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WA Local Government Convention 2018

The WA Local Government Convention 2018 was a great success, with more than 600 delegates and 200 Local Government Officers in attendance along with the 107 exhibitors who populated the trade exhibition.

WALGA President Cr Lynne Craigie led from the front, across three event-packed days, and kept the program on time and under control.

A Mayors' and Presidents' Forum was held on Tuesday, 31 July, building on the success of last year's forum. NBN WA's Rachael McIntyre provided an update on the national broadband network and its rollout in WA. City of Perth Commissioner Andrew Hammond shared his observations about his role change from CEO of City of Rockingham to a Commissioner at City of Perth.

Wednesday's program comprised a political forum with rotational dialogues from key policy areas relating to Local Government, at which discussion provided plenty of food for thought for the audience.

The Convention program featured a number of outstanding speakers, across both plenary and topic specific concurrent sessions. Opening keynote speaker Anh Do shared a moving and engaging account of his family and how they arrived in Australia. It was a touching story of resilience, grit and optimism. The panel session featured broadcaster Liam Bartlett, former senator Jacquie Lambie, Former Premier of NSW Bob Carr and former Senator for South Australia Natasha Stott Despoja.

Former Australian cricketer Brad Hogg gave an engaging breakfast presentation focused on the success and failures that built his career. The Conference ended on Friday with Paul Huschilt's world famous conference ending summary.

21 Local Government Elected Members and Officers received a Local Government Honours Award as part of the 2018 WA Local Government Convention. WALGA State Councillors Cr Karen Chappel and Cr Chris Mitchell were each awarded Life Membership; Cr Chappel being recognised in particular for her dedication to mentoring across the sector and Cr Mitchell for his advocacy both for his region and in the area of emergency management.

Additional awards were presented, recognising the achievements of Councils in the areas of ANZAC Day events, accessible communities and safety.

[Click here](#) for the media release and the full list of Honours Award winners.

There were many presentations and opportunities for networking and learning throughout, with the spirit of goodwill and generosity in Local Government shown to be alive and well.

With a wonderful display of community banners flying along Adelaide Terrace, the Shire of Harvey was the overall winner of the popular Banners in the Terrace Competition. To see all category winners, [click here](#).

WA Local Government Convention 2018 Photos

Photos of the Banners in the Terrace entrants, award recipients and social pictures from the Convention are available to view and download from the photographer website [here](#).

Registration to the site is required for first-time users.

Click on the 'create an account' button and enter your email address to create a login before gaining access to the gallery titled WALGA.

There are three folders available in the gallery, which are "WALGA Convention Awards", "Banners in the Terrace" and "WALGA Convention Social Photos".

Note: Ensure the 'Remember Me' box is checked on the registration page to gain access directly each time.

Photos can be downloaded for free by clicking on the arrow icon to the bottom right of the thumbnail.

For more information, email PR Assistant Brenda Law-Yat or call 9213 2085.

Seeking Comments on LED Street Lighting

WALGA urgently needs to hear from Local Governments about the transition between current and new technology lighting.

The electricity distributors are responsible for replacing most street lights that are damaged or otherwise no longer serviceable. Western Power expects to have new LED lighting technology available for all standard situations in October .

LED lighting will look different to the existing lights and the community is likely to notice.

Some matters for consideration are detailed in the LED Street Lighting InfoPage and the response of each Local Government to the issues raised is due now.

For more information, email Executive Manager, Infrastructure Ian Duncan or call 9213 2031.

Waste & Recycle Conference – Keynote Speaker

With the Circular Economy a key focus in the upcoming Waste & Recycle Conference program, WALGA is thrilled to be bringing Jaine Morris of the Circular Sisters across to Perth to present Circular Economy at a Local Level.

Jaine followed a somewhat unconventional career path early on, beginning what was to become a highly successful career as a Remote Area Nurse.

She spent several adventurous years working in some of the most geographically hostile environments in Australia. Her passion for the bush and her dedication to delivering compassionate and quality health care saw her build lasting relationships with the Kuuku Ya'u and Umpila people of Cape York – a feat she is immensely proud of.

Always the spontaneous one, Jaine decided to leave behind nursing and the bush and follow her sister into a completely new adventure, something she seems to spend a lot of her time

doing. Jaine brings her resourcefulness and her unwavering passion for people to this project - The Circular Experiment.

The conference is held on Wednesday, 5 September to Friday, 7 September at Crown Perth. Early bird registrations for the Conference close Wednesday, 15 August.

For more information or to register, visit the conference website.

2018 WA Transport and Roads Forum – Registrations Open

WALGA and Main Roads WA invite you to the 2018 WA Transport and Roads Forum which will provide Local Governments the opportunity to influence the future direction of policy, explore challenges and share strategies, hear the latest updates and engage with the State Government.

Date: Tuesday, 16 October
Time: 8:45am to 4:15pm
Venue: Crown Perth
Cost: \$50 (incl GST)

Registration is essential by Tuesday, 9 October.

Registration and further information regarding speakers and topics is available [here](#).

For further information, email Policy Officer, Transport and Roads, Marissa MacDonald or call 9213 2050.

Personal Development and Professional Skills Training

The following WALGA training courses are available for Local Government Officers:

Dealing with Difficult Customers
Friday, 17 August

Preparing Agendas and Minutes in Local Government
Thursday, 6 September

Presenting with Confidence
Tuesday, 18 September

To register online, visit the WALGA Training website or for more information, email the Training Team.

Environmental Planning Tool (EPT) - Registrations for Training Open

Registrations are open for a free demonstration and training session for Local Governments on the use of WALGA's online tool to meet regulatory requirements for native vegetation clearing and prescribed premises licencing. No previous GIS experience is required.

Date: Thursday, 30 August
Venue: WALGA, ONE70, LV1 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville or join via webinar

Participants can join one or all of the following components:

- 9:30 to 10:45am (Session 1): EPT basics – navigating the EPT and generating reports (suitable for beginners)
- 11:00am to 12:30pm (Session 2): Use of the EPT to utilise the benefits of minor infrastructure purpose permits for native vegetation clearing. A representative from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation will be available to explain the regulatory process
- 1:00 to 2:30pm (Session 3): A demonstration and practice session on the use of the EPT advanced tools, including bushfire risk assessment tools and Urban Canopy mapping for Perth and Peel (suitable for advanced users).

Attendees are encouraged to bring a laptop to the session. When registering, please note which session will you attending, your dietary requirement, whether you will be bringing a laptop or if you will join in via webinar.

Register by Tuesday, 28 August by emailing WALGA's Environment Policy Unit.

For more information, email the WALGA Environment Policy Unit.

Grenfell Tower, Cladding and The West Australian Impact

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Date: Monday, 3 September

Time: 7:30am to 9:30am (registration from 7:15am)

Venue: Hyatt Regency Perth

Cost: \$55.00 (Incl. GST)

[Click here to register.](#)

For more information, email Marketing and Events Officer Ulla Prill or call 9213 2043.

WALGA Submissions to Department of Health Regulation Review

Local Governments are encouraged to provide feedback to inform WALGA's submissions to the WA Health Department.

WA Health have asked all stakeholders to provide feedback to the Discussion Papers on management of public health risks associated with:

- Sanitation Provision at Construction Sites and Mobile, Temporary or Remote Worksites(Construction Sites) - comments close Friday, 31 August;
- Temporary toilets - comments close Friday, 14 September; and
- Cloth Materials comments close Friday, 14 September.

The discussion papers and online surveys to provide comment on the papers are located on the WA Health website.

WALGA will also respond to these documents, and encourages Local Government to provide comment to inform our submissions.

Send comments by email to the Construction Sites paper by Wednesday, 22 August and comments on the Cloth Materials and Temporary Toilets papers by Wednesday, 5 September to WALGA Senior Community Policy Officer Evie Devitt-Rix.

For more information, email Senior Community Policy Officer Evie Devitt-Rix.

Group Advertising Services

WALGA is pleased to advise that advertising rates in the West Australian have been secured for the current year with no cost increase and an additional 25 per cent discount applied to feature placements.

WALGA Members have saved more than \$1.7 million on advertising expenditure over the past financial year through the Group Advertising Services Contract with Marketforce.

A summary of annual activity, spend analytics across various media, current trends, and recently negotiated media rates for the current financial year has been circulated by WALGA to Corporate Communications and Procurement officers.

The Group Advertising Contract delivers the Master Media Agency Services, which volume-predicated annual media rates are centrally procured, and services are provided for the booking, placement, production and billing of advertising.

This contract extends to all media channels including press, online, out of home, cinema, radio and TV.

For more information, or to receive a copy of the contract summary, email Procurement and Category Manager Andrew Blitz.

Inviting Applications for the Local Government Commodity Freight Roads Fund

Local Governments are invited to submit applications for Local Government Commodity Freight Roads Funding (CFRF) in 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years.

The Department of Regional Development has allocated \$10 million to Main Roads WA for an Agricultural Commodity Routes Fund as part of the Royalties for Regions Programme.

It has been decided to combine this allocation with the Commodity Route Supplementary Fund provided via the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement therefore providing a total allocation of \$15 million over the financial years of 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Projects will be prioritised according to the application guideline.

The first \$10 million will be allocated to fully fund projects i.e. no co-funding required and all Local Government road types are eligible.

The remaining \$5 million will be allocated on a cost sharing basis, requiring a 1/3 co-contribution from the Local Government and roads not eligible for Road Project Grant Funding will be prioritised.

Local Governments can apply for projects to be funded in 2019-20 or 2020-21.

Application forms and guidelines for the CFRF are available [here](#).

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

Sustainable Urban Forest Management Series

The Sustainable Urban Forest Management Series is a masterclass in urban greening and resourcing excellence.

The symposium features international experts lecturing on all aspects of tree health and management, combined with an innovative urban greening demonstration installation. The installation will showcase space activation and feature the latest advances in climate resilient design and construction, and waste reuse for innovative hard landscaping.

Symposium 1 was held on Tuesday, 10 July.

Symposium 2 begins on Monday, 13 August focusing on measurement, monitoring and strategic planning. The day will feature guest speakers from the local area, Sydney, Bangkok and Hong Kong covering a range of topics like tracking canopy change, aerial measurement and monitoring, from combining software and arboriculture to policy and planning.

[Click here](#) to book Day 2 of the symposium.

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

Harvest Mass Management Scheme (HMMS) – New Arrangements for 2018-2019 Harvest

Changes to the HMMS will continue to allow for “first and last” mile access on roads between the paddock and the nearest road approved for RAV network access. The HMMS operates from Monday, 1 October 2018 to Thursday, 28 February next year.

The new arrangements are that prior to harvest a farmer or transport operator must submit to Main Roads WA a HMMS Road List form identifying the intended RAV combination and a list of roads being used from the paddock to the approved RAV network.

Main Roads WA will conduct a desktop assessment of the HMMS Road List and the route will be endorsed with operating conditions if considered safe.

The road list must be endorsed by Main Roads WA before commencing HMMS operations for the 2018-2019 harvest and the road list must be carried in the vehicle and produced on request to Main Roads WA, WA Police or the grain handler. The endorsed list may be shared by other transport operators.

The following documents provide more information about the changes:

- 5 Step Guide - HMMS Access Arrangements 2018-19
- Flyer - HMMS Access Arrangement 2018-19
- FAQs - HMMS Access Arrangements 2018-19

For more information, email Policy Officer, Road Safety Mal Shervill or call 9213 2068.

Community News Group - Discontinued Publications

WALGA has been advised that the Community News Group (CNG) will discontinue a number of its print publications, including Midland Kalamunda Reporter, Comment News, Hills Avon Valley Gazette and The Advocate.

While the North Coast Times will also be closing, the Wanneroo Weekender will continue to service the North Coast region.

The announcements affect only the print editions of each masthead, not the digital publication activity.

The remaining 12 masthead titles of the CNG will continue in print edition.

WALGA and Marketforce are maintaining communications with the CNG, inclusive of the impact of this change on contractual arrangements and the expansion of existing CNG mastheads into the suburbs that will no longer be serviced due to these changes.

A stronger focus will also be placed on the digital advertising opportunities with Community News.

For more information about advertising, email Marketforce Strategic Client Director Brad Haseldine or call 9216 2023.

For more information about the contract, email Procurement and Category Manager Andrew Blitz.

DWER Fees and Charges Discussion Paper

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) has released a discussion paper on a cost recovery approach for the assessment of applications made under Part V of the Environmental Protection Act (1986), and for licences for the approval to both take water (5C licence) and construct or alter a bore (26D licence) under the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act (1914).

The discussion paper and additional information can be found [here](#).

The DWER is now seeking feedback on the discussion paper by Thursday, 1 November.

The discussion paper proposes significant increases in clearing permit fees that will have financial and program implications for Local Governments undertaking the clearing of native vegetation for activities such as road maintenance and construction, cemetery management and parks maintenance.

WALGA is currently seeking licence information and associated data from DWER to ascertain the potential cumulative impacts for Local Government budgets, if additional sector specific consultations are required, and will provide the sector with further advice on the process for the development of the WALGA submission, in the near future.

For more details, click [here](#) for the InfoPage.

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

Electric Vehicles Working Group

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation has established an interagency working group to progress actions set out in a sub-national collaboration on electric vehicles MoU signed by the Minister for Innovation & ICT; Science Hon Dave Kelly MLA, in December 2017.

Other signatories include climate change ministers from South Australia, and the ACT as well as the City of Adelaide and the City of Hobart. The working group is seeking to progress initiatives including:

- taking a coordinated approach to planning and constructing (charging) infrastructure for electric vehicles
- considering how to build market and promote uptake of electric vehicles
- sharing information on policies to encourage uptake of electric vehicles including standards and incentives, and
- developing a jurisdictional plan to increase the number of electric vehicles in fleets.

WALGA is seeking to represent Local Governments, focussing particularly on infrastructure and fleet issues.

The working group has met with CEO Electric Vehicle Council Behyad Jafari a national body representing the electric vehicle industry in Australia.

Several Local Governments have expressed interest in participating. To better understand the level of interest and plan an efficient process, send contact details and area of interest (fleet operations, charging infrastructure, policies, standards, incentives etc) to Administration Officer, Infrastructure, Audra de Pina.

For more information, email Executive Manager, Infrastructure Ian Duncan or call 9213 2031.

Access and Inclusion Network Forum

WALGA will host the Access and Inclusion Network Forum on Thursday, 23 August.

The Forum will include an address from Chair of the Ministerial Advisory Council on Disability Andrew Thompson, information and case studies on the Changing Places program, updates from the Disability Services Commission and a speed dating session with WA Disability Enterprises.

Date: Thursday, 23 August

Time: 7:30am to 10:30am (Registration and breakfast from 7:15am)

Venue: ONE70, LV1, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville, WA 6007

This is a free event. Click [here](#) to register.

For more information, email Senior Policy Advisor, Community, Evie Devitt-Rix.

Information Session: Recycling Update and Consistent Communications

WALGA is hosting an information session for Local Governments with Cleanaway, SMRC and Suez, to provide an update on the current market conditions and discuss the challenges of moving to a consistent communication approach to reduce contamination of the recycling bin.

Date: Friday, 24 August

Time: 11:00am to 12.30pm*

Location: Boardroom, LV1 ONE70 Railway Parade, West Leederville.

RSVP: via Survey Monkey (attendance can be in person or online)

More information is included in the attached InfoPage.

*The 9:00am to 10:30am session is now full.

For more information, email Manager, Waste and Recycling Rebecca Brown or call 9213 2063.

Finance and Governance Training

The following WALGA training courses are available for Local Government Officers:

Accounts Payable for Local Government

Monday, 27 August

Accounts Receivable for Local Government

Tuesday, 28 August

To register online, visit the WALGA Training website or for more information email the Training Team.

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Minister Recognises Value of Community Resource Centres

A vital resource for regional communities has been retained as a result of a united effort by the Local Government sector.

WA Local Government Association President Cr Lynne Craigie applauded the State Government decision to reinstate funding for Community Resource Centres.

Announced by the Regional Development Minister Alannah MacTiernan, the decision reinstates \$13 million funding for 105 centres across regional Western Australia. [Click here for the media release.](#)

WALGA Zones Agenda Item: Stop Puppy Farming

A State Council agenda item regarding the Stop Puppy Farming legislation has been prepared summarising the response received from Member Local Governments, to be discussed at the upcoming round of Zone meetings.

WALGA distributed a Stop Puppy Farming Local Government Consultation Paper in June, with opportunity to comment by Friday, 3 August.

The State Government proposes to introduce laws to:

- stop puppy farming and the supply chains that support this industry
- improve the health and welfare of dogs in Western Australia, and
- stop the overbreeding of dogs.

WALGA, together with Local Government Professionals WA, is a member of the Ministerial Working Group overseeing the Stop Puppy Farming initiative and promoted the view that the Local Government sector should be the subject of a consultation process separate to the public consultation process commenced in May 2018.

A Stop Puppy Farming State Council agenda item will be discussed at your Local Government's WALGA Zone meeting this month.

The Zone meeting provides an additional opportunity for Local Governments that were unable to participate in the initial consultation process to provide input and comment prior to State Council determining its policy position.

For more information, email Manager, Governance James McGovern or call 9213 2093.

Charter for Renewable Energy Developments

The Best Practice Charter for Renewable Energy Developments is a voluntary set of commitments for Clean Energy Council members designed to clearly communicate the standards that the signatories will uphold in the development of current and new clean energy projects.

The Charter outlines a commitment by signatories to engage respectfully with the communities in which they plan and operate projects, to be sensitive to environmental and cultural values and to make a positive contribution to the regions in which they operate. The Charter currently has 39 signatory companies, with more expected to sign on.

The Clean Energy Council hopes the Charter will be a valuable tool for communities, Local and State governments, providing a clear and accessible statement of what excellence in renewable energy project development looks like.

[View the Charter here](#) and see the current list of signatories [here](#).

Regional Public Galleries Needs Analysis and Benchmarking

Regional Local Governments are encouraged to engage with Art on the Move, the Art Gallery of Western Australia and GalleriesWest, in the coming months.

Regional Local Governments are asked to:

- take part in a mapping and needs analysis project to determine the capacity of regional galleries to present and receive touring exhibitions, and
- to set state-wide standards for public galleries in accordance with the 2016 Museum Australia National Standards.

The outcomes for Local Governments will be:

- a clearly identified analysis of the capacities of regional public galleries to participate in touring exhibitions
- an action plan to address barriers restricting facilities capacities
- a better understanding of how this is linked to cultural tourism, economic drivers, place making, and
- management of cultural infrastructure.

A survey will be released soon for comment.

For more information, email Chairperson, GalleriesWest, Julian Bowron.

iNNOVATE18 Conference

IT Vision's annual iNNOVATE conference is back for 2018 with the theme Working Smarter, Not Harder. Learn more about the Altus Suite and how technology can aid common challenges within Local Governments.

Speakers include commentary legend Glenn Mitchell (MC), Paralympian Brant Garvey and a number of key IT Vision staff members

SynergySoft subscribers can register the first conference delegate for free, second conference delegate at \$199, and all additional delegates at \$159 each. Use the code WALGA18 when registering online.

Date: Thursday, 20 September and Friday, 21 September
Time: 9:30am – 5:00pm (Day 1), 8:30am – 12:15pm (Day 2)
Venue: The Duxton Hotel Perth
[Click here to register.](#)

For more information, email the IT Vision Conference Team.

President's column

Having a place to call home is a fundamental human right, but unfortunately too many people in our communities find themselves without a roof over their head - often for reasons beyond their control.

It's Homelessness Week and we're reminded that homelessness is one of the most potent examples of disadvantage in the community, and one of the most important markers of social exclusion.

The statistics are alarming:

- On any given night, more than 116,000 Australians are homeless
- Two in every five homeless people are under the age of 25
- More than a third of people presenting at services cite family violence or relationship breakdown as the main reason for seeking assistance.

Even more alarming is that the rate of homelessness in Australia is increasing with no signs of slowing down; the rate has gone up 4.6 per cent over the past five years. How is this possible in a country as lucky as ours?

Being the level of government that is closest to the community, it is not an option for us to sweep this issue under the rug. Many councils across the country are responding in innovative ways – albeit with limited resources – by working in close partnership with other levels of government and a range of community and not-for-profit organisations.

State and territory local government associations are also working hard at the policy level with their state government counterparts as well as with their council members to help find solutions to homelessness and its causes.

This work often goes unrecognised so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank councils and state/territory local government associations for their important work in this area.

Following are just a few examples of the great work being done by councils but I know there are many many more.

- Penrith City Council in New South Wales supports a coordinated local approach to address this community challenge through networks such as the Penrith Homelessness Interagency.
- Gold Coast City Council in Queensland holds a one-stop shop event providing free goods and services to the city's homeless – Homeless Connect.
- And the City of Joondalup in Western Australia has provided 'homelessness awareness' training for its officers on how to approach homeless people and give them information on support services.

State/territory and federal government support remains crucial to helping our sector address the drivers of homelessness – which include low incomes, high housing costs and family violence – as well as resourcing homelessness services and pathways out of homelessness.

This is why the ALGA Board has added this as an election priority for the coming federal election. ALGA will call for the federal government to support local government's current work in addressing affordable housing and homelessness issues by:

- reinstating a national governance model which will develop national strategies for housing affordability and homelessness; a model that includes all levels of government, ends the blame game and implements real solutions.
- acknowledging the important role local government can play, with appropriate funding provided for innovative partnership models on housing.

With this in place – and growth in partnerships with other stakeholders such as the private sector and community organisations – we can begin to achieve enduring solutions to housing affordability and homelessness issues in our communities.

Let's play our part in reversing the homelessness rate in our country.

Mayor David O'Loughlin

ALGA President

PS. If you want to find out more or send a message to your local MP on this issue via the Everybody's Home campaign, check out everybodyshome.com.au; or Twitter at @_EverybodysHome or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/EverybodysHomeCampaign/>

First-of-its-kind report shines a spotlight on Australia's 'rough sleepers'

On Census night in 2016, around 8,200 Australians were 'sleeping rough'—living on the streets, sleeping in parks, squatting, staying in cars or living in improvised dwellings. For the first time, a new report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) provides insights into this complex and vulnerable group in our society.

The report *Sleeping rough: A profile of Specialist Homelessness Services clients*, uses 4 years of Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) data to build a comprehensive picture of this group, the challenges they face and the services they use.

Despite being the most visible, rough sleepers account for only around 1 in 14 homeless people in Australia according to the latest Census estimates, with the remainder having other accommodation, such as at shelters or refuges, couch surfing or in emergency accommodation. While rough sleepers make up a relatively small proportion of Australia's homeless population, the number people in Australia who are sleeping rough has grown by 20% since 2011.

The report shows that compared to other clients of SHS rough sleepers are generally older males, often with drug, alcohol or mental health issues.

“While 36% of all SHS clients are male, this is much higher, at 66%, for rough sleepers,” AIHW spokesperson Matthew James said.

“However, male rough sleepers tend to be older than females. Around 55% of female rough sleepers were aged 15–34 compared with 41% of males.”

The report shows that many rough sleepers experience multiple periods of homelessness, highlighting the journey that many people face exiting homelessness. At the end of the 4-year study period, SHS agencies had assisted more than one-quarter of rough sleepers (27%) into housing; others were in ongoing SHS support and for about a quarter of rough sleepers, their housing situation was unknown.

“Looking forward, there may be opportunities to bring SHS data together with information on rent assistance, income support and social housing to build a more comprehensive picture of the journey of rough sleepers, towards independent housing and community participation,” Mr James said.

“This will also give service providers the evidence they need to build targeted programs to assist their clients and evaluate the effectiveness of the programs that are currently in place.”

The full report from AIHW can be downloaded from its website.

Applications for Round 4 of the Stronger Communities Programme are now open

Communities across Australia are set to share in \$22.5 million to improve local infrastructure and provide essential community equipment with applications now open for Round 4 of the Stronger Communities Programme.

Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government John McVeigh said the program is aimed at funding projects that deliver social benefits.

“Our local communities are the heart of this great country and the investment in local projects under the Stronger Communities Programme is about invigorating these communities and ensuring their continued success,” Dr McVeigh said.

“The program will fund small capital projects in each of the 150 federal electorates, which can range from upgrading the local community hall or sporting facility, building new bike paths, or providing essential equipment for the local SES.

“These are the sorts of vital projects that bring our communities together, strengthen our social connections, build community participation and create vibrant and viable communities into the future.”

Each electorate will receive \$150,000 to allocate towards successful projects, with a maximum of 20 projects to be funded per electorate.

Interested organisations may be approved for grants of between \$2,500 and \$20,000, covering up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs.

Applications close on Thursday 11 October 2018.

Further information on grant guidelines, eligibility requirements and the application process can be found at www.business.gov.au/scp

TAS councils making a difference in affordable housing

Tasmania is in the grip of a rental housing affordability crisis. What do local governments do to help?

Rural areas in particular lack rental options. To find housing, older people living in rural areas may often face a heartbreaking decision to leave their community.

The Conversation wanted to know whether local governments recognised this issue and actively helped seniors to continue living in their communities. They found much more. Local governments have not traditionally been recognised as housing providers, yet many of Tasmania's 29 local councils do provide subsidised accommodation.

The Conversation reports that local councils have been forced to intervene because the state is in the grip of an affordable housing crisis.

The publication invited all of Tasmania's 29 local governments to participate in an online survey. They received responses from 19 local government areas, 12 of which were complete.

Of those that responded, three councils provided local rental accommodation for older people. Two provided this at below-market rent specifically for those on low or fixed incomes. For example, in June 2017, Central Highlands Council advertised residential units for lease to low-income, local retirees.

Asset tests were not always applied. This meant older farmers who needed to be more centrally located for health reasons were able to apply.

Where councils identified that they leased properties targeted at seniors, most of these were bought or built in the 1980s with state and federal funding support. These grant programs no longer exist.

The Conversation found that local governments in Tasmania actually used a surprisingly diverse range of approaches to support local housing of older people. Some provided council land to third parties for building seniors accommodation. Others hosted public forums to highlight sale and rental accommodation suitable for seniors in their council areas.

The article concludes that the findings of the survey highlight the importance of getting a better understanding of the diverse ways in which local councils can support housing in their

communities. It says that the roles of rural councils are particularly important to explore, given the socioeconomic disadvantages entrenched in these communities.

The full article is available at this link.

Regional Arts Fund - successful projects

More than \$673,000 has been announced for 54 projects through the latest Regional Arts Fund Community Grants round. Funded projects will take place from 1 July 2018 across regional, remote and rural Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia.

Local councils, arts organisations, community groups and individual artists will produce and deliver projects that create high-quality artistic works, increase community capacity and provide professional development for regional artists and arts workers.

The convergence of art and science is a prevalent theme, with a number of projects that respond to and engage with the natural environment. New media and experimentation with technology shines through as the mode in which artists are choosing to explore and produce work – often using technology to bring history to contemporary formats.

Local narratives also feature strongly. Professional artists are collecting narratives from the local community as the basis for new original works.

Regional Arts Australia Chair Simon Spain noted, “These trends demonstrate a connection to place that is consistent with Australian regional arts practice. These connections often result in distinctive works that reflect the location, engaging large segments of the communities in which they are derived through the creation of meaningful content that is firmly grounded in the local environment”.

There is a continued focus on arts and health with projects addressing issues such as accessibility, dementia, and providing art in hospital settings.

Almost 20% of funding has been directed to First Nations artists and organisations for new collaborations and contemporary arts practice.

Find the full list of funded projects [here](#).

Melbourne councils composting food and organic waste to reduce landfill

Eight Melbourne councils are set to reduce the amount of food and organic waste they send to landfill, thanks to a new composting facility.

The councils include Bayside, Cardinia, Casey, Frankston, Glen Eira, Greater Dandenong, Kingston and Monash.

The composting facility will recycle approximately 120,000 tonnes of food and organic waste

per year and produce 50,000 tonnes of high-grade compost for the municipalities' gardens and parks.

The Federal Government, through the Clean Energy Finance Corporation, is committing up to \$38 million to the \$65 million South Eastern Organics Processing Facility.

"While avoiding the generation of waste is our first priority, we also need to harness opportunities for reuse, recycling, reprocessing and energy recovery," Federal Environment Minister Josh Frydenberg said.

"Converting waste to compost can play a part in Australia's long-term waste solutions.

"This facility alone, which will be the most advanced of its type in Victoria, can process around 12,000 truckloads of waste per year.

"It means food and organic waste produced by south east Melbourne residents will not end up in landfill and will instead produce high-grade compost for our gardens and parks."

By reducing the amount of waste going to landfill, the facility is expected to abate more than 65,000 tonnes of CO₂-e emissions per year – the equivalent of removing almost 14,000 cars from the road per year.

ALGA President, Mayor David O'Loughlin, said in this ABC The World Today report that there are startup costs involved with getting this type of facility up and running, but that over time it could lead to savings for councils that they could consider refocusing elsewhere.

"Dealing with waste is not a cheap exercise no matter what you do with it. You have cheap upfront costs by putting in a landfill but very long-term costs in managing the outputs including gasses from that landfill over time," he said.

The facility is under construction and expected to be operational in mid-2019.

Government and Opposition respond to drought

Both the Government and Federal Opposition have made announcements in recent days to address the impact of the drought on rural communities. In addition to the earlier announced increase in payments through the Farm Household Allowance Scheme, Deputy PM Michael McCormack announced that funding for Roads to Recovery projects will be brought forward in towns in drought affected areas. At the same time the Opposition announced that if it wins office at the next election it will establish a \$20m Regional Economic Fund to be used to stimulate drought affected local economies through partnering with councils on local projects.

ALGA submission to 2018 Regional Telecommunications Review

In regional areas, the lack of access to reliable connectivity and the fact that transmission speeds and costs are higher than for the same service in the cities, continues to limit the

ability of some councils and their communities to access the benefits of new technologies and the digital economy.

On 30 April 2018, Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie, Minister for Regional Communications, announced the commencement of the 2018 Regional Telecommunications Review.

The committee will review telecommunications services in regional, rural and remote parts of Australia. As part of the review, the committee will:

- consider how regional communities can maximise the economic benefits of digital technologies
- consider how regional consumers use their broadband services and how they might derive more benefits, and
- analyse the coverage outcomes achieved through the Mobile Black Spot Program, and examine the extent of the existing gaps in mobile coverage in regional Australia.

ALGA recently made a submission to the review.

ALGA's position over many years is that equitably delivered and affordably priced telecommunications facilities should be available to all Australians, no matter where they live – however, the challenges of Australia's geography and population distribution are acknowledged.

Provision of information technology to all Australians is vital to innovation, economic growth and social equity, however, it is even more important to regional Australia where the tyranny of distance increases the inequity of services available – including education, health, economic and social.

Over the years ALGA's National General Assembly of Local Government, held annually, consistently receives motions from regional and rural councils calling on the government to improve telecommunications services in regional Australia. These motions express ongoing discontent with telecommunications blackspots and erratic internet services in rural Australia which are acting as an inhibitor to economic development, growth in existing business, the provision of modern education programs and creates difficulties for emergency service management during emergency events.

ALGA supports a core backbone of fibre to ensure appropriate telecommunications infrastructure can support all Australians and rural and regional communities do not remain disadvantaged.

ALGA also recommends reinforcing telecommunications infrastructure provision with other relevant support such as the development of business applications and training programs to upskill the workforce.

Read ALGA's full submission on its website.

More support for people with disability in the workplace

The Federal Government has announced an expanded list of independent assessors, who will be available to assess appropriate workplace adjustments for people with disability.

These assessments, provided free of charge, enable people with disability and their employers to access Government funding to pay for reasonable adjustments to a workplace so a person with disability can commence or keep a job.

Assistant Minister for Social Services and Disability Services Jane Prentice said the assessors will exercise expert judgement in making appropriate and accurate workplace assessments for people with disability.

“I encourage all employers of people with disability to access this free service,” Mrs Prentice said.

“We have almost doubled the number of assessment providers from 54 to 93, covering all regions across Australia.”

Mrs Prentice said regions where previously there had been an undersupply would now have full coverage.

“Parts of regional Western Australia, regional South Australia and Northern Territory previously had an undersupply of assessors. People with disability living in these regions can now access this service.

“We are committed to ensuring all Australians with disability and their employers, no matter where they are, have access to this important service.”

The National Panel of Assessors:

- Provide assessments of the physical environment of a workplace and identify any barriers that a person with disability may experience
- Analyse specific work tasks and recommend adjustments to ensure any specific needs are met
- Review any injury-prevention strategies and ensure they are suitable for a person with disability
- Recommend workplace modifications to ensure a person with disability is able to carry out their job.

The panel will run from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2023.

To find an assessor or for more information go to www.JobAccess.gov.au.

AAA says National Road Safety Strategy has taken wrong turn

New analysis by Australia's peak motoring body shows the ACT is the only state or territory set to meet its agreed 2020 road death reduction target.

The Australian Automobile Association's (AAA) quarterly Benchmarking of The National Road Safety Strategy shows that for the first time all states and the Northern Territory are on track to miss targets signed up to by all governments in 2011.

In the year to June 2018, all states and the Northern Territory recorded "red light warnings", meaning they are on a trajectory that makes them unlikely to meet the 2020 targets. There were 1,222 deaths on Australian roads in 2017-18 (only one fewer than 2016-17). Only two years out from the strategy's target date, fatalities remain far higher than the rate needed to meet the strategy's agreed goal.

AAA Chief Executive Michael Bradley said: "This is the worst result so far recorded by the AAA's benchmarking process and underscores the need for greater federal road safety oversight to help reduce deaths on the nation's roads."

"Critical elements such as data collection and research are not being coordinated or harmonised, and jurisdictions face no consequences for failing to deliver agreed outcomes."

The full report is available for download on the AAA's website.

\$20 million Volunteer Grants round open

Community organisations across Australia are encouraged to apply for a share of \$20 million in grants to support the work of their volunteers.

Federal Minister for Social Services Dan Tehan announced the opening of the Volunteer Grants round.

"Volunteers make vital contributions to the life of Australian communities every day, from surf lifesaving to land care, and helping some of our most vulnerable," Mr Tehan said.

"Volunteering is also a proven pathway to get people into jobs, reduce marginalisation and increase community participation."

Grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 will help around 5,000 community organisations buy equipment such as laptops, pay fuel costs, train volunteers and improve their fundraising.

Across Australia, volunteer efforts make an estimated annual economic and social contribution of \$290 billion.

For more information or to apply, visit the Australian Government's GrantConnect website at <http://www.grants.gov.au>.

Applications close Tuesday 18 September 2018.

Join the national NAIDOC Committee

Are you interested in setting the direction for national NAIDOC Week celebrations? Do you have the skills, passion and networks to help us drive and grow the celebrations?

Applications are now open for membership of the National NAIDOC Committee. Three positions are available.

This is an exciting opportunity to be part of the evolution of NAIDOC Week celebrations across the country. NAIDOC Week plays a vital and unique role in not only celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander achievement, but the rich history, diverse cultures and survival of the oldest continuing living culture on the planet.

The National NAIDOC Committee make key decisions on National NAIDOC celebrations each year including the focus city, theme, National NAIDOC Poster and facilitate the staging of the National NAIDOC Awards. They interact with and lobby Indigenous and non-Indigenous organisations to help build on the increasing success of NAIDOC Week each year.

National NAIDOC Committee Co-chairs Patricia Conlon and John Paul Janke are putting a call out for passionate and enthusiastic applicants to be part of the National NAIDOC Committee.

“The position requires substantial commitment, including meeting on weekends, and taking on projects out of session to help drive the NAIDOC. We’re looking for dedicated and passionate members who can drive NAIDOC Week forward to make the celebrations even bigger and better,” Ms Conlon said.

Membership of the National NAIDOC Committee is voluntary and no remuneration is provided for the position. Travel and accommodation to participate in Committee meetings and to attend the National NAIDOC Awards event is provided in line with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet’s travel policy.

Applicants must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander to apply.

More information on how to apply including the selection criteria can be found on the NAIDOC Committee Page.

Successful applicants will commence duties in September 2018.

Successful members are expected to be available to attend a Committee meeting on Saturday 22 September 2018 to begin planning for NAIDOC Week 2019.

Applications close on 24 August 2018.

President's column

Although it is now expected that a federal election will not eventuate until early next year, I have taken the opportunity to advance our sector's shared priorities with key politicians in Canberra this week - and I can tell you they are well and truly in 'election listening' mode.

If you were one of the nearly 900 delegates at our National General Assembly in June this year, you will recall our top 12 election priorities, developed in consultation with your state and territory local government associations. If not, a summary is available on ALGA's website. Up on the 'Hill' this week, they received a very positive reception - here are some brief insights:

Well-known to all of us, Anthony Albanese, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, could see the virtues of continuing the recent higher levels of R2R funding, given our target of \$800m per year. He challenged us to consider budget constraints in terms of our call for a Community Infrastructure Fund and encouraged us to consider the effectiveness of the Building Better Regions Fund as a possible source of funding.

Assistant Minister to the Deputy PM, the Hon Keith Pitt agreed that R2R had been a great success and deserved favorable ongoing consideration. Labor Senator Pat Dodson spoke of the latest work around Aboriginal Recognition and their hopes for a referendum in the next term of office, and how the timing may relate to our own aspirations for recognition. Stephen Jones, Labor's shadow for local government, reinforced their interest in working much more closely with our sector in partnerships and program delivery.

The office of Environment Minister, Hon Josh Frydenberg, was very engaged with us in discussing the powerful role government procurement could play in creating demand for recycled plastics and rubber in road construction, and in recycling food waste through large scale composting plants - as were their counterparts in Tony Burke's office, the Shadow Minister for Environment. The office of our Local Government Minister, Hon John McVeigh, was very supportive of the potential links and synergies between our Community Infrastructure Fund and our Primary Health Partnership proposal.

These meetings are only the first steps of a deliberate and planned campaign by ALGA, in partnership with state and territory local government associations and your councils to get the attention of the ministers and shadows that will shape our destiny at the national level.

You will soon hear from your state/territory association president about how your council can help ALGA's advocacy efforts by supporting its headline election priority to secure a better deal on federal funding for local government. This election priority will call for '1% plus partnership programs' – a restoration of core Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) funding to at least 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue and add funding for partnership programs where agreed.

It is imperative for us to demonstrate the sector's support for the call to urgently repair this important funding assistance to local government. If we are successful in getting a commitment to '1% plus partnership programs', every single council across the country will benefit so it is worth our while to get behind this 100%.

I hope you will join with ALGA and your state or territory local government association and take action to support ALGA's headline federal election call for '1% plus partnership programs'.

Be sure to book a meeting with your local Federal member soon, to tell them how this election could provide powerful and shared benefits in your local community.

Mayor David O'Loughlin
ALGA President

Federal funding for 'black spots' in Victoria

Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister and Member for Hinkler, Keith Pitt, and Member for McMillan, Russell Broadbent, have announced \$14.7 million for Victoria under the Black Spot Program's 2018–19 funding round.

They were joined by the RACV's Mobility Advocacy Manager and Member of the Victorian Black Spot Consultative Panel, Dave Jones, at the site of a black spot in Bunyip, where more than \$850,000 has been allocated to install a new guard rail.

"The Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE) has found that, on average, Black Spot projects reduce the number of crashes causing death and injury by 30 per cent," Mr Pitt said.

"The Black Spot Program provides much needed funding for safety measures such as traffic signals and roundabouts at dangerous locations."

Dave Jones from the RACV said local communities should get involved in the Black Spot Program.

"We encourage local communities to consider nominating sites with significant safety issues for future funding," Mr Jones said.

"Many of these sites are in regional and rural areas, where further work needs to be done to improve the safety of roads.

"As our population grows, it's essential that spending on safety measures and road maintenance keeps pace with higher traffic volumes."

The Federal Government has committed \$744.5 million to the Black Spot Program from 2013–14 to 2021–22 to improve road safety across the nation.

For more information on the Government's Black Spot Program, or to nominate a black spot, visit: investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/blackspots/.

Invitation to participate in draft Great Artesian Basin Strategic Management Plan 2018 consultation

On 27 July 2018 the Commonwealth Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, the Hon. David Littleproud, on behalf of the Great Artesian Basin Ministers released the draft Great Artesian Basin Strategic Management Plan 2018 for public consultation.

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources has invited the local government sector to participate in the consultation process that has now commenced.

The Great Artesian Basin is one of the largest underground freshwater resources in the world. It underlies approximately 22% of Australia – an area of over 1.7 million square kilometres beneath the arid and semi-arid parts of New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and the Northern Territory. This Basin is highly valued and supports a range of industries, communities, cultural values and the environment. In some parts of the Basin it is the only reliable source of freshwater available for drinking. It is estimated that the Basin supports the generation of nearly \$13 billion of production for Australia each year.

The draft Plan 2018 was developed by the Australian, state and territory governments in consultation with the Great Artesian Basin Coordinating Committee who represent communities, landholders, water users and the various industries operating in the Basin. The new Plan will set the future vision for the Great Artesian Basin and be implemented over a 15-year period.

The draft Plan 2018 builds upon the objectives, outcomes and activities of the previous Strategic Management Plan which had been in operation since 2000. The draft Plan 2018 sets out seven guiding principles for future water management in the Great Artesian Basin. These principles cover coordinated governance, maintaining the health of the Basin, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural values, judicious use of water, information and knowledge management and educating water users on the Basin.

The previous Strategic Management Plan was reviewed in 2015 by Australian, state and territory governments in consultation with the Great Artesian Basin Coordinating Committee. A review report was released in August 2015, Future Directions for the Management of the Great Artesian Basin and is available at gabcc.gov.au. A range of findings were identified in the report which have been considered as part of developing the draft Plan 2018.

Consultation will consist of a public on-line consultation process and meetings with stakeholders. The consultation process will close on 5 October 2018.

More information on the on-line consultation process can be found on the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources website at <https://haveyoursay.agriculture.gov.au/great-artesian-basin>.

If you have any questions regarding the draft Plan 2018 please contact the Great Artesian Basin Secretariat at gabsecretariat@agriculture.gov.au.

The feedback provided will be considered when finalising the new Great Artesian Basin Strategic Management Plan 2018.

\$3.9 million funding boost for heavy vehicle safety projects

Fourteen initiatives have received funding from the latest round of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator's (NHVR) Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative.

Among the initiatives are an edu-tech app to help educate learner drivers about sharing roads safely with trucks, Australia's first roadside effluent disposal facility for livestock carriers, and a video series promoting 10 top safety tips.

In announcing the \$3.9 million funding program, Deputy Prime Minister and Infrastructure and Transport Minister Michael McCormack said it will continue to support industry-led heavy vehicle safety projects throughout Australia.

Mr McCormack said learner drivers using the DriveAbout app will soon receive comprehensive advice on sharing the road with trucks safely.

He said previous research has shown most road fatalities involving heavy vehicles are the fault of the other party – not the truck driver.

“As a country MP I know the challenges many young and new drivers can face with sharing the road with trucks,” he said.

“Sadly young drivers are significantly overrepresented in fatal crashes involving heavy vehicles.

“However, programs such as these are there to gear new drivers with the information and advice they need to improve and enhance safety outcomes.

“Teaching learner drivers how to safely share the road with trucks will have real impacts on ensuring our young people stay safe on the roads, especially in the regions.”

The DriveAbout app is currently available in English and eight Indigenous languages.

NHVR CEO Sal Petroccitto said the safety projects played a crucial role in improving heavy vehicle safety and productivity.

“These new initiatives contribute collectively to better heavy vehicle industry safety, education, policy and practice in Australia,” Mr Petroccitto said.

“The NHVR is looking forward to working with the winning bids to ensure the projects deliver safety outcomes for all road users.”

Other safety initiatives to receive funding in 2018-19 include:

- A truck safety resource in WA and the NT
- The development of a brake calculator
- A #GetTruckWise trial campaign in Bendigo

- A series of workshops in WA and Alice Springs raising awareness about the Chain of Responsibility amongst transport customers
- Expansion of the National Safety Camera Network.

For more information visit www.nhvr.gov.au/hvsi

Australia's leading research minds to tackle PFAS

Some of Australia's best scientists and researchers will commence ground-breaking work to address PFAS contamination in the environment, thanks to new research projects announced by the Federal Government.

The nine research projects will share in \$8.2 million in funding under the first round of the Australian Research Council's Special Research Initiative PFAS Remediation Research Program.

The projects will focus on the development of new technologies and remediation solutions to minimise and remove PFAS from contaminated areas in soil, groundwater, waterways and marine systems.

It's expected researchers will work closely with industry and business partners to develop and refine solutions for tackling PFAS that can be applied in the field across Australia.

The successful research projects include:

- \$999,082 to researchers at Deakin University to create a waste-to-resource remediation strategy for PFAS contamination, including inexpensive and effective treatment of PFAS-contaminated sites and a mechanism to turn waste products into valuable resources.
- \$880,187 to researchers at the University of Queensland to develop a self-contained and portable system for the onsite destruction of PFAS at contaminated sites.
- \$940,000 to researchers at the University of Newcastle to develop new technology to allow for the catalytic destruction of PFAS reactions at elevated temperatures.
- \$1,103,883 to researchers at The University of New South Wales for a new treatment technology to defluorinate PFAS in contaminated water.

A second round of the PFAS Remediation Research Program will open to eligible organisations in the coming months, inviting new grant applications for funding between \$50,000 to \$1 million per year for one to three years.

The PFAS Remediation Research Program is funded through the ARC Special Research Initiatives (SRI) scheme. The ARC SRI scheme provides funding for new and emerging fields of research and builds capacity in strategically important areas.

For more information about the ARC PFAS Remediation Research Program, please visit the ARC website.

New inland rail Queensland Community Consultative Committee

A new Community Consultative Committee (CCC) has been established for the Kagaru to Acacia Ridge and Bromelton section of the Inland Rail project.

The Kagaru to Acacia Ridge and Bromelton committee will be the fifth established in Queensland, with the entire Queensland section of the Inland Rail route now covered by Community Consultative Committees.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Michael McCormack said the establishment of this committee by the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) is an important opportunity for residents in the southern suburbs of Brisbane, Logan and parts of the Scenic Rim area to contribute local knowledge to the Inland Rail project.

“The Government understands strong working relationships between ARTC, local communities, stakeholder groups and councils are critical to the success of this project. CCCs help ensure community issues are brought to the fore and addressed during the planning and design of each Inland Rail section,” Mr McCormack said.

“CCCs provide an important mechanism for local communities to be listened to, delivering on the Government's commitment to ensure strong relationships are developed with local landowners and community groups along the route.

“An important role for the Kagaru to Acacia Ridge and Bromelton Community Consultative Committee will be to provide community input on aspects of the studies required as part of the project approvals process.”

ARTC began seeking nominations for the committee on July 28 and the nomination process ends on 5pm, Friday 31 August.

Interested community members wanting to participate in the CCC are encouraged to nominate with more information about the CCCs available at www.inlandrail.artc.com.au.

Changes to working with vulnerable people reporting requirements

As part of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, the Department is working with all currently funding and future grant recipient to implement Working with Vulnerable People, including children (WWVP) reporting requirements.

The Department has provided guidance for grant recipients in its publication Changes to Working with Vulnerable People Reporting Requirements - Guidance for Grant Recipients

The publication states that grant recipients will need to provide evidence in the following forms:

1. Evidence of a risk assessment to identify the level of contact with vulnerable people including children and the level of risk of harm or abuse, and implement appropriate strategies to manage those risks
2. Evidence that grant recipients have training and compliance regimes in place regarding WWVP
3. An annual Statement of Compliance confirming that the grant recipient complies with all relevant WWVP State or Territory legislation

Further information and guidance, including checklists and templates, are provided within the document to help grant recipients meet these requirements.

Any questions can be answered by contacting the Department.

Cultural Forum - latest communique

The communique for the 11th National Local Government Cultural Forum (Cultural Forum), held on 17 May 2018, is now available.

The Cultural Forum is an initiative of the Cultural Development Network with the Australia Council for the Arts, Australian Local Government Association, its member state and territory associations and capital cities, and the Commonwealth Ministry for the Arts.

The Cultural Forum aims to extend the quality, understanding, reach and profile of local government's contribution to Australia's cultural life.

The 11th meeting of the Cultural Forum agreed to progress the following activities:

1. Quality. A review of measurable economic outcomes that are intrinsic to engagement in cultural development activities (arts, libraries, heritage etc.) continued and will wrap up over the next few months.
2. Understanding. The results of the trial collection of 'input' data (resources applied) and 'output' data (activities resulting) from across the 22 council types in Australia, for 2016-2017, returned the first data of its type to be collected at a national level.
3. Reach. Through the first half of 2018 the development of CDN's WhiteBox online outcomes planning platform continued with paper-based trials running in three councils and one national cultural institution.
4. Profile. The National Local Government Cultural Forum is a six-year initiative that commenced in 2013 and will be completed at the end of 2018.

The full communique from the Cultural Forum will be available on the Cultural Development Network website.

Community engagement: What can we learn from the USA?

How do communities create sustainable solutions to their own social issues? And what is the role of local government in bringing together these communities under a shared agenda for change?

Senior Advisor to the US-based Collective Impact Forum and co-Chair of Barack Obama's Civic Engagement Group – Paul Schmitz – has been at the forefront of civic engagement in the US, advising local government authorities on how to involve communities and citizen leaders in solving community problems.

One of these initiatives includes the United Way of Greater Milwaukee, where issues like family violence, teen pregnancy, youth crime and homelessness required a common agenda for reform across local government agencies, services, non-profits, local business and the community itself.

“To solve social problems in our communities, the solution must be to build stronger communities not just stronger programs and services,” says Paul Schmitz.

Paul Schmitz is coming to Australia in September for a series of 1-day Community Engagement Masterclasses, hosted by Collaboration for Impact.

For more information or to register for the ‘Communities Leading Change’ Masterclasses, visit:

- Adelaide - 3 September
- Sydney - 5 September
- Rockhampton - 7 September

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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

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- Environmental Health Officer – Permanent Full-time – 29/08/2018
- Senior Technical Officer Property Services – 03/09/2018

Staff Leaving:

- Assistant Property Supervisor – Retirement – 07/09/2018

Other Staff Movements (Internal):

Current Recruitment Activity:

- Recreation Services Marketing Officer – Recruitment Progressing
- Senior Construction Engineer – Recruitment Progressing
- Coordinator Engineering Design – Recruitment Progressing
- Senior Business Analyst (Catalyst Project) – Recruitment Progressing
- Sport & Recreation Coordinator – Recruitment Progressing
- Change Manager (Catalyst Project) – Recruitment Progressing
- Environmental Officer – Recruitment Progressing
- Business Systems Analyst (Catalyst Project – Recruitment Progressing
- Senior Statutory/Strategic Planner – Recruitment Progressing
- Parks Technical Officer – Recruitment Progressing
- Business Analyst (Catalyst Project) – Recruitment Progressing
- Project Administrator (Catalyst Project) – Closes 27/08/2018
- Waste Education Officer – Closes 22/08/2018
- Administration Officer Property Services – Closes 28/08/2018
- Project Officer – Contributions Arrangements – Closes 03/09/2018

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TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS		
ITEM	REFERRING COMMITTEE	COMMENTS
<p>Ordinary Council Meeting of Monday 25 June 2018: Matters for Referral – Cr C Wielinga</p> <p><i>“That the matter of additional play equipment, paths and landscaping at Bedfordale Hall be referred to the Technical Services Committee.”</i></p>	Technical Services	Report is anticipated to be presented at a future Technical Services Committee Meeting.
<p>Technical Services Committee Meeting of Monday 6 August 2018 Councillor Item – Cr J Munn</p> <p><i>“Cr Munn requested the worn and little used table tennis table at Harrisdale Park be removed and a better use for that area be investigated.”</i></p>	Technical Services	To be addressed via memo sent to All Councillors on 20 August 2018.

TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE
Works Program – July 2018 – September 2018



Department	August 2018	September 2018	October 2018
City Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale Aquatic Centre redevelopment – construction continuing • Piara Waters (South-East) – works commencing pending power line relocation • Armadale District Hall – construction continuing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale Aquatic Centre redevelopment – construction continuing • Piara Waters (South-East) – works continuing • Armadale District Hall – construction continuing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale Aquatic Centre redevelopment – construction continuing • Piara Waters (South-East) – works continuing • Armadale District Hall – construction continuing
Civil Works	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install new footpath Bray Street • Install new footpath Dale Road 	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install new footpath Jade Street • Install new footpath Talus Drive • Install new footpath Notting Hill Drive • Install new footpath Michael Road 	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install new footpath Notting Hill Drive (continue) • Install new footpath Michael Road (continue) • Install new footpath Soldiers Road
	<p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance as per Program • Contract road sweeping • Car park and path sweeping • Footpath defects • Car park maintenance • Road patching and crack sealing • Balannup Drain maintenance 	<p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance as per Program • Contract road sweeping • Car park and path sweeping • Footpath defects • Car park maintenance • Road patching and crack sealing • Balannup Drain maintenance • Car park lighting inspections • Programmed basins maintenance • Kerbing and roundabout inspections & repairs 	<p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance as per Program • Contract road sweeping • Car park and path sweeping • Footpath defects • Road patching and crack sealing • Balannup Drain maintenance • Car park lighting inspections • Kerbing and roundabout inspections & repairs • Planned vegetation control • Weed spraying for compensating/retention basins



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Engineering Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balannup Road service relocation (DCS) • Balannup/Ranford Road lighting upgrade (Black Spot) • Fourth Road power undergrounding and street lighting upgrade • Forrest Road upgrade – Eighth Road to Townley Street (MRRG) • Powell Crescent extension – Forrest Road to Tijuana Road (MRRG) • 2018/19 Blackspot designs • 2018/19 MRRG rehab plans • 2018/19 footpath • 2018/19 streetscape – Gribble Avenue • 2018 lighting program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balannup Road service relocation (DCS) • Balannup/Ranford Road lighting upgrade (Black Spot) • Fourth Road power undergrounding and street lighting upgrade • Forrest Road upgrade – Eighth Road to Townley Street (MRRG) • Powell Crescent extension – Forrest Road to Tijuana Road (MRRG) • 2018/19 Blackspot SBS design amendments • 2018/19 MRRG amendments & issued • 2018/19 footpath final designs • 2018/19 lighting program • 2018/19 Streetscape – Gribble Avenue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balannup Road service relocation (DCS) • Balannup/Ranford Road lighting upgrade (Black Spot) - Acquittal • Fourth Road power undergrounding and street lighting upgrade • Forrest Road upgrade – Eighth Road to Townley Street (MRRG) • Powell Crescent extension – Forrest Road to Tijuana Road (MRRG) • 2018/19 Blackspot SBS design amendments • 2018/19 MRRG issued (pending approval) • 2018/19 footpath designs - assess estimates • 2018/19 lighting program – submit to WP • 2018/19 LATM – Canning Mill Road • Commercial Road access investigation (Alfred Skeet)



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Parks - Development	<p>Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various project RFQs • Various civil works design input • Wungong Urban Managed Aquifer Recharge Scheme Proposal • Newhaven POS drainage rectification works, Erade Park • Various Drainage renewal works • Tredale Field Park upgrade design • Warton Road roundabouts • Migrant Park Stage 2 • Whitley Park Drainage Rectifications Documentation • Monticello Park Rectifications Documentation 	<p>Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various project RFQs • Various civil works design input • Wungong Urban Managed Aquifer Recharge Scheme Proposal • Newhaven POS drainage rectification works, Erade Park • Various Drainage renewal works • Tredale Field Park upgrade design • Warton Road roundabouts • Migrant Park Stage 2 	<p>Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various project RFQs • Various civil works design input • Wungong Urban Managed Aquifer Recharge Scheme Proposal • Newhaven POS drainage rectification works, Erade Park • Various Drainage renewal works • Tredale Field Park upgrade design • Migrant Park Stage 2 • Frye Park POS F Strategy design
	<p>Harrisdale/Piara Waters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various landscape works submissions under review • Various landscape works in pre-handover period 	<p>Harrisdale/Piara Waters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various landscape works submissions under review • Various landscape works in pre-handover period 	<p>Harrisdale/Piara Waters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various landscape works submissions under review • Various landscape works in pre-handover period
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Parks - Development	<p><u>Capital</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various capital works projects • Warton/Ranford/Skeet Road landscaping contract admin • Cross Park tennis hardcourt lighting • Cross Park cricket net relocation (RKCC) • Minnawarra Park dredge and landscape project • Sanctuary Park pathway lighting • Balannup Drain landscaping • Memorial Park playground upgrade • Alex Wood Drive landscaping • Benbecula playground upgrade • Warton Road median supplementary planting • Erica St POS Precinct G upgrade • Harrisdale Oval storage shed • Fletcher Park Irrigation Cubicle & Mainline upgrade 	<p><u>Capital</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various capital works projects • Warton/Ranford/Skeet Road landscaping contract admin • Balannup Drain landscaping contract admin • Cross Park cricket net relocation (RKCC) • Cross Park southern nets renewal • Minnawarra Park dredge and landscape project reinstatements • Springdale Spectator seating • Alex Wood Drive landscaping • Benbecula playground upgrade • Warton Road median supplementary planting • Erica St POS Precinct G upgrade • Harrisdale Oval storage shed • Villatella Park shade structure • John Dunn baseball cages • Whitley Park Drainage Rectifications • John Dunn/Rossiter/Harrisdale Oval wetting agent injection systems • Fletcher Park Irrigation Cubicle & Mainline upgrade 	<p><u>Capital</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various capital works projects • Balannup Drain landscaping contract admin • Groundwater production bores - Cross Park • Warton/Ranford/Skeet Road landscaping contract admin • Cross Park cricket net relocation (RKCC) • Cross Park southern nets renewal • Alex Wood Drive landscaping • Benbecula playground upgrade-Rock supply only • Harrisdale Oval storage shed • Villatella Park shade structure • Springdale Spectator seating • John Dunn/Rossiter/Harrisdale Oval wetting agent injection systems
Parks Operations	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract landscape maintenance • Contract play space maintenance • Scheduled mowing and general maintenance • Irrigation maintenance • Bushland maintenance • Civic precinct maintenance • Contract new estate maintenance • Contract streetscape maintenance • Customer requests • Contract barbecue cleaning • Contract street tree maintenance • Urban Forest plantings maintenance and watering • Bridge and boardwalk upgrade 	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract landscape maintenance • Contract play space maintenance • Scheduled mowing and general maintenance • Irrigation maintenance • Bushland maintenance • Civic precinct maintenance • Contract new estate maintenance • Contract streetscape maintenance • Customer requests • Contract barbecue cleaning • Contract street tree maintenance • Urban Forest plantings maintenance and watering • Bridge and boardwalk upgrade 	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract landscape maintenance • Contract play space maintenance • Scheduled mowing and general maintenance • Irrigation maintenance • Bushland maintenance • Civic precinct maintenance • Contract new estate maintenance • Contract streetscape maintenance • Customer requests • Contract barbecue cleaning • Contract street tree maintenance • Urban Forest plantings maintenance and watering • Bridge and boardwalk upgrade



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Environmental Services	<p><u>Strategic Referrals</u> – as per Subdivisional Development</p> <p><u>Water Management</u> – as per Subdivisional Development</p> <p><u>Civil Works Assessment</u> – as per Subdivisional Development</p> <p><u>Civil Construction</u> – as per Subdivisional Development</p>	<p><u>Strategic Referrals</u> – as per Subdivisional Development</p> <p><u>Water Management</u> – as per Subdivisional Development</p> <p><u>Civil Works Assessment</u> – as per Subdivisional Development</p> <p><u>Civil Construction</u> – as per Subdivisional Development</p>	<p><u>Strategic Referrals</u> – as per Subdivisional Development</p> <p><u>Water Management</u> – as per Subdivisional Development</p> <p><u>Civil Works Assessment</u> – as per Subdivisional Development</p> <p><u>Civil Construction</u> – as per Subdivisional Development</p>
	<p><u>Friends Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters issued to Friends Groups inviting applications for City grants (annual allocation of \$25,000 in total) • Coordination of bi-monthly BEWG meeting and delivery of presentation • Support to Friends Groups as part of community planting days 	<p><u>Friends Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of grant applications and confirmation of allocation to Friends Groups • Support to Friends Groups as part of community planting days • Review and update of Friends Group Manual 	<p><u>Friends Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of bi-monthly BEWG meeting • Support to Friends Groups as part of community planting days • Review and update of Friends Group Manual
	<p><u>Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of two grant applications in relation to the Wungong River Concept Plan (one small for \$19,000 and one large for \$324,000) • School Expo – National Science Week at the Canning River Eco Education Centre • Community Expo – National Science Week at the Canning River Eco Education Centre • Continued weed control and revegetation activities at nine City of Armadale sites 	<p><u>Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature's Beauty Revealed Event – City of Armadale Environmental Centre • Continued weed control and revegetation activities at nine City of Armadale sites 	<p><u>Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued weed control and revegetation activities at nine City of Armadale sites • Kelmscott Show event – has a stall at the event



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Environmental Services cont.	<p><u>Switch Your Thinking</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change Maker events series (32 events developed and delivered) to celebrate National Science Week 2018, using \$19,200 of Australian Government funding. Including Local Government forum, Sabrina Hahn at Hidden Café event, events at Kelmscott Community garden, staff engagement activities and Aspire Armadale • Milestone 2 report for Smart Cities and Suburbs project accepted by funding body • Commencement of work on Switch off Plastics. A project that was awarded \$54,000 of funding from the Waste Authority • Commenced the process of signing up the Town of Bassendean to Switch your thinking • South East Regional Group Meeting 	<p><u>Switch Your Thinking</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable House Day bus tour • Hosting South East Sustainable Schools networking meeting • Presenting at Kids Teaching Kids forum • Presenting at Biology Earth and Environmental Science Day hosted by North Metro TAFE • Four community events • Formative research for messaging relating to Smart Cities and Suburbs project • Launch Modern Cloth Nappy trial as per grant agreement with State Government • Receive and handover four portable water fountains 	<p><u>Switch Your Thinking</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presenting at Cities Power Partnership summit on NSW • Young Re-inventor of the Year competition closes • Milestone 1 report due for Switch off Plastics • Launch Change Markers – Plastic initiative • Install hardware for Smart Cities and Suburbs project



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Property Management	<p>Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roleystone Theatre report to TSC 	<p>Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electrical layout of the Arena and Gwynn Park • Forrestdale Oval and associated Buildings 	<p>Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelmscott Hall Refurbishment works • Armadale Library additional space
	<p>New Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings power upgrade from sub-station, electrical consultant to liaise with Western Power, Armadale Arena • Armadale Tennis Club – asbestos removal – eaves • Bedfordale Hall – patio construction completed 	<p>New Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings power upgrade from sub-station, electrical consultant to liaise with Western Power, Armadale Arena – ongoing • Various works to main administration building as a result of the AC installation 	<p>New Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings power upgrade from sub-station, electrical consultant to liaise with Western Power, Armadale Arena – ongoing
	<p>Upgrade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC Main Admin Building – works progressing 	<p>Upgrade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Springdale Pavilion access ramp upgrade • Forrestdale Sports Club porch 	<p>Upgrade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion Centre Seville Grove Library works underway
	<p>Maintenance</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 ◦ Air conditioning maintenance – monthly ◦ Alarm change overs – domestic to commercial 4G units various sites ◦ Fire services maintenance in various sites ◦ Asbestos register/monitoring • Building Condition Reports - ongoing • Development of outgoings capture template for comment with Procurement guidelines for new Agreement Policy 	<p>Maintenance</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 – testing and tagging ◦ Air conditioning maintenance – monthly including a review of existing units ◦ Alarm change overs – domestic to commercial 4G units various sites due to Telstra cutting telephone lines ◦ Fire services – contractor to be appointed ◦ Asbestos register/monitoring - ongoing • Building Condition Reports - ongoing • Development of outgoings capture template for comment with Procurement guidelines for new Agreement Policy • New formulas submitted to Assets to better manage building assets during their life cycle 	<p>Maintenance</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 – testing and tagging ◦ Air conditioning maintenance – monthly including a review of existing units ◦ Alarm change overs – domestic to commercial 4G units various sites due to Telstra cutting telephone lines ◦ Fire services – contractor to be appointed ◦ Asbestos register/monitoring - ongoing • Building Condition Reports - ongoing • Development of outgoings capture template for comment with Procurement guidelines for new Agreement Policy • SAMM templates (strategic Asset Maintenance Management) submitted to Asset Management methodology to capture and manage building assets during their life cycle



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Subdivisional Development	<p><u>Strategic Referrals</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cell H Wungong SP • Cell G Wungong SP • Anstey Road SP • Harrisdale Green - SP • Lake Rd SP – Area A1 • Justice Precinct <p><u>DCU Referrals</u> - 16 off</p>	<p><u>Strategic Referrals</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cell H Wungong SP • Cell G Wungong SP • Anstey Road SP • Lake Rd SP – Area A1 • Harrisdale Green Small Lots <p><u>DCU Referrals</u> - 16 off</p>	<p><u>Strategic Referrals</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cell H Wungong SP • Cell G Wungong SP • Anstey Road SP <p><u>DCU Referrals</u> - 16 off</p>
	<p><u>Water Management</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forrestdale Business Park West UWMP • Precinct F WMP (hold) • Avenues Stage 9-21 • Hilbert Park • Shepard Court LWMS • Springtime UWMP • Lot 9006 Reilly Road • Champion Lakes stage 7 	<p><u>Water Management</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forrestdale Business Park West UWMP • Precinct F WMP (hold) • Avenues Stage 9-21 • Hilbert Park • Shepard Court LWMS • Springtime UWMP • Lot 9006 Reilly Road 	<p><u>Water Management</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forrestdale Business Park West UWMP • Precinct F WMP (hold) • Avenues Stage 9-21 • Hilbert Park • Lot 3 Rowley Road
	<p><u>Civil Works Assessment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot 500 Nicholson • Sienna Wood Cell D Stage 9A • FP3 Stage 2 • Champion Lakes Stage 7 • Lot 20 Eleventh Road • Lot 12 Armadale Road 	<p><u>Civil Works Assessment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot 800, 9504, 9040 Ranford Road • Lot 500 Nicholson • Sienna Wood Cell D Stage 9A • FP3 Stage 2 • Lot 23 Eleventh Road • Harrisdale Green Small lots 	<p><u>Civil Works Assessment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot 800, 9504, 9040 Ranford Road • Lot 500 Nicholson • Sienna Wood Cell D Stage 9A •
	<p><u>Civil Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mason Green Stage 8 • Mason Green 6B • Lot 21 Eleventh Road • Lot 9503 Ranford (Petrol) • Newhaven Grove Stage 17 • FP3 Stage 1 • Springtime Stage 5 • Kamara Stage 2 • Maddox 2B • Sienna Wood Cell D/7 	<p><u>Civil Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mason Green Stage 8 • Lot 21 Eleventh Road • Lot 9503 Ranford (Petrol) • Newhaven Grove Stage 17 • FP3 Stage 1 • Kamara Stage 2 • Maddox 2B • Sienna Wood Cell D/7 	<p><u>Civil Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mason Green Stage 8 • Lot 21 Eleventh Road • Newhaven Grove Stage 17 • FP3 Stage 1 • Harrisdale Green Small Lots • Lot 23 Eleventh Road • Lot 16 Eleventh Road • Maddox 2B • Sienna Wood Cell D/7



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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS		
ITEM	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
Investigation of Assistance Walks for Disabled Persons in Natural Environment <i>(Refer Item 5.2 of Community Services Committee Meeting 4 April 2017)</i> That the matter be referred to the relevant Directorate for action and/or report to the appropriate Committee <i>(Cr Stewart)</i>	Community Development	Councillor Item currently being investigated
Homelessness in the Community <i>(Matters for referral – Council Meeting 27 November 2017)</i> That the matter of the growing number of homeless people and beggars within the City's town centres be referred to the Community Services Committee. <i>(Cr R Butterfield)</i>	Community Development	Awaiting Councillor comment.

EVENTS CALENDAR - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2018		
Name of Event	Venue	Date
Armadale Highland Gathering and the Perth Kilt Run	Minnawarra Park and Frog Hollow, Armadale	Sunday 9 September, 8.30am – 4.30am

LIBRARY UPCOMING EVENTS – AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2018		
Name of Event	Venue	Date
Sing with Me	Armadale Library	24 August, 10 – 10.45am
Model making with Kevin Bradney	Armadale Library	27 August, 6 – 7pm
Understanding Superannuation	Armadale Library	28 August, 6 – 7pm
AWF: Women of a Certain Age with Liz Byrski and Jodie Moffat	Armadale Library	31 August, 6 – 7pm
Armadale Writers' Award	All CoA Libraries	1 – 30 September
AWF: Lunch with some Criminal Minds!	The Dale Bar & Bistro	1 September, noon – 2pm
AWF: Norman Jorgensen - The art of writing for Children and Young Adults	Armadale Library	1 September, 2 – 3pm
AWF: Writing and the rural experience with Fleur McDonald	Armadale Library	1 September, 5 – 6pm
AWF: Sabrina Hahn – Connecting with Nature	Armadale Library	2 September, 6 – 7pm
Python in the Library	Armadale Library	8, 15, 22 & 29 September, 2 – 3pm
Fun and cheap ways to organise your home	Armadale Library	12 September, 1.30 – 2.30pm
Sorting Digital Photos	Armadale Library	19 September, 1.30 – 2.30pm
Australian Reading Hour: Story Dogs with Erik and Friends	Armadale Library	20 September, 4 – 5pm
Beat the Bugs Puppet Show!	Kelmscott Library	25 September, 11.30am - noon
Freedom Fairies: Dreamcatchers & Wands	Kelmscott Library	26 September, 10am - noon
Dreamcatchers are Magic!	History House Museum	27 September, 10 – 11.30am
Bananas the Clown!	Armadale Library	28 September, 11 – 11.45am
Exhibition	History House Museum	Ongoing until 31 October

COMMUNITY PLANNING

COMMUNITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

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

- Social planning – determining community need and evidence for grants
- Community facilities planning
- Financial Modelling and managing external grants
- Aligning/coordinating internal and external stakeholders

COMMUNITY FACILITIES PLANNING PROJECT UPDATES	
PROJECT	STATUS
Cross Park Cricket/Netball Pavilion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ CSRRFF grant application will be re-submitted in September 2018.
Forrestdale Hub Feasibility Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Underway, to be reported to Council in late 2018.
John Dunn Memorial Park BMX Facility Feasibility Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Community survey and consultation underway.▪ To be reported to Council in October.
Creyk Park Pavilion Upgrade Feasibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ To be reported to Council in October.
Roleystone Men's Shed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Working with group on a Development Application for WAPC
Lance Morgan Pavilion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Working with HOIG and Roleystone Gymnastics regarding a new agreement to co-locate at the Pavilion.
Roleystone Theatre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Feasibility study to be undertaken and reported to Council in December.
Wungong Urban – community facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Wungong Urban Development Contribution Scheme currently under review

SOCIAL PLANNING

Provides research and analysis for social infrastructure required by the City's growing and rapidly changing communities.

Current projects:

- Completing a 'Demographic Insights' document to identify demographics at a suburb level to be used to advocate for facilities and services
- Social Impact statement to support the City Centre Structure Plan
- Project - Increasing walking and cycling in the City of Armadale – addressing cultural and structural barriers in both established and growth areas
- Social analysis to support a shared path funding submission

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE EXTERNAL GRANTS SCHEDULE				
EXTERNAL GRANTS SCHEDULE (as at 16.7.18)				
Project	Funding Source	Grant Amount Sougt(\$)	Grant Amount Received(\$)	Status
Armadale District Hall Upgrade	Lotterywest	1,000,000	1,000,000	Grant being actively managed
Indoor Aquatic Centre	NSRF (National Stronger Regions Fund)	10,000,000	10,000,000	Grant being actively managed
Indoor Aquatic Centre	DSR (CSRFF)	1,000,000	1,000,000	Grant being actively managed
Lighting Upgrade - Gwynne Park - John Dunn - William Skeet	DSR (CSRFF)	550,000	366,666	Grant being actively managed
Seville Grove Library/Champion Centre	Lotterywest	4,060,000	4,060,000	Grant being actively managed
Cross Park Cricket and Netball Pavilion	DSR (CSRFF)	430,000	0	Grant application unsuccessful. To be resubmitted in September 2018
	TOTALS	17,040,000	16,426,666	

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The Community Development Department aims to build a safe, healthy and connected community through the facilitation of community programs and services.

This includes four areas of focus:

- Places Activation
- Partnerships
- Community Engagement
- Capacity Building

The Community Development Department comprises the following teams:

- Community Development
- Indigenous Development
- Arts and Major Events
- Volunteer Services

YOUTH

Armadale Youth Network

The City chairs and coordinates the Armadale Youth Network (AYN) comprising more than 200 people representing government departments, not for profits, commissioning bodies, schools and other sectors working locally to improve outcomes for local young people. The AYN meet bimonthly to share information, discuss opportunities for collaboration and identify the trends in youth issues locally.

The City and WA Police have identified a collaborative project plan to address recurring youth issues raised at AYN meetings this year. In response to growing requests from local primary and high schools, the project would see all AYN partners come together and facilitate one day workshops at five main local primary schools. In term four the workshops will be targeted to year six students, and in term one of 2019 they will be targeted to year seven students.

The workshops will address major youth issues including; mental health, drug and alcohol support, homelessness, domestic violence and a host of other topics. A key objective will be to increase youth and parent awareness of support available locally for young people, in addition to strengthening relationships and awareness of the AYN partner agencies with schools, parents and students. This project will also be tabled at the August AYN meeting.

YOUTH (Continued)

Armadale Aspire

The City's Armadale Aspire youth career development program is in full swing with 31 Year 10 students, eight partnering local high schools and five partnering local businesses; Armadale Shopping City, Armadale Reptile Centre, Beaver Tree Services, Classic Sounds and Daly and Shaw construction. The seven-day program, based on the award-winning Kwinana Industries Council model, has been nominated in the National Economic Development awards in a joint application by Community Development and Economic development. The program, which couples career development upskill workshops with local hands-on industry tours and mentoring, concludes on August 27 in a formal Graduation Evening where students' achievements are celebrated among Principals, industry directors, councillors and family.



Armadale Aspire students visit Beaver Tree Services for an industry excursion on Day 1.

Community Support

The City has been supporting a community group called Impact Youth to provide a safe place and free activities for young people on Friday nights. The City supported the group initially by assisting them to find a suitable venue to hire for their program which resulted in further activation of the Evelyn Gribble Community Centre. Following that, with the City's support, the group were successful in accessing free sporting equipment for their young people. Most recently, City officers were able to support the group to gain incorporation which will allow them further opportunities in future and optimal outcomes for the more than 50 young people that attend their program every Friday night.

YOUTH (Continued)

FRAMED Fiesta

The City will host its fourth annual youth music event to run alongside *Outside the Frame Art Awards* on 17 August 2018. FRAMED Fiesta will provide a free opportunity to encourage community pride, showcase local talent and provide a safe and enjoyable event for local youth. The City is promoting opportunities for young bands with members aged 13 – 18 years old, to express their interest in performing at the event. FRAMED provides a platform for young people to develop their skills and confidence through public performance in a City-run event. Some of the talented performances showcased at City events like Australia Day and the Hawkers Markets were discovered through the FRAMED youth music events.

The City has partnered with Armadale Shopping City to further the development opportunities for youth through this event in 2018, by offering the chosen bands the opportunity to launch Armadale Shopping City's *Thursday Night Live* sessions. These live performance sessions will enhance community collaboration with the Shopping Centre and see the chosen youth bands offered a paid gig inside a designated pop-up hub in the shops for Thursday evening performances.

The Kinetic Youth Engagement Program

The Kinetic youth group positively represented Armadale youth at the Public Health Advocacy Institute of WA (PHAIWA) *Children's Environment & Health Local Government Policy Awards* on 2 August 2018, which took place at the WALGA conference.

Each year PHAIWA choose some young people to speak at the ceremony. This year, Kinetic was invited to present a speech on their projects in Armadale to an audience of Local Government and Health Sector professionals, Mayors, CEOs and special guests including David Templeman MLA Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and The Arts, as well as Colin Pettit, the Commissioner for Children & Young People, WA.

The speech was well received and highlighted the positive things young people in Armadale are achieving. The speech is part of the groups third project which focuses on “youth voice, empowerment & leadership” in an effort to change the perception of young people in Armadale.

YOUTH (Continued)



Caption: Kinetic presenting on the difference they are making in the Armadale community and their aspiration to change the reputation and challenge negative stereotypes of youth.



Caption: Kinetic with the Commissioner for Children & Young People, WA; Colin Pettit.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Armadale Early Years Network

The City of Armadale is has taken the role as lead agency for the Armadale Early Years Network (AEYN) since March 2018. Network members moved to hold meetings on a bi-monthly basis with a clearer focus on providing improved networking including member presentations, professional development and raising the profile of the Network. The next meeting is due to be held on 29 August with the ‘Valuing Children’s Initiative’ expressing interest in sharing the work they are doing in ensuring children are at the forefront of considerations amongst the wider community.

Australian Early Development Census

In the past the City has delivered Australian Early Development Census (ADEC) information sessions to Early Education and Care providers. Turnover in Early Education and Care (EEC) Centres is quite high and it is known that a number of Centres have changed staff. The immediate focus will be to ensure an up to date EEC contact list is developed, that relationships are built with Centres, that a review is undertaken of the work completed to date and will explore opportunities for future AEDC information sessions and initiatives.

The City will attend the next Early Education and Care Network Working Group meeting to discuss the AEDC initiative and seek feedback from the group about what worked, what could be improved and what information and initiatives would be of benefit to the Early Education and Care Sector.

POSITIVE AGEING, ACCESS AND INCLUSION

Skilled 4 Life Training

The City is working with external training organisation *Skilled 4 Life* to deliver a capacity and skills building project that targets older people aged 50 to 60 years old via the delivery of up to five workshops addressing a variety of needs in the community.

The aim of this project is to provide local community members with the opportunity to develop their personal skills and increase knowledge and awareness about the importance of being well organised. Being organised can reduce the stress of already very stressful situations such as natural disasters and loss of a loved one, as people can have confidence that their personal documents are up to date and easily accessible in a time of need.

The first of these free workshops which took place on 31 July was attended by 28 people. This workshop was designed to teach practical life skills and encourage participants to become more organised and more effectively store, catalogue and record their important documents and personal information. Participants were guided through a complimentary workbook, which covered:

- Wills and Power of Attorneys and personal details
- General insurances, life insurance and superannuation
- Banking and direct debits.

- Recording of import
- Relevant information including driver's licences, passports, birth certificates, Medicare, MyGov and other relevant documentation.
- Basic budgeting.

Just under 50% of participants that attended the workshop were 50 – 65 years old, and 54% of participants were identified as still being in the workforce. Participants reported a range of benefits from attending including being able to discuss their affairs with their family in the event of a personal loss and finding out more about the benefits of backing up information electronically.

This project is currently being evaluated and a report of on the project outcomes will be provided at the projects conclusion.

Activation of the Greendale Centre

The City continues to work with Dale Cottages to promote community usage of the newly redeveloped Greendale Centre, to both new and establish groups. Both organisations are currently working together to organise the Official Launch of the centre which is planned to take place during Seniors Week 2018.

Tastes of Diversity Multicultural Cafe

The City has been assisting a new multicultural group, United in Diversity (UiD), to become established in the Armadale area. Evolving from local students participating in the Armadale South Metro TAFE Adult Migrant English Program and lecturer Mamta Kochhar, the City of Armadale will partner with United in Diversity to present a pilot series of four, monthly 'Tastes of Diversity' multicultural café events at the Greendale Centre.

The first stage of this project commenced on Thursday 26 July with 15 participants from UiD receiving training on Food Safety from the City's Health Department.

Positive Ageing Sessions

The City's Positive Ageing Sessions are held on the first Wednesday of every month at the Armadale Library. The Topic presented in July was 'Ageing – A work in progress. But waitThere's More!' presented by representatives from AnglicareWA. 27 people attended, with the evaluation results showing all attendees were satisfied or highly satisfied with the presentation.

On Wednesday 1 August the City hosted a Positive Ageing Session, 'Wills-What you need to consider' and 'Enduring Power of Attorney and Enduring Power of Guardianship' presented by representatives from the Citizens Advice Bureau. The session attracted 52 attendees.

POSITIVE AGEING, ACCESS AND INCLUSION (Continued)

Disability Access and Inclusion Reference Group (DA&IRG) Meeting

A DA&IRG Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 16 August. The agenda will be finalised when invited guest speakers have confirmed attendance. Intended presentations are: Finalisation of the Club Abilities Project, NDIS and Armadale new Aquatic Centre.

Inclusive Events Training

As part of the City's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan the City provided 'Inclusive Events Training' to 22 key City Officers. The strategies from the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan implemented through this training were:

- Strategy 1.2 Support accessible events in the City of Armadale and
- Strategy 1.3 Support accessible programs in the community.

The workshop addressed the key principles of social inclusion and the coordination of inclusive events. Through this workshop, participants were encouraged to think about their role in creating opportunities and community events for all community members. Participants were also encouraged to consider and follow some key principles to minimise negative community feedback and most importantly, make all community members feel welcome and valued at City events.

Topics covered in this workshop included:

- Terminology – exploring the minefield that often presents a barrier
- Social inclusion principles and frameworks
- Event activities
- Event signage
- Built environment and infrastructure
- Information to promote interactive stalls
- Sensory relief spaces
- Promotion – awareness, fonts, colours, language, bold, caps etc.

Participants completed a survey before and after the training to ascertain knowledge and skills pre and post training. The results are as below:

- 55% of participants said their skills and knowledge about disability awareness and accessible and inclusive events had improved a lot with 40% saying it had improved a little after the training.
- 100% of participants said they will use the skills and knowledge they have learnt from the training.
- 100% of participants thought the training was beneficial.

Officers were also asked how they were going to implement the skills and knowledge gained through the workshop. Responses included:

- Creating communications using alternative forms of access i.e. Audio etc.

- During the development of programs
- Accessibility of venues for future events
- Ensure event staff consider all-inclusive aspects when planning events to make sure they are inclusive
- Ensure all printed products meet standards where achievable.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Financial Assistance - Annual Contributions

The City of Armadale Annual Contributions Funding Round Closed 30th July 2018. Applicants are required to attend compulsory workshops to facilitate the development of their applications and discuss their project with appropriate City Staff.

Two Grant Workshops took place on 20 and 27 June 2018. In total 47 people attended the workshops representing 30 organisations.

The City's has received 13 applications in this year's Annual Contributions Funding Round. The applications are from a variety of different agencies and organisations, delivering projects and services in the City of Armadale. The Annual Contributions funding round is currently being evaluated and a report will be provided to Council at the September Council meeting.

Envision Armadale – Speakers Series

City officers have been working together to coordinate the Envision Armadale Speakers Series. A variety of presenters have been engaged to deliver a series of workshops and presentations to Community, Business, City of Armadale staff and Councillors.

The aim of the series is to improve Community Development practice across the City of Armadale, by exposing staff, organisations, businesses and community members to global trends and expertise and by creating a common space to share ideas about how our communities can compete on a global stage to be desirable places to live, work and play.

The first event of the series featured two workshops delivered by renowned international community development practitioner, Jim Diers on Tuesday 7th of August. Jim provided participants with examples of exciting and innovative projects that he has been involved in across the world, showcasing communities that have used a strengths-based approach to overcome social and economic barriers.

The Envision Armadale – Speakers Series will take place from August to December 2018 and will feature presenters such as Professor Peter Newman futurist and expert in transport and land use, Dean Cracknell founding member of the Town Team Movement, Ron Dwyer Voss Community Development evaluation expert and Dr Melissa Stoneham Public Health expert. Further information will be provided to Council in due course.

COMMUNITY ART AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Loch Mess Monster Upcycle Schools Challenge

There are five local schools participating in the Loch Mess Monster Upcycle schools Challenge, which is a new community arts project being presented at the Highland Gathering event. Julie Fearn Pheasant is currently running a series of educational art workshops through the schools and the resulting student sculptures will be displayed at the Highland Gathering event.

ARC Armadale

The establishment of ARC Armadale is progressing with an active gallery and workshop space as well as an operational café to further attract visitation. They also have a community space available for hire which provides an additional income source for the organization and is receiving increasing interest. ARC currently runs regular art workshops and several small performance events including poetry, classical and multicultural music.

Armadale Hills Open Studio Arts Trail (AHOSAT)

The 2018 AHOSAT will be presented from Friday to Sunday on 7-9, 14-16 and 21-23 September 2018. There are 25 Open Studios this year including eight new locations located in the City of Armadale. There are four community partners for the event including Araluen Botanic Park, Genesis in the Hills, Avocados Bar & Grill and the Organic Circle Café. The artists have become a strong collaborative group, meeting regularly and taking a proactive role in planning the marketing of the arts trail and the Armadale region.

MAJOR EVENTS AND ARTS

Outside the Frame Art Awards

This year's Outside the Frame Art Awards has attracted 18 schools. Four are local to the City of Armadale, including Carey Baptist College, Cecil Andrews College, John Wollaston Anglican Community School and Kelmscott Senior High School. An additional five schools are from nearby councils; these include Byford Secondary College, Canning Vale College, Lumen Christi, Serpentine Jarrahdale Grammar School and Thornlie Christian College. Artworks by 89 students will be showcased in the exhibition at the newly opened Rossiter Pavilion in Piara Waters.

The Opening Night will be held on Friday 11 August 2018, from 7pm.

Highland Gathering and Perth Kilt Run

The Highland Gathering and Perth Kilt Run will be held on Sunday 10 September 8.30am to 4.30pm at Minnawarra Park. Last year there was an unprecedented 300% increase in attendance. This year additional measures have been implemented to account for an estimated attendance of around 20,000 patrons. Some of these additional measures include an extended events site, adjustments to the traffic management and Perth Kilt Run route, increased level of security, first aid and toilets.

Once again the event will feature Highland Dancing, Bagpipe and Heavy Event competitions, the Clan Village and Medieval Arena, Meet and Greet Scottish Dogs and relevant market and food stalls. New additions to the program are Highland Cattle and the Loch Mess Monster school art project.

Perth Kilt Run (PKR) registrations are now open and we have secured Bendigo Bank Roleystone as the official PKR sponsor. The PKR route will be adjusted based on learnings from the history of the event as well as consultation around accessibility. To focus the event more as a charity fun run, prizes will be offered for quirkiness and participation such as best costume, rather than the first, second and third places that we have offered in previous years. We are also hoping to secure gift bags for the participants as well. As timings are still important to participants, timings will still be recorded and be available.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer Management Workshop

On Thursday 5 July, the City hosted a Volunteer Management Workshop with internationally renowned Volunteering expert Rob Jackson delivering two sessions on the Myths of Volunteer Management and the Philosophy of Volunteering. Bakers House proved to be an ideal venue for the twelve representatives from eight not for profit organisations who attended the sessions. 100% of the attendees commented that the information obtained would be very useful in their volunteer management roles and expressed their overall satisfaction with the organisation and content the presentations.



INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT

Contact Lunch

Our July Contact Lunch had 25 people attended to listen to a presentation from WAPHA (WA Primary Health Alliance) staff. WAPHA is a planning and commissioning body that evolved from a unique partnership of like-minded and committed organisations dedicated to building a robust and responsive patient centred primary health and social care system. WAPHA believes outcomes are achieved through innovative and meaningful partnerships at the local and state-wide level. They are involved in Aboriginal Health, Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs, Population Planning, Practice Support, Health Pathways, Digital Health

Contact Lunch Service Providers included:

- Arche Health
- Communicare
- Minderoo Foundation
- Richmond Wellbeing
- Wungening
- WAPOL
- Parkerville Children and Youth Care
- Save the Children
- Muggin
- WAPHA
- Champion Centre
- Community Members
- Department of Housing
- Child Protection and Family Services

NATSICD (National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children Day)

This year's NATSICD is all about helping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children stand tall and feel connected and proud in culture. The theme for 2018 is Celebrating Our Children for 30 Years. The children this year will be entertained with a range of activities, from face painting to a visit from Ranger Red with his native animals.



Mooditj Koort Program

Moorditj Koort Aboriginal Health and Wellness Centre is a community controlled, not-for-profit organisation that supports the health and wellness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the Kwinana and Rockingham Community. The Champion Centre and Mooditj Koort have gone into partnership to run exercise and nutrition programs currently a men's and women's group have commenced with negotiation to commence for an Elders program. Currently the men's group has six participants and the women's group currently have 15 women participating.

INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT (Continued)

Driver Training Acknowledgement

The City and WA Police acknowledged the work of retired officer Woody Humes who has been an Indigenous Police Liaison Officer with the Armadale branch for many years. Woody has been running the drivers training program in partnership with the Champion Centre for over 10 years. This program enables people to obtain their learners permit and is an inclusive program. Woody has recently retired but still comes to the centre to voluntarily run the program every month. This month Woody was awarded with a plaque for all the wonderful work he has done working with the community and their families over many years.



NAIDOC 2018

This year NAIDOC took place at Memorial Park in the centre of Armadale. It turned out to be a beautiful day with a huge crowd, great entertainment with traditional dances by the Mungart Yongah Dance Group, performances by The Struggling King, The Natasha Eldridge Band, Fred Penny, Lilly Gogos and Delson Stokes. Welcome to Country was given by our local Elder Vivienne Hansen with Kandice Hansen as MC and Mayor Henry Zelones of the City of Armadale officially opened the event.



Everyone who attended the event commented how great event was and that it was a really good atmosphere. It was fantastic to see the Armadale Community come together to celebrate our Aboriginal Culture.



RECREATION SERVICES

RECREATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

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

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

ARMADALE FITNESS AND AQUATIC CENTRE

An internal business plan has been completed for the operations of the Fitness and Aquatic Centre post redevelopment. The plan focuses on the centre business model, programs and services, and staffing structures for the new centre. With the new centre having two group fitness studios, staff have been conducting research on the variety of and licensing agreements for the operations of group fitness. This will include both dry and aquatic based activities to develop a large timetable to attract a wide range of exercise enthusiasts of all ages and abilities and to cater for the needs of a large membership base. Les Mills programming is being explored as these pre-choreographed classes are industry leaders in group fitness delivery worldwide. In addition to this group cycling and holistic mind and body classes like yoga and pilates are being explored.

Staff have been working hard on developing specifications for the RFQ for the fitness equipment fit out of the new centre. This includes modern commercial cardio, strength, functional and group cycling equipment. Customer engagement software that links with fitness equipment and body scan equipment that can analyse and communicate instant statistical information to staff and members is also being explored.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

Club Development – Managing Conflict and Difficult People

In partnership with the City of Gosnells and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, 38 volunteers, coaches, parents and officials attended Rossiter Pavilion for a 2.5 hour interactive workshop on managing conflict and difficult people. The forum was presented by Ian Crawford from Candor Training and Consultancy and was the most attended DLSCI workshop out of those delivered across the metro areas. Attendees considered practical real life situations and conflicts and were taught the appropriate skills on how to manage emotions and solve these conflicts.

CLUB DEVELOPMENT (Continued)

Piara Waters Junior Football Club – Rossiter Pavilion

Piara Waters Junior Football Club was successful in their submission of registration of interest for the use of Rossiter Pavilion and playing field for the 2019 winter football season. Piara Waters Junior Football Club has experienced a substantial amount of growth in the previous years to where they have had to cap numbers. The use of Rossiter will allow the club to continue to expand their number of players, coaches, volunteers and officials and continue to provide an opportunity for the community to participate in a welcoming and friendly environment.

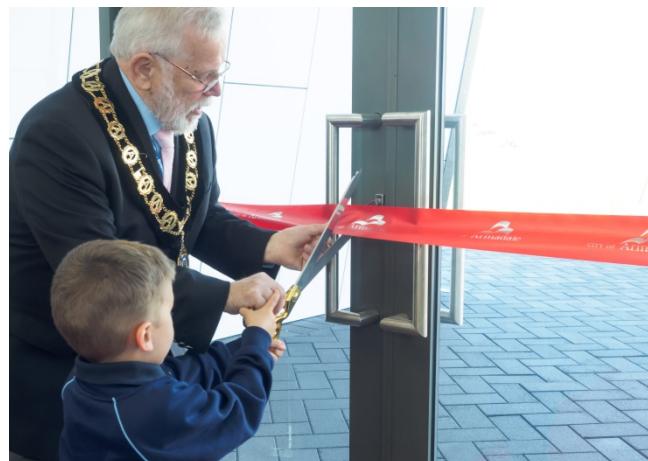
Networking

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries held their first Every Club Networking Forum in July. The forum is designed for Local Government and State Sporting Associations to be able to collaborate and network in order to form established relationships with partnering organisations and develop quality ideas and initiatives in line with organisations strategic plans. The City's Club Development Officer attended this event and had some extremely promising conversations with State Sporting Associations and other Officers in the Recreation space.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Rossiter Pavilion Official Opening

On Thursday 5 July 2018 Recreation Services Staff hosted the official opening of the Rossiter Pavilion & Playing Fields. Mayor Henry Zelones officially opened the pavilion with the help of Piara Waters resident, four year old James Hagdorn. Despite the wet weather, over forty guests turned up to celebrate the completion of the project that had been in the pipeline since 2016. Attendees included delegates from the Department of Sport and Recreation and the Department of Education, Architects Fratelle Group and Builders Alita Constructions. The Events Team will be hosting the ‘Outside the Frame Awards’ and youth event ‘Framed’ at the Rossiter Pavilion in August.



ARMADALE RECREATION CENTRE

Staff put First Aid Training to use saving a customers life



Karlee and Amanda, bottom left and Armadale Arena staff attending First Aid Training in May 2018

On Friday 13 July, Armadale Recreation Centre Customer Service Officer, Karlee Miller, and Gym Instructor Amanda McGrath, were on duty when a basketball player collapsed on the court. Their recent CPR training kicked in and the pair, along with another customer, administered CPR to the player. Thankfully the player is recovering well.

The Armadale Recreation Centre organise CPR training twice a year for their staff and sometimes open up spaces for their members and hirers to attend. While a stressful situation for centre staff the outcome was positive and officers are grateful they had the skills to assist the player. The Recreation Centre team is very proud of Amanda and Karlee.

ARMADALE RECREATION CENTRE (Continued)

Centre Bookings



In the July school holidays officers utilised the new software system, Envibe, to book in children to the school holiday Arena Antics creche program. With 88 children attending over two weeks, the booking process went smoothly and the centre is now planning for future use of the system to be able to take bookings for the Creche during school terms. This will allow time to fine tune to process prior to the same method being used in the new Fitness and Aquatic Centre next year.

Gym

The Gym held the Tour de France cycle challenge, which involved cycling on the stationary bikes, recording the total distance and tallying onto their overall distance. One member very enthusiastically finished just short of 500 kilometres. These challenges are here for the members to try different activities that they would not normally do and increases comradery within the gym.

RECREATION SERVICES STATISTICS – JULY 2018



LIBRARY AND HERITAGE SERVICES

LIBRARY AND HERITAGE SERVICES OVERVIEW

The Library Services Department provides libraries for leisure, pleasure, inspiration and lifelong learning.

Libraries Service Offering:

- Literacy
- Learning
- Creative, cultural
- Technology awareness, digital literacy

Heritage Services provides a connection to the City's past and preserves the Districts memories.

Heritage Service Offering:

- Museums
- Local History
- Family History
- Education and Research

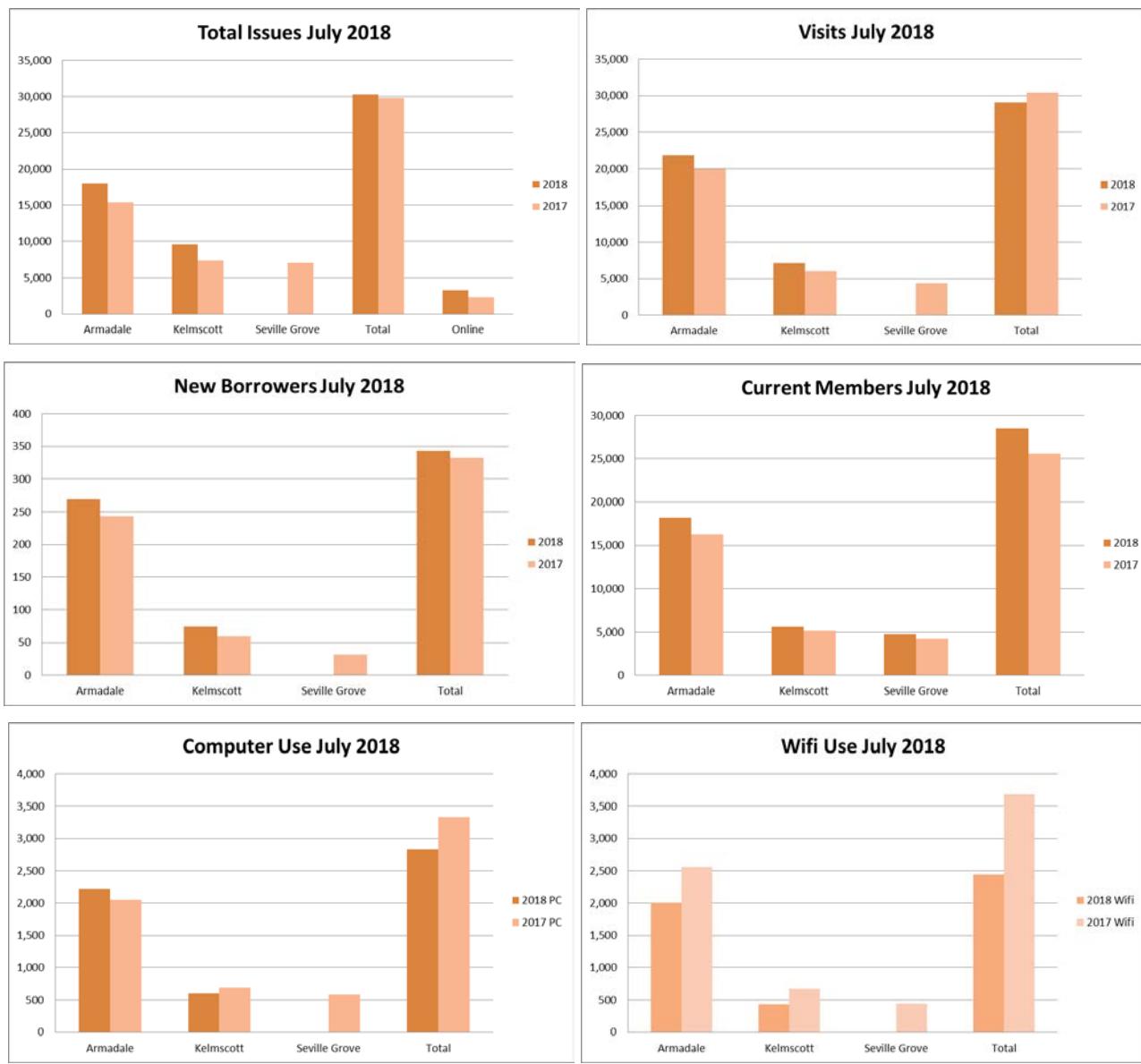
LIBRARY STATISTICAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS JULY 2018

The Library Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of July 2018 is tabled below. Seville Grove Library is closed for refurbishment until autumn 2019. This closure will impact on library statistics during that period.

Computer use, and therefore overall library usage, remains significantly reduced, mainly as a result of the long-term and ongoing computer issues experienced during 2017/18. Although these are now resolved, it is recognised that it will take some time to restore the confidence and goodwill of computer users in respect of this service.

Statistics July 2018	Armadale	Kelmscott	Seville Grove	Online
Hours of operation	290	210		
Visitors (door counter)	21878	7161		
New members	269	74		
Current members	18153	5550	4803	
Issues (i.e. Loans)	15654	8303		2779
Reference enquiries	2534	1156		
Volunteers/hours	1/2	-/-	-/-	
PCRes sessions	2222	606		
Wi-Fi usage	2007	435		
Self-check loans	6583	2380		
Website/Catalogue visits	3037/2285			
Stock added/deleted	3269/1587			
Community engagement sessions/attendance	41/679			

LIBRARY STATISTICAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS JUNE 2018 (continued)



LIBRARY ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

41 sessions, both regular and special were held during the month. A total of 679 people participated in these activities.

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

A further 472 children, teachers, parents, or community members were reached through 11 external visits to schools, childcare centres, and community facilities or events.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS AND SENIORS

Topic: A Place in the Country with Chris Ferreira

Date: 18 July 2018

Venue: Armadale Library

No. Attending: 23

Comments:

Director of the Forever Project and one of Australia's leading experts on sustainability, Chris Ferreira enthralled the knowledgeable audience from the moment he began to speak.

Introducing the principles behind his new book 'A Place in the country' Chris spoke of the pitfalls and rewards of purchasing a rural property. He answered many of the audience's questions on topics such as soil care, regeneration and keeping livestock.

Books and DVDs were borrowed from the library stock display and many were interested in the upcoming talk at the library by Sabrina Hahn, a colleague of Chris at The Forever Project.

Topic: Beginner and Intermediate Word and Excel

Presenter: Ross Hansen

Date: 26 May – 14 July 2018 (Saturdays)

Venue: Armadale Library

No. Attending: 32

Comments:

Volunteer Ross Hansen has conducted a series of one- off, Question and Answer sessions allowing customers to ask any questions they may have with the Microsoft Excel and Word programmes. In addition Ross spent time giving customers some basic instruction as many were very unfamiliar with how the programmes worked.

Attendance figures increased after the first few weeks, due partly to the fact the classes were put on Eventbrite at this point to encourage bookings.

Ross reported 'quality' teaching time whereby he was able to address customer's particular programmes.

As an experiment in offering a specific kind of computer class, it has been judged successful enough to repeat later in the year – this time with a four week Python coding course.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS AND SENIORS (Continued)

Topic: Archaeology of the Somme

Presenter: Sue Carter

Date: 23 July 2018

Venue: Armadale Library

No. Attending: 53

Comments:

Archaeologist Sue Carter gave an excellent presentation on the Battle of the Somme and the interpretation of the physical evidence which has been discovered at the site. The event was very well attended by a knowledgeable audience who furnished Sue with many challenging and interesting questions.

Sue gave a PowerPoint presentation which included maps of the areas she has been researching, and examples of artefacts she had uncovered.

Sue is heading back to France soon to continue her research. One lady mentioned she had just discovered that two of her relatives' names were on the 'No known grave' memorial so Sue is going to put a poppy or cross next to their names. Needless to say the lady was extremely touched by this kind offer.

Topic: Making natural ointments

Presenter: Nirala Hunt

Date: July 27 2018

Venue: Armadale Library

No. Attending: 16

Comments:

Nirala Hunt is an expert on making personal care products from natural ingredients and gave an excellent, hands-on demonstration on making healing ointments. Nirala brought in herb samples from the garden and gave a lesson on identifying what is already growing in your garden. She explained the best time to grow and harvest herbs, and demonstrated how to use them as a base ingredient for ointments and creams by mixing them with essential oils.

Each participant went away with instructions, a plant guide and a jar of ointment made during the session. The attendees thoroughly enjoyed the learning opportunity, including four home schooled youngsters who were encouraged to participate in the whole process. A useful, collaborative experience.

EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND TEENS

Topic: Fizzy Things

Presenter: Scitech

Dates: 13 July 2018

Venue: Armadale Library

No. Attending: 10 teens

Comments:

Laura from Scitech presented a fascinating workshop where participants designed and engineered a lava lamp made from vinegar, vegetable oil, bicarbonate of soda and food colouring.

Then they discovered what happens when an acid is mixed with a base. Rocket fuel experiments were held outside helping the teens learn more about these chemistry theories. STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) concepts were well covered with this Scitech session.

Teen Scene is held during the school holidays to attract young adults to the library to experience a session specifically aimed at this age group that is entertaining and educational.

Topic: STEAM into the Library! – School Holiday Program

Presenters: James Foley, Scitech, Sarah Curran Ragan, Shirley Reilly, Rita Lennon, Jenny Ramshaw

Dates: 4, 5, 6, 9, 12 July

Venues: Armadale and Kelmscott Libraries

No. Attending: 94 children; 35 adults

Comments:

The theme for the July school holidays was *STEAM into the Library!* Children participated in a wide range of fun and stimulating activities promoting skills in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. STEAM skills are recognised as necessary to build knowledge and confidence with new technologies.

The *Australian Early Development Census* has shown in the *City of Armadale* that pre-primary children are developmentally vulnerable in domains such as language and cognitive development, emotional maturity and physical health and well-being. Interactive and educational activities in the library give children the opportunity to develop listening, motor, literacy, physical and social skills. We aim to attract some families to the library who might not be regular patrons. A range of related books is displayed promoting our collections.

Robot Cartooning – Well-known Western Australian author/illustrator James Foley demonstrated how to draw a variety of robots based on various shapes. His book *Brobot* was used as inspiration. Children enjoyed receiving a special bookmark from James and borrowing his books.

EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND TEENS (Continued)

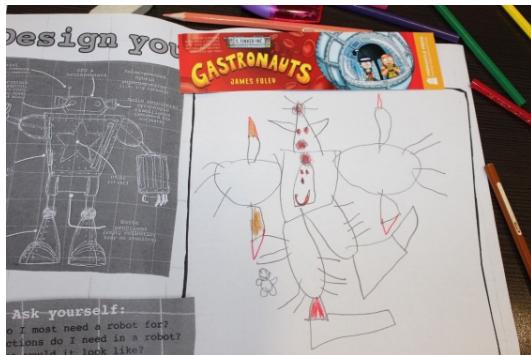
Junior Robotics and Coding – Jess from Scitech had the children engaged from the start. The children were invited to “code” her using arrows on the floor, then moved onto working in pairs and setting a code for each other.

The B-bots were then brought out and the children were given instructions on how to code them. They had great fun navigating from one mat to another. The session provided a terrific opportunity to learn a new skill and make friends in the process.

Crafternoon – Budding engineers were supplied with a variety of materials including pop sticks, pipe cleaners, paper cups and polystyrene constructing amazing creations including pompon slides, dinosaurs and rockets.

Fun with Fossils – Sarah from Little Genius Science delivered a fascinating hands-on workshop studying dinosaur fossils including a dig and putting together some giant puzzles of extinct animals. Dinosaur books were eagerly borrowed by participants.

Lego at the Library – The book *Meet Rusty Rivets* was read and the children were set robot-themed challenges based on the robot creations in the book. Everyone, including adults, built a variety of robots and worked together to make a mega robot named Botasaur. Lego is an excellent way to improve children’s motor skills and embrace their imagination fitting in well with the STEAM theme.



Robot Cartooning



Scitech – Junior Robotics and Coding



Crafternoon



Fun with Fossils



Lego in the Library

OTHER LIBRARY MATTERS OF INTEREST

Implementation of the Public Libraries Strategy will be prioritised according to available resources. The initial focus will be on progressing work on a new tiered model to support public library service delivery, and a new model to support regional and remote libraries.

Changes to the state-wide Inter Library Loans service have been recommended following a 12 month trial of restrictions. These changes will be implemented from September 2018.

HERITAGE STATISTICAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS – JULY 2018

Heritage Department Year to date statistics – July	2018	2017
Visitor Numbers: The number of visitors to History House Museum, Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum and the Birtwistle Local Studies Library	335	315
Education Programs: The number of students and teachers interacted with through the Museum's Australian Curriculum based education programs, both incursions and excursions, as well as the Museum in a Box (MiaB) program .	116	550
Public Programs: The number of people attending talks, workshops, exhibition openings, school holiday programs, presentations and other events.	33	71
Reference and Research: The number of reference enquiries responded to, or major research undertaken in response to all public enquiries received (volunteer hours may assist with the research).	80	33
Volunteer Hours: The number of volunteer hours spent on customer service, data entry, conservation tasks, family history assistance, oral history recording and transcribing and other duties.	378	245

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

The number of students and teachers interacted with in the Education program is dependent upon the school year, with some months being more popular, depending on curriculum and timetabling.

BIRTWISTLE LOCAL STUDIES LIBRARY (BLSL)

Projects and activities

Oral History

The transcripts of old tape-recorded interviews are being retyped as continuous recordings.

Research requests

Research requests in the Local Studies Library during July included:

- Dates for the closing of the Kelmscott Infant Health Centre
- Origin of naming of Ranford Road and the Ranford Ward
- Any details or clues about the existence of the Kelmscott Tram Park that housed European migrants in the 1950s.
- Names of reserves and the sporting heroes namesake's association with CoA
- History of Robertson ruins on Albany Hwy, 28.4 km from the SW Hwy turn-off

BIRTWISTLE LOCAL STUDIES LIBRARY (Continued)

Railway Hotels of Australia

BLSL was contacted by author Scott Whitaker who is in the process of finishing a book titled *Railway Hotels of Australia* seeking permission to publish four images found in the Picture Armadale collection. His book will feature a well-researched five-page chapter on Armadale's Railway Hotel, a sample of which has already assisted BLSL in accurately dating a postcard of the hotel in our collection.

Birtwistle Wiki

The group is going to be giving increased focus to the 'talk page' to enhance communication between the volunteers.

Curtin library practicum student

A student on work experience has given time to the archiving of the meeting minutes from the earliest meetings of the History House planning group.

Family History

The regular Family Tree Group meeting took place on 26 July with 10 people in attendance. The group discussion led by volunteer Ernie Fowler looked at online forums and webpages.

Visit from City of Canning

Local history colleagues from the City of Canning visited BLSL to discuss audio recording equipment and inspect some BLSL hardware used for oral histories.

Donations

- Two 1970s-era original prints showing residents of the Dorset Hostel.
- Original colour prints (contact sheets of professional shoots) for local clubs, including the Kelmscott Swimming Club in 1977 to 1979, Armadale Weight Watchers 1977, and Kelmscott Weight Watchers 1977.

HISTORY HOUSE MUSEUM

Collection and donations

Moveable Heritage Collection online

History House has been working with the Library Services Digital Services Officer to make the museum collection and the City Art Collection available online via the City of Armadale Library catalogue. By placing the collection onto the library catalogue people researching local history will be able to access links to not only objects but also images, documents and ephemera related to their topic of interest. It is intended to make the collection available in early July.

Exhibitions

Wildflower Society Exhibition

Over 220 people visited the exhibition in June including 40 people attending the Wildflower Society of WA 2018 Conference and AGM which was hosted by the Armadale branch of the society.

HISTORY HOUSE MUSEUM (Continued)

Education Programs

School Visits

Marri Grove Primary School Year 4s visited the Museum to trial the new program “Life in the Museum: from Donation to Display”. The children were fascinated by the process and became Junior Museum Officers for the day.

Museum in a Box

Domestic Life 1 stayed at West Byford Primary School for the term. Feedback was very positive with the teachers and children thoroughly enjoyed using the objects in the box.

New Programs

Two new programs are currently being designed. One is an updated and more interactive program based on the six seasons of the Noongar people. The Education Officer and Education volunteers are meeting with the Champion Centre next month for their input. The second program is “Life in the Museum: from Donation to Display”.

Other History House Museum matters of interest

Kings Park Guides

History House hosted 21 members of the Kings Park Volunteer Guides who were being taken on a tour of the Armadale CBD. They stopped at the museum, primarily to view the Wildflower exhibition as well as viewing the rest of the displays.

Store Room Clean Up

Staff and volunteers joined forces to conduct a winter clean of store room three at the museum. This was a fun team building day and provided the opportunity for volunteers who work on different days to catch up.

Local Government Curators Meeting

On 5 July History House hosted a meeting of the Local Government Curators who discussed ways collaborate on projects, what are local museums responsibilities to helping emerging curators gain experience, and ways to promote local government museums at local government and museum events.

Armadale Men's Shed

History House has recently worked with the Armadale Men's Shed to have a display case for a touch screen constructed for a display in the museum. The case will allow the screen to be securely displayed in the museum. History House wishes to express its thanks to the Armadale Men's Shed for completing this project.

RANGER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

RANGER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES OVERVIEW

The Ranger and Emergency Services Team aims to build a safe and connected community through:

- Animal care, control and licensing
- Fire prevention and Emergency Management
- Education and enforcement of State and Local law
- Awareness, education and support

ANIMAL CONTROL

Dogs

Ranger Services received two hundred and eighty (280) requests for assistance during the report period. The primary focus of Ranger Services is managing the response to the community for requests for service.

Cats

Since the implementation of the *Cat Act 2011* (WA), all domestic cats within the City have to be micro chipped, registered and sterilised. As the Cat Act was implemented to deal with feral cats, the Rangers have a trapping program with our community. If a member of the public has an issue with an unidentified cat, we will arrange for trapping to occur. If a cat is found to be owned, we will do everything to attempt to get the cat home before we impound it.

Ranger Services received seventy two (72) requests for assistance during this report period.

VEHICLES

Parking

Parking restrictions, education and enforcement are ongoing for our City Centre and schools. Since school returned for this year we have identified that parking issues are starting to increase in the Harrisdale and Piara Waters areas. We have been working with our engineering team to provide the community with suitable solutions to the parking enquiries we are receiving. These issues are due to the community members not being aware of the parking laws to deal with parking on a footpath, parking close to an intersection, parking to cause obstruction (especially in alleyways, small streets at the rear of properties in cottage block area's) and other general offences.

Ranger Service attended to 162 matters relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period.

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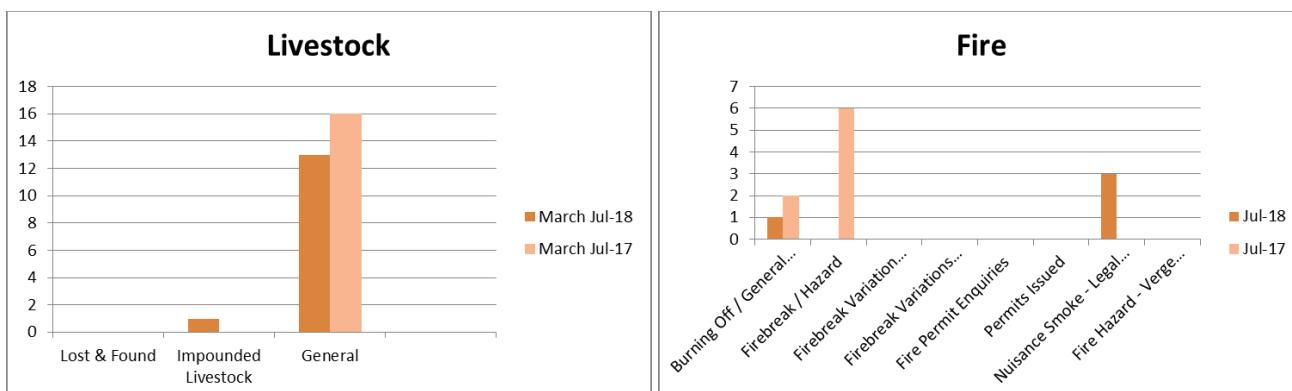
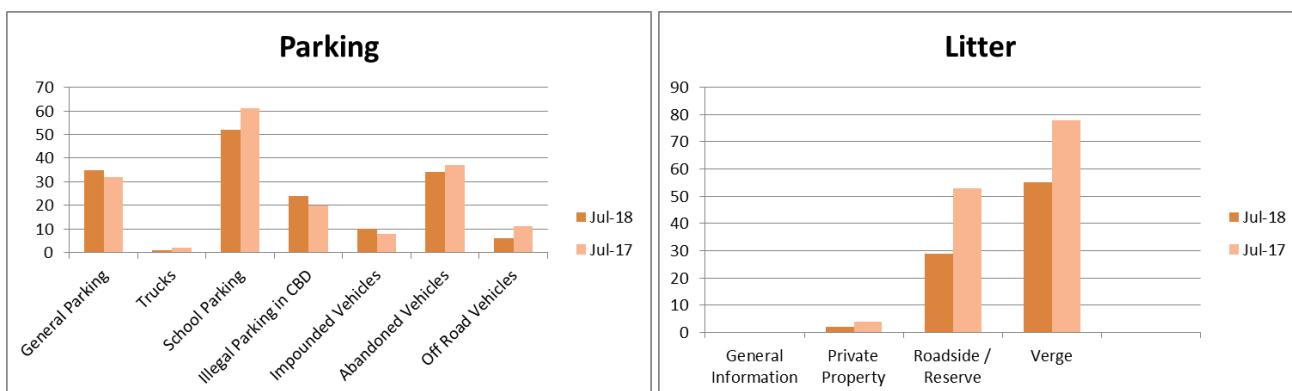
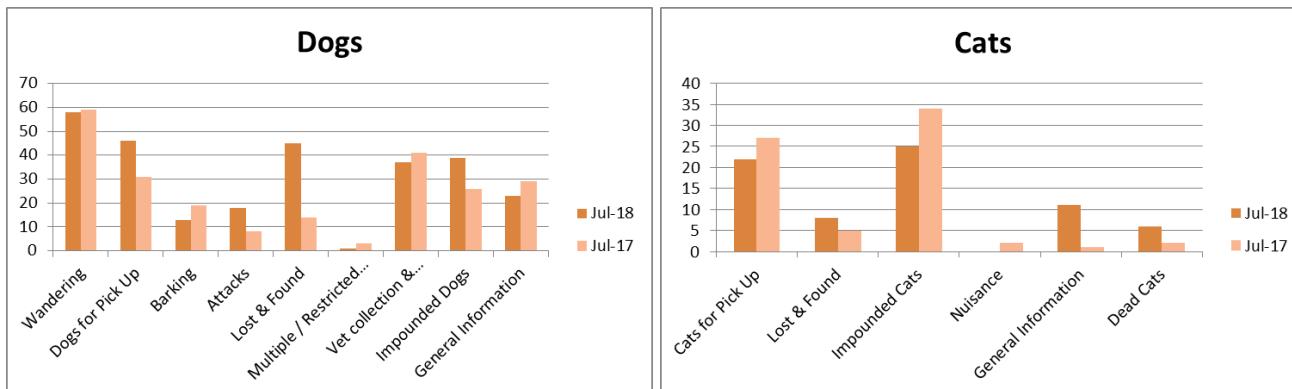
Ranger Services have received a number of complaints from concerned members of the community, regarding household rubbish being deposited onto reserves and road verges throughout the district. Keeping roadsides, reserves and other areas litter free is a major focus of the City of Armadale and Rangers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

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Prevention

There were 4 enquires relating to fire during the July report period; these matters were principally related to reports of fire hazards on private property.

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