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**Roleystone Local Drug Action Group Inc**

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1 March 2005

**REGARDING: THE CITY OF ARMADALE IN KIND SUPPORT OF "ROLEY AID"  
TSUNAMI BENEFIT CONCERT 27<sup>TH</sup> FEB 2005.**

Thank you so much for the kind donation of the hire fees at Cross Park Roleystone for our event.

An enthusiastic crowd of 400 people enjoyed the day's entertainment and a total of \$3735.00 was raised to provide relief for the many child victims cared for by UNICEF in the Tsunami affected areas.

The event was such a success that everyone wants to know when the next one is!

The City of Armadale's contribution was acknowledged by the logo placed on all advertising prior to the event and acknowledgement was also given several times over the PA system throughout the night  
The Roleystone Kids Club also painted up a "Thank you" banner, which also acknowledged the valuable contribution made by the City of Armadale.

Thank you again for your kind support which helped make this event such a success.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Denise Hardie', written in a cursive style.

Denise Hardie  
Co ordinator Roleystone Local Drug Action Group



## Local Government News

### Issue No.08.05

4 March 2005

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### ISSUES UPDATE

#### ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ACT

Thank you to those Councils that provided feedback to the Association on the *Aboriginal Heritage Act*. Trends are emerging in relation to compliance issues with Councils suggesting solutions to address these.

The Indigenous Affairs Minister has written to the Association seeking the results of our feedback. Councils are encouraged to respond with their comments by Friday 11 March, so that the Association can develop a position to discuss with the State Government, Aboriginal agencies and other stakeholders.

*The Aboriginal heritage Act Infopage and Fax back is available at [www.walga.asn.au/news](http://www.walga.asn.au/news). For further information, please contact Policy Manager Community, Michelle Mackenzie, on (08) 9213 2065 or email [mmackenzie@walga.asn.au](mailto:mmackenzie@walga.asn.au).*

### ASSOCIATION HONOURS

The Association's 2005 Honours program officially opens on **Friday 4 March**. Nomination packs have been distributed to all Councils, Zones and State Councillors.

The Honours program is one small way of publicly recognising and celebrating the outstanding achievements and lasting contributions made by our Elected Members and officers to their respective Councils, as well as to Local Government as a sector and to the wider community. Awards given as part of the Honours program will be presented to recipients at an awards ceremony held during Local Government Week 2005.

There are five categories of awards within the 2005 Honours program. These include:

- **Local Government Medal** – recognises outstanding achievement and significant contribution by Elected Members and officers to the Association and / or to Local Government. *Available for nomination by State Councillors only.*
- **Life Membership** – recognises long and outstanding service of Elected Members and officers to the Association and / or to Local Government. *Nomination by State Councillors, Zones and Councils.*
- **Certificate of Appreciation** – recognises personal commitment, eminent service and contribution to the Association. *Available for nomination by State Councillors and Zones only.*
- **Long & Loyal Service** – replacing the 'Meritorious Service Award', this award recognises Elected Members who have provided long service of a high degree as an Executive Member of the Association for 8 or more years, or as an Elected Member for 12 or more years. *Nomination by State Councillors, Zones and Councils.*
- **Distinguished Service** – recognises Elected Members who have provided distinguished service to the community through their Local Government. *Nomination by State Councillors, Zones and Councils.*

Nominations close on **Friday 29 April**. No late nominations will be accepted. Additional nomination packs are available on request by email to [info@walga.asn.au](mailto:info@walga.asn.au).

*For further information, please contact Corporate Services Support Officer, Meredith Neilsen, on (08) 9213 2013 or email [mneilsen@walga.asn.au](mailto:mneilsen@walga.asn.au).*

### TRAINING UPDATE

#### **Getting Started – An Introduction to Local Government**

This is an excellent way for new Councillors to take a major step in learning about being an Elected Member, as well as an opportunity for existing Councillors to refresh their knowledge of the functions, scope and boundaries of being an Elected Member.

The Association is seeking your views on proposed locations; Albany, Broome, Bunbury, Busselton, Carnarvon, Cue, Dalwallinu, Esperance, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Karratha, Merredin, Narrogin and Northam, so that we can finalise arrangements at the locations preferred by the majority of Councils. Please respond by email as to the location which best

suits any potential participants from your Local Government. Your indication will not be considered as a registration for a 'Getting Started' training course. The cost of each course will be \$250 (including GST) per person.

*For further information, please contact Training Coordinator, Heather Bewsher, on (08) 9213 2098 or email [hbewsher@walga.asn.au](mailto:hbewsher@walga.asn.au).*

#### **NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR TRANSPORT SYSTEM MANAGEMENT IN AUSTRALIA**

The Australian Transport Council (ATC) has released a comprehensive set of transport infrastructure planning guidelines for infrastructure investment decision-making in Australia.

The Guidelines have been developed to support transport decision-making and are intended to serve as a national approach to planning and development of transport systems for Government at all levels, as well as anyone developing or appraising a project proposal for Government funding. The resulting framework is applicable to the transport planning of all jurisdictions in Australia, including AusLink, and will provide a way forward for implementing aspects of the *National Charter of Integrated Land Use and Transport Planning*.

The Guidelines discuss development of network and corridor strategies, strategic planning, and provide a comprehensive methodology for assessing project proposals covering a strategic merit test, rapid benefit-cost analysis (BCA), and a guide to undertaking BCA's, including estimation of benefits and costs, decision criteria, risk, externalities, equity issues, adjusted BCA, financial analysis, business case assessment, and post-completion evaluation.

The National Guidelines consist of three parts:

- Volume 1      Framework Overview
- Volume 2      Project Appraisal; and
- Volume 3      Foundation Material

Each volume may be downloaded from the ATC site [www.atcouncil.gov.au/actdocs.htm](http://www.atcouncil.gov.au/actdocs.htm).

*For further information, please contact Roads Manager, Brad Lenton, on (08) 9213 2061 or email [blenton@walga.asn.au](mailto:blenton@walga.asn.au).*

#### **EPA COMMENDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT BIODIVERSITY PLANNING GUIDELINES**

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has commended the Association's Perth Biodiversity Project on the preparation of the *Local Government Biodiversity Planning Guidelines for the Perth Metropolitan Region* (the Guidelines) and encouraged their use.

Environmental Protection Authority Chairman, Dr Wally Cox, said, "The Guidelines have developed from and advanced local biodiversity conservation policy beyond the approach developed in Bush Forever, reflecting the rapid advance in biodiversity conservation policy in recent years."

The EPA suggests that those Councils that prepare a local biodiversity strategy in accordance with the guidelines will reduce the amount of uncertainty for land owners and planners, make decision making easier and ensure that they have greater control over decisions affecting natural areas.

Dr Cox said, "The EPA would expect that proposals that are consistent with a well prepared Local Biodiversity Strategy developed in accordance with the Guidelines, would be less likely to attract EPA assessment."

*For further information, please contact Acting Biodiversity Manager, Ryan Taylor, on (08) 9213 2050 or email [rtaylor@walga.asn.au](mailto:rtaylor@walga.asn.au).*

#### **ELECTED MEMBER / SENIOR STAFF CHANGES**

Over the past twelve months there have been quite a number of changes in elected Members, CEOs and senior staff at Councils. Whilst the Association is confident that most of this information has been captured in the Association's database, it would be appreciated if Councils would keep the Association informed of changes, particularly as they relate to the positions listed on each Council's page in the WA Local Government Directory.

Provision of this information will ensure the integrity of the Association database and also assist in preliminary preparations for the 2005-2006 Local Government Directory.

*For further information, please contact Policy Liaison & Support Officer, Marie Swat, on (08) 9213 2040 or email [mswart@walga.asn.au](mailto:mswart@walga.asn.au).*

#### **ABORIGINAL CULTURE TRAINING**

The Community Spirit Development (CSD) Network will host its first training event in partnership with Kim Bridge and Associates, *Toward Partnership with Aboriginal People*, on **Monday 11 April** (afternoon only) and **Tuesday 12 April** (all day). To ensure the highest quality training, numbers are limited to 20 people.

*For further information or to register for this course, please contact CSD's, Tim Muirhead, on (08) 9213 2040 or email [mswart@walga.asn.au](mailto:mswart@walga.asn.au).*

#### **BUILDING CODE OF AUSTRALIA 2005**

The new 2005 edition of the Building Code of Australia (Volumes 1 & 2) have been published and distributed. The provisions of the revised BCA will commence on **Sunday 1 May**. The amendments to the BCA primarily involve diagrams and tables, as well as a new section on Energy Efficiency.

*For further information, please visit the Australian Building Codes Board site [www.abcb.gov.au](http://www.abcb.gov.au).*



**CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA ASSOCIATION OF WA AGM**

The Cemeteries and Crematoria Association of WA will hold an AGM and professional development day for Local Government Officers involved in cemetery management and supervision on **Friday 20 May** at Karrakatta Cemetery.

*For further information, please contact Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes' Executive Assistant, Glen Norris, on (08) 9761 1555 or email [gnorris@bridgetown.wa.gov.au](mailto:gnorris@bridgetown.wa.gov.au).*

**MEDIA RELEASE**

2 March EPA Commends Local Government Biodiversity Planning Guidelines

**DIARY DATES**

4 March	Northern Country Zone
12 March	Kimberley Zone
18 March	Avon Midland Country Zone
19 March	Rambo the Ambo Gala Charity Dinner
25 March	Great Southern Country Zone
28 March	South Metropolitan Zone
30 March	South East Metropolitan Zone
31 March	Central Metropolitan Zone
31 March	East Metropolitan Zone
31 March	Great Eastern Country Zone
31 March	North Metropolitan Zone
31 March	Peel Country Zone
1 April	Central Country Zone
6 April	State Council
25 April	State Council Agenda Deadline
1 June	State Council
6 June	AGM Agenda Deadline
27 June	State Council
6-9 August	Local Government Week
10 August	State Council
29 August	State Council Agenda Deadline
5 October	State Council
31 October	State Council Agenda Deadline
7 December	State Council

## Local Government News

### Issue No.09.05

9 March 2005

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- DIVERSITY IN AGEING CASE STUDIES SOUGHT
- 2005 NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS CONGRESS
- ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION ACT WORKSHOPS
- NATIONAL YOUTH TOBACCO FREE DAY
- CROWN ALLOTMENT & CROWN RESERVE SEARCHING ON LANDGATE
- LIFE BALL

#### MAILBAG

- INFOPAGE – REVIEW OF WA'S DEFAULT OPEN SPEED LIMIT
- REQUEST FOR COMMENT – BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION STRATEGY DISCUSSION PAPER
- INFOPAGE – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BILL
- INTERNATIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSET MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE FLYER

## ISSUES UPDATE

#### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

The Association is pleased to advise that the current round of vacancies is now open:

- **Public Library Framework Joint Advisory Committee** - for further information, please contact Policy Manager Community, Michelle Mackenzie, on (08) 9213 2065 or email [mmackenzie@walga.asn.au](mailto:mmackenzie@walga.asn.au).
- **Trails Reference Panel** - The Department of Sport and Recreation is seeking an Elected Member / Serving Officer for the position of Member on the Trails Reference Panel. The role of the Panel is to provide input into trails development, and policy proposals identified with the Future Direction of Trails in WA. Meetings are held quarterly for approximately two hours. Appropriate travel costs will be covered by arrangement with non-metropolitan appointees.
- **WA Floodplain Management Council** - The WA Floodplain Management Council is inviting nominations from Elected Members for the position of Country Member. The role of the Council is to conduct a full strategic analysis of total flood warning system needs, coordinate the implementation and promote effective means of communication of flood warning information to communities. The term of the appointment is for one year to Thursday 1 December 2005. Travel costs will be covered and a sitting fee is paid. The Council meets bi-monthly at the Bureau of Meteorology in West Perth.
- **Re-advertised: Western Australian Water Safety Council (WAWSC)** - The WAWSC is seeking nominations from Elected Members or Officers for the position of Member. The Council is a sub-group of the WA Water Safety Framework Management Group and was

created to implement the Framework 2004-2007. Membership to the Council will be reviewed after 18 months. The Council meets quarterly for two hours and travel costs will be reimbursed by arrangement for country members.

Nominations close at **COB on Thursday 17 March**.

*For further information, Vacancy Notices and Nomination Forms, please visit [www.walga.asn.au/policy/committees/committees\\_index.htm](http://www.walga.asn.au/policy/committees/committees_index.htm), or contact Corporate Services Support Officer, Meredith Neilsen, on (08) 9213 2013 or email [mneilsen@walga.asn.au](mailto:mneilsen@walga.asn.au).*

#### **DIVERSITY IN AGEING CASE STUDIES SOUGHT**

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is compiling a series of case studies about how Councils have responded to the diversity of seniors in the development or delivery of policies or programs. ALGA is seeking examples of innovative practice that reflect the diversity of needs, interests and backgrounds, including Indigenous Australians and culturally and linguistically diverse groups, by **Friday 18 March**. This is an initiative of the Australian Local Government Population Ageing Action Plan which aims to build the capacity of Local Government to respond to ageing communities.

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

#### **2005 NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS CONGRESS**

Registrations are now available online for the 2005 National Local Roads Congress to be held from **Sunday 3 to Tuesday 5 July** in Launceston, Tasmania. Registration forms and accommodation bookings are available on ALGA's website [www.alga.asn.au](http://www.alga.asn.au). Early bird registrations close on **Friday 20 May**.

*For further information, please contact ALGA's Assistant Director National Events, Ms Sharon Tuckey, on (02) 6122 9422 or email [sharon.tuckey@alga.asn.au](mailto:sharon.tuckey@alga.asn.au).*

#### **ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION & BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION (EPBC) ACT WORKSHOPS**

The EPBC Unit is conducting a series of free workshops on the *EPBC Act 1999*, the Australian Government's principal piece of national environmental law. It regulates, amongst other things, EPBC-listed threatened and migratory species and their habitat, threatened ecological communities, Ramsar wetlands, World Heritage and National Heritage places, and certain actions involving the Commonwealth. Suitable for planners and Local Government employees working in environmental and heritage roles, the workshops will provide a succinct overview of the Act. The content will include the Act referral and approvals process, case law and the heritage amendments that form the basis of Australia's new national heritage system. Participants can ask questions throughout the sessions, and free EPBC Unit guides will also be available.

Workshops will be held in:-

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|-------------|---------------------------|
| • Carnarvon | <b>Friday 18 March</b>    |
| • Denham    | <b>Monday 21 March</b>    |
| • Exmouth   | <b>Wednesday 23 March</b> |
| • Karratha  | <b>Tuesday 29 March</b>   |
| • Broome    | <b>Thursday 31 March</b>  |
| • Derby     | <b>Friday 1 April</b>     |
| • Kununurra | <b>Monday 4 April</b>     |

*For further information, please email Tracey Rich, [trich@wwf.org.au](mailto:trich@wwf.org.au).*

#### **NATIONAL YOUTH TOBACCO FREE DAY**

National Youth Tobacco Free Day (NYTFD) is coordinated by the Australian Network on Young People and Tobacco. The aim of this annual event is to raise awareness of tobacco as a health and social issue among young people aged 12-25 years. The day encourages youth to have their say about tobacco issues within the community. An invitation is extended to young people in Australia to enter a competition to develop the official slogan for NYTFD to be used from 2006. The national winner will receive \$500 worth of Globe clothing and finalists from each State / Territory will receive a \$100 CD voucher. The closing date for entries is **Friday 17 April**. To enter, visit [www.youthweek.com](http://www.youthweek.com), click on WIN FREE STUFF and ANYPAT.

*For further information, please contact the Smarter than Smoking Project, on (08) 9388 3343 or email [SMART@heartfoundation.com.au](mailto:SMART@heartfoundation.com.au).*

#### **CROWN ALLOTMENT & CROWN RESERVE SEARCHING NOW ON LANDGATE**

Crown Allotment and Crown Reserve searches are now available online using DLI's new Land Enquiries service accessed through Landgate. Later this year, title searching will also be possible using this new service. At that time DLI's customer remote search system will be discontinued. Existing customers have automatically been allocated access to the new Land Enquiries service. For a step-by-step guide about how to access the new Land Enquiries service, visit DLI's homepage at [www.dli.wa.gov.au](http://www.dli.wa.gov.au) and click on *publications*.

*For further information, please contact DLI's online services support on 9273 7341 or visit [www.landgate.com.au](http://www.landgate.com.au).*

#### **LIFEBALL**

Lifeball is a low impact, non-contact ball game that has been especially designed to meet the recreational needs and varying capabilities of older people. Lifeball is similar to netball, but played at a walking pace. It involves simple skills in a safe, fun, team game. Lifeball provides an entry point to low impact physical activity for sedentary older people. It encourages individual behaviours that lead to healthy ageing in a fun, safe and team environment. In addition to improving physical health, Lifeball targets other indicators associated with positive ageing such as cognitive ability, social and emotional richness, self-esteem and self-efficacy. The Cities of Fremantle, Nedlands and South Perth, and the Town of Victoria Park partnered with the Positive Ageing Foundation and successfully applied for a PATF grant in the last round. This means that Lifeball will be established in these four new locations over the course of 2005.

*For further information, please contact Lifeball Project Manager, Annie Holt, on (08) 9286 5605 or email [annieh@positiveageing.com.au](mailto:annieh@positiveageing.com.au).*

#### **DIARY DATES**

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# ALGA NEWS

*National News for Local Government*

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Friday 4 March 2005

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## July start for Council rural health fund

A July start date has been set for the Australian Government's \$15 million infrastructure fund to assist Councils establish and maintain premises and equipment to help keep health professionals in the bush. ALGA joined forces with the Rural Doctors Association to successfully lobby for this initiative in the lead up to last year's Federal Election campaign.



Guidelines for the program will be announced with the Federal Budget in May. Funding a \$5 million a year will be over three years. ALGA is liaising with State associations on the Australian Government's proposed format for the program. ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell, said this was an "excellent start" to help Councils that are forced to dig into their own funds to keep health professionals in country communities. "It's also a tribute to former ALGA President, Mike Montgomery, who worked so hard to make this program a reality, and to Deputy PM, John Anderson, who listened to our case and is now putting this plan into action," Cr Bell said. "If the program is successful, we hope that further funds might be made available in future years."

## ALGA at inaugural Emergency Services Council



Australia's Emergency Services Ministers and ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell, will today attend the first meeting of a new ministerial council dealing with emergency management. The awkwardly titled Augmented Australasian Police Ministers' Council will consider proposals relating to search and rescue, safety training, support for volunteers and the implications for Australia of the Indian Ocean tsunami.

It will receive briefings from Geoscience Australia and the Bureau of Meteorology on a tsunami warning system. It will also discuss the Australian Government's *Working Together to Manage Emergencies* strategy aimed at providing practical and strategic assistance to Local Government. Some \$30 million is being made available to Local Government to enhance emergency management capacity. Today's meeting will be chaired by Federal Attorney-General, Phillip Ruddock. The meeting communiqué will be posted to ALGA's website.

### More work needed on NPC

More work was needed before a second National Packaging Covenant could gain general support from Local Government, ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell, said this week. The nation's Environment Ministers are considering a replacement for the first five year covenant. Ministers want to see targets incorporated into a second covenant to make it more effective.



However, Cr Bell said the Meinhardt report, commissioned by ALGA, the Municipal Association of Victoria and the Local Government Association of Queensland, found serious deficiencies with the first covenant. Local Government wanted to see more emphasis placed on extended producer responsibility. "Whatever the achievements of the first covenant may be, the fact remains that vast quantities of waste continue to stream into our landfills, large amounts of unnecessary and non-recyclable packaging are still used by industry, and Councils and ratepayers continue to bear the brunt of the cost of the nation's recycling efforts," Cr Bell said. ALGA will consider a new covenant once a detailed proposal has been developed.

### From the President

The Federal Treasurer, Peter Costello, has this week taken pot shots at the States, saying they should be more accountable for the way they spend their GST revenues. The States have, not surprisingly, responded in kind. The row centres on the issue of infrastructure, which has again surfaced as dozens of ships wait off a Queensland port because it lacks the capacity to handle demand.

In an editorial this week, *The Australian* – sensibly – says the current balance of State and Federal responsibilities was fashioned for a very different Australia. "The search for a Federal system that is supple enough to serve our economic and social needs today and into the future is far too important to be sacrificed to political argy-bargy," he said. John Howard and Peter Costello are pushing ahead with significant changes to the way our creaking Federation works. Herein lies a very significant opportunity for Local Government to play a full and proper role within the Australian Federation, a role that is recognised, valued and – most importantly – financially robust. Our Federal system is ailing and the dynamics within the Federation are changing. Change will inevitably come to Local Government – we must drive that change for the benefit of the communities we serve.

Cr Paul Bell  
ALGA President



### AusLink funding for 18 election commitments

Funding from the \$150 million strategic component of *AusLink* will be used to meet Australian Government commitments to 18 regional road projects made during last year's Federal Election Campaign, a Senate estimates Committee has been told. Government officials said they were 'at the stage of getting detailed proposals from the proponents of those projects'. That process was likely to be completed within the next two months enabling some of the projects to be funded this financial year. Projects included the Pambula Bridge in NSW and the Outback Highway. Labor has

claimed almost \$100 million of the \$150 million program was committed during the election campaign. Of the \$150 million program, \$30 million has been allocated to roads in unincorporated areas. The Government is expected to announce the projects and guidelines for the program in the near future.

### **Regional programs sound investment: Anderson**

Deputy Prime Minister, John Anderson, has this week given a spirited defence of the regional partnerships program, saying they were a "very good" social and economic investment. "At no stage do we plonk programs onto communities," he told the annual ABARE Outlook conference this week. He said regional programs followed principles laid down at the Regional Australia Summit, with the Government working flexibly with communities that 'raise up ideas of their own to put back services that are missing, to bring in innovative services and create jobs. He said the \$170 million spent to date on the regional partnerships and sustainable regions programs had generated about \$750 million of investment from other sources. Mr Anderson's speech also covered *AusLink*, infrastructure, telecommunications and water.

### **Beazley identifies infrastructure as top issue**

Labor Leader, Kim Beazley, has made infrastructure a major priority for Labor as it seeks to rebuild its policy base following last October's election rout. It joins skills shortages as areas for detailed policy development. In a keynote speech this week, Mr Beazley said that the time lags involved in planning, funding and building infrastructure meant that "we just cannot afford to wait until we experience infrastructure breakdowns before we invest in new infrastructure". Australia needed "a more mature, collaborative relationship between the Commonwealth and the States, Territories and Local Government," he said.

### **All roads lead to Launceston**

Councils will shortly receive registration brochures for this year's National Local Roads and Transport Congress to be held in Launceston on 3 – 5 July. Online registration opened this morning and is now available on the Roads Congress website ([www.alga.asn.au/roadscongress](http://www.alga.asn.au/roadscongress)). This year's program, themed Unifying Local Government's Transport Agenda, will cover a wide range of policy and operational issues for both metropolitan and regional / rural delegates.

Local Government has achieved a vital extension of the *Roads to Recovery* program for the next four years. In this period, it will be important to demonstrate effective use of the funds and use the opportunity to strengthen the local transport agenda right across the board. The Congress will provide though-provoking debate on options for funding the future roads and transport needs of Local Government – in particular, how we should best use our existing resources (especially R2R) to set up a strong case for further transport funding partnerships with all levels of Government.

### **Optus seeks greater competition in regional Australia**

Optus has called on the Australian Government to support the telecommunication industry when considering the privatisation of Telstra. Optus Chief Executive, Mr Paul O'Sullivan, told telecommunications service providers that the Government should encourage Telstra's competitors to roll out their own broadband networks. Optus has proposed legislation to establish a three-year 'bridge to broadband' plan, under which special resale rates are made available to providers who wish to roll out

their own broadband networks. "If Government fails to intervene, there is the risk that a fully privatised Telstra may seek to strangle the potential of competitive broadband, which may ultimately deny consumers choice", Mr O'Sullivan said. Through a number of forums, ALGA continues to pursue greater access to broadband services to all communities including those in rural and remote Australia.

### **Diversity in ageing case studies sought**

ALGA is compiling a series of case studies about how Councils have responded to the diversity of seniors in the development of delivery of policies or programs. ALGA is seeking examples of innovative practice that reflect the diversity of needs, interests and backgrounds, including Indigenous Australians and culturally and linguistically diverse groups. This is an initiative of the Australian Local Government Population Ageing Action Plan, which aims to build the capacity of Local Government to respond to ageing communities. Please send details to Alley Peck, at ALGA, [alley.peck@alga.asn.au](mailto:alley.peck@alga.asn.au) by 18 March. For more information, contact Alley on (02) 6122 9421.

### **'Glocalisation' for the Future**

Glocalisation for the Future will be the theme of an international conference for Local Government in the Asia-Pacific region. It is being organised by UCLG-ASPAC – the Asia-Pacific division of the international body representing Local Government – United Cities and Local Government ([www.cities-localgovernments.org/uclg](http://www.cities-localgovernments.org/uclg)). The conference, to be held in Daegu, Korea on 26 – 29 April, will discuss the balance between global and local development. UCLG-ASPAC, as the international organisation of Local Governments in the Asia-Pacific region, has a responsibility to build strong relations among Local Government and help develop the capacity of Local Government to successfully fulfil its role. ALGA President, Paul Bell, as Vice President of UCLG-ASPAC, invites Australian Councils to attend the 2005 Congress.

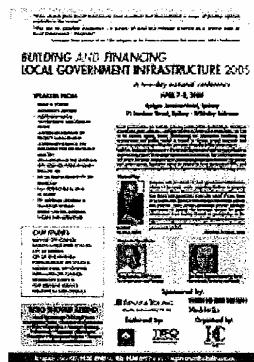
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Applications have been called for grants of between \$15,000 and \$40,000 for community e-learning projects. Applications close on 11 April. The grant program is part of the 2005 E-learning Creative Community Partnerships Project. This aims to create sustainable demand for, and use of, e-learning in communities. Administered by Adult Learning Australia, the project will foster both community learning and broader economic and regional development.



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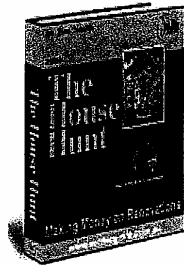
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## Design 2005

Archicentre – the building advisory service of the  
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### Getting your community linked into better housing design



Archicentre, the building advisory service of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects, is to launch a new program aimed at providing Local Government across Australia with a range of information which can be used to promote good design and assist home buyers and home owners.

The program will be delivered electronically to Councils and their communities providing the following:

- Free e-Book – The House Hunt
- Ask an architect a question

Some of the free downloads:

- Guide to water wise living
- Guide to energy-wise living
- Smart paint disposal
- Safety tips for older people
- Kidsafe and Archicentre home safety checklist
- Home health and safety warnings
- Home maintenance guide

As part of the 2004 Year of the Built Environment, Archicentre undertook demonstration projects with the City of Melbourne, Frankston City Council and Mosman City Council to demonstrate good design and best practice planning with a major electronic footprint for communities to view the full process of planning and building.

- The Terraces
- The Tree House
- Mosman Green

As part of the communication program Archicentre will also supply twenty Archichat columns to Councils which can be used in publications or local paper awareness programs.

There is no cost, however, to take part and receive information, Councils need to register:

Tel: (03) 9818 5700  
Fax: (03) 9818 5044  
Email: [ronsmith@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ronsmith@bigpond.net.au)  
Web: [www.archicentre.com.au](http://www.archicentre.com.au)

**Beyond Declarations  
Working Partnerships for Sustainability National Conference**



The *Beyond Declarations: Working Partnerships for Sustainability National Conference* is only a few weeks away and spaces are filling fast! Come join leading experts in sustainability, natural resource management and environmental innovation at this unique event.

The conference will not only showcase current working partnerships between large corporations, Local Government and the community, but assist delegates in building their own sustainable partnerships.

Adding to the extensive program an industry trade expo will take place over the two days of the Conference. It is here where sustainable and environmental businesses have the opportunity to showcase their innovative products and services to delegates from the Local Government, corporate and academic sectors.

So if you're interested in developing your professional skills, networking with industry leaders, discovering new products and services available and hearing from the leading sustainability and environmental experts, then visit [www.gemspl.com.au/sustain2005](http://www.gemspl.com.au/sustain2005) for a full Conference Program and registration details.

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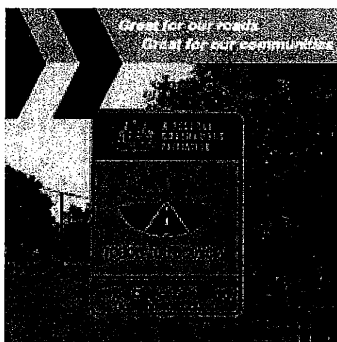
## Senate reviews AusLink bills

A Senate Committee has begun its review of the AusLink enabling legislation now before Federal Parliament. The Rural, Regional and Transport Legislation Committee will scrutinise the two bills that establish the AusLink land transport initiative, including the second phase of the *Roads to Recovery* program (R2R2). The Committee is to report by 12 May with submissions due by 24 March.



The Committee will examine a range of issues including the suggested extension of the criteria for R2R2 projects to include public transport, cycling, walking infrastructure and regional airport runways as proposed by Labor prior to the last election. ALGA is preparing a submission which will highlight the immense value of the R2R program in reducing the rate of decline in local roads and call for a seamless transition from the current program to the new one, scheduled to commence on 1 July this year.

## ALGA refutes R2R criticism

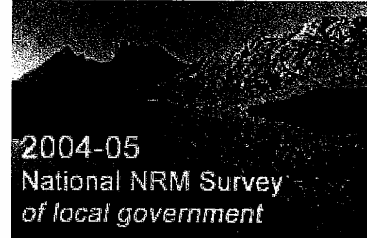


ALGA and State Local Government associations have strongly refuted claims aired in the Australian Financial Review this week that the *Roads to Recovery* program was politically biased and not an effective use of road funding. ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell, said the program had bipartisan support in Federal Parliament, with both sides committed to its renewal in the lead up to last year's Federal election. In a letter to the editor, Cr Bell said the formula for distributing R2R funds was transparent and equitable. It favoured regional areas only because "this is where the biggest road maintenance backlog is found".

"*Roads to Recovery* is providing vital financial assistance to address the massive backlog in road maintenance faced by Australia's Councils," he said. In a separate letter, the President of Municipal Association of Victoria, Cr Geoff Lake, said the local roads were "the capillaries of Australia's transport network, with 73% of all freight trips beginning or ending on a local road. They are just as vital as any port, highway, airport or rail corridor in the efficient movement of our people and produce." The President of the Western Australian Local Government Association, Cr Bill Mitchell has also written to the Financial Review.

### Resources key to effective NRM participation: survey

Most Councils are aware of the regional arrangements for natural resource management, but need resources to effectively participate, a new ALGA survey has found. The survey of Councils in four States is part of a report on NRM regional arrangements published today on the ALGA website. Only 31% of Councils reported having a good comprehensive capacity to develop and implement regional NRM plans.



With 69% of Councils lacking resources, this can go part way to explaining the low level of involvement in plan development. Although 73% of Councils attended NRM briefing sessions, only 12% of Councils provided input of locally relevant information into regional plans. The report questions whether this constitutes effective engagement of Local Government. Without an increase in resources, many Councils ability to implement projects developed by the regional NRM groups is limited. ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell, said the regional NRM model needed to be changed to better involve Local Government and resource its participation.

#### From the President

The Australian Government must press ahead with its formal responses to the *Fair Share* report on cost shifting and Local Government financing. The report was tabled in Federal Parliament in November 2003.



A response, initially expected last year, was delayed by the Federal election. This was understandable. It may even have been desirable, as no one wanted to see bipartisan support for the report put at risk through the release of the response in a campaign context, but the election is long gone. There is another reason to press ahead without undue delay. Concern is emerging that some State Governments may not enthusiastically participate in the development of a draft intergovernmental agreement (IGA) on cost shifting until they have seen the Australian Government's formal response to the *Fair Share* report. Officers from the three spheres of Government have met to start putting a draft IGA together. There is a long and difficult road ahead. The wheel of reform has been turning slowly to date. Its now time for the pace to be picked up.

**Cr Paul Bell**  
ALGA President

#### Community Partners Program

The Federal Department of Health and Ageing is inviting applications from incorporated organisations, including Councils, to apply for funding under the newly established Community Partners Program. Projects funded under the CPP will provide aged care support services to older people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities to assist access to and equity in the provision of residential and other aged care services. Intending applicants should call the Department on (02) 6289 5103 or visit the Department's website ([www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)) to obtain an

application information booklet. Applications close on 15 April and funding will be available from 1 July this year to 30 June 2006.

### **Long Day Care funding**

The Australian Government has commenced a new funding round of the Long Day Care Incentive Scheme. Applications are sought from organisations able to establish new, viable long day care centres in an area of high, unmet demand in rural and urban fringe areas. Interested service providers are invited to either contact their State or Territory office of the Federal Department of Family and Community Care on 1300 653 227 for an application pack or to download the pack from the Department's website ([www.facs.gov.au](http://www.facs.gov.au)). Applications close at 2 pm EST on 1 April.

### **Future ageing report tabled**

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on health and ageing this week tabled a draft report on long-term strategies to address the ageing of the Australian population over the next 40 years. The report – *Future Ageing* – was being prepared during the last Parliament and was in draft form at the time the Federal election was called. Recommendations are not made in this publication and a Government response is not anticipated. The draft report provides much useful information for those engaged in issues of ageing and demographic change.

### **Inaugural NSW Tourism Conference for Forbes**

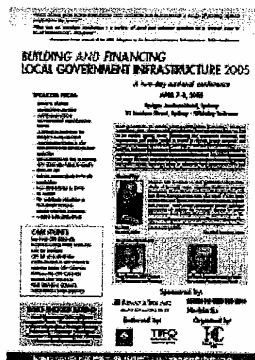
More than 200 participants will gather in Forbes, New South Wales, on Sunday for the State's inaugural Local Government Tourism Conference ([www.forbes.nsw.gov.au](http://www.forbes.nsw.gov.au)). Hosted by Forbes Shire Council, the conference is being organised by the Local Government and Shires Association of NSW in partnership with Tourism NSW. President of the NSW Shires Association, Cr Phyllis Miller, said the conference would look at the benefits of tourism for rural and regional New South Wales, as well as the problems gaining sufficient funding from Federal and State Governments for infrastructure needs.

### **Optus to build presence in SA**

Optus this week announced a \$5 million investment in business broadband and telecommunications infrastructure in South Australia. Optus held meetings with the State Government and Councils this week to present its plans to deliver increased internet bandwidth and competitive telecommunications pricing. In a statement issued on Wednesday, Optus said it plans to extend its fibre optic network through metropolitan Adelaide by up to 100km.

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**2 March 2005**

### **EPA Commends Local Government Biodiversity Planning Guidelines**

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has commended the Western Australian Local Government Association's Perth Biodiversity Project on the preparation of the *Local Government Biodiversity Planning Guidelines for the Perth metropolitan Region* (the Guidelines) and encouraged their use.

BPB released the Guidelines in June 2004 to describe a consistent, staged process that can be used by Local Government to prepare local biodiversity strategies. The process encourages biodiversity targets and criteria to be set, enabling Local Government to identify biodiversity values and integrate biodiversity conservation into their planning and decision making process.

The EPA's correspondence commends the Association on the preparation of the guidelines.

Environmental Protection Authority Chairman, Dr Wally Cox, said, "The Guidelines have developed from and advanced local biodiversity conservation policy beyond the approach developed in Bush Forever, reflecting the rapid advance in biodiversity conservation policy in recent years."

The EPA suggests that those Councils that prepare a local biodiversity strategy in accordance with the guidelines will reduce the amount of uncertainty for land owners and planners, make decision making easier and ensure that they have greater control over decisions affecting natural areas.

Dr Cox said, "The EPA would expect that proposals that are consistent with a well prepared Local Biodiversity Strategy developed in accordance with the Guidelines, would be less likely to attract EPA assessment."

WA Local Government Association President, Cr Bill Mitchell, recognised that the production of a local biodiversity strategy will be a challenging exercise for some Councils, particularly those in the outer Perth Metropolitan Region.

Cr Bill Mitchell said, "Outer Perth Councils have a large amount of natural areas remaining, and the development expectations in these areas are high. The public advice provided by the EPA is heartening and demonstrates that they will give serious consideration to supporting Local Government advice and decisions made in accordance with a local biodiversity strategy. The EPA advice, along with the long-term rewards associated with the ecological and social benefits from protecting ecologically significant viable natural areas, will hopefully provide the incentive for more Councils to use the guidelines to prepare strategies."

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

14 March 2005

### **Blessing of the Roads**

The Blessing of the Roads Ceremony, the annual Easter road safety campaign, will be launched by the Hon Michelle Robert, Minister for Police, Emergency Services and Community Safety, with the Western Australian Local Government Association's RoadWise Program and the Swan RoadWise Committee at 9.15 am on Monday 21 March, at Midland Christian School, Great Northern Highway, Middle Swan.

WA Local Government Association President, Cr Bill Mitchell, said, "The community needs to make road safety a personal goal or we will continue to have families suffer the grief associated with the loss of life and serious injury as a result of a road crash. The Blessing of the Roads Ceremony raises awareness that road safety is a community issue, and that if we want our roads to be safer, it is 'we', the community that must make a difference."

Midland Christian School students will release 180 white balloons in memory of the lives that were lost on Western Australian roads in 2004, with the Road Safety Council's fatigue message, *'Don't Drive Tired'* on them, to increase awareness of the issue of fatigue as a factor in road crashes. Drivers are encouraged to stop, take a break, change drivers and plan ahead to allow enough time to get to their destinations.

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### 1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

#### **New Staff:**

- Ann Welch has been appointed to the position of Building & Health Information Officer within Development Services. She commenced on 14 March 2005.

#### **Staff Leaving:**

- Nil

#### **Other Staff Movements:**

- Nil

#### **Current Recruitment Activity:**

- Cadet Building Surveyor – interviews completed.
- Librarian – interviews completed.
- Museum Curator – interviews scheduled, part completed.

#### **Of Special Note:**

##### *Elected Member Development Program*

“Enhancing the Influence of Local Government”

Offered by Local Government Workplace Solutions (WALGA), see attached document.

Any Elected Member wishing to attend should register their interest through Marka Haasnoot, HR Manager on 9399 0104.

## ELECTED MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ENHANCING THE INFLUENCE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The program comprises of 13 separate learning modules aimed at raising the collective awareness of Local Government in the community through good governance practices. Topics covered provide opportunities to develop skills in management and leadership, strategic planning and administrative practices and encourage best practice in the Local Government sector.

<b>Module 7: Local Government Finance</b> This module provides participants with a range of basic tools to understand, interpret, develop, plan and more effectively manage the financial resources of their Local Government, as well as inform them of their duties and responsibilities in regard to the financial management of their Council.	<b>Date:</b> 15 April 2005 <b>Time:</b> 9:00am to 12:30pm <b>Venue:</b> WA Local Government Association <b>Cost:</b> \$148.50 (Inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members \$162.80 (Inc GST) for Non Workplace Solutions Members
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TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS			
ITEM	REFERRING COMMITTEE	COMMENTS	OFFICER RESPONSIBLE
<b><u>Armadale Shale Quarry – Management Plan</u></b> <i>Refer T145/02 25 November 02</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee.	Manager Technical Services
<b><u>Gillam Drive, Kelmscott – Verge Streetscaping</u></b> <i>Refer T106/10/03 27 October 03</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee.	Manager Engineering and Design / Manager Parks
<b><u>Armitage Road – Temporary Road Closure/Parking arrangements</u></b> <i>Refer T23/04/04 27 April 04</i>	Development Services/ Technical Services	Further report to future Development Services Committee. Future report to Technical Services Committee	Executive Director Development Services. Manager Engineering and Design.
<b><u>Road Calming to Jarrah Road Roleystone and other items associated with upgrading of the Roleystone Shopping Centre</u></b> <i>Refer T29/04/04 27 April 04</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee.	Manager Engineering and Design.
<b><u>Junk Busters Premises</u></b> <i>Refer T65/06/04 of 28 June 04</i>	Technical Services	Progress report to Technical Services Committee, required May 2005.	Coordinator Waste Management
<b><u>Tomah Street, Armadale – Traffic Management, Resurfacing and Parking Petition</u></b> <i>Refer T89/09/04 27 September 04</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Engineering and Design
<b><u>Lack of Lighting at Cross Park Precinct, Roleystone</u></b> <i>Refer T91/09/04 27 September 04</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Engineering and Design
<b><u>Tender 35/04 – Construction of Culvert 5206 Champion Drive over Southern River</u></b> <i>Refer T15/02/05 28 March 04</i>	Technical Services	Further report to March Technical Services Committee	Manager Engineering and Design



**TECHNICAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE WORKS PROGRAMME**

	Feb(2005)	March	April
<b>Civil Works</b>	<p><b>Construction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Armadale Road</li> <li>▪ Champion Drive drainage &amp; Earthworks Stg II</li> <li>▪ Commerce Avenue II</li> <li>▪ Atunga Road</li> <li>▪ Footpath construction (Contract)</li> <li>▪ Car park construction</li> <li>▪ Lake/Cammillo Rd roundabout (drainage).</li> <li>▪ Barrigal Rd</li> <li>▪ Drainage construction various locations</li> </ul> <p><b>Maintenance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bridge maintenance</li> <li>▪ Car park maintenance</li> </ul>	<p><b>Construction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Armadale Road(Tonkin Hwy-Forrest Rd).</li> <li>▪ Armadale Rd (Forrest Rd-Anstey Rd).</li> <li>▪ Champion Drive drainage &amp; Earthworks Stg II</li> <li>▪ Footpath construction (Contract)</li> <li>▪ Car park construction</li> <li>▪ Lake/Cammillo Rd roundabout (drainage).</li> <li>▪ Drainage construction various locations</li> </ul> <p><b>Maintenance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bridge maintenance</li> <li>▪ Car park maintenance</li> </ul>	<p><b>Construction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Armadale Rd (Forrest Rd-Anstey Rd).</li> <li>▪ Champion Drive drainage &amp; Earthworks Stg II</li> <li>▪ Armadale Rd/Orchard Ave Black spot</li> <li>▪ Armadale Rd/Church Ave Black spot</li> <li>▪ Brookton Hwy Service Rd</li> <li>▪ Drainage construction various locations</li> <li>▪ Footpath construction (Contract)</li> <li>▪ Glebe Rd</li> </ul> <p><b>Maintenance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bridge maintenance</li> <li>▪ Car park maintenance</li> </ul>
<b>Design &amp; Development</b>	<p><b>Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lot 38 Westfield Road</li> <li>▪ Francis Xavier School</li> <li>▪ Churchman Brook</li> <li>▪ Corondale Estate</li> <li>▪ Lot 52 Waterwheel Road</li> <li>▪ Burndale Road</li> <li>▪ Irymple Road</li> </ul> <p><b>Design &amp; Engineering</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Armadale Road (Tonkin to</li> </ul>	<p><b>Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Francis Xavier School</li> <li>▪ Erade Village</li> <li>▪ Adios Stage 3</li> <li>▪ Corondale Estate Stage 4 &amp; 6</li> <li>▪ Teal Brook Stage 4</li> <li>▪ Irymple Road</li> </ul> <p><b>Design &amp; Engineering</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Armadale Road (Tonkin to Forrestdale)</li> <li>▪ Whitehead St. (Contractors)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Francis Xavier School</li> <li>▪ Erade Village</li> <li>▪ Adios Stage 3</li> <li>▪ Corondale Estate Stage 4 &amp; 6</li> <li>▪ Teal Brook Stage 4</li> <li>▪ Irymple Road</li> </ul> <p><b>Design &amp; Engineering</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Armadale Road (Tonkin to Forrest Rd)</li> <li>▪ Whitehead St. (Contractors)</li> </ul>

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	<p>Forrestdale)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Whitehead St (Contractors)</li> <li>▪ Champion Drive/ Including Structure Crossing (consultants)</li> <li>▪ Commerce Ave Stg III to IV</li> <li>▪ Roundabout Church/Commerce</li> <li>▪ Blackspot Programme 04/05</li> <li>▪ Wymond Road</li> <li>▪ Glebe Road</li> </ul> <p><b>Drainage Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Keates Road</li> <li>▪ Buckingham Road</li> <li>▪ Albany Hwy (subsoil drainage)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Commerce Ave Stg III to IV</li> <li>▪ Armadale/Weld Street Roundabout</li> <li>▪ Wymond Road (Stg II)</li> <li>▪ Braemore Street</li> <li>▪ Champion Drive (River Crossing)</li> <li>▪ Lefroy/Billabong (TM)</li> <li>▪ Cammillo/Lake Road (Roundabout)</li> <li>▪ State Blackspot Programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Armadale/Eighth Road</li> <li>▪ Armadale/Church Road</li> <li>▪ Armadale/Orchard Road</li> <li>▪ Armadale/Abbey Road</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Drainage Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Keates Road</li> <li>▪ Lowanna Way</li> <li>▪ Bilkurra Way</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ranford Road (Tonkin Hwy to Southern River Road)</li> <li>▪ Braemore Stage I (T.M Project)</li> <li>▪ Commerce Avenue (Stg III &amp; IV)</li> </ul> <p><b>Drainage Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Keates Road</li> <li>▪ Bilkurra Way Subsoil Drainage</li> <li>▪ Buckingham Road Subsoil Drainage</li> </ul>
<b>Parks and Reserves</b>	<p><b>Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Kuhl Park Redevelopment</li> <li>▪ Corfield St Streetscape</li> <li>▪ Rushton Park Redevelopment</li> <li>▪ Adventure Playground (NIP) – Bernice Hargrave Reserve</li> </ul> <p><b>Maintenance</b></p>	<p><b>Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Armadale Arena Creche upgrade</li> <li>▪ Kuhl Park Redevelopment</li> <li>▪ Memorial Park /Cinema Landscaping</li> <li>▪ Borello Park Play Equipment 'Grant'</li> <li>▪ Revitalize Roleystone BBQ facilities 'Grant'</li> <li>▪ Landscaping Temporary Accommodation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Maintenance</b></p>	<p><b>Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Armadale Arena Crèche Upgrade</li> <li>▪ Kuhl Park Development</li> <li>▪ Memorial Park/Cinema L/Scape</li> <li>▪ Borello Park Play Equipment-Grant</li> <li>▪ Revitalize Roleystone BBQ/Shelter-Grant</li> <li>▪ L/Scape Temporary Accommodation</li> <li>▪ Natural Areas Implement Strategies "signs"</li> </ul>

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<b>Property Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review of Existing and vacated space in Administration</li> <li>▪ Consultation with Rushton Park Ref. Grp.</li> <li>▪ Consult Armadale Aquatic Centre advisory Committee Re: upgrade of facilities</li> <li>▪ Relocation of Kelmscott Library</li> <li>▪ Palomino Clubrooms</li> <li>▪ Refurbishment of landfill site office facilities</li> <li>▪ Rushton Park toilets to be opened for public use.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review of Existing and vacated space in Administration</li> <li>▪ Consultation with Rushton Park Ref. Grp.</li> <li>▪ Consult Armadale Aquatic Centre advisory Committee Re: upgrade of facilities</li> <li>▪ Palomino Clubrooms</li> <li>▪ Refurbishment of landfill site office facilities</li> <li>▪ Rushton Park lighting of the pool complex.</li> <li>▪ Cross Park lighting projects.</li> <li>▪ Admin airconditioning replacement</li> <li>▪ Preliminary works for transportable accommodation.</li> <li>▪ Armadale Arena bus storage facility.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review of Existing and vacated space in Administration</li> <li>▪ Consultation with Rushton Park Ref. Grp.</li> <li>▪ Consult Armadale Aquatic Centre advisory Committee Re: upgrade of facilities</li> <li>▪ Palomino Clubrooms/ Air-conditioning</li> <li>▪ Refurbishment of landfill site office facilities</li> <li>▪ Rushton Park lighting of the pool complex.</li> <li>▪ Cross Park lighting projects.</li> <li>▪ Admin air-conditioning audit of existing units</li> <li>▪ Preliminary works for transportable accommodation.</li> <li>▪ Armadale Arena bus storage facility</li> </ul>
<b>Waste Services</b>			

**BUNGENDORE PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING No. 255, WEDNESDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2005**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cr Frank Green (Chairman)  
Mrs Penny Versteeg  
Mr Bill Ladyman

Mr David Allen (Secretary)  
Mr Kim Sarti  
Mrs Irene Morcombe (Treasurer)

**APOLOGIES**

Mrs Miriam Stanborough

Chairman declared meeting open at 7:45 pm. Minutes of previous meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> November 2004 accepted as being correct: Mr Sarti/Mr Ladyman. Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING**

1. Finance – flowchart of payment & funding processes – Cr Green has spoken with Mr Nathan Caine of City's Finance Dept re formal financial processes to be followed by Committee and he hopes to attend a future meeting in 2005 to discuss: budget timing (requests, notification of funds for coming year), administrative funds, forms, rollover of funds and feedback etc [1/234 and 1/239].
2. Information Display Shelter refurbishment and relocation – Mr Sarti sent publicity articles which were published in "Ecoplan News", Urban Bushland Council's "Bush Telegraph" and "The Examiner" [2/254].
3. Erosion in gully on W3 fire access track near junction with tracks N2 and N3 – Cr Green has discussed Committee's recommendation that two (2) lengths of 9-inch concrete pipe be installed and covered by gravel with Council Foreman, Mr Pat Nardelli. Mrs Versteeg reported that from her observations this has been completed.
4. Weedbuster Week – Ms Stanborough was not present to report on the effectiveness of herbicide on treated stumps of woody weeds (Eastern States wattles & eucalypts and Victorian Ti-Tree) in Pit#3 [1/253].
5. Albany Highway boundary entrance sign Mr Ladyman reported having completed re-instating the mortar and some stonework of the sign during January [4/253]. The Chairman conveyed the thanks of the Committee for this work.
6. General maintenance – Mr Griffiths was not present to report on the repair of the locking mechanism on Gate 'G' at Howe Street entrance.
7. Damaged fence, southern boundary – Cr Green will report on repair of the damaged southern boundary fence and box section opposite Track #12 [3/250] by Mr Thompson [3/254]. Also replacement of the stainless steel locking loop at Gate "L".
8. Hazard reduction review – Cr Green (thru Mr Thompson) will report on hazard reduction within Bungendore Park and adjacent CALM land [3/354].

9. Fire access track – possibility from Richon Heights cul-de-sac across CALM-managed Lot 2 to link up to the western boundary track of Bungendore Park. Further meeting to be held on-site with Messrs McIntosh, Batt and Thompson – Cr Green (thru Mr Thompson) will report [3/254].
10. BEAC End-of-Year function and Awards Presentation – 5th December at Araluen Botanic Park was attended by some members. Hats/shirts and certificates were handed out by the Mayor in recognition of voluntary hours to the community.
11. Post office box – Mr Allen has arranged for a post office box for secretarial and financial mail [4/254] at cost of \$70.17 – the number allocated is PO Box 538.
12. Unauthorised clearing and widening of track west of pit #10 – Mr Allen wrote to Manager Parks regarding the unauthorised clearing and widening of the track west of pit No. 10 [5/254]. Questions raised included: why was the work undertaken in variance of the Dieback Management Report, why wasn't Committee consulted and as the track is clearly signposted "Dieback-free Area", what protective measures were taken by the contractor to prevent cross-infection? While Committee was satisfied with Council's reply, the matter was still not considered settled, pending further consideration of:- assurance that the dieback procedures were actually carried out; the possible continuation of communication problems; the need for fire control and planning to continue as a shared responsibility including the Bedfordale Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade.  
*Action point 1/255 – Mr Allen to respond to Council's letter re unauthorised clearing and to arrange with the BVBFG and Mr Thompson for the appointment of a liaison officer.*
13. City of Armadale's "Environmental Contribution of the Year" Award – Following our nomination in the City of Armadale's Environmental Contribution of the Year (2004) award a summary of the Committee's operations and achievements was submitted and the Australia Day function attended by Mrs Morcombe, Mr Sarti and Mr Withnell. The Certificate of Nomination was tabled at the meeting.
14. Risk Management workshop – Mr Allen attended the Risk Management workshop 1-12-2004 [6/254] and reported that none of the aspects presented had a direct application to our operations.
15. Voluntary Hours – Committee members completed the Voluntary Hours forms at the meeting.
16. Volunteer work authorisation – Bungendore Park Management Committee authorises members and volunteers to perform maintenance works and management activities as and when required. The motion to effect this for the ensuing year was presented.  
Moved: Mr Sarti/ Mrs Versteeg. Carried 16.02.2005  
Activity since last meeting includes:  
Seed collection members of Armadale Wildflower Society 11th Dec & 22nd Jan  
Patrolling On-site work Mr Ladyman January 2005

**AWAITING COMPLETION AND/OR REPLY**

1. Geographical Information Systems Project – Mr Sarti: no report
2. Strategic Photograph Locations – no action. Mr Allen will be seeking assistance in the field [2/245].

**GRANT REPORTS DUE**

Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2004 – 31-3-2005

**GRANTS IN PROGRESS**

1. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2004 (04SE06) – \$1,380 [XT71]
2. Community Conservation 2003/2004 – \$900 [XT72]
3. Regional Parks Community 2004 grant – \$1,100 [XT73]
4. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2005 (05S08) – \$2,700 [XT70].
5. Community Conservation 2004/2005 – \$2,200 [XT69].
6. Regional Parks Community 2005 grant – \$1,155 [XT68]

**INFORMATION RECEIVED**

1. Natural Heritage #21 (inc. Moore River, Peel/Harvey Estuary)
2. Natural Heritage #22 (inc. Bitou Bush, Pilbara coast)
3. Greening Australia – Annual Report
4. Urban Bushland Council – notification of AGM 1<sup>st</sup> March. Annual subs due (\$30)

**CORRESPONDENCE IN**

1. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program – informing of reporting process.
2. 29/11/04 City of Armadale – Proposed structure plan Nth Forrestdale forum 08/12/04
3. 29/11 Min. Environment – success of grant application; 14/01/05 Receipt of cheque.
4. 20/12 City of Armadale – invitation to Citizenship Awards presentation.
5. 28/01 City of Armadale – State of Environment Review workshop 02/03/05.
6. 07/02 City of Armadale – Information evening re the effects of the January fires 24/02  
Mr Sarti to attend.
7. Mr Raabe – tendering his resignation from Committee.
8. 02/02 CALM – Regional Parks Community Grant cheque for \$1,155.00.

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT**

1. 11/12/04 City of Armadale - citation for Australia Day award.
2. 01/12 Armadale Christian College – thanks for parking and toilets, Bush Breakfast
3. 10/12 City of Armadale – Unauthorised clearing and widening of track west of Pit #10.

**FINANCE**

Details	Amount \$	Expenditure Type
Kim Sarti – photocopying and postage	29.70	XT 7
Australia Post – setting up PO Box 538	70.17	XT 7

Allen/ Ladyman. Carried.

**BUSHCARE & ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BEAC) REPORT**

Delegates unable to attend.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program (SALP) funding for 2005 – Messrs Allen & Sarti attended a breakfast function on 2-2-2005 to receive a cheque for \$2,700 to continue Weed control (\$420), Seedlings (\$500), Feral bee control and Lures (\$250), Admin (\$30) and Dieback treatment (\$1,500). Expenditure reference XT70 allocated by Treasurer.
2. Community Conservation grant 2004/05 – Cheque received 02/02 \$ 1 550. Expenditure reference XT69 allocated by Treasurer.
3. Dieback in nursery industry – an article appeared in “The West Australian” on 29-1-2005 prompted by Dr Ian Colquhoun about the lax attitude of nurseries and the *Phytophthora* pathogen. Mr Sarti has contacted Nancy Scade who operates the nursery used for propagating our seedlings. The nursery is accredited and follows strict hygiene measures and only obtains its material from dieback-free sources.
4. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2004 – letter from Program Manager stating that a reporting process has been introduced and a report on the 2004 grant is due by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005.
5. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2006 – applications are open for the 2006 funding round; applications close 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005. Project Officer Mr Sarti undertook to arrange an application.
6. Committee Membership – has reduced by two due to illness and re-location to the country. It was agreed to start a replacement process. Action point 2/255 – Mr Allen to contact the City’s Environmental Officer to set a recruitment plan in place.
7. Urban Bushland Council membership – Mr Sarti undertook to continue to represent this Committee on the Council. Payment of the annual subscription by Mr Sarti will be reimbursed.
8. Complimentary copy of “Handbook of Western Australian Birds” (Volume II) by Johnstone and Storr – Committee received a signed copy at the book launch in December and decided this handsome volume should be presented to the Armadale Christian College. Action point 3/255 - Mr Allen to arrange for a suitable inscription within the book.

*Action point 4/255 – Mr Sarti and Cr Green to arrange with Mr Withnell for presentation of the Bird handbook at a subsequent school assembly.*

9. Resignation of Mr Chris Raabe – from Committee.  
*Action point 5/255 – Mr Allen to convey committee’s regrets, thanks and good wishes for his and Lola’s new life in Capel. Mr Allen to also arrange for the preparation and forwarding of a Certificate of Appreciation.*
10. CALM Regional Parks Community Grant – cheque for \$1,155.00 received for weed control on CALM-managed land adjacent to Bungendore Park. Expenditure reference XT68 allocated.
11. City of Armadale, State of Environment Review workshop – 7:00pm 2-3-2005.  
*Action point 6/255 – Mr Ladyman to attend the State of Environment Review workshop*
12. Albany Highway entrance – obstruction of the routed log sign was discussed with members asked to make observations for suggested corrective measures.

**DIARY OF EVENTS**

2005	Date	Events
<b>JANUARY</b>		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		Pre-budget discussion
<b>MARCH</b>		Budget meeting
<b>APRIL</b>	2 & 3	Minnawarra Festival – 2 days Smoke treatment/Direct seeding Review budget for Dieback treatment funding
<b>MAY</b>		
<b>JUNE</b>		
<b>JULY</b>		Community & School Planting Days
<b>AUGUST</b>		
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
<b>OCTOBER</b>		Kelmscott Show – 3 days Weedbuster Week (2 <sup>nd</sup> week in October)
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
<b>DECEMBER</b>		

**SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING AND NEW ACTION POINTS**

(Shaded Action Point Dates are only found in this Summary, not within the Minutes. Please review.)

Feb 03	01/234	Mr Lantermier to provide a flow chart for the payments process and to supply Committee with copies of the Friends Group Manual
Jul 03	09/239	Cr Green to speak to Mr Lantermier to arrange a meeting after Mr Thompson and Mr Sarti have returned from leave (after 05/09/03)
Oct 03	02/242	Messrs Sarti & Raabe to relocate bridle path welcome sign at correct boundary location
Oct 03	03/242	Mr Thompson to replace missing chain and padlock on Gate 1K
Feb 04	02/245	Mr Allen to fix location of photo-point signs



Jul 04	03/250	Mr. Thompson to repair damaged southern boundary fence and box section opposite track #12.
Oct 04	01/253	Ms Stanborough to check effectiveness of herbicide on treated stumps of woody weeds and report at next meeting.
Nov 04	03/254	Cr Green to contact Mr. Thompson for a report on outstanding items by next meeting.
Feb 05	01/255	Mr. Allen to respond to Council's letter re unauthorised clearing and to arrange with the Edendale Fire Brigade and Mr. Thompson for the appointment of a liaison officer.
Feb 05	02/255	Mr. Allen to contact the City's Environmental Officer to set a committee member recruitment plan in place.
Feb 05	03/255	Mr. Allen to arrange for a suitable inscription within the Birds of WA Vol 2 book.
Feb 05	04/255	Mr. Sarrin and Cr Green to arrange with Mr. Willmell for presentation of the Birds of WA handbook at an Armadale Christian College school assembly.
Feb 05	05/255	Mr. Allen to convey committee thanks and good wishes to Mr. Chris Raabe. Mr. Allen to also arrange for the preparation and forwarding of a Certificate of Appreciation.
Feb 05	06/255	Mr. Ladyman to attend the State of Environment Review workshop 2-3-2005.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)**

7:30 p.m. Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2005  
 (Please note: the date of the April meeting may be subject to change.)

Mr David Allen,  
 Minutes Secretary

Meeting declared closed at: 9:45pm

Signed: ..... Date: .....  
 Chairman/Acting Chairman – Bungendore Park Management Committee

## MINUTES

### Canning Environmental Flows Steering Committee

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2005  
City of Gosnells Council Office  
2120 Albany Highway, Gosnells  
9:30am to 11:30am

#### **Present**

Leanne Hartley	Executive Officer, Department of Environment (DoE)
Beatrice Franke	Environment rep. (Armadale-Gosnells Landcare Group)
John Herpen	Environment rep. (Swan Catchment Council)
Martin Gehrmann	Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group
Sarah Fisher	Water Corporation rep
Wayne van Lieven	Local Government rep. (City of Gosnells)
Margo Armstrong	Economic rep. (Licensed water user)

#### **1.1.1 Apologies**

Jill DeBont Environment rep.

#### **1.1.2**

### **1. Welcome**

Jill DeBont sent apologies and advised the group that she is no longer living in the Canning catchment but would still like to remain a member of the steering committee.

Meeting minutes dated 7<sup>th</sup> September 2004 were accepted by John and seconded by Margo. Martin suggested minutes also be sent to Julie Robert (SERCUL Coordinator) to keep SERCUL updated.

### **2. Project Update**

#### **Kent Street Weir repairs**

A hole has developed in the Kent Street Weir abutment (caused by tree roots), which is causing the weir to leak.

Independent engineering advice has identified that the leak at the weir abutment is undermining the structure.

A safety investigation of the weir's southern abutment was undertaken. An engineer's report recommended the closure of the footbridge until a thorough investigation and repair of the southern abutment has been carried out.

This advice has prompted the Department of Environment and the City of Canning to act quickly in the interest of public safety and stop public access to the weir until the repairs are completed. The footbridge has been closed until further notice.

Temporary measures consisting of a wooden retaining wall, liner and sandbags, have been put in place to help reduce water loss through the leak.

The DoE has sought engineering advice to assess the repairs needed to fix the abutment. The walkway has been closed off to the public and explanatory signs have been erected in the area.

A media statement has been released and appeared in the local paper during the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> January. City of Canning also featured an advertisement in the local paper about the closure of the walkway.

Programmed schedule for repairs is as follows:

- Friday 11 March 2005 Tender period closes
- Monday 14 March 2005 successful tender to be accepted.
- Works to be completed by 20 April 2005.

### **Baseline ecological monitoring**

The technical working group are currently developing an ecological monitoring plan to monitor flows and if they are meeting desired ecological objectives. This will include an icon species that will appeal to the community and be used to report on the status of the river health. The icon species will probably be the freshwater cobbler.

### **Birrega Drain**

The Birrega Drain intercepts the Wungong River and was built in the 1940s for the purpose of providing water to dairy farmers. Land practices have changed in recent years and there is debate as to whether water should be allowed to flow down the Birrega Drain at the expense of the Wungong River.

It is estimated that one third of flow in Wungong River is diverted down Birrega Drain, however this summer the DoE have received complaints that flows in the Wungong are very low, despite the 5 megalitres being released per day. The DoE engaged a hydrographer to measure the amount of water being diverted down the Birrega drain and it was found that over half (57%) of released water is flowing into the drain, leaving only 43% to flow down Wungong River.

The Department of Environment is seeking to obtain landholder values of the Birrega Drain through a landholder survey. Results of the survey will be used in an issues paper outlining the problem, the options and associated risks of reducing the flow down the drain.

Martin suggested it would be useful for community groups working along the Wungong & Southern rivers to provide input into the issues paper.

## **Student Project – Chlorine investigation**

### **3. Actions arising from previous meeting**

#### **New steering committee members sought (Recreational & Indigenous reps)**

Still seeking two new members to represent views of recreational & indigenous users of the Canning, Southern & Wungong rivers. An article in the latest edition of the *Living on the River* newsletter calls for interested people to contact Leanne.

Wayne informed the group that a Noongar Action Committee has been formed within the City of Gosnells and maybe a good contact in finding an Indigenous representative.

### **4. Bright Future Festival – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

The festival will celebrate the revitalisation of the city and the Gosnells town centre and the opening of the Agonis building. It will also celebrate the river and as such environmental groups have been asked to put up displays in Pioneer Park. The Canning Environmental Flows project will have a display. The following suggestions were made to attract a wider audience to the display:

- Fish tank with Cobbler
- Someone dressed up as a cobbler
- Brochures on native fish
- Name the Cobbler competition
- Colouring in sheet – colour the cobbler
- Guided walks to view restoration works at Pioneer Park
- Before and after photos of Pioneer Park restoration
- Video of restoration work (placing of large woody debris etc)

### **5. Discussion – Aboriginal Consultation & Engagement**

Discussed ideas for engaging local aboriginal people and their cultural values and raising awareness about the project amongst the local indigenous community.

Need to ask groups like the Noongar Action Committee, Gangangarra Men's group and CALM for advice on how to go about it.

Sarah informed the group that the Water Corporation has done some aboriginal consultation for other projects and may have some valuable learnings they can share too.

### **6. General Business**

#### ***Future works at Pioneer Park***

Wayne informed the group that City of Gosnells have lodged a development application to the Swan River Trust for future restoration works at Pioneer Park. Wayne will give an update at the next meeting.

### ***Water Corporation – Source planning***

Sarah offered to give a presentation at the next meeting on the Corporation's planning for the Integrated Water Supply System (IWSS). The IWSS is the scheme that provides water to the metropolitan area, Mandurah, selected south west towns, and towns serviced through the Goldfields pipeline to Kalgoorlie and Boulder. The presentation will be about how much water these areas need both now and into the future, and how the Corporation (as a water service provider) plans to source water to meet that demand.

### ***SERCUL representative – keeping them in the loop***

It was suggested that we write to the Chairperson of SERCUL asking them to nominate a water officer from SERCUL to attend steering committee meetings.

### **7. Actions**

1. Leanne - contact Brian Charlie from Noongar Action Committee
2. Leanne – find out if we can have a sketch done of an animated cobbler to use at the Bright Future Festival
3. Leanne – organise for presentations by Wayne and Sarah for next meeting
4. Leanne – send a letter to SERCUL requesting a water officer to attend meetings

### **8. Meeting Close**

The meeting closed at 11:30am.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, from 9:30 – 11:30am at Gosnells Council

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***BUS SHELTERS – PTA GRANT SCHEME 2005/06***

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Councillors were advised by memo dated 22 February 2005 that the Public Transport Authority (PTA) has made available funding to install new bus shelters in 2005/06. The criteria for the funding is the same as previous four years, that is PTA will fund up to \$5,000 per shelter to a maximum of five shelters year on the proviso that the local authority matches this funding. Technical Services has the matching funding in the Five Year Works Programme.

In order to meet the deadline date for submission (31 March 2005), Councillors were requested to advise any specific location/s for a shelter/s within their own Ward and that should there be more than five requests received that Technical Services Officers would determine and prioritise on a needs basis and submit the grant application accordingly and advise Council via the Information Bulletin of the nominated locations.

The following locations were submitted for the new shelters:

1. Westfield Road (near Sapling Way), Westfield - outside Housing and Works Units
2. Third Avenue (near Kidbroke Place), Westfield - adjacent to John Dunn Memorial Park
3. Gilwell Avenue, Kelmscott - adjacent to Kelmscott Shopping Centre
4. Braemore Street, West Armadale – adjacent to Challis Primary School
5. Seventh Road, West Armadale – adjacent housing units complex and opposite John Dunn Sporting Reserve

Council will be advised of the success of the grant submission when information becomes available.



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**OUTSTANDING REPORT**

<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – FEBRUARY 2005</b>		
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DEPT.</b>	<b>ACTION/STATUS</b>
<p><b><i>Lease – Armadale Golf Course – ( June 2003)</i></b></p> <p>That Council refer the matter of tenure and implementation of appropriate management controls for the Armadale Golf Club Clubhouse to the Community Services Directorate for consideration and report back to the Community Services Committee.</p>	Recreation Services	Golf Course Lease has been finalised. Negotiations underway with Armadale Golf Club re: Management Agreement for the clubhouse facility. Matter to be finalised by March 2005.
<p><b><i>Kelmscott Soccer Club – Proposal to Use Pries Park (February 2004) (August 2004)</i></b></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 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 the April Community Services Committee Meeting.
<p><b><i>Redevelopment of Former Kelmscott Pool Site (November 2004)</i></b></p> <p>That officers further investigate the proposal to establish a Rushton Park Advisory Committee and report back to the February Community Services Committee on the benefits and potential implications of the proposal. (C172/11/04)</p>	Recreation Services	Matter to be reported to March 2005 Community Services Committee meeting.
<p><b><i>Dob in a Hoon Program for Armadale (January 2005)</i></b></p> <p>That Council recommit the "Dob in a Hoon" program, pending:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. further information in regard to the processes used and outcomes arrived at by other local government authorities with regard to their "Dob in a Hoon" programs.</li> <li>b. information from the new Officer in Charge at Armadale Police Station as to what measures are being taken currently by the Armadale Police in regard to Hoon behaviour. (C6/1/05)</li> </ol>	Community Development	Subject to workloads and available resources, matter to be reported to a future Community Services Committee.
<p><b><i>Pioneers' Reunion Venue</i></b></p> <p>That Council continues the current practice of rotating the Pioneers' Reunion at the Armadale, Kelmscott and Roleystone Halls and investigate additional venues at which to hold the function within the City of Armadale.</p> <p>The matter of qualifications to become a Pioneer to be</p>	Community Services	Subject to workloads and available resources, matter to be reported to a future Community Services Committee meeting.



**OUTSTANDING REPORT**

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – FEBRUARY 2005		
ITEM	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
investigated by officers and referred to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee. (C9/1/05)		
<p><b><i>Sporting Clubs Financial Update</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ That a further report be submitted to the April Community Services Committee on the status of the Armadale Soccer Club's debt, and a proposed repayment plan to clear the Club's debt.</li> <li>▪ That the Armadale and Districts Rugby League Club be requested to submit for Council's consideration a revised repayment plan to clear its debt.</li> <li>▪ That Council accepts the revised repayment plan submitted by ARKS Rugby Union Club, which will see the Club's debt repaid in full by June 2005.</li> <li>▪ That a further report be submitted to the May 2005 Community Services Committee on the status of the Kelmscott Football and Sportsmen's Club's debt, and a proposed repayment plan to clear the debt.</li> <li>▪ That an update report be submitted to the October 2005 Community Services Committee meeting on the status of the debts owed to Council by the sporting clubs identified in the report.</li> <li>▪ That Cr Cominelli (chairperson and Forrestdale Ward member), Cr Zelones and relevant officers urgently meet with the President and representatives from the Armadale Soccer Club to discuss the Club's debt to Council and report back to the next Community Services Committee meeting. (C18/3/05)</li> </ul>	Recreation Services	<p>Update report for all clubs presented to the 1 March Community Services Committee.</p> <p>Meeting scheduled for March and some financial information provided by the club. Report to be presented to either March or April Community Services Committee Meeting</p> <p>Discussions held with the club and correspondence issued to the club requesting it submit a repayment plan</p> <p>Confirmation of the revised repayment plan has been forwarded to the club. Next \$500 instalment is due in at the end of April.</p> <p>Correspondence issued to the Club requesting financial information and a revised debt repayment plan.</p> <p>Status report to be presented in October re all sporting club debts.</p> <p>Meeting scheduled for March and report to be presented to either the March or April Community Services Committee Meeting</p>

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***LIBRARY & HERITAGE SERVICES GENERAL MONTHLY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2005***

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**1. LIBRARY SERVICES**

**1.1 Statistical Performance Indicators**

The Library Department's statistical performance indicator report for the month of February 2005 is attached. (Please refer to Attachment "A-1".)

**1.2 Library Extension Activities**

**1.2.1 Fabric colouring community information session**

(Report prepared by Clare Snowball, Librarian Kelmscott Library)

**Report – Community Information Talk**

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Topic	Glitter fabric colouring
Presenter	Jan Clifton
Date	Tuesday 22 February 2005
Time	1-2pm
Venue	Kelmscott Library

No. Attending 20

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Local craftsperson Jan Clifton returned by popular demand for another session on colouring fabric using glitter paint dyes.

Everyone who attended was enthralled with her craftsmanship and many people wanted to continue private lessons with Jan.

Some of the participants' comments included:

- "Demonstrator was easy to approach with questions"
- "I'm wanting to try it myself now"
- "Very enjoyable and informative"
- "Craft demonstrations are great!"

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A promotional display of library resources on fabric painting and colouring and Jan's glitter coloured fabric and clothes was eye-catching and appealing. The display was popular and library resources on fabric painting and colouring were borrowed.

#### **1.2.2 One Book Report**

(Report Prepared by Helen McKissock, Acting Branch Librarian Armadale)

This year the Perth International Arts Festival initiated One Book, a book club for the entire state, where individuals had the opportunity to read and discuss one book. The book chosen was Rhubarb by West Australian author Craig Silvey. This concept was embraced by members of the City of Armadale libraries who borrowed this book seventy two times in a period of two months.

The Perth Festival sponsored the City of Armadale Libraries to conduct several events related to this concept. The first was a Creative Writing workshop at Westfield library. Ken Spillman, a Western Australian author, conducted a workshop on writing memoirs that over twenty-five people attended. It was obviously enjoyed as over half the group stayed on after Mr Spillman had left deep in discussion about his presentation.

A storytelling session was held in Kelmscott's new library conducted by Glenn Swift who, accompanied by a cellist, had redeveloped the novel Rhubarb for school age children. Over sixty students attended and the schools that we had contact with in relation to this event were very appreciative that we were offering a quality performance for their students to attend. A principal from the local school came in two days after the event to say thank you and that the students had enjoyed it enormously.

The State Library also supplied the City of Armadale Libraries with a storytime kit on the One Book theme and 58 parents and children enjoyed our librarians telling stories and rhymes and enhancing them with the puppets provided.

This was a great opportunity for the libraries to increase their links with community groups and individuals and develop a positive relationship an experience that will be duplicated should the opportunity arise,

#### **1.3 Service Level Improvement by use of Volunteer**

(Report prepared by Janet Deegan, Branch Librarian Armadale)

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**Report – Armadale Library Volunteer**

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Volunteer Joan Bramhill has recently commenced at the Armadale Library. Joan attends regularly on a Monday morning, to clean the music CD collection.

Joan's efforts are improving the overall condition of the music CD's at the Armadale Library. In the past many of these CD's have been returned in a dirty condition. Joan is working her way through the CD collection, cleaning as well as checking the condition of the cases and inserts. Labels are also checked, with worn ones being replaced by a library clerk. A small sticker is then placed on the rear of the CD to indicate when the cleaning was completed. This will ensure that the CD's are cleaned systematically.

This initiative will help ensure that the condition of the music collection at the Armadale Library is kept at a high level. Many thanks to Joan for the time that she is dedicating towards this project.

**2. HERITAGE SERVICES**

**2.1 Oral History Report**

The following statistics provide an update on the activities of the Oral History volunteers during the month of January.

Letters sent inviting participation for an oral history to be conducted – 3  
Oral Histories completed – 2  
Transcripts completed - 0  
Interviews in progress – 5  
Transcripts in progress – 8

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***MANAGER RANGER & EMERGENCY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR  
FEBRUARY 2005***

**1. Animal Control**

**1.1 Dogs**

Ranger Services received two hundred and thirty two (232) requests for assistance during the February 2005 report period, with complaints about wandering dogs being a key focus. The number of requests to pick up stray dogs increased significantly during the February 2005 report period. There is a 68% increase in the number of dogs picked up from the corresponding period of February 2004.

Whilst the number of reported dog attacks is considerably less than last month, it is also interesting to look at the comparable figures from February 2004, which indicates a 55% increase in the number of reported dog attacks over the previous twelve (12) months.

Notwithstanding dog attacks on people, other animals and livestock being of serious concern Council should be careful not to react to a few isolated, but serious, incidents with short term measures, but support the development of educational, training and management programmes that are adequate and appropriate to reduce both the seriousness and frequency of dog attacks

**1.2 Livestock**

During this report period Ranger Services attended to two (2) requests for assistance in dealing with stock wandering on the road. Again it is interesting to note an overall increase (40%) in the number of reported incidents of stock on the road.

**1.3 Court Action**

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

The matters listed below were the culmination of a number of dog attacks from September 2004 to December 2004

NAME	OFFENCE	DATE OF OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALTY \$	COSTS \$	TOTAL \$
John Chamberlain	Dog attack (on another person)	5 Sept 2004	Guilty	300	65	365
Brenda Avsar	Dog Attack (on another person)	8 Oct 2004	Guilty	600	65	365
Lesley Tavinor	Dog Attack (on another dog)	7 Nov 2004	Guilty	250	65 + 145 vet expenses	460
Marcelle Egberts	Dog Attack	16 Nov 2004	Guilty	300	65	365

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Dana Fitzgerald	Dog Attack (on another person)	14 Dec 2004	<b>Guilty</b>	300	65	<b>365</b>
Deborah Watson	Dog Attack (on animal & person)	18 Dec 2004	<b>Guilty</b>	750	65	<b>815</b>

**2. Vehicles**

**2.1 Parking**

Ranger Service attended to forty one (41) incidents relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period. The overall increase in general parking and vehicle activities from the comparative period of February 2004 is 36%

**2.2 Abandoned Vehicles**

Whilst the number of abandoned vehicles reported to Ranger Services continues to be of concern, with eight (8) being recorded during this report period, the overall progressive total is comparable with the corresponding period in 2004.

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

Ranger Service attended to three (3) reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in areas that are prohibited, during the report period.

The area of private land in and around Wright Road Forestdale continues to attract a significant number of off road vehicles users, notwithstanding a high profile approach by Rangers and a recent media campaign advising the public that this was not an off road vehicle permitted area.

**3. Fire Services**

There were thirteen (13) enquires relating to fire incidents during the February report period, however these matters were principally related to concerns regarding firebreaks and illegal burning of rubbish.

**4. General**

A Task Analysis conducted in 2004 demonstrated the primary focus of Ranger Services is managing the response to the community for requests for service. The request for service has again increased over the last twelve (12) months partially due to the ongoing population growth, partially to higher expectations of service and indeed Council's own internal efforts to deliver more. However there has been no increase in Ranger Services human resource capacity for the previous 5 years (1 FTE approved 1996/97 budget).

It is apparent from the accompanying Statistic Report that the number of incidents being reported, and requiring action by Ranger Services is continuing to increase. It is also evident that despite having an extremely professional and committed team of Rangers there are some tasks that cannot be accommodated at the current time. The main tasks that are not being

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attended to on a regular basis are proactive patrols and preventative/educational activities. The patrolling of areas is limited to Rangers being cognizant of issues as they drive through the City in response to a request for service or as they are performing other duties. Within this context action is taken on any incident observed, as appropriate.

**February 2005 Statistics**

<i><b>DOGS</b></i>	February 2005	February 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total
Wandering	48	23	346	303
Dogs for Pick Up	33	11	221	131
Barking	13	13	175	151
Attacks	5	12	104	67
Lost & Found	54	35	420	384
General Information	6	11	72	62
Office Phone Enquiries	73	73	886	1000
<b>Total</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>2224</b>	<b>2098</b>

<i><b>PARKING/VEHICLES</b></i>	February 2005	February 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total
General Parking	13	22	106	83
Trucks	2	1	33	31
School Parking	3	5	27	16
Taxi Parking	1	N/A	15	N/A
Abandoned Vehicles	8	5	76	71
Off Road Vehicles	3	2	49	16
Office Phone Enquiries	11	13	107	85
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>302</b>

<i><b>LIVESTOCK</b></i>	February 2005	February 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total
Lost & Found	1	4	16	27
General	0	2	62	31
Office Phone Enquiries	1	3	47	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>89</b>

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<b>LITTER</b>	February 2005	February 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total
General Information	0	0	2	3
Private Property	4	1	13	3
Roadside / Reserve	5	3	31	17
Verge	8	3	25	16
Office Phone Enquiries	1	1	12	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>48</b>

<b>FIRE</b>	February 2005	February 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total
Burning Off / General Information	6	3	28	15
Firebreak / Hazard	13	6	106	85
Office Phone Enquiries	6	11	372	415
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>515</b>

<b>GENERAL</b>	February 2005	February 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total
General Information	7	2	47	43
Office Phone Enquiries	28	10	201	138
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>181</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>	February 2005	February 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total
<b>Total Reports / Complaints</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>3599</b>	<b>3233</b>

11% increase

<b>WARNINGS</b>	February 2005	February 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total
Dogs	14	30	144	195
Parking	11	27	96	128
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	3
Litter	0	1	3	5



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Fire & Fire Orders	1	5	121	218
Other Local Laws	6	0	6	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>222</b>

<b>INFRINGEMENTS</b>	February 2005	February 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total
Dogs	24	11	225	210
Parking	96	56	338	207
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	3
Litter	3	0	18	2
Fire	8	4	56	59
Other	0	0	0	0
<b>NUMBER WITHDRAWN</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>481</b>

30% increase

<b>IMPOUNDED DOGS</b>	February 2005	February 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total
Claimed	28	17	243	245
Sold	2	3	27	41
Destroyed	11	17	95	126
Vet / Rescue	13	7	79	63
Stolen	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>475</b>

<b>IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK</b>	February 2005	February 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2003/2004 Progressive Total
Sheep	0	0	4	2
Horses	0	0	0	0
Cows	0	0	0	0
Goats	2	0	3	0
Pigs	0	0	0	1
Deer	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>

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<b>IMPOUNDED VEHICLES</b>	February 2005	February 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2005/2004 Progressive Total
Vehicles	3	4	28	40
Motor Cycles	0	0	4	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>40</b>

<b>COURT PROSECUTIONS</b>	February 2005	February 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2005/2004 Progressive Total
Dog	11	7	33	38
Fire	0	0	0	0
Parking	0	0	0	1
Litter	0	0	0	0
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	0
<b>No. of Guilty Verdicts</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>39</b>

<b>FINES ENFORCEMENT</b>	February 2005	February 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2005/2004 Progressive Total
<b>Infringements sent to FER</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>222</b>

<b>PHONE CALLS</b>	February 2005	February 2004	2004/2005 Progressive Total	2005/2004 Progressive Total
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### MISCELLANEOUS

#### AUSTRALIAN TECHNICAL COLLEGES

The ARA and the City have made joint registration of interest to the Federal Government on the establishment of one of two Australian technical colleges in WA at Armadale.

Supported by Federal MHR, Don Randall, ARA and the City representatives met with Federal Minister for Vocational and Technical Education, Gary Hardgrave, on 21 February.

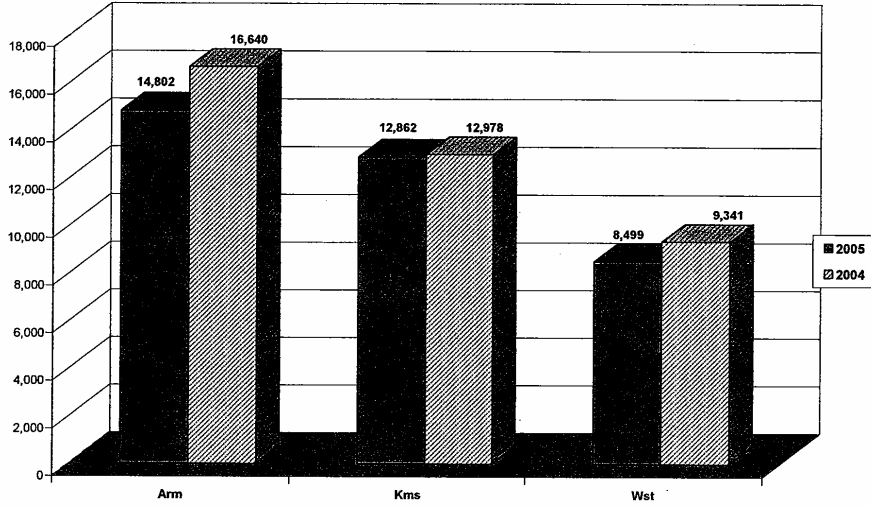
Negotiations are continuing with the Cities of Gosnells and Swan, who also made submission, in an effort to ensure the best outcome in this regard for the south-eastern region of the Perth metropolitan area, but particularly to address the dearth of technical education facilities in Armadale.

A copy of the City's submission is attached, (**please refer to Attachment "A-2"**) together with the discussion paper distributed by the Federal Department of Education, Science and Training (**please refer to Attachment "A-3"**).

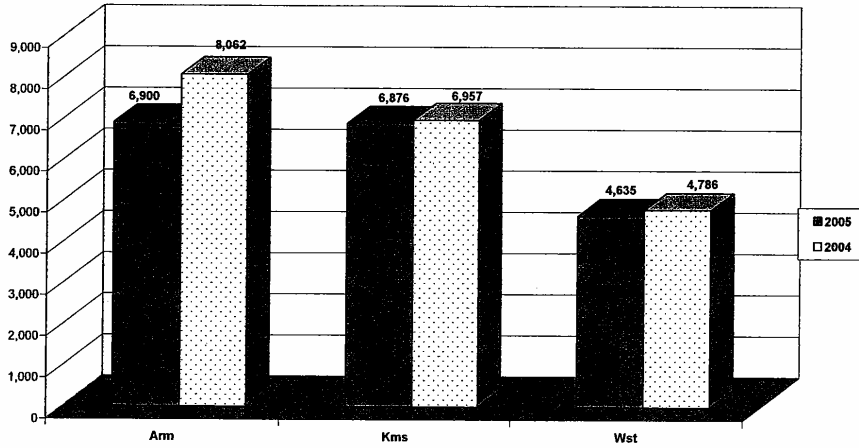
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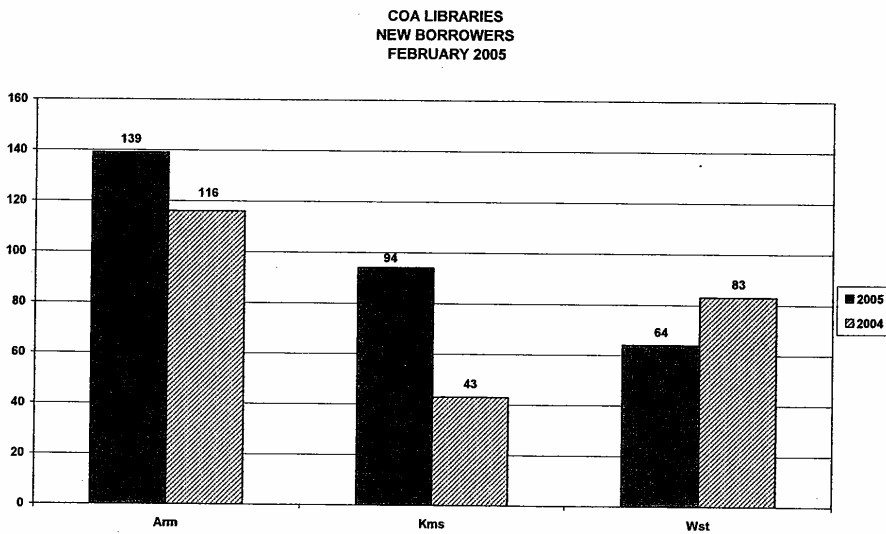
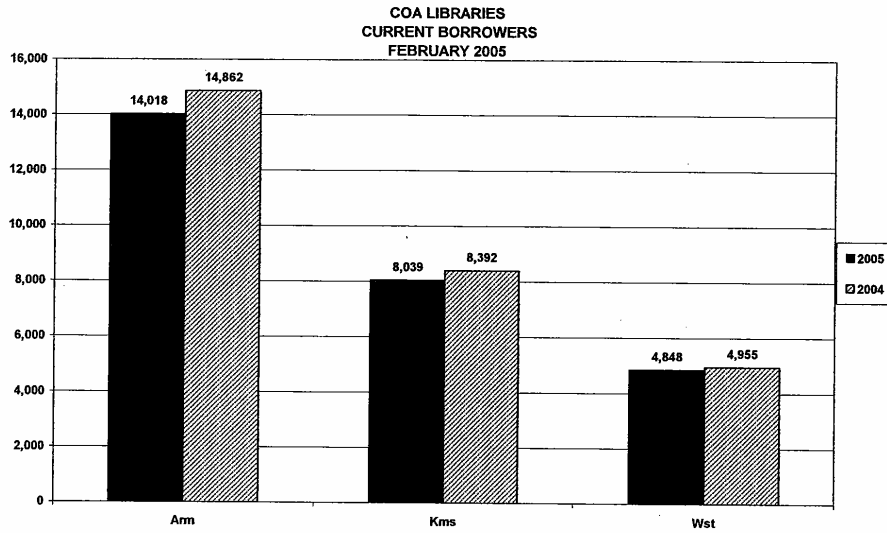
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- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Committee meeting – 1 March 2005 (**refer to Attachment "CA-5".**)
- Minnawarra Festival Committee meeting – 1 February 2005 (**refer to Attachment "CA-6".**)
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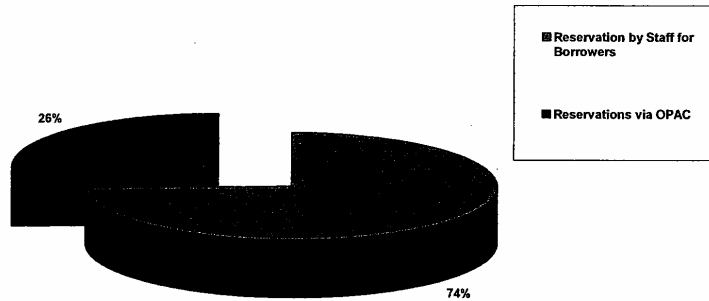


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**1. The opportunity**

Armadale lies in one of the 24 regions nominated as a location for an Australian Technical College: Perth South. Armadale occupies some 545 square kilometres situated at the south eastern edge of the Perth metropolitan area and encompasses both the coastal plain of the metropolitan area and the valleys, ridges, lakes, and high country of the Darling Ranges. It is an area of great natural beauty but one of severe socioeconomic disadvantage:

- across all Perth metropolitan regions, the Armadale region recorded the highest rate of unemployment and of youth unemployment (15 to 19 year olds) in the 2001 census. During the week prior to the census, the Armadale region recorded a youth unemployment rate of approximately 20%. This figure is well above the Perth metropolitan rate of approximately 17% and above the South-East corridor rate of 18%. In 1996, the Armadale youth unemployment rate was 16% indicating that over the five year census period the Armadale region has seen an increase in youth unemployment;
- the median weekly individual income for people aged 15 years and over in the region is between \$300 and \$399 per week;
- between the Census years of 1996 and 2001, the Armadale region experienced a population increase of only 402 people (0.8%). This is remarkably lower than the Perth metropolitan average growth rate of approximately 8% and the South-East metropolitan average of 6%. The Armadale region has experienced only a 7% growth rate over the ten year period between the years 1991 – 2001 which is significantly below the Perth average of 17.2% growth over the same period.

In the Armadale region 2.8% of residents identified as being of indigenous origin in 2001. The proportion of indigenous residents has steadily increased on the 1996 figure of 2.5% and the 1991 figure of 1.5%. These figures reflect the 94% indigenous growth rate recorded for the Armadale

region over the ten year period between 1991-2001. The Perth metropolitan area experienced a slower rate of growth at 71%. It is interesting to note that in the suburb of Armadale a large 4% of residents identified as being of indigenous origin, almost three times the Perth metropolitan average of 1.5% and greater than the 2.8% average for the Armadale region as a whole.

The education picture reflects – indeed, amplifies – the socioeconomic disadvantage of the area. Overall, Armadale has the lowest proportion of people whose education extends beyond secondary school and, for many, Year 10 is the highest level of schooling achieved.

The Year 12 retention figure stands at 58% compared to the state average of 67%; the retention rate of Indigenous students is approximately 20%. A leading Western Australian educator has described the participation and retention rates for all students – Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal – as “atrocious”. Only one of the three government secondary schools in the district enjoys a solid reputation in the community and that school, Kelmscott SHS, is not vocationally oriented. Swan TAFE has a small campus in Armadale which offers a Certificate of General education and Certificates to level III in Business Administration and Visitor Information Services. The other campuses of Swan TAFE are difficult for Armadale residents to access without reliable private transport.

In the last few years, the attempt to reverse this socio-economic disadvantage has begun to make headway. The Armadale Redevelopment Authority (ARA), established in 2001 and charged with the revitalisation of the area, is one of Western Australia’s largest and most ambitious urban renewal projects. Its brief extends beyond land to the overall economic and social development of the region. New business is moving into the area: the Forrestdale Business Park has its first major occupant in Australian Fine China; the Construction giant Multiplex has been asked by Coles Myer to tender for the multi-million dollar distribution it plans for the Park with an estimated 500 jobs. CSIRO has signed a Memorandum of Understanding partnering with the ARA to demonstrate best practice in natural resource management, urban water management and built form integration for community development. Champion Lakes is being developed for water-based recreational activities including an international standard rowing course and a ‘white-water’ canoeing/rafting facility. Cultural events are coming to the area, for example, the Festival of Perth performances at Araluen Botanic Park. All this is helping to bring Armadale’s formal designation as a Strategic Regional Centre for the South-East sector closer to meaningful nomination.

Unfortunately, one cannot yet point to significant changes in education provision or outcomes although a few steps towards renewal have been taken. These include:

- a study by Market Equity, commissioned by the ARA and completed in September 2003, which mapped the existing education and training environment of the region and, most importantly, identified the key themes which underlie the education and training needs of the region. The study specifically noted the necessity of improving on the current provision of vocational education and training – especially for what it called ‘hard’ trades – for Year 11 and 12 students. What was notable is that the needs and themes identified by the stakeholder groups were consistent across all the groups: the business community, local government, community agencies, as well as formal and informal training providers and education stakeholders. There is a common and broad-based understanding of what is needed and how desperately it is needed;
- formation of the Canning Coalition in late 2004 to enact a Youth Advantage strategy. Its membership includes senior figures from the local Chamber of Commerce and Industry,



Aboriginal Services, Dale Alcock homes, Anglicare, government agencies, and local leaders in education and training. The members of the Coalition deeply believe in the power of education to improve things for the youth (and adults) in the area and are determined to foster imaginative, innovative educational initiatives for them. They have already begun planning an Education Access Centre for the community;

- Curtin University has been allocated 20 places for Armadale starting in 2005 (with an additional 20 places in 2006 and 15 in 2007). This is the first time university education will be available to residents in the region;
- the Armadale Noongar Corporation (ANC) has been set up through the agency of World Vision. It brings together many of the Aboriginal groups in the area. Its brief is to develop a sound economic base for the local Aboriginal community and, to that end, employs a project officer specifically concerned with employment and training. Increasing the trade skills of the community, particularly its youth, with a view to employment and the establishment of new businesses has been nominated as a priority by the Corporation.

In sum, Armadale is a community where economic revival is well underway and where it is understood that vocational skills are critical to that revival. The community is well aware that too many of its residents, including its current school youth, lack sufficient educational achievement and skill development to participate effectively. That imbalance makes Armadale an appropriate ground, quite literally, on which to base an Australian Technical College. It is the kind of ground where a truly new kind of youth-based education/training institution, designed imaginatively and enacted intelligently, would have a real impact in shifting members of a seriously disadvantaged community into trade-based employment and active engagement in the productive economy.

A superb greenfield site for the College is available in the Centre of the City of Armadale. The land, with a commanding presence overlooking the Southwest Highway and only 250 m from the railway station, is currently owned by the Disabilities Services Commission (the State Government) and the Armadale Redevelopment Authority. The ARA has the planning power to ensure the land is kept available as a site for a Technical College. It is envisioned that the College would be a purpose-built structure and serve as a well-equipped skill centre since appropriate infrastructure is not, and has not, been available to youth of the area. Having a greenfield site is important because one of the reasons for wanting an Australian Technical College in Armadale is to introduce a demonstrably fresh approach to education/training presence to the region.

The weakness of Armadale as a site for a technical college, and this needs to be openly acknowledged so it can effectively be dealt with, is that there is not yet an extensive network of large-scale local industry with the trade skills shortages that the Technical Colleges are designed to rectify. In a sense, only half the problem exists in Armadale (potentially able youth not entering trades); the other half (a significant industry base in desperate need of trade skills and apprentices) predominantly lies outside the area. Having said that, however, the existing base of the building and construction industry in the greater Armadale region, including Gosnells and Serpentine-Jarrahdale which would form the prime catchment for the Technical College, is actually greater than it may appear because many of the enterprises involved are sub-contractors rather than the large firms:

	1991	1996	2001
percentage of residents employed in the Construction industry			
Armadale	7.4	8.4	9.1
Gosnells	7.6	8.4	8.5
Serpentine-Jarrahdale	7.6	9.1	10.5
percentage of residents employed as Tradespersons and Related Workers			
Armadale	17.2	17.2	16.5

	Gosnells	17.7	17.3	16.0
	Serpentine-Jarrahdale	17.6	17.9	16.7

ABS data

Besides the building and construction trades base, the region is becoming noted for its emphasis on environmental sustainability. The MOU with CSIRO, for example, points to the long-term and comprehensive plan for R&D and then implementation to better manage urban water. The Armadale region turns out to be an ideal site to study and one that is keen to show leadership in environmental sustainability. The ARA requires all proposed developments to pass a sustainability audit, and was the first Development Authority to put such a regulation in place. The building and construction industry is central to improving sustainability and recognises that: the succession of Building and Construction Codes of Australia have progressively introduced and tightened the environmental elements both in the design of buildings and the way work is carried out on site including recycling of waste materials. The Housing Institute of Australia has put in place the Greensmart initiative. Thus, the region offers a strong industrial base for applied environmental trade skills.

Nonetheless, the absence at this time of large local employers presents a challenge in finding solid apprenticeships for the Technical College students. Without wanting to sound naïvely optimistic, we believe that dealing with this challenge is likely to build a college that is truly innovative and ‘different’. It will, for example, doubtless have to be a college with an extremely inventive support structure for students *and* for the employers they are apprenticed to – especially if some apprenticeships become ‘residential’ for periods, as may happen if they are at any remove from the Armadale region. It is expected, with deserved confidence, that local industry will grow significantly over the next three – eight years with a consequent demand for trade skills, especially in construction, applied environmental works and logistics, but the initial challenges will be real and need to be embraced rather than ignored.

The decision to express an interest in situating one of the Australian Technical Colleges in Armadale has been carefully considered. The opportunity it presents for lifting our community and, in particular, providing fresh pathways to skilled employment for our youth who have for so long been disengaged is obvious. We believe that Armadale is a site that creates real opportunities for the Australian Technical College program itself, precisely because meeting its ambitions and challenges will be instructive for the suite of 24 Colleges around the nation.

## **2. The vision**

There are many elements to our vision of an Australian Technical College in Armadale that would make it an outstanding institution and worthy of its place in the Commonwealth’s Technical College program. The key ones to note for this EOI are:

- 2.1 size and scope
- 2.2 operation
- 2.3 staffing
- 2.4 governance

These are briefly described here to give the flavour of the Technical College envisioned.

### **2.1 size and scope**

The trade skill area on which the College would initially focus is building and construction because there is already a considerable industry base in the region (as illustrated in the preceding section) and a growing demand for those skills as the region develops. To augment the ‘traditional’ building and construction competencies, however, and to give the College a unique field of excellence, it would also focus on applied environmental skills as they are defined through a wide range of Training Packages. These skills are becoming a critical point of competitive advantage in the construction industry and elsewhere. Further extension of the College offering is likely to be either in automotive or electrotechnology.

Intake to the College is estimated to be a total of 320 Year 11 and 12 students who would come in primarily from Year 10 students at the eight secondary schools in the area (including Catholic and Independent schools) but there would be a concerted effort to attract the many students in the area who have dropped out of Years 11 and 12 in the last

two years. These ‘drop outs’ would still be youth, aged 18 – 19. The natural catchment includes Gosnells and Serpentine-Jarrahdale.

A coherent and sophisticated marketing campaign will be essential – one whose goal is relationship building not simply advertising. It would tie together the strengths generated from being part of a significant Commonwealth program with the language, interests and aspirations of the local community and industry. There will be natural media interest in the initiative. A range of channels can be accessed to gain the attention of local potential students including the ‘taster’ program that is already in place in government schools in the Canning and Swan Education Districts whereby Year 10 students sample a variety of trades. A concerted effort would be made to attract a diverse student population to the building and construction and ‘environmental’ trades.

## 2.2 operation

The purpose of the Australian Technical Colleges has been well and clearly stated by the Commonwealth. From the perspective of operating a College in Armadale, it entails three elements: (i) to attract able youth at Year 11 and 12 to apprenticeships in high skill trades, especially youth who are at risk of disengagement; (ii) to build the stature of trade apprenticeships – that is, it is not to be seen as an institution for the so-called non-academic but one that confers prestige on both students and staff; and (iii) to ensure that the apprenticeships are completed successfully.

There are many dimensions to meeting those three goals but the central one is to deliver a **program for learning that reliably brings out the best in each apprentice**. The pedagogies, learning tasks, educational resources and supports for accomplishing this end are no secret. An immense amount of formal research, program reports and evaluations, and experience is available to steer the development of the curriculum and, most importantly, the culture of the college. Knowledge, even wisdom, has been acquired by many educators, trainers, employers and community-based agencies over the years.

The fundamentals of such a program and culture are:

- collegiality: the college as a collegial workplace where educators/trainers and apprentices are all ‘workers’ together in the enterprise. Yes, the apprentices will have an industry-based workplace, too, but the Technical College, if it is to succeed at skill and attitude development to the level which many secondary schools have not, is for the College also to be understood and operate as a productive workplace. Charles Handy has described going into school staff rooms and asking “how many people work here?”. Invariably he is told 70, 150, 500 – whatever the staff number is. His reply: “what about the students, don’t they work here?”. An Australian Technical College in Armadale would ensure the work of learning was an enterprise-wide endeavour and the college a productive *workplace* for all;
- responsiveness: flexibility is often cited as a characteristic of an effective enterprise but flexibility itself is not the virtue (‘bowing to each new fad’ is not an honorific descriptor). What is wanted, especially in pioneering a new educational institution, is alertness to even small signals from the environment (from industry, the community, the students) and an astute capacity to respond. Mindfulness is another way to describe this. Staff and all associated with the technical college should adopt the experimental attitude of the best research scientists: continually trying things out and learning from the exploration;
- outreach: it goes almost without saying that a Technical College will be only as successful as the extent and quality of the networks and relationships it is party to.

Australian education/training institutions at every level (schools, TAFE, universities) have become much more porous in recent years, but there are vestiges still of the days when the walls around these centres of learning were very high indeed. An Australian Technical College in Armadale would, from the start, consider itself a node in many interlocking networks rather than a stand-alone structure or the hub of all its networks. Robust relationships will be built immediately with 'obvious' stakeholders but a concerted effort will be made to include other players who might contribute imaginatively to the development and sustainment of the college;

- **integration:** integration means ensuring that the learning program – the broad compass that includes industry-based trade skills and attitudes, college-based trade skills, the 'school' curriculum of English, maths and science, and all the various other components put in place (mentoring, for example, or co-curricula sports/cultural programs facilitated by the college) – ensuring all work together as a coherent whole *from the perspective of the apprentices*. One of the weaknesses in many education/training programs (including university ones) is that the learner perceives only the bits. All the bits may be interesting, but the student is frankly left puzzled about where he/she has been. The aim at Armadale would be to move beyond a concept of integration that simply ensures that maths or English, for example, is taught using examples and tasks relevant to the trades – as helpful as that is – but profoundly links all the learning. One way of doing this would be to channel the range of the student/apprentices' activities to their personal development, making underpinning attributes and traits (like eagerness to learn, sense of responsibility, an innovative entrepreneurial mindset) a core of the program, but there will be a wealth of strategies to achieve the cohesion and coherence wanted. The point is that this College would be engaged with the whole person.

The overall operational goal is to develop a learning environment (that extends both inside and outside the college building) that makes real the promise that learning a trade is a path which is rewarding in its own right as well as one that leads to rewarding employment. The great virtue of the Technical College model, especially in this initial phase, is that as a relatively small institution with a specific focus, everyone's energies can be tuned to a well-defined purpose. Concentrating effort in this way is a luxury few education/training institutions involved with Year 11 and 12 students enjoy.

Many different kinds of buildings could accommodate the core goals described here. It would be premature at this EOI stage to speculate on any final shape although it is envisioned that this would be a functioning skill centre and that students will not constantly be sent away – not off to a TAFE for initial competencies or to a school for old fashioned academic fare. The students at *this* College would see it as a stable and supportive base, a place where they feel ownership and a true sense of belonging.

A key requirement of any building for the Technical College is that it send an unequivocal message that this is an important and inviting place. It will also need to convey the idea that trades, especially in building and construction and applied environmental technologies, is not about dirty unsophisticated work but is technical, interesting and important to the community.

### 2.3 governance

An Australian Technical College in Armadale would be an incorporated body with an independent Governing Council. It may establish partnerships with existing public or private providers of education and training – for example, with Swan TAFE, with the Australian

Housing Association and the Master Builders’ Association (especially their Group Training Schemes), with Chambers of Commerce and Industry, with the Department of Education and Training, and others – but it would be an autonomous institution.

The Governing Council would be composed of key industry and community leaders who would be chosen because of their experience and commitment. The majority is likely to come from the Armadale region but because of the national significance of the Technical College program, the Governing Council may well include leaders from elsewhere in the State. We can already identify many capable people who conform to DEST’s guidelines for Council membership and who would enjoy involvement with an Australian Technical College in Armadale. The Council would operate like a Board of Directors in that its members would not *represent* other organisations but operate on the Council only in the interests of the Technical College. It would be the decision-making, not an advisory, body.

It is likely that the college would seek immediately to be accredited as a school so its students can qualify for a Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) and work towards RTO status.

#### **2.4 staffing**

The Australian Technical College envisioned for Armadale in the preceding pages requires staff of the highest calibre who are given the flexibility to innovate and to take risks. Staff would be employed under Australian Workplace Agreements and engaged on a performance pay basis; there will be flexibility in their work arrangements. The individuals selected will be motivated and self-directed learners themselves. They will not only be expected to be absolutely current, if not ahead, of industry practice (through industry placements, as needed) but committed to learning the best ways to guide and develop each of the student/apprentices.

The staff will be a dynamic mix of people coming from industry and those from an education background (school, RTO or university). The culture of collegiality, where an Australian Technical College at Armadale would be a genuine learning organisation, is intended to be a reality not an ideal. One will not hear, as one so often does, that time for staff to talk together is a “downing of tools”. The Technical College needs itself to exhibit the best characteristics of a learning community.

### **3. The proponents**

This EOI is submitted by the Armadale Redevelopment Authority and the City of Armadale. Both organisations have an obligation to stimulate sustainable economic and social development for the benefit of the community. Consequently, both are profoundly troubled by the failure of the current education provision to meet the needs of the community and, in particular, its failure to engage young people in general education and vocational competencies. ‘Failure’ is a harsh word, but the appalling statistics concerning the participation and retention of Year 11 and 12 students in education here leaves no alternative.

In consultation with the community – both informally and formally through studies like the one conducted by Market Equity and through long-standing Committees of the Armadale City Council such as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee (ATSIAC) – we hear over and over again the same two-point message: (i) education is “vital” if our youth are to survive and thrive; and (ii) something new – something “to change the mindset” – has to happen in education because what is here now isn’t working somehow “maybe it should be, but it isn’t”.

The ARA and the City have been actively pursuing a number of avenues to improve both access to and the appropriateness of education and training in the Armadale region. The Commonwealth’s thinking and purpose in establishing 24 Australian Technical Colleges exactly fit the ideas we have been gradually developing and the needs we have identified for Year 11 and 12 students.

We are conscious of the fact that neither of the proponent organisations is an educational institution or agency. We are, however, in the important position of understanding the need (*and* the need for freshness) and capable of bringing together individuals and entities who could take the College ideal to its next stage of realisation. We believe we not only have an official responsibility to try to establish one of the Technical Colleges in Armadale but a moral obligation to do so.

#### **4. Community Support**

As the Market Equity Study of 2003 demonstrates, the people of the Armadale region are in no doubt that the current provision of education is not delivering outcomes which meet the needs of the young people or the needs of industry and the community. People talk about the need to “break the current mould” and there appears to be broad-based, spontaneous consensus that a challenging and engaging institution that prepared Year 11 and 12 students with trade skills and sound general education is a natural vehicle to achieve that breaking of the mould.

Preliminary discussions about attracting an Australian Technical College to Armadale have elicited genuine support for the possibility. No one who was approached was unresponsive. Even at this early stage (and with limited formal consultation), the following organisations have indicated an interest in “partnering” the venture in some way:

- Swan TAFE
- Canning Education District Office
- South Central Metropolitan Chambers of Commerce and Industry
- Housing Industry Association
- Master Builders Association
- CSIRO
- Armadale Noongar Corporation
- Curtin University
- City of Gosnells
- Serpentine-Jarrahdale Shire

The potential benefit of an Australian Technical College to youth, to industries in the area and more broadly in a nation facing trade skill shortages, and to the Armadale community as a whole is clear to all – the College would inject into the community precisely the opportunity and eventual skill level that would sustain its growth. We also believe that situating a College in Armadale would be a benefit to the Australian Technical College program itself in that we anticipate creating an outstanding institution that would take vocational education and training for Year 11 and 12 students in new directions and inspire enhanced aspiration and engagement by able but disaffected youth.

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## Discussion Paper

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### Foreword

The Australian Government’s vision of education is that every young person should find and achieve their potential. In doing so, every path chosen should be equally valued, recognising the difference in aptitude of every person. For too long, much of the careers advice provided to young Australians has equated success with going to university over other pathways. The Australian Government is committed to building a nation in which a high quality technical education is as prized as a university degree.

The establishment of 24 Australian Technical Colleges for years 11 and 12 students will further strengthen Australia’s vocational education and training system and promote pride and excellence in the acquisition of trade skills. These select Colleges will foster high achievement by providing tuition for up to 7,200 students in years 11 and 12 each year.

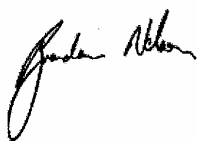
Students at the Colleges will be enrolled in School-based New Apprenticeships and also undertake academic, information technology and business courses. They will graduate from the Colleges with a head start in their working life. They will gain trade, employability, entrepreneurial and business skills resulting in better employment opportunities and the capacity to be self employed in the future or to go on to further education and training. These Colleges will be located in regions suffering skills shortages and with high rates of youth unemployment and which are supported by a significant industry base.

The Australian Government has committed \$289 million over four years to establish Australian Technical Colleges all around the country, covering all States and Territories.

The Colleges will provide high quality education and training for capable and committed students who want to pursue a career in trades such as engineering, automotive, construction, electrical and commercial cookery. Strong industry involvement in each College will help ensure students are able to commence a trade New Apprenticeship while at the College. The Colleges will send a powerful signal to young Australians that trade skills offer a proven path to a rewarding career.

The first of these Colleges will begin accepting students in 2006.

This Discussion Paper is the first step in community consultation on the operation of these Colleges. The Colleges will be industry driven and very much part of their local community. Expressions of interest are sought from those interested in developing this important new initiative for the future of our young people.



The Hon Dr Brendan Nelson MP  
Minister for Education, Science and Training



The Hon Gary Hardgrave MP  
Minister for Vocational and Technical Education  
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister

### **Introduction**

This paper is intended to inform organisations and/or consortia interested in establishing one of the 24 Australian Technical Colleges announced by the Australian Government in October 2004.

The Australian Government has identified 24 locations across the country for the establishment of Australian Technical Colleges to further address the pressing skill shortages which Australia currently faces in a number of traditional trades. The effective establishment and sustained success of these Colleges will rest upon the comprehensive support and engagement of local communities, especially local business.

### **Why is the Australian Government establishing Australian Technical Colleges?**

Skill shortages are often a symptom of a strong and growing economy with very low levels of unemployment. If Australian businesses are going to continue to provide valuable services and products to Australian communities and be competitive in a global economy we need to address skill shortages through new approaches to attracting and training young people into skills shortage trades.

The Australian Government is committed to ensuring that vocational education and training, including commencing a School-based New Apprenticeship, is a valued and well recognised choice available to young people and their families.

Today, we have skill shortages across a variety of industries including automotive, building and construction, electro technology, commercial cookery, and manufacturing. Jobs go



unfilled in these industries despite the fact that they offer young Australians the prospect of strong, secure, challenging and rewarding careers. It is vital that the teaching of skills is relevant to the future needs of industry. To help our young people find and achieve their own potential in a career which suits them, and to cope with the skill shortages in our growing economy, we need new approaches to attracting and training more young people into the trades.

The Australian Government will provide \$289 million over four years to create a network of 24 Australian Technical Colleges to promote pride and excellence in the teaching and acquisition of relevant trade skills at the secondary school level.

Local industry and community representatives will have a leadership role in the governance of each of the Colleges. The direct involvement of industry and community leaders will ensure that the skills taught to students match those skills required by local businesses. Students will be trained in these skills through a School-based New Apprenticeship which leads to a nationally recognised Vocational Education and Training qualification. At the same time students will also complete the academic subjects required for their year 12 certificate.

By offering high quality training facilities and instruction linked to workplace requirements, the Colleges will raise the profile and status of vocational pathways in schools and demonstrate that these vocational courses are a genuine career path for students which should be at least as valued as going to university. The Colleges will provide high status, high quality opportunities for young people to build a career for themselves in traditional trades.

This will build on the Australian Government’s achievements in promoting vocational education and training in secondary school. Today, over 90 per cent of Australian high schools offer some form of vocational training, through VET in Schools courses and School-based New Apprenticeships, to secondary students.

The Australian Technical Colleges will be linked with other initiatives of the Australian Government to increase the up-take in trade careers, such as Trade Learning Scholarships for New Apprentices, access to Youth Allowance, tool kits for New Apprentices in skill shortage trades, and additional incentives for School-based New Apprenticeship employers.

#### **How will the Australian Technical Colleges operate?**

Each Australian Technical College will provide both academic and vocational education, as well as the opportunity for each student to commence a School-based New Apprenticeship in a trade.

There is no single model for their operation and the Australian Government will not prescribe the design of each College. There will, however, be certain governance, administrative, curriculum and learning outcome requirements which each College must meet and which are described below.

Colleges may operate as specialist senior high schools supported by government and non-government education authorities. They may be based on existing schools, Registered Training Organisations including TAFEs, universities or industry infrastructure. They may be new institutions being established from scratch where existing facilities are not readily available.

Colleges could also operate on a multi-campus basis with the main campus being located at the identified site, and a ‘satellite’ campus in a nearby region.

Each College may be located on new or shared campuses or cooperative clusters of existing education and industry infrastructure.

To ensure that the quality and success of the Colleges contributes to lifting community perceptions of the status and value of trade training, Colleges will be clearly identifiable and ‘badged’ as Australian Technical Colleges, with participating students formally enrolled in the

Colleges. College Governing Councils and principals will need to establish a distinct Australian Technical College culture and ethos.

**What will be the role of industry?**

One of the distinguishing characteristics of an Australian Technical College will be the leadership of industry in its operation.

Colleges will be expected to demonstrate a level of commitment and engagement from local industry, especially in relation to the provision of School-based New Apprenticeships, which assures the ongoing value and sustainability of the College.

Each College will be linked with, and endorsed by, industry. It will have a governing body chaired by a local business or industry representative and with other members from the local business community. Input from industry representatives will ensure that what is being taught in the Colleges is directly relevant to the needs of industry and thus enhance young people's prospects for further training and employment.

**Who can submit an expression of interest to establish a Technical College?**

A formal request for tenders to establish Australian Technical Colleges in the 24 locations will be made in early 2005.

It is expected tenders will be submitted by consortia of local businesses, industry representatives, schools – government or non-government – TAFEs and other registered training organisations, and universities. The organisation of these consortia will largely be the responsibility of interested individuals and organisations with a commitment to addressing regional skill shortages and the local knowledge and links to achieve this in the most effective way possible.

Australian Technical Colleges will, wherever possible, utilise and build on existing infrastructure. Greenfields sites will be considered but only where there is no duplication of existing facilities or where no relevant facilities exist to deliver education and training of an appropriate quality.

At this stage, prior to the formal request for tender, initial expressions of interest are sought from consortia considering tendering to establish an Australian Technical College. Lodging an expression of interest is not a prerequisite for a formal tender bid.

**When will the Australian Technical Colleges start taking students?**

The first Australian Technical Colleges will commence in 2006. All 24 Colleges will be operational by 2008. Starting dates in each region will depend on local circumstances and whether the Colleges are established on new or existing sites.

Colleges will not necessarily begin operations as fully functioning Australian Technical Colleges. Key features, such as the core academic curriculum and trade competencies, and the governance arrangements and 'badging' as Australian Technical Colleges, will be in place from commencement. However, there will be scope to build to a full student body and a complete range of trade offerings after commencement.

**How are Australian Technical Colleges different from other schools and registered training organisations including TAFEs?**

Australian Technical Colleges will be specialist schools with high quality facilities providing tuition for years 11 and 12 students where all students will undertake both academic studies and trades related vocational courses, as well as developing employability and entrepreneurial skills. This combination together with employment makes it essential that the delivery of services to the students is through flexible delivery arrangements and timetables.

It is expected that students will commence a Certificate III School-based New Apprenticeship in a trade while attending the College. Industry will play a pivotal role in both leading and supporting the Colleges, particularly through the employment of the students as New Apprentices.

Colleges will differ from current schools and Registered Training Organisations including TAFEs in that the Colleges will be endorsed and led by industry. They will be run autonomously by principals who will be able to engage teaching staff on a performance pay basis. The principal will be appointed by a College Governing Council.

#### **Typical School-based New Apprenticeships scenario in an Australian Technical College**

Chris has just graduated from an Australian Technical College. Before commencing with the College, Chris was exposed to a variety of technology courses throughout years 9 and 10, including one week on a local building site.

After consultation with a careers adviser and Chris’ parents, along with several discussions with local industry representatives at a career expo, Chris chose to explore the electrical trades. Chris applied for a place at the College in response to information provided by the College at an information evening at school in the middle of year 10. At the end of year 10 Chris attended a six week pre-vocational course in Electrical Technology offered by a local Registered Training Organisation (which is a partner in the College). Following the opportunity for work as a casual labourer for an electrician, Chris was happy that pursuing qualifications as an electrician combined both an interest in maths and design with an interest in the construction industry.

Chris commenced a Certificate III (Electrotechnology Systems Electrician) as a School-based New Apprentice at an Australian Technical College, while being employed by a local business. At the same time as getting paid for on-the-job training, Chris undertook a number of other school subjects in years 11 and 12 through the College, including English, science and maths, in order to obtain a senior school certificate and maximise future career and study options. Chris’ timetable reflected this combination, with the VET qualification training counting as part of Chris’ College load.

Chris’ School-based New Apprenticeship included training on and off the job, with work also undertaken during the College holidays. The School-based New Apprenticeship arrangement was assisted by the local New Apprenticeships Centre, who also organised the employer’s Australian Government incentives for commencing a New Apprentice in training.

Chris is party to a formal training contract, which was also signed by the employer, Chris’ parents and the College. The contract outlines each of their obligations, is linked to an industry award and is registered with a State Training Authority. A Training Plan was also developed in conjunction with the employer and the College and outlines the units of competency covered.

Chris undertook the School-based New Apprenticeship over the two years while at the College, and will now complete the qualification as a full-time New Apprentice after year 12. Chris’ employer will receive a bonus retention incentive to enable Chris to complete this training.

Further information on School-based New Apprenticeships and associated incentives is available from a New Apprenticeships Centre. Location of your nearest New Apprenticeships Centre is at [www.newapprenticeships.gov.au](http://www.newapprenticeships.gov.au) or call 1800 639 629.

#### **What courses will the Australian Technical Colleges offer?**

To ensure that Australia’s pressing trade skill needs are widely addressed, the Government’s broad expectation is that each Australian Technical College will specialise in a particular trade, and will offer a trade or trades from at least four industries including:

- metal and engineering (e.g. machinists, fabricators, toolmakers, welders, sheet metal workers);
- automotive (mechanics, auto electricians, panel beaters, vehicle painters);
- building and construction (bricklayers, plumbers, carpenters);
- electrotechnology (including refrigeration, air-conditioning and electricians); and
- commercial cookery.

In its area of trade specialisation, a College will offer world-class training and facilities which are at the leading edge of the field. It will be a centre of excellence in training for this field.

The actual mix of trade skills will depend on those determined by local industry and economic demands and future growth. The Colleges could commence with the trade they intend to specialise in and then add others according to demand. Colleges will need to be responsive to community needs and no 'one-size-fits-all' model is proposed. For example, there could be scope to offer additional trades in industries beyond those identified above, as long as they are identified areas of skill shortage and are important to the local industry base.

The Government would not expect an Australian Technical College to confine its focus exclusively to one industry or one group of related trades. This means that while a College may, in its initial years, provide training in a field such as automotive and its sub-trades, later it would be expected to add courses in areas of skill shortage such as metal and engineering, or construction.

All academic courses offered at the Colleges will be accredited with relevant school authorities and all vocational education and training courses will be against the relevant nationally endorsed Training Package qualifications. Colleges may need to be registered as a school and, depending on how they arrange their education and training partnerships, as a Registered Training Organisation under the requirements that apply in each jurisdiction.

Colleges will offer vocational training that results in, or forms part of, a national qualification from an industry based Training Package. It is expected that all students at the Colleges will commence a School-based New Apprenticeship at the Certificate III level. Under this arrangement, students are able to undertake at school the secondary school certificate that applies in their state, while being in paid part-time employment and undertaking a nationally recognised Vocational Education and Training qualification. The New Apprenticeship would be continued and completed through a supporting employer following the completion of year 12.

Australian Technical Colleges will offer academic courses of direct relevance to trade careers such as English, science, mathematics and information technology skills as part of the year 12 certificate. As well as providing a strong foundation for a trade, this will keep open the option of going on to university. Colleges will therefore need to be registered in the relevant state to provide courses leading to year 12 certification.

In addition, the teaching of enterprise education, small business and employability skills will be embedded throughout the curriculum so that students acquire the skills and knowledge they will need to succeed in a competitive business environment. A qualified career advisor will assist the student to develop a structured career development programme.

#### **Who can study at an Australian Technical College?**

Each College will have up to 300 year 11 and 12 students. Students will be selected, through an open and competitive process, on the basis of capability and interest in pursuing a career in the trades on offer at the College. The involvement of local employers in the enrolment process will ensure that each student is able to commence a New Apprenticeship while attending school.

Strong links with potential 'feeder schools' will be important to spread the opportunities provided by Colleges as widely as possible and ensure a strong flow of students into each College.

Students will have access to specialised career counselling to ensure they choose the best career path for them. It will also be necessary to have strong, complementary career advice arrangements in ‘feeder schools’ and other potential student catchment areas.

**What qualifications can students attain?**

Students will graduate from the Australian Technical Colleges with a year 12 certificate and substantial progress towards a nationally recognised vocational qualification under the Australian Qualifications Framework through a series of Statements of Attainment.

It is expected that all students would have the opportunity to take up a trade School-based New Apprenticeship at the Certificate III level. This level would typically not be completed while at a College. It is therefore expected that students will complete their trade training as a full-time New Apprentice after they have finished their secondary studies. Colleges will be expected to provide strong support for the smooth transition of students to the next stage of their education, training and employment.

**How much public funding will be provided?**

The Australian Technical Colleges will receive general recurrent funding. In recognition of the high cost of specialised vocational training, capital funding and other additional funding will be provided on the basis of need.

The Australian Government will fund each student at a College at the same rate as existing government and non-government secondary school students. In addition to the student funding which it would otherwise provide, some \$289 million in Australian Government funding will be allocated to the Australian Technical Colleges over the period 2005–08. It is expected that legislation to provide this funding will be introduced to Parliament early in 2005.

Commensurate with its own commitment to recurrent funding, the Australian Government expects that State and Territory Governments will provide recurrent funding to each College at current per-student rates. In addition, in most States and Territories School-based New Apprenticeships attract User Choice funding for training.

Employers of School-based New Apprentices attending the Colleges may also attract employer incentives, including the special incentives to commence and retain School-based New Apprentices. To be eligible for these incentives the School-based New Apprentice must be enrolled as a secondary student under the relevant State or Territory Education Act.

Contributions to the running of the Colleges will also be sought from the employers, including in-kind contributions.

**What will it cost to attend an Australian Technical College?**

At government schools non-compulsory contributions are levied for a range of items, such as course materials and field-trips. These fees will continue to apply in Australian Technical Colleges, as they do in public State schools.

Non-government schools charge fees as part of their funding mix. Non-government schools are able to tender to provide an Australian Technical College. However, as with all non-government schools, Australian Technical Colleges will be required to be run on a not-for-profit basis, and no additional fees over and above existing fees will be able to be charged.

**How is the funding to be allocated?**

An open tender process will be conducted during 2005. The funding allocated to successful tenders will depend on the educational model, the mix of existing and new infrastructure, location and other relevant factors.

More details regarding the tender will be available on this website early in 2005.

### **Who will run the Australian Technical Colleges?**

Each Australian Technical College will need to have a governing body chaired by a representative of local business or industry. However, the emphasis will be on flexibility and a number of different governance arrangements could emerge depending on local needs. The College Governing Council could be drawn from:

- a non-government school or schools;
- a government school or schools;
- TAFEs;
- Universities;
- chambers of commerce/industry
- industry associations;
- private enterprise;
- professional industry associations;
- local government;
- Registered Training Organisations;
- Group Training Organisations;
- local community partnerships (currently delivering structured workplace learning); and
- community organisations including youth.

A consortium which would act as a governing board would need to include an employing authority and be legally entitled to receive and account for Australian Government grants. They would also need to be able to run a viable school which would be eligible for registration by State authorities. As such the Colleges must be able to meet financial and educational accountability requirements of Australian Government and State and Territory legislation. More information regarding the accountability requirements will be provided in the request for tender documents. These will be available on this website early in 2005.

The principal of an Australian Technical College will have the autonomy to run the College to meet the targets and performance measures set by the College Governing Council, consistent with the broader objectives of the Australian Government. Given the considerably greater demands for consultation and coordination that this position entails, it is expected that the principalship at a College would attract performance pay and a competitive remuneration package.

### **How will the college staff be employed?**

To ensure they can attract and retain high-quality staff, Australian Technical Colleges will be able to offer employment to teaching staff under Australian Workplace Agreements, including a performance pay element. Colleges will offer attractive work conditions emphasising flexibility, high quality facilities, strong professional learning and ongoing support for teachers. Teachers and trainers will need to be appropriately qualified and accredited for their role within the Colleges. Regular industry placement opportunities may be a feature of their employment conditions.

### **Where will the Australian Technical Colleges be located?**

The Colleges are to be based in regions with reported skills shortages; a strong industry base; and a significant youth population. Those regions identified are:

**NSW:**  
The Hunter  
The Illawarra

**Queensland:**  
Townsville  
Gladstone

Queanbeyan  
Port Macquarie  
Lismore/Ballina  
Dubbo  
Gosford  
Western Sydney

**Victoria:**  
Geelong  
Warrnambool  
Bendigo  
Sunshine  
Bairnsdale/Sale  
Eastern Melbourne

North Brisbane  
Gold Coast

**South Australia:**  
Adelaide  
Whyalla / Port Augusta

**Western Australia:**  
Perth South  
Pilbara

**Tasmania:**  
Northern Tasmania

**Northern Territory:**  
Darwin

**Can other regions apply?**

The Australian Government has nominated the 24 regions listed above in which Australian Technical Colleges will be located. The tenders submitted will need to reflect this decision in order to be considered for funding.

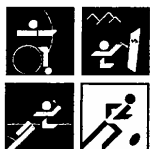
**How can I become involved?**

The formal tender process for the establishment of the Australian Technical Colleges will be undertaken early in 2005.

Meanwhile, the Australian Government welcomes expressions of interest from organisations, or groups of organisations, interested in establishing an Australian Technical College. These should be lodged by 18 February 2005 through the Department’s website or by emailing [technicalcolleges@dest.gov.au](mailto:technicalcolleges@dest.gov.au)

**What should an expression of interest contain?**

Initial expressions of interest should be short statements of intent. They should briefly state the organisations interested in establishing an Australian Technical College and how they would see a College operating within a particular region in accordance with the broad principles outlined above. The formal tender process will be undertaken early in 2005.



*South East Regional Recreation Advisory Group*

## MINUTES

OF THE MEETING TO HELD AT CURTIN UNIVERSITY ON THURSDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2005, COMMENCING AT 4.08 PM

### 1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

#### 1.1 Present

Shelagh Pascoe	Curtin University
Greg Kaeding	WA Sports Federation
Andrew Ward	City of Belmont
Cr Ron Mitchell	City of Gosnells
Brett Horner	City of South Perth
Andre' Lee	Curtin University
Robbie Watkins	City of Gosnells
Pat Quinlivan	City of Armadale
Geoff Moore	City of Canning
Paul Howrie	Town of Victoria Park

#### 1.2 Apologies

Jodi Lendrum	DSR
Cr Snell	City of Canning
Cr Zelones	City of Armadale
Steve Humphrey	DSR

#### 1.3 Guests

Colin Thorpe	Canoeing WA
David Almond	Perth Redbacks Basketball Association

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

#### RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2004 be confirmed.

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING

#### 3.1 Update on the State Sporting Facilities Plan



No report was given due to apologies from DSR staff

### **3.2 SERRAG Regional Recreation Plan**

#### **3.2.1 Discussion on draft brochure (attached).**

It was agreed that residual monies from the cost of the consultancy for the Regional Plan would be used to develop a promotional brochure highlighting the key features of the SERRAG Plan. Member groups need to provide feedback to Pat Quinlivan by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March with comments on the content of the brochure, and also forward any photos that they may want included in the brochure.

#### **3.2.2 Update on report progress and actions**

Gosnells indicated that they had held some discussions with the governing body of the Sunday Football League with regards to the SERRAG Plan, and that the League was of the view that the relevant elements within the Plan needed to be actioned by local government

It was agreed that a tabled be developed and circulated to member organisations prior to each meeting with the Agenda, so that the status of actions within the Regional Plan can be discussed and feedback at every SERRAG meeting.

### **3.3 Update on State Netball Training Centre (Steve Humphries to report)**

A written update was forwarded by Steve Humphrey via e-mail indicating that: There is a requirement to report back to Cabinet by July with a business case for the project. At this time a decision will be made in respect to the location of the site – either Challenge Stadium or Curtin University.

#### **RESOLVED**

That SERRAG write to DSR seeking feedback on the process involved in the selection of a suitable site, and the rationale for not highlighting the planned facility within the recently developed SERRAG Regional Report. While SERRAG supports the facility being located within the South East Metropolitan Region, it would like further consultation and input with regards to where it should be actually located in the Region.

### **3.4 Liveable Neighbourhoods Policy – SERRAG’s Draft response**

#### **RESOLVED**

The time frame for feedback on this policy has been extended. Pat Quinlivan will circulate a draft response to the committee for feedback, before formally responding.

## **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **4.1 Inwards**

Equity Stadium (invitation to use function facilities)  
Minutes from Cricket Planning meeting

**4.2 Outwards**

Nil

**RESOLVED**

**That the correspondence be accepted.**

**5. REPORTS**

**5.1 Presentation from David Almond (Treasurer), Perth Basketball Association.**

David provided an overview of the membership base and requirements of the Redbacks. David indicated that the team was looking for a base within the southern corridor, and preferably the facility would have a capacity to house up to 6 courts, with appropriate seating.

**5.2 Presentation from Colin Thorpe, Coordinator of White Water Park, and Director of Canoeing WA.**

Colin provided a PowerPoint presentation on the type of activities that would be including in the proposed White Water Park, along with how it would be designed into the Rowing Facility. The presentation included an overview of the support for the proposal to date, projected usage figures, and possible design layouts.

**RESOLVED**

That SERRAG write to Canoeing WA in support of the White Water Park proposal, and that individual member groups of SERRAG also give consideration to writing individual letters of support for the project.

**5.3 Member groups to present local reports**

**RESOLVED**

That member reports be received

**6. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7. NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2005	4pm	City of Armadale
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> August 2005	4pm	City of South Perth
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2005	4pm	Town of Victoria Park

**8. CLOSURE.**

The meeting closed at 6.27pm

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, 1 MARCH 2005 AT 1.35 PM

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**PRESENT:**

Ms V Hansen	(Chairman)
Cr L Reynolds	Mayor City of Armadale
Cr J Knezevich	City of Armadale Councillor
Mr A Garlett	Community Representative
Ms L Murray	Community Representative
Ms M Sheppard	Community Representative
Mr A McNamara	Education Department (until 2.30pm)
Ms T Miller	Community Representative (from 1.55pm)

**APOLOGIES:**

Mrs M Hill
Ms S Jones

**OBSERVERS:**

Mr L Garlett	(until 2.30pm)
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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr C Askew	- Executive Director Community Services
	- City of Armadale
Ms T McCourt	- Community Development Co-ordinator -
	City of Armadale
Mrs Y Coyne	- Manager Community Development –
	City of Armadale
Mr R Thorne	- AFSS (until 2pm)
Ms J Cowan	- AFSS (until 2pm)
Mr B Loo	- Dept. for Community Development
Mr P Johnston	- Dept for Community Development
Dr D Coid	- Armadale Health Service
Mrs S Eaves	- Minute Secretary

Public: Nil

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**DISCLAIMER**

The Disclaimer for protecting Committee and staff from liability of information and advice given at Committee meetings was not read by the Chairman, given no members of the public were present.

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**DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

Nil

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**DEPUTATION**

Nil

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**QUESTION TIME**

Nil

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***CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 1 FEBRUARY 2005***

**RESOLVED**

Minutes of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee meeting held on 1 February 2005, are confirmed

Moved: Mr A Garlett

Correction

An apology from Mr A McNamara was omitted from the minutes.

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## **2. REPORTS**

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### **2.1 AFSS Report – Robin Thorne**

Please refer to attached report.

### **2.2 AFSS Reference Group Meetings and Membership**

The Reference Group discussed funding for the AFSS, being \$100,000 per annum funded to June 2006. The Reference Group strategies have not exhausted options of operational funding. Some strategies will include partnerships with agencies that are providing similar services to the City.

The Committee’s suggestions were sought on changing the meeting day and time of the Reference Group meetings.

There was also some confusion regarding membership of the reference group and confirmation was requested. Members are –

Ms Viv Hansen	Mr Albert McNamara
Cr John Knezevich	Mr Lance Hogg
Mr Peter Johnston	Ms Karen Branch
Ms Teresa Miller	Mrs Yvonne Coyne

It was suggested that the meeting time for the Reference Group be changed to 3.00 p.m. on Thursday at Orchard House prior to the ATSIAC meeting.

## **3. GENERAL BUSINESS**

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### **3.1 Reconciliation Budget – Trish McCourt**

Based on suggestions from Art & Culture sub-committee meeting, the committee decided on expenditure from the remaining reconciliation budget allocation for the 2004/05 financial year.

#### **Action:**

*The following allocations to be made:*

<b>\$4,500</b>	<b>NAIDOC</b>
<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>Armadale indigenous mapping exercise/plan</b>
<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>Reconciliation week – Sorry Day</b>
<b>\$500</b>	<b>Seniors Week incorporating Aboriginal Seniors’ Day</b>
<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>Minnawarra Festival Aboriginal multicultural design workshops and performance.</b>

**Moved:** **Margaret Shepherd**

**Seconded:** **Allen Garlett**

Mr McNamara suggested that the Education Department may also be able to offer some support for NAIDOC.

It was pointed out that the relevant agencies should submit letters requesting support to the City before the donations can be made.

**Action:**

***The Minnowarra Festival Aboriginal multicultural design workshops and performance contribute \$1,500 to DCD.***

**Moved: Ms T Miller**

**Seconded: Mr A McNamara**

**3.2 Indigenous Land Use Agreement – Viv Hansen**

This matter has been pending a decision since 3 August 2004. At the last ATSIAC meeting on 2 February 2005, the Committee revisited the proposal and discussed the proposed agreement. It was decided to defer a decision until the 1 March 2005 meeting.

The Committee to decide whether to send a recommendation to Council regards to progressing with the agreement in partnership with Land and Sea Council. If Committee do not want to progress with agreement then a letter should be sent to Land and Sea Council explaining that the agreement will not be pursued at this time.

**Action:**

***The Land and Sea Council to be advised that the agreement will not be pursued at this time.***

**Moved: Mr A Garlett**

**Seconded: Mr A McNamara**

**3.3 Justice Agreement – Viv Hansen**

City of Armadale was visited by Bonnie Haywood, Department of Justice, in January 2005. At the last ATSIAC meeting on 2 February 2005 the Committee reviewed the information provided and discussed the proposed agreement. It was decided to defer a decision until the 1 March 2005 meeting.

The Committee to decide whether to send a recommendation to Council in regards to progressing with the Justice agreement in partnership with the Justice Department. If Committee does not want to progress with the agreement then a letter should be sent explaining that the agreement will not be pursued at this time.

**Action:**

***The Justice Department to be advised that the Committee supports the partnership in principle and will participate at local level.***

**Moved: Mr A McNamara**

**3.4 Terms of Reference – Trish McCourt**

Due to the difficulty in reaching quorums affecting the addressing of issues, a change in the membership numbers of the committee is suggested. It is also suggested that the new members have expertise in their field on issues that concern the community such as Health, Families & Children, Housing, Education and Employment. This will entail altering the Terms of Reference.

Suggested membership:

<b>Present Membership Criteria</b>	<b>Suggested Membership Criteria</b>
1 x City of Armadale Councillor (1 City of Armadale Councillor as deputy in absence of above)	1 x City of Armadale Councillor (1 City of Armadale Councillor as deputy in absence of above)
8 x Aboriginal community representatives	8 x Aboriginal community representatives
	1 x Armadale Health representative 1 x Dept for Community Development representative 1 x Dept of Housing & Works representative 1 x Educational institution representative 1 x Employment agency/service representative

The Committee to decide whether to send a recommendation to Council to Change the Terms of Reference as mentioned above.

**Discussion**

The point was made that the Committee should be community driven rather than agency.

It was decided that the Committee needed a minimum of three community representatives plus four others to make a quorum.

***Action:***

1. ***The presented new membership listing to be amended in the Terms of Reference.***
2. ***A quorum to consist of three community representatives plus representatives from Armadale Health Services, Department for Community Development and Department of Housing & Works to have voting rights, with invitations to attend meetings being extended to Swan TAFE, Disability Services and Armadale Police.***



*Moved: Mr A McNamara*  
*Seconded Mr A Garlett*

**4. FURTHER BUSINESS**

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**4.1 Time of meetings.**

A request has been made to change the time of the ATSIAC meeting.

**Action:**

*Suggestions to be submitted to next meeting.*

**4.2 Invitation to Jill Cameron**

**Action:**

*Jill Cameron, consultant, to be invited to attend an Art & Culture Sub-committee and ATSIAC meeting.*

**5. NEXT MEETING**

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The next Meeting of ATSIAC will be held on Tuesday, 5 April 2005 at 1.30 pm to be preceded by a meeting of the Art & Culture Sub-committee at 12.30 pm.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 2.35 PM**

## MINNAWARRA FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

OF THE MINNAWARRA FESTIVAL COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 1  
FEBRUARY 2005 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT THE CITY OF ARMADALE  
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE COMMENCING AT 6.10 PM.

#### 1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

**Present**

Cr A Comminelli	(Chair) City of Armadale
Cr J Stewart	(Deputy Chair) City of Armadale
John Lemmey	Rotary Club of Armadale
Paul Jones	Community Representative
Melanie Green	Events Coordinator – City of Armadale
Bree Hartley	Community Representative (6:25 pm)

**Apologies**

Gordon Mason	Armadale-Kelmscott Lions Club
Lesley Murray	Indigenous Community Representative

#### 2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

#### 3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**RESOLVED**

1. That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2004 be confirmed.
2. That the Notes of Meetings held on 7 September 2004, 2 November 2004 and 15 December 2004 be accepted.

#### 4. BUSINESS ARISING

#### 5. PORTFOLIO REPORTS

**5.1 Multicultural Zone**

Nil report

## **5.2 Amusement Rides and Amenities**

*Matters discussed included:*

- *Baa Baa Rellas to be followed up for confirmation of attendance at this year's festival.*
- *Carnival Amusements have been booked for this year.*
- *Portable toilets and tank have been booked.*
- *The Museum toilets need a different water system to avert poor water supply for flushing, which has occurred in the past.*

## **5.3 Art Exhibition**

*General Discussion took place about the future of the Art Exhibition and its incorporation with the Minnowarra Festival.*

*The Committee sought clarification of its role with regard to the Art Exhibition and requested either a response in writing or for an Officer to attend the next meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2005.*

## **5.4 Children's Activities**

Nil report

## **5.5 Craft Vending**

Nil report

## **5.6 Displays and Exhibits**

Nil report

## **5.7 Entertainment**

*The Events Coordinator to follow up on:*

- *Possible local bands for the Jazz Fiesta including: Smooth, Armadale Kelmscott and John Walliston High School Jazz bands.*
- *Local Dance schools for the main stage or perhaps roving entertainment.*
- *Approach Shapes Gym regarding muscle builder or aerobics displays.*

## **5.8 Finance**

Nil report

## **5.9 Marketing and sponsorship**

*Posters will again be placed in trains*

**5.10 Youth Zone**

Nil report

**5.11 Seniors’ Activities**

Nil report

**5.12 Site set up/pack away**

*Matters discussed included:*

- *All site locations to be moved this year to keep the event fresh. John queried the site for the amusement rides and was informed this has not yet been decided.*
- *Healthway – smoke free - has identified that numerous signs, banners and marketing material are to be placed around the event. These will be supplied by Healthway. It is important that any people involved at the event and who wear Healthway clothing, do not smoke where they can be seen.*

**RESOLVED**

**That the Portfolio reports be received.**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Inwards**

**Outwards**

**RESOLVED**

**That the correspondence be received.**

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7.1 Ikebana and flower arranging**

The Events Coordinator advised that a number of Horticultural groups have been contacted but so far little interest or response.

**RESOLVED**

*That the information be received.*

**7.2 Mosaics**

- Lesley Murray to provide an update on the idea of including a mosaic artwork project at next meeting.
- General discussion took place regarding an interactive art component for the festival.

**RESOLVED**

*That Lesley provide an update at the next meeting.*

**7.3 Fireworks**

The Events Coordinator advised that unfortunately this will not go ahead as the Grand Cinemas will not be ready for their grand opening and the later timing needed for fireworks is not compatible with the timeframe of the event.

**RESOLVED**

*That the information be received.*

**7.4 Police Presence**

The Committee requested that an approach be made to the local Police Minnowarra Festival asking for a Police presence at the Festival, preferably mounted police. The Chairperson to follow up.

**RESOLVED**

*That the Chairperson contact the local police to request a strong police presence, including mounted police if possible, at this year's festival.*

**8. FUTURE MEETINGS**

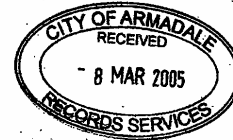
The following dates have been scheduled for the Minnowarra Festival Committee meetings to be held on Tuesday commencing at 6.00 pm on:

- 1 March 2005
- 15 March 2005
- 26 April 2005 (debrief)

**9. CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 7:30pm

**ARMADALE POLICE AND CITIZEN'S YOUTH CLUB  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**



**DATE:** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2005

**VENUE:** Armadale Arena / PCYC

**MEETING OPENED:** 5:00pm

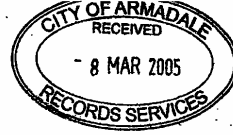
**CHAIR PERSON:** S/Sgt R Gardiner / 1<sup>st</sup> Class Const Gordon Musulin

**MINUTE TAKER:** Catherine Waltham

**PRESENT:** S/Sgt R Gardiner  
1<sup>st</sup> Class Const Gordon Musulin  
S/Const Geoff Sims  
Paul McMinn  
Ian Lannary  
Carl Askew  
Wayne Mauger  
Pat Quinlivan  
Ivan Bullich  
Katrina Maeder  
Kaye Easton  
Ivan Bullich

**GUESTS:** Gymnastic Members  
Tomie Thoson  
Catherine Murdoch  
Rod Gittos  
Colin Parker  
Phil Jager

**APOLOGIES:** John Landwehr  
Pam Walker  
Katrina Maeder – Finance Officer  
Sue Neal – Netball Umpire  
Bill Easton



**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS:**

Moved Ivan Bullich / Wayne Mauger that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 17/11/2004 are a true and correct record of that meeting and should be signed as such.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE INWARD AND OUTWARD:**

Moved Carl Askew / Pat Quinlivan that the Inward and Outward Correspondence be accepted as tabled.

**TREASURERS' REPORT:**

The financial report for the month of November/December/January 2005 was tabled.

*Gordon – On behalf of Katrina Maeder, Finance Officer*

***November***

- Income for this month was above budget due to the funds being allocated for grant-funded projects.
- Expenditure for the month of November was over budget due to the fact that 3 pays were paid out for this month which caused us to be over budget to the value of \$9000.00.

***December***

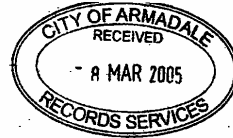
- Incomes for activities were average for the month of December. The larger than expected income was due to the fact that Family Assistance Office had pre-paid for the January School Holiday Program.
- Expenditure was below budget for the month of December due mainly to the reduced staff numbers over the quiet period.

***January***

- Income for this month was extremely lower than budgeted due to the fact that a majority of activities had ceased over the School Holiday's.
- Expenditure for the month of January was lower than budgeted with activities ceasing over the holiday break.
- The club is over budget approximately \$42,000.00.

Moved Ivan Bullich / Wayne Mauger that the Financial Report be received and accounts as tabled be passed for payment and that accounts paid be ratified.

**CARRIED**



**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Class Const Gordon Musulin**

- **Positions at Armadale Arena** – Due to Gordon Musulin's transfer to Armadale Police Station we would like to officially welcome S/Sgt Russell Gardiner to the Presidents position and S/Const Geoff Sims to the position of PCYC Manager.
- **Attendances** – Attendances for the months of November, December and January were down due to the Holiday period. This, along with a cut in vacation care numbers has shown a higher than forecasted budget deficit.
- **Climbing Wall** – Sub Committee members: S/Const Geoff Sims  
S/Sgt Pope  
Ivan Bullich  
Jan Lannary  
Wayne Mauger  
John Landwehr
- **Promotions/Marketing** – Our Health Club, PCYC activities and Police Ranger's have begun promotions and advertising in the local Comment News. We currently have "\$30.00 for 30 days" Promotion in our Health Club.
- **News Year Eve** – For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year the Armadale Arena hosted the News Years Eve Safety Forum. With over 300 attendances the seniors enjoyed a night full of entertainment, numbers should increase for the 2005 Safety Forum.
- **School Holiday Programs** – Plenty of paperwork to go through which needs to be handed in at DCD this Friday, 25th February. Our School Holiday program will be run by Bruce Caporn with juniors and traineeships up for offer.
- **Hall Hires** – In 2004 the Armadale Arena hosted the Evangelical Easter Weekend. This event was well attended with approximately 700 attendances on a daily basis over the 4 days. Management will be providing kiosk facilities for the four day event in 2005.
- **Volunteers** – Many thanks go to our volunteers, staff, coaches and Armadale City Council for their help over the years.
- **Partnerships** – The partnership with the City of Armadale has enabled Armadale Arena to provide and conduct our business and core functions in an environment that offers the community great benefits. The Armadale Arena has successfully promoted the following programs:

**Admit One**

Free entry cards for activities at the Armadale Arena, delivered to Police, Schools and local business's.

**"Get a Grip"**

Run by Aboriginal Liaison Officer Kylie Stack, targets solvent abuse cases in teens.

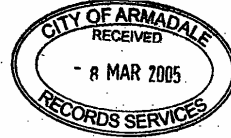
**"Yola Yoga"**

Run by Aboriginal Liaison Officer Heidi Mippy, targets antisocial behaviour amongst female youth.

**Youth Driver's Education**

Targeting youth experiencing difficulty obtaining driver's licences.





**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**Sporting Update - Kaye Easton**

- **Monday Ladies Netball** – This competition remains steady. Finals will commence 14<sup>th</sup> March 05 with the new season commencing 21<sup>st</sup> March. Advertisements will be in the Comment News for new teams and our new season.
- **Mens Basketball** – Competitions continue to do well, Tuesday's are our busiest night with our kiosk takings rising dramatically. All seven teams will be returning for the new season. Enquiries have been made to re-start a Ladies Basketball competition on the same night as Mens Basketball.
- **Evening Soccer** – Competitions are going well with twelve teams already. Few complaints about the slippery floors, which we are endeavouring to fix.
- **Junior Competitions** – A slow month for the junior teams but numbers should pick up once children have settled in at School. First term is usually a slow month.
- **Cheerleading** – A cheerleading coach has been found, days and times as well as wages are yet to be discussed. We have plenty of children on our waiting list for our classes.
- **Air Rifles** – Air Rifles has now commenced at our old club on Champion Drive with numbers gradually increasing thanks to Air Rifles coach, Colin Parker this activity is gaining popularity.

**GENERAL BUSINESS CONT:**

**Gym Update - Mike Fitzpatrick**

- **Health Club Numbers** – Health Club Member numbers have remained steady at around 250 members for the past few months.
- **Promotions** – The first Promotion is well on its way that should lead to a dramatic rise in Health Club Members. Membership numbers have been below average for December and January.
- **Maintenance** - Machines have needed general maintenance to keep them working smoothly. Some machines need updating and aerobics room air conditioner needs repairs.

**Armadale City Council - Carl Askew**

- **Stage 4** – Stage four works are currently being completed.
- **Stage 5** – Stage 5 is for the Crèche and storage areas with plans currently needing approvals to start construction then we'll be able to remove the sea storage containers. Southern Districts proposal for land now need to re-draw their plans.

**Ivan Bullich - Security Labels**

- **Security Tags** – Security Tags have been ordered and photos have been taken to identify people on all tags.

**Police Ranger's - Wayne Mauger**

- **Attendances** – Numbers have dropped off over the past few months.

- **Camps** – We have a “Welcome Camp” coming up soon. Federation is looking into making camp Mornington more affordable for the Ranger’s.
- **Fire Loss** – Police Ranger’s lost a lot of property in the fire to the value of \$20,000. The fire was between the sea containers along the side of the Recreation Centre where Rainger’s equipment is stored. Ranger’s insurance is covered by the Police Department, photo’s have been taken and sent off to Federation.

**ITEMS TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO THE NEXT MEETING:**

Nil

**CLOSURE:** There being no further General Business, the meeting is declared closed at 6:05pm

**NEXT MEETING:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month 17<sup>th</sup> March 2005.

