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FAGs - Funding our communities

Councils across Australia recently received the third quarterly payment of Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) for this financial year. FAGs are an important untied payment to councils from the Federal Government which are invested in essential community infrastructure and services ranging from local roads and parks to swimming pools and libraries.

ALGA's 2015 Federal Budget submission called on the Federal Government to reverse its decision to freeze the indexation of FAGs. Importantly, the Federal Budget submission continued the call for the Federal Government to consider the adequacy of the quantum of FAGs and the indexation methodology in the future.

ALGA is concerned that the proportion of Federal tax revenue that FAGs represent is shrinking. In 1996 FAGs represented around 1% of total Federal taxation revenue, this had dropped to 0.67%in 2013. Taking into account the indexation freeze, that number will drop towards 0.53% in 2017-18. This will have significant impacts on the capacity of councils to deliver services at a time when financial resources are already strained.

Local government across the country is united in its determination to see this freeze reversed. ALGA is working with state and territory associations and councils to make sure that Federal MPs fully understand the impacts of the freeze in their electorates.

Federation and Taxation considered at COAG

Today, ALGA President Mayor Troy Pickard, attended the Council of Australian Government's (COAG) meeting in Canberra. The discussions at the meeting around the Federation and Taxation White Papers will include the roles and responsibilities of each level of government, GST and taxation collection and tax sharing arrangements.

ALGA is actively involved in both the Federation and Tax White Paper development and will be making submissions throughout the processes. It is important for local government that the White Paper processes help councils continue to maintain the services and infrastructure they have been delivering to communities.

Reducing violence against women is also on the COAG agenda. All governments are determined to eliminate violence against women and continued collaboration between the Commonwealth, the states and territories, and local government is crucial in achieving that objective. Today's meeting will build on previous COAG work such as *National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children* and the Advisory Panel on violence against women.

National General Assembly Call for Motions deadline 28 April

The National General Assembly (NGA) is your opportunity to contribute to the development of national local government policy. The ALGA Board is calling for motions for this year's NGA under the theme *Closest to the Community: Local Government in the Federation*.

Motions that are agreed at the NGA become Resolutions. These Resolutions are then considered by the ALGA Board when setting national local government policy and when the Board is making representations to the Federal Government at Ministerial Councils, during meetings and in ALGA publications.

To assist Councils in preparing motions a Discussion Paper has been prepared and is available here.

The deadline for submitting motions, 28 April, is fast approaching. You can find information on submitting your council's motions here.

President's Column

Last week, in collaboration with the Presidents of the State and Territory Associations, I wrote to all councils encouraging them to join the campaign to restore the indexation of the Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs). In particular, we asked every council to pass a resolution acknowledging the importance of the FAGs in delivering vital local services and infrastructure, and ensuring the positive impacts of these payments are publicly acknowledged.

The decision to freeze FAGs for three years will cost councils an estimated $925 million by 2017-18 and result in a permanent reduction in the FAGs base of around 13%. These grants are a vital part of the revenue base for councils and they are used to fund essential local services and infrastructure.

With the Federal Budget only a month away, it is important that the Federal Treasurer continues to hear how important it is to reverse the freeze on FAGs indexation and avoid councils having to reduce services or increase rates. Over the coming weeks, I am encouraging councils to talk with their Federal MPs to ensure that they have all the facts on what this freeze means for councils and communities in their electorate.

The impact of the freeze at the council level is clearly illustrated by looking at the experience of Cootamundra Shire Council in NSW. The Cootamundra Council will receive around $8 million in FAGs during the freeze period. However, this is around $1 million less than it would have received without the freeze. Council has reported that this equates to a loss of almost 43% of Council's roads renewal budget in 2017/18 and beyond. Council is working through how best to deal with such a significant funding shortfall with every realistic option being considered.

This is the real impact on the ground. Across Australia, the impacts will be substantial. ALGA will continue to advocate that the indexation of FAGs should be restored immediately. This is important for every Australian community and for the financial sustainability of our councils. We must build momentum for our campaign and ensure that the Federal Government and MPs are fully aware of the consequences for local

communities.

Future role and contribution of regional capitals to Australia - submissions close 30 April

On 11 February 2015 the Senate moved that the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee inquire into the future role and contribution of regional capitals to Australia. The Inquiry is seeking to assess the current demographic trends and the changing role of regional capitals; look at funding provided to regional capitals; analyse the benefit and mechanisms of additional funding based on population, demand for services and their strategic importance for the region, state or country as well as opportunities to grow regions and policy measures to support this.

The committee is interested in receiving submissions not just from representatives of regional capitals, but also from other towns and cities who have relevant views to express about the current and future role of regional capitals. Any person, organisation, town or city may contribute to the inquiry through making a submission by 30 April 2015. More information can be found here.

Bushfire and Natural Hazards Research Advisory Forum

Over 100 researchers and end user representatives participated in the first Bushfire and Natural Hazards Research Advisory Forum for 2015 in Sydney on the 8 - 9 April 2015.

This forum focused on resilience, examining a range of issues particularly relevant to local government such as the economics of natural hazards, a system for assessing the resilience of Australian communities to natural hazards, decision support systems for assessment of policy and planning investment options for optimal natural hazard mitigation, child centred risk reduction, managing animals in disasters and enhancing resilience of critical road infrastructure.

The Bushfire and Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre was established in July 2013 with an investment of $47million over eight years. Local government is acknowledged as one of the key end users and interested councils are encouraged to participate in the work through partnerships or as interested stakeholders in ensuring the research outcomes will make a difference a practical and beneficial difference to the lives of Australia's diverse communities. More information can be found here.

CSIRO climate tool sketches future

A new online tool released by the CSIRO shows how global warming could change climate conditions in hundreds of towns across Australia. Climate Scientists at CSIRO have examined what Australia could look like by 2030, 2050, or 2090.

According to the tool, eastern Australian coastal sites could see a climate shift to those currently typical of locations hundreds of kilometres north along the coast. Sydney's climate could resemble that of Port Macquarie and towns in major inland agricultural

areas could have climates typical of inland areas further north, such as Griffith's climate shifting to that of Cobar, a town around 300km north, under an "intermediate emissions" scenario.

The change in climate is much greater by 2090 and under a "high emissions" scenario. In this case Melbourne's climate could then be more like that of Dubbo, Griffith's more like that of Bourke (600 km away) and Sydney's more like Brisbane.

More information about the climate tool can be found here.

First Direct Action auction underway

The first reverse auction of the new Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF) was undertaken this week. This reverse auction is the mechanism by which the Federal Government will select those successful in receiving part of a $2.5 billion funding pool to get businesses and other organisations to reduce their emissions. It is unclear to what extent local government will participate in this and future auctions.

ALGA has previously outlined a number of technical issues with the design of the auction system that could limit council participation in the program. ALGA will continue to monitor the auction process and advocate for appropriate changes to the Fund if further reforms are necessary to ensure local governments are able to engage fully and play their part in reducing emissions.

More information on the ERF and the reverse-auction mechanism can be found on the Department of the Environment.s website.

North Qld mayors demand disaster funding answers

A group of north Queensland mayors is demanding the Federal Government reveal its position on a proposed overhaul of disaster funding arrangements.

The Government is due to respond to a Productivity Commission report by the end of next month, which recommends the Commonwealth reduce its share of disaster recovery funding from 75 per cent to 50 per cent.

The President of the Local Government Association of Queensland, Margaret de Wit, said councils were developing their budgets now and needed certainty from the Government. If the report is adopted the measures would force councils to increase rates or leave damaged areas in ruins for months until they could afford repairs.

Truck and dog trailer notice

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) is responsible for issuing all new

national road access notices and permits under the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL).

The NHVR is currently working with state jurisdictions to finalise the heavy vehicle preliminary National Notice for Performance Based Standards (PBS) Level 1 and 2 Truck and Dog Trailer heavy vehicles. Around 90 local councils have already contributed to this process by issuing pre-approvals for, or their previous gazettal of, these heavy vehicle types on their local road networks. This approach will streamline road access arrangements for transport operators using these vehicles, as well as reduce the regulatory and administrative burden on local councils in managing their road networks.

This national notice is applicable to all PBS truck and dog trailer combinations with 3 or 4 axle rigid truck towing a 3, 4 or 5 axle dog trailer. This national notice when promulgated will cover preliminary state and territory road networks, encompassing PBS Level 1 and 2A routes currently covered under a pre-approval with any road manager, including local governments. Future work will focus on targeting other roads that are not currently included in these preliminary networks. For more information visit the NHVR's website here.

No Jab - No Play or pay

The Commonwealth Government will end the conscientious objector exemption on children's vaccination for access to taxpayer funded Child Care Benefits, the Child Care Rebate and the Family Tax Benefit Part A end of year supplement from 1 January 2016. This means that vaccine objectors will not be able to access these government payments.

Existing exemptions on medical or religious grounds will continue, however a religious objection will only be available where the person is affiliated with a religious groups where the governing body has a formally registered objection approved by the Government.

The new policy will tighten up the rules and reinforce the importance of immunisation and protecting public health, especially for children.

For more information on child care assistance and family payments, visit www.humanservices.gov.au.

New campaign to boost early breast cancer detection

Minister for Health Sussan Ley this week launched the$55 million campaign 'An invitation that could save your life' to make sure all Australian women aged 50 to 74 were aware they qualified for a free breast screen every two years.

Ms Ley said this also marked the first time Australian women aged 70 to 74 have been specifically targeted for breast screening awareness, with an additional 220,000 breast screens expected to be delivered over four years as a direct result. Breast screening saves lives. It is the second most common cause of cancer-related deaths among women in Australia, however if detected early and managed nine-out-of-10 cases can be successfully treated.

The Government's $55 million commitment will cover the cost of the promotional campaign, as well as the cost of additional invitations and free breast screenings generated as a result.

More information is available here.

Road Safety - one of the most pressing issues facing society today

Whilst advances in road design and vehicle safety have no doubt made a significant contribution to reducing road trauma, it is clear that a vital piece of the puzzle is still missing because the fatalities and injuries continue. Community ownership of the road safety is vital if we are address this issue.

Since its inception in 2007 the Fatality Free Friday campaign has continued to expand its operation and is now recognized as Australia's only national community based road safety program. It has successfully fostered community ownership; complex road safety issues and encourages those who can make a significant difference in reducing road trauma.

Councils are being invited to participate by joining the Fatality Free Friday Alliance. Joining the Alliance is a way to express your region's commitment to cutting deaths and injuries on Australia's roads. For a relatively small contribution to cover costs, your council can become a Fatality Free Friday Alliance Partner for 2015 and will receive a range of benefits including promotional items and corporate acknowledgement. More information is available here.

Boards encouraged to adopt 30 per cent target for female directors

The Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) is calling for all boards to ensure that 30 per cent of their directors are female and urges S&P/ASX200 companies to meet this new target by the end of 2018.

AICD Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, John Brogden, said the new objective will help companies more quickly reach the critical mass required to produce the optimal business benefits of board diversity.

"There is an undeniable case for gender diversity on boards. It is not only the right thing to do but the smart thing to do, because it means better business performance. Numerous pieces of research demonstrate a positive link between the level of female representation on boards and improved corporate performance.

"The 30 per cent target will apply to all company structures, as the AICD has a broad membership of over 35,000 that extends well beyond the top listed companies to small ASX entities, private business and not for-profit organisations," he said.

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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

- Coordinator Customer Services – Commences 11/05/15.
- Management Accountant – Commences 11/05/15.
- Sport & Recreation Coordinator – Commences 18/05/15.

Staff Leaving:

- Senior Rates officer – retirement effective 03/07/15.

Other Staff Movements (Internal):

- NIL

Current Recruitment Activity:

- Rates Officer – recruitment progressing.
- Building Surveyor – recruitment progressing.
- Gym Instructor/Personal Trainer (Casual) – recruitment progressing.
- Construction Engineer – applications close – 23/04/15.
- HR Assistant (maternity leave contract) – recruitment progressing.
- Drafting Officer – applications close 30/04/2015.

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TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS		
ITEM	**REFERRING COMMITTEE**	**COMMENTS**
Ordinary Council Meeting February 23 2015 Matter for Referral – Cr Frost. *"That the matter of parking around the Piara Waters Primary School be referred to the Technical Services Committee."*	Technical Services	Investigation under way with report to be presented to May/June Technical Services Committee Meeting.
Ordinary Council Meeting 9 March 2015. Matter for Referral – Cr Butterfield. *"That the matter of current traffic statistics for vehicles travelling through Kelmscott be referred to the Technical Services Committee"*	Technical Services	Matter is under investigation. Further advice to be provided on an anticipated report date.
Ordinary Council Meeting 13 April 2015. Matter for Referral – Cr Shaw. *"That the matter of designated public litter collection point be referred to the Technical Services Committee."*	Technical Services	Matter is under investigation. Further advice to be provided on an anticipated report date.
Ordinary Council Meeting 13 April 2015. Matter for Referral – Cr Wielinga. *"That Council refers the Councillor's item in regard to the Playground Strategy to the relevant Directorate for action and/or report to the appropriate Committee"*.	Technical Services	Matter is under investigation. Further advice to be provided on an anticipated report date.

TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE
Works Programme – April 2015 – June 2015

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Department	April 2015	May 2015	June 2015
City Projects	• Harrisdale (East) Shared Use Site – Prepare documentation for Stage 1 Playing Field construction. • Kelmscott Library – Design development for fit out. • Piara (South) – Preliminary planning commences.	• Harrisdale (East) Shared Use Site – Tender advertising for Stage 1 Playing Field construction. • Kelmscott Library – Design development for fit out. • Piara (South) – Preliminary planning continues.	• Harrisdale (East) Shared Use Site – Construction commence for Stage 1 Playing Field construction. • Kelmscott Library – Tender for fit-out. • Piara (South) – completion of Western Power studies.
Civil Works	**Construction** • Denny Avenue-Intersection upgrade. • Gillam – Bruns – Roundabout. • Jull Street Mall – Complete Stage 1. • Challis School – Car park. • Nicholson Road Stage 3 and 4- Additional lane and roundabout. • Nicholson Road B. • Forrestdale Business Park Swale - Drain upgrade. • Ballanup Swale and Crossing – Stage 2. • Railway Avenue - Bike path. • Grovelands Drive – Baxendale Road. • Westfield Road - Road resurfacing **Maintenance**:	**Construction** • Jull Street Mall – Complete Stage 1. • Nicholson Road Stage 3. • Forrestdale Business Park Swale – Swale drain upgrade. • Railway Avenue - Bike path. • Riverside Lane – upgrade drainage system adjacent to Wungong River. • Cross Park / Jarrah Road - upgrade drainage adjacent to new skate park. • Chevin Road – rehabilitation. • Westfield Road / Railway Avenue - roundabout upgrade **Maintenance**:	**Construction** • Challis Primary School – Car park. • Forrestdale Business Park Swale - Drain upgrade. • Railway Avenue - Bike path. • Denny Avenue - traffic signals. • Nicholson Road – rehabilitation between Armadale Road and Swamp Road. • Church Avenue / Third Road – roundabout upgrade. **Maintenance**:

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	• Routine maintenance as per Programme. • Contract road sweeping. • Footpath defects. • Bridge preventive maintenance.	• Routine maintenance as per Programme. • Contract road sweeping. • Footpath defects. • Bridge preventive maintenance.	• Routine maintenance as per Programme. • Contract road sweeping. • Footpath defects. • Bridge preventive maintenance.
Design and Engineering	• Strawberry Drive – Blackspot Project. • Waterwheel Road – Blackspot Project. • Westfield Road - Pedestrian refuge - Blackspot Project (Camillo Drive to Champion Drive). • Williams Road (Braemore Street to Champion Drive) Blackspot Project. • Four public school parking areas. • Seventh Road – Blackspot Project - upgrade street lighting. • Grant application for MRRG – 2016/2017. • Riverside Lane – drainage. • Heron Park Urban Water Management Plan - assessment . • Forrestdale Business Park – Drainage assessment. • Nicholson Road – Stage 4. • Nicholson Road – Stage 3(b).	• Detail design for four public school parking areas. • Nicholson Road – Stage 4. • Railway Avenue – pathway. • Roberts Road – detailed design road upgrade. • Westfield Road (NIP) Stage 1. • River Road – Blackspot Programme - future LATM preparation. • Grant preparation for 2016/2017 Blackspot Programme.	• Westfield Road - Ypres Road to Camillo Road. • Street Light Improvement – Church Avenue/William Street, Church Avenue/Third Road. • Roundabout – Forrest Road/Neilson Avenue. • Fifth Avenue - Gribble Avenue to Abbey Road. • Intersection Upgrade – Church Avenue/Commerce Avenue/Hobbs Drive. • Nicholson Road – Street Light Tender Stage 4. • Fourth Road – upgrade school parking - detailed design.
Parks Design and Documentation	• Parks Asset Database - Field Collection – ongoing. Data processing and integration into asset database. • Specification for Parks Landscape Services. • Parks Groundwater Operating Strategy Review (Department of Water).	• Blackburne Reserve - Landscape design documentation. • Standard drawing set. • Verge Guideline update. • Tree Policy. • Jull Street Landscaping – Stage 2.	• Standard drawing set. • Verge Guideline update. • Tree Policy. • Jull Street Landscaping – Stage 2. • Parks Asset Database Field Collection – ongoing. Data processing and integration into asset database.

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	• Waterwise Councils Process Development (Parks). • Turf Grass Consultancy Specification. • Armadale Golf Course Irrigation Supply and Installation Tender Specification. • Nicholson Road Stage 4 - Landscape design documentation. • Blackburne Reserve - Landscape design documentation.	• Parks Asset Database Field Collection ongoing. Data processing and integration into asset database. • Department of Water 2015/2016 Groundwater Abstraction Report - Water Analysis. • Review Bore and Irrigation Standard Specifications.	• Department of Water 2015/2016 Groundwater Abstraction Report. • Nematode Monitoring Program. • Citywide Groundwater Monitoring Program.
Parks Subdivisional Development	• Various Approvals.	• Various Approvals.	• Various Approvals.
Parks Works	• Exploratory drilling for new water still ongoing. Successful water found at Sanctuary Lake and Creyk Park. Ongoing at Cross, Gwynne, Rushton and Cross Parks. • Public Open Space Strategy- Precinct A works - ongoing. • John Dunn Redevelopment - ongoing. • Rushton Park Lighting and Electrical Upgrade - ongoing. • Irrigation Upgrades Creyk Park - ongoing. • Landscaping Jarrah Road - ongoing. Waiting on drainage plan. • Alfred Skeet Lighting Tender Oval 1 – to be awarded. • Memorial Park Howitzer Gun Works – to commence.	• Exploratory drilling for new water still ongoing. Successful water found at Sanctuary Lake and Creyk Park. Ongoing at Cross, Gwynne, Rushton and Cross Parks. • Public Open Space Strategy - Precinct A works - ongoing. • John Dunn Redevelopment - ongoing. • Rushton Park Lighting and Electrical Upgrade to be completed. • Irrigation Upgrades Creyk Park - ongoing. • Landscaping Jarrah Road - ongoing. Waiting on drainage plan. • Alfred Skeet Lighting Tender - Oval 1 – to commence.	• Exploratory drilling for new water still ongoing. Successful water found at Sanctuary Lake and Creyk Park. Ongoing at Cross, Gwynne, Rushton and Cross Parks. • Public Open Space Strategy - Precinct A works - ongoing. • John Dunn Redevelopment - ongoing. • Rushton Park Lighting and Electrical Upgrade to be completed. • Irrigation Upgrades Creyk Park - ongoing. • Landscaping Jarrah Road - ongoing. Waiting on drainage plan. • Alfred Skeet Lighting Tender - Oval 1 – to commence.

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Property Management	**New Works** Nil. **Upgrade** • Alfred Skeet - Female Change Rooms and Unisex Facility - Tender process completed - awarded to Bistel Construction works - due to be completed by months end. - Tender awarded to Sanpro Construction for alterations and upgrades to the court area roof due to continued water ingress resulting in lost functionality to the centre.	**New Works** Nil. **Upgrade** • Alfred Skeet - Female Change Rooms and Unisex Facility - Tender process completed - awarded to Bistel Construction works - Final fit out now underway with tiling and painting due to be completed by First week of May. - Tender awarded to Sanpro Construction for alterations and upgrades to the court area roof due to continued water ingress resulting in lost functionality to the centre.	**New Works** Nil. **Upgrade** • Alfred Skeet - Female Change Rooms and Unisex Facility - Tender process completed - awarded to Bistel Construction works – Final fit out now underway with tiling and painting due to be completed by First week of May. - Tender awarded to Sanpro Construction for alterations and upgrades to the court area roof due to continued water ingress resulting in lost functionality to the centre.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

ACCESS AND INCLUSION

Disability Advisory Team

The City's Disability Advisory Team (DAT) meets on the first Tuesday of every second month. The team comprises community members, local service providers, a City Councillor and officers.

The next meeting will be held on in June 2015.

ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Intergenerational Playgroup

Due to inconsistent and low numbers in attendance the Intergenerational Playgroup at the Greendale Centre has ceased and a new partnership with Kelmscott Church of Christ has been forged. This will allow the continuing involvement of PlaygroupWA to facilitate this playgroup for another term. The new location, at the corner of Lake and Centre Roads Kelmscott, will be used for the Intergenerational Playgroup commencing on Thursday 23rd April to coincide with the commencement of Term 2.

Resilience Workshops

Resilience workshops that were planned to run during the April school holidays have been postponed until the July school holidays. The City of Armadale will be partnering with Communicare Psychological Services to provide two sessions based around resilience for year 6 students and an adult of their choice. Separate sessions will be run for boys and girls; each session will include a facilitated group sharing opportunity for children and adults to discuss the changes being experienced by this age group (physically, emotionally and psychologically). Adults and children will then come together to participate in a skill building session followed by a shared lunch. The Girls session will take place on Wednesday, 8th July at the Piara Waters Pavilion and the Boys session will take place at the Champion Centre on Wednesday, the 15th July.

Information Sessions

AEDC information sessions continue to be delivered to child care centres in Armadale: to date 10 of the 19 centres have received the Information Sessions. A new data collection will take place this year in May.

The City of Armadale has been invited to present an Interactive workshop to Early Education Professionals at the Child Australia Childhood Education and Care Conference at Crown Perth, 7-8 August 2015. The workshop will outline the process that we followed in consulting with Child Care Centres in the City, the creation of the power point presentation and the feedback from educators and how the process has led to stronger links with child care providers.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Community Training
The City is facilitating the delivery of a six-month Cert III in Leadership Development and Health at the Champion Centre with 17 students enrolled to participate. The course by Challenger TAFE commenced on February 24 and is the fourth time the City has facilitated formal training for the local community. Past students have gained employment or taken on further study.

Community Safety
A Blessing of the Roads event with a Community Safety focus was held at Bakers House in Harrisdale on 29 March. With 350 people in attendance, feedback was very positive in gaining an understanding of the different services in the community particularly Childhood CPR and the correct fitting of Child Car Restraints.

Drug Aware Ignite Basketball

Youth Summit Participation
Eight young people from Ignite attended the Youth Partnership Project Youth Summit. The Youth Summit comprised a gathering of 100 young people from all over Perth who took part in specialized workshops to provide guidance for future decisions for young people.

Staff Training
Ignite is holding its first in-house designed training program for staff to further develop skills on 25 April. The one-day course will be specifically focusing on the young leaders that have come through the ranks, and will be instilling abilities from both a youth work and sports coach standpoint. This includes conflict resolution, understanding your influence, building rapport, group control, developing a commanding voice, confident body language and coaching young people.

Community Partnerships
Ignite has been asked by YMCA to assist with challenging behavior at Minnawarra House in south Armadale. For eight weeks, Ignite will be delivering a mini-coaching program at the centre, engaging with young people who have been intimidating staff, throwing rocks at cars and fighting.

Through partnerships at Department of Sport and Recreation, Ignite has secured another place on the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure. The voyage will commence on 13 June. Justin Inditch is the third young person from Ignite this year to take part, following the successful voyages of Maddie Walsh and William Krakouer. Both young people were highly praised for their efforts on the highly challenging week long journey. An interview on what this entailed can be found here: http://www.ignitebasketball.com.au/maddison-returns-her-leeuwin-ocean-adventure

INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT

Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS)

In early March the City was advised that Indigenous Development was unfortunately not successful as part of the IAS grants round.

Since then the Perth office of Prime Minister and Cabinet has confirmed the advice from Don Randall's office that the City is to continue receiving funding for the next two and a half years. The funding is for category 2.2 in the Indigenous Advancement Scheme – Children and Schooling and is valued at $160,000 per year ex GST. The total value over the 2.5 year period is $400,000.

The team is excited to start the new financial year with improved existing programs and new ventures.

CHAMPION CENTRE

On the 31st March the Champion Centre held a Traditional Smoking Ceremony which was conducted by Mort Hansen and was supported by Viv Hansen with special traditional bush medicine for people who attended. Indigenous Development officers felt that the feeling at the Centre was chaotic in its presence because of the result of the IAS and other incidents in the Aboriginal community that the staff where dealing with. Participants of the ceremony include residents Save the Children, hot deskers and city staff.

Indigenous Parenting Services

The Family History Project has commenced a partnership with the Indigenous Consulting Group (ICG) to combine our Storylines program with their Urban Aboriginal History Project

The City has a series of history projects currently underway at the Champion Centre, the Library and the Museum. These include the telling of stories from Armadale residents, helping to identify the State Library Pictorial Collection and creating historical family trees. However, a need has been identified for the collaboration of these projects and the production of a new history that could be presented through a variety of media, including visual, oral and printed. Consequently, there is a recognised need for an organisation with extensive experience in Aboriginal consultation to produce this important work.

This will enable:

- The reuniting of Aboriginal families in the area and building a renewed sense of community;
- Improved relationships by sending out a strong message that the council cares for its Aboriginal population and their history;
- The City of Armadale to present and inform the wider community with historical, local true stories and significant areas told by living members of the Aboriginal community;
- Bringing Aboriginal families together, engaging the youth and elders;
- Documenting and keeping stories and oral history;
- Creating a link for younger Aboriginal generations to oral stories;
- Build engagement, trust and open communication lines; and
- The creation of a working group with other departments within the City of Armadale who are conducting related projects to discuss the collaboration and sharing of information.

POSITIVE AGEING

Café Lia Lunch Program for Older Community Members

The Kelmscott Church of Christ (KCC) provides dinners free of charge every Tuesday evening for vulnerable and socially isolated community members through their Café Lia program. Over 400 meals per week are provided to individuals in the community, with an increase in people over the age of 50 years attending. The KCC determined that in order to cater for the needs of the older people attending, they would trial a midday meal. The City will be supporting a trial of the Café Lia lunch program for 16 weeks through contributing to the cost of the food required. The program is aimed at older people who are socially isolated, living in poverty, homeless or at risk of homelessness and offers a safe environment and a nutritious meal in a setting that fosters community connectedness.

Technology Buddies

Technology Buddies has been operating at the Armadale Library for nearly two years, one day per week for five to six weeks of each school term. This has been a partnership with Kelmscott Senior High School and Armadale Library. It 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.

Technology Buddies is now operating in tandem with the City's other library-based computer program. Dale Christian College will be incorporating both programs into its curriculum commencing in Term Two 2015. Technology Buddies will be expanding to operate Kelmscott Library in partnership with Kelmscott Senior High School students.

Positive Ageing Sessions
Positive Ageing Sessions are held on the first Wednesday of every month (excluding January) at the Armadale Library. Occasionally evening sessions are held. A Positive Ageing Session was held 1 April 2015, 1.30pm at the Armadale Library. The topics discussed were 'Live well with Asthma' by the Asthma Foundation WA' and 'Living with Sleep Apnoea' facilitated by Healthy Sleep Solutions. The thirty people in attendance were very happy with the presentations and found them very informative.

The next Positive Ageing Session will be held on the 6 May at the Armadale Library at 1.30pm. The topics to be discussed are 'The Age Pension and your choices' and 'Understanding Aged Care costs'.

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 in 2015 at 10.00am at the Armadale Library. The most recent session was held on the 9 April at the Armadale Library on Origami Made Easy.

The next Positive Ageing Come and Try – Let's Get Crafty Session will be held on the 11 June at the Armadale Library on Beaded Jewellery for Beginners.

LiveLighter Seniors/Information Day
The Seniors Recreation Council of WA supported by the City of Armadale will be hosting a 'LiveLighter Seniors Activity/Information Day' at the Champion Centre on Wednesday 29 April, from 10am to 12.00 noon. The day will feature recreational activities and provide information about services available for older people. Activities include carpet bowls, mini golf, X box Kinect, seated hockey, quoits, and pole walking. Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Armadale Youth Collaborative Action Network (CAN)
The City and Save the Children Australia continues to coordinate and facilitate the bi-monthly Armadale Youth CAN as the Armadale operational component of the Youth Partnership Project (YPP). This is a local coordination planning group that comprises local youth service providers. On 29 April the City will be assisting with a one-day workshop with youth and community organisations held to identify issues and resolutions for young people. The recommendations will be consolidated into an overarching Youth Strategy for the review of the YPP Youth Roundtable and Exec Committee.

This workshop will be heavily informed by the recommendations from the YPP Youth Summit held on 15 April which comprised a gathering of 100 young people from all over Perth who took part in specialised workshops to provide guidance for future decisions for young people. The City contributed to this significant event through administration and management staff support prior to and on the day.

ARMADALE VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Stress Management – Supporting Volunteers and Volunteer Managers in their roles.

Armadale Volunteer Services will be hosting a Stress Management workshop for volunteers and volunteer managers at the Evelyn Gribble Centre on 30 April. This session will be facilitated by Bernie Rozario and will focus on providing plans for coping with stress and helping individuals feel empowered.

National review of the definition of volunteering.

The current definition of formal volunteering is:

- Formal volunteering is an activity which takes place through not for profit organisation or projects and is undertaken:
- To be of benefit to the community and the volunteer;
- Of the volunteer's own free will and without coercion;
- For no financial payment; and
- In designated volunteer positions only.

This definition is currently being reviewed with consultation workshops being held across Australia during April with a new definition expected to be launched in July 2015.

National review of the National Standards for Volunteer Involvement:

The National Standards for Volunteer Involvement are also currently being reviewed. The new National Standards for Volunteer Involvement have been significantly rewritten. They are now clear, easy to understand and simple to use. They also take into account an organisation's size, and the different types of volunteering. The new National Standards are due for release during National Volunteer Week in May.

National Volunteer Week

Volunteering Australia has announced that the theme for National Volunteer 2015 Week will be "Give Happy Live Happy" It will be celebrated from 11 to 17 May. Armadale Volunteer Services will be hosting a whole of community event for all volunteers living and/or volunteering in the City of Armadale on Wednesday 13 May at the Kelmscott Hall. Catering will be provided by students at Armadale Senior High School and entertainment will be provided by Katherine John.

LEISURE SERVICES

In March 2015 the Leisure Services Department;

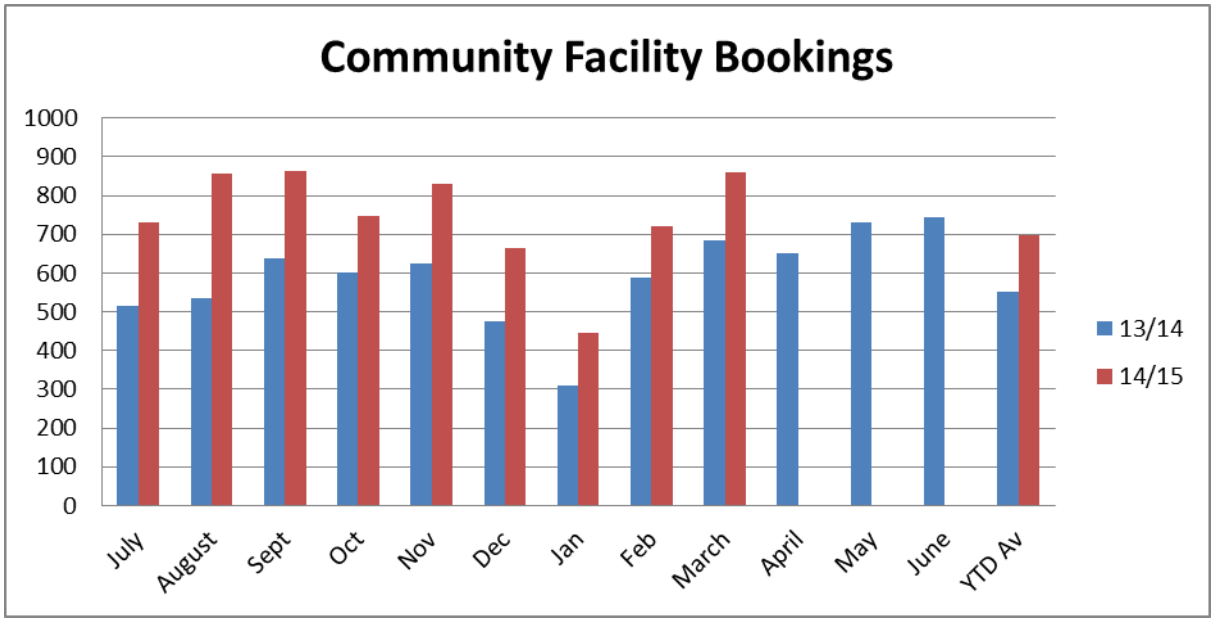
- Provided 425 programs or activities to community programs
- Had 80,444 attendances to our facilities
- Had 1911 bookings at our facilities and reserves

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND RESERVES

BOOKINGS

The commencement of winter sport season is clearly reflected in the bookings and transition between codes in March. 860 bookings were for our community facilities and 557 for active reserve bookings. Bookings for March increased 29% from 2014. With the new Piara Waters Pavilion reflecting approximately 100 of these bookings monthly.

The new lease arrangement with Sri Lankan Cultural Group has commenced with the group leasing a room at Bakers House and hiring the main hall when required. This group has a membership base of over 300.



CLUB DEVELOPMENT

The Clubs Conference 2015 at Cannington Leisureplex was a success, 8 club volunteers from Armadale attended and feedback was that topics covered would assist their clubs.

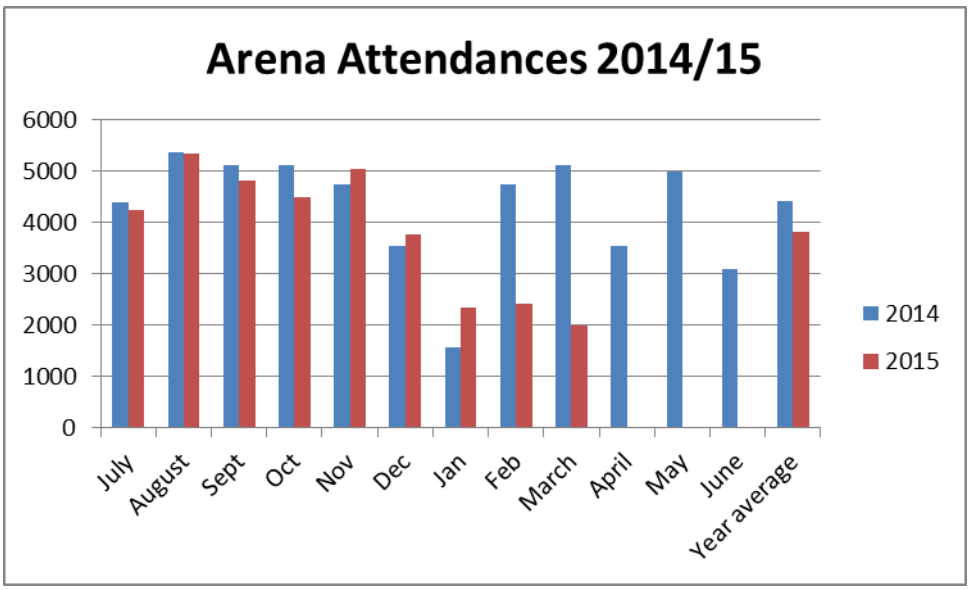
KidSport continues to grow with 465 registered for winter, compared to 411 up to March 2014. The 15,000 female participant to register in WA came from the City of Armadale and the Department of Sport and Recreation, in conjunction with the City of Armadale will maximise any media opportunities to highlight this exciting milestone.

ARMADALE ARENA

Arena roof replacement project is continuing on track. This has significantly impacted on centre use.

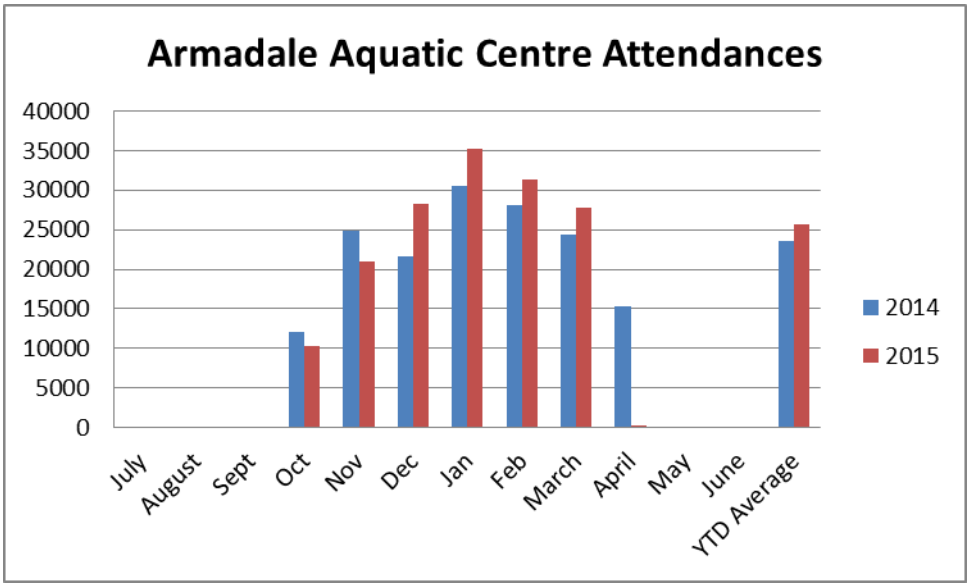
Personal training sessions have grown over the past 12 months, with an average of 20 sessions per month, year to date. Providing this premium service benefits the City financially.

STAR fitness broke the 200 mark for participants in March. This program is a key social and wellness priority for the senior participants and continues to build a good reputation in Armadale. Yoga in the park started this month 120 participants in the 4 sessions.



ARMADALE AQUATIC CENTRE

Armadale Aquatic Centre attendances continued at capacity for March. The bookings cease past the April school holidays due to the risk of cold. Numbers remain fairly consistent from 2014, with no additional space available to accommodate any additional bookings this season.



MARCH 2015

LIBRARY SERVICES

STATISTICAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Library Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of March 2015.

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

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

60 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 634 people participated in these various activities.

757children, teachers and parents were reached with external visits to schools and other community childcare facilities.

Reports on sessions of interest:

Topic: Harmony Week Story Time
Presenter: Shirley Reilly
Date: 17th March 2015
Time: 10.30-11.30am
Venue: Armadale Library
No. Attending: 70 children; 50 adults

To celebrate Harmony Week a special story time was held at Armadale Library. A large group of children and adults from a wide variety of cultural backgrounds attended including Congo, Iraq, Burma, Thailand, Cambodia, Afghanistan, China, Colombia, Sri Lanka, Germany, Ireland, Scotland, Iran and Indonesia.

Greetings were exchanged in various languages including Arabic and Colombian. Several songs were also shared in Indonesian and Zimbabwean. 'Handa's Surprise' an African tale and 'When the snake bites the sun' an Aboriginal dreamtime story were read to the audience. The children enjoyed decorating a boomerang for their craft activity. Seventy children and fifty adults attended including our regular story timers, two childcare centre groups, the Young Parents Chill Space playgroup and twenty adults and children from the Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP).

The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. Our libraries welcomed a large and diverse group to celebrate cultural diversity and show respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Books were on display for borrowing as well as flyers promoting our regular events.

Public Libraries WA 2015 Conference

The 2015 conference, with a theme of "Game on! – public libraries changing to build communities", was held on Friday 13 March 2015 at the University Club of WA. Eleven of the City's professional library staff took the opportunity to attend the conference that was both stimulating and challenging.

Inga Lunden, Senior Advisor Stockholm Department of Culture Sweden, was the first speaker. Her messages were that Stockholm's libraries aim to be the community's partner in everyday life for reading, learning and reflection. With population growth there is also growth in knowledge, diversity and complexity in the community.

Bernard Salt Business Advisor/Futurist KMPG and Nigel Oakey Managing Director Dome Coffees both gave papers that provided insight on community growth, change and expectations and challenged libraries to adapt to meet this change.

Corinne Hill Executive Director Chattanooga Public Library USA described how she has transformed the Chattanooga Public Library in her two years as its leader – how she fostered a culture of change and innovation, made the library the creative hub of the community, and managed through times of budgetary constraint. It was interesting to note that she answers to a Board rather than direct to the government funding body so has a greater degree of independence as a change agent. Turning the ground floor of the 4 storey library into a coffee shop with library staff being trained as baristas, and turning the top floor into an IT driven "maker space" floor were interesting concepts for us.

Rachel Van Riel Director of Opening the Book Ltd., focussed on library design, the move to self-service for users and how this changes the role and tasks of library staff. This paper was most timely given the current planning for the re-located Kelmscott Library that will hopefully encompass some of the 'discovery layout' concepts promoted by Rachel.

The library professional team appreciated the opportunity to attend the conference that has stimulated a lot of discussion in considering ways that we can implement further positive change in the City's library service.

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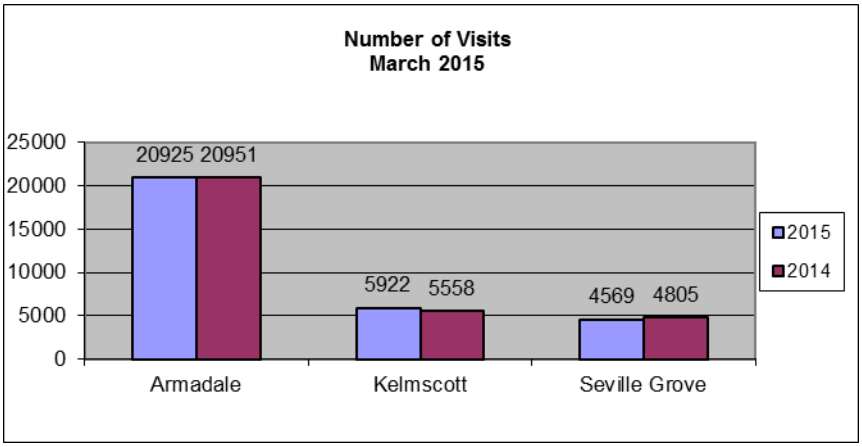
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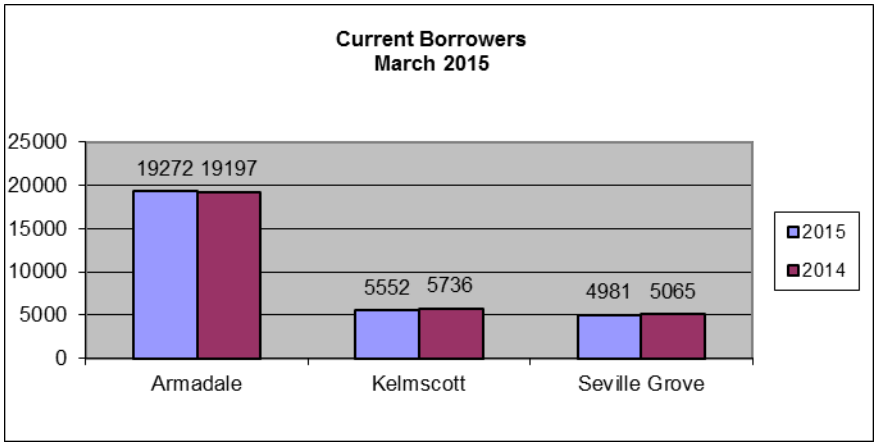
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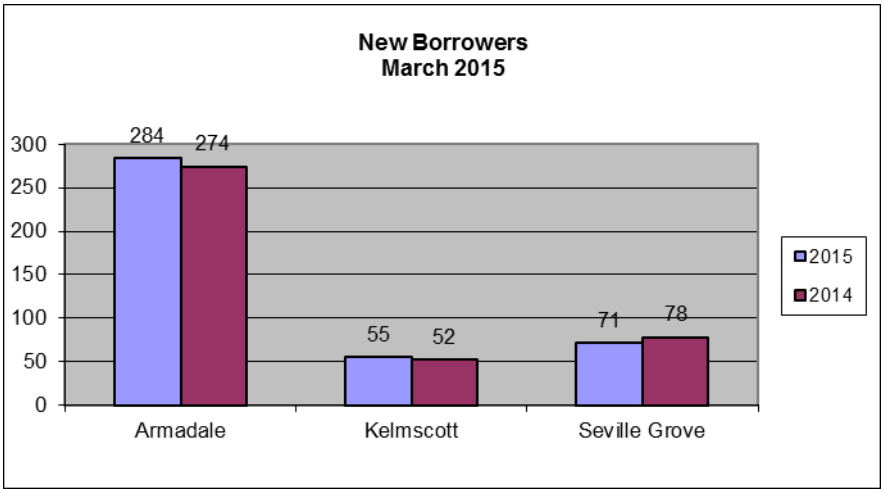
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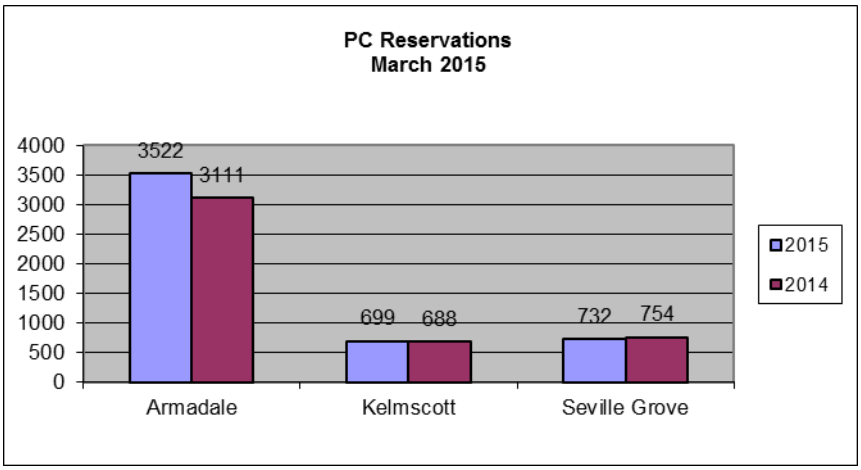
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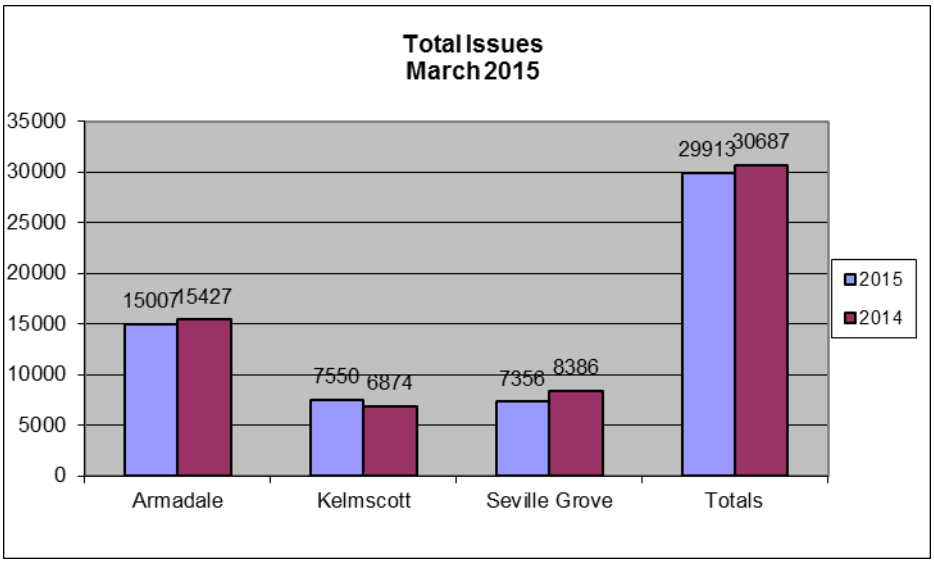
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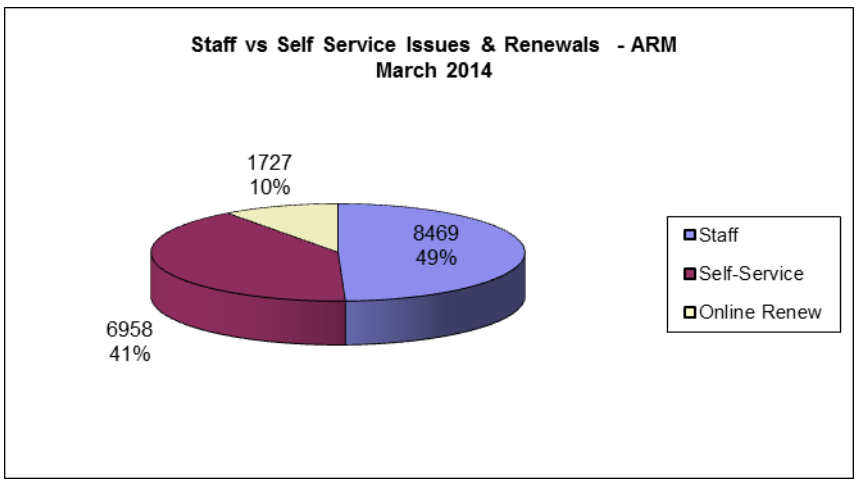
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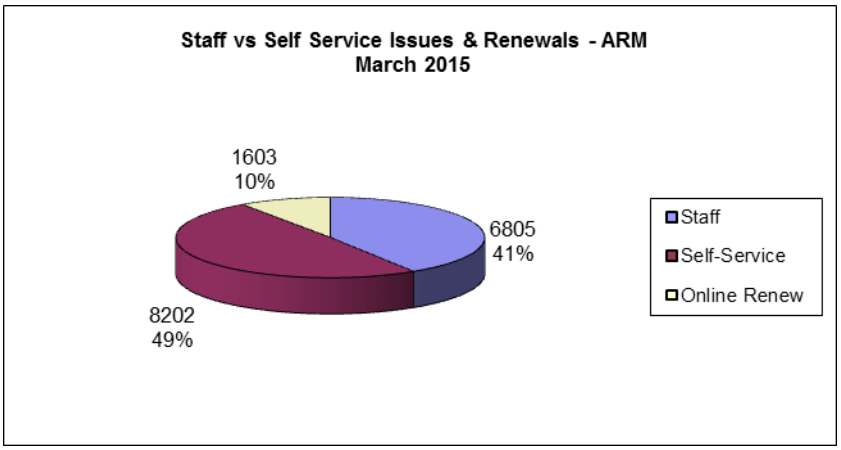
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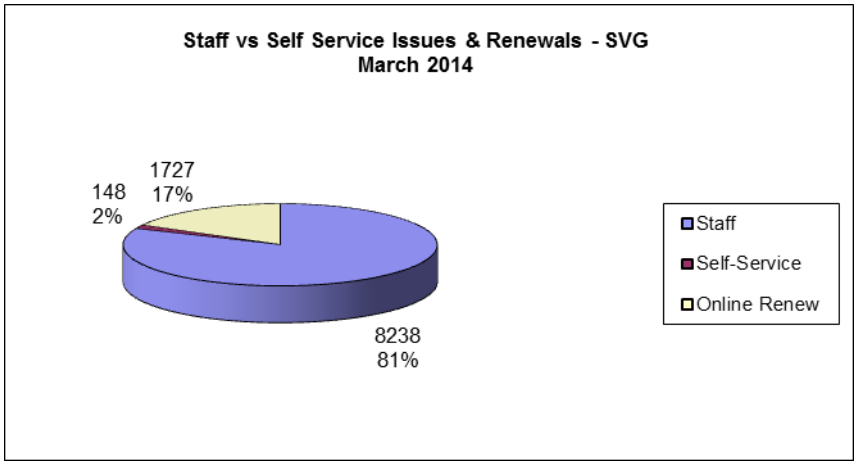
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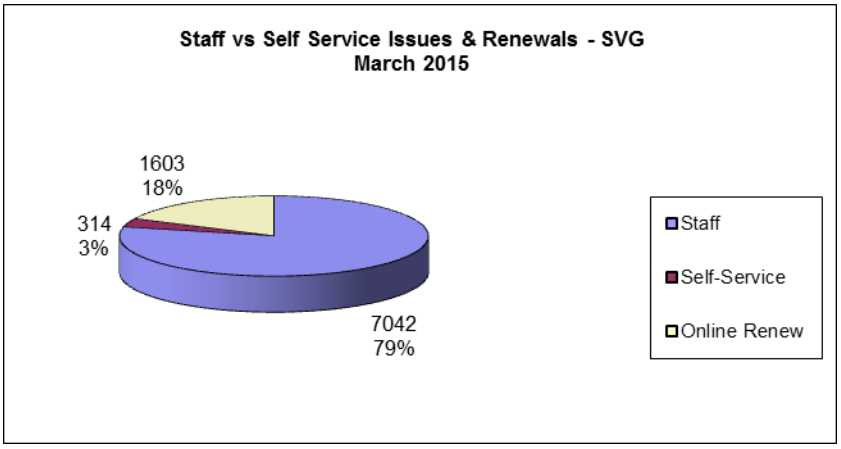
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HERITAGE SERVICES

STATISTICAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Heritage Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of March 2015.

BIRTWISTLE LOCAL STUDIES LIBRARY

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

Oral histories
Skilled interviewers and transcribers are temporarily in short supply and so an experiment has been trialled to have informal interviews recorded and timed-logs written instead of verbatim transcripts.

Two new hand-held Q2 sound / video recorders have been purchased. These will be used by the volunteers who are somewhat intimidated by the more sophisticated Marantz recording equipment. The earlier model Q3 recorders have been made available to the Champion Centre to record the stories of the local Aboriginal elders.

Picture Armadale
A planned extension to the digital offerings by the BLSL has come with the purchase of video editing software, Adobe Premier Elements. Jeffery Green has given the BLSL 50 DVDs of the video recordings from the 1980s onwards. Excerpts from these will be selected and added to the Picture Armadale collection.

Steady progress is being made with adding new photos to the Picture Armadale collection. A second volunteer is being trained to add images and details to the online photograph collection.

An enhancement to the Picture Armadale database home page comes with the addition of an image slider where labelled images change every 2-3 seconds highlighting the variety of photographs that can be viewed by researchers.

Conflict & Compassion: An Anzac Tribute 250 Sunsets
The City's Local Studies Library has worked with local author Linda Bettenay and is supporting an event to be held as part of the 2015 National Trust Heritage Festival. The program for the evening of 15 May at the Roleystone Theatre, has been finalised. The performances will include: World War 1 songs sung by children from the Armadale Primary School and by noted singers from the district; there will be readings telling of the thoughts of two young men who have survived 250 sunsets at Gallipoli and a performance from Linda Bettenay's book Secrets Mothers Keep. Early bookings have been made possible by the Theatre staff.

Research enquiries
- Local history resources survey by a university student assignment
- The origins of the names of Urch and Peet Roads
- The history of a property on Urch Road (for new property owners)
- The history of the Kelmscott Shanty Town Museum (for new property owners)
- Glen Eagle and other ruins along Albany Highway past the Old Narrogin Inn.

Guest speaker Stephen O'Brien, Local Studies Librarian for the City of Gosnells

Family Tree Group Members were treated to a talk by Stephen O'Brien about the Kenwick Pioneer Cemetery. The burials there have a shared history with the early settlers of the Armadale district. 21 people attended this presentation. This talk was recorded for future reference.

HISTORY HOUSE MUSEUM

MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

On the Home Front: Life in the City of Armadale during World War One
This exhibition is currently with the designers and will be installed in late April. The opening for this exhibition will occur on Friday 24 April and invitations have been sent out.

MUSEUM PROGRAMS

Comedian in Residence
The City of Armadale has submitted a request for $20,540 to the Department of Culture and the Arts through the Connect Community Collections Grant Scheme. The grant will assist in funding the engagement of comedian Peter Rowsthorn to create and deliver a series of four museum tours that focus on the collection and local stories. Peter will also be doing a workshop focussing on how to do a public performance. The grant will also be used to cover the costs of engaging a film crew to record and produce a film of one of the performances. This film will be used as a record of the event and to promote the activities of the museum.

Minnawarra Historic Precinct Open Day
The open day will be held on Sunday May 17 and will include a number of activities in the museum, a series of speakers in the Minnawarra Chapel organised by the Birtwistle Local Studies Library, and a performance using some of the instruments in the museum by local band Jarrah Celtic. The key purpose of this day is to promote the heritage services of the City of Armadale to the public.

MUSEUM COLLECTION

There were two donations in March.

The first is a copy of the New Testament and Psalms given to Claude Marsh by the Armadale Congregational Church on April 11 1916. The book was a gift given to Claude and several other local men who had enlisted during World War One. The event where they were all presented with their New Testaments was recorded in the June/July edition of The Drill of the Foothills, a local newsletter published by the Congregational Community. The item was donated by Claude's daughter Alison Wholagan.

Mr Craig Wales donated a spoon, fork and iron trivet which he found on a property he has recently purchased. The items were part of the collection owned by Mr and Mrs Hin-Loopen who started the Kelmscott Museum of Western Australian History and Historical Shanty Town, located on Gilwell Avenue in Kelmscott.

This month the grandchildren and great grandchildren of Charles Duncan visited the museum to view his blacksmithing tools. The tools had been donated to the museum in 1993 by Charles's youngest son Alan. Charles was

blacksmith in Armadale from the mid-1920s through to the late 1930s. His family left behind a collection of information of Charles, his family as well as a couple of family photographs. This information has greatly increased our understanding of Charles and his family.

MUSEUM EDUCATION REPORT

School Visits
Southern Hills Christian College made its annual visit to the Museum to learn about Local Government and our local Anzacs. Councillor Ruth Butterfield, Deputy Mayor, addressed the Year 6 class about how local government operates in Armadale.
Willandra Primary School Year 1s visited the Museum to learn what school was like in the early 1900s and the games the children played then.

School Incursion Program
The Education Officer visited both Pioneer Village School and Westfield Park Primary School to deliver the Old Time Games Incursion program. The children love playing the games.

MiaB
MiaB (Museum in a Box) has again been very popular this month with 4 boxes going out to schools.

MUSEUM MANAGEMENT

Conservation Workshop
On 19 March the curator attended a workshop on how to record and interpret climate data, object conservation reports and statements of significance to develop action plans and prepare budget priority lists relating to caring for collections. The day also included a tour of the Western Australian Museum collection storage facilities and tips on good collection management practices.
The workshop and tour were very educational and have helped to identify a couple of new management practices that can be implemented at History House to improve the care of the collection as well as developing strategic planning on how best to use the museum's budget in relation to the conservation of significant items in the collection.

ANZAC Centenary Local Grant Program
The Australian Government through the Department of Veterans' Affairs' ANZAC Centenary Local Grant Program has awarded the City of Armadale $27,930 to assist in the delivery of three exhibitions at History House between 2015 and 2018. The three exhibitions include 'On the Home Front: Life in the City of Armadale during World War One' (2015), the cartoons of Ben Strange relating to World War One and its aftermath (1917) and 'Returning Home' the stories of the men and women who returned home following the end of World War One (2018).

STATISTICS

BIRTWISTLE – STATISTICS – MARCH 2015

Birtwistle Local Studies Library				
	Current Month	**Year to date**		
	Mar 15	**Mar 14**	**July 14 - Mar 15**	**July 13 - Mar 14**
Reference Enquiries	6	3	49	36
Research Enquiries	5	6	83	77
Visitor Attendance	85	129	766	957
Volunteer Hours total	173	43	1150	724
Digitising Records	44	18	292	118
Oral History				
Letters Sent	3	5	20	24
Interviews Completed	2	3	14	17
Transcripts Completed/ reviewed	2	2	16	22
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	23	15	194	159
Volunteer Hours - Interviewing	8	16	40	55
Family History Research				
Reference	1	3	92	40
Research	40	59	270	216
Volunteer Hours	54	66	365	392
Research	40	30	230	157
Volunteer Hours	35	52	311	326

HISTORY HOUSE MUSEUM – MARCH2015

History House Museum	Current Month	Year to date		
	Mar 15	**Mar 14**	**July 14- June 15**	**Jul 13 – June 14**
General Visitors	260	97	1007	1560
School Visits	61	93	250	451
School Incursions	67	0	352	118
Holiday Programs	0	0	109	56
Community Programs	0	0	142	107
Seniors Programs	0	0	54	125
Total Visitors	**388**	**215**	**2515**	**2417**
Volunteer Hours	152	215	1278	1556
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum	**Mar 15**	**Mar 14**	**July 14 – June 15**	**Jul 13 – June 14**
Visitors	**249**	**148**	**1535**	**1505**

MARCH YEAR: 2015

RANGER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

ANIMAL CONTROL

Dogs

Ranger Services received seven hundred and seventeen (717) requests for assistance during the report period. The primary focus of Ranger Services is managing the response to the community for requests for service.

CATS

Ranger Services received seventy six (76) requests for assistance during this report period. The mainstream of request related to feral cats which are unable to be rehomed due to their aggressive behaviour.

LIVESTOCK (CATTLE)

During this report period Ranger Services attended to fourteen (14) requests for assistance in dealing with stock wandering, this figure indicates a significant reduction in the number of reported incidents of stock wandering, from the corresponding period 2014.

Court Action

The following information relates to legal action taken by Ranger Services pursuant to the provisions of Councils Parking Local Laws, this matters was heard and determined in the Armadale Magistrates Court during this report period.

OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALTY $	COSTS $	TOTAL $
Parking on Footpath	**Guilty**	70.00	800.00	**870.00**

Vehicles

PARKING

Ranger Service attended to two hundred and twenty five (225) general enquires relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period.

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

school and to decrease traffic congestion around schools during drop off and pick up times

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.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLES (TRUCKS)

The number of reports received regarding trucks being parked in residential areas, for extended periods of time, peaks and troughs on a regular basis, and is not considered to be a wide ranging issue, however Rangers will continue to be vigilant in this area of operations.

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 certain areas, particularly where it is identified that life and or property are at risk.

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 seventy three (73) 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.

FIRE SERVICES

There were thirty three (33) enquires relating to fire incidents during the March report period, these matters were principally related to concerns regarding firebreaks and information relation to general fire safety.

Current tasks and activities performed

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

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.

Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades experience the usual amount of calls to bush/scrub fires, during March, 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

Annual Firebreak Inspection Programme

Several months prior to the beginning of the fire season Ranger Services evaluate areas throughout the City for the purpose of identifying and formulating a firebreak inspection strategy for that particular year. Rangers also issue Notices, in accordance with the provisions of the Bush Fires Act, to landowners where it is identified that a potential fire hazard is developing and requires additional work prior to the firebreak period.

The costs of installation of firebreaks are borne by all landowners, which is reasonable given that the landowners (or land managers) are responsible for fire management on their property. It is relevant to note that annually, Local Government and State Government agencies direct significant resources toward community level fire management. This shared approach ensures that the risk to the community in terms of fire management is minimized and enables the formation of effective partnerships and working relationships for fire response, education and advice.

Inspections were undertaken between 1 December 2014 and 14 March 2015 to determine compliance with fire regulations;

In total 3,208 private properties were inspected.

- 17 City of Armadale Reserves
- 29 Verge inspections carried out
- 213 Section 33 Bush Fires Act orders issued
- 85 Bush Fire Act infringements issued.

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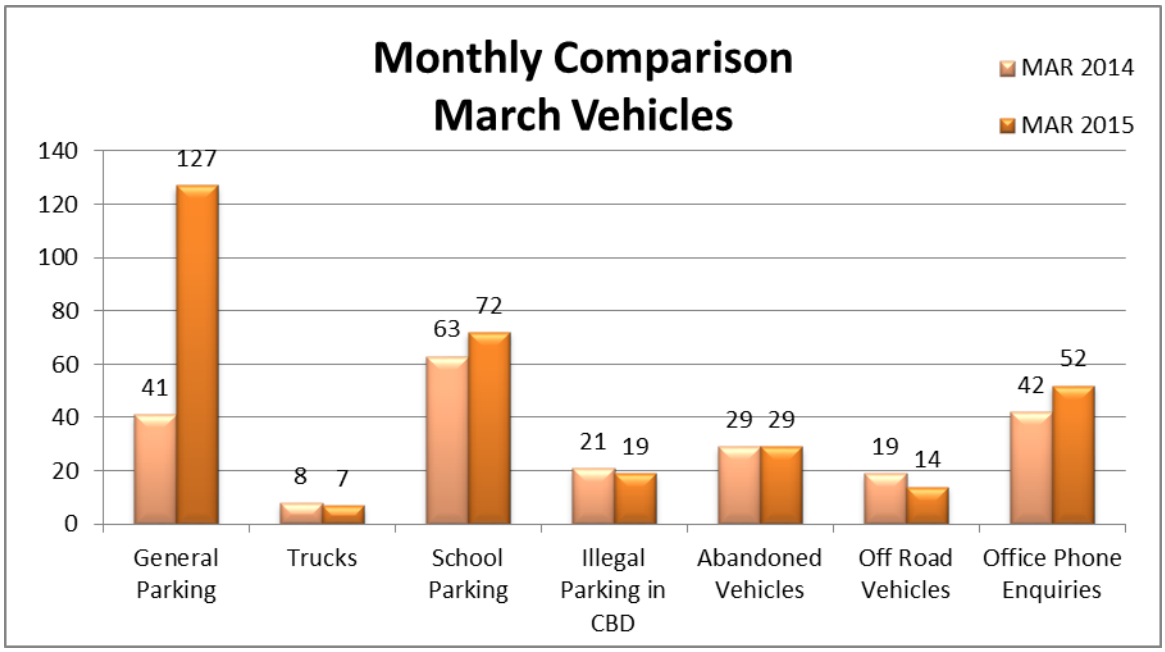
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March Vehicles
MAR 2014
MAR 2015
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19
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General Parking
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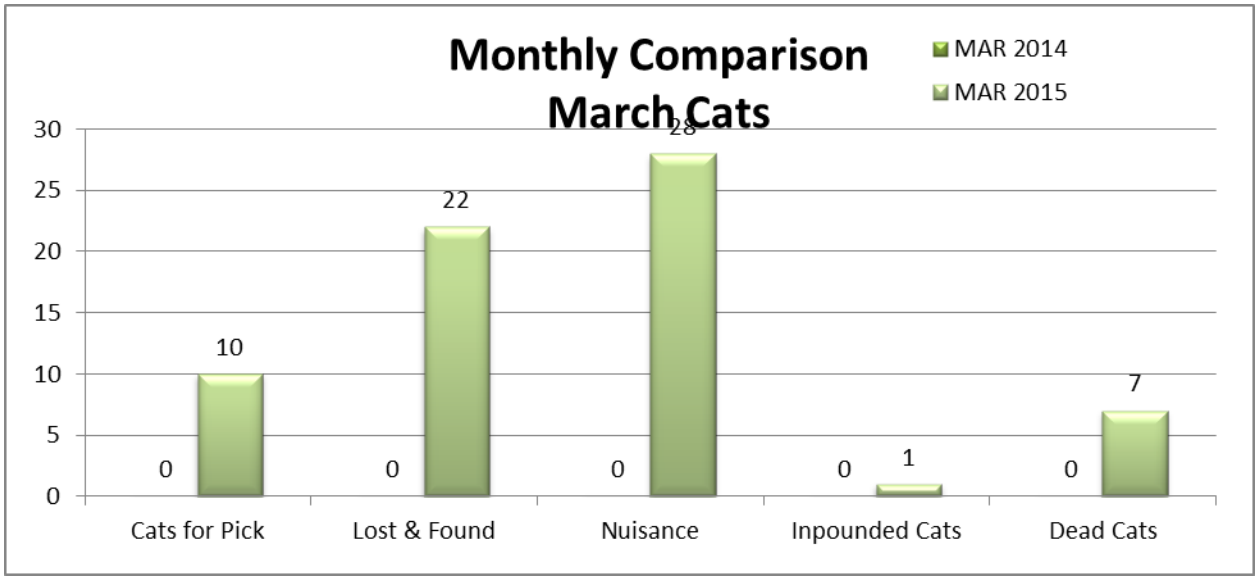
School Parking
Illegal Parking in CBD
Abandoned Vehicles
Off Road Vehicles
Office Phone Enquiries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MAR 2015
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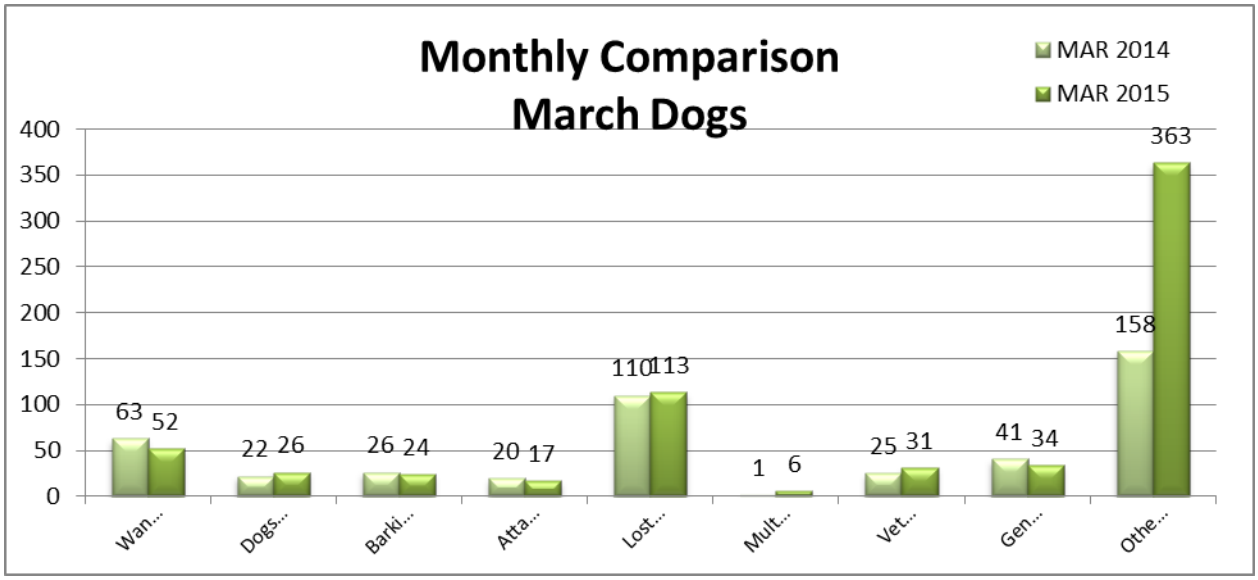
Dead Cats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MAR 2014
MAR 2015
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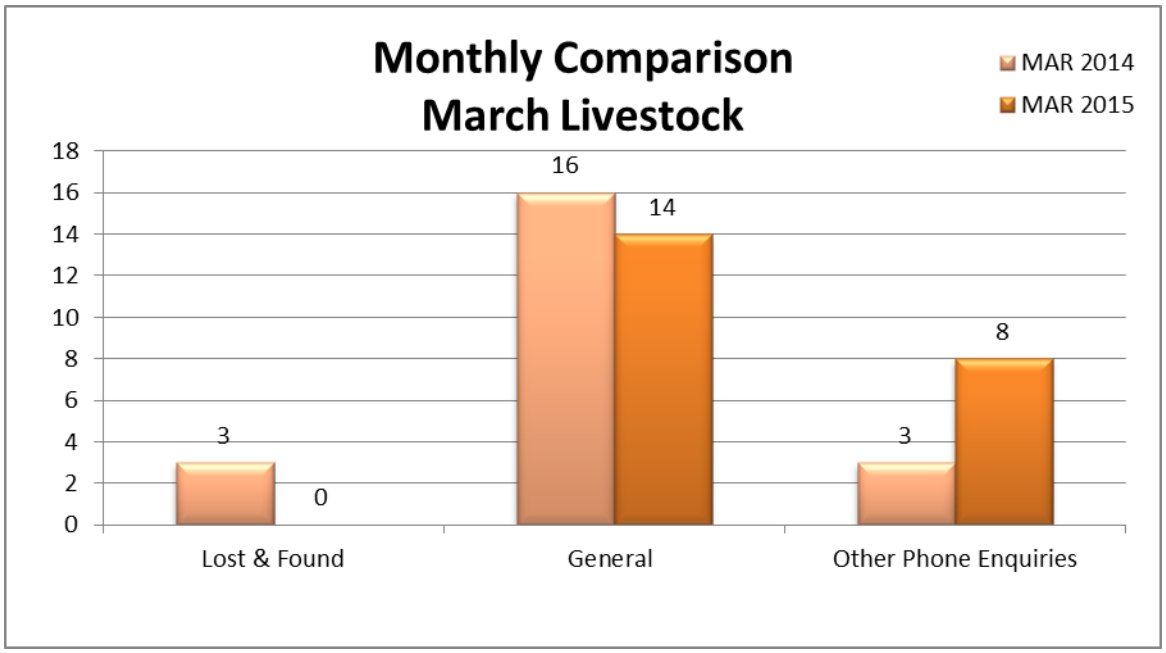
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March Livestock
MAR 2014
MAR 2015
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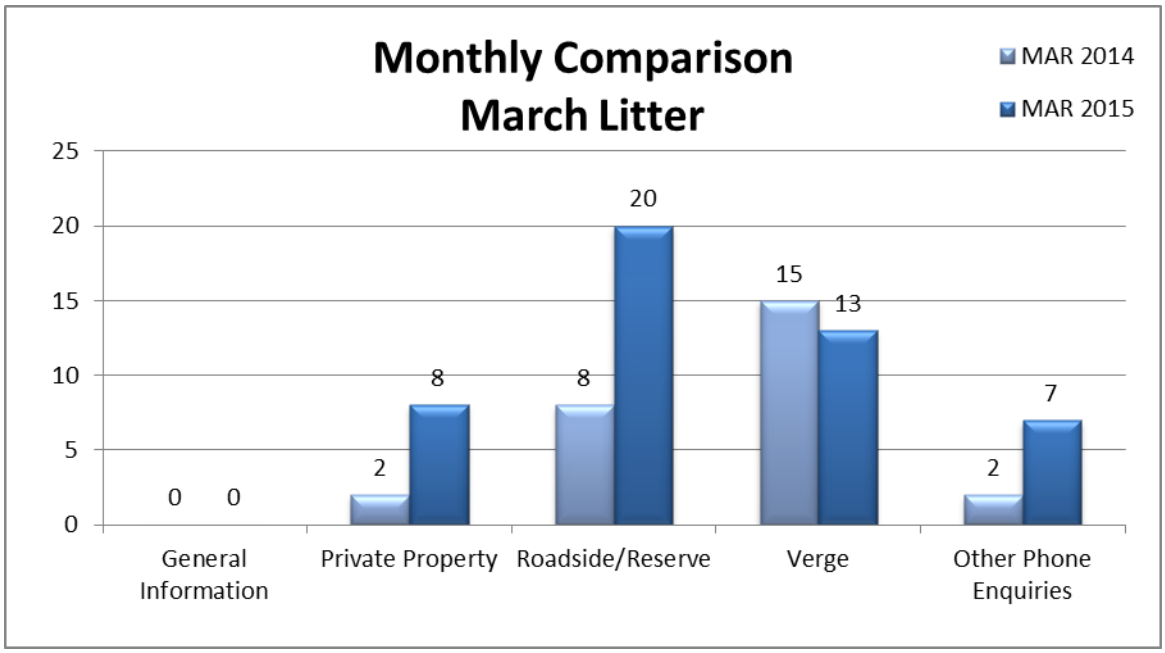
Lost & Found
General
Other Phone Enquiries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MAR 2015
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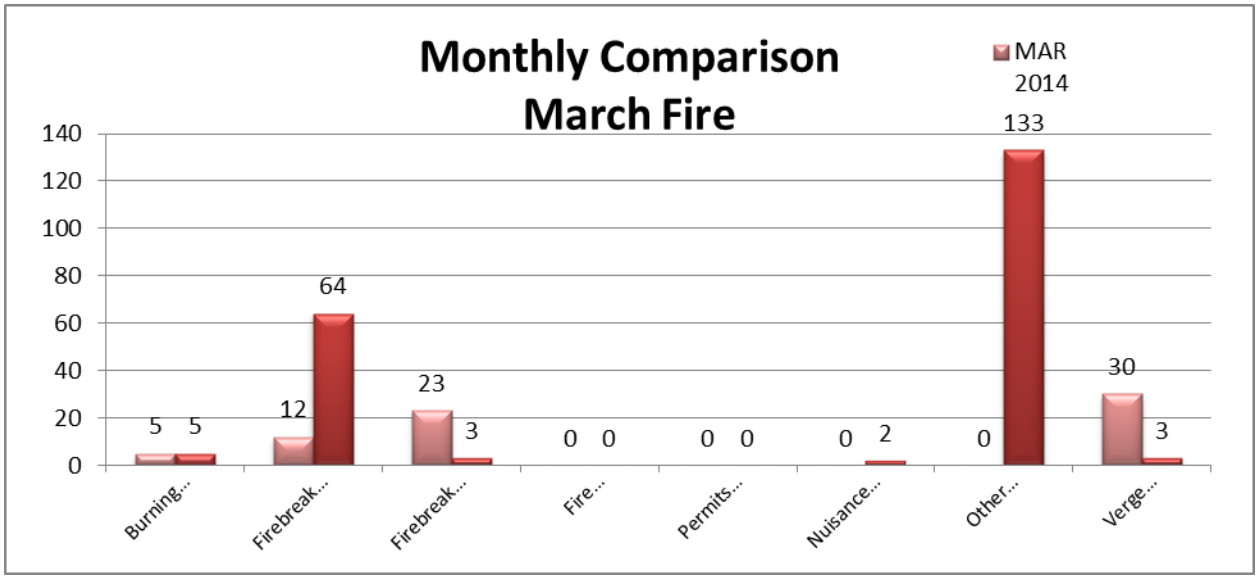
Private Property
Roadside/Reserve
Verge
Other Phone Enquiries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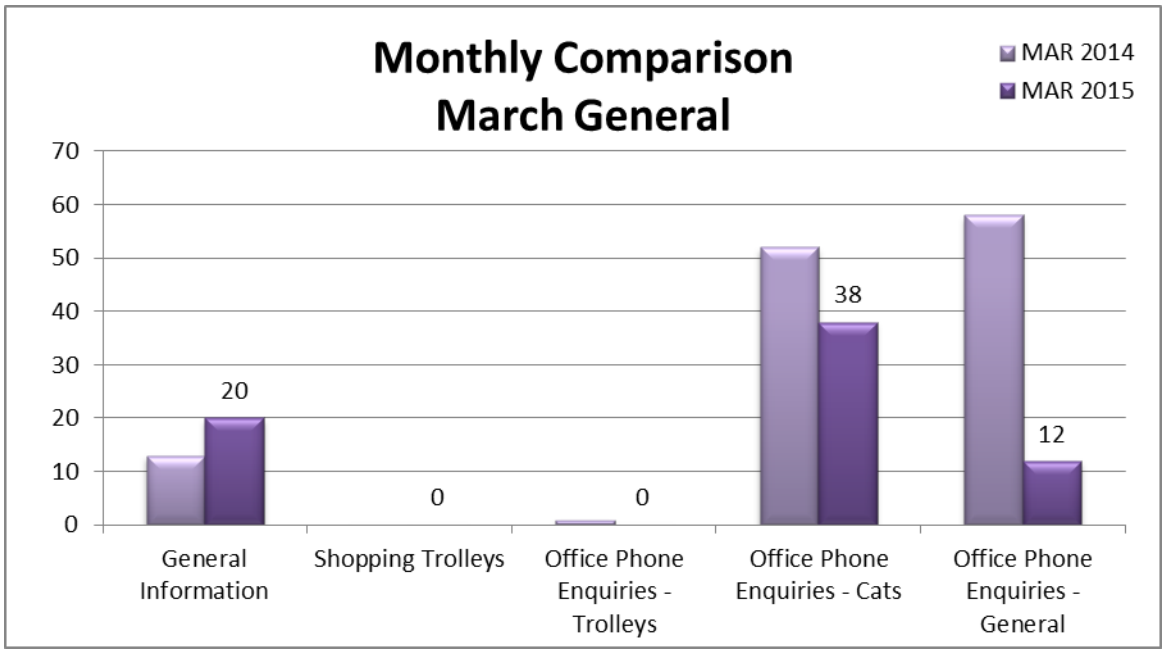
Permits...
Nuisance...
Other...
Verge...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March General
MAR 2014
MAR 2015
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General Information
Shopping Trolleys
Office Phone Enquiries - Trolleys
Office Phone Enquiries - Cats
Office Phone Enquiries - General

TOURISM AND EVENTS

VISITOR CENTRE

During this period the Visitor Centre experienced a consistent level of patronage with an increase in ticket sales. Our top three international visitors this month are United Kingdom, Singapore and Malaysia.

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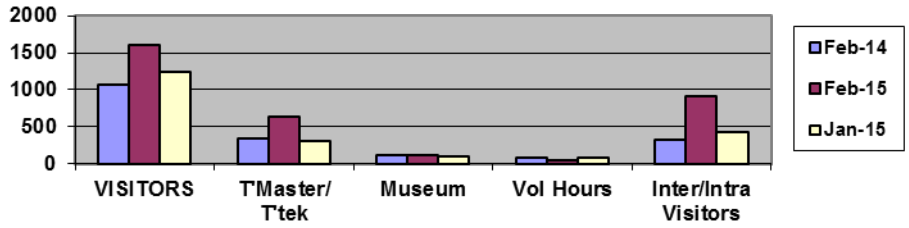

FEBRUARY 2015

INTRA-STATE VISITORS	INTER-STATE VISITORS	OVERSEAS VISITORS	TICKETMASTER/ TICKETEK	MUSEUM VISITORS	TOTAL VISITORS
888	22	60	635	122	**1605**

VOLUNTEER HOURS
50

JANUARY 2015

INTRA-STATE VISITORS	INTER-STATE VISITORS	OVERSEAS VISITORS	TICKETMASTER/ TICKETEK	MUSEUM VISITORS	TOTAL VISITORS
662	40	62	370	107	**1241**

VOLUNTEER HOURS
84

Visitor Research

Tourism Western Australia recently conducted research into visitor numbers in Western Australia and found that visitors from Singapore has grown by 30% with 78,800 visitors in the year up to September 2014. Singapore is Western Australia's 2nd largest international market by visitor spends and arrivals including 80% repeat visitation.

Central Institute of Technology Tourism students will also be conducting a survey in the Jull Street Mall in March to determine perceptions of the Visitor Centre within the local community of Armadale. They will submit a report based on their findings to the Visitor Centre.

Website statistics

Google Analytics recorded 2406 visits to the Armadale Visitor Centre website for the month with top views from Australia, United Kingdom, Singapore and USA.

DESTINATION MARKETING

The City has continued an ongoing destination marketing program of the Armadale region including:

- GWN7 Advertising campaign;
- Your guide to Perth and Fremantle (airport distribution);
- Jetstar Asia magazine;
- WA accommodation listing
- Experience Perth NATAS & MATA travel show;
- Scoot magazine;
- Curtin FM radio;
- Examiner Newspaper;
- Inspire Magazine;
- West Australian weekend west winter guide to Perth and surrounds; and
- 2015 Chinese Planner and Experience Perth Planner.

MAJOR ARTS AND EVENTS

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Several meetings were conducted during the month of February to assist with the planning and delivery of the City's major events calendar.

Street Hassle Events
MRA
Stockland
Taborda Traffic Management
Carlisle Event Hire
PRF Electrical Contracting
Curator – Kristy Gough
Perth Exhibition Hire
Barretts Displays
Concert and Corporate Productions
Blackrooke Advertising
CrossArts
Armadale Society of Artists
Australian Protection Services
Concert and Corporate Productions
Focus Promotions
RSL
Satterley
Various Internal CoA Departments

TWILIGHT MARKETS

The first of the Twilight Markets was launched on Friday 6 February with a total of 24 market stalls followed by the second market in the series on Friday 6 March with a total of 35 stalls. Several of the temporary traders were newly introduced to the City of Armadale through the Twilight Markets and indicated their interest to become a return trader to the event. The first market had an estimated attendance of approximately 600 people and the second approximately 1200.

Local traders in the Jull Street Mall welcomed the Twilight Markets to the season's calendar of events with an increase in sales and enquiry. Lappa Brazilian and El Mexicana, participated in the second market by opening temporary food stalls, creating specialised dishes and tasting plates for the occasion.

The Citys' Facebook page has been very active with favourable feedback after each event, the general consensus being in favour of more Twilight Markets in the Jull Street Mall in the near future.

COMING EVENTS

JULL STREET MALL SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

A short series of school holiday activities will be introduced to the Jull Street Mall during the month of April. Activities will be aimed at children 12 years and under and will be approximately 2-3 hours duration. The intent of the programme is not large in scale but to attract families and additional foot traffic to the mall.

ARMADALE HAWKERS MARKET

The City will be trialling its first hawkers style market in Memorial Park on Friday 17 April 5pm-9pm. The hawkers market will serve up a variety of international food stalls, multi-cultural music and selection of children's games and family entertainment.

MINNAWARRA ART AWARDS

Preparation for the Minnawarra Art Awards is presently underway. This year the City of Armadale welcomes a new Curator to the art awards, Kristy Gough. Expressions of interest to exhibit and remained open until close of business on Thursday 16 March.

Stockland will once again proudly sponsor the $5,000, 3D commissioned prize, while the $5,000 Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority sponsorship application is pending confirmation.

MINNAWARRA FESTIVAL

Minnawarra Festival will be held on Sunday 3 May and several changes will be introduced as part of the plan to trial alternative possibilities for the festival. Council will have the opportunity to provide comment on the various aspects trialled at the Minnawarra Festival after the event.