Constructions, Daly and Shaw, Beaver Tree Services, O’Neil Real Estate and Armadale Kelmscott Memorial Hospital. The program will be the first of its kind in Armadale involving both Government and non-Government schools and industries collaboratively on the same initiative. The City has purchased intellectual property for the program off the Kwinana Industries Council whose iPROJECT programs have been recognised nationally for their outstanding career development programs.

Night Fields outcomes and continuation

The Night Fields partner program delivered four sessions in May concluding on May 31. The Program saw more than 100 young people attending each session with huge parent and community support. The Program was a partnership between the City, WA Football Commission, Netball WA, YMCA, Telstra and Headspace to deliver free football and netball opportunities for Armadale’s young people. With such outstanding outcomes, the City will look to continue this program with excess funding from Telstra in October this year following the third Armadale Multi-sport Day. There was a wide variety of young people participating including 43% of participants identifying as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander or culturally and linguistically diverse. 58% of participants were female and 65% of participants



Information Items from the Community Services Directorate

were from Armadale with other suburb representations including; Brookdale, Camillo, Seville Grove, Kelmscott, Roleystone and Piara Waters with 8% of participants travelling from suburbs outside of the City of Armadale.

**Volunteering****Volunteering Towards Inclusion**

During June Armadale Volunteer Services in partnership with the City of Gosnells e-Volunteer Hub hosted a training session titled Volunteering Towards Inclusion.

This training session was delivered by the Western Australian Association for Mental Health and attracted 17 attendees representing 12 organisations.

Topics at this training included:

- Overall mental health/disability awareness
- Types of disabilities and mental illness
- Communication skills when working with these volunteers
- Legal issues for supervisors/employers
- Where to find further help and support.

State Volunteering Conference

During June Volunteering WA hosted a State Conference on Volunteering. Armadale Volunteer Services co-wrote a presentation for this conference with the Coordinators representing the Cities of Swan and Melville. The presentation title was Volunteer Resource Centre's expertise, resources, connection and local knowledge could be the key to your volunteer program success.

This presentation covered the benefits of membership with your local volunteer resource centre including;

- Assisting community groups with filling volunteer positions through, advertising, marketing and referral of potential volunteer's.
- Upskilling community groups with the latest information, tools and training in the sector.
- Providing support and resources to run an effective and efficient volunteer program.

Following the conference Armadale Volunteer Services chaired a meeting for volunteer resource centres from across WA.

Major Events

Outside the Frame

Seventeen schools have registered their interest in being involved in Outside the Frame Art Awards and Julianne McKay has been recruited as the Curator once again. The opening night will be held at the District Hall on Friday 11 August and the exhibition will be open to the public until Sunday 20 August 2017.

The schools that will be involved in the 2017 Outside the Frame Art Awards are as follows:

- Balcatta Senior High School
- Byford Secondary College
- Carey Baptist College
- Cecil Andrews Senior High School
- Gilmore College
- Helena College
- John Wollaston Anglican Community School
- Kalamunda Senior High School
- Kelmscott Senior High School
- Kingsley Montessori School
- Lumen Christi College
- Penrhos College
- Perth Modern School
- Rossmoyne Senior High School
- Serpentine Jarrahdale Grammar School
- St Stephen's School (Carramar)
- Swan Christian College

Highland Gathering & Perth Kilt Run



The first Highland Gathering Committee Meeting for 2017 was held on Wednesday 14 June. All community groups involved in the past have confirmed their involvement once again with the event program presenting highland dancing, heavy events, the clan village, pipe bands, Scottish dogs, craft, live music, a Scottish tavern and food.

The Perth Kilt Run will once be run as part of the Highland Gathering and will utilise the same route as last year although adjustments have been made to the Traffic Management Plan to ensure the safety of the participants and reduce the impact on local road users. PKR registrations will open in July.

The Highland Gathering and Perth Kilt Run collateral have been refreshed this year into a

‘Braveheart’ style that we intend to utilise in future years for this event to build some consistency and recognition.

Publishing the Facebook Event on Friday 16 June has seen a response of 1500 interested, 286 attending and 282 event shares. This response was seen within four days and is without any promoted posts or advertising and is a substantial increase to Facebook responses for other past events.

Partnerships

DONATIONS

W.A. Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades Historical Group

City of Armadale has provided a donation of \$500 to assist the W.A. Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades Historical Group to undertake the restoration of the ex Roleystone/Westfield Bush Fire Brigades International Fire Tanker. The fire tanker will be restored to its former glory and displayed at the upcoming Roleystone Bush Fire Brigade's 60th anniversary celebration.

First Nations Homelessness Project & Advocacy Service

City of Armadale has provided a donation of \$1,000 to support First Nations Homelessness Project (FNHP) to assist families in Armadale who are at risk of being

evicted and made homeless. Funds will be used specifically to cover the cost of tipping waste from the properties of families they assist within city boundaries.

The FNHP (First Nations Families) works in between vulnerable FNHP and Department of Housing (DoH) to prevent evictions so as to reduce the number of First Nations children being made homeless. They engage with DoH to identify any concerns the Dept. has and then support families towards rectifying any issues putting their tenancies at risk. The FNHP is a growing West Australian organisation, recently gaining national attention through the 7.30 Report and ABC news website as per the following links (the house in the story was located within the City of Gosnells):

<http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/content/2017/s4654643.htm>

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-04-17/volunteers-pitch-in-to-prevent-indigenous-families-being-evicted/8448104>

The FNHP has a 100% success rate of preventing evictions from DoH properties through the coordination of volunteers who rectify property inspection deficiencies through their labour, donated goods and cash to purchase cleaning gear, paint, and pest treatments for example. Volunteers also provide ongoing support to families to help them maintain their properties until they are self-sufficient.

The FNHP is an excellent initiative which strongly supports the City's objective to address the needs of our Indigenous community. They provide support to vulnerable families at crucial times and will help reduce homelessness in the City of Armadale.

Community Safety

GILT60s

The Gone in Less than 60 seconds vehicle has been making quite a few appearances across the City thanks to the assistance of the Police Rangers, this vehicle is educating the community on the importance of removing all items of value from vehicles to make individuals less of a target. Feedback from the community is extremely positive with 98% of people who attend the display vehicle indicating that visiting the display and watching the associated videos changed their mind set on how they leave their vehicles.

RECREATION SERVICES

The Recreation Services Team aims to build a safe, healthy and connected community through:

- Facility Management
- Capacity Building
- Health and Wellbeing Programs
- Service Delivery

Recreation Software Tender

Software presentations have been scheduled for early June to assist with the final evaluation of the tender applications.

Recreation Services has worked collaboratively with Governance and IT and the tender panel is confident to successfully deliver a new software system to improve the output of statistics and gain clearer, more precise information of facility use, user groups and general operations of the City's community facilities.

Outcome 4.2 An innovative and progressive organisation

Strategy 4.2.2 Implement business plans and practices that improve service delivery

Action 4.2.2.2 Implement ICT systems improvements

Action 4.2.2.3 Investigate organisational resources having regard to community needs and expectations

Strategy 4.2.3 Foster a positive and responsive "can do" approach

Action 4.2.3.1 Facilitate great collaboration between teams within the organisation

Action 4.2.3.2 Facilitate on-line capabilities that are responsive to community needs

Action 4.2.3.3 Investigate and implement customer service standards that align with customer expectation, needs and industry best practice.

Armada Aquatic Centre Redevelopment

The major project at the Aquatic Centre during the month of May was sorting and clearing out the stock, plant and equipment used at the Aquatic Centre. This includes returning the fridges, freezers and equipment provided by our suppliers back to them.

All chlorine gas containers have been returned to the supplier in preparation for the works to commence on the new Centre.

Historical memorabilia of the Aquatic Centre is being collected and stored for future display.

An asset disposal walk through was held on the 1 June 2017 to give people from various councils departments an opportunity to decide if anything at the Aquatic Centre could be used elsewhere within the City.

The various clubs that were based at the Aquatic Centre for many years have almost removed all of their equipment, memorability and records.

The Pumps, heaters and equipment in the Plant room have been run to maintain them in good working order and to retain good water quality in the Aquatic Centre's pools.

Springdale Oval Batting Cages

This month saw the completion of the two new batting cages at Springdale Oval for the use of the Roleystone Tee-Ball and Baseball Club. The capital project was funded by the Community Group, the City and the Department of Sport & Recreation through their Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF). It was a great partnership between Officers in Community Services and Technical Services.

- Outcome 1.1** *A strong sense of Community Spirit*
- Strategy 1.1.2** *Build interdependent and resilient community groups*
- Action 1.1.2.1 Implement capacity building activities in local community, sporting and recreation groups.
- Action 1.1.2.3 Contribute financial and in-kind support to local initiatives
- Outcome 2.3** *Well Managed Infrastructure*
- Strategy 2.3.1** *Apply best practice design and construction methodologies for the provision of infrastructure*
- Action 2.3.1.1 Implement a best practice project management approach to the planning and delivery of infrastructure.
- Outcome 4.3** *Financial Sustainability*
- Strategy 4.3.2** *Pursue non-rates revenue opportunities*
- Action 4.3.2.1 Investigate opportunities for grants, contributions and partnerships from Government, Not for Profit and Commercial agencies.



POPP Outdoor Ping Pong Table Activation

Officers from Recreation Services and Health Services have been working together on a program of events for the activation of newly installed park assets. The first session held in Memorial Park not only showed the public that the tables are available (and a lot of fun) but also informed staff of the availability of other recreational opportunities close to the workplace.

- Outcome 1.2** *Active community life that is safe and healthy*
- Strategy 1.2.2** *Provide opportunities to improve health outcomes for people*
- Action 1.2.2.1 Facilitate integrated approaches to environmental and preventative health.
- Strategy 1.2.3** *Encourage initiatives to improve perceptions of safety*
- Action 1.2.3.2 Activate local spaces to improve local safety

Outcome 1.3 *The community has the services and facilities it needs*

Strategy 1.3.4 *Promote services and facilities available in the community*

Action 1.3.4.1 Facilitate and deliver promotional initiatives to increase awareness and participation in community and social services, activities and facilities.

Outcome 4.2 *An innovative and progressive organisation*

Strategy 4.2.3 *Foster a positive and responsive “can do” approach*

Action 4.2.3.3 Facilitate greater collaboration between teams within the organisation.



Community Facilities

40 Jull Street, Armadale

The Department of Attorney General signed a contract with the City for a short term hire agreement to utilise a space within the Armadale District Hall precinct – 40 Jull Street (Tourist Development Office). Commencing June 6, the short term contract will provide office accommodation for two dedicated staff while the Department is upgrading office space. This short term contract will generate \$63,000 income for twenty four weeks.

Outcome 4.3 *Financial Sustainability*

Strategy 4.3.2 *Pursue non-rates revenue opportunities*

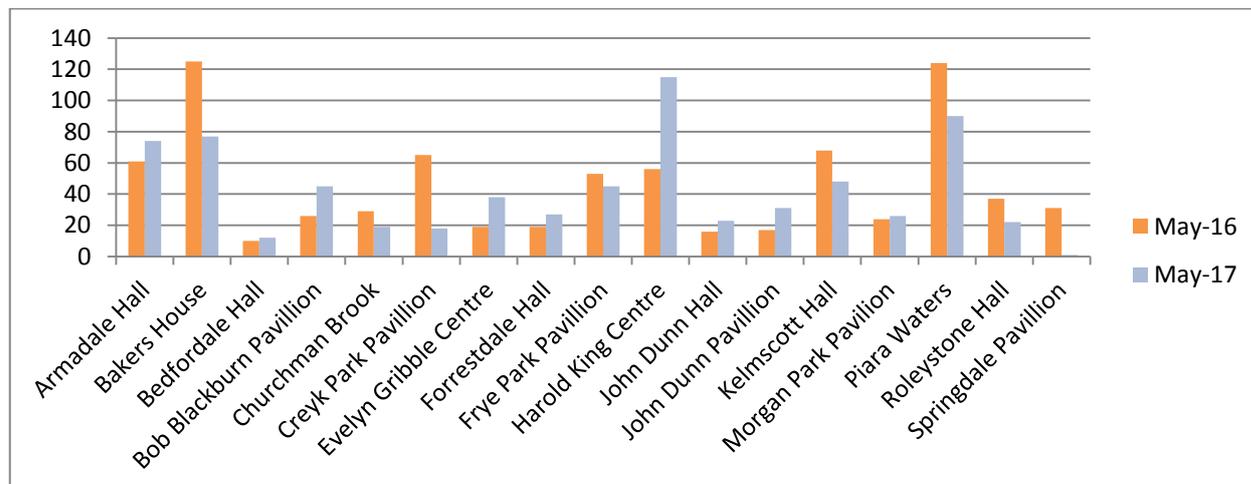
Action 4.3.2.1 Investigate opportunities for grants, contributions and partnerships from Government, Not for Profit and Commercial agencies.

Facility Bookings

May has seen an increase in bookings at the community facilities with regular users hosting open days to boost numbers, increased advertising and utilising the City’s Facebook page. This in turn has led groups to increase hours of use or request additional days for hire.

Statistics show an eight percent (8%) decrease from May 2016 to May 2017; this is attributed to Leases/Exclusive Use Agreements no longer being included in statistics,

As well as Clubs being more aware of their facility usage requirements (most decreases in usage are shown at Pavilions as opposed to Halls).



Outcome 4.3 Financial Sustainability

Strategy 4.3.2 Pursue non-rates revenue opportunities

Action 4.3.2.1 Investigate opportunities for grants, contributions and partnerships from Government, Not for Profit and Commercial agencies.

Outcome 1.3 The community has the services and facilities it needs

Strategy 1.3.4 Promote services and facilities available in the community

Action 1.3.4.1 Facilitate and deliver promotional initiatives to increase awareness and participation in community and social services, activities and facilities.

Harrisdale Playgroup

Prior to the Harrisdale Pavilion opening to the public, there was a surge of interest on a Facebook chat page for Piara Waters and Harrisdale residents in regards to starting up a playgroup in the new pavilion. Local parents Lisa Wilson and Kelly Smyth took the initiative and responsibility to contact officers and register their interest in starting up the group.

Lisa and Kelly submitted their application on 23 May 2017 and had already registered 15 children. After undergoing an initial onsite induction with officers the playgroup had their first booking on Tuesday 30 May 2017. The start-up of the playgroup has had such a strong response that Lisa and Kelly are already looking into a possible second booking each week.

Outcome 1.1 A strong sense of Community Spirit

Strategy 1.1.2 Build interdependent and resilient community groups

Action 1.1.2.1 Implement capacity building activities in local community, sporting and recreation groups.

Outcome 1.3 The community has the services and facilities it needs

Strategy 1.3.4 Promote services and facilities available in the community

Action 1.3.4.1 Facilitate and deliver promotional initiatives to increase awareness and participation in community and social services, activities and facilities.

Club Development

2016/2017 Community Grants - Round 2

Six recreation Community Groups met the eligibility requirements of the City's Community Grants Policy and were granted a total of \$4,554.76.

ORGANISATION	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Dale Hockey Club	New Set of Goals	\$1,000.00
Armadale Gymnastics Club	Safety Mats & Bar	\$1,000.00
Armadale Christian Football Club	New Set of Goals	\$892.26
Roleystone Musicians Club	Camera for video streaming	\$512.50
Champion Lakes Boating Club	Installation of Video System	\$500.00
Kelmscott Scouts	Branded Marquee	\$650.00

Club Abilities Project

The City has partnered with Inclusion WA to build the capacity of clubs to include people with disability and mental health issues into existing programs. A steering group has been identified to oversee the project. Memberships of this group include City officers, Inclusion WA, Clubs, and people with disability. The timeframe for the project is March 2017 – March 2018.

Inclusion WA has conducted consultation in the community to identify the direction of the project. A 'Community Consultation Initial Report' has been presented to the City of Armadale with a summary of the outcomes of the consultation, project outputs, proposed training sessions for clubs and service providers, club mentoring and project timelines.

Club Development Officer – Active Clubs e-Bulletin

Each month, the Club Development Officer collates information on fantastic stories and achievements by the City's community groups, grant and sponsorship opportunities, upcoming programs and projects, and important information from other Departments such as Community Services, Parks and Property and sends the Active Clubs e-Bulletin out to the 465 Club Committee Subscribers.

Councillors can subscribe by ticking the Active Sporting Clubs Box at the bottom of the City's website.

Night Fields Project

The Night Fields partner program delivered four sessions in May concluding on May 31. The Program saw more than 100 young people attending each session with excellent parent and community support. With such outstanding outcomes, the City will look to continue this program in October this year following the third Armadale Multi-Sport Day.

Information Items from the Community Services Directorate

The Program was a partnership between the City’s Recreation Services and Community Development Officer’s, WA Football Commission, Netball WA, YMCA, Telstra and Headspace to deliver free football and netball opportunities for Armadale’s young people.



**Club Development Workshop
- Make Social Media Work for You**

The City of Armadale and the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale are collaborating to host a free workshop that will help educate local Clubs and Community Group volunteers in one of the most relevant topics in the world today, social media.

For the fourth and final free workshop in the Club Development Series for the 2016/17 year, Anna Hill from Hancock Creative will excite and energise Clubs and Community Groups with the possibilities and provide the tools to implement and help them engage and grow their member bases.

Outcome 1.1
Strategy 1.1.2

A strong sense of Community Spirit

Build interdependent and resilient community groups

Action 1.1.2.1 Implement capacity building activities in local community, sporting and recreation groups.

Outcome 1.2
Strategy 1.2.2

Active community life that is safe and healthy

Provide opportunities to improve health outcomes for people

Action 1.2.2.1 Facilitate integrated approaches to environmental and preventative health.

Strategy 1.2.3

Encourage initiatives to improve perceptions of safety

Action 1.2.3.2 Activate local spaces to improve local safety

Outcome 1.3
Strategy 1.3.4

The community has the services and facilities it needs

Promote services and facilities available in the community

Action 1.3.4.1 Facilitate and deliver promotional initiatives to increase awareness and participation in community and social services, activities and facilities.

Outcome 4.3
Strategy 4.3.2

Financial Sustainability

Pursue non-rates revenue opportunities

Action 4.3.2.1 Investigate opportunities for grants, contributions and partnerships from Government, Not for Profit and Commercial agencies.

Armadale Arena

Creche

Attendance in the centers crèche on Fridays has seen a marked increase in the past 12 months with just over a 40% increase in attendances. This can be attributed to both the daytime Netball competition and the uptake of Creche on Friday night during the 12 Week New Body Challenge program sessions.



Store Room work

Capital works to improve two of the centers store rooms were complete this month giving increased and improved storage facilities for user groups and to cater for future center needs.

Casual Basketball



Casual court use for basketball has been steadily increasing in the past few years. We have an average of 315 individual casual court users each month with this being predominately for basketball. On Friday evenings we can have in excess of 70 players on the courts utilising the court space for basketball.

Marketing

An exciting new marketing tool for membership retention commenced this month with the centers new Member Postcards. The first in a catalogue of postcards for the Arena – our Renewal postcards were designed in-house by officers across two departments and have been received warmly by members. There is potential to use these templates in email campaigns when the new Recreation Services Software system is awarded following the tender process being complete next month.



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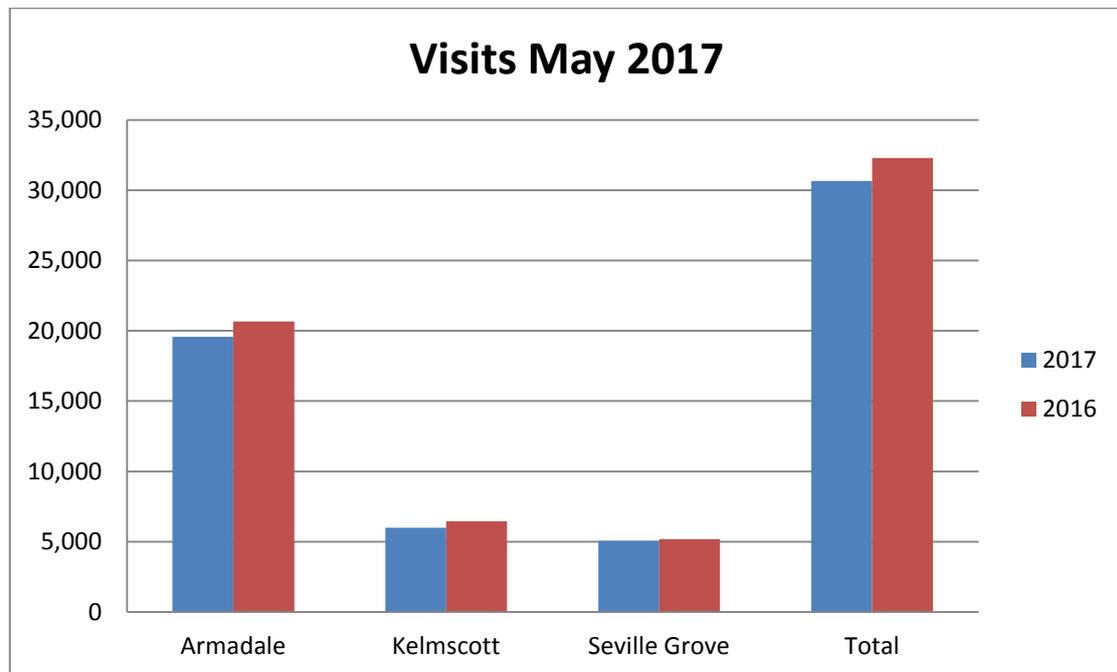
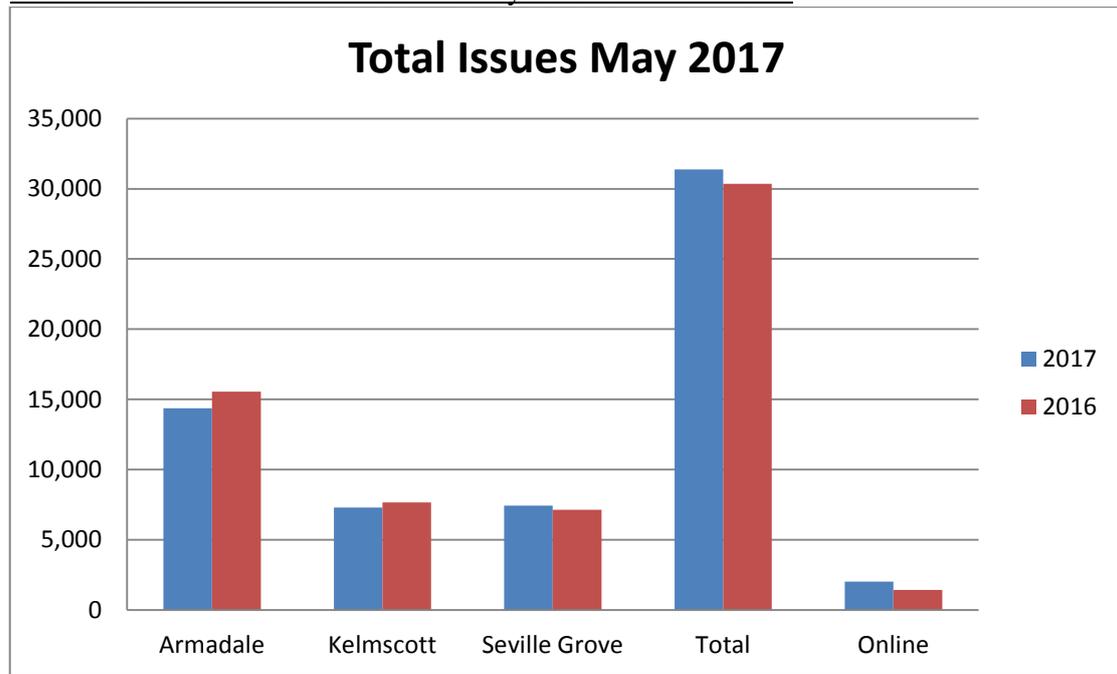


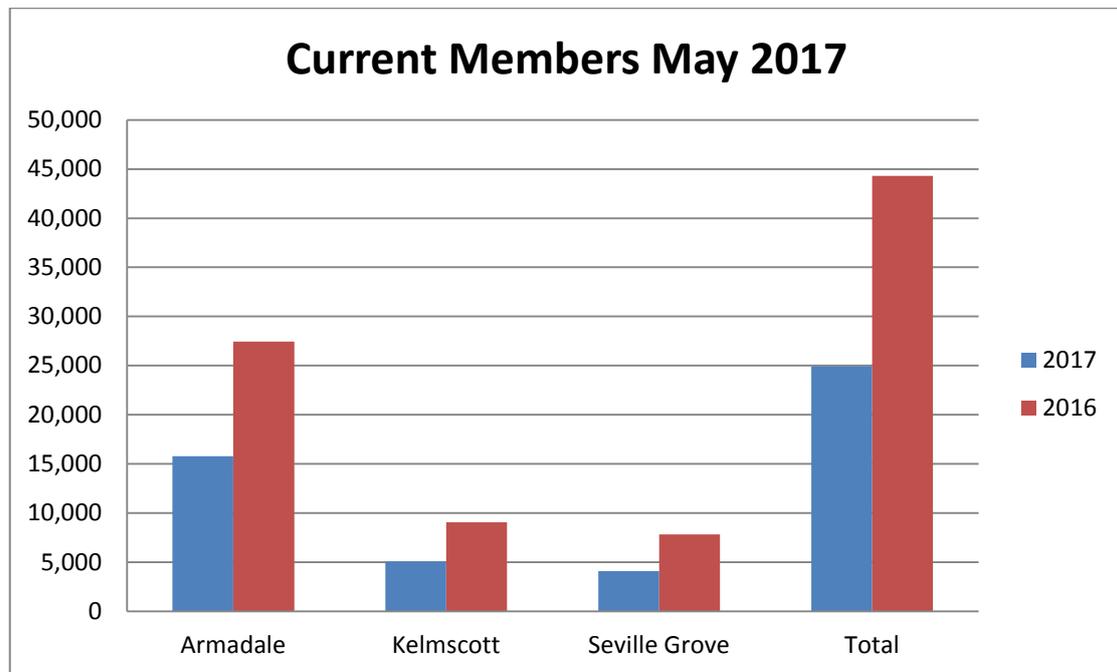
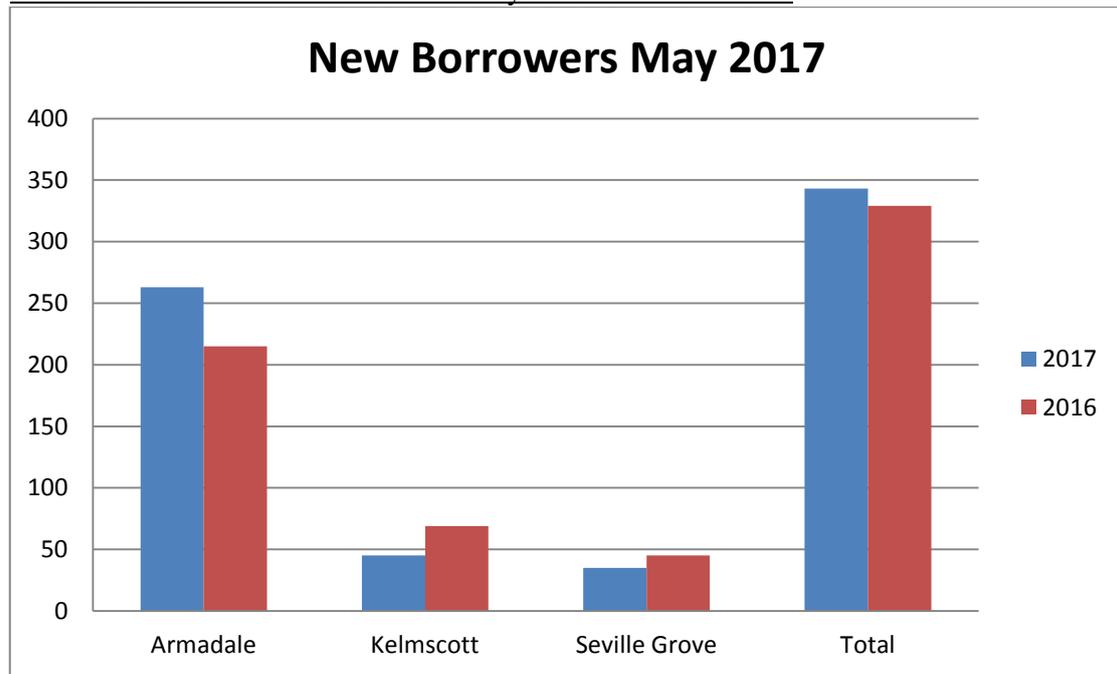
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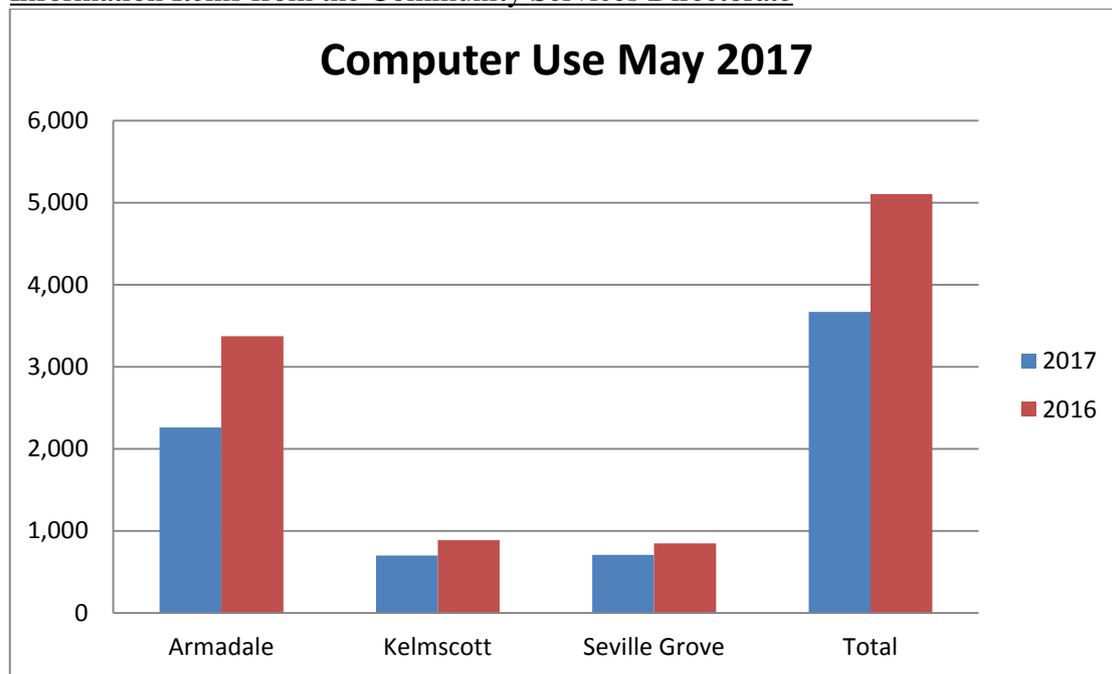
LIBRARY SERVICES

Statistical Performance Indicators

The Library Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of May 2017.





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Note that there is a significant reduction in the Current Members statistic from May 2016. This is explained by the change of Library Management System (LMS) in February 2016. The agreed Western Australian standard for current library members is those whose barcode has been seen by the LMS in the previous two year period, so this anomaly will correct itself over time.

Computer use, and therefore overall library usage, remains significantly reduced, mainly as a result of the long-term computer issues experienced during 2016/17. It is recognised that it will take some time to restore the confidence and goodwill of computer users in respect of this service. However, additional reasons for lower levels of computer usage include a greater awareness and usage of the library service's mobile printing solution, and the introduction of new photocopier technology which allows customers to print directly from USB devices without needing to access a computer.

Activities and community information sessions

A total of 47 sessions, both regular and special were held. A total of 972 people participated in these various activities.

In any month regular sessions could include: story time, Baby Rhyme Time, school holiday programs, English conversation classes, reading & writing groups, computer training sessions, 3D printing workshops, games mornings and the Men's Social Group.

Special sessions could include: workshops, author talks, workshops, presentations, demonstrations, specialist programs, and community information sessions.

330 children, teachers, parents or community members were reached with 10 external visits to schools, childcare centres and community facilities or events.

Activity: FOCUS 2017 Awards Presentation
No. Attending: 12 people

The FOCUS 2017 photography award presentation event was held in the Armadale Library and hosted by Mayor Cr Henry Zelones. The Mayor offered congratulations to the winners and also spoke on the historical context of the subject matter in the winning photographs.

The theme for 2017 was “Your Corner Store”, encouraging entries that highlighted independent stand-alone shops and small businesses. Over 60 images were submitted online during the month-long entry phase in March. The challenge of the theme interested serious amateur photographers from outside the district, bringing them into the City. Interestingly, three of the four award winners live outside the City of Armadale.

Afternoon tea was served to the winners and their families, who mingled and took time to admire and discuss the winning entries, along with several other submissions that were also on display. The group also put forward suggestions for the theme of 2018’s FOCUS competition. The winning photographs are on display in the Armadale Library during the month of June, after which the images, printed in an eye-catching large acrylic format, will be given to the photographers.

The more selective “themed” approach has succeeded in providing a very useful new batch of images. Many of the district’s corner stores were photographed by different photographers, letting BLSL staff build a new collection on this theme, selected from the best images (both visually and historically). Sadly the judges and the first-prize winner, Helen Gordon, were unable to attend the presentation.

WINNERS

- 1st place - Helen Gordon
- 2nd place - Christy Wintle
- 3rd place - Julie Beatson
- Honourable mention - Kerry Faulkner

For adults and seniors:

Workshops and presentations

Activity: Backyard chooks
Guest Presenter: Hannah Thomas
No. Attending: 29

An audience of 29 attended this informative session. The presentation covered chickens anatomy, health care, predators, housing, and appropriate food and diet. It followed with tips on how to keep backyard chickens happy.

There were plenty of general questions for Hannah, with a number of people staying behind for more detailed responses to specific questions.

A selection of books focussing on poultry care and maintenance were available to browse and borrow at the end of the session.

This session is a part of the ‘sustainability’ theme of library events in 2017.

Activity: Creative Quilling
Guest Presenter: Rashmi
No. Attending: 10

An audience of 10 attended this craft session. Rashmi began the workshop briefly explaining and demonstrating quilling, an art form that uses strips of paper that are rolled, shaped, and glued together to create decorative 3D designs. Attendees were then supplied all necessary materials to create their own art.

Participants wished the session was longer and hoped that more workshops on developing creative and artistic skills could be held in the future.

For young people and teens:

Programs and activities

Topic: National Simultaneous Storytime
Presenters: Jenny Ramshaw, Joanne Snowsill
No. Attending: 10 children; 7 adults

Comments:

National Simultaneous Storytime is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

A small but enthusiastic group gathered to hear ‘The Cow Tripped over the Moon’ written by Tony Wilson. The story was a take on the popular ‘Hey diddle diddle the cat and the fiddle’ rhyme and had a positive message for the children; not to give up, but to keep trying to achieve goals

The children made their own cow jumping (not tripping) over the moon and also got to take home a special pack filled with a bookmark, stickers, colouring in sheets and a craft activity.



Other Library Matters of Interest

State-wide public library matters: Public Libraries Working Group.

Despite the pending mergers of State Government departments, a Strategy Paper is expected to be released shortly detailing the government’s response to progress the *Public Libraries future directions* discussion paper.

HERITAGE SERVICES

Statistical Performance Indicators

The Heritage Department’s statistical performance indicators report for the month of May 2017

Month:	2017	2016
Visitor Numbers: The number of visitors to History House Museum, Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum and the Birtwistle Local Studies Library	392	471
Education Programs: The number of students and teachers interacted with through the Museum’s Australian Curriculum based education programs, both incursions and excursions, as well as the Museum in a Box (MiaB) program .	287	276
Public Programs: The number of people attending talks, workshops, exhibition openings, school holiday programs, presentations and other events.	0	28
Reference and Research: The number of reference enquiries responded to, or major research undertaken in response to all public enquiries received (volunteer hours may assist with the research).	59	64
Volunteer Hours: The number of volunteer hours spent on customer service, data entry, conservation tasks, family history assistance, oral history recording and transcribing and other duties.	364	368

The visitor numbers, (to the Museum in particular), correlate to the current temporary exhibition and any official opening or public programs associated with the exhibitions.

The number of students and teachers interacted with in the Education programs is dependent upon the school year, with some school terms being more popular for visits by schools, depending on curriculum and timetabling.

Birtwistle Local Studies Library

Projects and activities:

Oral History

Invitations to be interviewed have been sent to a successful and international business owner; to Jeff Munn regarding the history of the Armadale Aquatic Centre, and a Women's Studies student who lives in the area.

Research requests

The following research requests have come into the BLSL during May:

- Background information regarding likely street names for the district of Haynes
- Any history of the John Calvin school in anticipation of the school's 60th anniversary
- Campbell family from Bedfordale
- Any information regarding John Edward 'Jack' Murray and his property 'Bimbury'

Birtwistle Wiki – Our contribution

Two volunteers have undertaken the task of working their way systematically through the 260 plus entries of enlistees from the Armadale district in World War 1 to create links to sources of more information regarding the ships, service and unit details associated with each soldier.

Donations

- 10 images relating to the Armadale Aqua Slides / Aquatubes
- 21 images relating to the Armadale Aquatic Centre kiosk in its privately-run phase.

Other Birtwistle Local Studies Library matters of interest

FOCUS 2017 photographic competition

The award presentation event for the FOCUS 2017 'Our Corner Store' photographic competition took place on May 27, attended by prize winners and their families, staff and Mayor Henry Zelones who hosted the event. Large acrylic prints of the winning images, plus a display of other notable entries, are on display in the Armadale Library until the end of June. A selection of photos received during the competition have also been catalogued into a new image collection.

Armadale Aquatic Centre

Work continues on compiling information and interviewing relevant people to capture the 35-year history of the Armadale Aquatic Centre. An interview with former Aqua

Slides owner Warren Ayres was recorded during May, with a donation of photograph scans gratefully accepted. A further collection of images from former kiosk lessees were also donated during May.

National Volunteer' Month

Several of the BLSL volunteers accepted the invitation to attend the Roleystone Theatre's production of Oklahoma on Saturday 20 May. This was a gesture offered by the City of Armadale to the many divisions of volunteers as a 'thank you' for the services rendered by volunteers, and for the BLSL, the many who help in so many different ways.

WA State Heritage & History Conference

This two day conference featured an eclectic program covering different aspect of history and heritage that spanned cultural landscapes, governance, digital access, railway history, Aboriginal history, deaf people in Perth's history, developing a thematic approach to WA's history, family history and the incorporation of music in the State and Nation's history.

Of special interest to the BLSL collection was the opportunity to see how the local Armadale history collection could contribute to the State's history through region specific exhibitions in the new WA museum and in the shaping of a thematic approach to the State's history. Future directions for the BLSL collection could be augment the background history to the identification of significant cultural landscapes in the City of Armadale.

The presentations that were included in the Inspirational Sources segment of the conference program highlighted other sources of information to supplement any BLSL research projects or for family historians.

The conference gave the opportunity to reconnect with other professionals, exchange ideas and be immersed in topics that relate to history and heritage.

History House Museum

Projects and Activities:

Collection and donations

Museum staff and volunteers are currently undertaking an audit of the museum collection to ensure object records, including locations, are up-to-date.

The museum curator is currently working with staff from the Armadale Aquatic Centre to identify significant objects that represent the history of the Aquatic Centre. A number of significant objects have been identified that will tell the story of both the Armadale Aquatic Centre and the original Kelmscott Pool.

Education Programs

School Visits

West Byford Primary School Year 2s visited the Museum over 2 mornings to participate in the "Our Pioneers" program with a focus on what life was like for children at school as well as looking at photographs for information about the past,

viewing the Museum on display collection as a Museum Detective and trying to discover what the Mystery Objects were.

MiaB

The Domestic Life 1 MiaB went out to St John Bosco School for the pre-primary children and the Domestic Life 3 box went out to West Byford Primary School for the pre-primary classes.

School Incursions

The Education Officer visited Xavier Catholic School over 2 mornings to present the Museum's "In Times of War" program to Year 3 children. The children thoroughly enjoyed enacting the cause of the First World War and handling objects used by the soldiers such as a water canteen and the uniforms of a nurse and a soldier. This program was also presented to the Year 1 children at Dale Christian School.

Other History House Museum matters of interest

Tactile Tours

History House is continuing to work with Alzheimer's Australia (WA), DADDA and VisAbility to develop a tactile tour for the museum. These organisations have been providing resources, training and feedback on how to create a tour and making sure that the museum is an inviting space for people with disabilities or those living with dementia.

The Happy Museum

On May 10, the museum Curator attended a workshop entitled 'The Happy Museum' by Tony Butler, Executive Director of the Derby Museum Trust in the United Kingdom. The workshop explored how museums contribute to community wellbeing and social value.

The Happy Museum project explored the economic impact of museums in regards to social value and found that the economic value of a person participation in sport in the UK was £1,500 where participation in museums and the arts was £2,000 per person.

The workshop also looked at how museums can become a stronger part of their community through greater consultation inviting the local community to come and have a greater role in what stories the museum is telling and how they tell it.

Museums and Galleries Australian National Conference

The museum Curator attended the 2017 Museums and Galleries Australian National Conference in Brisbane this month. Speakers and sessions of interest at the conference included:

- Dr Dea Birkett the founder and Creative Director of the British charity Kids in Museums which encourages greater engagement between museums, families and children. The key point of the presentation was that visitor's physical and emotional comfort were a top priority before content and exhibitions.
- Managing hazardous substances in collections by Museum Victoria was a useful session as it was informative in some of the museum's responsibilities to ensure the collection did not house objects that were harmful to staff and visitors

- John Ryan, Creative Director of the New York based company Local Stories who spoke about using technology to tell stories. He spoke about how technology should feel like an extension of the body and this helps audiences connect with the story, place or object.
- David Hebblethwaite a director of the New Zealand based company, Art of Fact Design, spoke about subliminal storytelling and how visitors who come to any museum arrive with a finite amount of emotional energy that they can expend on their visit.

Attending the conference was a valuable professional development opportunity. The Curator was able to network with colleagues from across the nation, discuss trends and issues within the museum industry and come up with new ideas and projects for History House.

RANGER & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Animal Control

Dogs

Ranger Services received six hundred and seventy six (676) requests for assistance during the report period. The number of requests for assistance is slightly lower than the comparable period of 2016.

Cats

Ranger Services received 80 requests for assistance during this report period. There has been a slight increase in the number of requests for assistance during this report period. Notwithstanding the overall progressive total from the corresponding period of 2015/2016 identifies a 13% increase in activity for this area of Ranger Services operations.

Livestock

During this report period Ranger Services attended to 44 requests for assistance in dealing with stock wandering on public roads, this figure indicates a significant downturn in the number of reported incidents from the corresponding period for 2016.

Court Action

Nothing to report for May 2017

Vehicles

Parking

Ranger Service attended to 300 general enquires relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period.

Unlawful and indiscriminate parking around schools continues to account for the majority of infringements issued. Whilst the dilemma faced by parents dropping children off at schools, and the apparent limited available parking places is acknowledged, it is the responsibility of every driver to ensure that they are aware of, and comply with parking and other traffic requirements in a particular area.

Rangers will continue to attend at local schools throughout the district, on a regular basis, to ensure the safety of children is maintained. One of the ways of achieving this is by a strict application of the Local Law Relating to Parking; thereby reducing the risk of injury caused by the indiscriminate parking of vehicles, to ensure a safer environment for children on their way to and from school and to decrease traffic congestion surrounding schools during drop off and pick up times

Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

Ranger Services attended 10 reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in a prohibited area, during the report period.

Ranger Services currently provide a service to the community in respect to reports of off-road vehicles being driven or used in certain areas, particularly where it is identified that life and or property are at risk.

Litter

Keeping roadsides, reserves and other areas litter free is a major focus of Ranger who are ever vigilant in identifying and apprehending litter offenders. In an effort to improve our roadside environment, every year staff and volunteers collect litter from hundreds of kilometers of roads throughout the district of the City of Armadale.

Unfortunately Rangers are not always able to ascertain details of persons dumping rubbish, so it is appreciated when residents are able to report details of persons observed to be depositing rubbish in bushland, or other areas.

During this report period Ranger Services attended to 125 requests for assistance regarding the illegal dumping or rubbish.

Fire & Emergency Services

Ranger Services received 335 requests for assistance during the report period.

There has been a considerable increase in the overall number of requests for assistance, in this area of operations, from the corresponding period of 2016. Ranger Services continue a high profile in relation to hazardous blocks and offer advice to land owners with regard to fuel reduction and ongoing maintenance of firebreaks.

Prevention

The Restricted Burning Period finished at the end of May. The new permit issuing system that was trialed over the autumn period has also completed. This trial has proven to be effective in managing permits and with a few small alterations will be continued next season. This new permit system was undertaken as joint venture between Rangers, IT and front counter staff. Both brigades continued to undertake small scale burning on both private property and Council reserves. Parks and Gardens also engaged a private contractor to undertake Hazard Reduction Burning on a couple of environmentally sensitive reserves.

Preparedness

The LEMC was held in mid-May and was well attended by all stakeholders. The new 2018 LEMA draft was discussed. Over the coming months the draft will be finalised and sent to the DEMC for approval and to be accepted by Council. The May LEMC was Mr. Watkins last meeting and all attendees of the LEMC showed their appreciation to him and officially acknowledged his years of service to emergency management. A brief discussion was held on the LEMC and local stakeholders conducting a desk top exercise in October 2017.

The DEMC was also held during May. The main topic of discussion was centred on aircraft incidents and airport emergencies. In addition, police topics were also discussed including a very brief overview of the Australia Day Fireworks plane crash into the Swan River. A guest presenter attended the DEMC and gave an overview of a recovery project that has been done by the City of Mandurah on Equine Emergencies.

Response

The only significant fire call was at the start of May when crews were called to a major commercial structure fire in Karragullen. The fire was at the Bottle Mart on Canning Rd and resulted from an attempted armed robbery. A male pulled up to obtain fuel, the operator refused to switch the pumps on until the fuel paid for prior. The male person produced a knife, locked himself in the premises and lit several fires. Police removed the offender from the building and arrested him prior to the brigades' attendance.

The incident was managed by the CoA Volunteer DCBFCO (as it is a CoA HMA area) with assistance from Career staff. Roleystone volunteers and the DCBFCO were praised by career staff on their speed and professionalism in dealing with the incident.

Recovery

Nil

