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WALGA NEWS

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Meeting with Minister for Agriculture and Food; Transport

On Wednesday, 15 June, WALGA President, Cr Lynne Craigie, Deputy President Mayor Tracey Roberts and staff met with the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Transport, the Hon. Dean Nalder MLA.

The Minister outlined his vision for agriculture in Western Australia, and has instigated a full 'root and branch' review of the Department of Agriculture and Food.

The President outlined the Associations policy position on biosecurity and the biosecurity discussion showed the Minister was cognisant of and shared the sectors growing concerns in relation to biosecurity and of its critical importance in protecting the agricultural sector and its brand, community amenity and environmental values.

The President also discussed transport planning for Perth and Peel @ 3.5 million, and was encouraged by the Ministers enthusiasm for consultation with WALGA and other key stakeholders as the process proceeds.

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

Contract Launch for new Preferred Supply Arrangement

WALGA would like to invite you to attend the Contract launch for the new Preferred Supply Arrangement for Natural Area Management and Environmental Consulting Services.

This dynamic new Preferred Supplier Arrangement provides 47 supply options across 11 diverse areas of supply to support the engagement of professional services by WALGA Members.

The Contract Launch is an ideal time to meet the contract management team, meet with sector stakeholders, sector buyers and preferred suppliers, as well as hear all the latest WALGA information.

Date: Wednesday, 6 July

Time: 9.00am – 11.30am

Venue: Technology Park Function Centre, 2 Brodie Hall Drive, Bentley

At the end of the launch, there will be a networking opportunity bringing together Preferred Suppliers, Buyers and other sector stakeholders, catering will also be provided.

Buyers and Sector Stakeholders can expect to hear about:

- Background and Details of the Preferred Supplier Arrangement
- Benefits of the Preferred Supplier Arrangement

- How to purchase from the Preferred Supplier Arrangement, including using eQuotes
- An overview of Preferred Supplier value for money
- Compliance and legislative considerations

Preferred Suppliers can expect to hear about:

- The structure of WALGA Preferred Supplier Contracts
- WALGA Preferred Supplier Contract Management and administration processes
- Promotion and communication opportunities
- eQuotes update
- Quarterly reporting update

For catering purposes please register here and advise if you have any special dietary requirements.

Basic Raw Materials Regulatory Review Workshop

There are long-standing issues around the effectiveness of the existing regulatory framework concerning the extraction of basic raw materials (BRM) and are a number of issues with the effectiveness of the current regulations.

These include the management of community impacts and the provision of appropriate separation distances, the maintenance of infrastructure and also accurately monitoring production on private land.

In response the Department of Mines and Petroleum and WALGA recently prepared an independent study to further examine these issues and initiate discussion about potential solutions. A copy of the study can be found here.

WALGA is currently seeking Local Government feedback on this paper and is hosting a workshop on 12 July to further discuss the issues concerning the extraction BRM and identify subsequent regulatory solutions.

Date: Tuesday, 12 July

Time: 10am to 12pm

Venue: WALGA - ONE70, LV1, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville

Cost: FREE

RSVP: By 5:00pm Tuesday, 7 July to planning@walga.asn.au

Feedback on the paper can be provided via email to planning@walga.asn.au. The Association encourages feedback to be provided by Monday, 4 July to help inform discussion at the workshop.

Vacancies on Boards and Committees

The Association is pleased to announce the following vacancy:

- Control of Vehicles (Off-Road Areas) Act Advisory Committee
2 Members and 2 Deputy Members

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 Monday, 11 July.

Nomination forms are available here.

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

Advertising Approved Amendments to a Local Planning Scheme

Under the new Local Planning Scheme Regulations 2015 (clause 64), a Local Government must publish a 'notice' in a local paper once an amendment has been approved.

The Department of Planning has recently confirmed that for the purpose of this clause, all that is required is for the 'notice' to indicate that the amendment was published in the Government Gazette, specify the date of the Government Gazette, and where and when the amendment documents can be viewed.

For example "Amendment No.xx was published in the Government Gazette on the <date> and the document is available for viewing at the City/Shire of XXX between the hours of xx and xx."

For more information, email the Department of Planning.

Training

The following courses are open for registration:

Planning Practices in Local Government

Date: Friday, 8 July

Perfect for Local Government Officers who work within, or support Council's planning services and do not have a planning qualification, such as planning administration staff and customer service officers.

Local Government Act (the Essentials)

Date: Monday, 11 July

Targeted at all Managers and Officers who need to comply with their role as professional advisers under the Local Government Act.

For more information, or to register online visit the WALGA Training Website or email WALGA Training to secure a place.

LGMA Forum on Migration and Multiculturalism

Migration and multiculturalism offer great opportunities for our communities.

Migrants are great assets to communities - they are resourceful, bring new ideas, a great motivation to succeed and an entrepreneurial spirit. They enrich the social and cultural fabric of our communities and contribute to local economic development.

By embracing newcomers and celebrating the benefits of cultural diversity, local governments are helping to create the environment in which newcomers can thrive and maximise their contribution to their new home.

This forum will include case studies from local governments, a panel session with both metro and regional representation and a sharing and learning interactive, facilitated session.

Date: Tuesday, 12 July

Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Venue: Mirrabooka multicultural centre

Cost: LGMA Members \$40, Non-members \$55

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

DAIP Progress Reports due 30 June

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) progress reports are due by 30 June 2016.

DAIP progress reports provide an annual overview of the work public authorities including Local Governments have done to support people with disability across Western Australia.

This information is tabled in Parliament by the Minister for Disability Services.

This year the Disability Services Commission has developed a new online reporting system to make it easier and faster for public authorities to report on their DAIP's progress.

For more information, email Disability Services Commission or visit the Commission's DAIP reporting page.

What's on for Local Government

Useful links for the Local Government Sector:

Natural Area Management & Environmental Consulting Services Contract

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Date: Wednesday, 6 July

Time: 9:00am – 11:30am

ALGA NEWS

10 JUNE 2016

We're now just three weeks away from the Federal election and, as the level of government closest to the community, it's important that local government as a sector has its voice heard on the issues that are important to our communities this election, and the NGA next week is an ideal opportunity to make this happen.

It is clear from the election so far that the contest is about which party has the right policies to not only maintain and improve the quality of life for all Australians, but also boost and strengthen our economy. While there are variations on the theme and different priorities, I think there is agreement that action needs to be taken to significantly improve national productivity, to increase labour market participation and to ensure social equity.

ALGA believes that the political parties in the 2016 Federal election should prioritise investment in infrastructure, investment in job creation, particularly in rural and regional communities, continued support for essential community services, and initiatives that will increase Australia's international competitiveness and the sustainability of local communities.

[ALGA's election plan](#), developed in consultation with state and territory local government associations and put to all political parties, highlights the role local government can play in achieving these goals and fostering productivity and innovation in Australia. The plan builds on the sector's role as facilitators of economic growth and as providers of essential infrastructure and services that will underpin Australia's future prosperity. If implemented, ALGA's election plan will add \$7.5 billion directly to national GDP and 19,300 jobs over 3 years, with potential billions that could be added to national productivity beyond the first 3 years.

The support of councils is critical to ALGA's advocacy of its election plan, and I urge councils to lend their voices to the sector's call to all Federal political parties to respond to ALGA's election plan at the NGA next week. It's not too late to register and you can do so [here](#).

Councils have also been advocating for the priorities of local government at the local level with their Federal Member of Parliament. I encourage you to actively champion ALGA's election plan by meeting with your local MP and discussing with them the challenges faced by our sector and the opportunities identified in the document to drive local investment and economic development.

During this election, I hope you will join with ALGA and your state or territory local government association in advocating for an innovative and prosperous Australia.

Mayor
ALGA President

Troy

Pickard

It's not too late to register for NGA 2016!

There's just one week left until we kick off this year's National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) from 19 - 22 June in Canberra but it's [not too late to register!](#)

Delegates attending this year's NGA will look at the many ways local government is being innovative both here and overseas under the theme of *Partners in an Innovative and*

Prosperous Australia. Panel sessions will allow delegates to interact with distinguished keynote speakers and other thought leaders providing maximum opportunity to gain insights to take back to their councils.

Positioned during the last few weeks of the Federal election campaign, this year's NGA is an important opportunity to elevate local government priorities in this election and ensure that the promises made by the major political parties address the needs of our councils and our communities. Delegates will also hear directly from the Government and the Opposition in the lead up to the election with confirmed attendance from key political players in our sector: the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP and Shadow Minister for Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Julie Collins MP.

The NGA brings our sector together providing a platform for thought-provoking discussion and serious consideration of the development of policies on issues of national significance, with a particular focus this year on celebrating and examining the key role of local government in helping to build the economy and sustainable communities of the future.

If you haven't yet registered to attend the NGA and would like to learn from the ideas and experiences of other councils and gain valuable ideas for your own councils, you can register [at this link](#).

Funding pledges made for threatened species as election campaign continues

Funding pledges have been made by the Coalition and the Greens to protect Australia's threatened species as the Federal election campaign crossed the halfway point this week.

The Coalition has announced that if re-elected it will create a \$5 million Threatened Species Recovery Fund to support local communities in the fight to protect Australia's vulnerable wildlife. The fund will provide seed money and community grants for local projects that strongly align with the targets of Australia's Threatened Species Strategy, introduced in July last year. Examples of these projects include work to control predators and improve habitat in far north Queensland to protect the Southern Cassowary; creating a new secure population in Western Australia of Gilbert's Potoroo - the world's rarest marsupial; and predator control in Tasmania's Meander Valley to protect the Eastern Barred Bandicoot and Eastern Quoll.

The Greens have also launched an election policy to protect Australia's native wildlife and biodiversity with a \$2.1 billion pledge. The pledge includes a four-year, \$130-million Threatened Species Plan to identify and protect important habitat, and increase funding for threatened species management and research. It also includes a re-establishment and doubling of the Biodiversity Fund, which will support a program to expand and better manage World Heritage Areas, national parks, Indigenous Protected Areas and private land conservation.

More information about Coalition's Threatened Species Recovery Fund is available in its [election policy](#). You can also find more information about the Greens' policy proposal [on its website](#).

Image courtesy of the Department of the Environment and Gregory Andrews

ALGA 2016 Election Advocacy Focus - Indigenous communities

The ALGA 2016 Election Advocacy Focus is a pop up segment in *ALGA News* that focuses on a key aspect of ALGA's election plan each week. This week's focus will be on ALGA's call to review the funding for municipal services in Indigenous communities.

Initiatives aimed at closing the gap between Indigenous and similar non-Indigenous Australians in the areas of housing, health, early childhood development, education, economic participation and remote service delivery are vital if our nation is to overcome the economic and social costs of disadvantage being experienced disproportionately in our Indigenous communities.

Family wellbeing is supported by local government in Indigenous communities and this is a major focus of providing municipal services and infrastructure. It is important that all parties commit to consult and work with elected local government Indigenous councils on policies and programs aimed at meeting the needs of local communities including, where necessary, the removal of barriers on land tenure for councils so they are better placed to provide services and maintain facilities and infrastructure in Indigenous communities.

ALGA calls on the Federal Government and all major parties to commit to a review of the new arrangements for funding municipal services in Indigenous communities to ensure that services are meeting the needs of communities.

ALGA's election plan, *Local Government's Plan for an Innovative and Prosperous Australia*, provides more information about what ALGA is calling for this election.

Proposed options to improve heavy vehicle charges

The National Transport Commission (NTC) has released a discussion paper outlining possible options to improve the current method of setting heavy vehicle charges.

The NTC has prepared the discussion paper in response to a [request from the Transport and Infrastructure Council](#) for the NTC to investigate and report back to it with options to advance the methodology to better balance heavy vehicle charges and government revenues.

Chief Executive of the NTC Paul Retter encouraged governments, the heavy vehicle industry and all other interested parties to consider the merits of each of the options contained in the discussion paper.

The proposed options include:

- changing the methodology used to calculate the heavy vehicle cost base
- ring-fencing of revenue from heavy vehicle charges
- moving to independent price regulation.

The use of fuel-based road user charges (RUC) and annual vehicle registration charges to recover the identified costs from heavy vehicle operators will remain unchanged.

Mr Retter said the NTC would now consult with stakeholders on the proposed options. It is planned that the NTC will present its recommendations to Australia's transport ministers in November this year for their consideration.

[A copy of the NTC's discussion paper is available here](#) and submissions can be lodged before Wednesday, 27 July 2016.

ALGA will consult with state and territory local government associations prior to lodging its submission in response to the NTC's discussion paper.

Disaster assistance for NSW and TAS following storms

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has announced with New South Wales Premier Mike Baird and Tasmanian Premier Will Hodgman the activation of disaster assistance for storm-affected communities in NSW and TAS following the storms this week.

Assistance is being provided through the jointly-funded Commonwealth-State Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) and is designed to help ease the financial burden that communities bear as a result of natural disasters.

The assistance includes:

- Personal hardship and distress assistance to eligible people whose homes or belongings have been damaged
 - Grants are available of up to \$750 per family - \$200 per adult and \$100 per child for immediate needs.
 - Three additional grants are also available of up to \$8,875 each to assist with: repairs to housing; the replacement of household items; and temporary living expenses (subject to income and asset tests).
- Assistance to help affected councils and state agencies to undertake counter disaster operations
- Assistance to help affected councils with the costs associated with cleaning up and restoring damaged essential public assets

The assistance is now available in 37 local government areas in NSW and 18 local government areas in TAS. The full list of local government areas is available [here](#) for NSW and [here](#) for TAS.

Important information about detection of Russian wheat aphid in SA and VIC

The South Australian State Government is responding to detections of the exotic pest Russian wheat aphid which has been found in cereal crops in the state's mid-north on a site south of Tarlee. It has been confirmed that more than 20 properties are now infested with Russian wheat aphid, including in Victoria, and this number is expected to increase. Most infestations have occurred in wheat but a small number of barley and oat crops have also been affected.

Russian wheat aphid (*Diuraphis noxia*) is found in all major cereal production regions around the world and has not been previously recorded in Australia. It is a major pest of cereal crops which injects toxins into the plant during feeding, retarding growth and killing the plant.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA) has responded and crops have been sprayed to contain this pest. The grains industry as well as other states will be conducting surveillance in their grain growing regions to determine whether or not the aphid has spread beyond South Australia and Victoria. A meeting on 8 June 2016 concluded that Russian wheat aphid is not technically feasible to eradicate from Australia. However, the decision does not mean that efforts will cease to help growers prepare and respond to this aphid.

PIRSA is asking grain growers and agronomists across Australia to be vigilant for unusual aphid activity in cereal crops and to report any significant crop damage they notice to the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881.

Councils that receive enquiries about the Russian wheat aphid should direct those enquiries to [the outbreak website](#), which has the most current information about the situation, or to the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline.

Improving the resilience of rural communities

Individuals and families in Australia's rural and remote communities experience unique ongoing challenges that most people living in cities don't face. This includes geographic isolation, economic stress, lack of access to services and the impacts of natural disasters.

In addition to this, people living in rural and remote areas have less access to specialised mental health services relative to people living in major cities and one of the reasons for this is that there are fewer mental health services in these areas.

In light of the drought, and responding to the call of local communities, the Federal Government in 2014 initiated a community mental health and family and relationship counselling services program in drought-affected communities. Unfortunately, the 2016 Federal budget did not provide funding to extend this program beyond 30 June 2016.

Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA), which works extensively with communities in 52 of the 69 drought affected local government areas across Australia, is lobbying for the community mental health and family and relationship counselling services programme be continued for a further 3 to 5 years and would welcome any support from drought-affected councils.

Councils who would like to support CSSA's proposal can find more information on [the CSSA website](#) or contact the Catholic Social Services provider in their state.

Does someone in your council have a big idea?

My Big Idea is a citizen-led, nationwide ideas competition that is focused on creating positive change for Australia. Running from 5 June to 3 August, My Big Idea invites all Australians to submit ideas on ways to improve aspects of their communities from how to boost economic growth, care for the disadvantaged, and look after future generations.

Ideas can be submitted via the [My Big Idea](#) website, with the 100 most popular ideas going before a judging panel and 10 winning ideas from those being developed and brought to life.

Councils can encourage their community members to submit their big idea by:

- including My Big Idea in your newsletters and/or providing social media support
- putting up My Big Idea posters in community centres
- running brainstorming events for staff and/or members of your community

More information and resources to get involved in these activities are available from the Australian Futures Project, which can be contacted on info@australianfutures.org

Highlighting the impacts of hoarding on councils

Hoarding and squalor are issues that not only affect the individual, but also have an impact on local government and the broader community. Councils have to deal with neighbour complaints, health hazards, fire and safety hazards, waste removal and management,

deteriorating living conditions for community members, environmental impacts and other social issues.

These issues will be the topic of discussion at the upcoming 4th National Hoarding and Squalor Conference to be held at Rydges World Square, Sydney from Wednesday 29th June - Thursday 30th June 2016.

The conference will feature case studies, panel discussions, international experts and speakers from councils including Donna Bowe and Tabatha Pashen from Brisbane City Council, and Penny Pavlou from City of Stonnington, Victoria.

Topics discussed during the conference will also include animal hoarding, health and safety issues, environmental impacts, impacts on local government and councils, homelessness, effects on family and friends, community-based interventions and treatment and management strategies.

Councils that are interested in attending the event can register [at this link](#).

MEDIA RELEASE

18 JUNE 2016

Clarity on Residential Rates with New Website

Ratepayers in Western Australia now have a transparent and accurate means to compare their residential rates with the launch of a new website today.

For the first time, ratepayers in WA will readily be able to compare what they pay in rates with the average residential rates for their Local Government area for the past four financial years.

Launched today, knowyourcouncil.com has been developed by the WA Local Government Association in part in response to the potential to misinterpret the rates information on the State Government's mycouncil website.

WALGA President Cr Lynne Craigie said the knowyourcouncil.com site was intended to provide ratepayers with clarity on their residential rates and how they are calculated along with information on other key council services.

"In regard to rates, the issue that Councils raised in regard to the recently created State Government site was that it presented information that could easily be misinterpreted by the general public," Cr Craigie said.

"The rates growth information detailed on the State Government website refers to the annual increase to total rates revenue for each Council which should not be confused as the rates increase for individual households.

"For example on the State Government website the City of Melville is reported as having 40 per cent rates growth for 2014/15 whereas actual residential rates increased on average by just 3.7 per cent."

Cr Craigie said WALGA commissioned independent financial analysts RJ Back and Associates to provide the rates information featured on knowyourcouncil.com in recognition of their experience and expertise in the sector.

She said in addition to information on rates and how ratepayers can seek redress if they disagree with changes, the site details key operational and contact information for every Local Government including details of Elected Members and senior staff and explanations of accessing core Council functions.

The site, knowyourcouncil.com will also have the facility for each Local Government to provide commentary on the rationale for the annual adjustments to budget requirements and the impact on residential rates.

It will be supported by the localeye app - available for Apple, Android and Microsoft - which provides mobile search for community facilities and events, a function to report local issues and register for fire alerts and warnings.

Cr Craigie said community awareness for knowyourcouncil.com would be enhanced by state wide television and digital advertising.

“It is important that ratepayers are able to make an accurate assessment of how their residential rates compare on average both in the amount paid and the annual percentage increases to provide a clear understanding of their individual situation,” she said.

FOR COMMENT PLEASE CONTACT

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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

Nil.

Staff Leaving:

- Community Services Administration Officer – 13/06/2016
- Senior Administration Officer – 08/07/2016
- Administration Officer (Civil Works) – 07/02//2017

Other Staff Movements (Internal):

- Website Administrator (Full-time to Part-time) – 18/07/2016 to 18/02/2017
- Community Services Project Coordinator (Extension) – 01/07/2016 to 31/08/2016
- Customer Services Officer (Extension) – 01/07/2016 to 30/09/2016
- Administration and Compliance Officer (Finance and Administration to Civil Works) – 13/06/2016
- Administration and Compliance Officer (Finance and Administration to Civil Works) – 13/06/2016
- Administration Officer Waste Services (Full-time to Part-time) – 08/06/2016
- Administration Officer Waste Services (Part-time to Full-time) – 08/06/2016

Current Recruitment Activity:

- Building Services Administrator – Closes on 30/06/2016
- Senior Ranger – Closes on 30/06/2016
- Environmental Health Officer – Recruitment Progressing

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TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS		
ITEM	REFERRING COMMITTEE	COMMENTS
<p>Ordinary Council Meeting of Tuesday, 26 April 2016: Petition presented by Cr Geary.</p> <p>A petition was presented at the Ordinary Council Meeting of Tuesday, 26 April 2016 by Cr Geary. The petition requests measures to address potential safety issues related to pedestrians crossing Carradine Road near the school.</p> <p>Technical Services will be investigating the concerns of the petitioners and a report is anticipated to be presented to the Technical Services Committee Meeting on 4 July 2016.</p>	<p>Technical Services</p>	<p>Referred to the Technical Services Committee and is currently being investigated.</p> <p>Report is anticipated to be presented at the 4 July 2016 Technical Services Committee Meeting.</p>
<p>Ordinary Council Meeting of Monday, 23 May 2016: Matters for Referral - Cr Wielinga:</p> <p><i>“That the matter of style and form of entry statements be referred to the Technical Services Committee.”</i></p>	<p>Technical Services</p>	<p>Report anticipated for presentation at the 1 August 2016 Technical Services Committee Meeting.</p>
<p>Ordinary Council Meeting of Monday, 23 May 2016: Matters for Referral – Cr Wielinga:</p> <p><i>“That the matter of Cross Park Cricket Nets and associated parking be referred to the Technical Services Committee.”</i></p>	<p>Technical Services</p>	<p>Report was presented at the 30 May 2016 Technical Services Committee Meeting (T33/5/16), and will subsequently be presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting of 13 June 2016.</p>

<p>TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE Works Programme – June 2016 – August 2016</p>	 CITY OF Armadale
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Department	June 2016	July 2016	August 2016
City Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harrisdale (East) – Stage 2 Works continue. Piara Waters (South) – Design development continues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harrisdale (East) – Stage 2 Works continue. Piara Waters (South) – Continuation of detailed design. Armadale Aquatic Centre Redevelopment - Design – tender period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harrisdale (East) – Stage 2 Works continue. Piara Waters (South) – Continuation of detailed design. Armadale Aquatic Centre Redevelopment – Design – Tender evaluation.
Civil Works	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicholson Road – Duplication – Stages 3 and 4 – Piara Drive to Armadale Road. River Road – Re surfacing. Balannup Drain – New Culvert . Banyard Avenue - Drainage upgrade. Church Avenue Roundabout Pre Deflections. Harrisdale Drive Signs and Markings. 	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicholson Road – Duplication – Stages 3 and 4 – Piara Drive to Armadale Road. Harrisdale Drive Signs and Markings. Columbia Parkway – Parking. 	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicholson Road – Duplication – Stages 3 and 4 – Piara Drive to Armadale Road. Columbia Parkway – Parking. Columbia Parkway/Pleasant Avenue Roundabout. Railway Avenue – Lowanna way to Gillam Drive – resurface road. Connell Avenue – City Boundary to Lucich Street (sections of) – resurface road.



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	<u>Maintenance</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garland St New footpath construction • Taplow Court road resurfacing. • Routine maintenance as per Programme. • Contract road sweeping. • Footpath defects. • Bridge routine and preventive maintenance. • Car park maintenance. 	<u>Maintenance</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance as per Programme. • Contract road sweeping. • Footpath defects. • Car park maintenance. • Resealing Forrest Road Bridge #371. 	<u>Maintenance</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance as per Programme. • Contract road sweeping. • Footpath defects. • Car park maintenance.
Design and Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seville Drive – Armadale Road to Gillam Drive (2016/17 MRRG project). • Fifth Road/Dale Road/Edgeroi Way Roundabout (2016/17 project). • Forrest Road/Fifth Road Roundabout pre-deflection (2016/17 project). • Balannup Road – Gracefield Bvd to Ranford Road (2016/17 project). • Balannup Road – Reilly Road Roundabout (2016/17 project). • Columbia Parkway – Pleasant Avenue Roundabout (2016/17 Blackspot). • Various Blackspot concepts for 2017/18 submissions. • Harber Drive/Wungong Road Roundabout (2016/17 Black Spot). • Fourth Road Streetscaping. • Seville Drive/Westfield Road Intersection Channelisation (2016/17 Black Spot). • Hopkinson Road/Gloaming Way/CoA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale Precinct Car Parking/Path improvements. • Forrest Road/Seventh Road Roundabout pre-deflection (2016/17 project). • Fourth Road Streetscaping. • Eighth Road Duplication – Armadale Road to Forrest Road (MRA Project). • Westfield Road Streetscaping Stage 1B. • Balannup Road – Reilly Road Roundabout (2016/17 project). • Standard Drawings (External Consultant). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neerigen Primary School Car Park (Dept of Education project). • Willandra Primary School Car Park (Dept of Education project). • Eighth Road Duplication – Armadale Road to Forrest Road (MRA Project). • San Jacinta Road LATM. • Observation Circle Drainage Upgrade Stage 2. • Review of existing CoA Drainage Infrastructure Network. • Wright Road Parking Embayment adjacent to Piara Oval. • Powell Crescent extension to Forrest Road.



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	<p>Landfill Entrance Roundabout.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourth Road Streetscaping. • Hobbs Drive Drainage (2016/17 Project). • Eighth Road Duplication – Armadale Road to Forrest Road (MRA Project). • Connell Avenue Rehabilitation (2016/17 project). • Banyard Avenue Drainage. • Standard Drawings (External Consultant). 		
Parks Design and Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Lighting - Preliminary Investigations - John Dunn, William Skeet and Gwynne Park Main Oval. • Lot 45 District Oval Site Landscape design (located in Holland Park). • Lions Parks grant works. • Canning River Walking Trail Concept (Parks/Environment/Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group). • Entry Statement design works. • Ranford Road/Alexwood Drive landscape design works. • Warton Road design works. • Skeet Road (from Keane to PS) landscape design. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Lighting - Preliminary Investigations - John Dunn, William Skeet and Gwynne Park Main Oval. • Lot 45 District Oval Site Landscape design (located in Holland Park). • Canning River Walking Trail Concept (Parks/Environment/Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group). • Entry Statement design works. • Ranford Road/Alexwood Drive landscape design works. • Warton Road design works. • Skeet Road (from Keane to PS) landscape design. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot 45 District Oval Site Landscape design (located in Holland Park). • Canning River Walking Trail Concept (Parks/Environment/Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group).



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Parks Subdivisional Development	<u>North Forrestdale</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various active landscape works. • Various landscape works submissions under review. • Various landscape works in pre-handover period. <p style="text-align: center;">Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Area Works</p> <u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of landscape works. <u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranford Road landscape works construction. <u>Wungong</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various active landscape works. • Various landscape works submissions under review. 	<u>North Forrestdale</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various active landscape works. • Various landscape works submissions under review. • Various landscape works in pre-handover period. <p style="text-align: center;">Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Area Works</p> <u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of landscape works. (Crossroads) <u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranford Road landscape works construction. <u>Wungong</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various active landscape works. • Various landscape works submissions under review. 	<u>North Forrestdale</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various active landscape works. • Various landscape works submissions under review. • Various landscape works in pre-handover period. <p style="text-align: center;">Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Area Works</p> <u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of landscape works. (Crossroads) <u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranford Road landscape works construction. <u>Wungong</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various active landscape works. • Various landscape works submissions under review.



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Parks Works	<p><u>Capital</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale streetscapes Upgrade. • Municipal Streetscaping Project. • Public Open Space Strategy – Precinct A - Kuhl Park - Westfield Heron. • YAA Skate Park softfall upgrade. • Northerly Park - Basketball half court – upgrade. • Various Electrical Cubicle Upgrades. • Warton Road planting stage 2. • Blackburne Reserves Stage 2. <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. 	<p><u>Capital</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various Electrical Cubicle Upgrades. • Blackburne Reserve Upgrade Stage 2. • Warton Road planting stage 2. • YAA Skate Park softfall upgrade. • POS Strategy Works-Variou Sites. • Frye Park Drainage. • Blackburne Reserves Stage 2. • Gwynne Park Electro Resistivity Survey for Groundwater. <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. 	<p><u>Capital</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pending 2016/17 Budget Approval. <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.



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Property Management	<p><u>New Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion Centre entry statement works RFQ. • Photovoltaic (PV) Cell installation works. Installation begins. • Waste Site – provide new shed, new amenities block and other outbuildings. • Golf Club Site – provide a new equipment shed. <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 (RCD’s). ○ Air conditioning maintenance – monthly. ○ Compliance Auditing program to various buildings. ○ Maintenance Painting in Admin. 	<p><u>New Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion Centre entry statement works RFQ. • Photovoltaic (PV) Cell installation works continuation. • Waste Site – provide new shed, new amenities block and other outbuildings. • Golf Club Site – new equipment shed. <p><u>Upgrade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greendale Centre works – Tendering underway. • Kelmscott Hall – Development of project documentation. • Golf Club Site – Power infrastructure Upgrade project – Works phase. <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 (RCD’s). ○ Air conditioning maintenance – monthly. ○ Compliance Auditing program to various buildings. 	<p><u>New Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morgan Park Bin Enclosure. • Roleystone Hall Bin Enclosure. • Bakers House Kitchen modifications. • PV Cell Project Completed. <p><u>Upgrade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greendale Centre award of works tender. • Appointment of Consultant – AC in Administration Building. • Upgrade Fire System in History House. • Upgrade to Arena Site Main Switchboard. • Golf Club Site – Power infrastructure Upgrade project – Works phase. <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 (RCD’s). ○ Air conditioning maintenance – monthly. ○ Compliance Auditing program to various buildings.



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Subdivisional Development	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 active areas of civil works. 2 water management submissions under review. 1 active major public utility installation. 3 areas of public open space remedial works. <p><u>Newhaven Commercial</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 active area of civil and building works. Easthope Link drainage extension works. Easthope Link service road intersections upgrade works. <p style="text-align: center;">Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Area Works</p> <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 active areas of civil works. <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 active areas of civil works. Construction on Hitachi Site. Allen Road surface monitoring. Allen Road cul-de-sac design. 1 x MRA road design installation. 1 major public utility installation. 	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 active areas of civil works. 2 water management submissions under review. 1 active major public utility installation. 3 areas of public open space remedial works. <p><u>Newhaven Commercial</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 active area of civil and building works. Easthope Link drainage extension works. Easthope Link service road intersections upgrade works. <p style="text-align: center;">Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Area Works</p> <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 active areas of civil works. <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 active areas of civil works. Construction on Hitachi Site. Allen Road surface monitoring. Allen Road cul-de-sac design. 1 x MRA road design installation. 1 major public utility installation. 	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 active areas of civil works. 2 water management submissions under review. 1 active major public utility installation. 3 areas of public open space remedial works. <p><u>Newhaven Commercial</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 active area of civil and building works. Easthope Link drainage extension works. Easthope Link service road intersections upgrade works. <p style="text-align: center;">Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Area Works</p> <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 active areas of civil works. <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 active areas of civil works. Construction on Hitachi Site. Allen Road surface monitoring. Allen Road cul-de-sac design. 1 x MRA road design installation. 1 major public utility installation.



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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – JUNE 2016		
ITEM	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
<p><u>Final Review of 12 Master Plans</u> <i>(Refer C22/5/16 of Council Meeting 13 June 2016)</i></p> <p>Note that a briefing will be scheduled to summarise the work done in gathering the Master Plan information and to provide feedback for the implementation phase. <i>(Cr Wielinga)</i></p>	<p>Planning</p>	<p>Be provided with a report on Assessment Criteria (July report). Followed by a workshop in August 2016</p>
<p><u>Public Art</u> <i>(Refer C23/5/16 of Council Meeting 13 June 2016)</i></p> <p>Note the intent of a report to be presented regarding the future public art locations for 2016/17</p>	<p>Planning</p>	<p>Be provided with a report on the allocation of \$100,000 for proposed public art locations in line with the City Centre Activation Plan.</p>

COMMUNITY FACILITIES PLANNING

Master Planning Process

The Draft Master plans for the final four community sporting hubs of; Creyk Park, Morgan Park, Frye Park and Karragullen reserve have now completed the public comment period and will be presented to Council in July. Council will then consider an assessment methodology that will assist in the development of an Implementation Strategy for full twelve (12) Master Plans developed since 2011.

Armadale District Hall

On 3 June Council endorsed the Concept Plan for the Armadale District Hall taking into account that the final design will:

- Retain the courtyard between the existing hall and new lesser hall
- Consider further revisions to the rear of the building to allow for more direct access to the toilets and kitchen from the new Lesser Hall and to the back stage facilities
- Retain the wings
- Include additional way finding signage and lighting from between the district hall and the administration carpark and include drop off facility in front of the hall.
- Retain the sprung feel of the existing flooring.

Council also endorsed the submission of a Lotterywest Grant for \$1Million for the project and will receive a further report that will include the outcomes of the grant submission, a confirmed funding model and a final concept plan

Armadale Public Golf Course

Major rehabilitation work on the Armadale Public Golf Course is planned for July 2016 through to March 2017 with the Lessee, Golf Oracle providing discounted rates for members to play at other courses managed by them including the Araluen Golf Resort during the closure.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Access and Inclusion

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan Review

Consultation with City of Armadale staff and the community is now complete with key findings presented at a Councillors Workshop, the Disability Access and Inclusion Reference Group and the Positive Ageing Network Group during May, with the opportunity for further discussion and feedback. The City will be receiving the DRAFT DAIP 2017 – 2021 in early May with a Report to Community Services in July 2016

Progress Report

It is a requirement of Disability Services Commission that the City complete a process report on their Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) annually. The progress report is required to be lodged to the Disability Services Commission by the 3 July.

Information Items from the Community Services Directorate**Disability Access and Inclusion Reference Group**

The Disability Access and Inclusion Reference Group (DA&IRG) met on 10 May. Agenda items included findings from consultation of the review of the DAIP presented by Jane Hannay from E-QUAL Consultants and the Feature Park at Sienna Woods by Michael Harris from Emerge Associates.

Memorial Park

Accessible and inclusive play facility upgrades to the City of Armadale's existing playground located in Memorial Park are now underway, with the estimated completion by mid-year 2016. The City was successful in its application for Community Infrastructure Grant in 2015 and received \$20,000 for this project. The grant was funded by the Disability Services Commission and administered by WALGA.

The project delivers on the City of Armadale Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2011 - 2016 to be an accessible and inclusive city and supports the Disability Services Commission 'Count Me In' initiatives.

Lions Park

The City has received further funding of \$22,000 through the Disabilities Services Commission's Communities Community Infrastructure Grant 2016 round for accessible upgrades at Lions Park.

The project delivers on the City of Armadale Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2011 - 2016 to be an accessible and inclusive city and supports the Disability Services Commission 'Count Me In' initiatives.

Community Partnerships**TAFE Leadership and Construction Course**

The City in partnership with Challenger TAFE is developing a leadership course with a focus on construction to re-engage young people in education. The seven young

men participating have nearly completed their snake brickwork as part of the Community Garden at the Champion Centre. The boys have taken great pride in their work and this piece creates an entry statement for the Champion Centre.

E-Watch

The City distributes E-Watch, an online newsletter containing up-to-date information from the WA Police on current safety data. Many local residents are signing up to receive E-Watch, with an average of 19 new members joining per week.

Aboriginal Development**NAIDOC 2016**

We are back into planning and have a great array of service providers, children & youth activities and amazing acts on stage (as well as a fashion show with great national designers). I would also like to take the time to thank Richmond Wellbeing for being a major donor again this year.

Information Items from the Community Services Directorate**After School Activity on ABC**

We have been very lucky to engage Dougy Pincott to facilitate the afterschool program dealing with our family history project held at the Champion Centre every Wednesday. He is consulting and collaborating with community Elders on all aspects of culture and heritage including protocol, cultural guidelines, and creative outcomes. He has been approached by the ABC to do a story on his work with the Champion Centre and also by the BBC to discuss his current work, of which the project focus is on promoting Armadale in a positive way and its cultural heritage.

Dougy has worked primarily as an artist using poetry, and animation both in the UK, and internationally, focusing on areas of severe financial hardship and/or undergoing socio economic development. He has lectured around the world in association with various Universities, creative companies and community led arts initiatives - including China, USA, Australia, and Europe where he is regarded as an expert in both the development of workable creative practices and director of regeneration led cultural projects.

Community Arts and Cultural Development**Armadale Hills Open Studio Art Trail 2016**

The second annual Armadale Hills Open Studio Arts Trail will take place from 8 September to 18 September 2016. The local artists are very enthusiastic towards this new successful community arts initiative that was developed in 2015.



Bedforddale artist Sue Doorey



Mt Nasura artist Ruth de Vos

Jull St Mall Public Art Commission

The City has been working with Artsource to develop the Expression of Interest (EOI) documents for a major public art work in the Jull Street Mall. The EOI closes on 19 July 2016. There will be a shortlist of entries before the final selection is made with the final art work being installed in March 2017, prior to the Armadale Arts Festival.

So Unexpected Art Exhibition August 2016

The City will be sponsoring the 2016 'So Unexpected' art exhibition in August coordinated by local art entrepreneur Wendy Jeffery of Jalmer Galleries. The exhibition will be held at Avocados in Kelmscott and feature a range of established high calibre visual artists and sculptors from the local hills regions.

Information Items from the Community Services Directorate**Bedfordale Bush Markets**

The City has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bedfordale Connect Inc to sponsor the Bedfordale Hall hire for the monthly Bedfordale Bush Markets in 2016.

Children and Families**Families Week: 15 – 21 May 2016**

During Families Week, the City partnered with Goodstart Early Learning Centre Mt Nasura and Holly-Ann Martin from Safe4Kids to hold a Protective Education community workshop. The workshop took place on 19 May with 24 parents and Child Care Educators attending. All participants were appreciative of the Department of Health publication “Talk Soon, Talk Often” which Holly-Ann supplied for each family.

**Bandicoot Playgroup**

The City is supporting Bandicoot Playgroup in Bedfordale with their playgroup sessions held at Churchman’s Brook Community Centre. The Playgroup has a strong committee dedicated to engagement with the wider community to generate a community hub at the Centre. Following an Open Day in April 2016, the group has been conducting twice weekly playgroup sessions on Tuesday and Friday to accommodate the numbers of families participating. The City is providing the Centre free of charge for one of the sessions for the next 12 months.

Protective Education Program

The City has funded a five-week *Westfield Madi Movers* program for children aged 8 – 11 at Grovelands Primary School using music and movement to convey a Protective Education message. The program was delivered by MADIworks Inc, a local community organisation working to promote child safety and wellbeing in the community. The first session was held on 25 May with 19 children participating.

Positive Ageing**Age Friendly Communities Grant**

The City of Armadale has been successful in receiving \$10,000 in the Age- Friendly Grants Program from the Department of Local Government and Communities.

The purpose of the funding is to assist local governments to gather and analyse information to generate findings in respect to the Age-Friendly Communities

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Framework. These findings will support the City to adopt an age-friendly approach to planning, and encourages the older person to participate and remain active within their community.

Lunch At Lia

Lunch At Lia is a partnership between the City of Armadale and Kelmscott Church of Christ. The program is aimed at older people who are socially isolated, living in poverty, homeless or at risk of homelessness and offers a safe environment and a nutritious meal in a setting that fosters community connectedness. Attendees were also able to take home fresh fruit, vegetables and bread.

The average number of attendees during 2015 was 40 people each week and in 2016, an average of 80 people per week attend.

Additions to the program in 2016 are:

- Transport of attendees to the lunches if required;
- Two people with disability volunteer at the lunches.

Positive Ageing Sessions

The City's Positive Ageing Sessions are held on the first Wednesday of every month (excluding January) at the Armadale Library. Occasionally evening sessions are also held.

A Positive Ageing Session was held on 4 May at the Armadale Library. The topics discussed were 'Memoir Writing' presented by Juniper Outreach Community and 'Bottled Memories' presented by City of Armadale. There were 26 attendees with comments such as

'I really enjoyed the first session and as memory was so 'Alive in my mind' it was easy to write about. Second session was fantastic.'

The last Positive Ageing Session was held on 1 May at the Armadale Library. The topics discussed were 'Coeliac Disease' presented by Coeliac WA and 'Pet Care' presented by Roleystone Animal Hospital. All 19 attendees reported as being highly satisfied or satisfied with the session.

Upcoming Session.

The next Positive Ageing Sessions will be on 6 July at the Armadale Library. The topics for the presentations are 'Controlling My Own Life: Making the most of Consumer Directed Care' presented by Council on the Ageing WA and 'Footcare' presented by the Juniper Outreach.

Positive Ageing Come and Try – Let's Get Crafty sessions

Positive Ageing Come and Try – Let's Get Crafty sessions are held every second month at 10am at the Armadale Library.

The last Let's Get Crafty session was 'Make a decorative photo frame' and was facilitated by Bunnings Armadale. Ten people booked with seven in attendance.

Upcoming Session

The next Positive Ageing Come and Try Let's Get Crafty session will be held on 9 June on 'Flower Arranging for Beginners' and will be facilitated by representatives of

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the Southern Floral Art Group. Participants will be charged \$15.00 per person and will go home with a floral arrangement they have made.

Positive Ageing Special Event

The City of Armadale in partnership with the Seniors Recreation Council of WA hosted a 'LiveLighter Seniors Activity/Information Day' at the Armadale District Hall on Wednesday 18 May 2016 from 10am to 1pm.

This special day provided recreational activities such as Carpet Bowls, Mini Golf, X box Kinect, seated hockey, Quoits and Pole Walking and also had stands providing information for seniors from various sector organisations. Morning tea and a Light Lunch (Sausage Sizzle cooked by representatives from the Lions Club) were provided.

There were 130 people in attendance with many enjoying the great atmosphere, the games and enjoying meeting new people.

Major Events

No major events were run in May however staff have been busy finalising debriefs and filing for the events run over the last few months and then planning for those ahead including:

12-21 Aug	Outside the Frame Art Awards
Sun 18 Sep	Highland Gathering
Fri 2 Dec	Carols by Candlelight

Volunteering**National Volunteer Week**

Armadale Volunteer Services hosted the City's volunteer recognition event during National Volunteer Week. This event was extremely popular with an estimated 85 people attending. The afternoon tea included entertainment by Paul Leeder, also known as Flabalotti. Door prizes were some beautiful camellias called "Volunteer" and the remaining 55 artworks created by the Armadale Society of Artists during end of year recognition functions were also raffled. All in all a great afternoon was had by all.

**Step into Volunteering**

During May three "Step into Volunteering" sessions aimed at potential volunteers in the community, who are thinking about volunteering but not sure how to get started were held in the week immediately following National Volunteer Week. One session was held at each of the City's libraries with 32 people attending. A variety of guest speakers from local community groups also attended these sessions.

Information Items from the Community Services Directorate**Volunteering to Learn**

On June 14 Armadale Volunteer Services in partnership with the City of Gosnells e-Volunteer Hub will be presenting an exciting workshop – “Volunteering to Learn.”

University student volunteering is a dynamic space with dedicated, passionate individuals involved at all levels. With changes to higher education structures, student volunteering is a practice being adopted by universities to enhance student learning. The recent “Volunteering to Learn” research project has looked at these changes. Dr Megan Paull, who led this research, will deliver these findings at this workshop, along with insights into why students volunteer and what they hope to achieve by volunteering and how this can benefit community organisations. During this session we will also share tips and tricks to make the relationship with students, and with universities, work in everyone’s favour.

Financial Assistance**Community Grants**

Round two of the 2015/2016 Community Grant program attracted 18 applications with eligible funding requests totalling \$15,959.80. Of the 18 applications received, five applicants did not meet eligibility requirements of the City’s Community Grants Policy (COMD1 – Request for financial assistance).

The table below lists details of those Community Groups/Organisations that were awarded a grant. Note the maximum grant amount is \$1,000.

Organisation	Project Description	Amount Funded
Minnawarra District Scouts	District scout camping competition	\$875
Perth Indonesian Community Inc	Kids Festival	\$1,000
Forrestdale Little Athletics	Long jump pits	\$1,000
Roleystone Netball Club	Coaches development	\$800
Billabong MOPS	Leadership conference	\$375
Riverside Park Pony Club	Digital classroom tools	\$479
Riverdale Child Care & Community Centre	Morning tea for community	\$450
Forrestdale Community Kindergarten Inc	First aid for families	\$750
Redbacks Floorball Club	Come and try sessions	\$197
Kelmscott Roos Junior Soccer Club	Coaches development	\$500
Armadale Masters Swimming Club	Basic CPR training	\$550
Grovelands Primary School P&C	Community Breakfast	\$500
Cecil Andrews SHS P&C	Assist with purchasing photo copier	\$500
		\$7,976

The unsuccessful community groups have nominated liaison officers who will contact each of the groups to discuss their applications.

Annual Contributions

Officers are currently reviewing applications for Annual Contributions for the period 2016/2017.

A report to Council will be presented next financial year.

Information Items from the Community Services Directorate**Ignite Basketball**

On average, 50 young people have attended each session of the City's Ignite Basketball weekly sessions. The program includes educational workshops from a range of organisations and in the past month has included Bindi Bindi Dreaming, Perth Lynx and Hope Community Services. Upcoming workshops will feature Smart City Colleges and Parkerville.

The City has developed five, 60 second videos that highlight the social and economic positive outcomes of Ignite Basketball. The videos will be primarily used for grant applications, acquittals and award submissions and in social media to provide strong messages in bite-sized portions.

**Youth****Urban Arts Project**

Two more urban art murals have brightened up the local community in Karragullen after the second "Armadale Paint Jam" took place on Sunday 15 May. The returning group of 15 young people brainstormed a collective design for the murals, with four young artists attempting the ambitious two designs on the day. As a direct result of the impressive talents and skills of the arts crew, several local organisations are now looking at commissioning our young artists for further mural work.



Perfect Imperfections

The City's young women's empowerment program *Perfect Imperfections* concluded on 3 May after a ten week series of development and empowerment workshops.

The nine young women who regularly attended developed strong social relationships and an equally robust support network, the benefits of which will transcend the program. Every single girl reported, in post program evaluation surveys, that 'making new friends' was something this program helped them achieve.

The success of this program was so evident and significant for the individuals and communities involved that the City has decided to run this program again in 2016 and make it a regular program. Please find following info graphics on the program outcomes:

PERFECT IMPERFECTIONS *Outcomes*

Low self-esteem during adolescence predicts poor health, criminal behavior, and limited economic prospects during adulthood.

Trzesniewski, Kali H.; Donnellan, M. Brent; Moffitt, Terrie E.; Robins, Richard W.; Poulton, Richie; Caspi, Avshalom
Developmental Psychology, Vol 42(2), Mar 2006, 381-390.

50%

OF GIRLS experienced INCREASED self-esteem AS A RESULT of this program



87.5%
FEEL MORE CONFIDENT IN WHO THEY ARE

17% of girls said problems with school or study was their **BIGGEST** personal concern pre-program...



62.5%
FEEL THIS PROGRAM HELPED WITH LIFE AT SCHOOL

MADE NEW FRIENDS

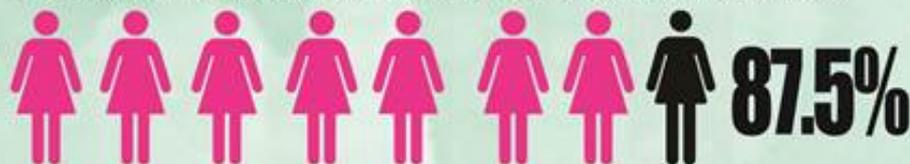
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"A body of research shows that people with solid friendships live *healthier, longer* lives. Friendship decreases blood pressure and stress, *reduces the risk of depression* and increases longevity, in large part because someone is watching out for us." [Wall Street Journal Columnist, Elizabeth Bernstein]

Girls who said they will now make healthier food and lifestyle choices;



Girls who said they learnt new things on the topics of; Mental wellbeing, self-image and worth, health and nutrition, cultural awareness, service to community and sexual health, healthy relationships and consent...



THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN 33% OF GIRLS AWARENESS OF HOW TO ACCESS A YOUTH SERVICE OR DOCTOR FOR ANY REASON.

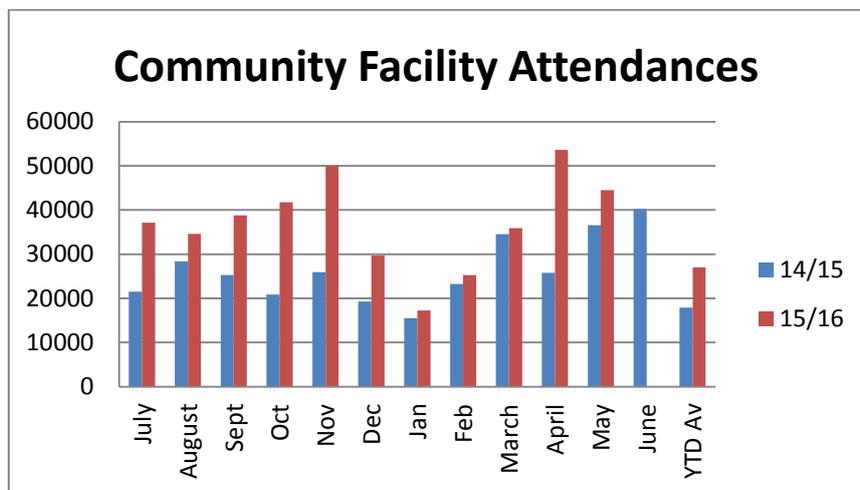
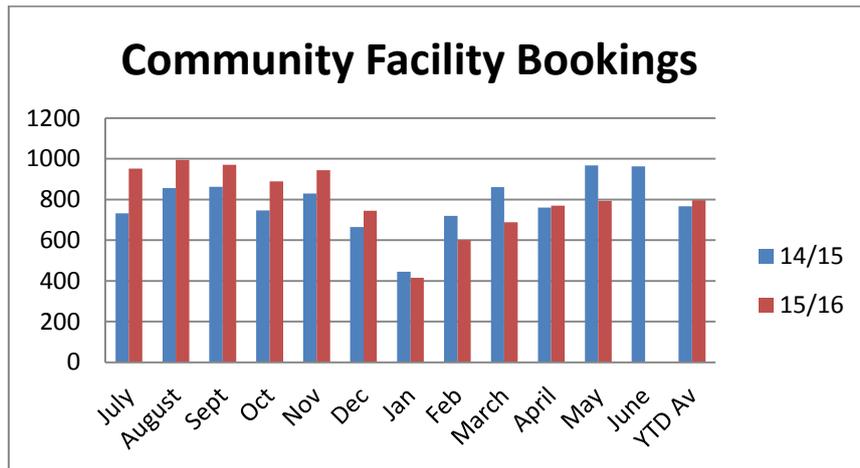
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RECREATION SERVICES

Community Facilities

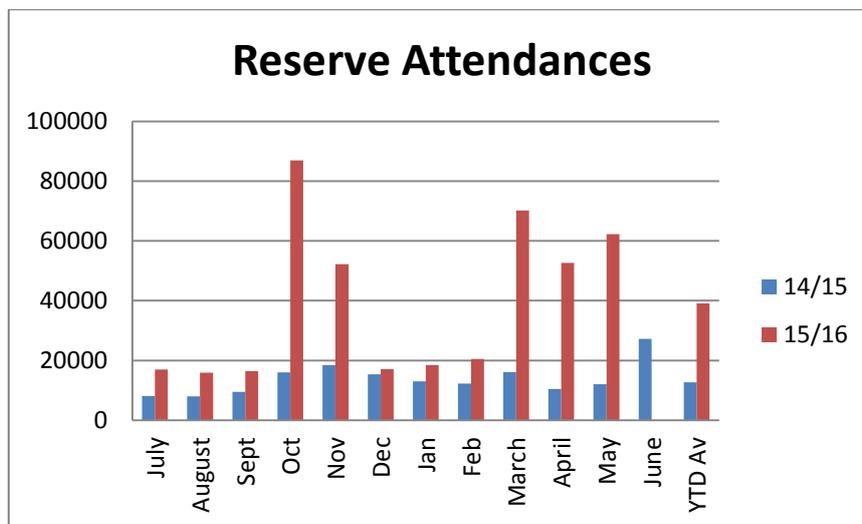
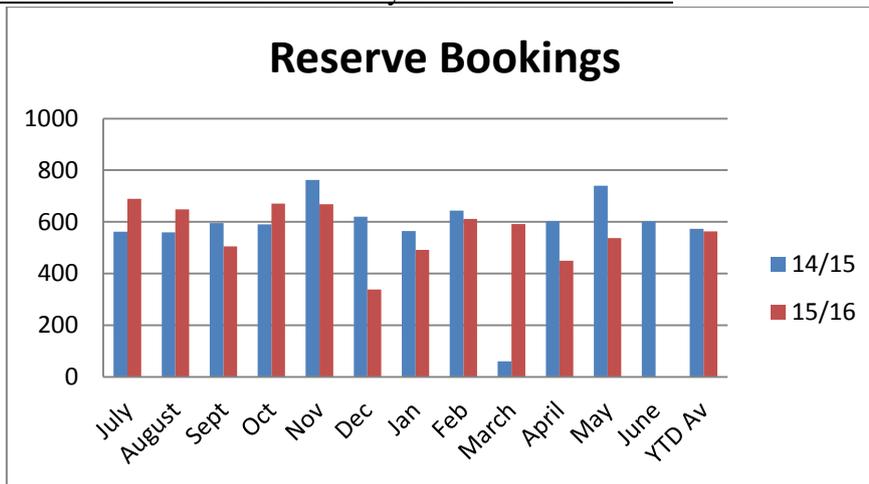
Although the bookings indicate an overall drop in May an error in the 2014/15 bookings has been identified and created double ups for numerous bookings. While the bookings look to have decreased overall facility attendances continue increasing at all venues.

All facilities have now been set up to be viable on Google maps, the induction process is proving successful and feedback from customers has been that the pre-booking phone call and discussion at key collection is beneficial in ensuring a streamlined event.



Reserves

Personal Training signage is being installed to alleviate the issues at various facilities with non approved trainers and groups. This is an ongoing challenge that will be monitored as we continue working with community groups, Rangers and Parks to resolve the issues.



Club Development

An increase in the number of meetings with sport clubs is strengthening our relationships and raising awareness of how the City can support them. This increased level of engagement will continue to be a focus for the Club Development Officer in an effort to strengthen relationships with clubs.

Similarly, meetings with State Sport Associations and other external stakeholders has increased. A number of collaborative events around increasing junior participation are in the planning phase and the Club Development Officer is playing a key role in advocating for new programs in the City of Armadale.

The Department of Sport and Recreation has launched a new online KidSport registration process which has had some initial challenges in how the City has been able to administer the funding. It is anticipated that the new system will be fully functional in the near future and should reduce the burden on the City to administer the program.

Armadale Arena

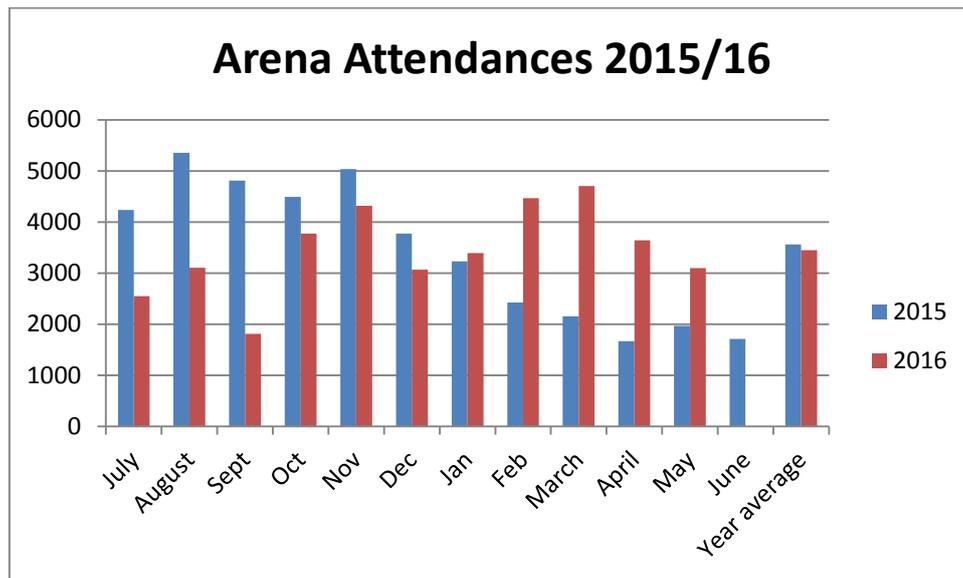
The Arena attendances continue to climb and forecasting indicates that by the end of financial year the centre should equal the 2014/15 year to date average.

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The centre has had a 35% retention rate from participants in the 12 Week Body Transformation, including 15% retention of Personal Training clients. This is a fantastic result for the facility with an average retention following programs of 20%.

A highlight for the Centre retention was the STAR lunch, with 23 STAR participants getting out of the gym and enjoying lunch. This creates a social environment for members, builds new friendships and helps with potential social isolation of our seniors.

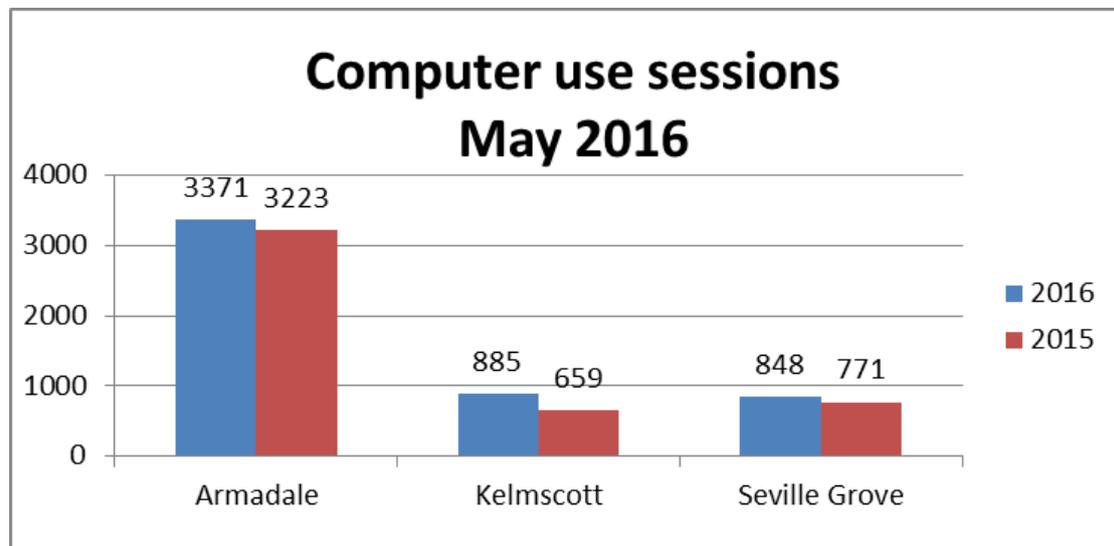
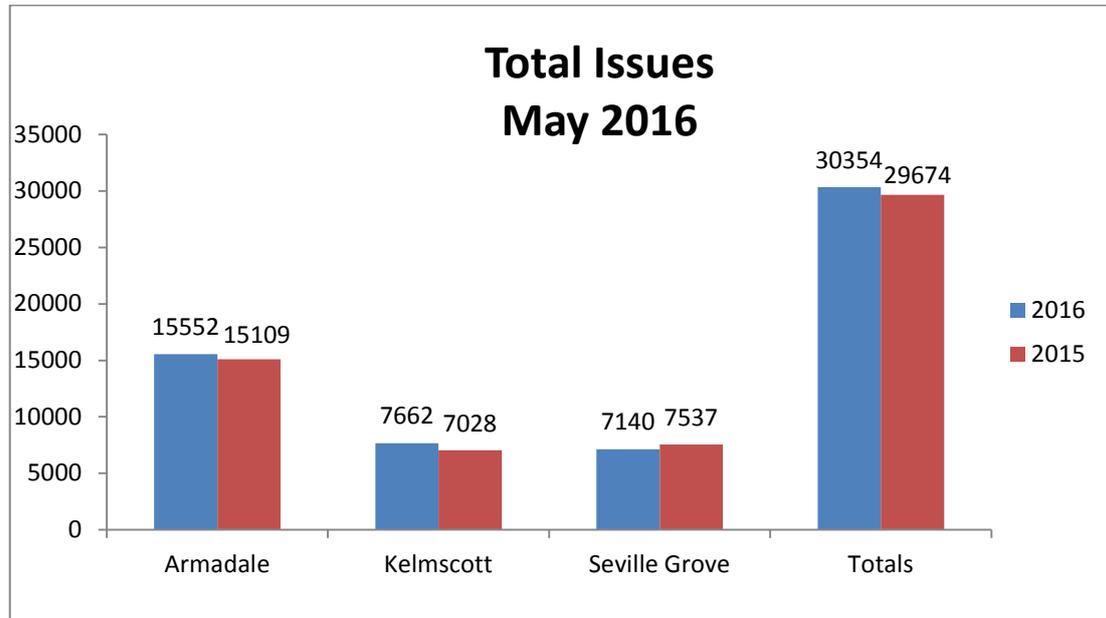
Officers are currently partnering with internal and external groups to apply for funding to provide programs for the Cancer Council for rehabilitation programs. This would be a new and targeted centre service with costs covered through a grant.

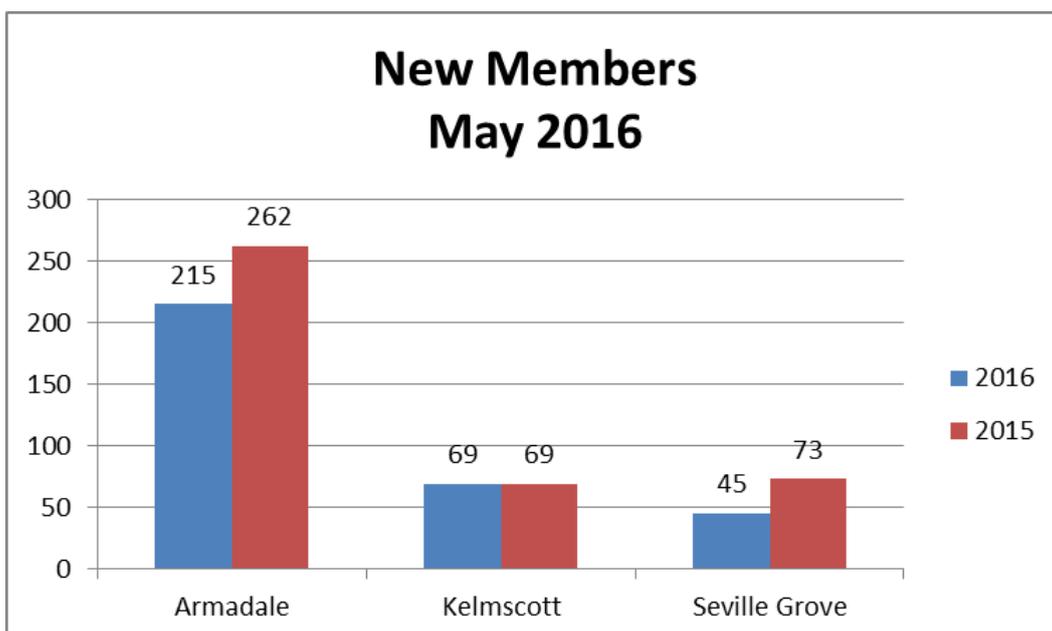
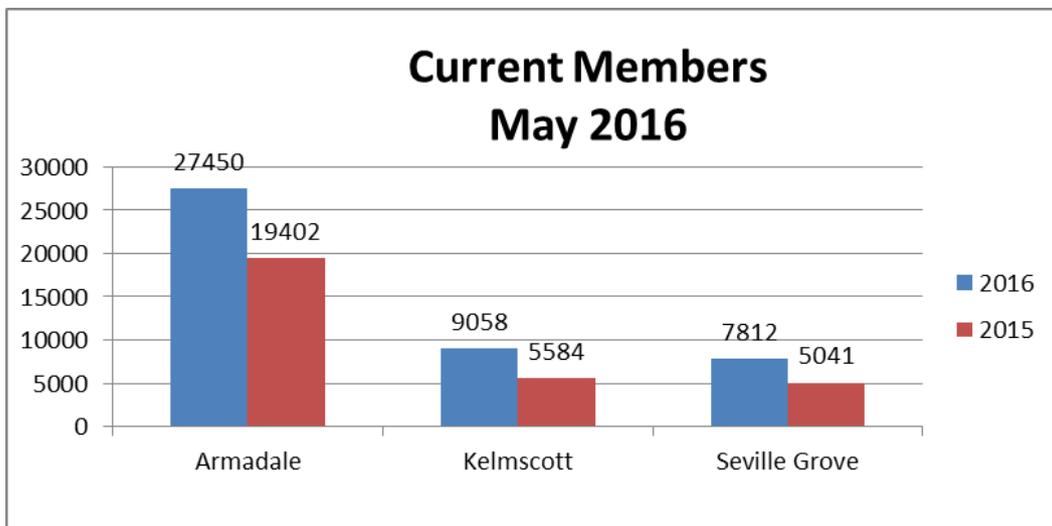
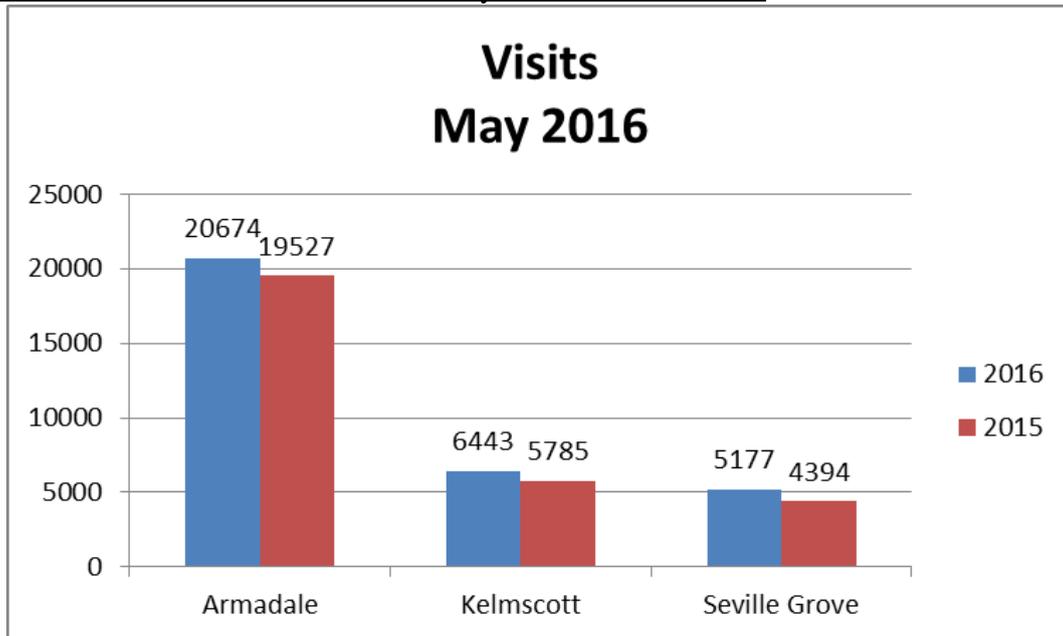


LIBRARY SERVICES

Statistical Performance Indicators

The Library Department’s statistical performance indicators report for the month of May 2016





Information Items from the Community Services Directorate**Providing libraries for leisure, pleasure and inspiration and life-long learning*****Reports on activities and community information sessions held during the month.***

38 regular sessions were held. In any month these 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. A total of 767 people participated in these various activities.

1023 children, teachers and parents were reached with external visits to schools and other community and childcare facilities.

6 special sessions were held with a total of 182 attending.

Reports on sessions of interest:**Activity: Meditation**

Guest Presenter: Mandy Becker-Knox

Date: Friday 3 May 2016

Time: 6.00-7.30 pm

Venue: Armadale Library

No. Attending: 17 people

Armadale Library experienced a peaceful evening with a meditation session presented by Mandy Becker-Knox from Kookaburra Creek Yoga. The audience was informed of the benefits of meditation, especially as daily life continues to get busier. There was an emphasis on finding an inner calmness as participants tried Yogic Breathing followed by a short meditation exercise.

Meditation is of great benefit to the community as it helps people stay calm and focussed. People can use meditation to help in all areas of life such as work and home. Meditation is ideal for people who are stressed or experience intense emotions.

The session concluded with questions and many people stayed back to speak with Mandy further. The audience enjoyed a range of refreshments while chatting with other participants about their experiences with meditation.

Activity: Adopting and Caring

Guest Presenter: Tony Buti

Date: 9 May 2016

Time: 6.30pm -7.30pm

Venue: Armadale Library

No. Attending: 29 people

Dr Tony Buti, MLA, presented the second of his series of 'Public Lectures'. An audience of 29 attended the event, eager to hear Tony speak about adopting and fostering.

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Tony discussed the topic of adoption options and foster care, for over 30 minutes. The audience was fully engaged and captivated by this knowledgeable discussion. The session concluded with questions from the audience who were curious to know how they could help. The crowd had a chance to continue the discussion with some light refreshments. Tony and most attendees chose to stay until closing.

This was the second in a series of talks to be held at Armadale Library, with future topics chosen and conducted by Dr Buti.

Report – National Simultaneous Storytime

Date: Wednesday 25th May 2016

Venue: Seville Grove Library

Performers: Rita Lennon & Shirley Reilly

No. Attending: 45 children and 25 adults

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books and is held during Library and Information Week. Now in its 16th successful year it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy.

The book featured in this year's National Simultaneous Storytime was *I Got This Hat* written by Jol and Kate Temple and illustrated by Jon Foye. This lively, rhyming tale includes many different types of hats inviting lots of conversation and laughter. We all know how important reading aloud to children is for early literacy skills, and rhyming books in particular can provide so many essential building blocks to a lifelong love of reading and writing.

Songs were sung and the book was read, not once, but twice for this very special story time. The children enjoyed creating their very own pirate hat. Mundarda Child Care and Fifth Road Childcare each brought along a group of children for the session.

I Got This Hat was read in over 3600 locations around Australia including schools, kindergartens and playgroups. A fun time was had by all in this nationwide celebration of reading!



Activity: Advanced photography workshop

Guest Presenter: Adele Miles

Date: 28 May 2016

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Venue: Armadale Library

No. Attending: 12

Twelve lucky people attended the advanced photography workshop with Adele Miles on Saturday 28 May 2016. The class was very popular, with enough demand to run the session again later in the year. The class learnt about the complicated math and science that ensures the perfect photograph in any scenario. Adele simplified the information, providing plenty of visual examples as well as a handout for participants to take home. Aperture, shutter speed and light metering were the three main topics covered in the workshop.

This advanced workshop was offered in response to the photo composition workshop in March. That workshop tied in with the Focus competition being run by Birtwistle Local Studies Library. As the advanced class ended, participants viewed the display of photographs from the Focus competition.

Photographer Adele Miles was astounded by the quality of the winning photographs and humbled to hear that the March workshop had a noticeable impact on the quality of photographs being submitted

Activity: FOCUS 2016 Awards Presentation

Date: 28 May 2016

Time: 3.00pm -4.00pm

Venue: Armadale Library

No. Attending: 27 people

The FOCUS photography competition was instigated by the Birtwistle Local Studies Library to grow its collection of photos of contemporary Armadale. The theme for the inaugural competition was “The changing face of Armadale”. This elicited photos of places and buildings throughout the district. Over 100 images were submitted online during the month-long entry phase in March. Notably, the three winning images in the Adult category were all taken in Forrestdale.

Ideas for themes for future competitions are being considered and those present at the awards presentation were canvassed for ideas. These ideas ranged from the corner store; images of my street; old buildings; street corners to advertising billboards. The option to invite entrants in future years to return to the site of today’s photographs, and capture the image as it will be then, will serve to ensure that changes to the district are captured and preserved.

The FOCUS 2016 photography award presentation event was held in the Armadale Library and hosted by Mayor Cr Henry Zelones. The Mayor offered congratulations and commentary to the winners of both the Youth and Adult categories, and shared written comments on each photograph from competition judge Marcelo Palacios. Judge Tony McDonough was in attendance at the awards presentation and made

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comment on the quality and subject matter of the photos submitted and the winning entries. Afternoon tea was served to the winners and their families, who mingled and took time to discuss and admire the winning entries.

The winning images are on display in the Armadale Library during the month of June following which the images, printed in an eye-catching acrylic format, will be given to the winning photographers.

Given the success of this inaugural photography competition, the conditions and entry processes will be reviewed to ensure that ongoing competition entries meet the guidelines and theme. Feedback from the judges was that more specific themes would make the judging process an easier one. This would also result in a more eclectic range of photographs as some specific themes would not naturally be captured by photographers.



L-R: Bethany Cunningham, Bray Sheveleff, Jesse Houweling, Mayor Henry Zelones, Caitlin Murray, Lyn Casley, Stephen McCarthy.

WINNERS - ADULT CATEGORY

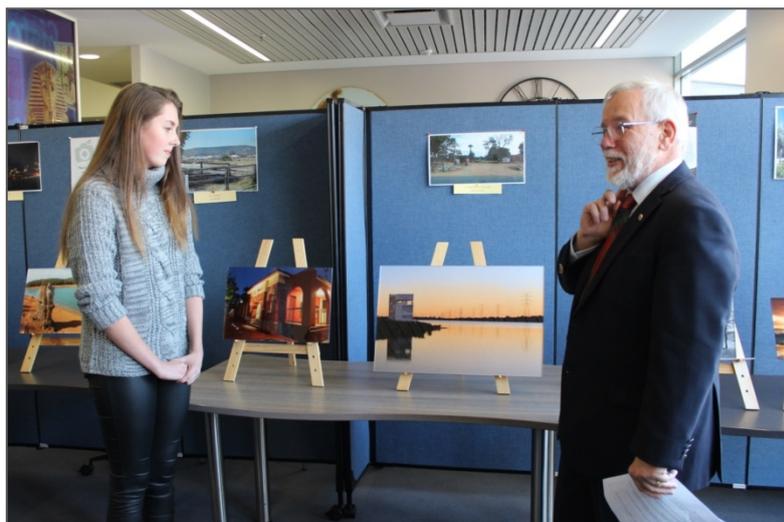
1st place - Bethany Cunningham
 2nd place - Bethany Cunningham
 3rd place - Lyn Casley

Honourable mention - Stephen McCarthy



WINNERS - YOUTH CATEGORY

- 1st place - Caitlin Murray
2nd place - Bray Sheveleff
3rd place - Jesse Houweling



Activity: Albert Edmund Cockram

Date: Friday 20 May

Time: 10.30 to 11.30 am

Venue: Armadale Library Meeting Room

No. attending: 7

The Hon Robyn McSweeney has thoroughly researched the history of her grandfather, Albert Edmund Cockram – his life and his achievements in the horse racing industry and initiatives in agriculture, mining and business ventures.

When relating her ancestor's story, Robyn mentioned many names that have association with WA and the Armadale district's history. A small but enthusiastic group of people attended this interesting account of one of WA's unsung entrepreneurs – three of whom have had family connections, through marriage, with Mr Cockram (dec).

HERITAGE SERVICES

Statistical Performance Indicators

The Heritage Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of May 2016:

Birtwistle Local Studies Library

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

Royal West Australian Historical Society Conference bookings

Registrations opened mid-May for the RWAHS Affiliates conference being hosted by the City of Armadale. To streamline the registration process the Armadale Visitor Centre is hosting the online application forms, handling payment and accepting accommodation bookings. Ten registrations have been received since they were

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included in the RWAHS monthly newsletter. Early bird registrations close mid-July and standard bookings mid-August.

A flyer promoting the conference to the City of Armadale residents will be released mid-June.

Research requests have included:

Keith Bostock asking to see a photograph believed to be soldiers preparing to participate in the Boer War but was actually a rifle unit at Blackboy Hill Migrant Camp 2, history required to support the installation of the plaque in Kelmscott

Bedforddale centenary interpretation panel information was requested for the Bushconnect display

Information about any remnant vines from the Derry Na Sura winery

A source of information was requested by the Roleystone Community College about the origin of street and locality names

WW1 soldier McCavana

Helen Manson and Linton Reynolds have shared their collective information about a local WW1 soldier, Henry McCavana. Helen donated a number of photographs that are valuable additions to the BLSL collection: a family gathered round the 1916 Soldiers' Memorial plinth; three men at the Brickworks who joined the AIF and individual photos of three friends in their WW1 uniforms.

Wikipedia

The Assistant Local Studies Librarian is collaborating with Mr I. Boersma in efforts to expand and refresh Wikipedia entries for suburbs within the City of Armadale. The entry for Wungong has been significantly improved, while entries for suburbs like Brookdale - currently limited to a single sentence – will be addressed in due course.

CWA image donations

A recent project to create a document on CWA branches in the City of Armadale, both current and defunct, has resulted in a large number of photographs being made available to Birtwistle Library for scanning. Once complete, the addition of these images will expand our collection of local CWA photos significantly.

Monument Australia

A number of monuments located in the city have entries on the Monument Australia website, however there is a lack of images to go with the written descriptions on these pages. Birtwistle Library has been able to supply some images to the site in an effort to remedy this, with at least one photograph being an entry from the recent FOCUS 2016 photography competition. Contributions to the site will be ongoing.

Birtwistle Local Studies Library				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	May '16	May '15	July '15 – May '16	July '14 – May '15
Reference Enquiries	3	2	51	66
Research Enquiries	10	5	74	99
Visitor Attendance total	156	129	1298	1021
Volunteer Hours total	208	131	1804	1424
Digitising Records (hrs)	24	39	296	370
Oral History				
Letters Sent	4	2	39	25
Interviews Completed	1	2	15	17
Transcripts Completed/ reviewed	3	1	23	19
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	51	13	446	235
Volunteer Hours - Interviewing	2	4	36	44
Family History Research				
Reference	3	2	13	98
Research	51	31	393	346
Volunteer Hours	52	36	394	440

History House Museum

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

Museum Exhibitions

Made in Armadale Temporary Exhibition

This exhibition closes early next month. It has been seen by over 1200 museum visitors and has been received very positively. The exhibition has seen a dress made by Charlene O'Brien (who has another dress on display in the exhibition) donated to the museum. Work is also in progress to see if a Brady Drum can also be acquired for the collection.

Future Temporary Exhibition

The Memory Jar Project – is currently with designers and will be installed June 15. The exhibition is titled *Memory Lane*.

Home: How our homes have changed – in research stage

Museum Programs

Memory Jar Workshop August

The workshop “Bottle Your Memories” will be held on August 25 at the Old Armadale School from 10am – 11am. The purpose of the workshop is for the community to bottle a memory to be included in our exhibition *Memory Lane*.

Information Items from the Community Services Directorate**October School Holidays**

The Museum is presenting a School Holiday program entitled *Adventures in Time* where primary school aged children will participate in a Scavenger Hunt around the Museum galleries to find what was needed by our early settlers to come to Western Australia and make a model of the ship they would have sailed to the Swan River Colony on.

Museum Collection**Donations**

This month's donations to the museum include:

- Year 7 Leavers shirt from Pioneer Village Primary School from Michelle Wylie
- Pioneer Village Primary School Captains Badge, from Michelle Wylie
- Year 12 Ball dress, from Michelle Wylie
- Year 12 Leavers jacket from Kelmscott High School, from Michelle Wylie
- Kelmscott High School Graduation sash, from Michelle Wylie
- Year 12 tie Kelmscott High School, from Michelle Wylie
- Video Network staff id, from Michelle Wylie

All of these items are from the early to mid-2000s and represent the transition from primary school to high school, the school ball tradition and how that has replaced local community balls and employment at a video store a business that has all but disappeared from local communities.

Museum Education Report**School Visits**

West Byford Primary School Year 2s visited the Museum to participate in our Pioneers' Footsteps program. The children visited St Matthews Church, learnt Morse Code, danced the polka at the District Hall and participated in Museum activities such as mystery objects, looking at photographs and making a peg doll to take home.

School Incursions

The Education Officer visited Harrisdale Primary School to present a program on Armadale's pioneers. They looked at objects that the pioneers would have used, worked on jigsaws of some of our significant buildings and listened to a brief talk about the district as well as looking at aerial photographs of their suburb through time.

Museum Management**Museum Interpretation Plan Review**

Claire Savage from Savagely Creative has started reviewing the Museum's 2008 Interpretation Plan. On May 30 a workshop was held with members of the community to discuss what themes and stories are important. *Professional Development*

Fluff'N'Stuff! Cautious Cleaning, Moving and Caring for Your Collection Preventative Conservation Workshop

On May 12 two History House volunteers attended this workshop held by the Kalamunda & Districts Historical Society & the Western Australian Museum and received basic training in the handling, cleaning and storing of delicate objects such as

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fabrics. The two volunteers who attended the workshop will be asked to practice their training during the accessioning and storing of the most recent donations which include several pieces of clothing.

WA Showcase – Lisa Baxter Workshop

The Museum Curator attended a workshop delivered by Lisa Baxter, a consultant in helping businesses and not-for-profit organisations provide desirable consumer experiences that meet the organisations vision and purpose.

At her presentation and workshop Ms Baxter emphasised the following points:

- We are experience creators
- Does what we do meet our core purpose?
- Do we know what our core purpose is?
- What is the human impact of what we do (from first contact to leaving the experience)
- What are our values?
- Do our actions match our values?
- How to develop strategic experiences and impacts that meet our core purpose

To achieve this it is important to understand not only who we are as an organisation and experienced deliverer but also who is our audience, those who attend our experiences and those who sometimes attend.

This workshop and presentation was important as it showed the importance for History House to ensure it knows its purpose and understands its audiences. This is a continuing process that must constantly be updated as the community around in the COA grows and changes.

Statistics

History Museum	House	Current Month	Year to date	
			May 15	July 15- June 16
		May 16	Jul 14 – June 15	
General Visitors		116	228	1481
School Visits		48	70	455
School Incursions		49	162	383
Holiday Programs		0	0	200
Community Programs		28	0	343
Seniors Programs		0	0	0
Total Visitors		241	527	2868
Volunteer Hours		160	157	1525
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum		May 16	May 15	July 15 – June 16
Visitors		199	117	1481
				1822

Animal Control

Dogs

Ranger Services received four hundred and ninety eight (498) requests for assistance during the report period. The number of requests for assistance is slightly lower than the comparable period of 2015.

Cats

Ranger Services received 74 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 2014/2015 identifies an 11% reduction in activity for this area of Ranger Services operations.

Livestock

During this report period Ranger Services attended to 33 requests for assistance in dealing with stock wandering on public roads, this figure indicates a similar number of reported incidents as the corresponding period for 2015.

Court Action

The following information relates to legal action taken by Ranger Services pursuant to the provisions of the Dog Act 1976, these matters were heard and determined in the Armadale Magistrates Court during this report period.

OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALTY \$	COSTS \$	TOTAL \$
Dog Attack on Animal	Guilty	2,500	169.10	2,269.10
Dog Causing a Nuisance	Guilty	500	169.10	669.10
Bush Fires Act (Burning during Total Fire Ban)	Guilty	1,800	169.10	1,969.10
Dog Attack on Animal	Guilty	800	169.10	969.10

Vehicles

Parking

Ranger Service attended to 278 general enquires relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period.

Unlawful and indiscriminate parking around schools account for a 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

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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 Service attended to 15 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 for Rangers 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 kilometres 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 7 requests for assistance regarding the illegal dumping or rubbish.

Fire and Emergency Services

Ranger Services received three hundred and twenty six (326) requests for assistance during the report period.

There has been a slight decrease in the overall number of requests for assistance, in this area of operations, from the corresponding period of 2015. 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

Due to the unseasonal wet weather in April and May the Restricted Burning period was shortened and ceased as at 18 May. As a result Permits to Burn were not required for the final two weeks of May. The unseasonal wet weather has also affected the brigades' ability to undertake planned hazard reduction burns. These burns will be rescheduled for early spring, or if the weather permits during the winter months.

Detailed mitigation mapping of Bungendore Park has been undertaken by the Fire Prevention Officer (FPO) in conjunction with the City's Bushcare Supervisor to develop a detailed Hazard Reduction Burn (HRB) Strategy for the area.

The FPO has also inspected and captured detailed data on Settlers Common, Eve and Bill Moore Reserve and Bob Blackburn Reserve and is currently preparing similar fire management and mitigation plans. The Bedforddale Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade (BVBFB) has been tasked with undertaking the HRB's over the coming years.

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Preparedness

At the recent City of Armadale Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) meeting, held on 19 May, the main discussion points were the Green Bag evacuation project, and the reserve GIS data capture system. Discussion on the Green Bag project was held over for further consideration at the next LEMC.

The FPO gave an overview of the GIS data capture system and how it is being used and how it will be used in the future in fire management and mitigation.

Response

During this report period VBFB have only attended a small number of fire incidents, all at a local brigade response level.

Ranger Services Operations

The primary focus of Ranger Services is managing the response to the community for requests for service. This has increased over the past five (5) years, partially due to population growth, partially due to community expectations and Councils internal efforts to deliver a more comprehensive service.

