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ISSUES UPDATE

PROPORTIONAL PREFERENTIAL VOTING

The draft All Councils will be aware from previous advice that the deadline for submissions to the Inquiry into *Local Government Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2006* has been extended to **Friday, 23 February**.

All Local Governments are strongly encouraged to make written submissions to the Committee, and to request the opportunity to present their submissions in person to the Committee.

For further information, please contact Director, Policy, Wayne Scheggia on 9213 2024 or email wscheggia@walga.asn.au.

DRAFT STATE BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY

A draft strategy titled *A 100 year Biodiversity Strategy for Western Australia: Blueprint to the Bicentenary in 2029 (Draft)* has been prepared on behalf of the Government by the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC), information on which is included in this week's mail.

The draft Strategy is intended to provide a framework to guide action in WA, with phase one covering the period to the bicentenary of the founding of the Swan River Colony in 2029. While the Strategy holds many strong actions for the protection and conservation of biodiversity in the State, it has seemingly omitted specific reference to the valuable and well supported initiatives already running within Local Government.

The Association invites submissions from Local Governments on the draft strategy, to be sent via email to mbainbridge@walga.asn.au or fax to 9322 2611. The deadline for submissions is **Friday, 16 March**.

Alternatively comments can be forwarded directly to the DEC at biodiversity@dec.wa.gov.au. Direct comments to DEC will be received until close of business on **Friday, 30 March**.

For further information, please contact Environment Policy Officer, Melanie Bainbridge on 9213 2039, fax 9322 2611 or email mbainbridge@walga.asn.au

AUSTRALIAN ROAD RULES PACKAGE

The Australian Road Rules Maintenance Committee is seeking advice from all jurisdictions as to whether they have any proposals to amend the Australian Road Rules. There are a number of amendments currently being progressed through earlier packages, however there may be other changes to the *Road Traffic Code 2000*.

The Association wishes to ascertain if members have any policies or operational issues which would warrant amendments to the code. The proposals for amendments should reflect road use requirements, be determined by current policy positions and supported by evidence.

Submissions also require a statement with background information, objectives, the merits of the proposal, actions required, supportive information and the likely impact. Submissions are invited via email to roadwise@walga.asn.au by **Monday, 12 February**.

For further information, please contact Road Safety Project Officer, Elizabeth Kelly on 9213 2068 or email ekelly@walga.asn.au.

CAPTIVATE QUESTIONNAIRE-INCLUSIVE SPORT AND RECREATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Thank you to Councils who have responded to the Captivate questionnaires - information gathered regarding inclusive sport and recreation practices will inform the Captivate workshops, Local Government toolkit and policy development. The questionnaires were distributed via email and the WALGA mailbag prior to Christmas. The closing date for responses has been **extended to Thursday, 15 February**. Your feedback is critical to ensure that the products developed by Association meet your needs. If you have any queries, or would like the questionnaire to be posted or emailed to you please contact the project consultants, Richard and Anne Lockwood directly on Ph/fax 9336 3277 or email lockwood@swiftsl.com.au

For further information, please contact Policy Manager, Community, Michelle Mackenzie on 9213 2065 or email mmackenzie@walga.asn.au.

TRAINING UPDATE

The venue for all the following training modules is:

WA Local Government House,
15 Altona Street, West Perth

The cost of each of the modules is listed below (unless stated):

\$148.50 (inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members

\$162.80 (inc GST) for nonmembers

Elected Member Development Program

Module 4: Teamwork, Communication & Conflict in Local Government

Date: **Friday, 23 February**

Time: 9:00am to 12:30pm

Module 13: Customer Service and Complaint Handling

Date: **Friday, 23 January**

Time: 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Module 6: Strategic Planning

Date: **Monday, 26 February**

Time: 9:00am to 12:30pm

Module 11: Policy Development

Date: **Monday, 26 February**

Time: 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Module 5: Meetings

Date: **Monday, 26 February**

Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm

Cost: \$297 (inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members

\$324.50 (inc GST) for Non WS Members

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

AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS TRAINING PROGRAM

The Total Purchasing Team in conjunction with SAI Global is hosting a training program for the AS4000 series. The training will cover a suite of contracts which are relevant to Local Government tendering and contracting, with particular emphasis on works and construction. The program will be presented on **Tuesday, 13 March** and costs \$495 (inc GST), a significant discount on regular programs of this nature. Limited places are available.

For further information, please email purchasing@walqa.asn.au.

SWAN CATCHMENT COUNCIL NRM TRAINING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Local Government officers are invited to attend a Water Quality Monitoring & Program Design Workshop to be held on **Thursday, 22 February**.

Topics to be covered include:

- an overview of monitoring and evaluation framework for the Swan region;
- reasons to monitor;
- developing a good monitoring program; and
- analysing and reporting data.

*For further information, please contact Kylie Lambert at the Swan Catchment Centre by **Monday, 12 February** on 9374 3315 or email kylie.lambert@water.wa.gov.au.*

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Funding applications to FESA for the AWARE (All West Australians Reducing Emergencies) and Natural Disaster Mitigation programs are closing on **Friday, 23 February**.

Please consult with your FESA District or Operations Manager to ensure that a funding application is available to allow you to progress with complying with the *Emergency Management Act 2005*.

For further information or assistance with an application, please contact Emergency Management Project Coordinator, Greg Cook on 9213 2042 or email gcook@walqa.asn.au.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE 2007

The Local Government Public Relations Association (LGPRRA) Conference is the only national conference that addresses communication in Local and State Government. It offers a national forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences amongst communications professionals in Local Government.

Communications in a Climate of Change

Date: **Wednesday, 21 - Friday, 23 March**

Venue: Crowne Plaza Surfers Paradise

Cost: \$715 (inc GST) for LGPRRA Members, \$825 (inc GST) for Non Members.

Registration and program details are available at www.lgaq.asn.au under 'Key Events'.

For further information, please contact Conference Coordinator Bron Browning at LGAQ on (07) 3000 2220.

HEALTHY RIVERS ACTION PLAN

The Swan River Trust's new \$40 million draft Healthy Rivers Action Plan is open for comment. The five-year plan focuses on working together with stakeholders, community groups and government agencies to improve the ecological health of the Swan Canning river system. It builds on the Swan-Canning Cleanup Program which has been working to improve water quality since 1999.

The draft plan is out for community comment until the end of March 2007. The Trust encourages the community to read the plan and have their say on the future health of the Swan and Canning rivers. To comment on the draft Action Plan, visit www.swanrivertrust.com.au/healthyivers.

For further information, please contact the Swan River Trust on 9278 0900.

DIARY DATES

 Denotes Teleconference

2 February	Central Country Zone 
23 February	Avon Midland Country Zone
23 March	Great Eastern Country Zone
26 March	Great Southern Country Zone
26 March	Gascoyne Country Zone
23 March	South West Country Zone
29 March	Peel Country Zone
30 March	Northern Country Zone
30 March	Goldfields-Esperance Zone
30 March	Northern Country Zone
30 March	Central Country Zone
2 April	South Metropolitan Zone
4 April	South East Metropolitan Zone
5 April	Central Metropolitan Zone
5 April	North Metropolitan Zone
5 April	East Metropolitan Zone
TBA	Kimberley Country Zone
11 May	Murchison Country Zone
22 May	South West Country Zone
25 May	Goldfields-Esperance Zone
28 May	South Metropolitan Zone
28 May	Great Southern Country Zone
28 May	Northern Country Zone
28 May	Gascoyne Country Zone
30 May	South East Metropolitan Zone
31 May	Central Metropolitan Zone
31 May	North Metropolitan Zone
31 May	East Metropolitan Zone
31 May	Great Eastern Country Zone
31 May	Peel Country Zone
TBA	Pilbara Country Zone
TBA	Avon Midland Country Zone
1 June	Central Country Zone
TBA	Avon Midland Country Zone
22 July	South West Country Zone
26 July	North Metropolitan Zone
27 July	Goldfields-Esperance Zone
30 July	South Metropolitan Zone
30 July	Northern Country Zone
1 August	South East Metropolitan Zone
2 August	East Metropolitan Zone
2 August	Central Metropolitan Zone
2 August	Peel Country Zone
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3 August	Gascoyne Country Zone
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TBA	Pilbara Country Zone



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WALGA SUBMISSION ON THE NATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK

The Association has prepared a submission to the Ministerial Circular 1-2006 on the National Sustainability Framework. This submission outlines the elements of the framework that the Association supports and believes are beneficial to the sector. It also describes a number of issues that remain before it can be endorsed, these are:

- the need for a framework that serves the needs of Local Government in Western Australia before a national framework;
- issues with comparability of data across the country;
- concerns the framework will become linked to funding decisions;
- requirement for support in increasing capacity of Local Government to effectively implement the framework;
- questions about the final details of the proposal; and
- a complete lack of Local Government involvement.

For further information or comments, please contact either Economist, Nathan Taylor, on 9213 2040 or email ntaylor@walga.asn.au or Governance Manager, Tony Brown, on 9213 2051 or email tbrown@walga.asn.au.

SKILLED PROFESSIONALS AVAILABLE

Multiple overseas candidates have already been placed with Local Governments across the State, including Town Planners, Civil Engineers, Environmental Health Officers and Building Surveyors.

Below is a summary of those candidates that are still available. If a candidate from the summary list is of interest to your Local Government, let us know and we will provide you with details for a nominal fee.

In addition to sourcing the candidates, we can assist with the selection process and immigration requirements (if necessary).

Civil Engineers

- C29: Qualified Civil Engineer
Six years experience needs a visa.
- C61: Qualified Civil Engineer
30 years experience, currently in a related field to Local Government, waiting for independent visa approval.
- C41: Qualified Civil Engineer
More than ten years experience needs a visa.
- C15: Qualifying as a Civil Engineer in April '07
Five years experience needs a visa.

Environmental Health Officers

- C118: Qualified EHO
Over three years experience in Local Government currently in Perth
- C19: Qualified EHO,
Six years experience in Local Government needs a visa.

Planners

- C2: Qualified Town Planner
Two years experience, currently at a Local Government, needs a visa.
- C70: Qualified Town Planner
16 years experience, qualifications obtained in Queensland, needs a visa.
- C55: Qualified Town Planner
Three years experience, worked in Local Government and currently a Councilor, needs a visa.
- C119: Qualified Town Planner
Over three years experience, has worked at a Local Government and is currently in Australia on a 417 skills visa.
- C112: Qualified Town Planner
Over six years experience, has worked in Local Government, needs a visa

Building Surveyors

- C8: Qualified Building Surveyor
Three years experience in Local Government, needs a visa
- C98: Qualified Building Surveyor
20 years experience as a Building Surveyor needs a visa.

Accountants

- C87: Qualified Accountant
Six years experience as an Accountant and Finance Manager, Permanent Resident.
- C82: Qualified Accountant
More than 15 years experience in Local Government needs a visa.
- C85: Qualified Accountant
Ten years experience as an Accountant and Finance Manager needs a visa.

For further information, please contact Recruitment and Selection Consultant, Lydia Highfield on 9213 2079 or email recruitment@walga.asn.au.

A CLEANER ENERGY FUTURE FOR WA

On **Monday, 5 February** The Premier released a major report handed to the State Government on ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The report of the Greenhouse and Energy Taskforce makes 14 recommendations on practical and economically feasible ways to manage greenhouse gas emissions from the stationary energy sector and will be incorporated into the State's forthcoming Climate Change Action Plan.

Environment and Climate Change Minister the Hon. Tony McRae and Energy Minister the Hon. Francis Logan will lead consultations with key stakeholders before the State Government forms its overall response to the report.

While the report is positive and outlines a way forward for Western Australia through climate change uncertainty, disregard for the work already undertaken by the Local Governments of this State calls for comment. We invite Local Governments to read and consider the report and to feed back to the Association.

The report is available on the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) website www.dec.wa.gov.au. Hard copies are available from DEC's Perth office at 168 St Georges Terrace, Perth.

For further information, please contact Policy Officer, Environment, Melanie Bainbridge on 9213 2039 or email mbainbridge@walqa.asn.au.

BANNERS IN THE TERRACE

The application period for Councils to enter the Banners in the Terrace Competition for 2007 is now open.

As one of the State's largest community arts projects, the very popular "*Banners in the Terrace Competition*" is widely acknowledged as being the most colourful and vibrant city display. In 2007 the banners will be flown along the St George's and Adelaide Terraces from **Sunday, 29 July to Sunday, 12 August** as a traditional part of the staging at the annual Local Government Convention.

So it's now time to start planning your Council's banner by contacting your local schools, art groups and/or community groups to design and paint your banner. An application package can be downloaded from www.walqa.asn.au/events.

Please note that the deadline for applications is **Friday, 23 March** – banner pole sites are **strictly limited** but we will endeavor to accommodate all entries submitted by the deadline.

For further information, please contact Marketing Support Officer, Kristy Faulkner on 9213 2097 or email kfaulkner@walqa.asn.au.

AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS TRAINING PROGRAM

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ELDER ABUSE PROTOCOL

The Alliance for the Prevention of Elder Abuse WA has developed the "Elder Abuse Protocol: Guidelines for Action" to assist agencies to develop their own policies procedures and training manuals.

Free half-day workshops are available for senior managers of services for older people to assist them to use the protocol effectively.

The workshops are as follows:

Date: **Tuesday, 13 February**
Time: 9:00am to 1:00pm
Venue: Boulevard Function Centre, Floreat

Date: **Tuesday, 20 February**
Time: 9:00am to 1:00pm
Venue: Captain's Room, The Arena, Kennedy Drive, Joondalup

Date: **Wednesday, 21 February**
Time: 9:00am to 1:00pm
Venue: Pinewood Function Centre, 105 Watsonia Road, Maida Vale

Date: **Wednesday, 28 February**
Time: 9:00am to 1:00pm
Venue: Bibra Lake Function Centre, 22 Gwilliam Drive Bibra Lake.

For further information or to RSVP for these workshops, please contact 9221 8599 or email apeawa@advocare.org.au.

MEDIA RELEASES

2 February Road Toll Highlights Urgent Need for Increased Road Funding

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ALGA NEWS

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Vaile, Lloyd retain portfolios, new Minister for Environment and Water Resources

The President of the Australian Local Government Association, Cr Paul Bell AM, said the reshuffle of the Federal Ministry was welcomed by ALGA because it kept in place the winning team of Ministers Vaile and Lloyd in the transport/local government portfolios.

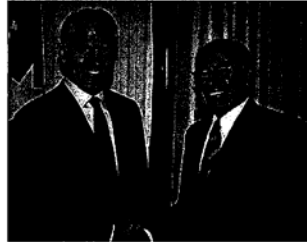
"We are particularly pleased that Minister Jim Lloyd has retained his local government portfolio," Cr Bell said. "Jim Lloyd is an energetic and reform-minded Minister who is a true friend to local government."

"ALGA is pleased that continuity has been preserved with the Deputy PM and Minister for Transport and Regional Services Mark Vaile also staying in his portfolio. Minister Vaile has a strong and passionate commitment to roads and transport and this is particularly good news for local government as we seek to continue the Roads to Recovery and Blackspots programs."

Other changes to the Ministry are that Andrew Robb will be sworn in as the new Minister for Vocational and Technical Education and Kevin Andrews becomes Minister for Immigration and Citizenship. The Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs will become the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, signalling the significance the Government places on citizenship and defining and articulating a set of national values.

As predicted, Malcolm Turnbull has been promoted into Cabinet to the position of Minister for the Environment and Water Resources. Cr Bell noted the tireless and passionate advocacy on behalf of local government Minister Campbell achieved in this portfolio and congratulated him on his new Cabinet portfolio of Minister for Human Services.

"I have met with Mr Turnbull and will be seeking meetings with Mr Andrews and Mr Robb at the earliest opportunity as these portfolios are of great significance for local government in terms of skill shortages and local government's role in citizenship ceremonies," he said.



AusLink projects announcements

Three other Victorian projects have also been announced as successful under the AusLink Strategic Regional Program:

- Alpine Shire Council - Bogong High Plains Road Sealing - Australian Government contribution \$4.206 million, total project cost \$9.977 million.
- Wellington Shire Council - Bridges Across Gippsland - Australian Government contribution \$2.075 million, total project cost \$3.75 million.



- Pyrenees Shire Council - Eurambeen Streatham Road - AG contribution \$4.5 million, total project cost \$10.0 million.

Full details of all [Regional Strategic Projects](#) being funded.

New Tax Office decision for local government

The Tax Office recently released an interpretative decision concerning superannuation and local government councillors' salary sacrifice arrangements.

The decision states that local government councillors cannot salary sacrifice contributions into a complying superannuation fund if the local government council has not made a unanimous resolution that the councillors' remuneration is subject to pay as you go (PAYG) withholding. Without this resolution the councillors are not treated as employees.

Any salary sacrifice arrangement requires an employer and employee relationship.

The decision ATO ID 2007/8 was published on 12 January 2007 and can be found in full on the [Tax Office website](#).

From the President

Australia Day is a special day, well-marked in local government calendars. We are holding citizenship ceremonies around the country and many councils, including Emerald Shire Council in my neck of the woods, are presenting Australia Day awards.



Like most of you, I have attended and officiated at many citizenship ceremonies over the years and I always find them a moving occasion. The value that those escaping economic hardship, oppression, in some cases torture, or being reunited with family members, place on Australia's lifestyle, freedom and democratic system of government is truly heart-warming. Local government deserves greater recognition for its role in helping over 3.5 million people to become citizens since Australian Citizenship was introduced in 1949.

I have a strong belief that citizenship is the glue which binds us as a nation. With 43% of us born overseas or with a parent born overseas, Australia is one of the world's greatest migration magnets. One of the challenges facing the government is to encourage more than 900,000 eligible non-citizens to take out citizenship - the majority of these are from the UK and New Zealand.

It is significant that the Prime Minister has appointed a new Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Kevin Andrews. This underscores the importance the Federal Government gives to citizenship. On 11 December 2006 the Prime Minister and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs announced that the Australian Government intended to introduce a formal citizenship test. [Responses to the discussion paper](#) have been received from several councils and state associations and are now on the website.

From the early days, to the post-war waves of migration, to the skilled and refugee migrants who are now calling Australia home, I have no doubt that migration enriches us as a nation. To put it in perspective skilled migration accounts for more than 100,000 of annual arrivals and refugees numbers are around 13,000. This balance recognises the skills crisis facing Australia while honouring our international humanitarian obligations. However, many of the refugee migrants now arriving in Australia have no knowledge of English and have come from traumatic circumstances, some having lived for years in refugee camps.

Tamworth Regional Council has highlighted some of these issues and called for a better deal

from the federal and state governments to provide appropriate settlement services.

Mayor James Treloar says he wants to make sure that the city can provide for issues like translation services, trauma counselling and housing and he has called on community volunteers and organisations who have offered to support refugee resettlement in Tamworth to help run the pilot program. This is a welcome initiative and I congratulate the council and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship for working together to resolve this difficult situation. We must make our new arrivals feel welcome and we must have adequate services and support from State and Federal Governments to support these newest members of our community. The investment in settlement services will be quickly recouped by governments as these migrants go on to contribute to their new country.

It is heart-warming to see Tamworth and councils all across Australia opening their doors to the newest Australians, helping them to settle in, and building strong, vibrant and resilient communities that celebrate differences but also share a love of Australia and value all that this wonderful country has to offer. That to me is what Australia Day is all about.

Cr Paul Bell AM
ALGA President

Weed out glyphosate resistance in council areas

Cases of glyphosate resistance in the weed annual ryegrass are increasing in Australia and annual ryegrass on council-owned land is vulnerable to developing resistance, warns the Glyphosate Sustainability Working Group (GSWG).

A total of 54 populations of glyphosate resistant annual ryegrass have been documented since the first reported case in 1996. Minimal use of cultivation, little rotation to herbicides with a different mode of action, and a lack of other control techniques are common factors behind glyphosate resistance occurring.

Annual ryegrass is currently the only weed in Australia which has developed glyphosate resistance.

While some populations occur in broadacre cropping situations, new populations of annual ryegrass with resistance to glyphosate have been located on roadsides, fencelines and other non-agricultural situations. The GSWG encourages council officers responsible for weed management to develop an integrated management program to protect against resistance. Council officers who suspect glyphosate resistance or require management guidance to minimise the risk of glyphosate resistance should visit the national [Glyphosate Sustainability Working Group](#).

Various strength formulations of glyphosate are commonly sold under trademarks such as Glyphosate(tm), Roundup(tm), Touchdown(tm) and Wipe-Out(tm).

Further information: Rex Stanton (Chair, GSWG) 02 6938 1618; rstanton@csu.edu.au.

Applications invited for emergency management funding

Local councils and eligible emergency management groups are being invited to apply for funding to help local communities manage emergencies.

Emergency Management Australia is accepting applications until 2 March 2007 for two funding programs that will foster new initiatives to expand the ability of communities to deal with disasters and emergencies.

Local councils may apply to the Local Grants Scheme to fund projects that complement existing emergency management programs.

Projects that will enhance a community's capability to deal with disasters and emergencies can include response and recovery initiatives, identification of critical infrastructure needing protection, training of local government staff, or any other project that will result in enhanced community safety.

This could include installing flood warning systems or buying portable water dams or equipment, upgrading facilities or reviewing emergency risk management plans.

Details of the programs are available from [Emergency Management Australia](#).

Community safety initiatives

Griffith City Council will be fast tracking a number of coordinated initiatives after a crisis meeting of council was held earlier this month.

The meeting was held to update councillors on the events surrounding the death of Andrew Farrugia on New Years Day and to quell the many rumours and innuendo which have been circulating around the city.

Griffith Mayor, Cr Dino Zappacosta, has urged the community to let the family and friends of Andrew Farrugia grieve in peace and to allow Griffith City Council and the various government agencies to develop and put in place strategies which will assist with future crime prevention.

"This is not a time for knee jerk reactions, but we will be bringing forward some of the initiatives that are already being developed and have been in place for some time," Cr Zappacosta said.

"Various groups such as Creative Riverina Youth Team (CRYT), the Community Drug and Alcohol Team (CDAT) and the Youth Advisory Council as well as crime prevention plans have been developed and Council has been proactive in providing support services for the youth of the city.

"The bottom line is that council has not been ignoring this issue," Cr Zappacosta said.

"There have been a number of initiatives developed which are now going to be brought forward with the ongoing support of other state agencies.

"There are also a number of crime prevention tools which council is investigating, including the installation of CCTV.

"An application for funding for CCTV was lodged in November with the Federal Government through its National Community Crime Prevention Program.

"This is only the second time CCTV has been nominated as eligible for funding and we will be talking to local Federal Member for Riverina, Kay Hull, to further support our case for funding.

"However, before any CCTV is installed there are a number of processes which need to be followed and council staff met with local police last October to ensure these specific issues could be addressed.

"I would urge all Griffith residents to remain calm and let the courts do their job, allow the families and friends of this young man to lay him to rest peacefully and to allow council and associated agencies to develop proper strategies for our city."

Community consultation crucial in NSW development application system

Further reform of the development application system in NSW councils would not reduce processing delays, councils and the state government say.

The average processing time for a NSW development application was 54 days, with two in five councils taking longer than the 40-day limit set out in the Local Government Act.

The NSW Urban Taskforce, a group representing the development industry, said the figures showed the process was hamstrung by bureaucracy, with most developments required to go through the public exhibition process.

Many smaller residential projects, such as new homes which complied with regulations and extensions or alterations to existing dwellings, could be exempt from the exhibition process, Taskforce CEO Terry Barnes said.

But Local Government and Shires Association president Genia McCaffery warned such changes would undermine public confidence in the diplomacy of the process.

"If you throw away that planning consultation process I think you are going to end up with a lot of communities feeling they have been completely sidelined," she said.

"You do have to strike a balance. If the first you hear of your neighbour's development is when the bulldozers arrive in the backyard that's not a good process."

The NSW government reformed the approvals process in April last year, allowing for the implementation of independent hearing and assessment panels, a spokeswoman for Planning Minister Frank Sartor said.

The panels would only target councils with "systemic" development problems, the spokeswoman said. "Those measures have not yet been exercised, but the mechanism is in place," she said. The planning department was closely examining the figures, and collecting other data, to identify the real bottlenecks.

Since the 2004-05 report period, many councils had taken action to improve their processing times and the government was working to attract more planners to NSW and assist with major redevelopment projects, the spokeswoman said.

Opposition planning spokesman Chris Hartcher accused the government of hypocrisy in fast-tracking major applications at the behest of developers.

"It's only prepared to intervene to help the big developers, it's not prepared to intervene to help councils, nor to help ordinary citizens," Mr Hartcher said.

He said there was no need to reform the current approvals process, but the government should help by providing extra private certifiers and resources during peak periods.

New settlement DVD for humanitarian entrants from Africa

The Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA) is currently working on a DVD to help newly arrived humanitarian entrants from Africa to settle into Australia and adapt to the new environment. This DVD will provide new arrivals with a range of information and advice on:

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- adapting to a new cultural environment
- renting accommodation
- health services and emergencies

- the Australian education system
- budgeting
- employment services
- parenting
- the legal system
- becoming part of the community.

This DVD, due to be released in May 2007, will be available in six key African languages and English. For more information about this product, and to request a copy, contact Cressida Thompson, Settlement Branch, DIMA on 02 6264 3329.

2007 funding for Industry e-learning demonstrations

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Applications for first semester 2007 close on 31 January but late applications will be accepted. Semester starts on 26 February.

Airport Amendment Bill

ALGA delivered a strong submission to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee on the Airports Amendment Bill 2006.

ALGA has made strong representations to this Senate Inquiry about the proposed amendments to the Airports legislation which covers the planning for developments on the major airports owned by the Australian Government but leased to private operators. The land not used for aviation purposes is being developed for commercial purposes at a number of airports. These developments however are outside local planning powers and the developers do not pay rates to the councils.

ALGA in its submission acknowledged that the aviation elements of airports are key parts of the nation's infrastructure and their planning is a matter for the Australian Government. However, ALGA considers the extensive non-aviation commercial developments do not

constitute key national infrastructure and does not justify being excluded from state and local planning regimes.

In its submission, ALGA sought that in relation to commercial developments on airport land the Federal Minister be required to appropriately consult with local government and to state in any decision whether developments are consistent with state and local plans and if not why they should proceed. ALGA also recommended that the Minister in making a decision should also be required to take account of the proposed development on nearby residents and businesses.

The submission also asks that consideration should also be given to charging commercial developments on airport land the equivalent of rates and where appropriate developer contributions on behalf of councils to help pay for any infrastructure requirements and to assist in meeting the overall community needs.

Review of ABS geography

The ABS has commenced a review of the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) that will run from October 2006 to August 2007. The aim of the review is to create a new standard statistical geographical classification that will provide a more relevant spatial framework for the publication and analysis of a wide range of statistics. The review includes all units and structures of the current ASGC between the Mesh Block and state level, except Remoteness.

Local government is the key to the success of the review, both as a major user of regional statistics that will be presented on the basis of the new standard geography and as part of the classification itself. One of the key conceptual issues to be decided by the review will be the position of Local Government Areas in the new classification and how they will relate to the other units. The Australian Local Government Association has been invited to provide input to the review.

The new classification is envisaged as having a three part structure:

- A core comprising of a new general purpose structure, definitions of rural/urban, major regional centres and remoteness.
- A set of endorsed structures, outside the core, but under the umbrella of the new standard classification.
- A set of supported geographies for which the ABS will provide boundaries, concordances and possibly data, but will be outside the standard classification.

The review will develop the criteria to build the core structure and criteria for incorporating endorsed geographies as classification structures. It will also consider the circumstances where the ABS will support some geographies.

The review will occur in four phases:

Phase 1: Development of options, October to early December 2006.

A committee of ABS and external experts will be set up to identify possible options for a new standard statistical geographical classification.

Phase 2: General consultation, January 2006 to mid-April 2007.

The ABS will go to general consultation with all stakeholders to consider the option(s) developed by the committee. This will include consultations in all state and territory capitals by ABS Geography staff. The ABS will give each state/territory government the opportunity to identify a person to coordinate their response.

The expert committee will meet again in April 2006 to consider the feedback on their options, and to select and draft a preferred option.

Phase 3: Focused consultation, April 2007 to July 2007.

A public information paper on the draft option will be released for discussion. Feedback at this point will be limited to fine tuning the proposal.

The committee will meet a final time in mid July 2007 to consider the feedback and make final recommendations.

Phase 4: Documentation of recommendations, July 2007 to mid August 2007.

The committee's recommendations will be documented and presented to ABS senior management for consideration.

Local governments are encouraged to provide comments during this review and for further details to contact alec.bamber@abs.gov.au.

Broadband Blueprint

The Australian Government launched its '[Broadband Blueprint](#)' towards the end of last year.

The Blueprint identifies the important role of local government in facilitating broadband in Greenfield and Brownfield sites. It builds upon the experience of a number of councils that have taken the lead in ensuring broadband was available in new developments.

ALGA is working with the Australian Government in consultation with state associations on a proposed consultancy project looking at - local government planning policy, guidelines/regulations for deployment of broadband infrastructure in Greenfield and Brownfield sites.

Good Security-Good Business

The Attorney-General has released a new publication to raise awareness about risk management and business continuity amongst small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs). *Good Security-Good Business* provides useful information for SMEs on the importance of being prepared for an incident and the value of having plans in place to respond and recover as quickly as possible. Good Security-Good Business is a free booklet. Telephone 1300 656 863 or visit the [Trusted Information Sharing Network](#) to order/download your copy.

Insulation can help safeguard the elderly during summer heat waves

Installing home insulation can help reduce mortality among the elderly during heat waves, according to new medical research from the French Institute of Public Health Surveillance.

Researchers investigated the causes of thousands of excess deaths during a severe heat wave that hit France in August 2003. They found that 35% of the sample died of heat related factors. They identified that a lack of thermal building insulation was a main risk factor associated with the deaths of elderly people.

A recommendation of the report was to provide insulation to older buildings and better vegetation shading.

In their report, published in the *European Journal of Public Health*, the researchers said: "Housing characteristics associated with death were lack of thermal insulation and sleeping on the top floor, right under the roof".

Dennis D'Arcy, President of the Insulation Council of Australia and New Zealand (ICANZ), said the research highlights the additional and often overlooked important health benefits of living in well-insulated, energy efficient homes.

"Building insulation's contribution to the health and well-being of household occupants should be factored in by designers along with its role in reducing household energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. Insulation's potential to reduce serious health risks during weather extremes is a vital benefit for householders", Mr D'Arcy said.

Mr D'Arcy, said that with 39 per cent of Australian homes uninsulated and many others very poorly insulated the implications of the research into the French heatwave of 2003 should be noted by Australians. "Australia can be a very hot country in summer and it has some of the least energy efficient homes in the developed world, certainly well below the standards of Western Europe and the US.

Installing air-conditioners into these homes can help improve summer comfort levels, but it is a very energy inefficient solution and will only provide protection while power is available. Occupants of poorly insulated or uninsulated air conditioned homes quickly become exposed to the distressing effects of a heat wave when power blackouts occur.

"Recent years have seen a rising incidence of power failures, particularly during heat waves when overall energy demand exceeds generation capacity. Insulation uses no electricity to do its job of helping to keep homes cool in summer, and it also helps flatten the spikes in energy demand when heat waves occur," he said.

The Commonwealth will be just a brief flight away...

The fourth [Commonwealth Local Government Conference](#) is drawing very close - 26-29 March in Auckland. Already many Commonwealth counties are represented, but due to the Christmas break registrations from Australia have slowed.

It's an event not to be missed for decision makers in the world of local government - especially with the opportunity to meet assembled Commonwealth colleagues just across the ditch.

We recommended you do register without delay as we certainly don't want Australian representatives to be disappointed and also Auckland accommodation is filling up fast.

The conference boasts some high profile speakers including several heads of state and government ministers. Also there is the highest ranking African woman in the UN System - Dr Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, an Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) and Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director of The Earth Institute, Professor of Sustainable Development, and Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University and also Director of the UN Millennium Project - to mention just two.

QLD: Three councils join recycled water vote

More Queensland voters will get a say on recycled water with another three councils joining the March 17 referendum. About 30 thousand residents of Jondaryan, Rosalie and Crows Nest shires will join voters in 19 other south-east shires from Coolangatta to Noosa in the poll. Crows Nest Mayor Geoff Patch whose shire has moved to Level Five water restrictions says he's encouraging a "yes" vote.

The state government says it's confident purified recycled water can be used as a safe and reliable source of supply. It has been used to replenish drinking water supplies in many other parts of the world for decades including the USA, UK, Singapore and Africa.

The other councils involved in the vote are: Beaudesert, Boonah, Brisbane, Caboolture, Caloundra, Cooloola, Esk, Gatton, Gold Coast, Ipswich, Kilcoy, Laidley, Logan, Maroochy, Noosa, Pine Rivers, Redcliffe, Redland and Toowoomba.

It'll give voters a say on whether recycled sewage should be introduced to the drinking water system which services the south-east corner.

Quote of the week

For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice.

- *Little Gidding II*, by T.S. Eliot.

International news ■■

BERLIN (Reuters) - A 46-year-old German motorist driving along a busy road suddenly veered to the left and ended up stuck on a railway track - because his satellite navigation system told him to, police said Sunday.

The motorist was heading into the north German city of Bremen "when the friendly voice from his satnav told him to turn left," a spokesman said.

Several German motorists have crashed their cars in recent months, later telling police they were only obeying orders from their satnavs.

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Some of the themes will include: promoting the culture of safety; legal liabilities in workplace safety; OH&S cost reductions; risk management; the impact of workplace incentive schemes; positive changes in injury management; occupational stress and bullying; local fleet safety initiatives.

Presenters will include Mayors, General Managers, Risk Management experts, HR and Safety Managers within Councils as well as industry and legal practitioners.

To find out more about the conference and to register, please visit www.halledit.com.au
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2nd Road & Pavement Engineering & Management Conference

Melbourne, March 28-29 2007

The 2nd National Road Pavement Management & Engineering Conference in Melbourne will provide local government road engineers and managers with fresh insights and new perspectives into new and emerging issues in road construction, maintenance, asset management and contract management.

This two-day conference on March 28 and 29, at Melbourne's Carlton Crest Hotel, will hear presentations on a range of relevant case studies from councils including Glenorchy, Gosford, Coffs Harbour, Mornington Peninsula, Corangamite, Melbourne City, and Latrobe City.

Leading experts from a number of disciplines including: asset evaluation and road performance modelling, surfacing, pavement design, road maintenance, contract management, linemarking, water in the road reserve, work site safety, and water sensitive design will address this important event. Climate change and water scarcity are examined in the technical sessions.

There will be concurrent technical and management streams, allowing delegates to choose the topics and speakers which are of most relevance to their immediate concerns.

The conference - which follows on from the highly successful 2006 forum - is being actively supported and endorsed by industry and professional bodies including the IPWEA, the AAPA, AustStab, the Roadmarking Industry Association, the CCF, the Australian Road Forum and the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects.

The National Conference - which incorporates the 3rd Victorian Roads Conference - provides an ideal opportunity for engineers and managers to receive up-to-minute information about best practice and technical road issues in a collaborative environment with their local government and industry peers.

For the full conference details please visit www.halledit.com.au

For registration enquiries, please contact Denise McQueen on 03 8534 5021 or email denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au.

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- 20 - 21 February 2007 Mortgage Processing
- 21 - 22 February 2007 Government marketing 2007
- 21 - 22 February 2007 4th Annual National Toll Roads Summit
- 22 - 24 February 2007 Australian Construction Equipment Expo (ACE 2007)
- 22 - 23 February 2007 Local government occupational health and safety conference 2007
- 26 - 28 February 2007 Thinking drinking II: From problems to solutions
- 26 - 27 February 2007 Public Sector Executive Assistant & Personal Assistant 2007
- 26 - 27 February 2007 Negotiating Native Title Forum

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Meeting with Senator Kate Lundy, Shadow Minister for Local Government

A meeting between the President of the Australian Local Government Association, Cr Paul Bell, and the Shadow Minister for Local Government, Senator Kate Lundy was described by both parties as 'extremely constructive.'



"I was pleased to be able to talk in depth with Cr Bell about specific issues facing local governments in Australia and where Federal Labor policy may alleviate some of the pressures," Senator Lundy said following the meeting held in Brisbane last week.

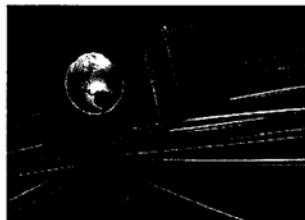
Specific issues discussed were the [PricewaterhouseCoopers report](#) into local government financing, funding arrangements for councils, and reform processes undertaken across Australia and international developments.

"Councils have always done terrific, innovative things. It is really good to be updated on their initiatives. This meeting has reinforced my views that local governments have been leaders in a range services for many years. For example, where broadband is available, local governments have in many cases led Australia's best practice in online servicing and IT infrastructure," Senator Lundy said.

Cr Bell said he was delighted at the receptiveness Senator Lundy displayed to ALGA's policy agenda and he looked forward to further constructive meetings during the year.

Broadband discussions with Senator Coonan

ALGA President Cr Paul Bell will be meeting with the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Helen Coonan later this month.



Cr Bell said he strongly believed that the majority of local councils had the potential to be infrastructure hubs and to provide services and training to communities. "Broadband should be considered as a basic enabler and local government needs support if it is to provide this service." Cr Bell said he would raise these issues with Senator Coonan, in addition to planning issues, the involvement of local government in the inter-governmental summit and the development of the [Broadband Blueprint](#) implementation plan.

"The [2007-08 State of the Regions Report](#) states the crucial importance of providing high-speed broadband internet services across Australia," Cr Bell said. "The telecommunications superhighway is today's equivalent road and port access. It reinvigorates regional economies, provides market and export opportunities which assist local businesses and strengthen communities. I look forward to the discussions."

Extra \$1 million for line marking on Tasmanian roads



The State Government will contribute an extra \$1 million toward line marking on local government roads, Minister for Infrastructure Jim Cox said today.

The President of the Local Government Association of Tasmania, Mike Gaffney, and the Tasmanian Minister for Infrastructure, Jim Cox, have announced that the state government would contribute an extra \$1m toward line marking on local government roads.

This is almost double the State Government's previous funding and reflects our commitment to this important aspect of road safety. Mr Gaffney said that the Local Government Association was very pleased with the increased funding level. "The Association has been working with the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources for some time now, to look at options for better funding arrangements for line marking on local government roads," Mr Gaffney said. "It's very pleasing that we have reached this agreement. Reaching this agreement is a positive step, which will deliver improved outcomes on this important component of the local road network for the next four years."

Line marking on roads is a fundamental part of road safety, providing directions, lane differentiation and assisting in traffic control and traffic flow. Historically the State Government has contributed \$300,000 a year towards line marking on council roads.

From the President

Roads to Recovery is the flagship program of the Australian Government for funding local roads. It is a program which local government fought for and one we can all be proud of. It shows what can be achieved by cooperation between the federal and local spheres of government.



Local government has demonstrated through the program that it can deliver on-the-ground outcomes that provide tangible benefit to communities with 99% of expenditure going directly into roads. This is something state governments, with their layers of bureaucracy, can only dream about.

The significance of good, well-placed transport infrastructure, linking communities and economies across the nation, cannot be overstated for local government. Roads are the life-force that connect many otherwise isolated parts of Australia, in a similar way that airports and telecommunication networks act as super-skyways and cyber-highways ferrying people, goods, and information to and from our regions.

Over the past year or so, we have put our heads together to develop a framework to strengthen the engagement of local government in transport issues but the building and maintenance of local roads remains our core business.

The Local Government Roads and Transport Strategy, launched at the General Assembly, is a bold and achievable 10-year plan which identifies the main areas of engagement for local government. As its centrepiece it calls for Roads to Recovery funding to be made permanent.

From its inception in 2000-01 Roads to Recovery will have delivered some \$2.8b in road projects to local communities by the time the current funding expires in 2008. I have been active in pushing the case with the Minister for Transport and Regional Services, Mark Vaile, and the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, Jim Lloyd, for funding renewal including a permanent funding arrangement to replace the ad hoc budget

dependent arrangement that current exists.

I encourage all local councils and state associations to talk to their local MPs and Senators to ensure that the message is heard far and wide - that *Roads to Recovery* is a program of vital importance to local communities and must be continued.

The other issue I am lobbying the Federal Government on is the strategic regional component of *Roads to Recovery*. Firstly, I would like to congratulate those councils who successfully put up projects - feedback from the Government indicates the quality of submissions was of a very high standard.

However, many councils missed out. The interest was so strong that 495 applications were received, seeking more than \$1b for projects worth in excess of \$2b. About two-thirds of these projects fell into the small project category. In the final wash-up, 86 projects (29 large and 57 small) will receive over \$127m. The total value of these projects is \$220m.

The high level of unmet demand for funding regional projects shows just how much remains to be done. ALGA has lobbied for the continuation of this program in its budget submission. You may rest assured that I and ALGA will continue to work hard on behalf of all councils around Australia to make sure that the message is heard in Canberra. Local government has the opportunity to build on what has been a very successful partnership which makes a significant difference in improving the quality of life of our communities.

Cr Paul Bell AM
ALGA President

Labor's plan for direct funding to child-care providers for learning

Labor Leader Kevin Rudd has unveiled a \$500m policy to improve opportunities for early childhood learning. Under the plan, all four year-olds would have the right to 15 hours a week of play-based learning with a qualified teacher for at least 40 weeks a year. Labor is proposing that the scheme may be funded by direct commonwealth grants to child-care providers. State governments would need to agree to share the costs of the plan which would be delivered through preschools and child-care providers. Federal Education Minister Julie Bishop said the federal government was already working with the states through COAG to develop a comprehensive national agenda for early childhood.

NSW calls for Independent Planning Commission

The Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW today called on the State Government to establish an independent planning commission to make recommendations on major developments and state significant sites which are currently determined after intervention by the Minister for Planning.

The Minister can take control of a residential, retail or construction project with a capital investment value of more than \$50 million if, in his opinion, it is of state or regional significance.

The President of the Local Government Association, Cr Genia McCaffery, said the current lack of transparency and the wide-ranging powers conferred on the Minister had increasingly marginalised communities from the development process for major projects.

"Amendments to our planning laws have resulted in a loss of planning powers among councils, and has promoted a perception of, and increased the potential for, undue influence and corruption in the development process," Cr McCaffery said.

"This has only served to frustrate and alienate many local councils and our communities when we try to achieve good planning outcomes.

"The ability of councils to fund infrastructure associated with major developments is also being undermined because of significantly reduced section 94 contributions being made to councils when the Minister intervenes.

"We want an independent planning commission to undertake the assessment of major development projects, engage with councils and the community, and make recommendations to the Minister for Planning.

"The legislation also should be changed to provide objective criteria for determining when developments or sites are of state or regional significance," Cr McCaffery said.

The President of the Shires Association, Cr Col Sullivan OAM, said State Cabinet should determine such applications if the Minister for Planning rejected the advice of an independent planning commission.

"We also need a clear definition of the 'exceptional circumstances' that result in a project being declared critical infrastructure.

"The existing legislation is being increasingly used to override local development controls. In some instances, state-determined heritage and environmental requirements and guidelines are also being ignored.

"The legislation has led to unnecessary and unjustified ministerial intervention in development applications in Sydney and many other parts of the State," Cr Sullivan said.

"Councils are being given inadequate time to comment on major developments taken over by the Minister.

"And councils cannot recover their costs after using significant resources to provide the Minister and his department with advice on the impacts of the development on their local community," Cr Sullivan said.

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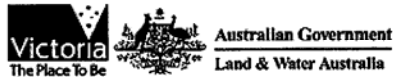
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Place and Purpose conference Spatial models for natural resource management and planning

The State Government of Victoria's Department of Primary Industries are hosting a conference titled 'Place and Purpose'. Place and Purpose is co-sponsored by the Victorian Department of Sustainability and Environment and Land and Water Australia.

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- **When:** Wed 30th - Thu 31st May 2007
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Place and Purpose will present spatial tools and approaches for analysing natural, agricultural and urban landscapes, with an innovative format of interactive workshops, hands-on demonstrations, exhibits, keynote presentations and a 3D virtual reality studio.

Conference themes include natural resource knowledge management, approaches to ecological modelling, NRM policy and investment, landscape visualisation, land use change and scenario modelling, farm to catchment tools, and triple bottom line indicators and landscapes.

Keynote speakers include:

- Professor Richard Klosterman from the University of Akron, Ohio - author of 'What if?' a GIS based collaborative planning support system.
- Professor Keith Clarke from the University of California Santa Barbara - author of SLEUTH, a model to explore future land use change scenarios.
- Dr. David Pullar from the University of Queensland - an expert in spatial analysis and modelling of urban and regional landscapes.

Please contact Dr. Gemma Nichol on 03 5430 4335 or at Gemma.Nichol@dpi.vic.gov.au for any queries.

New chief executive for Australian Automobile Association

The [Australian Automobile Association](#) (AAA) has appointed Mike Harris as Chief Executive. Mr Harris was previously the Chief Executive of the ACT Chief Minister's Department.

ALGA President Cr Paul Bell, said he was keen to continue the strong relationship between the organisations, which shared similar objectives in the areas of roads and road safety. "ALGA looks forward to working constructively with Mr Harris and we welcome the appointment," he said.

Mr Harris said he was looking forward to the challenges ahead. "AAA is well recognised for its ongoing advocacy on road safety, investment in roads and motorists' issues such as petrol pricing - I am looking forward to this position," he said. Mr Harris will commence duties at AAA from Thursday 22 February.

Airport Amendment Bill

ALGA, as reported in last weeks ALGA News, made a submission to the [Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee](#) last month. ALGA officials were subsequently invited to appear before the Senate Committee in a public hearing on 31 January.

ALGA CEO, Mr Adrian Beresford-Wylie, outlined the national local government position to the Committee.

ALGA remains concerned that the proposed legislation does not address the fundamental issue that commercial developments on airport land are not treated the same as developments on non-airport land. Developments on airports can proceed without reference to state or local government planning or policy and the rating and developer contributions for commercial developments on airport land are not comparable with other developments on non-airport land. There are also concerns with the proposed consultative arrangements proposed in the legislation and the lack of consideration of the impact of developments on surrounding businesses.

The ALGA national position was supported by the Australian Mayoral Aviation Council and a number of councils that were able to provide specific examples to support the national ALGA position.

The Senate Committee is expected to report by mid February.

Local Government reforms for NT

LGANT President, Kerry Moir today welcomed the announcement by the Minister for Local Government, Elliot McAdam on the boundaries of the proposed nine shires as part of the government's reform agenda.

"At last we have something concrete to analyse and comment on," she said. "Consultation with member councils on the indicative boundaries nominated by the government will be important and LGANT is well represented on the Local Government Advisory Board which will be advising the Minister on this important part of the reform package.

"Reform of local government has been on the NT Government agenda for over ten years. This announcement today signals change is actually going to happen. Whilst the Association and its members support reform, the challenge for all of us is to analyse the government's proposal to ensure it is the most workable arrangement.

"The Minister has set up a strong advisory board under the able leadership of Patrick Dodson. The board includes local government representatives currently working in all regions of the NT and within the Local Government Association itself. They have first hand experience of the actual problems confronting local government outside municipal areas.

"As a major service provider to local government the Association will be keen to maintain its interests in service delivery with its member councils.

"A large part of our efforts in recent times has been directed towards delivery of services in partnership with various councils. We are about being a voice for local government as well as a service provider and clearly we want to continue with both roles as local government associations in other states do.

"This proposal will see our membership reducing significantly from 63 councils to 13, but experience interstate shows the Association will play a very important role into the future as the voice for the sector.

"Whilst everyone agrees major change to local government is necessary if it is to fulfil its role as the third sphere of government, lines on a map will not automatically bring change for the good of all Territorians. The structure being created must suit the services local government is expected to provide and the new arrangements have to be sustainable in the long term.

"Everyone wants improvements and bigger councils will have more capacity to deliver services and potentially be stronger advocates for their communities as well as becoming more financially sustainable' the President said. 'We need now to focus on achieving these outcomes."

[View the new Local Government boundaries \(PDF\).](#)

Councils preparing to meet climate change head-on

Queensland councils are developing a [Climate Change Management Strategy](#). The LGAQ has commissioned the development of the strategy to guide local government in responding to this crisis issue. The strategy will provide a model process to assist councils in developing an appropriate mitigation and adaptation response to climate change.

The LGAQ is concerned about the impacts of climate change on councils and has an obligation to consider how local government might respond. Studies have shown that for every two degree rise in temperature, there is a decrease in the life of roads of approximately 10 years.

The LGAQ Climate Change Management Strategy is expected to be developed by March 2007, with councils undertaking action plans early next year.

Quote of the week

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less travelled by, and that has made all the difference.

- Robert Frost, *The Road Not Taken*

International news

Indonesia to ban backyard poultry to fight bird flu

Indonesia is preparing to ban backyard poultry farming in a renewed effort to fight bird flu, after the feared disease killed four people last week.

The fatalities raised Indonesia's death toll from the virus to 61, the highest in the world. The vast majority of bird flu cases have occurred after contact with infected poultry.

"This is already ... a situation of health emergency, and we hope that the protection of humans will be much better if birds and humans are separated," said Aburizal Bakrie, the Coordinating Minister for People's Welfare.

Indonesia's efforts to curb the spread of bird flu have been hampered by the reluctance of some poultry owners, especially backyard farmers, to hand over their sick or potentially infected birds for slaughter.

Health Minister Siti Fadillah Supari said most of Indonesia's victims had had contact with poultry around the house rather than birds from commercial farms.

"In principle, there should be no birds in residential areas," the minister said, adding that regulations banning backyard poultry would be introduced in the three worst-hit regions.

The regulations target poultry and racing pigeons but could also extend to pet birds.

Scientists fear the H5N1 strain of the virus could mutate to become easily transmissible among people, which could in turn lead to a global human flu pandemic with a potential death toll of millions.

H5N1 has killed around 160 people worldwide since late 2003 and triggered the mass slaughter of tens of millions of poultry.

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Some of the themes will include: promoting the culture of safety; legal liabilities in workplace safety; OH&S cost reductions; risk management; the impact of workplace incentive schemes; positive changes in injury management; occupational stress and bullying; local fleet safety initiatives.

Presenters will include Mayors, General Managers, Risk Management experts, HR and Safety Managers within Councils as well as industry and legal practitioners.

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Melbourne, March 28-29 2007

The 2nd National Road Pavement Management & Engineering Conference in Melbourne will provide local government road engineers and managers with fresh insights and new perspectives into new and emerging issues in road construction, maintenance, asset management and contract management.

This two-day conference on March 28 and 29, at Melbourne's Carlton Crest Hotel, will hear presentations on a range of relevant case studies from councils including Glenorchy, Gosford, Coffs Harbour, Mornington Peninsula, Corangamite, Melbourne City, and Latrobe City.

Leading experts from a number of disciplines including: asset evaluation and road performance modelling, surfacing, pavement design, road maintenance, contract management, linemarking, water in the road reserve, work site safety, and water sensitive design will address this important event. Climate change and water scarcity are examined in the technical sessions.

There will be concurrent technical and management streams, allowing delegates to choose the topics and speakers which are of most relevance to their immediate concerns.

The conference - which follows on from the highly successful 2006 forum - is being actively supported and endorsed by industry and professional bodies including the IPWEA, the AAPA, AustStab, the Roadmarking Industry Association, the CCF, the Australian Road Forum and the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects.

The National Conference - which incorporates the 3rd Victorian Roads Conference - provides an ideal opportunity for engineers and managers to receive up-to-minute

information about best practice and technical road issues in a collaborative environment with their local government and industry peers.

For the full conference details please visit www.halledit.com.au

For registration enquiries, please contact Denise McQueen on 03 8534 5021 or email denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au.

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Forthcoming events

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19 - 20 February 2007 Public Sector Information Management Strategy 2007

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Talks to continue on \$10b national water plan

The President of the Australian Local Government Association, Cr Paul Bell, has welcomed the thrust of the Prime Minister's \$10 billion 10-year water plan, saying he is looking forward to further talks on this crucial issue.

Cr Bell said the talks yesterday in Canberra were constructive and that a national approach to water management was 'long overdue.'

"This is a bold, innovative proposal and ALGA is committed to working with state and federal governments to get the best result for local communities and the environment," he said.

Cr Bell said that he was fighting hard to ensure that urban water supplies were protected and had argued strongly that structural adjustment for communities must be included as part of the \$10 billion package. "I strongly believe that the pain must be shared and that communities are given recognition for the sacrifices they are asked to make as part of dealing with this national problem."

The meeting will resume on February 23rd.

The plan:

- 70 per cent of all water use in Australia is for farm irrigation
- Up to 30 per cent of water is lost in transport, through leakage, seepage and evaporation
- \$6 billion to seal major delivery channels, improve metering and install drip systems to save 3,000 gegalitres of water each year
- \$3 billion to buy back irrigators' water entitlements in the Murray-Darling basin
- Federal government to take control of Murray-Darling basin from states
- \$480 million for the Bureau of Meteorology to collect national water information
- Taskforce to investigate moving farmers to northern Australia where there is more water
- Australian Water Fund grants to be made conditional on city water utilities investing in dams and other infrastructure.

It's a dry argument for local government

The central NSW town of Wallabadah has become the 12th community in the state to import water after running dry.

Water was trucked into Wallabadah when its reservoir became empty after the town well failed.

The town of 300, near Quirindi, is typical of the small communities throughout NSW which receive water from neighbouring dams or reservoirs.



Liverpool Plains Shire Council acting general manager Bob Stewart said the town had been looking for other sources of water because the well's levels were so low and the situation had become critical.

"We can only pump for three minutes at a time and the pump ceases, so that means that the water reservoirs are effectively empty," Mr Stewart told ABC Radio.

"And in terms of the well, we need to have a look at that tomorrow morning. I need to give the guys a chance to have a look at that and see if we can get any more water out of it or not."

NSW Water Utilities Minister David Campbell said the number of towns carting water changes quickly, and after small amounts of rain carting may stop.

Mr Campbell said as a result of 93.2 per cent of NSW being drought declared in December, all country town water supplies are monitored by the Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability in liaison with the local water utilities.

Meanwhile, Brisbane has reduced its water consumption by record levels, new figures show.

Lord Mayor Campbell Newman today said residents and businesses had slashed their water use by more than 42 and 24 per cent respectively during the last three months of 2006.

He said the figures showed the drought message was hitting home.

"This is an outstanding result across the city and some of Brisbane's suburbs have even managed to cut their water consumption by more than 60 per cent," Mr Newman said.

"Under the current level four water restrictions, we have a collective target of reducing the residential sector's water use by 30 per cent - these latest quarterly figures have exceeded our expectations."

Brisbane City Council itself has reduced its water usage by 59 per cent.

Premier Peter Beattie has scrapped plans for a controversial \$10 million referendum, which would have gauged whether residents of 18 south-east Queensland areas would accept drinking recycled water.

Mr Beattie said the drought and drastically low water levels in the Wivenhoe-Somerset Dam system, now standing at just 23 per cent, were reason enough to mandate recycled drinking water.

Prime Minister John Howard has expressed support for drinking waste water, saying he would be prepared to put a bottle of recycled toilet water in his fridge.

However, Mr Beattie's controversial plan has split the Labor states, with South Australian Premier Mike Rann, NSW Premier Morris Iemma and Victoria's acting Water Minister Justin Madden rejecting it.

Labor plan for childcare waiting list



ALGA President Cr Paul Bell has cautiously welcomed a Labor proposal to work with local governments to develop a single waiting list for childcare places in each local government area.

"Local government childcare centres are facing many difficulties which need to be addressed," he said. "I am happy to discuss any proposal which assists in service delivery to communities. However, we would not want this to be a cost-shifting exercise."

Shadow families and community services spokeswoman Jenny Macklin said a Labor government would work with local councils to create one centralised waiting list in each area covering both public

and private centres.

"It makes sense for parents, governments and childcare providers to have single local waiting lists," she said. "We'll have a much better idea of where the need is greatest.

"Some local councils are already doing it. Others are thinking about it. We'll sit down with the Australian Local Government Association and make it work across the country."

Ms Macklin today said the one-stop-shop plan would have the added benefit of creating a more accurate picture of which areas are suffering childcare shortages.

From the President

The task of developing a national plan to ensure the sustainability of our towns and cities is an issue which is becoming increasingly urgent and one which has been neglected for too long.



The Australian economy and social landscape is built on diverse, vibrant and connected communities. Our cities are our portals for international trade and commerce and generate around 80% of GDP.

Australia is one of the most highly urbanised countries in the world. The character of Australia's capital cities is shaped by the increasingly diverse range of people who live in them.

And yet the health of our cities is an area that is frequently overlooked by policy makers, who tend to focus on the issue of the moment. But the issues of today - climate change, water, infrastructure investment, housing affordability - are intrinsically linked and feed into how our cities function and whether they are sustainable.

There is a need for a more coordinated and integrated approach that involves all parties - federal, state and local government, developers, planners, architects and the residents themselves.

Local government as the voice of local and regional communities is well-positioned to take an active part in a national debate and we will continue to lobby for a broad overarching vision for the sustainable development of our urban centres. Vibrant cities and towns are also important as a source of skills, materials and markets which support rural and regional economies.

The Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Malcolm Turnbull, has showed a strong interest in this issue as the MP for Wentworth, and Committee Member on the Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage - Sustainable Cities, and I am hoping that in his new role he continues to pursue and display his passion for urban development, working with other Ministries.

The Opposition has made some forays into the debate and in a speech in Parliament this week, the Shadow Minister for Urban Development, Laurie Ferguson, canvassed the possibility of setting up a Sustainable Cities Authority. Over a year ago, the then Shadow Minister for Housing, Urban Development, Local Government and Territories, Senator Kim Carr, released the ALP's draft discussion paper on Urban Development, Housing and Local Government. This paper acknowledged that the Australian Government has a clear role in working with others to deliver more sustainable cities - so that the issues such as housing, infrastructure provision, public transport and a fairer distribution of funds to local government to assist in meeting the sustainable challenge can be delivered.

ALGA has been working hard on these issues. Along with key industry and lobby groups, we participated in the Sustainable Communities Roundtable in May last year. We are also currently engaged through the Local Government Planning Ministers Council in assisting to address issues such as affordable housing, natural resource management, and integrated

transport systems.

However, we are increasingly frustrated that the House of Representatives Environment and Heritage Committee report, Sustainable Cities, has been on the shelf gathering dust for almost 18 months.

The report has some practical recommendations on how our cities can respond to issues such as climate change, energy efficiency, water use and recycling. It has recommendations about improving our public transport systems to reduce traffic congestion and bottle-necks. This should not be about the Federal Government taking over state and territory responsibilities, it needs to be about a concerted, national approach where the three spheres work together to address these significant challenges.

These are all issues that local government has a keen interest and involvement in. Our recently released Roads and Transport Strategy looks at urban congestion and access to public transport. Good strategic planning at the local government and regional level has direct implications on resource use. Local government provides guidance on protecting areas of natural value and beauty, providing community choice and input, and ensuring that we have more sustainable and attractive urban built environments and facilities. Many cities are leading the way in sustainable planning and showing that when policy challenges are not dealt with in silos, but involve community participation and direct local government action, this can lead to tangible results.

I was very interested in the outcomes of the Creating Child Friendly Cities Symposium late last year. The speakers looked at issues such as child safety in urban communities and how urban services and policies shape the well-being of our children, in the areas of transport, infrastructure, health, housing, and recreation. Also discussed were in the challenges of maintaining child-friendly conditions in high density areas and discussion on the clustering patterns of socio-economic groups. Congratulations to the City of Greater Bendigo - the first Australian city to be recognized by UNICEF and UNESCO to be recognized as a Child Friendly City.

Our children are our future. I strongly believe that professions such as architecture, engineering, building and planning need to take into account the needs of children, as well as the demands of our ageing populations.

The well-being of our cities reflects on us as a nation and directly affects the more than 14 million Australians who live in urban centres. Local government, which really does think globally and acts locally, is committed to driving the sustainability agenda as we share a strong realisation that the future of the planet is and should be the concern and the responsibility of all of us.

Cr Paul Bell AM
ALGA President

Clean Up Australia Day targets climate change

For the first time Clean Up Australian Day will target climate change, and practical measures the community can adopt to help cut greenhouse gas emissions, the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Malcolm Turnbull said. Launching this year's national Clean Up Australia Day campaign, which culminates on March 4, with Chairman Ian Kiernan AO, Mr Turnbull encouraged Australians to participate and take individual action on climate change.

Taskforce asks for submissions on emissions trading

Prime Minister John Howard's taskforce inquiry into the impact of a global emissions trading system has recommended against a carbon tax on industries.

Instead, the taskforce says emissions trading, whereby an industry might have to offset its emissions through selling credits, is a better tool for the job.

"Such a system works because only enough permits are allocated to ensure total emissions are curtailed over time, and industry uses the open market to discover the lowest cost ways of reducing emissions," the taskforce's interim report states.

"A tradeable permit market creates an explicit carbon price signal which allows business greater certainty in taking long-term investment decisions and allows for the development of financial instruments to manage risk."

The interim report says that, given the scale of the challenge faced by climate change, there is no room for complacency.

"Market-based approaches will generally reduce emissions at a lower cost than other interventions," the report says.

"Indeed, some policies provide only modest abatement at relatively significant cost, both in terms of direct budgetary impacts and regulatory cross subsidies from electricity consumers.

"The multiplicity of programs between jurisdictions, including the significant degree of overlap, has been raised as a key cost and compliance issue for business and the economy.

"Introducing a national emissions trading scheme creates the potential for rationalising some existing climate change measures."

The taskforce is headed by the secretary to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Dr Peter Shergold. Submissions can be emailed to secretariat@emissionstrading.pmc.gov.au and must be received by 7 March 2007

Three mayors join forces for NSW election

The mayors of Lake Macquarie and Maitland will contest the March 24 NSW state election as independent candidates, joining Newcastle Lord Mayor John Tate to form a regional alliance.

Greg Piper will stand in the seat of Lake Macquarie, held for the ALP by Jeff Hunter, and Peter Blackmore will stand in Maitland, the seat he represented for two terms as a Liberal MP.

The three mayors plan to turn the electorates of Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Maitland into marginal seats, and say they would work together to benefit each electorate, and the region as a whole.

If successful at the election, the mayors intend to continue in their local government roles and not put their cities through expensive by-elections.

The trio agree the responsibilities of being a city mayor and MP are easily balanced and complimentary, with benefits on both sides.

Special call for entries in Garden Awards

Entries were due to close last month for the Australian Local Government Flower Garden Awards, but have been extended because of technical problems.

A major changeover for the organising body, Bedding Plants Australia, prior to Christmas, resulted in technical problems with its website and any last minute enquiries and even entries were not received.

"We apologise for the problems and encourage any councils who were thinking of entering to get their entries in by next Friday February 17," said Neville Sloss, coordinator of the Awards. Neville, who was formerly responsible for BPA Public Relations and the Awards' organization, has been brought back to assist with the management of the Awards.

"The entry format is very simple so if councils have some good photographs of their public gardens or spaces which featured flowering annuals through 2006, very little extra is required," said Neville. "A simple explanation of the plantings along with photos is the basic requirement for our judges."

Sponsored by Bedding Plants Australia and irrigation specialists Toro Australia, the Awards are supported by the Australian Local Government Association. Gardening experts Graham Ross and Carolyn Blackman are judges along with representatives of the organizations.

Prizes totalling over \$12,000 are available to state winners and the one national winner.

Go online to www.beddingplants.com.au for full information or contact Neville direct at neville@greenpr.com.au or ph. 0414 562 010.

2007 Community Engagement Project

Applications for funding opportunities from organisations managing community-based or regional development initiatives are now available for the 2007 Community Engagement Project. Funded by the Australian Flexible Learning Framework this project seeks to foster and embed e-learning within some of Australia's most disadvantaged communities and strengthen the foundation of workforce skills. The project aims to support economic and regional development and sustainability by creating close partnerships within training organisations and ACE providers. This is the third year of funding for this project.

Download the application [guidelines and application form](#).

Is your business prepared for a crisis?

The Australian Government is running free business planning workshops to help position businesses to stay in business. The workshops will help business managers to examine their current capacity to handle a crisis like a natural disaster, product recall, human influenza or other threat.

As a business manager or manager of a not-for-profit agency, these workshops will help you to consider the effects that even the loss of a key supplier might have on your day to day operations, and also provide you with some strategies for managing the unexpected.

Speakers from the Australian Government and business planning experts from the private sector will be in attendance at these workshops to help you develop your own 'all-hazards' business plan.

Register now for a workshop at a location near you by downloading the [registration form](#).

Walkley Foundation's National Public Affairs Convention

The '8th National Public Affairs Convention: From Message Sticks to Sticky Messages,' will be held Thursday 10th - Friday 11th May 2007 at Wesley Conference Centre, 220 Pitt St, Sydney. Hosted by the Walkley Foundation for Journalism and the Media Alliance, the

convention will feature keynote Sue Murray, CEO, National Breast Cancer Foundation, Walkley-winning journalist Caroline Overington, 2UE's John Stanley and The Media Report's Antony Funnell. New topics include an analysis of Second Life's PR value, and cases of communicating CSR without the 'greenwashed' effect. To register, please phone 1300 656 513 or for more information visit <http://publicaffairs.alliance.org.au/>.

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The Australian Government is seeking applications from local councils and other eligible organisations for funding of suitable projects under the Natural Disaster Mitigation Programme (NDMP) in 2007-2008. If your organisation has a suitable project, you may be

eligible.

NDMP is an Australia-wide programme aimed at identifying and addressing natural disaster risk priorities across the nation.

In 2007-2008, the Australian Government will offer \$15.6 million under the NDMP. Funds are available for works, measures and related activities that contribute to safer, sustainable communities better able to withstand the effects of floods, storms, cyclones, bushfires and other natural disasters.

Eligible projects include risk management studies, disaster mitigation strategies, warning systems, community awareness measures 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. Exceptions apply in certain circumstances including a possible reduction or waiver of the local agency contribution for remote indigenous communities.

Applications close on Friday 23 February 2007.

For more information, including eligibility criteria and a copy of the application form, visit: www.dotars.gov.au/disasters.

Water and sewerage discussion paper for Tasmania

The Tasmanian Government has announced the creation of a Ministerial Water and Sewerage Taskforce. The primary objective of the Taskforce is to identify ways of achieving major long-term improvements in Tasmania's water and sewerage services and infrastructure, through a collaborative approach with local Government. The Taskforce will:

- conduct a high-level review to broadly assess the adequacy of Tasmania's existing water and sewerage infrastructure and the nature and scope of investment required to meet needs into the future;
- examine structural, regulatory and other institutional arrangements in Tasmania and in other jurisdictions with a view to identifying a recommended approach for Tasmania;
- examine the likely financial and other impacts on key stakeholders (including local government and water users) and risks arising from changes to existing structural, regulatory and institutional arrangements; and
- consult stakeholders, particularly local government, regarding options for a state-wide water and sewerage plan.

Local government is encourage to provide input into the [Water and Sewerage Taskforce discussion paper](#). Comment on the paper's contents must be submitted by 23 February 2007.

Councils welcome infrastructure DVD

ALGA President Cr Paul Bell has welcomed a DVD launched by the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA) addressing local infrastructure challenges facing communities across the nation.

Cr Bell said the DVD supported ALGA's push for a *Local Community Infrastructure Renewals Fund* - a major recommendation of the PricewaterhouseCoopers report on local government financing which was launched in December.

LGA SA President Cr John Rich said the LGA in SA had negotiated to buy the DVD in bulk for every council in the state as part of a wider program working with IPWEA.

"We have worked with IPWEA using their International Infrastructure Management Manual to provide templates to all Councils to assist them to prepare Infrastructure and Asset Management Plans," he said.

"We have also just announced a major program of training sessions and support which will see more than 40 sessions across the State so every Council has the skills and information they need."

Cr Rich said the program was designed to support all Councils to have the plans in place by 2008.

"Ensuring good data and plans is vital both for organisation of Council resources and to ensure we are putting forward the best case to other Governments for support."

IPWEA CEO Mr Chris Champion said that 500 DVDs had been dispatched to Local Government Associations around the country last week and would reach councils in the next few weeks.

Debate on Citizenship Bill in Senate

Debate on the Australian Citizenship Bill 2006 resumed this week in the Senate. The bill proposes extending the length of time a person must live in Australia before being granted citizenship from two to four years.

Labor supports the legislation, but proposed a number of amendments.

"Labor would like to know whether there is a new intelligence that says that the residency requirement for citizenship needs to be upped to four years. Only a year prior to the bill being introduced the government advised that three years was optimum," Senator Joe Ludwig said.

Also the right for ASIO (Australian Security Intelligence Organisation) to be allowed to veto a person's application for citizenship was criticised. The bill also enables citizenship to be denied to a person who had been convicted of a crime in another country.

A large number of senators are expected to speak on the bill.

New rural medical stream to fight drought of rural doctors

In one of the most important announcements ever to affect rural health care, the Australian Medical Council has formally recognised the training and education programs of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM), creating a new stream of doctors trained specifically for rural practice.

ACRRM President, Dr David Campbell, said the decision by the national standards body to give Initial Accreditation to ACRRM's training and education programs was a world first, and creates a new pathway for doctors to train specifically in rural and remote medicine.

"The recognition of ACRRM's rural medicine training pathway will directly improve the workforce shortage in Australia's regional and rural communities," Dr Campbell said.

"Until now there has been no recognised program that prepares doctors for the full scope of rural practice. The ACRRM program has been designed by rural doctors to specifically meet

the needs of rural communities by providing training in diverse disciplines such as Indigenous and population health, mental health, emergency medicine, surgery and other procedural care, as well as providing doctors with the flexibility to work in metropolitan general practice."

Dr Campbell said the decision follows the commitment made by the federal and state governments at the COAG meeting in July last year to allow ACRRM to have its own register of doctors, and recognition within the Health Insurance Act, if approved by the AMC.

Dr Campbell said the ACRRM pathway also provides increased flexibility and choice for existing doctors, who can now receive new financial benefits and government and college assistance, regardless of where they chose to work.

"This decision will greatly boost the status and attractiveness of rural medicine to current and future doctors, and will assist in the fight for more equitable health care across country Australia."

\$20 million envirofund opens

Individuals and community groups across Australia are being encouraged to apply for grants of up to \$50,000 for local environmental projects as part of the latest round of the Australian Government Envirofund. The Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Malcolm Turnbull, and the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, Senator Eric Abetz, announced the availability of more than \$20 million in funding through this year's round of Envirofund.

Road reports

The following research and technical reports have been published and are available for download from the Austroads publications website:

Research reports:

- AP-R288-06; Literature Review of Community Consultation Techniques used by Road Agencies
- AP-R289-06; Guidelines for the Development of a Level of Service Framework based on Community Consultations
- AP-R290-06; A Community Consultation Process and Methods for Quantifying Community Expectations on Levels of Service for Road Networks
- AP-R295-06; Australia and New Zealand Roads Capability Analysis 2006-2016

Technical reports:

- AP-T62-06; Introduction to Asphalt Mix Design
- AP-T63-06; Asphalt Characterisation for Pavement Design
- AP-T64-06; Asphalt Manufacture
- AP-T65-06; Asphalt Paving
- AP-T66-06; Asphalt Recycling
- AP-T67-06; Maintenance of Asphalt Surfacing

Local Government Public Relations Association Conference "Communication in a Climate of Change"

This year's Local Government Public Relations Association Conference will be held at Crowne Plaza Surfers Paradise from 21 to 23 March 2007.

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A copy of the program is located at www.lgaq.asn.au. Please register online and look for LGPRA under 'Key Events'. The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) has been appointed the organiser of this event. If you experience any problems with your registration, please contact: Bron Browning, Conference Co-ordinator, LGAQ, Ph: (07) 3000 2220.

Financial support for bushfire victims

Fire victims in Victoria's south-west are now eligible for extra financial assistance to help meet immediate recovery costs following an announcement between the federal and state governments to extend the Community Recovery Fund. The announcement is in addition to a \$4m package announced by the Victorian government to support the recovery of tourism in fire-affected regions. Applications under the Community Recovery fund can be made on the website www.ruralfinance.com.au.

People seeking hardship grants can call their local council, visit the [Department of Human Services website](#) or phone the Victorian Bushfire Hotline on 1800 240 667.

Quote of the week

"Prime minister, I need to add that I will be passionately critical of delays or policies by anyone that I think are wrong-headed." - *New Australian of the Year*, environmentalist Tim Flannery, warning John Howard that he will continue to be critical of the government's policies.

International news 

Britain to lead way with green scheme

Britain will be the first country in the world to set standards for "offsetting" schemes which claim to neutralise the environmental impact of individuals' greenhouse gas emissions.

But environmental groups raised questions over the value of offsetting, pointing out that it does not actually remove the carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere by activities like air travel and driving cars.

An increasing number of companies offer offsetting schemes, under which consumers seek to nullify their own CO2 emissions by paying towards green projects such as tree-planting or providing low-energy lightbulbs for developing countries.

Prime Minister Tony Blair announced that he would ensure that he offset all his personal air travel, while department store chain Marks & Spencer today said that offsetting would play a part in its effort to become the UK's first carbon neutral supermarket.

Bradshaw admitted there was confusion, even at the highest level, about how offsetting

was operating.

"That's why this government will become the first government in the world this Thursday to publish a standard for carbon offsetting, so that people will be able to tell whether the offsetting schemes they are using or thinking of using really do take that carbon out of the global carbon economy for good and whether they can trust the schemes they are using."

Friends of the Earth executive director Tony Juniper warned against relying too heavily on offsetting as a way of tackling global warming, rather than taking action to reduce CO2 emissions in the rich world.

"One of the problems with offsetting is we can inadvertently give the signal that you can carry on doing what you have always done and it is somehow going to be made better because you are going to be funding some scheme somewhere that is going to take away the CO2 damage.

"The problem is it doesn't actually remove CO2 from the atmosphere - certainly not quick enough to undo that damage".

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This two-day conference on March 28 and 29, at Melbourne's Carlton Crest Hotel, will hear presentations on a range of relevant case studies from councils including Glenorchy, Gosford, Coffs Harbour, Mornington Peninsula, Corangamite, Melbourne City, and Latrobe City.

Leading experts from a number of disciplines including: asset evaluation and road performance modelling, surfacing, pavement design, road maintenance, contract management, linemarking, water in the road reserve, work site safety, and water sensitive design will address this important event. Climate change and water scarcity are examined in the technical sessions.

There will be concurrent technical and management streams, allowing delegates to choose the topics and speakers which are of most relevance to their immediate concerns.

The conference - which follows on from the highly successful 2006 forum - is being actively supported and endorsed by industry and professional bodies including the IPWEA, the AAPA, AustStab, the Roadmarking Industry Association, the CCF, the Australian Road Forum and the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects.

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- 21 - 22 February 2007 4th Annual National Toll Roads Summit
- 22 - 24 February 2007 Australian Construction Equipment Expo (ACE 2007)
- 22 - 23 February 2007 Local government occupational health and safety conference 2007
- 26 - 28 February 2007 Thinking drinking II: From problems to solutions
- 26 - 27 February 2007 Public Sector Executive Assistant & Personal Assistant 2007
- 26 - 27 February 2007 Negotiating Native Title Forum

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MEDIA RELEASE

5 February 2007

Road Toll Highlights Urgent Need for Increased Road Funding

Thirty people killed in almost as many days on WA roads warrants urgent action to boost funding for local road networks.

The WA Local Government Association today welcomed renewed debate on road funding prompted by the RAC pushing for an additional \$200 million to be spent on road improvements.

“Two years ago the Local Government Road Asset and Expenditure Report found an extra \$86m was needed to be spent on maintaining roads just in their current condition and the situation would not have improved,” Cr Mitchell said.

“That is why the Association has been lobbying strongly for the past two years for an \$80m Safer Local Roads program to improve the safety of the roads that people use every day.

“With another State budget surplus in excess of a billions dollars it would be irresponsible not to increase funding for our road networks.

“We again raised this important issue with the Treasurer when we met recently to discuss the State Budget and we eagerly await the Budget’s release to establish whether our request for additional funding is successful.”

The road toll has already reached 30 for WA since the start of the year – with 22 of the deaths in regional areas of the State.

“Most people would not be aware that last year 65% of all serious crashes were on local roads which are the roads managed by Local Government where additional funding is urgently needed,” Cr Mitchell said.

“I believe all would agree that 30 road deaths in 32 days is unacceptable and additional funding for roads is crucial to provide the safest road network for our community.”

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New Staff:

- Danielle Biggs commences in the temporary, 12 month position of Trainee Clerical Officer, as at 12 February 2007.

Staff Leaving:

- Kevin Bidwell resigns from his position of Leading Hand - Grader Operator, effective 16 February 2007.

Other Staff Movements:

- Nil

Current Recruitment Activity:

- Corporate Relations & Personal Assistant – Mayor’s Office – temporary agency staff assigned for 6 month period.
- Development Systems Coordinator – candidate withdrew following offer. Position on hold.
- General Labourer x 2 positions – one position filled, temp agency staff to be used until second position is filled.
- Backhoe Operator – No suitable candidates, temp agency staff to be used until position is filled.
- Project Manager, Major City Projects – position on hold.
- Trainee Clerical Officer – recruitment complete.
- Streetscapes Maintenance Operator – interviews conducted, recruitment progressing.
- Parks Maintenance Operator – interviews conducted, no suitable candidates found.
- Shop Assistant P-T, Resource Recovery Centre – interviews conducted 12 February 2007.
- Senior Ranger – applications close 16 February 2007.
- Parks Technical Officer – yet to be advertised.

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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 Refer T3/1/07 22 January 07</i>	Technical Services	Future report to Technical Services Committee	Manager Engineering and Design.
<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
<u>Policy – Footpath/Kerb Security Deposit and Bonds</u> <i>Refer T57/06/06 26 June 2006</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Technical Service
<u>Illegal Dumping of Rubbish on Council and Calm Reserves</u> <i>Refer T79/08/06</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Coordinator Waste Services
<u>Forrest Road, Armadale – State Of Verge</u> <i>Refer T87/10/06</i>	Technical Services	Further report to Technical Services Committee	Executive Director

TECHNICAL SERVICES WORKS PROGRAMME
JANUARY - MARCH 2007

	January 2007	February	March
Civil Works	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brookton Hwy/Lefroy Rd • Raeburn Road • O'Meagher Road • Bilkurra Way sub soil drainage • Footpath construction program <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath, kerb and drainage repairs • Pothole and road failure repairs • Street furniture repairs • Bridge maintenance program • Road Resurfacing program • Contract road sweeping 	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road • Raeburn Road • O'Meagher Road • Mader Crescent • Orchid Road • Gilwell/Page roundabout • Footpath construction program <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor footpath repairs • Pothole repairs • Street furniture repairs • Road Resurfacing program • Contract road sweeping 	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road • Gilwell/Page roundabout • Railway Ave/Gillam Drive roundabout • Third/Bruns/Gillam intersection • Footpath construction program • Maintenance • Minor footpath repairs • Pothole repairs • Street furniture repairs • Contract road sweeping
Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precinct 1B & 1C • Armadale Shopping Centre (ING) • Armadale Plaza Development (westzone) • Vertu Subdivision – Wright Rd Stg 2 & 3 • Lot 38B Wright Road (Arion Estate Stg 2 & 3) • Churchman Brook Stg 12 • Lot 49 Wright Road (Heron Park) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precinct 1C & precinct 2 • Armadale Shopping Centre (ING) • Armadale Plaza Development (westzone) • Vertu Subdivision – Wright Rd Stg 2 & 3 • Lot 38B Wright Road (Arion Estate Stg 2 & 3) • Churchman Brook Stg 12 • Lot 49 Wright Road (Heron Park) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precinct 1C & precinct 2 • Armadale Shopping Centre (ING) • Armadale Plaza Development (westzone) • Vertu Subdivision – Wright Rd Stg 2 & 3 • Lot 38B Wright Road (Arion Estate Stg 2 & 3) • Churchman Brook Stg 12 • Lot 49 Wright Road (Heron Park)

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Design & Engineering	<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streich Ave Mader Place – Cul de Sac Soldiers Road Salter Road Heritage Drive Wungong Road <p>Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bilkurra Way – Subsoil Drain 	<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ranford Road Stg II Railway/Gillam Drive Third/Brunns/Gillam - Redesign Soldiers Road Little John Traffic Calming Owen Road Brook Place Cul-de-sac <p>Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rails Crescent – Subsoil drainage Carawatha Ave Subsoil drainage. Slab Gully Drainage System 	<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prospect Road Salter Road Warton Road Stage I Ranford Road Stage II Roundabout Forrest/Green Roundabout Church/Green/Sixth Road <p>Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slab Gully Drainage System Bilkurra
Parks and Reserves	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground Strategy Street/Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Armadale Rd/ Anstey Rd - Armadale Rd/ 12th Rd Floodlighting - Gwynne Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Armadale Bowling Club 	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground Strategy Street/Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Armadale Rd/ Anstey Rd - Armadale Rd/ 12th Rd - Lake Road/ Railway Ave Floodlighting - Gwynne Park 	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground Strategy Street/Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Armadale Rd/ Anstey Rd - Armadale Rd/ 12th Rd - Lake Road/ Railway Ave Floodlighting - Gwynne Park

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Property Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armadale Aquatic Centre Reference Group – Enclosure of pools Administration Building Carpeting upstairs function room and foyer Kelmscott Redevelopment Settlers Common – Improvements Cross Park lighting projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armadale Aquatic Centre Reference Group – Enclosure of pools Kelmscott Redevelopment Cross Park lighting projects Tourist Centre – Display area alterations and new counter Westfield Child Health – Internal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armadale Aquatic Centre Reference Group – Enclosure of pools Kelmscott Redevelopment – Design submission for Proposed Kelmscott Library Tourist Centre – Display area alterations and new counter

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourist Centre – Display area alterations and new counter • Westfield Child Health – Internal works 	<p>works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of Minnowarra House relocation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westfield Child Health – Internal works • Administration Air Conditioning replacement project

BUSHCARE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday 8 November 2006 – 6.10 PM

Committee Room – City of Armadale Administration Centre

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ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Member/Deputy Member	Affiliations
Cam Clay	Chair - Bedforddale Volunteer Fire Brigade Nominee & Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group
Adrian Choules	Friends of Goolamrup [7.05 to 8.00 pm]
Kim Fletcher	Friends of Armadale Shale Quarry [6.05 pm to 7.45 pm]
David James	Friends of Forrestdale
Cr Bob Tizard	City of Armadale Councillor
Beth Laurie	Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group
Ron Van Delft	City of Armadale Senior Environmental Planner
Yvonne Ward	Minute Secretary – City of Armadale
Apologies	
Pat Hart	Armadale City River Care
Michael Moltoni	Armadale Settlers' Common

DISCLAIMER

Nil

DISCLOSURES OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Nil

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

DEPUTATIONS

Nil

PROJECTS FOR COUNCIL'S NOTICE

The following projects are listed for Council's notice. The Project/ Group leader for all projects listed in the table below has agreed to conduct the works with due regard to the City's safety and training requirements for bushcare activities as described in the City's Friends Group Manual.

RECOMMEND

That Council be advised that the Project/ Group leader listed in the table below has been co-opted to the Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee to protect or rehabilitate bushland by facilitating works by volunteers for this Committee to extent of the scope of works and volunteer duties described.

Project/ Group leader	Group (if any)	Span of dates	Scope of works/ volunteers duties
Adrian Choules	Friends of Goolamrup	Starting from 1 July 2006 – fortnightly thereafter.	Weeding & Planting

GUEST SPEAKER

Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on 13 September 2006 be adopted.

Moved: Cr Bob Tizard
Seconded: Beth Laurie

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

Correspondence in

- Ecoplan News – Issue 59 – Spring 2006
- Media Statement regarding the control of Locusts
- Forrestdale Rag – October/November 2006
- The Swan – Issue - 20 September 2006
- *Australian Association of Bush Regenerators (WA) Inc. – Issue 5 - November 2006*
- *Environmental Defenders' Office (WA) - Waste Avoidance & Resource Recovery Bill – Advice on Seminar – Monday, 13 November 2006*
- *Brochure - Managing Weeds in Bushland – Sharp Rush*
- *Brochure - Managing Weeds in Bushland – Cape Tulips*
- *Swan River Trust – Swan and Canning Rivers Management Act 2006 Passed by Parliament*

Correspondence out

- Invitations to attend BEAC Volunteer Celebration – 3 December 2006
- BEAC – Annual Report – invitation to submit report from individual groups.

Cr Tizard suggested that a central source be made available for pamphlets such as the Managing Weeds in Bushland brochures for ease of access of members.

RECOMMEND

That the correspondence be received.

Moved: Kim Fletcher
Seconded: Beth Laurie

CARRIED

COUNCIL RELATED BUSINESS

There are no agenda items referred from previous meetings that require decision and recommendation to Council.

OTHER BUSINESS

2007 BEAC meeting calendar

In 2006, BEAC began meeting on the second Wednesday of the month, on a bi-monthly basis rather than a monthly basis. A new "Annual Calender" was drafted.

Committee was of the view that the following meeting dates for 2007 were acceptable.

RECOMMEND

That BEAC meet on the following dates in 2007:

- **Wednesday, 10 January 2007 at 6pm**
- **Wednesday, 14 March 2007 at 6pm**
- **Wednesday, 9 May 2007 at 6pm**
- **Wednesday, 11 July 2007 at 6pm**
- **Wednesday, 12 September 2007 at 6pm**
- **Wednesday, 14 November 2007 at 6pm**

Moved: Kim Fletcher
Seconded: Bob Tizard

CARRIED

Plenary Session February 2007

Committee members were invited to provide suggestions for the next BEAC Plenary Session planned for February 2007.

Suggestions provided by Members for the Plenary Session amongst others, but not confined to the following, were:

- *Local Plant Use Focus – Robert Powell*
- *Cat Study*
- *Climate Change*
- *Greening the City*

- *Water Issues – Sustainability*
- *Fungi Study*
- *Important Bird Areas*
- *Tree Vulnerability*
- *Landscaping and Design with Native Plants - Lulfitz Nursery*
- *Vegetation to Encourage Birds – Clive Petrie*
- *Great Gardens Workshop*

Members were requested to consider what subject they would like to see discussed at the Plenary Session and bring it to the BEAC Meeting in January for consideration.

Committee was of the view that the Plenary Session should be deferred to March 2007 to allow consideration of subjects at the January 2007 meeting of BEAC.

BEAC Annual Report 2006

The BEAC Annual Report from October 2005 to October 2006 is now being prepared. Each year this report includes a short annual report from community conservation groups to illustrate to Council and each of the other groups, the amount of good work being undertaken by community volunteers.

Requests for groups to include a short report in the BEAC Annual Report have been sent. It is anticipated that the BEAC Annual Report can be launched at the volunteer event in December.

The Senior Environmental Planner advised that the information contained at the end of report in grey was last year's information. This information had been left in the report to remind Groups of what had been submitted last year.

Kim Fletcher advised that the Wildflower Society will be hosting the State Convention in Armadale in June 2007 and it is hoped that the opening will be able to be held at the City of Armadale Function Room.

Cr Tizard enquired as to whether a deadline existed for the receipt of reports for inclusion in the Annual Report. The Senior Environmental Planner advised that correspondence had been forwarded to Friends Groups by the Environmental Officer which included the deadline date for receipt of information.

David James requested whether a brief report could be provided to BEAC on the Bungendore Park Management Committee.

End of Year Celebration – 3 December 2006

Each year, BEAC hosts an end of year celebration to recognise the valuable contributions of bushcare volunteers.

Invitations to the end of year celebration have now been distributed to volunteer environmental groups and gifts for volunteers have been ordered.

BEAC Grants 2006/2007

BEAC grants have been finalised for 2006/2007. The following funds were allocated:

- Friends of Wright Brook - \$41
- Armadale City Rivercare Group - \$74
- Hillandale Bushcare - \$190
- Bungendore Park Management Committee - \$5,910
- Armadale Settlers Common Management Committee - \$2,292
- Roleystone Dieback Action Group - \$1,300

Landscaping Policy – out for Public Comment

Council has resolved to prepare draft Local Planning Policy PLN 2.9 - Landscaping which is intended to operate in conjunction with draft Policy ENG 14 - Landscaping and draft Policy ENG 15 - Artificial waterbodies. The landscaping policy focuses on species selection for areas of the City covered by the Southern River/ Forrestdale/ Brookdale/ Wungong District Structure Plan, zoned General Industry or Industrial Business, and for the urban area of Roleystone.

Committee was of the view that the Local Planning Policy PLN 2 – Landscaping should contain a reference to the need to give consideration to dieback issues/ramifications when landowners contemplate landscaping their properties.

RECOMMEND

That draft Local Planning Policy PLN 2.9 – Landscaping, as formulated by the City of Armadale, be endorsed by the Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee, and that the City give consideration to the issue of dieback in the Landscaping Policy ENG 14

**Moved: Cam Clay
Seconded: David James**

CARRIED

The artificial waterbodies policy identifies artificial waterbodies should be provided only in parks that serve a regional recreation function, and if provided design criteria should apply.

Adrian Choules joined the meeting at 7.05 pm.

RECOMMEND

That draft Policy ENG 15 - Artificial waterbodies, as formulated by the City of Armadale, be endorsed by the Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee.

**Moved: David James
Seconded: Kim Fletcher**

CARRIED

Copies of the policies are available for inspection at the Planning Counter in the City's Administration Office at 7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale, or can be viewed or downloaded from the City's website www.armadale.wa.gov.au under Your Council/ Out for Comment.

Written submissions should be addressed to The Chief Executive Officer, City of Armadale, Locked Bag No. 2, Armadale WA 6992 and should be received by Friday 10 November 2006.

Herbicide Course for Friends Groups

At the September meeting of BEAC, volunteers expressed an interest in attending an accredited herbicide safety course in order to access herbicide from the City to do on-ground weed management on City lands.

Eleven volunteers have expressed an interest in attending the training course booked with TAFE WA for 13 January 2007.

INFORMATION

Planning applications & scheme amendments:

Nil.

Items of interest from the Council Committee/ Council minutes/ agenda to note:

Nil.

Grant watch information report

- Community Conservation Grant (Ministers Office)
- Australia Post Grants

Information items (i.e. progress reports relevant to previous business) to note

- The City of Armadale and the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group were successful in securing approximately \$20,000 in Riverbank funding for various reserves in the City.
- On Monday, 13 November 2006 there will be a free public seminar on the new 'Waste Avoidance and Recovery Bill'. Flyers promoting the event will be available at the meeting.
- The new Swan and Canning Rivers Management Act 2006 was passed by Parliament on 26 September 2006. Information on the content of the Act will be available at the meeting.
- New 'Managing Weeds in Bushland' brochures are available including 'Cape Tulips' and 'Juncus Acutus'. Copies available upon request.

Press Releases

BEAC members to table any information relating to possible upcoming press releases.

Reminder list –items in progress or scheduled for future meetings

Item	Progress
Terms of Appointment – regarding the turnover of terms.	<i>In preparation.</i>
Watch on <i>EP Act</i> for roadside vegetation clearing regulations (BEAC April 2004)	<i>Regulations gazetted 30 June.</i>
Consider review of City of Armadale Dieback Policy.	<i>Under internal review.</i>
Consider opportunities for a cross agency response to preventing rubbish dumping in the City.	
Investigate how people can register with the Keep Australia Beautiful Council to become registered reporters of illegal dumping and communicate information back to Friends Groups.	

The Senior Environmental Planner advised that he had investigated how people could register with the Keep Australia Beautiful Council and this information will be circulated to members. This includes a webpage that talks about illegal dumping. All that is required is for the circulated form to be completed and sent in to the Keep Australia Beautiful Council and this will enable a person to become a registered litter recorder. In terms of illegal dumping, the webpage extract provides a different telephone number that needs to be called in case of illegal dumping.

Committee requested that this information be made available at the End of Year celebration and to Reserve Custodians at the next meeting of custodians with BEAC, and then through the mail to Reserve Custodians.

Round the table.

12.7.1 Champion Lakes Revegetation Programme

Kim Fletcher advised that he had been able to get some information from the Armadale Redevelopment Authority in regard to the Champion Lakes Revegetation Programme. Kim is interested in what kind of plants are being considered in the revegetation of the Champion Lakes. They have three areas (zones) and it is pleasing to note that the programme is extensive and is definitely local. The only criticism being that there are some species that have been left off the list that should be on it. However, the list provided has been very well researched indeed. The list had been divided up into inundated land –

plants suitable for inundated land; seasonally wet, seasonally moist, lower dune and upper dune. The other big project is Champion Drive Estate – that also is apparently using lists of local plants, a list of which will be sent to Kim.

12.7.2 Vacancies – BEAC – [Senior Environmental Planner]

The Environmental Planner advised that a number of vacancies existed on BEAC and requested consideration be given to advertising those vacancies. Committee was of the view that advertising should commence as soon as practicable and that contact be made with Alex Agafonoff to ascertain whether he wishes to retain his membership of BEAC.

RECOMMEND

- 1. That advertisements be placed to fill the vacancies existing on BEAC as soon as practicable.**
- 2. That contact be made with Alex Agafonoff to ascertain whether he wishes to retain his membership of BEAC.**

Moved: Cr Bob Tizard

Seconded: Adrian Choules

CARRI

ED

Kim Fletcher left the meeting at 7.45 pm.

12.7.3 Walkways/Footbridges across the Canning – [Beth Laurie]

Beth Laurie raised the suggestion of walk paths being installed in the Kelmscott Township and a number of footbridges going across the Canning River. Committee was of the view that the idea was worthy of consideration and suggested that Beth Laurie write a letter of request to the City of Armadale and Local Members of Parliament for the suggested infrastructure.

12.7.2 Goolamrup Reserve – [Adrian Choules]

Adrian has been engaged in compiling a draft of information on behalf of the Friends of Goolamrup for inclusion in the BEAC Report.

Watering of a lot of plants on the Reserve has been undertaken recently. Also work on digging out *Watsonia* and love grass that was missed last year.

12.7.2 Friends of Forrestdale Lake - [David James]

- Forrestdale Lake is dry which is a concern when considering the time of year (end of October).
- The DEC Ranger has moved to the Darling Range and this has left Forrestdale without a Ranger. All the vandals are having a field

day as a result. Has been informed that there will be a new Ranger coming soon and to be patient.

- The Forrestdale Book "People and Place" will be out sometime in December which is something to look forward to.

12.7.2 *Armadales Settlers' Common – [Cr Bob Tizard]*

- The annual walk was held on 8 October 2006 as part of the Spring Time Walks carried out by the City of Armadale. Numbers were down a little on last year. Problems occurred in regard to advertising despite the best efforts of the staff in the Recreation Department. Cr Tizard advised he would be suggesting that the people involved may be look at coming up with a new strategy.
- Trails in the western section of Settlers' Common have had bins provided. Also 20 signs have been erected. It is great to be able to talk about a particular trail by name rather than location. Now looking at mapping the remaining areas.
- A grant has been received from BEAC for \$2,292.
- Some seed collecting has been undertaken recently.
- Because of strong winds it was not possible to put all the seedlings in the ground that the group would have liked.
- A review of fire breaks and general tidying up works have been carried out.
- A sign has been put up in Canns Road.
- Three dieback stations have been put in, with a number more required.

NEXT MEETING & CLOSURE

The next Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 10 January 2007 at 6.00 pm.

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.55 PM

**BUNGENDORE PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING No. 274 WEDNESDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2006**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cr Guenter Best (Chairman)	Mr Bill Ladyman (Secretary)
Mr Jim Hutchinson	Mr Ron Withnell
Mrs Elaine Hutchinson	Mr Don Griffiths
Mrs Penny Versteeg	Mr Ian Thompson
Mr Kim Sarti (Projects)	Mrs Irene Morcombe (Treasurer)

APOLOGIES

Ms Miriam Stanborough

Cr Best declared the meeting open at 7.45 pm

Minutes of previous meeting held 27th September 2006 accepted as being correct.

Versteeg/Sarti Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

- Committee vacancy –Mr Ladyman reported there have been no applicants so far, according to Mrs Corinne Omacini, although an informal expression of interest. Her suggestion of an article for the local press promoting our Committee was discussed and members were encouraged to bring their input for such an article for the January meeting. Issues of concern are sourcing new Committee people and also emphasising the value of the Committee's work to the local community and to the Armadale City Council.
- Dieback Information Group seminar – Mr Sarti is still to arrange for donation of \$25 to the DIG. Cr Best will donate a watch.
- Park fencing - Mr Ladyman met Mr Batt on 13th October at the fence project and fencing was well on the way to completion. He inspected the fence again with Mr Withnell, this week and noted its completion, but damage had occurred to the upgraded Gate '6'. He spoke to Mr Lanternier this week and he confirmed the rolled-over fencing funding of \$2,000. Mr Ladyman received a call from Mr Peter Batt who will send copies of paid invoices to our Committee in due course. Committee suggested the invoices be handed directly to Paul Lanternier, Manager Parks and Gardens. Mr Batt also encouraged the Committee to forward voluntary hours to DEC related to the fence work and plantings done on DEC's behalf at the Scout site. [1/273].

- 4.
5. Damage to boundary fencing - at the Albany Highway entrance where a panel of the railing fence adjacent to Firegate 'E' has been smashed down, which Mr Sarti has since photographed. Mr Thompson will repair the damage and send invoices to Paul Lanternier. Mr Ladyman will make good the damage to Gate '6' and report both incidents of damage to Armadale Police and to Paul Lanternier. Mr Ladyman will also report horse and motorbike activity in the park to the Ranger. [Action: 1/274]
6. Bungendore Bush Breakfast – 12-11-2006. All agreed an excellent day's activity. There were 67 attendees + 5 extras (4 Lions Club & Kim Fletcher). Mrs Morcombe reported that \$495 was banked of which \$467 came from 67 attendees, \$22 from book sales and a \$6 donation. Mr and Mrs Hutchinson were reimbursed \$261.09 for food supplied. Thanks once again to Armadale Christian College for use of toilet facilities and to Kim Fletcher for leading the bushwalk after the breakfast.
7. Routed log sign at Albany Highway entrance – Mr Griffiths reported that trimming of bushes in front of the routed log (rather than attempt to shift it) is still to be done.[7/268]
8. Weed control –Ms Stanborough not present to report on weed control after Spring emergence of weeds [2/273]
9. Hardstand gravel at Admiral Road entrance – Ms Stanborough will follow up on this work [4/271]
10. Community Conservation Grant 2006/7 – Mr Ladyman has submitted an application made with the help of Mrs Corinne Omacini, Environmental Officer City of Armadale. Funds sought for Dieback control \$2,000, Weed control \$600 and Fauna survey \$200 [3/273]
11. Voluntary Hours – Committee members submitted their Voluntary Hours forms.
12. 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 18/01/2006

Activity since last meeting includes:

Mr Ladyman – fence etc, Mr Withnell and Mr and Mrs Hutchinson - patrolling

Committee members at Bush Breakfast

AWAITING COMPLETION AND/OR REPLY

1. Finance – flowchart of payment & funding processes – [1/234 & 1/239] in abeyance.
2. 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].
3. Bungendore Park Management Plan 1997-2007 review – copy of e-mail from Paul Lanternier to Cr Bob Tizard confirms his in-principle support for Ms Corrine Gaskin to be involved in the Management Plan review. Mr Lanternier is still to confirm Ms Gaskin's availability as she works in Development Services.

GRANTS IN PROGRESS

1. Community Conservation 2003/2004	\$900	[XT72]
2. Community Conservation 2004/2005	\$2,200	[XT69]
3. Regional Parks Community 2006 grant	\$2,810.50	[XT67]

4. Regional Parks Community 2007 grant	\$2,200	submitted
5. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2006 (06S15)	\$4,370	[XT66]
6. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2007 (07S05)	\$6,210	confirmed
7. Alcoa Bravo grant	\$305.35	received
8. Community Conservation Grant 2006/2007	\$3,000	submitted

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

1. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program – Tax Invoice for \$6,210 for 2007 funding grant.
2. Minister for Environment – Community Conservation Grant 2006/07 application
3. Various contractors – confirming funding for works program later next year.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

1. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program – informing of success of \$6,210 grant for 2007.
2. Tony Simpson MLA – informing of his letter to Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.
3. City of Armadale – BEAC annual report request
4. Greening Australia – membership receipt etc
5. City of Armadale – BEAC committee vacancies

INFORMATION RECEIVED

DEC “Ecoplan News” – Spring issue

Finance	Amount \$	Expenditure Type
Australian Native Nurseries Group – fertiliser. Invoice 341.	33.45	XT 1
Australian Native Nurseries Group – fertiliser. Invoice 341.	120.00	XT66
Australian Native Nurseries Group – seedling delivery. Invoice 342. (<u>note</u> : \$40 previously approved at July 2006 meeting)	4.00	XT 1
Jim and Elaine Hutchinson – Bush Breakfast food	261.09	XT83

Versteeg/ Sarti - Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. *Works schedule for 2007 – discussion on outcome of Dieback Assessment and Plan report for walk track realignment and/or closures and impact on directional signs, wayside interpretive signs, maps at information display shelter etc. Messrs Sarti and Ladyman will become a sub-committee to handle these matters. Action: 2/274*
2. **Celebrate Spring event in Bungendore Park** – Discussion was held in favour of joining with the Armadale Christian College’s Open Day instead of the continuing the Djilba Walk in its usual format. Mr Withnell outlined a proposal for activities that have school staff support and sponsorship offered over two weekends on 17th/18th and 24th/25th March 2007. Interest was expressed in a Pancake Day on Sunday 18th March and Mr Sarti suggested a ‘Bunuru’ (autumn) walk following.

Information Items from the Technical Services Directorate

3. Feral European Honey bee control – Jacqui Hay (Project Officer, DEC Feral Bee Management) is still undertaking research work in Bungendore Park – her contract has been extended to mid-2007. The APVMA has granted DEC an off-label licence to use Fipronil® to kill honeybees and initial trials will be held on Garden Island followed by Yellagonga Regional Park commencing February. Committee has an extension to spend \$1,150 SALP grant money and perhaps by February/March we should use Jim Prince's permit to use Acephate® to control the known hives in Bungendore Park.
4. 120-litre rubbish bin normally located near Albany Highway entrance – Mr Lanternier has informed that the stolen rubbish bin has been replaced, but Mr Sarti has noted and photographed the remains of a very burnt new bin and will report this to Mr Lanternier.
5. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2007 – advice confirming grant application of \$6,210 for Weed control in Bungendore Park & adjoining DEC land (\$1,100), 1,000 seedlings (\$750), Dieback treatment (\$3,000), Feral pig control (\$1,000). Feral Bee control (\$300) and Administration (\$60). Tax Invoice has been sent; cheque will be presented at a function ceremony in February 2007.
6. Lots 302 and 303 – Mr Ladyman and Mr Tony Simpson MLA have inspected these Lots and Mr Simpson has written to the Hon. Alannah MacTiernan, Minister for Planning and Infrastructure on our behalf. Mr Simpson's letter notes Committee's wish for the State Planning Commission to purchase these Lots, if they're for sale, and that he had inspected the Lots and confirmed their proximity to the western edge of the park and their particular pristineness etc.
7. Management Plan Review – to be initiated. Initial discussions to be held with Corrine Omacini, Environmental Officer. Mr Ladyman to follow up. **Action: 3/273**
8. Bungendore Park fire access tracks – Mr Thompson will be reviewing fire tracks with the City's Parks and Gardens department.
9. Department of Environment and Conservation – new details – a letter announcing the merger between Dept of Environment and CALM - now known as DEC. New ABN 38 052 249 024. Locked Bag 104 Bentley Delivery Centre, WA 6983.
10. Community volunteer hours – recorded for BEAC reporting period 1-10-2005 to 30-9-2006 came to a total of 1,347 hours for Bungendore Park activities. Based on a \$20/hour volunteer rate, this equates to a \$26,937 input by the community.
11. BEAC End-of-Year function – following the collation of the last year's voluntary hours, a Thank You Day is planned by the City of Armadale on 3rd December at Churchman's Brook Dam picnic grounds commencing 3:00pm – bring seats, salad to share and eating utensils.
12. BEAC reporting and call for committee members – Mr Sarti will compile an annual report of Committee's activities for BEAC and Mr Ladyman agreed to represent Bungendore Park on the BEAC committee.

DIARY OF EVENTS

2007	Date	Events
JANUARY		Management Plan Review commences?
FEBRUARY		Budget proposal discussion
MARCH		'Bunuru' pancake day and walk
APRIL		Post-planting review
MAY		
JUNE		
JULY		Revegetation planting

AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER		Threatened Species Day
OCTOBER		Weedbuster Week
NOVEMBER		Bungendore Bush Breakfast?
DECEMBER		BEAC End-of-Year function

SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS

<i>5/263</i>	<i>Mrs Versteeg to report on culvert at Cooliabbera Spring</i>
<i>7/268</i>	<i>Mr Griffiths to make visible routed log sign</i>
<i>4/271</i>	<i>Ms Stanborough to arrange Admiral Rd entrance jobs</i>
<i>2/273</i>	<i>Ms Stanborough to report on weed control at October meeting</i>
<i>1/274</i>	<i>Mr Ladyman to report damage to gates and horse and motorbike activity</i>
<i>2/274</i>	<i>Messrs Sarti and Ladyman to begin as subcommittee on 2007 works schedule</i>
<i>3/274</i>	<i>Mr Ladyman to begin Management Plan Review with Mrs Omacini</i>

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (*4th Wednesday*)

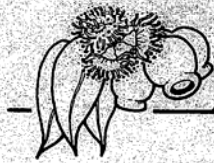
7:30 pm Wednesday 24th January 2007

Meeting declared closed at 9:30 pm

W Ladyman Secretary

Signed: **Date:**

Chairman/Acting Chairman – Bungendore Park Management Committee




BUNGENDORE PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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ANNUAL REPORT 2005 – 2006

Cr Jim Everts
Chairman, Technical Services Committee
City of Armadale

The following report is an account of the activities of the Bungendore Park Management Committee and related information for the Bushcare & Environmental Advisory Committee (BEAC) reporting year 1st October 2005 to 30th September 2006 and is submitted to the Technical Services Committee for its reference and presentation to Full Council.


Cr Guenter Best, 24th January 2007

WHAT WE DO

Committee's Aim

To conserve and manage Bungendore Park as a conservation reserve for low-impact usage.

Responsibility

The Bungendore Park Management Committee is responsible to the Technical Services Committee, a standing committee of the Armadale City Council.

Committee's Objectives

The primary objectives are –

- **Management** – to protect, restore and enhance the natural bushland environment.
- **Conservation** – to conserve the indigenous plant, fungi and animal species and their habitats to meet the needs and aspirations of future generations.
- **Education** – to promote awareness and better understanding of the natural environment and appreciation of its views.
- **Passive Recreation** – to facilitate public enjoyment of the natural attributes of the park without compromising conservation and management objectives.

Terms of Reference

Procedures are formalised for Committee's operation and legal framework between Armadale Council, City administration and Bungendore Park Management Committee. These procedures include insurance issues, declaration of interests and other aspects relating to Local Government operations.

Tenure and Management

Bungendore Park is an "A" class reserve (A4561) vested in the City of Armadale which has delegated management responsibility to the community-based Bungendore Park Management Committee. Management of Bungendore Park is described in the Bungendore Park Management Plan 1997-2007.

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COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Membership

The Bungendore Park Management Committee is a community-based committee formed from local groups and interested community members.

Committee membership of 12 comprises:

- Cr Guenter Best (Chairman)
- Mr Bill Ladyman (Secretary)
- Mrs Irene Morcombe (Treasurer)
- Mr Don Griffiths
- Mr Ron Withnell
- Mr Kim Sarti (Projects Co-ordinator)
- Ms Miriam Stanborough (Weeds Co-ordinator)
- Mr Ian Thompson
- Mrs Penny Versteeg
- Mr James Hutchinson
- Mrs Elaine Hutchinson
- Mr David Harrison [until July 2006]

Other organisations

Bungendore Park Management Committee is a member of four other organisations viz:

- Heritage Country Tourist Association,
- Greening Australia (WA),
- Urban Bushland Council (UBC), and
- Armadale Bushland & Environmental Advisory Committee [BEAC]

ACHIEVEMENTS

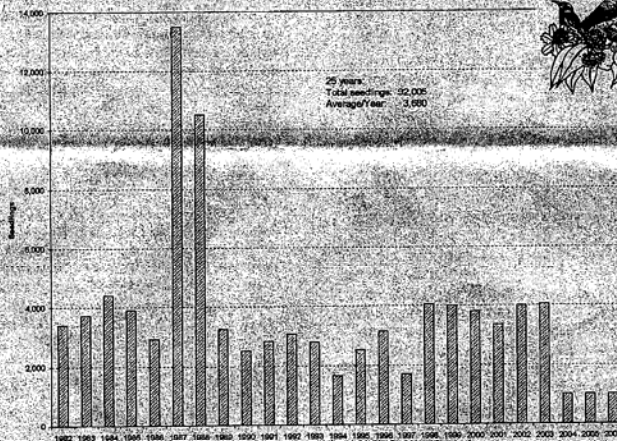
Community Involvement

Committee, with the assistance of the local community, has been undertaking habitat restoration and revegetation of disused gravel pits in the park since 1982. Community Planting Day was held 22nd July where 360 seedlings were planted by 25 people in and around Pit 10. A further 500 seedlings provided by DEC were planted at the old Scout property (Lot 196) south of the park. On School Planting Day held 28th July, students from Armadale Christian College planted another 640 seedlings in and around Pit 6 bringing the planted total since 1982 to 92,005 seedlings (see graph below). Slow-release fertiliser was applied to the seedlings at the time of planting. Armadale Wildflower Society grew the seedlings from seed collected from plants within the park to maintain genetic integrity.

Armadale Lions Club members provided refreshments at the Djilba Spring Walk and cooking at the Bungendore Bush Breakfast.

Students from Armadale Christian College dug 100 mattock holes in Pit 10 prior to planting and installed tree guards around the 500 planted seedlings on Lot 196. The college cadets manned the boot-spraying points for dieback hygiene on the Djilba Spring Walk.

Bungendore Park Revegetation



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Public Awareness

The Bungendore Bush Breakfast, held 6th November 2005, was attended by some 95 people who enjoyed a fully-cooked breakfast in the bush setting followed by a guided bushwalk.

Committee's 25 years of operation was marked by a celebratory event, display and bushwalk on 26th August attended by 50 people including local MLAs Hon. Alannah MacTiernan and Tony Simpson and former Mayor Roger Stubbs. Informal speeches were made during the afternoon tea.

Armada Home Help clients held an excursion in the park that was led by Ron Withnell.

Copies of *Boaks and Balga* and other pamphlets were provided to the Indigenous Studies department of Murdoch University.

In conjunction with City of Armadale, the Djilba Spring Walk was held 10th September; 44 people registered on the day.

Other Activities

Activities in which committee members participated included –

- Corresponding with City of Armadale regarding the unauthorised clearing and widening of Tracks 8 and 13 west of Pit 10.
- Attending the BEAC End-of-Year function and Awards presentation at Canning Dam park grounds.
- Obtaining approval for variation to the Management Plan 1997/2007 Fire Risk Reduction to enable a hazard reduction burn of a 100m x 300m buffer area along part of the western boundary fire access track W1.
- Attending a breakfast function in February to receive the Swan Alcoa Landcare Program cheque for 2006.
- Conducting a review in April 2006 of previous year's revegetation plantings and to discuss locations for this year's plantings and fertiliser application.
- Removing introduced *Acacia saligna* plants from Pit 10 as part of Weedbuster Week.
- Discussing with the City's Environmental Officer use of a hand-held GPS unit that is suitable for mapping weeds etc.
- Attending a Dieback Information Group seminar at Murdoch University on 21st July on Dieback research, role of fire and causes of other tree declines in WA.

- Writing in support of maintaining existing community programmes by South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare.
- Attending the UBC end-of-year function held at Lowlands, Mardella.
- Attending a "Post-fire Management in Urban Bushland" seminar at Koondoola Regional Park & Lightning Swamp hosted by the UBC.
- Removal of old fencing and upgrade of fencing and gate installation on the southern boundary east of Gate 6.
- Attending a "Cockatoos in Crisis" BEAC Plenary session in August by Ron Johnstone. A lot of WA Museum research work on habitat, breeding biology and food of endangered cockatoos is conducted in Bungendore Park.
- Attending a "Beauty in Perth's Banksias" event in Kensington, Brickwood Reserve (Byford) and Leda bushland hosted by the UBC.
- Conducting a Dieback Management Priority review in conjunction with the City's Environmental Officer and Glenn Tuffnell (Dieback Treatment Services) of dieback fronts, treatment to date and in the future and possible track realignment and/or closures to minimise pathogen spread.

EXTERNAL FUNDING

Successful grant applications

- Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2006 (\$4,310) to purchase seedlings, continue weed control, feral bee control and Dieback treatment.
- CALM Regional Parks Community Grant 2006 (\$2,810.50) to fund weed control and to revise and reprint *Flora of Bungendore Park* report.

Grant applications awaiting decision

- Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2007 (\$6,210) to purchase seedlings, continue weed control, feral pig control, feral bee control and Dieback treatment.
- DEC Regional Parks Community Grant 2007 (\$2,200) for weed control and administration.

Unsuccessful grant application

nil

Other funding sources

- Sale of posters and books at Armadale Tourist Centre and at organised events.
- Donation tin at organised events.
- Alcoa Bravol grant of US\$250 (AUD\$305.35) to be used at Committee's discretion.

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Acknowledgements

Committee receives an allocation of money (\$5,910 for 2006/07) from the City of Armadale for its administration expenses and to assist in the management of this 498 ha reserve. Many of the projects that committee undertakes would not be possible without funds from external sources. Committee thanks the WA State Government and the Swan Alcoa Landcare Program for their continued financial support.

VOLUNTARY HOURS

Bungendore Park Management Committee keeps a tally of the number of hours involved by community members assisting in the activities within the park. The community hours recorded for 2005/2006 were -

Activity	Hours
MANAGEMENT	
Rehabilitation programme	185
Construction	23
Education/Public relations	190
Rubbish removal	4
Patrolling	239
Vandalism repair	3
MONITORING	
Surveys, inc. success of past activities	398
TRAINING	
Training	12
ADMINISTRATION	
Minutes	64
Secretarial & accounting	16
Meetings	173
Grant applications, reports etc.	40
TOTAL	1,347

Based on \$20/hour volunteer rate, this equates to a \$26,940 input by the community.

PROJECTS

Projects in which Committee has some involvement (either continuing or completed) include -

- Discussing with City's Environmental Officer the future tenure and management of Armadale Settlers' Common and Bungendore Park as mooted by the City of Armadale.
- Liaising with the City's Environmental Officer for advertising and recruitment of replacement members to Committee.

- Investigating process for end-of-term review of Bungendore Park Management Plan either in-house or by engaging external consultants.
- Replacement of vandalised 120-litre bin with dog-poo bag facility near Firegate E.
- Discussing with DEC issues of feral pig control in Wungong Gorge and potentially in Bungendore Park.
- Continuing weed and woody weed control within Bungendore Park and on adjacent DEC-managed land.
- Continuing fauna surveys (that commenced in 1993) of both ground vertebrates and avifauna including three endangered black cockatoo species.
- Continuing feral European honey bee control where hives have been established in known tree breeding hollows.
- Undertaking a review of fence condition and requirements on southern and western park boundaries.
- Continuing Dieback control of buffer interface and affected areas.
- Investigation of proposal to re-instate the track westwards from Gate C through Pit 5 down the scarp to meet Track W2.
- Planning for a bush breakfast scheduled in the park in early November 2006.
- Installing a culvert at Coolibberra Spring due to erosion on former fire access track that was re-graded without Committee's knowledge.
- Liaising with author and printers for the revision of *Flora of Bungendore Park* report.
- Mosaic burning of buffer along access track E3 and western boundary Gate K to Gate J.
- Dealing with issues of vandalism to fences and gates and environmental vandalism by unauthorised vehicle and trail bike activity and firewood cutting.
- Liaising with Environmental Officer, DEC and landowner of adjacent Lots 303 & 302 regarding clearing along fence line and installation of new fencing on correct boundary line to replace fencing incorrectly placed in Lot 303 many years ago.
- Reviewing the format of the annual Spring Walk with the idea of combining with Armadale Christian College for an autumn event instead.
- Liaising with Jacqui Hay (DEC's Feral Bee Project Officer) on her research work on lure attractants being conducted in Bungendore Park.

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Introduction and overview

The Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee (here after referred to as 'BEAC') were formally established under the *Local Government Act 1995* and in September 1999 charged with six key roles to fulfil.

In reviewing how the Committee should fulfil its roles, the Committee decided that preparation of an Annual Report would help fulfil its role in terms of communication with Council and the community.

This report covers activities conducted by the Committee from October 2005 to October 2006, and has been structured to report against each of the Committee's roles.

The Committee considered it would be useful to include short annual reports from community conservation groups in its annual report to illustrate to Council and each of the other groups, the amount of good work being undertaken by community volunteers.

The annual reports provided by community conservation groups demonstrate the enormous amount of community effort going into improving the environment in the City. In total 87 individuals reported in excess of 5,200 volunteer hours for the period October 2005 to October 2006. 15 community groups reported their volunteer contributions (see Section 4).

Report on Committee activities October 2005 – October 2006

Administrative and general matters

Membership

Following an ordinary election of Council that was held in May 2005, the following individuals were appointed as members of BEAC.

- Mrs Pat Hart as member, Mrs Gwen Watson as deputy;
- Mr Adrian Choules as member, Mr Bob Noakes as deputy;
- Mr Kim Fletcher as member;
- Mr Cam Clay as member and Mr Ken Downsborough as deputy;
- Mr Leo Den Hollander as member, Mr Michael Moltoni as deputy;
- Mr David James as member, Mr Rod Gibley as deputy;
- Mr Alexander Agofonoff as member, Mrs Liz Agafonoff as deputy;
- Mrs Marjorie Vincenti as member, Mr Ian Colquhoun as deputy.

Cr Tizard was appointed Armadale City Council delegate, with Cr Best his deputy.

Cr Pat Hart was appointed the position of Chairperson, and Mr Cam Clay appointed the position of Deputy Chairperson. Members of the Committee are affiliated with nine of the City's environmental groups. Following the resignation of Mrs Marjorie Vincenti, four vacancies remain on the Committee. Previous BEAC members have been thanked for their valuable contributions.

Meeting Agenda

In February 2006 BEAC resolved to hold meetings on a bi-monthly basis, on the proviso that if matters of important or urgent business arise, an interim meeting be called. A review of the annual calendar was also undertaken to fit in with the proposed new meeting schedule (see below).

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MONTH	AGENDA ITEM	DETAILS
Jan	Armada Wildflower Society	Coordinate planning, decide on dates
	BEAC committee walks	Begin preparation for walks
	Parks Network Plan	Assess progress and consider changes, a survey with grant funding usually done in March
February: Plenary Session 1		
March	Fuel Loadings	Consider fuel loading data of all reserves with Friends Groups
	Consider committee vacancies	If an election year, call for nominations to the committee
April: No meeting		
May	Reserve custodianship	Open discussion forum with reserve custodians as a guest
	Fire management	Invite Fire Management Personnel to meeting or site visit
	Plenary Session Planning	Discuss burning program with Parks Dept
		Coordinate Planning for plenary session 2
June: No meeting		
August: Plenary Session 2		
Sept	Armada City Rivercare Group	Call for grant funding, discuss and if grant available discuss funding to provide priority work
October: No meeting		
Nov	Annual Report	Consider Annual Report
	Plenary Session Planning	Commence planning for Plenary Session 1 for March
December: Awards presentation and end of year celebration		

The BEAC Annual Calendar was also updated to include an item for March whereby fuel load information sheets are tabled. These sheets (completed annually by Ranger Services) detail reserves that have fuel loadings approaching a level which will require a prescribed burn. This provides a valuable planning mechanism for friends groups who apply for grant funding and undertake works such as revegetation. The City of Armadale Friends Group Manual was subsequently updated to reflect this change in procedure.

Funding

In 2005/2006 and again in 2006/2007, approximately \$10,000 was allocated to friends groups through BEAC Grants.

The following groups received funding:

- Armadale Settlers Common Management Committee (\$900 in 2005/2006 and \$2,292 in 2006/2007);
- Armadale Wildflower Society (\$200 in 2005/2006);
- Friends of Neerigen Brook (\$200 in 2005/2006);
- Roleystone Dieback Action Group (\$2,560 in 2005/2006 and \$1,300 in 2006/2007);
- Hillandale Bushcare (\$190 in 2005/2006 and \$190 in 2006/2007);
- Bungendore Park Management Committee (\$5,660 in 2005/2006 and \$5,910 in 2006/2007);
- Armadale City Rivercare Group (\$74 in 2006/2007);
- Friends of Wright Brook (\$41 in 2006/2007).

Actions to meet BEAC's Roles

The following sections are numbered in accordance with the standard numbering system in the BEAC Terms of Reference.

2.1 To provide the primary formal link between Council and community groups or individuals concerned with protection and rehabilitation of the natural environment.

In the 2005/2006 reporting period, BEAC advertised its role to the community primarily through newspaper advertising and use of display material at community events and in libraries.

Nine of the City's friends groups are directly represented on BEAC. Committee meetings were utilised as an avenue to raise various site-specific environmental issues to Council's attention.

In March 2006, BEAC discussed the City of Armadale Friends Group Manual (a manual designed to provide a framework for Council and community volunteers to work together) and revisited roles and responsibilities outlined in this document. This discussion resulted in a review and update to the Friends Group Manual by City staff in consultation with BEAC. Copies of the manual were then re-distributed to groups, volunteers and libraries. This document was also placed on the new City of Armadale website.

The City's Reserve Custodians were invited to the May 2006 meeting of BEAC. Six of the City's custodians attended and raised concerns about environmental matters in the City of Armadale with the Committee.

2.2 To facilitate communication between community groups and individuals concerned with protection and rehabilitation of the natural environment.

Springtime walks were organised by the City of Armadale at Bungendore Park, Wungong Gorge, Armadale Settlers Common and Churchman's Bushland. With the assistance of volunteers, many of this year's walks focused on raising awareness about the threat of dieback. Volunteers manned dieback fronts and sprayed walker's boots with a cleaning agent. Walks were well attended.

Additional walks were also hosted by BEAC at Ellis Brook Valley and Kangaroo Gully. City of Armadale environmental volunteers, as well as the volunteer groups that care for areas outside the City of Armadale were invited to attend. These walks provided an opportunity for environmental volunteers to share experiences across municipal boundaries.

In February 2006 BEAC assisted with the review of the City of Armadale Bushcare Directory. This document is designed to facilitate communication between community and friends groups and to recognise the valuable contributions of volunteers. Individual groups worked with City staff to provide an entry specific to their group. The document received a major facelift. This document was distributed to groups, volunteers, libraries, other environmental agencies. It was also placed on the new City of Armadale website.

Members of BEAC prepared a number of press releases that appeared in local newspapers in the 2005/2006 reporting period. These included articles on topics such as weeds coming over fences and local environmental projects. A number of Friends groups also appeared in other volunteer publications such as Ecoplan News (a Department of Environment and Conservation publication).

Plenary sessions encourage interaction between community groups and individuals concerned with protection and rehabilitation of the natural environment. Plenary Sessions are described under Role 2.6 below.

2.3 To advise Council on this Committee's opinion and attitude on environmental issues in the City of Armadale.

BEAC discussed and provided advice to Council on the following matters;

- Prescribed burning programs;
- firebreak maintenance procedures;
- potential erosion into the Canning River as a result of proposed development; and
- the need for a cross agency response to ongoing rubbish dumping in bushland.

The Committee also discussed various Town Planning Scheme amendments.

2.4 To assist Council in creating and reviewing policies.

BEAC members discussed the following City of Armadale draft policies/ polices:

- Proposed Local Planning Policy – Subdivision and Structure Planning for Lots with watercourses in Rural Living and General Rural Zones; and
- Proposed local Planning Policy and ENG Policy - Local Plants in landscaping.

2.5 To assist in developing, implementing and reviewing strategic conservation strategies.

BEAC provided valuable input into the review of the Friends Group Manual relating to communication between Council and the community when a bushland reserve requires a prescribed burn. A change in the City's operating practice resulted and clearer lines of communication between groups and the City were established as relates to the need to prescribe burn some reserves.

BEAC considered the need for the retention of adequate buffers to Hilbert Rd Wetland during the Brookdale Master Planning Process and identified the need for the protection of the adjacent Banksia woodland area which appears to be of fundamental importance to the recharge of the wetland.

These concerns and advice of the group were communicated back to Council.

2.6 To foster and facilitate care and concern for the natural environment, development of "Friends" groups and actions by individuals that protect or rehabilitate the natural environment.

One of the most significant achievements of BEAC in 2005/2006 was the hosting of the second awards presentation event for City of Armadale environmental volunteers. The awards presentation event was held in December 2005 at Caning Dam picnic area. Approximately 50 people attended the event and received a token of appreciation from the City of Armadale. This hosting of a volunteer awards event was an outcome of the BEAC Volunteer Strategy developed in 2003/2004.

A Plenary Session was hosted by BEAC on 2 August 2006 titled "The Endangered Black Cockatoo's in Armadale". Invitation to attend was open to the general public. Guest speakers from the WA Museum provided an overview of research into the endangered cockatoo's in Armadale. Approximately ninety people attended the event, with a number of people signing up to be on the BEAC mailing list. Excellent feedback regarding the event was received.

BEAC displays were on-show at the Kelmscott Show and Minnawarra Festival. Displays included laminated 'bush pig' theme posters and information displays promoting volunteers and explaining the role of BEAC.

On two occasions in 2006 advertisements outlining the benefits of volunteering and calling for new volunteers were run in the Comment and Examiner newspapers. These advertisements were developed as part of the BEAC Volunteer Strategy. Unfortunately, no response from the advertisements was received.

The following newsletters are tabled at BEAC meetings and then put on display at the Armadale Library:

- Association of Bush Regenerators Newsletter;
- Urban Bush Telegraph - Urban Bushland Council Newsletter;
- The Web - Threatened Species Network Newsletter;
- The Swan;
- Environmental Weeds Action Network Newsletter;
- Ecoplan News.

Reports from Community Conservation Groups

Groups that report separately

The Bungendore Park Management Committee, Armadale Settlers Common Management Committee and the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group prepare annual reports that are communicated directly to Council. These reports are not included in this report. The following sections provide report prepared by each individual group. A short extract from the Bungendore Park Management Committee Annual Report 2005-2006 also follows.

Friends of Roley Pools

The Roley Pool Reserve Friends Group is a relatively new group that has formed this year and predominantly consists of people that have recently moved into the area. There are actually many groups that have been working in the reserve during the last 14 years. This group will work with these groups and is currently developing a management plan for the next few years to protect and preserve a healthy river environment for the next generation.

This year began with a fire that began near Roley Pool and rapidly spread up the slope before it was controlled by aerial water bombers and the local fire service. This exposed many years of accumulated rubbish that was collected from along the river.

With support from the Armadale-Gosnells Landcare Group two planting mornings (50 volunteer hours) in winter were completed next to the pool. This area had been cleared of heavy infestations of blackberry and watsonia at the start of the year.

Weed management also continued throughout the year, which consisted of 3-4 professional spraying programs that targeted blackberry and watsonia.

The former reserve management plan, developed by the Upper Canning Southern Wungong Catchment Team (now the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group), expired last year. A new management plan is currently being developed that will be used to direct more regular work days, and help to focus the future restoration and preservation of the reserve for the next few years.

We can see this area being used to showcase the river environment, including the many environmental issues that exist in the area such as invasive weeds, the effects of reduced water flows, and water quality degradation. As it has had a long history of restoration work it can also showcase the results and success from the many volunteer hours that have been spent here.

Friends of Forrestdale

Like many other places, Forrestdale has had its driest year on record. The maximum depth of Forrestdale Lake was 30cm compared to about 90cm in recent years. This has not only meant fewer waterbirds visiting the Lake, but also a much shorter period for them to do so. The viability of the lake as a waterbird habitat has been compromised. Its ecological character has altered, at least in

the short term. This is a matter of concern under the terms of the Ramsar Convention of Internationally Important Wetlands. Forrestdale Lake is a 'Ramsar Wetland.'

The Friends continue to concentrate on trying to ensure that adequate resources are made available for implementation of the Management Plan for Forrestdale Lake Nature Reserve. Unfortunately John Snowden, the Reserves Officer with the Department of Conservation and Environment who worked at Forrestdale Lake a couple of days a week, has transferred within the Department and has not been replaced. The Friends will continue to lobby for a replacement. Vandalism is a persistent problem that requires regular repairs and maintenance. These functions should be carried out by the Department rather than relying on members of the Friends of Forrestdale.

The construction of a raised walkway began this year after DEC developed a design. Construction has commenced, but no funding was forthcoming within the Department for the completion of the whole project. The Friends will continue to lobby for its completion. New signage was developed and erected this year. A new information brochure was published this year. The Friends had input into the information on the signs and in the brochure.

The book about Forrestdale that the Friends have been working on for several years will be published shortly. We were successful in gaining funding from the Lotteries Commission for its publication. It is a visually appealing book with photos and other illustrations of Forrestdale, some of which date back over 100 years. Copies will be distributed to all members of BEAC and to all interested members of their groups. The Mayor of Armadale, Linton Reynolds launched the book at a function on Sunday 10th December.

The group continues to undertake an array of on-ground works, including weeding, fence maintenance, provision of information brochures, rubbish clean up and tree planting.

Friends of Goolamrup

Because time does not stand still the Friends of Goolamrup is suffering from the ageing of members. During the past twelve months the group has been reduced to four effective workers. In spite of this, some valuable work has been carried out.

The reserve is almost free of watsonia as each year, in early winter, new germinants are quickly removed. There are few, if any, mature watsonia now to be found. Goolamrup has some excellent stands of a number of native grasses, making the removal of love grass and other South African invaders difficult. The ability of members to differentiate between local and exotic grasses is improving. 'Black-eyed susan' has finally been eradicated.

With support from the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group's Community Support Officer two successful planting days were held with some hundreds of rushes and sedges planted along the river's edge, and dozens of understory species along the old flood plain.

The drain carrying stormwater across the reserve to the Canning-river can be considered only partially successful as the silt pond continues to overflow into the river in a manner that is eroding the river bank. Some means of supporting the bank in this location is needed.

The spectacular spring showing of wildflowers in the least degraded quarter of this reserve continues to indicate the potential that Goolamrup has to significantly add to the City's assets.

Friends of Westfield Heron Reserve

Over a number of years, the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group has undertaken weed control and seeding planting in order to revegetate barren areas of the Westfield Heron Reserve. This has proved

successful in pockets of the reserve—creating habitat for bird life as seedlings have grown up. The newly formed Friends of Westfield Park Heron Reserve have worked hard in 2006 to engage local community participation in the groups' activities. Clean-up, revegetation and weed control activities around the reserve have all been undertaken in 2006. The group plans to continue to focus on controlling weeds in the reserve, reducing rubbish and revegetating banks of the water body with native plants. Difficulties are still being experienced with regards to vandalism of plants in the area. The group is thankful to the local community for their valuable volunteer contribution.

Roleystone Dieback Action Group

2006 was another exciting and successful year for the Group. Successful grant applications to the Swan Alcoa Landcare Program, Alcoa and SGIO supported the Group's activities in nine bushland reserves in Roleystone and Karragullen. During the winter we planted over 3000 local seedlings in four reserves. In spring and summer we treated five reserves with the fungicide phosphite to increase the trees' resistance to Phytophthora Dieback. The October field day was particularly successful when we cooperated with the Dieback Working Group, Murdoch University, Dept. of Environment and Conservation, Alcoa and SGIO to treat a new dieback infestation in the Stinton Cascade Nature Reserve, Karragullen – 72 volunteers attended.

This year also saw a change in direction for the Group. We were a key part of the formation of the new group called Roleybushcare. This group has a broader environmental aim than the Dieback Group: to improve the environmental management and environmental education in Roleystone. Two education sessions were undertaken at the Roleystone Shopping Centre and the Combined School Fair. A new website was established to inform the local community about environmental matters (<http://www.roleybushcare.com>). The website has information on: coming events, Phytophthora Dieback, bushland reserves, fauna and other related issues. More initiatives are being developed to make 2007 an even more exciting environmental year.

Friends of Hall Rd Bridle Trail

The Friends of Hall Rd Bridle Trail are a new group that formed to carry on the good work started by the Roleystone Dieback Action Group.

The bridle trail extends from Norman/Mackie Rds intersection, across Michael Rd, Trevor Court, and Slabgully Rd to Hall Rd. To date, the section from Michael to Trevor has been the focus of most rehabilitation work with the (almost) eradication of Watsonia and Freesia and substantial replanting of native plants. This section will now be subject to monitoring and winter hand weeding as it re-establishes. The next problem area from Slabgully Rd to Hall Rd has had formative spraying to start attacking Freesia. Council has also stripped a substantial infestation of Tagasaste from this area. Next winter will see:

- spot spraying of Freesia (council has advised it will provide the training in herbicide use).
- Hand stripping of new Tagasaste emergence (a yearly task for some time).
- Commencement of replanting areas denuded by freesia infestation.

The section between Trevor Rd and Slabgully Rd is relatively free of weeds and we hope to keep it that way.

The group are yet to tackle the remaining section of the trail, from Michael Rd to Norman Rd that contains various weedy creepers which are encroaching from adjacent properties.

Friends of Wright Brook

Over the past year the Friends of Wright Brook have achieved an excellent clearance of giant reed both in our target area and beyond. This task took volunteers many hours of work and amounted to approximately eight large truckloads of cut reed which was subsequently removed by the City of

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Armadale. Our group had assistance one afternoon from a group of 18 students and their efforts greatly contributed to the cutting down of this reed. Whilst the giant reed re-sprouts persistently requiring multiple applications of glyphosate, we are confident we are winning the battle. We have now extended the original target area a few hundred meters downstream of the Wright Brook. Giant reed has been successfully removed from this area and more recently, a contractor for the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group sprayed the huge crop of watsonias in this new area. Whilst the original section is now virtually free of both watsonia and giant reed, it does still require maintenance weeding between the mulch. Over the last winter our group planted approximately 2,200 sedges and understorey species. It has been gratifying to have some of the previous years' plantings flowering over the past season.

Bungendore Park Management Committee

The Bungendore Park Management Committee's role is to assist in the conservation and management of Bungendore Park as a conservation reserve for low-impact usage.

This year, the Committee, with the assistance of the local community, has been undertaking habitat restoration and revegetation of disused gravel pits in the park. This project has been ongoing since 1982. A community planting day was held 22nd July where 360 seedlings were planted by 25 people in and around Pit 10. A further 500 seedlings were planted at the old Scout property (Lot 196) south of the park. On a school planting day held 28th July, students from Armadale Christian College planted another 640 seedlings in and around Pit 6 bringing the planted total since 1982 to 92,005 seedlings (see graph below). Armadale Wildflower Society grew the seedlings from seed collected from plants within the park to maintain genetic integrity. Students from Armadale Christian College dug 100 mattock holes in Pit 10 prior to planting and installed tree guards around the 500 planted seedlings on Lot 196.

With the assistance of the Armadale Lions Club, the Bungendore Bush Breakfast was held on 6th November 2005, was attended by some 95 people who enjoyed a fully-cooked breakfast in the bush setting followed by a guided bushwalk.

Various other activities and programs have been undertaken by the group in the reporting period with the generous support of local community volunteers.

Other groups active in the community

The following environmental groups are also active in the City of Armadale.

- Armadale City Rivercare Group
- Armadale Wildflower Society
- Churchman's Bushland Association
- Friends of Hillandale Reserve
- Palomino Reserve Catchment Group
- Friends of Lloyd Hughes Reserve

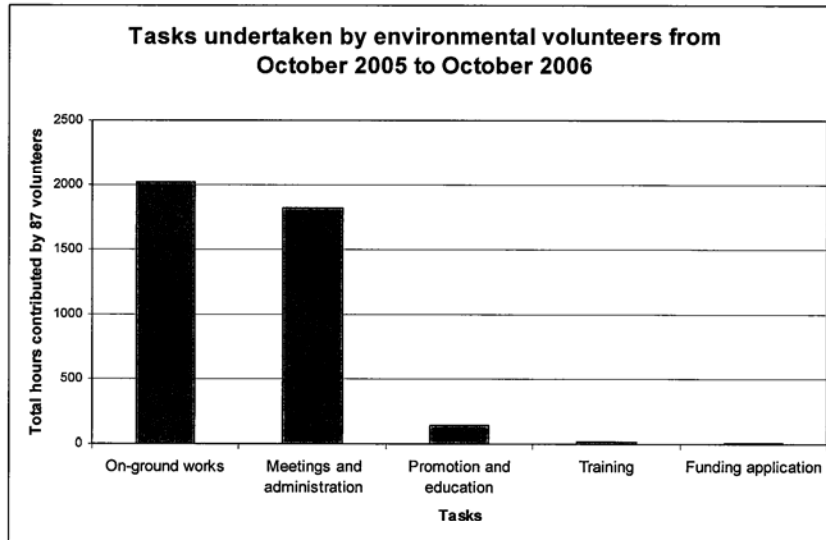
Summary of volunteer contributions of environmental volunteers***Volunteer hours***

For the 2005/ 2006 reporting period, eighty seven volunteers reported in excess of 5,200 volunteer hours from across fifteen community environmental groups. Whilst the number of volunteers

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reporting hours and the number of hours reported, has slightly decreased since 2003/2004, new groups have been successfully formed. This calculation of volunteer hours is considered to be an underestimate as it does not incorporate volunteer contributions of the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group for events such as corporate tree planting days. However, the recorded volunteer contribution to the conservation and improvement of the environment in 2005/2006 equates to a value in excess of \$82,000 per annum (based on \$15.90/hr calculation).

The following graph illustrates the key activities of environmental volunteers. This graph demonstrates that a majority of volunteer time was dedicated to on-ground works and meetings and administration. This was similarly reflected in the 2004/2005 reporting period.



Funds Attracted

The following table lists some of the external grant funds received by community conservation groups in the 2005/2006 reporting period.

Almost \$100,000 has been attracted by volunteer groups to the region in 2005/2006. This has substantially increased since 2004/2005 when in the order of \$60,000 in grant funds were received. A number of groups have also submitted grant applications which have not yet been determined.

GROUP	GRANT	FUNDS	PURPOSE
Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group/ Armadale Wildflower Society/ City of Armadale	Threatened Species Network	\$4,000	Revegetation project at Fletcher Park.
City of Armadale/ Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group	Perth Biodiversity Project	\$8,179	Revegetation project at Creyk Park, Kendal Ct and Bob Blackburn Reserve.
Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group	Swan Alcoa Landcare Program	\$52,180	Various on-ground works.
Bungendore Park Management Committee	Swan Alcoa Landcare Program	\$6,210	Weed control, dieback treatment, feral bee control, re-vegetation.

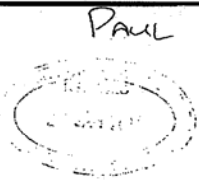
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GROUP	GRANT	FUNDS	PURPOSE
Roleystone Dieback Action Group	Swan Alcoa Landcare Program	\$9,220	Various on-ground works.
Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group	Riverbank	\$20,000	Various on-ground works
TOTAL		\$99,789	

WATER USE FROM NEERIGEN BROOK



Department of Water
Government of Western Australia



F.Y.I.

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HOMEOWNER/OCCUPIER
LOCKED BAG 2
ARMADALE WA 6992

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: WATER USE FROM NEERIGEN BROOK, CARRADINE CREEK, CANNS CREEK, CANNING RIVER AND WUNGONG RIVER – RIGHTS IN WATER AND IRRIGATION ACT 1914

In order to relieve pressure on local waterways and minimise environmental impact, the Department of Water is encouraging all landowners to modify their water use and adopt more efficient water-use practices.

Perth has experienced a sustained period of low rainfall since the winter of 1974, and the 131-year history of rainfall recording in this State shows a clear drying trend over the last 50 years. 2006 marked the driest year on record for Perth with total rainfall of 466.8 mm, compared with the average of 859 mm.

As a result, scheme water restrictions are still in place and unlicensed domestic bore owners are required to restrict sprinkler use to between the hours of 6pm and 9am to reduce evaporation during the heat of the day.

Landowners adjacent to a watercourse would be aware that the natural summer flow is generally inadequate to satisfy all the demands on this resource.

In addition to water restrictions already in place through Water Corporation, the Department of Water is urging all landowners in the area to cooperate wherever possible and observe the same conservation guidelines and thresholds.


You are therefore requested to restrict your use of water from the watercourse to two days per week. The days allocated for you are determined by the last digit of your house number or lot number, as per the table below. By allocating specific watering days, the available resources can be shared amongst landowners at a more sustainable level.

Monday	0, 3, 6
Tuesday	4, 7
Wednesday	1, 5, 8
Thursday	2, 6, 9
Friday	0, 3, 7
Saturday	1, 4, 8
Sunday	2, 5, 9

Provided the whole community embraces these and other water efficiency measures, the need to introduce greater restrictions on water use may be avoided.

If you have any queries regarding the above please contact the Swan Avon Region on telephone (08) 6250 8000.

Yours sincerely,


ROSS SHERIDAN
A/REGIONAL MANAGER
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19 January 2007

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TRADING OF LANTANAS



Department of Agriculture and Food
Government of Western Australia



Mr Ray Tame
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Dear Mr Tame,

TRADING OF GOLD RUSH, YELLOW SPREADER AND OTHER DWARF YELLOW LANTANAS

I am contacting you to advise you of a recent policy decision that will enable nurseries and other retail outlets in WA to continue trading existing stocks of Dwarf Yellow Lantana (including *Lantana* 'Gold Rush'/'Yellow Spreader') until Friday 31 August 2007.

This change was brought about following a request made to the Department of Agriculture and Food in December 2006 by the President of the Nursery & Garden Industry WA, Mr Colin Groom, in which he sought permission for the nursery industry to trade out of existing stock of *Lantana* 'Gold Rush'/'Yellow Spreader'.

I wish to advise you that trade in these and other Dwarf Yellow Lantanas may continue for a limited period, under the following conditions.

1. The extension of trading applies only to *Lantana* 'Gold Rush', 'Yellow Spreader' and other dwarf yellow lantanas, which are sold under various names such as 'Sundancer', 'Dwarf Yellow' and so on. They are characterised by having intensely bright yellow or golden flowers, smaller leaves and thinner stems than typical *Lantana camara* shrubs, and are mostly sold as low growing ground cover plants although some are formed into standards.
2. Only existing stock may be traded – no new stock is to be propagated.
3. All trade in the Dwarf Yellow Lantanas must cease on Friday 31st August 2007.

I recognise that there continues to be confusion within the nursery industry over the identity of these Dwarf Yellow Lantanas which, in the past, have been labelled incorrectly as being forms of *Lantana montevidensis* and have continued to be sold by a number of nurseries and other retail outlets.

I wish to make it clear that the Department of Agriculture and Food and the Agriculture Protection Board of WA consider that the Dwarf Yellow Lantanas are hybrids between *L. camara* and *L. depressa*: they are not forms of *L. montevidensis*.

There is no change to the status of "normal" Lantanas (*Lantana camara*) which have pink, red, pale yellow, cream, white or multi-coloured flowers, and were declared in October 2005 - their sale is banned. I also remind you that *Lantana montevidensis* (which has white, mauve or purple flowers) is not declared and it can be sold legally.

I also take this opportunity to thank you for cooperating with the October 2005 ban on the sale of *Lantana camara*, which has seen this plant (a Weed of National Significance) removed from sale throughout Western Australia.

Yours sincerely

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23 January 2007

Dear Paul,

Re: Kikuyu Research Project at UWA

Please find enclosed a copy of our latest Milestone Report outlining our progress to the 31st December 2006. Milestone reports are submitted to Horticulture Australia every six months, and a copy is sent to our Industry Partners once it has been accepted.

The current report provides details of our field work at Shenton Park, including some preliminary findings from our experiment investigating the effects of N fertiliser management (annual application rate, frequency of application) on N leaching and turfgrass growth/quality.

In February, you will receive an invoice for \$2000 + GST from PLA for your 2006/2007 contribution. This is your final contribution towards the current project; however, we are developing a new project to investigate approaches for identifying and managing the development of water repellency in turfgrass (including the use of wetting agents). I will be sending you an outline of the research proposal shortly, however in the meantime I would be grateful if you could consider including \$2500 + GST in your 2007/2008 budget for the new project.

We thank City of Armadale for supporting the Kikuyu Research Project. Should you wish to discuss the project further please contact me at The University of Western Australia.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Louise'.

Dr. Louise Barton

Milestone Report #6 for Horticulture Australia Ltd Project TU04001
Kikuyu Turf Research Project
Due date: 31st December 2006

Dr. Louise Barton & Dr. Tim Colmer, School of Plant Biology
Faculty of Natural & Agricultural Sciences, The University of Western Australia

Summary

Australian turfgrass managers are seeking more cost efficient and environmentally acceptable approaches to manage turfgrass. Fertilising and thatch/mat control both contribute to the cost of managing turfgrass, and depending on the approach taken, can also pose a risk to the environment. Our understanding of turfgrass management practices and their effects on the environment is based mainly on data collected from cool-season turfgrasses studied in the Northern Hemisphere. Therefore, the overall objective of the Kikuyu Research Project is to optimise N fertiliser and thatch/mat control management practices for Kikuyu turfgrass under Australian conditions. The project aims include: i) optimising fertiliser management so that N leaching is minimised while maintaining turfgrass growth and quality (Experiment 1); ii) evaluating the effect of thatch/mat accumulation on turfgrass quality and water use (Experiment 2); and iii) investigating techniques for controlling thatch/mat accumulation in Kikuyu turfgrass (Experiment 3). The experiments are being conducted on both 'old' turfgrass (i.e., 20 year old turfgrass that includes 50 mm mat) and turfgrass established from new sod (i.e., 20 week old turfgrass).

The influence of thatch/mat accumulation on turfgrass water use (Experiment 2) was assessed last summer (2005/2006) and findings were discussed in the last Milestone Report. A second summer of water use measurements commenced on the 4th December 2006, and the results will be presented in future reports. Techniques for controlling mat-thatch accumulation (Experiment 3) were applied in November 2005 to plots of turfgrass planted at the same time as Experiment 1, and have since been re-applied (November 2006). Experiment 1, investigating the effects of N fertiliser management (annual application rate, frequency of application), commenced on the 19th January 2005 and preliminary findings will be presented in this report.

Since our last report the following Milestone Criteria have been met:

- **Turfgrass growth and quality, plus N leaching, monitored for 2 years (Experiment 1)**
Turfgrass growth and quality
Various measures of turfgrass growth and quality commenced on the 19th January 2005 and have continued as per our experimental schedule. As examples, clipping dry weight is measured weekly, turfgrass colour and appearance are evaluated monthly, turfgrass hardness is measured 3-monthly, and thatch/mat content is assessed 3-monthly. The 'quality' of the turfgrass under our various N management regimes was evaluated by either comparing the value of quality parameters (e.g., leaf clippings N concentration, colour, and hardness) with either industry criteria, or by 'benchmarking' with active playing fields managed by local government. For example Kikuyu turfgrass plots were considered to be of suitable quality at leaf clippings N concentrations >2.2%, colour (hue angle) > 100, and hardness (measured using a clegg hammer) > 31–120 gravities.

Under the N fertiliser regimes used in the experiment (Table 1), turfgrass plots established from old turfgrass (i.e., 20 year old turfgrass) have stronger growth and better colour than plots established from new sod (i.e., 20 week old turfgrass). However, the 'old' turfgrass plots are softer due to the presence of mat (Table 1). The amount of N fertiliser required to maintain turfgrass of acceptable quality varies between the 2 turfgrass ages (Table 1). After 18 months, the 'old' turfgrass plot do not require additional N as the unfertilised plots meet the quality criteria; whereas for the 'young' turfgrass plots, applying 150 kg N ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹ has greatly benefited turfgrass quality. 'Splitting' N fertiliser to 4 applications per year provided greater and more consistent turfgrass growth and quality than only having to 2 applications per year (Table 1).

Table 1. Assessment of turfgrass quality for 'old' and 'young' Kikuyu turfgrass plots under each N management regime. Turfgrass quality is based on %N concentration leaf tissue, colour and hardness. Those treatments marked with tick meet criteria, whereas those with a cross do not.

N Rate	Application Frequency	'Old' Turfgrass			'Young' Turfgrass		
		% N	Colour	Hardness	% N	Colour	Hardness
0		✓	✓	✓ (Low)	×	×	✓ (High)
50	4-weekly	✓	✓	✓ (Low)	×	×	✓ (High)
	4 apps/year	✓	✓	✓ (Low)	×	×	✓ (High)
	2 apps/year	✓	×	✓ (Low)	×	×	✓ (High)
100	4-weekly	✓	✓	✓ (Low)	✓	✓	✓ (High)
	4 apps/year	✓	✓	✓ (Low)	×	×	✓ (High)
	2 apps/year	✓	×	✓ (Low)	×	×	✓ (High)
150	4-weekly	✓	✓	✓ (Low)	✓	✓	✓ (High)
	4 apps/year	✓	✓	✓ (Low)	✓	✓	✓ (High)
	2 apps/year	✓	×	✓ (Low)	×	×	✓ (High)

Nitrogen leaching

Leachate samples have been collected weekly since the commencement of the study (19th January 2005), with samples up to mid April-2006 analysed for total N, mineral N and organic N. The 'lag' between collecting and analysing samples for N content is usual, and not of concern, as the samples are frozen to preserve the N and forms present.

The greatest N leaching occurred at the commencement of the study and while the turfgrass plots were being established. The pattern of N leaching losses appears to differ between the 'young' and the 'old' turfgrass plots, with initial losses higher from the 'young' than the 'old' turfgrass plots. The average total amount of N leached after 15 months is 45 kg N ha⁻¹, and is not affected by turfgrass age, nor the amount of N fertiliser applied, nor the frequency of application.

- Results (from Kikuyu Research Project) presented at Workshop conducted with Industry Partners and other end-users

The Kikuyu Research Project Workshop was held on Thursday 7th September 2006 at the University Club, UWA. Approximately 35 people attended the morning, including representatives from Local Government and State Government Authorities, golf clubs, the fertiliser industry and local turf-related businesses. The latest findings from the project were presented to Industry Partners with the view to developing

recommendations for the management of Kikuyu turfgrass. Future research needs, aimed towards helping turfgrass management in Western Australia, were identified in the final session, sparking enthusiastic discussion.

- **Results (from Experiment 2) presented to Australian Turf Industry via National Industry Journal**
An article summarising the effects of N fertiliser management on Kikuyu turfgrass water use was published in Australian Turfgrass Management (Volume 8.5, Oct-Nov 2006). A copy of the article is attached to this report.
- **Field Day conducted at UWA Turf Research Facility for Industry Partners and research end-users**
The UWA Turf Research Open Day was held on Tuesday 28th November 2006. Over 60 people visited the site to view the Kikuyu plots. A brief presentation outlining current findings from the Kikuyu Research Project was given by Louise Barton. George Wan demonstrated the method for measuring turfgrass water use, while Renee Buck fielded questions on the turf irrigator. The morning provided UWA staff with an opportunity to discuss the study with the turf industry, plus receive feedback about the research.

The Next Steps (i.e., Milestones for Next Report)

The next stage of the study is to complete assessing the effect of N fertiliser management on N leaching from Kikuyu turfgrass, and to continue monitoring the effects of renovation treatments on thatch/mat accumulation. The Criteria for Milestone #7 are:

- The effectiveness of thatch control measured and analysed after 18 months.
- Results present to Australian Turf Industry via National Industry Journal.
- Results presented at the Bi-annual UWA Turf Research Seminar Day (this was previously listed under Milestone 6).
- Workshop conducted with Industry Partners and other end-users.

Communication/Extension Activities

Our communication strategy comprises of a website, newsletters, regular publications in industry journals, participation in industry workshops and national conferences, field days and research site visits. Since our last Milestone Report we have conducted the Kikuyu Research Project Workshop (see above for details), outlined findings from our water use study (Experiment 2) in a National Industry Journal (see above for details), and hosted a Open Day at the UWA Turf Research Facility (see above for details).

Our industry partners continue to be kept up-to-date with the project's progress via the Kikuyu Research Project Newsletter (distributed every 2 months), the UWA Turf Research Program website (<http://www.agric.uwa.edu.au/turfresearch/index.htm>), and regular committee meetings.

Commercialisation and/or Intellectual Property Issues

Not applicable.

Other Issues

There are no other issues to report.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – JANUARY 2007		
ITEM	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
<p>Kelmscott Soccer Club – Proposal to Use Pries Park (February 2004) (August 2004)</p> <p>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)</p>	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 2007 and the 2007 Needs & Feasibility Study for the provision of Active Sporting Reserves within the City.
<p>Cr Scidone - An MOU being developed to better manage community and sporting group's expectations in applying for CSRFF grant funding be referred to the Community Services Committee. –</p> <p>That officers investigate, review and provide a further report on Policy RECN 3.</p>	Recreation Services	An amendment to Policy RECN 3 has been drafted and will shortly be presented to Manex, prior to being referred for Committee's consideration.
<p>Armadale Aquatic Centre – Major Maintenance (September 2006)</p> <p>Receive a further report that identifies options and cost estimates for replacing the polyester fibreglass lining in the 50 metre and 25 metre pools at the Armadale Aquatic Centre. (C54/9/06)</p>	Technical Services	The findings of the Due Diligence assessment of Armadale Aquatic Centre confirmed the need to replace the polyester fibreglass lining in the 50 metre and 25 metre pools. The report identified tiling as the recommended option and provided a ball park cost estimate. Further work is required to obtain more accurate cost estimates and identify funding and staging options.
<p>Councillors' Items - Cr Zelones – Update on Review of Council's Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study for Armadale Cultural Facilities: Final Report (September 2006)</p> <p>Cr Zelones requested an update and review of Council's Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study for Armadale Cultural Facilities: Final Report. (C58/9/06)</p>	Community Development	An update will be provided to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee when workloads and available resources allow.
<p>**John Dunn Oval – Seasonal Use (December 2006)</p> <p>That Council convene a Councillor Workshop in January 2007 to consider and discuss future ground use requirements at John Dunn Oval and other City of Armadale facilities (C75/12/06).</p>	Recreation Services	A Councillor Workshop will be convened as part of the 2007 Needs & Feasibility Study for the provision of Active Sporting Reserves within the City.
<p>Councillors' Items – Upgrade of Council Website (January 2007)</p> <p>Cr Zelones requested that consideration be given to an upgrade of Council's website to include places of interest such as parks, churches etc. (C9/1/07)</p>	Information Technology	Matter referred to the Public Relations Coordinator and Manager Information Technology for further investigation and update of the website.
<p>Councillors' Items – Reg. Williams Reserve (January 2007)</p> <p>Cr Munn requested that consideration be given to set up a pre-planning process with community input for the redevelopment of Reg. Williams Reserve. (C9/1/07)</p>	Community Development	An update will be provided to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee when workloads and available resources allow.

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LIBRARY & HERITAGE SERVICES GENERAL MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY 2007

1. Library Services

1.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

The Library Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of January 2007 is attached. (Refer to Attachment "CA-1".)

1.2 Library Extension Activities

1.2.1 School Holiday Report

**Report – January 2007 School Holiday Programme
Prepared by – Rita Lennon and Shirley Reilly,
Assistant Librarians Armadale, Kelmscott/Westfield Libraries**

Topic: Body Works

Presenters: Assistant Librarians Rita Lennon and Shirley Reilly

Dates: 5th January, 10th January, 18th January, 2007

Venue: Armadale, Kelmscott and Westfield Libraries

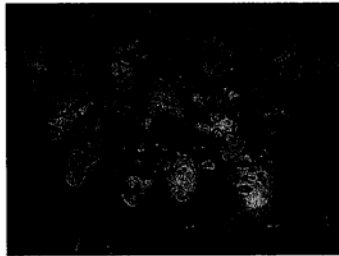
No. Attending: 43 children

ARM: 13 children, 6 adults ; KMS : 15 children, 8 adults ; WST : 15 children ; 11 adults

Comments:

The school holiday programme began at Armadale Library with a "Funny Faces" activity in which the kids used disposable latex gloves filled with soft toy stuffing to create some weird and wacky characters. Lots of craft materials were on hand to decorate the faces and to produce imaginative hairdos. Books on face painting, masks & disguises, and special effects makeup were on display to stimulate ideas, and the kids were encouraged to make at least 2 characters each so they could use them as role playing or storytelling aids. The results are pictured below (the chimpanzee puppet is an extra). Many positive comments were received from parents and kids alike. Rita Lennon (ARM)

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Kelmscott Library participants made spooky skeletons using pasta and black card to great effect. Human and animal skeletons were created using different types of pasta as the children worked out where the bones should go! Books on display about the human body were utilized to look at different types of skeletons and interesting facts were gleaned such as there are 27 bones in the human hand. Parents and children were impressed with the end result. Shirley Reilly (KMS)



The January holiday activities concluded at Westfield Library with a session called “How Tall Are You?” Children with help from a parent traced the outline of their body on butcher’s paper and then proceeded to make it look like them using wool, paper, paint etc. The session was lots of fun with some great life size pictures produced. Shirley Reilly (WST)

All sessions aimed to promote library stock about the human body and having fun at the library whilst being educational too.

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1.2.2 Charlotte's Web

Report – Children's Activity
Prepared by – Shirley Reilly, Assistant Librarian
Kelmscott Library

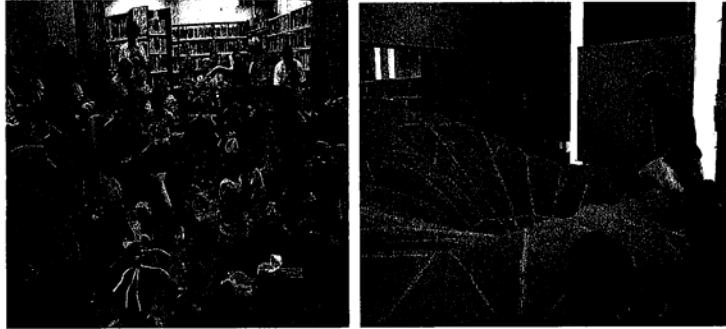
Topic: Tales from Charlotte's Web
Presenter: Glenn B. Swift

Date: January 16th, 2007
Time: 3.30-4.30pm
Venue: Kelmscott Library
No. Attending: 45 children, 28 adults

Comments:

A lively, entertaining afternoon session was spent with storyteller Glenn B. Swift who presented an enchanting session based on the classic children's novel Charlotte's Web. He commenced the session by producing a parachute and asking the children to stand in a circle holding the edge. Then everyone made the parachute billow up and the children took turns running underneath it making them feel as if they were under a web. Glenn read excerpts from the book and the children interacted with him by making animal noises and talking about spiders in general – how to know if a spider is "friendly" or "unfriendly". The children then made their own "Charlotte" spider using plasticine, pipe cleaners and joggle eyes with great effect. Glenn presented a wonderful show that was book based and very interactive with lots of fun and laughter. Parents and children had a wonderful library experience and many came up to Glenn afterwards to personally thank him.

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1.3 Literacy Programmes

As an extension to the successful Better Beginnings program, the Library Service provides programmes aimed at increasing literacy from a young age. Reports on the 2006 success of the two main programmes are provided for information.

BETTER BEGINNINGS PROGRAMME
BABY RHYME TIME 2006
REPORT

As part of the Better Beginnings Family Literacy Programme, a new programme aimed at parents and their babies (0-2 years) was commenced at Westfield Library on February 17th, 2006. Baby Rhyme Time was introduced to support a parent's role as their child's first and most important teacher by having a monthly session for parents and babies to come to the library and sing songs, recite nursery rhymes and read books.

The session is led by the Young People's Services Librarian at the Westfield Branch (Shirley Reilly) who organized the format of the session including a colourful song sheet used as the basis of the session that can also be taken home and used there.

The session includes a mix of songs, nursery rhymes and a book is read to the babies. This models to the parents how to read to their baby. Songs and nursery rhymes are sung and spoken to reinforce traditional tales that use rhythm, rhyme and repetition which is important to help develop language and literacy skills.

Sessions are held once a month and last for half an hour. Morning tea is provided and parents are encouraged to stay, have a cuppa, chat with other parents and choose books and other items to take home to use with their baby.

Community Health nurse Barbara Edwards comes along to the morning tea to be available to parents if they want to ask questions outside of the clinic environment and this has worked well at the library.

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Baby Rhyme Time has been promoted through the local paper, flyers placed in Better Beginnings toolkits, posters sent to Child Health Clinics and put up in the library. Community Health nurses actively promote the sessions when talking to parents at the Clinic.

The wonderful collaboration that has developed between the Community Health nursing team led by Marian Smith and the library has also been a positive accomplishment of the Better Beginnings programme.

A core group of parents participate regularly and new people are coming along too. Statistics for 2006 are shown in the table below:

Month	Parents Attending	Babies Attending
February	16	18
March	24	26
April	14	14
May	10	10
June	11	11
July	10	10
August	12	12
September	13	11
October	20	20
November	26	25
December	7	7
Total	163	164

The Better Beginnings team at the State Library have held training sessions in how to hold a Rhyme Time session that staff attended and support and encouragement is always available. Young People's Services Librarians have also attended Parent-Child Mother Goose training which has been useful to adapt to our programme.

In 2007 it is anticipated the programme will gain in popularity and attract new attendees. An extra session will be commenced at Kelmscott in May so there will be two sessions held in the City of Armadale libraries each month to cater for demand.

Our aim with this programme is to influence parents to help their child's literacy skills develop by providing rich language experiences in the early years and also to encourage lifelong use of libraries.

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Shirley Reilly
Assistant Librarian - Kelmscott/Westfield Library
January 2007

2. HERITAGE SERVICES

2.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

The Heritage Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of January 2007 is attached. (Refer to Attachment "CA-2".)

2.2 Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

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

Birtwistle Local Studies Library

Interview on the 6PR Radio Station

The Historian/Local Studies Librarian was invited to speak on Steve Gordon's Sunday evening radio programme on 6PR to discuss the City of Armadale Oral History Programme.

The invitation was a result of an article that was seen by Mr Gordon in a local newspaper discussing the availability of oral histories online on the City's website.

The interview presented an excellent opportunity not only to promote the oral history programme but also the Birtwistle Local Studies Library and its collection.

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City of Gosnells Heritage Officer speaks to Oral History Volunteers

The Oral History Volunteers enjoyed an informative talk given by the City of Gosnells Heritage Officer. In the discussion that followed many constructive ideas were shared by the group and the Heritage Officer was able to provide beneficial answers to questions that were asked in relation to dealing with situations that the volunteers have experienced. The talk was an excellent way to start what will prove to be a challenging and exciting year of the Oral History Programme.

Digital Training for Oral History Volunteers

Individual training on the use of digital recording equipment has been given to oral history volunteers. As the Birtwistle Local Studies Library will commence collecting oral histories digitally it has been necessary to ensure that the oral history volunteers involved in interviewing are comfortable with the use of the new digital recorders.

Display in City of Armadale Public Libraries

A display titled “Why Name a Library Birtwistle?” has been placed in the Armadale Public Library for a period of two weeks after which it will be moved to the Westfield and Kelmscott Libraries where it will be displayed for a further two weeks at each library. Information contained in the display discusses why the library was named after I.T. Birtwistle with photographs and newspaper cuttings of the opening. Biographical information on Birtwistle highlights his achievements and the display finishes with information on the library itself.

2.3 History House Museum

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator)

History House Museum

Canning River Display

CANNING RIVER / DYARLGAROO: Our Story of the Canning River is now on display at History House Museum. The display will be at the museum till April. The display will then be available for loan to schools and community groups.

Interpretation Plan

Work has started on the interpretation plan. Vade Mecum the preferred consultants have been taken on a tour of key heritage sites throughout the City. The consultants are currently preparing a series of community meetings to discuss what themes or stories are important to those who live in the City of Armadale.

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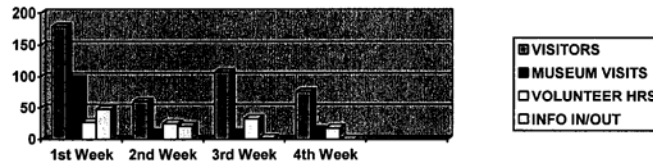
Month: January Year: 2007

History House Museum	Current Month	Year to date		
		Jan 06	July 06- Jan 07	Jul 05 - Jan 06
Visitors	102	224	893	1,078
Volunteer Hours	139	116	742	892
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum				
	Jan 07	Jan 06	Jul 06 – Jan 07	Jul 05 – Jan 06
	240	N/A	1928	N/A
	Dec 07	Dec 06	Jul 06-Dec 07	Jul 05 – Dec 06
	133	N/A	1688	N/A

3. VISITOR SERVICING

3.1 Visitor Servicing Statistical Performance Indicators January 2007

DECEMBER 2006 FIGURES:



Phone Enquiry	Info Sent	VISITORS	Metro	Intra State	Inter State	O/seas	Vol Hours	Museum Visits
80	71	422	292	10	33	87	103	133

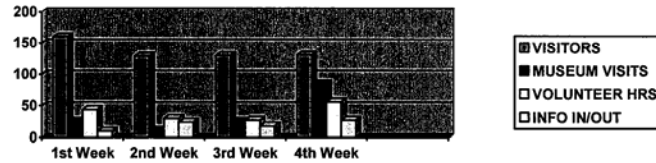
DECEMBER: Visitor Centre Open: 182 Hours Average Visitors Per Week: 105

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JANUARY

2007

FIGURES:



Phone Enquiry	Info Sent	VISITORS	Metro	Intra State	Inter State	O/seas	Vol Hours	Museum Visits
95	48	550	383	26	47	94	157	240

JANUARY: Visitor Centre Open: 208 Hours Average Visitors Per Week: 137

3.2 Armadale Visitor Centre Report

(Report prepared by Yvonne Bradfield Visitor Centre Coordinator)

Marketing

Meetings have been held with the Coordinator of the Bedfordale Festival, to be held over the week-ends of 17th – 18th March and 24th – 25th March. These meetings have enable networking and partnership to be developed with the wider community and the Armadale Visitor Centre.

New membership has been organised with Rainier Gallery Café .The Armadale Visitor Centre Coordinator is working with the Café and several other Members of the Armadale Visitor Centre to develop Day Tour Packages, which will be marketed towards Coach Companies within the greater City region.

The Organizers of the Karragullen Expo have held meeting, also, with the Centre Coordinator to set in place opportunities for Members of the Armadale Visitor Centre and the wider business community of Armadale.

The Outer Metropolitan Fund grant monies applied for by the Armadale Visitor Centre have met with some success. We are awaiting the official details of the successful section of the grant.

Volunteers

As the year drew to a close the volunteers at the Visitor Centre attended a “Volunteer Thank You Luncheon” organised by the City and received certificates in the “Thank a volunteer” day held at Memorial Park. This was greatly appreciated by all – many giving more hours to the Visitor Centre as a result.

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A Volunteer Famil was held at Rocksgate Winery on Canns Road, just before Christmas. Volunteers received a small “thank you” gift from the Visitor Centre.

The Volunteer base at the Visitor Centre continues to be strong and consistent, currently with 15 Volunteers attending on a weekly basis. The Visitor Centre sincerely appreciates its Volunteer contribution; the Coordinator delivers on-going training and support to each one.

A monthly Famil/training meeting is scheduled for 2007, the first being a Famil on the 9th February 2007.

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MANAGER RANGER & EMERGENCY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2007

1. Animal Control

1.1 Dogs

Ranger Services received three hundred and fifty one (351) requests for assistance during the report period. The primary focus of Ranger Services is managing the response to the community for requests for service. This has again 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 2005/2006.

1.2 Court Action

The following information relates to legal action taken by Ranger Services. These matters were heard and determined in the Armadale Magistrate's Court, during this report period.

NAME	OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALTY \$	COSTS \$	TOTAL \$
Scott Batty	Dog Act 1976 Dog attack on animal	Guilty	700	105.70	805.70
Grietje Boersma	Dog Act 1976 Dog attack on person	Guilty	500	1,500	2,000

2. Vehicles

2.1 Parking

Ranger Services attended to seventy one (71) general enquiries relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period.

2.2 Commercial Vehicles (Trucks)

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

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2.3 Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

Ranger Services attended to fifteen (15) reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in a prohibited area, during the report period.

Rangers currently provide a service to the community in respect to reports of off-road vehicles being driven or used in certain areas, particularly where it is identified that life and or property are at risk. Notwithstanding the City of Armadale do not have a local law relating to the control of off-road vehicles, such matters are dealt with pursuant to the "*Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Act 1978*" (ORV Act).

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

The investigating officer establishes a Customer Request Management File (CRM) on which all relevant information is recorded, such as –

- Complainant's details and statements.
- Description and details of the alleged offender.
- Witness statements.
- Any other information that may be deemed relevant to the investigation.

If on completion of the investigation, and where the information gathered provides prima facie evidence to support action being taken for contravening the provisions of the ORV Act, the matter is generally referred to the Local Court of Petty Sessions for determination.

Where trail bikes or other vehicles are being used on private property, with the permission of the land owner, it is not an offence under the provisions of the ORV Act. Notwithstanding the above, a person shall not use or drive an off-road vehicle on any land whether or not private land —

- (a) in a manner which creates or causes any undue or excessive noise; or
- (b) unless an efficient silencing device, so constructed that all exhaust from the engine is projected through the device in such a manner as effectively to prevent the creation of undue noise, is securely fitted to the engine; or

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- (c) unless it complies with such other requirements as to the control of noise as may be prescribed.

The Department of Local Government and Regional Development (DLGRG) is currently in the process of reviewing the ORV Act, following which it may be appropriate that Council develop and introduce a local law, however this should be determined following the outcomes of the review.

3. Fire Services

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

Ranger Services attended to thirty seven (37) enquiries during this report period, mainly associated with alternative style firebreaks and advice regarding general fire safety.

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

During this report period Roleystone and Bedfordale VBFB provided assistance to neighbouring Local Authorities, as part of a large strike force team, from the Perth South Region, that travelled to the Julimar area (*slightly North West of Toodyay*) to help with a major bush fire.

All crews reported that they were well looked after, and returned home safely, following an exhausting 12 hour shift on the fireground.

4. General

Firebreak Inspections

Ranger Services are now actively engaged in the annual firebreak inspections programme. This year Rangers have been particularly vigilant in targeting vacant land with long dry grass especially in light of the amount of late rain experienced thereby increasing the fuel growth.

MONTHLY OFFICER REPORTS

Bush Fire Preparedness DVD – Be Prepared

In 2005 FESA launched the *Prepare...Stay and Defend or Go Early* campaign designed to increase the level of preparedness in communities vulnerable to bush fires. The campaign included intensive advertising and a range of supporting activities and resource materials including the Bush Fire Stay or Go Kit.

Based on feedback from the community, key stakeholders and in consultation with Operational Services, an audio visual resource has been developed to support the campaign's preparedness messages and to supplement the Bush Fire Stay or Go Kit.

The **Be Prepared** DVD provides residents with step-by-step information to prepare for the bush fire season. Residents that have been through a bush fire incident provide an account of their experience, and volunteer and career firefighters speak of the behaviour of bush fire and what residents should expect in a bush fire situation.

The DVD is now available free of charge for residents and copies will be distributed through a number of channels.

5. December 2006 - Statistics

<i>DOGS</i>	January 2007	January 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Wandering	50	57	359	336
Dogs for Pick Up	28	36	224	216
Barking	21	18	143	169
Attacks	10	16	105	127
Lost & Found	70	133	454	522
General Information	11	13	58	70
Sub Total	190	273	1343	1440
Office Phone Enquiries	161	104	1336	985
Total	351	377	2679	2425

up 10%

MONTHLY OFFICER REPORTS

<i>PARKING / VEHICLES</i>	January 2007	January 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
General Parking	8	13	81	80
Trucks	4	2	37	16
School Parking	1	2	10	14
Abandoned Vehicles	17	15	124	106
Off Road Vehicles	15	11	106	91
Sub Total	45	43	358	307
Office Phone Enquiries	26	12	158	78
Total	71	55	516	385

up 34%

<i>LIVESTOCK</i>	January 2007	January 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Lost & Found	0	2	43	6
General	14	3	59	56
Sub Total	14	5	102	62
Office Phone Enquiries	3	1	47	29
Total	17	6	149	91

up 65%

<i>LITTER</i>	January 2007	January 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Private Property	1	3	11	7
Roadside / Reserve	5	6	32	27
Verge	2	3	18	16
Sub Total	8	12	61	50
Office Phone Enquiries	1	1	11	7
Total	9	13	72	57

up 26%

MONTHLY OFFICER REPORTS

<i>FIRE</i>	January 2007	January 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Burning Off/General Information	9	9	39	26
Firebreak / Hazard	14	21	99	125
Sub Total	23	30	138	151
Office Phone Enquiries	14	14	304	290
Total	37	44	442	441

<i>GENERAL</i>	January 2007	January 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
General Information	1	7	14	36
Sub Total	1	7	14	36
Office Phone Enquiries - Cats	7	13	75	99
Office Phone Enquiries - General	7	11	122	77
Total	14	21	197	173

up 12%

<i>TOTAL</i>	January 2007	January 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Sub Total Reports / Complaints	281	370	2016	2046
Total Office Phone Enquiries	219	156	2053	1565
Total Reports / Complaints	500	526	4069	3611

up 12%

<i>WARNINGS</i>	January 2007	January 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Dogs	21	23	106	121
Parking	17	10	115	92
Off Road Vehicles	2	0	4	2
Litter	1	3	3	10
Fire & Fire Orders	2	1	11	54
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	43	37	239	279

down 14%

MONTHLY OFFICER REPORTS

<i>INFRINGEMENTS</i>	January 2007	January 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Dogs	18	32	216	239
Parking	39	20	205	172
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	10	3
Litter	1	3	8	8
Fire	13	7	37	47
Other	1	0	1	0
Total	72	62	497	469
NUMBER WITHDRAWN	9	16	80	62
Number Paid	53	33	366	313

up 17%

<i>IMPOUNDED DOGS</i>	January 2007	January 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Claimed	44	33	243	215
Sold	2	3	21	28
Destroyed	11	10	79	107
Vet / Rescue	5	10	55	44
Stolen	0	0	0	0
Total	62	56	398	394

<i>IMPOUNDED VEHICLES</i>	January 2007	January 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Vehicles	4	6	44	36
Motor Cycles	0	1	0	1
Total	4	7	44	37

up 20%

MONTHLY OFFICER REPORTS

<i>IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK</i>	January 2007	January 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Sheep	0	0	5	2
Cows	0	3	0	3
Goats	0	0	0	4
Total	0	3	5	9

<i>COURT PROSECUTIONS</i>	January 2007	January 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Dog	2	3	30	22
Total	2	3	30	22
No. of Guilty Verdicts	2	3	26	22

up 20%

<i>FINES ENFORCEMENT</i>	January 2007	January 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Infringements sent to FER	28	0	182	95

up 92%

<i>DOG REGISTRATIONS</i>	January 2007	January 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
New Dog Registrations	49	82	500	514
Renewed Dog Registrations	63	59	1632	1897
Total	112	141	2132	2411

down 12%

<i>PHONES CALLS</i>	January 2007	January 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Office – Rangers calling Office	18	16	137	140
Office – Messages for Staff	33	37	343	346
Office – Referred to Other	17	10	158	121
Calls to Rangers' Private Residences via Diverter	27	3	99	94
TOTAL	95	66	737	701

up 5%

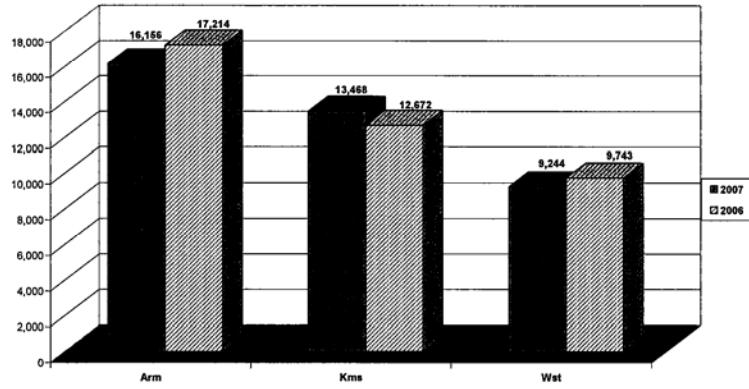
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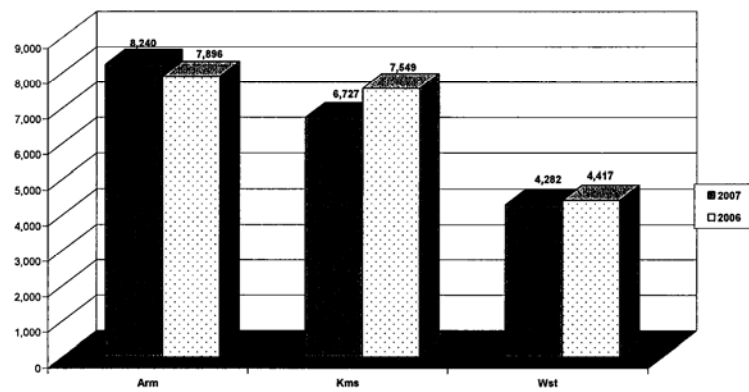
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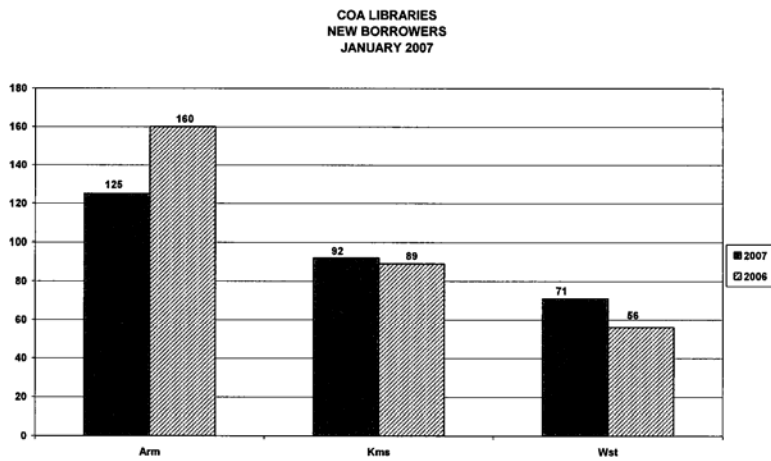
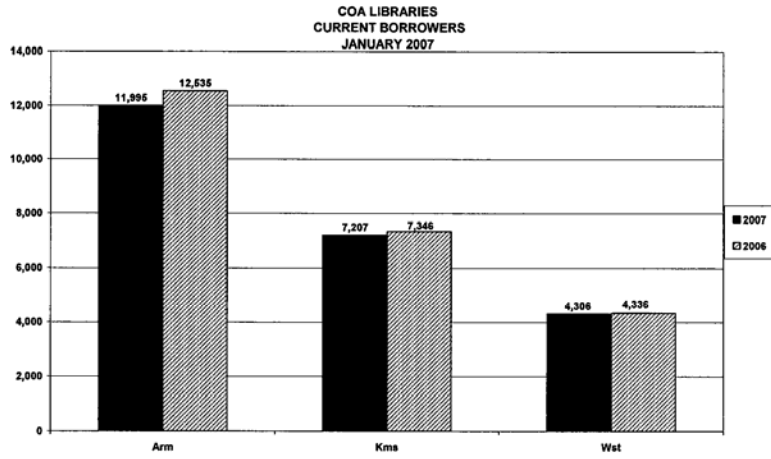
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ISSUES/RENEWALS
JANUARY 2007

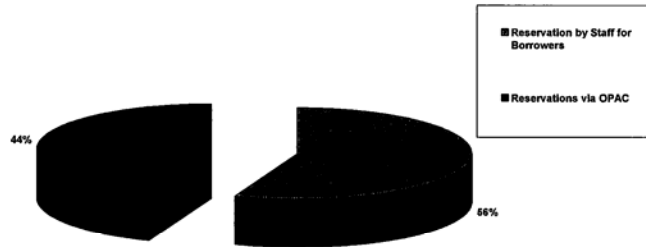


COA LIBRARIES
NUMBER OF VISITS
JANUARY 2007





COA LIBRARIES
RESERVATIONS
JANUARY 2007



Month: January

Year: 2007

Birtwistle Local Studies Library				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	Jan 07	Jan 06	Jul 06 – Jan 07	Jul 05 – Jan 06
Reference Enquiries	12	7	73	37
Research Enquiries	6	3	47	27
Visitor Attendance	23	20	156	323
Volunteer Hours	30	73	297	283

Oral History Programme				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	Jan 07	Jan 06	Jul 06 – Jan 07	Jul 05 – Jan 06
Letters sent	nil	1	2	16
Interviews Completed	nil	2	7	20
Transcripts Completed	1	1	5	7
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	35	16	223	124
Volunteer Hours – Interviewing	nil	7.5	29	67.5

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE **ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
HELD IN THE **COMMITTEE ROOM**, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD
AVENUE, ARMADALE ON **TUESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2006 AT 1.40 PM**

PRESENT:

Mrs V Hansen	Chairman
Mr A McNamara	(Deputy Chairman)
Cr J Knezevich	City of Armadale
Mr A Garlett	Community Representative
Mrs M Hill	Community Representative
Mr R Barlow	Dept. of Housing & Works

APOLOGIES:

Mrs M Sheppard	
Mr B Loo	
Mr G Hansen	

OBSERVERS: Nil

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr C Askew	Executive Director Community Services
Ms T McCourt	Community Development Coordinator
Ms S Halse	Indigenous Community Development Coordinator
Mrs Y Ward	Minute Secretary
Mr G Byleveld	Landcare Serpentine Jarrahdale
Public: Nil	

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

QUESTION TIME

Nil

DEPUTATION

Nil



**ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

7 November 2006

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1.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 5 SEPTEMBER 2006

The Minutes of the Meeting held 5 September 2006 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr J Knezevich
Seconded: Mr McNamara **CARRIED**

2.0 BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

2.1 Committee Nominations

Mrs Victoria Rafferty has nominated to be the Torres Strait Islander community representative. Victoria has lived in Armadale for 6 years and has been involved with various Indigenous projects throughout the area including supporting the implementation of university courses at the Armadale-Kelmscott Uniting Church. Victoria would like to see Nyungars and Wadjelas walk hand in hand

Mr Adam Roberts has nominated to be the Aboriginal Youth representative for the community. Adam is currently living and working in Armadale. More information in regards to Adam’s interests and experience will be delivered at the meeting. Adam is 28 and whilst the ATSIAC has not stipulated an age limit, the committee need to consider whether 28 is appropriate for a youth representative position.

Mr Donald Coid has resigned from the committee as he has been transferred to Bundaberg Hospital in Queensland. This leaves a vacancy for a representative from Armadale Health Service. Ms Helen Carter has nominated to be the new Armadale Health Service representative.

Committee considered the nominations from Mrs Victoria Rafferty, Mr Adam Roberts and Ms Helen Carter to join the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee and was of the view that the nominations from Mrs Rafferty and Ms Carter be accepted and that Mr Roberts be extended an invitation to attend the next meeting of the ATSIAC as a non-voting participant.

RECOMMEND

1. **That the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee accept the nominations from:**
Mrs Victoria Rafferty **Torres Strait Islander Community Representative**
Ms Helen Carter **Armadale Health Representative**
2. **That an invitation be extended to Mr Adam Roberts to attend the next meeting of the ATSIAC in February 2007.**

Moved: Mr A McNamara
Seconded: Mr R Barlow **CARRIED**

3.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 Introduction – City of Armadale Indigenous Community Development Coordinator – Shelley Halse

The Chairman, on behalf of the ATSIAC, welcomed Ms Shelley Halse, who was recently appointed to the position of Indigenous Community Development Coordinator.

Ms Halse advised that her role would be to support ATSIAC and also to coordinate some of the ongoing projects, programs and developments relating to the Aboriginal community in Armadale including the Aboriginal Interpretive Centre at Champion Lakes.

Ms Halse advised that she brought with her a range of skills gained from roles within the Federal Government on some important national Indigenous programmes and has a background in Indigenous servicing over a number of years. She also has some skills in terms of research and leadership which will be helpful to the City and especially to this Committee.

3.2 Landcare Serpentine Jarrahdale

Mr Byleveld is seeking new contacts and information regarding Aboriginal heritage in the area. The objective of his project is to improve surface water and provide a site that can be utilised as an educational tool, making the community aware of environmental issues and indigenous heritage.

Mr Byleveld advised that Landcare Serpentine Jarrahdale had received a Federal community grant for \$35,000 from the Community Water Grant Scheme to construct wetlands in Darling Downs and sought comments from members of the ATSIAC in regard to Aboriginal heritage in the area. His attendance at this meeting was to inform Committee about the project and request feedback that members could provide in regard to the heritage of the area.

The project is to improve surface water quality leaving the area and adding to the biodiversity, which will include the planting of 4,500 plants and sedges and trying to return the area to its natural state. The area is within the Birrega Drainage Basin which discharges into the Peel-Harvey Estuary via the Serpentine River and is located on the corner of Thomas Road and Hopkinson Road.

If there are any heritage issues relative to the site, which can be incorporated into the project, Greg requested that he be contacted. Contact details can be accessed via the attachment. (Refer to Attachment “A-1”.)

3.3 Koorlangah Mia Programme

The Co-ordinator of Koorlangah Mia has resigned her position and given that the Programme was only to be funded till December 2006, discussions have been held with FACSIA regarding its immediate future. The City's preference was to identify and work with a local Aboriginal Corporation for the transfer of the programme, especially if ongoing funding was approved beyond December 2006 and this had been acknowledged by FACSIA Officers.

WAMINDA has indicated a willingness to take responsibility for the programme and FACSIA has now indicated that with Ministerial approval, the group could be an appropriate candidate for further funding beyond December 2006.

Negotiations between the City, FACSIA and WAMINDA in regard to the immediate future of the Koorlangah Mia Programme has reached agreement that for the remainder of the City's funding agreement (2 months till December 2006)

3.4 ARA Champion Lakes Site Visit

Committee Members and Officers visited the site of the proposed Aboriginal Interpretive Centre at Champion Lakes at the invitation of the Armadale Redevelopment Authority to meet with the Landscape Architect and view the location of the Centre and proposed walk trails

4.0 URGENT ITEMS

Nil

The Chairman thanked her fellow members for their contribution to the Committee throughout the year and wished them the compliments of the coming festive season.

5.0 NEXT MEETING

To be held on **Tuesday, 6 February 2007 at 1.30 pm in the Committee Room.**

MEETING CLOSED AT 2.12 PM

Community Water Grant 9422

**Birrega Drainage Basin Wetland Rehabilitation and
 Revegetation Project**

The Serpentine –Jarrahdale Community Landcare centre has secured a community water grant from the Australian Govt. water fund to rehabilitate and revegetate a drainage basin on 70 acres reserve in Darling Downs, Western Australia.

The Landcare centre in SJ and the Peel Harvey Catchment Council are proud to support residents of the Northern Peel region to promote wise water management and work towards achieving a sustainable future for Western Australia.

The project aims to improve surface water quality in the area by providing a nutrient retention basin on the reserve and prevent pollution entering the Birrega main drain. Water quality will be improved through a number of on-ground works that will address nutrient enrichment within 70 Acres Reserve by enhancing the nutrient stripping and storage capabilities of the area.

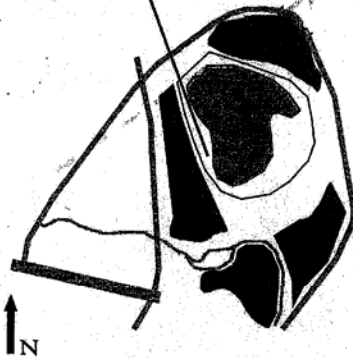
70 acres reserve lies within the Birrega Drainage Basin, which discharges into the Peel-Harvey Estuary via the Serpentine River. A water quality monitoring program will be implemented to determine the success of the project. The project will erect 0.5 kms of fencing and revegetate the wetland area of approximately 0.5sqkm with 4500 local native plants.

Darling Downs is a special rural estate for horse enthusiasts in the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale. This project will benefit the community that utilise the area by enhancing local water quality and biodiversity values, while also providing additional recreational and educational opportunities.



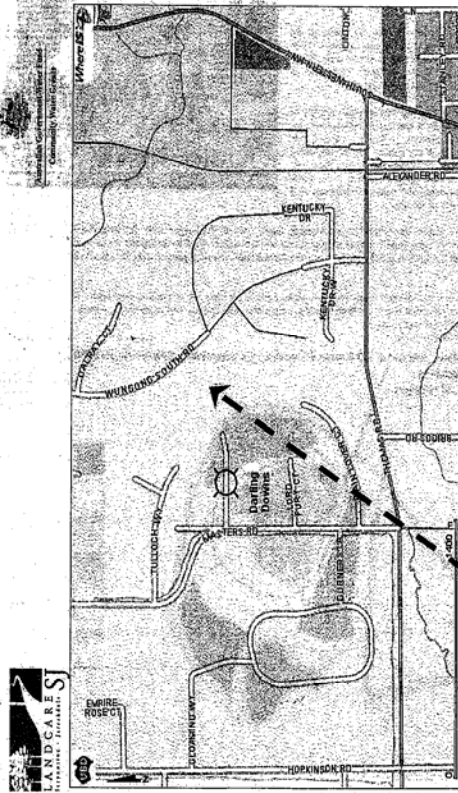
SJ Landcare (Shirley, Michelle, Kim, Sharon, Lisa, Scott and Chris), Northern Peel (Mark, Michelle, Sharyn, Fran, John and Cindi), Exx's and Country Merit Don Randall

**Constructed wetland 70 Acres Reserve, Community Water Grant 9422
 Darling Downs
 Conceptual design**



- Existing revegetation
- Riparian vegetation
- Proposed Wetland
- Island
- Proposed Fenceline
- Bridle trail
- Existing Drainage Line

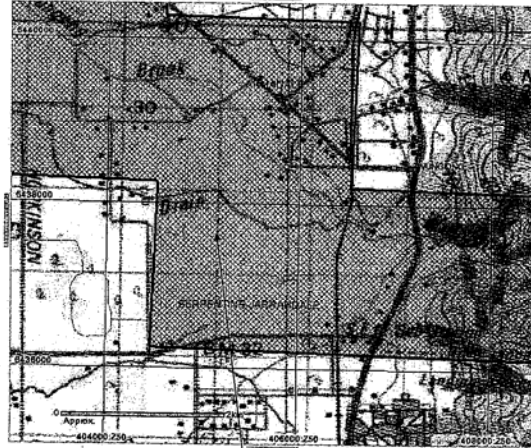




Project Location 70 Acres reserve Darling Downs (taken from www.wherels.com)
For further information please contact the SJ Landcare centre on 95260012 or visit our website at www.landcares.com.au

Aboriginal Heritage Site at Birrega Wetland

Map taken from DIA website, accessed 25/07/06
<http://www.dia.wa.gov.au/Heritage/Inquiry/>



Location of Birrega Wetland

Birrega Wetland is located inside the boundaries of this DIA registered site:
No.: 3512 Name: Wungong Brook
Comments: Closed site, Mythological (follows the brook).

MINNAWARRA FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES

FOR THE MINNAWARRA FESTIVAL COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2006 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY OF ARMADALE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM.

1. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Present	Organisation
Cr A L Cominelli	Chairman – City of Armadale
Cr J A Stewart	City of Armadale [6.15 pm to 7.25 pm]
Mr J Lemmey	Rotary Club of Armadale
Mr P Jones	Community Representative [6.30 pm to 7.25 pm]
Ms L Murray	Community Representative
Ms S Halse	Indigenous Community Development Coordinator
Mr C Dayson	Acting Events Coordinator
Ms Y Ward	Minute Secretary – City of Armadale
Apologies	
Nil	

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Minnowarra Festival Committee of 4 October 2006, be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Stewart

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Festivals Australia Grant

The Acting Events Coordinator advised that advice had been received from Festivals Australia that Council's grant application had been unsuccessful. The rationale being that Festivals Australia is trying to broaden the scope of its funding. The Pigram Brothers have been notified that Council will be unable to retain their services and associated costs as these are outside the realms of Council's budget. This has opened the door for other options for the main stage concert on the Saturday evening of the Festival.

4.2 Hot Air Balloons

The Acting Events Coordinator informed the committee that advice had been received from both Hot Air Balloon companies in the Perth region that the unpredictable winds in the Armadale region would make it impossible to have a tethered balloon at the 2007 Minnawarra Festival. .

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards

Various performers' costs
Structure and audio quotes
Letter of resignation from John Lemmey

Outwards

Cr Stewart joined the meeting at 6.15 pm.

RESOLVED

That the correspondence be received.

Moved: Cr Stewart

CARRIED

6. PORTFOLIO REPORTS

6.1 Amusement Rides and Amenities

John Lemmey advised that everything had been organised in connection with the Amusement Rides. John's replacement will take up his duties prior to the holding of the 2007 Minnawarra Festival. Contact details to be provided for Carnival Amusements to the Acting Events Coordinator.

Paul Jones arrived at 6.30 pm.

6.2 Art Exhibition

Nil.

6.3 Children’s Activities

The Acting Events Coordinator advised that he was formulating a catalogue of various performers and activities. This information will be conveyed to the Committee for consideration. The Acting Events Coordinator to liaise with Bree Hartley regarding children’s activities.

6.4 Craft Vending

Paul Jones advised that Melanie Green had come up with the idea of offering local craft vendors a discount on the cost of hiring a stall. He sought Committee’s response in regard to the suggestion. This would equate to a discounted fee of \$40 for hire of a stall over the two days of the Festival as opposed to \$80. The discount to be confined to persons residing within the City of Armadale boundaries.

Cr Cominelli suggested that a corrugated animal display would be a good draw card as a stall. It was suggested that the Acting Events Coordinator approach the craft vendor responsible for making the animals.

6.5 Displays and Exhibits

The Acting Events Coordinator advised that the response to date had only produced an eye/ear testing exhibit.

Committee suggested the following items as suitable for a display/exhibit:

- *Motor boat display (remote)*
- *Model railway group*
- *Train Rides*
- *Camel Rides*

6.6 Entertainment

The Acting Events Coordinator advised that the particular focus and goal of the programme, as circulated to Members, was to include local performers mixed in with some high profile programmes to keep it flowing so that there was a mix between local and paid entertainment, as well as to provide timings around changeovers etc.

The Acting Events Coordinator advised that the Performers contemplated to date include:

- *Local Indigenous performers;*
- *Local school performers;*

- *Aerial performers;*
- *African drummers;*
- *African dancers;*
- *Pan Pipes*
- *15 Piece Maori Dancers*
- *Argentinean Tango & Latin American*

Suggestions made by Committee for investigation and inclusion are the following:

- *Smooth*
- *Reggae band*
- *Country & Western*

6.7 Finance

In hand.

6.8 Marketing and sponsorship

The Acting Events Coordinator advised that he had received no response in regard to his efforts to gain sponsorship from Grand Cinemas. Committee suggested that Council representatives on the Cinema Promotions Committee be requested to raise the matter of sponsorship of Council events by Grand Cinemas at a future meeting of the Committee.

RECOMMEND

That the Minnowarra Festival Committee request that Council representatives on the Cinema Promotions Committee raise the matter of sponsorship of Council events by Grand Cinemas at a future meeting of the Committee.

Moved: Cr Stewart

CARRIED

The Acting Events Coordinator advised that the usual strategy will be followed in regard to posters and publications in the media.

6.9 Youth Contribution

The Acting Events Coordinator advised that as the Youth Advisory Committee has yet to meet, he had nothing to report in regard to this matter. However, he understood that the Committee was keen to put on something like a talent quest and possibly sumo wrestling.

6.10 Indigenous Contribution

The title of the item “Indigenous Interactive Zone” to be changed to reflect the inclusion in the main stream events of Indigenous contributions. Clarification to be sought regarding funding for the Indigenous contribution and discussed at the ATSIAC Reference Group. The Indigenous Community Development Coordinator and Lesley Murray to give consideration to putting together a program of indigenous performers for the Minnowarra Festival. Also the Indigenous Community Development Coordinator to look at the ATSIAC budget in regard to the availability of funding for Indigenous items at the Minnowarra Festival.

6.11 Seniors’ Activities

The Acting Events Coordinator advised that the Groups are very keen to become involved. As reported at the 3 October 2006 Meeting, it is planned to erect a marquee, in which the dancing will be held, with an adjoining seating/tea area where people can observe the dancing and “have a cuppa” at the same time.

6.12 Site set up/pack away

In hand.

RESOLVED

That the Portfolio reports be received.

Moved: Cr Stewart

CARRIED

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Committee meeting is for Tuesday, 6 February 2007.

9. CLOSURE

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.25 PM

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE SENIORS INTERESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE,
ARMADALE ON THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2006 AT 1.10 PM

PRESENT:	Cr G Best	City of Armadale – Councillor (Chair)
	Ms L Fahey	Armadale Mental Health Service
	Mr R Fisher	Community Representative
	Mrs J Jeffries	Westfield Kelmscott Senior Citizens' Club
	Ms C Samborski	Armadale Home Help
	Ms V Bola	Armadale Community Health
	Ms S O'Leary	National Seniors Association
APOLOGIES:	Cr J MacDonald	City of Armadale - Leave of Absence
	Mrs T Hodges	Dale Cottages Inc.
	Ms L Charles	Kelmscott Library
	Ms B Perkins	Armadale Over 50s Club
	Mr G Fawcett	Armadale Kelmscott Senior Citizens' Association
OBSERVERS:	Nil	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mr J Ifould	City of Armadale Community Development Officer – Seniors & Disability (COA Officer)
	Mrs Y Ward	Minute Secretary
	Mrs J Zanetti	COA Project Manager – Armadale Learning Precinct
		[1.10 pm to 1.30 pm]
	Mr T Emmett	Roleystone Karragullen Seniors Club Inc.
	Public: Nil	

In the absence of the Chairperson, the Community Development Officer called for nominations for the position of Chairperson pro tem.

Mr Fisher nominated Cr Best. Cr Best accepted this nomination.

There being no further nominations, Cr Best was duly elected Chairperson pro tem and assumed the responsibilities of Chairperson.

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

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SENIORS’ INTERESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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1. PRESENTATION

1.1 Curtin Centre for Regional Education in Armadale – Jill Zanetti (COA Project Manager – Armadale Learning Precinct)

The City wishes to provide the community with information on various undergraduate courses and bridging courses being delivered locally in Armadale by Curtin University.

The aim is to encourage all members of the community, including seniors and people of mature age, to apply for positions available in each of these courses for 2007.

Mrs Zanetti provided an overview of her role with the City in terms of how it relates to the higher education opportunities available currently, as well as in the future and sought feedback from Committee Members on how this awareness can be raised specifically within the older members of the community.

Jill Zanetti thanked Committee Members for the invitation to attend the meeting and advise Committee on her role at the City of Armadale.

Jill advised that firstly her role was to develop the idea, initiated by the City of Armadale and the Armadale Redevelopment Authority, of a Learning Precinct in Armadale. As of January 2007, the Australian Technical College will be operating opposite the Commerce Avenue Swan TAFE Campus on the railway line side. Curtin has a presence in Armadale but this has been very low key to date. It will be an opportunity for all Armadale residents, including seniors, to become involved in education opportunities previously unavailable locally.

Next year Curtin has allocated 55 full time places for Early Childhood education, Primary education, Social work and a new course, UniReady (a foundation course which readies people to undertake tertiary studies). Because most of the students are part-time, this could mean that an extra 100 students and associated staff will be studying/working at the Commerce Avenue Campus.

Jill Zanetti advised that she was interested in trying to fill the 55 Curtin places and any assistance that the Committee could give in advising the community of the Learning Precinct and opportunities for study would be appreciated. Information relating to Jill Zanetti's talk is included in these Minutes. (Refer to Attachment “A-1”)

The Chairman thanked Jill Zanetti for addressing Committee Members on such a significant and worthwhile project.

Mrs Jill Zanetti left the meeting at 1.30 pm.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 Ordinary Meeting –19 October 2006

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Seniors Interests Advisory Committee meeting held on 19 October 2006, are confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**Moved: Mr Fisher
Seconded: Ms Samborski**

CARRIED

3. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Nil.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Information and Networking Forums Proposal.

As per the SIAC meeting in October 2006, formation of a working group to work with Southside Care was decided. The working group has yet to meet. The Commonwealth Carer Respite and Care Link agency has indicated to Southside Care their interest to be involved/partner the proposed forums.

4.2 Seniors Plan Update

- *Men in Sheds Project – This initiative is occurring in conjunction with Armadale Home Help. Follow up work still to be done in regard to matters such as location and funding.*
- *No real progress on other items except for the mobility map. Funding of \$11,000 has been received from WALGA to initiate a mobility map which will include four CBD areas, being Armadale, Kelmscott, Westfield and Roleystone.*
- *No further news in regard to the City's funding application for the Living Longer Living Stronger program expansion.*

4.3 Lifeball Changes

As of February 2007, COTA WA will no longer administrate this program. The City has sought clarification on various issues related to this, including the prospect of the administrative and functional support for WA teams reverting to agencies based in the Eastern states.

4.4 Contact Lunch Invitation

The City of Armadale Contact Lunch to be held on Thursday, 14 December 2006 in the Function Room at the City of Armadale. Invitations will be sent out to members.

4.5 Asthma Foundation

The Asthma Foundation is again interested in providing an ‘Asthma in Seniors – Ask the Educator’ session, which was held this year in the City’s Function Room on the 22nd of June, as part of Seniors Week in October 2007. This proposal is being followed up.

4.6 Grey Zone – 2007 Minnowarra Festival

Preparations are under way to put in place a Grey Zone at the 2007 Minnowarra Festival. There will be a performance space as well as opportunities for agencies to come along and advertise and promote their organisation. It is also hoped to have some boot scooting, ball room dancing.

5. URGENT ITEMS

Nil.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary Meeting of SIAC to be Thursday, 18 January 2007.

MEETING CLOSED AT 2.00 PM



CITY OF **Armadale**

The City of Armadale, Armadale Redevelopment Authority and Curtin have made a strong commitment to improving access to tertiary education to people who may have missed out in the past.

Traditionally, people from country areas and the outer suburbs have been massively under-represented in tertiary education. To address this lack of access, Curtin has already opened Centres in Port Hedland, Karratha, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Northam, Esperance, Albany, Margaret River, Midland and now Armadale.

Armadale has the lowest rate of tertiary participation in the metropolitan area (nearly half the average). The participation rate for groups already traditionally under-represented is even lower.

This would include the mature age, people living with a disability and indigenous people.

This year Curtin began operating out of Swan TAFE's Campus in the Armadale CBD. In 2007 Curtin will offer tertiary courses in **Early Childhood Education, Primary Education, Arts (Pathway to Social Work) as well as a UniReady Course**



The Tertiary Entry Requirement (TER) for students who choose to study at the Armadale Campus can be significantly lower than at Curtin's Bentley Campus. For example, the TER for CRE students studying at Armadale in 2006 was 70.

For students who do not have a TER, Curtin's UniReady Course may be of interest. The course has no HECS charges. Applications for this course can be made directly to Curtin's Centre for Regional Education.

All courses have the respected, internationally recognised Curtin University of Technology brand.

Studying at the Armadale Campus is an excellent opportunity for Year 12 students who may not achieve the requisite TER for their chosen course or for those who wish to gain skills and confidence before going on to tertiary study. It is also an opportunity for students to study and undertake work experience closer to home. All current Education students have completed pre-service training at local schools.

Think of the savings in transport, time and money when you study locally.

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Curtin CENTRE FOR REGIONAL EDUCATION

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Introduction

The UniReady Enabling Program for Regional Students (UniReady) is designed to provide entry qualifications into Curtin University of Technology. It also provides bridging units for applicants who may already have entry qualifications but have not satisfied prerequisites that may be required for entry into their course of choice. The Program will allow students to do one, some or all of the units (depending on their requirements) and will be responsive in allowing students of different ages and educational backgrounds to apply.

Entry Pathways

Entry Pathways could include:

- Applicants who have met University entrance requirements but are missing specific prerequisites
- Applicants who were a near-miss TER
- Applicants with a TER between 55 and 70
- Applicants who completed Year 12 but did not do TEB
- Applicants who did not complete Year 12
- Applicants who have completed TAFE studies at a Certificate III or IV level
- Mature age students

Applicants will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Study plans may vary from student to student. Recognition of Prior Learning will be determined by your academic advisor on enrolment.

Specific Requirements

At application, students are required to consult with the coordinator to determine eligibility and a career pathway. Upon successful completion of the course, those who wish to continue on to degree level studies are required to consult with the coordinator to determine eligibility and a career pathway.

Duration and Availability

The program is up to one year full-time study, or equivalent part-time study and will be delivered subject to sufficient numbers.

Course Organisation

Students will complete the units required for matriculation and/or entry into their preferred course of study.

Additional Course Expenses

Students may be expected to purchase a number of textbooks, readers and other vital study materials.

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Course Structure

Your academic advisor will enrol you in a total of 200 credits, selected from the following units.

<i>Units</i>	<i>Credit</i>
10558 Foundation Mathematics 041	25
10561 Foundation Mathematics 042	25
2314 Mathematics 021	25
11957 Mathematics 022	25
300443 Academic Writing 013	25
300446 Academic Writing 014	25
300447 English Communication 013	25
300452 English Communication 014	25
300453 Introduction to the Humanities 013	25
300457 Introduction to the Humanities 014	25
300458 Commercial Studies 013	25
300459 Commercial Studies 014	25
300461 Mathematics for Humanities 011	25
300462 Mathematics for Humanities 012	25
307629 Physics 013	25
308005 Physics 014	25
307628 Chemistry 027	25
308006 Chemistry 028	25

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CENTRE FOR REGIONAL EDUCATION

CURTIN’s Centre for Regional Education in Armadale

Delivered locally in Armadale.

Undergraduate Courses

- Bachelor of Education (Primary) TISC Code CCTPC
- Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education) TISC Code CCTKC
- Bachelor of Arts (Social Work Pathway) TISC Code CCABC

Applications via TISC. Closing date for second round offers 23 January 2007 (a late fee applies). *Application directly to CRE* between 24 January 2006 and 9 February 2007 (a fee applies)

Bridging Course

- UniReady

A course for students who may not have University entry qualifications or who may need to complete pre-requisites for their preferred course. There are no fees associated with this course. Applications should be made directly to CRE.

Some financial assistance may be available in the form of textbook allowances and other sponsorship.

For more information visit the Centre for Regional Education website at www.cre.curtin.edu.au or phone 1300 730 897

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Curtin University of Technology Entry Pathways for 2007

PATHWAY	SEPARATE PROOF OF ENGLISH COMPETENCY	NOTES
TEE	Not required	Common ways of proving English competency for Curtin • TEE English • STAT • IELTS (only available in Perth) • Curtin University Test of English (CUTE)
STAT	Not required	
UnitReady Enabling Program for Regional Students	Not required	
Other Foundations and Bridging Courses accepted by Curtin	Will vary	
Two units from Open Universities Austrelia	Required	
Two units passed at another Australian university	Required	
A minimum of two Extension Units (payment up front)	Required	
Certificate IV Level Studies at TAFE	Required	
Certificate IV Bridging Course for Nurses	Not required	
Diploma or Advanced Diploma Level Studies (will sometimes reduce the length of undergraduate degree)	Not required	
Completion of a semester of study at another Australian university	Not required	Common ways of proving Maths prerequisite for Primary Education course • Maths component of STAT • Discrete Maths unit at Open Universities Australia
Please note: These pathways will satisfy matriculation requirements into Curtin University of Technology, but not necessarily into a course of your choice. Your course may have prerequisites such as Maths, Physics, Chemistry. STAT may not be accepted for all courses. You will need to check this.		

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