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For further information, please contact Public Relations Officer, Kate Murray on 9213 2083 or email kmurray@walga.asn.au.

IRRIGATION PRACTICES AND ALLOCATION OF WATER RESOURCES

Local Government is a major user of water, primarily through the irrigation of public open space. Consequently Local Government has a substantial investment in the infrastructure required to meet the community expectation for high quality parks and active reserves.

A forum to discuss the implications of water resource management for public open spaces has been scheduled:

Date: **Wednesday, 21 March**
Time: 10:30am – 5:00pm
Venue: John Dunn Oval Pavilion, Kelmscott

The forum, hosted by the Department of Water, the Department of Sport and Recreation, WALGA and Parks and Leisure Australia (PLA) has been designed to discuss the implications for Local Government open space practitioners and others on managing our water resources into the future.

The forum will combine a series of presentations on climate and the water allocation process, with case studies by Local Government practitioners and others on current approaches being used.

The forum will conclude with a workshop on the requirements of Water Conservation Plans, which will be a major focus for Local Government open space Managers.

For further information and registration fees (payable through PLA), please contact Shirley Barnes on 9277 9538 or email sbarnes@upnaway.com.

USED OIL RECYCLING

As many Local Governments will be aware, the two major used motor oil recyclers in WA (Nationwide and Wren Oil) are currently providing only limited used motor oil collection.

This situation has arisen due to:

- the closure of one of the major consumers of used motor oil, Loongana Lime (short term cause), and
- a lack of markets for used motor oil in Western Australia (longer term cause).

The Association has completed a survey of Local Governments which have used oil collection infrastructure, with responses indicating a number of Local Governments are at, or nearing, full storage capacity. The Association has been working with State Government and the oil collectors to ensure that this situation is resolved.

Wren Oil has indicated they will be increasing collections substantially in the near future and the results of the Association survey will be provided to assist in prioritising collection. For those usually serviced by Nationwide, Wren Oil will provide a collection service if the Local Government contacts them direct. For a small delivery/collection fee, while the backlog is being cleared, Wren Oil has onsite storage containers available. Correspondence will be sent direct to survey respondents apprising them of these options.

The immediate problem will be temporarily mitigated, however, the longer term issue of markets for used motor oil is still of grave concern. Councils are encouraged to contact the Federal Minister for the Environment and Water Resources to emphasise the need for additional and ongoing support for used oil recycling in Western Australia. The Association will continue its lobbying of State and Federal Government to ensure a long term solution for used oil recycling in Western Australia.

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

CORPORATE WARDROBE

The new 2007 LGC Corporate Wardrobe collection catalogues have been sent to Local Governments across Australia this week.

The Buyers' guide, order and price forms accompany this offer, which is the first of the customised Local Government catalogue releases under the new contract formulated in 2006. The contract delivers exceptional value and service to the sector. Local Governments are encouraged to arrange either a fit out by an account representative, or an in house fit out by obtaining a refundable sample pack prior to ordering as a no returns policy applies.

For further information, or an electronic copy of the catalogue and price list relating to buyers terms of this contract, please email purchasing@walga.asn.au.

BUY LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Issue 12 of the Association's procurement publication *Buy Local Government* has been distributed in this week's mail and is also available from www.walqa.asn.au/news/publications/buylg/.

Articles in this issue relate to the services of the Total Purchasing Solutions team, changes to purchasing regulations, the authority of the SAT when it comes to Local Government Tendering, Tendering Standards, and the use of Australian Standards documentation.

CAPTIVATE WORKSHOPS

Recognising Local Government's crucial role in sport and recreation, the Association is leading an 18-month joint venture project called Captivate to support its members to provide quality sport and recreation services to people with disabilities. The following information gathering sessions with the consultants are scheduled:

Gascoyne Region - Carnarvon

Date: **Thursday, 22 March**
Time: 12:00pm – 2:00pm
Venue: Carnarvon Shire Offices

Wheatbelt Region - Narrogin

Date: **Friday, 23 March**
Time: 10:00am – 11:30am
Venue: John Higgins Centre, Clayton Rd
(near Recreation Centre), Narrogin

Pilbara Region – Port Hedland

Date: **Wednesday, 28 March**
Time: 1:00pm – 2:30pm
Venue: Gratwick Aquatic Centre, Port Hedland

For further information, please contact Richard or Anne Lockwood on 9336 3277 or email lockwood@swiftdsl.com.au.

WORKPLACE AGREEMENTS WORKSHOPS

The Office of the Employment Advocate, in partnership with the Association's Workplace Solutions team is offering a number of workshops around the State on Workplace Agreements. The half-day workshops are free of charge and will help attendees to understand the process of agreement making under the new WorkChoices legislation.

- Albany: **Thursday, 8 March**
- Busselton: **Friday, 9 March**
- Karratha: **Monday, 12 March**
- Tom Price: **Wednesday, 14 March**
- Newman: **Thursday, 15 March**
- Geraldton: **Thursday, 15 March**
- Port Hedland: **Friday, 16 March**
- Broome: **Monday, 19 March**
- Kununurra: **Friday, 23 March**

For further information, please contact the Workplace Agreements Information Service on 1300 366 632, or email contactus@oea.gov.au.

RURAL CHEMICAL COLLECTION

The ChemClear program has been granted funding for an upcoming rural chemical collection across WA. Group 1 chemicals (registered chemicals, supported by a levy into a stewardship program) are free of charge for collection and Group 2 (unregistered, deregistered, unknown or mixed chemicals) are collected from primary producers and farmers at a fee subsidised by the Government.

The collection will be taking place in April. Interested parties need to book for the collection of their unwanted chemicals prior to the commencement of the retrieval via the ChemClear booking line.

Any Local Governments interested in the service are required to take an inventory of their unwanted chemicals and contact the ChemClear booking line on 1800 008 182 or register online at www.chemclear.com.au.

For further information, please contact ChemClear on (02) 6230 4799 or email info@chemclear.com.au.

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BLESSING OF THE ROADS INFORMATION PACK NOW AVAILABLE

The RoadWise Program's *Blessing of the Roads* campaign aims to create awareness for all road users of the need to be courteous and take care when travelling on our roads over the extremely busy Easter long weekend.

The campaign calls on the community to slow down, don't drink and drive, wear seatbelts, ensure children are properly restrained and take regular breaks to avoid fatigue when travelling.

As well as providing a blessing for the safety of all road users, the campaign aims to recognise our police and emergency services personnel who work over the holiday period to provide services intended to save lives and make our roads safer.

Councils can become involved in the campaign by holding a *Blessing of the Roads* ceremony or event in their local community.

An information pack is now available which provides background information about the campaign as well as templates to assist in planning events.

For further information about the campaign or to access a copy of the *Blessing of the Roads Information Pack*, please visit www.roadwise.asn.au/blessingofroads.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Association has representatives on more than 200 State, National and Association boards and committees. These representatives have the significant responsibility of advocating the interests of Western Australian Local Government on these governing and advisory bodies. Recent appointments include:

Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) Board

- Cr Christine Thompson, Shire of Murray
Expiry 1 February 2009

For further information about representing Local Government on State, National and Association boards and committees, please contact Zone Liaison & Corporate Support Officer, Margaret Degebrodt on 9213 2036 or email mdegebrodt@walga.asn.au.

BANNERS IN THE TERRACE

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

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

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

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

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MARKETING AND PR NETWORK

The Association has established a network for Local Government Marketing and Public Relations employees. Network meetings provide a forum in which PR & Marketing professionals can discuss issues facing their profession and share best practice and ideas for promoting Local Government to the community.

The Association invites any Marketing and PR professionals employed in the sector and not currently part of the network to join by emailing their contact details to kmurray@walga.asn.au

For further information, please contact Public Relations Officer, Kate Murray on 9213 2083 or email kmurray@walga.asn.au.

COMMUNITY CULTURE CULTURAL PLANNING FUND

Applications are now open for funding from the Community Culture Cultural Planning Fund. The fund supports projects that have a creative approach to exploring community and planning for the future in regional areas, with funding available in two areas:

- **Cultural Mapping** with the aim of gathering information and creating artworks that reflect a community's local culture and identity; and
- **Cultural Planning** with the aim of assisting Local Governments and their communities to develop a community cultural plan that encapsulates a shared vision. This plan will determine how best to use a community's cultural resources for economic and social development.

The next closing date for applications is **Sunday, 15 April** (for projects commencing after July 2007).

For further information, guidelines and application forms, please visit www.canwa.com.au or contact Natalie Scholtz, Community Culture Project Officer, on 9226 2422, 1800 681 021 (Country Callers) or email nat@canwa.com.au.

CONTAMINATED SITES ACT 2003

The *Contaminated Sites Act 2003* came into effect in December last year and requires land owners and occupiers, a person who caused or contributed to the contamination and contaminated sites auditors to report known or suspected contaminated sites to the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC).

The new legislation affects the management and transfer of land and enables members of the public to access information on confirmed contaminated sites.

A period of grace during which penalties for non-reporting do not apply will expire in less than 12 weeks.

DEC will host a public information seminar in Perth to provide you with up-to-date and relevant information about reporting responsibilities and how the information on reported sites will be available to other people.

Date: **Thursday, 22 March**
Time: 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Venue: The Atrium, Level 4 Theatre
168 St Georges Tce, Perth

Registrations can be submitted by emailing contaminatedsites@dec.wa.gov.au.

For further information, please contact Natalie Hartog on 6467 5349.

FIGHT FLU WEBSITE

The National Institute of Clinical Studies (NICS) has launched their 2007 *Fight Flu* Campaign and website to provide information about the real risk of influenza and encourage vaccinations amongst health care providers, carers and people of all ages at risk of developing complications such as pneumonia.

People with illnesses such as chronic asthma, diabetes, heart disease as well as those whose immunity has been suppressed through medication have a 40 times increased risk of death from influenza, regardless of their age.

A Fight Flu toolkit has been distributed to general practices, hospitals, medical practices and aged care facilities around Australia and pharmacists and nurses are also being encouraged to discuss flu vaccination with consumers in the at risk group and their carers.

The NICS encourages Councils to access a toolkit for display at libraries and community health centres to encourage understanding of people at risk.

For further information, please contact NICS Public Relations Officer Meredith Cameron on (03) 8866 0415.

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Local government's vision for the cyber-highway

The Australian Local Government Association's involvement in the development of the Broadband Blueprint Implementation Plan was discussed at a meeting between ALGA President Cr Paul Bell and the Minister for Communications, IT and the Arts, Senator Helen Coonan. ALGA is represented at the Online Ministers Council.



"The State of the Regions Report 2006-07 emphasises the crucial importance of the provision of high-speed broadband to local communities throughout Australia, in terms of linking regions and towns to urban centres, providing access to international markets, and increasing business and educational opportunities," Cr Bell said.

"Local government's vision is the cyber equivalent of the national highway and I was delighted to discover the Minister and I share that enthusiasm," Cr Bell said. "I look forward to continuing the positive dialogue that this extremely important meeting has opened up in terms of local government's critical and expanding role in providing IT access for local communities in a coordinated way."

Cr Bell said that local government had made considerable progress over the past 5 years in entering the world of e-government and development of web-based services. He said this was assisted greatly by the direct support of the Australian Government through the \$45m (over 4 years) local government Networking the Nation Program.

The Broadband Blueprint identifies the important role of local government in facilitating broadband in Greenfield and Brownfield sites. ALGA is working with the Department of Communications, IT and the Arts to discuss guidelines for planning policy with the assistance of state associations.

Announcements of successful bidders for the \$600m Broadband Connect Program will be made by the Minister this financial year. The allocation is part of the larger AU\$1.1 billion Connect Australia package which also includes, for example, funding to improve indigenous communications and rural mobile phone coverage. Announcements in relation to the \$100m Clever Networks program are also expected shortly.

Meeting with Minister Lloyd

ALGA President Cr Paul Bell met with the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, Jim Lloyd, in Canberra on Wednesday to argue for a 5-year extension to the Roads to Recovery Program and the Strategic Regional component of AusLink. Cr Bell also emphasised the crucial success of the Blackspot Program in improving road safety at locations with a history of crashes involving death or injury. The program expires at the



end of the next financial year. "The Blackspot Program has made a very important contribution towards achieving a reduction in the road toll," Cr Bell said. "The Government's strong support for the program is understood and appreciated by councils around Australia and I urge the Government to extend this program beyond June 2008 so that many more Australians will benefit from the reduction of serious road crashes."

Speaking at the 2007 Australian Roads Summit, Minister Lloyd said the Australian Government's \$15 billion AusLink strategy was helping the nation's transport infrastructure address freight and passenger growth over the next 20 years.

"The Australian Government's \$15 billion commitment to land transport reform in the first five years of AusLink represents a 90 per cent increase over the level of the 5 years preceding the program and has already made a major difference to our road and rail systems," he said.

"This funding recognises the ongoing challenge and importance of reforming Australia's land transport infrastructure, which plays a vital role in improving our global competitiveness and ongoing economic growth."

"AusLink is an expanded national network of roads and railways; it guarantees funding beyond just one year and establishes an agreed forward outlook with the states on priorities for the land transport network."

Mr Lloyd said progress on funded AusLink projects had been excellent with 64 projects completed already, 45 under construction and a further 48 in the planning stage.

"This large number of projects under way is thanks to the biggest investment in road and rail links ever undertaken in Australia and I am confident a large majority will be complete by June 2009," he said.

Mr Lloyd said AusLink was an excellent example of all spheres of government working together.

"The Australian Government is working in conjunction with other spheres of government and industry, to coordinate improvements to the logistical and transport chains," he said.

Local government welcomes PM's \$10b Murray package



ALGA President Paul Bell has welcomed the outcome of last Friday's Water Summit. He said that local government's contribution to the debate was reflected in the communiqué which explicitly stated that local government would be consulted in the development of the Memorandum of Understanding, through ALGA.

Under the agreement on the Prime Minister's \$10b rescue package, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and the ACT have agreed to cede their powers over the Murray-Darling basin to the Commonwealth in exchange for a huge upgrade of irrigation infrastructure. Victoria is expected to join the other states in agreement. The Prime Minister John Howard agreed to a review in 2014.

At the news conference, following the agreement, Cr Bell said that local government was happy with the thrust of the plan and agreed with the premiers and the Prime Minister that this plan provided the opportunity to deliver significant outcomes for the Murray-Darling system.

"We have 210 local governments located along the system, many of those in New South Wales and Queensland which provide water services and therefore local government has a

vital interest in this plan, particularly the way in which the plan will affect local government infrastructure, the way in which the plan will maybe alter standards and requirements in regards to not only that infrastructure but the way in which water either taken out or put back into the stream," he said.

"So therefore we see that local government has a significant part to play in the further development of the MOU and the arrangements in regards to communities and even more importantly we certainly put on the table today that we believe there needs to be a recognition of some structural adjustment that might need to take place in these local communities where water which has been a basis of the economies of many of those communities built up along the Murray may in some ways alter or take a new shape. And we certainly welcome the assurances of the Prime Minister that local communities and local government will have you know, those concerns in certainly embellished in the MOU as it's moved forward. So we want to thank certainly the Prime Minister for his leadership and the premiers in the way in which they've embraced those concerns of local government."

In a speech to the Australian Water Summit in Melbourne this week, Opposition water spokesman Anthony Albanese said that federal Labor would shift water use from low efficiency to high efficiency crops, put higher prices on water and pour more funding into water infrastructure of cities, if it won government.

Mr Albanese did not detail what sort of pricing structure Labor would implement, saying that pricing water to reflect its scarcity was "essential" to encourage greater efficiency. He said the government had a "critical role in intervening to ensure equity" and pricing should "reflect externalities".

From the President

There is no doubt that climate change is a 'hot topic.' Climate change, rightly or wrongly, is being held responsible for weather patterns including the drought, snow in December, hail in Canberra this week and torrential storms across NSW and Victoria. However, there is firm scientific evidence to suggest Arctic ice is melting, seas levels are rising and there is a growing hole in the ozone layer, all of which have been attributed to greenhouse gas missions.



It is now widely accepted that climate change is happening and will have long term impacts. For governments and communities the challenge of climate change is to develop appropriate policies to manage its causes and its impacts.

The level of community concern is not lost on our political leaders. The Prime Minister has hinted that this year's federal budget may include a multi-billion dollar investment in climate change measures. The Opposition Leader Kevin Rudd has announced a National Climate Change Summit in Canberra this year, to which he has indicated he will invite the Australian Local Government Association along with state ministers and premiers.

Generally, government policy responses fall into two broad categories: mitigation and adaptation. My understanding is that mitigation is related to policy measures to prevent or reduce the causes of climate change, and adaptation means policies that assist communities to live with and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

All levels of government must respond to climate change. At the national level the Australian government has a range of initiatives including grants programs for which local government is eligible through the National Greenhouse Office. Most state and territory governments have also developed state based strategies and initiatives to address climate change. Notwithstanding these initiatives, there is considerable political debate about the approach and adequacy of the response by governments to climate change.

In February 2006 the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed to undertake work

to accelerate progress on actions to reduce emissions and to adapt to climate change. Officials are currently preparing a report for COAG on strategies that can be initiated within each jurisdiction and on areas for greater collaboration. We can expect that in the lead up to the federal election the major political parties will further develop and differentiate their respective policies in this important policy area.

My feedback is that the community is willing to play a greater role and individual councils and regional groupings of councils are responding to this by assessing the impact of climate change and considering possible impacts on transport infrastructure; water, stormwater and sewerage infrastructure; energy supply; seafont infrastructure; economic and health impacts; planning; emergency and waste management.

At an individual council level local governments are responding with a range of mitigation activities for example greenhouse gas emissions reduction (particularly through the Cities for Climate Protection program) and through adaptation strategies, such as the encouragement of water sensitive urban design, floodplain mapping activities, increasing the availability of shade provision and protection, and dealing with community health issues which may arise from changing climate patterns. Most state and territory local government associations have elected to undertake work in this area.

Local government is working on developing a national policy statement and climate change will feature as a major topic at our National General Assembly in Darwin in November 2007.

Rest assured, that local government will continue to provide leadership on climate change and greenhouse gas emissions within the community through a combination of on-ground activities and strategic planning. The key is for all spheres of government to work together with the community and other stakeholders to undertake mitigation and adaptation strategies and activities, including community awareness activities. Local government is well placed to play a pivotal role in this debate and in the process of identifying ways of addressing these challenges as the sphere of government that is closest to communities.

Cr Paul Bell AM
ALGA President

Ferguson outlines Labor's plan for roads

In a speech at the Australian Roads Summit this week, the Shadow Minister for Transport, Roads and Tourism, Martin Ferguson, said that with the 2007 election 'fast approaching,' Labor would be developing its own transport package.

"Federal Labor will give much higher priority to maintenance of the existing national highway network because for too long this has been neglected in favour of new road construction," he said. "With the land freight task set to double by 2020 and congestion in our cities already costing billions of dollars a year, the Commonwealth's contribution must be refocussed on national strategic transport priorities."

Mr Ferguson said that political interference at the Federal level had diverted the program from those priorities. "There is no better example than Auslink's Strategic Regional Program." Labor indicated in its 2004 election policy that it would retain this program, but redevelop it to ensure strict criteria focussed on strategic regional economic links - metropolitan, provincial and rural - which are not currently Auslink routes.

"The program will also do more to encourage local government authorities to think regionally about pooling their resources in partnership with State and Territory governments and the private sector to achieve major strategic outcomes. Federal, State and local government responsibilities and accountabilities for road funding are increasingly blurred with all levels of government playing the blame game.

"The Roads to Recovery program, introduced to address the specific problem of local roads reaching the end of their economic life and their replacement being beyond the capacity of local government, is a good example.

"A recent audit of the program found that instead of topping up local government spending on roads as was originally intended, the program has unfortunately been used by some councils to replace local government spending.

"Federal Labor will continue to support the program, but we will also implement the audit recommendations with respect to the maintenance of local government spending on roads, analysis of costs and benefits, stronger governance arrangements, better financial management and enhanced accountability for the special allocations for South Australia and Western Australia. As per the 2004 election policy, Federal Labor will also retain the black spot road safety program and consider its extension.

"This is one of the more focussed programs producing real results and saving lives on Australian roads. Mr Ferguson stated that a Federal Labor government would establish Infrastructure Australia as an independent statutory authority to advise the Government on infrastructure priorities. Further expenditure on roads, rail and ports must be based on strategic national priorities, underpinned by transparent assessment criteria, focused on rigorous analysis of costs and benefits, and importantly, must be within the financial means of government."

In an address also to the Australian Roads Summit, Cr Col Sullivan, Vice-President of ALGA made the following key points:

- Local Government as the third sphere of government has controlling responsibility for some 80% of the total roads system in Australia on which a significant portion of the road task takes place. Local government transport interest however extends beyond roads and especially in urban areas, we have a strong interest in the efficient operation of public transport.
- The difficult financial position of many councils, up to a third according to the PricewaterhouseCoopers report on financial sustainability of councils raises serious question about the ability of local government to self fund the roads and transport needs expected by the communities that they serve.
- Local government appreciates the support of Australia Government through the Roads to Recovery Program. Local government however needs this funding to become a permanent feature of the Commonwealth budget to provide local government with a sustainable source of funding to meet the challenge of maintaining the local road system.
- Local government continues to lobby the Commonwealth to provide funding in the area of public transport like other central governments around the world.
- Local government is a supporter of reforms, whether they are intuitional reform as suggested by the Productivity Commission or roads transport reforms being developed by the National Transport Commission provided that they do not disadvantaged councils.
- Local government, in line to with the principles of the Intergovernmental Agreement signed by Federal, state and local government representatives, will when considering reforms, seek to ensure that councils are not disadvantaged or have transferred to them financial responsibilities without the accompanying necessary funds.

Parliament approves new citizenship laws

The Australian Citizenship Bill, the biggest revamp of arrangements since the Nationality and Citizenship Bill came into effect in 1949, has been passed by Parliament. Migrants now must spend four years in Australia before being eligible for citizenship - double the previous requirement of two years, and up from the three years the government had initially proposed in the legislation.

The Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation will be able to veto a person's citizenship application if it deems him or her to be a direct or indirect security risk. The bill also makes it easier for anyone who renounced their Australian citizenship to regain it, providing they are of good character. But it raises the age at which people become exempt from having to pass a basic English test, from 50 to 60 years. The changes passed the Senate on Monday night after the House of Representatives approved them in November. The government softened the laws slightly from the original proposal, so that there will be ministerial discretion over whether to grant citizenship to a person holding a criminal record.

Without the change, the legislation would have meant a person convicted of a crime in another country would be likely to have their application for Australian citizenship denied. Labor had pointed out this would have meant former South African president Nelson Mandela could have been refused Australian citizenship if he had applied. More debate on citizenship is due later this year when the government moves to introduce tough measures requiring migrants to pass general knowledge tests before being granted Australian citizenship. Meanwhile The Parliamentary Secretary for Immigration and Citizenship, Teresa Gambaro said the department was currently assessing the availability of services in the area to assist humanitarian entrants, including Commonwealth, State and local government services.

Ms Gambaro said the department was also consulting with local stakeholders to ensure the community is supportive, informed and working with local networks interested in assisting humanitarian entrants. She said while most migrants with skills and good English require little assistance to successfully settle, it was recognised that people entering Australia under the Humanitarian Program and those who arrive on family visas with little English need some help to participate fully in Australia's economy and society. "That's why intensive on-arrival support for humanitarian entrants is provided through the Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy - it's world's best in terms of other countries' comparable programs," Ms Gambaro said.

Councils not liable for contractor negligence: High Court

In a landmark ruling by the High Court, a Sydney council is not liable to pay damages to a pedestrian injured by construction work performed by a sub-contractor.

High Court judges ruled that roads authorities, such as councils, did not have an automatic liability for the negligent behaviour of employees of independent roadworks contractors. Judges held that Leichhardt Council did not owe Mr Leslie Montgomery, who fell into a carpet-covered Telstra pit, a non-delegable duty of care. Instead, the council's duty was the ordinary duty to take reasonable care to prevent injury.

"It could not have anticipated every minor and unpredictable act of carelessness on the part of any of Roan's employees without effectively, or actually, performing the work itself, using its own employees," Justice Michael Kirby said in his decision.

The judges ruled the council did have a duty to exercise reasonable care in supervising a contractor or in approving a contractor's plans and system of work. But it was not automatically liable for the negligence of an independent contractor's employees, they said. Mr Montgomery will lose more than \$200,000 damages awarded against the council. But he will keep \$50,000 paid out by the company Roan Constructions, which had been engaged by Leichhardt Council to repair footpaths along part of Sydney's Parramatta Road.

Review of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 (Transport Standards) - Implications for local government

These Transport Standards apply to all public transport facilities including facilities such as bus stops and bus shelters and any other facilities that are the responsibility of councils. Details of these standards can be found at <http://www.humanrights.gov.au/>.

The Transport Standards require that 25% of bus stops be compliant with the standards by 31 December 2007.

ALGA is aware of at least one council being successfully sued over not providing bus stops in accordance with the provisions Transport Standards.

Part 34 of the Transport Standards requires the Minister for Transport and Regional Services, in consultation with the Attorney-General, to review the efficiency and effectiveness of the Transport Standards within five years of their taking effect on 23 October 2002.

The Review is to include an assessment of whether discrimination has been removed, as far as possible, according to the requirements of the Transport Standards, and is to consider any necessary amendments to the Transport Standards.

The Federal Government is currently considering tenders for an external reviewer. The tender documents provide for the review to be completed by October 2007. However there has been considerable concern expressed at the short time for the review and the Government is giving consideration to extending the period of the review.

The Review will involve public consultations and the opportunity for all stakeholders to provide written submissions.

ALGA will continue to monitor the review and keep councils informed.

ACMA finds 2GB presented material in a misleading manner

The Australian Communications and Media Authority has found that Harbour Radio Pty Ltd, the licensee of commercial radio service 2GB Sydney, breached the Commercial Radio Codes of Practice 2004, by presenting material in a misleading manner by giving improper emphasis to the material and by editing that material out of context.

ACMA received two complaints from the Baulkham Hills Shire Council relating to the Mornings program hosted by Ray Hadley. The complaints concerned the presenter's repeated broadcast of an excerpt of a Council 'question time recording' in which the Mayor of Baulkham Hills Shire Council is heard addressing a fellow councillor.

Under clause 2.2(d) of the code, material must not be presented in a misleading manner by giving wrong or improper emphasis or by editing out of context.

In response to the breach finding, the licensee indicated that it would bring the findings of the investigation report to the attention of all 2GB presenters and producers. The licensee

also indicated that it would cease to use the question time recording during any broadcast of any program on its station.

ACMA notes the actions taken by the licensee in response to the breach finding and will closely monitor licensee's ongoing performance against this provision of the code.

A copy of the investigation report is available on the [ACMA website](#).

Development Assessment Forum meets in Adelaide

Cr John Rich represented ALGA at last Friday's meeting that was held at the LGASA's offices in Adelaide. The Forum, chaired by the Planning Institute of Australia's Sue Holliday meets quarterly across Australia and its prime objective is work towards enhancing the development assessment processes across Australia.

The meeting was attended by senior representatives from State and Territory Planning Departments, local government associations, industry, professional associations and Australian Government departments and agencies.

Key outcomes arising from the meeting was agreement to prepare a business case for the ongoing development and rollout of the eDA (electronic development assessment) work that is currently happening across Australia via the RRIF program, and endorsement that several consultancies be commissioned to further enhance the value of the Leading Practice Model for Development Assessment in Australia. The specific consultancy work will seek to undertake a national benchmarking exercise on the actual planning practices and processes currently taking place and further investigate the issues that arise from using track based assessment arrangements. The Forum also agreed to engage consultants to prepare best practice guidelines in preparing objective rules and tests for development assessment.

The next meeting of DAF is scheduled to take place in mid May in Brisbane.

Social and Community Impacts arising from an Influenza Pandemic – local government workshop in Sydney

The Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FACSIA) met last week in Sydney to specifically discuss with representatives from local government associations and Councils across Australia the likely community issues that may arise should Australia ever experience such a devastating event. Participants at the workshop heard from ALGA's Senior Policy Adviser on the status of work occurring nationally and through ALGA's participation on the National COAG Human Influenza working Group. The LGASA also briefed participants on the valuable information and progress being achieved through the appointment of a full time Pandemic awareness officer.

Those Council officers in attendance were able to provide detailed opinions on how well their respective organisations and communities are prepared for such a natural disaster. The information exchange was valuable for all participants and will assist FACSIA is further developing strategies to not only assist communities in coping with a pandemic but insuring that support systems and resources will allow the continuation of civil society during and after a pandemic.

FACSIA also met with non-government and the volunteer sectors to better appreciate how they can contribute to Australia's ability to meet such a significant societal challenge.

Your Development Project kicks off

ALGA is one of a number of national, state and territory based organisations that have agreed to assist with the resourcing of the Project Advisory Committee for Your Development. The first meeting of the PAC took place on 28 February in Canberra.

Your Development seeks to fill an identified information gap by providing a national resource to enable the development sector (including regulators and private and public developers) to produce more sustainable, innovative urban developments by providing best practice examples and ideas that are easily accessible and relevant.

The resources will be largely web based. It is intended to focus on mainly residential, green and brown field developments that are low rise (no greater than 4 stories) and are on a scale of 10 dwellings to as large as 1000 lot subdivisions.

The proposed content will examine such issues as site ecology, place making principles, urban design, transport, materials, water and energy management, greenhouse abatement and project design.

The Australian Greenhouse Office and the CSIRO are leading this initiative. The work intends to build on the highly successful Your Home publication that was released in 2001, designed to encourage more sustainable houses to build in Australia.

It is envisaged that Your Development will be released sometime in mid 2008. Several meetings of the PAC will assist in ensuring that this resource builds on many of the good examples currently happening in Australia and will also seek to examine worthy and relevant international case studies. Given the important roles played by local governments in planning and sustainable development, ALGA would encourage Councils throughout Australia to follow and contribute to the development of this best practice resource.

The next meeting of the Project Advisory Committee will occur in mid May, possibly in Brisbane.

State of the Regions Report 2006-07



WA political scandal claims local government minister's scalp

Local Government Minister John Bowler has been forced out of cabinet and faces expulsion from the Labor Party following revelations at the Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC) probe into the lobbying activities of former Premier Brian Burke and his business partner Julian Grill.

Premier Alan Carpenter dumped Mr Bowler after the CCC heard the minister had leaked a confidential committee report to Mr Grill, then made changes to it based on feedback from Mr Grill's mining company client, Precious Metals Australia (PMA).

"A short while ago I met with (Mr Bowler) and demanded his resignation from the cabinet, and the state parliamentary Labor party," Mr Carpenter told state parliament on Tuesday. "He has agreed to provide both."

COAG Indigenous Trials

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) trials operating in eight Indigenous communities across Australia will be built on as part of the Government's Blueprint for

Action in Indigenous Affairs, Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Mal Brough, has announced.

"The trials, administered jointly by the Australian, state and territory governments, began in 2002 and explored new cooperative and flexible ways of working to reduce Indigenous disadvantage," the Minister said. "The trials involved a genuine and concerted effort by Australian and State government agencies, and the communities themselves."

Each of the trials has been independently evaluated and a synopsis report commissioned to draw out the key lessons (attached).

"The trials have helped build important relationships between government agencies and communities. However, too much bureaucracy, too many plans and too many committees have often resulted in limited outcomes.

"While acknowledging the limitations of the trials, there have been many successes. For instance, during the trial at Balgo in Western Australia crime rates reduced dramatically as a result of a new place management approach and in the APY Lands innovative nutrition programs have been established.

"Importantly, in Murdi Paaki, the Regional Assembly Chairman, Sam Jefferies acknowledged that 'the whole of government approach to Indigenous Affairs has changed mindsets'.

"Following the evaluation of the trials we can now incorporate lessons learned into the new 'place based approach' to the way we do business with Indigenous communities in the future.

"The place based approach will involve the Australian, state and territory governments continuing to work directly with Indigenous communities in the future, but on the basis of ensuring a better understanding amongst all parties of what is being sought and how practical and important outcomes can be achieved."

The Minister stressed that commitments made during the trials would be honoured.

In the APY Lands, the Department of Health and Ageing will continue to take a lead role in seeing through its commitments and the Department of Education, Science and Training will remain a key player in the Murdi Paaki region.

Wadeye in the Northern Territory remains an area identified for intensive government effort, while the APY Lands have been identified as a priority community in partnership with the South Australian government.

Agreements were made with state and territory governments in 2006 for more place based approaches in Galiwinku (NT), Alice Springs, Mornington Island (QLD) and Kalumburu (WA). Other sites are being negotiated with state and territory Governments. Our approach will draw on the lessons learnt from the COAG trials and follow the principles that underpin the Blueprint for Action respecting culture, high standards and expectations, focusing on people and families, services and opportunities based on need and working in partnership.

"The Howard Government is determined to ensure that Indigenous Australians are able to lead independent lives and benefit from the economy in the same way as all other Australians," the Minister said.

The individual evaluations of the trials are available on the [OIPC website](#).

City of Sydney Council's Mardi Gras 'show-stopper'

Sydney Lord Mayor has unveiled the City of Sydney Council's entry in this weekend's Mardi Gras, an entry dubbed 'More than Just Pansies... Another Gay in the Emerald City.' Sydney City councillors and staff will march with the float bearing environmental messages. The float is a tribute to Sydney Park which was a landfill site until 1988 when it was transformed into a park with wetlands and sustainability measures.

Reaching people with a print disability

The Municipal Association of Victoria, in partnership with Vision Australia, has produced two web cast seminars, one on Print Accessibility and the other on Web Accessibility. The seminars are targeted at local government communicators who are seeking ways to communicate with 18% of the population who experience a print disability. These seminars, which can be viewed at <http://www.mav.asn.au/bcpr/accessible>, are available to other local government organisations who may wish to include them on their websites in order to promote and facilitate accessible communication across the sector.

Dick Gross reappointed as MAV president

The incumbent MAV President, Cr Dick Gross was reappointed to the role for another two years after successfully contesting the Municipal Association of Victoria's general election.

Cr Gross said he was pleased his hard work and commitment to the sector over the past five months had been recognised by councils and continuity in leadership would allow the MAV to get on with the job.

"In particular, I am passionate about the MAV's continued work with the State Government to improve behavioural standards through the establishment of a councillor tribunal; the first ever formal Victorian State-Local Government Agreement; and a commitment to review councillor allowances.

"The major part of this funding will allow in-depth research to be carried out on perceptions of rural life and implement a statewide campaign promoting the bush," Mr Pitt said.

"The MAV has also shown strong national leadership to address the financial sustainability challenges facing local government, with Victoria's robust models and practices being widely recognised.

"An innovative reform agenda led by the MAV is also using regional collaboration and economies of scale to reduce council costs in a range of areas, and work is progressing to implement changes to improve local government's efficiency, transparency and accountability.

"These are exciting times for the sector and we could not afford to lose momentum," he said.

Tasmania - fines revenue used to improve the environment

Fines collected for offences under Tasmania's environment laws are being used to improve the state's environment. Projects to reduce the amount of mobile phones, computer equipment, televisions and metals dumped in landfill are among those to receive a grant from the Environment Protection Fund.

Local government and not-for-profit organisations shared in \$40,000 which would be used for recycling and recovery projects.

Those who shared in the \$40,000 were Glenorchy City Council, Central Highlands council and George Town council, along with the Mt Roland Rivercare Catchment project and Sustainable Living Tasmania. Studies highlight cost effective measures to achieve energy efficiency.

Grants of up to \$50,000 Available for Local Environment Projects

Individuals and community groups are being urged to apply for grants of up to \$50,000 through the Australian Government Envirofund for on-ground environment projects. \$20 million in funding is available for this year's round of Envirofund.

For this year's Envirofund the Australian Government will consider a reduced matching contribution from project proponents in Exceptional Circumstances (drought) declared and coastal areas, making it easier to get local environment projects in these areas up and running. In addition, people in Exceptional Circumstances declared areas are able to apply for weed and feral animal control as the primary activity, as long as there is a clear natural resource management benefit.

Improving natural resource management is a key aim of the Envirofund and applies to public and private land alike. For example, local farmers might consider applying for fencing activities to control stock accessing waterways so that riverbank habitats and water quality can be protected and improved, or a coast-based community group might apply for funding to conduct revegetation of coastal dunes to prevent erosion and re-establish native habitat for bird and mammal species.

The types of projects typically funded through Envirofund include planting native vegetation, fencing to protect habitat for native species, and weeding on public land like local reserves or beaches. Projects that increase the community's skills and knowledge for undertaking on-ground projects are also eligible, as well as activities to raise awareness about local natural resource management issues.

Project applications for Round 9 of the Envirofund are now open. Applications close at 5.00pm on Friday 27 April 2007.

For copies of the application form or for more information please visit <http://www.nht.gov.au/envirofund> or telephone 1800 065 823.

Join the Consumer Fraud Protection Month

The second annual Consumer Fraud Protection Month runs for four weeks from 5 March to 1 April, coordinated by the Australasian Consumer Fraud Taskforce (ACFT). It is an information campaign for consumers which is held during Global Consumer Fraud Prevention Month.

State associations around Australia will be participating, encouraging their member councils to support it.

The theme for this year's campaign is 'SCAMS TARGET YOU! Protect Yourself' and each week there will be a media release, backgrounder and flier with tips on how consumers can protect themselves from scammers who target their computer, phone, finances and identity.

There is also information for small businesses to protect themselves from tricksters and the most common scams used against them.

ALGA is supporting the campaign because it is pertinent to local government as it dovetails with our strategy of securing and protecting the community.

Individual councils have the opportunity to become a partner in the campaign by placing a link to the scamwatch website, <http://www.scamwatch.gov.au> on their homepage and by issuing media releases and messages from the mayor to their community.

For further information, contact the media officer of your state association or your state's consumer affairs or fair trading department.

Review of National General Assembly

Reviewing the National General Assembly of Local Government is a major task but one which was energetically undertaken in 2006 by a number of dedicated ALGA Board members. This included the Chairperson Ann Bennison (Queensland), John Rich (South Australia), Kerry Moir (Northern Territory) and, prior to their term ending on the ALGA Board, Phyllis Miller (New South Wales) and Robert Legge (Tasmania). ALGA President, Paul Bell, also gave valued input to the deliberations.

Based on delegates' feedback from the 2006 National General Assembly, the principles for determining motions for debate at the Assembly were endorsed:

1. it must refer to an issue of national significance
2. be relevant to the work of local government
3. not be antithetical to the interests of any one state or territory

In 2007 the Review Committee has been expanded to include: Cr Mike Gaffney, Tasmania; Cr Bill Mitchell, Western Australia; and Cr Col Sullivan, New South Wales. The Review Committee is refining the review outcomes of 2006 to ensure constant improvement of the premier local government event.

Chairperson of the General Assembly Review Committee, Cr Ann Bennison welcomes further feedback and comments from all councils. Please send a concise email with your input on these important issues. Please forward your comments to katie.whitehead@alga.asn.au.

NGA07 – Historic Darwin event taking shape!

This year's National General Assembly, A Climate for Change, will focus on the environmental implications of climate change for local government, as well as address the financial sustainability of councils and a new opportunity for Constitutional recognition as our Federation changes.

Councils on Show!, introduced at the 2006 event, will once again be a feature in the program. ALGA invites councils to submit DVD presentations of 5 minutes maximum showcasing local government innovation across Australia. Preference for selection will be given to those DVDs which fit the NGA07 theme. Please send by post your applications to Katie Whitehead, Director National Events & International Liaison, 8 Geils Court, Deakin, ACT, 2600.

A program and registration brochure, including Call for Motions for the 2007 National General Assembly will be sent to councils during March. Please keep watch on the [National General Assembly website](#) as progress on this year's event unfolds.

A. R. Bluett Memorial Award 2005/2006

The Chairman of the A.R. Bluett Memorial Trust, John Flannery PSM, has announced that the A.R. Bluett Memorial Award for 2005/2006 has been awarded to Randwick City Council.

The Bluett Award is presented each year to the Council that, in the opinion of the trustees, has made the greatest relative progress. Randwick City Council has a refreshing and innovative approach to the challenges confronting its community and impressed the judges with its commitment to environmental sustainability, integrated planning, knowledge management and a wide range of recreation and lifestyle projects.

The A.R. Bluett Award is considered to be the highest accolade a council can aspire to and has been in operation since 1945. The award is made annually and will be formally presented to the Council during Local Government Week and at a function in the Council's area.

Some of the achievements noted in the Randwick submission were:

- The Councils sustainable city program, including the environmental levy program for spending on environmental improvements and sustainability initiatives
- Adoption of the city-wide place management project and employment of public place officers
- Internal organisation improvements and knowledge management initiatives
- Recreation and lifestyle projects including protection of ocean dunes and aquatic centre upgrading
- A diverse community events program and
- The coastal walkway project from Clovelly Headland to Botany Bay

[View Randwick City Council's citation \(19KB\).](#)

Mr Flannery also announced that Highly Commended Awards would be made this year to entries from Gosford City Council and Penrith City Council.

View [Gosford City Council](#) and [Penrith City Council's](#) citations.

No awards were made this year in the Shires Association category of the award. The trustees are reviewing the entry requirements for the award with a view to a new and simplified entry process being introduced for the 2007 awards. All councils will be circulated shortly with details of the changes, said Mr Flannery.

Quit Gets Behind Smokefree Playgrounds

Quit has welcomed the announcement by Monash City Council that smoking will be banned smoking in playgrounds in the City of Monash from July 1, this year.

Quit has encouraged other Councils to follow the lead of Monash and consider the proposal claiming the move is a good step in promoting a smokefree lifestyle to young people.

Executive Director of Quit Victoria, Mr Todd Harper, said he expected Monash City Council's proposal to be met with overwhelming community support.

Research conducted by The Cancer Council of Victoria in 2003 showed that 87% of Victorians supported smokefree playgrounds, including a remarkable 83% of smokers.

"The public have an expectation for smokefree environments, especially in places that are particularly attractive for young people, so this will be a popular move by the Monash City Council."

"By minimising the exposure of younger people to smoking in these environments, we can dismantle the myth that smoking is a normal behaviour."

Lifeguards are not babysitters

Royal Life Saving Australia has developed a new program to assist with increasing concerns and trends of poor parental supervision within public swimming pools and aquatic centres. The KEEP WATCH @ PUBLIC POOLS program was officially launched in late February by Olympian and KEEP WATCH Ambassador Samantha Riley. Over 20 public aquatic facilities have already signed up for the program which is designed to educate parents and carers of children about adequate supervision, encouraging them to take on the responsibility of actively supervising their children while visiting public pools.

The KEEP WATCH @ PUBLIC POOLS program is a public education program based on the Guidelines for Safe Pool Operation. Designed specifically for public aquatic facilities the program assists local government councils by having a range of materials to help prevent drowning deaths and incidents from occurring at public pools. Material included in the program include signage, safety messages on pool announcement systems, brochures and information cards for lifeguards to use to help educate parents.

Pools that participate in the program will need to implement the policies for parental supervision included in the Royal Life Saving Australia, Guidelines for Safe Pool Operations. This includes Children under 10 years not being allowed entry into the facility unless under the supervision of a person 16 years or older.

By both parents and public pools working together and following the KEEP WATCH @ PUBLIC POOLS program we can prevent children from drowning in public pools.

Centres and councils that would like more information about KEEP WATCH @ PUBLIC POOLS should contact Royal Life Saving in their relevant state or territory.

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Further information:

- Australian Government Information Management Office
- Department of Finance and Administration
- Telephone: 02 6215 1611
- e-government@finance.gov.au

Quote of the week

"Patriotism is when love of your own people comes first; nationalism, when hate for people other than your own comes first."

- General Charles De Gaulle

Forthcoming events

For a full listing of forthcoming events, see ALGA's [Events calendar](#).

04 - 08 March 2007 Ozwater 20

06 - 07 March 2007 Internal Strategy and Process Development 2007

07 - 10 March 2007 9th National Rural Health Conference

11 - 13 March 2007 LGSA Tourism Conference 2007

13 - 14 March 2007 Community Engagement

13 - 15 March 2007 Corporate Governance in the Public Sector

15 - 16 March 2007 Understanding, Interpreting & Negotiating Native Title, Cultural Heritage & Indigenous Engagement

15 - 16 March 2007 2007 Fenner Conference on the environment

15 - 17 March 2007 World's Greatest Shave

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International Women's Day - 8 March 2007

To mark International Women's Day, the President of ALGA, Cr Paul Bell, has joined with the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) to urge more women to consider local government, either by standing for office or as a career option.



The theme of International women's Day this year is health and wealth. ALGA is working closely with ALGWA to promote greater participation of women in local government and ensure that the contribution of women in local government is recognised.

Over the past year, ALGWA has had several wins, including the establishment of the SA and NT Branch of ALGWA with funding provided through the Office for Women (OfW). ALGWA is currently working through the Review of the National Framework for Women in Local Government with \$50,000 of OfW grant funding. ALGWA President Mrs Kaele Way said the National Roundtable had been held in Adelaide and the launch of the review of the framework would be held in May.

Mrs Way said that International Women's Day was established in 1977 by the United Nations to provide an opportunity to celebrate the progress made to advance equality for women and to assess the challenges that remain.

"Women are participating in local government in greater numbers than ever before. It provides women with an opportunity to participate in the decision making process at the community level - a level which provides immediate and obvious results, a level where you can make a real difference to the lives of others," Mrs Way said.

Cr Bell said there was still much to be done. "Local government still has a long way to go," he said. "While women comprise half our population, they represent just 27.8 per cent of Australia's 6,566 elected local government representatives."

ALGWA aims to encourage and support women's involvement and participation in local government throughout Australia. The Association can be contacted at www.algwa.net.au

Yesterday, the Minister Assisting the PM for Women's Issues, Julie Bishop, launched the Women in Australia 2007 report. Among other findings, the report shows that women's full time wages have increased by 18.8% in real terms in the last decade and more women are now surviving breast and cervical cancer. It shows that women are excelling in secondary school and enrolling in increasing numbers at universities. The report brings together statistics reflecting many aspects of Australian women's lives and how they have changed over time and is designed to inform policy makers, academics, women's interest groups and other interested members of the public. Copies of the report are available at www.ofw.facsia.gov.au

A substantial survey by the Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers Australia, which will be released on 28 March, shows that over 25% of professional women reported that they were not receiving equal pay for equal work. For women with business

qualifications and those in senior management positions, the figure was much higher at over 40% testifying to perceived inequality. OECD reports substantiate these findings. The recent Gender Gap Index, ranked Australia 45th out of 115 OECD nations on wage equality for similar work.

Harmony Day - councils take up their bat and ball

The word is going out for Mayors and Councillors to go in to bat for community harmony by taking part in Crickids Australia's Biggest Cricket Game Harmony Day on 21 March.

Harmony Day is celebrated each year and is administered by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. It is about bringing people together to promote Australian values and to celebrate the Australian way of life.

Local governments across the country plan to use Harmony Day to profile the services and programs they use to promote community harmony. Since 1999, 28 local councils have used Living in Harmony funding to work with schools, non-government agencies, community organisations and culturally diverse communities to encourage residents of all backgrounds to fully participate in the Australian way of life.

Visit the events diary of www.harmony.gov.au to see what is happening in council areas.

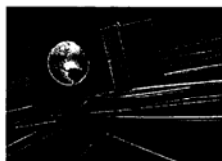
The biggest event this year is Crickids Australia's Biggest Cricket Game, an attempt to set the national record for the most people participating in cricket games on the same day. Already over 110 000 people in over 650 school communities have registered to take part.

The Game, arranged by the Cricket Australia and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, is a low cost, participative way for councils to show their support for the Living in Harmony messages of respect, fairness, participation, acceptance and a fair go for all. For Game details visit www.cricket.com.au/ABCGame

Elsewhere on Harmony Day, local governments have planned a wide range of events. For example the Brisbane City Council and the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) will host live music, dance and other performances in Brisbane's Queen St Mall. The event, which has had council backing for the past few years, is always popular with Brisbane shoppers and office workers on their lunch time break.

For its contribution to the national event, the Gold Coast City Council is orchestrating 21 Days of Harmony across the Gold Coast. Starting on 21 March local libraries will hold events with multicultural themes including photographic exhibitions, language training and story telling.

Broadband announcement promises subsidised internet access



The Prime Minister John Howard has announced the Australian Broadband Guarantee, under which the government will commit almost \$163 million to provide subsidised internet access for Australians currently unable to gain a reasonable access to broadband services.

Communications, IT and the Arts Minister Senator Helen Coonan



said the program would provide universal broadband for all Australians.

Mr Howard said that Broadband Internet was a key economic driver and was increasingly important for the delivery of business and education services, as well as for individuals in the home.

The \$163 million would provide subsidised Internet access for Australians currently unable to gain a reasonable access to broadband service at their principal place of residence or small business.

He said the announcement would make Australia one of the few countries in the world to ensure an affordable broadband service to all households and small businesses. Australian Government programs had already helped more than one million households and small businesses access broadband Internet.

"The Australian Broadband Guarantee will provide a smooth transition to the \$600 million Broadband Connect infrastructure program and broadband access for people in metropolitan, outer metropolitan and regional Australia who, for technical or geographical reasons, do not have broadband services at present," he said.

"The \$600 million Broadband Connect Infrastructure Program would establish an efficient, sustainable broadband network across regional Australia to enable the roll-out of higher speed Internet."

The Government has committed \$1.1 billion to the total Connect Australia package and from June 2008 a further \$2 billion from the Communications Fund will be available to enhance telecommunication services and to continue the Australian Broadband Guarantee. More details on the Australian Broadband Guarantee are available at www.dcita.gov.au

ALGA is in consultation with the Department of Communications, IT and the Arts to determine whether local councils would be eligible for the subsidised access.

"I will do my best to ensure that local government is included," ALGA President Cr Bell said today."

"Local councils are similar in size to small businesses and their role in providing services to local communities should make them eligible."

From the President

News that the least affordable Australian city is Sydney is hardly surprising, where median prices are 8.5 times median incomes. But what has stopped many of us in our tracks is the fact that it is even worse than London at 8.3 times incomes and New York at 7.2 times incomes.



Wherever I go, the issue of housing affordability and mortgage pressures invariably comes up in conversation. And as the Prime Minister famously said about work-life balance, it is not just a 'barbecue-stopper', but it is being discussed at half-time at the footy, between bites at morning teas and between agenda items at meetings.

Most of the concern centres around Gen X and Y Australians who are struggling to save a deposit for a first home purchase. Many are still living at home with their parents well into their '20s or '30s when my generation were long out of the nest. Others are stuck in the 'rental trap.'

Figures released by the Real Estate Institute of Australia this week show that home loan affordability plunged in the December quarter with 35.2% of median weekly family income

required to meet average loan repayments. Across Australia, home loan affordability declined by 3.9% over the quarter and by 8% over the year, worsening in all states and territories except Tasmania.

What is particularly disturbing is that these figures are not a blip but a longer-term trend which is placing home ownership out of the grasp of an entire generation of Australians.

This week's news that the Reserve Bank Board decided to keep interest rates steady at 6.25% and the national accounts figures which showed lower inflation expected to take the pressure off interest rates are a temporary reprieve, but a fall in building approvals and increasing house prices are still a reality for most states.

Housing Industry Association (HIA) spokesman Simon Tennent has blamed overworked councils and the backlog of residential housing applications for the building downturn.

Residential Development Council (RDC) Executive Director Ross Elliott says the worsening housing affordability in this country can be blamed on three things. He says they're inappropriate land release policies, excessive housing taxes and unfair infrastructure charges and 'dysfunctional systems of development assessment.'

It is a fact of life that local government will be targeted by the housing and development lobby as the finger-pointing and blame-shifting continues. This is just part of an ongoing campaign by the housing industry and development lobby.

I have said before that this issue can only be sorted out by a national response, with all parties including industry working together to come up with ways to address the issues. This is likely to involve a range of initiatives around issues such as innovative and affordable housing design, a shared commitment to social housing outcomes, land supply, skilled labour shortages in the building and planning professions, the impact of the GST, and an examination of state fees and charges particularly stamp duty, and the NSW Government's infrastructure levy on new homes, expanding the First Home Owners Grant and a coordinated approach to urban policy so all spheres of government can plan for population changes and housing demand. State taxes make up a far greater percentage of development costs than the relatively small fees charged by councils which are reinvested back into communities, through services, roads and local infrastructure.

Local government is playing its part through a streamlined approach to development application assessment undertaken by many councils and delays are minimized in the majority of cases. However, this is balanced by local government's responsibility as a representative of the local community to scrutinize all developments and to ensure guidelines are met and there will not be adverse effects on the environment, local amenity, and to protect the integrity and visual beauty of an area.

The HIA has warned that soaring rents and a higher incidence of mortgage stress are placing unprecedented pressure on lower-income families. Record low vacancy rates in rental accommodation and 'rent auctions' are pushing lower-income Australians closer to the poverty line.

There is an urgent need to work to address the continued decline in housing affordability. No matter what your perspective, all parties agree that if left unchecked, we are likely to see an escalation in the number of homeless Australians. With a coordinated approach dependent on increased Commonwealth, state and territory leadership and an innovative development industry, and with a large dollop of goodwill, we can work together to tackle what could ultimately unfold as a national tragedy.

Cr Paul Bell AM
ALGA President

Local Roads Data

A National Local Roads data base is now operational.

ALGA has been working with state associations for a number of years to develop a local roads data system that provides relevant and timely high level information about the nation's local roads.

Jeff Roorda and Associates (JRA) has been commissioned by ALGA, using DoTARS funding to develop a National Local Roads Data System (NLRDS). That data set is now operational and can be viewed at www.jr.net.au/nlrds/

The NLRDS has eight performance measures for the local roads system in each state and territory:

Performance Measure	Data Required to develop the performance measure
Sealing of gravel roads	Unsealed road lengths
State of the asset	Current replacement cost and written down value for roads and bridges
Expenditure on roads and bridges	Maintenance, capital renewal, capital upgrade, and capital expansion expenditure
Expenditure on roads and bridges per km for unsealed roads	Lengths of sealed roads, data used in performance measure 3
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Road asset consumption	Current replacement cost and depreciation expense for roads and bridges
Road asset sustainability	Maintenance, capital renewal expenditure and depreciation expense for roads and bridges
Road safety	Road fatalities per council area.

The performance measures reported in the NLRDS are agreed by the Roads and Transport Advisory Committee which is made of representatives from each state and territory local government association.

In developing this data set ALGA has been careful not impose yet another survey on councils. The methodology developed by JRA has been to utilise existing data collected by State Grants Commissions.

ALGA appreciates the financial support for this project from DOTARS.

Tidy Towns Awards

Register now to attend the Australian Tidy Towns Awards at Ballarat on 11-12 May. Details of awards and finalists at www.kab.org.au/tidytowns.

Diary Note - Food Safety Week 2007

Food Safety Week 2007 will be held 12-19 November 2007 - the week after Melbourne Cup.

The week is the major activity of the Food Safety Information Council, Australia's leading disseminator of consumer targeted food safety information.

As this year is the 10th anniversary of the Information Council, the theme will be Back to Basics focusing on the four main food safety messages - Clean, Cook, Chill and Separate. The aim is to broaden the reach of these basic messages by engaging different age, lifestyle, and ethnic groups.

Updates will be posted in this newsletter as the campaign plan develops. Your ideas and experiences of getting messages across at the grass roots would be appreciated.

With the retirement of Tania Bradley, the Food Safety Information Council has appointed a new Executive Officer, Juliana Madden.

Juliana has extensive experience as a communicator including major projects with the Federal Department of Health and Aging, and Food Standards Australia New Zealand.

The Information Council's phone contact remains the same: 0407 626 688, as does the soon to be upgraded [website](#). The new email is: foodsafety@ozemail.com.au. The new mailing address is: PO Box 139, Red Hill ACT 2603.

Aged care funding and police checks for new aged care workers

The Minister for Ageing, Senator Santo Santoro, has recently released more detail regarding the implementation of the Australian Government's \$1.5 billion aged care package that may be of interest to many local Councils.

The package includes, amongst other initiatives, a \$755 million increase in accommodation payments, and the creation of an additional 7200 community aged care places.

Further details on the package can be obtained from the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing on www.health.gov.au/securingthefuture.

Another recent announcement in the aged care sector is the requirement for all new aged care workers and volunteers to undergo police checks from 1 March, 2007 to ascertain their suitability to work with frail elderly Australians. The checks will then be implemented progressively for existing staff and volunteers in aged care throughout this year.

New WA Local Government Minister

West Australian premier Alan Carpenter has reshuffled his cabinet.

Mr Carpenter sacked two ministers this week after the Corruption and Crime Commission revealed the ministers had inappropriate dealings with convicted fraudster and former premier Brian Burke and his business partner Julian Grill.

The axing of local government minister John Bowler and environment minister Tony McRae follows that of former small business minister Norm Marlborough who was dumped last year.

As part of the reshuffle, Youth Minister Ljiljana Ravlich has picked up Mr Bowler's local government responsibilities.

Sydney - the city of walkers

Lord Mayor Clover Moore has appointed Danish designer Jahn Gehl to design a city with fewer cars and better footpaths. The Lord Mayor said Gehl's appointment was part of a review of the city environment ahead of a 25-year plan for Sydney scheduled for release in July. The plan, Sydney 2030, will encompass water and energy conservation, architecture, housing transport and culture.

Greener homes for a cooler planet

The Australian Government will help households and small businesses become more energy efficient and potentially carbon neutral, through a \$52.8 million Small Business and Household Climate Change Action initiative.

The Government will also offer households the opportunity to become a 'carbon neutral' household through its Greenhouse Friendly program. This will involve purchase of abatement measures such as tree plantings. All Australian households will receive information explaining climate change and giving them tips on how to become more energy efficient in their homes and their workplaces. They will also be able to visit a website to calculate their household greenhouse gas emissions, and receive information on how to reduce those emissions. They will be offered the opportunity to become a Greenhouse Friendly 'carbon neutral' household by being able to buy abatement, such as through tree planting, to offset their remaining emissions.

Australia's seven million households collectively produce around 20 per cent of Australia's total greenhouse gas emissions, largely through electricity and transport use.

State of the Regions Report 2006-07



Labor's 'Cooperative Federalism'

In a speech to the Victorian ALP State Conference on Saturday, Labor Leader Kevin Rudd reiterated the need to reform the federation and nominated urban policy as a key policy area.

"We (also) believe that the Commonwealth should play a role in our major cities," he said. "We need to invest in our urban infrastructure, particularly in Melbourne and Sydney, and make our cities more globally competitive, sustainable and liveable for all."

"we need to put an end to coercive federalism and move to cooperative federalism."

The cost shift and blame shift between the federal, state and local governments costs Australian taxpayers billions of dollars each year," he said. "And as the population ages and the baby boomers move into retirement, the financial pressures on the health and aged care system will grow enormously."

"It is a significant problem for Australian businesses in dealing with conflicting and costly regulatory environments between federal, state and local governments."

"It is also a big problem for every Australian who want to access the range of services shared by governments, whether it be aged care, child care, disability services and dental care. There is too much ambiguity about which level of government is responsible for a particular government program."

There is inefficiency, overlap and duplication. The Business Council of Australia has calculated this is costing 9 billion dollars. I have said in the past that it is the last remaining frontier of serious microeconomic reform.

I've made reform of the Federation an important priority because many of Australia's biggest policy challenges involve the intersection of Federal and State government responsibilities:

- like achieving better education outcomes at pre-school, school, TAFE and apprenticeship levels;
- building world class transport infrastructure; and
- getting rid of waste and duplication in the health system.

National community crime prevention grants

Sixteen projects will receive more than \$6.5 million in the latest round of grants awarded under the National Community Crime Prevention Program (NCCPP).

The Australian Government has committed \$64 million to the NCCPP to provide funding for community based crime prevention projects in three streams: Community Partnership, Community Safety and Indigenous Community Safety.

Eight million of the total NCCPP funding is provided for initiatives in the Greater Western Sydney region and \$6 million of the total NCCPP funding is provided for projects focusing on Security Related Infrastructure activities.

This week's announcement does not include Community Partnership stream applications made under the Security Related Infrastructure component of the program. These projects will be announced shortly.

The latest grants round attracted strong interest with almost 400 received from community groups and local government associations from across Australia who responded to the last round of funding for this program.

For more information on the NCCPP and how to apply for grants, visit www.crimeprevention.gov.au.

Internet can be good for rural health and safety

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Sussan Ley, has launched a new report *Effective Use of the Internet - Keeping professionals working in rural Australia*.

Speaking at the Welcome Reception of the 9th National Rural Health Conference in Albury this week, Ms Ley noted that the unique nature of the farm is a major contributor to accidents.

"By the very nature of their jobs, farmers are exposed to more workplace hazards than workers in most other industries, and every year around 150 people die from accidental injury on Australian farms. Thousands more farmers suffer non-fatal injuries."

"Unlike other industries, the farm combines an industrial workplace and the hazards of chemicals and heavy machinery with the relaxing elements of the family home," Ms Ley said.

The report, which was commissioned by the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation, shows that while there is definitely a need for good advice on OH&S practices to help rural producers increase safety levels on farm, there is also a need for access to information and support for health care professionals.

The report assesses how the internet can help health care professionals in rural and remote areas of Australia. It found that while there is a wide range of resources available on the

Internet, there are a number of constraints that often prevent them from being used effectively.

Several recommendations are offered to address the problem, such as giving health care providers access to an on-line professional library and on-line post-graduate courses.

The report is a collaborative initiative of a group of rural Research and Development Corporations and Companies - Rural Industries, Cotton, Grains, Sugar, Australian Wool International Limited and Meat and Livestock Australia.

"Research on health and safety issues is an important aspect of the rural Research and Development Corporations' efforts to support industry productivity and this Report is proof of a high level of cooperation across agricultural industries to address the problems of rural health," Ms Ley said.

Copies of the report can be obtained by contacting the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation on 02 6272 4819.

Australian broadband network continues to grow rapidly

The Australian broadband network continues to grow rapidly despite the current "noise and bluster" about telecommunications competition and access regulation, according to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Chairman, Mr Graeme Samuel.

The two questions which needed to be answered in relation to the further development of the network were: what form will this network ultimately take and who will own it, Mr Samuel said.

"At present, around 91 per cent of the population is connected via the copper network to local exchanges offering ADSL or ADSL+ broadband, with speeds of up to 8 Mbps to 20 Mbps."

"Increased competition has spurred carriers, including Telstra, to roll out ADSL+ services. These are now available to around 46 per cent of households."

"In addition, mobile broadband is now available to 98 per cent of the population."

Based on ABS figures, household broadband penetration has now reached 42 per cent - an increase of around 130 per cent over the past 18 months.

"This suggests broadband is booming," Mr Samuel said. "But despite this, Telstra argues we are in a 'broadband drought'. If that's the case, there is a relatively easy way for Telstra to increase the availability of higher speed broadband to Australians", Mr Samuel said.

He called on Telstra to 'flick the switch' and extend ADSL+ coverage to allow around 90 per cent of the Australian population to have access to broadband speeds up to 20mps. "Let me be perfectly clear: if the ACCC is satisfied that an exemption should be granted, it will not force Telstra to give access to its competitors to this particular service. You can't get much more certainty than that."

\$4.2m for local planning reforms

The NSW Government has committed another \$4.2 million to help continue its planning reforms. The funding will support 62 local councils and two regional organisations of councils, under the Planning Reform Fund. The program provides NSW Government support to help councils deliver local plans to guide sustainable growth, with more than 60% allocated to regional areas. The 2006/07 round of Planning Reform Fund grants will help councils prepare new Local Environmental Plans and implement Metropolitan and Regional Strategy goals.

VOSS technology

A next generation satellite voice service developed in Australia is claiming to dramatically reducing the cost of long distance phone calls for people living in regional and rural areas.

The Voice Over Secure Satellite (VOSS) service is being introduced as part of Australian Private Networks' 'Activ8me' package, currently delivering high bandwidth broadband to the bush under the Australian Government's Broadband Connect program.

Australian Private Networks' general manager, Warren Ingerson, said 'Activ8me voice' represents a significant development for APN's broadband customers, providing overall savings of up to 40 per cent on their current long distance call costs.

"APN has a strong focus on services which provide equity for the bush, and through 'Activ8me' people in the most remote parts of Australia can access broadband speeds equivalent to their city cousins," Mr Ingerson said. "Now they have access to much cheaper long distance calls."

"The next generation technology of the Ipstar satellite also opens the way for the delivery of other services to remote areas, including movies on demand, remote location surveillance and the delivery of health and education services."

Mr Ingerson said VOSS represents a partnership between APN, the next generation IPSTAR broadband satellite and AAPT networks, linking the most remote locations to PSTN and mobile phone networks.

APN leads a consortium that is proposing even greater bandwidth capability and increased range of services, under the next stage of Broadband Connect.

Quote of the week

Indonesian Air Tragedy - "Our hopes and prayers are with all involved in this tragedy and we appreciate the heartfelt support from so many and the assistance of the Australian government and authorities of Indonesia to our colleagues."

- *Fairfax Media CEO David Kirk*

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Two of Australia's most experienced award-winning media operators have come together to offer a new promotional tool to local government.

Paul Lewer of the News & Features Network and Jim Brown of Stanza Television are producing DVDs for various national clients.

These DVDs are proven marketing tools. Satisfied clients include the Victorian Mountain Cattlemen, the Maton Guitar Company and the Australian Greenhouse office. Victoria's Loddon Shire is the latest national client. And the DVDs have purposes other than tourism. Paul and Jim point out they can be crafted to promote a local government area's advantages for new businesses.

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Forthcoming events

For a full listing of forthcoming events, see ALGA's Events calendar.

15 - 16 March 2007 Understanding, Interpreting & Negotiating Native Title, Cultural Heritage & Indigenous Engagement

15 - 16 March 2007 2007 Fenner Conference on the environment

15 - 17 March 2007 World's Greatest Shave

19 - 20 March 2007 Asia Pacific Airport & Aviation Security Summit 2007

26 - 29 March 2007 Commonwealth Local Government Conference 2007

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SSS TASKFORCE BULLETIN



Issue No. 3

The SSS Taskforce met on Thursday, 8th March. After prioritising the 41 recommendations contained in the SSS Report, the Taskforce considered the gaps and discussed a draft *Gap Analysis*. As members keep reminding us, this is a huge task and in all ways very challenging. The Taskforce considered:

- The nature of the work to be undertaken and the best way it can be facilitated;
- An operating and reporting framework for the Industry Groups;
- An approximate number of industry groups that will be required; and
- The terms of reference and process for each Industry Group.

"The industry needs to recognise sooner rather than later that changes must be made."

Ricky Burges, Taskforce Member

The Taskforce noted that the 41 recommendations have already been coded against the 5 Point Plan for the future:

Leadership in the process of change by Councils, Councillors, senior management and the Association;

Securing **better revenue outcomes** for the industry from government and from the sector itself;

Strengthening practice and technique in all authorities to **improve financial and planning disciplines** using a best practice approach;

Strengthening the focus by government and the industry on new models for **efficient service delivery** at regional and zone levels; and

Securing talent and investing in expertise to **ensure Councillors, Management and Staff are well equipped** for the challenges of 21st century Local Government.

"How Local Government manage assets is the issue – the old historical cost can no longer be used. There is a real cognitive jump that needs to be taken; this is more than cost accounting and we need to make sure that there is a much broader understanding of what's needed."

Cr Paul Kelly, Taskforce Member

The Industry Forum on April 20 will feature keynote speakers from across the country; the Hon Jim Lloyd MP with the National perspective; Adrian Beresford-Wylie – CEO ALGA; the Hon Lijjanna Ravlich; and Professor Greg Craven amongst others.

The Forum will culminate in five major Industry Groups as outlined above, to work on the critical issues. The Industry Groups will focus on developing strategic issues, ideas and strategies for a more focused expert group to develop a 'compelling paper and position' to take to government.

The Forum Industry Groups will be facilitated to ensure that we maintain focus and outcomes that will become the framework for the final **Local Government Sustainability White Paper**.

"The WAAMI program will be a pivotal tool for the sustainability of Local Government."

Cr Bill Mitchell, Chair, SSS Taskforce

The taskforce will make a progress report to the State Council when they next meet in Broome in April and also address the Kimberley/Pilbara Country Zone Forum.

"Trying to keep up with the passion, energy and drive of this taskforce is a great challenge."

Nathan Taylor, Executive Officer to the Taskforce

The fifth Taskforce meeting will be held on Thursday, March 22.
For further information, please contact Public Relations Officer, Kate Murray
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MEDIA RELEASE

2 March 2007

Previous Minister Returns to Local Government

A familiar face has returned to Local Government with the reappointment of the Hon Ljiljana Ravlich to the portfolio.

WA Local Government Association President Cr Bill Mitchell said it was reassuring to know that Local Government would be dealing with someone who was familiar with the sector and was looking forward to renewing acquaintances with Minister Ravlich.

Minister Ravlich was previously the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development between September 2004 and March 2005.

“The rotation of Ministers to this portfolio over recent years has made it difficult for the sector to forge a meaningful relationship with State Government,” Cr Mitchell said.

“With sustainability and governance key issues in Local Government, we need to establish a strong partnership with both State and Federal governments in order to effectively shape the future direction of Local Government in this State.

“I am looking forward to renewing a positive working relationship with Minister Ravlich, addressing critical issues such as the *Official Conduct Bill*, the State-Local Government Partnership Agreement and the future sustainability of the sector.”

Ends

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MEDIA RELEASE

8 March 2007

Voting Changes Likely to Increase Factional Influences over Local Government

Factional influences over Local Government decision making uncovered by the CCC are at risk of increasing if proposed changes to Local Government voting systems are implemented.

Recent investigations by the Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC) have revealed a number of situations in which present and former MPs have gone to great lengths in order to influence other Elected Members in their decision making.

Under the proposed proportional preferential voting system, in which the first elected candidate's votes can be redistributed, opportunities for the fielding of running mates and preference swapping are created which sets up an interdependence between candidates who may ultimately be elected.

WA Local Government Association President, Cr Bill Mitchell expressed concerns that the proposed changes to the voting system that could result in an increase in party politics, factions and alliances, enhancing the potential for undue influence to be exerted over the sector.

"We strive for open and transparent processes in our representation of local communities," Cr Mitchell said.

"Preferential voting systems are known to produce opportunities for the creation of factions and alliances which is fine if factions and alliances are deemed to be a good thing.

"However, as indicated by the recent CCC proceedings and every inquiry we've experienced into failing local governance, factions and alliances are considered to be integral in causing the break down of good governance."

Cr Mitchell said that he hoped the Committee currently considering the voting changes would take the CCC findings into account as a timely reminder of the ease with which good governance can be affected when factional influences are exerted in the local decision making process.

Ends

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MEDIA RELEASE

8 March 2007

Asset Management Program to Assist in Infrastructure Backlog

Local Governments have an opportunity to enhance renewal processes for the \$13 billion of infrastructure assets they manage with the development of the WA Asset Management Improvement (WAAMI) program.

The WAAMI program aims to build the capacity of Councils through a two year training and mentoring program for participating Councils facilitated by independent consultants the CT Management Group.

Developed by the WA Local Government Association in partnership with the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia, the Department of Local Government and Regional Development and Local Government Managers Australia, the program will assist Councils in the collection and analysis of their asset data and in the development of asset management policies and plans.

Association President, Cr Bill Mitchell said the program would provide crucial data and strategies needed by many Councils to maintain their service delivery whilst addressing an infrastructure backlog of \$1.75 billion dollars across the sector.

“Recent research commissioned by the Association has identified financial planning and asset management as two key factors influencing the sustainability of Local Government,” Cr Mitchell said.

“The WAAMI program will enable Councils to increase their understanding of ongoing financial demands in terms of infrastructure and offer ways to manage these demands – the identification of ‘at risk’ assets; methods to extend the life of existing assets and prepare appropriate asset management plans.

“It will also help Local Government as an industry to get a picture of infrastructure renewal gaps which were estimated as being \$110 million in 2004-05.”

Cr Mitchell said an application for State Government funding had been put forward to provide subsidies to Councils of up to 50 per cent for the costs involved to participate in the program.

“Asset management is crucial to ensuring the ongoing viability of Local Government services and we are eagerly awaiting the release of the State Budget to confirm whether the State is prepared to invest in this critical Local Government program.”

Ends

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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

- Clarice Stevens commences in the casual position of Swim Instructor at the Armadale Aquatic Centre, as at 1 March 2007.
- Joanne Harris commences in the casual position of Local Studies Library Assistant, as at 6 March 2007.
- Faye Clay commences in the casual position of Local Studies Library Assistant, as at 6 March 2007.

Staff Leaving:

- Carly Parker resigns from her position of Apprentice Horticulturalist, effective 7 March 2007.
- Adam Websdane resigns from his position of Information Technology Support Officer, effective 16 March 2007.

Other Staff Movements:

- Ron Porter has been appointed to the position of Senior Ranger, effective 6 March 2007.

Current Recruitment Activity:

- Development Systems Coordinator – candidate withdrew following offer. Position on hold.
- Project Manager, Major City Projects – position on hold.
- Senior Ranger – recruitment completed.
- Parks Technical Officer – interviews 13 & 14 March 2007.
- Building Services Officer – closed 9 March 2007.
- Backhoe Operator – closed 9 March 2007.
- Roller Driver – closed 9 March 2007.
- Grader Operator – closed 9 March 2007.
- General Labourer, Civil Works – closed 9 March 2007.

Current Recruitment Activity (cont.):

- Parks Maintenance Operators (x3) – closed 9 March 2007.
- Health Services Manager – closed 9 March 2007.
- Library Clerk (P-T), plus Casuals – closes 12 March 2007.
- Personal Assistant & Corporate Relations – Mayor’s Office – closes 16 March 2007.
- Supervisor Streetscapes – closes 16 March 2007.
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TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS			
ITEM	REFERRING COMMITTEE	COMMENTS	OFFICER RESPONSIBLE
<u>Armadale Shale Quarry – Management Plan</u> <i>Refer T145/02 25 November 02</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee.	Executive Director
<u>Armitage Road – Temporary Road Closure/Parking arrangements</u> <i>Refer T23/04/04 27 April 04 Refer T3/1/07 22 January 07</i>	Technical Services	Future report to Technical Services Committee	Manager Engineering and Design.
<u>O’Sullivan Drive, Westfield Petition</u> <i>Refer T21/03/05 30 March 05</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Engineering and Design
<u>Traffic Management – Lefroy Road Precinct</u> <i>Refer T32/05/05 30 May 2005</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Senior Projects Engineer
<u>Staff Replacement - Technical Services Directorate</u> <i>Refer T68/06/05 27 June 2005</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Executive Director
<u>Policy – Footpath/Kerb Security Deposit and Bonds</u> <i>Refer T57/06/06 26 June 2006</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Technical Service
<u>Illegal Dumping of Rubbish on Council and Calm Reserves</u> <i>Refer T79/08/06</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Coordinator Waste Services
<u>Forrest Road, Armadale – State Of Verge</u> <i>Refer T87/10/06</i>	Technical Services	Further report to Technical Services Committee	Executive Director
<u>Greenhouse Building Rating System</u> <i>Refer T14/2/07</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Property Services

TECHNICAL SERVICES WORKS PROGRAMME
FEBRUARY - APRIL 2007

	February	March	April
Civil Works	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road • Raeburn Road • O'Meagher Road • Mader Crescent • Orchid Road • Gilwell/Page roundabout • Footpath construction program <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor footpath repairs • Pothole repairs • Street furniture repairs • Road Resurfacing program • Contract road sweeping 	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road • Gilwell/Page roundabout • Raeburn Road • O'Meagher Road • Third/Brunns/Gilliam intersection • Footpath construction program <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor footpath repairs • Pothole repairs • Street furniture repairs • Contract road sweeping • Road Resurfacing Programme 	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholson Road • Gilwell/Page roundabout • Raeburn Road • O'Meagher Road • Third/Brunns/Gilliam intersection • Footpath construction program <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor footpath repairs • Pothole repairs • Street furniture repairs • Contract road sweeping • Road Resurfacing Programme
Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precinct 1C & precinct 2 • Armadale Shopping Centre (ING) • Armadale Plaza Development (westzone) • Vertu Subdivision – Wright Rd Stg 2 & 3 • Lot 38B Wright Road (Arion Estate Stg 2 & 3) • Churchman Brook Stg 12 • Lot 49 Wright Road (Heron Park) • Lot 604 Waterwheel Road Stg 2 • Chiltern Estate Stg 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precinct 1C & precinct 2 • Armadale Shopping Centre (ING) • Armadale Plaza Development (westzone) • Vertu Subdivision – Wright Rd Stg 3 • Lot 38B Wright Road (Arion Estate Stg 3) • Lot 49 Wright Road (Heron Park) • Lot 604 Waterwheel Road Stg 2 • Chiltern Estate Stg 6 • Champion Drive Subdivision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precinct 1C & precinct 2 • Armadale Shopping Centre (ING) • Armadale Plaza Development (westzone) • Vertu Subdivision – Wright Rd Stg 3 • Lot 38B Wright Road (Arion Estate Stg 3) • Lot 49 Wright Road (Heron Park) • Lot 604 Waterwheel Road Stg 2 • Chiltern Estate Stg 6 • Champion Drive Subdivision • Lots 20 & 28 Westfield Road

Information Items from the Technical Services Directorate

	February	March	April
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Champion Drive Subdivision Lots 20 & 28 Westfield Road Lot 19 Westfield Road. Champion Lakes Development Lot 37 Westfield Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lots 20 & 28 Westfield Road Lot 19 Westfield Road. Champion Lakes Development Lot 37 Westfield Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lot 19 Westfield Road. Champion Lakes Development Lot 37 Westfield Road
Design & Engineering	<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ranford Road Stg II Railway/Gillam Drive Third/Bruns/Gillam - Redesign Soldiers Road Prospect Road Owen Road McNess Drive Stg II <p>Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rails Crescent – Subsoil drainage Carawatha Ave Subsoil drainage. 	<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prospect Road Salter Road Warton Road Stage I Ranford Road Stage II Roundabout Forrest/Green Roundabout Church/Green/Sixth Road <p>Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slab Gully Drainage System Bilkuurra 	<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prospect Road Warton Road Stage I Ranford Road Stage II Roundabout Forrest/Green Roundabout Church/Green/Sixth Road Little John Traffic Calming Streich Avenue Soldiers Road Abbey/Armadale/Parkway Intersection <p>Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slab Gully Drainage System
Parks and Reserves	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground Strategy Street/Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Armadale Rd/ Anstey Rd - Armadale Rd/ 12th Rd - Lake Road/ Railway Ave Floodlighting - Gwynne Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Armadale Bowling Club - William Skeet Oval Champion Drive Verge Improvements 	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground Strategy Street/Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Armadale Rd/ Anstey Rd - Armadale Rd/ 12th Rd - Lake Road/ Railway Ave Floodlighting - Gwynne Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Armadale Bowling Club - William Skeet Oval Champion Drive Verge Improvements 	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playground Strategy Street/Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Armadale Rd/ Anstey Rd - Armadale Rd/ 12th Rd - Lake Road/ Railway Ave Floodlighting - Gwynne Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Armadale Bowling Club - William Skeet Oval

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Park – Resurfacing Tennis Courts • State Water Strategy – Install Flow Meters <p>Asset Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rushton Park Memorial - Bollards <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule mowing • Street Tree Pruning (Westfield) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Park – Resurfacing Tennis Courts • State Water Strategy – Install Flow Meters <p>Asset Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rushton Park Memorial - Bollards • Play equipment Citywide – General Works <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule mowing • Street Tree Pruning (Precinct 2) Westfield • Clean up – Australia Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Railway Avenue - Streich Avenue - Lake Road - Armadale Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Park – Resurfacing Tennis Courts <p>Asset Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rushton Park Memorial - Bollards • Play equipment Citywide – General Works • Street Tree Replacement Programme <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule mowing • Street Tree Pruning (Precinct 4) Forrestdale • Sports Oval changeovers
Property Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale Aquatic Centre Reference Group – Enclosure of pools • Kelmscott Redevelopment • Cross Park lighting projects • Tourist Centre – Display area alterations and new counter • Westfield Child Health – Internal works • Completion of Minnawarra House relocation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale Aquatic Centre Reference Group – Enclosure of pools • Kelmscott Redevelopment – Design submission for Proposed Kelmscott Library-closing date 28th March 2007 • Tourist Centre – Display area alterations and new counter • Westfield Child Health – Internal works • Administration Air Conditioning replacement project- Letting tender. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale Aquatic Centre Reference Group – Enclosure of pools • Armadale Aquatic Centre - Refurbishment of pool linings and building maintenance for season 07/08 • Administration Internal Refurbishment of Designs submitted for Proposed Kelmscott Redevelopment – Evaluation Kelmscott Library • Tourist Centre – Display area alterations and new counter • Westfield Child Health – Internal works

Information Items from the Technical Services Directorate

	February	March	April
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Administration Air Conditioning replacement project – Programming works for installation

**BUNGENDORE PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING No. 275 WEDNESDAY 24th JANUARY 2007**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cr Guenter Best (Chairman) Mr Bill Ladyman (Secretary)
Mr Jim Hutchinson Ms Miriam Stanborough
Mrs Elaine Hutchinson Mr Don Griffiths
Mrs Penny Versteeg Mr Ian Thompson
Mr Kim Sarti (Projects)

APOLOGIES

Mrs Irene Morcombe

Cr Best declared the meeting open at 7:40 pm
Minutes of previous meeting held 29th November 2006 accepted as being correct.
K Sarti / E Hutchinson Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

Committee vacancy – Ms Stanborough suggested Mr Ladyman speak to Ms Corinne Omacini about her proposal for an article in the local press about the Committees work.
Action: 1/275

Dieback Information Group seminar – Mr Sarti has contacted Dr Ian Colquhoun and is awaiting further information re donation of \$25 to the DIG. Cr Best will donate a watch.
Park fencing - Mr Ladyman has handed an invoice from DEC directly to Paul Lanternier, Manager Parks and Gardens. Mr Batt also encouraged the Committee to forward voluntary hours to DEC related to the fence work and plantings done on DEC's behalf at the Scout site (agreed at about 20 hours of planting by community members and hours done by the school are to be obtained from Mr Withnell). [1/273].

Damage to boundary fencing -. Mr Thompson has repaired the damage at his expense and placed large rocks to prevent entry at the Albany Highway entrance and the Howe Street entrance. Mr Ladyman has made good the damage to Gate '6' and reported both incidents of damage to Armadale Police and to Paul Lanternier. Mr Ladyman yet to report horse and motorbike activity in the park to the Ranger. [1/274]

Routed log sign at Albany Highway entrance – Mr Griffiths reported that trimming of bushes in front of the routed log is still to be done. Committee agreed the best place for the trimmings would be further into the park [7/268]

Lots 302 and 303 – Mr Ladyman reported that at the BEAC meeting on January 10th a City of Armadale map shows these blocks are zoned RL10, meaning they are gazetted as being subdividable to 10 hectares for rural use. The committee suggested Mr Ladyman request Mr Peter Batt for any response to letters to WA Planning Commission. Action:2/275

Weed control –Ms Stanborough reported on weed control.

“Jim Treasure has spent two days spraying Brazilian Pepper in CALM land and estimates that there is approximately two days' worth of spraying remaining to treat all known plants. This is the major weed treatment for 2006-2007. The chemical we are using, Access®, is most effective in Summer. Previous treatments have taught us that all branches on each plant much be sprayed if the plant is to be killed completely, hence the time-consuming nature of this job. As a general rule, there are few weeds currently within Bungendore Park and so the

focus of weed control remains on CALM land to prevent weeds from crossing our boundaries. If there are any excess funds remaining following the Brazilian Pepper treatment, they will be spent on spraying the agaves on the Albany Hwy boundary of CALM land and genista in CALM land." [2/273]. Committee discussed an offer by Ms Stanborough to draft a letter, to neighbours of the park, outlining the Park's actions on weeds and recommending these neighbours might like to work in coordination with the Parks weed control next to their properties, to overcome residual weed problems. **Action: 3/275**

Hardstand gravel at Admiral Road entrance – Ms Stanborough to follow up on this work [4/271]

Community Conservation Grant 2006/7 – Mr Sarti has forwarded an acquittal of earlier grant funding as requested by Ms Sharon Poore of DEC before approval is finalised for this grant application.

Bungendore Park fire access tracks – Mr Thompson reported on review of fire tracks with the City's Parks and Gardens department. He is happy for tracks to be kept trimmed for access, rather than grading, in view of risks of spread of Dieback from the movement of soil.

BEAC annual activity report – Mr Sarti had previously circulated a draft annual report of Committee's activities from October 2005 to September 2006 for BEAC. Committee approved his report to be forwarded to Technical Services Committee.

Works schedule for 2007 – including Dieback Assessment and Plan report for walk track realignment and/or closures and impact on directional signs, wayside interpretive signs, maps at information display shelter etc. Messrs Sarti and Ladyman still to meet as a sub-committee to handle these matters. Mr Ladyman raised the idea of Phosphite-protected plantings back into worst affected areas as a future direction for plantings[2/274]

Autumn event in Bungendore Park – Armadale Christian College's Autumn activities over two weekends on 17th/18th and 24th/25th March 2007 with a 'Pancake in the Park' day on 18th March followed by 'Bunuru' (autumn) walk. There has been an article in the *Comment News*. Mr Withnell not present to report further on the planned activities.

BEAC End-of-Year function – 3/12/2006 at Churchman's Brook Dam picnic grounds was attended by many committee members who were able to network with other Bushcare groups. Mayor Linton Reynolds handed out gifts/vouchers in recognition and thanks for volunteer hours input.

120-litre rubbish bin normally located near Albany Highway entrance – the burned bin has been replaced.

Management Plan 1997-2007 Review – to be undertaken in conjunction Corrine Omacini, Environmental Officer. Mrs Omacini may attend the February meeting to discuss review approach with committee. Mr Ladyman to get this underway [3/273]

Voluntary Hours – Committee members submitted their Voluntary Hours forms.

Volunteer work authorisation – the following motion was put for the ensuing year:

Bungendore Park Management Committee authorises members and volunteers to perform maintenance works and management activities for the ensuing year as, and when, required. Moved Stanborough/Ladyman Carried 24/01/2007

Activity since last meeting includes:

Mr Sarti – patrolling & seed collecting; Mrs Morcombe – seed collecting

Ms Stanborough - weed supervision, Mr and Mrs Hutchinson – patrolling, Mr Thompson – patrolling.

AWAITING COMPLETION AND/OR REPLY

No matters now awaiting. Previous matters were decided by committee as no further action required. .

GRANTS IN PROGRESS

Community Conservation 2003/2004 \$900 [XT72]
Community Conservation 2004/2005 \$2,200 acquitted
Regional Parks Community 2006 grant \$2,810.50 [XT67]
Regional Parks Community 2007 grant \$2,200 received
Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2006 (06S15) \$4,370 [XT66]
Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2007 (07S05) \$6,210 confirmed
Alcoa Bravo! grant \$305.35 received
Community Conservation Grant 2006/2007 \$3,000 submitted

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

Community Conservation Grants Co-ordinator – Financial and Summary reports for 2004/05 grant.
City of Armadale Environmental Officer – draft copy of Annual Report.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

Swan Alcoa Landcare Program – invitation to 2007 funding ceremony breakfast.
Swan Alcoa Landcare Program – request for 2006 project report.
DEC, Regional Parks – invoice for southern boundary fencing .

INFORMATION RECEIVED

Swan River Trust “Riverview”, December 2006
DEC EcoPlan news – Summer edition
The Swan – December issue
Urban Bushland Council – summer edition of Urban Bush Telegraph
BEAC – minutes and email correspondence.
Armadale Settlers’ Common – November minutes

Finance	Amount \$	Expenditure Type
Pest-R-Jim Weed Management – weed control, Invoice 2729	31.50	XT 69
Pest-R-Jim Weed Management – weed control, Invoice 2729	68.50	XT 67
K. Sarti – postage, photocopying)	3.80	XT 67
K. Sarti – postage, photocopying)	10.20	XT 66

Stanborough / Griffiths - Carried.

BUSHCARE & ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Business considered at the BEAC meeting included Wungong Urban Water Redevelopment and papers for later discussion on managing Dieback in City planning and internal policy. Bungendore Park’s *Pc Management Priorities* was tabled as a reference at the meeting. In a ‘round the table’, members give a report on their group and Mr Ladyman mentioned Bungendore Park’s current issues ; review of management plan and the matter of tenure raised in 2006. Cr Bob Tizard noted that the tenure issue is not current and neither were there any special applications for Lots 302 and 303. Next meeting is February 14.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Feral European Honeybee control – Jacqui Hay (Project Officer, DEC Feral Bee Management) has completed her research work pro tem in Bungendore Park. Restrictions placed by APVMA on the Fipronil® off-label licence means her trials will have to be conducted on Garden Island followed by Yellagonga Regional Park. We can now use Jim Prince's trial permit to use Acephate® to control the known hives in Bungendore Park – Mr Sarti to follow up.

Ms Hay said that she will be preparing a 'Standard Operating Procedure' for use by Bushcare groups in control of feral honeybees and would like to return to Bungendore Park in February 2008 to do comparison trials.

"Landscape" article on feral European honeybees – in Summer 2006/07 issue. The article by Jacqui Hay is based in-part on baiting trials carried out in Bungendore Park and features two photographs taken within the park.

Community Conservation Grant 2004/2005 – Mr Sarti has submitted a Final report (Financial and Summary of Works) to the Community Conservation Grants Co-ordinator.

Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2006 – project report on the acquittal of funds has been requested (by 31 March). Mr Sarti will prepare the report once XT66 funds are acquitted.

Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2007 – invitation to funding ceremony breakfast at Kings Park on 22nd February. Messrs Ladyman and Sarti will attend. Funding round for 2008 will open that day.

Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2008 – suggestions for items to include in next year's funding round were made. Signage for riders and walkers, interpretive signs, dieback control, seedlings.

Bushcare & Environmental Advisory Committee meeting – Mr Ladyman reported his attendance at the January meeting as a visitor and candidate for this committee representing Bungendore Park.

DEC Regional Parks Community Grant 2006/7 - a cheque for \$2,200 has been received. Mrs Morcombe to allocate an XT number for funds acquittal.

DIARY OF EVENTS

2007	Date	Events
JANUARY		Management Plan Review commences?
FEBRUARY		Budget proposal discussion
MARCH	18	'Bunuru' pancake day and walk
APRIL		Post-planting review
MAY		
JUNE		
JULY		Revegetation planting
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER		Threatened Species Day
OCTOBER		Weedbuster Week
NOVEMBER		Bungendore Bush Breakfast?
DECEMBER		BEAC End-of-Year function

SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS

5/263	Mrs Versteeg to report on culvert at Cooliabberra Spring
7/268	Mr Griffiths to make visible routed log sign
4/271	Ms Stanborough to arrange Admiral Rd entrance jobs
1/274	Mr Ladyman to report damage to gates and horse and motorbike activity

2/274	Messrs Sarti and Ladyman to begin as subcommittee on 2007 works schedule
3/274	Mr Ladyman to begin Management Plan Review with Mrs Omacini
1/275	Mr Ladyman to speak to Ms Omacini about article for <i>The Comment</i>
2/275	Mr Ladyman to follow up on any WAPC response to letters
3/275	Ms Stanborough to draft letter to Park neighbours re weed control

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (4th Wednesday)
7:30 pm Wednesday 28th February 2007

Meeting declared closed at 9:30 pm
W Ladyman Secretary

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

**BUNGENDORE PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING No. 276 WEDNESDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2007**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cr Guenter Best (Chairman)
Mr Jim Hutchinson

Mr Bill Ladyman (Secretary)
Ms Miriam Stanborough

Mrs Elaine Hutchinson

Mr Don Griffiths

Mr Ian Thompson

Mr Ron Withnell

Mr Kim Sarti (Projects)

APOLOGIES

Mrs Irene Morcombe

Mrs Penny Versteeg

Cr Best declared the meeting open at 7:45 pm

Minutes of previous meeting held 24th January 2007 accepted as being correct.

Sarti/Griffiths Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Committee vacancy – An article has appeared in City of Armadale's *City Views* this month publicising the Committee's work and inviting applicants [1/275].
2. Dieback Information Group seminar – Mr Sarti will make a donation on behalf of the Committee to the DIG. Cr Best has donated a watch.
3. Damage to boundary fencing – Mr Ladyman spoke to Ranger Mr Ron Porter noting regular motorbike and horse activity in Bungendore Park. Mr Porter made it clear that there's little the Ranger's Office can do without specific information from the public. Cr Best recommended reporting to the Police [1/274]
4. Lots 302 and 303 – Mr Ladyman has spoken to Mr Peter Batt and he'd been informed the WAPC had visited the Lots. Mr Batt had also spoken to the owners and encouraged them to consider offering the Lots to WAPC. Mr Batt has since left the Regional Parks Unit and now works in the Forestry Management Branch of DEC at Bunbury. His temporary replacement is Tony Eddleston 04189 04454. Mr Ladyman has also spoken to Mr Tony Simpson's office and there's been acknowledgement but no response to his 22nd November letter to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure on this matter. [2/275]

5. Weed control – [2/273] Ms Stanborough tabled a draft letter, to be sent to neighbours of the park, outlining the Committee's actions on weeds and recommending these neighbours might like to work in coordination with the weed control in the park next to their properties, to overcome residual weed problems. [3/275]
6. Bedfordale Festival of Art & Community – Armadale Christian College's Autumn activities to be conducted over two weekends on 17th/18th and 24th/25th March 2007. Committee's involvement will include a 'Pancake in the Park' day on 18th March followed by 'Bunuru' (autumn) walk. There has been an article in the *The Examiner* and offers to provide advertisements. Mr Withnell provided brochures for comment. Mr Sarti will provide static displays. Lions Club will cook pancakes for sale at the Cockatoo Stand, assisted by Committee members from 8am. Cr Best to book the Bedfordale Hall and visitors can partake of a self guided Discovery Walk.
7. Management Plan 1997-2007 Review – to be undertaken in conjunction with Mrs Corrine Omacini, Environmental Officer. Mr Ladyman met Mrs Omacini, Mr Van Delft and Mr Lanternier before the Committee meeting. Mrs Omacini outlined the Strategic Directions Document approach and will attend the March meeting to discuss the approach with Committee. [3/273]
8. Voluntary Hours – Committee members submitted their Voluntary Hours forms.
9. Volunteer work authorisation – the following motion was put for the ensuing year: Bungendore Park Management Committee authorises members and volunteers to perform maintenance works and management activities for the ensuing year as, and when, required. Moved Stanborough/Ladyman Carried 24/01/2007

Activity since last meeting includes: Ms Stanborough and Messrs Ladyman, Griffiths, Withnell and Thompson – patrolling

AWAITING COMPLETION AND/OR REPLY

- Routed log sign at Albany Highway entrance – Mr Griffiths reported that trimming of bushes in front of the routed log is still to be done. [7/268]
- Hardstand gravel at Admiral Road entrance – work not yet carried out [4/271]
- *Works schedule for 2007 – including Dieback Assessment and Plan report for walk track realignment and/or closures and impact on directional signs, wayside interpretive signs, maps at information display shelter etc. Messrs Sarti and Ladyman still to meet as a sub-committee to handle these matters [2/274]*

GRANTS IN PROGRESS

1. Community Conservation 2003/2004	\$900	[XT72]
2. Regional Parks Community 2006 grant	\$2,810.50	[XT67]
3. Regional Parks Community 2007 grant	\$2,200	[XT65]
4. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2006 (06S15)	\$4,370	[XT66]
5. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2007 (07S05)	\$6,210	[XT64]
6. Alcoa Bravo! Grant 2005	\$305.35	received
7. Alcoa Bravo! Grant 2006		submitted
8. Community Conservation Grant 2006/2007	\$3,000	approved

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

CORRESPONDENCE IN

1. Community Conservation Grant 2006/07 – letter of successful application - \$3,000
2. SALP 2008 – grant application guidelines
3. Australia Post – post office box renewal account.
4. City of Armadale – Mrs Omacini providing updates to the Friends manual and other emails and information. Programme of 2007 environmental workshops, proposed changes to Incorporated Associations Act, SALP 2008 grant applications.

INFORMATION RECEIVED

1. The Greening Australian, 25th Anniversary Edition
2. UBC - fundraising events etc, membership renewal.
3. Swan Catchment Council – Skills for Nature Conservation Training Calendar
4. City of Armadale – *City Views*

FINANCE

Details	Amount \$	Expenditure Type
Jim Prince – Feral honey bee control & lures, Invoice 01	150.00	XT 66
Jim Prince – Feral honey bee control, Invoice 02	150.00	XT 64
Pest-R-Jim – Weed spraying Invoice 2795	300.00	XT 66
Pest-R-Jim – Weed spraying Invoice 2795	300.00	XT 67
Kim Sarti – Postage, photocopying	39.80	XT 66
Kim Sarti – Postage, photocopying	2.20	XT 65
Australia Post – post box renewal	65.00	XT 7

M Stanborough/E Hutchinson – Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Community Conservation Grant 2006/07 – letter from The Minister for the Environment and Conservation advising success of our \$3,000 grant application. Mr Ladyman has signed and returned the Grant Agreement and Acceptance Form. There's also a GST and ABN form to be completed by Mr Ladyman **Action: 1/276.**
2. 2007/08 Budget proposal – was discussed and drafted, see Attachment "A". Mr Ladyman to forward the budget proposal to Mrs Omacini.
3. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2007 – Messrs Ladyman and Sarti attended the presentation breakfast on 22-2-2007 and a \$6,210 cheque was received. Treasurer has allocated XT64 for payments.
4. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2008 – Funding round for next year's grants have opened – applications close 1st May 2007. Funds available approximately \$625,000. The application form is more involved than previous years. Suggestions for items to include in next year's funding round were made last meeting. Signage for riders and walkers, interpretive signs, dieback control, seedlings.
5. Regional Parks Community 2007 grant – Mrs Morcombe has allocated XT65 for funds acquittal.

6. Urban Bushland Council – Committee agreed to renew its membership of UBC.
7. “Skills for Nature” programme courses – that may be of interest to Committee members:
 “Easy Funding for Environmental Projects” 31 March, Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre
 “Stop Dieback – The Biological Bulldozer” 14 April, Hillside Farm, Martin
 “Monitoring & Evaluation – How to Measure Your Project” 28 April, Cockburn Wetlands Centre
 “Understanding Perth Soils” 26 May, Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre
 “Adaptive Management – A Must For Land Managers” 9 June, Piney Lakes Education Centre
 See Mr Ladyman or Mr Sarti for more details from the training brochure.
8. Weed control – Mrs Stanborough reported on weed control programme to date. Mr Jim Treasure has sprayed Brazilian Pepper in the vicinity of the Tank. Blackberry may also be sprayed. Mr Ladyman noted blackberry still remains in the southeast corner of the park and also near the former Scout House site.
9. Revised Flora of Bungendore Park report – Mr Sarti reported he has received the first draft from Jeff Lewis (Author). The line drawing for the cover has been completed and 8 photos chosen for colour centre page. Alex George (botanist) has agreed to revise the Foreword to the report.
10. 2006 plantings at the Old Scout House site done for DEC – Mr Ladyman visited the site and there seems to be less than a quarter of these seedlings have survived due to animal damage, poor weed control and a very dry Spring and Summer.
11. DEC Fire Access Track – Mr Thompson announced that an access track will be established from the south western corner of the Bungendore southern boundary into DEC bushland to give fire access to a steep piece of country not accessible from the Wungong.

BUSHCARE & ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr Ladyman attended a special meeting on February 14 to workshop City of Armadale dieback management policy. Minutes of this meeting will be available at next Bungendore meeting.

Next BEAC meeting 14th March.

DIARY OF EVENTS

2007	Date	Events
JANUARY		Management Plan Review commences?
FEBRUARY		Budget proposal discussion
MARCH	18	‘Bunuru’ pancake day and walk
APRIL		Post-planting review
MAY		
JUNE		
JULY		Revegetation planting
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER		Threatened Species Day
OCTOBER		Weedbuster Week
NOVEMBER		Bungendore Bush Breakfast?
DECEMBER		BEAC End-of-Year function

SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS

5/263	Mrs Versteeg to report on culvert at Cooliabberra Spring
7/268	Mr Griffiths to make visible routed log sign
4/271	Ms Stanborough to arrange Admiral Rd entrance jobs
2/274	Messrs Sarti and Ladyman to begin as subcommittee on 2007 works schedule
3/274	Mr Ladyman to begin Management Plan Review with Mrs Omacini
1/276	Mr Ladyman to complete ABN form

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (4th Wednesday)

28th March 2007

Meeting declared closed at 10.05pm

W Ladyman Secretary

Signed: **Date:**

Chairman/Acting Chairman – Bungendore Park Management Committee

**BUNGENDORE PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
2007/2008 BUDGET PROPOSAL**

Dated:
February 2007

2006/07
Budget

2007/08
Budget

Revegetation/Rehabilitation/Disease

XT1

Tree planting co-ordination	\$0	\$0	Seedling delivery & supervision of planting
Seedlings	\$750	\$750	1,000 seedlings @ 75c each
Apex slow-release fertiliser	\$120	\$0	
Earthworks for revegetation	\$300	\$100	Ground preparation/ripping prior to planting + grants: Watsonia, Patersons Curse, Blackberry, Arum lily etc.
Weed & woody weed control	\$0	\$400	
Dieback chemical control	\$4,000	\$4,000	Phosphonate application - as recommended for 2007
Boat cleansing stations	\$0	\$400	reduces disease spread - refer Dieback survey
	\$5,170	\$5,650	Subtotal

Construction

XT2

Barrier fencing & bollards	\$100	\$100	Maintenance & minor installation
Earthworks/Roadworks	\$0	\$0	
Stone entrance Albany Highway	\$0	\$0	Brown mortar tuck pointing
Entrance statement, Admiral Road	\$0	\$100	Maintenance
Walk track seating	\$100	\$0	refer Management Plan
Information shelter refurbishing	\$0	\$0	
Walk track/road way maintenance	\$400	\$0	Fire control access
Fire control gates	\$0	\$0	
Car park grading inc. Admiral Rd entrance	-	-	Project now by City of Armadale, Technical Services
	\$600	\$200	Subtotal

Signage

XT3

Rehabilitation areas	\$0	\$0	Sign replacement for rehabilitated areas
Totem signs	\$330	\$330	Purchase additional walk track totems

Maintenance of signs - general	\$400	\$400	inc. maintenance by Lions Club
Walk & fire access tracks	\$300	\$300	New symbol signs for tracks
	\$1,030	\$1,030	Subtotal

Surveys and Studies

XT4

Survey & Trial reports	\$100	\$100	Publish results in scientific paper e.g. Feral bee study
Fauna survey (continuing)	\$200	\$200	WA Museum monitoring and fauna (frog/bat) surveys
Feral honey bee chemical control	\$0	\$0	funded by grants
Flora surveys	\$100	\$0	Stationery, photographic film
Fungi/Insect Foray activity	\$0	\$0	Costs to lead excursions
Feral honey bee seminar	\$200	\$0	
	\$600	\$300	Subtotal

Rubbish Control

XT5

Rubbish removal			Removal of dumped tree prunings, car bodies etc
	\$0	\$0	is now provided by City's Parks Department
			Subtotal

Vandalism

XT6

Vandalism repair costs	\$500	\$500	To replace padlocks/keys, damage to gates etc.
	\$500	\$500	Subtotal

Administration and Publicity

XT7

Publicity/Community Planting Day	\$100	\$100	
Pamphlets	\$0	\$0	Printing costs, graphic artist layout for new pamphlet
Submissions/Survey Reports	\$500	\$500	
Administration costs	\$800	\$800	

Information Bulletin
 Information Items from the Technical Services Directorate

T18

Auditor's fees	\$0	\$0	Paid by City of Armadale
Memberships, subscriptions	\$150	\$150	Urban Bushland Council, Greening WA, Heritage Country etc
Bank charges	\$60	\$60	inc. statements for auditors
Insurance	-	-	Volunteer insurance provided by City of Armadale
	\$1,610	\$1,610	Subtotal

Special Events

XT8

Breakfast, Night/Wattle Walk	\$400	\$400	inc. photocopying, stationery
	\$400	\$400	Subtotal

Training

XT9

Training, attend Seminars	\$200	\$200	Greening WA, UBC, Ecoplan workshops etc
	\$200	\$200	Subtotal

Fire Control

XT10

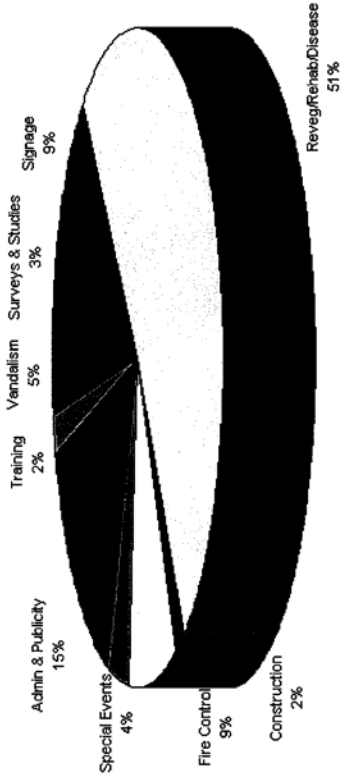
Fire control access tracks			Maintenance by City as per Management Plan.
Protection mosaic burning	\$1,000	\$1,000	By Bedforddale VFB as per Management Plan.
	\$1,000	\$1,000	Subtotal

2007/2008 BUDGET PROPOSAL

\$10,890

TOTAL

BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURE TYPES XT1 - XT10



Boundary fencing	30m @ Albany H'way entrance westwards to Prestige's
Boundary fencing	550m boundary to boundary Albany H'way
Boundary fencing	150m Admiral Rd entrance to Firegate 'A'
Boundary fencing	24m @ Blake St boundary (no entrance?)



**Department of Consumer
and Employment Protection**
Government of Western Australia

Our Ref: CP29662
Enquiries: Tony Minuta 9282 4318

Dear Sir/Madam

Basketball rings and backboards can be dangerous

Families are being advised to steer clear of brickwork when installing basketball rings and backboards in the wake of deaths and serious injuries across Australia.

The State Government has introduced a law requiring suppliers of basketball rings and backboards to accompany their product with a warning label identifying the hazards of improper use and installation.

To ensure that consumers in Western Australia respond to these warnings a community awareness campaign is being run by the Department of Consumer and Employment Protection (DOCEP). DOCEP is recommending a safe method of installing basketball rings and backboards in the backyard (or frontyard). DOCEP is urging families to avoid brickwork and attach the basketball ring and backboard to a galvanised steel post set into a concrete footing in the ground.

We need your help

DOCEP is inviting community-based groups to assist us communicate this important safety message.

Communication assistance could take any of the following forms:

- stories for newsletters can easily be produced by accessing images and a 220-word story from www.docep.wa.gov.au/basketballsafety;
- web links to this page on your website; providing families with the full details of DOCEP's recommended installation methods;
- if you are a local government organisation, web links can be placed on your planning page and/or your recreation page;

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- display on noticeboards of DOCEP's brochure entitled *Play it safe – Basketball ring and backboard safety*;
- the basketball brochure can also be made available to families at reception points;
- Physical Education teachers could discuss this message with children in their classrooms.

DOCEP is keen to assist organisations communicate a safe method of installing basketball rings and backboards. Should you require any clarification or more information please contact DOCEP's Principal Product Safety Officer, Tony Minuta, on 9282 4318.

Yours sincerely



Patricia Blake
A/MANAGER, TRADING STANDARDS BRANCH
January 2007

No junior sport?
No place to play footy?
Nowhere good to walk?



We can no longer ignore the consequences of water shortages for public open space in our cities and towns. Are sandy parks and useless sport fields what you want to see? Imagine your quality of life if all the green space goes brown.

In conjunction with the WA Local Government Association (WALGA), the Department of Water and the Department of Sport and Recreation Parks and Leisure Australia (WA Region) urges you to attend the following seminar:

WA WATER RESOURCES
Facing the consequences of water shortages
and rationalising provision of public open space

Venue: John Dunn Oval Pavilion
Third Avenue, Kelmscott

Date: Wednesday 21 March 2007

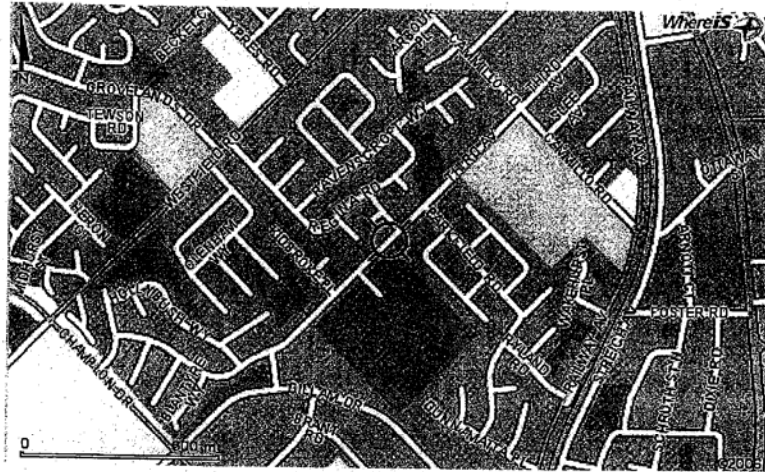
Time: 10.30am – 5.00pm
10.30am for registration and coffee
First session begins 11am sharp

Cost: Includes light lunch and afternoon tea
(Inc GST) PLA Members \$185.00
Non-Members \$210.00
Student \$70.00

Enquiries: Phone Shirley Barnes on (08) 9277 9538
Fax: (08) 9277 9538 or email: sbarnes@ppnsway.com

Parks and Leisure Australia is the key professional parks and leisure association in Australia providing leadership, advocacy and direction in industry standards, training and professional development opportunities and product innovation through quality communication and recognition at all levels of the industry.

JOHN DUNN OVAL THIRD AVENUE, KELMSCOTT



Program

Presented in conjunction with
the WA Local Government Association (WALGA),
the Department of Water and
the Department of Sport and Recreation



WA WATER RESOURCES
Facing the consequences of water shortages
and rationalising provision of public open space
John Dunn Oval Pavilion, Kelmscott * Wednesday 21 March 2007

Registration @ 10:30am

Presentations

Ian Foster
Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
factoring climate change into our future

John Connolly
Department of Water
water allocation

Discussion

Lunch

Case Studies

Kelton Hincks
City of Melville
Achieving the abstraction licence

Donna Brennan
Consultant (formerly CSIRO)
The economic value of groundwater used to irrigate
lawns and gardens in the Perth metro area

Sam Morrison
City of Stirling
Using sensors for irrigation control

Discussion

Presentations

Doug Hall
Irrigation Industry Association of Australia

David Dealey
Acacia Springs Environmental
PLA (WA) Water Position Paper and response to
State Water Plan

Discussion

Afternoon Tea

Workshop

Keri Johnston
Sports Turf Technology Pty Ltd
Water Conservation Plans Workshop

Summary / Open Forum

Close @ 5:00pm

You need to attend this seminar to provide input into this critical issue
and ensure outcomes are relevant to all aspects of our industry.

IS YOUR LOCAL AREA NEXT??

City turns off pump

Ellenbrook residents are being asked to remain patient after a lack of rain has forced the temporary shut down of pumps at Woodlake.

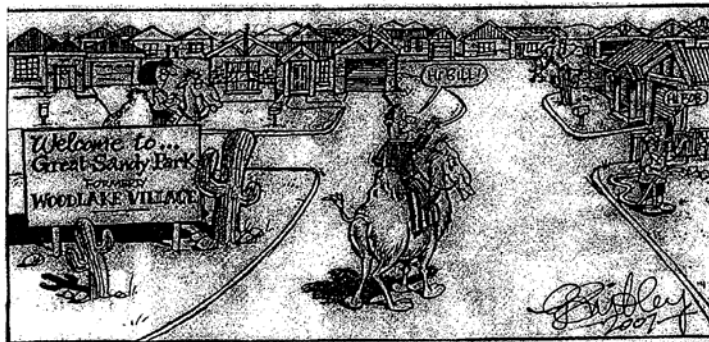
Across Ellenbrook, much of the water used to irrigate parks and gardens is drawn from local lakes, which are mostly ground water reservoirs. In recent weeks, the City of Swan has been forced

to switch off the pumps at Woodlake for a short period of time to allow the water level to replenish. Consequently, gardens and parks in the area have been under stress.

City of Swan Chief Executive Officer, Mike Foley, said the low rainfall and the additional water being drawn from Granara Mound by the Water Corporation had result-

ed in low water levels. "We are asking everyone to bear with us while we balance the need to water gardens, while keeping the lakes as full as possible. This is an ongoing problem, and one that is being experienced across the metropolitan area, including at Lake Mangan and Herdman Lake," Mr. Foley said.

See cartoon page 4.



Echo, February 17, 2007

Registration

Please complete registration form for each attendee.

When complete forward with payment to:
Parks and Leisure Australia (WA Region)
PO Box 813, Cloverdale, WA 6985
Or by fax to (08) 9277 9538
Enquiries: Phone Shirley Barnes on 9277 9538 or Email: sbarnes@upna.wa.gov.au



WA WATER RESOURCES Facing the consequences of water shortages and rationalising provision of public open space

John Dunn Oval Pavillion, Kelmscott * Wednesday 21 March 2007 * 10.30am – 5.00pm

Name: _____
Position: _____
Organisation: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Postcode: _____
Mobile: _____
Registration fee payable: Invited guest
 PLA Member \$ 85.00
 Non member \$ 110.00
 Student \$ 70.00
Payment method
 Cheque/Purchase Order enclosed
Cheques to be made payable to:
Parks and Leisure Australia - WA Water Seminar 2007
 Credit card payment Mastercard Visa
Expire: _____ / _____ / _____
Cardholder Name: _____
Cardholder Signature: _____
 EFT – Bendigo Bank – BSB 633 000 – Account # 116 489 691 - WA Water 2007

Please register by Friday 16 March 2007

Registration Withdrawal Policy
Refund of registration fees paid requires notification prior to seminar date.
4+ days prior = Full refund 7-13 days prior = 50% refund 2-6 days prior = 20% refund Less than 2 days = No refund

Registration @ 10.30am		
Presentations		
11.00 – 11.20	Ian Foster Department of Agriculture and Food	Factoring climate change into our future
11.20-11.40	John Connelly Department of Water	Water allocation
11.40 – 12noon	Discussion	
12noon-12.45	Lunch	
Case Studies		
12.45 – 1pm	Kelton Hincks City of Melville	Achieving the abstraction licence.
1-1.15pm	Donna Brennan Consultant (formerly CSIRO)	The economic value of groundwater used to irrigate lawns and gardens in the Perth metro area
1.15-1.30	Sam Morrison City of Stirling	Using sensors for irrigation control
1.30-2.00pm	Discussion	
Presentations		
2.00-2.15	Doug Hail Irrigation Industry Association of Australia	
2.15-2.45	David Deeley Acacia Springs Environmental	PLA (WA) Water Position Paper and response to State Water Plan
2.45-3.15	Discussion	
3.15-3.30	Afternoon Tea	
Workshop		
3.30-4.30	Ken Johnston Sports Turf Technology Pty Ltd	Water Conservation Plans Workshop
4.30-5.00	Summary/Open Forum	
Close @ 5.00pm		



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Enquiries: Des Edwards on 9323 4353
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ADN: 50 860 676 021

28 February 2007

Chief Executive Officer
City Of Armadale
Locked Bag 2
ARMADALE WA 6992



ATTENTION: MR KANA PATHMARAJAH

Dear Sir

SPEED ZONE REVIEW - IRYMPLE ROAD AND SIMONS DRIVE ROLEYSTONE

I refer to Council's request for a review of speed zones on the above mentioned roads. I also apologise for the late reply.

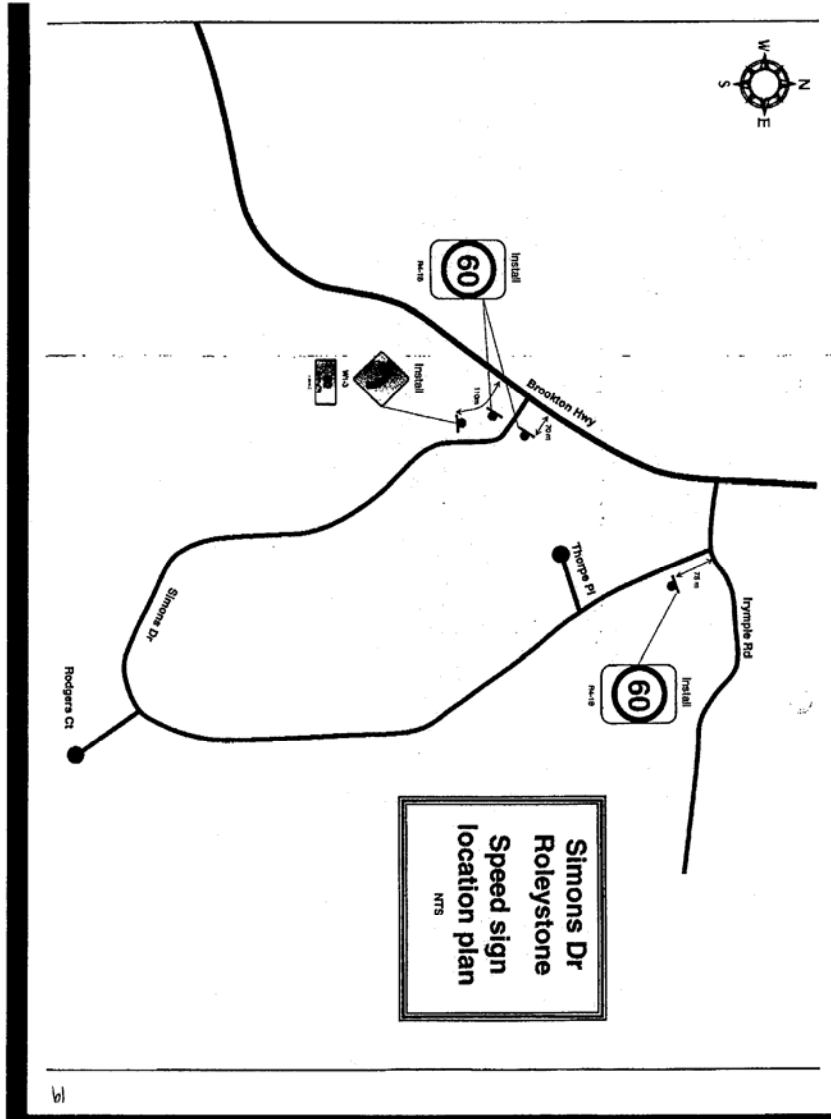
I am please to advise that the review has now been finalised and recommends that a 60km/h speed zone be imposed on both Irymple Road and Simons Drive. I enclose a sketch plan of each road showing the proposed location of the speed zone and curve warning/advisory speed signs.

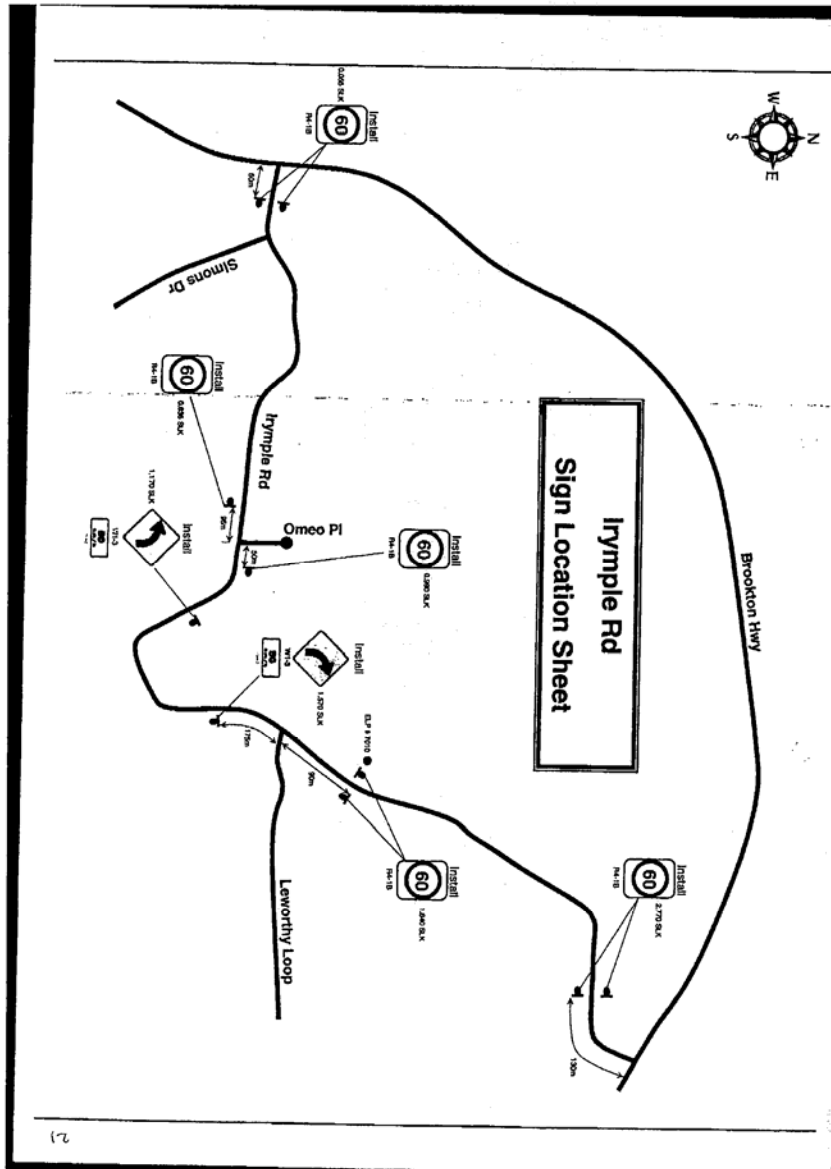
On receipt of Council's concurrence to the proposals I will proceed with the approval process and installation.

If you require any further information please contact Mr Edwards on 9323 4353.

Yours faithfully

Jerko Ostojic
A/TRAFFIC SERVICES MANAGER SOUTH





16 Nelson Street,
BEDFORDALE 6112

7/03/07

Dear Parks and Gardens Staff

I am writing to convey my gratitude for your agreeing to supply me with a second load of tree pruning mulch. Your generosity is a wonderful way to help complete the project of covering greywater lines to my garden. It turned out that a second load was needed to completely cover the purple pipe to the 10cm required by the City's health guidelines.

The installation of two greywater systems on my property was made possible by an Australian Government Community Water Grant. As a private individual I had to match the funding 50:50 which has not been easy to achieve on a disability pension. However, recycling water forms a crucial part of my environmental education activities.

These environmental education activities are mainly offered to the community on a not-for-profit basis. Since the systems have been put in place I have had many visits from members of the local community to view the greywater systems. They raise many questions about obtaining permits, costs, maintenance, installation and suitable uses. The Armadale Parks and Gardens mulch is easily the most visible feature of the project!

Once again, my sincere thanks for your assistance.

Warm regards

Caralyn Lagrange

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OUTSTANDING REPORT

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – FEBRUARY 2007		
ITEM	DEPT	ACTION/STATUS
<p>Kelmscott Soccer Club – Proposal to Use Pries Park (February 2004) (August 2004)</p> <p>That a report to the October 2004 Community Services Committee meeting be prepared that identifies the issues associated with the Kelmscott Soccer Club's future, canvassing possible options for Council's consideration and recommending a strategy for the future use and development of both Frye Park, Pries Park and other relevant alternatives. (C120/8/04)</p>	Recreation Services	Matter reported to the November 2004 Community Services Committee Meeting. Council resolved not to approve the Kelmscott Soccer Club's request to relocate to Pries Park at this time. Further consultation to occur with the Club and an additional report to be presented to Council as part of the 15 Year Financial Plan Workshops for 2007 and the 2007 Needs & Feasibility Study for the provision of Active Sporting Reserves within the City.
<p>Armada Aquatic Centre – Major Maintenance (September 2006)</p> <p>Receive a further report that identifies options and cost estimates for replacing the polyester fibreglass lining in the 50 metre and 25 metre pools at the Armada Aquatic Centre. (C54/9/06)</p>	Technical Services	The findings of the Due Diligence assessment of Armada Aquatic Centre confirmed the need to replace the polyester fibreglass lining in the 50 metre and 25 metre pools. The report identified tiling as the recommended option and provided a ball park cost estimate. Further work is required to obtain more accurate cost estimates and identify funding and staging options.
<p>Councillors' Items - Cr Zelones – Update on Review of Council's Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study for Armada Cultural Facilities: Final Report (September 2006)</p> <p>Cr Zelones requested an update and review of Council's Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study for Armada Cultural Facilities: Final Report. (C58/9/06)</p>	Community Development	An update will be provided to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee when workloads and available resources allow.
<p>**John Dunn Oval – Seasonal Use (December 2006)</p> <p>That Council convene a Councillor Workshop in January 2007 to consider and discuss future ground use requirements at John Dunn Oval and other City of Armada facilities (C75/12/06).</p>	Recreation Services	A Councillor Workshop will be convened as part of the 2007 Needs & Feasibility Study for the provision of Active Sporting Reserves within the City.
<p>Councillors' Items – Upgrade of Council Website (January 2007)</p> <p>Cr Zelones requested that consideration be given to an upgrade of Council's website to include places of interest such as parks, churches etc. (C9/1/07)</p> <p>(February 2007)</p> <p>Cr Zelones requested that consideration be given to an upgrade of Council's website to include community information etc. (C17/2/07)</p>	Information Technology	Matter referred to the Public Relations Coordinator and Manager Information Technology for further investigation and update of the website.
<p>Councillors' Items – Reg. Williams Reserve (January 2007)</p> <p>Cr Munn requested that consideration be given to set up a pre-planning process with community input for the redevelopment of Reg. Williams Reserve. (C9/1/07)</p>	Community Development	An update will be provided to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee when workloads and available resources allow.

OUTSTANDING REPORT

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE		
REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – FEBRUARY 2007		
ITEM	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
<i>Councillors' Items – Council Chambers/Committee Room Acoustics Upgrade (February 2007)</i> Cr Munn requested that the matter of improvement to the acoustics in the Council Chambers and Committee Room be referred to the Technical Services Committee for investigation. (C17/2/07)	Technical Services Directorate	This matter has been referred to the Technical Services Committee for action.

MONTHLY OFFICER REPORTS

**LIBRARY & HERITAGE SERVICES GENERAL MONTHLY REPORT –
FEBRUARY 2007**

1. LIBRARY SERVICES

1.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

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

1.2 Library Extension Activities

1.2.1 Bookstars Report

Report – *Bookstars*
Prepared by – *Kirstie Nicholson, Library Clerk,*
Kelmscott Library

Topic: Scavenger Hunt
Presenter: Kirstie Nicholson

Date: 12th February 2007
Time: 3.45 – 4.45pm
Venue: Kelmscott Library

No. Attending: Seven

Comments:

Seven Bookstars kicked off the year with a scavenger hunt through the library. The session began with a worksheet about the Dewey Decimal system, which would aid the Bookstars in their hunt. Bookstars used the subject index, OPACS and the Dewey Decimal System to complete their scavenger hunt. It was great to see them familiarise themselves with the library. They grew more excited with each addition to their book pile, and didn't hesitate to ask the staff to help. It was a great activity to foster co-operation, as most children paired up in the race to come first. The winners received a prize and all participants got a sticker. There was a large selection of new JF books on display for the Bookstars.

MONTHLY OFFICER REPORTS

1.2.2 Library Lover's Day

Report – *Special Event*

Prepared by – *Janet Deegan, Branch Librarian Armadale/Kelmscott*

Topic: Library Lovers Day at City of Armadale Libraries

Date: 7 Feb – 21 February 2007

Venue: Armadale & Kelmscott Libraries

Comments:

Armadale and Kelmscott Libraries recently participated in a Nation Wide Celebration of Valentine's Day. The event was organised by the Australian Library and Information Association and Public Libraries Australia, with libraries from all sectors joining in the celebration. Valentine's Day was renamed Library Lovers Day, in recognition of the special relationship that lovers of libraries have with their libraries.

A Library Lovers Display was erected at Armadale and Kelmscott Libraries. This included fun slogans such as "*you can judge a book by it's lover*", "*be a novel lover @ your library*" and "*libraries – the best chapter in your life*". A Library Lovers competition was run which encouraged readers to write in 25 words or less about why they loved their library. A winner was drawn from each of the libraries, which then went into the draw for the State prize of a beautiful flower arrangement, kindly supplied by Interflora.

Armadale Library decorated their front counter with red, pink & white streamers and balloons, and displayed vases of fresh flowers to add to the atmosphere. Mystery reads were wrapped in brown paper and readers were encouraged to borrow these items. This offered the opportunity to try a new genre or author, to have "a blind date with a book" by reading something that they may not have attempted previously. Staff dressed in red on the Library Lovers Day, and offered heart chocolates to all who visited the library on the day, which helped to make the day a special one for all.

Kelmscott Library staff also entered into the spirit of Library Lovers Day by dressing in red and by eating red food on the day. City of Armadale were thrilled that the entry received at Kelmscott Library for the Library Lovers Competition won the State Prize. The winner, Rachele Snowdon, a long term library user, was also very thrilled to be the State winner.

MONTHLY OFFICER REPORTS

2. HERITAGE SERVICES

2.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

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

2.2 Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

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

Visit to Oral History Collection at Battye Library

The Historian/Local Studies Librarian and an oral history volunteer attended a meeting organised by the Oral History Association (WA) Branch at the Battye Library. A Battye archivist working on the Collection Development team spoke about what happens to oral histories that are deposited in the Battye Library. She answered questions such as: how to make the depositing of an interview an easy process, what the preferred format is and can a recording be deposited without a transcript.

After the talk the group was shown Battye's Oral History collection which at this stage remains only in tape format. There are no plans in the immediate future for Battye to transfer from analogue to digital format.

2.3 History House Museum

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator)

Volunteer Training

History House Museum is continuing its volunteer training program. This month a workshop was held relating to how to clean the museum. It covered the cleaning of cabinets and display objects as well as why keeping the museum clean is important.

Canning River Display

The Canning River display has been generating community interest. This has been assisted with articles in the Comment News and The Examiner newspapers.

MONTHLY OFFICER REPORTS

Museum Donations

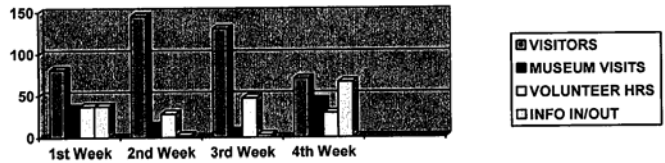
The museum this month received a very interesting donation. It was the Bedfordale Community Floor Clamp. The floor clamp used to lay floorboards was used in Bedfordale from the early 1900's to the 1960's. It was available to anyone in the Bedfordale community who was either building a house or redoing their floor.

The museum is also continuing to go through its records and ensure that donations forms have been completed for objects within the collection. Where possible donors are being contacted and asked to sign a completed donor form as well as provide any extra information that was not recorded when the object first entered the museum. This is an important process as without complete documentation the museum may not be able to prove ownership should the donor request the item back.

3. VISITOR SERVICING

3.1 Visitor Servicing Statistical Performance Indicators February 2007

FEBRUARY 2007 FIGURES:



Phone Enquiry	Info Sent	VISITORS	Metro	Intra State	Inter State	O/seas	Vol Hours	Museum Visits
218	108	426	271	32	27	96	140	100

**FEBRUARY: Visitor Centre Open: 180 Hours Average Visitors Per Week: 62
 Volunteer Hours per Week: 35**

27 Interstate Visitors 96 International Visitors 303 West Aussies

MONTHLY OFFICER REPORTS

3.2 Armadale Visitor Centre Report

(Report prepared by Yvonne Bradfield Visitor Centre Coordinator)

Marketing

Several meetings have been held with the Coordinator of the Bedfordale Festival, to be held over the week-ends of 17th – 18th March and 24th – 25th March. The VC will participate in the Festival, over both weekends.

The Coordinator has met with Christen Bell, Curator of History House Museum and Lorraine Pearce, Historian/Local Studies Librarian of Birtwistle Library. A target mailing list of Operators conducting Day Tours within the greater Perth City region has been developed. Leaflets encouraging these Operators to include the Armadale City area within their day tours will be posted to each one.

The Coordinator met with John Ellis and Shelley Pike of the Armadale Redevelopment Authority looking at locations and ways of developing fresh food/product Weekly Markets within the City Central Precinct.

Volunteers

On the 9th February a Familiarization tour, from 9am – 5pm, was conducted for all staff and volunteers currently working at the centre. Eight volunteers and two staff members attended. Our sincere thanks go to Richard House of Wilderness Wanderer, who provided the vehicle for the day.

Businesses visited were:

Armadale Cottage B & B	Poplar Cottage B & B	Lakeside Country Resort
Schoenstatt Shrine	Rainier's Gallery Café	Roley's on the Ridge
Restaurant	Araluen Botanic Park	Chalet Healy
Elizabethan Pub	Pioneer Village	

Famils remain an important part of Visitor Servicing as they give “first hand” knowledge, experience and information to those whose day-to-day work it is to promote and encourage the wider community to experience that which the City of Armadale has to offer.

Visitor Centre:

The Visitor Centre is moving towards extending its booking/retailing section by attracting more residents of the City to its premises. As part of that extension, merchandising within the Centre offers a greater diversity of actual “Armadale”

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tagged products. This range is produced locally including such things as key rings, badges, tea towels, bath towels, postcards, magnets, tote bags.

Consignee merchandising continues, however, has been brought under the management of one provider reducing the physical and end of month overheads to the VC.

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**MANAGER RANGER & EMERGENCY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR
FEBRUARY 2007**

1. Animal Control

1.1 Dogs

Ranger Services received three hundred and ninety (390) requests for assistance during the February 2007 report period, which represents a 46% increase to the corresponding period last year. However the number of office phone enquiries, which was included in the February 2007 report, account for a significant proportion of the overall figure.

1.2 Dog Registration Checks

Rangers will be conducting an extensive dog registration survey throughout the district during the next 2-3 months. A fundamental part of the survey is a door knock to create an awareness of both the Dog Act and the City of Armadale Local Laws Relating to Dogs, identify potential and actual problems and provide advice that may assist in preventing or treating a problem.

Currently the City has approximately 15,000 registered and an undetermined number of unregistered dogs. It is generally accepted that dogs registered with a Local Authority form as little as 50%-70% of the total dog population.

The reasons why dog owners do not register their dogs include:

- not being able to afford it, do not want to,
- cannot see the need to, did not know they had to,
- they feel that they get nothing for their registration fee, or
- they have not got around to doing it.

The extensive door knock referred to above is expected to significantly increase the number of registered dogs in the City.

1.3 Court Action

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

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NAME	OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALTY \$	COSTS \$	TOTAL \$
Fiona Campbell	Dog Act 1976 Dog attack on animal	Guilty	600	105.70	705.70
Pia Broomham	Dog Act 1976 Dog attack on person	Guilty	800	105.70	905.70
Troy Heath	Dog Act 1976 Dog attack on person	Guilty	800	105.70	905.70
William Posthuma	Dog Act 1976 Dog attack on animal	Guilty	700	105.70	805.70
Megan Ramirez	Dog Act 1976 Dog attack on animal	Guilty	600	105.70	705.70

2. Vehicles

2.1 Parking

Ranger Services attended to seventy nine (79) general enquiries relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period.

2.2 Commercial Vehicles (Trucks)

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

2.3 Abandoned Vehicles

The number of abandoned vehicles is steadily increasing, and the cost to the City in the collection and disposal of abandoned vehicles (most of which have no commercial value) is far in excess of projected estimates. This is a problem currently being shared by most Metropolitan Local Governments.

2.4 Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

Ranger Services attended to eleven (11) reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in a prohibited area during the report period.

3. Fire Services

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

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Ranger Services attended to twenty seven (27) enquiries during this report period, mainly associated with alternative style firebreaks and advice regarding general fire safety.

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

4. General

4.1 Notice of Bushfire CRC Forums

The Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) program is now in its fourth year. The number of research outputs has increased considerably over the past year and the transfer of knowledge is now being infiltrated across fire and land management agencies.

Further Bushfire CRC forums will be organised throughout the year and will take place on Friday and Saturday mornings to cater for career personnel and volunteer firefighters. The key areas of research will not only provide interest to fire and land management agencies but also to the wide variety of stakeholders who deal with the issue and management of bushfire risk. Dates of forums scheduled for early 2007 include:

Friday, 30 and Saturday, 31 March 2007

Justin Leonard, CSIRO, who will present research on building and occupant protection

- David Lamont, FESA, who will present local research on evaporative air conditioners and risk of ember attack

Friday 18 and Saturday 19 May 2007

- Mary Omodei, La Trobe University, who will present research on safe behaviour and decision-making

- David Nichols, CFA, who will present research on firefighter health and safety

For further information or to register your interest in the Bushfire CRC forums, please contact: Ellen Jones, Bushfire CRC Coordinator, 5 Floor, FESA House. Telephone: (08) 9323 9405; or email ejones@fesa.wa.gov.au

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4.2 National Seasonal Rainfall Outlook: probabilities for Autumn 2007

The national outlook for total autumn (March to May) rainfall generally shows no strong swings in the odds towards wetter or drier conditions. In WA however, a drier than average autumn is more likely in the southwest, whereas above average falls are indicated further north in a zone stretching from the Pilbara to the interior.

The pattern of seasonal rainfall odds across Australia is a result of higher than average temperatures in the Pacific Ocean (because of El Niño) and also in the Indian Ocean. More influence has come from the Pacific.

The chances of exceeding the median rainfall for the March to May period, are between 35 and 40% in parts of southwest WA south of Geraldton (see map). This means that BELOW median falls have about a 60 to 65% chance of occurring. So in years with ocean patterns like the current, about six autumns out of ten are drier than average and four out of ten are wetter in these regions with reduced odds.

In contrast, the chances of exceeding the median rainfall for autumn are between 60 and 70% in a wide band from northwest to central WA. So in years with ocean patterns like the current, about six or seven March to May periods out of ten are expected to be wetter than average across this region. However, over most of the country the chances of exceeding the seasonal median are between 40 and 60%.

Outlook confidence is related to how consistently the Pacific and Indian Oceans affect Australian rainfall. During autumn, history shows this effect to be moderately consistent across much of the north and west of the country. Elsewhere the effect is only weakly or very weakly consistent

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5. February 2007 - Statistics

<i>DOGS</i>	February 2007	February 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Wandering	49	35	408	371
Dogs for Pick Up	69	17	293	233
Barking	20	17	163	186
Attacks	19	15	124	142
Lost & Found	67	87	521	609
General Information	9	3	67	73
Sub Total	233	174	1576	1614
Office Phone Enquiries	157	92	1493	1077
Total	390	266	3069	2691

up 14%

<i>PARKING / VEHICLES</i>	February 2007	February 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
General Parking	17	15	98	95
Trucks	2	6	39	22
School Parking	7	6	17	20
Abandoned Vehicles	25	16	149	122
Off Road Vehicles	11	6	117	97
Sub Total	62	49	420	356
Office Phone Enquiries	17	10	175	88
Total	79	59	595	444

up 34%

<i>LIVESTOCK</i>	February 2007	February 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Lost & Found	0	2	43	8
General	11	9	70	65
Sub Total	11	11	113	73
Office Phone Enquiries	6	0	53	29
Total	17	11	166	102

up 63%

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<i>LITTER</i>	February 2007	February 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
General Information	0	0	0	0
Private Property	3	0	14	7
Roadside / Reserve	12	3	44	30
Verge	0	2	18	18
Sub Total	15	5	76	55
Office Phone Enquiries	3	2	14	9
Total	18	7	90	64

up 41%

<i>FIRE</i>	February 2007	February 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Burning Off / General Information	0	7	39	33
Firebreak / Hazard	13	6	112	131
Sub Total	13	13	151	164
Office Phone Enquiries	14	10	318	300
Total	27	23	469	464

<i>GENERAL</i>	February 2007	February 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
General Information	6	1	20	37
Sub Total	6	13	20	37
Office Phone Enquiries - Cats	13	4	88	103
Office Phone Enquiries - General	6	10	128	87
Total	19	14	216	197

up 14%

<i>TOTAL</i>	February 2007	February 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Sub Total Reports / Complaints	340	253	2356	2299
Total Office Phone Enquiries	216	128	2269	1693
Total Reports / Complaints	556	381	4625	3992

up 16%

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WARNINGS	February 2007	February 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Dogs	19	13	125	134
Parking	27	10	142	102
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	4	2
Litter	0	1	3	11
Fire & Fire Orders	0	0	11	54
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	46	24	285	303

down 5%

INFRINGEMENTS	February 2007	February 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Dogs	31	34	247	273
Parking	63	76	268	248
Off Road Vehicles	5	0	15	3
Litter	0	1	8	9
Fire	10	0	47	47
Other	0	0	1	0
Total	109	111	586	580
NUMBER WITHDRAWN	10	11	90	73
Number Paid	66	48	432	361

up 20%

IMPOUNDED DOGS	February 2007	February 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Claimed	37	35	280	250
Sold	4	1	25	29
Destroyed	16	24	95	131
Vet / Rescue	3	7	58	51
Stolen	0	0	0	0
Total	60	67	458	461

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IMPOUNDED VEHICLES	February 2007	February 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Vehicles	10	3	54	39
Motor Cycles	0	0	0	1
Total	10	3	54	40

up 35%

IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK	February 2007	February 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Sheep	0	0	5	2
Horses	0	1	0	1
Cows	0	0	0	3
Goats	0	0	0	4
Pigs	0	0	0	0
Deer	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	0	1	5	10

down 50%

COURT PROSECUTIONS	February 2007	February 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Dog	7	8	37	30
Fire	0	0	0	0
Parking	0	1	0	1
Litter	0	0	0	0
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	0
Total	7	9	37	31
No. of Guilty Verdicts	5	9	31	31

up 20%

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<i>FINES ENFORCEMENT</i>	February 2007	February 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Infringements sent to FER	31	117	213	212

<i>DOG REGISTRATIONS</i>	February 2007	February 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
New Dog Registrations	57	57	557	571
Renewed Dog Registrations	40	31	1672	1928
Total	97	88	2229	2499

down 10%

<i>PHONES CALLS</i>	February 2007	February 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Office – Rangers calling Office	32	14	169	154
Office – Messages for Staff	47	42	390	388
Office – Referred to Other	13	16	171	137
Calls to Rangers' Private Residences via Diverter	3	12	102	106
TOTAL	95	84	832	785

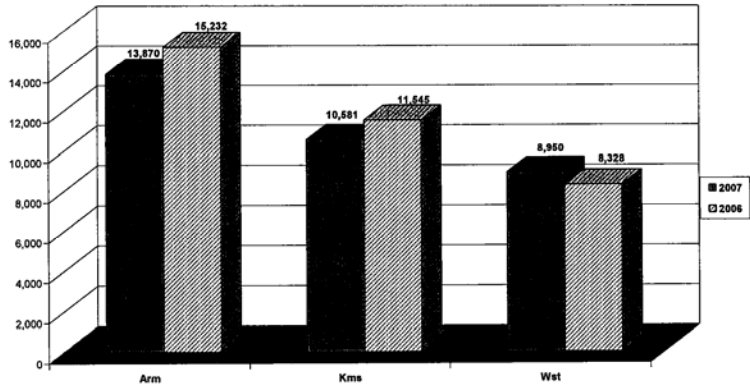
up 6%

MINUTES OF OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES

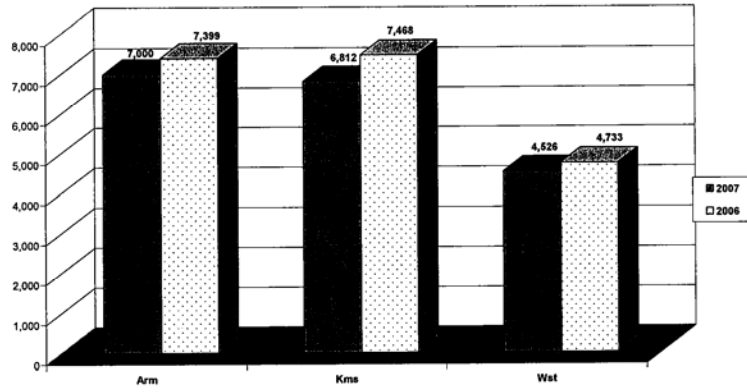
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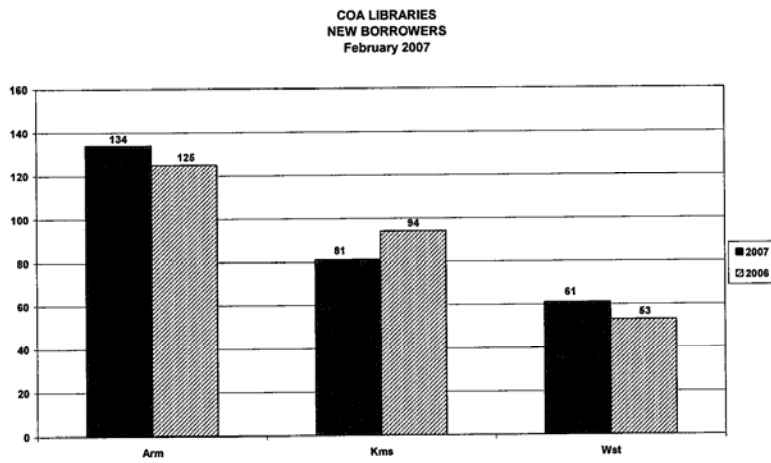
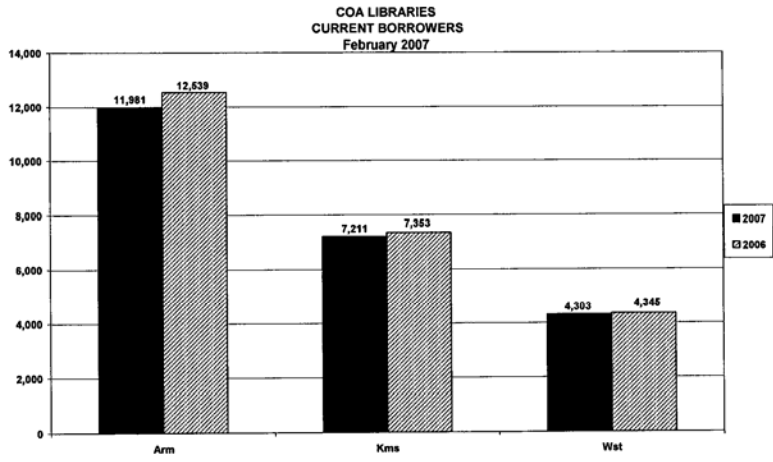
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COA LIBRARIES
ISSUES/RENEWALS
February 2007



COA LIBRARIES
NUMBER OF VISITS
February 2007





COA LIBRARIES
RESERVATIONS
February 2007



Month: February Year: 2007

History House Museum	Current Month	Year to date		
		Feb 07	Feb 06	July 06- Feb 07
Visitors	125	51	1,018	1,129
Volunteer Hours	181	116	923	1,008
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum	Feb 07	Feb 06	Jul 06 – Feb 07	Jul 05 – Feb 06
	44	N/A	1972	N/A

MINNAWARRA FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES

OF THE MINNAWARRA FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2007 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, COMMUNITY
SERVICES DIRECTORATE BUILDING COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM.

1. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Present	Organisation
Cr A L Cominelli	Chairman – City of Armadale
Mr E Thexton	Rotary Club of Armadale
Ms B Hartley	Community Representative
Ms L Murray	Community Representative
Ms S Halse	Indigenous Community Development Coordinator
Mr C Dayson	Acting Events Coordinator
Ms Y Ward	Minute Secretary – City of Armadale
Apologies	
Cr J A Stewart	City of Armadale

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED

The Minutes of the Minnowarra Festival Committee of 5 December 2006, be confirmed.

Moved: Ms Murray

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards

Various performers' quotes

Outwards

Various performers’ bookings.

A copy of a preliminary program for the Minnowarra Festival 2007 was circulated to members as attached. (Refer to Attachment “A-1”.)

RESOLVED

That the correspondence be received.

Moved: Ms Hartley

CARRIED

6. PORTFOLIO REPORTS

6.1 Amusement Rides and Amenities

Eric Thexton advised that everything had been organised in connection with the Amusement Rides. He sought clarification of whether the rides would still be located at Frog Hollow given the construction works being carried out on the Woolworth’s site.

The Acting Events Coordinator advised that the Frog Hollow site was still usable. Mr Thexton advised that he was willing to conduct a site visit with the carnival operator before the next meeting.

6.2 Children’s Activities

Matters are in hand and organisation advanced. Bree Harley enquired whether contact had been made with Armadale Family Centre (Communities for Children). They were going to get back to the Acting Events Coordinator regarding face painting.

Cr Cominelli enquired as to whether a follow up had been made to the PCYC in regard to obtaining the Climbing Wall for the Festival? Committee was of the view that it was too late into the preparations for the Festival to pursue the hire of the Climbing Wall at this stage.

The Acting Events Coordinator advised that there was room for additional children’s activities

Cr Cominelli enquired as to whether plans had been put in place for the Junior Talent Contest. Bree Hartley advised that she had forwarded her expression of interest to Council. Issues that she has are that the programme is for 40 minutes on the late side on the Sunday but the allocation is less than the time needed.

6.3 Craft Vending

The Acting Events Coordinator advised that craft vendors have until the start of March to send in their forms. The costs have been reduced by \$20 per stall each day as an incentive to encourage craft vendors.

Cr Cominelli requested that advertising be given some priority to encourage more craft vendors.

6.4 Displays and Exhibits

The Acting Events Coordinator advised that between 5 – 10 organisations had shown interest, including the eye/ear testing display, reported to the December Minnowarra Festival Committee Meeting. Heritage House has advised they will provide a machinery display.

Cr Cominelli enquired as to whether the Armadale Fire Brigade had been contacted to provide a display? The Acting Events Coordinator undertook to contact the Armadale Fire Brigade to ascertain their availability.

Cr Cominelli also enquired whether the Police had been contacted (Snr. Sgt. Mal Ward of the Armadale Police) who had in past years had organised for the Mounted Police to provide a display and patrol during the Festival.

The Acting Events Coordinator advised that the City of Armadale tent would also provide a display as has been the case in previous years.

6.5 Entertainment

Discussion as per 6.2.

The Acting Events Coordinator advised that there was a question mark in regard to a one hour slot on the Sunday. There had not been a lot of interest so far from the local Indigenous community performers and groups so he might be looking to fill those gaps.

6.6 Finance

In hand.

6.7 Marketing and sponsorship

The Acting Events Coordinator advised that same marketing schedule followed in previous years would again be followed this year. This being a full page spread, posters are being made up now and also key performers which have been locked in will begin to be promoted on the posters to be distributed to the community.

Cr Cominelli advised that in the past, local papers had included a “colouring in picture” for children as a promotion. It may be worth pursuing this kind of promotion of the Minnowarra Festival again this year.

6.8 Youth Contribution

The Youth contribution has been scheduled as per the attached Lake Side programme for Sunday, 31 March 2007.

6.9 Seniors’ Activities

The Seniors’ contribution has been scheduled as per the attached Senior Dance Workshops programme for Saturday and Sunday, 31 March and 1 April 2007. There will be an adjoining seating/tea area where people can get “a cuppa” and watch the programme.

6.10 Site set up/pack away

The Acting Events Coordinator advised that planning for site set up/pack away would depend on how many displays /craft stall requests are received. He explained the location of the layout for the Festival to Committee members.

Cr Cominelli requested volunteers to help with putting up and taking down the site. Anyone who knew of someone who would be prepared to help would be more than welcome.

Cr Cominelli advised that as in previous years, the stage would be managed by Bree Hartley and herself. Cr Stewart would act as MC.

The Acting Events Coordinator advised that the Indigenous Welcome had been slotted into the programme at 12.00 pm. The Indigenous Community Development Officer to make enquiries within the Indigenous community for someone who would be prepared to undertake the Welcome to Country.

RESOLVED

That the Portfolio reports be received.

Moved: Bree Hartley

CARRIED

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Local Indigenous Bands

Lesley Murray suggested the names of local bands to play at the Festival. These names to be provided to the Acting Events Coordinator.

7.2 Allocation of Funds – ATSIAC

The Acting Events Coordinator and Indigenous Community Development Officer to liaise in regard to funding from ATSIAC for part-payment of Indigenous performers at the Festival.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Committee meeting is for Tuesday, 6 March 2007.

The Debrief to be held on Tuesday, 10 April 2007 at 6.00 pm.

9. CLOSURE

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.05 PM

Saturday 31 March			Sunday 1 April		
Time	Performance	Location	Performance	Location	Time
11:00					11:00
11:10			Local Indigenous	Main Stage	11:10
11:20	Armadale City Concert Band	Main Stage			11:20
11:30					11:30
11:40			Aerial	In Park	11:40
11:50					11:50
12:00	Indigenous Welcome	Main Stage			12:00
12:10			Local School	Main Stage	12:10
12:20	Local Indigenous	Main Stage			12:20
12:30					12:30
12:40					12:40
12:50	Aerial	In Park			12:50
13:00			Solomon Is. Pan Pipers	Main Stage	13:00
13:10					13:10
13:20	Local School	Main Stage			13:20
13:30					13:30
13:40					13:40
13:50			Local Indigenous	Main Stage	13:50
14:00					14:00
14:10	African Drummers	Main Stage			14:10
14:20			Aerial	In Park	14:20
14:30					14:30
14:40					14:40
14:50					14:50
15:00			Local School	Main Stage	15:00
15:10	Local Indigenous	Main Stage			15:10
15:20					15:20
15:30			Maori Dancers	Main Stage	15:30
15:40	Aerial	In Park			15:40
15:50					15:50
16:00					16:00
16:10	Local School	Main Stage			16:10
16:20					16:20
16:30			St Agnes	Main Stage	16:30
16:40	African Dancers	Main Stage			16:40
16:50					16:50
17:00					17:00
17:10					
17:20					
17:30	Gerard Maunick	Main Stage			
17:40					
17:50					
18:00					
18:10					
18:20					
18:30	Gerard Maunick	Main Stage			
18:40					
18:50					
19:00					

19:10	
19:20	
19:30	

Lake Side Stage

Saturday 31 March	
Time	Youth Performers
11:00	Group 1
11:15	
11:30	
11:45	Group 2
12:00	
12:15	
12:30	Group 3
12:45	
13:00	
13:15	Group 4
13:30	
13:45	
14:00	Group 5
14:15	
14:30	
14:45	Group 6
15:00	
15:15	
15:30	Group 7
15:45	
16:00	
16:15	Group 8
16:30	
16:45	

17:00

Sunday 1 April	
Community Performers	Time
Group 1	11:00
	11:15
	11:30
Group 2	11:45
	12:00
	12:15
Group 3	12:30
	12:45
	13:00
Group 4	13:15
	13:30
	13:45
Group 5	14:00
	14:15
	14:30
Group 6	14:45
	15:00
	15:15
Group 7	15:30
	15:45
	16:00
Group 8	16:15
	16:30
	16:45

17:00

Children’s Activities

Saturday 31 March

Activity	Location	Times	Cost
Bubble Mania	Lake Side	11:00 - 5:00	\$605.00
Fairies Forever	Under the tree	12:00 - 5:00	\$300.00
Old Macdonald's Farm	Beside Rotunda	11:00 - 5:00	\$770.00
Amazing Drumming Monkeys	Beside the tree	12:00 / 2:00 / 4:00	<u>\$650.00</u>
			\$2,325.00

Sunday 1 April

Activity	Location	Times	Cost
Bubble Mania	Lake Side	11:00 - 5:00	\$605.00
Fairies Forever	Under the tree	12:00 - 5:00	\$300.00
Teenie Weenie Party Ponies	Beside Rotunda	12:00 - 5:00	\$700.00
Roger the Ridiculous & His Amazing		11:00 - 5:00	
Mad Rat & Wombat Circus	Beside the tree	12:00 / 2:00 / 4:00	<u>\$825.00</u>
			\$2,430.00

Total \$4,755.00

Seniors Zone

Saturday 31 March		Sunday 1 April	
Time	Dance Group	Dance Group	Time
11:00	Group 1	Group 3	11:00
11:10			11:10
11:20			11:20
11:30			11:30
11:40			11:40
11:50	Group 2	Group 2	11:50
12:00			12:00
12:10			12:10
12:20			12:20
12:30			12:30
12:40	Group 3	Group 1	12:40
12:50			12:50
13:00			13:00
13:10			13:10
13:20			13:20
13:30	Group 1	Group 3	13:30
13:40			13:40
13:50			13:50
14:00			14:00
14:10			14:10
14:20	Group 2	Group 2	14:20
14:30			14:30
14:40			14:40
14:50			14:50
15:00			15:00
15:10	Group 3	Group 1	15:10
15:20			15:20
15:30			15:30
15:40			15:40
15:50			15:50
16:00	Group 1	Group 3	16:00
16:10			16:10
16:20			16:20
16:30			16:30
16:40			16:40
16:50			16:50
17:00			17:00

Saturday 31 March	
Time	Dance Group
11:00	Group 1
11:10	
11:20	
11:30	
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12:00	
12:10	
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12:30	
12:40	Group 2
12:50	
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13:20	
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13:50	
14:00	Group 3
14:10	
14:20	
14:30	
14:40	
14:50	
15:00	
15:10	
15:20	
15:30	Group 4
15:40	
15:50	
16:00	
16:10	
16:20	
16:30	
16:40	
16:50	
17:00	

Sunday 1 April	
Dance Group	Time
Group 3	11:00
	11:10
	11:20
	11:30
	11:40
	11:50
	12:00
	12:10
	12:20
	12:30
12:40	Group 4
12:50	
13:00	
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CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE CITY OF
ARMADALE FUNCTION ROOM, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON
MONDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2006 AT 5.00 PM

PRESENT:	Ms Katie Hully Ms Melissa Northcott Ms Carol Surgeon Mr Borun Murray Mr Daen Murray Mr Ben Shaw Mr Jarryd Urbas Mr Ben Ritacca Cr. Ruth Butterfield	Community Representative Community Representative Community Representative Armadale SHS Representative Community Representative Community Representative Community Representative Carey Baptist College Representative Councillor
APOLOGIES:	Ms Keira Bassula Mr Leighton Cotter Mr Matthew Baskerville	Community Representative Kelmscott SHS Representative Community Representative
OBSERVERS:	Nil	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Ms Megan Farr Mr Chris Dayson	City of Armadale Community Development Officer (Youth) City of Armadale A/Events Coordinator

DISCLAIMER

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

DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1.1 Ordinary Meeting – 28 August 2006

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee meeting held on 28th August 2006, are confirmed.

Moved: Katie Hully
Seconded: Carol Surgeon

CARRIED

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Jenny Marrell – Parkerville Youth Service (Seen and Heard)

Parkerville Youth Service has been appointed to work with the YAC to plan, organise and deliver a Youth Space at the Minnowarra Festival in 2007. Following the success of Rock N Dale, the Minnowarra Festival Committee has recommended a Youth Space at the 2007 event. The festival will be held on Saturday the 31st of March and Sunday the 1st of April. The Youth Space will be held in the same location as Rock N Dale, on Saturday the 31st of March only.

Jenny Marrall (Parkerville Youth Service) conducted a brainstorming session with the YAC to hear the committee’s ideas for the youth space. YAC members will be involved with the planning, development and implementation of the 2007 Minnowarra Festival Youth Space. Jenny provided examples of Youth Spaces, such as; PCYC Climbing Wall, Horizontal Bungee, Jousting Competition, Milo Van, Talent Quest etc. The YAC were asked to think about activities for the Minnowarra Youth Space. The following suggestions were provided;

- Youth Concert: Battle of the Bands
- Youth talent quest: Dancing, bands, solo performances etc
- Involve local schools: inter-school competition (performance based)
- Exclusion Zone: Restrict the youth space to ‘young people (12 to 24)’ only to prevent young children from accessing the area

Chris Dayson suggested that the YAC focus on activities that encourage participation by catering to a range of interests and talents. For example, a talent quest (not restricted to musical performances). The YAC may also consider organising two stages for the Youth Space to allow for more performances.

The exclusion zone was not recommended. Chris Dayson informed the YAC that the main objective of the Minnowarra Festival is to promote inclusion and encourage community participation. An exclusion zone would not be looked upon favourably by the Minnowarra Festival Committee. This was supported by Councillor Ruth Butterfield.

The budget for the Youth Space was discussed. Megan Farr and Chris Dayson informed the YAC that the cost of the Youth Space will be shared by the Community Development (Youth) budget and the Recreation Services (Minnowarra Festival) budget. The total allocation for the Youth Space will be approximately \$4000 (includes all equipment hire, performance fees, activity hire etc).

Jenny Marrell advised the YAC that she would contact committee members early in 2007 to commence planning of the Youth Space. This may require additional meetings to focus specifically on the Minnowarra Festival.

3. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

There is no Business of the Meeting

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 YAC Planning Day

An overview of the YAC Planning Day was provided. YAC members were asked to confirm their attendance. All members present at the meeting, with the exception of Melissa Northcott, Jarryd Urbas and Cr Ruth Butterfield, advised that they would be attending the Planning Day.

YAC members were given details of transport arrangements and departure times and locations.

4.2 Youth Services Directory

The Armadale Youth Engagement Project (Armadale Community Health and City of Armadale) recommends the development of a Youth Services Directory for the region. The resource would include information on all the various youth services, organisations, activities, clubs, facilities etc in the City of Armadale.

Preliminary work on the directory has begun. YAC members were provided with a draft copy of the content of the directory and asked to provide feedback and suggestions. Below is a list of comments;

- Armadale Rotary may be worth including (Megan Farr will investigate)

- Beyond Blue web site address may be worth including (Megan Farr will investigate)

The YAC agreed that the draft content of the Youth Directory was comprehensive and contained many useful references. No further recommendations were provided. The committee is eager to view the proposed design of the Directory. Megan Farr advised that a complete draft would be available for the next meeting for the YAC to consider.

4.3 YMCA Headquarters Summer Skate Series

The City of Armadale will be participating in the YMCA’s 2006 Summer Skate Series. The program involves a series of qualifying heats to be held at various skate parks in Perth. Heat four will take place at the Forrestdale Skate Park on the 18th of November.

The competition is open to all young people. Competitors will have one minute runs, during which they will be judged on tricks, style, park usage and consistency. The winners of each heat will be invited to participate in the grand final at Headquarters Skate Park on the 20th of January.

The YMCA will provide an on site coordinator to oversee the competition, three judges, an MC, shade screens, sunscreen, prizes and light refreshments. Assistance is requested with advertising and promotion. Posters and flyers will be distributed during the meeting.

YAC members were encouraged to promote the event through schools, networks of friends, local shopping centres etc. YAC members were also invited to attend on the day.

4.4 Youth Precinct Study – Carol Surgeon and Megan Farr

Megan Farr and Carol Surgeon provided the YAC with an update on the Youth Precinct Study. The study commenced in October with Dave Palmer from Murdoch University. The City’s Community Development Department is participating in the study and will be responsible for conducting the majority of work.

To date, three workshops have been held. The focus of the workshops are as follows; consultation techniques, use of media and images when engaging with the community, defining the purpose and objectives of the study, and reviewing existing information relative to the Youth Precinct Study (annual reports, studies, anecdotal information, research etc).

The YAC will continue to receive updates on the Youth Precinct Study during regular meetings.

4.4 AAA All Ages Concert – Carol Surgeon,

Carol Surgeon provided an update on the AAA All Ages Armadale concert. A summary is given below;

- Mal Osborne from Armadale Youth Resources is organising the event with the assistance of students from Armadale SHS and YAC members. The City of Armadale and local Police are supporting the event
- Proposed date: 3rd December 2006 (12pm to 5pm)
- Proposed location: Rushton Park Kelmscott
- Genre: Rock and Hip Hop. Local bands (from Rock n Dale) as well as a few well known acts such as ‘The Fuzz’
- Free entry. Will be promoted through schools and the community via posters and media
- Local businesses will be contacted for sponsorship
- YAC members are encouraged to get involved with the organisation of the concert

Correspondence

- 4.4.1 Information – The United Nations Youth Association of Australia: The Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations General Assembly
- 4.4.2 Information – The Foundation of Young Australians: Top Secret 12-15 year olds For Your Eyes Only
- 4.4.3 Examiner Article – YAC visit to Parliament House

5. URGENT ITEMS

There are no Urgent Items.

6. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was declared closed at 6.48pm

The next meeting is 27th November 2006, 5pm Function Room

