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Local Governments Support Their Own

The recent bushfires in the Shire's of Waroona, Harvey and Esperance have seen significant destruction with both immediate and long term impacts expected, as the difficult processes of clean up and recovery are undertaken.

Local Governments are in the unenviable position of managing the recovery effort long after the first responders and other agencies have left, a task that can be draining on financial and human resources.

Recently WALGA sought offers of support from other Local Governments to assist the Shire of Harvey with its initial recovery arrangements as a result of the Waroona Complex Fire. The recovery process was initiated parallel to an ongoing response phase and it was heartening to receive offers of support from Local Governments well before the fires were extinguished. There has also been overwhelming support for the Shires of Harvey and Waroona this week by Councils in the South West region, which are sending staff and volunteers to assist with the community outreach and information gathering program which is being undertaken in the area this week. These neighbouring Shires have long been party to a resource sharing agreement adopted by twelve Local Governments in the South West Region. Such mutual agreements are to be commended and as has been evidenced this week, come into their own during times of need.

WALGA encourages all Local Governments to consider formalising resource sharing agreements or similar arrangements across the State so that Local Governments can share the load of recovery and support each other following emergency events. For more information, email Senior Policy Advisor Community, Melissa Pexton or call 9213 2080.

Vacancies on Boards and Committees

Nominations are closing for positions on the following boards and committees:

- Mountain Bike Implementation Reference Group -1 Member
- Peel Region Planning Committee (PRPC) -1 Non-Metropolitan Member
- Roadside Conservation Committee (RCC) -1 Non-Metropolitan Member
- South West Region Planning Committee (SWRPC) -1 Non-Metropolitan Member
- Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) – re-advertised - 2 Deputy Members (1 Metro and 1 Non Metro)
- Road Safety Council - 1 Member
- WA Local Government Grants Commission - 1 Country Urban Member & 1 Deputy Country Urban Member (Cities/Towns) -1 Deputy Country Rural Member (Shires)

Nominees are required to submit a completed nomination form, statement addressing the selection criteria and short curriculum vitae (two pages maximum) before the close of nominations 5:00pm Wednesday, 10 February.

Nomination forms are available here.

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

Free Webinar - Chairing of Meetings

As part of WALGA's ongoing series of webinars specifically developed for the Local Government sector, we are pleased to offer a free webinar on the role of Chairing meetings.

The webinar is highly recommended to Mayors/Presidents; Chairs of Committees and Zones; and Councillors who Chair Community Advisory Groups and will focus on the following key areas:

- know how to use the rules (Standing Orders/meeting procedures)
- keep order and set the tone of the meeting
- act as the servant of the meeting
- be impartial
- process the business through the meeting
- dealing with motions and amendments; and
- dealing with points of order.

Date: Wednesday, 24 February

Time: 5:00pm - 5:45pm (including presentation and Q&A session)

Be quick to register as places are filling fast. To register for this free webinar please [click here](#).

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

Applications Open for the National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF)

Round three of the NSRF is now open for applications and will close on Tuesday, 15 March.

Local Governments are eligible to apply for grants for capital projects involving the construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade or extension of existing infrastructure.

Projects should support areas of disadvantage within a region and deliver an economic benefit to the region beyond the period of construction.

For funding guidelines head to the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development website.

Activation of WANDRRA for Heavy Rainfall and Flooding in the South West

The Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet has activated the Western Australia Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (WANDRRA) for the event 'Heavy Rainfall and Associated Flooding in the South West Regions of WA (18 - 21 January 2016)'.

The eligible costs for this event are anticipated to be largely associated with the restoration and replacement of essential public assets, mainly the local and state road network infrastructure.

The Local Government districts subject to this proclamation are listed [here](#).

Please note, the Allowable Time Limit for Local Government claims for this event expires on 30 June 2018.

Further detailed information including eligible costs, the claims process and required documentation, is available [here](#). For more information, visit the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's website.

Local Government Comparative Website

Minister for Local Government, Hon Tony Simpson MLA recently announced that the State Government proposed to publish Local Government data on a new dedicated website.

The website is intended to provide the community with greater information about Western Australian Local Governments, with an emphasis on Local Government finances and governance.

The website will consolidate Local Government data and will allow Local Governments and the public to interpret and to compare on a like-to-like and/or State-wide basis.

The Local Government financial information from across the State will be presented graphically, which will enhance transparency and accountability. Initially the website will present information that is already held by the Department and collected as part of the normal reporting requirements. The datasets will include;

- Statutory financial ratios
- Revenue by category
- Expenditure by program
- Full-time equivalents
- Demographic information

The website will also report a Local Governments Financial Sustainability Score (FSS). The FSS is a measurement of a Local Governments overall health expressed as a single number that is calculated from the seven statutory reporting financial ratios. The FSS formulae was developed by the WA Treasury for the Department of Local Government & Communities.

The State Government proposes to launch the website by mid-2016. Following the website launch, the Department will explore opportunities to expand the scope of the website in consultation with Local Governments.

DLGC staff will present to Zones at the February round of Zone meetings.

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

WA Local Government Super-Team - World's Greatest Shave 2016

WALGA invites WA Councils to join the WA Local Government Super-Team in the Leukaemia Foundation World's Greatest Shave 2016.

Many Local Governments, together with their local communities, have contributed to Leukaemia Foundation fundraising initiatives over the years so this year we've put together a sector-wide Super-Team and encourage Local Governments to create individual teams and raise funds towards a collective goal.

As part of the WA Local Government Super-Team, Councils can register to have some fun with a shave, colour or wax and track their progress in raising donations while being part of a sector-wide contribution to the important work undertaken by the Leukaemia Foundation for all Western Australians.

The World's Greatest Shave will happen from Thursday, 10 March - Sunday, 13 March.

For more information about the 'WA Local Government Super-Team' and how to become involved in the World's Greatest Shave, [click here](#).

Are Pest Plants or Animals an Issue for your Local Government?

WALGA has developed a discussion document, and are running a series of six regional workshops to examine biosecurity issues with Local Governments.

Local Government Elected Members, CEOs and Officers are invited to attend one of the last two workshops of the series, held in Katanning and Geraldton.

WALGA is conducting this work to:

- Inform its biosecurity policy position;
- Identify gaps in information/ tools/ support for Local Government that need addressing;
- Identify opportunities to collaborate with other stakeholders; and
- Determine WALGA's future actions.

Local Government feedback is being sought to ensure WALGA is working effectively and strategically on behalf of the sector.

Workshop registrations are essential, please register your attendance here. If you are unable to attend a workshop but would like your feedback captured, please review the discussion document and submit a feedback form before Friday, 11 March.

For more information about workshop registrations, contact Marketing and Events Support Officer, Serena Shand.

For more information about biosecurity policy, contact Environment Policy Manger, Julia Beijeman.

Briefing Session for Local Government: Biodiversity Conservation Bill

This briefing session will inform Local Governments on the Biodiversity Conservation Bill 2015.

The Bill, introduced into Parliament in November last year, will repeal and replace the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 and the Sandalwood Act 1929. The Bill introduces:

- a contemporary legislative basis for conservation actions;
- the listing and recovery of threatened species;
- recognition of threatened ecological communities;
- positive biodiversity conservation covenants to recognise and facilitate private efforts for biodiversity conservation; and
- numerous other features.

The Bill has sat in Parliament over the summer recess and will be debated in 2016.

Date: Wednesday, 17 February

Time: 2:00pm-3:00pm (registrations from 1:30pm)

Venue: WALGA Boardroom, LV1, ONE70 Railway Parade

RSVP: Click here to register by COB Friday, 12 February. Registrations are essential.

For more information about registrations, contact WALGA Events Officer, Serena Shand or call 9213 2097.

For more information about the Biodiversity Bill, contact Environment Policy Manager, Julia Beijeman or call 9213 2039.

Welcome WasteNews

WasteNews is WALGA's new waste management and recycling fortnightly newsletter.

WasteNews will provide a broad range of waste management and recycling news, views and updates, and showcase relevant initiatives from Local Governments around WA.

WasteNews replaces the recently retired MWAC Information Bulletin, which ran from 1998 and with over 200 editions published.

To join the WasteNews mailing list or to contribute articles, email Ariane Katscherian, Waste Management Support Officer.

Training The following training courses are open for registrations:

Better Planning Decisions - NEW	19 February
Rates in Local Government – Clerical	23 February
Rates in Local Government – Debt Collection	24 February
Interpretation of the Local Government Industry Award	24 February
Effective Supervision – Part 1	25-26 February

For more information or to register online, go to walgatraining.com.au or contact training@walga.asn.au.

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Environmental Management Professional Development Information Session

Come along to an information session and hear results of the Local Government Environmental Management Capacity Survey.

Date: Thursday, 18 February

Time: 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Venue: WALGA Boardroom, LV 1, ONE70 Railway Parade, West Leederville

The presentation will cover topics such as resources, education, awareness and training, biodiversity milestones, information and monitoring, partnerships as well as barriers to environmental management and will give you the opportunity to find out about upcoming capacity-building activities, some of which can be undertaken through Perth NRM's capacity building series: Professional Development in Environmental Management.

Perth NRM would like to acknowledge WALGA for its support with this project and the National Landcare Program for providing the funding for this assessment.

Registrations are essential. Please [click here](#) to register.

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Underground Power

Following a briefing for Local Governments, the closing date for Major Residential Project proposals under Round 6 of the State Underground Power Program has been extended to 2:30pm, Friday 29 April.

Details of submission requirements including amendments are available via [Tenders WA](#).

The program involves placing overhead power lines in established areas underground. Guidelines detailing the application and project selection process are available from the [Public Utilities Office website](#).

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

Blessing of the Roads 2016 campaign material available

WALGA's RoadWise Program is encouraging Local Governments to get involved with the 2016 Blessing of the Roads campaign.

This year the Easter weekend runs from Friday 25 March to Monday 28 March and the Blessing of the Roads campaign aims to help raise awareness of road safety across Western Australia.

Blessing of the Roads is a statewide community road safety campaign which aims to create a positive road safety culture in local communities. Local Governments can get involved by hosting events, erecting displays, disseminating road safety messages throughout their community and promoting the campaign through local and social media channels.

Local Governments can download a suite of resources and tools, including a Blessing of the Roads 2016 Campaign Kit by visiting the [RoadWise website](#) or contacting your closest Road Safety Advisor.

Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan

The State Government recently released the draft strategic assessment suite of documents titled Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan for 3.5 million for a four month public comment period ending on Friday, 8 April.

In July 2011, the Western Australian Government and the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment agreed to undertake a strategic assessment of the Peel and Peel regions under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act).

As part of the public consultation process on the draft Green Growth Plan, the Department of Premier and Cabinet in conjunction with WALGA have organised two workshops for Local Governments within the Perth and Peel Regions.

The workshops are targeted to statutory and strategic planners and environmental officers within Local Governments to assist their understanding of the processes and environmental commitments proposed under the draft Green Growth Plan for future urban, industrial and rural residential development areas within the Perth and Peel regions.

Serpentine-Jarrahdale Workshop

Date: Thursday, 25 February

Time: 10:00am-1:00pm (registrations from 9:30am)

Venue: Serpentine-Jarrahdale Community Resource Centre

RSVP: [Click here to register](#) by COB Monday, 22 February

Perth Workshop

Date: Tuesday, 8 March

Time: 9:30am-12:30pm

Venue: WALGA, West Leederville

RSVP: [Click here to register](#) by COB Monday, 29 February

For more information about the workshops, email WALGA Events Officer, Serena Shand or call 9213 2097.

For more information about WALGA's submission for the Perth and Peel Green Growth Plan, email Environment Policy Manager, Julia Beijeman or call 9213 2039.

Environmental Regulation and the Planning System

In recent discussions with Local Government and proponents there seems to be some confusion about the role of the Department of Environment Regulation in relation to the Local Government planning approval process for prescribed premises.

To address this DER have issued a Guidance Statement on Land Use Planning.

In summary, the planning and environmental regulation processes should progress as follows:

- Local Government considers the planning application for a prescribed premises and makes an assessment as to its suitability under the Local Planning Scheme.
 - o If there are particular environmental considerations, the Local Government can seek advice from DER to inform their assessment and decision making.

- The proponent can also lodge a Works Approval or Licence amendment with DER – however DER will not determine the application until the Local Government has made their planning determination.
- If the Local Government issues a planning approval, DER will then determine the application.

For more information please email Waste and Recycling Manager Rebecca Brown or phone (08) 9213 2049.

Shaping the future of caring

The Department of Local Government and Communities is providing carers and others with the opportunity to help shape the future of caring in Western Australia.

In collaboration with Carers WA and the Carers Advisory Council, the Department of Local Government and Communities is developing the WA Carers Strategic Framework. The framework will guide the whole community in recognising and valuing the positive difference carers make to the lives of families, the community and people who receive care.

Organisations and individuals – in particular carers, people who receive care and their families – are invited to provide feedback via public consultation forums and teleconferences between 20 February and 11 March 2016.

Further information and dates can be found [here](#).

If you would like to participate please register your interest via email.

Waste Strategy Audit

The Office of the Auditor General (OAG) is undertaking an audit of the WA Waste Strategy.

The objective of the audit is to determine whether waste is effectively managed in Western Australia by increasing resource recovery and reducing the State's reliance on landfill. The audit will focus on:

1. Are sustainable waste practices in place to increase resource recovery and reduce waste to landfill?
2. Are waste minimisation strategies monitored and assessed at the state, regional and local level, and are they working?
3. Are Waste Authority grants distributed to projects and programs that increase resource recovery and reduce waste to landfill?

For more information on the Waste Audit please visit the OAG website: [link](#) and submissions can be made here: [link](#).

Lotterywest Trails Grants now open all year round

Local Governments and Not-for-profit organisations can now apply for a Lotterywest Trails grants all year round.

These grants aim to support all types of trails, such as walking, cycling, scuba, horse riding and paddling routes. Applicants can apply for grants to help plan, develop and promote trails as a community asset.

Grants are available through the following categories;

- Planning a trail

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- Constructing or upgrading a trail
 - Promoting a trail

Please note that trail maintenance is not eligible under this scheme.

Applicants can apply for up to \$100,000.

Please contact the Department of Sport and Recreation for further information.

Training Opportunities

Town Planning training – NEW

Planning Practices in Local Government

Monday, 15 February

Better Planning Decisions

Friday, 19 February

Rates training

Rates in Local Government - Clerical

Tuesday, 23 February

Rates in Local Government - Debt Collection

Wednesday, 24 February

For more information, or to register online visit walgatraining.com.au or email training@walga.asn.au.

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Warren Truss announces intention to retire

The Hon Warren Truss MP has announced his intention to retire from Federal Parliament at the next election and stand down as leader of the Nationals and Deputy Prime Minister within the next few days.

During his final address to the House of Representative in Canberra, Mr Truss said that it had been a great pleasure and privilege to be a member of the Federal Parliament.

"I want to thank the people of Australia for the opportunity that they have given me to serve in this regard. I will take away many happy memories and I hope that people may be kind enough to recognise that I have made something of a contribution towards public life in this country," he said.

The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP was elected unopposed to the position last night and has previously worked closely with ALGA in his capacity as Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Water from 2010 to 2013.

Read ALGA's media release welcoming Mr Joyce as the incoming Deputy Prime Minister and leader of the Nationals on our website.

Councils confirm adverse impact of FAGs indexation freeze

The case studies sourced and compiled from councils since the announcement of the Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) indexation freeze in the 2014-15 budget have been published on ALGA's website.

The case studies provide real examples of the impact that the freeze on the indexation of FAGs is having on Australian councils. The case studies illustrate that:

- the impact of the freeze varies between councils and communities
- some councils can consider mitigating the impact of the freeze with rate increases but many others are unable to do so because of limited rating capability or rate capping
- most councils have already reduced operating costs to minimum levels and there is very limited opportunity for further reductions to be identified without significantly impacting the delivery of services and infrastructure
- some councils have already been forced to cut services in areas such as childcare, bike paths, road works, landfill, reduced operating hours for libraries and public pools
- there is limited, or no, ability for smaller councils to raise additional own source revenue.

The immediate restoration of the indexation of FAGs is a priority for ALGA and was included a part of ALGA's recent pre-budget submission.

ALGA would like to thank councils for providing these case studies which have been useful in illustrating the impact of the FAGs indexation freeze to Federal politicians and departmental representatives.

Read the full case studies that were received on ALGA's website.

Third Emissions Reduction Fund auction

The Clean Energy Regulator has announced the third Emissions Reduction Fund auction will be held on Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 April 2016.

The April 2016 auction will follow the same format as the second auction, in a single-round pay-as-bid auction. Auction guidelines detailing the process are now available.

The key dates for the third auction were also released as below:

Information to be published

Third auction dates

Project registration closes

9 March 2016 (midnight AEDT)

Auction qualification closes

24 March 2016 (midnight AEDT)

Auction registration closes

18 April 2016 (midnight AEDT)

Auction

9am 27 April 2016 - 5pm 28 April 2016 (AEST)

Results released - Each participant and authorised bidder notified of their results.

5 May 2016

Average price per tonne of abatement

5 May 2016

Councils are encouraged to visit the Clean Energy Regulator's website to re-familiarise themselves with the planning, qualifying and registering requirements for participating in the third auction.

President's Column

The Hon Warren Truss this week confirmed his intention to retire from Parliament, with a ballot last night seeing the Hon Barnaby Joyce elected as Leader of the Nationals.

The Nationals have been strong supporters of Local Government and Mr Joyce has worked closely with ALGA in the past in his capacity as Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Water from 2010 to 2013.

ALGA looks forward to continuing to work with the Government to improve the resilience of local communities, and we welcome the opportunity to further strengthen our relationship with the Nationals under the leadership of Mr Joyce.

As the President of ALGA, I also extend my personal thanks to the Hon Warren Truss for his great work and his accomplishments for Local Government while in office.

Mr Truss spent the past couple of years of his 25-year tenure in Federal politics as the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development. In that role, Mr Truss was the driving force behind the development of the Bridges Renewal Programme, which will see a total investment of \$300 million to upgrade deteriorating bridges to improve productivity, safety and community access. He was the catalyst for the National Stronger Regions Fund and was also responsible for the removal of the sunset clause for the Roads to Recovery Programme, ending the requirement for new legislation for the continuation of the program and providing assurance to councils of the Government's commitment to the program.

As a former councillor having spent 15 years in Local Government, Mr Truss also showed his personal support for our sector through his attendance of our annual National General Assembly of Local Government and National Local Roads and Transport Congress.

As a sector we are grateful to Mr Truss for his years of dedicated service and support, and we wish him all the best in his future.

Mayor Troy Pickard
ALGA President

Closing the Gap report tabled

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull this week tabled the annual Closing the Gap report, which showed that two of the seven targets to improve Indigenous outcomes in health, education and employment are on track.

The report shows that the life expectancy gap is still around 10 years but that improvements can be seen in relation to many of the important health inputs and other areas from which better health outcomes will flow - particularly in relation to smoking rates and infant mortality. The report argues that due to lead times between the design and roll out of programs, measurable improvements to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander life expectancy should not be expected until at least 2018.

The full report looks at progress over the life of the Closing the Gap Strategy and new insights into health service usage by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The report also sets out priorities for the next government to reinvigorate the Closing the Gap Strategy.

Access the full 2016 Close the Gap - Progress & Priorities report at this [link](#).

Vehicle Emissions discussion paper released

The Ministerial Forum on Vehicle Emissions, established to review Australia's regulatory framework for vehicle emissions, has issued a discussion paper which sets out the issues under examination and has called for comment.

The Government is considering potential options to reduce both noxious emissions and carbon dioxide emissions from vehicles. The paper examines options for improving standards for air pollutants and fuel efficiency (CO2) standards, ways to better educate and inform consumers, alternative fuels and electric vehicles, the use of incentives and bolstering emissions testing arrangements. The discussion paper also takes stock of action on vehicle emissions in Australia to date and discusses ways to harmonise with international standards in this area.

Minister for Major Projects Paul Fletcher, chair of the Ministerial Forum, said the discussion paper outlines the benefits of reducing emissions, including lower fuel bills, better air quality and improved health outcomes for Australians.

The Forum held an initial stakeholder consultation meeting in December 2015, and feedback from that meeting has been reflected in the discussion paper. The discussion paper can be viewed at infrastructure.gov.au/roads/environment/forum/

Reducing organic waste in landfill

Local councils and other businesses can now seek support from the Australian Government for projects to keep greenhouse gas-producing organic waste out of landfill through a method now available under the Government's Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF).

The Source Separated Organic Waste method covers new projects that separate organic material from other waste types and divert it away from landfill to eligible alternative treatments such as composting.

This new method will benefit organisations that deal with food or garden waste by helping them to reduce the more than 6.6 million tonnes of organic waste which goes to landfill each year.

If you have any questions about the Source Separated Organic Waste method, please contact the Clean Energy Regulator.

More information about the Emissions Reduction Fund is available on environment.gov.au/emissions-reduction-fund.

Help develop appropriate laws for Australia's automated vehicles

The National Transport Commission has released an issues paper and called for submissions from the public on how to develop the best laws and regulations for emerging road and rail technology.

With automated vehicles already having a significant impact on markets, public policy and the community, it is important to clarify what is required for the different levels of automated vehicles to legally operate across Australian jurisdictions to support innovation, investment and consumer confidence.

Chief Executive of the NTC Paul Retter said: "Governments and industry need to work together to make sure Australians get the best laws for these new vehicles.

"While we have already identified a number of potential issues we are asking anyone with an interest in the future of transport to have their say. This feedback will help to make sure we address all of the issues associated with automated vehicles."

Submissions to the issues paper are due by Tuesday, 8 March 2016. These submissions will help the NTC develop a discussion paper with detailed options analysis to be published in mid-2016.

More information is available at ntc.gov.au/current-projects/preparing-for-more-automated-road-and-rail-vehicles/

Early release of the 2014/15 National Litter Index report

Keep Australia Beautiful is releasing the 2014/15 National Litter Index (NLI) Detailed Report six months early to assist those making submissions on the NSW EPA's Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) discussion paper.

Twice a year, a team of independent, trained researchers count and categorise the litter visible in 983 sites across Australia. These sites include car parks, major roads and highways, industrial areas, parks, beaches, residential areas, retail areas and shopping centres.

The NLI report details the quantity and estimated volume of various litter items across each state and territory and each site type. The survey also identifies the most significant contributors to the litter stream, the notorious "Dirty Dozen". The most recent report includes, for the first time, extra data on graffiti and infrastructure (bins and litter signage).

Access a copy of the NLI report on the Keep Australia Beautiful website.

Stage two report on African refugees and local government

The UTS Centre for Local Government (UTS:CLG) has released a new report that examines the challenges newly arrived African refugees in Australia face and the perceptions that African refugees have of local government services.

Initially this study was going to focus solely on African Muslim refugees and local government programs on offer for this group, however it became apparent that there were no local government initiatives that catered specifically for this grouping so the focus was extended to cover programs for African refugees and refugees in general.

Drawing on extensive interview data, this report outlines the challenges facing African refugees, examines what services are provided by local government and NGOs for refugees, and considers the gaps.

One of the key conclusions from the report was the view that councils could help build community capacity and facilitate the creation of links between African refugees.

Access the full report at this link.

Tune in to Harmony Day

The Department of Social Services has opened registrations for events to celebrate this year's Harmony Day on 21 March.

Announcing the program, the Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Concetta Fierravanti-Wells said Harmony Day was an opportunity for people to come together to celebrate and share in each other's culture and generosity of spirit by encouraging participation, inclusiveness and respect.

"For Harmony Day we want people to come together with friends and families, at schools and universities, in the workplace and within communities to celebrate cultural diversity," she said.

Harmony Day is Australia's largest national multicultural event which this year will emphasise the strength of Australia's cultural diversity and recognise the benefits diversity brings to the nation.

Register your council's Harmony Day event at www.harmony.gov.au.

Going 100% renewable - is it possible?

Cities and towns that are on the renewable path are the innovators and entrepreneurs of their regions, and those that innovate successfully will benefit. These cities and towns will be the drawcards for creative, innovative people to live and work, and will become the desirable places.

Is your city or town on the renewable path? Are you involved with local government as a planner, developer, or an interested businessperson? Do you want to know what other towns and cities are already doing to become renewable?

Renewable Cities Australia is a two-day forum for local government and industry to showcase and share the plans, achievements and challenges of Australian cities and towns moving to renewable and innovative energy systems for electricity and public transport.

Renewable Cities will be co-located with the third Australian Energy Storage Conference and Exhibition, with free access to the energy storage and electric vehicle expo.

Attend the inaugural Renewable Cities Australia forum on 1 & 2 June in Sydney to find out more about Australian cities and towns that are on the path to going 100% renewable. For more information, please visit www.renewablecities.com.au or to share your story at this forum, email Mary Hendriks on mary@renewablecities.com.au

Case study: Learning how to engage with your community

More than ever before, councils are being called on to do more with less and find ways to engage their communities in a discussion about acceptable service levels. Many local government areas are facing (sometimes rapidly) growing populations, requiring bigger and better public infrastructure. In addition, there is an ongoing need for asset maintenance and renewal of existing assets.

The Blue Mountains City Council's (BMCC) 'Resourcing Our Future' program offers a successful model for community engagement, which resulted in almost 80% of the community supporting a rate variation above the rate cap, and a majority of these supporting the highest variation option.

BMCC Group Manager, Integrated Planning and Finance Rosemary Dillon outlined the actions the council took to effectively consult with its community in an article on the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA) website.

The overall outcome was majority community support for improved service levels, resulting in a successful special rate variation application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal which will provide an additional \$30.4 million over four years.

Read the full case study on the IPWEA website.

Crowdfunding for councils?

Already a staple of the entrepreneurial and start-up sectors, crowdfunding - or inviting people to donate money online to help fund an idea or project through platforms like Pozible, Kickstarter or Indiegogo.s - is garnering genuine local interest for its ability to make projects that might otherwise not happen a reality.

It's a bold new frontier for Australian councils, yet that didn't stop Sydney's Parramatta City Council from collaborating with platforms and the community through the 'Parramatch' initiative to capitalise on positive interest and community goodwill.

In Parramatta's case, the City partnered with crowdfunding platform 'StartSomeGood' and put up \$30,000 to match innovative projects which broadly fitted council objectives.

It would be challenging for councils to raise enough money to fund all the worthy projects in their communities, but there are strong signs popular alternative funding mechanisms being used overseas will soon be generating cash in Australia.

Read more on this story in [GovernmentNews](#).

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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

- Management Accountant (Temporary Contract) – 11/02/2016 to 11/05/2016
- Swim Instructor (Casual) – 12/02/2016
- Building Administration Assistant (Casual) – 16/02/2016
- Tourism Coordinator – 22/02/2016

Staff Leaving:

- Management Accountant – 12/02/2016

Other Staff Movements (Internal):

NIL

Current Recruitment Activity:

- Club Development Officer – Recruitment Progressing
- Health and Wellbeing Officer – Recruitment Progressing
- Manager Financial Services - Recruitment Progressing
- Manager Property Services – Recruitment Progressing
- Manager Subdivisions – Recruitment Progressing
- Parks Technical Officer – Operations – Recruitment Progressing
- Property Support Officer – Recruitment Progressing
- Senior Administration Officer (Technical Services) – Recruitment Progressing
- Strategic/ Statutory Planning Officer – Recruitment Progressing
- Workplace Health and Safety Officer – Recruitment Progressing

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TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS		
ITEM	REFERRING COMMITTEE	COMMENTS
<p>Ordinary Council Meeting of Monday, 21 December 2015 - Matters for Referral – Cr Wielinga:</p> <p><i>“That the matter of maintenance standards of Council Buildings be referred to the Technical Services Committee.”</i></p>	<p>Technical Services</p>	<p>Report anticipated for presentation at the March 2016 Technical Services Committee Meeting.</p>
<p>Ordinary Council Meeting of Monday, 25 January 2016 – Petition presented by Cr K Busby:</p> <p><i>“We the undersigned urgently petition Armadale City Council cancel the proposed installation of a footpath in Seventh Road on the odd numbered side of the road between Gribble Avenue and Devereaux Street. Furthermore, it will increase the risk of especially children getting hit by a vehicle as they will choose various points to cross over during the peak traffic periods between 7:30 and 6:00pm weekdays. It will also increase the risk of residents hitting a child reversing out of driveways, it is risky enough as it is with the volume and size of some vehicles.”</i></p>	<p>Technical Services</p>	<p>Report anticipated for presentation at the March 2016 Technical Services Committee Meeting.</p>

TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE
Works Programme – February 2016 – April 2016



Department	February 2016	March 2016	April 2016
City Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harrisdale (East) – Stage 1 works complete. • Harrisdale (East) – Stage 2 tender evaluation. • Piara Waters (South) – Design Team tender evaluation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harrisdale (East) – Stage 2 Works commence. • Piara Waters (South) – Design Team contract award. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harrisdale (East) – Stage 2 Works continue. • Piara Waters (South) – Design development.
Civil Works	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road – Duplication – Stages 3 and 4 – Piara Drive to Armadale Road. • Riverside Lane – Drainage. • Westfield Road – Streetscape. • Challis Primary School – Carpark. • Strawberry Drive- Traffic calming. • Hobbs Drive – Footpath. • Garland Road - Windsor Avenue - Existing path, new footpath. • Heritage Drive - Gopher crossing - parking bays, new footpath. • Davis Road - Streich Avenue -Albany Highway - New footpath. 	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road – Duplication – Stages 3 and 4 – Piara Drive to Armadale Road. • Riverside Lane – Drainage. • Westfield Road – Streetscape. • Challis Primary School – Carpark. • Strawberry Drive - Traffic calming. • Nicholson Road and Yellowwood – Resurfacing. • Seventh Road - Devereux Street - Gribble Avenue - Black Spot - shared footpath. • Third Road - South West Highway - Church Avenue - Road rehabilitation. • Regina Road - Ravenscroft Way - Ravenscroft Way - Road resealing. 	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road – Duplication – Stages 3 and 4 – Piara Drive to Armadale Road. • Riverside Lane – Drainage. • Westfield Road – Streetscape. • Challis Primary School – Carpark. • Strawberry Drive - Traffic calming. • Banyard Avenue - Drainage upgrade. • Columbia Parkway Primary School - Carpark. • Forrest Road and Neilson Avenue - Roundabout. • River Road – Resurfacing.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derry Avenue – Henrietta Avenue - Brian Street - New footpath. • South West Highway - Burndale Road - New footpath. • Brookton Highway – from Hill Street - Stage 1. • Slee Avenue - Third Avenue – Camillo Road – Resurfacing works. • Talwin Court - Regina Road – Resurfacing - end. • Ravenscroft Way - Regina Road - Adams Court - Resurfacing works. • Chidzey Drive - Poad Street - Snook Place - Resurfacing works. • Cragie Place - Chidzey Drive – end - Resurfacing works. • Cosgrove Place - Cragie Place – No 8 - Resurfacing works. • Braemore Street - Seville Drive - Dew Street - Resurfacing works. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance as per Programme. • Contract road sweeping. • Footpath defects. • Bridge routine and preventive maintenance. • Car park maintenance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Court - Ravenscroft Way - end - Road resealing. • Tower Road - Canning Mills Road – Coventry Road - Road resealing. • Urch Street - Barnes Road - Peet Road. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance as per Programme. • Contract road sweeping. • Footpath defects. • Bridge routine and preventive maintenance. • Car park maintenance. 	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance as per Programme. • Contract road sweeping. • Footpath defects. • Bridge routine and preventive maintenance. • Car park maintenance.



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Design and Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourth Road – Streetscaping, parking, streetlighting, LATM. • Piara Primary School - Parking and drainage along Columbia Parkway. • Harrisdale Drive – LATM. • Allen Road – LATM. • Balannup Drain. • Avonlee Road / Church Avenue - Roundabout pre-deflection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourth Road – Streetscaping, parking, streetlighting, LATM. • 2016/2017 Program for Designs – Metropolitan Regional Road Group (MRRG) Grant projects as priority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Railway Avenue – Lowanna Way to Gillam Drive. - Seville Drive – Armadale Road to Gillam Drive. - Connell Avenue – City Boundary to Lucich Street. - Forrest Road – Eighth Road to Millman Way. • 2016/2017 Blackspot Design Programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wungong Road – Harber Drive. • 2017/2018 Blackspot Concept Design Drawings (Projects currently being determined). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016/2017 Program for designs – Metropolitan Regional Road Group (MRRG) Grant projects as priority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seville Drive – Armadale Road to Gillam Drive. - Forrest Road – Eighth Road to Millman Way. • 2016/2017 Blackspot Design Programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wungong Road – Harber Drive. - Columbia Parkway – Pleasant Avenue Roundabout. - Fifth Road / Dale Road - Roundabout • 2017/2018 Blackspot Concept Design Drawings (Projects currently being determined).
Parks Design and Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Armadale Groundwater Operating Strategy. • Canning River Walking Trail Concept (Parks / Environment / Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group). • Frye Park - Master Planning (with Community Services). • Morgan Park - Master Planning (with Community Services). • Creyk Park – Master Planning (with Community Services). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frye Park Drainage Specification. • Request for Quote - Electrical Cabinet Renewal. • Canning River Walking Trail Concept (Parks / Environment / Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group). • Frye Park - Master Planning (with Community Services). • Morgan Park - Master Planning (with Community Services). • Creyk Park – Master Planning (with Community Services). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Lighting - Preliminary Investigations - John Dunn, William Skeet and Gwynne Park Main Oval.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karragullen Oval – Master Planning (with Community Services). • Balannup Drain - Landscaping. • Armadale Golf Course Irrigation Upgrade Tender Documentation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karragullen Oval – Master Planning (with Community Services). 	
<p>Parks Subdivisional Development</p>	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various active landscape works. • Various landscape works submissions under review. • Various landscape works in pre-handover period. <p style="text-align: center;">Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Area Works</p> <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of landscape works. <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranford Road landscape works construction. <p><u>Wungong</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various active landscape works. • Various landscape works submissions under review. 	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various active landscape works. • Various landscape works submissions under review. • Various landscape works in pre-handover period. <p style="text-align: center;">Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Area Works</p> <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of landscape works. <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranford Road landscape works construction. <p><u>Wungong</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various active landscape works. • Various landscape works submissions under review. 	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various active landscape works. • Various landscape works submissions under review. • Various landscape works in pre-handover period. <p style="text-align: center;">Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Area Works</p> <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of landscape works. <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranford Road landscape works construction. <p><u>Wungong</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various active landscape works. • Various landscape works submissions under review.
<p>Parks Works</p>	<p><u>Capital</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Churchmans Brook - Irrigation / Landscape upgrade and basketball shooting court. 	<p><u>Capital</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bore Construction - Gwynne Park, Bronzewing Reserve, Fancote Park. • Piara Oval - Access upgrade. 	<p><u>Capital</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bore Construction - Gwynne Park, Bronzewing Reserve, Fancote Park. • Memorial Park - Accessibility upgrade.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset Data Collection - New public open space. • Bore Construction - Gwynne Park, Kuhl Park. • Public Open Space Strategy – Precinct A. • Burtonia Park - Basketball half court – upgrade. • Northerly Park - Basketball half court – upgrade. • Solar Lighting - Various locations. • Warton Road – Landscaping. • Springdale Reserve -Lighting (1 pole). • Bernice Hargrave - 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Open Space Strategy – Precinct A. • Burtonia Park - Basketball half court – upgrade. • Northerly Park - Basketball half court – upgrade. • Solar Lighting - Various locations. • Warton Road – Landscaping. • Springdale Reserve -Lighting (1 pole). • Bernice Hargrave - 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Open Space Strategy – Precinct A - Kuhl Park. • Piara Oval – Access. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract landscape maintenance. • Contract play space maintenance. • Scheduled mowing and general maintenance. • Irrigation maintenance. • Bushland maintenance. • Civic precinct maintenance. • Contract new estate maintenance. • Contract streetscape maintenance. • Customer requests. • Contract barbecue cleaning. • Contract street tree maintenance. • Urban Forest plantings maintenance.



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Property Management	<p><u>New Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works for Champion Centre entrance statement to be tendered / quoted with report submitted for approval. • Photovoltaic (PV) Cell installation works. <p><u>Upgrade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greendale Centre - Architectural Works - Tender documents being prepared in preparation for tender process. • Depot upgrade works continue with completion expected on accommodation requirements prior to works being undertaken on access road and drop down gate at entry. • Kelmscott Hall - Concept planning and discussions with relevant user groups continue with regard to hall refurbishment. • Cross Park Electricity – Awaiting Western Power connection. • Minor Capital Works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gwynne Park continues. - John Dunn Hall. - Forrestdale Sportsman’s Club. 	<p><u>New Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion Centre entry statement works continuing. • Photovoltaic (PV) Cell installation works. • Waste Site – Request for quotes to provide new shed, new amenities block, and other outbuildings. • Golf Club Site – Request for quotes to provide a new equipment shed. <p><u>Upgrade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greendale Centre works – Continue. • Depot – Automated Access project works. • Kelmscott Hall – Report to be prepared and submitted for comment with regard to a possible Hall refurbishment. • Depot Workshop - Asbestos roof removal and replacement. • Minor Capital Works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gwynne Park continues. - John Dunn Hall. - Forrestdale Sportsman’s Club. - Palomino Pony Club. - Aquatic Centre. 	<p><u>New Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion Centre entry statement works continuing. • Photovoltaic (PV) Cell installation works. • Waste Site – Request for quotes to provide new shed, new amenities block and other outbuildings. • Golf Club Site – Request for quotes to provide a new equipment shed. <p><u>Upgrade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greendale Centre works – Continues • Kelmscott Hall – continues. • Depot Workshop asbestos roof removal and replacement. • Arena – Softfall to crèche. • Minor Capital Works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gwynne Park continues. - John Dunn Hall. -Roleystone Hall Floor



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	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmed maintenance works continue in all of the City’s buildings, and includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electrical Safety Program – Residual Current Devices (RCD’s). - Air conditioning maintenance – monthly and three monthly. - Roof and gutter cleans. - Roof access equipment at various facilities. - Fire equipment maintenance continues. - Backflow prevention testing at various facilities. 	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmed maintenance works continue in all of the City’s buildings, and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electrical Safety Program – Residual Current Devices (RCD’s). - Air conditioning maintenance – monthly. - Roof and gutter cleans continue. 	<p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmed maintenance works continue in all of the City’s buildings, and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electrical Safety Program – Residual Current Devices (RCD’s). - Air conditioning maintenance – monthly. - Compliance Auditing program to various buildings.
<p>Subdivisional Development</p>	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 active areas of civil works. • 10 civil works submissions under review. • 2 water management submissions under review. • 1 active major public utility installation. • 3 areas of POS remedial works. <p><u>Newhaven Commercial</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil and building works. • Easthope Link drainage extension works. 	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 active areas of civil works. • 6 civil works submissions under review. • 2 water management submissions under review. • 1 active major public utility installation. • 3 areas of POS remedial works. <p><u>Newhaven Commercial</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil and building works. • Easthope Link drainage extension works. 	<p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 active areas of civil works. • 6 civil works submissions under review. • 2 water management submissions under review. • 1 active major public utility installation. • 3 areas of POS remedial works. <p><u>Newhaven Commercial</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil and building works. • Easthope Link drainage extension works.



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	<p style="text-align: center;">Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Area Works</p> <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 active areas of civil works. • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 active areas of civil works. • 2 civil works submission under review. • Construction on Hitachi Site. • Allen Road surface monitoring. • Allen Road cul-de-sac design. • 1 x MRA road design installation. • 1 major public utility installation. <p><u>Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 active areas of civil works. • 3 civil works submissions under review. • 4 water management submissions under review. <p><u>Neerigen Brook South / Brickworks Drain</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 civil works submissions under review. <p><u>Lake Road – Precinct A</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 water management submissions under review. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Area Works</p> <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. • 2 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 active areas of civil works. • 2 civil works submission under review. • 1 structure plan submission under review. • Construction on Hitachi Site. • Allen Road surface monitoring. • Allen Road cul-de-sac design. • 1 x MRA road design installation. • 1 major public utility installation. <p><u>Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 active areas of civil works. • 5 civil works submissions under review. • 2 water management submissions under review. <p><u>Neerigen Brook South / Brickworks Drain</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 active areas of civil works. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Area Works</p> <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 active areas of civil works. • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 active areas of civil works. • 2 civil works submission under review. • Construction on Hitachi Site. • Allen Road surface monitoring. • Allen Road cul-de-sac design. • 1 x MRA road design installation. • 1 major public utility installation. <p><u>Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 active areas of civil works. • 3 civil works submissions under review. • 2 water management submissions under review. <p><u>Neerigen Brook South / Brickworks Drain</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 active areas of civil works. <p><u>Lake Road – Precinct A</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works.



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	<p><u>Seville Grove</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. <p><u>Canns Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. <p><u>Lot 123 Bedfordale Hill Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submissions under review. <p><u>Other</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 active areas of civil works. 	<p><u>Seville Grove</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 active areas of civil works. <p><u>Canns Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. <p><u>Lot 123 Bedfordale Hill Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. <p><u>Other</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 active areas of civil works. 	<p><u>Seville Grove</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 active areas of civil works. <p><u>Canns Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. <p><u>Lot 123 Bedfordale Hill Road</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. <p><u>Other</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 active areas of civil works.



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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – FEBRUARY 2016		
	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
That the matter of a Master Plan for the area bound by Jull Street, Prospect Road and Church Avenue be referred to the Community Services Committee.	Community Planning	That the Community Services Committee be provided with a report on preparation of a “Masterplan” or “Future Plan” for the Heritage Precinct i.e. that area bounded by Prospect Avenue, Jull Street, east of Church Avenue, and containing the Armadale District Hall.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES PLANNING

Master-planning of Creyk, Frye, Morgan and Karragullen reserves

The initial stakeholder and community consultation phase for the master planning of the four remaining reserves namely; Creyk, Frye, Morgan and Karragullen has been completed. The issues and opportunities identified through the community workshops will now be prioritised and represented on concept masterplans for review by the stakeholder groups and Council before being released for public comment.

Wungong Urban Water Development Community Facilities

The Wungong Urban Water Development includes five shared use sites adjacent to schools. Community Facilities Planning is working in collaboration with the Department of Education to develop concept plans for these sites in order to give clear guidance to the various developers. These sites include active public open space and community/sporting facilities to service the local communities. Three community facilities are also proposed within the total development and these will host a range of services for the developing community.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Access and Inclusion

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan Review

It is a legislative requirement that the City's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) be reviewed every five years.

The City's DAIP is due for review during 2016. The City has contracted E-Equal Disability Consultants to undertake the consultation process with five focus groups arranged and surveys to be developed.

Disability Advisory Team

The Disability Advisory Team (DAT) will now be referred as the Disability Access and Inclusion Reference Group (DA&IRG). The DAT agreed to a new Terms of Reference and name change last October. As part of the new terms of reference, a proportion of the membership is required to stand down or be re-elected. The City is in the process of recruiting members for the committee.

Community Partnerships

Gone in Less Than 60 Seconds

The Community Partnership Officer has been working closely with WA Police and the six other councils in the South East Metropolitan Corridor in the launching of the Gone in Less than 60 seconds project (GILT60S). The project vehicle has been used by the local policing teams in conjunction with the Community Partnership Officer in various hot spot locations throughout Armadale with positive results. Surveys conducted with community members have stated that a change of behaviour has occurred in regards to the security of items in their vehicles. A number of people have returned to their own vehicle to remove personal items.

Stop Crime Action Network

The City held the first SCAN (Stop Crime Action Network) information session in Kelmscott, with positive feedback received. A number of businesses have indicated their intention to become part of the network, with businesses in the Armadale CBD now requesting to be included in the trial phase.

Community Arts and Cultural Development

Armadale Arts Festival Community Workshops 14 & 15 January 2016

The City conducted two community workshops in January 2016 discuss the upcoming Armadale Arts Festival (AAF) model with the local arts community. The proposed festival structure was well received and a number of working groups were established to contribute to the development of the key festival events.

Artists were also invited to submit their ideas to the CoA festival team for assessment and potential inclusion in the AAF program. The total attendance

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at the AAF workshops, including the December 105 launch, was approximately 100 people.

Jull St Mall Activation - Music in the Mall & Twilight

The *Music in the Mall* and *Twilight Markets* entertainment for the first quarter has been programmed and contracted. The range of artists booked covers a variety of music genres and many new local acts. It is encouraging that more local quality acts are being identified in the Armadale region and the response from the artists and the local audiences has been very positive.

South East Multicultural Network (SEMN)

The City has been a leader within this multicultural service provider network group and has strengthened the structure by enlisting three other local governments (Canning, Belmont & Gosnells) to form a working group to support the Chair. Each local government is now responsible for coordinating a quarterly meeting each year. The City has also taken responsibility for setting up the online Drop-In forum with WACOSS and has facilitated the transition to this facility within the SEMN group.

The City is coordinating the first SEMN meeting on 17 February 2016 to be held at Headspace Armadale in Fourth Rd. The focus will be on Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) mental health services. The guest speaker is Dr Bernadette Wright from the Transcultural Mental Health Centre along with Headspace Armadale, which is the only Headspace inclusive of a specific CaLD mental health focus and staffing.

Children and Families**Early Years Collective Impact**

The City is participating in a new group called Community Dimensions, a leadership group focused on partnering with key stakeholders in the childhood early years sector to drive a collective impact way of working to achieve better outcomes for children and families. Communicare has employed a Project Officer to lead the process, with the City supporting a Collective Impact Forum to be held in March 2016 targeted at a wide range of community, government and business organisations.

Positive Ageing**Technology Buddies**

Technology Buddies is a partnership between the City and Kelmscott Senior High, and more recently Dale Christian College. The program operates at both the Armadale and Kelmscott libraries. The program is an opportunity for the older person to partner with a student to learn how to use their technology items including cameras, ipads and smart phones.

This program will commence:

- Kelmscott Library on Monday 15, 22, 29 February and 14, 21 March.
- Armadale Library in April.

Positive Ageing Sessions

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

The last Positive Ageing Session was held 3 February at the Armadale Library. The topics discussed were *Financial Planning – Choosing a Financial Planner* presented by the Department of Human Services and *Decluttering Workshop* presented by the City, with 41 people in attendance.

Upcoming session

The next Positive Ageing Session will be on Wednesday 2 March discussing the topics *Living with Parkinson's* presented by the Armadale Parkinson's Support Group and *Food Sensations* presented by the Juniper Outreach Dietician.

Positive Ageing Come and Try- Let's Get Crafty Sessions

Positive Ageing Come and Try – Let's Get Crafty Sessions are held every second month at 10.00am at the Armadale Library.

Indigenous Development

Indigenous crime prevention initiative expanded

The Department of Attorney General ran a trial of open days in Armadale late last year resulting in \$173,494 in outstanding fines converted to time-to-pay arrangements, 39 birth certificate applications, 17 births registered, 24 birth letters issued and 10 theoretical driving tests passed.

The next series of open days planned in Armadale are on March 18 and May 20 2016.

<https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Barnett/2016/02/Indigenous-crime-prevention-initiative-expanded.aspx>

Family History Project (FHP)

An event will be held on February 24th from 11-2pm, this will include service providers, free food and a presentation to generate interest in our FHP afterschool activity commencing on the 2nd March.

Coomal College Commenced!!

There have been changes afoot at the Champion Centre ... we have refurbished the hall to make way for a new program that commenced on Thursday 11th February called "Coomal College". This program is a 3-5 year old school readiness program, we will be supporting children's development of course but another focus is getting our parents ready for school, volunteering and employment. I'm sending this email around today as we have a little designated library space thanks to Kelmscott Library, if you or someone you know has old books that we can use for all aged children and the parents such as parenting, arts and craft, recipe and maybe fiction books it would be

greatly appreciated. Board games and cushions for our middle years (primary school) program would be welcome also.

If you have the time please come down and have a look, if you would like more information on the College don't hesitate to give me a call.

Major Events

Australia Day in Armadale



This year's Australia Day celebrations attracted around 20,000 patrons which was an increase from 2015. Lotterywest, RAC and the WACA were secured as event partners with the WACA contributing in-kind support by running the Backyard Cricket Match.

The event had high appeal from families which is likely due to the entertainment options offered. These included backyard cricket, water slides, go carts, bumper cars, carnival rides and horse and dinosaur rides.



The stage entertainment showcased three local emerging artists, Lauren Marsden, Tobias and Ava Sharp as the support act for the Bad Loves. This professional development opportunity for the emerging artists was coordinated by Katherine John and we are entering into a three year contract to ensure this develops as an aspirational opportunity for the young local musical talent.

The Bad Loves were secured as the headline act and this was their only Perth performance. There has been feedback demonstrating that people from all over Perth were attracted to Armadale for their performance. They also promoted this event through their online communications.



There were a couple of issues with the fireworks that is expected to have been caused by the earlier downpour. This meant the full display was briefly delayed while the technicians rectified the issue.

Although this was considered a successful event, a number of learnings were noted to ensure further improvement next year.



Youth

Youth Projects

The City's newly appointed Community Development Officer – Youth is implementing a range of existing youth projects in addition to developing new and creative initiatives for local young people. These projects align with achieving the Armadale Youth Collaborative Action Network's four priority focus areas including increasing and improving educational opportunities for young people, strengthening genuine relationships with young people, greater collaboration and improved partnerships within the youth sector and greater access to resources and funding that supports collaboration for the youth sector.

Upcoming projects

Young Women's Development Program

The City has been successful in securing funding from the Department of Local Government and Communities to conduct a *Young Women's Development Program* in Term1, 2016. The grant contributes to a 10 week program that aims to support young women aged 14 to 17 years old that have been identified as being subject to issues such as low self-esteem, low confidence, self-image and self-worth. Identified through their respective schools, the group of 15 young women will be invited to engage in a series of positive workshops encouraging healthy wellbeing and aiding a more positive outlook on the concept of self, personal life and their contributions to community.

Urban Arts Projects

The City was successful in securing two arts grants from both the Department of Culture and Arts and Catalyst Community Arts Funds WA to go towards a Creative Urban Arts Project rolling out in 2016. Taking a two-pronged approach, the project will encompass a mentoring and development component in addition to running monthly '*paint jam*' sessions.

The *Armadale Urban Arts Development Project* will take four young artists previously involved in the City's past Creative Arts projects, and provide them with one-on-one mentoring sessions with two professional artists. The aim of this component will be to assist the young local artists to further develop their skills and passion for art, aiding their journey to having the skills and confidence to undertake their own commissions and contracts.

The *Armadale Legals Painting Jam Sessions* comprise a series of seven painting jam sessions across seven public spaces within the City over a 12 month period. Under the guidance of two professional artists, each of the four 'young artists' will take the lead in a 'paint jam' day where a group of 12-25 year olds with an interest in urban arts, will be invited to join in the large scale urban art pieces across the city.

Drug Aware Ignite Basketball

Youth Intervention Program

The Armadale Youth Intervention Partnership, led by the City and Save the Children coordinated a Youth Intervention Program for young people known to WA Police during the January 2016 school holidays. This was in direct response to feedback from the WA Police Youth Crime Intervention Officers regarding a spike in youth crime at this time period.

Funded by the Department of Local Government and Communities' Youth Partnership Project, the program operated for five days a week over four weeks and comprised a daily community service element rewarded by an interesting fun activity. The community service aspect was designed to help the young people develop a 'giving back' attitude to their community. A range of engagement tools were used by the staff to build trust and rapport with the participants which led to positive program outcomes.

Volunteer Services

Step into Volunteering

A "Step into Volunteering" session aimed at potential volunteers in the community who are thinking about volunteering but not sure how to get started will be held at the Armadale Library on Thursday 18 February. To date 22 people have indicated they will be attending this session.

Managing Volunteers

The City in partnership with the City of Gosnells has invited Volunteer Managers to learn how to enhance volunteer engagement and achieve a better work environment by attending a free half-day workshop on managing volunteers.

This workshop will be facilitated by Jenny Gleeson from Lifeworx. The workshop will explore principles and strategies of managing people that can be applied to a volunteer workforce and will cover:

- Management and communication styles to suit different people and situations
- Motivating people and building rapport
- Providing effective, timely and honest feedback
- Methods for managing conflict

35 people have indicated they will be attending this session at Lyal Richardson Hall on 25 February.

Growing Armadale

Strategic Community Planning (SCP) is progressing throughout the organisation. Councillors were presented with an overview of survey results at a workshop in February. Featured strongly in the survey results were the strong levels of community spirit expressed by survey respondents from all suburbs, appreciation for local events, the beautiful natural environment and City parks and streetscapes. Concerns were expressed about safety, particularly in Jull Street and around the railway line and a desire for a year

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round aquatic facility. Council’s leadership was complimented with respondents noting positive changes recently.

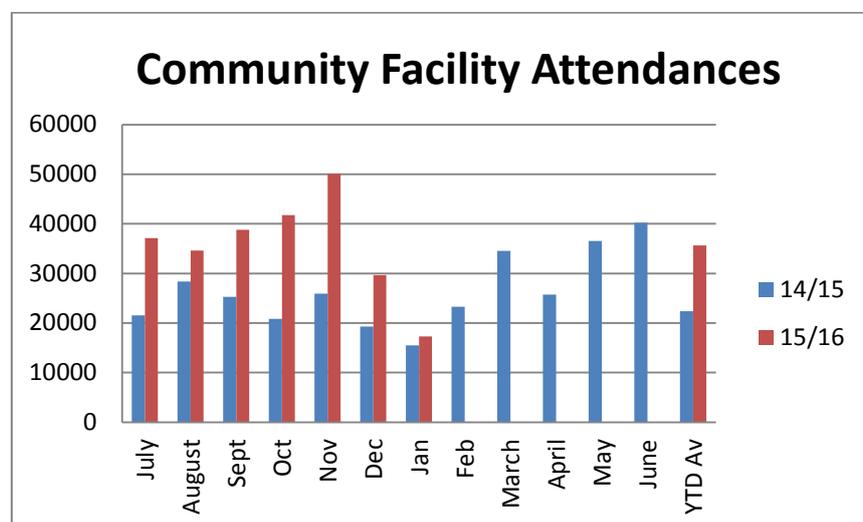
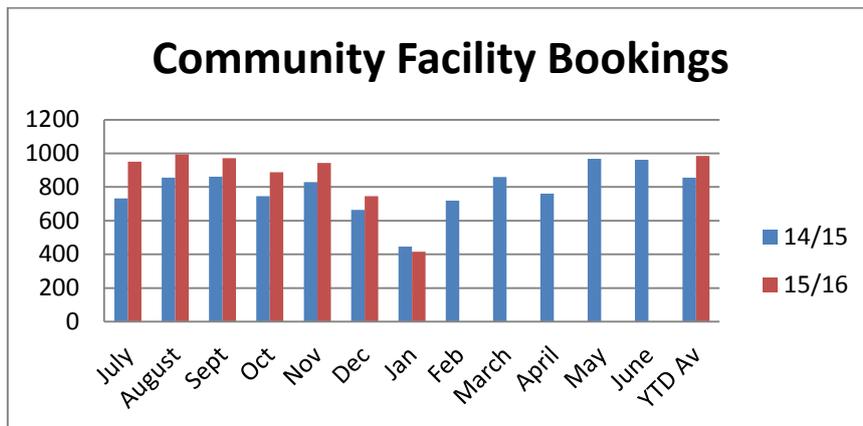
The February workshop also considered some suggestions for a new, shorter vision for the City and high level objectives. Feedback from this session is now being considered in a revised draft which MANEX will endorse for councillor consideration at the next workshop in March. The March workshop will also consider strategies in support of the outcome statements. The SCP is expected to be adopted by Council in late March/early April and development of the Corporate Business Plan will commence.

RECREATION SERVICES

Community Facilities

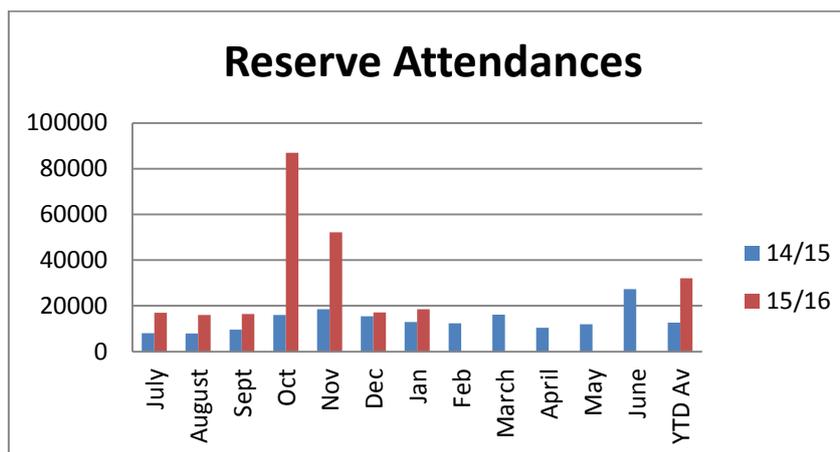
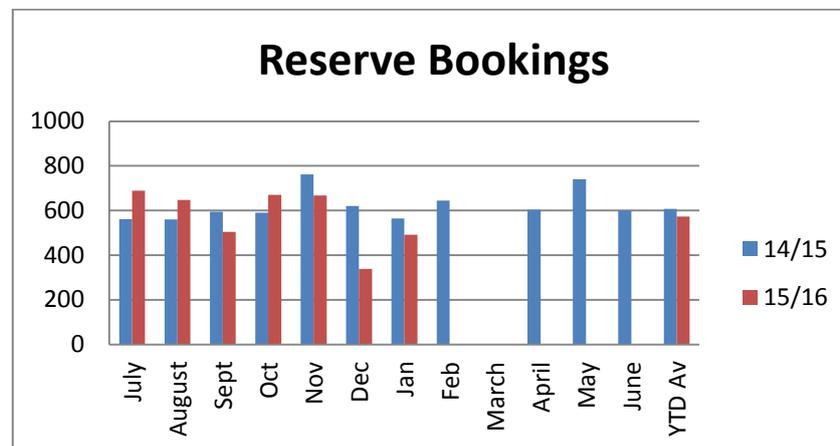
January is a quiet month for bookings with term programs taking a break and sports in recess, this time gives us an opportunity to focus on the busy winter pre-season and finalise any outstanding accounts from the previous year.

Most significantly from January 2016 Champion Centre bookings are now coordinated at the centre directly, this may impact on overall booking numbers for community facilities as historically the Champion Centre averaged eighty bookings per month.



Reserves

Reserve bookings were quiet in December, which is expected with sports not operating for a majority of the month. Netball court upgrades at Cross Park have commenced and are scheduled for completion mid-January. Creyk Park underwent irrigation works in December which was completed successfully without disrupting any sports.

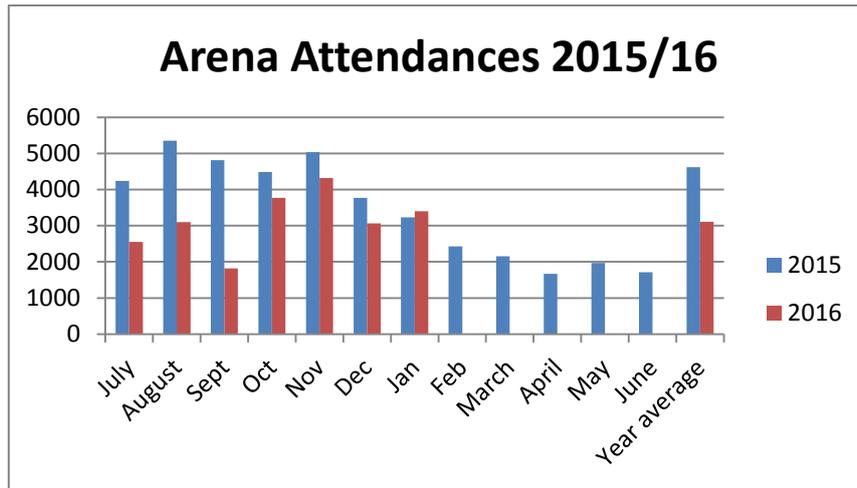


Club Development

The Club Development Officer position was vacated in January and the recruitment process has begun. The City is currently waiting to hear if the Department of Sport and Recreation will be funding the program again after 30 June 2016.

Armadale Arena

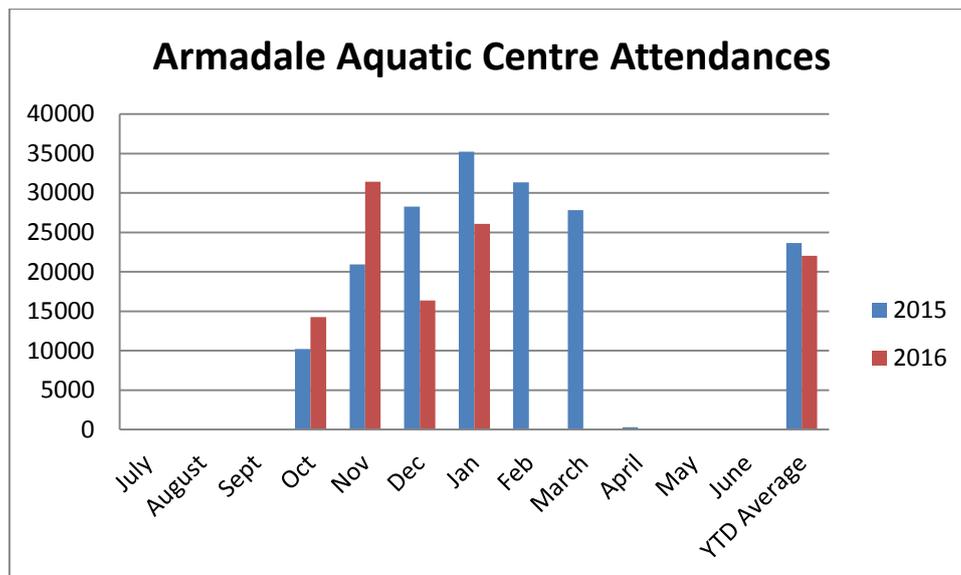
For the first time since the Arena upgrades attendances are higher than the previous year. January was a very exciting month for the centre with two new hirers commencing and Armadale Gymnastics Club preparing for the first term of the year and Monday team sports reaching capacity. Promotion of the 12 week body challenge has been successful, mostly through word of mouth and social media promotion.



Armadale Aquatic Centre

January attendances were 10,000 lower due to a week of rain and bad weather, significantly impacting on the centre general admission for the season. Unfortunately the \$2 Day was during this bad weather and thunderstorms deterred visitors to the annual event, which only ended up attracting 37 visitors. Vacswim reached capacity and the centre holiday learn to swim program was so successful additional classes were scheduled to meet demand.

While school bookings are at capacity it will be difficult to make up the general admissions for the remainder of the season, given historically general admissions drop significantly in February and March.



January 2016

LIBRARY SERVICES

Statistical Performance Indicators

The Library Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of January 2016:

The Kelmscott Library opened to the public in its new location on Monday 4 January 2016 with an extremely positive reception. The number of visits to the library increased by 11%, issues by 8% and the number of new borrowers who enrolled by 60% on the previous January. Comments received have included: 'breathtaking', 'we love the layout', 'tasteful' and 'I bought a coffee and stayed in the library reading for 2 hours as it is so welcoming'. The opportunity to provide more community programs at the Kelmscott Library is being implemented, such as the Positive Ageing workshops.

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

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

32 regular sessions were held. In any month these could include: story time, Baby Rhyme Time, school holiday programs, English conversation classes, reading & writing groups, computer training sessions, 3D printing workshops, games mornings and the Men's Social Group. A total of 736 people participated in these various activities.

These included the special children's events that were held to celebrate the re-opening of the Kelmscott Library in its new location.

Reports on sessions of interest:

Topic: Kelmscott Launch for Littlies

Presenters: Storytime Party – Jenny Ramshaw and Leanne Fitzgerald ; Kelmscott Children's Party – Jenny Ramshaw and Leanne Fitzgerald ; Lego World – Jenny Ramshaw and Leanne Fitzgerald ; Hey Presto Amazing Magic Tricks – David Helkingbottom

Dates: 11, 13, 22 and 27 January 2016

Venues: Kelmscott Library

No. Attending: 188 children; 123 adults

Storytime Party: 50 children, 25 adults ; Kelmscott Children's Party: 80 children, 65 adults ; Lego World: 16 children, 10 adults ; Hey Presto Amazing Magic Tricks: 42 children, 23 adults.

Storytime Party

The first storytime in the new library was met with a lot of enthusiasm. The junior area was filled to capacity with 50 children and 25 adults. Songs and stories matched the party theme. Children decorated a party hat that they then put them on to dance to music. Traditional games of 'Statues' and 'Simon says' were followed with lots of bubbles which the children tried to catch and pop. Each child was given a balloon and

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a sticker on their way out. This was a wonderful way to welcome storytime children, regular and new attendees to the colourful children's area of the library.

Children's Party

Aaron Smyth wooed the audience of 80 children and 65 adults with his balloon twisting skills. Butterflies, flowers, snakes, and swords were some of the creations and all children attending left with a special balloon of their choice. In another part of the library *Rosie O* painted faces for the full two hours. Some of the fabulous creations included cats, dogs, butterflies, spiders, and tigers. Again, traditional game of Pass the Parcel had the children engaged as did a variation to Pin the tail on the Donkey, where children were blind folded and put a sticker on a book. The person closest to the spine won a prize.

Other crafts and party food ensured that the party was a great success and will encourage children to see the library as a fun and welcoming place.

**Lego world**

16 children and 10 accompanying adults were set a number of challenges creating books, computers, and other furnishings from Lego. They worked together in teams and created Lego libraries. The finished masterpieces were on display at the official library opening.

Hey Presto – Amazing Magic Tricks

Magician David Helkingbottom interacted with the audience of 42 children and 23 adults with his humorous antics and magic tricks. Books on magic are always popular with the junior library members.



Report – January 2016 School Holiday Programme –
Lost Worlds

Topic: Lost Worlds

Presenters: Games and craft of year past – Leanne Fitzgerald and Rita Lennon ;
Wonderful World of Lego – Jenny Ramshaw ; Wicked Worm Fun – Vicki Power ;
Author and illustrator James Foley – James Foley ; Book Cubby – Rita Lennon.

Dates: 6, 8, 12, 15, 21 and 28 January 2016

Venues: Armadale and Seville Grove Libraries

No. Attending: 124 children; 70 adults

ARM: Games and craft: 15 children, 10 adults; ARM: Wonderful World of Lego: 22 children, 15 adults ; SVG: Wicked Worm Fun: 19 children, 11 adults ; ARM: Author and illustrator: James Foley: 10 children, 6 adults; SVG: Wonderful World of Lego: 38 children, 17 adults ; SVG: Book Cubby: 9 children, 6 adults ; SVG: Games and craft of years past: 11 children, 5 adults.

The January school holidays were spent wandering through **Lost Worlds**.

Children enjoyed a range of craft and games that don't require electricity. Parents became involved, reminiscing about their own childhoods as they showed the group how to make a range of origami objects. Children learnt how to recreate the activities at home for the rest of the holidays.

At the Wicked Worm Fun event at Seville Grove Library, children learnt facts about recycling, composting and worm farms before getting some hands on experience in making their own mini worm farm to take home.

Children took a visit into the world of zombie animals when author and illustrator of children's books, James Foley, visited Armadale Library. James read the humorous horror book 'My Dead Bunny' before showing everyone how he created the illustrations. Children got to embrace their imaginative side, creating their own landscape for a zombie animal. The book was proved very popular with many families taking home their own copy.

The ‘Wonderful World of Lego’ session set challenges based on the book ‘*The Dinosaurs next door*’, part of which was read aloud to the children. This combined the activities of reading and creativity that stimulates the minds of young people in a fun way.

The Book Cubby attracted young authors/illustrators to Seville Grove Library to make hotdog books to add to the display shelves. Some of the parents were delighted to be able to make books of their own as keepsakes. This session elicited lots of positive comments from the participants, with children taking extra sheets and instructions home to continue the activity.

Children and their parents enjoyed participating in games and crafts which have stood the test of time and are still popular today. Games included Snap and Noughts and Crosses, with crafts such as origami jumping frogs, fish windsock kites and paper chains

HERITAGE SERVICES

Statistical Performance Indicators

The Heritage Department’s statistical performance indicators report for the month of January 2016:

Birtwistle Local Studies Library

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

FOCUS 2016 photo competition

Content for FOCUS webpages was created and delivered to ITC along with documents for entrants to download. Progress is on target for promotion of this local-history-based competition to begin in February, in anticipation of the competition running throughout March.

Reid photo collection

Donations of significant images were delivered to Birtwistle by Mr W Reid during two visits in January, with many of the images being of Armadale Football Club team trips in the 1920s. Mr Reid and his father were players on the team, with stints as captain, and were heavily involved with the club. Other 1920s-era images connected to the Narrogin Inn and Railway Hotel have also been donated.

Araluen collection

(update on Araluen’s donations)

In addition to image scans of Araluen Botanic Park’s image collection made in December 2015, during January access was given to a large number of architectural drawings of Araluen structures (with many designs proposed but never built) which have been photographed for the Birtwistle collection.

Enquiries

A television network current affairs program contacted Birtwistle Local Studies Library seeking footage of Armadale filmed between the 1950s and the 1990s for an

upcoming segment in the vein of 'Lost Perth'. A package of suitable video files was compiled and provided, in cooperation with the CoA Communications department.

Author Robyn McSweeney

Robyn is the great grand-daughter of Albert Edmund Cockram and has recently completed her research which was compiled into the book: *Albert Edmund Cockram: King of the racecourse 1870 - 1943*. Cockram had land in the Wungong district for several years and was renowned for his excellent and successful choice of race horses, his expensive tastes in motor vehicles and ownership of the Belmont & Goodwood racecourses. Cockram was a relative of the family who settled in the district with the Buckingham family.

Linton Reynolds research publication

Copies of the book *Guest of the Kaiser* were sent to Ben Wholagan (grandson of Claude Marsh); the Royal WA Historical Society; the RSL WA Branch; Senator Glenn Serle; the President of the Belgium War Graves; the Australian War Memorial Research Centre; legal deposits to the State Library of WA and the National Library of Australia; the Gosnells and Serpentine / Jarrahdale Libraries

Tree walking trail

Volunteers Jen and Kim have worked steadily on documenting the notable trees of the Armadale CBD during January. The draft booklet and map are nearing completion with some amendments made after a practice tryout one Saturday morning.

History House Museum

Museum Exhibitions:

Made in Armadale Temporary Exhibition

Is currently on display at the museum. This exhibition closes in late April.

Future Temporary Exhibition

Research has started on the next exhibition, *The Memory Jar Project* as well as *Home: How our homes have changed*.

The Memory Jar Project is an exhibition which invites members of the community to bottle a memory they have of living in Armadale using the materials provided and writing a tag briefly describing that memory.

Home: How our homes have changed will use the museum collection to explore how local homes have changed over the last 100 years. This will include construction, design and what we put in them.

Museum Programs:

Made in Armadale Public Programs

Two events were held in January. The first was a rag rug making workshop with Jo Franco at the Seville Grove Library on January 7. The workshop was aimed at families and was sold out.

The second event on January 21 was *From Armadale to Hollywood: An Evening with Charlene O'Brien*. Ms O'Brien is a successful local fashion designer whose work is currently being exhibited at the museum as part of the *Made in Armadale* exhibition. This event held at the museum was also a sold out event.

On February 16 (6:30-7:30) the museum will be hosting *Talking Teddies: An evening with bear maker Kay Cooper*. Ms Cooper is a local and international recognised artist who makes handmade teddy bears. One of her bears is part of the *Made in Armadale* exhibition.

Armadale Arts Festival

History House is exploring ways to be involved with this event. The museum is looking to invite a local artist to host a series of simple and fun lunchtime sketching workshops at the museum. Members of the community will be invited to spend their lunch break sketching while receiving tips from a trained professional.

Museum Collection:

Donations

Patricia Walker kindly donated two COA commemorative tea spoons.

The museum has also received promotional material including the promotional shirt for the Growing Armadale program run in late 2015 to gauge community opinions about what's important to the local community.

Local and international recognised fashion designer Charlene O'Brien has kindly donated the first sustainable hand stitched dress that she ever made. The dress was featured in the 2007 Ethical Fashion Show held in Paris.

Museum Education Report:

MiaB

All boxes were returned to the Museum for annual maintenance and cataloguing.

School Holiday Program

Between Jan19 and 21, 54 adults and children participated in the museum’s holiday program which included the activities: Indoor Garden, Decorative Flip Flops and Summer Spirals.

Planning

Programs for the 2016 academic year are completed and on the website.

<http://library.armadale.wa.gov.au/museum-programs>

The response from local schools to these programs that all comply with the Australian National Curriculum, has been outstanding.

Museum Management:

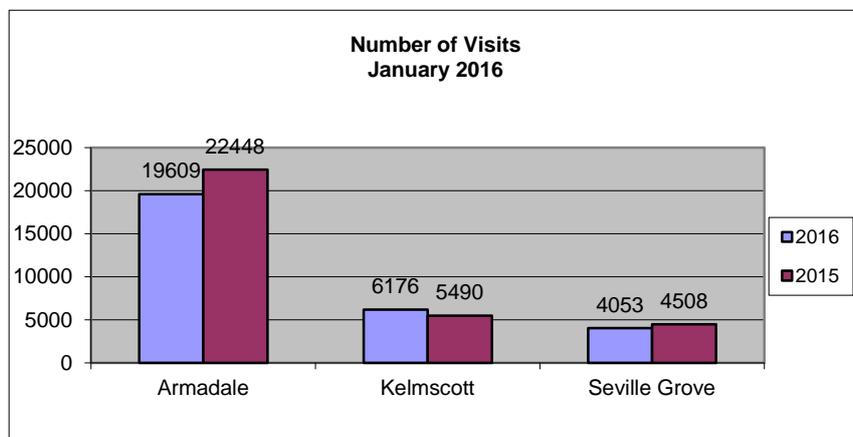
Promoting the Museum

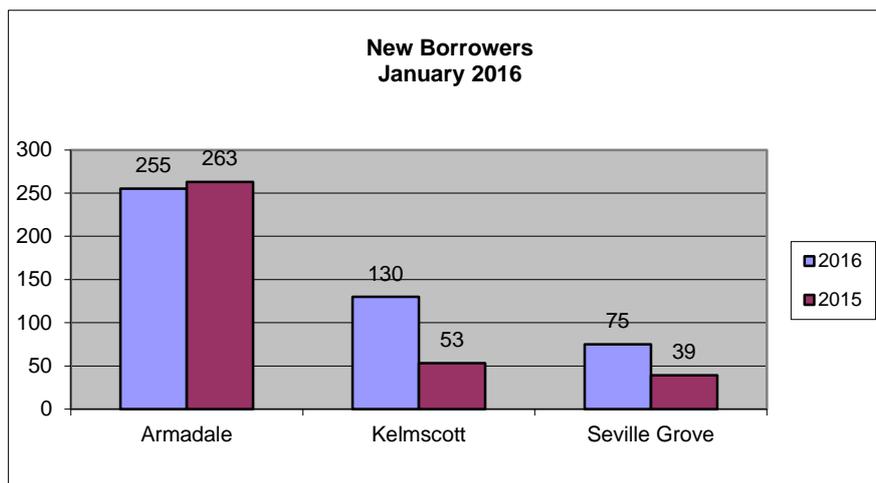
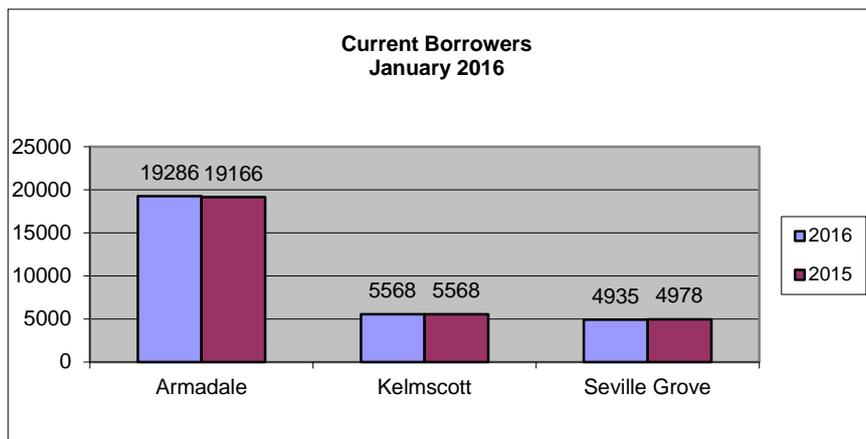
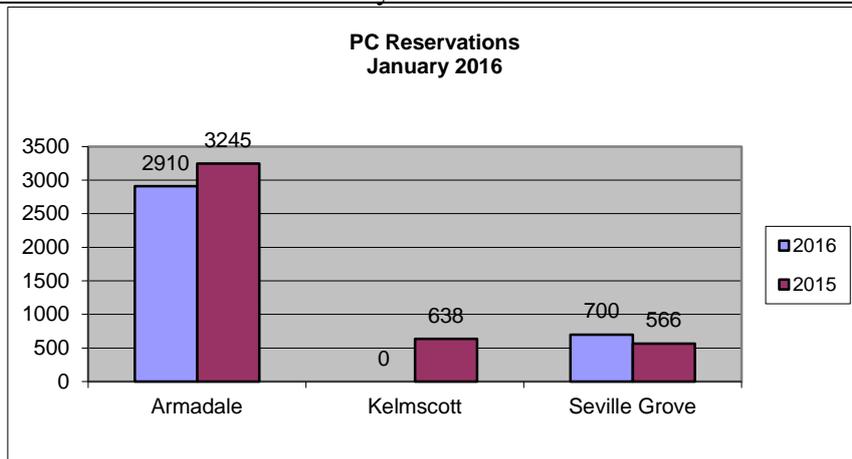
A meeting was held with the COA Communications team on ways to improve the promotion and profile of the museum within the local community. The meeting explored a variety of ways to boost the museums profile including better signage on the building, articles in *City Views* and the museum being more active in proving information for press releases.

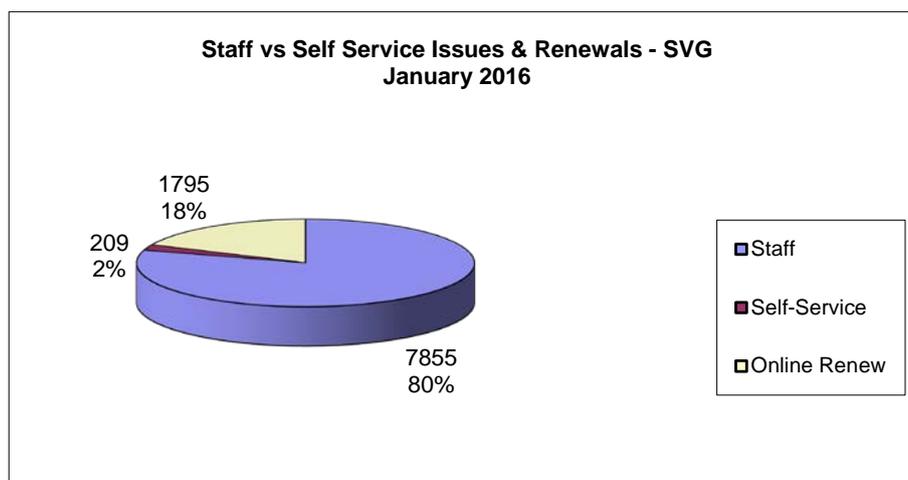
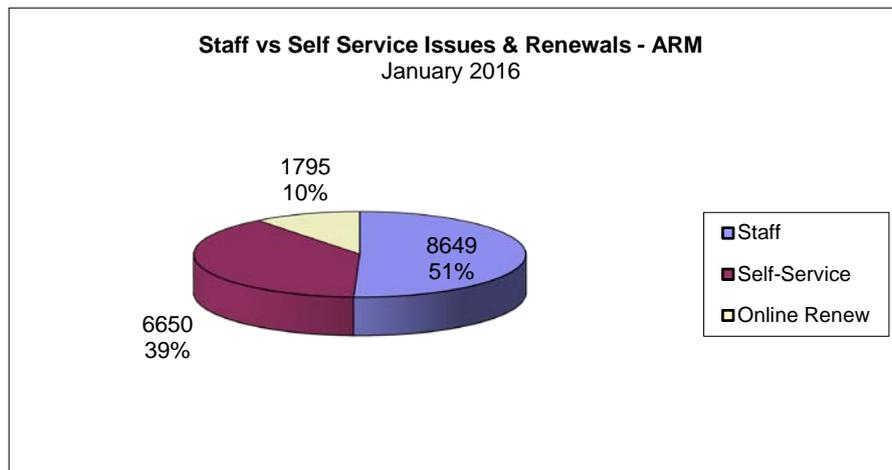
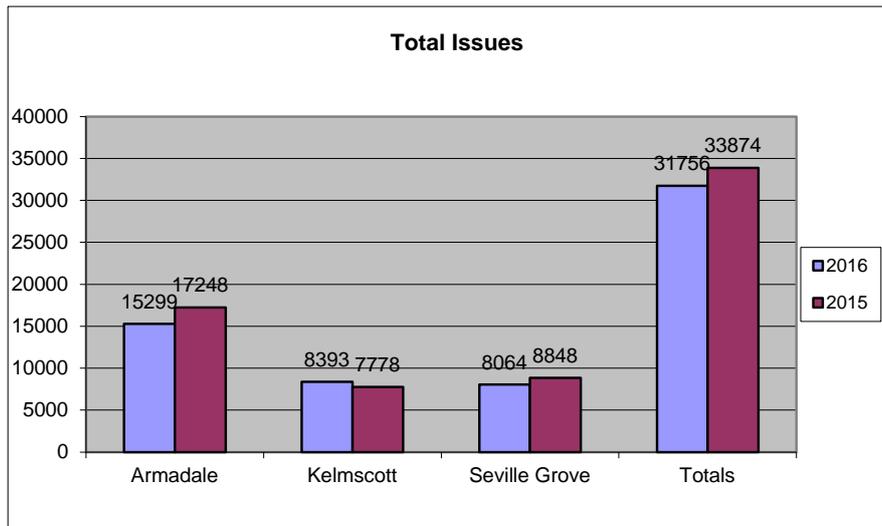
Museum Strategic Plan

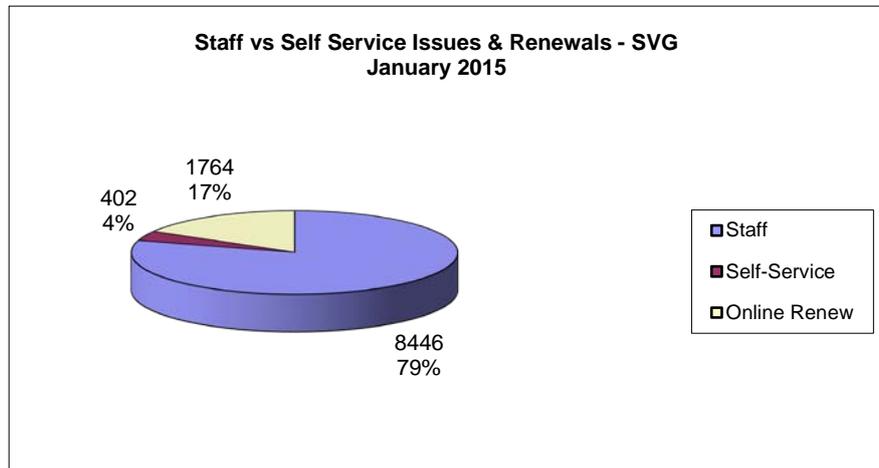
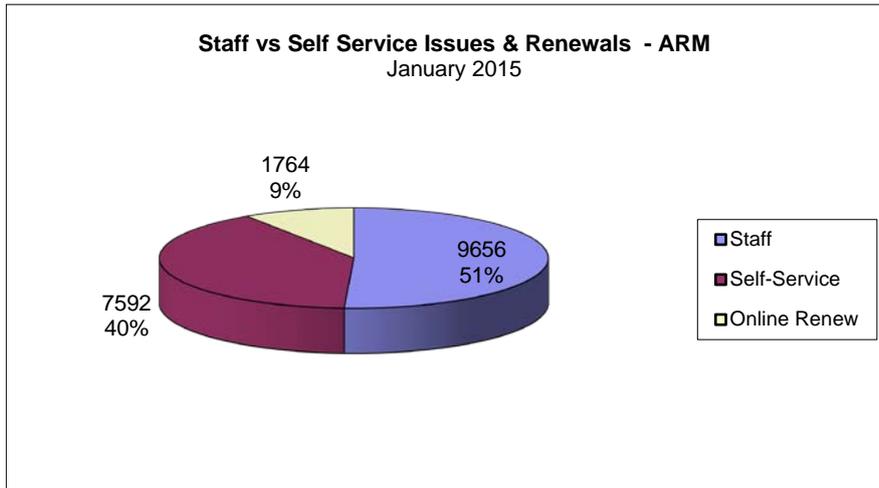
The museum is currently developing its in-house strategic business plan for the next five years. The purpose of the plan is to be a management tool to assist in budget development, identifying projects for grant funding as well ways to ensure the museum collection remains relevant to modern audiences.

STATISTICS









STATISTICS

Library Services – Statistics – Birtwistle (monthly) 2016 – January LIB/S/20

Birtwistle Local Studies Library				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	Jan '16	Jan '15	July '15 – Jan '16	July '14 – Jan '15
Reference Enquiries	2	7	25	42
Research Enquiries	3	15	43	72
Visitor Attendance total	65	103	684	634
Volunteer Hours total	78	27	1021	938
Digitising Records (hrs)	15	18	209	211
Oral History				
Letters Sent	1	3	26	16
Interviews Completed	0	0	9	10
Transcripts Completed/ reviewed	1	0	14	13
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	32	3	241	164
Volunteer Hours - Interviewing	0	0	20	24
Family History Research				
Reference	0	2	9	91
Research	11	20	219	190
Volunteer Hours	0	8	224	276

HISTORY HOUSE MUSEUM – JANUARY 2016

History Museum	House	Current Month	Year to date		
			January 15	July 15- June 16	Jul 14 – June 15
		January 16			
General Visitors		156	167	909	1007
School Visits		0	0	254	250
School Incursions		0	0	54	352
Holiday Programs		54	80	185	109
Community Programs		45	0	168	142
Seniors Programs		0	0	0	54
Total Visitors		255	247	1570	1914
Volunteer Hours		175	90	867	1003
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum		January 16	January 15	July 15 – June 16	Jul 14 – June 15
Visitors		97	96	799	1164

RANGER & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Animal Control

Dogs

Ranger Services received five hundred and forty six (546) requests for assistance during the report period. The primary focus of Ranger Services is managing the response to the community for requests for service.

Whilst some of the operational areas are recording a decline in activity from the comparable period of 2014/2015, there is a minor increase in the total number of requests for assistance for this period.

Cats

Ranger Services received eighty three (83) requests for assistance during this report period.

The total number of cats currently registered with the City is currently 2,535 notwithstanding a decrease in the overall number of cats registered compared to the corresponding period of 2014/2015

Court Action

No matters were referred to the Courts during this report period

Vehicles

Parking

Ranger Service attended to seventy four (74) general enquires relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period.

Commercial Vehicles (Trucks)

There has been a slight decrease in the number of reports received regarding trucks being parked in residential areas for extended periods of time. Rangers will continue to be vigilant in this area of operations.

Parking Control around Schools

Ranger Services will continue to attend at local schools throughout the district, on a regular basis, to ensure the safety of children is maintained. One of the ways of achieving this is by a strict application of the Local Law Relating to Parking; thereby reducing the risk of injury caused by the indiscriminate parking of vehicles, to ensure a safer environment for children on their way to and from school and to decrease traffic congestion surrounding schools during drop off and pick up times. Notwithstanding it is the responsibility of every driver to ensure that they are aware of, and comply with parking and other traffic requirements in a particular area.

Abandoned Vehicles

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

Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

Ranger Service attended to fourteen (14) reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in a prohibited area, during the report period.

Ranger Services currently provide a service to the community in respect to reports of off-road vehicles being driven or used in bushland areas, particularly where it is identified that life and or property are at risk, such matters are dealt with pursuant to the “*Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978*” (ORV Act).

Where it is reported, or observed, that unlicensed vehicle are being driven or used on public roads such matters are dealt with pursuant to the provisions of the *Road Traffic Act 1974*, (RTA) which is administered by W.A. Police Service (WAPOL)

Notwithstanding, where a complaint is received alleging that a contravention of the ORV Act has occurred, regardless of it being in a private or public place, Ranger Services initiate a full and thorough investigation of the incident.

Litter

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 ever vigilant in identifying and apprehending litter offenders.

During this report period Ranger Services attended to forty seven (47) requests for service. The overall number of litter related incidents for 2015/2016 shows a 41% increase in litter enquires from the corresponding period of 2014/2015.

Fire Services

Rangers continue a high profile in relation to hazardous blocks and offer advice to land owners with regard to fuel reduction and ongoing maintenance of firebreaks.

Ranger Services attended to one hundred and twenty five (125) enquires, during this report period, mainly associated with alternative style firebreaks and advice regarding general fire safety.

Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades experience the usual amount of calls to bush/scrub fires, during January, however due to the excellent response from members they have been able to deal with those incidents in a timely and effective manner, thereby reducing the potential for a major fire situation.

General

Ranger Services are now actively engaged in the annual firebreak inspections programme, this year Rangers have been particularly vigilant in targeting vacant land with long dry grass

During this report period Ranger Services carried out firebreak inspections on one thousand eight hundred and ninety (1,890) properties, 16 infringement notices were issued to land owners for failing to comply with the Firebreak Notice

The primary focus of Ranger Services is managing the response to the community for requests for service. This has significantly increased over the last five years commensurate with the population growth and the general requirements for Ranger Services to enforce a number of Acts and Local Laws relating to Local Government operations and jurisdiction.

Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Fire-fighters play a significant and vital role in ensuring that the community is a safe place to work, live and play. Whether it is carrying out risk management activities, fire prevention activities, fighting a fire, teaching fire safety education to school children, working with local residents to improve their own personal safety or responding to bushfires, the activities and learning skills required to manage these incidents and activities can be extremely exciting and challenging

The approach currently being taken is to encourage every resident to accept responsibility to reduce the impact of bushfires by establishing and following a Bushfire Action Plan which includes a pre-fire season clean-up and general annual preparation and maintenance programmes.

