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## **Gift and Travel Disclosures – Definition of a ‘Gift’**

The Department of Local Government and Communities released a Special Governance Bulletin on 11 March 2016 in response to the new gift and contribution to travel disclosure requirements resulting from the proclamation of the City of Perth Act 2016.

In dealing with the new requirements to place disclosures in an online register on the Local Government’s website, the Governance Bulletin goes on to give examples of how to define the meaning of a ‘gift’ through eight hypothetical case studies. A number of case studies indicate a previously unforeseen scope and extent of gift declaration obligations for Elected Members, CEO’s and certain employees.

WALGA appreciates the intent of the City of Perth Act is to improve transparency and timeliness of disclosures; however a number of the interpretations provided by the Department of Local Government and Communities appear onerous and have produced unreasonable outcomes in our view. Certainly if these are the new benchmarks for public accountability, any comparison reveals that State and Commonwealth Politicians and public servants are now falling significantly below the performance standards expected of Local Governments.

WALGA has arranged meetings with the Minister for Local Government together with the Opposition Spokesperson for Local Government in the next week. The Association will advocate for a review of the gift provisions and for clarity to be provided on reasonable circumstances when a person is expected to make a declaration.

For more information, contact Executive Manager Governance & Organisational Services, Tony Brown on 9213 2051 or Manager Governance, James McGovern on 9213 2093.

## **Vacancies on Boards and Committees**

The Association is pleased to announce the following vacancies:

- Local Government Advisory Board (LGAB)

1 Member & 1 Deputy Member

- WA Local Government Grants Commission

1 Country Urban Member & 1 Deputy Country Urban Member (Cities/Towns)

- Local Government Standards Panel

1 Member and 1 Deputy Member

Nominees are required to submit a completed nomination form, statement addressing the selection criteria and short curriculum vitae (two pages maximum) before the close of nominations 5:00pm Monday, 11 April.

Nomination forms are available [here](#).

For more information, contact Governance Support Officer, Margaret Degebrodt or call 9213

2036.

## **State Underground Power Program**

There has been a high level of interest in submissions for Round 6 of the State Underground Power Program.

In order to meet the requirements of the process it is critical to note that all Local Government requests for network priority maps or cost estimates must be sent to the program Executive Officer by Friday, 1 April, which is four weeks before the closing time for submissions at 2:30pm (AWST) Friday, 29 April.

For more information, email Executive Officer, State Underground Power Program or call 6551 1000.

## **2016 Resilient Australia Awards**

The 2016 Resilient Australia Awards recognise and promote initiatives across the nation that support and strengthen community disaster resilience.

Councils that have done important work towards community resilience are encouraged to enter the WA Resilient Australia Government Award category. Applications that win the State and Territory level will become finalists for national judging and have the chance to win a National Resilient Australia Award.

Applications open Monday, 21 March and close Thursday, 9 June.

In 2015, the City of Mandurah were the overall winners of the Australia Government Award Government in WA going on to receive a highly commended award at the National Award Ceremony.

The City of Cockburn and the City of Greater Geraldton both received highly commended awards in this category for their individual projects.

For more information, visit the Attorney-General's Department's website or email the Resilient Australia Awards Manager.

## **AEDC Release of 2015 Results**

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) community results for 2015 are now publicly available.

The AEDC is a population measure of young children's progress against five developmental domains. The data is analysed and reported at the national, state/territory and AEDC community levels (based on the suburb town in which children live).

This was the third data collection, so many communities will have results from 2009, 2012

and 2015 which can be compared to assess changes in children's development over time.

To assist in making informed decisions about whether 'real change' has taken place, a method known as 'critical difference' has been developed. For more information on the calculation of the critical difference, see the AEDC technical report 'Calculation of the Critical Difference'.

The 2015 State report will be released shortly.

For more information and to view the results visit the Australian Early Development Census website.

## **Waroona Bushfire Appeal – AFL Masters Carnival**

In support of the Waroona Bush Fire Appeal, the Waroona AFL Masters are hosting an over 35s carnival on Sunday, 20 March at Sir Ross McLarty Oval in Pinjarra with support from the Shire of Murray's Community Development Officer and WALGA Training Compliance Coordinator, Christine Jones.

The carnival has so far attracted six teams and will involve a number of games along with family friendly activities. Funds for the Bush Fire Appeal will be raised through a BBQ, a cash bar and canteen (a percentage of monies raised will be going to the Appeal Fund), and a number of raffles.

Members of the public and Local Government representatives are invited to attend and Councils are able to assist further through the donation of raffle prizes, volunteers to assist on the day as well provision of any further fundraising ideas.

For more information, email WALGA Training Compliance Coordinator, Christine Jones or call 0407 777 501.

## **What's on for Local Government**

Useful links for the Local Government sector:

Council Best Practice Showcase

Local Government Association South Australia

## **Assistant Minister focuses cities agenda on access to local jobs**

Speaking recently at a Sydney Business Chamber conference, the Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation, the Hon Angus Taylor MP said the Government's cities agenda will focus on improved access to quality local jobs, housing affordability and the sustainability and amenity of our cities.

Mr Taylor said the cities agenda was now a whole-of-government focus.

"We will work with all levels of government, industry and community to ensure we have a coordinated and effective approach to long term planning," Mr Taylor said.

"We intend to work with willing jurisdictions on a bilateral basis to develop agreements to improve our cities. These agreements will be designed to improve the alignment of Commonwealth, State and Local Governments and provide a platform for co-operation and infrastructure investment."

Read the full media release at [this link](#).

## **New initiative to boost inclusiveness in local communities**

The Scanlon Foundation and Welcome to Australia have launched a new national initiative to assist governments, businesses and individuals to work together to create more inclusive communities.

Welcoming Cities, delivered in partnership with US not-for-profit Welcoming America, will foster meaningful collaboration between Australian local governments and implement evidenced-based approaches to increasing a sense of belonging and participation for all, both in communities and on a national scale.

The initiative will help communities recognise the important ways that immigrants and refugees make them stronger economically, socially and culturally. It will also showcase the great work being done by many communities and councils across Australia, and bring a national and international standard to what it means to be a 'welcoming city'.

More information on Welcoming Cities is available on the newly-launched website: [www.welcomingcities.org.au/](http://www.welcomingcities.org.au/)

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## **2016 Resilient Australia Awards opens 21 March**

The 2016 Resilient Australia Awards, which recognise and promote initiatives across the nation that support and strengthen community disaster resilience, will open on 21 March 2016.

This year's Resilient Australia Awards are open to individuals, not-for-profit organisations, businesses, local and state government, educational institutions, research bodies and emergency service agencies. There is also a photography award for photos that communicate work in disaster resilience.

Given local government's important work towards community resilience, councils are encouraged to enter their state or territory Resilient Australia Government Award category.

Applications that win the state and territory level will become finalists for national judging and have the chance to win a National Resilient Australia Award.

Award entries close on 9 June 2016.

More information is available on the Resilient Australia Awards Portal and guidelines are available on the Attorney-General's Department website.

## **President's column**

Key drivers of success for the councils of the future will include the ability to innovate and adapt to change. Today's councillors and mayors must be open to new ideas, innovative ways of engaging citizens and making interactions with councils quicker and simpler.

Under the theme Partners in an Innovative and Prosperous Australia, delegates at this year's National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) will look at the many ways local government is being innovative both here and overseas. As a responsive, pragmatic and dynamic level of government, councils innovate with technology, with their resources and in practical ways within their organisations and communities.

With a Federal election due later this year, the NGA will also offer an opportunity to elevate local government issues to the Federal level. The influence of local government is reflected in the ongoing high-level political engagement the NGA receives, and this year will be no different. I have invited the Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition, Leader of the Australian Greens, Minister for Local Government and Shadow Minister for Local Government to address the NGA and to give you the opportunity to hear directly from them in the lead up to the election.

ALGA is pleased to confirm that the Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Richard Di Natale, will attend and speak at the NGA.

He will be joined by renowned author, political commentator and former economics correspondent, George Megalogenis, who will share his reflections of the political and

economic history of Australia and what it could mean for local government, particularly in the face of a looming Federal election.

I invite you to join me and your colleagues at this year's NGA held from 19-22 June in Canberra. A registration brochure has been mailed to all councils this week. You can also register online at [www.alga.asn.au](http://www.alga.asn.au), with an early bird registration discount available until 6 May.

Mayor Troy Pickard  
ALGA President

## **Councils honour local women on International Women's Day**

Councils across the country held events honouring local women to celebrate this year's International Women's Day. Events ranged from breakfasts, exhibitions, photo competitions, twilight suppers and panel discussions.

The Leichhardt Council marked the Day with its International Women's Day Honour Roll, which recognises the women in the Leichhardt community and acknowledges their contributions to the community, particularly to women's social justice and equality. 28 women were nominated with 10 of them added to the Honour Roll.

Held on the 8th of March each year, International Women's Day unites women across the world and celebrates the contribution that women make to their workplaces, their families and their communities.

ALGA's booklet, *Women in Politics*, tells the stories of outstanding women and inspires other women to follow in their footsteps. With an estimated 27.3 per cent of councillors being women (in 2010), the booklet also encourages greater participation of women in political life in all levels of government. As the level of government closest to the community, it is important that councils reflect the communities they serve. Download the booklet for free on the ALGA website.

## **NDIS transition update**

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Disability Reform Council (the Council) recently met in Adelaide to discuss a number of issues critical for the successful roll-out, and full transition to, the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

The Council confirmed that bilateral agreements for the NDIS transition to full scheme are now in place for New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, and the Australian Capital Territory, providing coverage for 64 per cent of the estimated 460,000 people expected to be eligible for the scheme.

Transition commenced in South Australia on 1 February 2016 with children aged under 14 continuing to be the first group to access the NDIS.

From 1 July 2016, transition will commence in New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania, and by the end of the 2016-17 year, it is expected that around 140,000 participants will have entered the scheme.

Active negotiations are continuing with Queensland and the Northern Territory, while the trial in Barkly in the Northern Territory and the early transition sites in Queensland continue to be implemented.

More information is available in a communique issued by the Council at this link.

## **New RDA Committee Chair and Deputy Chair appointments in NSW**

The Government has announced the appointment of the Hon Don Page, former member of the NSW Parliament for Ballina, as the new Chair of the Regional Development Australia (RDA) Northern Rivers Committee for a three-year term, and Mr David Gallagher as new Deputy Chair of the RDA Committee Far West for a two-year term.

Minister for Regional Development Fiona Nash and New South Wales Minister for Regional Development John Barilaro said RDA committees play a key role in growing stronger regions across the nation and ensuring that all three tiers of government work together as productively as possible.

The committees assist local community stakeholders to develop project proposals and direct them to appropriate public and/or private funding sources--including the \$1 billion National Stronger Regions Fund.

The committees also provide advice to the Government on critical issues affecting each region and are an important mechanism to increase access to Australian Government programmes in their communities.

For more information and the latest news from the national RDA network visit [rda.gov.au](http://rda.gov.au).

## **Transport connectivity inquiry heads to Melbourne**

As the inquiry into the role of transport connectivity on stimulating development and economic activity moves to Melbourne on Friday, a key focus will be on how investments in transport assets could be offset by the increase in property value along transport corridors.

Chair of the House of Representatives Infrastructure, Transport and Cities Committee, Mr John Alexander MP, emphasised that transport connectivity was not an end in itself--it was a means of achieving urban renewal and regional development.

"Transport connectivity makes our cities more liveable and our regions more accessible, while also increasing the value of the property along transport corridors and adjacent to transport assets, such as rail and bus stations," Mr Alexander said.

"Value capture is about using some of that increased value to pay for the infrastructure that

created it, with even modest gains in property value potentially creating a significant funding base. This could be utilised to build transport infrastructure projects from small light rail services to interstate high speed rail connectivity."

The Melbourne hearing details are available on the Inquiry website. The public hearing will also be webcast live at <http://www.aph.gov.au/live>

## **Certified carbon neutral certification expanded**

The Government's National Carbon Offset Standard certification system, which recognises carbon neutral businesses, products, services and events will be expanded to include cities, precincts and buildings.

The expansion will enable cities, precincts and buildings to be certified as carbon neutral, with an expert committee established with aim of having the first officially certified and operating carbon neutral precinct or city by January 2017. The committee will also work towards a carbon neutral certification of Australia's buildings.

The first meeting of the Expert Committee is planned for April 2016 and members will include representatives from big cities, Barangaroo Delivery Authority, the Green Building Council of Australia, the National Australian Built Environment Rating System and the CRC for Low Carbon Living.

For more information on the National Carbon Offset Standard, contact [ncos@environment.gov.au](mailto:ncos@environment.gov.au)

## **Report finds councils' ICT capabilities expanded**

An annual survey of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) in local councils has found that, while a capability gap between councils of different sizes remains, small and medium sized agencies have expanded their capabilities while containing or reducing ICT costs.

Assessment criteria of the annual benchmarking of ICT productivity in local councils included several factors - ICT capabilities, delivery of ICT-enabled projects, quality of ICT services and staff satisfaction with ICT performance.

There was no standout performer this year, but several councils reported good results in different categories. For example, Albury City (NSW) has advanced to a higher performance quartile and, at the same time, reduced their ICT spend per employee, which is now about 20 per cent less than the average expenditure.

Over the next 12 months, the average ICT budget is expected to grow by about 4 per cent, with top priority given to 'digital government' projects. Councils are also planning to increase investments in revisions of their ICT architecture to reflect the growing number of IT applications, adoption of cloud-based technologies, and increased volumes and data management requirements.

If you would like more information, please contact Leila Abbasova for a copy of the report.

## MEDIA RELEASE

23 March 2016

### No place for complacency on the roads this Easter

Even though school holidays are yet to arrive, it is no reason to become complacent on the roads as you set off on your Easter break.

That's the reminder from the WA Local Government Association together with Local Governments, RoadWise Committees and other road safety groups in the lead up to local Blessing of the Roads events this year.

An initiative of WALGA's RoadWise program, the Blessing of the Roads campaign provides the opportunity to promote road safety during this busy time of year to prevent road trauma. WALGA President Cr Lynne Craigie said the campaign encourages road users to be responsible for their own actions and help local communities raise awareness of road safety in the lead up to Easter.

"Achieving road safety objectives is about shared responsibility - road managers, agencies and road users all playing their part to create a safe road system," Cr Craigie said.

"Local Governments work toward creating a safer road environment and individuals are responsible for their own actions when using the roads.

"Through the Blessing of the Roads campaign we are calling on everyone to contribute where they can for a death and injury free Easter period," she said.

"As we head into the Easter long weekend, remember to:

- plan ahead if drinking - arrange a skipper, take public transport or stay overnight;
- travel at a safe speed by driving to the conditions of the road;
- buckle up when travelling in a vehicle;
- take a break or swap drivers to prevent fatigue; and
- turn off your mobile phone before driving."

"The Blessing of the Roads campaign gives us the opportunity to promote the importance of road safety to all, by spreading the campaign's messages at events, displays and to family, friends and colleagues," Cr Craigie said.

Local Governments, emergency services and other members of the community road safety network have joined forces to organise formal Blessing of the Road events, ceremonies and other local activities to promote campaign messages in their community.

Details of some upcoming Blessing of the Roads events are provided below:

Organisation	Location	Date	Time
Shire of Katanning	All Ages Playground, Katanning	Wednesday, 23 March	5.30pm
Shire of Bruce Rock	At the slip road outside Amphitheatre.	Wednesday, 23 March	3.30pm
Shire of Victoria Plains	Benedictine Community Church,	Thursday, 24 March	10.00am
Shire of Carnarvon	St Mary's School	Thursday, 31 March	1.45pm

For more information about Blessing of the Roads or to download available resources, visit the RoadWise website; [www.roadwise.asn.au/blessing-of-the-roads.aspx](http://www.roadwise.asn.au/blessing-of-the-roads.aspx).

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## **1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS**

### **New Staff:**

- Workplace Health and Safety Officer – 26/04/2016
- Property Support Officer – 21/03/2016

### **Staff Leaving:**

- Arts and Events Officer – 02/04/2016
- Digital Services Officer – 29/03/2016
- Executive Assistant Technical Services – 29/03/2016

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

- Statutory Planning Officer (Extension) – 04/01/2016 to 01/04/2016
- Building Surveyor to Senior Building Surveyor – 17/02/2016
- Coordinator Property Services to Manager Property Services – 16/03/2016

### **Current Recruitment Activity:**

- Coordinator Property Services – Closes 04/04/2016
- Digital Services Officer – Closes 04/04/2016
- Building/Health Compliance Officer – Recruitment Progressing
- Building/ Health Compliance Officer (Part-time) – Recruitment Progressing
- Executive Assistant Technical Services – Recruitment Progressing
- Parks Technical Officer – Recruitment Progressing

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TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS		
ITEM	REFERRING COMMITTEE	COMMENTS
<p><b>Ordinary Council Meeting of Monday, 21 December 2015 - Matters for Referral – Cr Wielinga:</b></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 to be presented to the Technical Services Committee Meeting of 4 April 2016.</p>
<p><b>Ordinary Council Meeting of Monday, 25 January 2016 – Petition presented by Cr K Busby:</b></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 was presented to the Technical Services Committee Meeting of 29 February 2016 (T8/2/16), and subsequently to the Ordinary Council Meeting of insert date (resolution #).</p>

**TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE**  
**Works Programme – March 2016 – May 2016**



Department	March 2016	April 2016	May 2016
<b>City Projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harrisdale (East) – Stage 2 Works commence.</li> <li>Piara Waters (South) – Design Team contract award.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harrisdale (East) – Stage 2 Works continue.</li> <li>Piara Waters (South) – Design development.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harrisdale (East) – Stage 2 Works continue.</li> <li>Piara Waters (South) – Design development continues.</li> </ul>
<b>Civil Works</b>	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nicholson Road – Duplication – Stages 3 and 4 – Piara Drive to Armadale Road.</li> <li>Nicholson Road and Yellowwood– New Intersection Surfacing.</li> <li>Riverside Lane – Drainage.</li> <li>Westfield Road – Streetscape.</li> <li>Challis Primary School – Carpark.</li> <li>Strawberry Drive - Traffic calming.</li> </ul> <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Routine maintenance as per Programme.</li> <li>Contract road sweeping.</li> <li>Footpath defects.</li> <li>Bridge routine and preventive maintenance.</li> <li>Car park maintenance.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nicholson Road – Duplication – Stages 3 and 4 – Piara Drive to Armadale Road.</li> <li>Westfield Road – Streetscape.</li> <li>Strawberry Drive - Traffic calming.</li> <li>Banyard Avenue - Drainage upgrade.</li> <li>Columbia Parkway Primary School Carpark.</li> <li>River Road - Resurfacing.</li> <li>Owen Road Depot –Renew.</li> </ul> <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Routine maintenance as per Programme.</li> <li>Contract road sweeping.</li> <li>Footpath defects.</li> <li>Bridge routine and preventive maintenance.</li> <li>Car park maintenance.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nicholson Road – Duplication – Stages 3 and 4 – Piara Drive to Armadale Road.</li> <li>Ypres Road and O’Sullivan Drive – Intersection Upgrade.</li> <li>Westfield Road – Streetscape.</li> <li>Banyard Avenue - Drainage upgrade.</li> <li>Forrest Road and Neilson Avenue – Roundabout.</li> <li>Owen Road Depot –Renew.</li> </ul> <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Routine maintenance as per Programme.</li> <li>Contract road sweeping.</li> <li>Footpath defects.</li> <li>Bridge routine and preventive maintenance.</li> <li>Car park maintenance.</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Design and Engineering</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fourth Road – Streetscaping, parking, street lighting, local area traffic management.</li> <li>• Avonlee Road / Church Avenue Roundabout Pre-deflection.</li> <li>• Balannup Drain (PDC).</li> <li>• Piara Primary School - Parking and drainage along Columbia Parkway (WGE).</li> <li>• 2016/2017 Program for Designs – Metropolitan Regional Road Group (MRRG) Grant projects as priority:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Railway Avenue – Lowanna Way to Gillam Drive.</li> <li>- Connell Avenue – City Boundary to Lucich Street.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 2016/2017 Blackspot Design Programme:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wungong Road – Harber Drive.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 2017/2018 Blackspot Concept Design Drawings (Projects currently being determined).</li> <li>• Harrisdale Drive – local area traffic management.</li> <li>• Standard drawing register for Engineering and Parks.</li> <li>• Concept Plan for traffic signals at the intersection of Armadale Road / Eighth Road for Blackspot submission.</li> <li>• Cross Park – Relocation of cricket nets / earthworks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fourth Road – Streetscaping, parking, street lighting, local area traffic management.</li> <li>• Allen Road – local area traffic management.</li> <li>• Wungong Road – local area traffic management.</li> <li>• 2016/2017 Program for Designs – Metropolitan Regional Road Group (MRRG) Grant projects as priority:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Railway Avenue – Lowanna Way to Gillam Drive.</li> <li>- Seville Drive – Armadale Road to Gillam Drive.</li> <li>- Connell Avenue – City Boundary to Lucich Street.</li> <li>- Forrest Road – Eighth Road to Millman Way.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 2016/2017 Blackspot Design Programme:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wungong Road – Harber Drive intersection.</li> <li>- Columbia Parkway – Pleasant Avenue Roundabout.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 2017/2018 Blackspot Concept Design Drawings (Projects currently being determined).</li> <li>• Concept Plan for traffic signals at the intersection of Armadale Road / Eighth Road for Blackspot submission.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fourth Road – Streetscaping, parking, street lighting, local area traffic management.</li> <li>• 2016/2017 Program for Designs – Metropolitan Regional Road Group (MRRG) Grant projects as priority:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seville Drive – Armadale Road to Gillam Drive.</li> <li>- Forrest Road – Eighth Road to Millman Way.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 2016/2017 Blackspot Design Programme:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Columbia Parkway – Pleasant Avenue Roundabout.</li> <li>- Fifth Road / Dale Road – Roundabout.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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<b>Parks Design and Documentation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frye Park Drainage Specification.</li> <li>• Request for Quote - Electrical Cabinet Renewal.</li> <li>• Canning River Walking Trail Concept (Parks / Environment / Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group).</li> <li>• Frye Park - Master Planning (with Community Services).</li> <li>• Morgan Park - Master Planning (with Community Services).</li> <li>• Creyk Park – Master Planning (with Community Services).</li> <li>• Karragullen Oval – Master Planning (with Community Services).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Lighting - Preliminary Investigations - John Dunn, William Skeet and Gwynne Park Main Oval.</li> <li>• Groundwater Aquifer Mapping - Cross Park, Springdale Oval and Karragullen Oval.</li> <li>• Request for Tender - Armadale Golf Course Irrigation Supply and Installation.</li> <li>• Canning River Walking Trail Concept (Parks / Environment / Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canning River Walking Trail Concept (Parks / Environment / Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group).</li> </ul>
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<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – MARCH 2016</b>		
	<b>DEPT.</b>	<b>ACTION/STATUS</b>
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**

The Public Comment Period for Draft Master Plans for Bob Blackburn Reserve and Gwynne Park closed on 4 March and a final report from the consultants will be presented to Council in April. Draft Master Plans for Creyk Park, Frye Park, Karragullen Reserve and Morgan Park have completed the stakeholder consultation phase and will be presented to Council for approval to undertake a public comment period. These are the last of the 12 community/sporting hubs to be put through the Master planning process and a combined outcomes report is anticipated for June 2016.

## **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) is reviewed every five years.

The City's DAIP is due for review during 2016. The City has contracted E-Qual Disability Consultants to undertake the consultation process with five focus groups arranged and surveys for both the Community and City of Armadale Staff. Consultation will conclude by the 25 March with a briefing of findings to Councillors in May.

#### **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**

#### **Leadership Development Course**

The City has continued to coordinate the Leadership Development Course based at the Champion Centre. Enrolments in the course this term have increased to the point of two groups being formed and appointing extra lecturers. This particular course targets community members who have previously disengaged from education options. Over 85% of those attending this round of courses are from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background, with a significant proportion having had previous contact with the judicial system.

### **Indigenous Development**

#### **Aboriginal Engagement Networking Meeting**

There has been a concerted effort for all Aboriginal Community Development Officers to get together and catch-up on what their various local governments are doing in their communities. The meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February was held at the Champion Centre with Aboriginal Officers from the following LGA's Melville, Cockburn, Fremantle, Belmont, Swan and Stirling. All participants were then taken on a tour of the Centre.

#### **Abmusic**

Indigenous Development and Abmusic have met and negotiated a partnership to deliver an event at the end of Reconciliation Week at the Aboriginal Interpretive Centre in Champion Lakes. The purpose of the event will be to raise awareness of health issues for Aboriginal and TSI community and promoting healthy lifestyles and creating safer communities.

Information Items from the Community Services Directorate

Through this project we propose to present a Live Concert, information stalls and activities that promote responsible drinking and prevention of harm through drug use. As it is in Reconciliation Week the whole community is invited to attend.

**Mental Health Commission**

Numerous discussions with the Mental Health Commission have been held around mental health issues of youth and their families and to provide information on the Strong Spirit Strong Mind Project. The Strong Spirit Strong Mind Metro Project is about raising awareness of alcohol and other drug issues among Aboriginal people, families and communities in the Perth metropolitan area. With a focus on young people aged 12 to 25 years, the project encourages Aboriginal people to develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills to choose healthy lifestyles, promote healthy environments and create safer communities. Their target areas are Armadale, Mirrabooka and Northbridge. The representatives are also partnering with Indigenous Development with the Abmusic concert.

**Champion Centre****Family History Day**

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March a Family History Day was organised in partnership with Indigenous Consulting Group. The day was well attended by approximately 70 adults and 30 children. Service Providers included the South West Land and Sea Council, State library, Yorgum and Challenger TAFE.

**Coomal College commenced**

Our 3-5 year old School Readiness program began on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February as a resounding success. Marketing was only done through word of mouth and we currently have 7 mothers and 9 children attending, although we are currently developing a marketing strategy to engage more parents.

**Family History Project Afterschool Program**

The program commenced on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> March with a small group in attendance, the next session the children were able to bring friends and a dad! The program is an opportunity for both primary and senior students to discover more about their family and local history. The outcomes are:

- You will be researching, writing, drawing, filming, interviewing and creating content which will be used to create a film later in the year.
- You will discover more about who you are
- You will learn more about Armadale and the local history
- You will have FUN!

**Arts and Cultural Development****Harmony Day Festival Photography Exhibition  
Baker's House, 20 March 2016**

The City has partnered with the Australia China Friendship Society to coordinate a Chinese photography exhibition at the Harmony Day Festival at Baker's House on Sunday 20 March 2016 between 11am-4pm.



Information Items from the Community Services Directorate

The exhibition titled ‘*Yunnan Province: A Path to Discovery*’ by Elana Halverson features images of the landscapes and multicultural diversity of the Yunnan region. The aim of the cultural project is to engage with the growing Chinese community living in the Piara Waters and Harrisdale suburbs. A bilingual marketing campaign has been assisted by the WA Director of the Australia China Friendship Society Roz Hanley, a Roleystone resident for the past 40 years.

**Armadale Arts Festival (AAF) Community Working Groups**

The City has coordinated a series of community working group meetings throughout February to assist in bringing the new Armadale Arts Festival (AAF) to fruition. Approximately 50 people have been involved in the three working groups focused on the Youth and Children’s events, the arts and craft market and the festival club initiative. The AAF program has been developed and coordinated with significant input from local community artists sending in their festival ideas. The festival program launch is planned for 10am-12pm Wednesday 23 March in the Jull St Mall.

**Jull St Mall Activation - Music in the Mall & Twilight Markets**

The *Music in the Mall* and *Twilight Markets* entertainment has continued throughout February and been well received by the community and the local artists involved.

**Children and Families****Westfield Primary School Protective Behaviours Program**

The City has funded the *Westfield Madi Movers* active after school program which commenced on 16 February at Westfield Park Primary School. This uses music and movement to deliver a Protective Behaviours message to students aged 8 to 11. The key focus is on anti-bullying messages and what children can do to build their confidence to stand up for themselves. If children are experiencing bullying or abuse, they are encouraged to “keep telling” until someone acts on their behalf if required to keep them safe. This program is being delivered by MADIworks Inc, a local community organisation working to build capacity in children to stand up for themselves and to promote the priority of child safety and wellbeing in the community.

At the conclusion of this five-week pilot program, the participants will perform for their school community at an assembly. After an assessment of the program, City officers will decide if the program will continue. There are currently 35 children involved.

**Australian Early Development Census**

Over the past two years, the City has been delivering Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) Information Sessions to 19 of the 22 local child care centres to demonstrate how the AEDC data (which is collected every three years from all five year-old children nationally) can be used to inform early years programming.

The Department of Education has endorsed this approach and intends to recommend that child care centres across the state receive similar information sessions. The City has worked closely with the Department to produce a range of resources for child care centres to display information about the AEDC and to indicate that the centre has received the information session.

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The City will be holding a launch of these resources and promote the release of the 2015 AEDC results to key stakeholders including child care centre and school staff.

**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 has commenced at the Kelmscott Library on Mondays 15, 22, 29 February and 14, 21 March with Dale Christen College commencing in April at the Armadale Library.

**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 2 March at the Armadale Library. The topics discussed were 'Living with Parkinson's' presented by the Armadale Parkinson's Support Group and 'Food Sensations' presented by the Juniper Outreach Dietician. Forty three people attended with all being highly satisfied or satisfied with the session.

*Upcoming session*

The next Positive Ageing Session will be on Wednesday 6 April discussing the topics 'The Power of the Nervous System' presented by Nervana Chiropractic and 'Understanding Grief' presented by Silver Chain.

**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.

The first session for 2016 was held on Thursday 11 February on 'Cake Decorating'. Twelve people booked with six people in attendance.

*Upcoming session*

The next get Positive Ageing Come and Try – Let's Get Crafty Session will be held on the 14 April. Participants will be able to make a picture frame. Bunnings Armadale will be hosting this session.

**Major Events****Movies in the Park**

The City ran two Movies nights in February the first being in Rushton Park on Friday 19 February and screening Oddball. The Armadale Scouts ran a fundraising sausage sizzle and attendance was around 500.

The second was run at Xavier Catholic School in partnership with Stockland and screening Minions. The Parents and Friends Association ran a fundraising sausage

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sizzle and coffee shop throughout the evening. Two more Movies in the Park will be held in March at Bakers House, Harrisdale and Churchman Brooke, Bedfordale.

**Twilight Market**

Another successful Twilight Market was run on Friday 5 February in Jull Street Mall. This being the third of the series we have run so far had no security or medical issues arise during these events. Friday 4 March will be the last Twilight Market that is run for this summer season.

**Armadale Arts Festival**

The Armadale Arts Festival is now coming to fruition with full program information to be released in early March and a program launch being held in Jull Street Mall on Wednesday 23 March.

**Youth****Young Women’s Development Program**

The City’s Young Women’s Development Program titled *Perfect Imperfections* commenced this week with eight young women identified as having low self-esteem, confidence, body image issues and low self-worth. During the first session the girls outlined a code of behaviour, discussed expectations and broke down initial barriers through establishing rapport with each other. They also created “vision boards” to set the scene and identify their goals for the nine weeks ahead.

Students from Armadale Senior High School, Roleystone Community College and John Wollaston Anglican Community School are participating in the program. A range of professional facilitators will be engaging with the group in positive workshops throughout March and April, covering the topics of health and nutrition, self-image and identity, positive affirmations and strengths, public speaking and self-confidence.



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The City commenced its Urban Arts Project this month with the first of four local *young artists* undergoing four one-on-one sessions of mentoring from a contracted professional artist Darren Hutchens. The mentoring sessions aim to assist the young 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. A group of up to 15 young people with an expressed interest in art will join us on 3 April for the first *Armadale Legals Paint Jam*. The urban mural will be painted on the Dog Pound Wall, with the young painters invited to take part in a design workshop with the artists prior to the paint day.

*Upcoming Projects***National Youth Week Event 2016**

The City was successful in receiving a Department of Local Government and Communities Grant to hold a National Youth Week event. The Armadale Youth Collaborative Action Network (CAN) have been working together on this event which is planned to take place on Sunday 10 April in the Jull Street Mall. Major partners with the City involved in the event include Hope Community Services, Save the Children and Headspace Armadale. Planned activities include live entertainment from local artists, urban art demo, ‘chill out’ (positive mental health) tent, drug and alcohol aware stall with games and competitions, food trucks, sausage sizzle, basketball competitions, cultural art workshops, interactive chalk art activities and local school performances.

**Drug Aware Ignite Basketball**

The program relaunched for its fourth term on 30 February 2016 with 27 young people attending, followed by 46 the next week. During the next 38 sessions, workshops to be held include Bindi Bindi Dreaming, Hope Community Services, Armadale Fire Brigade, Perth Wildcats and Headspace Armadale with a particular focus this year on domestic violence.

**Armadale Youth Intervention Partnership (AYIP)**

The AYIP continues to work together to support the needs of several prolific offenders in the city. Through this partnership, organisations have been able to provide alternative education opportunities, support to the family as a whole and assistance with obtaining necessary identification documents such as birth certificates.

Regarding the AYIP School Holiday program held during January 2016, Kim Bryce, a Youth Crime Intervention Officer from the WA Police stated:

*“The Armadale Youth Intervention Partnership has been a fantastic example of numerous like-minded agencies working together as one to address significant local police and community concerns in regards to youth offending.*

*This partnership consisting of – City of Armadale, Save the Children Australia, Hope Community Services, YMCA and WA Police have pooled together their substantial resources to target a specific cohort of offending youths that create high demand for policing resources over peak policing periods (summer school holiday period).*

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*This diversionary program targeted six youths referred by the Armadale Youth Crime Intervention Officer (YCIO) because of their recent offending and potential for creating demand.*

*The results of this program speak for themselves, with an average 50% reduction in offending by this group over the period of engagement.*

*Given that these youths are recidivist in their offending and generally difficult to engage with, this is a significant achievement by these agencies. I am also very impressed with the strong partnerships and interoperability that these agencies have gained through this process, which I believe will not only benefit them but also the community of Armadale.*

*This partnership is to be applauded for their contemporary thinking and the ability of all their staff to work across agencies to achieve the desired 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 was held at the Armadale Library on Thursday 18 February. 36 people attended this session with four guest speakers from various Armadale volunteer involving organisations. Home Help Local, one of the guest speakers, was thrilled that they received 10 enquiries from potential volunteers within two days of the information session being held.

**Managing Volunteers**

The City, in partnership with the City of Gosnells, 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 was facilitated by Jenny Gleeson from Lifeworx. The workshop explored principles and strategies of managing people that can be applied to a volunteer workforce and covered:

- 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

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This session was extremely well supported with 24 volunteer managers from across the south-east corridor attending.

The feedback from this session was excellent with feedback still being received after the original session. This included the following comments:

*Hi Jenny,*

*It was lovely to meet you at the Volunteer Management Workshop. You are a wonderful public speaker, very engaging! I got a lot from that training, will you be returning to run any more free workshops?*

**National Volunteer Week**

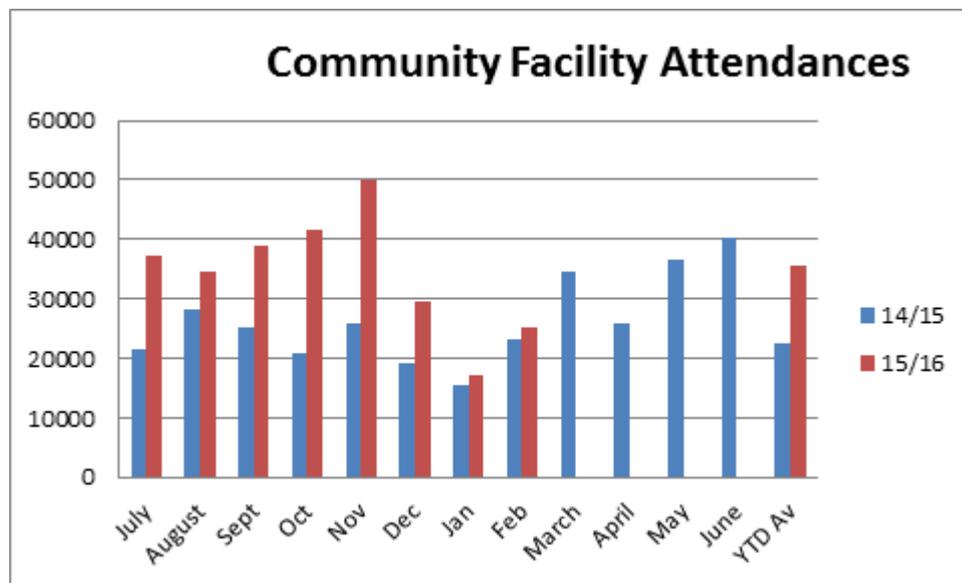
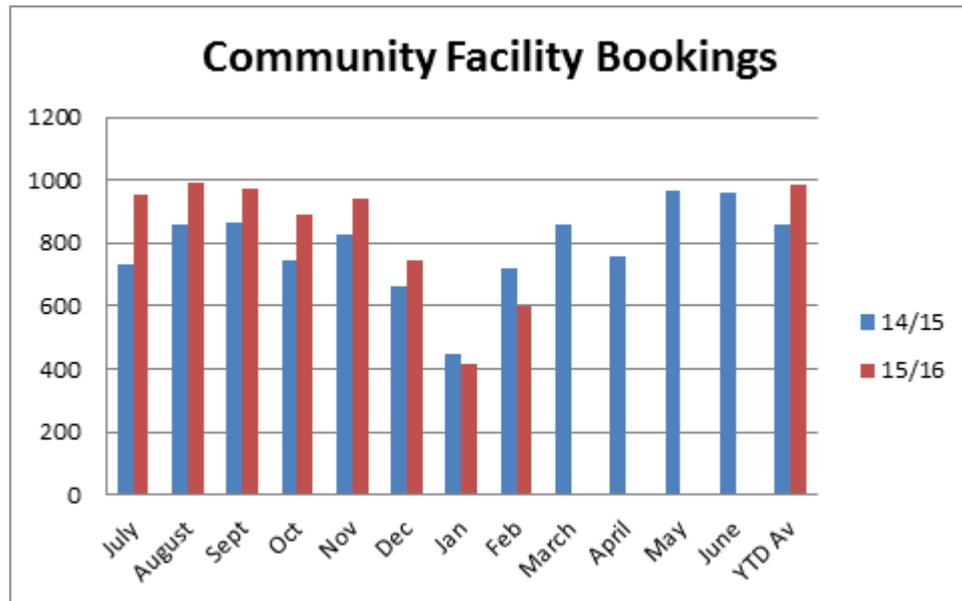
Planning is now underway for National Volunteer Week. National Volunteer Week will be held from 9-15 May this year.

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**Community Facilities**

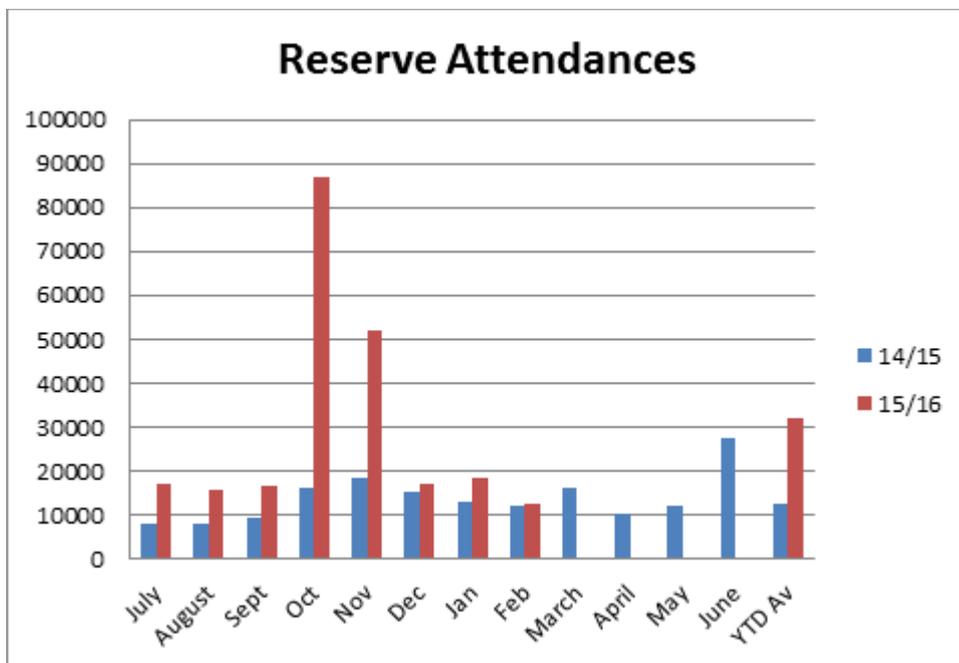
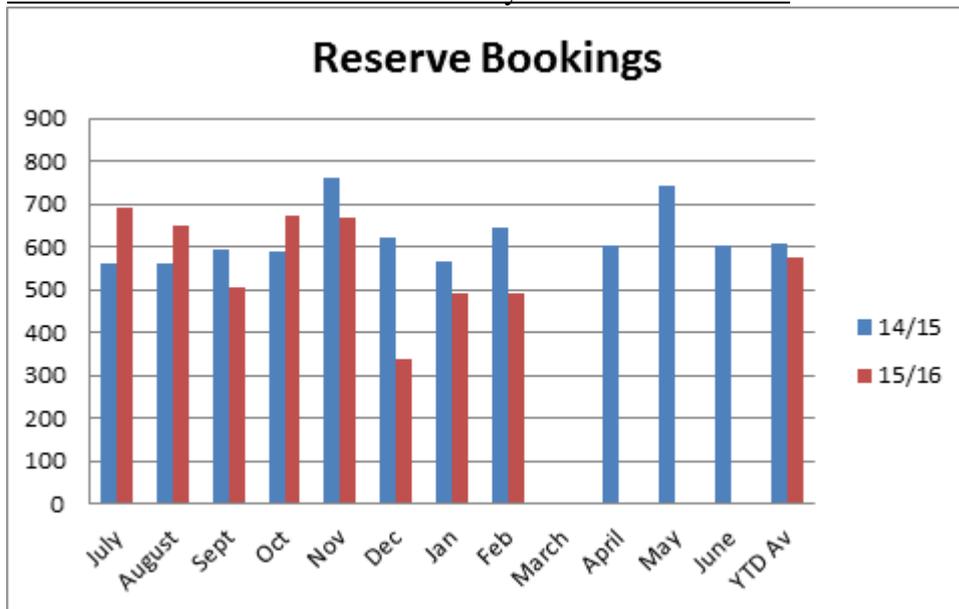
February is another quiet month for bookings with term programs taking a break and sports in recess, we have used this time to prepare for the year ahead and look at the facilities with a more strategic and social planning aspect.

Booking numbers are still down with the movement of the Champion Centre bookings but the team will be marketing other facilities in the future.



**Reserves**

Reserve bookings were quiet in February, which is expected with sports not operating for a majority of the month as it is the finals period. Netball court upgrades at Cross Park have been completed with the Roleystone Netball Club now beginning pre-season.

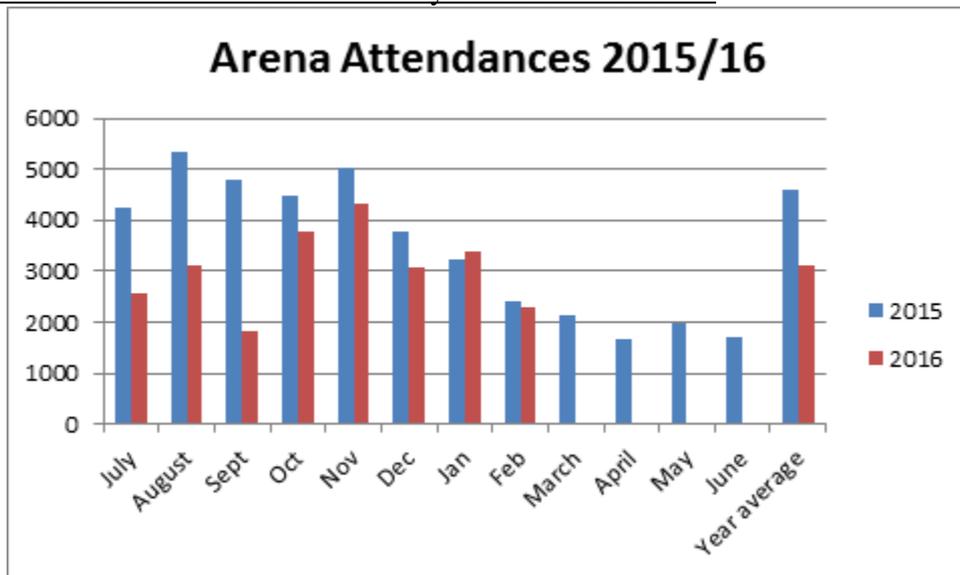


**Club Development**

The Club Development Officer position recruitment process has now been finalised with the suitable candidate starting in March. The City is currently waiting to hear if the Department of Sport and Recreation will be funding the program again after 30 June 2016.

**Armada Arena**

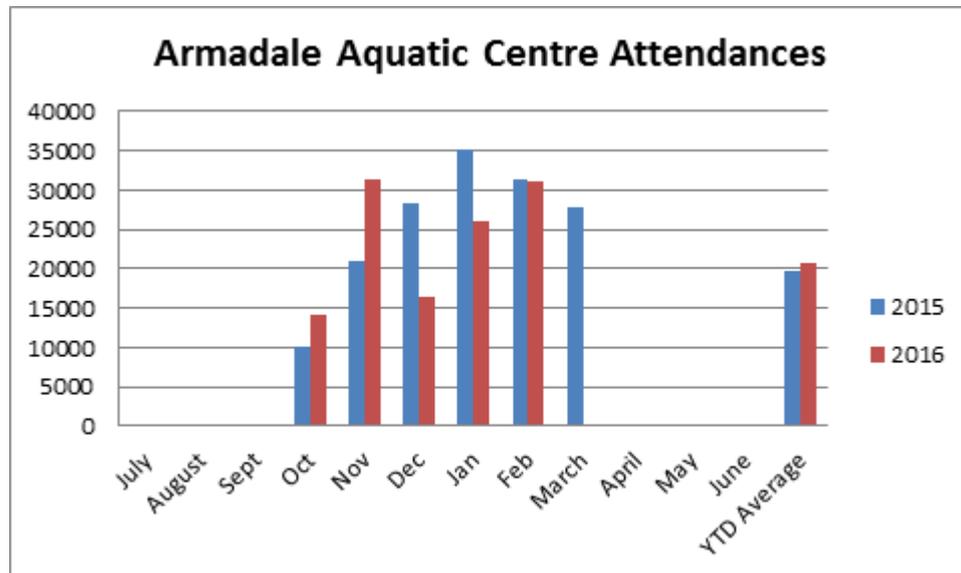
The number of registrations for the 12 Week Body Challenge is significantly higher than anticipated, increasing overall enthusiasm for the program throughout the Centre. 88% of participants are female and two participants have returned from the last program. Monday night sports are at capacity as are causal basketball attendances for Sunday.



**Armada Aquatic Centre**

February attendances (31, 185 admissions) were in line with the same time last year (31, 365 admissions), and have brought the YTD average back above that of 2015.

The 20km Virtual Rottneest Channel Swim was a success this year with 9 local teams and 61 swimmers taking part in the event. School swimming carnivals are also off to a great start.



## **LIBRARY SERVICES**

### **Statistical Performance Indicators**

Due to the change in the Library Management System (LMS) that occurred on Thursday 25 February, the collection of statistical data ended on 22 February with the previous LMS (Amlib). Extracting data from the new LMS, Spydus, has not as yet been completed so no statistics are being provided of the month of February. It is hoped that this will be rectified for the March period.

### **New Library Management System**

Implementing a new LMS is a complex task that has involved the vendor, the library staff and the ICT staff. Every effort was made to cause as little disruption to the public as possible. The changes made to the library's online public access catalogue (OPAC) with the new LMS will be improved with time to provide the best possible experience for library users whether researching subject material, seeking specific book titles, renewing or reserving items or downloading e-resources.

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

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

#### **Reports on sessions of interest:**

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Topic: Tai Chi Demonstration  
Presenter: Marion Pitcher and six Tai-Chi'ers  
No. Attending: 23

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A team of tai-chi'ers from the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Australia made a return appearance on Monday morning to demonstrate once again the centuries old martial art. Marion Pitcher, demonstration co-ordinator of the Maddington branch, began the session with a brief account of the Society's history and operation, and the potential health benefits of the activity.

The introduction was followed by a 15 minute demonstration with running commentary by Marion explaining the various moves and poses. Once the demonstration was complete, all attendees were invited to learn an introductory routine. All attendees participated in the demonstration.

The Armadale Reading Lounge makes an ideal venue for such community activities as evidenced by the attached photos. The session concluded with a morning tea, providing an opportunity for the attendees to learn more about Tai Chi and the Society. Some participants were interested in attending future classes.



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Topic: Harry Potter Book Night  
Date: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016  
Time: 6.30-7.30pm  
Venue: Armadale Library  
No. Attending: 36 children; 20 adults

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Wizards, witches and muggles over the age of six were invited to Armadale Library to experience a magical evening of Harry Potter fun. The children were encouraged to dress up, so there were a number of Harry Potter and Hermione look-alikes running around the library.

A passage from the book “Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone” was read to the group to prepare them for the sorting ceremony. Children approached the sorting hat one at a time to find out which house team they would be joining for the evening. Once sorted into their houses, the children enjoyed a range of group activities such as Harry Potter Who Am I? and Harry Potter Pictionary. The final activity of the evening was a Harry Potter Quiz which saw the four houses competing against each other. After six short rounds of questions, Hufflepuff was declared the winner.

All of the children had a great time and went home with a Harry Potter goody bag. This was one of the many activities offered to young people to encourage a love of reading.

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Topic: Going Out of My Mined – Author Talk  
Presenter: Xavier Toby  
Date: 5 February 2016  
Time: 6.30-7.30pm  
Venue: Armadale Library Reading Lounge  
No. Attending: 24

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When Xavier Toby’s credit card debt got out of hand he banished himself to a mining site in outback Australia. After spending six months there he had gathered enough comic material to write his first non-fiction book: ‘Mining My Own Business’. Following on from its success, the sequel 'Going Out of My Mined' was released late last year. An audience of 23 attended the evening talk wanting to hear new tales from Australia’s Wild West.

Xavier arrived early at the Library, dressed in high-vis and work boots, taking time to talk to staff and early attendees. Over the last decade Xavier has performed on the comedy circuit and at festivals throughout Australia and around the world. His ease at talking to the audience and retelling stories of endless safety briefings and tales of

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men whining about their wives, was clear evidence of the sort of training a career in stand-up can provide.

Comments from attendees were extremely positive – praising Xavier for his humorous retelling of events and expressing gratitude to the library staff for hosting the event. Nearly all attendees purchased copies of Xavier’s books. The following were comments made by Xavier by email a few days after the event -

*Thanks again for the invite to the Armadale Library.  
I had a wonderful time, and I hope the people there did as well.  
See you when my next book comes out?  
It'll be a while... I'm still writing it!  
Cheers  
Xavier*

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Topic: Collecting with Loraine Coates  
Date: 11 February 2016  
Venue: Armadale Library Meeting Room  
No. attending: 18

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Intriguing would be the word to use in relation to the talk given by Loraine Coates, author of *Manufacturing Factories 1900 – above and beyond Perth and Suburbs*.

Eighteen people attended the talk; two at least were from overseas but had lived in the district for many years and were keen to learn more of Perth’s history. Loraine described many of the factories that were well known to many of the more senior guests and answered questions about the many lesser known manufacturers which were once very much a part of the regional industries.

The session was very convivial with an exchange of questions and answers being shared between Loraine and the guests.

## **HERITAGE SERVICES**

### **Statistical Performance Indicators**

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

### **Birtwistle Local Studies Library**

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

### **Research queries**

Queries to the BLSL have included:

- Information sought by the MRA on a number of historical properties
- Cemetery at John Dunn Reserve
- Photograph requests for Kelmscott Football Club images
- Armadale crest / Armadale tartan
- Old Roleystone Store building history (LGA place 091 in the MHI)

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Mr William Reid has kindly donated another group of scanned images from the 1920s – 1960s relating to the Armadale Football Club, including photos of the Armadale CBD, from his family collection.

Mrs Margaret Bruns donated scans of her colour photographs of the opening of History House in 1976.

**Training**

An audio editing workshop was held at Armadale Library for the benefit of BLSL volunteers and staff on 17 February, focusing on the use of Audacity software to edit and export local history recordings according to best practice. The workshop was facilitated by David Kilroy and added to the skills of the six volunteers and two staff who will be involved with improving the quality of the sound, where possible, or copy sound bites for use in film clips.

**Bus trip: Up hill and down dale, 18 April**

Plans have been finalised for a bus tour of the district as an event to mark the 2016 National Trust Heritage Festival, April 18: *Up hill and down dale*. The tour will begin and end at the Armadale Visitor Centre, travel from Armadale through Bedforddale, Roleystone, Kelmscott and the Champion Lakes, before returning to Armadale. An ongoing commentary will be given by the local historians and morning tea will be provided at the Churchman's Brook Dam. The intent is to provide visitors with a taste of the district's history so that they will return to explore in more depth. Bookings will be made using the online facilities of the Visitor Centre.

**Armadale District Historian meeting**

The local history group met in the BLSL and had the pleasure of meeting with Gary Wilkinson, Planning Officer, from the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority. Gary had wanted to research the history of several properties in the Armadale district to ascertain their heritage significance. Attending this meeting gave Gary the opportunity to meet with several of the long term resident from the area, some of whom were descendants of pioneering families.

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<b>Birtwistle Local Studies Library</b>				
	<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Year to date</b>		
	<b>Feb '16</b>	<b>Feb '15</b>	<b>July '15 – Feb '16</b>	<b>July '14 – Feb '15</b>
Reference Enquiries	3	1	28	43
Research Enquiries	13	6	56	78
Visitor Attendance total	158	47	842	681
Volunteer Hours total	195	39	1216	977
Digitising Records (hrs)	21	37	230	248
<b>Oral History</b>				
Letters Sent	2	1	28	17
Interviews Completed	3	2	12	12
Transcripts Completed/ reviewed	0	1	14	14
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	30	7	271	171
Volunteer Hours - Interviewing	8	8	28	32
<b>Family History Research</b>				
Reference	0	0	9	91
Research	13	40	232	230
Volunteer Hours	47	35	271	311

**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 Exhibitions:

*The Memory Jar Project* – drafts for text being completed along with object selection.

*Home: How our homes have changed* – in research stage.

**Museum Programs**

Made in Armadale Public Programs: On February 16 (6:30-7:30) the museum hosted *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. 22 people attended the talk.

**Museum Collection**

Collection Planning Review: The museum curator is currently reviewing the museum's collection to look at its strengths and weaknesses. This information will be used to identify gaps in the collection and to ensure future collecting fills these gaps and is representative of the whole of the COA community.

**Donations**

The museum continues to grow its collection through the acquisition of DVDs of the film *Paper Planes* and the TV series *The Turning*. Both of these items have scenes that were filmed within the COA as well as featuring locals as extras.

The museum has also included material used in the Growing Armadale Community Survey as part of its role to record the activities and history of the COA.

### Loans

History House had loaned a number of items relating to Chinese market gardeners to the South Perth Historical Society for an A Park for all Reasons: the story of Sir James Mitchell Park. The museum curator attended the opening of this exhibition on Sunday March 5.

### Museum Education Report

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.

### Museum Management

On April 25 this year it will be the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of History House. The museum will be open that day from 1-4pm and will host a simple cake cutting ceremony to celebrate the occasion. The event will be promoted through posters, flyers, COA website, social media and a press release.

### Professional Development

The Museum Curator attended a meeting of the Local Government Curators group at Buckingham House in the City of Wanneroo where issues relating to determining the significance of a collection, identifying professional development opportunities and loans between Local Government museums were discussed.

### Statistics

History House Museum	Current Month	Year to date		
		February 15	July 15- June 16	Jul 14 – June 15
General Visitors	68	57	977	1064
School Visits	0	0	254	250
School Incursions	0	156	54	508
Holiday Programs	0	0	185	109
Community Programs	31	0	199	142
Seniors Programs	0	0	0	54
<b>Total Visitors</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>1669</b>	<b>2127</b>
Volunteer Hours	160	123	1027	1126
<b>Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum</b>	<b>February 16</b>	<b>February 15</b>	<b>July 15 – June 16</b>	<b>Jul 14 – June 15</b>
Visitors	216	122	1015	1286

## **RANGER & EMERGENCY SERVICES**

### **Animal Control**

#### **Dogs**

Ranger Services received four hundred and eighty (480) requests for assistance during the February 2016 report period

#### **Cats**

Ranger Services received 65 requests for assistance during this report period. The mainstream of request related to feral cats which are unable to be rehomed due to their ferocious and undomesticated behaviour

#### **Domestic Animal Registration Checks**

Rangers will be conducting an extensive dog and cat registration survey throughout the district during the next 2-3 months. A fundamental part of a door knock is to create an awareness of the Dog Act, Cat Act and the City of Armadale Local Laws Relating to Dogs, identify potential and actual problems and provide advice that may assist in preventing or treating a problem.

#### **Livestock**

Ranger Services attended to 42 reports of domestic livestock on public roads during this report period.

Current tasks and activities performed by Ranger Services.

- *Impounding straying or wandering animals.*
- *Issuing relevant infringement notices, cautions, or warnings as appropriate.*
- *Follow up complaints.*
- *Ensuring all correspondence in relation to animal control is carried out.*
- *Collection of evidence and prosecutions of offenders and court appearances.*
- *Arranging for destruction of animals when necessary*
- *Property inspections for dog and cat registrations.*
- *Dangerous Dog Declaration investigation.*
- *Pound Cleaning and maintenance.*

### **Court Action**

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

<b>OFFENCE</b>	<b>FINDING OF COURT</b>	<b>PENALTY \$</b>	<b>COSTS \$</b>	<b>TOTAL \$</b>
Dog Attack	<b>Guilty</b>	1,100	169.10	<b>1269.10</b>
Dog Attack	<b>Guilty</b>	900	169.10	<b>1069.10</b>

Information Items from the Community Services Directorate**Vehicles****Parking**

Ranger Service attended 299 general enquiries relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period. A significant number of parking offences relate to indiscriminate parking in the vicinity of schools.

Generally the parking of vehicles on verges in the vicinity of schools is prohibited, under the City of Armadale Parking Local Law, as it is considered that it may cause a distraction or obstruction to other drivers thereby increasing the risk to the safety of children.

In order to facilitate the safe efficient flow and control of traffic, and to monitor parking in and around schools, it is the responsibilities of Ranger Services to maintain and administer the provisions of Local Laws Relating to Parking Facilities, thereby reducing the risk of injury caused by the indiscriminate parking of vehicles. One of the ways of achieving this is by a strict application of the Local Law Relating to Parking.

**Commercial Vehicles (Trucks)**

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

**Abandoned Vehicles**

The number of abandoned vehicles continues to be of concern, and the cost to the City in the collection and disposal of abandoned vehicles (most of which have no commercial value) is increasing. This is a problem currently being shared by most Metropolitan Local Governments.

**Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)**

Ranger Service attended to 13 reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in a prohibited area, during the report period.

**Litter**

Ranger Services continue to receive complaints, from concerned members of the community, regarding the amount of household rubbish being deposited onto reserves and road verges throughout the district.

During this report period Ranger Services attended to 50 requests for assistance regarding the illegal dumping or rubbish.

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.

**Current tasks and activities performed**

- *Investigate complaints relating to dumping of rubbish.*
- *Issue infringement notices, cautions or warnings and take court action where appropriate.*

Information Items from the Community Services Directorate**Firebreak Inspections**

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 75 enquiries, during this report period, mainly associated with alternative style firebreaks and advice regarding general fire safety.

At the time of writing this report, Ranger Services has inspected a total of 5,203 private properties, and 239 Council reserves throughout the district.

**Current tasks and activities performed**

- *Investigate complaints.*
- *Carry out firebreak inspections.*
- *Arrange and oversee Contractors*
- *Compile reports.*
- *Issue Infringement notices/cautions where appropriate.*
- *Institute legal action.*
- *Attend court as witness*
- *Support fire services as required*

**Fire and Emergency Services****Prevention**

On-going relationship building is occurring with the Nobel Group who owns the Araluen Golf course and surrounding land. A private contractor was appointed by the Nobel Group to undertake fire mitigation works within the estate over the next 5 years. In addition to this was the installation of a strategic firebreak on the North East side of the estate. This relationship and on-going prevention administration within the estate is a result of work conducted by the Fire Prevention Officer (FPO).

A new relationship has also been forged with WA Planning on mitigation works on their lands. The new Western Australian Planning Corporation (WAPC) Regional Manager has met with Councils FPO and has shown a positive attitude to these mitigation works. The local volunteer brigades have been approached to undertake Hazard Reduction Burns on some of the WAPC lands within the City of Armadale (COA).

**Preparedness**

The Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) application was completed ready for submission at the end of February. The grant application identifies the need for greater financial assistance for the Volunteer Bushfire Brigades (VBFB) and Armadale State Emergency Services (SES). In addition, the new vehicle allocation was enhanced to better reflect the operational requirements of both brigades. Bedforddale VBFB again requested funding to improve their station.

The Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) was held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016. This was the first for the New Year. The main subjects for discussion were the review of the Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) to be ready for LEMC endorsement by September 2016. The second main subject was the green bag initiative that was presented by the Roleystone Bush Fire Ready Action Group (BRAG). This initiative is to be further developed by the Community Emergency Services Coordinator (CESC).

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**Response**

Over the summer months the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades have attended several incidents within the city boundaries. Most have been small localised incidents within the escarpment. In addition, crews have assisted Fire and Rescue Services at several fires in the Forrestdale area. Crews have on occasion also assisted outside the City limits. Fire response across the whole metro this summer has been relatively limited. Most major fire activity has been outside the metro area.

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.

