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**MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT;
SPORT AND RECREATION; LAND INFORMATION;
GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE; GREAT SOUTHERN**



TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

It has been a pleasure to work with you and your colleagues in local government during my term of office as Minister. Local government is a challenging area, and the goodwill and support I have received have made the job easier.

I have visited the majority of local governments during my tenure and was impressed with the enthusiasm that was evident in all quarters to make a difference both to good governance and the future well-being of communities.

I look forward to the possibility of meeting you again in my new portfolio where I will be Minister for Resources assisting the Premier as Minister for State Development.

In the meantime my successor in Local Government Jon Ford will undoubtedly carry on where we have left off.

Yours sincerely

**JOHN BOWLER JP MLA
MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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ISSUES UPDATE

INTRODUCTION OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2005

The new *Planning and Development Act 2005* and related legislation received Royal Assent on **Monday 12 December 2005**. The new legislation will come into operation on **Sunday 9 April**.

The WA Planning Commission has released Planning Bulletin No.76 *Planning and Development Act 2005 and related legislation* to advise interested stakeholders on the provisions of the new legislation and to explain the effects of the new provisions. The Planning Bulletin is available at www.wapc.wa.gov.au/Publications/742.aspx.

Copies of the new Acts are available online from the State Law Publisher at www.slp.wa.gov.au/statutes/swans.nsf.

The new legislation repeals the *Western Australian Planning Commission Act 1985*, the *Metropolitan Region Town Planning Scheme Act 1959* and the *Town Planning and Development Act 1928*.

Whilst the primary purpose of the Act is consolidation of the existing planning legislation, the opportunity has been taken to make a number of refinements to the legislation. These are explained in the Planning Bulletin.

The *Planning and Development Act 2005* is the result of extensive consultation and negotiation over seven years involving State Government agencies, Local Government and other stakeholders.

For further information, please contact Executive Manager Development, Allison Hailes on 9213 2018 or email ahailes@walga.asn.au.

NEW LOCAL ACTIVITY GRANTS ROUND OPEN

Another round of the Local Activity Grants program is now open and applications close on **Friday 31 March**. The grants are the result of collaboration between the WA Local Government Association and the Premier's Physical Activity Taskforce, made available through a Lotterywest grant and are designed to encourage new and innovative approaches to increasing Physical Activity.

Matched grant applications of between \$5,000 and \$30,000 are eligible for consideration and must be made by Councils. In-kind contributions are accepted from regional Councils. Funding for small capital items such as water fountains, bike racks and seats are available as

part of a larger project application. Community organisations can liaise with the relevant Council for the purpose of applying for this grant.

Projects could include;

- an audit of the local environment (streetscapes, public spaces etc) for features which support physical activity and develop a strategy to increase physical activity opportunities;
- redesigning current Public Open Space to increase physical activity;
- a plan for the development of an Active Urban Trail;
- the review of paths and development of a plan to ensure a connected network;
- establishment of walking groups/fitness programs;
- development of a Physical Activity Plan; and
- targeting of physical activity to culturally and linguistically diverse groups.

To download the guidelines and applications form, please visit www.patf.wa.gov.au or www.walga.asn.au.

For further information, please contact Coordinator Physical Activity Projects, Jane Hannaford on 9382 5929 or email jhannaford@dpc.wa.gov.au.

WORKCHOICES WORKSHOPS

The Federal Government's WorkChoices workplace relations legislation has passed through Parliament. Local Government Workplace Solutions has prepared a series of workshops to assist Councils in understanding these important changes.

Times for the workshops are as follows. Please note, some times and dates have changed.

- Alice Springs 10:30am to 2:30pm
Wednesday 8 February
- Perth 10:00am to 1:30pm
Thursday 16 February

Please note, details will be included in your confirmation letter prior to the workshop.

For further information and to register, please contact Workplace Solutions Support Officer, Kristy Faulkner on 9213 2097 or email kfaulkner@walga.asn.au.

PURCHASING NETWORK

Regional presentations focused on Local Government tendering are open to all Officers and will take place at the following venues:

- Shire of Moora **Wednesday 15 February**
- Shire of Merredin **Thursday 16 February**
- Town of Narrogin **Friday 17 February**

For further information, please contact Services Officer, Sally Pedlow on 9213 2030 or email spedlow@walga.asn.au.

TRAINING UPDATE

Officer Professional Development

Customer Service and Complaints Handling for Officers

This module is designed to enhance an Officer's ability to contribute to greater customer focus and improved complaints handling through better team building and conflict resolution practices.

Date: **Friday 17 February**
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm
Venue: Local Government House
15 Altona Street, West Perth
Cost: \$297 (inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
\$324.50 (inc GST) for non-members

For further information, please contact Training Coordinator, Heather Bewsher on 9213 2098 or email hbewsher@walga.asn.au.

FBT 2006

The Local Government Tax Service will host its annual FBT Program on **Friday 24 February**. In addition, a Local Government FBT audit and review program is currently being developed.

For further information, please email lgtax@walga.asn.au.

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN ADVERTORIAL

On **Tuesday 31 January**, the Association published a complimentary advertorial titled *Local Government Most Trusted* in The West Australian newspaper. This advertorial is a benefit of the commercial agreement established as a result of the Association's extensive advertising program with The West Australian and appears on the first Tuesday of each month.

For further information, please contact Public Relations and Marketing Consultant, Maggie Johns on 9213 2051 or email mjohns@walga.asn.au.

CORPORATE WARDROBE TENDER

Next week, the Association will be releasing tenders for new contracts for corporate wardrobe, work wear, and personal protective clothing and equipment. Both local and national suppliers will be sought, the latter through a consortium based arrangement with Local Government procurement agencies in other States and territories.

For further information, please contact Services Manager, Andrew Blitz on 9213 2046 or email ablitz@walga.asn.au.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR NATIONAL PACKAGING COVENANT JURISDICTIONAL PROJECTS GROUP

The Jurisdictional Projects Group (JPG) oversees the allocation of project funding under the National Packaging Covenant. Nominations are sought from one metropolitan and one non-metropolitan Council Officer, to represent Local Government on the JPG.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from www.walga.asn.au/about_lg/vacancies.

Please address your nomination form to Bernard Ryan, Executive Officer, Municipal Waste Advisory Council, PO Box 1544, WEST PERTH WA 6872 or email nominations@walga.asn.au by **COB on Friday 3 March**.

For further information on the role of the JPG, visit www.wastenet.net.au/programs/npc/jpgdetails or for information on the position, please contact the Department of Environment's, Jenny Campbell on 9278 0959 or email jenny.campbell@environment.wa.gov.au.

REMINDER TO COMPLETE ALGA'S SECOND AGEING SURVEY

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) invites Councils to participate in the second online ageing awareness and action survey for Local Government which is available at www.alga.asn.au/policy/healthAgeing/ageing/surveys/2006/.

The survey aims to gauge awareness of population ageing within Local Government and to determine the level of action. The information collected from the survey will assist ALGA in its negotiations with the Australian Government and to build the capacity of Local Government to plan for an ageing population. The survey is an initiative of the Australian Local Government Population Ageing Plan.

For further information, please contact ALGA's Alley Peck on (02) 6122 9421 or email alley.peck@alga.asn.au.

MEDIA RELEASES

1 February	New Minister Welcomed to Sector
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DIARY DATES

23 February	Central Metropolitan Zone
23 February	North Metropolitan Zone
27 February	Gascoyne



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SYSTEMIC SUSTAINABILITY STUDY

The Association has initiated a *Systemic Sustainability Study* to oversee an independent assessment of the sustainability of Local Government in Western Australia. The terms of reference of the Study involve an investigation into the general adequacy of Western Australia's system of Local Government and its operations, its strengths and weaknesses, and means by which it might be improved.

The independent Panel members are:

- Chair: Professor Greg Craven, Executive Director, John Curtin Institute of Public Policy and Professor of Government and Constitutional Law. A former Foundation Dean and Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame Australia, and Reader in Law at the University of Melbourne. Crown Counsel to the Victorian Government 1992-1995. His most recent book is *Conversations with the Constitution* (University of NSW Press, 2004);
- Member: Dr Fiona McKenzie, Director of the Housing and Urban Research Institute of Western Australia. Curtin Research Fellow at the Curtin University Graduate School of Business with extensive experience in population and socio-economic change, regional economic development and analysis of regional and urban social indicators; and
- Member: George McCullagh, Principle Cressida Consulting. Former partner with Deloitte Consulting and Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu and a previous Director with the WA Public Service Commission.

A launch of the study will be held on **Wednesday 15 February** at the Constitution Centre, West Perth. It is anticipated that the Panel will issue a *Principles of Local Government* paper on **Saturday 25 March**.

For further information, please contact Economist, Nathan Taylor on 9213 2040 or email ntaylor@walga.asn.au.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES THAT MAY AFFECT SOME CRÈCHES

The new *Children Services and Communities Services Act 2004* and associated Regulations will take effect on **Wednesday 1 March**. This Act contains the provision for the licensing of

Child Care services in WA which may affect some crèches. The Department of Community Development (DCD) has developed an information sheet highlighting the implications of the new Act and Regulations for 'crèche' services. This is enclosed in this week's mailbag.

For further information, please contact DCD on 1800 790 988 or visit www.community.wa.gov.au.

FORUM ON LANDFILL LEVY DISCUSSION PAPERS

The Waste Management Board has recently released two discussion papers on *Landfill Levy and the Programs it Funds* and *Re-investing Landfill Levy Funds in Zero Waste Schemes*. Comments close on both of these discussion papers on **Friday 3 March**.

The issues covered directly impact on core Local Government operations. Comments and support for amendments could significantly affect operations and funding availability for your area of waste management responsibility. In order to ensure a united and representative response, a Forum for Local Government will be held.

Date: **Monday 27 February**
Time: 11:00am to 4:00pm
Venue: Town of Vincent,
244 Vincent Street, (Cnr Loftus Street) Leederville
Lunch: Light lunch will be provided
RSVP: **Wednesday 22 February**

If you are unable to attend the Forum and/or are making a submission, please email Manager Waste and Recycling, Bernard Ryan at bryan@walga.asn.au.

MWAC has produced a Position Paper on the *Resource Recovery Incentives Scheme* and a Policy Statement on the *Landfill Levy and Strategic Waste Funding*, both of which speak directly to many of the issues contained in the Board's Discussion Papers. These documents are available at www.wastenet.net.au. It is envisaged that MWAC will provide a combined submission on both documents as there is significant crossover of issues between the two.

For further information, please contact Waste Management Officer, Rebecca Brown on 9213 2063 or email rbrown@walga.asn.au.

LATEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFER

To date, more than half of all Councils have taken-up the new pricing available under the latest Telecommunications offer. It is important to note that the new pricing is available by application only. Councils are not automatically transitioned to the new pricing. The savings across the sector are significant, approximately \$3.6m, with many Councils achieving reductions in expenditure exceeding 40%.

For further information, please contact Services Manager, Brian O'Mara on 9213 2070 or email bomara@walga.asn.au.

ENERGY SURVEY

Councils have been asked to complete an Energy Survey to assist the Association in undertaking a whole of Local Government Energy tender process. The response to date has been excellent and the closing date has been extended to **Friday 17 February**. All Councils that are yet to complete the survey are strongly encouraged to do so.

For further information, please contact Services Manager, Brian O'Mara on 9213 2070 or email bomara@walga.asn.au.

TRAINING UPDATE

Officer Professional Development

Introduction to the Local Government Act

Date: **Monday 27 February**
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm
Venue: Local Government House,
15 Altona Street, West Perth
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Policy Development in Local Government

Date: **Friday 3 March**
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm
Venue: Local Government House,
15 Altona Street, West Perth
Cost: \$297 (inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
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Introduction to Local Government Finance

Date: **Friday 31 March**
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm
Venue: Local Government House,
15 Altona Street, West Perth
Cost: \$297 (inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
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Elected Member Development Program

Module 8: Community Consultation and Participation (UPDATED)

Date: **Friday 17 March**
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm
Venue: Local Government House,
15 Altona Street, West Perth
Cost: \$297 (inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
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For further information or to register, please contact Training Coordinator, Heather Bewsher on 9213 2098 or email hbewsher@walga.asn.au.

2006 ROADS FORUM

The Association and Main Roads WA are encouraging all Elected Members and Officers to attend the *2006 Roads Forum* to discuss and debate important road and transport issues such as;

- sustainable Transport Networks;
- impacts upon the Road Network;
- infrastructure Asset Management; and
- industry needs from the Road Networks.

The forum will be held on **Tuesday 4 April** at the Queens Park Theatre, Geraldton.

For further information, please contact Roads Policy Manager, Craig Wilton on 9213 2061 or email cwilton@walga.asn.au.

HIA (WA) GREENSMART AWARDS 2006

Nominations are open to all HIA members in the residential building and land development industry, including Local Government. The Awards recognise outstanding environmental achievements and innovation in product development, residential design, construction and land development. Entries close on **Friday 24 February**.

For further information and entry brochures, please contact Ashlee Phur on 9492 9200.

MEDIA RELEASES

3 February	Community Trust is the Key to Satisfaction
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DIARY DATES

23 February	Central Metropolitan Zone
23 February	North Metropolitan Zone
27 February	Gascoyne
02 March	State Council
10 March	Goldfields - Esperance
27 March	South Metropolitan Zone



ALGA NEWS

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COAG meets to consider broad reform agenda

The three spheres of government will come together at next week's Council of Australian Governments meeting in Canberra to consider a broad reform agenda covering areas including competition policy. The current ten year program of competition policy reform will come to an end in June. The future of competition-based payments to the states is as yet unclear. COAG last year commenced a review, with ALGA participation, of the national competition policy. The review team was asked to "draw from but not be limited to" recommendations of a Productivity Commission report on competition policy released last year. ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell, who will represent local government at the COAG meeting, will press for three clear goals:



- competition payments must continue if further reform is to be achieved
- states must pass appropriate payments on to local government
- all reform must pass the public interest test

"ALGA supports further reform to ensure continued economic growth," Cr Bell said. "But local government must share in the benefits that accrue from the reform process." Under the existing payment regime, some states passed some payments on to local government, but others - including NSW, Tasmania, SA and the NT - did not. The Hawker report on cost shifting found that NCP agreements were "a significant and costly exercise for local government" and that local government had a "key role" in achieving NCP goals and requirements.

NSW infrastructure study strengthens fair funding campaign



A NSW survey has found a massive \$6.3bn backlog in local government infrastructure, strengthening the national campaign for fair funding. The study was carried out by Jeff Roorda and Associates for an independent inquiry into financial sustainability of local government established by the NSW Local Government and Shires Associations. The survey, released this week, found:

- the infrastructure backlog is \$6.3bn, or 13% of total asset value
- councils require \$14.6bn over the next 15 years for asset replacement over and above maintenance requirements
- this is double the rate of current expenditure

ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell backed NSW LGA President, Cr Genia McCaffery, who said the infrastructure report was a "wake-up call" for both federal and state governments. Cr Bell

said that local government needed substantial additional assistance to avert an infrastructure crisis. "We have called on the federal government to use its substantial budget surplus to assist councils with their service and infrastructure needs," he said. "The fact is that the state governments got a better federal deal with the advent of the new tax system. We now need to reform federal-local government financial relations and provide local government with fair federal funding. The *Roads to Recovery* program is providing much needed assistance to address the backlog of local road maintenance work. But fundamental reform is needed to the core local government funding program of financial assistance grants - grants which don't match the escalating costs and demands faced by Australia's 700 councils," Cr Bell said. ALGA is in the process of strengthening its case for fair federal funding, to be presented to the major parties later this year. NSW Local Government Minister, Kerry Hickey, responded to the report by saying councils should work smarter by sharing resources and entering into strategic alliances, adding that the state's 152 councils should "stop blame-shifting to successive state and federal governments".

Beazley to focus on nation building

Howard had his 'headland' speeches. Beazley has his 'blueprints'. In an address to the National Press Club on Wednesday, the Opposition Leader pledged to produce more policy blueprints reflecting Opposition's priorities in the lead up to next year's federal election. A child health blueprint is due out today, followed by climate change and industrial relations in the coming months. Mr Beazley last year released blueprints on infrastructure, fuels, security and skills. In his address, Mr Beazley made it clear Labor's policies would focus on issues of national building and strengthening the community. "It's nation building we need," he told the Press Club, adding that investment was required to confront "the erosion of the drivers of productivity and growth - Australia's skills base and our infrastructure". ALGA is preparing a submission to an ALP inquiry into the provision of public infrastructure.



From the President

The Productivity Commission plays an important role in reviewing the way we - as a nation - go about our daily work. Formally, its role is to advise the Australian Government on all aspects of microeconomic reform. We shouldn't be surprised, therefore, that it brings a market-based approach to all that's brought before it. But market-based solutions don't always work.

Heritage is a case in point. ALGA is lodging a submission with the Productivity Commission for its current inquiry into the conservation of historic heritage places. Local government, of course, protects the bulk of Australia's heritage buildings. As such, we understand how heritage places contribute cultural, social, environmental and economic benefits to both local and regional communities. The fact is that markets will place an economic value on a heritage building - but won't place any value on the cultural, social and environmental benefits it brings to the community. The Commission's draft report, released in December, has set off some early alarm bells. In it, the Commission suggests that privately-owned properties should be included on a statutory list only after a negotiated conservation agreement has been reached with the owners. ALGA completely rejects this proposal. It would radically alter the current system and place substantial resourcing pressures on local and regional communities to negotiate agreements, let alone undertake the conservation and heritage work that remains outstanding. There appears to be a lack of appreciation for the rationale behind the heritage identification methodology adopted in Australia or the transparent and inclusive means by which local government lists properties or items of significance in planning instruments. We will also strongly argue for better federal funding for heritage conservation. This in turn will help to expand the provision of services such as education and training, improved administration of the existing heritage systems, and enlarge the levels of incentives to promote conservation of Australia's built environment.

Public hearings on the draft report are currently underway with a final report due on 6 April.

Gr Paul Bell
ALGA President

Feb 24 closing date for flood, disaster mitigation programs

Applications for grants under the Natural Disaster Mitigation Program and the Regional Flood Mitigation Program close **24 February**. Please note that the January 27 edition of ALGA News carried the incorrect deadline for the closing date for these grants.

ABS takes new approach to NRM

A new survey methodology has been used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to assess natural resource management practices in two Queensland shires. The ABS says the survey could revolutionise the collection of land management data in rural areas. The results of the survey, released this week, use information from 1,300 land owners and provide an important insight into land management in the Livingstone and Fitzroy shires. Of the 4,000 rural landholders in both shires, 3,300 reported that their holdings had NRM issues. Residential landholders in the Fitzroy Shire spend an average of \$40 per hectare addressing NRM issues compared to \$54 per hectare in the Livingstone Shire. Age or ill health was reported as a barrier to improving NRM practices by 63% of residential landholders within the 5km Fitzroy River riparian zone. The new survey methodology was first used in the Eurobodalla Shire (NSW) in 2004.

ALGA security assessment toolkit

ALGA is developing a toolkit to help councils conduct security risk assessments and incorporate mitigation strategies into disaster management plans. The project has been made possible with funding under the *Australian Government's Working Together to Manage Emergencies* initiative. Based on a Queensland local government risk management initiative, the toolkit is expected to be completed and made available to councils by the end of the year. Further information from the project manager, Sharyn Csanki sharyn.casanki@alga.asn.au, at ALGA on 02 6122 9420.

UN environment awards

Nominations are now open for United Nations Association of Australia 2006 World Environment Day Awards. These popular awards recognise businesses, local governments, individuals, community and school groups whose work serves to protect, manage or restore the environment. For more information email events@unaavictoria.org.au.



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Third annual local government infrastructure conference

April 6-7 2006

Double Bay, Sydney

The third annual Building and Financing Local Government Infrastructure Conference will be held in Sydney between April 6-7 at the Stamford Plaza in Double Bay.

This popular event which attracts more than 150 senior managers and councillors annually will focus on assisting local government decision makers to bridge the infrastructure financing gap and will showcase leading examples of innovation and success in building and financing much needed infrastructure.

Experts from a wide range of disciplines will address the conference including Ross Greenwood, the Deputy Director General of the NSW Dept of Local Government; the Hon Anna Bligh, Deputy Premier of Queensland; Maha Sinnathamby, the Chairman of the Greater Springfield Land Corporation; John Davis from IDSM; and Doug Owens from Banyule City Council.

Case studies will include the City of Townsville's Cleveland Bay Treatment Plant PPP; the City of Charles Sturt's clever use of debt financing to overcome what would have been a high cost replacement of major parts of its road system; Wollongong Council's City Beach Redevelopment and Parramatta City's CBD Renewal Project.

For more information about the conference see www.halledit.com.au or telephone Denise McQueen on 03 8534 5000.



**State of the Regions
Report 2005-06**

Youth survey results for councils

Mission Australia's annual national youth survey was completed in 2005 by 11,300 young Australians aged 11-24 yrs from communities right around Australia, including 600 Indigenous young Australians and over 5,000 young people who lived outside a capital city. A free copy of the report of the survey findings - *National Youth Survey 2005: Key and emerging issues* - is now available for councils. The survey identifies the key issues of concern to young people, what they value, who they turn to for advice and support and how involved they are in their community. Copies can be obtained by emailing Mission Australia hampshirea@missionaustralia.com.au.

Regional airports security upgrades

Four regional airports have received a total of \$740,000 to upgrade basic security as part of the regional airport funding program, Transport Minister Warren Truss announced yesterday. The program is providing \$35m to upgrade security at 147 regional airports around the country. The latest funding will be allocated to airports at Walgett (NSW), Lake Evella (NT), Griffith (NSW) and Normanton (Qld). Mr Truss said the funding would help

regional airports increase and improve security measures, such as fencing, lighting, CCTV and access control. To date, funding of \$17.6m has been approved for 71 regional airports. Meanwhile, the ALP has established a transport security task force that will, it says, highlight the failure of the Australian Government to safeguard Australia's infrastructure and borders. To be chaired by Victorian MP Anna Burke, the task force will travel the country to talk to communities about their concerns. Public submissions are invited, with further information available from 03 9898 0675.

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COAG: uncertainty over reform agenda payments

The way in which policy reform payments will be made to state and territory governments is far from certain as the nation's political leaders convene in Canberra for today's Council of Australian Governments meeting. ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell, will join the Prime Minister, Premiers and Chief Ministers to discuss a range of reform agendas, including competition policy, health, training, energy and transport. Cr Bell will press the states to make appropriate payments to local government for the role it will play in future policy reforms. The current, 10-year competition policy reform period comes to an end in June. Under the existing payment regime, some states passed some payments on to local government, but others - including NSW, Tasmania, SA and the NT - did not. "ALGA supports further reform to ensure continued economic growth," Cr Bell said. "But local government must share in the benefits that accrue from the reform process." It now appears that the Commonwealth will put money on the table to help drive the reform agenda. The states are arguing for the money to be paid up front but the Commonwealth wants to release the funds to states as reform milestones are met. The COAG communiqué will be posted to the ALGA website on release. The states and territories will share \$834m in payments during 2005-06, bringing the ten year total to \$4.9bn. The Victorian Government says a new, broad round of reform could add \$40bn to annual national income over 25 years.



Bell, state presidents lobby for IGA



Lobbying efforts are underway around the country to gain support for the draft intergovernmental agreement on cost shifting. ALGA President Cr Paul Bell is joining state association presidents to directly lobby local government ministers in a number of states ahead of a key meeting of the Local Government and Planning Ministers Council in April. Cr Bell had a very positive meeting with Victorian local government minister Candy Broad yesterday. Next week, he will meet ministers in Tasmania and NSW as well as the federal minister, Jim Lloyd. The South Australian Government endorsed the draft IGA last week. "The next few weeks will be critical for the success of the IGA," Cr Bell said. "If one or two states wobble, or want to water down the agreement, the hard yards gained over the past two or three years are at risk of going up in smoke. If we want to stop cost shifting, we need a robust agreement that strengthens our financial relationship with other spheres of government. At the end of the day, this is about treating local government as partners - not servants. We will have a better idea of where we stand over the coming two or three weeks," Cr Bell said.

Lloyd takes rock star MP to task on road claims

Former rock singer turned MP, Peter Garrett, has been taken to task by Federal Local Government Minister Jim Lloyd over claims that the Roads to Recovery program was an example of National Party "pork-barreling". Mr Garrett, the Member for Kingsford Smith in Sydney, made the remarks in Parliament on Wednesday. "Peter Garrett's claims that the program is merely a Liberal/National 'slush fund' are not only wrong but offensive to local councils who utilise their funds to build better and safer roads," Mr Lloyd said, adding that the \$1.2 billion, that had been allocated to the Roads to Recovery program over the next four years, goes to every council in Australia. ALGA President, Cr Bell, contacted Mr Garrett yesterday to discuss the issue. "It appears Mr Garrett was referring to the row over the way the regional component of AusLink was allocated by the government in advance of the 2004 federal election and not to the R2R program itself," Cr Bell said. "We have sought a formal meeting with Mr Garrett next week to point out the enormous contribution R2R makes to communities the length and breadth of the nation, from city centres to remote communities."



From the President

Local government is often seen as an easy target for the popular press. Those that have been on the receiving end of beat-ups and cheap shots can take some heart from the latest public opinion survey conducted by the Western Australian Local Government Association.

They polled more than 800 residents across the state and came up with an unequivocal finding - people have a lot more trust in local government than they do in our state and federal counterparts. In fact, when asked which sphere of government was trusted most, 53% nominated local government, with just 24% nominating federal government and 23% state government (see story below). And this is no fluke finding. It matches a survey of 500 residents conducted by the NSW Local Government and Shires Associations in 2004 that found 45% nominated councillors as the most trustworthy, 36% said federal politicians and just 20% went for state MPs. And there's more good news from NSW. Last week, the associations published another independent survey of more than 900 households. It revealed an 85% satisfaction rate with council performance. The survey, by Ims Research, also found that 80% responded positively when asked if they were getting value for their rate payments. There is, of course, always room for improvement and councils are constantly striving to better respond to the needs of the communities we serve. But we should take heart from these results. We're on the right track.

Cr Paul Bell
ALGA President



Who do you trust? Councils come first

A new survey by the Western Australian Local Government Association has revealed councils have dramatically outperformed their state and federal counterparts when it comes to trust. More than half of the respondents (53%) ranked local government first for trust, with the federal government (24%) and state government (23%) lagging well behind. When asked, who do you rank last on trust, more than half (53%) nominated the federal government, while less than a quarter nominated either state or local government. There was no significant difference in ranking between geographic areas. The three spheres of government were ranked about the same when it came to satisfaction with service delivery. More than 800 Western Australians were surveyed.

Security conference

The Commonwealth's annual Security in Government (SIG) conference will be held in Canberra on 9-11 May. Run by the Federal Attorney-General's Department, the conference aims to address a range of key issues, including protective security, counter-terrorism and the impact of the current security environment on the Australian community. The conference will include an array of Australian and international speakers, plus a number of panel discussions on topical issues. For more information contact the SIG 2006 secretariat sig2006@ag.gov.au on 02 6250 5547 or 02 6250 5467.

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Case studies will include the City of Townsville's Cleveland Bay Treatment Plant PPP; the City of Charles Sturt's clever use of debt financing to overcome what would have been a high cost replacement of major parts of its road system; Wollongong Council's City Beach Redevelopment and Parramatta City's CBD Renewal Project.

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ALGA to press waste issues

ALGA will meet this month with the Productivity Commission to provide input into its inquiry into waste generation and resource efficiency. Issues to be canvassed include the lack of data on which to base decision-making in the area of waste, the disproportionate burden placed on councils to manage waste, and the consumer 'information gap'. Better information and labelling may assist consumers to make improved decisions about purchases to reduce the amount of waste to landfill.

Clean up Australia on 5 March

Clean Up Australia and ALGA are encouraging even more councils to get involved in Clean Up Australia Day, Sunday 5 March. Now in its 17th year, Clean Up Australia Day is the nation's largest community based environmental event. Last year, more than 670, 000 volunteers cleaned up an estimated 8,450 tonnes of rubbish. Organising a Clean Up Australia Day Site is as easy as identifying a park, street, bushland or waterway in your local area that needs to be cleaned up. Visit www.cleanup.com.au or phone 1800 CUA DAY (1800 282 329) to register sites with Clean Up Australia.

Councils lead learning initiatives

As the implications of lifelong learning become better understood, councils are taking a growing interest in learning community strategies. In some cases, councils have taken a leadership role in local learning community initiatives, recognising that learning strategies can underpin and add value to their social, cultural, and economic development. Councils that have played a leading role include those in Hume, Gwydir, Lithgow, Thuringowa, Bega Valley, Salisbury, and Marion. Information on learning communities is available on the 'Learning Community Catalyst' of Adult Learning Australia, Global Learning Services and Adult Learning Australia. Enquiries may be directed to the ALA Visiting Research Fellow promoting lifelong learning and learning communities, Peter Kearns, p.kearns@netspeed.com.au on 02 6231 4125.

USA: Fast-food outlets face litter tax

The City of Oakland in California is planning to impose fees on takeaway food outlets to compensate for the cost of cleaning up the discarded packaging. "It's not fair that the residents have to clean up after a fast-food establishment that's making a profit," said Cr Jane Brunner, who proposed the new ordinance. "A city is judged by how clean it is, and Oakland definitely has a major litter problem." If approved, Oakland would be the first American city to force food and beverage outlets to contribute to the cost of cleaning up their rubbish. Last year, Oakland sued the state transport department for failing to clean up and prevent dumping along freeways.

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Natural Disaster and Flood Mitigation

Projects sought for 2006-2007 funding

Reminder - applications close 24 February

The Australian Government is seeking applications from local councils and other eligible organisations for funding of suitable projects in 2006-2007 under the Natural Disaster Mitigation Program and Regional Flood Mitigation Program.

In 2006-2007, the Australian Government will offer \$9 million nationally under the Natural Disaster Mitigation Program for measures that contribute to safer, sustainable communities better able to withstand the effects of floods, storms, cyclones, bushfires and other natural disasters. A further \$9.6 million will be offered under the Regional Flood Mitigation Program specifically for flood mitigation works and measures in rural towns, regional centres and outer metropolitan areas of Australia.

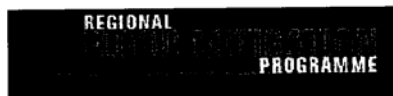
Funds are available for a range of projects including risk management studies, disaster mitigation strategies, warning systems, community awareness programs and structural works to protect against damage.

Funding is provided jointly by all levels of government. Generally, the Australian Government will contribute up to one third of approved project costs. State and territory governments are required to at least match this funding with local agencies making up the balance. Potential applicants are advised that participation in these programs in 2006-2007 is subject to state and territory government funding becoming available.

Applications close 24 February 2006.

For more information, including eligibility criteria and a copy of the application form, visit the program websites:

- [Natural Disaster Mitigation Program](#)
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South East Regional Energy Group Councils today announced they were expanding their exciting new *switch your thinking!* rebate scheme for local residents...

A step closer to Australia's first 'solar cities'

Eleven consortia from around Australia have been short-listed in the race to host the nation's first Solar Cities...

Junkbusters Drop 'n' Shop Reuse Centre a recycling success

The City of Armadale Junkbusters Drop 'n' Shop Reuse Centre has been a popular spot for bargain hunters from the day it opened its doors at the Hopkinson Road Landfill site in late July this year...

Judge backs Shire over Remnant Vegetation Stance

A Supreme Court judge has come down firmly on the side of the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River council's desire to protect remnant vegetation from destruction by subdivision. In a surprise rider to his decision that approved an appeal by the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River, Judge Christopher Pullan summed-up what he called international, national, state and scientific concerns over the impact of clearing remnant vegetation...

City of Gosnells new Environmental Management Plan

The start of 2006 marks the launch of the City of Gosnells' new Environmental Management Plan 2006-2009...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A noticeboard for local government communication and queries.

Environmental Venue Available

The Harvest Lakes Community and Environmental Centre, a joint venture between LandCorp and the City of Cockburn, has been built using ecologically sustainable design principles...

AWARDS

Upcoming competitions as well as recent award ceremonies recognising local government achievements. Just click on the links.

WA marine debris campaign wins Minister's Award

A grassroots volunteer effort to clear marine debris from the southwest coastline has been recognised with the Minister's Award for Coastal Custodians. Senator Campbell said the initiative of local marine conservationist Heidi Palmer and her band of 100 volunteers and corporate supporters deserved national recognition for their Cape to Cape Beach Clean Up...

Conservation Awards 2006 - A Conservation Week 2006 Event

The Conservation Awards were created by the Conservation Council of WA in response to the lack of awards that recognise the community conservation sector and all the amazing work that they do...

WA State Coastal Awards for Excellence 2005

The Wellstead Progress Association was a joint winner with the Bouvard Coastcare Group at the WA State Coastal Awards for Excellence 2005 recently...

FOR COMMENT

This section is intended to keep you in the loop regarding new policy and legislation that may affect the local government sector – just click on the links.

Review of Pesticide Legislation and Policy

The Association has recently submitted comments to the Department of Health's Review of pesticide legislation and policy in Western Australia. To view the Association's draft submission, please click [here](#)

The Rural Renewable Energy Program

The Association has submitted comments to the Sustainable Energy Development Office's Rural Renewable Energy. To view the Association's draft submission, please click [here](#)

A Sustainability Checklist

The Association has submitted final comments regarding the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's Sustainability Checklist. To view the Association's final submission, please click [here](#)

Draft Guideline for the Determination of Wetland Buffer Requirements

A draft *Guideline for the Determination of Wetland Buffer Requirements* has been released for a three-month comment period and the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) invites you to comment...

Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Bill

The State Government has released a Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Bill for public comment until 31 March 2006. The proposed legislation covers the control and management of plants and animals that have the potential, or are already, weeds and pests in WA...

Draft Good Neighbour Policy

During the past two years CALM has been developing a draft Good Neighbour Policy in collaboration with rural stakeholders. The draft policy allows CALM to formally state its aim to build and maintain good relations with all of its neighbours, and to set out the way in which it deals with common cross-boundary issues that affect CALM and its neighbours...

Senate Inquiry into Australia's future oil supply and alternative transport fuels

An inquiry has been launched into the sustainability of oil supply and alternative fuels for transport...

Regulatory Mapping

The Department of Environment is developing 'Regulatory Maps' – a new and innovative information system for licensing...

Position Statement No. 9 - Environmental Offsets

This final Position Statement sets out the EPA's views on environmental offsets. The EPA considers that environmental offsets should be included, where appropriate, as part of approvals for environmentally acceptable projects to maintain and wherever possible enhance the State's environment. To download this document, click [here](#)

For more information, contact Rob Sippe on 9222 7175.

Feedlot feedback encouraged

Environmental guidelines for the fast expanding Beef Cattle Feedlot sector are being reviewed by The WA Lot Feeders Association, and the Departments of Agriculture, Environment, Health and Water with the support of local government...

Infill Sewer Review

Wastewater Management Branch staff will soon be contacting all local governments regarding onsite effluent disposal problem areas...

South West Yarragadee

The Water Corporation has submitted its draft proposal for the development of the **South West Yarragadee** groundwater resource to the Environment Protection Authority for consideration for public release...

GRANTS

Funding available for environment and sustainability projects. Click on the links to find out more.

WaterSmart Australia

A second call for **Water Smart** Australia applications is expected to take place in the first quarter of 2006...

Envirofunds

Round 8 of Envirofunds will open for applications in February 2006 and will cover the normal range of activities funded by the Envirofund...

Community Water Grants

Round One announcements are expected during February of March. The call for Round 2 is expected in April or May.

2006 Trails Grants Program

The Trails Grant Program is administered by the Department of Sport and Recreation in partnership with Lotterywest. Funding may be sought for trail construction, upgrade of existing trails, trail promotion and marketing, trail planning (feasibility, consultant work)...

Brian Foreman Scholarship

The Australian Association for Environmental Education is offering a travel scholarship to support an environmental educator to network and learn new ideas.

Grants Directory

The Department of Local Government and Regional Development Grants Directory lists grant and assistance programmes available to communities and local governments in Western Australia...

GrantsLink

GrantsLink is the Federal Government Directory of Commonwealth grants available to communities...

Australian Green Grants Guide 2006

Environmental consultancy, Molino Stewart, has put together a resource for the community and industry that will help get more environmental projects off the ground...

Local greenhouse projects boosted by \$200 000

The Australian Government is continuing to help local communities take action to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and save on energy costs with \$200 000 in grants to local governments...

EVENTS

Seminars, conference and training opportunities from across the state. Just click on the links to find out more.

Forest Sink Workshop – 9 or 7 February 2006

The Australian Greenhouse Office in association with Trees South West have contracted Hassall & Associates to run a one day workshop in Bunbury on Thursday 9 February 2006...

Living Sustainably with the Natural Diversity of the South Coast – 9 February 2006

Prof Steve Hopper, Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, The University of Western Australia and Martin Bowman, Principal Consultant, RPS Bowman Bishaw Gorham; Adjunct Professor, School of Environmental Science, Murdoch University

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Australasian Evaluation Society seminar "Towards Sustainability: Paradigm Shift Required" – 9 February 2006

In this address, Bill Grace will argue that until there is a fundamental shift in our prevailing paradigm about the relationship between people and planet, we will continue to make sub-optimal decisions at best and at worst, major mistakes that will adversely affect human wellbeing long into the future...

Bioenergy and Biofuels in WA: Initiatives and Challenges Conference - 10 February 2006

The high cost of oil, resource sustainability and climate change are all factors which are highlighting the need to examine alternative fuel and energy options...

Carbon Sinks Updates: Opportunities and developments relating to revegetation and carbon sequestration in WA - 10 February 2006

Presenters include Michael Whitehead, Manager of the Greenou and NRM Team of the Australian Greenhouse Office (Canberra); Richard Harper, Forest

Products Commission (WA); and Tym Duncanson, Director of the Oil Mallee Company of Australia Ltd (WA)...

Environmental Geostatistics with GenStat – 10-22 February 2006

Presented by Dr Richard Webster, Senior Rothamsted Fellow and Visiting Professor at the University of Reading, UK.

Great Cocky Count and Cockatoo Care – 12 February, 26 March and 14 May 2006

Your help is needed to estimate the population of Carnaby's cockatoos on the Swan Coastal Plain and Bunbury...

Natural Areas Managers Forum - 14 February 2006

For catering purposes, please RSVP to Sonya Stewart at sonya.stewart@emrc.org.au or 9424 2245 by 7 February 2006.

The Rise And Rise Of Sustainability In Europe - 14 February 2006

Matthew Quinn, Head of Policy for the National Assembly for Wales, will outline how Europe has been building sustainability into all levels of governance, increasingly at the regional scale...

The Science in Global Warming and the Consequences for Greenhouse Earth - 15 February 2006

The Perth Branch of the **Australian Institute of Energy** is pleased to announce a luncheon with a presentation by **Dr. Ray Wills**, Adjunct Senior Research Fellow at the University of Western Australia. Members, prospective members and visitors are cordially invited to attend.

Australia-New Zealand Climate Change and Business Conference - 20-21 February 2006

For more information, see www.climateandbusiness.com or phone (09) 360 1240 for more details.

Australian Water Summit 2006, Collaborating on Our Water Future - 21-24 February 2006

For more information, www.australianwatersummit.com.au or contact (02) 9923 5090.

**Maximising Benefit from your Soil Test - A Workshop for Professionals
Dealing with Soils - 23 February 2006**

This workshop will be presented by top scientists and will include hands-on soil tests in the laboratories.

Learning to better Manage our Catchments – 23-24 February 2006

A two day national conference looking at the most recent developments in catchment and natural-resource management...

WATER 06 - 1-3 March 2006

For more information, visit www.water06.com.au or phone (02) 9969 6167

Sharing the Fish Conference - 26 February to 2 March 2006

The sharing of fish stocks between nations, between the commercial, recreational, Indigenous and Artisanal fishers is a key issue for long-term sustainability of fish resources...

**Sustainable Development Beyond 2030 -Local Government Solutions,
Directions and Trends - 8-9 March 2006**

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**The Australian Water Summit 2006 - Progress and investment; identifying
the priorities - 13-14 March 2006**

For more information, visit www.acevents.com.au/water2006 or phone (02) 8920 2547.

2006 Grantsmart Expo Roadshow – 14, 15, 16 March 2006

Showcasing Australian Government Department Funding Options and Priorities for small business, local government and community groups and individuals...

Sustainable Purchasing Course – 17 March 2006

Following the successful delivery of our Sustainable Purchasing Course around Australia in 2005, Molino Stewart will be presenting the course again in 2006...

Conservation Week – 20 - 26 March 2006

The Conservation Council of WA would like to invite you to participate in Western Australia's CONSERVATION WEEK 2006 during the 20-26 March...

Ethical Investment Breakfast - 21 March 2006

Ever wondered how you can wisely invest your money without contributing financially to companies that destroy the environment or commit social injustices?

Book your spot now at Naragebup's Environment Festival – 25 and 26 March 2006

The Festival will be held on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th March 2006, with the theme 'Living More with Less' focusing on quality of life...

Kwongan Colloquium - Native plant life on the Western Australian sandplains – 25 & 26 March 2006

This colloquium aims to enhance awareness of the significance of native plants in the general community...

Foreshore Management Workshop for local government - 28 & 29 March 2006

The management of river foreshore areas is an important role for many local governments in the Swan-Canning Catchment. It is a complex issue and one that is vital to maintaining and improving the water quality of our river systems as well as the biodiversity associated with these systems. This two day workshop aims to provide Environmental Officers, Planners, Engineers and other local government officers with the knowledge, skills and tools required to best manage foreshore areas...

Land & Water Australia Riparian Lands R&D Program Workshop - 30 & 31 March 2006

This workshop will present research findings into how riparian areas function, how they can be better managed, and how to engage local communities in protecting, maintaining and rehabilitating these important parts of the landscape...

Water Sensitive Urban Design Conference and Urban Drainage Modelling Conference – 3 - 7 April 2006

For more information, visit <http://www.icms.com.au/UDMandWSUD> or phone (03) 96820244.

Earth Day Expo - 6 April 2006

The Earth Day Expo will be on again at the Mount Lawley campus on **Thursday, 6 April**. The expo is an opportunity to showcase your organizations programs through hands-on activities with primary aged children. The groups engage in 30 minute sessions as part of a 5 session rotation including a lunch break. For more information, contact Jennifer Pearson on 9370 6726 or at j.pearson@ecu.edu.au.

2006 Catchments, Corridors and Coasts Program – 19 - 27 April 2006

2006 will be the 12th year that this popular environmental education program will be held in Western Australia...

3rd National Buying Green Conference and Exhibition - May 2006

The Western Australian Local Government Association is hosting the 3rd National Buying Green Conference and Exhibition in Perth Western Australia in May 2006. You can be involved as a delegate, event sponsor, exhibitor or presenter. For More Information contact: Peter Hoare, Western Australian Local Government Association on 9321-5055.

Enviro 06 Conference & Exhibition - 9-11 May 2006

The Enviro Conference & Exhibition is a platform for showcasing the Australian environment industry...

2006 International Landcare Conference – 8-11 October 2006

The 2006 International Landcare Conference is being held from 8-11 October 2006 in Melbourne and currently, requests are being made for abstracts.

Contact: Ms Probarti Milton, 2006 International Landcare Conference Co-ordinator on (03) 9637 8050.

Hydropolis Conference – 8-11 October 2006

The Stormwater Industry Association (WA) is planning for an exciting National Hydropolis Conference in to be held in Perth in 2006. Hydropolis comes from combining the Greek words for water and city.

NRM CORNER

Click on the links below to find out the latest news from WA's regional natural resource management groups.

Our Patch Project – Opportunities For Local Government In The Avon River Basin

"Our Patch" is aimed directly at Local Governments within the Avon River Basin and will provide tools, resources and on ground funding for the protection and enhancement of remnants and minor tributaries that are important to the local community...

Avon Plant And Animal Pests

Project SI001 of the Avon Investment Project is addressing the issue of plant and animal pests that pose a threat to the regional priority natural assets...

Avon Investment Plan 06/08 - Update

Preparation of the next stage of the Avon Investment Plan is currently underway...

Risk Mapping – Resources For Local Governments In The Avon River Basin

As part of the asset collation process completed in 2004 with Avon River Basin Shires risk maps for each Local Government were produced...

More than \$30 million for WA's South Coast

Western Australia 's spectacular South Coast region will use a multi-million dollar joint funding package to promote sustainable farming, conserve marine ecosystems and fight back against weedy invaders...

New NHT funding to fight Dieback in Western Australia

The Australian Government recently awarded \$1 million from the *Regional Competitive Component* of the Natural Heritage Trust to conduct a large scale

project to help manage the impacts of Phytophthora dieback in the south-west of Western Australia...

NRM projects ready for action in the Rangelands

The Rangelands Natural Resource Management (NRM) Strategy and Investment Plan have been accredited and approved by the State and Australian Governments, paving the way for millions of dollars of investment in NRM throughout the region...

MEDIA RELEASE

3 February 2006

Community Trust is the Key to Satisfaction

Trust has been identified as the overwhelmingly most important contributor in community satisfaction with their local Councils.

Recent research into community perceptions of Local Government found trust was more important to community satisfaction than the quality of customer service, Council consultation and improving the quality of life in an area.

Conducted by the WA Local Government Association, using an independent research company to collect the data, the research also found significant gaps between the community's perceptions of Local Government and how Local Government believed they were perceived.

The research program involved two surveys – a community random sample of 808 people stratified over the four regions of metropolitan, outer metropolitan, regional centres and remote and rural; and a survey of Association members (Mayors/Presidents and Chief Executive Officers) with a 55% response rate.

The analysis found the community perception of trust in Local Government explained 40% of satisfaction with Councils. Other contributing factors include Councils' ability to improve the quality of life in an area; helpfulness of staff in dealing with enquiries; and communications being more than just rates and payment notices.

It also found the sector overestimated the extent to which the community believed Councils were trustworthy; staff were helpful; and Council contribution to quality of life, while underestimating community perception of self-interest in Council decisions; inadequate communications and support for State Government to takeover some services.

Association President, Cr Bill Mitchell said the significant gaps identified in the research were important in allowing Local Government to recognise areas for action.

He said the need for Councils to understand the importance of building trust in their communities was heightened when referring back to the key perception gaps between the sector and the community.

"The research has found that trust is the most important component in achieving community satisfaction with Council services and it is the attributes that most relate to trust – self-interest, trustworthiness and communications - in which the sector is most misaligned with community perceptions," Cr Mitchell said.

"The Association has always encouraged Councils to be open and accountable in their dealings with the community and this research only adds weight to that position.

"Everything from reconsidering the need for discussions to be in camera, to providing timely responses to media and community enquiries, and ensuring that communications mechanisms are reaching the target audience, will all likely contribute to building trust in Local Government and subsequently community satisfaction."

The version of the research summary being made publicly available can be found at www.walga.asn.au.

MEDIA RELEASE

13 February 2006

Future of Local Government Under Review

The future of Local Government in Western Australia is to be investigated with the launch of the first sector sponsored study of sustainability.

Potentially the most important project to be commissioned by the WA Local Government Association, the Systemic Sustainability Study will be launched at the Convention Centre.

Association President, Cr Bill Mitchell said the Study would go to the very core of Local Government in WA and promises to have far-reaching implications for the sector.

"Local Government in this State is facing a period of unprecedented change as the impetus increases for Councils to be sustainable business units," Cr Mitchell said.

"The Study is important in ensuring that the sector contributes to the redesign of Local Government and that any changes are undertaken voluntarily by the affected parties."

Event: **Launch of the Systemic Sustainability Study**
Including the introduction of the three-member Independent Study Panel

Where: **Constitutional Centre,**
Havelock Street, West Perth

When: **Wednesday 15 February, 2006**
5.30pm – 7.00pm

FOR MEDIA COMMENTS PLEASE CONTACT:

Cr Bill Mitchell, Association President 0427 171 896

Zac Donovan, PR & Marketing Manager 0418 924 169

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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

- ❑ Sharon Reading has been appointed as Casual Library Clerk, commencing 13 February 2006.
- ❑ Ross Pindard has been appointed as Parks Maintenance Operator, commencing 15 February 2006.

Staff Leaving:

- ❑ Rewi Wharepapa, Plant Operator, Technical Services, 16 February 2006.

Other Staff Movements:

- ❑ Wendy Garner (Casual Library Clerk) has been successful in winning a permanent part-time position of Library Clerk, commencing 23 February 2006.

Current Recruitment Activity:

- ❑ Library Clerk (x2) – Part-time – further interviews scheduled.
- ❑ Grano/Concrete Worker – closed 1 February 2006, no applications received.
- ❑ Leading Hand Drainage – closed 1 February 2006, no suitable applications received.
- ❑ Building & Health Information Officer – interviews scheduled.
- ❑ Civil Works Manager – closed 10 February 2006.
- ❑ Landfill Attendant (casual) – closes 10 February 2006.
- ❑ Plant Operator – closes 24 February 2006.

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TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS			
ITEM	REFERRING COMMITTEE	COMMENTS	OFFICER RESPONSIBLE
<u>Armadale Shale Quarry – Management Plan</u> <i>Refer T145/02 25 November 02</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee.	Executive Director
<u>Armitage Road – Temporary Road Closure/Parking arrangements</u> <i>Refer T23/04/04 27 April 04</i>	Development Services/ Technical Services	Further report to future Development Services Committee. Future report to Technical Services Committee	Executive Director Development Services. Manager Engineering and Design.
<u>Road Calming to Jarrah Road Roleystone and other items associated with upgrading of the Roleystone Shopping Centre</u> <i>Refer T29/04/04 27 April 04</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee.	Executive Director Technical Services.
<u>Lack of Lighting at Cross Park Precinct, Roleystone</u> <i>Refer T91/09/04 27 September 04</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Parks
<u>O'Sullivan Drive, Westfield Petition</u> <i>Refer T21/03/05 30 March 05</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Engineering and Design
<u>Traffic Management – Lefroy Road Precinct</u> <i>Refer T32/05/05 30 May 2005</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Senior Projects Engineer
<u>Staff Replacement - Technical Services Directorate</u> <i>Refer T68/06/05 27 June 2005</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Executive Director

TECHNICAL SERVICES WORKS PROGRAMME JANUARY – MARCH 2006

	January	February	March
Civil Works	Construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Champion Dr Extension (Road) ▪ Armadale Rd – Weld St – End ▪ Cul de Sacs ▪ Resealing Program ▪ Footpath contract ▪ Commerce Ave ▪ Croyden Rd ▪ Kevin Rd ▪ Keates Rd main drain ▪ Braemore St traffic calming Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Car park maintenance ▪ Bridge maintenance 	Construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Croyden Rd ▪ Wymond Rd ▪ Church / Commerce Aves Roundabouts ▪ Resealing programme ▪ Kevin Rd ▪ Keates Rd main drain ▪ Footpath contract Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bridge maintenance ▪ Open drain maintenance 	Construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Croyden Rd ▪ Wymond Rd ▪ Resealing programme ▪ Kevin Rd ▪ Footpath contract ▪ Lake /Corfield Roundabout ▪ Ranford Rd Duelling Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bridge maintenance ▪ Open drain maintenance
Design & Development	Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 24 & 25 Seville Drive Sub ▪ Newhaven Precinct 1A ▪ Chevin Woods Estate 4 ▪ Churchman Brook Stg 8 ▪ Armadale Shopping Centre (ING) ▪ Armadale Plaza Development (westzone) ▪ Kelmscott Shopping Centre ▪ Vertu Subdivision – Wright Rd ▪ 420 Taylor Road, Subdivision 	Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chevin Woods Estate 4 ▪ Armadale Shopping Centre (ING) ▪ Armadale Plaza Development (westzone) ▪ Kelmscott Shopping Centre ▪ Vertu Subdivision – Wright Rd ▪ 420 Taylor Road, Subdivision ▪ Corondale Stg 7 ▪ 36 Westfield Road ▪ Brookwood Stg 5 & 6 	Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Newhaven Precinct 1B ▪ Chevin Woods Estate 4 ▪ Armadale Shopping Centre (ING) ▪ Armadale Plaza Development (westzone) ▪ Kelmscott Shopping Centre ▪ Vertu Subdivision – Wright Rd ▪ 420 Taylor Road, Subdivision ▪ Corondale Stg 7 ▪ 36 Westfield Road

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corondale Stg 7 36 Westfield Road Brookwood Stg 5 <p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jarrah/Wygonada Road (traffic management proposal) Wymond Road (Stage II) Ranford Road Girraween Street – Traffic Calming Croyden Road Old Station Road McNess Drive Seville Drive – Traffic Calming Railway Avenue <p>Drainage Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slab Gully Creek Gross Pollution Traps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lot 20 & 28 Westfield Road Chiltern Estate – Stg 6 Lot 38B Wright Road (Arion Estate Stg 1) <p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Croyden Road Ranford Road Girraween Street – Traffic Calming Old Station Road Seville Drive – Traffic Calming Rushton Park – Carpark Railway Avenue Culs-de-sac – Various Corfield Street/Lake Road Roundabout <p>Drainage Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slab Gully Creek Gross Pollution Traps Lake Road – Outfall Drain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brookwood Stg 5 & 6 Lot 20 & 28 Westfield Road Chiltern Estate – Stg 6 Lot 38B Wright Road (Arion Estate Stg 1) Lot 7 Raeburn Road <p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> McNess Drive Ranford Road Old Station Road Seville Drive – Traffic Calming Railway Avenue Culs-de-sac <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mutton Place Possum Place Jarrah Road /Wygonada Road Church Ave/Hobbs Drive roundabout <p>Drainage Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Road – Outfall Drain Wungong River restoration
Parks and Reserves	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorial Park Redevelopment 	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorial Park Redevelopment 	<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Memorial Park Redevelopment

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Waste Services			

ARMADALE SETTLERS COMMON

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24TH November 2005 AT THE FIELD CENTRE AT 7.30PM

PRESENT:	Cr. Bob Tizard	Chairman
	Michael Moltoni	Deputy Chairman
	Peter Blaxell	Community Rep
	Leo Den Hollander	Community Rep
	Kim Fletcher	Community Rep
	Sam McCormack	Bushfire Rep

APOLOGIES: Toni Liebeck

1. OPEN WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The meeting was opened at 7.45pm and Bob Tizard welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were given as above.

2. DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Nil

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by Leo, no objections, carried.

6. MATTERS ARISING

- Kim to place Interpretive Signs in alphabetical order
- 2006 meeting dates distributed
- Kelmscott walk by Kim successful and Kim was thanked
- Advisory Committee Training re: secretarial assistance, Bob contacted CEO of Armadale and is yet waiting for a reply

- "Historical Tree" in Common still hasn't been located

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards and Outwards: Nil

8. REPORTS

8.1 Treasurer

Monies owed to Bob are still outstanding

8.2 Bushfire Prevention

- The Bedfordale Volunteer Bushfire Brigade has been granted an extended burning period for approx. 7 days after the 1st of December. Residential burning restrictions remain at 1st December. Please keep a lookout for fires after that and ring 000.
- There was a control burn by a resident on Saturday (19/11) which became out of control. The resident lives off Carradine Rd and backs onto a pocket of the Common. It was attended and little damage was done to the area already burnt by a fire last season.
- Any fires in the Common should be reported to the emergency number, 000, if no fire vehicles are attending. The area is already quite dry and will burn easily

8.3 Weed control

Nil

8.4 Grants/Funding

Nil

8.5 BEAC

- Bob will put together the annual report for the year ending October 2005.
- Volunteer BBQ 4th of December 3pm at Turtle Creek, near Canning Dam.
- Volunteer hours have all gone in and will be presented at the aforementioned BBQ
- NO JANUARY meeting for BEAC
- Leo and Bob were presented with a certificated for Advisory Committee training they attended
- Bob advised that Council's Code of Conduct for Council committees was not raised at the Advisory Committee Training. The matter has been raised with Council Officers. Copies of the Code of Conduct were made available to Settlers Common Committee members

9. REHABILITATION PLAN – Gravel Pits (M. Moltoni)

Michael asked the members what we want from a rehabilitation plan. It was suggested it should start immediately and have short term and long term goals, allowing it to be active for longer than one season. Michael then put the plan forward – please see attached

10. RECRUITMENT OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bob put forward a reminder that we do need to increase our member numbers. It was suggested that the *Friends of the Common* should be invited to our Christmas windup. Leo designated to make up a flyer/ invitation and these will be distributed ASAP. Other suggestions included information bays and signage around the Common particularly outside the field centre and gravel pits. These would have to be vandal proof and perhaps even attract bushwalkers. Leo was designated to produce the signs and Bob to laminate, the idea being the signs are cheap and easy to replace. It was also suggested that these signs be placed at Minnowarra Park and libraries.

11. STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS DOCUMENT

Committee discussed the proposed Strategic Directions Document at length. Our reply has to be in by the 5th of December and Michael will present the following findings as our reply.

Accuracy of dieback mapping as stated in document questioned. Is it worth worrying about small areas affected? A dieback review should tell us if it is feasible to spend money on these areas.

1. PLANNING

Armada Settlers Common Field Study Centre Inc. (ASCFSC Inc)

Do we want this fundraising arm? Doubts were raised about amalgamation and consequent changes to the constitution.

Should we close down the ASCFSC Inc altogether? No bank accounts or assets?

Role of friends and us confused therefore the centre should be closed down to produce clarity.

If the land in future goes to CALM then they will want a volunteer group for community input

Will there be grant money available if we were to keep FSC Inc?

- 1.1) No amalgamation, leave as is, might have a role in the future.
Are there alternate funding arrangements? Most in favour if adequate funding and programmes are available. Who will finance the best interests of the Common?
Funding, managing and training
- 1.2) Supported subject to funding.
- 1.3) We are already doing this to some degree.

2. MANAGEMENT ZONES

These were determined some time ago.

- 2.1) Supported
- 2.2) Supported

3. *DISTURBANCE*

- 3.1) Supported and agree STRONGLY
We are happy with tracks but should we close some that are shown in FIG 4.2.
Supported subject to reassessment with ASC Committee and Bushfire Brigade
- 3.2) Supported but assumption made that the culprits are young children which is not always the case.
- 3.3) "Minor earthworks" might have to be changed to major depending on effectiveness of earthworks. Should also be a higher priority?
- 3.4) Supported but signage also explaining why. Also possible vandalism and use of fact sheets should be considered.
- 3.5) Priority 2 suggested. The advantage being interested locals can report to authorities.
- 3.6) Re wording needed: Feral bees introduced and owners introducing bees.

4. *WEEDS*

- 4.1) Mapping to be done all at once? How comprehensive if only \$2, 000 is budgeted?
Random or organised quadrants to be used?
- 4.2) Supported but KPI (Key Performance Indicators) do not add up
- 4.3) Supported
- 4.4) Supported

5. *RESTORATION*

- 5.1) Definition needed of "good condition" areas
- 5.2) Costing and KPI's questioned
- 5.3) Supported

6. *FIRE*

- 6.1) A plan is in place but should be continually reviewed and updated, priority should be "1", cost should be operational and KPI not useable
- 6.2) Supported but KPI has too many variables
- 6.3) Supported but KPI has too many variables
- 6.4) Define mosaic? If it is a high-risk area can we burn?
- 6.5) Supported
- 6.6) Scientific research is not our level, "undertake research" : an appropriate body will be requested for such an undertaking, to facilitate the research
- 6.7) BRAG (Bushfire Ready Action Groups) exist, work and are effective

7. *DIEBACK*

- 7.1) Supported
- 7.2) Supported but extend to fire brigade, rangers, parks and gardens etc. Also a priority "1".
- 7.3) Supported but costing challenged also a priority "1"
- 7.4) Supported
- 7.5) Supported

8. *EROSION*

- 8.1) Advantages of restoring the dam and bird area? Cost? Time? Priority? KPI should be increase in water bird numbers.

8.2) Supported but priority "2"

8.3) Has happened already

9. FAUNA

9.1) Supported - priority "2"

9.2) Under analysis, long term process – 2006?

9.3) KPI wrong year stated

9.4) Assumed linkages not practical, passageway needed for wildlife – town planning, acquisition of more land, more money needed (costs not operational)

10. CULTURAL

10.1) Supported

10.2) More money – the whole area needs evaluating, KPI wrong year

11. ACCESS AND RECREATION

11.1) Supported – strongly agree

11.2) Supported but priority "1"

11.3) More than 1 trail per year perhaps 3 – 6 instead. Need to be signposted- reflective and fire proof

11.4) General decline in numbers at walks in the COA therefore marketing/ads/management needed

11.5) Supported

11.6) Practical? Priority too high should be "5" and cost too high

11.7) KPI year incorrect

12. EDUCATION

12.1) Supported

12.2) Supported

12.3) Website = good advertising, regular updates perhaps quarterly. The COA website is to undergo a redesign

13. INFRASTRUCTURE

13.1) Supported but KPI should be longer

13.2) Currently, disabled access is available to Field Study Centre but not toilets

13.3) Supported

13.4) Higher priority = "3"

13.5) Accomplished already

13.6) Supported

13.7) Supported. Lawn needed, more tables?

The Strategic Directions Document (SDD) proposes that in regard to horses, the current policy is maintained i.e. horses are not permitted in the Common.

The current policy is that dogs: on leads are permitted in Common. Committee supports the continuation of this policy.

12. ONGOING ISSUES

Not discussed

13. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 13.1 Mentioned previously
- 13.2 Deputation from Bedfordale Equestrians regarding access for horses in Common. scheduled for Wednesday 30th November 2005 at 7.30pm for 1 hour.

Meeting closed at 10.45pm

The next meeting will be held on the 19th of January 2006 at 7.30pm at the Field Centre.

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BUNGENDORE PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING No. 265, WEDNESDAY, 18th January 2006

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr Kim Sarti
Mr Bill Ladyman (Secretary)
Mr Don Griffiths
Mr James Hutchinson

Mrs Elaine Hutchinson
Mr David Harrison

APOLOGIES

Mrs Penny Versteeg

Mr Don Griffiths declared meeting open at 7.40 pm. Minutes of previous meeting held 23rd November 2005 accepted as being correct
Mr Sarti / Mr Harrison Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Bungendore Bush Breakfast
Mr Ladyman wrote a letter of thanks to the Lions Club thanking Lions Club members for use of gas BBQ trailer and cooking breakfast. [1/264]
2. Tenure and management of Armadale Settlers' Common and Bungendore Park – Mr Ladyman contacted Peter Batt of CALM's as to existence of any management plan for the bushland adjacent to Bungendore Park in time for that meeting. Apparently no action plan exists. [2/264]
Ms Corrine Gaskin has written to CALM Regional Parks Unit requesting a meeting with Bungendore Park Management Committee members to discuss management issues of Wungong Gorge and adjacent bushland. Apparently CALM has declined a meeting considering it inappropriate during the submission period for the Armadale Settlers' Common Strategic Plan. Discussion followed by the members present and it was felt no action could be taken at this point.
3. Unauthorised clearing and widening of track west of pit #10 Cr Best reported that no action had occurred regarding this matter, but that a promise from Mr Lanternier to respond had been made.
4. Petition – Mrs Versteeg was not at the meeting to report on a petition to CALM's Regional Parks to commence baiting for pigs, cats and foxes in Wungong Gorge [7/263]
Also noted was the presence of wild pigs within Dawkins property on the western side of the Park
5. Culvert at Coolibberra Spring – due to erosion on former fire access track on western boundary. This track was regraded without committee's knowledge. Suggestion of 2 x 9" pipes ≈ 20 metres apart and possibly a culvert on track W2. Agreed this be undertaken in summer; *Phytolthera* Dieback to be checked against map. [5/263]: Mrs Versteeg to follow up with Mr Thompson in Summer
6. Annual Report 2004-2005 – Mr Sarti has forwarded copies to all committee members and to City of Armadale Technical Services Committee.
7. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program funding for 2006 – Mr Sarti has returned the Tax Invoice to initiate the grant payment [3/264]
8. Invitation for 2 members to attend cheque presentation breakfast at Perth Zoo on 8th February at 8:00am. Messrs Ladyman and Sarti to attend.
9. Voluntary Hours – Committee members completed the Voluntary Hours forms.
10. Volunteer work authorisation – Bungendore Park Management Committee authorises members and volunteers to perform maintenance works and management activities for the ensuing year as and when required.
Moved Mr Sarti / Mr Griffiths Carried 18/01/06

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Activity since last meeting includes:

Patrolling : Blackberries in SE corner - Mr Ladyman
Seed collection - Mrs Morcombe, Mr Sarti with members of Armadale Wildflower Society

AWAITING COMPLETION AND/OR REPLY

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3. Fire access track leading from Pit #5 – proposal to re-instate the track westwards from Gate "C" through Pit #5 down the scarp to meet Track W2 (which traverses dieback-infected country). Mr Sarti will discuss with Mr Thompson on his return. **Still to be done**[2/257].

GRANTS IN PROGRESS

1. Community Conservation 2003/2004 – \$900 [XT72]
2. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2005 (05S08) – \$2,700 [XT70]
3. Community Conservation 2004/2005 – \$2,200 [XT69]
4. Regional Parks Community 2005 grant – \$1,155 [XT68]
5. Regional Parks Community 2006 grant – \$2,810.50 Received [XT67]
6. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2006 (06S15) - \$4,370 approved

CORRESPONDENCE IN

Swan Alcoa Landcare Program – final acquittal form for 2004 landcare project.
Swan Alcoa Landcare Program – notification of SALP 2006 funding ceremony at Perth Zoo.
Swan Alcoa Landcare Program – project report and acquittal form for 2005

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Swan Alcoa Landcare Program – completed final acquittal form for 2004 landcare project.
City of Armadale – copies of Annual Report 2004/2005.
CALM - Jennifer Jackson, Project Officer, Feral Bee Management – copy of Bungendore Park map and gate access key #25. Mr Sarti reported that Ms Jackson has since left Feral Bee management.
Armadale Kelmscott Lions – letter of thanks sent 4th January 2006 for help with Bush Breakfast

INFORMATION RECEIVED

Swan Catchment Council – "The Swan" December 2005
Greening Australia – Annual Report and First National Edition of the Greening Australian
UBCWA - Urban Bush Telegraph

FINANCE

Details	Amount \$	Expenditure Type
Pest-R-Jim – weed spraying, Invoice #1877	\$132.00	XT71
Pest-R-Jim – weed spraying, Invoice #1877	\$138.00	XT72
Kim Sarti – photocopying	\$16.80	XT 7
Bill Ladyman – photocopying	26.10	XT7

Moved: Mr Harrison / Mr Hutchinson. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2004 – Mr Sarti has completed and returned the final acquittal form for the \$1,380 grant. He will complete and return the project report and acquittal form for 2005. A possible extension may be required.

Bungendore Park Management Plan 1997-2007 – is due for formal review in 2007; a mid-term review was conducted in 2001.

Discussion was held for end-of-term review – either conducted in-house by City of Armadale or engage external consultants. It was suggested that a letter be written to Mr Lanternier requesting support for the committee itself reviewing the Plan during the year, with assistance from an

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environmental officer. Whichever way, funds need to be budgeted for redrafting.

Action 1/265: Mr Ladyman

Park Fencing – Mr Harrison will organise an informal walk around the Park perimeter to assess fencing requirements.

Action 2/265; Mr

Harrison

Budget Session – Members are reminded that the budget is to be decided next meeting and any items for inclusion to be brought to the meeting.

DIARY OF EVENTS

2006	Date	Events
FEBRUARY	22	Budget Formation
JULY	28	School Tree Day
	30	National Tree Day
SEPTEMBER		Dijiba Spring Walk

SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING AND NEW ACTION POINTS

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Feb 03	1/234	Mr Lanterrier to provide a flow chart for the payments process and to supply Committee with copies of the Friends Group Manual
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Oct 05	7/263	Mrs Versteeg to organise petition for feral baiting
Jan 06	1/265	Mr Ladyman to write to Mr Lanterrier re support for the committee reviewing the Bungendore Park Management Plan
Jan 06	2/265	Mr Harrison to organise an informal walk along Park fencing

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7:30 p.m. Wednesday 22 February

BUDGET SESSION

Mr W Ladyman

Meeting declared closed at 9.15pm

Signed: Date:

Chairman/Acting Chairman – Bungendore Park Management Committee

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BUNGENDORE PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING No. 264, WEDNESDAY, 23rd November 2005

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cr Guenter Best (Chairman)
Mr Kim Sarti
Mr Bill Ladyman (Secretary)
Mrs Miriam Stanborough
Mr James Hutchinson

Mr Ron Withnell
Mr Ian Thompson
Mrs Elaine Hutchinson
Mr Don Griffiths
Mr David Harrison

APOLOGIES

Mrs Irene Morcombe

Cr Best declared meeting open at 7.35 pm. Minutes of previous meeting held 6th October 2005 accepted as being correct with a correction to the Finance detail of \$50 for Auditing fee needing to be rerecorded as a refund.

Mr Withnell/Mr Griffiths

Carried

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. Hand-held GPS mapping unit -- Ms Corrine Gaskin spoke to Committee about a hand-held GPS valued at \$3000 that she has available. The Garmin Mobile Mapper is a mapping unit with the ability to record information at each waypoint, suitable for mapping weeds and other uses. Information can be downloaded to printed maps. It was not clear the full extent of the usefulness to Bungendore Park.

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Bungendore Bush Breakfast -- 6th November. Financial report from Mrs Morcombe. There were 90 paying people + 5 others = 95 people total in attendance. Donation tin: \$ 10, sale of merchandise: \$10. Surplus \$27. It was considered by the Committee that in future the charge for breakfast should be higher than \$5 per head, to cover all costs. Mr Ladyman was asked to write a letter of thanks to the Lions Club thanking Lions Club members for use of gas BBQ trailer and cooking breakfast. **Action 1/264: Mr Ladyman**
2. Tenure and management of Armadale Settlers' Common and Bungendore Park -- Discussion was held with Ms Gaskin about the matter and she assured the Committee that a meeting would be arranged as a follow up to outcomes of the August meeting's discussion attended by Mr Ron Van Delft. Mr Ladyman agreed to contact Peter Batt of CALM's as to existence of any management plan for the bushland adjacent to Bungendore Park in time for that meeting. **Action 2/264: Mr Ladyman**
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6. Voluntary Hours – Committee members completed the Voluntary Hours forms.
7. Volunteer work authorisation – Bungendore Park Management Committee authorises members and volunteers to perform maintenance works and management activities for the ensuing year as and when required. Moved Mr Sarti/Mrs Versteeg Carried 16/02/2005
Activity since last meeting includes:
Patrolling : Messrs Withnell, Hutchison & Hutchison and Harrison
Promotional: the Bush Breakfast – committee members

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INFORMATION RECEIVED

UBCWA Wind – up at Lowlands, Mardella on Sunday 27th November

CORRESPONDENCE IN

1. (Last month) Draft City of Armadale State of the Environment Report 2005 received from Ms Corinne Gaskin, along with invitations for public comment until 4/11/05.
2. (Last Month) City of Armadale - Letter from Ms Corinne Gaskin advising on the outcome of the 2005/2006 City of Armadale / BEAC Funding applications. Of the \$11,260 applied for by the Bungendore Park Management Committee, only \$5,660 has been allocated. Ms Stanborough has written to Ms Gaskin protesting the shortfalls and making the case for the value of the Committee's work program.
3. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program – informing of successful \$4,370 grant application for 2006.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Letter to Ms Gaskin - from Ms Stanborough re funding shortfalls
Emails to Ms Gaskin - from Mr Ladyman re Mr Thompson's nomination and Meeting between City, Settler's Common CALM and BPMC representatives

FINANCE

Details	Amount \$	Expenditure Type
Kim Sarti – postage, photocopying	\$27.05	XT 70
Jim and Elaine Hutchison – costs of Bush Breakfast	\$423.00	

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Moved: Ms Stanborough/Mr Griffiths. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Bollard Replacement - Mr Thompson announced that the City had already replaced the Bollard.
2. BEAC End-of-Year function and Awards Presentation – Sunday 4th December at Canning Dam Lower Car Park at 3 pm. Bring chair, salad to share, utensils, BBQ provided
3. Annual Report 2004-2005 – The Committee endorsed Mr Sarti's draft Annual Report and gave approval to forward to Technical Services Committee.
4. Swan Alcoa Land Program funding for 2006 – notification that our funding application of \$4370 has been approved. Weed contrl \$300, seedlings \$750, Fertiliser \$120, Feral Bee control \$1150, Admin \$50 and Dieback treatment \$2000. Mr Sarti to return a tax invoice to initiate payment, **Action 3/264: Mr Sarti**
5. Community Conservation Grant - Ms Stanborough reported that this grant was not looking promising and would report further **Action 4/264: Ms Stanborough**
Park Fencing – Mr Harrison raised a query as to improvement of the Park boundary fences. Discussion followed.
6. Hazard Reduction Burning - Mr Thompson reported that burning had not been completed because of late approvals and lateness of the season.
7. Chairman's comments - Cr Best expressed his appreciation of the assistance he had received as new Chairman and compliments for the Committee's work and compliments of the season

DIARY OF EVENTS

2005	Date	Events
DECEMBER		BEAC end-of-year function
2006	Date	Events
JULY	28 th	School Tree Day
	30 th	National Tree Day
AUGUST		
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OCTOBER		

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Nov 05	2/264	Mr Ladyman to discuss with Peter Batt of CALM existence of a management plan
Nov 05	3/264	Mr Sarti to return a Tax Invoice to initiate SALP payment
Nov 05	4/264	Mrs Stanborough to report further on Community conservation Grant outcome

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7:30 p.m. Wednesday January 18th

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Meeting declared closed at 9.50 pm

Signed: **Date:**

Chairman/Acting Chairman – Bungendore Park Management Committee

WASTE-LESS WORDS

Summer 2006
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Waste-less and Rehabilitate

The feature picture for Waste-less Words will appear on all issues for 2006. The photo was taken on the South Perth foreshore. It shows a swan nesting on a former landfill site, using bits of rubbish to build its nest.

This picture demonstrates the resourcefulness and resilience of a species under threat from habitat destruction and increasing urbanisation. We can learn from this not to lose sight of the bigger picture and work towards a more sustainable way of living.

Volunteers planned the planting with the City of South Perth and SERCUL and encouraged others to volunteer their time to rehabilitate an area so that in the future there will be habitat for this Swan and other water birds.

There are opportunities to turn degraded landscapes into living habitats, turn misfortune into fortune, disaster into success, tragedy into triumph, trash into treasure and rubbish into resource. It just depends on the perspective we take.

A recent report of a cygnet entangled in fishing line on the South Perth foreshore highlights the need to take responsibility for our own rubbish. So take time out in 2006 to rethink your rubbish and reduce, reuse, recycle and bin your litter.



Planted area soon to be mulched—swan nesting in background between the two dominant trees.

"Words aren't wasted when they're turned into positive actions, and actions aren't wasted when they benefit the natural environment and society". Anon., 2005

Zero Waste—Live the Vision

On October 13, 2005, the Waste Management Board launched its vision for zero waste in Western Australia. In launching Zero Waste—Live the Vision, the WMB also unveiled its updated website.

Visit www.wastewa.com to find out more and start living the vision.

Note: in the last issue of Waste-less Words an incorrect website was displayed on the logo. Please use the above website for all information.

Living the Vision—Waste Minimisation Challenge

There are many people out there living the vision of zero waste. Our first "Zero Hero" to feature in Waste-less Words for 2006 is Muriel White.

Muriel is a current member of the SEMRC Community Reference Group, founder of Junkbusters Inc. and is

proof that with a bit of creativity and adaptability, achieving a reduction in waste to landfill is possible. This has benefits to both the local and global environment—reducing pollution and the production of methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Read more on Page 3.

New Year's Resolution—Goals for total wellbeing

I read with interest an article written by Dr Peter Dingle in NOVA and thought that it really does make sense to set real goals. So for 2006 we could take a leaf from his book (Goal Getting) and set some goals to live more sustainably—including environmental, social and economic goals for a well balanced year.

Goal setting is applicable not only to individuals but can be beneficial for organizations, clubs or volunteer groups. If goals are not set well, then they merely become part of the wish-list. Keep in mind that goals do not work in isolation, therefore you need to build in support for the goal and flexibility around your life.

Once you have a goal in mind, ensure that you establish your values, considering what is really important in your life, as the initial phase of your goal setting process.

Dr Dingle stresses that goals work because they focus thoughts and give us the tools to do the job and the motivation to keep going. Goals are about establishing a comprehensive and ongoing process. Setting goals well and considering all factors in achieving them will establish the basis for success.

To set meaningful goals it is important to ask yourself seven basic questions;

1. What do you really want? (values based)
2. When do you want it? (be precise)
3. How will you get it? (set down at least 10 smaller specific steps—these are the strategies and tasks)
4. Why do you want it? (really get into your values and keep adding to this list)
5. Who will help you get there? (who can support, motivate, give you feedback)?
6. Where will you do it from? (find a place to inspire you, a supportive environment)
7. Where is it taking you? (always fit your goals into a long term vision)

Once you have answered these questions it is important to write your goals down as this increases the probability of them being realized. If you keep them displayed on your fridge it may also help visitors bring attention to them to bring them back into focus.

Ensure your goals are:

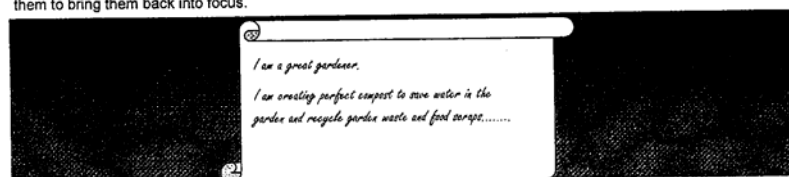
- Precise
- Positive
- Present (for instance write "I am a great gardener")
- Personal (they are yours)
- Purpose driven and consistent with your values
- Challenging
- Achievable (you need to be able not only to achieve the goal but you must also feel that you can e.g. don't set a goal to personally landscape 10 acres in 6 months)
- Small to big (make sure you include some big goals to keep them challenging and more rewarding)
- Written simply (don't complicate your goals by using complex or confusing language)
- Measurable
- Flexible (there are many of life's circumstances that are out of your control so flexibility allows you to readjust your goals and keep them in focus)

The real challenge is in writing them down. Dr Dingle suggests being creative and using colours and pictures. This allows you to focus your attention on the goal and when the reinforcement of the goal is amplified, this increases your chances of achievement. If you are not particularly artistic find pictures that are relevant to your goal and include them in your goal setting process.

Even more important is to make your goals fun and pertinent by initially developing your goals in areas that excite you and are fun. If you like painting then develop your goals around painting and it will help you set goals in many other areas of your life!

When you begin to succeed in achieving your goals you may experience improvements in other aspects of your life such as health or happiness, even if your goals do not directly relate. This can give you an overall better quality of life as things fall into place.

Happy goal setting for 2006 and beyond.



Zero Hero—joining the challenge

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Finding ways to turn rubbish into a resource is a number one priority in living the vision of Zero Waste for Muriel.

Sending only about 1/8th of a wheelie bin of rubbish to landfill each week for a household of two people, the Whites have embraced the practice of reducing, reusing and recycling as much household waste as possible.

In trying to reduce the amount of waste generated by her household Muriel seeks products with minimal packaging. As packaging is seen as one of the most useful tools for manufacturers to promote their products, this is a difficult task. Most products purchased by Muriel tend to be reusable or recyclable.

Being proactive in the move towards a more sustainable society is important. Try writing to manufacturers asking that they package their products more sustainably.

Each fortnight the White's recycling bin is almost full as everything that can be recycled ends up in their yellow-topped recycling bin. Newspapers are recycled through a community group and photocopy paper is turned into home-made recycled paper. Muriel separates the recyclable parts of packaging, such as removing the plastic film from the budgie seed box so that the cardboard can be recycled. Most of the items that end up in her rubbish bin are soft plastics. Some of these soft plastics avoid landfill as Muriel uses them for papier mache sculptures.

The average household rubbish bin comprises around 50% organic waste. The decay of the average households organic waste generates almost one tonne of Greenhouse Gases each year. Composting organic waste at home can drastically reduce this.

Having a garden can be a great thing, especially when you put it to good use for recycling! Muriel feeds her kitchen scraps to her chooks or worm farm and the garden waste goes to the chooks. By feeding organic waste to chooks or worms Muriel not only reduces the amount of waste sent to landfill, she recycles a valuable resource and has reduced her households greenhouse gas emissions.

Muriel puts principles into practice and creates funky art from items ranging from plastic bottle tops to coat-hangers. Cleaning products used in her home are environmentally friendly. The garden is kept in check without the need for fertilizers or pesticides, ensuring a healthy place to live. There is a continuous cycle as the chooks recycle their food into useful chook poo that is high in nitrogen, this in turn feeds the garden.

Due to a lack of public place recycling facilities, Muriel

takes any recyclables she acquires when out and about home with her. She believes that more recycling bins are needed in shopping centres to help reduce the amount of resources sent to landfill.

With a positive approach to waste minimisation and embracing the 3R's, Muriel has drastically reduced her household waste production and has worked hard to improve waste minimisation in the community. As the founder of Junkbusters Inc. she has worked with others to open a reuse centre, supported by the City of Armadale, located at the Hopkinson Road Landfill and Recycling Facility in Brookdale.

Muriel views Zero Waste as a challenge but an entirely possible one. In the initial step to living the vision we need to "stop using the terms rubbish, garbage and waste and instead refer to everything as resources" to change peoples perception of waste. The Government should also put more funding towards waste education.

With industry, government and consumers working together we can move towards the vision of Zero Waste by 2020. Collecting all resources, including organics and other recyclables to be recycled will be an important step in achieving this vision.

Junkbusters Inc. aims to hold workshops on creative waste crafts, finding new uses for unwanted resources!



RETHINK—Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Reduce!

Summer and in particular the holiday season can result in a lot of waste. During this time we are often so busy that it is easy to overlook the environmental, social and economic costs of convenience.

If you have a dishwasher, summer is the perfect time to use it for entertaining. A number of studies have found them to use less water and energy than washing dishes by hand, depending on how they are used and whether dishes are rinsed under running water before placing in the dishwasher.

Instead of using disposable plates, cups and cutlery borrow from family or friends or buy cheap second hand items from op shops and garage sales.

When entertaining there is often leftovers and how we store these can have an environmental, social and economic impact. The use of food wraps such as plastic film and al-foil costs money that gets thrown away, uses resources that get thrown away and won't break down in the conditions they are subjected to in landfill.

While summer is the season for flies, why not invest in serving ware with lids, store leftovers in airtight containers rather than covering in plastic film or reuse any takeaway containers, coffee jars or any suitable food safe containers.



Reuse!

Christmas Cards

A resident in South Perth came up with a wonderful way to give new life to the Christmas cards you received last year. You can send them back to the person you received them from with answers to any questions, a clever quote, creative poem or some inspiring words for the new year ahead.

Alternatively you can use old cards as gift tags, postcards, or to make new cards.

Batteries

Batteries are an important part of the holiday season as they power a lot of portable gadgets. A good idea is to invest in a battery charger and rechargeable batteries. This reduces the number of batteries you need and they can be reused a number of times. Another option is to invest in a ReZap battery charger that can recharge batteries that have until now been classed as single use. These batteries can be recharged up to 15 times.

For correct disposal of household batteries take them to your nearest

Battery World or contact your local council for where to take them.



Freecycle

If you hang out for verge collection days why not check out the cyberspace version by joining the freecycle movement. An online group exists in Perth with about 1000 members. It provides an avenue for people to give or receive goods for free. The main aim of the group is to keep good stuff out of landfill. You can sign up at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/freecycleperth/>

For the garden

- Net curtains can be reused for shading areas of the garden and as insect/bird barriers
- Old car tyres can be used as planters for potatoes by stacking them on top of each other as the

plant grows.

- Fill an old pallet or foam fruit box with compost to make a herb garden.
- Use icypole sticks for labeling plants.
- Broken crockery can be used in planters for drainage.
- Use cardboard toilet roll holders to plant seeds or seedlings in the garden or plant pots. As time progresses the cardboard will break down.
- Use old bicycle wheel spokes and broken rims of terracotta plant pots to make signs for potted plants. Attach the piece of terracotta to the spoke and paint with the plant name. Alternatively use wood for the plant name.

Eclectic Envelopes

Use last years wall calendars to make envelopes for presenting cards, notes and letters. Use an old envelope as a template or make to fit the size of the handmade card you are giving.

Recycle

Cards 4 Planet Ark

This year Rolf Harris is the face of Planet Arks card recycling campaign. He is urging everyone to be a sport and recycle your Christmas cards.

Until the end of January, simply take any Christmas, birthday and other greeting cards and envelopes to any Coles supermarket and put them in the Planet Ark recycling bin.

Alternatively, you can pick up a free postage-paid recycling envelope from participating Australia post outlets while stocks last. Put your cards inside and post for free at any post box.

The greeting cards are made into new packaging or 'SAFE' toilet tissue.

Corks

After all that Christmas spirit you may be interested to know that corks from wine bottles can be recycled. Girl Guides collect corks through their local groups, Liquorland and Body Shop stores. The corks are recycled into a range of materials, including industrial safety mats.

Contact Girl Guides on 9355 4586 to find your nearest collection point.

Old Phone Books

Last years White Pages and Yellow Pages can be recycled through the kerbside recycling collection in the Cities of Armadale, Gosnells and South Perth. Simply remove the cardboard cover and pull apart the books and place all of this into your yellow-topped recycling bin.

Pulling the books apart helps reduce the risk of RSI for the workers at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Papers are generally sorted by air currents but the sections of old phone books are too heavy for this so they reach the manual sorting stage at the MRF.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones can be dropped off for recycling at many mobile phone stores. Recycling mobile phones helps prevent the harmful substances being leached out into the environment if they ended up in landfill.

Products from the recycling process include:

Nickel—used in the production of stainless steel

Cadmium—a component used in new batteries

Plastics—used in furniture

Small amounts of gold and copper

Visit www.mobilemuster.com.au to find out more.

Regional Resource Recovery Facility—Feasibility Study Update

The SEMRC's feasibility study into the development of a regional resource recovery facility has expanded. The local governments of Serpentine-Jarrahdale, Mandurah and Murray have joined with the SEMRC to explore resource recovery options.

This expansion means that the study can take a strategic overview of waste generation now and into the future for south east Perth and beyond the metropolitan area. Over Summer, the new councils will promote the project within their own areas and work with the SEMRC to expand the Community Reference Group to ensure that there is a wide spread of representation throughout the region.

In the meantime the consultants have commenced an examination of land options, using the draft principles of site selection as the working base for the study.

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Community Reference Group (CRG) participated in a mapping exercise where the principles for site selection were applied to specific sites suggested by members of the TAC and CRG. The agreed Principles of Site Selection include:

1. Separation or Buffer Distances

The site selected and the transport routes associated with it should be sufficiently separated from sensitive land uses to ensure that any facility will not, under normal operating con-

ditions, impact adversely on either environmental values or amenity of surrounding lands.

2. Site Suitability

The site's characteristics, including topography, geology, hydrogeology, hydrology, flora and fauna, ethnographic and heritage values should minimise the risk of adverse impacts occurring.

3. Proximity to Waste Source

Any facility should be sited in a manner that minimises any adverse economic and environmental impacts arising from transport of wastes or products.

4. Zoning

The site selected should either be zoned appropriately under the relevant planning schemes or be capable of being re-zoned to comply with the scheme.

The constraints that were applied included minimal buffer zone requirements, distance to groundwater, known threatened flora and fauna and other topographical features.

The information gathered from this exercise has resulted in the exclusion of a number of potential sites. Any site under consideration will have to undergo rigorous assessment being mindful of the triple bottom line of sustainability.

Help stop littering from cars

Do you get tired of seeing people throw cigarette butts or other litter from their cars while in traffic? If so you can play a role in reporting these incidents and help reduce littering in the future.

The Keep Australia Beautiful Council (KABC) runs a litter reporting scheme that allows individuals to report incidences of littering from cars. 2005 has been a record year for the community based litter reporting scheme, however the KABC is still seeking more help as littering continues to be a problem.

KABC enforcement liaison officer, Valerie Miller, said the increase in reporting reflected the fact that there was a greater number of people in the community who were taking an active role in reporting instances of littering. "Local council rangers, CALM, Fisheries, FESA and Police officers submit litter report cards when they see these offences occur. We are encouraging more community members from all walks of life to register as litter reporters with the KABC and fill out litter report cards when they see someone littering", Ms Miller said.

Once a person is a registered reporter they can report littering if they witness the act. The reporter needs to fill out information about the car, licence plate number, driver, address, time and any other relevant details. "Once the KABC receives this information, a fine is issued to the owner of the car, asking for payment within 28 days" Ms Miller said.

The KABC takes littering very seriously with fines ranging from \$75 to \$200. The fines educate the public by letting them know that littering is not acceptable. There are currently around 3,500 registered litter reporters in Western Australia, generating around 90 reports per week.

Anyone in the community older than 18 years of age can become a litter reporter. So if you are passionate about reducing litter and keen to do something to help, why not sign up.

For more information on registering as a litter reporter, contact Valerie Miller on (08) 9278 0687.

Captain Cleanup visits Challis

Students at Challis Early Childhood Education Centre were treated to a 'surprise' visit by Captain Cleanup on the 23rd of November 2005. The visit was a prize won for the school by Te Aranui Thomas for her winning entry into the Design a Poster—Recycling and Waste Minimisation poster competition. Prizes were presented at an awards function held at the City of Armadale Function Room on Tuesday 8 November 2005.

Captain Cleanup had the students joining in with games and learning about the impact litter has on the environment, in particular our native animals. Teachers also participated with enthusiasm, responding that they recycled, did not litter and wanted to keep Australia beautiful and litter free.

Mrs Helen Denmark, a teacher at Challis ECEC, helped to organise the visit, saying that it was a wonderful reward as the school was recently recognized as being a Waste Wise school.

Poster Awards

The SEMRC's Design a Poster Competition—Recycling and Waste Minimisation culminated in award nights in Armadale and South Perth.

In the Year 1-3 Category the winner was Miss Te Aranui Thomas from Challis Early Childhood Education Centre. Commendations were given to Miss Chelsea

Boxell-Dawson, Miss Courtney Millington, Miss Josi Shea, Miss Mikaela Ryan and Master Andrew Smetherham all from Challis ECEC.

Winners in the Year 4-7 category were Miss Yasmine Bail from Dale Christian College and Mr Enes Cholich from Manning Primary School.

Commendations were awarded to Miss Kaeja Grader, Miss Natasha Hyde and Mr Brent Gardner from Manning Primary School and Mr Jay-Jay Nguenwatana from Collier Primary School.

Winners in the Year 8-10 category were Miss Judie Evans from Armadale SHS, Mr Sebastian Espinoza

from Kelmscott SHS and Miss Caitlin Hammond from Canning Vale College. A joint entry received from Miss Kaila Quinn and Miss Kimberley Maley received a commended award

The overall winners were:

1. Miss Judie Evans
2. Mr Sebastian Espinoza
3. Mr Enes Cholich



Used Tyre Strategy for WA

A Used Tyre Strategy for WA is currently out for public comment. This will be a key step forward in dealing with the problematic issue of tyres.

There are a staggering number of vehicles registered in Australia, with the number totalling nearly 14 million in 2005 (Source: ABS, Motor Vehicle Census, 2005). Western Australia, despite its comparably low population, has the highest number of passenger vehicles per head of population. Cars have the potential to produce a large volume of waste throughout the life of the vehicle. This includes consumables for the vehicle and the vehicle itself at the end of its life. Collectively, the statistics on the number of registered cars illustrate the potential for a large number of waste tyres that need to be managed with consideration for the environmental, social and economic impacts associated with recovery or disposal.

In the meantime, before they become an issue of recovery or disposal, there are a number of things we can do to prolong the life of tyres.

1. Use public transport, cycle or walk for a change of scenery and pace;
2. Car pool with friends or colleagues;
3. Share ownership and use of a car with family or friends;
4. Drive within the speed limit and regulate your speed to reduce wear on tyres—while reducing fuel consumption and emissions;
5. Drive smoothly by anticipating the traffic flow and avoiding harsh braking. This will also give you better fuel efficiency. Avoid aggressive starts from traffic lights and stop signs;
6. Keep tyres at the manufacturer's recommended levels of inflation to ensure even wear and your safety;
7. Keep tyres in correct alignment and rotate them for even wear; and
8. Regularly check tyres for tread depth, inflation and side damage (if in doubt, ask an expert).

Over-inflating tyres causes uneven wear, reducing the contact area with the road meaning tyres have to be replaced more often. Under-inflated tyres run hotter which diminishes the retreadability of the tyre and also burns more fuel than running on correctly inflated tyres.

To download a copy of the Used Tyre Strategy visit www.wastewa.com

Submissions close on 26 February 2006.

TYPE OF VEHICLE—Census years 2001 and 2005

	2001	2005	Change	Average annual growth
	no.	no.	%	%
Passenger vehicles	9 805 884	10 896 410	10.8	2.6
Compendiums	33 586	40 893	21.2	4.9
Light commercial vehicles	1 769 583	2 030 254	14.7	3.5
Rigid trucks	338 411	369 580	8.9	2.2
Articulated trucks	62 597	69 723	11.4	2.7
Non-freight carrying trucks	18 204	19 962	9.7	2.3
Buses	67 572	72 820	7.5	1.8
Motorcycles	360 930	421 023	20.2	4.7
Total motor vehicles	12 476 767	13 929 305	11.6	2.8

Source: ABS Motor Vehicle Census, 2005



Ways to give new life to used tyres!

- i. Make a worm farm from used tyres and other materials. The Zero Waste New Zealand website has instructions on how to make a worm farm from old tyres. Visit www.zerowaste.co.nz to find out how.
- ii. Use them as planters for potatoes by stacking them on top of each other as the potato plant grows. The Murdoch University Environmental Technology Centre has working examples amongst its permaculture gardens. The centre also uses tyres to make retaining walls with varying heights for planter beds. The Centre is open to the public Monday to Friday and groups can arrange a tour for a fee. To find out more visit www.etc.murdoch.edu.au
- iii. Ever heard of Earthships? There are a number of community Earthships being constructed in the UK and Europe. These are buildings built on the principles of sustainability. Earthships are often built using tyres rammed with earth for the walls. There are a number of interesting websites worth a look, including:
 - www.sci-scotland.org.uk
 - www.lowcarbon.co.uk
 - www.earthship.org

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OUTCOMES OF WARR

On Monday the 28th of November 2005, the Municipal Waste Advisory Council held a Workshop for Local Government on the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Bill (the WARR Bill). Outcomes from this Workshop will shortly be made available on the WasteNet website (www.wastenet.net.au). An email bulletin will be sent out to advise when the document

is available. The Outcomes Paper will be useful to guide ongoing Local Government scrutiny of the development of the WARR Bill.

Some of the hot topics for Local Government in the Bill are:

- The proposal for waste management plans. The value of which remains unclear and which may prove to be unworkably

- The Board's new structure - which is hoped will provide for improved levels of expertise and capacity.

If you would like to subscribe to the email bulletin list please send an email with the word 'subscribe' in the subject line to enquiries@wastenet.net.au

WHEN THE LEVY BREAKS

The Waste Management Board has released a Discussion Paper on the Landfill Levy and the Programs it Funds concerning a proposal to increase the Landfill Levy. For Local Government, key issues to respond to include:

- The appropriate rationale for setting/ changing the Levy;

- Whether the proposed increase will be enough to cover the new and existing schemes proposed to be funded through the Levy; and
- The approach taken to increasing the Levy over time.

Responses are called for by Friday the 3rd of March 2006.

Some analysis and suggestions on this issue, as well as copies of the Discussion Paper can be accessed through the WasteNet Website www.wastenet.net.au/issues/landfilllevy/



ZERO WASTE INCENTIVES

The Waste Management Board has also released a paper entitled A Discussion Paper on Re-investing Landfill Levy Funds in Zero Waste Incentive Schemes.

The Paper proposes a range of schemes to be funded through the Landfill Levy. The proposed schemes will affect Local Government as they may result in

increased or decreased funding for Council programs to reduce waste or increase recovery.

One section of particular interest to Local Government, covers Waste Management Plans and the Discussion Paper gives some indications about the Board's intentions for these instruments. Responses are called for by

Friday the 3rd of March 2006.

The Discussion Paper is available on the Board's website at www.zerowastewa.com.au/communication/news/levypapers





SAG – IN THE BAG

A Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) is being established to advise the Minister for the Environment on best practice container deposit systems for WA.

The Western Australian Local Government Association has been invited to appoint a representative to the SAG.

The Association is seeking nominations from interested Elected Members or Local

Government Officers to take on this representative role.

Suitable nominees should have a broad knowledge of waste management related issues and be capable of considering a range of dimensions to the question of what will be the best type of container deposit system for Western Australia.

The nomination forms are available from the Association's website, please visit

www.walga.asn.au and click on Committee Vacancies.

For more information please contact Bernard Ryan on 9213 2037 or email bryan@walga.asn.au

Nominations are due by COB on Friday the 27th of January 2006.



In 500 B.C. the City of Athens organised the first municipal dump in the Western World. Citizens were required to dispose of their waste at least one mile from the city walls.



(Source: www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/municipal/timeline)

EXPANDING WASTE

The South East Metropolitan Regional Council's (SEMRC) Feasibility Study into the establishment of a Resource Recovery Facility servicing the region is set to expand to include Serpentine-Jarrahdale, Mandurah and Murray.

The Study is identifying preferred technologies, possible sites and financial arrangements for a resource recovery facility to process

household waste generated in the region.

Following approaches from the additional Councils, the SEMRC has agreed to extend the study and take on new partners in developing a long-term strategic approach to household waste management.

The Study commenced in late July 2005 and is currently finalising site selection criteria

and technology criteria, in partnership with the Community Reference Group established by the SEMRC.



For more information, visit www.semrc.wa.gov.au/news.htm

NPC FUNDING—CALL TO ACTION

Councils are invited to submit Expressions of Interest for projects (directly related to the recovery of used packaging materials) to be funded under the National Packaging Covenant. All Councils in WA are able to apply as the Western Australian Local

Government Association has signed on behalf of all members.

The deadline for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the first funding round is Wednesday the 1st of February 2006.

For more information and to download an EOI, visit www.wastenet.net.au/programs/npc

If you have any queries, please contact Bernard Ryan on 9213 2037.

JOIN IN THE FELLOWSHIP

The John Curtin Institute of Public Policy has advised that it will have a Local Government Fellowship available through its Public Sector Fellowship Program next year.

The Program brings Fellows from the WA public sector to undertake a research project

for which Curtin provides the research facilities and supervision.



Sponsorship by Curtin, the Institute of Public Administration and the Local Government Managers

Association (WA) will allow the Fellow to be paid their full salary while studying.

The Municipal Waste Advisory Council has been invited to identify potential Fellows and possible topics.

For more information, visit www.jcipp.curtin.edu.au/research/psfp.html



POSITIVE POLITICIAN

Recently, Dr Dennis Jensen MP, Federal Member for Tangney, visited the Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) in Canning Vale.

Dr Jensen made many positive comments about the scale of operations at the RRRRC. For more information, visit www.smrc.com.au

(Source: SMRC CEO Newsletter, Issue 6 November/December 2005)

GET YOUR RRRS IN

Resource Recovery Rebate Scheme (RRRS) application



forms for Period 15 are due by 4pm on Monday the 30th of January 2006.

They are to be returned to

the address on the application form. If you have any queries, please contact Rebecca Brown on 9213 2063.

FUNDING LUBRICATION

The Australian Federal Government has commenced a new round of funding for Councils and other organisations that wish to implement used oil collection and recycling initiatives under its *Product Stewardship for Oil Transitional Assistance Grants Programme*.

This is an opportunity for Councils who missed out on the Used Oil Program administered by the Municipal Waste Advisory Council. In order to facilitate the process for these

Councils, the Municipal Waste Advisory Council will provide (on request):

- Access to costing;
- Letters of support for the Council's applications (to assist with demonstrating the need for the infrastructure); and
- Consistency with existing infrastructure for educational purposes and access to promotional information we have (in electronic format).

The closing date for applications is COB on Friday the 3rd of February 2006.

For more information and to download an application form, visit www.oilrecycling.gov.au and click on Funding & Grants, then select Administrative Guidelines.

If your Local Government applied to the Used Oil Program administered by the Municipal Waste Advisory Council, but was unsuccessful due to a lack of funds, please contact Rebecca Brown on 9213 2063 or email rbrown@waiga.asn.au for provision of the above information.

IT'S SO EASY BUYING GREEN

The Western Australia Local Government Association will host the third National Buying Green Conference at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre on Thursday the 25th and Friday 26th of May 2006. The Conference will show how environmental sustainability considerations can easily be woven into purchasing decision making processes.

The Conference will feature high profile national and international speakers, case studies, practical hints and information and will showcase the latest in recycled-content, greenhouse friendly and environmentally friendly products and services.

For more information please visit www.waiga.asn.au or if you are interested in presenting a paper at the

Conference or have any suggestions on topics and speakers, please contact Conference Chair, Peter Hoare on 9213 2013 or email buygreen06@waiga.asn.au



(Source: www.japanfs.org)

WARR CORRECTION

The following correction applies to the WARR Declared!! article in the

December 2005 *Information Bulletin*:

- ♦ Keep Australia Beautiful Council (KABC) to report to

the Minister through the Waste Authority (separate Litter Act remains).



WASTE TAKES TO THE AIR WAVES

A four part series is being broadcast by the ABC titled *A World Without Waste*. The programmes cover Japan, China, the Philippines and the USA in order to explore international drivers for a goal of 'zero waste'. For more information about the broadcasts (and the transcripts/audio) visit www.abc.net.au/rn/features/worldwaste/default.htm

BOOMERANG DEFENDS CDLWA

Due to falling consumption and uneconomic operations, New Zealand recently ceased producing milk in glass bottles.

The bottles are being replaced with 600ml Tetra Pak cartons.



(Source: cansmart.org/news)

The Boomerang Alliance have issued a response to statements made by the Packaging Council of Australia (PCA) related to WA's decision to phase in a container deposit system. According to the Boomerang Alliance the PCA sought to discredit container deposit legislation. For more information, visit www.envict.org.au/file/PCAResponseCDL.pdf



ORGANICS CAUSE A ROWA

Recycled Organics WA (ROWA) is developing a position paper for the recycled organics industry to help determine policy. It plans to circulate the draft early this year. ROWA can be contacted through the Waste Management Association of Australia by visiting www.wmaa.asn.au

ROWA establishment has garnered participation from a wide range of stakeholders and progress is rapidly being made." Membership of ROWA is open to industry, government and community. (Source: Inside Waste, Issue 10)

ROWA Committee Chair, Andy Gulliver said, "ROWA's

ON A PROMISE

The Intelligent Manufacturing Systems (IMS) Association says Australians will benefit from federal funding to Australian industries to investigate improved product management systems and will see manufacturers take greater environmental responsibility for products after purchase. The IMS' *Product Embedded Information System for Service and End of Life (PROMISE)* Project intends to integrate the manufacturing to recycling stages of a product's life. The Project has received \$470,000 to develop technology to blend engineering plastics found in technological products and vehicles; and new blends and uses of engineering plastics. A database, which will be accessible via the Internet, will also be developed so that recyclers and manufacturers can benefit from the Project. For more information, visit www.crcimst.com.au and click Research Programs, then Program 3.

VITAMINS TAKE A DUMP

A vitamin pill package with a red flashing light — aimed at grabbing the attention of shoppers — has been awarded the 2005 annual DUMP Award for damaging and useless materials in packaging. The judges also criticised emerging trends in over packaging. One example was supermarkets which over packaged fruit and vegetables with unrecyclable wrapping. An Encouraging Development in Packaging Award was also given to Go Pet Heartworm and Allworm tablets. These winners of a 2004 DUMP Award for excessive packaging have reduced the amount used by 40%. Judged by an expert panel, the Gold DUMP award went to Myadec A-Z Guard multi-vitamin that was singled out for its red light and batteries, which could be hazardous when dumped in landfill. Another award winner was Pringles, for Poor Design for Recycling. For more information, visit www.envict.org.au



EDUCATION REDUCES WASTE

In June 2004, Cowra Shire Council in NSW received funding from the Environmental Protection Authority as part of their *Our Environment; It's a Living Thing Program*. to develop an education campaign to increase awareness and use of recycling opportunities within the Cowra Shire. At the end of the first year of the Program second-hand shop sales have increased by 69%, recycling has increased by 10% and there has also been a decrease in waste collected.

For more information, visit www.cowra.nsw.gov.au/environment

(Source: cansmart.org/news)

KIWIS ARE GOOD RECYCLERS

The Ministry for the Environment report entitled *Waste Management in New Zealand - A Decade of Progress*, says that more than 95% of New Zealanders now have access to recycling facilities and that they are recycling more waste than ever before.

The Report shows that 77% of Councils now provide kerbside recycling for glass, paper and plastics, compared to only 10% in 1994.

The Report can be downloaded at www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/waste

(Source: RRF-WINS#52 31/12/2005)

HOUSEHOLDS CONSUMED



The European and the Environment Agency (EEA) has published a report titled *Household Consumption* which explores trends in sustainable consumption and production. The Report analyses the environmental effects of household consumption in Europe.

To access the Report, visit http://reports.eea.eu.int/eea_report_2005_11/en

(Source: RRF WINS #01-2006- January 06, 2006)

TSUNAMI TRASH

A year after the tsunami hit, there is enough trash just in Banda Aceh to make a three-story-high pile covering 30 football fields.

In Sri Lanka, some 9 million cubic metres of waste was dumped mostly in lagoons and environmentally sensitive waterways. Some of the waste

is loaded with oil, asbestos and hazardous waste.

(Source: www.thestar.com.my 27 December 2005)



(Source: RRF-WINS # 51 20/12/2005)

GLASS BRICKS

A multimedia CD called *Bottles to Bricks* is being launched in the UK in February.

fluxing agent. Bronnie Allen, Materials Development Manager (Glass) at WRAP, said "This CD has been designed to present the benefits of recycled glass in brick manufacture and the practical solutions to

implementing the use of this 100 per cent recycled material."

The CD gives an overview of the practical and technical benefits of using glass as a

The information is available for download from www.wrap.org.uk

NAPPY GAME

In order to promote reusable nappies, the Real Nappy Campaign has designed an internet game. The online game features a cartoon baby catching nappies.



To play the highly addictive game and beat our rather pathetic score of 358, visit www.realnappycampaign.com/really_nippy.html

MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Next Meeting
Date: 22 March 2006
Time: 4.00 pm
Venue: Local Government House

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2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 28-31 March 2006 Waste 2006
Coffs Harbour, NSW
For more information visit www.inspectenviro.com.au/waste2006/
- 9-11 May 2006 Enviro 06
Melbourne Exhibition & Conference Centre
For more information visit www.enviro06.net
- 25-26 May 2006 2006 Buying Green
Perth, Western Australia
For more information contact Peter Hoare, WALGA (08) 9321 5055 or email buygreen06@walga.asn.au
- 31 May-2 June 2006 Towards Zero Waste: Achieving Practical Solutions
Stanford Grand Glenelg, South Australia
For more information visit www.wmae.asn.au
- 18-22 September 2006 Waste & Recycle 2006: "Crisis? What Crisis?" - Are we fiddling while Rome burns?
The Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle
For more information visit www.wasteandrecycle.com.au

2006 CALENDAR OF SUBMISSIONS

- 27 January 2006 Container Deposit Systems-Stakeholder Advisory Group
Nominations for Local Government Representative
Download Nominations from www.walga.asn.au or for more information contact Bernard Ryan on 9213 2037.
- 30 January 2006 RRRS Period 15 Applications Due
Return address given on forms
For more information contact Rebecca Brown on 9213 2063
- 1 February 2006 National Packaging Covenant Expressions of Interest
Round 1 Expressions of Interest for Funding
For more information visit www.wastenet.net.au/programs/npc
- 3 February 2006 Oil Recycling Funding
Federal Government's Product Stewardship for Oil Program
For more information visit www.oilrecycling.gov.au
- 8 February 2006 Productivity Commission Issues Paper on Waste Generation
For more information visit www.pc.gov.au
- 26 February 2006 Used Tyre Strategy for Western Australia
For more information visit www.wastenet.net.au/issues/tyres
- 3 March 2006 Discussion Paper on the Landfill Levy and the Programs it Funds
For more information visit www.wastenet.net.au/issues/landfilllevy
- 3 March 2006 Discussion Paper on Re-investing Landfill Levy Funds in Zero Waste Incentive Schemes
For more information visit www.wastenet.net.au/issues/landfilllevy



WHAT IS THE MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL?



The Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) is a standing committee of the Western Australian Local Government Association with delegated authority on municipal waste issues.

MWAC's membership includes the major Regional Councils (waste management). This makes MWAC a unique forum through which all the major Local Government waste management organisations cooperate.

MWAC focuses its work in three main areas:

- The proactive development of policy on priority issues;
- Comprehensive representation of Local Government views on legislation, regulations, administrative policy and related matters; and
- The delivery of grant funded programs consistent with Local Government priorities.



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RESOURCE RECOVERY FORUM

**WMAA Resource Recovery Working Groups
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1. UK - Driving tyre recycling forward

20 January

A series of projects and trials investigating the properties and potential applications of new products made from used tyre waste are now underway with support from WRAP (the Waste & Resources Action Programme).

Rubber Recovery Ltd, based in Barnsley, is investigating the production of a retread compound with significant recycled content. Using technology proven overseas, they will be developing a process that adds specially formulated polymers to the recycled rubber crumb, enabling it to become chemically reactive again with virgin compounds. The retread compound will be used on truck and earthmover tyres.

In the second project, operational trials of a retread tyre produced using an alternative technology are being undertaken by Crumb Rubber LTD of Devon. The company's ambient mechanical abrasive process is producing an ultra fine powder which is expected to show improved Interactivity with virgin rubber blends. The improved performance characteristics of the powder are expected to lead to higher potential inclusion rates in virgin rubber blends.

These projects are part of a wider Tyres Programme being carried out by WRAP. Research and operational trials are also underway to test further applications for the construction industry, including roof tiles, concrete blocks, floor underlay and wall panels and for road surfacing. Steve Waite, Materials Project Manager (Tyres) at WRAP, said: "With shredded tyres banned from landfill sites from July this year, WRAP is working to develop new technologies and uses for recycled tyre rubber. These exciting projects have been funded because they offer the potential to significantly increase the use of recycled tyre rubber in the retreading of truck and earthmover tyres.

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2. Romania - Producer responsibility looms for WEEE

20 January

The Bucharest Daily News reports that all producers and importers of electric and electronic equipment are forced to register to the National Agency for Environment Protection (ANPM) by the end of April in order to comply with the settlements regarding the waste coming from these sectors. According to a statement made by the Ministry of Environment and Waters Management, each producer will get a registration number that will be communicated to the stores where this sells its equipment. Without this serial number these producer will be forbidden to sell their products.

ANPM will give fines between EUR2,700 and 5,400 to the companies that do not comply with these requirements. The producers that do not register will be excluded from the market and the ones that will comply will pay for the management of the waste coming from the electric and electronic equipment. Depending on the market share owned, each producer will start paying these taxes by the end of 2006.

For the management of waste the producers can join organizations or they can act individually. Presently only two groups have stated their intention of creating such organizations; one being a home appliances and TV set producer and the other being active in the IT sector. Producers can form several types of organizations so that the waste management process is not overly expensive.

The individual management of waste is more expensive because the waste volume is smaller and the recycling costs are larger. The management costs for this type of waste will be present as the "visible tax" that will be annexed to the price of a product, so the buyer will know the price of the purchased product and cost of its recycling.

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3. UK - New website to help boost plastics recycling 21 January
To stimulate further growth in the markets for recycled plastic in the UK, WRAP (the Waste & Resources Action Programme) has launched a new internet-based service designed to bring plastic waste generators, recyclers, suppliers and end users together.

"We have developed a fully searchable database of UK reproducers and traders, so that companies looking to send waste plastic for recycling, and those looking to buy recycled polymers, can find the nearest appropriate company able to meet their requirements," explains Peter Skelton, WRAP's Materials Development Manager (Plastic).

www.recycleplastic.org.uk covers around 90 accredited reproducers and traders of waste plastic in the UK from all sectors - industrial, packaging, construction waste and domestic waste plastic. In the case of the reproducers, the search facility can be refined further so that those who process the plastic into flake or pellet to sell on can easily be identified by manufacturers wanting to use recycled polymers in their processes. This is the only searchable site in the UK with this function.

The website is targeted at two main audiences:

- Local authorities, waste management companies and private businesses (from any sector) who have waste plastic for recycling
- Manufacturing companies looking to source recycled polymers for their manufacturing process.

The site's search facility is designed to be user friendly and simple to use. Postcode driven, it provides a list of suppliers appropriate to the type of plastic and format selected, with the geographically closest match listed first. The information provided includes distance in miles from the website user's address, company activity (i.e. trader or reproducer or both), operating details such as delivery requirements, accreditation, and minimum tonnages, and full contact details.

"As the costs of disposal increase, recycling of waste plastic is increasingly attractive to industry and municipal authorities, and they need better information to maximise their options," says Peter Skelton. "At the same time, higher virgin polymer prices are encouraging more manufacturers to look at recycled material for their products. The launch and promotion of www.recycleplastic.org.uk will help to promote plastic recycling in the UK and fill a key information gap in the market."

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4. Europe - EUGRIS - A valuable information resource for soil & water information 23 January

EUGRIS (www.eugris.info) is now a major platform for soil and water information with a content including over 80 general technical and six country specific zones, as well as 2353 resources (such as document and web links), 42 funding programme links, 166 projects links 202 organisation summaries and links and a glossary of 458 terms. EUGRIS has an open news system and calendar of conferences and training courses. It has over 1,200 registered users from all over the world (data 11th January 2006), and many many more casual visitors interested in viewing its content without logging in.

EUGRIS was built and initiated as an EC Framework 5 Programme Project, which completed in October 2005. However the web site lives on, and is open for business: both for users and providers of information. And access is free! EUGRIS helps both information users and users:

- It helps those who need information to find what they need quickly and easily
- It helps information providers bring those looking for information to their sites
- Registration is required to add information and to view user / organisation directories, and no anonymous postings are accepted.

EUGRIS is there to be used. It includes two major components: the system and its content. It's content. The EUGRIS project collated a large volume of content to give EUGRIS a starting point. However, now information posted by EUGRIS' users is becoming of increasing importance. EUGRIS has a wide audience across Europe and beyond (including users in many developing economies). It is easy (and free) to register, log-on and use EUGRIS.

EUGRIS is an information exchange, and not a conventional search engine like Google. It is unique in that it offers opportunities for users to post as well as view information. Technically speaking EUGRIS mostly stores "meta-data"; but it also stores a substantial series of technical summaries and a large glossary of technical terms. EUGRIS uses state of the art systems to disseminate information in context and in a usable and scalable way. It is a platform for European information that equals or indeed exceeds current platforms for Japanese or US information in the field and creates a collaborative opportunity for researchers across the world.

EUGRIS was built up as a modular system for future enlargements especially in terms of topics and countries. The EUGRIS team will make special arrangements for any national agencies wishing to add new country pages to EUGRIS, or who wish to add new topics to existing country pages. EUGRIS also offers enhanced listings for organisations, projects and funding programmes; who wish to promote themselves via EUGRIS. EUGRIS is also developing enhanced web research tools.

EUGRIS' true usefulness and future depends on participation and support from its users, who will be able to add their own information to the web site. You are welcome to get into contact with us if you feel that your results cover the topics and deserve more publicity. EUGRIS is your service provider for dissemination.

For further information see:

<http://www.eugris.info>

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5. China - Hong Kong introduces construction waste charging scheme

23 January

The legislation for the Construction Waste Disposal Charging Scheme (Charging Scheme) was passed by the Hong Kong Legislative Council in September 2005, implemented in December and introduced on January 20.

Construction waste means any substance, matter or thing that is generated from construction work and abandoned, whether or not it has been processed or stockpiled before being abandoned, but does not include any sludge, screenings or matter removed in or generated from any desludging, desilting or dredging works.

Construction waste producers, such as construction contractors, renovation contractors or premises owners, prior to using government waste disposal facilities, need to open a billing account with the Environmental Protection Department and pay for the construction waste disposal charge. Through the Charging Scheme, construction waste producers are encouraged to reduce, sort and recycle construction waste so that their disposal costs can be minimised and valuable landfill space preserved.

Commencement of the charging scheme

The Charging Scheme came into operation on 1 December 2005. Processing of account applications by the Environmental Protection Department started on the same day. Starting from 1 December 2005, any main contractor who undertakes construction work under a contract with value of \$1 million or above is required to open a billing account solely for the contract.

For construction work under a contract with value less than \$1 million, such as minor construction or renovation work, any person such as the owner of the premises where the construction work takes place or his/her contractor can open a billing account; the account can also be used for contracts each with value less than \$1 million. The premises owner concerned may also engage a contractor with a valid billing account to make arrangement for disposal of construction waste.

Since the scheme came into operation in December, the department has received more than 10,000 account applications. Under the charging scheme, construction waste producers are required to open a billing account with the department in advance for disposing of construction waste. Anyone disposing of construction waste at public fill reception facilities, sorting facilities and landfills is required to hand in chits issued under a billing account upon delivery of waste to these facilities. Similarly, for the refuse transfer stations on outlying islands, valid chits are required for the disposal of construction waste.

Charges

- At public fill reception facilities, waste consisting entirely of inert construction materials will be charged \$27/t
- At sorting facilities, wastes containing more than 50% by weight of inert construction materials will be charged \$100/t
- At landfills, wastes containing not more than 50% by weight of inert construction materials will be charged \$125/t
- At outlying Islands Transfer Facilities, wastes containing any percentage of inert construction waste will be charged \$125/t.

The Construction Waste Disposal Charging Scheme was running smoothly on its first day of operation, Permanent Secretary for the Environment, Transport & Works Keith Kwok said. By 5pm on the first day, 1,675 lorry loads of waste had been delivered, to be sorted and re-used, instead of ending up in landfills as in the past. Mr Kwok said he was encouraged by the smooth operation of the scheme after inspecting the weighbridge of the Southeast New Territories Landfill today. "The results so far indicate the objective of the scheme to promote re-use and reduction of construction waste is being realised," he said. "I am grateful for the active participation and co-operation of the parties involved."

The Environmental Protection Department will monitor the scheme.

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6. UK - Environmental Audit Committee to investigate carbon emissions from transport 23 January

The Environmental Audit Committee (EAC) has announced its determination to examine how the UK Government is working to reduce carbon emissions from transport.

Transport is currently responsible for about a quarter of total UK carbon emissions - and this rises to more than a third if all aviation emissions are included. However, transport's share of total emissions is likely to increase substantially. This is because carbon emissions from transport are expected to grow by about 10 per cent from 2000 levels by 2010, while emissions from other sectors are due to fall.

In 2004, the Department for Transport (DfT) adopted a Public Service Agreement (PSA) committing itself "to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 12.5% below 1990 levels in line with [the] Kyoto commitment and move towards a 20% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions below 1990 levels by 2010".

This inquiry will focus mainly on emissions associated with road, rail, and the maritime sector transport. However, the Committee is also interested in assessing what has changed with regard to aviation emissions since the last EAC inquiry into that subject.

The Committee invites organisations and members of the public to submit memoranda setting out their views on this inquiry. Some specific issues on which the Committee would welcome comments are set out overleaf, though respondents are free to comment on any issues which they consider relevant.

Written evidence should be sent to the Committee by 24 February 2006. For printing purposes they require submissions via e-mail to eaacom@parliament.uk in Word format.

Guidance on the preparation and submission of evidence is available on the Committee's web pages at:
http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/environmental_audit_committee.cfm

Strategic issues in which the Committee is particularly interested include:

- What progress the DfT is making against key carbon reduction targets or forecasts included in the Ten Year Plan (2000), the Climate Change

Strategy (2000), the 2004 Transport White Paper, the 2004 PSA, Powering Future Vehicles (2004), and other documents

- Whether the DfT's carbon reduction target is underpinned by a coherent strategy stretching across the department's entire range of activities; whether the current balance of expenditure between the DfT's objectives (as revealed in its 2005 departmental report, Annex A) adequately reflects the environmental challenges it faces
- What realistically the DfT could achieve by 2010 and 2020 in terms of reducing transport-related carbon emissions, and the role that demand management should play in doing so
- What specific steps the department should now take to reduce road transport carbon emissions and congestion over the next decade.

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7. UK - All-party select committee report on sustainable timber 23 January

The Environmental Audit Committee (EAC) publishes today its Second Report of Session 2005-06, Sustainable Timber. This Report examines the extent of progress since the EAC's inquiry in 2002, entitled Buying Time for Forests: Timber Trade and Public Procurement. Announcing the Report, Joan Walley MP, the Chairman of the EAC Sub-Committee on Sustainable Timber which undertook the inquiry, said:

We are very pleased to see that significant progress has been made in improving sustainable timber procurement since the last time EAC addressed the issue. We were also pleased to see the increased awareness on the national and international arena of the need to address illegal logging.

However, despite this, our main conclusion is that much more needs to be done if we are to save our forests from destruction and protect the rights of those people who depend on them. The global illegal trade in timber is estimated at \$15 billion a year. The urgency of this matter must not be underestimated: time is running out. If the Government wants to be taken seriously on its commitment to help protect the world's forests it must introduce as a matter of urgency legislation to prevent illegal timber and timber products from entering the UK market.

In addition, the Committee would like to see the current rules on timber procurement extended from central government to local authorities and other governmental bodies. It would also like to see a requirement for government bodies to purchase only sustainable - rather than just legal - timber in place within the next five years.

The Committee points out that the Government must continue to push the agenda forward within the G8 and Europe. It must in particular focus on ensuring the FLEGT Action Plan is fully implemented and that every effort is made to ensure that the proposed Voluntary Partnership Agreements with timber producing countries are effective. There is also a need for harmonisation of procurement policy across Member States within the EU to ensure clear signals are given to producers and suppliers as to what is expected of them. The timber industry in the UK also has a role to play. It must put every effort into ensuring that the timber it purchases is legal and must assist producers to work towards sustainability. Some timber companies are leading the way on how this can be done. The rest must follow willingly or be made to do so.

Copies of the report *Sustainable Timber HC 607 (Second Report of Session 2004-05 Volume I Report)* (0.3 MB) are available from the Committee's website

at: <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200506/cmselect/cmenvaud/607/607i.pdf>

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8. UK - Useful Event: M-E-L Expert Practitioner Series - Annual waste analysis conference 23 January

Tuesday March 7, 2006 Faraday Wharf, Birmingham

The importance of waste analysis is becoming increasingly important but How can we do it well? What can the data be used for? How can it be used to meet and beat your LATS targets? And how can you save money by making sense of the results of your waste analysis?

The **Annual Waste Analysis Conference** will address each of these questions, with an agenda combining practical case studies and insightful discussion to provide you with the know-how to do your waste analysis.

Speakers include : Julian Parfit, WRAP; Paul Franc, DEFRA (TBC); Professor Chris Coggins, WAMTECI; Robert Pocock, M-E-L Research; Sarah Knapp, Associate, M-E-L Research; Derek Gustard, Lancashire County Council; Terry Brownhill, Eaton Management, and; Darren Coss and Philip Wells, M-E-L Research.

For further information on the day please visit:

www.m-e-l.co.uk/Forthseminars.aspx or

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9. US - SWANA study to evaluate residential waste collection practices 24 January

The Solid Waste Association of North America's (SWANA) Applied Research Foundation has launched The North American Benchmarking Study for Residential Solid Waste Collection, a ground-breaking research project designed to collect and analyze statistically-valid performance and economic data for residential waste collection services in the U.S. and Canada.

The goal of the study is to develop meaningful performance benchmarks for residential solid waste collection services, as well as to compile comparative data on various collection technologies such as automated and semi-automated collection. Currently, 48 local government participants are providing data as well as contributing support for the study through the contribution of sponsorship fees of US\$500 to 2,500 based on population served.

The study is being conducted with the assistance of Dr. Barbara Stevens, a nationally-recognized benchmarking expert and *Wastebid.com*, which has developed a web site (www.SwanaBenchmarks.com) that will be used to collect the necessary cost and performance data.

Additional local governments and organizations have the opportunity to participate as project sponsors. All data provided for the study remains confidential.

To contribute to this forward-thinking study contact Jeremy K. O'Brien, SWANA's director of applied research by e-mail (jobrien@SWANA.org).

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10. UK - New report on DTQs for GHG trading finds the 24 January

concept feasible

The Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research have published an interesting report Domestic Tradable Quotas: A policy instrument for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from energy use (Technical Report 39 by Starkey R and Anderson K. (2005)).

Domestic Tradable Quotas (DTQs) are a "cap and trade" scheme for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from energy use. The scheme was proposed by Dr David Fleming, a London-based policy analyst, who first published the idea in 1996. Under DTQs, emissions rights ("carbon units") are allocated to and surrendered by all end-purchasers of fuel and electricity ie adult individuals and organizations. Carbon units are allocated to adult individuals free and on an equal per capita basis whilst organizations purchase the units they require on a national market for carbon units. Individuals with surplus units can sell them on the national carbon market and individuals who require additional units can purchase them on the market.

This Tyndall project set out to evaluate the feasibility of DTQs and their appropriateness as an instrument of public policy. The three evaluation criteria used were equity, effectiveness and efficiency. Key findings are as follows:

Equity

- Strong arguments exist within the philosophical literature on distributive justice that the equal per capita allocation of carbon units under DTQs is equitable
- DTQs should be implemented in conjunction with policies that build on existing approaches to tackling fuel poverty.

Effectiveness

- It is technically feasible to build a DTQs scheme around the existing infrastructure for credit and debit cards
- Enrolling 45 million plus individuals into a DTQs scheme might be challenging in the absence of an ID scheme but should be feasible using an approach known as "electronic verification"
- The equal per capita allocation of carbon units to individuals under DTQs may promote public acceptability of the scheme, and the scheme should be sufficiently easy and convenient for the public to use.

Efficiency

- Whilst DTQs might be seen by some as controversial and costly, the scheme is likely to be less costly than current and somewhat controversial government schemes such as ID cards and road user charging and, hence, DTQs are, arguably, affordable in public policy terms
- DTQs are likely to have greater set-up and running costs than other proposed instruments for emissions reduction but these additional costs may be justified by additional benefits relating to equity, public acceptability and the efficiency of emissions reduction.

Copies of the report are available from the Tyndall Centre's website at:
http://www.tyndall.ac.uk/research/theme2/final_reports/t3_22.pdf

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11. China - Finding solutions to styrofoam 'white pollution' 24 January
In this fast-paced world, the convenience of eating take-out and using single-use tableware draws in more and more people, reports the *China Daily News*.

But despite their handiness, the plastic bags and foam plastic food containers have been associated with "white pollution," because they are non-degradable. Still, packaging experts have recently said it's not the products alone that are to blame for the environmental pollution. The public needs to examine their own conducts and enforce strict codes in these products' production, disposal and recycling.

Starting in early 1980s, cheap, sanitary and food-preserving containers made of Styrofoam, a major type of foam plastics, won favour among Chinese people. It became widely used on trains and in the fast food industry. However, people's environmental awareness did not keep up with rapidly increasing production of Styrofoam packaging. It was common for people to toss the containers after using them, resulting in white disposable tableware littered everywhere, many piling up along the railways and floating in the rivers.

Such unpleasant terms as "the white Great Wall" and "white blanket" are often used to describe the messy scenes throughout cities. "When the wind was blowing hard in those days, you could see plastic bags sail over the sky and hang up on the trees," recalled He Jiaxing, a veteran packaging expert and honorary director of China Green Packaging Association. Eventually, people started to become concerned more about white pollution. In 1991, experts from the packaging industry gathered for the first time to discuss strategies for recycling to alleviate the environmental hazard.

Later, the State Environmental Protection Administration advocated recycling when dealing with plastic waste. But because Styrofoam was hard to collect and took up a lot space, and some companies began to produce eco-friendly single-use tableware, the government decided to adopt a drastic action against Styrofoam. In 1999, the former State Economic and Trade Commission, China's top economic supervisor, declared that the production and use of disposable Styrofoam tableware would be no longer tolerated.

From that time on, dozens of cities, including Beijing, Tianjin, Nanjing, Hangzhou, Wuhan, Chengdu and Xi'an, have imposed local restrictions on the sale and use of Styrofoam tableware. Six years after the ban, Li Peisheng, deputy director of Beijing Recycling Economy Research Institute, led an investigation team to research the current status of disposable tableware market. From June 1 and August 17 last year, the team visited 11 cities in Zhejiang, Jiangsu and Guangdong provinces, as well as Beijing and Shanghai. "The ban, in a way, has promoted public awareness of environmental protection. But on the other hand, the production of Styrofoam actually cannot be banned and still contributes to a majority of one-off tableware market share," said Li.

Up to 70 per cent of the nearly 12 billion disposable snack boxes of various kinds are made of Styrofoam. In Shanghai, the share exceeds 95 per cent. "The total sales of plastic tableware have increased over the amount before the ban. Its low cost supports a strong demand among food suppliers in the market and makes it hard for the catering service people to give them up," said Li.

Stumbling eco-friendly tableware

In the wake of the dilemma over disposable packaging, alternatives have been encouraged.

The new packaging mainly applies natural or renewable raw materials and is engineered to be biodegradable. Now four types of eco-friendly substitutes are available in the market, made from paperboard, rice husk, straw and starch respectively. But Li's investigation team found that most of these enterprises

are struggling to survive. In Guangdong Province, 16 enterprises are producing eco-friendly tableware in 2000, but four years later, only five remained and the rest closed down owing to financial plight. In 2002, the total sales number of eco-friendly tableware in the whole country was two-fifths that of Styrofoam's.

Generally it has been discovered that consumers and suppliers are reluctant to pay for biodegradable containers that cost several times more. Also, their mechanical properties, sanitary quality and temperature preservation ability are inferior to Styrofoam ones. But most importantly, the biodegradable label may also be sending a misleading message. The products bearing the label are, in fact, just partially degradable within years, according to Tang Saizhen, senior engineer of China Light Industry Information Center and also a degradable plastics expert. Some of these "new" products actually contain more water or oil-resistant substances, the latter of which are not easily degradable under natural conditions. Starch-type packaging, especially, will not rot away when packed into the garbage pile, because it only degrades in the sunshine. "So if discarded everywhere, the so-called biodegradable tableware can also cause white pollution," said Tang. At the same time, the quality of some degradable tableware is worrisome, she noted.

In order to save production cost in the ever-competitive market, some firms are adding more of the chemical product CaCO_3 into their biodegradable containers, which can potentially contaminate food. The production of eco-friendly substitutes can also be problematic. The process of producing paperboard tableware generates waste water and gas, which poses a more serious pollution to the environment than the waste products themselves, according to Tang. "At present, Styrofoam tableware is still the best choice within the one-off packaging family, when concerning safety, quality, price and recycling as a whole," she argued.

However, Tang believes that the biodegradable alternatives should eventually replace Styrofoam when the new technologies clean up their production process and lower their costs.

Shanghai as role model

Besides further improving the quality of degradable one-off tableware, both Li and Tang pointed out that recycling and reprocessing used Styrofoam, rather than completely banning its production, is an important strategy to eliminate white pollution. After the government issued the ban on Styrofoam tableware, only Shanghai took a moderate attitude toward it. In addition to gradually cutting production of Styrofoam, the city required its producers and dealers to pay extra money, which is used to subsidize garbage collectors, reprocessing factory, relative management department and garbage transport. Now in Shanghai, a comprehensive network has been established to collect the white pollution, which is then delivered to a reprocessing factory in Kunshan, Jiangsu Province, and a waste utilization centre in Putuo District.

More than 70 per cent of used plastic tableware has been recovered in the city. Plastics experts previously believed Styrofoam tableware could not be recycled because it is susceptible to hard-to-clean grease stains. "But now the technical difficulties have already been tackled. Also, the water used to clean the boxes can be recyclable," said Tang.

The plastics from used containers can produce plastic granules, which are used as raw materials for hard plastic products like rulers, buttons and cups. Five years after the city issued the management guidelines on one-off tableware in 2000, its visual pollution to the city has been largely reduced. When Li's investigation team went to local communities, they rarely saw the discarded

one-off food containers. "The successful story demonstrated that recycling and reprocessing is a good and feasible strategy to eliminate white pollution," said Li. According to Tang, some Western countries had also once tried to ban the production of Styrofoam containers, but the idea turned out to be unrealistic. Enforced recycling proved to be a much better policy. "Enhancing the recycling, supplemented by improving degradable packaging, should be the future direction of dealing with one-off tableware pollution," said Tang.

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12. UK - People in St Edmundsbury are recycling & composting more than half of all their household waste, Defra reports

24 January

The local authority and residents there are collectively doing more than any others in the country, notching up recycling and composting rates comparable to those on the continent. The findings come as Defra publishes detailed recycling and composting rates for every local authority in the country during 2004/05.

They show that people in the East of England continue to lead the way, with residents in St Edmundsbury (50.6%), Forest Heath (48.6%) and South Cambridgeshire (46.8%) helping the region recycle and compost nearly 30% (29.8%) of its waste.

Broadland, Babergh and Chiltern have the highest rates of dry recycling (excluding composting) in the country. For example in Broadland, with the highest rate of dry recycling in the country, recycles 38.3% of household waste. While Solihull had the largest drop in waste generation, down from 502kg per person in 2003/04 to 370kg - a drop of over 132kg. The national average is 518 kg per person.

The lowest amount of recycling took place in the North East (16.4%) followed closely by London (17.7%) with residents in Newham (6.2%), Tower Hamlets (7.4%) and Liverpool (7.6%) recycling the least. The most improved authorities - Harborough, Cherwell and Vale Royal - experienced dramatic improvements, with percentage point increases of 31.1, 24.7 and 24.6 respectively.

As well as highlighting the performance of individual authorities, today's figures confirm that people in England recycled and composted nearly 23% (22.9%) of their waste.

This means that England is on course to reach its target to put a quarter of the contents of our bins to better use by 2005/06.

Local Environmental Quality Minister, Ben Bradshaw, said: "The rate of progress in the East of England in general is outstanding - and all the more impressive given that in England we have traditionally relied on landfill - something which has left us some way behind our European neighbours in the amounts we recycle. However, the local authority and residents of St Edmunds bury and Broadland are showing just what can be done, and is setting an example for the rest of the country to follow. Nevertheless, it is disappointing that some authorities are not making the kind of progress we all expect. People really want to recycle, but we must make it easy for them. Local authorities therefore have to work even harder to make that happen and help our budding recycling culture to continue to flourish."

The Government wants to ensure that each authority plays its part in improving England's national recycling rate. A recent consultation, which closed last week, on recycling targets for 2007/08 also sought views on the government's

strategy on engaging with poor performers. It suggested approaches such as regular ministerial accountability, action planning and implementing formal recovery programmes. Defra will start to analyse responses this week and will make a formal announcement once a decision is made.

Meanwhile, Defra is currently undertaking a review of Waste Strategy 2000, its national strategy for waste. As part of this review, Defra is looking at the levels and types of targets to find out which will be the most efficient in the long term at continuing the recent improvements we have seen in waste performance.

A consultation document on the waste strategy review will be published in the next few weeks.

The Government intends to publish an authoritative revised waste strategy for England in the autumn, setting out Government's vision and strategic direction on waste for the next 20 years, as well as the policies and actions to deliver the revised strategy.

More information on the strategy review, and the rates in full, is available at www.defra.gov.uk

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13. New Zealand - Plastics industry launches best practices programme report 24 January

Plastics New Zealand represents New Zealand manufacturers, raw material suppliers and recyclers of plastic products. The organisation established a programme to provide a simple and effective way of encouraging Companies within the New Zealand Plastics Industry to take a good look at the way they manage their businesses from an environmental perspective, focusing on cleaner production, extended producer responsibility, resource recovery, and design for the environment. The programme is based on improving three critical areas:

1. Environmental Management Systems

- Ensuring compliance with environmental legislation
- Assessing the environmental aspects and impacts of our businesses
- Putting in place continuous improvement processes and systems

2. Cleaner Production

- Identifying ways to use resources more efficiently and reduce costs
- Measuring resource use to ensure it is well managed
- Completing annual environmental benchmarking surveys at <http://www.beweb.co.nz/plasticssurvey>

3. Resource Stewardship

- Designing products that have less impact on the environment
- Designing safe products that avoid the use of hazardous substances
- Taking responsibility for the full life span of our products

Copies of the best practice programme report Good News for the Environment from the New Zealand Plastics Industry 2005 (0.8 MB) can be collected from: <http://www.plastics.org.nz/attachments/best-practice-prog-v2-e-final-draft.pdf>

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14. UK - Government says businesses should report on 24 January

their environmental impacts

Environment Minister, Elliot Morley, has urged businesses to report on their environmental impacts, especially as new Defra guidelines should make it easier to do so.

The message comes on the back of recent coverage on the removal of the Operating and Finance Review (OFR) which suggested that environmental reporting was no longer necessary. However, Mr Morley, said this was 'simply not the case': "All quoted and large private companies preparing the new Business Review will need to report significant environmental issues. The Business Review represents a significant advance in narrative reporting standards, including those for environmental reporting. But these reports required under the EU Accounts Modernisation Directive need not be a burden. To help companies make the most of these opportunities, we have produced a set of new easy-to-use guidelines. In addition, these can be used by all companies, not just those that are legally obliged to prepare a Business Review. Indeed, businesses measuring, managing and reporting their environmental performance can save on costs, enhance reputation and reduce risk."

The new generation of guidelines will help businesses address their most significant environmental impacts and report on these in a way that meets the needs of their shareholders and other stakeholders. They outline how environmental impacts can be measured through Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) - in many cases making use of standard business data that may already be collected - and how to report them easily.

Eighty per cent of UK businesses have just five or fewer significant Key Performance Indicators against which the Guidelines recommend they should report their performance. In fact, almost all of those who responded to the wide-spread consultation said the guidelines were simple to follow. Mr Morley added that this left many businesses with 'no excuse' to start reporting on their impact on the environment: "Currently, 140 of the top 250 companies report on their environmental performance: that's a good start, but many more of those that aren't have significant impacts on the environment. And then there are the companies outside the top 250. I want to see many more other companies actively managing and reporting their environmental performance too. Which is why the new Guidelines focus on performance indicators that are relevant to all types of businesses. They have been designed to help make reporting much sharper and more focused on key impacts - this is about cutting out the fluff."

Dti Minister, Malcolm Wicks said:

"Removing the OFR has reduced costs for business. But this does not mean companies shouldn't report their performance on employee and environmental issues. Indeed, companies are increasingly reporting these issues. This is a trend we are keen to encourage and the new Business Review will stimulate this further."

The new guidelines - Environmental Key Performance Indicators: Reporting Guidelines for UK Businesses - are published at:
<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/business/index.htm>

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15. Japan - Sekisui House achieves zero waste at new construction sites

25 January

Sekisui House, a leading Japanese home builder, achieved zero waste at its new home construction sites in July 2005. Japan for Sustainability reports that they did this by also serving as an officially designated cross-regional recycler of industrial waste. This designation was granted by the Ministry of the

Environment in September 2004, a first for the construction industry. The designation was granted as an exceptional measure under the Waste Management and Public Cleansing Law, under which companies like Sekisui can collect and recycle their end-of-life products on a nationwide basis without applying to individual prefectures for approval.

At each construction site, waste is sorted into 27 categories and carried to the company's recycling center by delivery trucks returning from the site. These resources are further broken down into about 60 categories at the recycling center.

Sekisui House already achieved zero waste at all of its six factories in May 2002. Utilizing their existing recycling routes, the company has since successfully established a new system for construction waste. Some items are entrusted to outside recyclers depending on the type of material; iron, aluminum and concrete are recycled for use as building materials, and resin is recycled into pellets. Sawdust and degraded resin are processed at the company's own facilities and recycled into roof battens and interior materials.

Such efforts by Sekisui House have also helped reduce waste generation at construction sites. The average amount of waste from a construction site was reduced from about 2,900 kilograms in 2000 to about 1,800 kilograms in July 2005. Costs reduced through zero waste reached 39 million yen (about U.S.\$350,000) in July 2005 alone. The company expects costs to be reduced by about 250 million yen (about US\$2.2 million) in the second half of its fiscal year ending in January 2006.

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16. Japan - Shoppers may be charged for bags in 2007 25 January
Councils under Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and the Environment Ministry have approved a report proposing that shoppers be charged for plastic or paper bags distributed at supermarkets and other stores, according to officials.

However, *The Japan Times* reports that the proposal, presented by the ministries to a joint panel of the councils Monday, will not be part of a bill to be submitted to the current ordinary Diet session in mid-March to amend the Containers and Packaging Recycling Law. Instead, it will be included in a guideline the Environment Ministry plans to outline based on the bill to reduce the use of packaging bags and containers.

The guideline would require retailers, including supermarkets, department stores and convenience stores, to set numerical targets to reduce the number of bags they distribute, the officials said, adding the ministries want retailers to start charging shoppers for bags in fiscal 2007.

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OUTSTANDING REPORT

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – JANUARY 2006		
ITEM	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
<i>Lease – Armadale Golf Course</i> That Council refer the matter of tenure and implementation of appropriate management controls for the Armadale Golf Club Clubhouse to the Community Services Directorate for consideration and report back to the Community Services Committee.	Recreation Services	Golf Course Lease has been finalised. Negotiations underway with Armadale Golf Club re: Management Agreement for the clubhouse facility. Matter to be finalised by February 2006.
<i>Kelmscott Soccer Club – Proposal to Use Pries Park (February 2004)</i> <i>(August 2004)</i> That a report to the October 2004 Community Services Committee meeting be prepared that identifies the issues associated with the Kelmscott Soccer Club's future, canvassing possible options for Council's consideration and recommending a strategy for the future use and development of both Frye Park, Pries Park and other relevant alternatives. (C120/8/04)	Recreation Services	Matter reported to the November 2004 Community Services Committee Meeting. Council resolved not to approve the Kelmscott Soccer Club's request to relocate to Pries Park at this time. Further consultation to occur with the Club and an additional report to be presented to Council as part of the 15 Year Financial Plan Workshops for 2006.
<i>Dog Free Reserves (April 2005)</i> That Recommendation C38/4/05 be not adopted and be recommitted to the Community Services Committee for further investigation on some of the implications of the amendment to this local law. (C38/4/05)	Ranger & Emergency Services	In further researching this matter it became apparent that there is a requirement for a complete review of the current application of Dog Free and Dog Exercise areas throughout the area. Progress on this issue is currently under way and following its completion will be included as part of the overall report to the February 2006 Community Services Committee Meeting.
<i>Indoor Aquatic Centre Feasibility Study (June 2005)</i> That a further report be presented to the September Community Services Committee Meeting on the outcome of the community response to Council's preferred option for provision of an indoor aquatic facility in the City. (C68/6/05)	Recreation Services	Subject to workload and available resources, matter to be reported to the March 2006 Community Services Committee Meeting.
<i>Pioneers' Reunion Venue and Criteria (August 2005)</i> That Council recommit the matter of the criterion of becoming a pioneer to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee pending broader discussion between Elected Members and officers in relation to the purpose of the function and qualification. (C79/8/05)	Community Development	Subject to workload and available resources, the matter to be reported to the March 2006 Community Services Committee.
<i>Armadale Arena – Management Agreement and Financial Update (January 2006)</i> That a further report on the financial operation of Armadale Arena be presented to the March 2006 Community Services Committee. (C6/1/06)	Recreation Services	Subject to workload and available resources, the matter to be reported to the March 2006 Community Services Committee.

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LIBRARY & HERITAGE SERVICES GENERAL MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY 2006

1. LIBRARY SERVICES

1.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

The Library Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of January 2006 is attached. (Refer to Attachment "CA-1".)

1.2 Library Extension Activities

1.2.1 Tales of Narnia storytime report

(Report prepared by Sheena Bell, Librarian Kelmscott Library)

Report – Tales of Narnia

Presenter	Glenn Swift
Date	16 th January, 2006.
Time	1.30pm-2.30pm
Venue	Kelmscott Library
No. Attending	60 children and 15 adults

Storyteller Glenn Swift brought the tales of Narnia alive at Kelmscott Library on Monday 16th January to a captive and eager audience of 60 children and 15 adults. Glenn wowed the audience with his traditional storytelling, infectious sense of humour and vast array of props. He encouraged the children to participate in the session, inviting them to perform as characters from the story, to repeat out aloud passages from the novel and to engage in battle for the finale.

Some children had even come in fancy dress, and all the children threw themselves into the fantasy created by balloon swords, bubbles and silly string. Both children and adults thoroughly enjoyed Glenn's performance and the interactive nature of the session. After the storytelling homemade Turkish Delight was given to those wanting to sample this sweet treat. The children were given the recipe and craft activities to enable them to recreate their own treat at home. Remaining Turkish Delight was provided to many delighted adult members of the public and recipe sheets have been in demand.

Prior to the event the library had become a World of Narnia with wintry trees, snowflakes, icicles, a larger than life wardrobe and posters of the

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movies characters. Books and talking books in the Chronicles of Narnia series and booklists directing readers to other stories in the same genre were displayed. Children were encouraged to read the book before seeing the movie. The promoters of the movie “the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” had generously provided posters, prizes and props and these were used to highlight the books and other material in the library and set the scene for Glenn’s performance. The publicist was so impressed with the results of their involvement with public libraries that they are looking forward to future collaborations.

Reporters from both local papers attended and the event made front page of the week’s Armadale Examiner.



1.2.2 School Holiday Activity Report

(Report prepared by Shirley Reilly, Librarian Westfield Library)

School Holiday Activities

January 2006

Theme: Australiana

Dates: 6th January, 11th January, 19th January 2006

Venues: Armadale, Kelmscott and Westfield Public Libraries.

Number Attending: ARM :14 kids, KMS : 15 , WST : 31

Total number of children: 60

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Parents and kids braved the sweltering heat to make Aussie animals at Armadale Library. Although the conditions were hot enough for a desert, the kids made some really cool critters. Using shortened lengths of recycled poster tubes for bodies, the kids either drew their own animal faces and appendages, or used the templates provided to create crocodiles, koalas, bats, cockatoos and even a dingo. Fake fur, fabric, wool and coloured paper added colour and texture to the animals. Books on Australian animals were within easy reach to inspire the kids in their creations. There was even a poster tube “Steve Irwin” companion or two to keep an eye on things.

Aussie animal colour-ins were provided for the preschoolers so they could join in the fun as well. Rita Lennon (ARM).

Kelmscott Library hosted an indoor picnic with hungry children encouraged to make their own vegemite sandwiches and fairy bread, decorate milk arrowroot biscuits with icing and lollies and pikelets and enjoy bananas rolled in coconut and lamingtons. Whilst the children were devouring their feast they were entertained by Josie Boyle, an aboriginal storyteller. Josie began her session telling a story using some beautiful red coloured sand to draw in. Then she told traditional fairy tales in Nyoongar, sang Australian songs and played games with the children attending. She ended her session with a mimed story. Both children and parents alike thoroughly enjoyed her performance. The activity was filmed by the Film and Television Institute (WA) Inc as part of a documentary series to be shown on the ABC early this year. What a great way to showcase the libraries services! Recipes and word games were handed out for children to take home and enjoy.

Westfield Library had a great response to articles placed in the local papers promoting the Armadale and Kelmscott sessions. 31 children attended and created Australiana seed mosaic and dot paintings using pictures of Australian animals as templates. They were then decorated using rice, lentils, pasta, beans and paint to great effect. The children pasted their pictures onto black cardboard. The children enjoyed painting and using the seeds for a different effect. Shirley Reilly (WST).

Books and other library materials related to the theme and the activities were displayed and used during the sessions, with some being borrowed afterwards to use during the rest of the holidays. Positive comments regarding the activities were received from the children and their parents.

2. HERITAGE SERVICES

2.1 Heritage Statistical Performance Indicators

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History Museum	House	Current Month	Year to date	
			Jan 05	Jul 05- Jan 06
Visitors				
Volunteer Hours				
Birtwistle Local Studies Library				
		Jan 06	Jan 05	Jul 05- Jan 06
Reference Enquiries		7	-	45
Research Enquiries		3	-	29
Photograph Requests		Nil	-	3
Visitor Attendance		20	-	330
Volunteer Hours		73	-	292
Oral History Program				
Letters sent		1	4	20
Interviews Completed		2	2	22
Transcripts Completed		1	nil	7
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing		16	-	91
Volunteer Hours – Interviewing		7.5	-	148

Month: January

Year: 2006

2.2 Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

(Report prepared by Lorraine Pearce, Historian/Local Studies Librarian)

Visits from Library Staff.

During January staff from the City of Armadale public libraries visited Birtwistle Local Studies Library and History House Museum. It was an opportunity for the local studies librarian and museum curator to explain their roles and present their collections enabling library staff to have a greater understanding of the Heritage Service and what it had to offer.

The staff expressed special appreciation at the offer of the loan of materials and objects from the Birtwistle Local Studies Library and History House Museum for library displays. The response to the visit was extremely positive with the expectation that library and heritage staff will work more closely together in the future.

Preservation Survey

The preservation survey at Birtwistle Local Studies Library is in progress. Conservator Paul Malone who is conducting the survey spent a morning at

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the library assessing the collection. It is now his task to write a report on his findings which will include recommendations for the present and future preservation of the collection and a disaster recovery plan.

2.3 History House Museum

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator)

During January staff from City of Armadale Public Libraries visited History House Museum. The role of the museum was explained to the library staff and opportunities of ways to work together were discussed. From these visits a display of items from the museum has been placed in Kelmscott Library to help promote a talk on organic gardening. The museum is also working with the Armadale Library to organize story telling in the Indigenous Gallery of the museum.

The museum with the assistance of Birtwistle Local Studies Library has started promoting the group Timetrackers who will be performing at History House Museum on the 30th of March. The group sings songs relating to WA.

Australia Day was another busy day for the museum. 119 people visited the museum and many positive comments were left in the comment book. Several volunteers again gave their time to help open the museum for the day.

3. VISITOR SERVICING

On Monday 16 January Yvonne Bradfield commenced in the position of Armadale Visitor Centre Coordinator and the Visitor Centre (VC) officially came under Council's control. The immediate priority has been to make appropriate operational changes at the VC including signing of City of Armadale documentation by the 30 VC Volunteers.

The physical layout of the VC will change, with some minor changes already in place, to give a stronger focus to the visitor servicing aspect of the Centre. The tourism brochures will be relocated into the main area of the VC, and an office environment will be created in the signal box area, together with space for those businesses that have membership of the VC to show case their business.

Current Visitor Centre Members are all being visited, so that they can become acquainted with the new Coordinator. A new Membership Prospectus invitation to all Businesses, Tour Operators, Accommodation Houses etc in the City of Armadale is being developed. This needs to be in place prior to the new financial year.

Additionally, the installation of the Book Easy online booking system is progressing.

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MANAGER RANGER & EMERGENCY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2006

1. Animal Control

1.1 Dogs General

Ranger Services has received two hundred and seventy three (273) requests for assistance during this report period. The primary focus of Ranger Services is managing the response to the community for requests for service. This has increased over the last twelve (12) months as can be demonstrated by the overall number of requests for assistance as compared to the corresponding period of 2005.

The increase is partially due to population growth, partially to higher expectations of service and indeed Council's own internal efforts to deliver more.

1.2 Livestock

During this report period, Ranger Services attended to three (3) requests for assistance in dealing with stock wandering on the road.

2. Court Action

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

NAME	OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALTY \$	COSTS \$	TOTAL \$
Kelly Meleisea	Dog Attack on another person	Guilty	900	100.70	1000.70
Michael Niendeher-Hall	Dog Attack on another person	Guilty	700	100.70	800.70
Linda Walker	Dog Attack on another animal	Guilty	1000	269.70	1269.70

3. Vehicles

3.1 Parking

Ranger Services attended to thirteen (13) general enquires relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period.

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3.2 Commercial Vehicles (Trucks)

The number of reports received in relation to trucks being parked in residential areas for extended periods is the same as the previous month, notwithstanding Rangers will continue to be vigilant in this area of operations.

3.3 Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

Ranger Services attended to eleven (11) reports of vehicles (motorcycles) being driven in prohibited areas, during the report period.

3.4 Abandoned Vehicles

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

4. Fire Services

4.1 General Enquires

Rangers have maintained a high profile in relation to hazardous blocks and continued offering advice to land owners with regard to fuel reduction and ongoing maintenance of firebreaks.

Ranger Services received thirty (30) requests for assistance during the report period. This figure is significantly higher than the corresponding period in 2005 and is attributed to the increase public awareness, and the community education programmes being undertaken by Local Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades.

4.2 Emergency Services Levy (ESL)

The Manager Ranger & Emergency Services is currently in the process of compiling the documents required to participate in and comply with the Emergency Services Levy Grants Scheme 2006/07.

Determining the service and financial needs of the various activities that are to be funded is a key aspect of the grants application process, which considered a range of factors, including past expenditures on these services, their current resource levels and resource standards in consideration with their risk profiles.

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The grants budget and payment processes are designed to reflect the historical linkages between the Local Government, the brigades/units themselves and FESA and, wherever possible, seek to support and complement those arrangements in the most effective manner possible.

The funding arrangements do not alter the existing statutory responsibilities of Local Government to fund and manage a range of fire-related safety and control activities under the *Bush Fires Act 1954* and the *Local Government Act 1995*. These responsibilities will continue, notwithstanding the proposal to finance the agreed costs of operating Bush Fire Brigades (BFBs) through ESL collections.

On this basis, there will be no change to the existing management arrangements for these services or to the ownership of assets for BFBs, State Emergency Service (SES) Units and FESA Units. Hence, Local Governments will continue to administer and manage BFBs. SES Units and FESA Units will continue to be managed under the various arrangements that currently exist. FESA will also continue to manage its own services in accordance with current practices.

5. January 2006 Statistics

<i>DOGS</i>	January 2006	January 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Wandering	57	26	336	298
Dogs for Pick Up	36	24	216	188
Barking	18	12	169	162
Attacks	16	8	127	99
Lost & Found	133	80	522	366
General Information	13	17	70	66
Total	273	167	1440	1179
Office Phone Enquiries	104	77	985	813

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<i>PARKING / VEHICLES</i>	January 2006	January 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
General Parking	13	9	80	93
Trucks	2	2	16	31
School Parking	2	2	14	24
Taxi Parking	0	1	0	14
Abandoned Vehicles	15	19	106	68
Off Road Vehicles	11	6	91	46
Total	43	39	307	276
Office Phone Enquiries	12	12	78	96

<i>LIVESTOCK</i>	January 2006	January 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Lost & Found	2	3	6	15
General	3	9	56	62
Total	3	12	62	77
Office Phone Enquiries	1	8	29	46

<i>LITTER</i>	January 2006	January 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
General Information	0	0	0	2
Private Property	3	0	7	9
Roadside / Reserve	6	4	27	26
Verge	3	3	16	17
Total	12	7	50	54
Office Phone Enquiries	1	0	7	11

<i>FIRE</i>	January 2006	January 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Burning Off / General Information	9	7	26	22
Firebreak / Hazard	21	6	125	93
Total	30	13	151	115
Office Phone Enquiries	14	34	290	366

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GENERAL	January 2006	January 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
General Information	7	9	36	40
Total	7	9	36	40
Office Phone Enquiries - Cats	13		99	
Office Phone Enquiries - General	11	16	77	173

TOTAL	January 2006	January 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Total Reports / Complaints	368	247	2046	1741
Total Office Phone Enquiries	156	147	1565	1505

WARNINGS	January 2006	January 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Dogs	23	26	121	130
Parking	10	18	92	85
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	2	0
Litter	3	0	10	3
Fire & Fire Orders	1	5	54	120
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	37	49	279	338

INFRINGEMENTS	January 2006	January 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Dogs	32	16	239	201
Parking	20	75	172	242
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	3	0
Litter	3	1	8	15
Fire	7	11	47	48
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	62	103	469	506
NUMBER WITHDRAWN	16	7	62	35
Number Paid	33	N/A	313	N/A

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<i>IMPOUNDED DOGS</i>	January 2006	January 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Claimed	33	22	215	215
Sold	3	3	28	25
Destroyed	10	14	107	84
Vet / Rescue	10	13	44	66
Stolen	0	0	0	0
Total	56	52	394	390

<i>IMPOUNDED VEHICLES</i>	January 2006	January 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Vehicles	6	6	36	25
Motor Cycles	1	0	1	4
Total	7	6	37	29

<i>IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK</i>	January 2006	January 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Sheep	0	0	2	4
Horses	0	1	0	0
Cows	3	0	3	0
Goats	0	2	4	1
Pigs	0	1	0	0
Deer	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	3	4	9	5

<i>COURT PROSECUTIONS</i>	January 2006	January 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Dog	3	1	22	21
Fire	0	0	0	0
Parking	0	0	0	0
Litter	0	0	0	0
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	0
Total	3	1	22	21
No. of Guilty Verdicts	3	1	22	19

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<i>FINES ENFORCEMENT</i>	January 2006	January 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Infringements sent to FER	0	23	95	153

<i>DOG REGISTRATIONS</i>	January 2006	January 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
New Dog Registrations	82	N/A	514	N/A
Renewed Dog Registrations	59	N/A	1897	N/A
Total	141	0	2411	0

<i>PHONES CALLS</i>	January 2006	January 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Office – Rangers calling Office	16	26	140	224
Office – Messages for Staff	37	52	346	365
Office – Referred to Other	10	17	121	105
Calls to Rangers' Private Residences via Diverter	3	13	94	170
TOTAL	66	108	701	864

MINUTES FROM OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Committee Meeting of 28 November 2005. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-2”).**

Disability Advisory Committee Meeting of 4 October 2005. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-3”).**

Disability Advisory Committee Meeting of 6 December 2005. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-4”).**

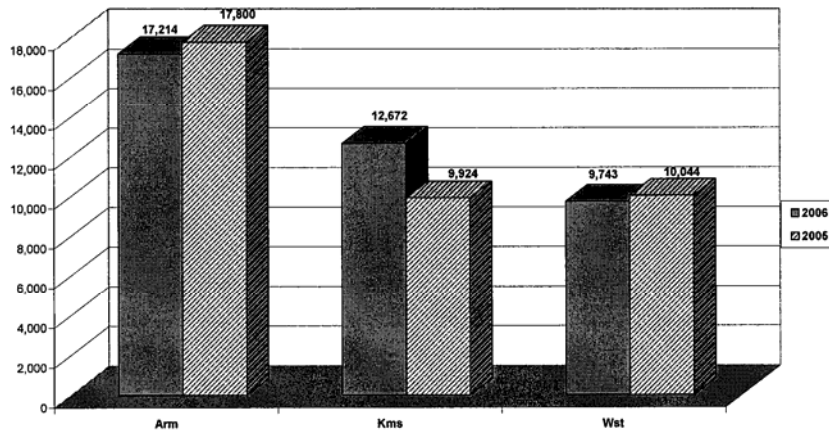
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Seniors’ Interests Advisory Committee Meeting of 17 November 2005. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-6”).**

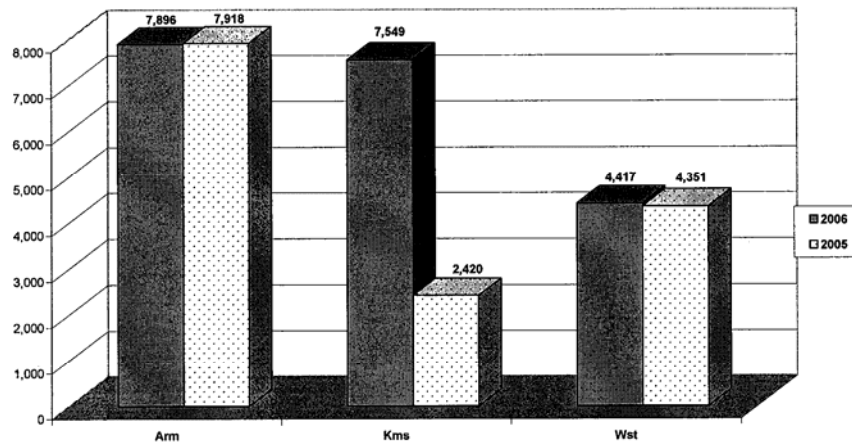
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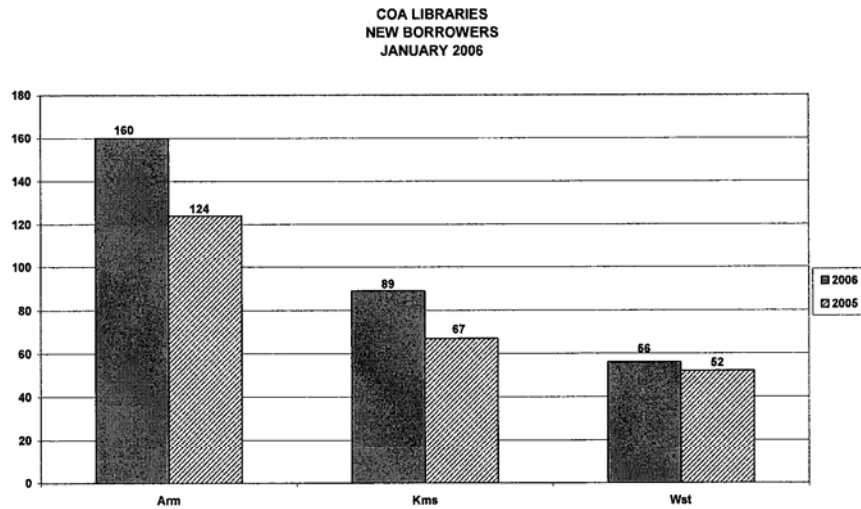
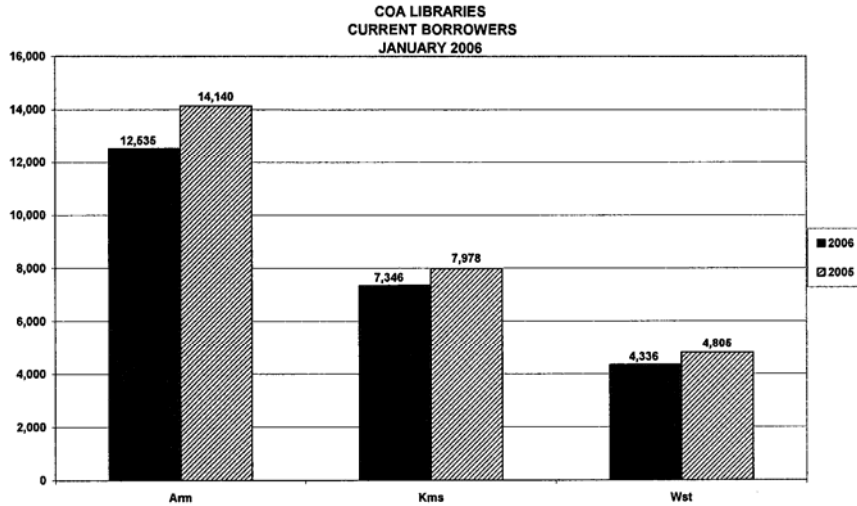
Youth Advisory Committee Meeting of 23 January 2006. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-8”).**

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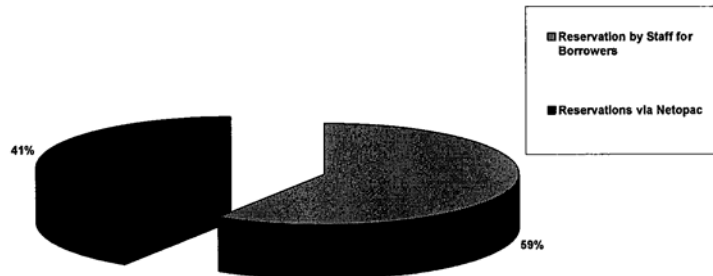


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COA LIBRARIES
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CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE **ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
HELD IN THE **COMMITTEE ROOM**, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD
AVENUE, ARMADALE ON **WEDNESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2005 AT 1.07 PM**

PRESENT:

Mr B Loo	(Acting Chairman)
Cr J Knezevich	Councillor – City of Armadale
Mr A Garlett	Community Representative
Mrs M Hill	Community Representative
	[1.15 pm to 2.45 pm]
Mr G Hansen	Community Representative
Ms C Pickett	Community Representative
Ms L Murray	Community Representative
	[1.15 pm to 2.10 pm]

APOLOGIES:

Nil

OBSERVERS:

Nil

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr C Askew	Executive Director – Community Services
	City of Armadale
Mrs Y Coyne	Manager Community Development
	City of Armadale
Mr R Barlow	Dept. of Housing & Works
Mr J Walley	Armadale Health Service
Mrs Y Ward	Minute Secretary – City of Armadale
Public: Nil	

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

QUESTION TIME

Nil

DEPUTATION

Nil

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**ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

28 November 2005

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1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN – PRO TEM

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Executive Director Community Services called for nominations for the position of Chairman pro tem. Ms Carleen Pickett nominated Mr Bruce Loo. There being no further nominations, Mr Bruce Loo advised he would accept the nomination and take the position of Chair pro tem.

Mrs M Hill & Ms Lesley Murray arrived at 1.15 pm.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 2 NOVEMBER 2005

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee Meeting held on 5 October 2005, subject to the following corrections, are confirmed.

1. Cr J Knezevich to be recorded as an apology.
2. Ms Carleen Pickett requested that the comments attributed to her on page 5, sixth paragraph be amended to read:
“Carleen Pickett suggested that the Reconciliation Budget be reviewed to accommodate Aboriginal/non Aboriginal events/projects.”

Moved: Ms Carleen Pickett

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

3.1 Committee Purpose & Objectives

The ATSIAC Terms of Reference currently has the following for the Committee Purpose and Objectives:

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 *To advise and make recommendations to Council, (via the Community Services Committee), on a range of issues which affect the quality of life of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the City of Armadale.*

2.0 OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 *Assist with advice and support for the provision of services, activities and facilities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons residing in the City of Armadale.*
- 2.2 *To assist Council officers to research the needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the City of Armadale.*

- 2.3 *Through research and consultation, to identify opportunities to develop services and facilities relevant to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This will include consideration of the support needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community based organisations and adequate resourcing and identification of funding options.*
- 2.4 *To promote a positive image of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the City of Armadale.*
- 2.5 *To assist in promoting those organisations which provide services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within the City.*

Committee members were asked to consider the above so as to be able to discuss and gain a clear understanding of the role of the ATSIAC.

Committee was of the view that further time was needed to consider the Committee purpose and objectives and to this ended resolved to recommit the matter to the next meeting of the ATSIAC.

RECOMMEND

Defer a decision relating to the current Purpose and Objectives of the ATSIAC that clearly indicates the role of the Committee to the next meeting of ATSIAC in February 2006 to allow members further time to consider the matter.

3.2 Committee Membership

Council’s intention in creating the ATSIAC was to have a representative group of the Armadale Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to consult with and provide advice on matters that affect them.

The current membership according to the Terms of Reference is:

3.0 MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 *In accordance with Section 5.10 (1) (a) of the Act, all members of the Committee shall be appointed by Council.*
- 3.2 *The Committee shall comprise the following membership:*
 - *1 x City of Armadale Councillor;*
 - *8 x community representatives who are people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.*
 - *1x representative of Armadale Health Services*
 - *1x representative of Department for Community Development*
 - *1x representative of Department for Housing and Works*

Committee members were asked to consider if the current membership allows for fair and equal representation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in Armadale.

Committee discussions related to whether there should be a change to the membership of the ATSIAC with the addition of two extra members, to include a member of the Torres Strait Islander community and a youth representative. Whether the membership of the ATSIAC be confined to those persons either working or residing in the City of Armadale. Committee members were asked to further consider the matters raised in discussion and come back to the ATSIAC in February 2006 with a decision.

RECOMMEND

Defer a decision relating to the current Membership of the ATSIAC to the next meeting in February 2006 to allow members further time to consider the matter.

3.3 Reconciliation Budget

Council provides an amount for Reconciliation in its budget each year and it has been the practice for the ATSIAC to advise its best use. At the last ATSIAC meeting, Committee resolved the following:

“That the Reconciliation Budget be reviewed so that it is not just for the black and white community but also for the black and black community.”

Moved: Ms Carleen Pickett

Seconded: Ms Lesley Murray

CARRIED

Also at the last meeting, Committee considered the following as part of Draft Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Plan.

2005/2006 RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS

PROJECT	ALLOCATION
NAIDOC	\$5,000
Minnawarra Festival Aboriginal Involvement	\$2,000
Support towards local Aboriginal events or projects	\$3,000
Atsiac refreshments	\$300
Training/workshops	\$200
Miscellaneous	\$300
TOTAL	\$11,000

Committee was requested to consider the above so as to discuss and suggest some criteria that can be applied to requests that are received for funds from the general community.

Committee raised a number of issues in relation to the guidelines needed to guide the ATSIAC budget. These being:

- *how the money would be paid i.e. cheque or cash;*
- *who the money would be paid to;*
- *whether the money should be paid to an incorporated body or non-incorporated body;*
- *whether donations should be made to Armadale Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander residents only.*
- *whether a certain amount per month should be allocated so that it is spread out over the year or paid on an application basis.*

Committee was requested to consider the matter and come back to the next meeting of the ATSIAC in February 2006 with as many definitions as possible.

Ms Lesley Murray left the meeting at 2.10 pm.

RECOMMEND

Defer a decision relating to the formulation of guidelines for the ATSIAC budget to the next meeting in February 2006 to allow members further time to consider the matter.

3.4 *Advisory Committee Recognition Event*

Council is planning a celebration and recognition event for Members of its Advisory Committees. All members will be invited for refreshments and to share what have been their achievements and successes in the past year. The date and time will be advised at the meeting.

Committee was asked to reflect on the past year and list what they consider to be the achievements / successes and highlights of the past year. It is intended that either the Chairperson or a representative from each Committee will present the information.

Committee was advised that a Sundowner will be held on Tuesday, 20 December 2005 at 5.00 pm to which all Advisory Committee Members will be invited. Council is providing the Sundowner as a thankyou to Advisory Committees for what they have achieved over the past 12 months and to enable members to meet one another and learn of the achievements of each Committee.

Committee was asked to nominate someone to speak at the Sundowner on behalf of ATSIAC, to identify the notable achievements of the Committee during the past year.

RECOMMEND

That either the Chairman or Vice Chairman be nominated to speak on the achievements/successes and highlights of the ATSIAC at the Council held Sundowner on Tuesday, 20 December 2005. In the event that either the Chairman or Vice Chairman are unable to attend, Mr Bruce Loo was nominated to attend in their stead.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 Conduct of Meetings

Ms Carleen Pickett enquired as whether there was a process in place for handling concerns that ATSIAC members may have with one another and for bringing them to the table.

The Manager Community Development advised that at the present time an Information Pack was being put together and which will be circulated to all members which would provide documents relating to Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and that an induction process would be gone through for each member.

4. NEXT MEETING

To be held on Wednesday, 7 February 2006 at 1.00 pm in the Committee Room.

MEETING CLOSED AT 2.45 PM

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE **DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** HELD IN THE **COMMITTEE ROOM**,
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON **TUESDAY, 4**
OCTOBER 2005 AT 10.00 AM

PRESENT: Mrs P Hart City of Armadale Councillor - Chairperson

Mr B Bothma Southern Districts Support Association

Mrs A Banks	Community Representative
Mr R Fisher	Community Representative
Mr L Hogg	Disability Services Commission
Mr T Cutajar	Community Representative
Mr J Glassford	City of Armadale Property Services Manager

APOLOGIES: Mr I Townson City of Armadale Building Services Manager

OBSERVERS: Nil

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms K Wood City of Armadale Community Services Trainee
Mr J Ifould City of Armadale Community Development
Officer (Seniors & Disabilities) – CD Officer
Ms Anita Woodmass Armadale Redevelopment Authority

Public: Nil

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Mr Fisher declared an impartiality interest for item 2.1

DEPUTATION

Nil

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DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4 OCTOBER 2005

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1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 24 JUNE 2005

1.1 Ordinary Meeting 2 August 2005

RESOLVED

The minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting held on 2 August 2005, are confirmed.

Moved: Mr Cutajar
Seconded: Mr Fisher

CARRIED (7/0)

1.2 Special Meeting 9 August 2005

The minutes of the Special Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting held on 9 August 2005 were reported to be incomplete and that the item would need to be carried forward.

Moved: Cr Hart
Seconded: Mr Bothma

CARRIED (7/0)

2. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

2.1 Armadale Train Station

Mr Fisher declared an impartiality interest due to his involvement with the Blind Citizens' Association of WA. Mr Fisher stayed in the room.

Mr Fisher moved that:

'Due to limited response received by himself on the Committee's behalf from the Public Transport Authority (PTA) in regards to the progress of works at the Armadale Train Station involving the installation of tactile paving and directional finders, the City pursue the matter at a higher level'

Cr Hart moved that this motion be supported in full with the amendment as follows:

‘Due to limited response received by himself on the Committee’s behalf from the Public Transport Authority (PTA) in regards to the progress of works at the Armadale Train Station involving the installation of tactile paving and directional finders, the City pursue the matter through the Community Services Committee and Council’

Mr Fisher supported this amendment to his original motion.

Moved: Mr Fisher
Seconded: Mr Glassford

CARRIED (7/0)

2.2 City Centre Access Issues

The CD Officer reported that the decision that needed to be made was related to the course of action needed to be taken by the City and/or the DAC in relation to the issues highlighted on the walk through of the City Centre on the 19th of August. The CD Officer informed Members that from a Strategic standpoint the matter fell under the City’s Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) 2005-2009 and that he had been informed that a report from the DAC/Community Services Department was required by the Design, Traffic & Development Division of the Technical Services Department before further action could be taken.

The CD Officer stated that the intent of inviting all the key stakeholders along was to avoid having to do this due to lack of professional knowledge and experience in this area. The CD Officer advised that as a result he had taken limited notes and would need to make arrangements with the relevant persons to acquire these details.

Based on the CD Officer’s report to the Committee Mr Cutajar moved that:

“The CD Officer makes the necessary arrangements and steps to progress the issues as highlighted during the City Centre walk through and as discussed previously at Committee level”

Moved: Mr Cutajar
Seconded: Mr Glassford

CARRIED (7/0)

2.3 Transport for Students Update

Mr Hogg moved that:

“The issue of transport for students be explored in relation to the City’s DAIP, and reported back to the Committee, whilst further investigation is undertaken by himself through relevant contacts”

Mr Hogg reported that some progress was being made in relation to the Education Department covering the shortfall of funds available to students with disabilities created through limitations of HACC transport programs. Mr Hogg informed Members that students could acquire transport through the Taxi User Subsidy Scheme but that this was not generally available to address school transport and that the only other avenue was to go directly to the Minister to seek support.

Mrs Banks tabled a media release with details about a similar service in Joondalup that could be used during investigations.

Moved: Mr Hogg
Seconded: Mrs Banks

CARRIED (7/0)

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3.1 Announcements by the Chair

The Chairperson moved that:

- (a) *‘The Committee to meet on a monthly basis, excluding January, for a trial period of 12 months and re-evaluate this change at that time’*
- AND
- (b) *‘The Committee to meet at 9am instead of 10am’*

The Chairperson proposed that the main purpose for the change to a monthly basis is to better monitor strategies within the City’s Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2005-2009, attend to and make recommendations on matters affecting the City in a timelier manner, and enable more efficient meetings of the Committee. The Chairperson added that the change in time would be a more practical one being that it is not such an in-between time for Officers and organisational representatives.

The CD Officer added that the proposed change did not affect the Terms of Reference of the Committee to the degree that a formal recommendation to Council was required.

All Committee Members agreed that the proposed changes would not negatively affect their participation.

Moved: Cr Hart
Seconded: Mr Fisher

CARRIED (7/0)

3.2 COA Community Development Officer Report

3.2.1 Media Watch

The CD Officer tabled three local newspaper articles for Members' interests.

3.2.2 Armadale Community Safety Plan Update

The CD Officer reported that the Plan was endorsed by Council on the 5th of September after due consideration of all comments received from advisory committees, including the DAC. The CD Officer notified Members that it would be available on the City's website soon with the launch of the plan on the 27th of October.

3.2.3 Metro South Commonwealth Carer Respite Centre – Older Carers Program

For Members' information the CD Officer revealed that the Australian Red Cross has undergone a restructure whereby the support for this program has been cut to one home visit only. The CD Officer added that there is only one Commonwealth Carelink Centre in the Southern area now with Metro South West lost. The CD Officer informed members that they are looking into making their brochures available via email.

3.2.4 Disability Service Commission – disAbility Update Newsletter

The CD Officer advised that he would get the IT Department at the City to convert the next Newsletter to PDF and forward to members and relevant contacts.

3.2.5 *Wayfinding Australia Pty Ltd – Symposium*

The CD Officer reported that there was no further update on this item.

3.2.6 *Caring into the Future Book*

The CD Officer informed members that there were three copies now available, one in each of the City’s Libraries.

3.2.7 *Rates Notices*

The CD Officer notified members that these had gone out on the 26th of August and included an information booklet. The CD Officer explained that although there was no specific reference to keeping pathways clear in consideration for people with disabilities the first paragraph, in the Rubbish Collection section on page 21 of the booklet, was very clear and included a picture and diagrams showing the correct placement of bins and rubbish away from the footpath. The CD Officer also pointed out that the Rates Notices themselves had strategically placed bin placement information that would be ‘hard to miss’ as well.

3.2.8 *DAC Promotional Brochure*

No update.

3.2.9 *Correspondence Received*

The CD Officer tabled the following for Members’ interests:

- Heritage Individual and Family Support Association – Notice of AGM
- As We Are Art Exhibition – Flier
- COA Disability Service Plan – Public Comment Response
- Independent Living Centre – Equipment for Living Grant Notice
- International Day of People with DisAbility – Letter and Poster
- Accessible Communities Award – Letter and Brochure
- Kalparrin Cares – September Newsletter

3.3 *Disability Services Commission – Local Area Coordination (LAC) Update*

Nothing further to report.

3.4 *Southern District Support Association (SDSA) Update*

Mr Bothma reported that the SDSA had acquired some new computers for their day centre and was currently looking at issues surrounding lack of volunteers.

3.5 Community Representative Update

3.5.1 Main Roads WA Pedestrian Advisory Group Update

Mr Fisher advised that the next meeting of this group was scheduled for the 18th of October.

3.5.2 Roadwise Committee Update

Nothing to report.

3.5.3 Member Updates

Nothing to report.

3.6 COA Development & Technical Services Updates

Nothing to report.

3.7 ARA Update

Ms Woodmass informed Members that there was a delay in getting the Smartcard facilities at the Armadale Train Station but that next stage of the development was about to get under way. Ms Woodmass indicated that stage two would ensure direct access to the platform with the bus stops a lot closer to help meet connections. Ms Woodmass reported that they were still negotiating with the Public Transport Authority about the location of car parks. Ms Woodmass also mentioned that as part of this development there would be some work on a reserve area and would include apartment style housing. Ms Woodmass indicated that the later stages of this development some government buildings would be built but that these were at least two years away from starting.

Ms Woodmass informed Members that after the special meeting on the 9th of August the ARA had drafted a letter to the City regarding the Jull Street Access Issues raised. The feedback received from the City advised that in all instances vehicle access had right of way. Ms Woodmass added that the Access way between Cash Converters and the Commonwealth Bank on Jull Street would be closed by ING when Whitehead Lane was completed and opened to traffic.

4 NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of DAC will be held on Tuesday, 6th December at 10am

MEETING CLOSED AT 11.20AM

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE **DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** HELD IN THE **COMMITTEE ROOM**,
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON **TUESDAY, 6**
DECEMBER 2005 AT 9.00 AM

PRESENT:

Mrs P Hart	City of Armadale Councillor - Chairperson
Mr B Bothma	Southern Districts Support Association
Mrs A Banks	Community Representative
Mr R Fisher	Community Representative
Mr L Hogg	Disability Services Commission
Mr T Cutajar	Community Representative
Mr J Glassford	City of Armadale Property Services Manager
Mr I Townson	City of Armadale Building Services Manager

APOLOGIES:

OBSERVERS: Nil

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr J Ifould City of Armadale Community Development
Officer (Seniors & Disabilities) – CD Officer
Ms A Woodmass Armadale Redevelopment Authority
Public: Nil

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

DEPUTATION

Nil

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DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 4 OCTOBER 2005

1.1 Ordinary Meeting 4 October 2005

RESOLVED

The minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting held on 4 October 2005, are confirmed.

Moved: Mrs Banks

Seconded: Mr Fisher

CARRIED (7/0)

2. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

2.1 Disability Access & Inclusion Plan (DAIP) 2004-2008.

Cr Hart moved that:

‘The Committee support the proposal that prioritizing the Disability Access & Inclusion Plan initiatives, within the Action part of the plan, for the City for the next 12 months, is a worthwhile task’

Moved: Cr Hart

Seconded: Mr Fisher

CARRIED (7/0)

Mrs Banks moved that:

‘The proposed item is deferred to the Committee’s meeting in February 2006’.

Mr Hogg moved that this motion be supported in full with an addition as follows:

‘The proposed item is deferred to the Committee’s meeting in February 2006 but that the Committee conduct a brief review of the content of the

DAIP at this meeting to be better placed to discuss the item at the meeting in February 2006’.

Mrs Banks supported this addition to her original motion.

Moved: Mr Hogg

Seconded: Mrs Banks

CARRIED (7/0)

The COA Officer informed Members that the City’s Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) 2004-2008 was completed and endorsed by Council towards the end of 2004. Since this time there have been a number of issues relevant to the plan that have been followed up and actioned by the City, albeit in a reactive manner.

The COA Officer proposed that the DAC play more of a proactive role in monitoring the DAIP in terms of providing advice about pertinent matters and opportunities affecting its implementation as well as making recommendations to Council about the timing of initiatives already covered within the Action part of the plan.

The COA Officer alerted Members to the fact that the City’s Seniors’ Interests Advisory Committee (SIAC) had undertaken the same approach to prioritizing strategies within the City’s Seniors Plan 2005-2010, through addressing each individual social policy area in its Action Plan in sequential order.

The COA Officer recommended that should the Committee agree to the proposal of prioritizing strategies within the City’s DAIP for the next 12 months that this approach be used and thereby involve addressing individual ‘Outcomes’ in sequential order.

The COA Officer indicated that the decision(s) related to the DAIP item were as follows:

- a) Whether to prioritize the DAIP strategies and initiatives for the City for the next 12 months.

AND, dependent on (a):

- b) To prioritize the DAIP strategies and initiatives for the City for the next 12 months at the meeting.

OR

- c) To prioritize the DAIP strategies and initiatives for the City for the next 12 months at a separate meeting.

Mr Cutajar entered the meeting at 10.10am

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3.8 Announcements by the Chair

The Chairperson tabled a brochure produced by the Friends of Ellis Brook Valley Inc., detailing projects in partnership with the City of Gosnells to improve accessibility for people with disabilities to the bushland reserve.

The Chairperson suggested that further details regarding the projects/facilities be sought through the group and/or the City of Gosnells.

3.9 COA Community Development Officer Report

3.9.1 Report on items from previous meeting

The COA Officer informed Members of the following:

- Item 1.2 Special Meeting 9 August 2005 – Not considered a formal meeting of the Committee and as such Minutes/notes not required to be confirmed.
- Item 2.1 Armadale Train Station – Chairperson followed up at Tech Services Mtg 24th Oct. Matter in general referred to Development Services. Issues noted in re-walk thru.
- Item 2.2 City Centre Access Issues – Matter sits with Development Services Committee at their meeting on 13th December. CDO contributed to a report for that committee and will be participating in a Meeting with ARA and Westzone developers on the 8th December. Westzone consultant is putting together a pedestrian plan for the CBD area where new development will take place.
- Item 3.1 Committee Meeting times – changed to monthly at 9am avoiding January.

3.9.2 WALGA Training

The COA Officer asked Members for their comments on the Advisory Committee training provided recently by WALGA.

Committee Members agreed it was very worthwhile in that it set the boundaries for the running and purpose of the meetings and highlighted their purpose, role and expectations as Members.

3.9.3 Correspondence Received – Various Documents

The COA Officer tabled the following documents for Member's interests:

- disAbility Update Booklet – September 2005 – Disability Services Commission.
- Request letter – Chaira Daw.
- Letter from Disabilities Services Commission – Invitation to Training Session.
- Invitation from DSC – 2005 Accessible Communities Awards.
- Email from Emma Panell Coordinator South DADAA (Disability in the Arts, Disadvantage in the Arts Australia) WA re Arts Program.
- Email from Ron Fisher re concerns from Association for the Blind re Seniors and vision impaired crossing between John Street and Church Avenue.
- Email Pat Hart re Bins Policy and associated Press Release.
- Email from Tim Doncon advising that the DSC's draft DAIP is available for comment (on website).
- Email from Sue French (Project Officer-E-QUAL) re Draft Recommendations About Resource Materials, Training and Reporting for Public Authorities Developing and Implementing DAIP's.

3.9.4 Media Watch

The CD Officer tabled two newspaper articles for Members' interests:

- 'National CDEP News' Article Oct 2005 – Community Development Employment Project – Disability Employment Services.
- Tapestries article October 2005 – WA Department for CD – Showcasing access and inclusion in WA (Accessible Communities Award).

3.10 Transport for Students Update

Mr Hogg reported that from his further investigations in relation transport to school for students with disabilities he had had limited success in identifying

services and/or resources that could be used for that purpose. Although very limited, he explained that some support could be obtained through the following areas/schemes:

1. A conveyance allowance, which is more of a menial gesture/ acknowledgement that the student has no other way to get to school. A form is lodged through the school itself to the Education Department and the allowance then paid as a reimbursement.
2. Taxi User Subsidy Scheme (TUSS) where a person with a disability can get up to 75% off of a taxi fare to school. The 75% subsidy applies to people needing to travel in a taxi whilst in their wheelchair. For all passengers not requiring to travel whilst in their wheelchair a subsidy of only 50% applies. TUSS is provided through the Passenger Services section at the Department for Planning and Infrastructure.

Mr Hogg reported that HACC funded organisations are not in a position to be able to provide regular and ongoing transport such as that required for students with disabilities to attend school. Instead these agencies are funded to focus on more once off type support to assist clients to attend appointments at medical practitioners, although some are only bound to provide this transport to the nearest possible practitioner to the client’s home rather than the client’s regular doctor.

Mr Hogg informed Members that the issue of transport for people with disabilities, as much as anyone else particularly seniors, was the result of minimal resources across the whole issue of transport in the area.

3.11 ARA Update

Ms Woodmass provided Members with information, in the form of a whiteboard drawn diagram, related to property ownership and management jurisdiction in the CBD area as relevant to access issues already identified and discussed by the Committee.

4. URGENT ITEMS

No items.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary Meeting of DAC will be held on Tuesday, 7th February at 9am

MEETING CLOSED AT 10.40AM

MINNAWARRA FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES

OF THE MINNAWARRA FESTIVAL COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 6
DECEMBER 2005 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT THE CITY OF ARMADALE
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE COMMENCING AT 6.07 PM.

1. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Present	Organisation
Cr A L Cominelli	Chairman – City of Armadale
Cr J A Stewart	City of Armadale
Mr P Jones	Community Representative
Ms B Hartley	Community Representative
Ms L Murray	Community Representative [6.10 pm to 7.00 pm]
Mr P Quinlivan	Manager Recreation Services – City of Armadale
Mrs Y Ward	Minute Secretary – City of Armadale
Apologies	
Mr J Lemmey	Rotary Club of Armadale

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Minnawarra Festival Committee of 2 August 2005, be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Stewart

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

10.2 Interactive Zone

At the last meeting Committee resolved that there be further discussions with Lesley Murray to work out the most appropriate way to present the Interactive Zone. As was mentioned, the City was requested to provide funding of \$9,600 to fund the Interactive Zone –

funding that the City currently does not have. This matter has not been progressed.

Lesley Murray joined the meeting at 6.10 pm.

The Manager Recreation Services advised that he would liaise with the Events Coordinator to see what scope there is within the Festival Budget to provide funding towards the Interactive Zone.

In previous years, the Interactive Zone has been able to secure some external funds and more recently the City has also contributed via the ATSIAC. It was suggested that investigations occur to see what funding is available and that applications be made for funding. Also that assistance be given to Lesley in putting together funding applications. Liaison to occur between Lesley and the Events Coordinator in regard to completing funding applications.

It was suggested that an approach be made to Armadale Youth Resources Centre, in particular Mal Osborne, to request his expertise in organising something similar to last year.

RESOLVED

- a. That liaison occur between the relevant officers to give Lesley Murray assistance in applying for funding for the Interactive Zone.
- b. That contact be made with Mal Osborne at the Armadale Youth Resources Centre to request his expertise in assisting with the Interactive Zone.

Moved: Cr Cominelli

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards

Nil

Outwards

Nil

6. PORTFOLIO REPORTS

6.1 Multicultural Zone

Cr Stewart advised that he had reservations about creating a Multicultural Zone because it didn't work last year. Previously at the Minnawarra Festival

cultural items were held on stage and divesting them to another area did not work as people did not go to that area. It was suggested that for the next meeting a report be provided on the integration of the multicultural performances onto the main stage. It was also suggested that a food precinct be created in a central area with tables, chairs and shade, where people can actually sit down. It was thought there was benefit in combining the two entertainment areas.

Cr Stewart suggested that rather than the portfolio being called the “Multicultural Zone” it be renamed “Frog Hollow Performance Zone”. This area would lend itself to youth-related activities.

RESOLVED

- a. **That rather than the “Multicultural Zone” area, it be renamed the “Frog Hollow Performance Zone”.**
- b. **That a separate Multicultural Zone not be created for the 2006 Festival and multicultural performances be integrated onto the main stage.**
- c. **That a food precinct be created in a central area, which includes multicultural foods, tables chairs and shade.**

Moved: Cr Stewart

CARRIED

6.2 Amusement Rides and Amenities

Cr Cominelli advised that John Lemmey had this matter in hand.

6.3 Art Exhibition

As was mentioned at the last meeting, the organisation and finances of the Art Exhibition are no longer the responsibility of the Minawarra Festival Committee. The Festival Committee will continue to be informed on the progress of the Art Exhibition but it will be outside the Committee's role to be directly involved. An update will be provided periodically.

6.4 Children's Activities

Bree Hartley to make contact with the Events Coordinator to progress ideas in regard to the Children's Activities and provide a report to the next meeting. It was suggested that camels, ponies and the Aboriginal circus be included on the list for contact.

6.5 Craft Vending

Paul Jones advised that everything is still in hand. Fairly steady as far as the data base goes. Paul will get in touch with Monica in regard to advertising.

6.6 Displays and Exhibits

It was suggested that contact be made with local groups/societies to gauge interest in providing displays at the Town Hall or Church this year.

6.7 Entertainment

Cr Stewart advised that “roving/funny” things had seemed to go down well in the past and that there were opportunities to use the space that is available for those artists. Cr Stewart advised that he would be investing some time and focus on “roving” artists in the next few months.

6.8 Finance

The Manager Recreation Services advised that the Events Coordinator has formed a budget for the Festival, and that would be provided for the Committee’s information to the next meeting. In terms of the overall funding, there is a modest increase in the Events budget from last year.

6.9 Marketing and sponsorship

The Manager Recreation Services advised that in the absence of the Events Coordinator on sick leave, this matter had not progressed. The appointment of the Recreation Officer will enable some assistance to be provided to the events program over the summer but in the meantime the Recreation Officer will be filling in gaps in the absence of the Events Coordinator. Cr Stewart suggested that contact be made with businesses or organisations in regard to opportunities for sponsorship, not necessarily monetary.

6.10 Youth Zone

It was suggested that the half pipe, the climbing wall, the rope ladder (Scouts) and maybe the Navy Caravan could all be placed in the one area (Frog Hollow).

Cr Cominelli requested that the Events Coordinator make contact with the PCYC and Navy to ascertain whether the climbing wall and Careers Van could be made available for both days of the Festival; and Sgt Gardiner to request a Mounted Police presence at the Festival.

Lesley Murray left the meeting at 7.00 pm.

6.11 Seniors’ Activities

It was suggested that the Community Development Officer responsible for Seniors’ matters (Justin Ifould) be approached in regard to providing a

presentation for seniors at the Festival. Also YAC be contacted to ascertain if they would like to become involved.

6.12 Site set up/pack away

It was advised that this matter was in hand.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Letters/Invitation

It was advised that last year the letters and invitations were late in being sent out, not allowing enough notice. In order to avoid this happening again this year, it was suggested that letters/invitations be sent out in January 2006, with a reminder being sent out later, if necessary.

7.2 Date of Minnawarra Festival

The 2006 Minnawarra Festival will be held on 1 and 2 April 2006.

8. NEXT MEETING

To be held on Tuesday, 7 February 2006 at 6.00 pm.

9. CLOSURE

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.15 PM.

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE SENIORS INTERESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE,
ARMADALE ON THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2005 AT 1.00 PM

PRESENT:

Cr G Best	City of Armadale Councillor
Ms C Samborski	Armadale Home Help
Ms T Hodges	Dale Cottages Inc.
Mrs M McKay	Roleystone Karragullen Seniors Club Inc. (Deputy Chairperson)
Ms L Fahey	Armadale Mental Health Service
Ms B Perkins	Over 50's Club
Mr R Fisher	Community Representative
Ms L Charles	Kelmscott Library
Ms J Jeffries	Westfield Kelmscott Senior Citizens' Club

APOLOGIES: Cr J MacDonald Chairperson

OBSERVERS: Nil

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Ms V Bola Armadale Community Health

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr J Ifould	City of Armadale Community Development Officer – Seniors & Disability (COA Officer)
Ms E Ward	Older Women's Network
Mr G Fawcett	Armadale Kelmscott Senior Citizens' Association

Public: Nil

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil.

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1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1.1 Ordinary Meeting – 23rd September 2005

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Ordinary Seniors Interests Advisory Committee meeting held on 23rd September 2005, are confirmed.

Moved: Cr Best

Seconded: Mrs Hodges

CARRIED (8/0)

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 SIAC Membership

Mrs Hodges moved that:

‘The City increase the Membership on the SIAC to include a representative for community members from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and/or Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander heritage’

Moved: Mrs Hodges

Seconded: Mr Fisher

CARRIED (8/0)

The COA Officer informed Members that through the Seniors Plan approval process the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee for Council was consulted and aside from endorsing the Seniors Plan, with some minor changes, they proposed that a position on the SIAC be created to include a representative for community members from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and/or Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander heritage. It was suggested that such a position would assist greatly with the actioning of the initiatives within the Seniors Plan by immediately being able to take into consideration issues related to race and culture as well as their inclusion in the decision making process.

Mrs Samborski entered the meeting at 1.20pm.

2.2 Asthma Foundation Request

Mrs Hodges moved that:

‘The Committee defer consideration for the request until after the planned workshop to prioritize strategies and initiatives in the City’s Seniors Plan 2005-2010’

Moved: Mrs Hodges

Seconded: Ms Charles

CARRIED (8/0)

The COA Officer informed Members that Ms Janet Whitfield, Project Officer, from the Asthma Foundation based at the Armadale Community Health offices had submitted a written request to the City that through the Seniors Plan under ‘Policy Area Five - Health’ the issue of *Preventative Programs and Acute Care* to include support for Asthma education in the form of:

- (a) Hosting information sessions for seniors at the City’s Administration building at no cost.
- (b) Assisting with promotion of the program through the City’s contacts and PR resources.

The COA Officer added that Asthma is one of the top 5 health campaign priorities at National and State level and that the courses involve 2 hour sessions that are free to the public. The COA Officer highlighted that they would be encouraged to link in with other community groups and services.

2.3 Centrelink Request

Mrs Hodges moved that:

‘The City support the request from Centrelink’

Moved: Mrs Hodges

Seconded: Mr Fisher

CARRIED (8/0)

The COA Officer informed Members that Mr Steve Trevisiol, FIS Officer from Centrelink, had submitted a written request to the City that through the Seniors Plan under ‘Policy Area Six – Education & Information’ the issue of *Information Awareness & Resources* to include the continued support for their four part Seminar series in the form of:

- (a) Hosting information sessions for seniors at the City’s Administration building at no cost.
- (b) Assisting with promotion of the program through the City’s contacts and PR resources.

The COA Officer added that the City had supported the seminars under the Community Forums area of the Ready for Life (R4L) Program for the last 12 months but that the R4L program had now finished. The COA Officer highlighted that this relationship with Centrelink had grown significantly to a point where around 80-90 people now attended each information session and with the City as the host this reflected very well on those participating. The COA Office informed Members that there had been a lot of positive feedback and comments towards the City from those in attendance. The sessions involve 2 hour sessions that are free to the public.

2.4 SIAC Special Meeting – Seniors Plan

Mr Fisher moved that:

‘The Committee have a Special Meeting on the 24th of November 2005 at 1pm to prioritize Seniors Plan initiatives for the City for the next 12 months’

Moved: Mr Fisher

Seconded: Mrs Perkins

CARRIED (8/0)

The COA Officer informed Members that Committee Chairperson Cr June McDonald had indicated her availability for a special meeting on the morning (am) of the 23rd of November or the afternoon (pm) of the 24th of November. The COA Officer indicated that on these dates and times the Committee Room, the current meeting place, was only available on the 24th but that the Community Services Meeting room was available on the 23rd if that was the preferred day.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 Announcements by the Deputy Chairperson

Mrs McKay welcomed Mr George Fawcett from the Armadale Kelmscott Senior Citizens’ Association (AKSCA) to the meeting. Mrs McKay admitted that the SIAC had not had a representative from the AKSCA, as the Terms of Reference allow, for a long time and that participation on the Committee would be quite valuable to the Association as it had been for the Roleystone

Karragullen Seniors Club. It would enable them to refer and discuss Association matters relevant to the City.

3.2 COA Councillors Report

Cr Best advised he had received some excellent feedback from the community in relation to the Seniors Plan. He suggested that in light of this Committee be mindful of people who might look to exploit this and that it duly consider any requests for support through the plan.

Cr Best indicated his disappointment with the lack of Media support for significant events and initiatives undertaken by the City over the last few months. Particularly those related to the City’s Seniors’ Plan.

3.3 Community Development Officer Report

The COA Officer reported that the ‘We’ll Get You There Again!’ initiative had gone ahead through \$511.85 funding from the Council of the Ageing. It allowed the City to arrange a bus for 49 people to attend the Seniors Recreation Council Have A Go Day on the 25th of October at Burswood Park.

3.3.1 Report on items from previous meeting

The COA Officer informed Members of the following:

Item 4.1 Seniors Plan – Final Plan went to Council and was endorsed on the 3rd of October. Launch held on the 27th October. Public Comments from Ms Hodges passed on to the Community Services Committee at the meeting on the 27th September. The City had also sent a response letter to Ms Hodges on the 7/11/05.

Item 4.2 is something that will be considered as part of the Special SIAC Meeting.

Item 4.3 Committee Meetings – With the confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting on the 23rd of September 2005 these will now be monthly as recommended. No resolution from Council is required.

Item 4.4 – With confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting on the 23rd of September 2005 the leave of Absence requested by Ms Bola has been granted.

3.3.2 Seniors Plan Update

The COA Officer reported that outside of the Launch of the plan conducted on the 27th of October the only progress that had been made in relation to actioning the Plan was that the City had undertaken discussions with the proprietors of the Thomas Scott Village accommodation facility (behind Kelmscott Westfield Senior Citizens’ Centre) with a look to expanding and building more accommodation on the property.

The COA Officer also informed Members that preliminary discussions with the Department for Veterans Affairs in relation to funding opportunities for Seniors Plan related projects had also been undertaken.

3.3.3 *Ready for Life Project Update*

The COA Officer reported the following:

Programs

Water Walkers

- Started early in October.
- Mayor presented them with a Copy of the National Heart Foundation Award the City won for the project at their season launch on the 24th October.
- Comment News article featured on the 8th November.
- Bar fridge and coffee, tea, biscuits and sugar all purchased along with being allocated exclusive cupboard space at Aquatic Centre.
- Christmas BBQ set for 12th December.

Lifeball

- Have developed a partnership with the new Gosnells program.

Notions

- Have added scrapbooking sessions on Saturday mornings to their program.
- City still intends on purchasing an Air Conditioner for the room they are using.

Community Forums

- Forum held on 27th October in conjunction with the City’s Seniors’ Plan and Armadale Community Safety Plan launches.
- Presentations included Positive Ageing Foundation of Australia, Council On The Ageing, Department for Community Development– Office for Seniors Interests and Volunteering, Injury Control Council of WA, Armadale Neighbourhood Watch, A.R.K. Road Safety Centre, Armadale Police Community Care Program, and the Office of Crime Prevention..
- Attendance was about 150 people for the day, which proved to be very successful despite the minimal local media support in the lead up to the event.

Information Strategy

- Attendance at Armadale Shopping City event 26th Oct (Seniors Week).
- Promoted Seniors Directory, Seniors Plan, R4L activities.

3.3.4 WALGA Training

The COA Officer asked Members for their comments on the Advisory Committee training provided recently by WALGA. Committee Members agreed it was very worthwhile in that it set the boundaries for the running and purpose of the meetings and highlighted their purpose, role and expectations as Members.

3.3.5 Correspondence received – Various documents

The COA Officer tabled the following documents for Member's interests:

- AKSCA SIAC Nomination - Council Resolution required to endorse (Agenda item to go up at next CSC mtg).
- Email from Laura Veleff re Choose Health Be Active publication. Booklet ordered and received.
- Citizen's Advice Bureau notice of Annual General Meeting.
- Email from Maureen Chew (Libraries) re International Day of Older Persons 1st Oct 2006.
- Email from Tracey Ober re Planning for Active Living Workshop. Forwarded to CEO, Tech Services, Devt Services and Rec Services.
- Email from Mike Wood and Jane Hannaford re Walk Week Seminar. Forwarded to CEO, Tech Services, Devt Services and Rec Services.
- Email from Trudi Hodges re National Housing Conference. Forwarded to CEO, Tech Services, Devt Services and Rec Services.
- Email from Annie Holt (Lifeball Coordinator) re PAF partnerships with Curtin Uni and COTA.
- Email from Paula Fievez (LLLS manager) re Have A Go Day, Awards for centres and next In-service rego info.
- Email from Jane Hannaford (Physical Activity Taskforce) re PAT Local Activity Grants Newsletter (Oct-Nov).
- Email from Juanita Doorey (Uni WA) re research project – loneliness and social isolation in later life. Passed on contacts through Seniors Directory.
- Lifeball Newsletter Oct 2005.
- Carers Australia Newsletter – 4th Edition.
- Staying Mentally Healthy – Topic Sheet 7

3.3.6 Media Watch

The COA Officer reported that there were no media articles requiring the further attention of the Committee.

3.4 ARA Report

No report.

4. URGENT ITEMS

No items.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary Meeting of SIAC to be Thursday, 15th December 2005 at 1.00pm.

MEETING CLOSED AT 2.05 PM

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE SENIORS INTERESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
COMMUNITY SERVICES MEETING ROOM, COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING,
7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON THURSDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2005 AT 1.00
PM

PRESENT:	Cr J MacDonald	Chairperson
	Cr G Best	City of Armadale Councillor
	Ms C Samborski	Armadale Home Help
	Mrs T Hodges	Dale Cottages Inc.
	Mrs B Perkins	Over 50's Club
	Mr R Fisher	Community Representative
	Ms L Charles	Kelmscott Library
	Mr G Fawcett	Armadale Kelmscott Senior Citizens' Association
APOLOGIES:	Mrs M McKay	Roleystone Karragullen Seniors Club Inc. (Deputy Chairperson)
	Ms L Fahey	Armadale Mental Health Service
	Ms J Jeffries	Westfield Kelmscott Senior Citizens' Club
OBSERVERS:	Nil	
LEAVE OF ABSENCE:	Ms V Bola	Armadale Community Health
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mr J Ifould	City of Armadale Community Development Officer – Seniors & Disability (COA Officer)
	Ms E Ward	Older Women's Network
	Public:	Nil

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil.

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1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1.1 Ordinary Meeting – 17th November 2005

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Ordinary Seniors Interests Advisory Committee meeting held on 17th November 2005, are confirmed.

Moved: Mr Fisher
Seconded: Mrs Perkins

CARRIED (8/0)

2. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

2.1 Westzone Development and CBD Pedestrian Plans

Cr Best moved that:

‘A special meeting of the SIAC, with representation from Westzone, be arranged to view and discuss the plans for the CBD area that were tabled at the meeting’.

Moved: Cr Best
Seconded: Mr Fisher

CARRIED (8/0)

The COA Officer informed Members that through negotiations with Westzone Management and relevant partners the opportunity to comment on the planned redevelopment of the current Woolworths site, which includes the extension of Cinemas, the building of a new Woolworths and Big W along with underground parking, service station and loads of specialty shops, had been presented to the Committee.

The COA Officer alerted Members to the fact that the developers are required through their Development Agreement with the City to put together a Pedestrian Plan for the area and the City had managed to convince them it would be in their best interests to get feedback on their plans from selected Advisory Committees, including the SIAC. The COA Officer added that it had been proposed that this could happen in two stages. The first of these stages is to have a look at the current plans for the area they already have and make any comments in regard to pedestrian use and access. The developers would prefer this to happen as soon as possible and suggested that if something could happen before Christmas it would be preferable so they can make progress on the formal Pedestrian Plan.

The second stage would be for the Committee to view the final draft plans for the area (due by April 2006), as well as the Pedestrian Plan, and give these plans the Committee’s support before they go ahead.

The COA Officer highlighted the fact that the developers are not required to give the SIAC this opportunity so it is recommended that it is in the Committee’s best interests to do things as the developers would prefer.

The COA Officer indicated that the decision(s) related to the Westzone Development and Pedestrian Plans for the City item were as follows:

- a) View and discuss plans at this meeting.
- b) Arrange a separate Special Meeting of the SIAC to view and discuss the plans.
- c) Decide not to make comment on the plans.

Mrs Hodges and Cr Best left the meeting at 1.56pm and did not return.

2.2 City of Armadale Seniors Plan 2005-2010 Initiatives

Cr MacDonald moved that:

‘The Committee finalize the prioritizing of the strategies from the City’s Seniors’ Plan 2005-2010 that were started at a Committee workshop on the 24th of November 2005’

Moved: Cr MacDonald

Seconded: Mr Fisher

CARRIED (6/0)

The COA Officer informed Members that at the workshop on the 24th November 2005 the Committee had discussed and addressed the first four social policy areas within the Action Plan which left the following areas to cover:

5. Health.
6. Education and Information.
7. Employment and Volunteering.
8. Recreation and Leisure
9. Seniors Centres

The COA Officer reminded Members that upon completing the prioritizing of the strategies within the plan a report would be produced by the COA Officer detailing these and that this would be brought to the next meeting of the Committee for its confirmation and endorsement.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 Announcements by the Chairperson

No report.

3.2 COA Councillors Report

No report.

3.3 Community Development Officer Report

3.3.1 Report on items from previous meeting

The COA Officer informed Members of the following:

- Item 2.1 SIAC Membership – Agenda Item to go up to Council through CEO’s Report 12th January.
- Item 2.2 Asthma Foundation Request - Deferred until completion of Seniors Plan prioritizing.
- Item 2.3 Centrelink Request – Arrangements being finalised with Centrelink for seminar series in first half of 2006.
- Item 2.4 – Workshop held on 24th November 2005.

3.3.2 Seniors Plan Update

The COA Officer also informed Members that he had had preliminary discussions with Sue Bradshaw from Armadale Community Health regarding a partnership approach to acquiring funding for prioritized health initiatives from Seniors Plan.

3.3.3 Ready for Life Project Update

The COA Officer reported the following:

Programs

Water Walkers

- Christmas BBQ held on 12th December, which coincided with an ABC radio promotion.

3.3.4 Correspondence received – Various documents

The COA Officer tabled the following documents for Member’s interests:

- Preventing Crime (OCP) December Newsletter.
- Email from ACROD re Companion Card – Organisation and Business Affiliates Handbook & Affiliation Form.
- Email from Neil Price (Administration & Governance) – Advice on Community Groups Insurance.

3.3.5 Media Watch

The COA Officer tabled the City Views Newsletter – December 2005.

3.4 ARA Report

No report.

4. URGENT ITEMS

No items.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary Meeting of SIAC to be Thursday, 19th January 2006 at 1.00pm.

MEETING CLOSED AT 2.35 PM

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE** HELD IN THE **FUNCTION ROOM**,
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON **MONDAY, 23**
JANUARY 2006 AT 5.00 PM

PRESENT:	Ms Katie Hully Ms Melissa Northcott Ms Carol Surgeon Mr Leighton Cotter Ms Sam Marlowe Mr Ben Shaw Mr Ben Ritacca Mr Matthew Baskerville	Community Member Cecil Andrews SHS Representative Community Member Roleystone DHS Representative Community Representative Community Representative Carey Baptist College Representative John Wollaston Anglican Community School Representative (Chair)
APOLOGIES:	Mr David Thoomes Cr Ruth Butterfield	Community Member Councillor
OBSERVERS:	Nil	
N ATTENDANCE:	Ms Megan Farr	City of Armadale Community Development Officer (Youth)

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1.1 Ordinary Meeting – 31 October 2005

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee meeting held on 28th November 2005, are confirmed.

Moved: Melissa Northcott
Seconded: Matthew Baskerville

CARRIED

2. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

There is no business of the meeting

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 Minnawarra Festival Youth Space – Rock n Dale Event – Funding Application

Funding (up to \$3,000) is available through the West Australian Music Association's (WAM) RAMMPAAGE program. Through RAMMPAAGE, WAM awards grants to young people to enable them to stage drug and alcohol free contemporary music events for and by young people. An application for funding will be submitted to WAM to support Rock N Dale.

Megan Farr worked through the RAMMPAAGE application with the YAC. The YAC provided feedback and made various comments and suggestions on the format of Rock n Dale. Feedback from the YAC will be incorporated in the RAMMPAAGE application.

Megan Farr will create a Project Plan for Rock N Dale and distribute to the YAC. The plan will outline the format of Rock N Dale, the roles of YAC members and the time frame for the event.

3.2 Youth Needs Analysis – YAC Involvement

Megan Farr called for nominations from YAC members interested in joining Youth Needs Analysis Reference Group.

The Reference Group will consist of representatives from Armadale Community Health, local schools, Department for Community Development,

Armada Youth Resources, Armadale Redevelopment Authority, and the YAC. The group will meet at least once a month to oversee the project and to provide advice and feedback. There are two positions for YAC members. YAC representatives will also be required to provide project reports during YAC meetings.

Melissa Northcott nominated for a position on the Reference Group. Ben Shaw will consider joining the Reference Group if the meeting times are suitable.

3.3 *Australia Day – Youth Needs Analysis*

Access 31 will be present at the Armadale Australia Day celebrations to conduct interviews with young people. The purpose of the exercise is to obtain information to support the Youth Needs Analysis project. A roving reporter will approach young people at the event and ask them questions on life in Armadale.

The YAC discussed the proposed interview questions. The committee felt that the questions were appropriate and did not provide any suggestions or alternatives. Megan Farr will contact Access 31 to confirm.

Megan Farr, Carol Surgeon and Melissa Northcott will be present at the Australia Day event to assist with the interviews.

3.4 *YAC Advisory Committee Representation*

The City of Armadale facilitates a number of advisory committees. To increase youth participation and involvement in the community, YAC members are invited to consider joining an additional committee. For example, DAC (Disability Advisory Committee), CSAC (Community Safety Advisory Committee), SIAC (Seniors Interest Advisory Committee) or ATSIAC (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee).

Melissa Northcott is interested in joining the Disability Advisory Committee. Megan Farr will discuss the possibility of Melissa joining the committee with Justin Ifould (Community Development Officer – Seniors and Disabilities).

Megan Farr discussed YAC positions/vacancies. As many members have now left school, they will need to be re-classified as ‘community members’ rather than ‘school representatives’. Megan will discuss further at the next meeting.

3.5 *Correspondence Received*

The COA Officer tabled the following correspondence for Member’s interest

- 3.5.1 *Oxfam – Walk Against Want Youth Involvement (application forms)*
- 3.5.2 *2006 Young Leader Awards*

- 3.5.3 *Fax – Katherina Holz spotted in Jull Street – preys on young people by posing as a model scout*
- 3.5.4 *2006 Careers Expo Progress Update*

4. URGENT ITEMS

4.1 Armadale Community Conference

Megan Farr advised the YAC of the up coming Armadale Community Conference and asked committee members to consider attending. An information package will be sent to YAC members with further information.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was declared closed at 6.55pm.

The next meeting is 27th February 2006, 5pm Function Room.