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Update on Gift Provisions

WALGA, in partnership with the Local Government Managers Australia, has obtained legal advice in respect of the matters raised by the Department of Local Government and Communities in relation to Local Government Sector gift provisions.

The legal advice assisted in providing clarification in response to the interpretation contained in the Governance Bulletin. The legal advice verified the need for regulatory amendment.

An InfoPage detailing WALGA State Council's decision on dealing with this issue is available [here](#).

For more information, email Executive Manager Governance & Organisational Services, Tony Brown or call 9213 2051.

2016 Local Government Convention

The 2016 annual WA Local Government Convention and Trade Exhibition will return to the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre from Wednesday, 3 August – Friday, 5 August.

Information and Registration brochures were sent to all Councils last week and registrations can be made online by visiting the WALGA website.

The brochure is also available electronically and can be downloaded from the WALGA website.

For more information, email Marketing & Events Support Officer, Serena Shand on or call 9213 2097.

Association Honours 2016

WALGA's Honours program provides an excellent opportunity to publicly recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements and lasting contributions made by our Elected Members.

Councillors can be recognised for their commitment to both their respective Councils, as well as to Local Government as a sector and the wider community.

Senior Officers can also be nominated for the Eminent Service Award, Life Membership and the Local Government Medal. Local Government Officers can be nominated for the Local Government Distinguished Officer Award in recognition for their achievements.

Awards will be presented to recipients at a ceremony held during the 2016 Local Government Convention.

The deadline for nominations has now been extended and nominations close 5:00pm Friday, 13 May. No late nominations will be accepted.

Nomination packs are available here.

For more information, email Executive Officer, Governance, Fiona Cohen or call 9213 2013.

Vacancies on Boards and Committees

The Association is pleased to announce the following vacancies:

- Gingin to Kalbarri Sub-Regional Planning Steering Group
 - 1 Avon-Midland Zone Member & 1 Northern Country Zone Member
- Library Board of WA
 - 1 Non-Metropolitan Member from a Shire

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, 13 June.

Nomination forms are available here.

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

Planning Improvement Program Workshop

In 2012, WALGA ran a series of workshops and online surveys with Local Government officers to prepare the Planning Improvement Program's Action Plan.

Four years on, it is proposed to revisit this Action Plan, and help guide the future work plans of the WALGA Planning team.

Since the initial Action Plan was prepared, the State Government has implemented a number of its Planning Reform measures, which has affected some of the action or advocacy items outlined in the Action Plan.

It is proposed to hold a workshop with Planning Directors and Senior Planning staff to review the outcomes of the last four years, and to refine the actions and advocacy issues for the Association to pursue in the coming years.

Date: Friday, 10 June

Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm (light lunch provided)

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

Cost: Complimentary

RSVP: 5:00pm Wednesday 8 June, to kbrown@walga.asn.au

For more information, email A/Executive Manager Planning and Community Development, Vanessa Jackson or call 9213 2064.

Perth Region NRM Forum

Planning for and Adapting to Climate Change in the Swan Region

This forum presents case studies that demonstrate identifying climate change risk, developing a coordinated approach to climate change adaptation, developing ecological linkages and measurable on-ground projects. It will include a facilitated session to help identify participant successes and challenges as well as what strategies may be required to address knowledge gaps.

Who should attend?

- Local Government Environment and Sustainability professionals: Find out what processes and tools are available to you.
- Town Planners: Get insight into adaptive planning for climate change, the long term considerations for development, zoning and infrastructure requirements.

Date: Wednesday, 1 June

Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Venue: Swing View Room, Wembley Golf Course, Wembley Downs

Cost: \$80 per person

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

State Graffiti Taskforce - Evaluation Report Released

The State Graffiti Taskforce, of which WALGA is a member, commissioned an evaluation on the Tough on Graffiti Strategy 2011-2015.

The report suggest that implementation of the Tough on Graffiti Strategy 2011-2015 has led to a marked reduction in the occurrence of graffiti in WA, though highlights a number of opportunities to improve the Strategy. To view the full report, [click here](#).

If you would like to discuss report, email WALGA Policy Manager - Community, Jodie Holbrook or call 9213 2044.

For more information about the strategy and for advice to assist the with graffiti removal, reporting and prevention advice, visit the State Graffiti Taskforce website.

Local Government Compliance Association - EOI Committee Members

The Local Government Compliance (LGC) Association is seeking expressions of interest for committee members.

The LGC Association organise compliance seminars and workshops for compliance officers. Nominations are open to Local Government officers within building, planning, health and other compliance related roles within Local Government.

Email lgcvp@icloud.com for a nomination form. Nominations are due no later than Monday, 19 May.

President's column

The 2016-17 Federal budget handed down this week was in line with broad expectations and saw some substantial changes to taxation to address revenue shortfalls but little in the way of new spending initiatives, with the Government reserving its options in advance of the Federal election expected to be set for 2 July over the next few days.

There was no explicit statement on ending the freeze of indexation for Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs), but the budget out-years did indicate an expectation that indexation would return from 2017-18. Although this indication is a step in the right direction, it does not guarantee an end to the freeze. ALGA will continue to reiterate the sector's call for a public commitment to restore the FAGs indexation from all political parties as we approach the election.

The budget included assurances to maintain spending on infrastructure with major funding commitments in public transport identified and other commitments of great interest to our sector, including:

- the decision to increase Roads to Recovery funding by \$50 million per year to \$400 million per year from 2019-20, which also implicitly confirms the continuation of the program beyond 2018-19
- the continuation of the Black Spot Programme with the Government committing \$60 million per year from 2019-20
- a commitment of \$60 million per year from 2019-20 to continue the Bridges Renewal Program.

These extra funds will certainly be welcomed in helping to address the challenge of maintaining more than 640,000 kilometers of roads, and help to address access, productivity and road safety issues - particularly in regional areas.

However, we need action and commitment sooner rather than later to help local communities build economic resilience by investing in infrastructure, investing in job creation and providing continued support for essential community services. ALGA's election plan, Local Government's Plan for an Innovative and Prosperous Australia, includes strategies which, if implemented, could add an estimated \$7.46 billion to national GDP and create an estimated 19,300 local jobs over three years. ALGA is calling for all major parties and candidates in the upcoming election to support local government and community priorities by backing this plan in the lead up to the election.

Mayor Troy Pickard

ALGA President

Local government perspective on Budget2016 - Finance

Each year the Australian Local Government Association provides an analysis of the Federal budget with a specific focus on its impact on local government. The aim of the analysis is to

provide local government with information on the total financial assistance it receives from the Australian Government as well as putting this assistance into context with the government's overall budget priorities.

In the 2016-17 financial year, the Australian Government will allocate \$2,289 billion in Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) for local government services to the community. The payment continues to be provided in two components, general purpose assistance grants and untied local roads grants. Both components of the grant are provided as untied funding allowing councils to spend the grants according to local priorities.

A breakdown of FAGs allocations by jurisdiction is below, and is also available in this year's [budget analysis](#) from ALGA.

Financial assistance grants	NSW \$m	VIC \$m	QLD \$m	WA \$m	SA \$m	TAS \$m	ACT \$m	NT \$m	TOTAL \$m
General Purpose Assistance	508.1	396.8	318.3	172.7	112.8	34.3	26.1	16.2	1,585.3
Untied Local Road Funding	204.1	145.0	131.8	107.6	38.7	37.3	22.6	16.5	703.4
TOTAL	712.2	541.8	450.1	280.2	151.5	71.6	48.6	32.7	2,288.7

The freeze on indexation announced in the 2014-15 budget remains in place with an indication in the budget out-years that indexation will return from 2017-18. The impact of this freeze is estimated to be \$925 million in lost revenue for councils over the period of the freeze and a permanent 13 per cent reduction in the base of the FAGs.

ALGA has in the lead up to the Federal election called for the restoration of FAGs indexation to provide councils with the appropriate financial resources to meet community needs. More information on ALGA's election advocacy is available in our election plan, [Local Government's Plan for an Innovative and Prosperous Australia](#)

Local government perspective on Budget2016 – Transport

There was little in terms of new funding announcements in the 2016-17 Federal budget, with most funding already allocated in previous budgets. It is reasonable to expect that any significant project announcements will take place during the upcoming election campaign.

In relation to transport and infrastructure, the following key points can be drawn from the budget:

- Local government funding programs remain in place, with the most notable outcome being a \$50 million annual increase for the Roads to Recovery from 2019-20. Previously announced increases to programs such as Roads to Recovery and the Black Spots Program are included in this budget.
- There is a new focus on public transport, including re-focusing previously allocated roads funding to metro projects.

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- Additional, but unallocated, funding from the Asset Recycling Scheme remains.
 - There is \$594 million in additional equity funding for the Australian Rail Track Corporation to acquire sufficient land to progress the Inland Rail Project.
 - \$100 million of the \$600 million Northern Australia Roads package will be provided in 2016-17.
 - A new \$100 million Beef Roads Package, supporting the cattle industry in Northern Australia, has been announced with \$35 million provided in this financial year.

Commonwealth funding for local roads in the 2016-17 Federal budget include:

- Roads to Recovery: \$815.1 million
- Identified Local Road Grants: \$703.4 million
- Bridge Renewal Programme: \$80 million
- Black Spots: \$100 million

Total road funding allocations by jurisdiction are available in this year's budget analysis from ALGA.

New regional development policy commitment in budget

Although most of the focus on this week's 2016-17 Federal budget was on superannuation reform, the excise on tobacco products and the 'Google tax', hidden away in the budget papers was a new Australian Government policy commitment.

"The Australian Government will set a future direction for the Commonwealth's work in regional Australia by releasing a regional development policy in 2017."

ALGA welcomes this commitment by the Government and should the Coalition Government be returned for another term, we look forward to working with them to develop a substantive regional policy agenda and framework.

ALGA has consistently argued that nurturing effective local government engagement is vital to the success of regional development initiatives, and that the cooperation between all levels of governments is essential to prevent an assortment of single purpose administrative structures being established for specific functions and programs.

This year's Regional Cooperation and Development Forum (RCDF) will provide an opportunity for the delegates attending to help formulate a new national regional policy through workshopping the positions and arguments local government should be advocating to the Federal Government as it refines its regional development policy.

The RCDF will be held in Canberra on the 19 June and further registration details can be found at [this link](#).

National Awards for Local Government category winners announced

Outstanding achievers in local government have been recognised with the announcement of the category winners of the 2016 National Awards for Local Government.

Minister for Major Projects, Territories and Local Government Paul Fletcher said the awards celebrate local governments' achievements in delivering targeted, quality services to Australians in urban and regional communities.

The category winners are:

- New South Wales' Blue Mountains City Council for its Street Art Walk Project in the Arts Animates - excellence in building innovative and inspired communities category
- New South Wales' Tamworth Regional Council for its Regional Playground project in the Boosting Productivity through Infrastructure category
- Victoria's Swan Hill Rural City Council for its Pioneer Settlement Redevelopment project in the Contributing to Regional Growth category
- Queensland's Mackay Regional Council, for Transforming a Water Business project in the Digital Innovation in Local Government category
- New South Wales' Kiama Municipal Council for Kiama Dementia Friendly Project in the Disability Access and Inclusion category
- Queensland's Southern Downs Regional Council for its Backpackers & Seasonal Workers Road Safety Campaign in the Excellence in Road Safety category
- Queensland's Mackay Regional Council for its Revitalisation and Activation of Mackay City Centre project in the Innovation to Create More Liveable Australian Cities category
- Victoria's City of Greater Dandenong for its Creating Change: Social Cohesion Program in the Multicultural Australia - Strength in Diversity category
- Western Australia's City of Stirling for its Stirling Aboriginal Engagement Project in the Promoting Indigenous Recognition category
- Victoria's Yarra City Council for its Yarra Young Entrepreneur Program in the Youth Economic Participation category.

The winner of the 2016 National Award for Excellence in Local Government will be announced at the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly Dinner on 21 June 2016.

The full list of category winners and highly commended projects is available at [this link](#).

Local government recognised in Commonwealth's Smart Cities Plan

The Assistant Minister for Cities, the Hon Angus Taylor MP, has acknowledged local government as an important partner in delivering the Government's 'City Deals', a key feature

in the Smart Policy pillar of its Smart Cities Plan to improve the liveability, productivity and connectivity of our major cities.

ALGA has welcomed the plan and the Government's commitment to ensure collaboration across all tiers of government, as well as the private sector and the community, to realise the full potential of our cities.

Mayor Troy Pickard, ALGA President, said: "Collaboration will be key to aligning the approaches of the three tiers of government to improve the competitive outcomes of our cities, both urban and regional. It is vital that the Commonwealth and states actively engage with local government as a crucial partner and we welcome Minister Taylor's recognition of this as an important factor of the Smart Cities Plan."

ALGA looks forward to working with the Australian Government, and state governments, on opportunities to progress the cities agenda through the announced \$50 million infrastructure planning program, which aims to accelerate planning and development for major infrastructure projects. We also look forward to working with the Infrastructure Financing Unit which will be established to look at innovative financing solutions for major infrastructure projects.

Aspects of the Government's Smart Cities Plan align closely with proposals already put forward by ALGA in its election plan - Local Government's Plan for an Innovative and Prosperous Australia

Law, Crime and Community Safety Council meets in NZ

The Law, Crime and Community Safety Council (LCCSC) recently met in Queenstown, New Zealand to discuss the emergency management challenges facing Australia and New Zealand, of which several matters were of direct relevance to local government.

Chaired by the NZ Minister for Civil Defence, Nikki Kaye, Ministers were briefed on the progress made in the development of a new model for the Commonwealth to provide recovery funding to states for the reconstruction of essential public assets based on an upfront damage assessments and pre-determined reconstruction costs. The council also received a briefing from the Australian Business Roundtable for Disaster Resilience and Community Safety on the value of additional mitigation investment in helping to make Australian communities more resilient by helping to reduce the impacts of future events.

ALGA continues to advocate extensively on the importance of ensuring that funding support through the Natural Disasters Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) is maintained and that local governments involvement in emergency management and recovery are fully recognised and supported through appropriate funding support as well as the use of day labour and betterment levers.

ALGA Board member and Mayor of Alice Springs, Damien Ryan represented the ALGA President at the LCCSC meeting.

Budget focus on regional Australia

On 3 May 2016, the Australian Government released the Regional Ministerial Budget Statement Investing in Regional Growth 2016-17.

This publication outlines almost 400 budget measures that impact on regional Australia across health, education, employment, defence, infrastructure, telecommunications, agriculture and water resources and other portfolios.

The Government has said that investing in stronger regional communities and businesses will mean stronger regional economies and a stronger national economy, and that this, combined with partnerships, creativity, local leadership and an economic renewal mindset, will help the people of regional Australia position for the future.

Investing in Regional Growth 2016-17 can be accessed through the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development website

Issues Paper released on PC inquiry into data availability and use

The Productivity Commission has invited government agencies, academics, private entities with large data holdings, organisations interested in data access and members of the community to contribute to its new public inquiry on Data Availability and Use.

An issues paper released by the Commission provides initial perspectives on areas of interest to the inquiry.

The Commission says that way data is being collected and used - or not used - appears to be changing rapidly, presenting both new opportunities and new risks. Its Inquiry will seek to explore the benefits of providing greater access for third parties to big data holdings, public and private, and consider new models for making data available. Equally, the Inquiry will consider current policies and regulations in place to protect the legitimate interests of individuals and businesses in privacy and confidentiality, and consider whether they remain fit for purpose.

The Commission encourages interested stakeholders to email advice or submissions to this Inquiry through the website at: www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/current/data-access. Initial submissions are due by Friday 29 July 2016.

The Commission will release a draft report later this year, with a final report to be delivered to Government in March 2017.

Cleaning up Australia's waterways

The Australian Government will launch a nationally-coordinated approach to eradicating Australia's worst freshwater aquatic pest, the common carp, through a \$15 million National Carp Control Plan contained in this year's budget.

Considerable work is required in managing the task to eradicate the common carp, including further research into how to manage the release and clean up and ecological impacts, as well as legislative approvals and community consultation. The National Carp Control Plan will set out a considered approach to safely manage this significant work.

The plan includes the staged release of the carp control virus, beginning in the Murray Darling Basin, and other complementary measures to create a long-term solution to the issue of the carp pest. The plan will also account for the work to be done to ensure continued community awareness of the carp control program, monitoring of the effects of the virus after

release, opportunities to use harvested carp biomass and measures to protect infrastructure affected.

A joint ministerial taskforce will finalise the national plan and includes the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Christopher Pyne, the Deputy Prime Minister, Barnaby Joyce and the Minister for the Environment, Greg Hunt.

More information on the National Carp Control Plan is available on the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources website

2016 Yellow Ribbon National Road Safety Week

This week saw the launch of 2016 Yellow Ribbon National Road Safety Week (NRSW), which will continue until 8 May 2016. The NRSW this year had several themes, including "Drive So Others Survive!" and "Stop Driving Blind" - a call for drivers to avoid distractions like mobile phones while driving and focus on the safety of everyone on the roads.

Drivers are also encouraged to take a public pledge to drive as though their loved ones are on the road ahead.

Major Australian icons have been lit in yellow to mark NRSW, including: Parliament House (ACT), The Royal Australian Mint (ACT), The National Archives (ACT), Brisbane City Council City Hall (Queensland), Parliament House and Bolte Bridge (Victoria), Gladesville Bridge (NSW), Adelaide Oval and Riverbank Bridge (South Australia), Features in Darwin Mall (NT), Perth City Building, Elizabeth Quay, and Swan River Bell Tower (Western Australia).

More information about this year's NRSW is available on the Safer Australian Roads and Highways website

Urban renewal in Australia

Today, a city's momentum revolves around innovation, 'liveability' and the ability to transform and adapt to constantly changing socio-economic forces. The goal of urban renewal ultimately is to create liveable cities with carefully planned transformation projects, well-thought infrastructure development that preserves the old and mixes with new to achieve quality living standards for its inhabitants while contribute to social and economic development of the country.

The Urban Renewal Australia forum acts as a strategic think-tank, idea explosion, discussion and network platform with the objective of helping to shape the Australian urban renewal policy in building sustainable and modern cities. Government officials, policy makers, local councils, urban planners, developers, investors and community representatives are gathering to address issues on public infrastructure investment, affordable housing, planning partnerships, social and environmental impacts.

Join the Urban Renewal Australia conference on 13th & 14th July at the Intercontinental Hotel in Melbourne to find out more on the latest government involvements in urban renewal projects.

For more information, please visit the forum website or email Casey Lee at caseyl@trueventus.com.

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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

- Building/Health Compliance Officer – 30/05/2016
- Building/Health Compliance Officer (Part-time) - 09/05/2016

Staff Leaving:

- Community Planning Project Officer – 03/05/2016
- Environmental Health Officer – 25/05/2016
- Senior Ranger – 19/07/2016

Other Staff Movements (Internal):

- Coordinator ICT Support (Extension) – 13/05/2016 to 12/05/2021

Current Recruitment Activity:


- Senior Ranger – Closes 26/05/2016
- Arts and Events Officer – Recruitment Progressing
- Building Surveyor – Recruitment Progressing
- Community Development Coordinator – Recruitment Progressing
- Resident Liaison Officer Waste Services – Recruitment Progressing

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TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS		
ITEM	REFERRING COMMITTEE	COMMENTS
<p>Ordinary Council Meeting of Tuesday, 26 April 2016: Petition presented by Cr Geary.</p> <p>A petition was presented at the Ordinary Council Meeting of Tuesday, 26 April 2016 by Cr Geary. The petition requests measures to address potential safety issues related to pedestrians crossing Carradine Road near the school.</p> <p>Technical Services will be investigating the concerns of the petitioners and a report is anticipated to be presented to the Technical Services Committee Meeting on 4 July 2016.</p>	<p>Technical Services</p>	<p>Referred to the Technical Services Committee and is currently being investigated.</p> <p>Report is anticipated to be presented at the 4 July 2016 Technical Services Committee Meeting.</p>

<p>TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE Works Programme – May 2016 – July 2016</p>	 CITY OF Armadale
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Department	May 2016	June 2016	July 2016
City Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harrisdale (East) – Stage 2 Works continue. Piara Waters (South) – design development continues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harrisdale (East) – Stage 2 Works continue. Piara Waters (South) – design development continues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harrisdale (East) – Stage 2 Works continue. Piara Waters (South) – Continuation of detailed design.
Civil Works	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicholson Rd – Duplication – Stages 3 and 4 – Piara Drive to Armadale Rd. Ypres Rd and O’Sullivan Drive – Intersection Upgrade. Westfield Rd – Streetscape. Banyard Avenue - Drainage upgrade. Lucich Street Traffic Calming. Paterson Rd - Traffic Calming. Owen Rd Depot –Renew. Balannup Drain – New Culvert. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brookton Hwy new footpath construction. Davis Rd new footpath construction. Challis Rd/William St roundabout modifications. Champion Dr/Railway Ave roundabout modifications. 	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicholson Rd – Duplication – Stages 3 and 4 – Piara Drive to Armadale Rd. River Rd – resurfacing. Balannup Drain – New Culvert. Banyard Avenue - Drainage upgrade. Church Avenue Roundabout Pre Deflections. Waterwheel Rd – Signs and Lines. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garland St New footpath construction Taplow Ct road resurfacing. Routine maintenance as per Programme. Contract road sweeping. Footpath defects. Bridge routine and preventive maintenance. 	<p><u>Construction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicholson Rd – Duplication – Stages 3 and 4 – Piara Drive to Armadale Rd. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Routine maintenance as per Programme. Contract road sweeping. Footpath defects. Car park maintenance.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camillo Rd/Railway Ave roundabout modifications. • Dew St road resurfacing. • Wirin St road resurfacing. • Routine maintenance as per Programme. • Contract road sweeping. • Footpath defects. • Bridge routine and preventive maintenance. • Car park maintenance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car park maintenance. 	
Design and Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourth Rd – Streetscaping, parking, street lighting, local area traffic management. • Seville Drive – Armadale Rd to Gillam Drive. • Columbia Parkway – Pleasant Avenue Roundabout (2016/17 Blackspot). • Wungong Rd/Harber Dve Roundabout. • Seville Rd/Westfield Rd Turning Pocket. • Balannup Rd Upgrade. • Cross Park Cricket Nets. • Armadale Rd/Eighth Rd Traffic Signals (2017/18 Blackspot). • Railway Avenue Rehabilitation. • Connell Avenue Rehabilitation. • Revised Roundabout at Nicholson Rd/Riva Estate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seville Drive – Armadale Rd to Gillam Drive (2016/17 MRRG project). • Forrest Rd/Seventh Rd Roundabout pre-deflection (2016/17 project). • Forrest Rd/Fifth Rd Roundabout pre-deflection (2016/17 project). • Balannup Rd – preliminary upgrade. • Columbia Parkway – Pleasant Avenue Roundabout (2016/17 Blackspot). • Fifth Rd/Dale Rd – Roundabout (2016/17 Blackspot project). • Hall Rd – LATM (2016/17 project). • Various Blackspot concepts for 2017/18 submissions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neerigen Primary School Car Park (Dept of Education project). • Willandra Primary School Car Park (Dept of Education project). • San Jacinta Traffic Calming. • Armadale Precinct Car Parking/Path improvements.
Parks Design and Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canning River Walking Trail Concept (Parks/Environment/Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group). • Sports Lighting - Preliminary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Lighting - Preliminary Investigations - John Dunn, William Skeet and Gwynne Park Main Oval. • Lot 45 District Oval Site Landscape 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Lighting - Preliminary Investigations - John Dunn, William Skeet and Gwynne Park Main Oval. • Lot 45 District Oval Site Landscape



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<p>Parks Subdivisional Development</p>	<p>Investigations - John Dunn, William Skeet and Gwynne Park Main Oval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Park Electro Resistivity Testing. • Lot 45 District Oval Site Landscape design (located in Holland Park). • Lions Parks grant works. <p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various active landscape works. • Various landscape works submissions under review. • Various landscape works in pre-handover period. <p>Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Area Works</p> <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of landscape works. <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranford Rd landscape works construction. <p><u>Wungong</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various active landscape works. • Various landscape works submissions under review. 	<p>design (located in Holland Park).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lions Parks grant works. • Canning River Walking Trail Concept (Parks/Environment/Armada Group). <p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various active landscape works. • Various landscape works submissions under review. • Various landscape works in pre-handover period. <p>Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Area Works</p> <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of landscape works. <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranford Rd landscape works construction. <p><u>Wungong</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various active landscape works. • Various landscape works submissions under review. 	<p>design (located in Holland Park).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canning River Walking Trail Concept (Parks/Environment/Armada Group). <p><u>North Forrestdale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various active landscape works. • Various landscape works submissions under review. • Various landscape works in pre-handover period. <p>Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority Area Works</p> <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of landscape works. (Crossroads). <p><u>Forrestdale Business Park East</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranford Rd landscape works construction. <p><u>Wungong</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various active landscape works. • Various landscape works submissions under review.



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<p>Parks Works</p>	<p><u>Capital</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piara Oval - Access upgrade. • Bore Construction - Gwynne Park, Bronzewing Reserve. • Solar lighting various. • Northerly Park - Basketball half court – upgrade. • Warton Rd – Landscaping. • Bernice Hargrave – Upgrade. • Memorial Park softfall upgrade. • YAA Skate Park softfall upgrade. • Cross Park Electro Resistivity Testing. • Municipal Signage. • Public Open Space Strategy – Precinct A - Kuhl Park- Westfield Heron. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract landscape maintenance. • Contract play space maintenance. • Scheduled mowing and general maintenance. • Irrigation maintenance. • Bushland maintenance. • Civic precinct maintenance. • Contract new estate maintenance. • Contract streetscape maintenance. • Customer requests. • Contract barbecue cleaning. • Contract street tree maintenance. • Urban Forest plantings maintenance. 	<p><u>Capital</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale streetscapes Upgrade. • Cross Park Electro Resistivity Testing. • Pump and Headworks upgrade. • Municipal Streetscaping Project. • Public Open Space Strategy – Precinct A - Kuhl Park- Westfield Heron. • YAA Skate Park softfall upgrade. • Northerly Park - Basketball half court – upgrade. • Various Electrical Cubicle Upgrades. • Warton Rd planting stage 2. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract landscape maintenance. • Contract play space maintenance. • Scheduled mowing and general maintenance. • Irrigation maintenance. • Bushland maintenance. • Civic precinct maintenance. • Contract new estate maintenance. • Contract streetscape maintenance. • Customer requests. • Contract barbecue cleaning. • Contract street tree maintenance. • Urban Forest plantings maintenance. 	<p><u>Capital</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various Electrical Cubicle Upgrades. • Blackburne Reserve Upgrade Stage 2. • Warton Rd planting stage 2. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract landscape maintenance. • Contract play space maintenance. • Scheduled mowing and general maintenance. • Irrigation maintenance. • Bushland maintenance. • Civic precinct maintenance. • Contract new estate maintenance. • Contract streetscape maintenance. • Customer requests. • Contract barbecue cleaning. • Contract street tree maintenance. • Urban Forest plantings maintenance.



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<p>Property Management</p>	<p><u>New Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion Centre entry statement works. • Photovoltaic (PV) Cell installation works. • Waste Site – provide new shed, new amenities block and other outbuildings. • Golf Club Site –provide a new equipment shed. <p><u>Upgrade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greendale Centre works – continues. • Kelmscott Hall – continues. • Minor Capital Works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gwynne Park Completed. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmed maintenance works continue in all of the City’s buildings, and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electrical Safety Program – Residual Current Devices (RCD’s). - Air conditioning maintenance – monthly. - Compliance Auditing program to various buildings. 	<p><u>New Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion Centre entry statement works RFQ. • Photovoltaic (PV) Cell installation works. Installation begins. • Waste Site – provide new shed, new amenities block and other outbuildings. • Golf Club Site – provide a new equipment shed. <p><u>Minor Capital Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of ACM from various facilities. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmed maintenance works continue in all of the City’s buildings, and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electrical Safety Program – Residual Current Devices (RCD’s). - Air conditioning maintenance – monthly. - Compliance Auditing program to various buildings. - Maintenance Painting in Admin. 	<p><u>New Works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champion Centre entry statement works RFQ. • Photovoltaic (PV) Cell installation works. Installation continues. • Waste Site – provide new shed, new amenities block and other outbuildings. • Golf Club Site – provide a new equipment shed. <p><u>Upgrade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greendale Centre works – continues. • Kelmscott Hall – continues. • Golf Club Site – Power infrastructure Upgrade project – Works phase. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmed maintenance works continue in all of the City’s buildings, and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electrical Safety Program – Residual Current Devices (RCD’s). - Air conditioning maintenance – monthly. - Compliance Auditing program to various buildings.



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



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	<p><u>Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 active areas of civil works. • 2 civil works submissions under review. • 2 water management submissions under review. <p><u>Neerigen Brook South/Brickworks Drain</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 active areas of civil works. <p><u>Lake Rd – Precinct A</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. <p><u>Seville Grove</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 active areas of civil works. <p><u>Canns Rd</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. <p><u>Lot 123 Bedforddale Hill Rd</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active area of civil works. <p><u>Other</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 active areas of civil works. 	<p><u>Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 active areas of civil works. • 2 civil works submissions under review. • 2 water management submissions under review. <p><u>Neerigen Brook South/Brickworks Drain</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 water management submissions under review. <p><u>Lake Rd – Precinct A</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Seville Grove</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active areas of civil works. <p><u>Canns Rd</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 area of civil works. <p><u>Lot 123 Bedforddale Hill Rd</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 area of civil works. <p><u>Other</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 active areas of civil works. 	<p><u>Wungong Urban Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 active areas of civil works. • 2 civil works submissions under review. • 2 water management submissions under review. • 1 living streams concept design submission and under review. <p><u>Neerigen Brook South/Brickworks Drain</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 water management submissions under review. <p><u>Lake Rd – Precinct A</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 civil works submission under review. <p><u>Seville Grove</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 active areas of civil works. <p><u>Canns Rd</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 area of civil works. <p><u>Lot 123 Bedforddale Hill Rd</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 area of civil works. <p><u>Other</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 active areas of civil works.



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COMMUNITY FACILITIES PLANNING

Masterplans Public Comment Period

The Public Comment Period for the Draft Master Plans for Creyk Park, Morgan Park, Karragullen Oval and Frye Park has now been completed. These are the final four Draft Master Plans of the twelve community and sporting hubs that have been developed through a consultation process involving key stakeholders and community representatives.

A final Master plan Implementation strategy incorporating the information from all twelve masterplans will be developed for Council's consideration once all information has been compiled.

Armada District Hall Draft Concept Plan, Public Comment Period

The Public Comment Period for the Draft Concept Plan of the Armadale District Hall closed on the 6 May 2016. Feedback from this component of the consultation process will be incorporated into a report for Council's consideration on 13 June 2016.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Access and Inclusion

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan Review

Consultation with City of Armadale staff and the community is now complete. Key findings will be presented at the Councillors briefing on 4 May and at the Disability Access and Inclusion Reference Group on 10 May.

It is the City's intention to present a draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan for Council consideration at the July Community Services Committee.

Disability Access and Inclusion Reference Group

The Disability Access and Inclusion Reference Group (DA&IRG) will be meeting on 10 May. Agenda items will include findings from consultation of the review of the DAIP presented by Jane Hannay from Equal Consultants and the Feature Park at Sienna Woods by Michael Harris from Emerge Associates.

Memorial Park

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

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

The innovative approach in the design and construction of the space will create developmental opportunities for children of all abilities. New play pieces will include; jungle drums; an elevated sand table and sandpit; timber chimes, a Viburnum Hedge; sensory posts and low stepping walls.

Community Partnerships

Stop Crime Action Network

The SCAN project continues to be on the agenda with Business Armadale advocating for the project to be supported by local business. SCAN is a digital radio network allowing businesses to communicate immediately with WA Police, Transperth and the Public Transport Authority regarding persons perpetrating crime. The City's role is to assist the link between business, WA Police and the Public Transport Authority security staff.

If business support is harnessed, information sessions will be held to provide training in use of the device and how the digital radio network will operate.

TAFE Leadership and Construction Course

The City in partnership with Challenger TAFE is developing a leadership course with a focus on construction to re-engage young people in education. Seven young Aboriginal boys identified by WA Police as having a history of offending behaviours are now in the process of constructing a limestone snake that will be a feature piece in the newly created Community Garden situated between the Champion Centre and the Seville Grove Library. A second round of this course is currently being advertised due to the success of the current program.

Aboriginal Development

Indigenous Advancement Strategy Program Update

The Middle Years Program commenced its heritage, culture and animation project last week. Both the School Attendance Program and the Afterschool Program are participating in this project with artist Dougy Pincott who has worked primarily as an artist using poetry, and animation both in the UK, and internationally. The children participating have already put together animated movies with plasticine (similar to Wallace & Crommet).

NAIDOC 2016

Preparations are underway for the annual NAIDOC Celebration Day event. Our event will be held on Tuesday 5th JULY 2016 FROM 10:00am – 3:00pm and is to be held at the Bob Blackburn Oval and Club Rooms (behind the Champion Centre).

The NAIDOC theme for this year is Songlines: The living narrative of our nation – the following is a snippet of the meaning behind this year's theme. If you want to know more then please go to the NAIDOC website www.naidoc.org.au

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, the Dreamtime describes a time when the earth, people and animals were created by our ancestral spiritual beings. They created the rivers, lakes, plants, land formations and living creatures. Dreaming tracks crisscross Australia and trace the journeys of our ancestral spirits as they created the land, animals and lores. These dreaming tracks are sometimes called "Songlines" as they record the travels of these ancestral spirits who "sung" the land into life.

These Songlines are recorded in traditional songs, stories, dance and art. They carry significant spiritual and cultural connection to knowledge, customs, ceremony and Lore of many Aboriginal nations and Torres Strait Islander language groups. Songlines are intricate maps of land, sea and country. They describe travel and trade routes, the location of waterholes and the presence of food. In many cases, Songlines on the earth are mirrored by sky Songlines, which allowed people to navigate vast distances of this nation and its waters.

The extensive network of Songlines can vary in length from a few kilometres to hundreds of kilometres, crossing through traditional Country of many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language groups. For example, the Seven Sisters Songlines covers more than half the width of the continent, from deep in the Central Desert out to the West Coast while others connect the Gulf of Carpentaria with the Snowy Mountains near Canberra.

Like every year we plan on having some great entertainment, food, service provider information stalls and a number of hubs including a Children's hub, Youth hub, Elders hub, Food and Health & Well Being hub. We usually have 30 – 35 information stalls plus people based in the different hubs already mentioned.

Community Arts and Cultural Development

Armadale Arts Festival 1-17 April 2016

The new Armadale Arts Festival (AAF) has been a major cultural community development activity throughout April 2016 that included 30 events over the 17 day period. A comprehensive community consultation debriefing process is underway and a final AAF report including recommendations for 2017 will be completed throughout May.

Snapshots of some standout cultural development project achievements were:

- The ticketed Vivaldi by Candlelight concert was sold out on Saturday 16 April. This project was instigated by local classical musician John Christmass who invited the Perth Symphony Orchestra to perform in Armadale. Public feedback has been extremely positive to this community driven initiative.
- The Happy Gathering Festival Club was also well attended and sold out on the final Friday 15 April event. The Performance Club Initiative was collaboratively created to profile a diverse range of 14 local and multicultural acts. Four new acts were created for the Festival Club Project, which was delivered using many local community suppliers.
- The Armadale Writers' Group published a new anthology of 27 short stories and poetry by 11 local authors. The launch event featured collaboration with the Roleystone Theatre, whose actors performed live readings of the new literary works.
- The artist Professional Development session on arts marketing was also fully booked attracting a range of emerging and established local artists.



Children and Families

Bandicoots Playgroup

The City is currently supporting the Bedforddale-based Bandicoots Playgroup to commence playgroup sessions for young children in May 2016. On 29 April, the group hosted a 'Playday' supported by the City and Playgroup WA at the Churchman's Brook Community Centre. Approximately 40 families attended to find out more about the proposed playgroup and to express interest in registering. The Bedforddale Bush Fire Brigade, children's entertainer and a local real estate agency

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were invited and donated their time and resources to demonstrate their commitment to the local community.

**Australian Early Development Census Launch**

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) Launch of the 2015 results of Armadale and a special presentation to Child Care Centres was held on 3 May. Over 45 people attended including staff from Child Care Centres, not for profit organisations and state government departments.

Gail Clark from the Department of Education delivered valuable information gleaned from the 2015 AEDC data, explaining the relevance of the data in how the community can plan future directions for our local children. While the overall results for Armadale have improved since the last data collection in 2012, there is still much work to be done to address the children who are still developmentally vulnerable.

The City has been recognised by the Department of Education for delivering AEDC information sessions to Child Care Centre staff, as many Educators were unaware of the AEDC and how using the data can positively inform programming to address children's vulnerability at a suburb level. The Educators were thanked for participating in the sessions by Cr Zelones and presented with a certificate and other AEDC resources for their centre. A workshop was then facilitated with the attendees to reflect on the results in order to inform the next step of the Community Dimensions collective impact project – engagement with families.

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, iPad's and smart phones. This program has commenced for Term 2 on Mondays with Kelmscott Senior High School at the Kelmscott Library and Wednesdays with Dale Christen College at the Armadale Library.

Positive Ageing Sessions

The last Positive Ageing Session was held on 6 April at the Armadale Library. The topics discussed were ‘The power of the nervous system’ presented by Dr. Nadia Vind of Nervana Chiropractic in Kelmscott and ‘Understanding Grief’ presented by Maggie Darby the Learning Service Coordinator - Mental Health, Silver Chain Group. All 33 attendees reported as being highly satisfied or satisfied with the session.

Upcoming Session

The next Positive Ageing Sessions will be on 4 May and will take on more of a workshop style with the first session being on ‘Memoir Writing’ and the second session ‘Bottle Memories’ being a collaboration with History House Museum for their upcoming exhibition *Memory Lane*.

Positive Ageing High Tea

In an effort to involve the Older Population in the Armadale Arts Festival and Minnawarra Art Awards, this year we held two separate High Teas in the District Hall on the 7 and 13 April with the curator Robert Buratti giving a brief insight into the exhibited works, artists and judging process on the 13 April. The quota for bookings was filled for both days with over 150 community members and local HACC and Senior Service Provider groups attending over the two days.

Attendees were very happy with the morning expressing their gratitude for the efforts the City of Armadale had gone to in preparing the delightful decorations, food selection, beverages and curator talks. Home Help Local staff commented that it was wonderful to bring their clients to this event and see their appreciation of the art work, stating they would certainly be attending next year if a similar event was organised.

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

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

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

Upcoming Session

The next Positive Ageing *Come and Try Let’s Get Crafty* session will be held on 9 June on ‘Flower Arranging for Beginners’ and will be facilitated by representatives of the Southern Floral Art Group. Participants will be charged \$15.00 per person and will go home with a floral arrangement they have made.

Positive Ageing Special Event

The City is hosting a Seniors Recreation Council of WA *LiveLighter Seniors Activity/Information Day* at the Armadale District Hall on Wednesday 18 May 2016 from 10am to 1pm.

This special day provides recreational activities such as Carpet Bowls, Mini Golf, X box Kinect, seated hockey, Quoits and Pole Walking and will also have stands

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providing information for seniors from various sector organisations. Morning Tea and a Light Lunch will be provided.

Major Events**Armadale Arts Festival 1-17 April 2016**

The inaugural Armadale Arts Festival (AAF) was launched on 1 April 2016 to replace the Minnowarra Festival. It was identified that to ensure success of the AAF it was important to have community buy-in so community consultation was run throughout the development of this project.



Vivaldi by Candlelight

Deemed as a huge success the AAF delivered 30 events over 17 days which saw a collective attendance of almost 3,000 people. Feedback and statistics are still being collected however the initial response has been overwhelmingly positive.



Positive Ageing High Tea

A snap shot of some standout cultural development project achievements are –

- Attendance to the Minnowarra Art Awards by the Hon John Day, Minister of the Arts to open the AAF alongside other key guests from the arts industry.
- Attendance to the Minnowarra Art Awards increased by 30% from 2015 with a total of 1308 visitations.
- Out of the 21 ticketed shows 11 were sold out including the Positive Ageing High Teas, the Artist Professional Development Workshop and the last night of the Festival Club.
- Two Positive Ageing High Tea events were held with 153 attendees, of which 76 came from Southern Districts Support Association, Home Help Local, South Side Care and Dale Cottages.
- Four new acts were created for the Happy Gathering Festival Club, which was delivered using mostly local suppliers and community members.
- The Armadale Writers' Group published a new anthology of 27 short stories and poetry by 11 local authors. The launch event was held in the Armadale District Hall amongst the Minnowarra Art Awards and a featured collaboration with the Roleystone Theatre, whose actors performed live readings of the new

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literary works. This was the first time these two community groups have collaborated before and has set a precedent that is likely to continue.

- The Perth Symphony Orchestra (PSO) Vivaldi by Candlelight concert was sold out on Saturday 16 April after being instigated by local classical musician John Christmass. Their website showed the majority of tickets were purchased from in and around the Armadale area. This was the first time PSO have performed in Armadale and after receiving such a strong response they are keen to being involved again.
- A dramatic increase in enquiries at the Visitors Centre over the festival period with this being positioned as the main point of contact for the AAF bookings and information. The most prominent example would be on the 2 April when the Art & Craft Market was run and the Visitor Centre saw 175 people rather than the usual 30 that would go through the doors on a Saturday. This is a clear example of departments working together to achieve shared outcomes for the City.
- Fantastic AAF footage captured and broadcasted on Channel 7 by WA Weekender - <http://www.waweekender.com.au/stories/armadale-arts-festival/>
- 30,000 AAF programs distributed across Armadale through the Examiner and Facebook advertising having a total reach of 42,743.



Young Hearts, Wild Minds! School Holiday Program

The community consultation has continued to gain feedback, ideas and has asked the community how they might want to be involved in 2017. The response has been extremely positive with a definite increase in awareness across the community. Feedback forms will also be distributed next week to the community members and staff involved in the AAF and the Councilors of the City of Armadale.



City of Armadale/Happy Gathering Festival Club

Youth

Artbeat – National Youth Week Event

The City partnered with local community and youth organisations to deliver *Artbeat*, a National Youth Week celebration on 10 April. Engaging more than 200 young people, Jull Street was brought alive with fun and festivity, creating a family-friendly and safe atmosphere for the community and local young people. The event featured a range of activities including henna art, live music, live urban art demonstrations, dream catcher workshops, and also provided youth-specific information, informal counselling and referrals to at-risk youth and strengthen relationships between key stakeholders in our community.

The City received very positive feedback from external organisations and community members after the event. Some of the feedback is as follows;

“It was the best Youth Event I have been to in Armadale!” – Save the Children

*“The students totally loved and it enjoyed it and gained so much from it.”
- Armadale SHS Music Teacher*

“As a Rotary Club, we enjoy the opportunities that present themselves to assist in building better communities, locally, nationally and internationally.” – Armadale Rotary Club

*“The event was successful and worthwhile for us because it engaged quite a lot of young men and local aboriginal and Torres Strait island young people – both of whom are target groups for us.”
- Headspace Armadale*

“We provided emergency accommodation information and one person expressed their desire to volunteer on Thursday nights with the [Hope Community Services Street Outreach] van.” Hope Community Services

Urban Arts Project

After a highly successful first *Armadale Paint Jam*, 15 young people will be invited to take part in the second *Armadale Paint Jam*. This paint jam will comprise a second young artist undergoing a series of mentoring sessions with professional artists Darren Hutchens, upskilling with the aim of taking on his own professional commissions and contracts. The second young artist will assist the two professional artists in leading the group of painters during the painting of a large mural on the Karagullen Oval water tank on 15 May.

Perfect Imperfections

The City’s young women’s empowerment program *Perfect Imperfections* concludes on 3 May after a ten week series of development workshops. The last two sessions of the program include *Service to the community* and *teambuilding*. This week the girls will venture to the Kelmscott Church of Christ where they will create food hampers for disadvantaged families and in the last week, will have a group excursion to Lazer Blaze where they will celebrate their achievements throughout the program in a rewarding, team building game.

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Post-program evaluations will be compared with the pre-program evaluations and reported on for the next info-bulletin however the City's *Community Development Officer – Youth* has had positive feedback so far including several organisations contacting the City wanting to register new participants in the next program.

**Drug Aware Ignite Basketball**

The City's Ignite Basketball program is currently experiencing the highest consistent numbers the program has had in four years, with an average of 50 young people per night attending. The City has facilitated links with league teams including the South East Storm in Byford and Lakeside Basketball to refer talented young people to play a higher grade level and formally compete in leagues across several age groups. Six young people this year have found additional teams to assist with further development.

Perth Wildcats basketball player Damian Martin attended Ignite on 9 April to discuss his career, his experiences winning the 2016 National Basketball League title and provide some advice to up and coming players.

The City is linking Ignite Basketball with SMART CITY Vocational College in Armadale to offer young people an ongoing built in pathway to further education and training. An Aboriginal representative will be working with our already successful young leaders to enroll school leavers and others unsure of a direction to take. In addition, they will be doing workshops and career pathway building to determine career interests and goals.

Volunteer Services**National Volunteer Week**

Planning is now underway for National Volunteer Week. National Volunteer Week will be celebrated with an afternoon tea at Kelmscott Hall on Thursday 12 May at 2.30pm. Paul Leeder, also known as Flabalotti; will provide this year's entertainment.

Step into Volunteering

Three "Step into Volunteering" sessions aimed at potential volunteers in the community who are thinking about volunteering but not sure how to get started will be hosted in the week following National Volunteer Week.

Session 1

Monday 16 May
10-11am
Seville Grove Library

Session 2

Thursday 19 May
5.30 – 6.30pm
Armadale Library

Session 3

Friday 20 May
10-11am
Kelmscott Library

Financial Assistance

The Community Development team hosted two community workshops to inform community groups about the City's new Financial Assistance Policy and Management Practice.

Attendance at these workshops was compulsory for groups wishing to apply for the City's next round of Annual Contributions. More than 50 community members attended these workshops.



RECREATION SERVICES

Community Facilities

Bookings remain consistent for facilities in comparison to 2014/15. A focus in Recreation has been managing the risks associated with weekend bookings, with an aim to reduce call outs, damage to facilities and subsequently bond deduction. A number of recent changes will see long term improvements, including:

- Initial phone call will ask more prompting questions to determine the nature of the booking and recommend suitable facilities for the type of event.
- 16th to 25th birthday parties are being assessed during the initial enquiry to determine a suitable facility and outlining our terms and conditions, including the requirement of registered crowd control services.
- All casual bookings must be registered with police, with our Community Facilities Officer completing the online application on behalf of the hirer to increase our awareness of the event.
- Community Facilities Officer contacts all casual hirers a few days before the booking to verbally communicate expectations of hirers.

Previously these details were provided in writing, however with an increase in damage and issues at facilities it has become evident that communication is essential to further minimize risk. Since introducing the new procedures we have noted a decrease in weekend call outs, Monday morning security and property damage reports and a highlight has been the positive feedback we've received from hirers about the customer service from the City of Armadale.

While this process further increases time spent with the hirer prior to the booking it is reducing the length of time trouble shooting after the booking through internal departments and hirers.

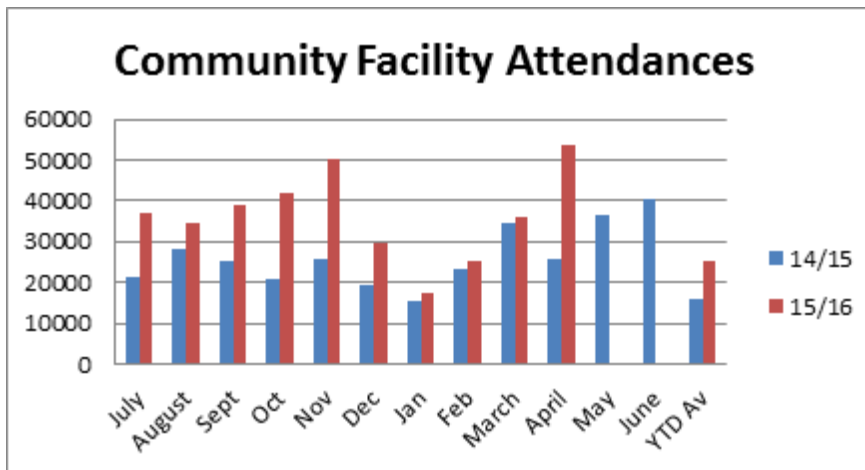
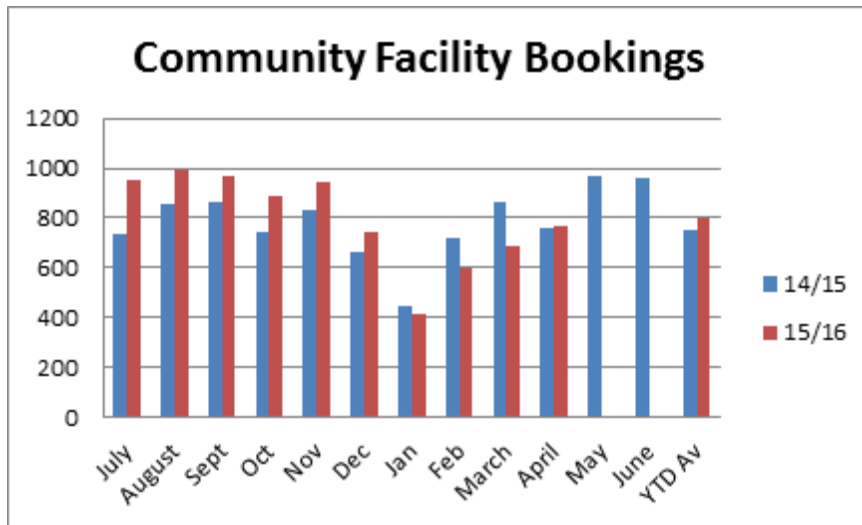
With the success of this process we are now investigating how a similar procedure can be introduced for regular hirers to further minimise risks at the facilities. Regular hirers are now being invoiced quarterly; this has been amended from monthly to assist in reducing the administration time associated with bookings.

April was also a fantastic month for compliments to the Recreation team, a pleasant change from often having difficult conversations about misuse of facilities. Examples include:

- “Thank you both (Teresa and David) for all of the hard work you have done in the small amount of time you have both been working with us. It is very much appreciated.” - Cheyenne Thomas, President AK Strikers
- “Hi Melissa. Thanks, so much, for keeping me posted. You know, I find that all of the staff at CofA with whom I have to deal are great!” - Elspeth Marshall, Secretary Armadale Christian Soccer Club
- Hi David, Thank you very much for solving our booking space. We really appreciate it and you looking in to the other groups. Also please thank your team at the COA. I know how much work it takes to organize and coordinate

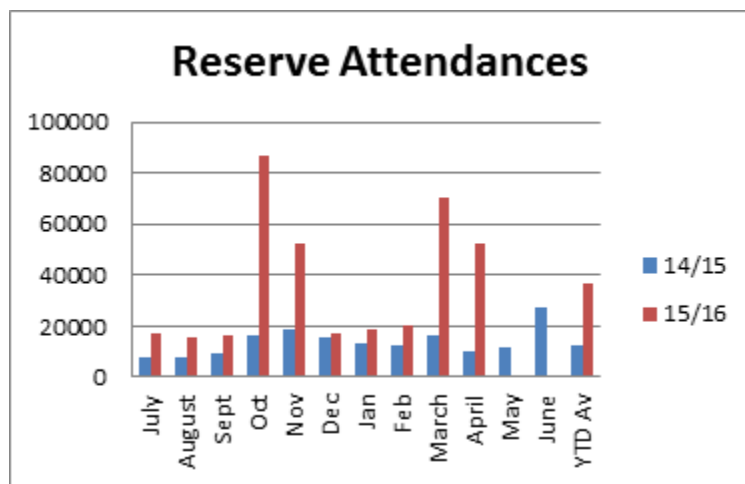
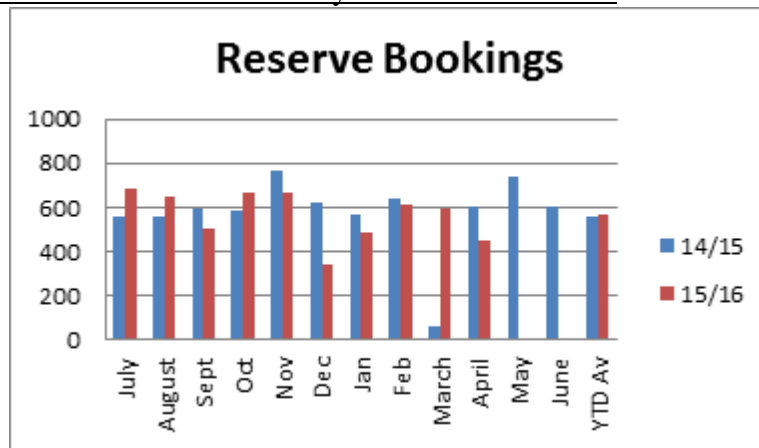
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all these facilities.” – Elena Mustard, President Piara Waters Junior Football Club



Reserves

Balancing bookings on active reserves has been a challenge in April. Winter is the busiest sport season and clubs, especially Piara Waters, have increased club membership numbers. This has resulted in the need to review Personal Training group access and consider long term solutions as demand will continue to grow. Although use has grown, the number of bookings has dropped. This is reflective of the fact clubs are providing more accurate bookings. Historically clubs would book everyday but only train twice a week.



Club Development

An increase in the number of meetings we are having with sport clubs is strengthening our relationships with them but also growing their opinion of the City of Armadale. This high level of communication will continue to be a focus for the Club Development Officer in an effort to strengthen relationships with the clubs.

The Department of Sport and Recreation has launched a new online KidSport registration process. The new system has had a number of glitches and support from DSR has been less than anticipated. Once the new system is functional it should reduce the burden on the City to administer the program.

Armadale Arena

The Arena attendances continue to climb and forecasting indicates that by the end of financial year the centre should equal the 2014/15 year to date average. This is exciting as the centre is attracting old members to return and new members following the upgrades.

Unfortunately with the first heavy rain came the significant roof leaks in the foyer and old PCYC office, and a small sink hole appeared under the new path outside court 1 & 2.

The final week of the 12 week body transformation commenced on the 29th April and we have received positive feedback prior to all results being collated. A testimonial, posted on our Facebook page demonstrates the excellent results from just one participant, who coincidentally is a City of Armadale staff member:

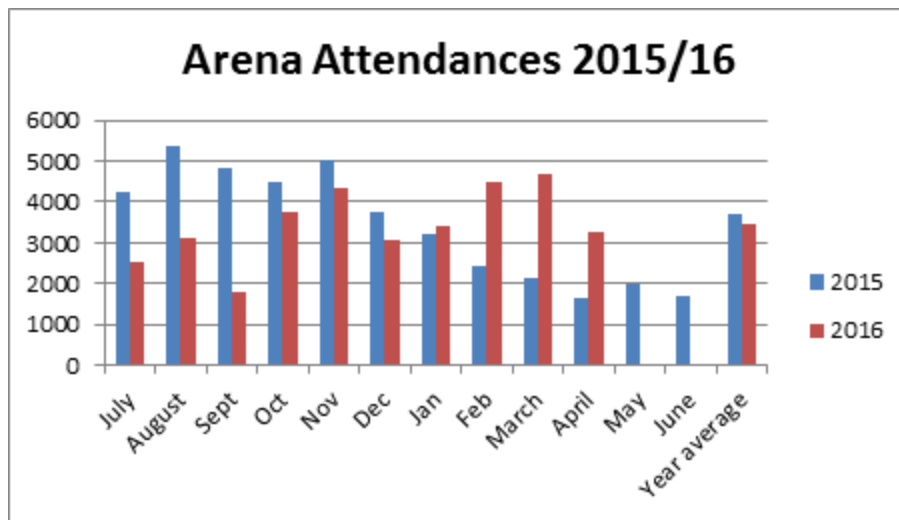
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So last night was my 12 week final appointment with Michael M. Good results - especially in my fitness testing which is awesome because that was my main goal - to be fitter and healthier. Proud of my achievement in smashing my push up test. 😊 After a shoulder op 6 years ago I still had poor strength in my shoulders, so this is awesome.

I have worked at Armadale Arena for almost 8 years and never took advantage of the gym facilities or personal trainers properly. Without the motivation of the 12 week program I would still be just “thinking about it”. Thanks Mike and team. Now I have to keep up the work and continue my fitness path.

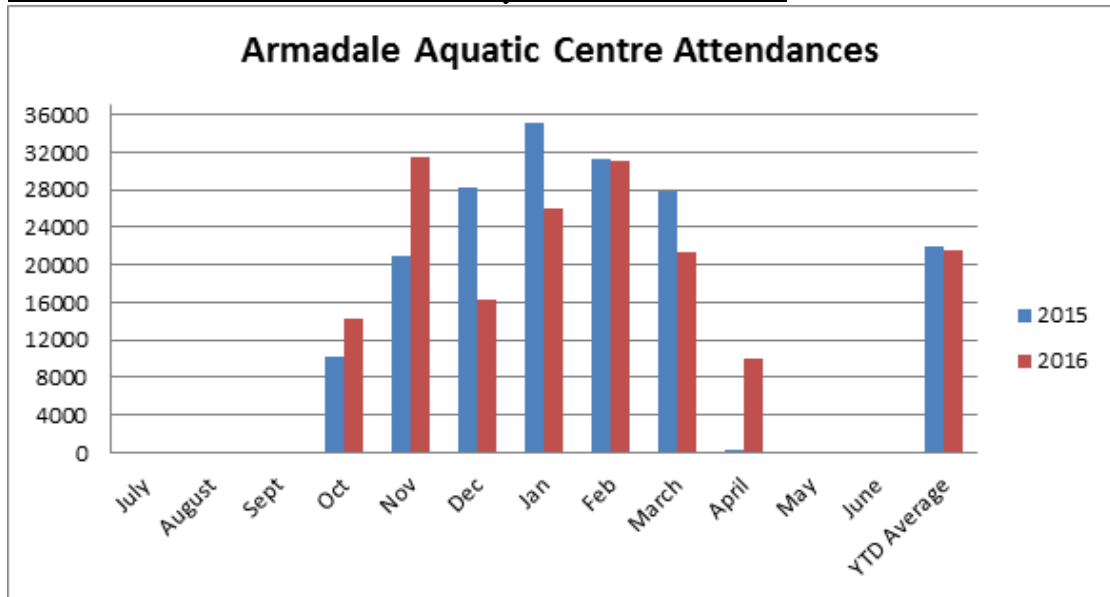
*Bonus result = 10 pairs of pants I can wear again.
 \$408 program - \$300 worth of clothes I can wear again. I'm happy!
 Good luck everyone – I hope whatever your results are that you feel fabulous and are on track to reaching or smashing your goals.*

Team sport finals were in April and the change from medals to prizes for winners and runner up teams was successful. Previous feedback has been the medals were simply thrown out after, considering a more sustainable approach we have opted for team cash prizes. This reduces waste, increases player satisfaction and is a cheaper alternative to medals.



Armadale Aquatic Centre

Armadale Aquatic Centre attracted 150,660 for the season. This is a drop of 4,000 visitors which can be attributed to the few cold days experienced in January. The centre closed early April after a successful series of swimming lessons with Carey Baptist College. We have had positive feedback and discussions about continuing next year. Discussions have commenced with Royal Lifesaving Society to host CALD Learn to Swim programs next season, this planning will continue over winter in preparation for an October or November start.

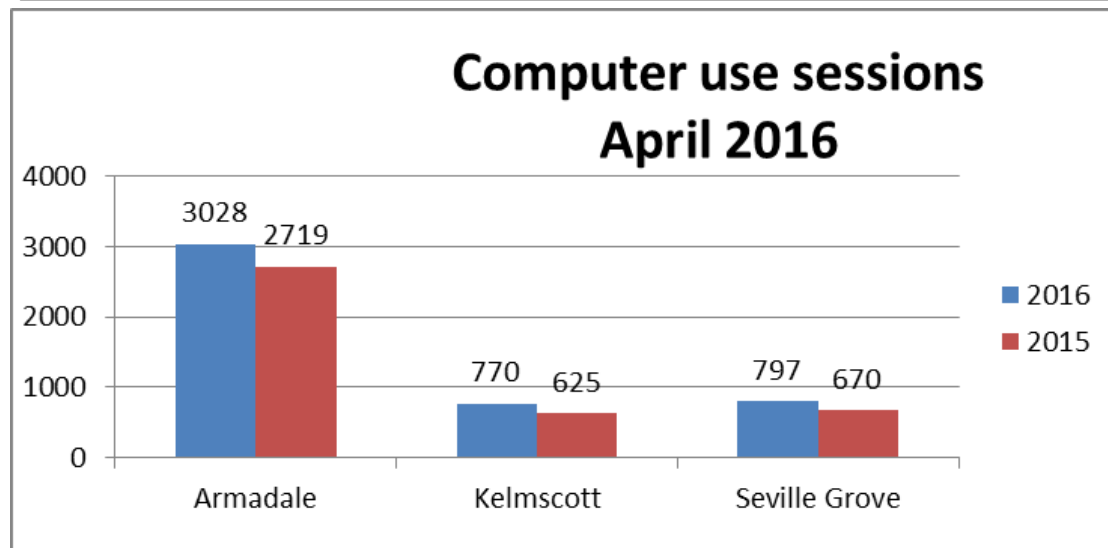
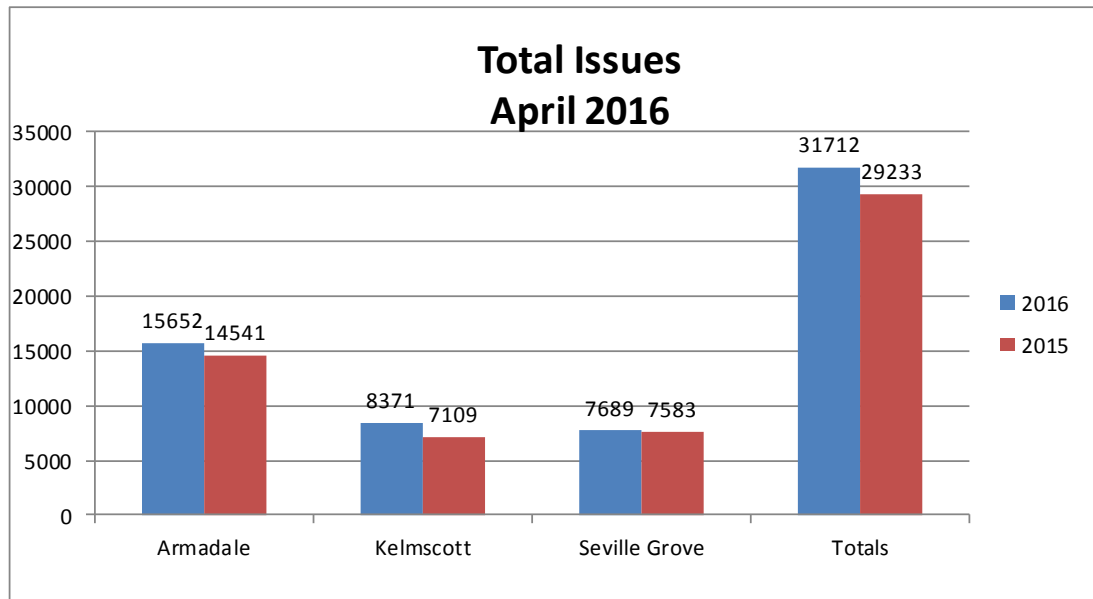


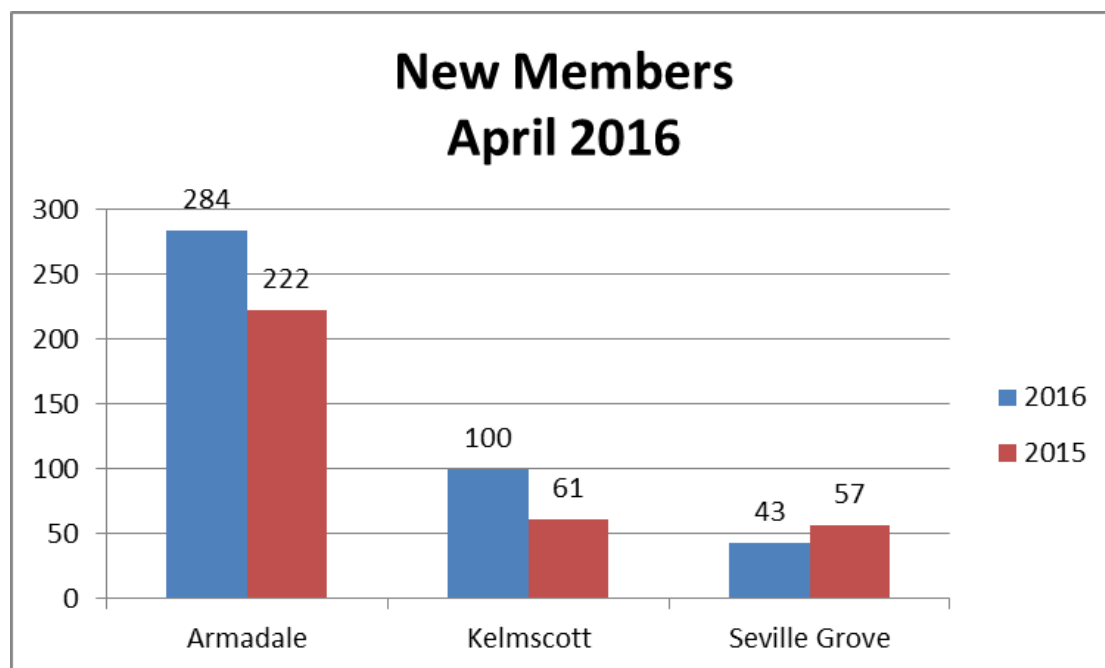
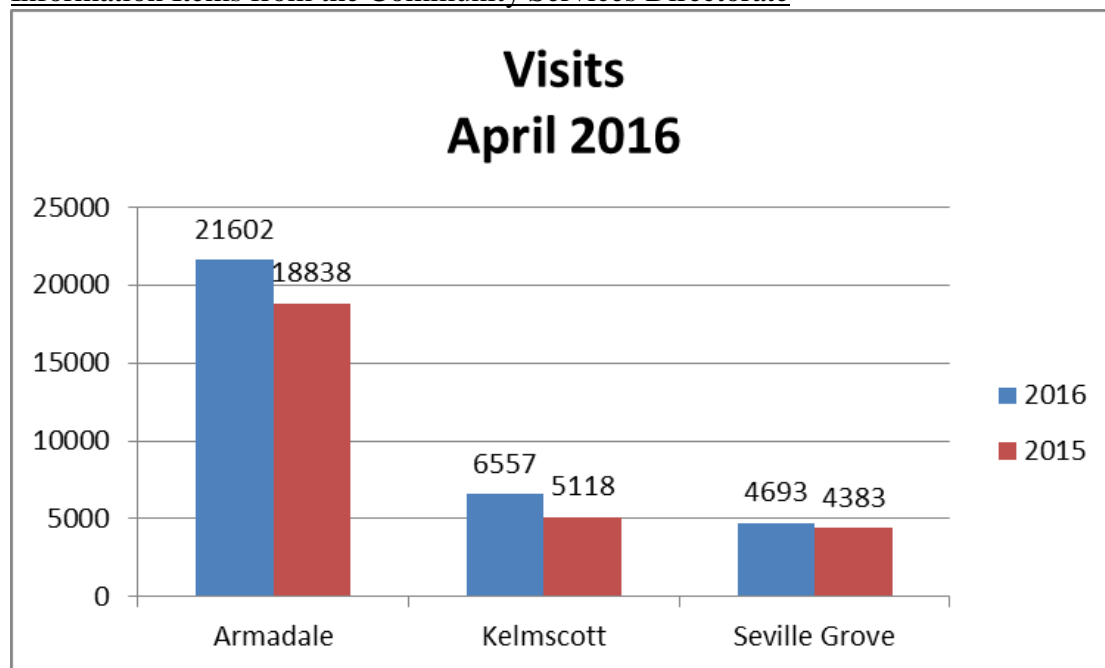
LIBRARY SERVICES

Statistical Performance Indicators

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

Note that the libraries were open additional hours in April 2016 compared with April 2015 due to the Easter dates. Armadale was open an additional 25 hours and Kelmscott and Seville Grove an additional 15 hours.





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

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

27 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 839 people participated in these various activities.

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

Reports on sessions of interest:

Topic: Green Cleaning: cleaning with chemistry

Presenter: Kerry Mazzotti

Date: Friday 1st April 2016

Venue: Armadale Library

No. Attending: 18

Kerry Mazzotti, Switch Your Thinking! Program Officer with the City used the Armadale Library to support the City's programs with the presentation of a "Green Cleaning: cleaning with chemistry workshop". The workshop particularly encouraged parents and carers of young children to attend. The workshop demonstrated that cleaning can be effective as well as environmentally and budget friendly. Positive feedback was received following the workshop.

Topic: Down to Earth April School Holiday program

Presenters: U Can Hatch Us, Eco Faeries, Yvonne Sitko - Birds of Prey, Patricia Cotte, Beccy Garlett, Shirley Reilly, Jenny Ramshaw, Leanne Fitzgerald, Rita Lennon

Dates: 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22 April

Venues: Armadale, Kelmscott and Seville Grove Libraries

No. Attending: 205 children; 123 adults

ARM: Birds of Prey: 49 children; 29 adults; Book Launch: 17 children; 10 adults; Book Cubby: 13 children, 9 adults; Lego: 22 children 13 adults KMS: Eco Faeries: 33 children, 20 adults; Games and craft: 33 children, 21 adults SVG: Dream Time story time: 20 children, 9 adults; Lego: 18 children, 12 adults

A successful April school holiday program resulted in 205 children and 123 adults visiting the City's three libraries to experience an exciting program of events. The aim of the holiday programs is to be book themed, or for a range of related books being displayed to promote literacy and the libraries extensive collections.

The Australian Early Development Census has shown in the City of Armadale that pre-primary children are developmentally vulnerable in domains such as language and cognitive development, emotional maturity and physical health and well-being. Interactive and educational activities in the library give children the opportunity to develop listening, motor, literacy, physical and social skills. Holiday activity programs attract some families to the library who might not be regular patrons.

U Can Hatch Us chicken hatching program was in residence at Armadale Library for two weeks.

Eco faeries involved stories and songs promoting the message of recycling and what we can all do to protect our environment.

Birds of Prey proved to be a great educational experience for children and adults alike.

The Magic Zoo book launch - local author Patricia Cotte used her story as inspiration for children to create their own hybrid 'magical creatures'. It enhanced creative and public speaking skills.

The Armadale Book Cubby was used for a bookmaking session. 15 books about nature were created and displayed in the cubby. The session encouraged the skills of writing, reading, art and promoted self-esteem.

Lego - 'Building from the ground up' sessions ignited children's imaginations and developed motor skills. Many parents participated and spent quality time with their child.

Games and craft - traditional hopscotch and other activities encouraged physical and motor skills as well as children's creativity.

Dream Time Storytime - Beccy Garlett presented an interactive session of Dreamtime stories, songs and games at Seville Grove Library, celebrating her Noongar culture with a culturally mixed audience. Dreamtime stories on display were borrowed after the session.

Topic: John Schnaars Indigenous War Veteran

Guest Presenter: John Schnaars

Date: Friday 29 April 2016

Time: 6.00-7.30 pm

Venue: Armadale Library

No. Attending: 10 people

John Schnaars, a local Indigenous War Veteran, delivered his talk timed around ANZAC Day. The small but enthusiastic group of attendees listened to John's stories of the Vietnam War and stories of his father who fought in WW2. John spoke about his involvement in having 180 memorials built throughout WA; the ongoing struggle for funding and support; his interests in achieving recognition for soldiers and reconciling families; and his visits to schools to pass on his experiences to the next generation.

A question and answer session was followed by refreshments concluded this insightful session. Copies of John's book were available for purchase.

HERITAGE SERVICES

Statistical Performance Indicators

The Heritage Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of April 2016.

Birtwistle Local Studies Library

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

FOCUS photography competition

This is a new competition designed to grow the Local Studies Library's photograph collection. 102 entries were received during March around theme of 'the changing

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face of Armadale'. Judging took place on April 12 and the presentation event will take place on Saturday May 28 at Armadale Library.

National Trust of WA Heritage Festival event

The bus tour event 'Up Hill and Down Dale' was sold-out in advance of its April 18 date. The coach-load of attendees visited sites at Armadale, Bedfordale, Roleystone, Kelmscott and Champion Lakes, with informative historical commentary by Kim Fletcher, Bob Tizard, Pat Hart and Colleen Fancote during travel time. Kelmscott CWA provided light morning tea for the attendees.

Decision Makers II

The second part of this oral history project, which documents the views of notable figures in the City's history is underway, with a selected number of former City employees having been contacted with requests to take part.

Research Queries

Queries to the BLSL have included:

- Information sought on the Armadale to Rockingham track (late 1800s)
- Documents relating to St Christopher's church
- Women involved in the creation of the Armadale Memorial Obelisk
- Information relating to the Buckingham family
- History of the Harrisdale name and its relation to a maternity hospital in Como

Donations

A large number of historically significant photographs relating to the Butcher family and their Wungong property were donated to BLSL by descendent Mr D Tonkin.

Royal Western Australian Historical Society Conference

Members of the Conference Committee from the Royal Western Australian Historical Society visited Armadale on April 16, to visit the venues that will host conference events in September.

Statistics

Birtwistle Local Studies Library				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	Apr '16	Apr '15	July '15 – Apr '16	July '14 – Apr '15
Reference Enquiries	11	15	48	64
Research Enquiries	3	11	64	94
Visitor Attendance total	175	126	1142	892
Volunteer Hours total	161	143	1596	1293
Digitising Records (hrs)	21	39	272	331
Oral History				
Letters Sent	3	3	35	23
Interviews Completed	1	1	14	15
Transcripts Completed/ reviewed	4	2	20	18
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	55	28	395	222
Volunteer Hours - Interviewing	4	0	34	40
Family History Research				
Reference	0	4	10	96
Research	45	45	342	315
Volunteer Hours	27	39	342	404

History House Museum

Museum Exhibitions

Made in Armadale Temporary Exhibition

Is currently on display at the museum. This exhibition has been extended through to May.

Future Temporary Exhibition

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

Home: How our homes have changed – in research stage

Heritage Tree Walk

History House Museum was host to the launch of the Heritage Tree Walk revised by Birtwistle Local Studies Library. The launch was held in the Old Armadale School starting with a speech by Councillor Henry Zelones, Mayor of the City of Armadale outlining the history of the walk and the updated version. Participants were then taken on the Minnowarra Park/Memorial Park section of the walk by Kim Fletcher before returning to the Old Armadale School for morning tea. Comments from the participants were very complimentary.

History House 40th Anniversary

On April 25 History House celebrated 40 years of collecting and exhibiting the history of the COA. Over 40 people attended the event including several original members of

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the Armadale-Kelmscott Historical Society. A key outcome from this event is original Armadale-Kelmscott Historical Society members committing to donate records and items relating to the early history of the museum to the City of Armadale.

Contemporary Collecting

The curator visited new housing developments in the COA collecting ephemera relating to the house and land packages available. This material will provide insight into the how urbanization of agricultural land is changing the way the COA looks, and will provide a snap shot of what a ‘typical’ new house and block that a family living in the COA in the early 2000’s looks like.

Ephemera along with aerial photography is one of the few ways to document this massive economic, social and community change that is occurring within the COA.

Donations

This month’s donations to the museum include:

- Dog registration tag, Armadale Kelmscott Road Board 1959/60, donated by Mr Jeff Walker
- Flyer, Bedforddale Agricultural and Horticultural Society Annual Show 1910, donated by the City of Gosnells (was in their museum collection and transferred to the museum).
- Collection of Wadjuk stone tools from a Section 18 survey at Sienna Woods development, donated by RPS Australia & Asia Pacific with permission from the local Wadjuk community.
- Pastel illustration by M Hirst that had been on display at the Kelmscott library for over 11 years. It was donated by a member of the community who attended a series of art classes held at the library.

Museum Education Report**School Visits**

Dale Christian School visited the Museum this month to participate in our Armadale Anzacs program. The feedback from the children was very positive and they came up with some very useful suggestions on how to improve the program.

School Incursions

The Education Officer visited Pioneer Village School – Year 1 for Old Time Games and Year 3 and 4 for Pioneering Families. A visit was also made to Grovelands Primary School, our first visit, to present an Anzacs program to Years 3-6. The presentation was very well received and will be booked again for next year.

School Holiday Program

The School Holiday program supported the launch of the Tree Heritage Walk and included a treasure map for the children to follow, finding out information about Minnowarra Park’s heritage trees. There were approximately 20 participants in the program.

Museum Strategic Plan

Claire Savage from Savagely Creative has started reviewing the Museum’s 2008 interpretation plan. This review will include:

- Consultation with the History Reference Group

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- A community workshop
- Consultation with relevant COA staff
- Review of identified themes and stories to ensure they are still relevant to the local community
- Identification of new themes or stories relevant to the local community
- Identification of new interpretive techniques that could be implemented at History House

Statistics

History House Museum	Current Month	Year to date		
		April 15	July 15- June 16	Jul 14 – June 15
General Visitors	251	205	1364	1529
School Visits	53	66	407	377
School Incursions	242	171	334	746
Holiday Programs	15	55	200	164
Community Programs	67	30	315	172
Seniors Programs	0	0	0	54
Total Visitors	628	527	2620	3042
Volunteer Hours	160	157	1365	1435
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum	April 16	April 15	July 15 – June 16	Jul 14 – June 15
Visitors	204	170	1282	1705

RANGER & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Animal Control

Dogs

Ranger Services received five hundred and nineteen (519) requests for assistance during this report period. Whilst the individual areas of dog control do not vary significantly from the corresponding period April 2015, the overall number of requests for assistance shows an increase of 18% in this area of operations.

Registration Checks

Rangers will be conducting domestic animal registration survey throughout the district during the next 2-3 months.

A fundamental part of the door knock is to create an awareness of the Dog Act, Cat Act and the City of Armadale (COA) Local Laws Relating to Dogs, identify potential and actual problems and provide advice that may assist in preventing or treating a problem.

Cats

Ranger Services received 123 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.

The cat overpopulation problem is due to a number of factors, such as supply exceeding demand and the ability of cats to breed extremely quickly. Research has also found that a major contributing factor to this problem is people feeding unowned cats but not taking full ownership or responsibility for them.

A survey by Monash University found that 22% of people said they fed a cat that didn't belong to them. People feed unowned cats because they genuinely care about them, and feel sorry for them. However many people don't realise that they are causing a bigger problem by feeding, but not owning (e.g. desexing and identifying) these cats.

Feeding unowned cats helps keep them alive and strong enough to reproduce. They keep breeding more and more kittens into a life of disease and neglect. This contributes to the tragic cat overpopulation problem in Australia.

Livestock

During this report period Ranger Services attended to 29 enquiries for assistance in dealing with stock wandering on the road.

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.

OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALTY \$	COSTS \$	TOTAL \$
Dog Attack	Guilty	800	169.10	969.10
Dog Causing Nuisance	Guilty	2,120	169.10	2,289.10

Vehicles

Parking

Ranger Services received 210 requests for assistance, and issued 71 infringement notices in regard to various offences relating to the parking of vehicles during this report period.

The number of Infringements issued, in the vicinity of schools still remains relatively low and this is attributed to the ongoing Ranger Services attendance at local schools throughout the district, on a regular basis, to ensure the safety of children is maintained.

Commercial Vehicles (Trucks)

The number of reports received in relation to trucks being parked in residential areas for extended periods still remains relatively low; Rangers will continue to be vigilant in this area of operations.

Abandoned Vehicles

The number of abandoned vehicles dealt with by Ranger Services continues to be of constant with 37 being recorded during this report period.

Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

Ranger Service attended to 7 reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in areas that are prohibited, during this report period.

Fire and Emergency Services

Prevention

Permits to burn are still being issued and to date there has been over 300 permits issued. Most of these have been for small piles of vegetation (leaves etc.) Only a small amount of permits have been for running fire. The Fire Prevention Officer (FPO) has stream lined the permit system integrating it into a live data base which is captured in Authority. This system allows all captured permits to be viewed in Intramaps and flags the status of all permits across the City status. In addition to this is the ability for the City to send a group text message to all permit holders at once. This function has been added to allow the City to inform all permits holders of adverse fire conditions (i.e. all permits have been suspended due to severe fire danger).

The brigades have started Hazard Reduction Burns (HRB). Roleystone successfully undertook a large burn on Canning Mills Rd on the ANZAC long-weekend. Several smaller HRB have been planned by both brigades over the coming weeks (weather permitting).

Preparedness

The review of the Local Emergency Management Arrangements is underway, with a general review occurring of the document content. Over the next couple of months information will be sort from various agencies for topic specific data. This information will be requested from agencies via the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) executive officer.

A review is underway on the City’s annual firebreak notice. The focus of this is to simplify the information contained within the notice and make the document more user friendly. When the firebreak notice has been finalised there will be a reconfiguring the information available on the COA website to reflect the fire break notice and up-dated fire and emergency information.

