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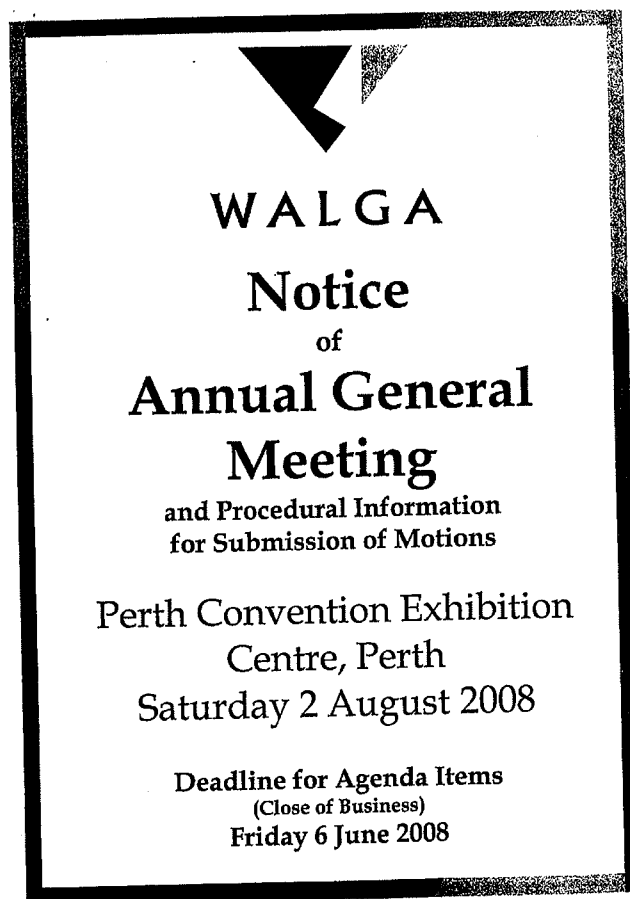
**WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2008– Notice of Meeting and General Information on 2008 Local
Government Convention**

WALGA's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday 2 August 2008** as part of the Local Government Convention. The meeting will be held at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre, 21 Mounts Bay Road, Perth.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting, together with general information on the meeting and guidelines for the preparation and submission of motions is attached.

Please note that the closing date for **submissions of motions is Friday 6 June 2008**. Any motions proposing alterations or amendments to the Association's Constitution must be received by 26 May 2008 in order to satisfy the 60 day constitutional notice requirements.

Councillors are requested to give the matter consideration and forward any Agenda items to the Chief Executive Officer **by 19th May 2008**. It is proposed that any agenda items submitted will be reported to Council via the CEO's report on 26th May prior to submission to WALGA before the 6th June deadline.





WALGA

2008 Local Government Convention

General Information

The 2008 Local Government Convention will be held at the *Perth Convention Exhibition Centre* (PCEC) from July 30 to 3 August 2008. The tentative schedule for the Convention is as follows:

Wednesday 30 July

Zone Roundtable Forum (by invitation) 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Thursday 31 July

Convention Sessions 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sundowner 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Friday 1 August

Special Guest Breakfast with Kevin Sheedy 7:30 am – 9:00 am
Convention Sessions 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Mayors & President Reception at Government House (by invitation) 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Saturday 2 August

Conference morning sessions 9:00 pm – 12:00 pm
WA Local Government Association AGM 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Convention Gala Dinner 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Sunday 3 August

State Council Meeting Convention Centre (followed by lunch at 12:00 pm) 10:00am – 12:00 pm

Further details will be contained in the registration brochure to be distributed to all Local Governments in late April.

Format for the WALGA Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for the Western Australian Local Government Association will be held from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Saturday 2 August 2008. This event should be attended by delegates from all Member Local Governments.

Cost for attending the Annual General Meeting

Attendance at the Annual General Meeting is **free of charge** to all Member Local Governments, excluding the cost of lunch. All delegates must register their attendance in advance. Registration for the lunch must also be notified in advance.

Submission of Motions

Member Local Governments are hereby invited to submit motions for inclusion on the Agenda for consideration at the 2008 Annual General Meeting. Motions should be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive Officer of WALGA.

The closing date for submission of motions is COB Friday 6 June 2008. Please note that any motions proposing alterations or amendments to the Constitution of the WA Local Government Association must be received by COB Monday 26 May 2008 in order to satisfy the 60 day constitutional notification requirements.

The following guidelines should be followed by Members in the formulation of motions:

- ❖ Motions should focus on policy matters rather than issues which could be dealt with by the WALGA State Council with minimal delay.
- ❖ Due regard should be given to the relevance of the motion to the total membership and to Local Government in general. Some motions are of a localised or regional interest and might be better handled through other forums.
- ❖ Due regard should be given to the timeliness of the motion – will it still be relevant come the Local Government Convention or would it be better handled immediately by the Association?
- ❖ The likely political impact of the motion should be carefully considered.
- ❖ Due regard should be given to the educational value to Members – i.e. does awareness need to be raised on the particular matter?
- ❖ The potential media interest of the subject matter should be considered.
- ❖ Annual General Meeting motions submitted by Member Local Governments must be accompanied by fully researched and documented supporting comment.

Enquiries relating to the preparation or submission of motions should be directed to Meredith Neilsen, Governance Policy Officer on 9213 2013 or via email mneilsen@walga.asn.au.

Emergency Motions

No motion shall be accepted for debate at the Annual General Meeting after the closing date unless the Association President determines that it is of an urgent nature, sufficient to warrant immediate debate and delegates resolve accordingly at the meeting. Please refer to the Conference Standing Orders for details.

Cr. Bill Mitchell

**Cr Bill Mitchell JP
PRESIDENT**

Ricky Burges

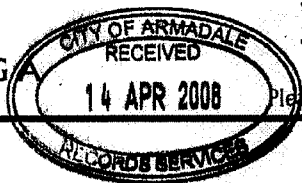
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Local Government News



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STATE ELECTION – INPUT ON STRATEGY

The next State election is pending, due by early 2009. As a result, WALGA is currently in the process of developing an agenda and strategy for pursuing some key Local Government objectives. These will flow largely from the State Budget Submission and the SSS 10 Year Plan, covering priorities such as;

- Roads and Infrastructure funding and management
- Financial assistance for regional cooperation initiatives
- Legislative and regulatory reform to facilitate better Local Government
- Libraries and Community Facilities
- Emergency Management
- Climate Change

Input from Local Governments would be welcomed on what strategic, state-wide issues should be considered as part of the Associations election strategy.

For further information and to contribute issues for discussion please contact Deputy Chief Executive Officer Wayne Scheggia on 08 9213 2024 or email wscheggia@walga.asn.au

SSS DRAFT PLAN – MEMBER FEEDBACK

A reminder that the consultation period for feedback on the Systemic Sustainability Study (SSS) draft plan has been extended.

The new closing date for submissions is **Monday 16 June**. State Council voted to extend the consultation period by an additional eight weeks (to 15 weeks) with a further six weeks for discussion within the WALGA zone structure.

For further information, please contact Executive Manager Governance and Strategy, Tony Brown on 9213 2051 or email tbrown@walga.asn.au

BREAKFAST WITH KARL O'CALLAGHAN

Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan APM will be the guest speaker in the second of the WALGA Breakfast Series events.

Commissioner O'Callaghan will explore policing issues relevant to Local Government, including road safety, combating graffiti and community design on:

Date: **Friday 2 May**
Time: 7:30am to 9:00am
Venue: University Club of WA,
Hackett Drive, Crawley
Cost: \$66.00 (inc GST)

For further information or to register, please contact Marketing and Events Officer, Emily Ward on 9213 2097 or email eward@walga.asn.au

COLLABORATIVE LANDCARE RESULTS IN STATE AWARD

Congratulations to the North Eastern Wheatbelt Regional Organisation of Councils (NEWROC) for winning the Leighton Holdings Local Government Landcare Partnerships Award at the State Landcare awards last week.

The award is given to an outstanding Local Government organisation which is collaborating with its community to preserve and manage its local environment and natural resources.

NEWROC has achieved outstanding success in natural resource management through its voluntary collaboration of the seven participating Local Governments – they employ many staff who have leveraged substantial funding and run many successful on-ground projects.

For further information please contact Trayning NRM Facilitator Linda Vernon on 08 9683 1001 or email clc@trayning.wa.gov.au

ROADS AND TRANSPORT FORUM 2008 PROGRAM

The Roads and Transport Forum 2008 will be held at the Hyatt Hotel in Perth on Tuesday 6 May.

The program includes an array of speakers including WA Planning and Infrastructure Minister, the Hon Alannah MacTiernan and Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development, the Hon Gary Gray, who will be representing the Federal Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Anthony Albanese.

Forum attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of all speakers during the sessions.

The event will also incorporate the Road Safety Awards, which acknowledges outstanding achievements by Local Government in the area of road safety. A flyer calling for nominations has been distributed to all Local Governments.

Programs and Registration forms are included in this week's mailbag.

The Program and registration form can be downloaded from the WALGA website at www.walga.asn.au. We look forward to your participation in the Roads and Transport Forum 2008.

Registrations for the Forum close 22 April 2008.

For further information please contact Infrastructure Support Officer, Cheryl Bulford, on 9213 2059 or email cbulford@walga.asn.au.

STATE BLACK SPOT PROGRAM REVIEW

Main Roads has established a small working group, of which WALGA and Local Government has representation, to oversee a review of the State Black Spot Program.

As part of the study, the working group is reviewing the program's operational effectiveness and efficiency.

A literature review has been undertaken as part of the process of gathering information on international best practice safety programs.

Input will also be sought from key applicants and participants of the State Black Spot Program, including Local Governments.

Once all relevant information has been collected and analysed then recommendations will be made to the State Road Fund to Local Government Advisory Committee (SAC).

For further information please contact Jenna Andrews, Policy Officer, Road Safety on 9213-2000, or email jandrews@walga.asn.au

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SELF INSURANCE SCHEMES (LGIS) BOARD - LATE VACANCY

The Association is seeking nominations from Elected Members of LGIS Member Local Governments to serve on the Local Government Self Insurance Schemes Board.

The closing date for nominations is **4pm Thursday 15 May 2008.**

Please email your completed applications to nominations@walga.asn.au. Information about the LGIS Board - and other current vacancies - can be

found on the Association's website. Unsigned or late nominations will not be accepted.

For further information, please visit <http://www.walga.asn.au/about/policy/governance/vacancies> or contact Governance Policy Officer, Tim Lane on 9213 2029 or email tlane@walga.asn.au

ASSET AND EXPENDITURE REPORT 2006/07

As we are endeavouring to distribute the report during Local Government week in early August, we would appreciate a prompt return from those 27 Local Governments that will be receiving a fourth reminder letter next week, followed by a phone call. To date we have received 117 returns- 81% of the total required.

The 27 outstanding Local Governments are jeopardising the preparation of the report in time for Local Government Week.

Please call Clive Shepherd if you are having difficulties in completing the form. Clive is only too happy to assist and is available on 9217 1423 on Monday and Tuesdays and on 9367 3080 on Wednesdays.

If you require another copy of the 2006/07 submission forms or for further information, please contact: Cheryl Bulford, Support Officer, Transport and Roads on 9213 2059 or email cbulford@walga.asn.au

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The publication EM-Powering Communities Local Government Emergency Management Workbook has proved popular with Councils. To satisfy demand there will be a reprint of a further 1000 books and CD's. The re-print should be available from the week commencing Monday, 17 April 2008.

The next book in the EM-Powering Community series - Your Local Emergency Management Committee Guide - will go to print shortly for release in May at the Bunbury Local Government Emergency Management Conference on Wednesday, 28 May. The Guide fully explains the operation of the LEMC and provides answers to the most often asked questions.

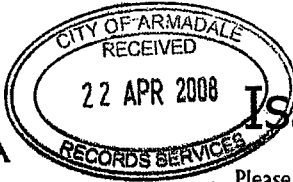
To place your orders for the reprint of the EM-Powering Workbook please contact Administration Officer, Sarah Barker on 9213 2058 or email sbarker@walga.asn.au

LOCAL GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

There have been many issues brought to notice of late concerning joint operations between Local Government Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades and the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC).

In the best interests of all concerned and to promote occupational health and safety during joint operations, WALGA have brought all parties together to consult on a Memorandum of Understanding - Multi Agency Fire Operations.

The document is in the final stages of review after which it will be circulated to all Councils for consultation and comment before the final document is signed and adopted by Local Government, the DEC and the Association of Volunteer Bush Fire Fighters of WA.



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CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

In response to the Rudd Government's commitment to a referendum on Constitutional Recognition within the next three years, the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has developed information packs on the issue which have been sent to all Councils. Electronic copies are available by visiting www.alga.asn.au/constitutionalrecognition

The packs have been created to facilitate discussion across Local Government on expectations regarding recognition, with a view to providing government with the sectors' preferred wording for the referendum. The 2008 WA Local Government Convention will feature a session dedicated to the question in order to further discussions.

WALGA encourages Councils to consider the resource materials provided, commence discussions, and inform WALGA of their position on the issue at their earliest opportunity.

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

ASSOCIATION HONOURS 2008

The Association's 2008 Honours program opened on **Thursday 28 February**. Nomination packages were distributed to all Councils, Zones and State Councillors.

The Honours program provides an opportunity to publicly recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements and lasting contributions made by Elected Members and Officers to their respective Councils, as well as to Local Government as a sector and to the wider community. Awards given as part of the Honours program will be presented to recipients at an awards ceremony held during the Local Government Convention 2008.

The five categories of awards within the 2008 Honours program include:

- Local Government Medal – recognises outstanding achievement and significant contribution by Elected Members and Officers to the Association and/or to Local Government (available for nomination by State Councillors).
- Life Membership – recognises the long and outstanding service of Elected Members and Officers to the Association and/or to Local Government (available for nomination by State Councillors, Zones and Local Government).
- Certificate of Appreciation – recognises personal commitment, eminent service and contribution to the Association (available for nomination by State Councillors, Zones and Local Government).
- Long and Loyal Service Award – recognises Elected Members who have provided long service of a high degree as an executive member of the Association for 8 or more years, or as an Elected Member for 12 or more years (available for nomination by State Councillors, Zones and Local Government).
- Distinguished Service Award – recognises Elected Members who have provided distinguished service to the community through their Local Government (available for nomination by State Councillors, Zones and Local Government).

Nominations close on **Friday 2 May**. No late nominations will be accepted.

Additional nomination packs are available on request or by email info@walga.asn.au For further information, please contact Governance Policy Officer, Meredith Neilsen on 9213 2013 or email mneilsen@walga.asn.au

BREAKFAST WITH KARL O'CALLAGHAN

Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan APM is the top police officer in the Western Australia Police being responsible for more than 5200 police officers, over 1500 police staff and an operating budget of more than \$830 million a year.

This is your opportunity to listen to the Commissioner as he explores policing issues relevant to Local Government, including road safety and community design on:

Date: **Friday 2 May**
Time: 7:30am to 9:00am
Venue: University Club of WA,
Hackett Drive, Crawley
Cost: \$66.00 (inc GST)

The event is part of the new WALGA breakfast series that aims to provide the sector access to high level, relevant speakers.

For further information or to register, please contact Marketing and Events Officer, Emily Ward on 9213 2097 or email eward@walga.asn.au

LATE VACANCIES - WA LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS COMMISSION & LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY BOARD

The Hon Lijlanna Ravlich MLC, Minister for Local Government, has requested panels of names for appointments to the WA Local Government Grants Commission and the Local Government Advisory Board.

Local Government Grants Commission

Nine names have been requested for each of the following:- Metropolitan Member and Deputy Member; and Country Urban Member and Deputy Member. Three names have been requested for the position of Country Deputy Member.

Local Government Advisory Board

Nine names have been requested for the following:- Member and Deputy Member.

Vacancies, including positions previously advertised, close at **4pm on Thursday 15 May**. Unsigned or late nominations will not be accepted. Please email your completed applications to nominations@walga.asn.au. Please note, a signature or name is required on nominations submitted by email.

For further information, please visit <http://www.walga.asn.au/about/policy/governance/vacancies> or contact Governance Policy Officer, Tim Lane on 9213 2029 or email tlane@walga.asn.au

INTRASTATE AIRLINE SERVICES REVIEW

The Department for Planning and Infrastructure is conducting a review of intrastate airline services in Western Australia. WALGA is represented on the Review Steering Committee and will seek to ensure that stakeholder issues are adequately represented and considered from a holistic Local Government perspective.

Members are encouraged to make a submission concerning specific local or regional issues and recommendations directly to the Review. The Association would appreciate a copy of any

submissions made to the Review by Local Government. A workshop involving a range of stakeholders is planned for early May to discuss issues raised in submissions.

For further information or to make a submission, please visit <http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/aviation/15829.asp> or contact Economist, Ian Duncan on 9213 2040 or email lduncan@walga.asn.au

FEDERAL AVIATION REVIEW

The Federal Government has announced the development of a National Aviation Policy Statement to provide greater planning and investment certainty for the industry, and provide clear commitments for users of aviation services and communities affected by aviation activity.

An Issues Paper has been prepared as a basis for industry consultation and engagement in this process. Submissions are invited on this paper by **Friday 27 June**. Issues raised in the submission process will be incorporated into a National Aviation Policy Green Paper. It is anticipated that the Green Paper will be released for industry comment in the latter half of 2008. WALGA will work with Members to develop a representative submission to questions raised in the Issues Paper.

For further information, please visit <http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/aviation/nap/index.asp> or contact Executive Manager Infrastructure, Michelle Mackenzie on 9213 2031 or email mmackenzie@walga.asn.au

COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY GRANTS PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

The Local Government and Community Road Safety Committee has released the Annual Report for the Community Road Safety Grants Program for 2006/2007.

The Community Road Safety Grants Program was established in 2002/2003 to provide funding for community groups to implement local or regional community based road safety projects that contribute to the implementation of the WA Road Safety Strategy. Funding for the Program is provided by the Road Safety Council from the Road Trauma Trust Fund. The Program is administered by the Association's RoadWise Program.

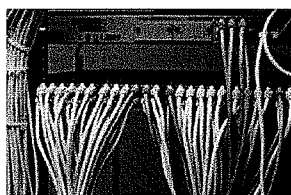
At the end of last financial year, 268 projects had been funded to a value of \$1,757,709.23.

The Annual Report can be accessed online at www.roadwise.asn.au/road_safety_grants/ar

For further information or a hard copy of the Annual Report, please contact Road Safety Project Officer (Community Grants and Child Car Restraints), Engel Prendergast on 9213 2060 or email eprendergast@walga.asn.au

ALGA NEWSLETTER - 11 April 2008

ALGA President writes to Minister on broadband roll-out



ALGA President Cr Paul Bell has strongly backed a timely, cost-effective and extensive roll-out of high-speed broadband in a letter sent this week to the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Senator Stephen Conroy.

"Local government has a critical interest in the development of information communications technology (ICT) across Australia," Cr Bell said. Cr Bell said local government fully supported the Government's commitment to provide up to \$4.7 billion and to consider necessary regulatory changes to facilitate the roll-out of a high speed broadband network offering at least 12 megabits per second to 98% of Australian homes and businesses within five years of commencement. Senator Conroy has said the remaining 2% would continue to receive support through the Government's \$95 million investment in the Australian Broadband Guarantee for 2008-2009. Cr Bell said that as a priority, all public libraries and government offices particularly in rural and remote areas, should have fibre links.

The letter follows Senator Conroy's call for comments as part of the deliberations of the Panel of Experts regarding the development of the Request for Proposals.

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has long been an advocate for the provision of broadband to all local communities in Australia. In the lead-up to the last Federal Election the ALGA called on both parties to commit to the provision of affordable broadband for all.

"ALGA believes that the regulatory framework to be adopted for the new network should not only promote long term market reform through enhanced competition but must also support equitable coverage," he said. "ALGA would be concerned with a framework which led to duplication of existing networks and competition for existing markets without supporting the investment necessary to extend thin networks into areas which currently have no coverage and which could struggle to attract investment."

Cr Bell said the importance of broadband as a driver of development should not be underestimated and the risk of a two tiered structure developing between those populations with access and those without needed to be addressed as part of the Request for Proposals process.

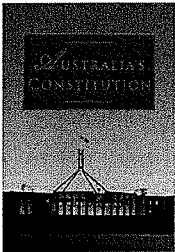
ALGA's State of the Regions 2006-07 Report, released in November 2006, presents a detailed analysis of the importance of broadband as a driver of regional competitiveness by providing infrastructure to attract knowledge-based businesses to the regions and creating opportunities for new knowledge-based enterprises. Without broadband, regions fall behind in terms economic growth and development.

"In terms of prioritizing the areas to be covered by a solution, an obvious approach would be to focus on areas of economic significance to maximize the productive returns of a network," Cr Bell said. "ALGA would support flexibility, however, in the

assessment of solutions so that social equity of access is a factor considered by the Panel. It may be that the Panel could consider the possibility of a separate part of the funding, or an additional program aimed at promoting equity where isolated populations miss out on purely economic efficiency grounds."

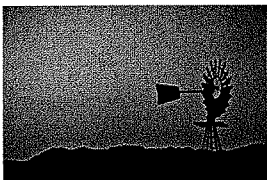
Senator Conroy announced last week the Government would terminate the previous Government's \$958 million commitment to the Opel joint venture, saying the group had failed to meet regional targets under the agreement, a claim the joint venture partners dispute.

Launch of Constitutional Recognition Website



ALGA will launch its Constitutional Recognition website on April 18. The website will provide material for councils to undertake conversations which will feed into the Constitutional Summit in Melbourne in December 2008. The Summit will bring together councils to discuss and, if possible, agree on a position to put to the Federal Government. Over coming weeks, councils will be consulted through State and Territory Associations and provided with information about time-frames and sent copies of kits to enable "council conversations" to be held to discuss this important issue. ALGA President Cr Paul Bell said that, with the backing of the Rudd Government, and with the hope of bipartisan support, there had never been a better time to achieve one of local government's most cherished goals. "Recognition in the Australian Constitution is one of the most important challenges facing local government today," he said. "It is an issue that we need to manage properly if we are to maximise our chance of success. We, as local government, need to take the lead and be in a position to steer this issue forward." More information will be provided through 'ALGA News' and through State and Territory Associations.

Councils lead the way in climate change



Last Friday, ALGA attended the COAG Climate Change and Water Working Group Adaptation Sub-Group meeting.

The principal responsibility of the Climate Change and Water Working Group is to ensure an effective national response to climate change, encompassing a single national Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) incorporating state schemes; a nationally-consistent set of climate change measures to support the ETS; and a national cooperative approach to long-term adaptation to climate change.

The Working Group has established 5 sub-groups including: Renewable Energy Targets; Streamlined Set of Climate Change Measures; Adaptation; Energy Efficiency; and Water.

The Sub-Groups will build upon work that has already been undertaken around these themes with a view to accelerating implementation. This will involve the analysis of work to-date and the provision of technical advice to the Working Group on implementation plans. For example, the Renewable Energy Target Sub Group will be required to do the technical work to provide advice on setting mandatory renewable energy targets.

The current 'State of the Regions 2007-08 Report' focused on the theme of climate change. It modelled some possible impacts on regions of the effect of a carbon price of around \$35 per tonne and the effect on agricultural production and water security measures. It also discussed some potential legal implications flowing from climate change that may impact upon local government.

Councils are already leading the way in climate change mitigation and adaptation projects. They are at the forefront in areas such as: the Cities for Climate Protection program; innovative landfill solutions; greenhouse alliances and community information; beach front stabilisation; habitat protection; and education programs.

There is increasing recognition of the need for adaptation strategies to allow communities (through their local councils) to deal with the effects of climate change and reduce exposure to the possible impacts. At the council level, measures such as increasing the efficiency of lighting, alternative technology for heating, cooling and water treatment plants, and promoting climate-friendly built and natural environments (for example through building control practices), can be implemented.

At the wider community level, there is scope for councils to undertake environmental education/awareness raising, promote energy efficiency in residential, industrial and commercial settings, and promote alternative methods of transport and waste management services and policies.

From the President



Next weekend (April 19-20) I will be attending the 2020 Summit in Canberra. ALGA has prepared a submission which is available at www.alga.asn.au and I will represent local government in my position of President of ALGA. The Premiers and Chief Ministers have also been invited to represent their jurisdictions. The ALGA submission covers the economy; education, skills and training; climate change and water; national security and emergency management; the arts; Indigenous Australia; strengthening communities; health and ageing; and rural and regional Australia.

We have a lot to say on all these subject areas - local government is so broad in its scope, its reach and its interests. One topic in particular on which I have a lot to say is the federation and fiscal relations between the spheres of government.

Local government is the third sphere of government in Australia, but appears the least understood. Yet, local government represents almost all Australians and delivers an increasingly broad range of services that make a real difference to the everyday lives of Australians across our nation.

ALGA endorses the principle of subsidiarity (that is, that matters should be handled by the smallest competent authority wherever possible) but notes this should always be accompanied by consultation with local government, so that local government can sensibly negotiate outcomes in the interests of all Australians.

Local government fulfils a significant and increasingly important role within the Federation, as reflected in its inclusion on the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), and many other key Commonwealth-State Ministerial Councils. However, Australia is yet to follow the lead of many other nations and recognise local

government in our nation's Constitution. This failure remains one of the significant omissions of our Constitution.

ALGA is pleased to note the bipartisan support already expressed towards the longer-term goal of full Constitutional recognition contained in the motion passed through both houses of Federal Parliament in October 2006. This motion was ground-breaking because it recognised the role of local government in Australia's federation.

ALGA seeks support for the continued recognition of local government's role in the Australian Federation, including working towards full constitutional recognition.

In addition, ALGA seeks a commitment to address chronic under-funding of local government. This is a problem extensively documented by ALGA, including in its Budget 2008-09 submission.

Unfortunately, whilst local government has maintained its revenue-raising effort and has worked hard to expand own-source revenue over the past 30 years in order to avoid these problems, other spheres of government have reduced their general funding to local government, at a time when councils are being asked to do more with less resources.

Under-funding is preventing local communities reaching their full potential because of such problems as underperforming infrastructure, poorly maintained roads, sports facilities, and other community infrastructure.

ALGA considers that the Government has the capacity to address the imbalance faced by local government income compared to expenses. Similarly, the Government has an obligation to achieve horizontal equalisation across states and across local government to ensure that all Australian taxpayers receive equitable levels of government services. Currently, Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) paid to local government by the Commonwealth do not fully address either of these issues.

ALGA submits that the FAGs system is both outdated and insufficient to meet real cost growth and increasing demand for local government infrastructure and services. Current FAGs from the Commonwealth to local government are \$1.7 billion (2007-08), equivalent to 0.76 per cent of total Commonwealth taxation revenue, and a reduction from 1.01 per cent in 1996-07. While local government welcomes the bipartisan support for additional Roads to Recovery payments, additional and more permanent general funding is required if local communities are to reach their full potential.

ALGA therefore calls for an increase in Commonwealth untied funding to at least 1 per cent of total Commonwealth taxation revenue (excluding GST) per annum. This would ensure that Councils gain access to a fair revenue stream that can keep pace with demand for service delivery and infrastructure provision, and so deliver better outcomes for all local communities.

The 2020 Summit is an opportunity for policy innovation and for consideration of initiatives to move Australia forward. The world will be a different place in 2020 and Australia will need to make changes if we are to secure our future. Many of these changes will need to be made by local government or in partnership with local

government. I look forward to the discussion at the Summit and to some creative outcomes.

Cr Paul Bell AM
ALGA President

StepOne: an on-line community harmony guide for local government

www.steponone.org.au has been developed by the Centre for Research on Social Inclusion at Macquarie University and is proudly supported by the Australian Government through the Department of Immigration and Citizenship. The purpose of the website is to assist local councils and non-government organizations implement community harmony initiatives in their local communities.

Its main feature is a collection of downloadable best practice case studies of local government projects and interventions aimed at fostering community harmony and community cohesion in multicultural neighbourhoods. Many of the case studies focus on initiatives that promote positive relationships between different cultural and ethnic groups in local communities by:

- reducing racism and the stereotyping of marginalized groups;
- encouraging mutual interaction and dialogue between communities;
- addressing important community issues and concerns; and
- engaging in community activities beyond the mere celebration of multiculturalism.

The site was launched in late March in Sydney and Macquarie University is now undertaking a series of presentations to councils in each capital city. The workshops will include a presentation on the website and its case studies, followed by a workshop with one local council undertaking innovative work in this area.

At this the following workshops have been confirmed:

StepOne Launch & Workshop in Western Australia - Thursday 24 April 2008 City of Melville, 10 Almondbury Rd, Booragoon.

RSVP: Marcia Coelho (Western Australia)
Email: mcoelho@melville.wa.gov.au
Tel: (08) 9364 0660

StepOne Launch & Workshop in South Australia Tuesday 22 April 2008 City of Charles Sturt, Adelaide.

RSVP: Judith Robertson (South Australia)
Email: jrobertson@charlessturt.sa.gov.au
Tel: (08) 408 1333

Expression of Interest to join the ICLEI 'Local Action Goes Global' - USA/Canada Study Tour October 2008

Eol Deadline extended to 17 April 08

ICLEI Oceania is planning an international study tour for October 2008.

Elected members, Chief Executives and senior managers from Australia and New Zealand are invited to express their interest.

The ICLEI Oceania Local Action Goes Global - USA/Canada Study Tour will be an opportunity to visit North American councils driving sustainable development, while networking with experienced leaders in your fields of interest.

You will also be immersed in real-life examples that could assist you to achieve your own corporate and community environmental objectives at home. It will include onsite visits, briefings from fellow councillors and Chief Executives, networking dinners with international experts and a dedicated website for more information and pre-tour resources.

Delegates will be fully escorted on a 12-day tour and will visit a minimum of six cities in Canada and the United States of America.

While the tour itinerary is still being developed, early preparations indicate that the tour will include visits to Honolulu, San Francisco, Portland, Chicago, New York, Vancouver and Toronto.

Exceptional and transferable examples of sustainable and liveable cities will be highlighted, visiting a number of diverse council locations, providing examples of how local governments are approaching their challenges to sustainability in the areas of waste, energy, green buildings, transport and urban planning and renewal.

If you are interested in taking part in the Local Action Goes Global – USA/Canada Study Tour please contact ICLEI Oceania on 03 9639 8688 or email maria.simonelli@iclei.org or visit the [website](#)

Controversy over proposals to reform Heritage Act

State Government plans to reform the NSW Heritage Act could jeopardise current and future heritage listings, says the National Trust's acting director of conservation, Graham Quint. Mr Quint said the 65 recommendations could curtail community input and place more burdens on local government to assess heritage items without giving them additional resources.

Under Planning Minister Frank Sartor's reforms, the statutory 14-day ministerial review period of heritage items will be abolished.

Bodies such as the Royal Australian Historical Society and National Trust of Australia could be excluded from NSW Heritage Council membership and the grounds for objection widened at the same time the avenues of appeal were narrowed.

Gardens, trees and natural environment would not be considered heritage issues and heritage themes could be approved by NSW Planning Minister, Frank Sartor.

The NSW Local Government and Shires Association has said reforms would give greater rights to property owners, but raised concern over recommendations, making it easier to remove sites.

Rockdale councillor Gary Green applauded the recommendations, saying it would lead to greater conservation and more accountability of the councils in heritage listings which blocked or defeated development.

PIA Congress - last chance

The 2008 Planning Institute of Australia National Congress "A Climate for Change" is being held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre from 13-16 April 2008. Late registrations are still possible. Contact www.planning.org.au for further details.

Australia's Tidiest Towns prepare for national awards

The state and territory finalists in the Australian Tidy Towns Awards will descend upon Hobart next week for the announcement of Australia's Tidiest Town for 2008.

The 2008 state and territory finalists competing for the national title include: Nauiyu Nambiyu Daly River (NT); Dorrigo (NSW); Moe (VIC); Mount Gambier (SA); Ross (TAS); Toowoomba (SA); Walpole (WA).

Tidy Towns workshops will be held on Saturday 19 April, providing case studies and information for local communities on how to become environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.

Guest of Honour, The Hon Dick Adams, Federal MP from Tasmania is representing the Prime Minister and will present the award for Australia's Tidiest Town 2008.

To attend the Australian Tidy Towns Awards, sponsored by Truelocal.com.au, a division of News Digital Media, visit www.kab.org.au or call 07 3834 3333 or 0419 016 401

Second UCLG-ASPAC Congress in Pattaya

United Cities and Local Governments (Asia Pacific) is the international representative body of local government. Its membership includes local authorities, local government associations, and other organisations and individuals from this part of the world.

Cr Paul Bell, President of ALGA, is Vice-President (Capacity Building and Research) of UCLG-ASPAC.

Registration is now available for the second Congress of the organisation to be held between 15-17 July, in Pattaya, Thailand.

A varied program focusing on the topical and important theme of Sustainable Cities and Local Governments for a sustainable world is in final stages of preparation.

The Congress will be an opportunity to learn about local government's changing roles in a world challenged by environmental concerns.

For details about registration and the program structure, visit the [UCLG-ASPAC website](http://UCLG-ASPAC) at or contact Brendan Hartnett, Pacific Sub-Region Manager, by email at bwh12@bigpond.net.au

**Yardstick Parks Project - applications for 2008 about to close
BENCHMARKING IN PARKS ...and now also POOLS!**

A reminder that applications to participate in the Yardstick Parks 2008 benchmarking project are about to close.

Yardstick is an IPWEA Parks benchmarking project that is centred around tight industry developed definitions. It involves site visits by an IPWEA project manager to undertake a "friendly" audit of project inputs. This greatly assists in ensuring final results are comparable and useful.

Industry information, and information specific to your council, is collected and compared on a range of parks & recreation management activities.

The project goes well beyond normal benchmarking activities. Information gleaned can be used to review service levels, assist funding bids, improve AM practices, estimate costs, and promote best practice.

If you wish to participate in the 2008 Yardstick project, please complete your and return your application form as soon as possible (closes 30 April).

NSW Ministerial council to look at boosting numbers of women in local government

A Joint Ministerial Council will be established to implement strategies aimed at increasing the number of women in local government.

Minister for Local Government, Paul Lynch, and Minister for Women, Verity Firth, will next week call for expressions of interest for the Council.

Mr Lynch made the announcement at the Australian Local Government Women's Association annual conference at Brighton-Le-Sands in Sydney.

He told delegates a 2004 local government elections result survey found that more women were standing for election to a council in NSW.

Ms Firth said the joint ministerial council would implement initiatives identified by two working groups comprising councillors, staff and other organisations like the ALGWA.

"We want to find ways to help more women take up leadership roles in their communities," Ms Firth said.

Migration and regional prosperity

The Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs and Settlement Services, Laurie Ferguson, has praised the contribution migration is making to life in regional Australia.

Visiting the Victorian centres of Shepparton, Bendigo and Ballarat on April 9-10, Mr Ferguson said migrants were bringing much-needed skills, experience and labour as well as their rich cultural traditions to the country.

Figures issued recently show migration as the leading factor in Victoria's population growth last financial year with skilled migration accounting for more than half (54.8 per cent) the total number of overseas permanent additions.

"The United Kingdom remains the leading birthplace of Victoria's overseas migrants, while people born in Italy, New Zealand, Vietnam and China are the next largest birthplace groups," the parliamentary secretary said.

Mr Ferguson also hailed the success of the first regional humanitarian settlement pilot project in establishing a Congolese community in Shepparton and the progress already made by a second humanitarian settlement project, for Togolese settlers, in Ballarat.

Minister maps the way forward for women's participation in local government

Anthony Albanese MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, in his opening address to the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) New South Wales Branch State Conference, (hosted by Rockdale City Council) highlighted the Rudd Government's new approach to local government - in particular, the role women can play. Our communities are held together by local government and in order to build strong communities, we need good and strong local government.

Minister Albanese announced that the government will establish a new Council of Australian Local Government. He said that "We are determined to see a significant representation of women on the Council of Australian Local Government. The number of women in local council positions is not going to increase unless there is national leadership on this issue." He further stated that there will be representation from the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) on the Council.

The Minister stated "We are serious about improving the participation of women in politics and governance, starting with local communities. I will seek the new Council's advice and ALGWA's on ways to improve the participation of women in elected and management positions." He further indicated his expectation that ALGWA as well as local governments around Australia would help build a public case for constitutional recognition over the next few years.

The Minister acknowledged the significant work undertaken by the ALGWA through the *National Framework of Women in Local Government - The Way Forward*.

ALGWA National President Kaele Way said that she was delighted about the Minister's announcement and the opportunity for ALGWA to be a member of the new Council of Australian Local Government. She was very pleased about the Rudd Government's new approach to local government and in particular, the role women can play. With local government elections in many parts of the country, it is heartening that the government is moving forward on the issues affecting participation of women in local government and that national leadership is high on the agenda. The research undertaken by ALGWA on *The Way Forward* was particularly acknowledged by the Minister.

Inquiry into climate change and environmental impacts on coastal communities

The committee will inquire into and report on issues related to climate change and environmental pressures experienced by Australian coastal areas, particularly in the context of coastal population growth. The inquiry will have particular regard to existing policies and programs related to coastal zone management, taking in the catchment-coast-ocean continuum the environmental impacts of coastal population growth and mechanisms to promote sustainable use of coastal resources the impact of climate change on coastal areas and strategies to deal with climate change adaptation, particularly in response to projected sea level rise mechanisms to promote sustainable coastal communities governance and institutional arrangements for the coastal zone.

The inquiry was referred to the committee by Peter Garrett, the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, and Senator Penny Wong, the Minister for Climate Change and Water, on 20 March 2008.

Quote of the week

"The best measure of a man's (or a woman's!) honesty isn't his income tax return. It's the zero adjust on his bathroom scale."

Arthur C Clarke (1917)

International news

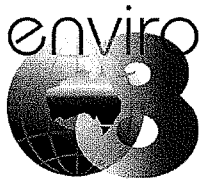
Most Czech men, almost three-fifths, and more than four-fifths of Czech women believe that the number of women in Czech politics is insufficient. Most Czechs also think that it is easier for men to advance to top political positions than for women, Lenka Bennerova, chairwoman of the group that seeks women's higher representation in public positions said. The poll was conducted on 1050 respondents over 18 last November.

Four similar polls were made in the past two years and they showed that the support for women's political involvement is growing, Bennerova said. "It is surprising that the views of men are changing," she added.

The number of people who view the participation of women in politics as beneficial has also grown, she said, adding that 88 percent of respondents expressed this view in the latest poll.

The situation has radically changed compared with 1991 when 60 percent held the view, Eva Hejzlarova from the group said. The Czech Republic is on the 76th position among 190 countries as regards women's representation in parliament, according to the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Women hold 15 percent of seats in the 200-member Czech Chamber of Deputies and less than 14 percent in the 81-member Senate. "Kazakhstan, Zimbabwe and Turkmenistan are slightly ahead of the Czech Republic and it is followed by Burkina Faso, Zambia and Angola," Bennerova said. The CVVM poll was part of a two-year project called Equal changes for men and women in politics and in decisive positions. It is financed from the Czech state budget and from the European Social Fund.



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The Conference is accompanied by an Exhibition that will showcase new innovative technologies, products and services.

If you are in the serious business of delivering sustainable best practice environmental management, then visit www.enviro08.com.au to register for one or all three days of the Conference. Free Exhibition passes are also available online.

The Australian Water Association and the Waste Management Association of Australia is proud to present Enviro 08.

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Forthcoming events

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

- 13 - 16 April 2008 A Climate for Change
- 15 - 17 April 2008 Water Down Under 2008
- 22 - 23 April 2008 Victorian Sustainable Development Conference
- 28 - 29 April 2008 Public Sector Executive Assistant Summit 2008
- 28 - 29 April 2008 The 3rd Annual Engaging Indigenous Communities Conference 2008
- 28 April - 30 May 2008 Threatened Species Network Community Grants
- 01 - 02 May 2008 2008 Local Government Showcase and General Meeting (South Australia)
- 02 May 2008 Starlight Day
- 05 - 07 May 2008 Enviro 08
- 07 - 09 May 2008 2008 National Local Government Public Relations and Communication Conference

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Launch of Constitutional Recognition Website



Recognition in the Australian Constitution is one of the most important challenges facing local government today. It is an issue that we need to manage properly if we are to maximise our chance of success.

Today, ALGA launched a special website dedicated to constitutional recognition. The website provides a range of material for councils including fact sheets, technical resources, a copy of the Australian Constitution and a CD with materials in electronic format.

Over the next few months Councils are asked to consider this important issue and provide feedback regarding their ideas, aspirations and desired outcomes.

ALGA President Cr Paul Bell said that, with the backing of the Rudd Government, there has never been a better time to achieve one of local government's most important goals.

"Having local government recognised in the Australian Constitution has been at the forefront of debate in successive National General Assemblies of Local Government and remains one of the main objectives of ALGA. We, as local government, have never been in a better position to steer this issue forward."

To find out more and to access the website, go to www.alga.asn.au/constitutionalrecognition/ or phone ALGA on (02) 6122 9400.

2020 Summit - This weekend



This weekend (April 19-20) ALGA President Cr Paul Bell will be attending the 2020 Summit in Canberra.

The 2020 Summit is an opportunity for policy innovation and for consideration of initiatives to move Australia forward. The world will be a different place in 2020 and Australia will need to make changes if we are to secure our future. Many of these changes will need to be made by local government or in partnership with local government.

ALGA has prepared a 2020 submission which is available at www.alga.asn.au. The ALGA submission covers the economy; education, skills and training; climate change and water; national security and emergency management; the arts; Indigenous Australia; strengthening communities; health and ageing; and rural and regional Australia.

Of particular importance to local government is intergovernmental and fiscal relations. Local government is the third sphere of government in Australia, but appears the least understood. Local government represents almost all Australians and delivers an increasingly broad range of services that make a real difference to the everyday lives of Australians across our nation.

Unfortunately, whilst local government has maintained its revenue-raising effort and has worked hard to expand own-source revenue over the past 30 years in order to avoid these problems, other spheres of government have reduced their general funding to local government, at a time when councils are being asked to do more with less resources.

ALGA President Paul Bell is looking forward to the knowledge exchange and ideas sharing that the Summit will bring. "This is a fabulous opportunity to ensure that our views are heard by the national government in its consideration of the longer-term challenges facing Australia," ALGA President Cr Paul Bell said.

Review of National Aviation Policy



The Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Anthony Albanese, has released an Issues Paper and announced a review of National Aviation Policy.

The purpose of the Review is to develop a Government White Paper to guide decision making by providing greater planning and investment certainty for industry, as well as to provide clear commitments for users of aviation services and the communities affected by aviation activity.

The Issues Paper will be followed by a Green Paper in the latter half of 2008 with further opportunity to comment and a detailed National Aviation Policy Statement in mid 2009.

The discussion paper covers five major areas:

1. The Australian Aviation Industry
2. Aviation Infrastructure
3. Aviation Safety
4. Aviation Safety Customer and Consumer Protection
5. Aviation Security

The Issues Paper devotes one paragraph to regional aviation. It also acknowledges that most general aviation airports are owned by local government and that investment in these airports is critical to that industry.

The paper however does recognise that a key challenge at major airports is to integrate planning for the development of the airport site with consideration of the impact outside the airport.

The paper also states that the Australian Government does not support building airport at Badgerys Creek.

Public submissions close on 27 June 2008.

From the President



The absence of formal recognition of local government in the Australian Constitution is one of the most significant omissions in that document.

I strongly believe we now have our best opportunity for a generation, we must all work together to ensure we get a successful result.

The push to achieve constitutional recognition of local government has been given new impetus with the election, last November, of a Labor Federal Government. The Australian Labor Party went into the Election with a commitment to consult, during its first term, with local government on the process for achieving constitutional recognition.

I believe that before such consultation takes place local government needs to think about:

- what we want from constitutional recognition
- what form that recognition might take, and
- the process by which it might be achieved.

We, as local government, need to take the lead and be in a position to steer this issue forward.

ALGA, in consultation with State and Territory Associations, is convening a *Local Government Constitutional Summit - A Special National General Assembly* at the end of this year to bring together councils to discuss and, if possible, agree on a position to put to the Federal Government. Prior to that Summit, you will be consulted on your Council position through your State and Territory Association.

A Council Resource Kit has been developed by ALGA and your State and Territory Associations to assist Councils facilitate a Council Conversation about constitutional recognition.

To assist you in your Council Conversation a range of materials has been provided in the kit, including:

- A set of handling notes to facilitate Council's conversation,
- Fact Sheets on the Constitution, changing the Constitution, current policy positions and other useful background material,
- A copy of the Australian Constitution,
- A template media release about the process,
- A PowerPoint presentation for you to use to introduce the topic to your Council,
- A CD with these materials in electronic format;
- A Feedback form to be submitted online for you to send your comments and ideas back to ALGA, and

- A detailed 'Explanatory Notes' document that provides in-depth technical information.

It is hoped that the outcome from this conversation will be the development of a Council position and for this position and your feedback to be submitted to ALGA via the online form.

Recognition in the Australian Constitution is one of the most important challenges facing local government today. It is an issue that we need to manage properly if we are to maximise our chance of success.

I wish you well in your deliberations and I look forward to seeing you at the Constitutional Summit in Melbourne in December 2008.

Cr Paul Bell AM
ALGA President

Commonwealth Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport - Accessible Checklist available now

The Commonwealth *Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002* (Standards) provide a timetable for bus stop infrastructure compliance; 31st December 2007 compliance with the relevant Standards by 25%; 31st December 2012 compliance with the relevant Standards by 55%; 31st December 2017 compliance with the relevant Standards by 90% and 31st December 2032 all public transport services to fully comply with the Standards.

WALGA in partnership with member Local Governments and the WA Public Transport Authority has developed an Accessible Bus Stop – Compliance Checklist. This is an easy to use Checklist to audit bus stops for compliance with guidance for the providers of bus stops infrastructure on the minimum requirements as set out in the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport (2002). The Checklist is available at the [WALGA website](#).

The Checklist is for use by any provider who is responsible for compliance. Roles and responsibilities for infrastructure provision and compliance in WA are not clear, and WALGA is in the process of clarifying the roles and responsibilities in partnership with the State Government. For more information please contact Cheryl Bulford, Support Officer, on 089213 2059 or cbulford@walga.asn.au.

CDMA Closure

This week the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Senator Stephen Conroy, announced that Telstra has met the requirements to allow closure of its CDMA mobile phone network from 28 April 2008.

Senator Conroy stated that he was now satisfied that Telstra had met the "equivalence tests" in its licence condition and has sufficiently rectified the problems, including handheld handset coverage, customer information provision and the availability of equipment and services.

The Government is now urging anyone who still has a CDMA phone to make the necessary arrangements to switch to another network as quickly as possible. Anyone experiencing Next G coverage difficulties can call 1800 888 888 freecall hotline and handset replacement program for people experiencing until 1 July 2008.

Customers who do not believe they have had their network switchover issues resolved using Telstra's hotline will still be able to contact the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy on freecall 1800 883 488.

ALGA's Ageing Awareness and Action Survey 2007

ALGA would like to thank those councils who have already responded to the above survey and encourages any councils who would still like to respond, to do so by Wednesday 30 April 2008.

The survey is the third and final Ageing Awareness and Action survey conducted by ALGA since 2004 and as with previous surveys, the results will be published on the ALGA website in coming months.

The survey is available at

www.alga.asn.au/policy/healthAgeing/ageing/surveys/2007/survey00.php

Rudd Government committed to supporting Regional Australia

The Government has recently announced its support for regional Australia with the establishment of Regional Development Australia, an organisation created to administer a new program of regional development grants and to provide strategic advice on regional issues.

In a statement by Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Anthony Albanese, MP, on 20 March 2008, the government announced plans for the creation and role of Regional Development Australia.

"One of our key regional election commitments was that Area Consultative Committees (ACCs) would provide the basis for the creation of Regional Development Australia (RDA).

"The ACC Network was established in 1994 originally provided advice and generated support for labour market programs. Over time their role has evolved and recently their primary role has been to promote, identify projects and assist in the development of applications for the Regional Partnerships program.

"The new RDA network will build on the success of its predecessor, but will take on a broader role to develop strategic input into national programs to improve the coordination of regional development initiatives and ensure that there is effective

engagement with local communities. The Rudd Government is committed to listening to communities and the RDAs will assist that process.

"This Government's new vision for regional Australia is based on building partnerships to ensure the Government is responsive to local priorities and needs," he said.

Productivity Commission releases report on local government revenue raising capacity

The final Productivity Commission report on assessing local government revenue raising capacity was released on 17 April 2008.

ALGA President Cr Paul Bell said, "I welcome the Report's conclusion that councils are already approaching their hypothetical maximum own-source revenue raising capacity." Cr Bell noted the Report's key findings that: state government legislation and regulatory factors can limit the ways in which councils raise revenue and that in fact this is affecting capacity in NSW; that councils could benefit from principles to guide their revenue raising and expenditure decisions, noting the Report's positive observation that many councils are already applying such principles; and that there is a need to improve the integrity and consistency of statistical data in this area.

Importantly, the Report acknowledged that some councils, especially in rural areas, would struggle to raise more own-source revenue from local communities already faced with financial hardship. Cr Bell said this highlighted the fact that whilst local governments' own-source revenue has an important part to play in local government resourcing, it is only one part of a very complex issue, and that a fair share of Commonwealth revenue (being a 1 per cent share of total Commonwealth taxation revenue) is the only way to ensure adequate revenue growth for general purposes.

The PC Report was one of the Government's deliverables, promised in its response to the Commonwealth Parliament's 2004 Hawker Report on Cost Shifting which agreed with ALGA that cost shifting onto local government was costing local government something in the order of \$500m to \$1b per annum.

ALGA will be closely examining the Report over coming weeks.

Councils want funds for mergers

Queensland councils are pushing for at least \$77 million from the state government to help them complete the controversial amalgamation process.

Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) president Paul Bell told a symposium of more than 500 mayors, councillors and officials in Brisbane that councils had been "put through the wringer" and their power and autonomy had been slashed.

Amalgamations which came into force at the March 15 elections cut the number of local councils in Queensland from 157 to 73.

Mr Bell said extra funding was needed in the June Queensland budget on top of that already allocated to councils.

"LGAQ has conservatively estimated that an additional \$77 million will be required to support councils with the amalgamation process up until the end of the transition period in March 2011," Mr Bell told the symposium.

The forum, which ends today, will look at issues including housing affordability, water reform, climate change, road safety and land valuation. (AAP)

Focus on the Environment

Environment Protection and Heritage Council and Natural Resource Management Ministerial Councils met on Thursday and Friday (17 and 18 April) of this week.

This is the first time that these Ministerial Councils have met since the election of the new Government, and provides an important opportunity for Commonwealth Ministers to discuss key environmental issues with their state and local government counterparts.

The meetings will be attended by new Commonwealth Ministers: the Hon Peter Garrett, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts; the Hon Tony Burke, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; and Senator the Hon Penny Wong, Minister for Climate Change and Water.

ALGA is represented by Vice President Cr Bill Mitchell. Key issues discussed will include 'Caring for our Country' and waste management issues.

Broadband Network Taking Shape

This week Senator the Hon Stephan Conroy Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy released the Request for Proposals (RFP) to roll-out the National Broadband Network.

This is a major step toward delivering the Governments election promise for hi-speed broadband to 98% of Australia's population.

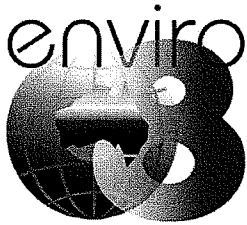
The RFP scope include the key requirements of the delivery of minimum download speeds of 12 megabits per second; have the network rolled out and made operational progressively over five years using fibre-to-the-node or fibre-to-the-premises technology; facilitate competition in the telecommunications sector through open access arrangements that allow all service providers access to the network on equivalent terms; and enable uniform and affordable retail prices to consumers, no matter where they live.

The Minister also called for submissions on Broadband solutions for remote areas, and submissions on regulatory issues that related to the National Broadband Network.

Quote of the week

"He that is of the opinion money will do everything may well be suspected of doing everything for money."

Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)



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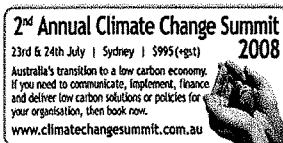
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Register online: \$995 (+gst)

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Coastalwatch

The Coastalwatch website (www.coastalwatch.com) links viewers to live coastal images via a network of web cameras, and provides a

range of information about coastal conditions as well as news about coastal issues and events. The site and was established in 1998 and is Australia's No.1 Water Sports and Web Camera website.

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Forthcoming events

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

- 22 - 23 April 2008 Victorian Sustainable Development Conference
- 28 - 29 April 2008 Public Sector Executive Assistant Summit 2008
- 28 - 29 April 2008 The 3rd Annual Engaging Indigenous Communities
Conference 2008
- 28 April - 02 May 2008 Business Continuity Management Awareness and Revive
Demonstration Session
- 28 April - 30 May 2008 Threatened Species Network Community Grants
- 01 - 02 May 2008 2008 Local Government Showcase and General Meeting
(South Australia)
- 02 May 2008 Starlight Day
- 05 - 07 May 2008 Enviro 08
- 07 - 09 May 2008 2008 National Local Government Public Relations and
Communication Conference
- 07 - 08 May 2008 2nd Annual Employee Performance Management Conference
2008

Media Release

22 April 2008

Local Government Plan Supported by Minister

A plan to help Councils become more sustainable has been positively received by the WA State Government, with the Minister for Local Government indicating her support last week.

WALGA Deputy President, Mayor Troy Pickard and Executive Staff of WALGA met with Local Government Minister Ljiljana Ravlich to discuss the WALGA-commissioned draft plan *The Journey – Sustainability into the Future*.

The plan proposes the creation of a regional system of service delivery that leverages the economies of collective Local Government geographic groups while retaining local Councils to represent the specific interests of their communities.

Whilst the plan is still in draft form and open to the Local Government sector for a 15-week feedback period, Minister Ravlich gave broad support for the model proposed in the Plan whilst acknowledging there was a need to further explore the detail and differences required by regions throughout the State.

WALGA President Cr Bill Mitchell welcomed the support of the Minister for the draft plan and her commitment to further discussions on how the plan might best be progressed.

"It is important that the draft plan have the support of the Minister given the significant proportion of recommendations that require legislative changes," Cr Mitchell said.

"Just as the draft plan is contingent on the voluntary participation by Local Governments, a large part of making it work is contingent on the voluntary participation of the State Government."

Cr Mitchell recognised that although process had not yet identified specific actions and costs of any structure reform, in-principle support from the Minister was a positive first step.

"The Minister agrees that the best way forward for Local Government is to adopt a collaborative approach which would see the Department, WALGA and the Local Government Managers Australia working together to develop an implementation plan," Cr Mitchell said.

"This has been one of the most supportive and positive developments in relations between the two sectors of government in recent times which should ultimately lead to better delivery of services to the community."

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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

- ❑ Liaison & Compliance Officer, commences 28/4/08.
- ❑ Community Development Officer - Youth, commences 30/4/08.
- ❑ Projects Engineer – commences 19/5/08.
- ❑ Environmental Officer (Maternity Leave contract) – commences 5/5/08.

Staff Leaving:

- ❑ Waste Collection Vehicle Operator, resigned effective 21/4/08.
- ❑ Reticulation Fitter, resigned effective 15/5/08.
- ❑ Armadale Gosnells Volunteer Resource Coordinator, resigned effective 16/5/08.

Other Staff Movements (Internal):

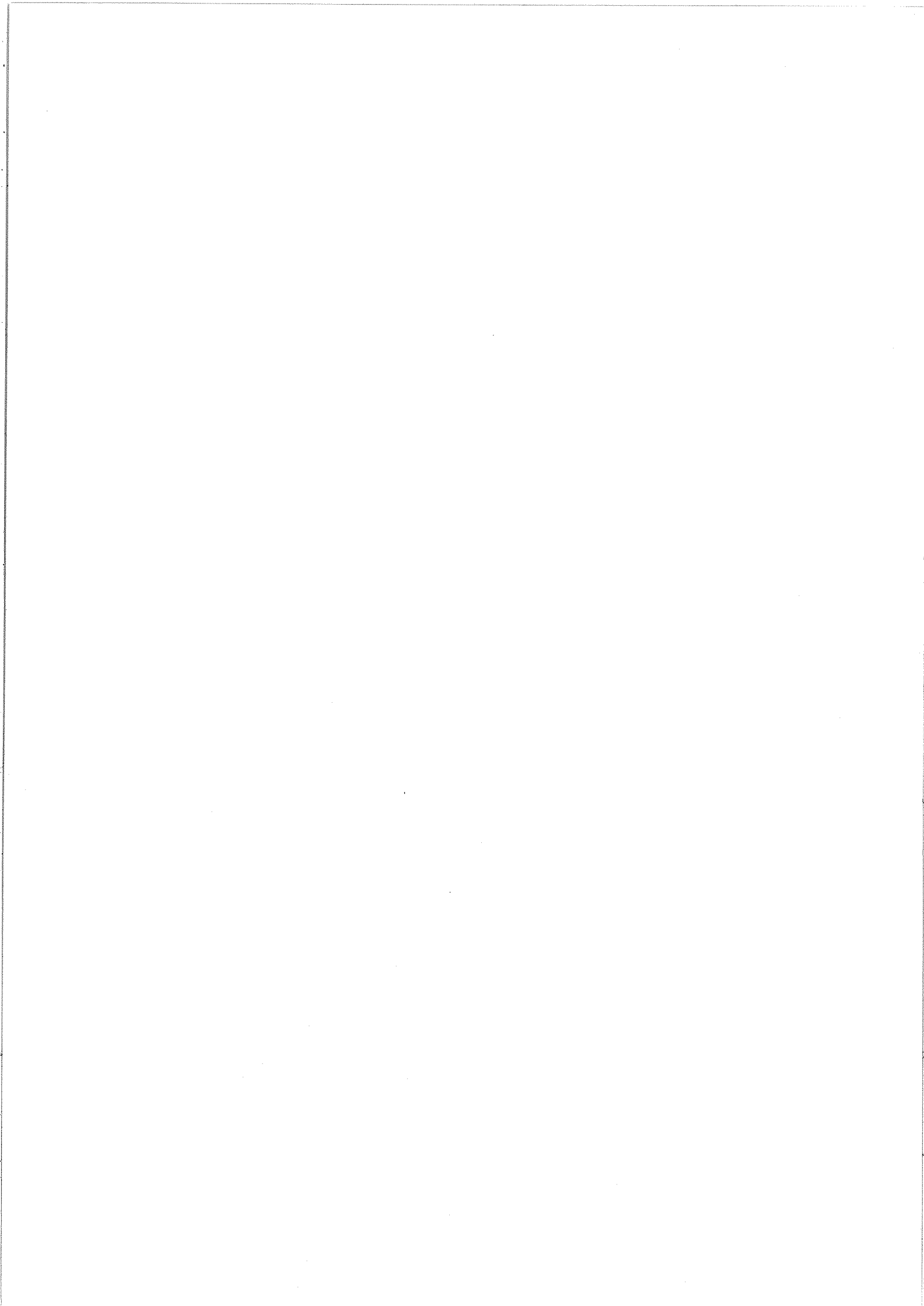
- ❑ Casual Library Clerk, successful in winning the permanent part-time position of Library Clerk, effective 16/4/08.
- ❑ Part-time Library Clerk transferred to Casual Library Clerk following request for this arrangement, effective 8/4/08.

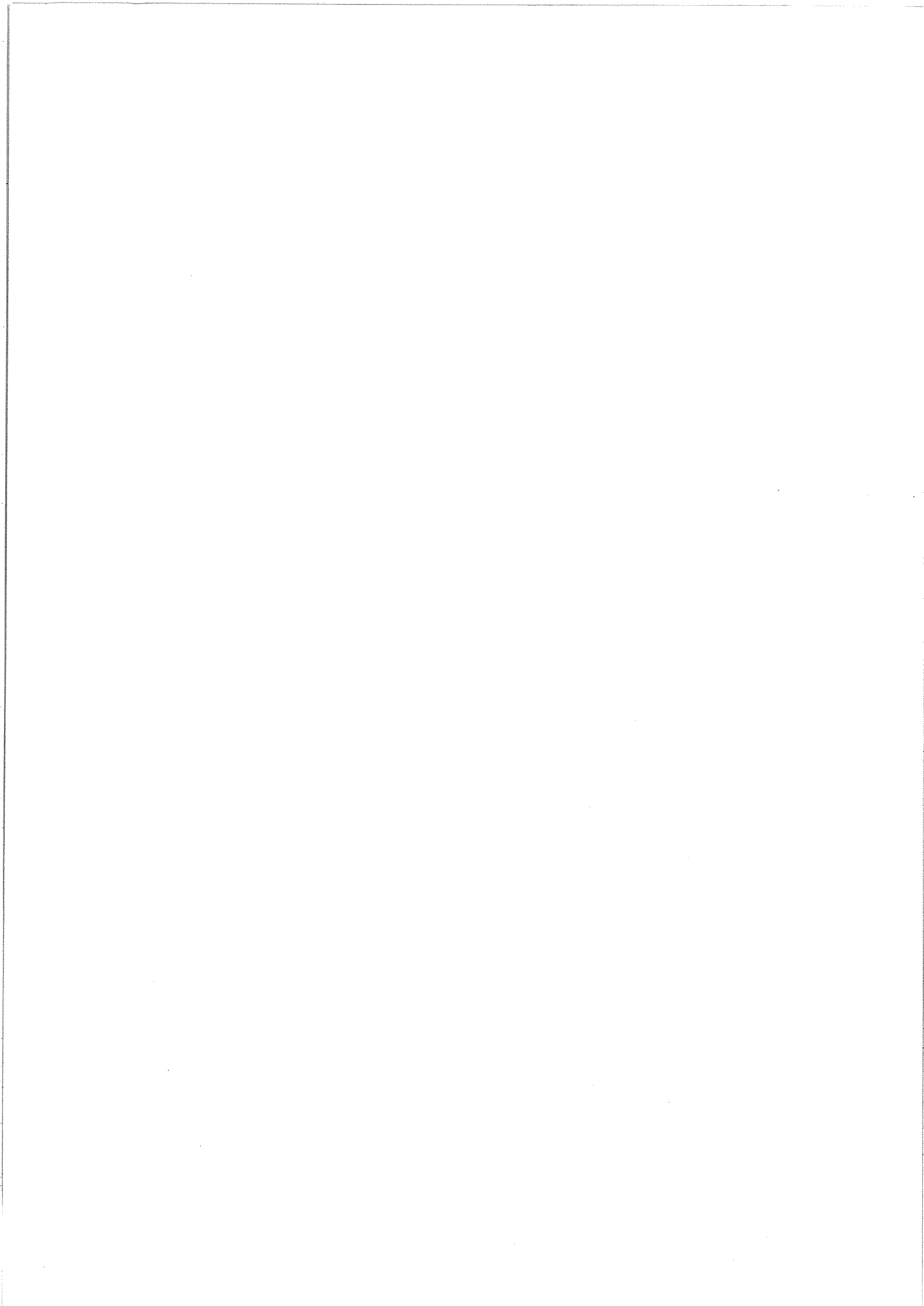
Current Recruitment Activity:

- ❑ Asset Management Coordinator – position on hold.
- ❑ Senior Designer – interview held, no suitable candidate found.
- ❑ Engineering Surveyor – to be re-advertised.
- ❑ Project Manager, City Projects – position on hold.
- ❑ Engineering Design & Drafting/Technical Officer –re-advertised 5/4/08, applications closed 18/4/08.
- ❑ Subdivision Engineer – no suitable candidate found.
- ❑ Parks Technical Officer – position on hold, no suitable candidates available.
- ❑ Liaison and Compliance Officer – recruitment complete.
- ❑ Cadet Building Surveyor – position on hold.

Current Recruitment Activity (cont...)

- ❑ Environmental Officer – recruitment complete.
- ❑ Community Development Officer – Youth – recruitment complete.
- ❑ Library Clerk Casual – INTERNAL – recruitment complete.
- ❑ Human Resources Manager – interviews conducted. To be re-advertised 26/4/08 with applications closing 9/5/08.
- ❑ Parks Maintenance Operator – interviews scheduled.
- ❑ Minnowarra Park Maintenance Operator – interviews scheduled.
- ❑ Network Administrator – recruitment progressing.
- ❑ Administration Assistant – applications closed 23/4/08.
- ❑ Health & Fitness Coordinator – applications closed 23/4/08.
- ❑ Programs Coordinator – applications closed 23/4/08.
- ❑ Supervisor Development & Assets – applications close 24/4/08.
- ❑ Tourism Officer – applications close 28/4/08.
- ❑ Armadale Volunteer Resource Service Coordinator – applications close 9/5/08.
- ❑ Streamcare Promoter – applications close 12/5/08.
- ❑ Waste Collection Vehicle Operator – applications close 14/5/08.





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TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS		
ITEM	REFERRING COMMITTEE	COMMENTS
<u>Redevelopment of Frye Park</u> <i>Refer C37/5/07</i>	Technical Services & Community Services	Future report to Technical Services Committee following development of Project Plan – expected Q4/08
<u>Traffic lights modification cnr Armadale/Nicholson Roads</u> <i>Refer CS47/5/07</i>	Technical Services	Future report to Technical Services Committee following investigation with MRWA – expected Q4 FY 07/08
<u>Champion Lakes Development – Issues with Lake Road</u> <i>Refer CS47/5/07</i>	Technical Services	Future report to Technical Services Committee following work with ARA to determine Lake Rd role in ARA projects – expected Q4 FY 07/08
<u>Bus Embayments – Commerce Avenue</u> <i>Refer T70/8/07</i>	Technical Services	Further report to Technical Services Committee following presentation by PTA
<u>PAW between Lots 64 & 65 Sheoak Place, Armadale</u> <i>Refer D108/9/07</i>	Development Services	Lighting improvement and other improvement works – considered as part of 5 Year Works Plan
<u>PAW between Lots 201 (12) and 202 (10) Jarrah Cls, Westfield</u> <i>Refer D107/09/06</i>	Development Services	Lighting improvement and other improvement works – considered as part of 5 Year Works Plan
<u>PAW between Lots 705 (1) and 714 (9) Clybucca Plc, Armadale</u> <i>Refer D35/4/06</i>	Development Services	Lighting improvement and other improvement works – considered as part of 5 Year Works Plan
<u>Jull St Mall Maintenance and Refurbishment</u> <i>Refer T105/12/07</i>	Technical Services	Further report to the Technical Services Committee – expected Q4 FY 07/08
<u>Clifton Hills Primary School – Parking</u> <i>Refer T101/11/07</i>	Technical Services	Future report to the Technical Services Committee
<u>Heron Reserve – POS Funds</u> <i>Refer T102/12/07</i>	Technical Services	Report to the Technical Services Committee February/March 2008
<u>BBQ facilities CBD and speeding traffic in Jull Street</u> <i>Refer T20/3/08</i>	Technical Services	Future report to the Technical Services Committee

TECHNICAL SERVICES WORKS PROGRAMME

March - May 2008

	March	April	May
Civil Works	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranford Road Stage 1 • Ranford Road Stage 2 • Footpath Construction programme • Wright Rd upgrade • Clifton St/Lucich St intersection Upgrade. • John St cul de sac at William St • Slab Gully drainage • Lake Rd drainage • New shelters installation <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath, kerb and drainage repairs • Pothole and road failure repairs • Contract road sweeping • Bridge maintenance • Tactile installation 	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranford Road Stage 1 • Ranford Road Stage 2 • Footpath Construction programme • Wright Rd upgrade • Railway Ave/Merrifield Rd roundabout. • Poad/Hesketh (Black Spot) • Lowanna/Challis (Black Spot) • Buckingham Rd reconstruction • Slab Gully drainage • Lake Rd drainage <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath, kerb and drainage repairs • Pothole and road failure repairs • Contract road sweeping • Bridge maintenance 	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranford Road Stage 1 • Ranford Road Stage 2 • Footpath Construction programme • Wright Rd upgrade • Railway Ave/Merrifield Rd roundabout. • Green Ave/Church Ave/Wungong Rd • Wungong Rd/Seventh Rd • Lowanna/Challis (Black Spot) • Slab Gully drainage • Heritage Rd • Carrawatha Ave <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath, kerb and drainage repairs • Pothole and road failure repairs • Contract road sweeping
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Design & Engineering	<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundabout Church/Wungong – Recon • Wungong Road – reconstruction • Buckingham Road – Reconstruction • Hicks Road – Drain & Reconstruction • Green/Forrest Rd Roundabout • Carrawatha Road - Reconstruction • John Street • Hesketh Ave Blackspot • Lowanna/ Way/Challis Rd Blackspot <p>Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Slab Gully Creek - redesign ▪ Ranford Road Stg II – special drainage & SW storage facilities. 	<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wungong Road – Reconstruction • Buckingham Road – Reconstruction • Hesketh Ave Blackspot • Lowanna Way/Challis Rd Blackspot • Merrifield/Railway roundabout • Warton Road final design. • Westfield Stage 1 (Cammillo – Ypres) <p>Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Slab Gully Creek ▪ Ranford Road Stg I & II – special drainage & SW storage facilities. 	<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warton Rd (Dual Carriageway) • Westfield Stage 2 (Champion-Grovelands) • Orchard Ave, Stage 2 (completion) • Heritage Drive; Rehab Grant • Carawatha Ave; • Roundabout (Church/Wungong) • Ranford Rd; Stage 2 Dual Carriageway <p>Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slab Gully, Stage 3b • Carawatha Ave – Subsoil Drainage • Leys Rise - Outfall structure • Katrina Tce – Subsoil Drainage

	March	April	May
Parks and Reserves	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Strategy • Armadale Road Verge Improvements • Park Improvements – Rushton Park • Tree Preservation – Ficus Tree Removals • Nature Reserves Improvements • Oval Lighting Projects- Gwynne Park, Alfred Skeet, Bob Blackburn & Cross Park • Armadale Bowling Club resurfacing of one grass green to synthetic surface. <p>Asset Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play Equipment – General Works • State Water Strategy – Meter installations • Settlers Common – Reline tank and associated works. <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule Mowing • Streetscape Maintenance • Street Tree Pruning – Parts of Kelmscott and Seville Grove • Rural Rd Management 	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Strategy • Park Improvements – Rushton Park • Tree Preservation – Ficus Tree Removals • Nature Reserves Improvements • Oval Lighting Projects- Gwynne Park, Alfred Skeet & Bob Blackburn • Armadale Bowling Club resurfacing of one grass green to synthetic surface. <p>Asset Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play Equipment – General Works • State Water Strategy – Meter installations <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule Mowing • Streetscape Maintenance • Street Tree Pruning – Seville Grove, Forestdale, Brookdale. • Roundabout maintenance 	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Strategy • Park Improvements – Rushton Park • Tree Preservation – Ficus Tree Removals • Nature Reserves Improvements • Oval Lighting Projects- Alfred Skeet. <p>Asset Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play Equipment – General Works <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule Mowing • Streetscape Maintenance • Street Tree Pruning – Seville Grove, Forestdale, Brookdale.
Property Management	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale Aquatic Centre Reference Group – Enclosure of pools 	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale Aquatic Centre Reference Group – Enclosure of pools 	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armadale Aquatic Centre Reference Group – Enclosure of pools

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**BUNGENDORE PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING No. 288, WEDNESDAY 26th March 2008**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cr Guenter Best (Chairman)
Mr Bill Ladyman (Secretary)
Mr Kim Sarti (Projects)
Mr Ian Thompson

Mrs Irene Morcombe (Treasurer)
Ms Miriam Stanborough
Mrs Caralyn Lagrange
Mr Ron Withnell

APOLOGIES

Mr Don Griffiths

Cr Best declared the meeting open at 8.00 pm. Minutes of the meeting held 27th February 2008 were accepted as being correct.

Thompson/ Sarti Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

1. SALP Cheque - Mr Ladyman delivered the SALP cheque for \$6210 and other receipts to Mrs Morcombe
2. Bungendore Park Bush Breakfast - Mr Ladyman has written a letter of thanks to Lions Club. 1/285.
3. Replacement of Gate '6' and Gate 'M' - Nothing further has been done.
4. Trailbike and Vandal activity - Mrs Omacini keen that Howe Street entrance not be changed until residents happy. Mr Thompson and Mr Ladyman to arrange placement of large stones etc at gaps at entrances.
5. Feral Pig Control - Mr John Snowden (DEC Regional Parks Unit) has indicated there's been some activity on the park boundary but not enough to warrant the expense of trapping; at this time of year the pigs prefer to be closer to water in the gorge. Trapping will now not proceed in or next to the Park until after winter months when the pigs venture further afield and trapping/control will take place in September this year. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program has been informed.
6. Symbol signs - Mr Sarti still to follow up quotes for purchase of new signs and for graffiti coating existing signs.
7. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2009 - Mr Sarti is preparing grant application, due 1st May.
8. Management Plan 1997-2007 Review - being continued by Mrs Omacini who has completed a draft for perusal by Mr Sarti and Mr Ladyman.
9. Hills Heartbeat Festival - Hills Heartbeat Festival - 29th and 30th March. Lions Club to provide *Pancakes in the Park* from 9 am to 11 am over the two days with involvement by Committee members. Mr Sarti tabled the self-guided Wattle Walk brochure and plant display signs. Static display to be set-up in the school's under-cover area. Mr Withnell who is attached to the Armadale Christian College, has arranged a large quantity of newspaper advertisement, coverage and sponsorship for this event. He will place signage locally and Mr Sarti will attach plant identification along the intended self guided walk along Wattle Drive.
10. Use of Bungendore Park for an event - has successfully been run by the Hash House Harriers to the satisfaction of the City of Armadale.

11. Membership renewals – Mr Sarti has arranged UBC renewal. Mr Ladyman has arranged Greening Australia and Australia Post Box renewal.
12. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2007 – all funds have been acquitted except \$1,000 for Feral Pig control. Extension to project time from 31st March has been granted by SALP; Project report and Acquittal form to be completed and returned by 31st October.
13. Garden Week display – Mr Sarti reported that he's been unable to obtain a frame or similar on which to hang a display. Rent-a-Fence companies want \$250-\$400 minimum hire rate for 1 panel. Mr Ladyman will attempt to provide something suitable for Mr Sarti.
14. Dieback Communication Plan – community-based Social Marketing Project Plan outline for Local Government Authorities. Mr Sarti has received a draft copy of the strategy for Bungendore Park and has yet to review it and make comment.
15. Albany Highway entrance - Mr Griffiths has completed the trimming of bushes.
16. Voluntary Hours – members logged their hours since November meeting.
17. 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: Sarti / Ladyman

Carried 23-1-2008

Activity since last meeting includes: Ms Stanborough, Mr Sarti - patrolling and rubbish removal; Mr Thompson and Bedfordale Bush fire Brigade - firefighting; Wild Flower Society – seed collection

AWAITING COMPLETION AND/OR REPLY

Protective buffer burning - Mr Ladyman to contact DEC to suggest a complimentary buffer alongside the burn each year. [1/283]

Works schedule for 2008 – Messrs Sarti and Ladyman to assess for 2008 Action: 3/285

1. DEC Fire Access Track – Mr Thompson reported the access track to be a summer job. It is to run from the south western corner of the Bungendore southern boundary into DEC bushland (Lot 200) to give fire access to a steep piece of country not accessible from the Wungong. Mr Tuffnell advises that track development and indeed all earthworks in the park should only be carried out after **dieback investigation, with clean machinery and in dry soil conditions**

GRANTS IN PROGRESS

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|---|----------|--------|
| 1. Community Conservation 2003/2004 | \$900 | [XT72] |
| 2. Regional Parks Community 2007 grant | \$2,200 | [XT65] |
| 3. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2007 (07S05) | \$6,210 | [XT64] |
| 4. Alcoa Bravo! Grant 2005 | \$305.35 | [XT63] |
| 5. Community Conservation Grant 2006/2007 | \$3,000 | [XT62] |
| 6. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2008 | \$6,210 | [XT59] |
| 7. <i>Regional Parks Community Grant 2008, partially received</i> | \$891 | [XT61] |
| 8. <i>Community Conservation Grant 2008 application forwarded</i> | | |

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

1. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program – requesting an extension to acquit 2007 grant funds.
2. DEC Regional Parks Unit – requesting an extension to acquit 2007 grant funds.

3. Letters of Engagement have been sent to: Tony Eddleston (DEC) \$1,000 Feral Pig Control; Glenn Tuffnell (Dieback Treatment Services) \$2,000 Dieback Control; Jim Prince \$150 Feral European Honeybee Control under SALP 2008 grant [XT59].
4. Letters of Engagement have been sent to: Ron Johnstone and Tony Kirkby as joint authors to revise *Birds of Bungendore Park* report under Regional Parks 2008 grant [XT61].
5. Emails from Kim - to Kyle Armstrong re bat funding.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

1. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program – confirming extension to acquit 2007 grant moneys until 31-10-08.
2. DEC Regional Parks Unit – granting an extension to acquit 2007 grant funds until 30-5-08.

INFORMATION RECEIVED

SCC news Update – Caring for Our Country Funding
UBC – Speakers Programme 2008
Faunal Survey from Tony Kirkby

FINANCE

Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2008 – XT59 allocated by Treasurer.
Regional Parks Community Grant 2008 – XT61 allocated by Treasurer.

Details	Amount \$	Expenditure Type
K. Sarti – UBC membership renewal	30.00	XT 7
A. Kirkby – Faunal Survey work 2007: Invoice #198	200.00	XT62
Pest-R-Jim - Genista, Cottonbush & Brazilian Pepper spraying: Inv #3253	900.00	XT65
W Ladyman – Post box renewal receipt	70.00	XT 7
W Ladyman – Greening Australia renewal receipt	55.00	XT 7

Stanborough/ Thompson Carried

BUSHCARE & ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr Ladyman attended March 12 meeting. (Next meeting 14th May). Matters of interest include:

- New BEAC committee member Glenn Hagan of DEC
- The Formation of a Local Biodiversity Strategy Steering Group – a sub committee of BEAC
- Firebreak maintenance guidelines – Mrs Omacini
- Mrs Omacini goes on maternity leave in May.
- Plenary session not till August – Michael Morcombe
- Expansion of C of A website – in particular mapping facility – much better than Google.
- Desalination water pipe plan to be debated by Council on March 25.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Best - had to leave for a prior engagement so Ms Stanborough took the Chair.

Regional Parks Community Grant 2007 – Two month extension has been sought and granted by Community and Regional Parks Branch. Project report and Acquittal form to be completed and returned by 30th May.

Spring Walks – Proposed dates for C of A 2008 spring Family bushwalks; On Sundays in September 7th, 21st, October 5th, 19th, November 2nd. Mr Ladyman to let Sue Allen know our preferred date. (phone 9399 0187). Committee endorsed the 21st September as preferred date for Bungendore Walk and will assist.

Feral Bee control – Mr Sarti reported that Jim Prince will require funds for large lure trays and automatic drip feeders for both lures and poisoned mixture. Mr Prince has found that take-away food containers are not large enough for the lure mixture as the bees drink it quicker than he can top up the containers. Committee approved providing \$150 from general funds.

Post planting review – and determining new sites for this years planting. To be done at next Committee meeting which will be onsite on the morning of Saturday 19th April, meeting at Cockatoo Display at 10 am. Please bring morning tea and seating and cameras. Mr Sarti to prepare a planting proforma. (He will be away from April 22nd, including the May meeting.)

New Display – Committee approved a new display tabled by Mr Sarti to replace the Cockatoo Display in the form of a map of Dieback areas with guidance for walkers. To be produced in laminated form.

Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group Catchment Planning Workshop - Mrs Versteeg and Mrs Lagrange attended and will report next meeting.

Bereavement - Mrs Morcombe thanked the Committee for the card with expressions of sympathy for the loss of her father.

2008		Events	Courses available
MAR	29, 30	Hills HeartBeat Festival Pancakes in the Park, Self guided walk.	
APR	5,6,19	Minnawarra Festival, Garden Week , Post - planting review and pre - planting April Meeting	
MAY			
JUN			
JUL	25 27	Schools Tree Day National Tree Day	
AUG			
SEP	21	City of Armadale - Bungendore Spring Walk. Threatened Species Day	
OCT			
NOV	9	Bungendore Bush Breakfast	
DEC			

SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS

<i>1/283</i>	<i>Mr Ladyman to attend to hazard reduction details</i>
<i>2/285</i>	<i>Mr Ladyman to attend to entrance reinforcement work</i>
<i>3/285</i>	<i>Mr Sarti and Ladyman to assess works for 2008</i>

DATE OF NEXT MEETING (*4th Wednesday*)

10 am Saturday 19th April 2008 at the Cockatoo Display, Bungendore Park.

Meeting declared closed at 9.30 pm

W Ladyman Secretary

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

FUTURENOW ENEWSLETTER.

Thursday, 03 April 2008

Dear Paul Lanternier,

Welcome to the latest issue of the FutureNow eNewsletter. FutureNow provides high level strategic advice to government and industry on the training needs of the creative, cultural and recreation industries.

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WA Training Awards 2008

Applications are now open for the 2008 WA Training Awards. The Training Awards recognise the achievements of apprentices, trainees and vocational students as well as the outstanding contribution to training by trainers, training organisations and employers. Last year FutureNow mentored three student nominees from our industries who went on to become state winners and national finalists. If you know of a student, training organisation or employer who is dedicated to achieving training excellence, we encourage you to nominate them for a Training Award. Applications close May 23.

For more information, or to download an application form, [click here](#)

Reform of Vocational Education and Training

The Government has released two documents and web links outlining the program of reforms to vocational education and training under the 'Skilling Australia for the Future' initiative. These two key components of the reform include:

- The creation of a new skilling and training information website; and
- A 'Road Map to Reform' document explaining all components of Skilling Australia for the Future

[Read more...](#)

More Training to Ensure WA Jobs are for WA Workers

The State Government has launched a new television and media advertising campaign aimed at increasing the number of apprentices and trainees in WA. The campaign also encourages more

employers to take on apprentices and trainees to skill WA's workers for the future. Advertisements will appear on television and in cinemas, as well as in newspapers and on radio stations. Information about apprenticeships and traineeships for interested students and employers is located on the [ApprentiCentre](#) website. [Click here](#) to read the full media statement.

Targeting Skills Needs in Regions

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) in collaboration with states and territories has established a funding program to identify and support the implementation of practical, flexible and integrated strategies to improve the supply of skilled labour to industries in regions of strategic economic importance in the Australian economy.

[Read more...](#)

Youngsters Get Leg Up Into Racing Industry

A new joint training initiative between Racing and Wagering WA (RWWA) and the Western Australian College of Agriculture in Narrogin will provide training for stablehands and trackriders. This exciting new partnership will see young West Australians undertake training in the Certificate III in Racing - Trackrider, a skills shortage area in the booming racing industry.

[Read more...](#)

Training Forum 2008 - Revolution or Evolution?

The Department of Education and Training is holding its annual training forum on the 5th and 6th of May at the Burswood Entertainment Complex. This year's forum will showcase good practice examples in the areas of flexible delivery partnerships, trade reform, recognition of prior learning (RPL), strategies to improve consistency of assessment, and VET in schools. The purpose of the training forum is to provide professional development for practitioners including trainers, lecturers, teachers, assessors and other registered training organisation (RTO) staff involved in the planning and provision of vocational education and training.

[Read more...](#)

Boost for Indigenous Broadcasting Services

Mr Peter Garrett, the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts has announced funding of over \$700,000 to support Indigenous radio services in Perth and Halls Creek; Sydney; and 12 remote areas in Queensland. Mr Garrett highlighted the importance of the radio service as a lifeline to many remote Indigenous communities.

[Read more...](#)

RPL Professional Development Projects

Applications are sought for the 2008 Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Professional Development Projects. Funding is available for the professional development of VET practitioners to support their understanding and implementation of simplified and streamlined processes that underpin effective RPL services for their clients.

[Read more...](#)

VET Vital Statistics

The Training Accreditation Council has released a report detailing its activities from the period 1 July 2007 - 31 December 2007 in relation to its functions under the *Vocational Education and Training Act*

1996. Data and statistics included in the report provides a comprehensive picture and overview of the VET sector in WA. [Click here](#) to read the report.

Introducing BSB07

Innovation and Business Skills Australia (IBSA) is conducting professional development workshops on the reviewed Business Services Training Package BSB07 in WA on the following dates:

- Half day overview workshops - **14th and 15th May**
- Small business full day workshop - **29th July**
- Management and human resources full day workshop - **30th July**
- Administration workshop - **31st July**

The venue is to be confirmed. Further information on the workshops is available by [clicking here](#). To register online, go to www.ibsa.org.au

GO3 Electronic and Entertainment Expo 2008

The GO3 Expo will be held in Perth from August 1 - 3. The expo is a three day showcase of the latest in games and electronic entertainment. The expo will also feature a two-day Commercial Games Conference which will cover MMOD design, military game technology, mining simulation, social networks, sales as a game, interactive training and Web tech 2.0. [More](#)

Entertainment Industry Training

There are a number of training options available to people currently working in the entertainment industry to gain a nationally accredited qualification. West Coast TAFE offers a Front of House qualification at Certificate II and III level through recognition of prior learning (RPL) and flexible learning arrangements. Traineeships are also available to organisations who may want to put staff through formal training. For more information about study options available in the entertainment industry, contact Pam van Omme on ph: (08) 9233 1142 or 0417 091 186.

- [Front of House RPL Flyer](#)
- [Front of House RPL and Flexible Learning Flyer](#)
- [Front of House Traineeship Flyer](#)

Cultural Industries Training Package Update

The reviews of three of the Cultural Industries Training Packages have been completed. The following Training Packages were endorsed on the 31st December 2007 by the National Quality Council:

- CUF07 Screen and Media Training Package Version 1
- CUE03 Entertainment Training Package Version 3
- CUV03 Visual Arts, Craft and Design Training Package Version 3

All the above Training Packages are now available for purchase from the [IBSA website](#).

The review of the CUS01 Music Training Package is currently on hold pending further deliberations. Progress of the Music Training Package Review will be updated on the [IBSA website](#) when available. For more information contact [Linda Arnold](#) at IBSA.

Sport and Recreation Training Package Review

The draft revised qualification framework and some 200 units of competency for the Sport and Recreation Training Package are now available for your feedback on the [Service Skills Australia](#) website. This is the opportunity for industry to review and comment on the work undertaken to date and ensure that the revised Training Package will help them to attract and retain a productive workforce into the future. Validation workshops of the draft Training Package components will take place in late June/July

2008. Feedback from these workshops will feed into the review process. You can register your interest to attend these validation workshops by emailing FutureNow at info@futurenow.org.au

Racing Industry Training Package Latest

The RGR08 Racing Training Package has been cleared for endorsement by the State Training Authorities and the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (formerly the Department of Education, Science and Training) subject to some minor adjustments. Final endorsement is expected from the National Quality Council and the Minister in late March or early April.

Perth Hosts Plethora of Puppet Performances

Perth is playing host to the 20th UNIMA Congress and World Puppetry Festival from April 2 - 12. Expected to attract about 1000 international and interstate visitors to Perth, the festival will see more than 30 performances across Perth in eight different venues as well as plenty of professional development opportunities through panel discussions, master classes and workshops.

[Read more...](#)

UK Government Releases Creative Economy Strategy

The UK Government has released the long awaited cross departmental, Creative Economy strategy, *Creative Britain - New Talent for the New Economy*. FutureNow acknowledges the UK Department of Culture Media and Sport for making the report freely available. At the foundation of the strategy are two key proposals: more opportunity for young people to develop creative talents at school; and more structured pathways into creative careers.

[Read more...](#)

Upcoming Events

- **WA Training Awards 2008.** Entries open 17 March 2008 and close 23 May 2008. [Details](#)
- **Australia Business Arts Foundation Workshops.** Various workshops for not-for-profit arts and cultural organisations, arts workers, and practising artists to acquire knowledge, skills and tools for seeking private sector support. Workshop dates throughout April 2008, Level 36 QVI Building, 250 St Georges Tce, Perth. [Details](#)
- **20th UNIMA Congress and World Puppetry Festival.** 2 - 12 April 2008, Perth. [Details](#)
- **Local Government Community Development Association Western Australia Bi-Annual Conference 2008. *Developing Communities in Changing Times.*** 10 - 11 April 2008, Rendezvous Observation City Hotel, Perth. [Details](#)
- **Australian Institute of Training and Development (AITD) National Conference 2008. *Learning Alive! "How-to" for the learning professional.*** 22 - 23 April 2008, Australian Technology Park, Sydney. [Details](#)
- **Training Forum 2008. *Revolution or Evolution? Managing Change in the VET Sector.*** 5 & 6 May 2008, Burswood Entertainment Complex, Perth. [Details](#)
- **Facility Management Association of Australia National Conference. *The Ideation 2008: Enabling Sustainable Communities.*** 7 - 9 May 2008, Gold Coast Convention Centre, Queensland. [Details](#)
- **BSB07 Professional Development Workshops.** Various dates throughout May and July. Venue in Perth to be confirmed. [Details](#)
- **Career Choices Expo 2008.** 20 - 22 June 2008, Claremont Showground Exhibition Centre, Perth. [Details](#)
- **GO3 Electronic and Entertainment Expo 2008.** 1 - 3 August 2008, Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. [Details](#)

- **Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) 2008 National Conference. *Creating New Futures: Challenges for today, strategies for tomorrow.*** 28 - 30 August 2008, Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart. [Details](#)
- **Regional Arts Australia National Conference *Art at the Heart 2008.*** 3 - 5 October 2008, Alice Springs. [Details](#)

If you have an upcoming event that you would like promoted through the FutureNow eNewsletter or on our website, please forward us the details by email to info@futurenow.org.au

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DOLLARS FOR DANGER

A Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Agreement has been given Ministerial sign off and is expected to be implemented by mid-2008. The approved HHW Program will include funding of \$1 million per year, for a period of 3 years. Funding will be



for the collection and disposal of HHW. From both metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas, and for essential infrastructure. The Program will be administered by the Municipal Waste Advisory Council.

For more information contact Rebecca Brown on 9213 6063 or email rbrown@walga.asn.au

W&R CONFERENCE NOW TRADING

Sponsorship and trade opportunities for the Waste & Recycle 2008 Conference *The Heat is On: No Time to Waste*, to be held at the Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle from 8 to 12 September 2008 are now available



Invited and guest speakers include: Jeff Seadon; Enzo Favoino; Mike Munger; Garth Hickie; Helen Spiegelman; and Sandra Cointreau.

The possibility also remains for abstract submissions to be accepted.

For more information visit www.wasteandrecycle.com.au

COMMUNICATING POLICY

The Municipal Waste and Advisory Council is developing a Policy Statement on Consultation, Communication and Waste Education Processes. A telephone survey was conducted in March 2008 with a varied range of Elected Members and Officers from Metro, Non-Metro, Regional Councils and VROC's being consulted. The questions covered a wide range of issues and concerns regarding

consultation and communication. The majority of responses indicated that when responding to communication requests, staff shortages and insufficient time were the biggest factors in replying. The best media type for receiving feedback from MWAC was by email, fax back and telephone calls. In March 2008, a two-yearly review commenced for the Container Deposit Systems

(CDS) and the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Policy Statements. It is anticipated that a Draft revised EPR and CDS Policy Statement will be released for comment in the near future.

For more information contact Judy Scott on 9213 2086 or email jscott@walga.asn.au



WASTED OFFICERS WITH MWAC

Ms Bienne Argent is the new Waste Management Officer with the Municipal Waste Advisory Council. Ms Bienne Argent is the new Waste Management Officer with the Municipal Waste Advisory Council. She has a wealth of experience from a variety of backgrounds including veterinary nursing and work at Perth Zoo. Bienne studied Conservation Biology at Murdoch University and has a wealth of experience from a variety of backgrounds including veterinary nursing and work at Perth Zoo. This should place her in good stead for dealing with the challenges of Local Government.

For more information contact Bienne on 9213 2069 or email: bargent@walga.asn.au

THE MODEL YOU ARE LOOKING FOR?

The Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) and Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) held a series of workshops in February and March 2008, on a proposed Regional Funding Model to assist in the implementation of Strategic Waste Management Plans. The workshops were well attended with Local Government Officers, CEOs and Councillors alike, providing invaluable feedback. This feedback has been used to improve the Regional Funding Model proposed by DEC. Currently the information is with the Waste Management Board who will make a decision on the future of the proposed model in the coming months.

WALGA and DEC would like to thank attendees for their participation in the process. For more information on the model please contact Chantelle Noack on 6467 5315 or email Chantelle.Noack@dec.wa.gov.au

WALGAS NEW SOLUTION

The Western Australian Local Government Association, through Workplace Solutions and Environment and Waste team, has developed an Environmental Management Training module for Local Government Councillors. The module will be run through WALGA Workplace Solutions and delivered by Environment and Waste Staff. It is designed to inform Members and increase awareness and knowledge of environmental issues facing Local Government.

For more information on the training please visit www.workplacesolutions.asn.au or contact Bernadette Howes on 9213 2090 or email bhowes@walga.asn.au



USED OIL EXPRESSES ITSELF

The Western Australian Local Government Association is currently developing Expressions of Interest for a used oil collection/recycling contract intended to go out in mid-April. The Waste Management Board have been approached to fund the collection of used oil from Local Government and the item was discussed at their March meeting. The item has now been deferred until the April Board meeting.

For more information contact Rebecca Brown on 9213 2063 or email rbrown@walga.asn.au

ON HER WAY TO THE TOP

MWAC Project Coordinator, Ms Shelley Inglis, will be departing the Western Australian Local Government Association and Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) at the end of March 2008. Shelley has been with MWAC since May 2006, initially as the Waste Management Officer, and later as the MWAC Project Coordinator. Shelley leaves Perth to travel the top end of Australia. A new Project Coordinator has been recruited and will commence work in April 2008.

For more information contact Rebecca Brown on 9213



Nike and basketball star, Steve Nash, have teamed up to create the Nike Trash Talk basketball shoe. The shoe is made primarily from manufacturing waste and other recycled materials.



(Source: www.greenbiz.com)



NO BUFFER, NO PLAY

In March 2008, WA Local Government Association representatives met with representatives of the Licensing and Policy Unit of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) regarding landfill buffer distances.

DEC is the regulatory authority responsible for issuing a works approval to construct and a licence or registration to operate for landfills which meet the prescribed premises threshold for Categories 64 and 89, as specified in Schedule 1 of the

Environmental Protection Regulations 1987. DEC clarified that a 500m landfill buffer distance between Class II and III (putrescible) landfills and sensitive premises is recommended. Landfills have the potential for issues such as wind blown waste, dust, odour and vermin and conflicting land uses can be avoided where separation distances are maintained. The recommended buffer distance for Class I inert landfills (Category 63) is 150m. Licence holders for landfills should ideally own the land within the buffer distance, seek to purchase that land in the

near future, or have binding agreements where by the adjoining landowner will not use the land for sensitive land uses within an agreed timeframe. Local Government need to provide advice on buffer distances to proponents requesting to set up landfills within their shire as inadequate landfill buffer distances could potentially lead to DEC rejecting works approval and licence applications.

For more information please email Nanette Schapel on nanette.schapel@dec.wa.gov.au

Nokia has released 'ReMade' a mobile phone produced from 100% recycled materials. The phones are made from materials such as recycled cans, plastics from drink bottles, car tyres.



(Source: RRF, 22 February 2008)

STOP DUMPING

Keep Australia Beautiful WA is holding two free workshops for Local Government and land managers on illegal dumping.



needed to tackle illegal dumping simply and effectively. The workshops will be held at Technology Park in Bentley on the following dates:

- ♦ 8:45am - 4:30pm on Tuesday 15 April 2008
- and
- ♦ 8:45am - 4:30pm on

Tuesday 6 May 2008.

Please RSVP to Nancy on 6467 5122 or email kabc@dec.wa.gov.au. For more information please contact Jennie Anderton on 6467 5130 or jennie.anderton@dec.wa.gov.au

The workshops will clarify the use of the Litter Act 1979 and introduce tools that are

ROUND ONE WITH THE BOARD

The first round of the Waste Management Board Community Grants Scheme is now open. Community based groups, including local interest groups, environmental groups and individuals are encouraged to apply.

- ♦ encouraged community objectives:
- ♦ community education courses empowering participants to improve waste management practices;
- ♦ demonstration site for the reuse of materials; and

to minimise waste while on holidays.

Applications close Friday 4 April 2008.

For more information visit www.zerowastewa.com.au

KAL KERBS CONTAMINATION

The City of Kalgoorlie Boulder has established new rules where residents who repeatedly misuse their recycling bins could face losing them permanently.



three written warnings and after this further contamination may result in a permanent ban. Local Government Officers and educated about their recycling bin.

Under the rules, residents could lose the bin for three months after being issued recycling bins. Residents who

have received two written warnings will be visited by Local Government Officers and educated about their recycling bin. For more information contact Joanne Gray on 9021 9617.



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ONE LIGHTWEIGHTED PLASTIC BEER

One Bin Campaign

A campaign aimed at reducing office waste has been launched in the UK. The 'One Bin' campaign launched by Envirowise encourages offices to remove individual desk bins and force workers to walk to one central bin. The campaign challenges office workers to think about how they use materials and waste.

For more information visit www.envirowise.gov.uk (Source: RRF, 29 February 2008)

Lightweighted

Wrap in the UK has announced the results of a study into the carbon impact

of bottling wine in the UK in glass vs. PET bottles.

The study demonstrates the positive environmental impact of lightweighting and the incorporation of recycled content into wine bottles.

The report is available www.wrap.org.uk (Source: www.wrap.org.uk)

Plastic

The British Government has announced that retailers will now be charging for plastic bags in the UK. Legislation is being introduced to allow the new levy to come into effect in early 2009. (Source: Environmental Management News, 14 March 2008)

Beer

Top beer brands in the UK have released new lighter bottles in response to a consumer demand for more environmentally friendly packaging.

The new bottles were developed with WRAP and save thousands of tonnes of glass and significantly reduce CO2 emissions. WRAP

has also been working to help create lightweight wine bottles which have been adopted by supermarkets.

For more information visit www.wrap.org.uk

(Source: www.wrap.org.uk)



This Easter Cadbury in the UK has released an unboxed 'eco-egg'. The egg reduces wrapping waste and is a part of Cadbury's effort to reduce 30% of its carbon emissions by 2020.



(Source: RRF, 29 February 2008)

GETTING IN GOOD PRACTICE

The Irish National Farming Union has joined with other industry and stakeholders to reduce the amount of non-

packaging plastics going to landfill. An information sheet on good practice has been distributed to farmers. For more information visit www.agwasteplastic.org.uk (Source: Warmer Bulletin, Issue 113)

FUTURE CLEAR AS GLASS

Waste industry group Stewardship Ontario has signed a deal with Canadian recycled glass processor Unical to build a new glass

processing plant in Toronto, Canada. \$11.2 million over the next seven years.

The plant will save on the cost of operating five municipalities recycling programs by approx. (Source: Environmental Management News, 7 March 2008)

AT PEACE WITH GREENER ELECTRONICS

Greenpeace has published an updated version of their *Guide to Greener Electronics*.



The guide ranks major Indian and global manufacturers of electronic products on their policies and practice on eliminating harmful chemicals and on taking responsibility for their products once they are discarded by consumers. The guide is available from www.greenpeace.org (Source: RRF, 7 March 2008)

GERMANS SAVE THE DAY

A German waste management group and Naples have reached an agreement on helping the Italian city get rid of most of the garbage that has been piling up in the

streets since collection stopped, the agency said. As of the end of January, some 250,000 tons of backlogged trash had piled up on the

streets of Naples since collection came to a near halt in December.

(Source: RRF, 22 February 2008)

MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Next Meeting
Date: 23 April 2008
Time: 4.00 pm
Venue: Local Government House

Check out the WA Local Government Association Website at www.walga.asn.au



Visit WasteNet www.wastenet.net.au

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**2008
CALENDAR OF
EVENTS**

- 29 March 2008 Earth Hour 8pm-9pm
For more information visit www.earthhour.org
- 15 April 2008 Illegal Dumping Workshop
Technology Park, Bentley, WA
For more information please contact Jennie Anderton on 6467 5130 or
- 16-19 April 2008 Towards Zero Waste Summit
Hangzhou Province, China
For more information contact Wei Fisher on 9222 0914 or email wei.fisher@doir.wa.gov.au
- 4-10 May 2008 International Composting Awareness Week
For more information visit www.compostweek.com.au
- 6 May 2008 Illegal Dumping Workshop
Technology Park, Bentley, WA
For more information please contact Jennie Anderton on 6467 5130 or jennie.anderton@dec.wa.gov.au
- 9-11 July 2008 National Environment Conference
Port Douglas, QLD
For more information contact Malcolm Petrie on 07 3000 22020 or email Malcolm_petrie@gag.asn.au
- 25-31 August 2008 Keep Australia Beautiful week
For more information visit www.kab.org.au
- 8-12 September 2008 Waste & Recycle 2008 Conference, *The Heat Is On: No Time to Waste*
The Esplanade Hotel Fremantle
For more information visit www.wasteandrecycle.com.au
- 20-21 September 2008 Clean Up the World Weekend
For more information visit www.cleanup.org.au
- 10-16 November 2008 National Recycling Week
For more information visit www.planetark.com

**2008
CALENDAR OF
SUBMISSIONS**

- 4 April 2008 Community Grants Scheme
For more information visit www.zerowastewa.com.au
- 30 September 2008 Zero Waste Plan Development Scheme—Phase 2
For more information visit www.zerowastewa.com.au



MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL
"Getting the Environment Right"

**WHAT IS THE MUNICIPAL
WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL?**



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

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

MWAC focuses its work in three main areas:

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



REPAY WA PROMOTION

The Department of Corrective Services has approached the City of Armadale Parks Department to discuss the installation of a plaque through its Repay WA Promotion. The Plaque (Figure 1) to be installed highlights the partnership between the City and the Department of Corrective Services in which offenders repay their debt to society through maintenance works on selected parks throughout the City.

Following discussion with the Department Corrective Services it has been resolved that the plaque will be installed at Peaceful Ponds alongside the path toward the middle of the reserve. (Figure 2) The Parks Department will be supplying a base for the plaque and will be similar to the ones currently being utilised for the "Memorial Plaques on Reserves.

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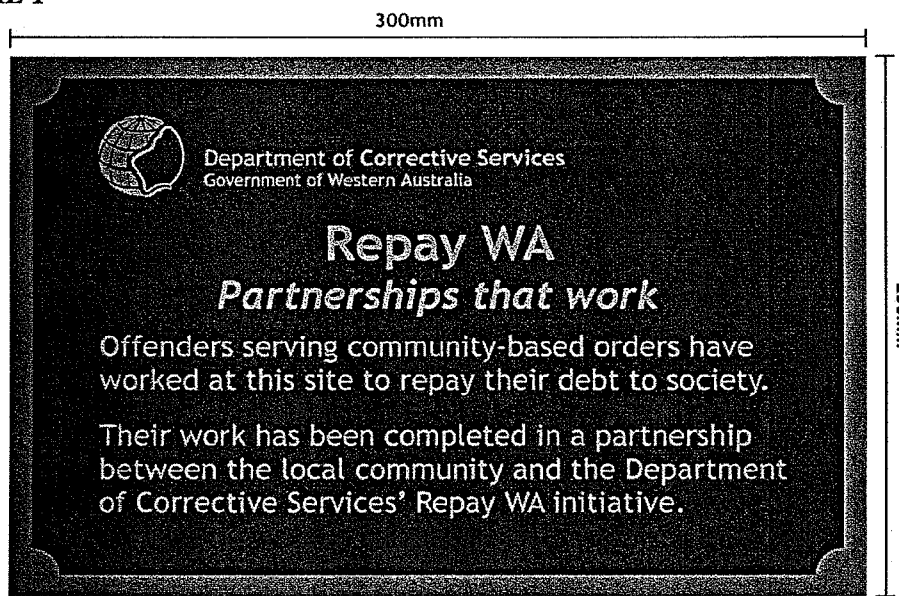
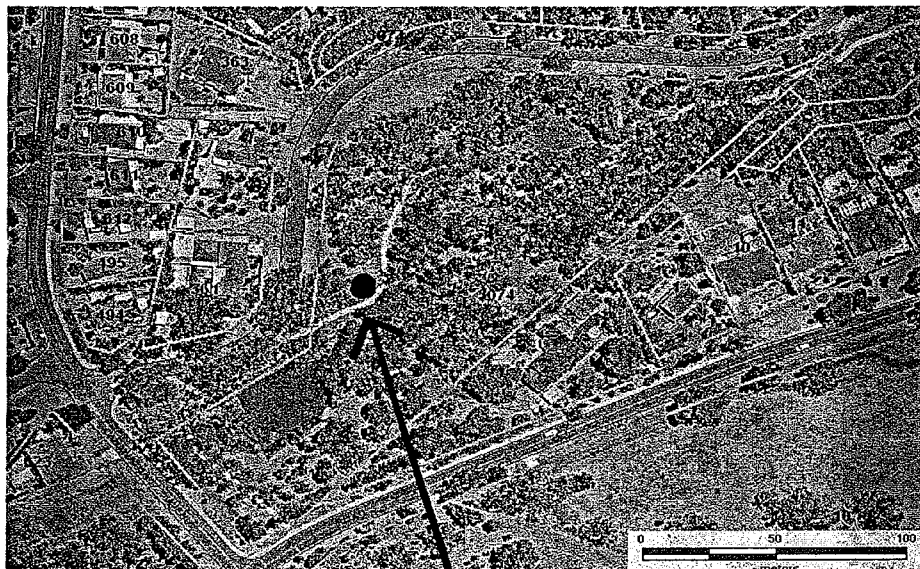
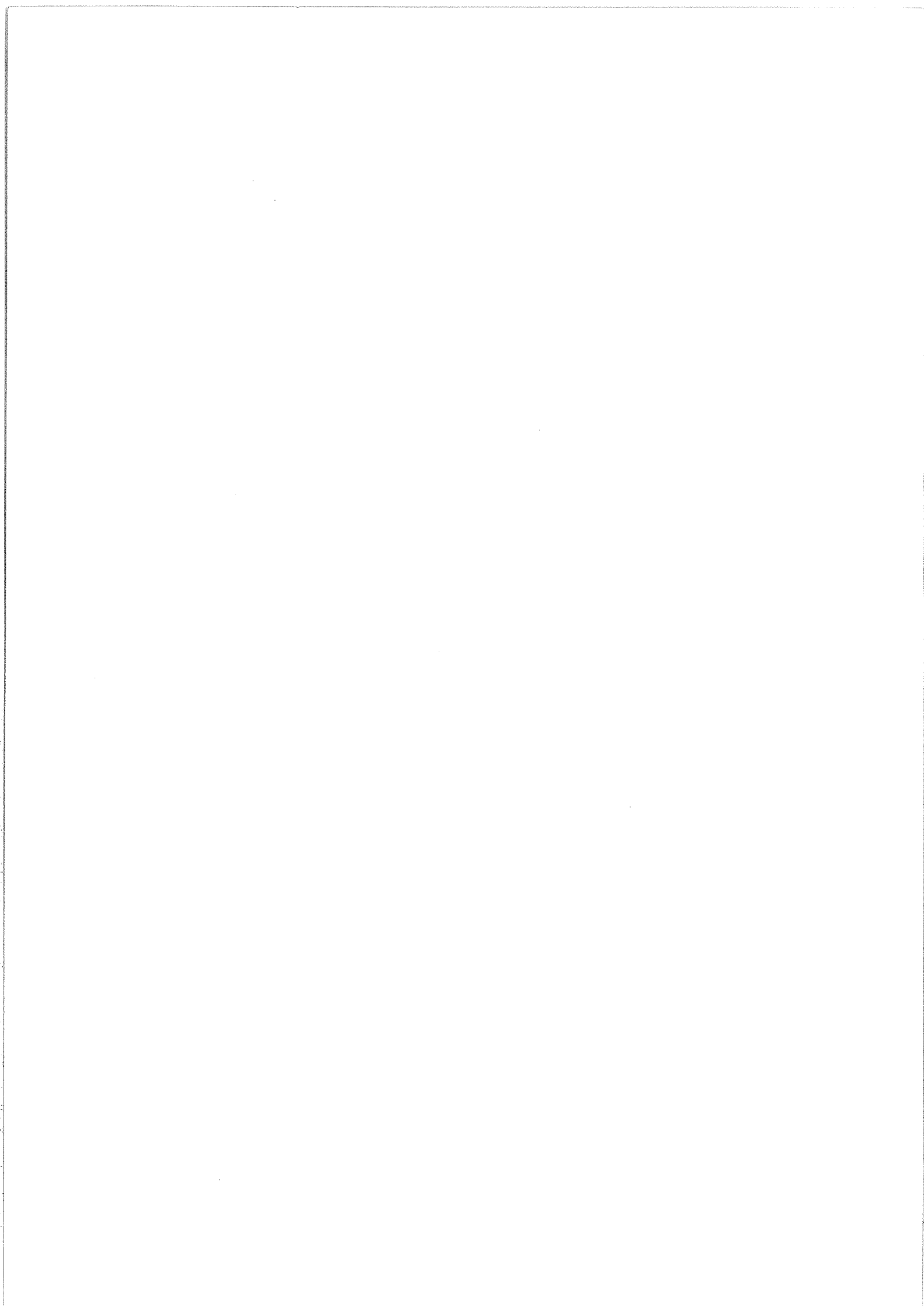


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MATTERS OUTSTANDING REPORT

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – MARCH 2008		
ITEM	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
<i>Armadale Youth Precinct Study (August 2007)</i> That Council: (b) Investigate and report to the November Community Services Committee meeting the possible design and cost of building a “street real” skate park with or without bowl at the following sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Land between the public toilets and the current amphitheatre, incorporating the latter in the design; and▪ A flat unrestricted site. (c) Arrange to visit a range of skate park facilities (C56/8/07).	Community Development	A report will be provided via the Community Services Committee in May 2008.

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1. LIBRARY SERVICES

1.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

The Library Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of March 2008 is attached. (**Refer to Attachment "CA-1".**)

1.2 Library Extension Activities

1.2.1 Mary Durack Award

The 2008 Mary Durack Award for Young Writers was officially launched on Monday 31 March. Given the success of posting the information brochure personally to our library members within the appropriate age range, this practice has been repeated this year. Additionally, posters and brochures have been forwarded to all schools in the district.

The closing date for receipt of entries is Saturday, 24 May 2008. Kalamunda will host the Award ceremony on Thursday 31 July 2008. The 2009 event will be hosted by the City of Armadale.

1.2.2 Your Tutor Homework Help

A new service has been made available to students living in the Armadale district. The library has taken a subscription to **yourtutor**, a tutoring service that creates an online classroom where students are connected to qualified, expert tutors for one-to-one help with homework, assignments, exam preparations and study questions.

English, Maths, and Science subjects are included and the service is available for students in years four to twelve, 4pm to 8pm Monday to Friday from either the library or home computers. The service operates on line using features like controlled chat, an interactive white board and shared web browsing.

The tutors are certified teachers, professional tutors, post graduates and advanced undergraduates from Australian universities. All are trained in on-line teaching techniques and have a current "Working with Children" check, so parents can be sure that their children are in a safe professional environment.

A number of other public libraries in Western Australia have made this service available from their web sites, with extremely positive feedback from students. A formal launch of the service will be held on Monday 26th May, in conjunction with the Youth Advisory Group (YAC) meeting, as this service is being supported and promoted by the YAC. Currently access to yourtutor is unrestricted, but following the formal launch library membership will be required to use the service. All schools will be advised of the availability of the service.

A demonstration of the tutoring process can be seen by going to **yourtutor** on the Library's web pages and following the prompts to log on as a student wishing to use the

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service via the City of Armadale's access. A demonstration is available by clicking on to "see how **yourtutor** works". Additional information on **yourtutor** is available from the same website.

2. HERITAGE SERVICES

2.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

The Heritage Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of March 2008 is attached. (**Refer to Attachment "CA-2".**)

2.2 Birtwistle Local Studies Library

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

Local Studies Librarians Meeting

The Historian/Local Studies Librarian attended a meeting at the State Library with other local studies librarians from around the metropolitan area. The main topic of discussion was the digitisation of photographs and the costs charged for copies. Concern was expressed by the librarians regarding adopting the correct standards for archiving digital photographs and how these were inconstant owing to the continual changes in technology.

Ancestry Training at the State Library

The three Birtwistle Local Studies Library Family History Volunteers accompanied the Historian/Local Studies Librarian to the State Library for a session on the use of the Library Edition of Ancestry. The training proved to be very informative. Other sessions relating to use of genealogy resources at the State Library will be attended by the volunteers and Local Studies Librarian at later dates.

Seminar for Historians

"Passion, pain & partiality in the practice of history. A seminar on ethics & professional standards", was attended by the Historian/Local Studies Librarian at the State Library. A number of speakers discussed the ethical dilemmas they faced when researching history and the use of oral history as part of their methodology. Portelli's comment on the "psychological cost of an event" caused an ethical dilemma for one of the speakers as she questioned the effects of dredging up the past with her informants. The usual discussion of the distortion of memory resulting in unreliable facts was overcome with the idea that distortion of memory is a valuable tool as it is a means of people interpreting their past. However, it was concluded that the positive aspects of the use of oral history far outweighed the negative as oral history is a way of giving voice to those affected by their life experiences.

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2.3 History House Museum

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator)

Visit from Kingsley Primary School

The 14th of March saw 48 students from the Kingsley Primary School visit History House Museum and the Armadale Council Chamber. Students were completing the final module of the Local Government Lesson Plan. Cr Linton Reynolds and Cr Jeff Munn spoke to the students about the importance of local government and its impact on the community.

Easter Opening

This year saw History House Museum opened over Easter for the first time in many years. The museum was open from 1-4pm from Friday to Monday and received 24 visitors. The previous Friday to Monday saw 22 non school group visitors. The Friday to Monday period after Easter saw 18 visitors to the museum. With little difference in visitor numbers between the Easter weekend and other weekends the museum will continue to open over the Easter weekend.

Edith Cowan Museum Studies Presentation

On Sunday, 9 March 2008, the Curator of History House Museum was invited to speak to students doing the Certificate of Museum Studies at Edith Cowan University. The talk focussed on the career opportunities for those wishing to work in museums and the increasing role local government was taking in managing community museums. After the talk speakers were invited to mingle with students to answer questions and provide further advice.

Talk and visit by Armadale Probis Club

On Monday, 17 March 2008, the History House Museum curator was invited to speak to the Armadale Probis Club at the Armadale Bowling Club about the museum and its collection. The talk was followed up by a visit to the museum and the local studies library by members of the Probis club on Monday, 31 March 2008.

Volunteer Training

On the weekend of 29th and 30th March, History House Museum sent Collin Boreham, a museum volunteer, to attend the Preventative Conservation module of the Certificate of Museum Studies. The module focussed on the care of objects within the museum environment. This training will allow volunteers to play a greater role in the specialised care of objects at History House Museum.

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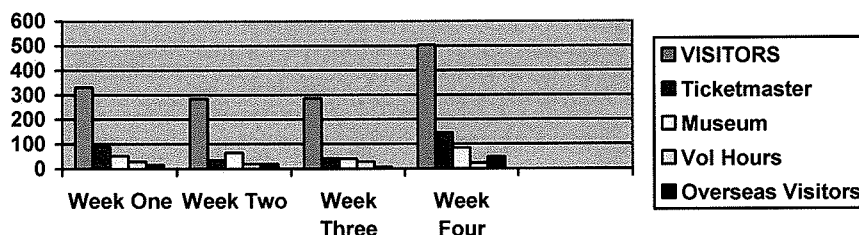
2.4 District of the District Update

The 1 February 2008 to 17 April 2008 report from Historical Research and Publication Services is attached. (Refer to Attachment “CA-3”.)

3. VISITOR SERVICING

3.1 Statistical Performance Indicators:

1370 people came to the Centre for the month March 2008 compared to **454** for March 2007. ***This is an increase of over 200%.***



Visitors	Ticketmaster	Visitors Less Ticketmaster	Volunteer Hours	Museum	Firewood Permits	Mail Outs	Overseas Visitors
1370	305	1065	92	240	71	210	90

VISITOR CENTRE OPEN: 194 Hours
 (The Visitor Centre was closed on 21st March- Good Friday)

AVERAGE VISITORS PER WEEK: 342
VOLUNTEER HOURS PER WEEK: 23

VISITOR CENTRE - DOLLAR VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY:

Average Visitor Spend – Day Visitor:

\$1,900 per day = \$13,300 per week = \$53,200 per month

(Based on \$50 per person who came into the Visitor Centre staying one day in our area, this is a conservative figure as current guidelines are based on \$80 per person each day) Figure is calculated as Visitors less Ticketmaster and Firewood Permits.

Average Spend – Including Accommodation:

\$780 per night = \$5,460 per week = \$ 22,620 per month

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(Figure is calculated as Visitor Centre Visitors less Day Visitor, Ticketmaster and Firewood Permits – using Intra, Inter and Overseas figures per week.)

Total for Month of March 08: \$75,820

3.2 Visitor Centre

(Report prepared by Yvonne Bradfield, Visitor Centre Coordinator)

The Ticketmaster Signage generously paid for by Ticketmaster has been installed at the Visitor Centre. This is already proving to be an asset in raising our profile within the community of Armadale.

MEETINGS:

The Coordinator attended the following meetings:

1. The annual Tourism Council of WA - Parliament House 'Meet the Ministers' evening at which many of the State's Politicians were present.
2. A Visitor Centre Association Executive Board Meeting held on 18 March 2008 and a teleconference held on 27 March.

HILLS HEARTBEAT FESTIVAL:

Held over the weekend of 29th and 30th March 2008, the Visitor Centre Coordinator manned a Visitor Centre Booth, introducing and distributing free magnets that promote the new www.visitarmadale.com.au tourism web site.

OPERATOR TRAINING;

Over a period of five days, the Coordinator conducted free training workshops for Accommodation and Tourism Operators. These workshops are available for those who have current membership at the Visitor Centre. With the introduction of the on-line tourism product booking facility on our new web site it is essential that our membership participants are familiar with and competent in the management of 'live inventory'.

STRUCTURED WORKPLACE LEARNING PLACEMENT:

The Visitor Centre is always eager to assist in the training and development of the City's youth. As such, we have undertaken to have two students under this programme at the Centre. One student is from Kelmscott Senior High and the other from Armadale Christian College. Their placement is until the end of this year.

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MANAGER RANGER & EMERGENCY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 2008

1. Animal Control

1.1 Dogs

Ranger Services received four hundred and twenty six (426) requests for assistance during this report period.

The number of individual incidents is comparative to the corresponding period of March 2007, notwithstanding the 2007/2008 progressive figures indicating a 4% increase in activity over the last twelve (12) months.

Current tasks and activities performed by Ranger Services.

- *Impounding straying or wandering dogs.*
- *Issuing relevant infringement notices, cautions, or warnings as appropriate.*
- *Follow up complaints.*
- *Ensuring all correspondence in relation to dog control is carried out.*
- *Collection of evidence and prosecutions of offenders and court appearances.*
- *Arranging for destruction of dogs when necessary*
- *Property inspections for dog registrations.*
- *Kennel inspections.*
- *Dangerous Dog Declaration investigation.*
- *Pound Cleaning and maintenance.*

1.2 Livestock

During this report period, Ranger Services attended to twenty seven (27) requests for assistance in dealing with stock wandering on the road.

1.3 Court Action

The following information relates to legal action taken by Ranger Services pursuant to the provisions of the Dog Act 1976. This matter was heard in the Armadale Magistrate's Court during the report period

NAME	OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALTY \$	COSTS \$	TOTAL \$
Jodie-Marie Lax	Dog Attack (on person)	Guilty	2,400.00	3,452.20	5,852.20
Karen Ann Murray	Dog Attack (on animal)	Guilty	2,500.00	5,100.80	7,600.80
Deborah Ann Watkins	Dog Attack (on animal)	Guilty	700	110.20	810.20

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2. Vehicles

2.1 Parking

Ranger Services attended to eighty three (83) incidents relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period and represents a 9% increase on the number of parking matters reported to Ranger Services over the past 12 months.

There are fourteen (14) schools within the district of the City of Armadale. Rangers conduct regular patrols around the schools and enforce the provisions of the parking local laws. In addition to this, there is the ever increasing vehicular activity within the CBD.

The Current tasks and activities being performed by the Rangers:

- *School parking patrols (limited).*
- *Issuing of parking infringement notices, cautions and warnings as appropriate.*
- *Investigation of complaints.*
- *Investigate and report damage caused by illegal parking (reserves etc.)*
- *Commercial vehicle parking (on complaint only).*

2.2 Abandoned Vehicles

Whilst the number of abandoned vehicles reported to Ranger Services is comparable to previous years, they continue to be of concern, with fourteen (14) being recorded during this report period.

2.3 Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

Ranger Serviced attended twenty seven (27) reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in areas that are prohibited during the report period.

Activities involving the use of off road vehicles (ORV) are more prevalent during school holidays and on weekends and generally carried out in semi isolated areas which make it difficult for the Ranger to address, especially as they are working in isolation most of the time.

In response to numerous complaints and observations, Ranger Services in conjunction with WA Police (WAPOL) and the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC), carried out a combined crackdown on the unlawful use of Off Road Vehicles (ORV) in the Forestdale area on 29 & 30 March 2008.

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The operation known as "Operation Crackdown" resulted in the seizure of fourteen (14) ORVs and the issue of forty nine (49) infringement notices for a variety of vehicle-related offences.

Current tasks and activities performed:

- *Act on complaints.*
- *Work in liaison with Police Service.*
- *Apprehension of offenders.*
- *Correspondence relating thereto.*
- *Issuing of cautions, warnings, or infringement notices.*

3. Fire Services

There were thirty (30) enquiries relating to fire incidents during the March report period, however these matters were principally related to concerns regarding firebreaks and illegal burning of rubbish.

Current tasks and activities performed:

- *Investigate complaints.*
- *Carry out firebreak inspections.*
- *Compile reports.*
- *Issue Infringement notices/cautions where appropriate.*
- *Institute legal action.*
- *Attend court as witness*
- *Support fire services as required.*

4. Litter

Ranger Services has received several complaints from concerned members of the community regarding the amount of household rubbish being deposited onto reserves and road verges throughout the district.

During this report period, Ranger Services attended to twenty one (21) requests for assistance regarding the illegal dumping of rubbish.

Keeping roadsides, reserves and other areas litter free is a major focus of the City of Armadale and Rangers are ever vigilant in identifying and apprehending litter offenders.

Current tasks and activities performed

- *Investigate complaints relating to dumping of rubbish.*
- *Issue infringement notices, cautions or warnings and take court action where appropriate.*

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5. General

5.1 Annual Firebreak Inspection Programme

Several months prior to the beginning of the fire season, Ranger Services evaluate areas throughout the City for the purpose of identifying and formulating a firebreak inspection strategy for that particular year. Rangers also issue Notices, in accordance with the provisions of the Bush Fires Act, to landowners where it is identified that a potential fire hazard is developing and requires additional work prior to the firebreak period.

The costs of installation of firebreaks are borne by all landowners, which is reasonable given that the landowners (or land managers) are responsible for fire management on their property. It is relevant to note that annually, Local Government and State Government agencies direct significant resources toward community level fire management. This shared approach ensures that the risk to the community in terms of fire management is minimized and enables the formation of effective partnerships and working relationships for fire response, education and advice.

Throughout the fire break inspection period (1 December 2007 to 14 March 2008), two (2) Rangers were dedicated to fire break inspections, however other Rangers are cognizant of fire safety issues as they drive through the City in response to requests for service or as they are performing other duties. Within this context compliance action is taken as appropriate.

In the City of Armadale, some interesting statistics have arisen as a result of compliance activities as indicated below:

- ❖ The are approximately 25,000 properties in the City of Armadale;
- ❖ Inspections are undertaken between December 1 and March 14 each year to determine compliance with fire regulations;
- ❖ In total, approximately 2,000 properties (almost 1 in 14) were inspected from December 1 2007 up until 14 March 2008
- ❖ A further one hundred and fifty two (152) properties were re-inspected to check if recommended actions to comply with officer advice had been undertaken;
- ❖ 58 infringements have been issues for non compliance.

Given that there is a high level of compliance with the provisions of the firebreak notice, it is reasonable to assume that the current firebreak inspection process, and Ranger Services participation in other strategic prevention/awareness programmes, is evidence that the City of Armadale is

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committed to serving the interest of the community in regard to fire hazard control within the district.

6. Statistics – March 2008

<i>DOGS</i>	March 2008	March 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Wandering	45	66	384	474	Down 19%
Dogs for Pick Up	55	37	377	330	Up 14%
Barking	29	21	243	184	Up 32%
Attacks	21	17	164	141	Up 16%
Lost & Found	86	75	795	596	Up 33%
General Information	11	6	80	73	Up 10%
Sub Total	247	222	2043	1798	Up 14%
Office Phone Enquiries	179	175	1571	1668	Down 6%
Total	426	397	3614	3466	Up 4%

<i>PARKING / VEHICLES</i>	March 2008	March 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
General Parking	15	17	151	115	Up 31%
Trucks	4	4	40	43	Down 6%
School Parking	4	1	12	18	Down 33%
Abandoned Vehicles	14	15	177	164	Up 8%
Off Road Vehicles	27	9	140	126	Up 11%
Sub Total	64	46	520	466	Up 12%
Office Phone Enquiries	19	10	190	185	Up 3%
Total	83	56	710	651	Up 9%

<i>LIVESTOCK</i>	March 2008	March 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Lost & Found	20	0	49	43	Up 14%
General	0	11	43	81	Down 46%
Sub Total	20	11	92	124	Down 25%
Office Phone Enquiries	7	1	58	54	Up 7%
Total	27	12	150	178	Down 15%

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<i>LITTER</i>	March 2008	March 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
General Information	0	0	0	0	Same
Private Property	2	4	23	18	Up 28%
Roadside / Reserve	11	6	64	50	Up 28%
Verge	0	5	41	23	Up 78%
Sub Total	13	15	128	91	Up 41%
Office Phone Enquiries	8	3	45	17	Up 165%
Total	21	18	173	108	Up 60%

<i>FIRE</i>	March 2008	March 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Burning Off / General Information	2	3	20	42	Down 52%
Firebreak / Hazard	9	7	271	119	Up 76%
Sub Total	11	10	291	161	Up 81%
Office Phone Enquiries	19	15	319	333	Down 4%
Total	30	25	610	494	Up 24%

<i>GENERAL</i>	March 2008	March 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
General Information	3	2	34	22	Up 55%
Sub Total	3	2	34	22	Up 55%
Office Phone Enquiries - Cats	17	10	89	98	Down 9%
Office Phone Enquiries - General	12	3	122	131	Down 7%
Total	29	13	245	251	Down 2%

<i>TOTAL</i>	March 2008	March 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Sub Total Reports / Complaints	358	306	3108	2662	Up 17%
Total Office Phone Enquiries	261	217	2394	2486	Down 4%
Total Reports / Complaints	619	523	5502	5148	Up 7%

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<i>WARNINGS</i>	March 2008	March 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Dogs	21	33	148	158	Down 5%
Parking	12	27	149	169	Down 11%
Off Road Vehicles	1	0	2	4	Down 50%
Litter	1	1	1	4	Down 75%
Fire & Fire Orders	0	2	40	13	Up 207%
Other	1	0	3	0	Up 100%
Total	36	63	343	348	Down 1%

<i>INFRINGEMENTS</i>	March 2008	March 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Dogs	42	37	334	284	Up 18%
Parking	110	40	430	308	Up 40%
Off Road Vehicles	0	2	9	17	Down 45%
Litter	11	9	50	17	Up 194%
Fire	1	1	55	48	Up 15%
Other	0	1	4	2	Up 200%
Total	164	90	882	676	Up 31%
NUMBER WITHDRAWN	21	12	131	102	Up 28%
Number Paid	98	78	639	510	Up 25%

<i>IMPOUNDED DOGS</i>	March 2008	March 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Claimed	68	31	382	311	Up 23%
Sold	3	1	30	26	Up 15%
Destroyed	21	11	162	106	Up 53%
Vet / Rescue	7	6	44	64	Down 30%
Stolen	0	0	0	0	Same
Total	99	49	618	507	Up 22%

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<i>IMPOUNDED VEHICLES</i>	March 2008	March 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Vehicles	5	8	44	62	Down 30%
Motor Cycles	14	0	14	0	Up 100%
Total	19	8	58	62	Down 5%

<i>IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK</i>	March 2008	March 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Sheep	2	0	7	5	Up 4%
Horses	0	0	3	0	Up 100%
Cows	0	0	0	0	Same
Goats	0	0	0	0	Same
Pigs	0	0	0	0	Same
Deer	0	0	0	0	Same
Other	0	0	1	0	Up 100%
Total	2	0	11	5	Up 120%

<i>COURT PROSECUTIONS</i>	March 2008	March 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Dog	3	0	45	37	Up 22%
Fire	0	0	0	0	Same
Parking	0	1	2	1	Up 100%
Litter	0	0	0	0	Same
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	0	Same
Total	3	1	47	38	Up 24%
No. of Guilty Verdicts	3	0	47	31	Up 52%

<i>FINES ENFORCEMENT</i>	March 2008	March 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total	
Infringements sent to FER	60	0	350	213	Up 56%

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<i>DOG REGISTRATIONS</i>	March 2008	March 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total
New Dog Registrations	52	82	561	639
Renewed Dog Registrations	21	30	1664	1702
Total	73	82	2225	2341
Total Animals on System	10887	N/A		N/A

Down
12%
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5%

<i>PHONES CALLS</i>	March 2008	March 2007	2007/2008 Progressive Total	2006/2007 Progressive Total
Office – Rangers calling Office	54	44	308	213
Office – Messages for Staff	48	47	351	437
Office – Referred to Other	10	12	139	183
Calls to Rangers' Private Residences via Diverter	1	7	34	109
TOTAL	113	110	832	942

Up 45%
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MINUTES OF OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Connected Communities Armadale Inc. Meeting of 31 January 2008. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-4”.)**

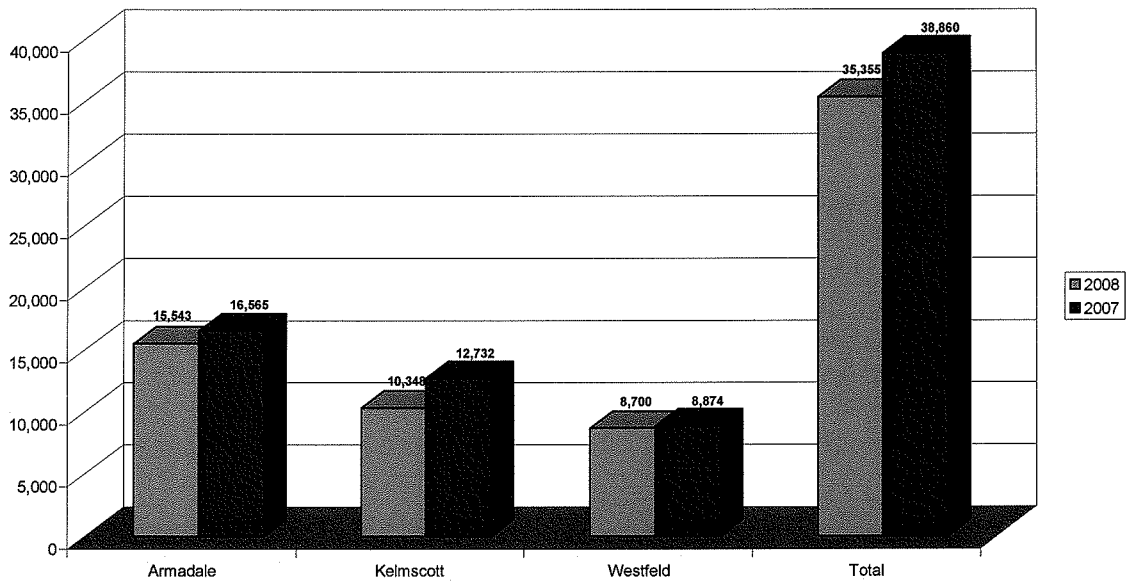
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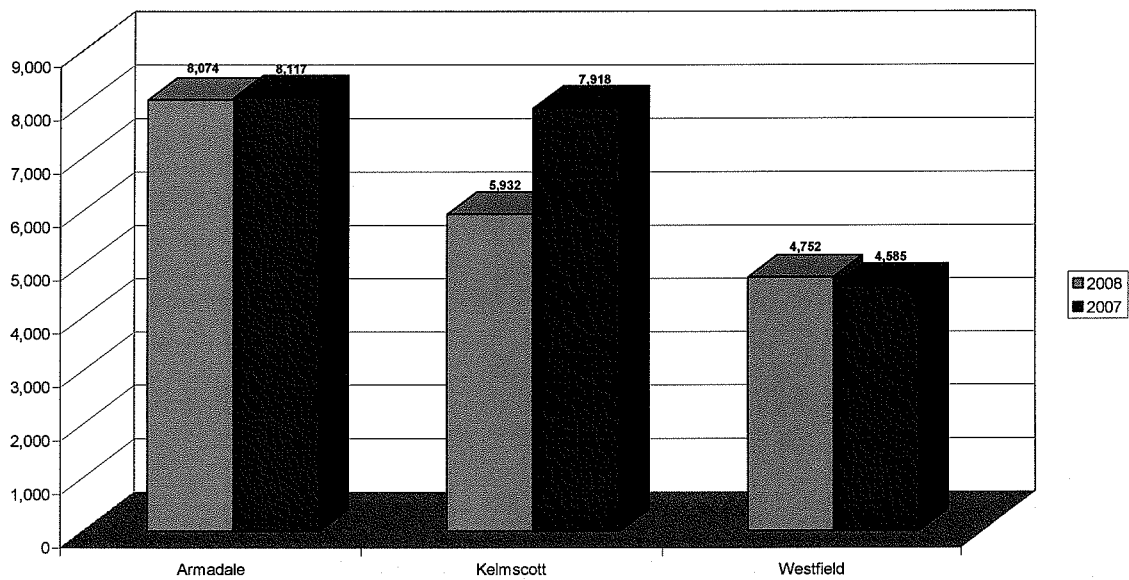
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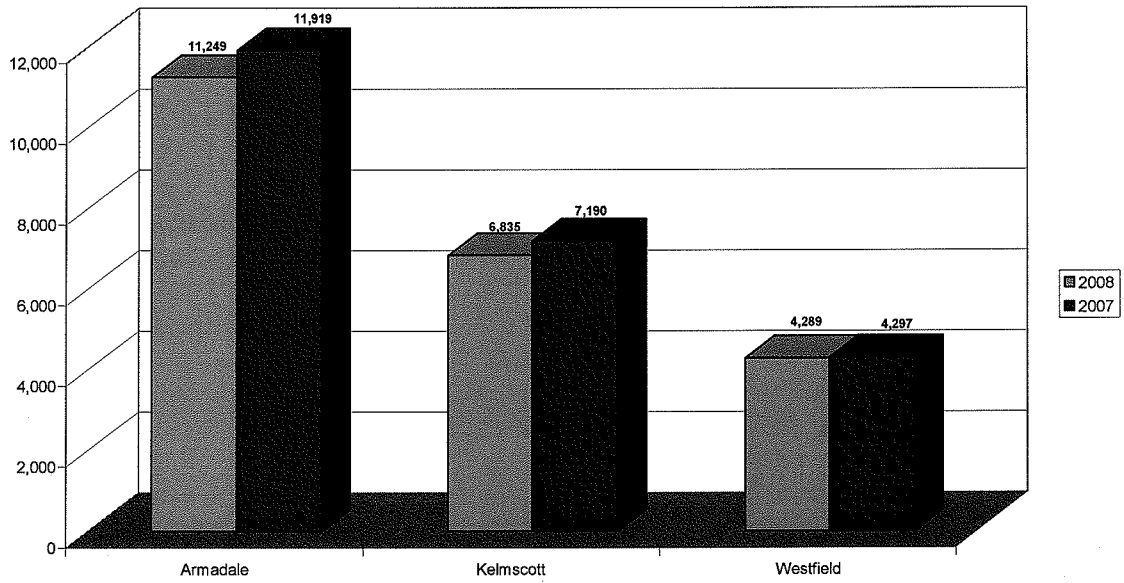
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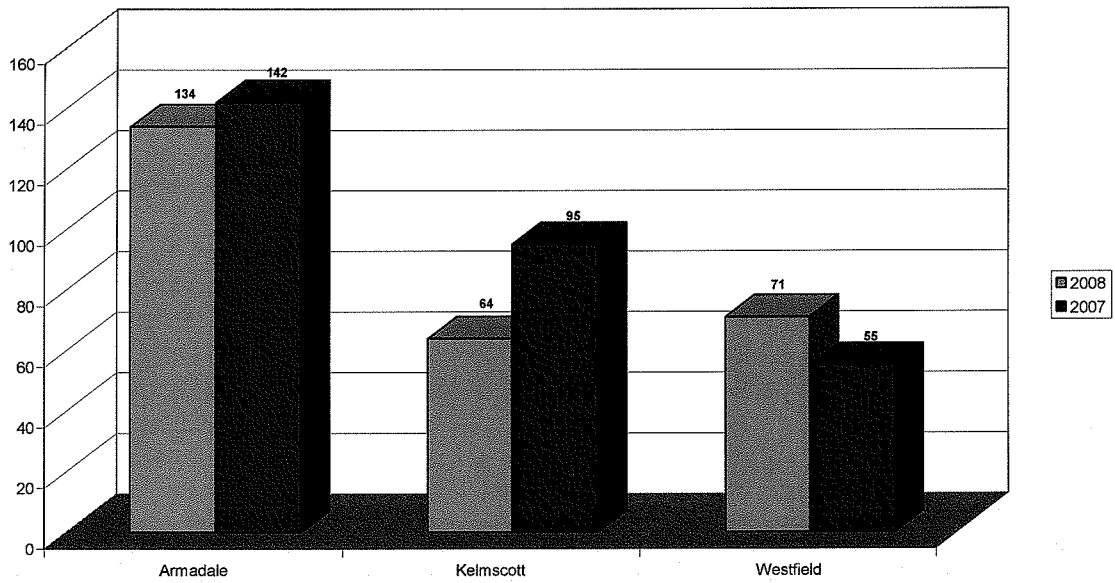
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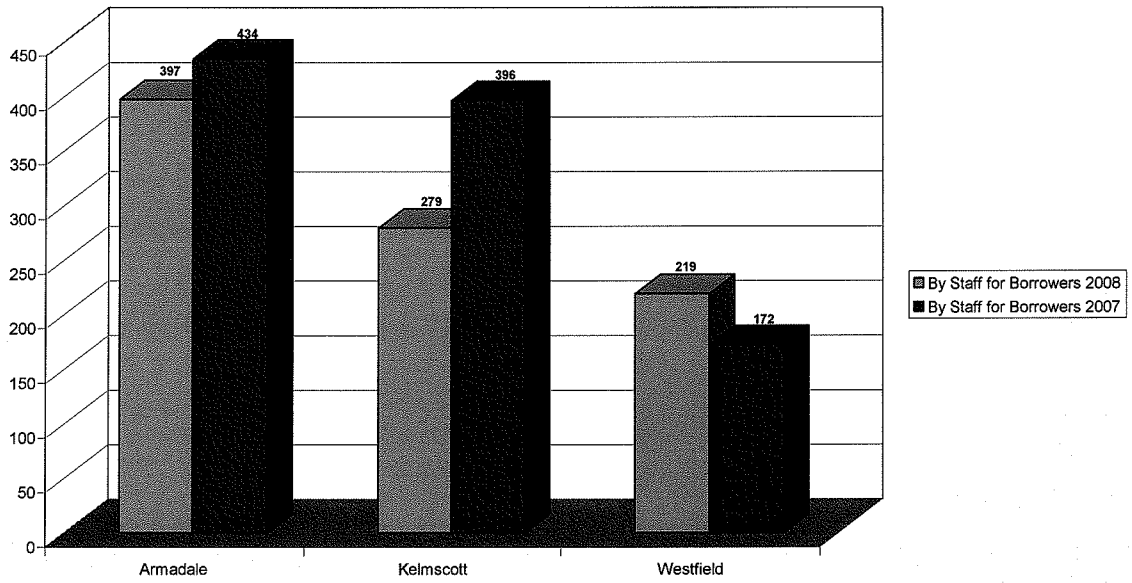
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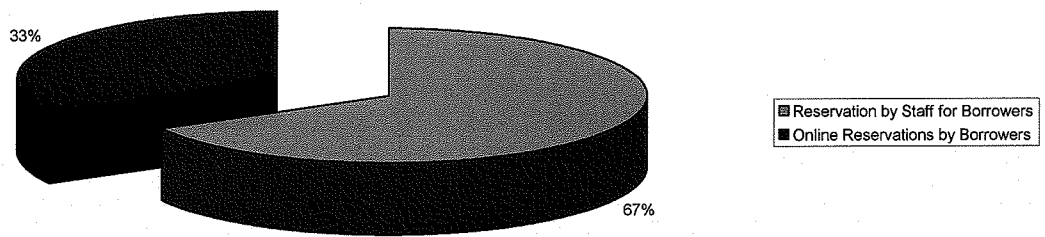
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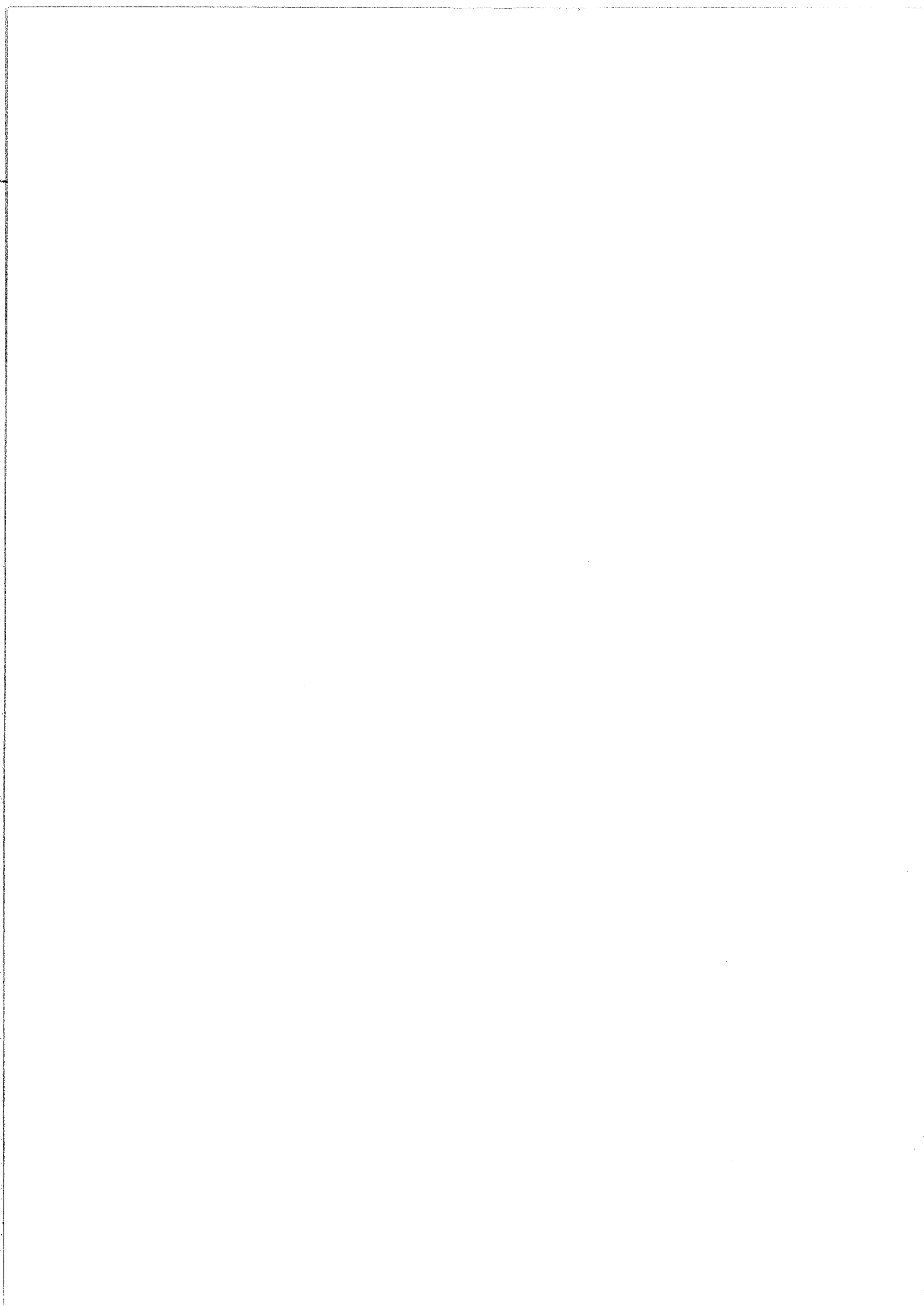


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COA Libraries
Comparison Reservation by Staff & Direct by Borrower
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Month: March

Year: 2008

Birtwistle Local Studies Library				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	Mar 08	Mar 07	Jul 07 – Mar 08	Jul 06 – Mar 07
Reference Enquiries	17	7	99	89
Research Enquiries	17	12	73	66
Visitor Attendance	70	99	594	274
Volunteer Hours	25	35	476	404
Oral History				
Letters Sent	1	2	21	6
Interviews Completed	5	2	12	13
Transcripts Completed	nil	nil	14	8
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	27.5	19	256.5	280
Volunteer Hours - Interviewing	5.5	8	40	48
Digitising Records	nil	6	45	NA
Family History Research				
Reference	5	NA	10	NA
Research	25	NA	90	NA
Volunteer Hours	41	NA	183	NA

History Museum	House	Current Month	Year to date		
			Mar 07	July 07- June 08	July 06 – June 07
		Mar 08			
Visitors		223	250	1730	1453
Volunteer Hours		180	191	1395	975
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum		Mar 08	Mar 07	July 07 – June 08	Jul 06 – June 07
			237	3469	2209

Month: March Year: 2008

Historical Research and Publication Services

History of Armadale Project

Report for the period 1 February 2008 to 17 April 2008

Administrative matters

- Attended meetings of the History of the District Steering Group on 14 February and 10 April 2008. Information provided to Ron Van Delft concerning the early history of Settlers Commons.

Research progress

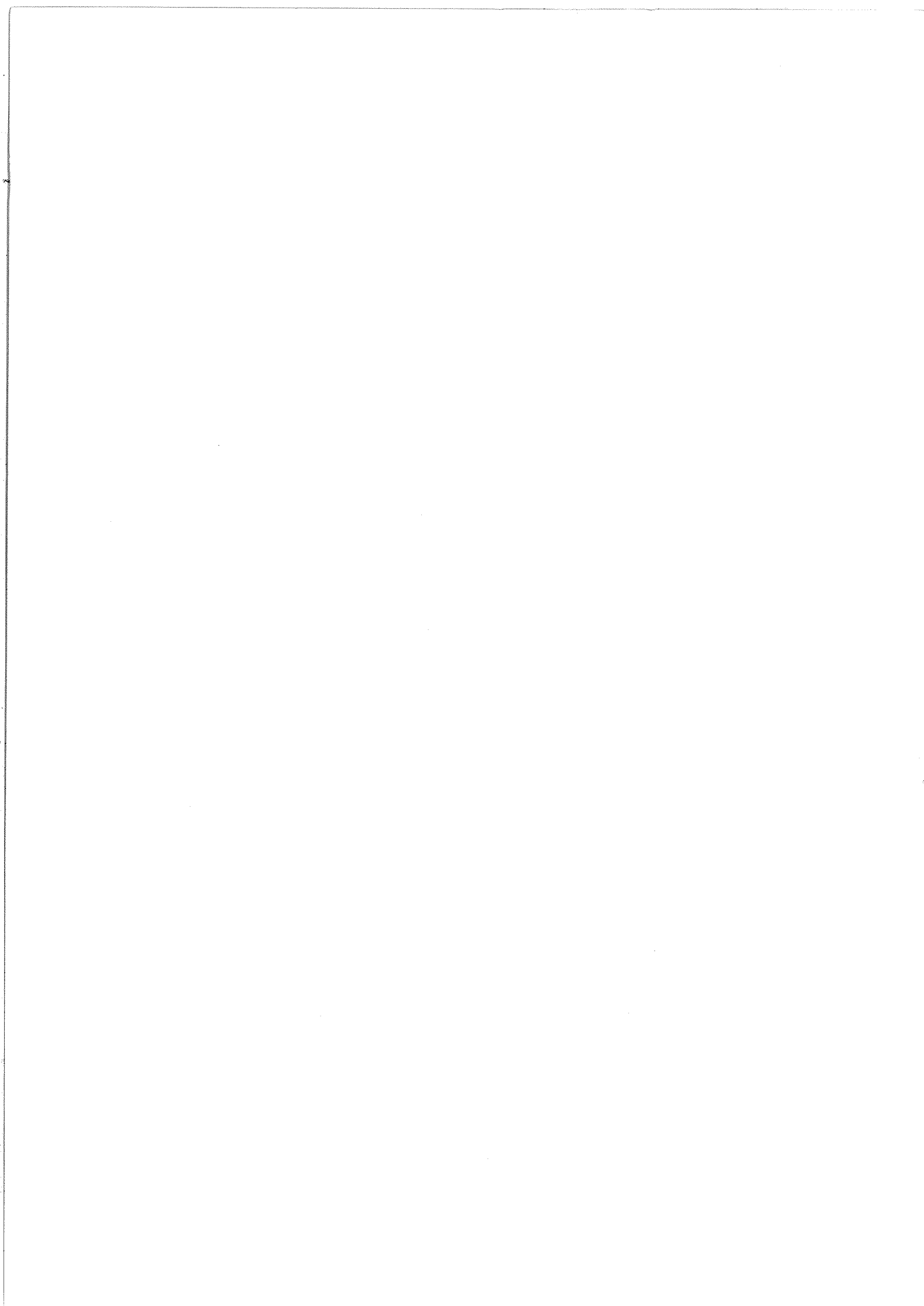
Research undertaken at Battye Library, State Records Office, National Archives, and at Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

- Research for Chapters 1-3 almost complete. Draft of chapter 1 in preparation.
- Researched pioneering fruit growing and viticulture activities and organisations; the Armadale railway; Derry Nasura; Runnymede; and the early Armadale Brickworks.
- Continued research into early land titles, including memorials, early maps etc. Started analysis of Rate Books from 1901.
- Continued researching 19th century colonists who lived in the district.
- Located and copied all of T.T. Ellis's reports and letters written while he was Government resident at Kelmscott 1830s. These have since been transcribed by Bevan with the assistance of Cath Coulthard.
- Continued newspaper for the post war period – 1950s onward. Focusing on key events and the influence of migration on the district.

Other issues

- Jennie interviewed Ivan and Betty Erceg. Lorraine arranged for the interviews to be transcribed.
- Jennie interviewed Jim Glennie and Lorraine is arranging for a transcript. Visited John Adderley (former town planner) and arranged for a follow up oral history interview in August. Also visited Selby Hughes and obtained information about her father's involvement on Council and the Armadale-Kelmscott Hospital.
- Jennie carried out a pre-interview visit with Jeff Flatow. A full interview will be undertaken towards the end of the year.
- Visited Des and Alma Challis. A follow up oral history interview is being organised by Lorraine.
- Visited Margaret Bruns and obtained details about early settlement and land ownership at Wungong.
- Visited Elaine de Ruiter and obtained documentary information concerning early Aboriginal contact.
- Bevan spent time with Shelley Halse and has arranged another meeting with the reference group in July.

Jennie and Bevan Carter



MINUTES

CONNECTED COMMUNITIES ARMADALE INCORPORATED MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT THE CITY OF ARMADALE ON THURSDAY, 31 JANUARY 2008 AT 2.00 PM

1.0 Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting at 2.00 pm.

2.0 Attendance & Apologies

Name	Title
Cr Henry Zelones	Chairman
Cr Bob Tizard	City of Armadale
Mr Richard Price	Portal Manager/Administrator
Mrs Annette Nicolson	ARA Community Reference Group Member
Ms L Vander Zanden	Swan TAFE (2.00 to 3.30 pm)
Mr K Busby	Local Chambers (2.35 to 3.50 pm)
Mr Carl Askew	City of Armadale (2.00 to 3.30 pm)
Ms Shelley Pike	Armadale Redevelopment Authority (ARA) (2.00 to 3.30 pm)
Ms Debbie Boxall	Guest - Marketing Officer – Kondinin Group
Mrs Yvonne Ward	City of Armadale
Apologies:	
Mr Andrew Cullen	City of Armadale (resigned)

3.0 Declaration of Members' Interest

Nil

4.0 Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 22 November 2007

RECOMMEND

That the Minutes of the Connected Communities Armadale Incorporated (CCAI) Meeting of 22 November 2007 be received.

MOVED: Mrs Annette Nicolson

CARRIED

5.0 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – 22 November 2007

Cr Tizard requested an update on the following two matters:

1. Meeting with Examiner Newspaper
2. Flyers to be sent out to schools.

The Chairman advised that an update would be provided during the meeting.

6.0 Guest

Ms Debbie Boxall, Marketing Officer, of the Kondinin Group provided Committee with an overview of the services provided by the Kondinin Group and approximate costings for marketing the Community Portal. This to involve:

- Project management and administration of marketing strategies;
- Development of design concepts, editorial and production-ready graphics;
- Newspaper advertising;
- Mail out;
- Posters;
- DL brochures.

A proposed project brief for the promotion of the Armadale Community Portal was circulated for members' consideration. (**Refer to Attachment "A-1"**.) Committee made the following suggestions:

Mail Out

A specific mail out to occur to community groups/sporting groups which includes a copy of Council's letter.

Promotional Material

Posters

That in addition to those areas already proposed for the placement of A3 posters, the following areas be included:

- Schools
- TAFE
- Government Departments;
- Churches
- Drug Arm
- Youth Centres

Committee gave in principle support to the provision of a \$15,000 annual budget for the promotion of the Armadale Community Portal.

RECOMMEND

That an annual budget of \$15,000 be allocated for the promotion of the Armadale Community Portal, with monitoring to occur on a monthly basis via Connected Communities Armadale Inc. meetings.

MOVED: Ms Shelley Pike

SECONDED: Mrs Annette Nicolson

CARRIED

7.0 Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received since the previous meeting:

- Bas Statement
- November Financial Statement (considered under Financials)

Action:

The Chairman undertook to provide to the Minute Secretary a copy of the monthly Financial Statement which would henceforth be circulated to members via the Agenda.

8.0 Chairman's Report – Cr Henry Zelones

▪ **Meetings**

The Chairman advised that he had recently had meetings with representatives from the Examiner Newspaper in order to promote the opportunities of advertising on the Community Portal. Negotiations were ongoing.

▪ **Marketing of the Community Portal**

[Previously discussed as an adjunct to Item 5.0.]

▪ **Community Training Program**

Richard Price advised that training had been provided to Committee and Council staff in September 2007.

The Chairman attended the Community Contact Lunch hosted by Council in December 2007 and provided a demonstration to those attending.

▪ **Promotion of the Community Portal**

[Previously discussed as an adjunct to Item 5.0.]

9.0 Manager's Report

Financial Statements:

The Chairman advised Committee of the receipt of the Financial Statement for the period ending 3 January 2008. (**Refer to Attachment "A-2".**)

Site Statistics:

Google Analytics:

- 805 site visits.
- 2,897 page views.
- 3.60 page visit
- 79.63% new visits.

The following management report was provided by Richard Price:

Publishing content by Committee

Committee members who have registered on the site have the ability to publish content as they are set as reviewers in the membership section of the portal. The Chairman and site administrator are set as site managers. Login with existing user name and password.

Marketing

A detailed marketing campaign/plan has been prepared and is ready to be actioned once approved by the Committee. The proposal (as per Attachment "A-1") to be considered by Committee.

The option of taking out advertising on the cinema screen has been evaluated by the Committee, the Chairman had requested the Committee evaluate an alternate print media campaign prior to committing.

Site report

www.armadale.wa.au – a number of businesses/users are active on the site submitting content for publishing. Community groups have been active in asking for their contact details to be updated via email communication. There are currently approximately 100 registered site members.

10.0 General Business

Nil

11.0 Next Meeting – 28 February 2008

The next Meeting of Connected Communities Armadale Incorporated will be held on **Thursday, 28 February 2008** in the City of Armadale Committee Room.

12.0 Close

Meeting closed at 3.50 pm.

Disability Advisory Team Minutes

Date of meeting: Tuesday 1st April 2008

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Committee Room, Council Administration Building, 7 Orchard Avenue.

Present:

Cr Pat Hart (Chair),

Ms Susan Hillel (Building Services Manager)

Ms Gail Nesci (Armada Health Service)

Ms Nonnie Wickens (Community Representative)

Mr Tony Cutajar (Community Representative)

Ms Sheila Parker (Community Representative)

Mr Ron Fisher (Community Representative)

Mr Lance Hogg (Disability Services Commission)

Mr John Green (Community Representative)

Ms Louise Hansen (SDSA)

Mr Daniel Cain (Community Development Officer - Seniors/Disability)

Mr Jurgen Gossman (Manager Engineering and Design)

Agenda Items:

- 1) **Apologies** – Mr John Glassford and Ms Gail Nesci.
- 2) **Minutes** from 4 March accepted with no changes.
- 3) **Application for Footpath – Mr Walduck.** Jurgen Gossman from Design, Traffic and Development Department of the Technical Services Directorate (TSD) presented Pathway Network Development Plan, a visual aid detailing presentation to assist the Disability Advisory Team (DAT) in their consideration of Mr Walduck's application for a path in Grassmere Way, Kelmscott. The DAT were informed of the procedure of allocating points to individual applications. Jurgen Gossman explained this system in relation to Mr Walduck's application.

The DAT recognised the procedure and process of the TSD in relation to public pathways as valid and appropriate, finding no reason to interfere in this process.

- 4) **Feedback concerning Jull Street and pathways by Cr Pat Hart** – the poles outside Armadale Central Shopping Centre on angling railing was identified as a potential danger to pedestrians. Tactile paving and fencing off the poles were discussed as solutions.
- 5) **"Crossing" on Jull Street (Cr Pat Hart).** A critical point near Subway store was identified with a lack of tactile paving and speeding traffic. Jurgen advised that there are many traffic calming measures in place but it was a police issue.

The corner of Jull and Whitehead Streets also identified as a busy intersection. Various suggestions to improve this intersection were discussed however none practicable e.g. a zebra crossing would cost c. \$150K, a no right turn into Whitehead Street, cobblestones, signage, 150mm barrier curbs etc., however none were justifiable or likely to be effective.

Cr Pat Hart will talk to Rangers regarding all day parking.

- 6) **Feedback from shopping centre reference Access** (Tony Cutajar, Susan Hillel and Ron Fisher fed back to the group their tour of the new shopping centre regarding accessibility. Susan Hillel is still supervising improvements in accordance with the Building Code.
- 7) **Mobility Map progress.** Daniel Cain advised the map is not ready but hopefully will be for the Minnowarra Festival.
- 8) **Facilities near History house.** John Glassford will feed back at next meeting.
- 9) **Previous survey of facilities** (Daniel Cain). Some feedback from the group. Continuing to investigate.
- 10) **Photo of Disability Advisory Team** will be done at next meeting.
- 11) **New Member for Consideration.** Daniel Cain gave the group an application which was accepted unanimously.
- 12) **Any other business** – Daniel Cain advised that internet website suggestions and ideas draft copy will be sent to members and discussed at next meeting.

**Next meeting: Tuesday 6th May 2008, 10:00, Function Room –
Council Administration building**



Seniors Interest Advisory Group Notes

Date of meeting: Thursday, 20 March 2008

Time: 1pm

Venue: Community Services Room, Community Services Building, 7 Orchard Avenue.

Members:

Cr G Best (Chair, Councillor)

Cr J MacDonald (Councillor)

Ms Trudi Hodges (Community representative)

Mr Terry Edmett (Community representative)

Mr Ron Fisher (Community representative)

Ms Cheryl Samborski (Community representative)

Mr Daniel Cain (note taker, Community Development Officer)

Agenda Items:

- 1) Apologies

Trudi Hodges and Cr MacDonald.

- 2) Notes

Previous notes were received and accepted with no changes required.

Group welcomed Cheryl Samborski.

Group agreed to accept the updated Terms of Reference in relation to point nine about personal interests. Trudi Hodges requested update.

- 3) Feedback reference Armadale Railway station (Daniel)

Awaiting feedback from Armadale Redevelopment Authority (Jackie Farmer) reference drop off point.

Daniel agreed to feedback on subject next month.

- 4) Feedback reference networking with other committees (Daniel)

Discussed with City of Melville Seniors Officer who invited Daniel to their Forum but did not extend invite to other members of Group at present. Daniel may attend forum in April and feedback to group. Issue being discussed by officers

in Melville and invite may extend to members of group in future. Group confirmed they would be happy with members of other City’s committee members attending the City of Armadale Advisory Group.

Daniel agreed to attend forum and feedback next month.

5) Feedback reference walking groups and insurance (Daniel)

Fed back information from WALGA (Jed Handmer – Community Policy Officer) who said the senior’s club indemnity insurance should be sufficient.

Daniel also suggested the senior walking group sign up to the Heart Foundation Walkers program who state they will cover the required insurance. Informed group that Daniel will be the walk coordinator for over 55’s and is already providing this role as the Seniors Officer. Explained benefits to group.

Cheryl suggested using “Aurora” insurance for groups which negotiates with companies for a competitive price and cover.

6) Minnowarra Festival April 5th and 6th April (Daniel)

Updated Group on the progress of organising groups for the Saturday, exhibitions including Tai Chi and Tai Chi Blades, Mind your Mind bus, Independent Living Centre, Workshops and dances. Awaiting response from others.

Group suggested Belly Dancers, Line Dancing, Quilt making, Textile workshop, Bowls. Cheryl Samborski looking into some activities and forwarding other contact details on to Daniel.

7) Access Map (Daniel)

Updated group on progress and informed had gone to print. Estimated availability - two to three weeks.

8) Presentations (Daniel)

Updated group on the successful Stay on your Feet presentation recently held at council. Advised group on the upcoming Mind you Mind presentation being held on the 29th April at Council office 10am.

9) Daniel not available for next meeting (Daniel)

Daniel informed group he would not be available for the next meeting. Group agreed to request team coordinator Lee Holben attend in his absence.

10) Any other business

Cheryl Samborski raised the issue of Aged Care in the community in relation to residential and community support. Also the financial difficulty experienced by Seniors who have their own home being asset rich but financially poor.

Discussion about real estate agent ethics concerning advice to seniors.

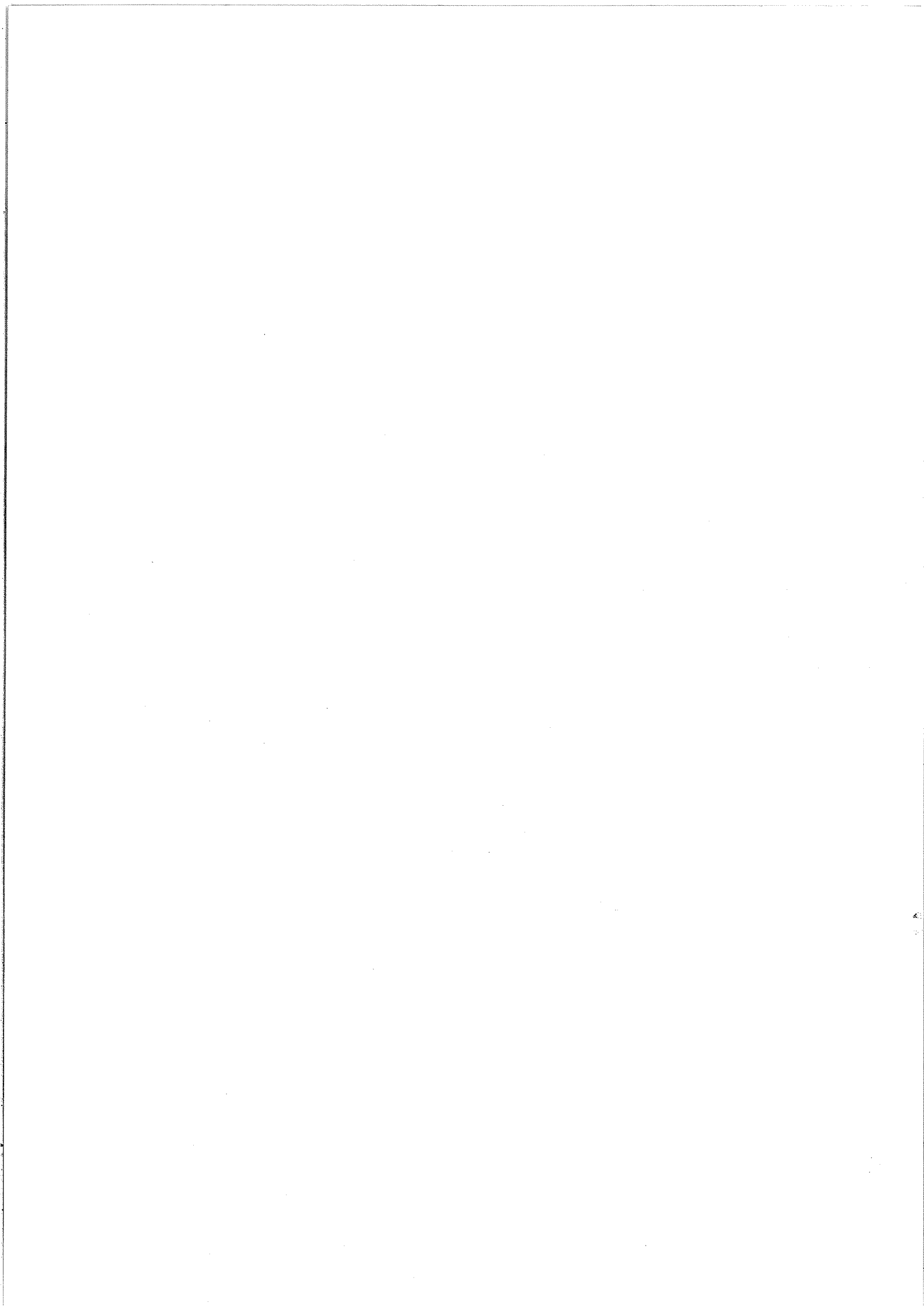
Recent Emergency Forum held at Council Offices by Communicare touched on the financial and property problems faced by seniors in the community.

Discussion of Centrelink’s accessible services.

Discussion of the City’s restriction of people being allowed to live in garden accommodation by Cr Best.

Cheryl campaigning to promote HACC (Home and Community Care) in the press.

Next meeting: Thursday 17th April 2008, 1pm, Committee Room – Council Administration building.



CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF PUBLIC HISTORY ADVISORY GROUP HELD IN BIRTWISTLE LOCAL STUDIES LIBRARY, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON

THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2008 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

Ms Hazel James	Chair
Cr L Reynolds	
Mrs Faye Clay	
Mrs Joanne Harris	
Mr Kim Fletcher	
Mrs Colleen Fancote	
Ms Kath Coulthard	

APOLOGIES:

OBSERVERS:

Nil

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs P Walker	- Manager Libraries & Heritage
Mrs L Pearce	- Historian/Local Studies Librarian
Mr Christen Bell	- Museum Curator

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2007 were confirmed with the correction of the addition of Mr Kim Fletcher to the attendance list.

2. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

2.1 District History Rewrite (Manager Libraries and Heritage)

Council has determined that Cr Bob Tizard is to be council representative on the District History Steering Group.

Historical Research and Publication Services History of Armadale Project – Report for period 1 November 2007 to 31 January 2008 was tabled (Attachment 5).

2.2 Plaques for Parks (Manager Libraries and Heritage)

The wording for the plaques was presented to Community Services Committee as an agenda item and was accepted.

2.3 Standard Spelling for the word Noongar (Manager Libraries and Heritage)

After the Manager for Libraries and Heritage had researched the various ways to spell the word Nyoongar it was discussed with the City of Armadale Indigenous Development Coordinator who gave her approval to the use of the letter “y” in the word. To be further discussed at the next District History Steering Group meeting scheduled for Thursday 21 February 2008.

3.

INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 History House Museum Report (Curator)

Report and statistical data attached.

History House Museum Curator tabled draft designs of the interpretive signage display panels.

The comment was made that the construction materials should enable graffiti to be removed.

3.2 Birtwistle Local Studies Library Report (Historian/Local Studies Librarian)

Report and statistical data attached.

3.3 Canning River Heritage Trail Report (Armadale & Districts Brickworks Preservation Group)

The Armadale & Districts Brickworks Preservation Group combined with the Kelmscott History Group has been successful with their application for an Outer Metropolitan Community funding grant. The amount of the grant which has been approved is \$17,260.00 plus GST.

The grant is to be used to identify and interpret the cultural heritage adjacent to the Caning River in Kelmscott. The project will examine early exploration and settlement of the area and interaction with the indigenous people. Community workshops will be held as well as an archaeological survey of the site of the barracks of the 63rd regiment. The grant will also include a concept design for 5 double sided panels to be constructed as part of a walk trail.

Members of the brickworks group and Kelmscott History Group will provide the ‘in kind’ component of the grant as part of a team, headed by Heritage Consultant Rosemary Rosario, Historian Kristy Bizzaca, and Archaeologist, Dr Shane Burke.

History House Museum curator Christen Bell will be representing the City of Armadale throughout the project.

Three conditions need to be met before the project can begin:

- The City of Armadale to administer the grant
- A letter of support from the local indigenous community to be obtained
- The Historian working on the project must include indigenous history

Committee members are invited to report on the activities of their respective organisations

City of Armadale, Council Representatives.

- Mr Kim Fletcher was pleased with the meeting between himself and Bevan and Jennie Carter with regards to the sharing of information for the District History Rewrite.
- Mrs Joanne Harris made the suggestion that a history festival be organised for the launching of the City of Armadale’s new history book.

Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc. Representative.

Kelmscott History Group invited Bevan Carter to discuss with them information regarding land grants etc for Kelmscott. Future meetings are to be arranged with Jennie and Bevan Carter and people with information relating to the early 1900s.

Armadale Districts Brickworks Preservation Group Inc. Representative.

Dr Shane Burke will be commencing an archaeological survey of Lot 26 in Kelmscott.

Public History Volunteer Representative.

Commented that Birtwistle Local Studies Library and History House Museum Volunteers were grateful for the end of year lunches that were organised in appreciation for their work throughout the year.

Next Group Meeting
THURSDAY 3 APRIL 2008

Attachment 1.

**Report for History House Museum for
November and December 2007**

November

Nerrigen Brook Primary Visit

24 students from Nerrigen Brook Primary visited History House Museum on the 23rd of November. The students explored what life was like for early European settlers to the area.

Presentation to South West Chapter of Museums Australia (WA)

The Curator of History House Museum was invited to speak at a meeting of the South West Chapter of Museums Australia (WA). The meeting was on the 18th of November at Wannerup House. The presentation explored the many issues relating to the transfer of a community museum run by volunteers to a local government authority.

This is an important nation wide issue as many volunteer run museums have an aging volunteer workforce that is not being replaced. Within Western Australia more local museum are being taken over by local governments. The City of Armadale and History House Museum having already gone through this process is in a position to offer advice on this issue.

December

Volunteer Lunch

This year's volunteer Christmas lunch was held at Rainier Gallery. 18 volunteers who work at the museum attended and enjoyed a very nice lunch and a chance to catch up with other volunteers who they may not see very often.

The lunch was also an opportunity to thank the volunteers for all of their hard work through 2007. Without their help the museum would not be able to open throughout the week. The museum would have also not been able to run the Ben Strange Cartoon Exhibition if not for the help of the volunteers. In this calendar year volunteers have contributed over 2000 hours to the museum. This is the equivalent to another full time employee at the museum.

Christmas Closing Time

The museum will be closing down over Christmas from Monday the 24th of December and reopening on Saturday the 5th of January 2008.

Attachment 2.

**Report for Birtwistle Local Studies Library for
November and December 2007**

November

Oral History Display at Kelmscott Primary School

The Kelmscott Primary School celebrated its 125th birthday early this month and the Birtwistle Local Studies Library was asked to provide a display promoting the City of Armadale Oral History Programme. It was felt that the celebration would provide an excellent opportunity to locate prospective interviewees as well as publicise the need for people to join the team of volunteers who are already involved in the programme.

December

Visit from Kelmscott Genealogy Group

A group of genealogists who attend a monthly session at the Kelmscott Library visited the Birtwistle Local Studies Library as part of their end of year function.

The group was given a talk by the Historian/Local Studies Librarian on what materials and services are available at library and how the Genealogy Research Centre functions.

Everyone who attended showed a keen interest and their comments on leaving were very positive.

Volunteer End of Year Picnic

The Birtwistle Local Studies Library Volunteers attended a picnic at Araluen Botanic Park. Araluen was an ideal venue for an end of year volunteer get together and was a way of thanking the volunteers for their contribution to the running of the library throughout the year. The weather proved to be ideal and the food supplied by the Manse Restaurant in a picnic hamper was delicious. The staff at Araluen were very helpful. As well as friendly greeting at the gate an urn of hot water and cups were provided in the Rose Garden area so tea and coffee was available.

Attachment 3.

History House Museum Statistical Report
November and December 2007

November

History Museum	House	Current Month	Year to date		
			Nov 07	Nov 06	Jul 07- June 08
Visitors		208	217	1167	711
Volunteer Hours		226	145	898	513
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum		Nov 07	Nov 06	July 07 – June 08	Jul 06 – June 07
		360	187	2560	1555

December

History Museum	House	Current Month	Year to date		
			Dec 07	Dec 06	Jul 07- June 08
Visitors		90	80	1257	791
Volunteer Hours		113	90	1011	603
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum		Dec 07	Dec 06	July 07 – June 08	Jul 06 – June 07
			133	2560	1688

Note: These figures are to the 18th of December 2007. The museum was closed from December the 24th and will reopen on January 5th 2008.

Attachment 4.

Birtwistle Local Studies Library Statistical Report
November and December 2007

November 2007

Birtwistle Local Studies Library				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	Nov 07	Nov 06	Jul 07 – Nov 07	Jul 06 – Nov 06
Reference Enquiries	9	5	52	56
Research Enquiries	4	10	30	39
Family History Research	6	NA	31	NA
Visitor Attendance	34	25	397	128
Volunteer Hours	33	33	316	237
Volunteer Hours – Family History	13	NA	82	NA

Oral History Programme				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	Nov 07	Nov 06	Jul 07 – Nov 07	Jul 05 – Nov 06
Letters sent	1	nil	13	2
Interviews Completed	nil	nil	3	7
Transcripts Completed	nil	1	8	5
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	5	18	126	198
Volunteer Hours – Interviewing	6	nil	23	29
Digitising recordings	nil	NA	45	NA

December 2007

Birtwistle Local Studies Library				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	Dec 07	Dec 06	Jul 07 – Dec 07	Jul 06 – Dec 06
Reference Enquiries	5	5	57	61
Research Enquiries	9	2	39	41
Family History Research	11	NA	42	NA
Visitor Attendance	30	NA	427	128
Volunteer Hours	21	30	337	267
Volunteer Hours – Family History	15	NA	97	NA

Oral History Programme				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	Dec 07	Dec 06	Jul 07 – Dec 07	Jul 05 – Dec 06
Letters sent	nil	nil	13	2
Interviews Completed	3	nil	6	7
Transcripts Completed	nil	nil	8	5
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	16	25	142	223
Volunteer Hours – Interviewing	5	nil	28	29
Digitising recordings	nil	NA	45	NA

Attachment 5.

Historical Research and Publication Services

History of Armadale Project

Report for the period 1 November 2007 to 31 January 2008

Administrative matters

- Attended a meeting of the History of the District Steering Group on 10 December. Format of the proposed book decided.

Research progress

Research undertaken at Battye Library, State Records Office, National Archives, Department of Indigenous Affairs Aboriginal Sites Register, and at Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

- Research for Chapters 1-3 nearing completion. Draft of chapter 1 in preparation.
- Continued researching all known records dealing with Aboriginal people of the Canning area. Obtained a listing of all Aboriginal sites in the Armadale district from the registers.
- Researched all pre-1833 newspapers available in the Battye Library.
- Continued research into early land titles, including memorials, early maps etc. Copies of all memorials relating to the district being digitised for lodgement in Birtwistle. All gazetted district boundary changes up to 1950s have been located and copied in preparation for mapping.
- Continued researching 19th century colonists who lived in the district. Particularly seeking information about Robert Stewart who lived in Kelmscott 1838-c1855 and had 7 children born there.
- Located and copied all of T.T. Ellis's reports and letters written while he was Government resident at Kelmscott 1830s.
- Researched local newspapers for the post war period – 1950s onward. Focusing on key events and the influence of migration on the district.

Other issues

- Gave a presentation introducing ourselves and outlining our research progress at the Armadale community meeting held 29 November. Obtained contact details from most of the people present.
- Jennie interviewed Peter Meyrick. Lorraine arranged for the one hour interview to be transcribed and a copy was sent to Peter.
- Jennie visited Ivan and Betty Erceg in Armadale. Contact was organised by their son, John. Interviews have been arranged.
- Jennie visited Jim Glennie (former staff member) and scheduled an interview. Also contacted Selby Hughes for visit in February. Other contacts made for later visits.
- We visited Kim Fletcher and obtained further information about the history of the Armadale area. Kim also provided contact details of key people which will be followed up.

Jennie and Bevan Carter

ARMADALE YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP (YAG)
Minutes
25 February 4.00pm
Function Room City of Armadale Civic Centre

Present: Melissa Northcott, Katie Hully (left 5.00pm), Ben Ritacca Carey Baptist College, Aemero Yitbarek Dale Christian School, Cr Ruth Butterfield (left 5.30pm), Lee Holben City of Armadale Community Development Coordinator, Ruth Aspinall Community Development Officer, Peta Turnbull Events Coordinator,

Apologies: Natasha Sallis Armadale Christian College.

Welcome: Welcomed new member Aemero Yitbarek.

Terms of Reference explained:

Council has determined to appoint an independent consultant to undertake a review of its Advisory Committees. Pending the outcome of this review, an abbreviated version of the Terms of Reference is to be used to guide the activities and actions of the Armadale Youth Advisory Committee which will be referred to as the Youth Advisory Group.

Introduction of members: All present introduced themselves.

Discussion re Terms of Reference: Brief explanation, little discussion.

Election of Presiding member and or Deputy: Discussion as to how this has been handled in the past with rotating chair between two members. Melissa Northcott and Katie Hully offered to continue in this role – no objection from those present. To be confirmed when more members present.

General Business:

- **Past projects - 2007**
 - Careers Expo – discussion re 2007 event. Low numbers, poor behaviour, displays declining, lack of teacher support. Alternative “Well being/Health expo” discussed. Comment made expo’s not supported more interactive games.
 - Minnowarra Festival
 - Kelmscott Fair
 - Visited parliament
 - Rock the Reserve – low numbers
 - Rock n dale
 - Input into potential skateboard facility
 - Highland Gathering
- **Future projects to consider: Brainstorming session:**
 - Cook off – schools have participated in the past. Main stage shopping centre.
 - Minnowarra Festival /Kelmscott Show/Highland Gathering

- Workshop with bands (How to techniques, recording labels, how to do invoices etc).
- Stalls
- Youth space/chill out space
- Youth surveys
- Show bags
- Massage chairs
- Aboriginal art
- Drawing/painting - teaching
- Theatre sports/performances – judged, prizes and awards
- Youth information area
- Games/arcade game/inflatable games
- Sports demo's
- Professional skaters/ramps/1/2 pipe
- Motocross – one night show, including bands
- BMX/Mountain bikes (set up scaffolding)
- Youth Film Festival - Digital
- Team building day
- Leadership Day
- School exit/information packs, school leavers
- Recruitment drive – shopping centre. Approach Army cadets, scouts/girl guides, youth groups, boys/girls brigade, Red Cross/St John cadets, church groups
- Well Being day (Mental Health day) Potential topics to consider depression (how to identify, what to do), suicide, drug and alcohol, family/friends relationships, text messaging/bullying and eating disorders. Brain ambulance could be considered (mental health first aid).
- Ten (10) year's of YAC – celebration. Mementos cups, pins etc. PR to do media release re past members
- YAC shirts with logo, CoA logo and name. Melisa to investigate costs etc.
- Skate competition
- Partnership with Armadale Youth Resource centre re projects and programs. Internet Café/Youth space/Mega zone.
- Rock “N’ dale
 - Music attracts people
 - Battle of the bands (artists perform free)
 - Band Competition created more work
 - Local bands playing/no competition less work
 - Mal Osborne good support + financially supported

From the above brainstorming session a 2008 calendar of events was compiled:

All year acknowledge 10 year celebration of Armadale YAC

All year think about brochures/information for school exit packs

- **March** Recruitment Drive – Armadale shopping centre. Peta to investigate date with shopping centre management. If possible space to be near K Mart/Dick Smith/Sanity
- **April 5 & 6** Minnowarra Festival – work with Peta – Events Coordinator
- **May**
- **June**
- **July** Leadership day – 4-21 July school holidays
- **August** Health/Well being workshops??
- **September** Ten year celebration function
- **October** Kelmscott Show
- **November** Armadale Highland Gathering – worth with Peta
- **December**

Long term Motocross

- **Any other business**
- **Frequency/time/venue of meetings:** (Currently booked)
 - 31 March
 - 28 April
 - 26 May
 - 30 June
 - 28 July
 - 25 August
 - 29 September – Queens birthday public holiday – meeting to be held Monday before 21 September
 - 27 October
 - 24 November

4.00pm time slot ok with all members.
Venue to remain the same.

Next Meeting: 31 March 4.00pm

Close: 6.15pm

