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TO ALL MAYORS AND PRESIDENTS

CIRCULAR N<sup>o</sup>: 01-2007

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL CONDUCT BILL 2005**

I am very pleased to advise that the above Bill progressed unamended and was third read in the Legislative Council last night. As you would be aware, the Bill introduces a new disciplinary framework to deal with individual misconduct by elected members.

I am grateful for the support given by the local governments, the Western Australian Local Government Association, and the Local Government Managers Australia.

The Act, when assented to by the Governor, and following proclamation, will establish a statewide standards panel to deal with complaints about minor breaches of a new code (rules) and give the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) powers to review the conduct of elected members where the Act or regulations have been breached.

Penalties for minor breaches will include public censure, public apology or an order to undertake training. The SAT will have additional powers to suspend a member for a period of up to six months or to disqualify a member from holding office in any local government for a period of up to five years.

I am now keen for the new legislation and associated regulations to be in place for the next ordinary elections in October of this year. I will shortly be consulting with local governments on the development of the proposed new rules of conduct and arrangements will be made for the establishment of the new statewide standards panel to deal with contraventions of these rules.

To ensure that there is no significant financial impost on local governments, I have agreed that the State Government will pay half the cost of panel members' sitting fees. This is in addition to the full cost of administration and travel of the panel to be incurred by the Department of Local Government and Regional Development.

The Department will be forwarding information to all local governments regarding the process for the introduction of this legislation and details of seminars ... to be conducted.

Yours sincerely

Hon Ljiljana Ravlich MLC  
Minister for Local Government; Racing and Gaming;  
Multicultural Interests and Citizenship; Government Enterprises;  
Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure;  
Goldfields-Esperance; Youth

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**ISSUES UPDATE**

**FREE REGISTRATION - SSS FORUM**

The SSS Forum, *The Journey from Cost-Shifting to Sustainability* will be held on **Friday 20 April**.

The Association has secured funding to underwrite the costs of the Forum and as a result registration is now **free of charge**.

Places are limited. Registration is required and closes on **Friday, 13 April**.

For further information, please contact Public Relations Officer, Kate Murray on 9213 2083 or email [kmurray@walga.asn.au](mailto:kmurray@walga.asn.au).

**LOBBYISTS REGISTER**

The Western Australian State Government has established the *Contact with Lobbyists Code* to ensure that contact between Lobbyists and Government Representatives is conducted in accordance with public expectations of transparency, integrity and honesty.

For the purposes of the Register of Lobbyists, a lobbyist is a person or organisation who represents the interests of a third party to the Government.

There are a number of exclusions from this definition:

- people who work to promote the interests of their own employer to Government, such as government affairs and external relations employees of companies;
- peak industry bodies and professional organisations who represent the interests of their members;
- Trade Unions;
- charitable and religious organisations; and
- professionals, such as lawyers, accountants and town planners, where contact with government on behalf of a client may be an incidental but necessary part of their day-to-day work.

The *Contact with Lobbyists Code* relates to contact between a lobbyist and a Government Representative. Advice from the Department of Premier and Cabinet is that Local Government is not considered a Government Agency for the purposes of the Lobbyists Code.

Information on the Register is available on the Department of the Premier and Cabinet website <https://secure.dpc.wa.gov.au/lobbyistsregister/> or for further information, please contact the Office of the Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet on 9222 9415.

*For further information, please contact Policy Manager Governance, Tony Brown on 9213 2051 or email [tbrown@walqa.asn.au](mailto:tbrown@walqa.asn.au).*

#### STATE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL MEETING

On **Monday, 26 March 2007**, Association President, Cr Bill Mitchell, Governance Policy Team Chair, Cr Paul Kelly and Association staff met with the Tribunal President, Justice Michael Barker, together with two Judges and the Executive Officer, to discuss concerns raised by member Councils on the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) process.

The following issues were discussed:

- filing of Approval Conditions prior to approval;
- Tribunal invitations to individual Councillors to attend Hearings;
- statistical information; and
- Rating of Land Used for Charitable Purposes.

The SAT members advised that the process of mediation has been successful and that when matters go to a hearing, the SAT is looking for results, not a compromise. The SAT process allows for more communication between the parties.

The Association representatives conveyed Local Government's objection to the process of requesting approval conditions prior to approval. The SAT members believed that it made the process more efficient and that it is worthwhile obtaining the conditions early in the process.

The SAT further advised that Councils can request leaving the conditions until later. The requirement to provide conditions is not set in any rule, it is however a preference of the Tribunal.

Association representatives advised that in respect to inviting Councillors to hearings, the *Local Government Act 1995* requirement is for the Mayor/President or CEO to be the Council spokesperson and any request for Councillor representation should be with the Mayor/President or their delegate. The Tribunal members advised that they will amend their process to reflect this.

Statistical information is currently being prepared by the SAT on the results of applications to the Tribunal.

In respect to decisions regarding the rating of land used exclusively for charitable purposes, the view of the SAT was that reimbursing Local Government for the loss in rating ability should be taken up with the Commonwealth and/or State Government.

Discussion was held on SAT/WALGA producing guidance notes on the SAT process.

*For further information, please contact Policy Manager Governance, Tony Brown on 9213 2051 or email [tbrown@walqa.asn.au](mailto:tbrown@walqa.asn.au) or Executive Manager Development, Allison Hailes on 9213 2018 or email [ahailes@walqa.asn.au](mailto:ahailes@walqa.asn.au).*

#### CORRIDOR STRATEGIES

Consultation is being undertaken on the State Strategic Corridor Strategies.

The State Corridors under consideration are the Midwest Goldfields, Perth-Albany and Albany-Bunbury road and rail transport corridors. The corridor strategies state the objectives and strategic priorities of the State Government for the long-term development of the road and rail network. The outcomes are crucial in justifying State and Federal funding for the transport infrastructure investment programme.

The strategies will identify development on and around the corridors that will lead to changes in transport demand; assess the current and future condition and adequacy of the corridor to meet the identified transport tasks and the State's strategic objectives. It will prioritise these needs, but not identify specific projects.

Submissions to the strategies close on **Sunday, 15 April**. A number of workshops have been planned in regional areas. In addition, the Auslink Draft Corridor Strategies are posted on the

Auslink website for public comment. Current strategies include the Perth-Bunbury, Perth-Darwin and Perth-Urban corridor strategies with the respective closing dates of **Tuesday, 27 March, Friday, 13 and 20 of April**. The strategies are located on the Auslink website [http://www.auslink.gov.au/whatis/network/corridors/draft\\_corridors.aspx](http://www.auslink.gov.au/whatis/network/corridors/draft_corridors.aspx). The Association also would appreciate copies of any submissions that you make to the Auslink or State Corridor Strategies.

*For further information, please contact Michelle Mackenzie, A/Executive Manager Infrastructure on 9213 2031 or email [mmackenzie@walqa.asn.au](mailto:mmackenzie@walqa.asn.au).*

#### **TRAINING UPDATE**

The venue for all the following training modules is:  
WA Local Government House,  
15 Altona Street, West Perth

The cost of each of the modules is listed below (unless stated):  
\$297 (inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members  
\$324.50 (inc GST) for nonmembers

#### **Elected Member Development Program**

##### **Module 1: Legal Responsibilities of an Elected Member**

Date: **Monday, 30 April**  
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm

##### **Module 15: Sustainable Asset Management**

Date: **Thursday, 24 May**  
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm

##### **Module 4: Teamwork, Communication and Conflict in Local Government**

Date: **Monday, 28 May**  
Time: 9:00am to 12:30pm  
Cost: \$148.50 (inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members  
\$162.80 (inc GST) for nonmembers

##### **Module 13: Customer Service and Complaints Handling**

Date: **Monday, 28 May**  
Time: 1:00pm to 4:30pm  
Cost: \$148.50 (inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members  
\$162.80 (inc GST) for nonmembers

#### **Officer Training**

##### **Rates in Local Government - Clerical**

Date: **Thursday, 19 April**  
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm

##### **Rates in Local Government - Advanced**

Date: **Friday, 20 April**  
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm

##### **Award Interpretation for Payroll Officers**

Date: **Monday, 23 April**  
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm

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

#### **CAPTIVATE WORKSHOPS**

Recognising Local Government's crucial role in sport and recreation, the Association is leading an 18-month joint venture project to support its members to provide quality sport and recreation services to people with disabilities.

Due to Cyclone warnings, the Captivate meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 28 March will now be held:

Date: **Thursday, 19 April**  
Time: 10.30am  
Venue: Civic Centre Meeting Room  
McGregor Street, Port Hedland

*For further information, please contact Richard or Anne Lockwood on 9336 3277 or email [lockwood@swiftdsl.com.au](mailto:lockwood@swiftdsl.com.au).*

## DIARY DATES

 Denotes Teleconference

2 April	Great Southern Country Zone
2 April	South Metropolitan Zone
4 April	North Metropolitan Zone
4 April	South East Metropolitan Zone
5 April	Peel Country Zone
5 April	Central Metropolitan Zone
5 April	East Metropolitan Zone
12 April	Pilbara Country Zone
13 April	Kimberley Country Zone
4 May	Murchison Country Zone
22 May	South West Country Zone
25 May	Goldfields-Esperance Zone
25 May	Avon Midland Country Zone
28 May	South Metropolitan Zone
28 May	Great Southern Country Zone
28 May	Northern Country Zone
28 May	Gascoyne Country Zone
28 May	Pilbara Country Zone
30 May	South East Metropolitan Zone
31 May	Central Metropolitan Zone
31 May	North Metropolitan Zone
31 May	East Metropolitan Zone
31 May	Great Eastern Country Zone 
31 May	Peel Country Zone
TBA	Pilbara Country Zone
1 June	Central Country Zone 
20 July	Avon Midland Country Zone
22 July	South West Country Zone
26 July	North Metropolitan Zone
27 July	Goldfields-Esperance Zone 
30 July	South Metropolitan Zone
30 July	Northern Country Zone
1 August	South East Metropolitan Zone
2 August	East Metropolitan Zone
2 August	Central Metropolitan Zone
2 August	Peel Country Zone
3 August	Great Eastern Country Zone
3 August	Gascoyne Country Zone
3 August	Central Country Zone
5 August	Great Southern Country Zone
3-6 August	Pilbara Country Zone (TBA)
21 September	Avon Midland Country Zone



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**ISSUES UPDATE**

**PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION VOTING PROPOSAL**

The State Government's Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs have completed their report on the *Local Government Amendment Bill (No.2)* relating to amending the system of vote counting in Local Government Elections to a Proportional Representation System.

The report recommendation is as follows:

1. "The Committee, by a majority (comprising Hons Louise Pratt, Kate Doust and Paul Llewellyn MLCs) recommends that the *Local Government Amendment Bill (No 2) 2006* be passed without amendment;
2. A minority of the Committee (comprising Hons Bruce Donaldson and Robyn McSweeney MLCs) do not support the recommendation for a number of reasons, which are outlined at paragraph 7.3 on page 43 of the report."

The report has now been presented to Parliament and will await the consideration of the Minister for Local Government, Hon Lijjanna Ravlich MLC.

The Association has requested the Minister to defer consideration of this report until following the October 2007 elections.

The full report can be found on the Parliament of WA website, please visit [www.parliament.wa.gov.au/web/newwebparl.nsf/iframewebpages/Committees+-+Reports](http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/web/newwebparl.nsf/iframewebpages/Committees+-+Reports).

For further information, please contact, Policy Manager Governance, Tony Brown on 9213 2051 or email [tbrown@walg.aasn.au](mailto:tbrown@walg.aasn.au).

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

The Association is pleased to advise that the current round of vacancies (2.07) is now open.

Current vacancies are:

- Library Board of Western Australia;
- Needle & Syringe Disposal Strategy Working Party;
- Control of Vehicles (Off-Road Areas) Act Advisory Committee;
- WA Local Government Grants Commission;
- Caravan Parks & Camping Grounds Advisory Committee



Nominations close on **Friday, 11 May 2007**. Unsigned or late nominations will not be accepted.

Please email your completed applications to: [nominations@walga.asn.au](mailto:nominations@walga.asn.au) Please note, a signature or name is now required on nominations submitted by email.

For further information, please visit:

[www.councils.wa.gov.au/directory/walga/index.html/selectioncommittee/committeevacancies](http://www.councils.wa.gov.au/directory/walga/index.html/selectioncommittee/committeevacancies), or contact Corporate Services Support Officer, Tim Lane on 9213 2029 or email [tlane@walga.asn.au](mailto:tlane@walga.asn.au).

#### **BUSINESS CONTINUITY WORKSHOPS ANNOUNCED FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

As advised in the Infopage issued on **Monday 12 March**, an opportunity for Local Government to develop skills in business continuity and resilience will be provided in workshops to be held until the end of June.

Seventeen half-day workshops will introduce a streamlined, practical approach to business continuity management. The workshops will help you to:

- prioritise and manage the financial, operational, public relations and compliance impacts of crises on your business;
- develop continuity plans for a variety of natural, man-made and business crises
- distinguish and prioritise 'critical services' over 'core services'; and
- plan for high staff absenteeism and turnover.

Additional features of the workshop will include: *Emergency Management Feedback Session*: The Association will also host a one-hour feedback session on resource requirements (training, human, capital and fiscal) to aid compliance to the *Emergency Management Act 2005*.

*Pandemic Influenza Briefing*: A briefing developed specifically for Local Government on the risk and possible impacts of a human influenza pandemic and its implications for the sector will be provided early in the day.

The target audience is CEOs, Deputy CEOs and HR Managers or equivalent. Representation by regional organisation executives is also welcome.

For further information, please visit [www.walga.asn.au](http://www.walga.asn.au) or contact Policy Officer, Jed Handmer on 9213 2082 or email [jhandmer@walga.asn.au](mailto:jhandmer@walga.asn.au).

#### **2007 NATIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSET MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

The fourth National Local Government Asset Management Conference will be held at the Victorian Arts Centre on **Wednesday, 9 and Thursday, 10 May**.

Asset Management is now assuming a central position in the Federal Government agenda and its pursuit for more sustainable funding.

The Conference will cover a range of key issues, including:

- national directions in sustainability;
- managing the asset renewal funding challenge;
- integration of asset management with long-term financial planning;
- improvement of data quality;
- 'good practices' studies; and
- alignment of engineering and financial strategies.

Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in interactive discussion on a variety of topics with the presenters.

A discount is offered where more than two persons attend from the one Council.

For further information or to register online, please visit <http://www.mav.asn.au/majorevents/lgam>.

#### **AUSTROADS PROJECT CS 1338 – Improving Local Road Expenditure Data**

Jeff Roorda and Associates has been engaged by Austroads to improve the quality of national local road expenditure data used by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) and the National Transport Commission (NTC).

ALGA has established the National Local Roads Data System with performance measures for the local road system which can be viewed at [www.lr.net.au/nlrds](http://www.lr.net.au/nlrds).

The Austroads Project involves a national survey of 10% of sample Councils to obtain improved detail costing information for input into the NTC's cost allocation model. At present there is no allocation of heavy vehicle charge revenue to Local Government as State authorities collect all registration revenue and the Commonwealth, all fuel charge revenue. This project will provide important information to help move to a future system whereby Local Government receives a share of heavy vehicle charge revenue.

John Howard from Jeff Roorda and Associates will be hosting workshops in selected regional locations during April to outline the project objectives; demonstrate the survey questionnaire and instructions; and discuss the service objectives, costs and benefits relating to the major users of the road system.

Dates and locations of these free workshops will be advised shortly.

*For further information and registration details, please contact John Howard on 0427 949 035 or email [johnhoward.ira@bigpond.com](mailto:johnhoward.ira@bigpond.com).*

#### **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY AWARDS 2007**

Nominations are now open for the United Nations Association of Australia World Environment Day Awards 2007. The World Environment Day Awards is a national awards program, which recognises businesses, Local Government, community organisations, individuals, schools and the media whose work serves to protect, manage or restore the environment.

Nominations close on **Wednesday, 9 May**.

*For further information, complete guidelines, entry criteria and nomination forms, please visit [www.unaavictoria.org.au](http://www.unaavictoria.org.au).*

#### **LEARN ABOUT ART**

A unique development course has been created especially for Local Government staff that encounter art and art events regularly, yet feel their knowledge in the field is lacking.

Lyn DiCiero, Editor of the Artist's Chronicle magazine, will conduct the course:

Time: 8 week course, 2 hours per week  
Date: **Tuesday, 24 April to Friday, 8 June**  
Venue: City of Belmont offices

A three-day workshop for regional staff will be offered in Fremantle from **Wednesday, 18 to Friday, 20 April**.

*For further information, please visit [artistschronicle.com](http://artistschronicle.com) and follow the link to Fastrack Art.*

#### **2007 NATIONAL AWARDS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

The theme for the 2007 National Awards for Local Government is 'Local Government – working hard for Australians'. The Awards give Councils the opportunity to gain recognition for the projects they have been working on in response to the problems and challenges they face in their local area.

A completed or ongoing project can be entered in any of 15 Award categories. Entries close on **Friday, 11 May 2007**.

*For further information, please visit [www.dotars.gov.au/local/awards](http://www.dotars.gov.au/local/awards) and click on '2007 Categories'.*

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### MEDIA RELEASES

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# ALGA NEWS

*National news for local government*      March 30, 2007

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## Community Infrastructure Ideas Register



ALGA has set up a database so councils and other interested parties can register examples of the types of community infrastructure that could be funded under a proposed Local Community Infrastructure Renewals Fund (LCIRF). The ideas register has been developed for councils to assist ALGA in putting the case for support for such a program. It gives councils the opportunity to identify specific examples of local community infrastructure that would benefit from this initiative.

The LCIRF was a major recommendation of the PricewaterhouseCoopers report into the financial sustainability of local government which was launched in December. This fund of \$250m over 4 years would assist councils to renew aged and failing community infrastructure such as swimming pools, community halls, libraries, sporting facilities and council-run meals on wheels kitchens. For further information on the PwC report and to submit an idea on the register go to [www.alga.asn.au/communityInfrastructure](http://www.alga.asn.au/communityInfrastructure)

Your input will be included as part of our proposal to the Australian Government in the lead-up to and following the 2007-08 Budget process. "I urge all local government representatives to do a stock take of existing community infrastructure, determine what needs upgrading, take photos and submit on the register," ALGA President Cr Paul Bell said today. "You will be helping your communities in a very practical way in the fight for better facilities. We are particularly interested in hearing about ovals, swimming pools, walking tracks and sporting facilities as these are important in improving community health and wellbeing and combating the obesity epidemic."

## Airports Amendment Bill passes through Parliament

The Australian Parliament passed the legislation this week with the only change from the original Bill being the increase in the consultation period from 45 to 60 working days proposed by ALGA in its submission to the Senate Inquiry that examined the legislation.



While the Bill provides for improved consultation arrangements for developments on airport land it does not address the fundamental concern of local government that non aviation developments are not subject to state and local government planning regimes.

The legislation requires airport lessees to make their planning and development documents readily available online and free of charge, and provide better information about aircraft noise levels and flight paths.

The Federal Government, supported by the Opposition, has not shifted in its basic policy position that planning for both aviation and non aviation parts of airports will stay under the control of the Australian Government.

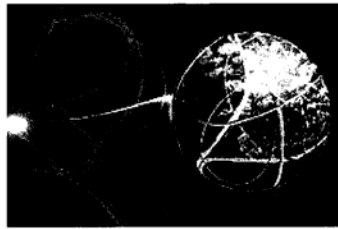
ALGA had argued that non aviation developments on airport land should be subject to the same state and local government planning regimes and should pay the equivalent in rates and developer contributions, as similar developments on non airport land.

State premiers, supported by the ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell, have indicated that they will take up the issue with the Prime Minister at the April meeting of COAG.

Cr Paul Bell said: "The Government's decisions on airport development around the country have result in inappropriate developments that are inconsistent with state and local government planning and the interests of local communities, such as brickworks in Perth and retail developments in Adelaide and Essendon."

The ALGA submission to the Senate Committee that considered this legislation can be found at: [www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/rrat\\_ctte/airports/submissions/sublist.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/rrat_ctte/airports/submissions/sublist.htm).

### Federal Opposition raises the stakes in high speed broadband



The Federal Opposition has announced plans to revolutionise Australia's internet infrastructure if it wins the next Federal Election by creating a new world class National Broadband Network.

A Labor Government would invest up to \$4.7 billion to establish the National Broadband Network in partnership with the private sector. This would be over a five-year period.

This commitment would be financed from existing government investment in communications, including the \$2 billion Communications Fund and through the Future Fund's 17 per cent share in Telstra, which will earn dividends and be sold down to a normal market level after November 2008.

Labor's National Broadband Network would connect 98 per cent of Australians to high speed broadband internet services - at a speed more than 40 times faster than most current speeds.

Under Labor's plan, the rollout of a new 'Fibre To The Node' network would increase speed to a minimum of 12 megabits per second - meaning that household entertainment, business communication and family services could happen in real time.

The remaining two per cent of Australians in regional and remote areas not covered by this network would have improved broadband services.

New services and benefits of the network - particularly in rural and regional areas - would include:

- cheaper telephone bills for small business
- enhanced business services such as teleconferencing, video conferencing and virtual private networks
- enhanced capacity for services like e-education and e-health, and
- high definition, multi-channel and inter-active TV services.

The Opposition has stated that Labor's broadband network will generate productivity gains of up to \$30 billion per year.

Federal Labor contends that these productivity gains would help Australia deal with the ageing population through increasing economic growth, strengthening government finances and potentially allowing for larger contributions to Future Fund.

Labor's broadband policy can be viewed in full at: <http://www.alp.org.au/policy/index.php>.

#### From the President

ALGA's State of the Regions report will celebrate its 10th anniversary at this year's National General Assembly. The latest report for 2006-07 has proved invaluable in helping to shape the social and political landscape on the issue of telecommunications and broadband in this crucial election year.



The report commissioned annually by ALGA from National Economics focuses on the 'hot' issues facing Australia's regions and presents a snapshot of the challenges they face through detailed economic research and data.

The State of the Regions has become an important tool for government, policy-makers and social planners. It is often quoted extensively from in Parliament and in Government and Opposition media releases. The current edition is timely and more than a little prophetic in its wisdom.

The 2006-07 report highlights the widening gap between rich and poor regions. The resource boom means that there is accelerating population growth and a housing affordability crisis in some regions whilst others are experiencing population drift and an erosion of their skills bases.

The key to reversing this vicious cycle is to reverse the flow of skills and to improve connectivity - both transport and communication - between relatively disadvantaged regions and successful regions as well as international markets. The report says Australia's local government areas could resemble California's Silicon Valley, given a boost to regional innovation, and cite Bendigo's Community Telco as an example.

It points to how better telecommunications can enhance regional competitiveness by providing the infrastructure to attract knowledge-based businesses to the regions and create opportunities for new knowledge-based enterprises. As well as supporting rural economies, agricultural enterprises and local businesses, other benefits are online learning, and education and training, which improve the skills and capacities of our regional communities to meet the challenges of our increasingly global economy.

From local government's perspective, our vision is for high-speed, low-cost broadband delivered to rural, regional and metropolitan areas throughout Australia.

In this context, it is pleasing to see the Australian Government and the Opposition come up with substantial commitments to address this issue - the Australian Government with its Broadband Connect Program and Labor's announcement last week of a National Broadband Network.

Our position is clear. ALGA, which is represented on the On-Line Ministerial Council will continue to argue for the best deal for local government and local communities throughout Australia in terms of broadband infrastructure. We are focused on the best possible outcomes and these will determine which technologies are employed. The issue here is that whatever the technology, it must deliver 'true' broadband capable of supporting 21st century business applications for councils and their communities. The fact that this debate is shaping up to be an election issue shows its importance for all Australians and it is encouraging to see this recognised by our political leaders. We must continue to point out the fact that broadband access changes lives, has the potential to reinvigorate

communities, and allow regions to perform to their full capacity and with the State of the Regions report we have the hard evidence to back up our case. A copy of the report is available on the ALGA [website](#).

Cr Paul Bell AM  
ALGA President

### **Extended Deadline to Meet Aged Care Reporting Requirements**

ALGA welcomes the recent decision by the new Minister for Ageing, Christopher Pyne, to extend the deadline for the aged care sector to meet the compulsory requirements.

The revised deadlines will now see the new complaints investigation arrangements in place by 1 May 2007, and the compulsory reporting and whistleblower protection requirements will now start on 1 July 2007.

These changes will go some way to recognise the concerns previously raised by the sector regarding the time and resources required to adequately implement the necessary requirements.

Labor's ageing spokeswoman, Senator Jan McLucas, had urged Mr Pyne to extend the deadline.

"The bipartisan recommendation of the Senate inquiry was that the elements of the Bill that are in front of the Senate to do with compulsory reporting should be deferred until the Government has got its house in order and can provide the sector with the appropriate legislation so that they know what they have to do," she said.

### **Availability of Sporting Infrastructure in Australia**

The Australian Sports Commission is currently undertaking some interesting work that will be of relevance to local government around Australia. The Commission is seeking input from local government and other stakeholders into the supply and demand for sporting infrastructure across a range of local government areas in metropolitan, rural and regional Australia.

In particular, the Sports Commission is hoping to get information from Councils on any unmet demand for sporting facilities, and in what locations and types of facilities this unmet demand may exist. They are also interested in why this may be happening and what, if anything, may be being done to address the demand.

Ideas on what could be done in the future, or the adequacy of current planning to meet future demands would be welcomed.

The information will be utilised by the Commission to provide a more informed understanding of community needs for the Commission, and may be utilised in appropriate forums such as the Sports and Recreation Ministerial Council and the Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport. This in turn will enable better representation of the views of local government and other stakeholders in this important area.

The deadline for comments is the 18th of April 2007 and any comment should be provided by email to [sportinfrastructure@ausport.gov.au](mailto:sportinfrastructure@ausport.gov.au).



## Have your say on Cycling

ALGA has joined forces with the Australian Bicycle Council (ABC) to survey the extent and nature of local government bikeways planning and facilities. The on-line survey is the first nation-wide analysis of cycling planning and infrastructure.

The Australian Bicycle Council is responsible for the National Cycling Strategy, which was launched in December 2005. This strategy calls for the development of resources that will assist local government to encourage cycling in their communities.

The survey will provide a useful indicator of how cycling is positioned in local government, and will highlight areas of need. Feedback will be provided on the results of the survey, together with an analysis of various funding options which can be accessed for local governments.

Its time to have your say on cycling. Recently the City of Sydney's Lord Mayor, Clover Moore, said "Reducing road congestion and introducing cycleways encourages cycling and walking, improves pedestrian amenity, enables public spaces to be upgraded, humanising a city and adding to the quality of life."

The survey is located on-line at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?A=171059215E60733>.

ALGA and the ABC are asking if the survey can be completed by 10th April. If you have any questions on the survey, please contact Alton Twine from Brisbane City Council (ph: 07 3403 4529), who is the ALGA representative on the ABC.

## Coastal councils stretched to the limit: National Sea Change Taskforce

Australia's coastal areas are struggling to cope with a large influx of new residents, according to the National Sea Change Taskforce.

The population in non-metropolitan coastal areas grew by a million people over the past decade, but this was not matched by services and infrastructure, according to the National Sea Change Taskforce.

Councillor Joe Natoli, chair of the taskforce which represents over 60 Australian councils, said growth areas were being denied the resources needed to match the huge rise in demand for services.

"Over the past 10 years the percentage of taxation revenue provided to councils has declined significantly," Mr Natoli said.

"(But) the range of essential services local government is called on to deliver has increased enormously."

The taskforce says that based on latest Australian Bureau of Statistics figures, the population of non-metropolitan coastal areas swelled from 4.9 million to 5.9 million from 1996-2006.

And by the end of this decade, another million are estimated to start migrating to the coast as the baby boomer generation hits retirement.

Cr Natoli said coastal Australia continued to grow at a rate faster than the rest of the country, but while Commonwealth and state governments derived money from taxes such as the GST, the local government sector had no similar revenue source.

Cr Natoli said a new funding formula for the local government sector was desperately needed as it was "seriously underfunded" and falling further behind.

"Since 2001, the cumulative rate of growth for coastal local government areas outside the metropolitan areas has been 9.8 per cent," he said.

"This compares with a national growth rate of 6.1 per cent for Australia during the same period."

Cr Natoli said the taskforce was creating policies to address challenges faced by coastal communities and added the major political parties would ignore the issue at the upcoming federal election at their peril.

The taskforce says based on latest figures from the Bureau of Statistics the population of non-metropolitan coastal areas swelled from 4.9 million to 5.9 million from 1996-2006.

It also says by the end of this decade another million are estimated to start migrating to the coast as the baby boomer generation hits retirement.

### **All of Victoria's farm land now drought declared**

In a stark reminder of the severity of the current drought, for the first time ever, drought declarations cover all of Victoria's agricultural land.

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Peter McGauran, has said that interim Exceptional Circumstances (EC) drought assistance had been extended to farmers and farm dependent small businesses in South and West Gippsland.

Today's interim EC declaration covers the Local Government Areas of Baw Baw, Yarra Ranges, Southern Gippsland, Cardinia, Casey and Bass Coast that have agricultural production.

"I wish to stress that this decision does not automatically lead to a full EC declaration. Such a declaration will depend, in large measure, on how much rain the region receives over the next couple of months," Mr McGauran added.

"The EC application has now been referred to the National Rural Advisory Council (NRAC) an independent group of primary producers and agribusiness professionals for a comprehensive assessment. NRAC will recommend to the Government whether or not the criteria for full EC are met.

"I urge farmers and small business operators not to self assess but to contact Centrelink or the Drought Assistance Hotline on 13 23 16 to discuss their eligibility for assistance as soon as possible."

Meanwhile Victoria's parched sporting grounds will receive \$4.7 million in drought relief.

Premier Steve Bracks said that local councils could apply for grants of \$50,000 to pay for drought relief measures such as collecting or recycling water, or improving turf conditions and watering systems.

The AFL, Tennis Victoria and Cricket Victoria have contributed \$200,000 each and the Football Federation of Victoria has given \$75,000 to the Drought Relief for Community and Sport Recreation Program.

AFL chief executive Andrew Demetriou said he was worried about the impact the drought was having on competitions across Victoria.

"We just think it's terribly important to have communities involved in sporting clubs, whatever they may be," Mr Demetriou said.

### **WA: New system to deal with complaints about local government conduct**

A new system for dealing with complaints of improper behaviour by elected local government members will soon be introduced following the passage of the Local Government (Official Conduct) Amendment Bill 2005 through the Upper House of the WA Parliament.

WA Local Government Minister Ljiljana Ravlich said the new system would provide a disciplinary process for complaints about the conduct of elected members.

"The power to deal with the misconduct of individual councillors is an important part of this legislation. Previously the only remedy was to suspend the entire council," Ms Ravlich said.

"The new system will not only provide more effective disciplinary measures, but will protect the interests of individual councillors who consistently do the right thing."

"I thank the WA Local Government Association, Local Government Managers Australia (WA) and local government for their support of the introduction of these new laws."

Key features of the new system include:

- a uniform Code of Conduct for elected members;
- the referral of serious breaches such as contraventions of the Local Government Act 1995 or Regulations to the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT), which will have strong powers to suspend or disqualify an elected member;
- the appointment of a complaints officer and the establishment of a standards panel consisting of people not directly involved in the local government to hear complaints about minor breaches such as contraventions of the new Code of Conduct;
- and a standards panel, which will deal with minor breaches and will have the power to issue penalties such as public censure, public apology or an order to undertake training.

The legislation is expected to be operational in time for the October 20 local government elections.

#### **SA: Garbage collections to go fortnightly**

Recycling's proved such a success in South Australia the weekly garbage collection is tipped to be replaced with fortnightly pick-ups.

SA's Local Government Association says recent studies suggest a new system of separating organic material like food scraps from general waste could allow for the change.

Association president John Rich says it'd also help reduce the cost of garbage collection.

A recent trial in Adelaide has found residents were prepared to put their food scraps in a special corn starch bag which could then be recycled with other green waste like lawn clippings.

With food scraps accounting for about 46 per cent of household waste, this would allow garbage collections to be pushed out to every second week.

Councillor Rich says once food scraps are regularly recycled it'd mean about 77 per cent of domestic waste could be diverted from landfill.

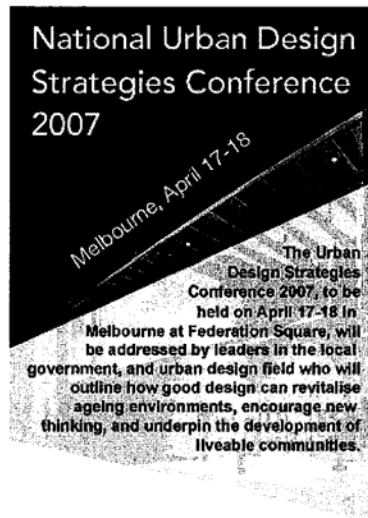
#### **World Environment Day Awards 2007 - Call for Nominations**

Nominations for the World Environment Day Awards 2007 are now open nationally. The World Environment Day Awards is a national award program that recognises and promotes Australian initiatives which protect, manage or restore the environment.

The Award categories include Local Government Awards for excellence in overall environmental management; and Best specific environmental initiative.

For complete guidelines, entry criteria and nomination forms, please visit our website: [www.unaavictoria.org.au](http://www.unaavictoria.org.au) or contact the UNAA Victoria office on ph: (03) 9670 7878 or email: [info@unaavictoria.org.au](mailto:info@unaavictoria.org.au). Nominations close Wednesday 9 May, 2007.

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### **National Climate Change Summit**

ALGA President Cr Paul Bell will attend the National Climate Change Summit in Canberra tomorrow. Cr Bell said he was looking forward to contributing to the debate which will focus on a number of key issues including the environmental, economic and social impacts of climate change and local government's role of representing local communities by helping to design programs that meet expectations and needs and in leading and shaping attitudinal change. "Local government is already playing a major role in working through strategies to respond to the threat posed by climate change and we are well-placed to provide advice and assistance in terms of developing solutions," he said. Keynote speakers will include climate expert Tony Haymet from the University of California's Scripps Institute of Oceanography, and Tom Burke, Environmental Policy Adviser to global corporations including Rio Tinto and BP.

### **National Frameworks for Local Government Financial Planning and Reporting Endorsed by Ministers**

Federal and State Local Government Ministers meeting in Auckland on 26 March have formally endorsed a set of nationally consistent frameworks for assessing the financial sustainability of local government, asset planning and management and financial planning and reporting by local government. The frameworks have been under development for the past twelve months and have been the subject of consultation between State Governments and local government sectors. Further consultation is expected within each State on how the frameworks can be implemented a report will go back to Ministers in 2008.

### **Major Airports Planning Remains on the Agenda for Local Government and the States**

Local government and the State Governments have again expressed their concerns about the impacts of non-aviation development on metropolitan strategic planning and surrounding communities directly to the Federal Minister responsible for planning, the Hon Jim Lloyd MP, at the Local Government and Planning Ministers Council meeting in Auckland. This has been a major sore point between governments as substantial retail and commercial developments at airports cause problems for surrounding areas. ALGA President Cr Paul Bell and State and Territory Ministers called on the Australian Government to put in place a process under which airport master plans will be assessed against State and local planning policies and to amend relevant legislation. The Australian Government remains unmoved on the issue.

### **Ministers to Oversee Implementation of and Compliance with the Local Government Intergovernmental Agreement on Cost Shifting**

Local Government Ministers will receive an annual report on compliance with the Local Government Cost Shifting IGA following agreement at their meeting in Auckland. Ministers heard how jurisdictions had worked to implement the IGA since its signing last April and

also agreed on the need to evaluate the IGA close to the end of its 5 year term. The IGA is a major achievement for local government and ALGA has pushed for a robust mechanism to ensure its implementation and compliance by all parties.

### **ALGA President talks on Leadership to Major International Conference on Local Government**

Cr Paul Bell, President of ALGA, attended the Commonwealth Local Government Forum Conference held in Auckland between 26 and 30 March. The opening of the Conference, attended by 550 delegates from throughout the Commonwealth, was addressed by the Prime Minister of New Zealand the Hon Helen Clark, and the Conference focused on promoting and strengthening effective democratic local government in more than 40 Commonwealth countries. Cr Bell, a member of the Forum's Board, spoke as part of a panel on strengthening leadership at the local government level, noting in particular the work done in Australia to improve the capacity of individual councils and to strengthen the position of local government as the third sphere of government, especially through ALGA's 'Three Fs' campaign - fair funding, fair treatment and formal recognition.

### **Review of Financial Sustainability of Local Government in Tasmania**

A new report into the financial sustainability of Tasmanian councils was released this week by the President of the Local Government Association of Tasmania, Mayor Mike Gaffney.

In 2006, Access Economics was commissioned by the Local Government Association of Tasmania to undertake the study. The report follows similar studies undertaken in NSW, SA and WA by Access Economics and is in keeping with the recent work completed by PricewaterhouseCoopers, for the Australian Local Government Association, which looked at the overall financial sustainability of councils across the country.

Six Tasmanian councils have been found to be under some pressure in terms of broad financial health and while this does not impact on their ongoing financial viability, there will be a need to address issues associated with their long-term finances. These councils serve approximately 8% of the population which is less than the significantly 20%+ population figures that resulted from The SA, NSW and WA studies.

In line with the recent National Financial Sustainability Study of Local Government undertaken by PricewaterhouseCoopers, these councils are generally likely to exhibit minimal (or negative) growth; have limited access to rate revenue due to relatively small populations; have limited access to essential asset management skills; and are facing expanding service provision due to rising community demands.

Mayor Mike Gaffney said there is no need for councils to press the panic button at this stage and communities should be well pleased with the independent report card of councils across the state.

"Expenditure savings will certainly help some councils and I expect that each council will consider their relative spending patterns and assess where savings may be possible."

"The report has identified the need for councils to more closely scrutinise rates and charges, including developer charges, with a view to resolving the appropriate mix of revenue raising and expenditure savings options," Mayor Gaffney said.

The PricewaterhouseCoopers report found that there was a significant need for cash injections from other levels of government and specifically recommended the pursuit of a community infrastructure fund to assist councils with their ageing infrastructure.

Access Economics has also recommended a series of actions for the Local Government Association of Tasmania to pursue, in terms of financial governance policies and processes.

Mayor Gaffney said the Association will be moving quickly to establish a Steering Committee, comprising elected members and officials, to work through the recommendations and develop a program of action to implement those that are supported.

"Issues such as the development of 10-year financial plans, improved asset management practices, the establishment of audit committees and the development of service policy statements, provide a wide range of opportunities for Tasmanian councils to enhance their overall financial sustainability," he said.

The Steering Committee will also be looking at ways and means by which councils can work together to enhance their financial sustainability and will draw on the experiences and actions taken in other states.

### **Climate Change**

The Urban Research Program (URP) at Griffith University has released two new reports looking at Local Government and Climate Change. *Climate Change: What are Local Governments Liable For?* By Phillipa England examines Local Government's responsibilities at law to deal with climate change considerations when exercising their functions and powers. Another report *Evaluating Climate Change Mitigation Strategies in South East Queensland* by Donovan Burton attempts to fill a gap in knowledge about the capacity for local governments to mitigate climate change by assessing the ability of current mitigation strategies in South East Queensland to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to acceptable levels. Visit the [URP website](#) to view these reports.

### **Research into Peri-Urban Development**

Land & Water Australia has commissioned research on peri-urban development in Australia. The work is being carried out by RMIT in Melbourne and Griffith University in Brisbane.

The aims of the research are to:

- Investigate the nature and extent of contemporary peri urban regions in Australia. This will involve an examination of environmental, social and economic trends in two peri-urban areas, and a description and analysis of current governance, institutional, policy and management arrangements and an evaluation of their adequacy.
- Outline the implications of social, economic and environmental changes for future land use and management; identify likely future patterns of socio-economic, agricultural, cultural, natural resource development, environmental and land use change in peri-urban landscapes.

The website for the research is <http://www.periurban.org.au>.

### **Estimation of Vehicle Kilometres travelled on local roads**

The ARRB Group is currently undertaking a survey on behalf of the National Transport Commission (NTC) to estimate the vehicle kilometres travelled by different types of vehicles on local and arterial roads.

The information from the survey plays a major role in the determining how much heavy vehicles are charged nationally for the use of the road system.

The ARRB Group has been in contact with the 121 councils selected for the survey in writing and by phone.

ALGA supports the survey being undertaken by the NTC as it is gathering the data that in the longer term has the potential to impact on the level of funding that might be provided to local government for roads.

Councils selected for the survey are urged to complete their survey forms. Councils that were not selected for the survey and would like to be part of the survey should contact Will Hore-Lacy on 03 9881 1633 as to how they can become involved.

#### **Advertising ban**

A Sydney council has issued a ban on wall-to-wall shop front advertising and flashing retail signs, just weeks after Mosman Council banned smoking on council owned land in the municipality.

Ku-ring-gai Council amended the advertising section of its Development Control Plan, specifically prohibiting signage that dominates the shop front windows and detracts from the visual amenity of the shop front. The new law also requires that real estate placards, such as sold signs must be removed from private properties after they were bought and that no flashing lights were allowed on shop advertising.

#### **Culture & Recreation statistics**

The March 2007 edition of the National Centre for Culture and Recreation Statistics (NCCRS) newsletter is now available on the ABS [website](#).

#### **Changing cities are driving our world**

The second United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) World Congress will meet in Jeju, Korea, from 28-31 October, 2007.

With the title 'Changing cities are driving our world', the themes of the next UCLG World Congress are organised according to the priorities of local and regional officials and the challenges they face, notably:

- Cities the future of humanity: addressing climate change.
- Local governments as peace makers.
- 2015: a fairer world is possible. Towards a new model of governance.

More details are available on the UCLG [website](#).

#### **Recycling website**

[RecyclingNearYou.com.au](http://RecyclingNearYou.com.au) contains details for recycling and safe waste disposal in all 672 council areas around Australia. Searchable by postcode, it is supported by Yellow Online content to allow users to find local businesses that provide recycling services. The site also offers users the ability to email questions about recycling.

#### **Quote of the week**

"I've got to say this, I don't have anything to be arrogant about - not at the moment, politically, nothing at all."

*Prime Minister John Howard's response to a poll that found seven out of 10 voters find him arrogant.*



*International news*

After a history of dashed hopes, peace has once again broken out Northern Ireland.

In a historic compromise the loyalists and republicans have agreed to share power with each other in a devolved Northern Ireland Assembly from 8 May.

The agreement is the culmination of 10 years of protracted peacemaking by British prime minister Tony Blair and his Irish counterpart Bertie Ahern.

The words nobody thought they would ever hear from the mouth of Unionist Ian Paisley were uttered: "We have agreed with Sinn Fein."

Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams said Monday's accord "marks the beginning of a new era of politics on this island."

"The relationships between the people of this island have been marred by centuries of discord, conflict, hurt and tragedy. In particular, this has been the sad history of orange and green," Adams said, using the local labels for the British Protestant and Irish Roman Catholic sides in Northern Ireland, which has a population of 1.7 million.

The conflict over Northern Ireland has claimed more than 3,600 lives since the 1960s - when Adams was an up-and-coming IRA member from Catholic west Belfast and Paisley the province's most infamous opponent of a Catholic civil rights movement.

Emergency legislation was introduced in the Commons earlier this week to enable a smooth transition.

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**STATE OF AUSTRALIAN CITIES**

**National Conference  
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**Abstract submission deadline for LGNews subscribers is Friday 30th  
March 2007...**

The third State of Australian Cities Conference will be held in Adelaide from 28 to 30 November 2007. The 2007 conference is co-organised by the University of South Australia, University of Adelaide and Flinders University.

The over-arching theme of the conference is:

**Growth, Sustainability and Vulnerability of Urban Australia**

The conference provides an opportunity for academics and practitioners to explore urban issues in Australia. The purpose of the conference is to report on current research into issues of urban and regional sustainability, to discuss the research with policy makers, to identify research gaps and to improve our understanding of the state of Australian cities. It will also contribute to the development of government officers by offering them a forum to critically discuss their research.

The Conference is aimed at:

1. advancing understanding between leading researchers about the state of Australian cities;
2. leading to a better understanding of the research needs of Australian cities;
3. providing those in the public and private sectors with a better appreciation of the current status of research and the capacities of researchers.

For further information on abstract submission and attendance, consult the conference website (<http://www.unisa.edu.au/soac2007/>) or contact the Organising Committee directly at [soac2007@unisa.edu.au](mailto:soac2007@unisa.edu.au).

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### Community Safety & Security Conference

**Sydney May 17 - 18 2007**

Innovative strategies to improve safety and security within communities will be the focus of a national conference for local government safety and community managers to be held in Sydney on 17-18 May.

Local government managers and councillors, concerned about growing vandalism and aggression within communities, will have a unique opportunity to learn from the experiences and strategies being pursued by councils across Australia at the Community Safety and Security Conference being held in Sydney on 17-18 May. It will focus heavily on case studies to enable delegates to draw important lessons to enhance the welfare and safety of their own communities.

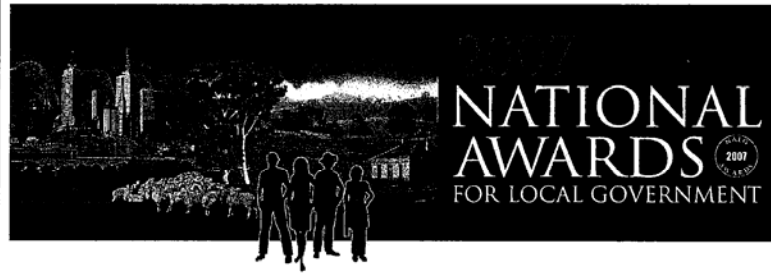
Award-winning initiatives will be presented at the conference including community safety & security services provided to residents by the Cities of Melville and Cockburn in WA, how graffiti and vandalism is being tackled in Queensland, and Sutherland Shire Council's response to the Cronulla riots. As well, there will be important presentations on the mobilisation against substance abuse and violence from Victoria.

Invited expert speakers include Tony Pearce, the Director General, Emergency Management Australia; Assistant Commissioner Frank Prendergast of the Australian Federal Police, and NSW Police Superintendent, Wayne Dedden, the winner of a Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Award in 2006. Senior managers from the City of Monash, Sutherland Shire, Hervey Bay, City of Charles Sturt, City of Sydney, Logan City and the City of Melbourne will be amongst those addressing this important two-day event.

Delegates will also have the opportunity to hear about the success of community; business and local government partnerships with police; and the role of CCTV cameras in monitoring and deterring vandalism and violence. The conference will examine the mechanisms for

local government to take on its growing security role and it will also provide an opportunity to network with community safety and development managers in local government from all parts of the country. More information about the conference is now available on [www.halledit.com.au](http://www.halledit.com.au) or telephone Denise McQueen on 03 8534 5021 or email [denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au](mailto:denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au).

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### 2007 National Awards for Local Government

entries now open...

The theme for the 2007 National Awards for Local Government is 'Local government - working hard for Australians'. The aim this year is to showcase and reward the unrecognised hard work that's going on in councils around Australia.

The 2007 National Awards for Local Government gives councils an exciting opportunity to reveal the projects they have been working on in response to the problems and challenges they face in their local area.

The 2007 Awards process opened for submissions on **Monday 2 April** - and will close on **Friday 11 May**.

A council can enter a completed or on-going project in any of 15 Award categories in four broad areas: Capacity Building, Community Services, Environment and Management Practices.

For more details of the categories, go to [www.dotars.gov.au/local/awards](http://www.dotars.gov.au/local/awards) - and click on '2007 Categories'. Entering a project is easy - go to the same [website](http://www.dotars.gov.au/local/awards) and click on the entry form.

Small councils (under 15 000 ratepayers) are only judged against other small councils not large councils.

If you have any questions or want more information either freecall 1 800 065 113 or email [awards@dotars.gov.au](mailto:awards@dotars.gov.au).

**Entries close on Friday 11 May 2007.**



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## Extension of the Black Spot Program

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Transport and Regional Services, Mark Vaile, and the Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, Jim Lloyd, announced on the eve of Easter that the Australian Government would extend and increase the level of funding for the Black Spot Program.



The program is to be extended for 6 years from June 2008 to June 2014 under the umbrella of the AusLink 2 Program. Funding will be increased by 33 percent from \$45 million per year \$60 million per year starting in 2009-10.

This means that in total \$345 million will be made available over the 6 years from June 2008 to June 2014.

ALGA congratulated the Australian Government on this initiative.

ALGA President Cr Paul Bell said: "Local government welcomes this announcement by the Australian Government to continue the Black Spots Program and the 33 per cent increase in the level of funding."

"The real winners are local communities throughout Australia."

ALGA has also welcomed the announcement that about half the total funding would be allocated to regional areas because of the large number of accidents on country roads.

The Australian Government estimated that the \$345 million would be used to fix about 2,300 black spots over the six-year period of the program.

The existing program was estimated to have saved at least 130 lives and prevented around 6,000 serious crashes. The continuation of the program would save even more lives and further reduce the number of accidents in the future.

A study by the Bureau of Transport Economics shows that the Black Spot program provided very high returns for the funds invested.

"As impressive as these statistics are they can never fully capture the savings in the pain and suffering from the reduction of car accidents," Cr Bell said. "Almost every Australian has been touched by a road death of a friend, family member or someone in the community. It is a devastating experience made all the more difficult by circumstances which are often preventable."

The Australian Local Government Association has been campaigning for some time to have the program extended and has made representation to Minister Lloyd, and Opposition transport spokesperson Martin Ferguson.

ALGA president Cr Paul Bell said he would be seeking a meeting with Mr Ferguson to discuss Labor's funding commitments.

The program would continue to fund relatively low cost safety works such as roundabouts, crash barriers and street lighting at places where there have been serious crashes or where serious crashes are likely to occur.

The Australian Government has announced it would update the state/territory shares of the funding to reflect more up to date population and accident figures.

ALGA supports this updating especially as the 33 per cent increase in funding means that no jurisdiction will be worse off.

As part of its campaign for the continuation of the Black Spot Program, ALGA has raised some administrative issues associated with the current program and will continue to work with the Australian Government to address them in the program commencing from July 2008.

ALGA looks forward to further announcements about AusLink 2 that will benefit local communities and economies over the coming months.

### Local government airs concerns at Climate Change Summit



ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell AM, said that climate change was one of the most serious issues facing Australian communities and that local government was well-placed to advise on ways of meeting these challenges.

Cr Bell represented the interests of local government at Federal Labor's National Climate Change Summit at Parliament House in Canberra on Saturday 31 March 2007. The summit was convened by Opposition Leader

Kevin Rudd and brought together 120 leading representatives of the business, scientific and academic sectors - including the premiers of Western Australia and Tasmania, deputy premiers of Victoria, Queensland and South Australia, union and business leaders and environmental groups.

"The purpose of the summit was to discuss the impacts of climate change and look at developing sustainable solutions," Cr Bell said today. "We addressed four key topics: Impacts of climate change; Emissions Trading (National and International); New Technologies (Clean Coal and Renewable Energy); and Energy Efficiency and Demand Management."

"The summit acknowledged that the impact of climate change will be felt by every council and every local community in Australia," he said. "What is clear to me is that the impact and solutions will differ between local communities."

He said that individual councils would need to understand the impact of climate change not only on council business, but on the wider community - and how this would impact on the way services are provided, and additional services that might be needed. He said the work already done by local government in terms of planning and considering the issues associated with climate change had been noted at the summit by Victorian Deputy Premier and Minister for Environment, Water and Climate Change, John Thwaites.

Cr Bell said that in dealing with climate change, local government would need support in three key areas:

- Detailed information on the specific impacts of climate change on local areas, eg in relation to infrastructure needs and changes, planning requirements, zoning.
- Capacity to plan effectively for climate change – both in mitigation and adaptation. Professional expertise will be needed both within councils, and on specific issues.

- Financial support to repair/replace/augment infrastructure that is impacted by changed weather patterns (eg road infrastructure, sea walls, levies) and to provide services and programs aimed at mitigating the impacts into the future.

Following the summit, Mr Rudd wrote and thanked Cr Bell for his valuable contribution. Mr Rudd noted that all spheres of government would need to work with industry and the community to develop practical and effective responses to deal with the reality of climate change and that the contribution of local government would be critical.

More information can be found on <http://www.climatesolutions.alp.org.au/>.

### Councils submit ideas to Community Infrastructure Register

ALGA President Cr Paul Bell said he was encouraged by the enthusiastic support by councils to the Community Infrastructure Ideas Register which came on-line with last week's edition of ALGA news.



"It is early days but we have had a pleasing response and we hope more councils jump on board to lodge their suggestions for community infrastructure renewal," he said.

"The ideas register has been developed for councils to assist ALGA in putting the case for support for a proposed Local Community Infrastructure Renewals Fund (LCIRF) which was recommended by the PricewaterhouseCoopers report into local government financing," he said. "It gives councils the opportunity to identify specific examples of local community infrastructure that would benefit from this initiative. Input will be included as part of our proposal to the Australian Government in the lead-up to and following the 2007-08 Budget process."

"I urge all councils to do a stock take of existing community infrastructure, determine what needs upgrading, take photos and submit on the register. We are particularly interested in hearing about ovals, swimming pools, walking tracks and sporting facilities as these are important in improving community health and wellbeing and combating the obesity epidemic."

For further information on the PwC report and to submit an idea on the register go to [www.alga.asn.au](http://www.alga.asn.au).

### From the President

The Climate Change Summit last weekend provided an opportunity for participants from various backgrounds, with often conflicting viewpoints, to share information and look at possible ways of addressing this significant issue. The summit discussed the impacts of climate change and the necessity of change at a global level using technological solutions such as investment in "clean coal" and renewable energy. What was of greatest significance to local government was the session on energy efficiency and demand management.



The questions that dominated this session was how do we empower individuals, communities and businesses to act, and how do we encourage communities to invest in energy efficiency? It was suggested that this could be through making energy efficiency more affordable with ideas such as hybrid cars, refitting buildings, audits of household/business energy efficiency and smart metering in homes and businesses.

To date, local government has been leading the way in climate change mitigation projects, including participation in the Cities for Climate Protection program, innovative landfill solutions, Greenhouse Alliances and community information and education programs. These

include Darwin City Council which achieved 98.8% emission reductions from Shoal Bay landfill, the Melbourne City Council which has committed to a Greenhouse Action Plan 2006-10 and a Zero Net Emissions by 2020 policy, and King Island Council which has included conditions on industrial development that carbon emissions from power generation are sequestered by 100%. State Associations are also working with State Governments on providing information and strategies to address the predicted effects of climate change.

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.

Local government activities potentially impacted by climate change include planning future developments and for road infrastructure which would be affected by sea level and water table rises and storm surges. There are also impacts on natural resources, health and building regulations and community infrastructure and services.

At the council level, councils can implement measures such as increasing the efficiency of lighting, alternative technology for heating, cooling and water treatment plants, vehicle downsizing and fuel conversions, promote climate friendly built and natural environments through strategic planning, development assessment and building control practices.

At the wider community level, councils can undertake environmental education and awareness raising, promote energy efficiency in residential, industrial and commercial settings, promote alternative methods of transport, and provide and promote alternative waste management services and policies such as recycling of household waste, composting and zero-waste policies.

Local government will need appropriate support from both State and Federal Governments to assist communities to adapt to climate change. The areas we have identified are planning, infrastructure augmentation, for example, sea walls, road infrastructure, and detailed information on the specific impacts of climate change on local areas.

Labor Leader Kevin Rudd described local government's role and contribution as 'critical.' This is an extremely important conversation which was started at the summit and I am sure all participants will agree that it still has a long way to go. We must continue to find points of agreement and work towards tackling one of the biggest challenges facing our planet. Though the task can seem daunting, we can not afford not to get it right.

**Cr Paul Bell AM**  
ALGA President

### Competition offer for ALGA Readers

For over 30 years, Keep Australia Beautiful has been encouraging people all around Australia to care for their local environment.

Through its Australian Tidy Towns Awards, sponsored by HUNGRY JACK'S, Keep Australia Beautiful is able to recognise individual and group efforts that are helping regional towns to become sustainable communities. This year 1,079 towns and schools entered the program, with tens of thousands of volunteers donating their time and efforts.

Each of the six State Winners have all been chosen and are now competing for the national title to become Australia's Tidiest Town for 2007. They are:

- CUE - Western Australia
- KINGSTON - South Australia
- SWANSEA - Tasmania



- BENALLA - Victoria
- LEETON - New South Wales
- ROMA - Queensland

The national winner will be announced at the Tidy Towns presentation dinner being held in Ballarat, Victoria, on Saturday May 12.

Have the chance to win \$1000 for recycling/litter prevention initiatives & training from the Packaging Stewardship Forum.

Keep Australia Beautiful, together with ALGA and the Packaging Stewardship Forum (PSF) of the Australian Food and Grocery Council, would like to offer the first correct reader the chance to win a prize of \$1000 (plus GST).

Prize money can be utilized for recycling and/or litter prevention of packaging materials, ie: purchase of bins, bins caps, signage incorporating the 'Do the Right Thing' litter message etc. Free training on bin placement and management will also be provided by the PSF - to be scheduled early in the 2007-08 financial year.

All you have to do is email the town name of the State Winner that you think will become Australia's Tidiest Town for 2007 and why to: [laras@kab.org.au](mailto:laras@kab.org.au) with 'ALGA' written in the subject header.

Important Note: Be sure to include your full name, address and contact phone numbers. The PSF funding will be awarded to the first correct entry received that also outlines the reason for their choice. The winner will be contacted directly with further prize details and announced in the 18 May issue of ALGA.

#### **MAV Conference - Future of Local Government Summit**

This third Future of Local Government Summit will establish a Roadmap for the sector into the future by finalising frameworks for Accountability, Performance and Co-operation, as well as presenting relevant case studies.

Ideas on what could be done in the future, or the adequacy of current planning to meet future demands would be welcomed.

Date: June 12 & 12, 2007

Location: RACV Club, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Web Link: <http://www.mav.asn.au/majorevents/FOLGSummit>.

#### **New Local Govt Minister for NSW**

The Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW have congratulated the Member for Liverpool Paul Lynch on his appointment as Local Government Minister following the re-election of the lemma Labor Government.

"Local Government is a portfolio with myriad challenges and complexities, and I look forward to working with the new Minister to resolve these issues," President of the Local Government Association of NSW, Cr Genia McCaffery, said.

"A lack of resources and the removal of councils' autonomy are two of the critical issues facing the sector. Our message to Minister Lynch is that councils and their communities need his urgent support.

According to the Associations the priority issues for Local Government include:

- The signing of an Inter-Governmental Agreement, which is currently at a standstill;
- The establishment of a water infrastructure fund to support water efficiency and conservation initiatives in all NSW councils;
- Increased support for community services including public libraries;
- More funding for the upgrade and maintenance of infrastructure such as roads, footpaths and bridges; and
- A review of changes to planning legislation which have stripped councils of their planning powers.

President of the Shires Association of NSW, Cr Col Sullivan OAM, said that councils are being called on to provide an increasing level of services and facilities, without adequate resources.

"NSW councils are facing a \$6.3 billion infrastructure back log, so unless support from the State Government increases urgently, the sector is going to continue chasing its tail and communities will suffer," Cr Sullivan said.

#### **Urban Research Program at Griffith University**

In a paper titled 'Sydney's Urban Consolidation Experience: Power, politics and community' Dr Glen Searle charts and assesses the history of urban consolidation in Australia's largest city and identifies the ways this policy has been contested between planners, politicians and the community. The paper demonstrates that urban consolidation and its impacts remain controversial features of Australian urban planning. The paper is available for free download from the Urban Research Program website or via the [direct link](#).

#### **Walk WA**

The Premier's Physical Activity Taskforce has recently launched 'Walk WA: A Walking Strategy for Western Australia 2007-2020' (Walk WA). Walk WA is a whole-of-government whole-of-community strategy developed by the Premier's Physical Activity Taskforce in collaboration with the Department for Planning and Infrastructure's Walking WA Committee, with valuable input from many key stakeholders across State Government, Local Governments and various non-government agencies. It has been devised to enable a coordinated collaborative approach to encourage all Western Australians to walk more and to develop environments in which the decision to walk is easier.

Walk WA aims to:

- ensure strategic management, advocacy and coordination of initiatives to increase walking across the state;
- promote walking;
- improve the physical environments in which people walk; and
- implement and expand programs and services which provide opportunities for walking.

For further information regarding Walk WA, see [www.dpi.wa.gov.au](http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au).

#### **Collaborative Centre for Aboriginal Health Promotion (CCAHP) Forum - Physical Activity and Nutrition**

During 2006 and 2007 the CCAHP is facilitating a series of Aboriginal Health Promotion Forums to assist the sector in developing a coordinated approach in a number of focus areas. The second of these forums on Nutrition and Physical Activity in Aboriginal Communities was held on 28 February and 1 March in Redfern, Sydney. The event attracted

over 100 delegates from rural, remote and urban areas who represented research centres, Aboriginal Medical Services and Area Health Services.

The aim of the forum was to:

- develop a coordinated approach to nutrition and physical activity within Aboriginal communities across NSW;
- showcase programs in these areas; and
- highlight best practice and evidence based research in the area.

Over the two days, a number of excellent presentations were given by researchers, policy makers and practitioners covering a comprehensive range of issues in this area.

The highlights of the forum included:

- "Fighting Disease with Fruit" - Dr Raymond Jones, GP, Bulgarr Ngaru
- "Bush Tucker and the use of traditional foods in contemporary society" - Leslie Salem, Hunter New England Area Health Service
- "Aunty Jean's Good Health Team" - Jean Turner, South East Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service
- "From Policy to Practice - Implementing the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nutrition Strategy and Action Plan" - Sharon Laurence, National Heart Foundation of Australia.

Delegates were also given the opportunity to provide input and develop strategies to impact on poor nutrition and physical inactivity within Aboriginal communities.

The forum series is supported by the Cancer Council of NSW, the Cancer Institute and the National Heart Foundation of Australia (NSW). This support has enabled a number of scholarship places for rural and remote staff to attend the forum.

All presentations from the forum are posted on the [www.chahp.org.au](http://www.chahp.org.au) and outcomes from the forum will be added soon.

### **Inquiry into the Native Title Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill 2007**

Councils, organisations and individuals throughout Australia are invited to make a submission to a Parliamentary inquiry into the Native Title Amendment ( Technical Amendments) Bill.

On 29 March 2007, the Senate referred the provisions of the Native Title Amendment (Technical Amendments) Bill 2007 to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 8 May 2007.

The Bill amends provisions of the Native Title Act 1993 (the Act) relating to:

- future acts;
- indigenous land use agreements;
- the scope of alternative state or territory regimes to the right to negotiate established under section 43 of the Act;
- the making and resolution of native title applications;



- the obligations of the Registrar of the National Native title Tribunal in relation to the registration of native title applications;
- native title representative bodies; and
- prescribed bodies corporate.

The committee has invited written submissions to its inquiry by 20 April 2007. The Bill, Explanatory Memorandum and Second Reading Speech are on the committee's website at [www.aph.gov.au/senate\\_legal](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate_legal). Hard copies are also available from the secretariat on 02 62773560.

The committee encourages the lodgement of submissions in electronic form, but stresses that all submissions must include the author's full name, phone number and postal address. All communications with the committee and its secretariat are protected by parliamentary privilege and it is expected that submissions will be published unless clearly marked as confidential. Submissions must not be disclosed without the prior approval of the committee.

### **Local Government and ABS**

The latest issue of the newsletter 'Local Government and the ABS' is now available from the [ABS website](#). Catalogue 1376.0

This issue includes the following articles:

- 2006 Census Data Products to be Free Online
- Regional Wage and Salary Earners, 2003-04
- Natural Population Decrease in Local Government Areas
- New Free Web Service to Code Addresses to Geographic Areas
- What's Happening in Local Government Finance?
- Upcoming newsletter to provide national coverage with a regional focus
- ABS Statistics Free Online and Free ABS Training

### **ABS Statistics Free Online**

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### **Free ABS Training**

The goal of the ABS' Information Skills Program (ISP) is to promote access to, understanding and use of, ABS statistics. It focuses on adult learners in the general community and in government agencies.

The ISP is a nationally coordinated and decentralised program, with an ISP Consultant providing services from each ABS Regional Office. The ISP provides training to clients, learning materials on the ABS web site, promotions and client support. If you are interested in arranging training for your organisation please contact the friendly ISP Manager in your state or territory.

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### Deadline extended to 13 April 2007 for Thies Riverprize entries

The Thies Riverprize nomination deadline has been extended by two weeks to the 13 April 2007. This is in addition to the recent announcement from the International Riverfoundation that the prize money for both the International and National awards would be increased this year, adding to the stature and focus of the awards.

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**National Urban Design Strategies Conference 2007**  
Melbourne, April 17-18

The Urban Design Strategies Conference 2007, to be held on April 17-18 in Melbourne at Federation Square, will be addressed by leaders in the local government, and urban design field who will outline how good design can revitalise ageing environments, encourage new thinking, and underpin the development of liveable communities.

Speakers will talk about environmental and safety aspects of good design, the promoting of culture and community with the design envelope, and there will be a showcase of outstanding design outcomes including the Cairns Esplanade, the Kelvin Grove Village Development in Brisbane, and also how a small town has used urban design to project itself into the future.

**Keynote speakers will include:**

- Prof. Rob Adams, Director of Design  
[City of Melbourne]
- Craig Norman, GM of the Honeysuckle Development Corp
- Stuart Niven, City of Hume
- Kevin Taylor who will speak on Adelaide's North Terrace Revitalisation and
- Jeff Gilmore, CEO of Hobart's Sullivans Cove Waterfront Authority.

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**NGA07 – Historic Darwin event taking shape!**

For only the second time in the event's 14 year history, the National General Assembly will be held outside of Canberra - in Darwin, the Northern Territory. In 2002, the event was held in Alice Springs, Northern Territory, in recognition of the Year of the Outback.

This year's theme is A Climate for Change and will address a range of important and topical issues facing local government. Over the last two years, local government has achieved several milestones. Our successes include the passing of the parliamentary resolution on local government by both Houses of Parliament at the national level, the signing of the Intergovernmental Agreement on cost-shifting, and expanded partnerships with the Australian Government in the areas of health, environment and aged care.

Under the theme A Climate for Change, this year's Assembly will further build on ALGA's 3F campaign - Fair Federal Funding; Fair Treatment and Formal Recognition. This enables us to explore a broad range of issues impacting on local government:

1. Physical climate - climate change and its implications for local government
2. Financial climate - changing (increasing) financial sustainability challenges for local government
3. Political climate - new opportunities that may arise for Constitutional recognition of local government.

Speakers include prominent Futurist, Mr Richard Neville, and Constitutional law expert, Professor Cheryl Saunders. [Registrations are now open.](#)

### **Call for motions now open**

Councils and Regional Organisations of Councils are encouraged to submit motions on issues of national significance for debate. We look forward to your council's active participation in this important event for local government. Based on delegates' feedback from the 2006 National General Assembly, the principles for determining motions for debate at the Assembly were endorsed:

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

Motions submitted will be reviewed against these principles by the General Assembly Review Committee and state/territory associations as to their eligibility for inclusion in the General Assembly Business Papers.

[Submit your Notice of Motion](#) to the Australian Local Government Association via email [alga@alga.asn.au](mailto:alga@alga.asn.au) by no later than Friday 10 August 2007.

### **An invitation to put your Council on Show!**

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

### **The National Local Roads and Transport Congress**

The Congress is the premier transport event for ALGA each year. This year it is being held in Newcastle from 8 to 10 July.

The theme of this year's Congress is Vote 1 - Roads and Transport. delivering on the local government strategy.

As 2007 is a federal election year it is important that local government is strongly represented at this event to show the Federal Government the importance to councils of its funding.

In addition to speakers from both the Government and the Opposition, Professor Peter Newman will be speaking on "How will the climate agenda impact on roads and transport".

Professor Newman is well-placed to speak on this topic particularly from a local government perspective as he is former Councillor for the City of Fremantle. He is currently Professor of City Policy and Director of the Institute for Sustainability and Technology Policy at Murdoch University.

Peter has held a number of planning positions with state government in Australia. He has just returned from the USA where he was Fulbright Scholar at the University of Virginia Charlottesville examining innovations in sustainability in US cities, regions and states.

His academic work includes his book with Jeff Kenworthy, "Sustainability and Cities: overcoming automobile dependence," which was launched at the White House in 1999 and his 2001 co-authored book called "Back on Track: rethinking Australian and New Zealand transport." He is the author of the chapter on "Greening Urban Transportation" in Worldwatch Institute's State of the World, 2007.

The themes Professor Newman will be exploring in his keynote address will add to the work from previous congresses of expanding the local government transport agenda beyond roads to the issues being faced by urban councils such as congestion and combating the effects of climate change.

Register and pay online at [www.alga.asn.au/roadcongress](http://www.alga.asn.au/roadcongress). Early bird registrations made by 1 June save \$110 per registration.

### **Productivity Commission research study into local government own source revenue**

The Federal Treasurer, Peter Costello, has announced that the Productivity Commission will undertake a study to examine local government's own revenue sources.

The purpose of the study is to provide the states and territories with a clearer picture of local government's financial capacities and the sources of revenue available to them.

The study will examine the capacity of different types of councils to raise revenue, the impact of the various revenue sources available to local government, and the regulatory environment surrounding local government's revenue raising capacity.

The Federal Government agreed to commission the study as part of its response to the Hawker Report into cost shifting.

The Productivity Commission is required to provide a final report within twelve months.

In announcing the study, the Treasurer noted that Professor Cliff Walsh has been appointed to the Productivity Commission as an Associate Commissioner for this study. The Treasurer noted Professor Walsh's previous work in the development, implementation and evaluation of public policy at Commonwealth, state and local government level and that he has previously been appointed as an Associate Commissioner to the Productivity Commission inquiry Road and Rail Freight Infrastructure Pricing.

The Terms of Reference for the study will be available from the Productivity Commission's website at [www.pc.gov.au](http://www.pc.gov.au) or by contacting the Commission directly on (02) 6240 3239.



## Release of the 2nd Intergenerational Report

The release of the 2nd Intergenerational Report by Treasurer Peter Costello on Monday highlights the need for all spheres of government to continue working together to address the impacts of our ageing community.

The 2007 report acknowledges that some impacts may be less severe than originally anticipated, due to slight increases in both fertility rates and workforce participation rates of older workers. However the report once again shows that there are many challenges facing Australia in responding to its ageing population.

The impact on government revenue is one major concern, with projections that government spending will exceed revenue by around 3.5% of GDP by 2046-47 as a result of increased costs in health and aged care expenditure and aged pension payments. The ageing of our workforce will also continue to be a major consideration in terms of both workforce participation and also national productivity, with projections that by 2047 the proportion of people at the traditional working age of 15-64 years will be below 60%, some 8% lower than current levels.

Many of these issues will have direct impacts for the local government sector, and the report provides a timely reminder that local government must continue to plan for their ageing communities in a positive manner.

ALGA has been working with the Australian Government and State Associations to build the capacity of councils to respond to ageing and many of the resources are available online at [www.alga.asn.au/policy/healthAgeing/ageing/](http://www.alga.asn.au/policy/healthAgeing/ageing/).

## \$1.5 million available to fund local community projects

Assistant Minister for Australian Immigration and Citizenship the Hon Teresa Gambaro is encouraging community organisations, schools and local councils to apply for funds to develop local projects that will promote Australian values such as fairness, acceptance and fair go and help people realise the opportunities offered by living in Australia.

Ms Gambaro said \$1.5million was available under the Living in Harmony programme to assist communities in developing projects aimed at building mutual respect, understanding and acceptance among Australians.

"I believe we are in the best position to identify local problems and apply locally relevant solutions", said Ms Gambaro.

"I encourage all community organisations to consider how they can assist in building greater levels of respect and understanding and to apply".

This is the eighth round of Living in Harmony projects where between \$5000 and \$50,000 is allocated to successful applicants.

Applications for Living in Harmony funded community projects will be accepted from incorporated not for profit community organisations, schools and local governments.

Applications must be lodged with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship by cob, 27 April 2007.

For further information visit [www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au) or contact the Living in Harmony hotline on 1800 453 004.

### People, Pets and Planning: Living in a healthy community

Deakin University, is holding a day long symposium on 18 April to improve the understanding of the relationships between pets, public open space, town planning, and social capital and public environmental health.

Given Australia has one of the highest rates of pet ownership in the world, together with a growing demographic witnessing an older population base and greater single person households, this conference is designed to engage key policy stakeholders including local government town and social planners, health officers, rangers, recreation and emergency management officers.

See [www.deakin.edu.au/events/ppp](http://www.deakin.edu.au/events/ppp) for further details.

### Yardstick Parks Project - Applications for 2007 about to close

Benchmarking in parks and now also pools!

Just a short note and reminder that applications to participate in the Yardstick Parks 2007 benchmarking project are about to close.

As you may recall, 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 2007 Yardstick project, you can download an Information Pack [here](#) or from the [Yardstick webpages](#).

#### **Quote of the week**

"I think Australians have become more nationalistic and more localistic, if I may put it that way. In the time that I've been in public life, I find that people are a lot more interested in their local community. There is actually more interest in local government elections now than there used to be 20 or 30 years ago. And there is also a heavy concentration and interest in the federal scene and less so at a state level."

*Prime Minister John Howard*

#### *International news*

Smoking in pubs and bars in Wales became illegal this week with a ban on smoking in enclosed public places.

Anyone caught lighting up will face a STG50 (\$A121) fine and the Assembly Government has embarked on an advertising and publicity campaign to warn people the ban descends on Wales before England.

English smokers will not have to stub out their cigarettes until July 1, and a backbench bid to delay the Welsh ban and bring both sides of the border into line was defeated in the Assembly earlier this year.

Ministers say Wales's three smoke-free months could save 100 lives as passive smoking kills 400 people a year in Wales.

British Heart Foundation in Wales public affairs manager Delyth Lloyd said: "The introduction of a smoking ban in all workplaces in Wales will be an historic milestone for the nation's health."

"Not only will it be good news for non-smokers, who will be protected from second-hand smoke, but it represents the perfect time for smokers across Wales to attempt to give up for good."

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**STATE OF AUSTRALIAN CITIES**  
**National Conference**  
**Adelaide November 28 - 30 2007**

Abstract submission deadline for LGNews subscribers is Friday 30th March 2007...

The third State of Australian Cities Conference will be held in Adelaide from 28 to 30 November 2007. The 2007 conference is co-organised by the University of South Australia, University of Adelaide and Flinders University.

The over-arching theme of the conference is:

**Growth, Sustainability and Vulnerability of Urban Australia**

The conference provides an opportunity for academics and practitioners to explore urban issues in Australia. The purpose of the conference is to report on current research into issues of urban and regional sustainability, to discuss the research with policy makers, to identify research gaps and to improve our understanding of the state of Australian cities. It will also contribute to the development of government officers by offering them a forum to critically discuss their research.

The Conference is aimed at:

1. advancing understanding between leading researchers about the state of Australian cities;
2. leading to a better understanding of the research needs of Australian cities;
3. providing those in the public and private sectors with a better appreciation of the current status of research and the capacities of researchers.

For further information on abstract submission and attendance, consult the conference website (<http://www.unisa.edu.au/soac2007/>) or contact the Organising Committee directly at [soac2007@unisa.edu.au](mailto:soac2007@unisa.edu.au).

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### **Community Safety & Security Conference**

**Sydney May 17 - 18 2007**

Innovative strategies to improve safety and security within communities will be the focus of a national conference for local government safety and community managers to be held in Sydney on 17-18 May.

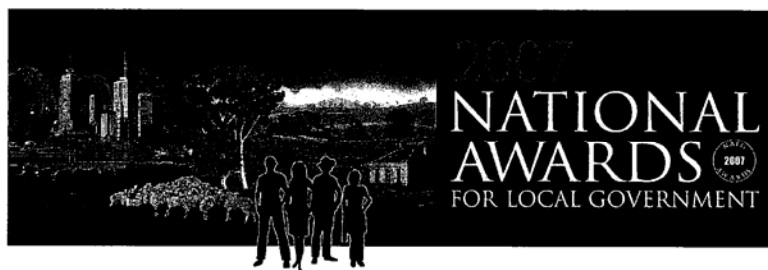
Local government managers and councillors, concerned about growing vandalism and aggression within communities, will have a unique opportunity to learn from the experiences and strategies being pursued by councils across Australia at the Community Safety and Security Conference being held in Sydney on 17-18 May. It will focus heavily on case studies to enable delegates to draw important lessons to enhance the welfare and safety of their own communities.

Award-winning initiatives will be presented at the conference including community safety & security services provided to residents by the Cities of Melville and Cockburn in WA, how graffiti and vandalism is being tackled in Queensland, and Sutherland Shire Council's response to the Cronulla riots. As well, there will be important presentations on the mobilisation against substance abuse and violence from Victoria.

Invited expert speakers include Tony Pearce, the Director General, Emergency Management Australia; Assistant Commissioner Frank Prendergast of the Australian Federal Police, and NSW Police Superintendent, Wayne Dedden, the winner of a Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Award in 2006. Senior managers from the City of Monash, Sutherland Shire, Hervey Bay, City of Charles Sturt, City of Sydney, Logan City and the City of Melbourne will be amongst those addressing this important two-day event.

Delegates will also have the opportunity to hear about the success of community; business and local government partnerships with police; and the role of CCTV cameras in monitoring and deterring vandalism and violence. The conference will examine the mechanisms for local government to take on its growing security role and it will also provide an opportunity to network with community safety and development managers in local government from all parts of the country. More information about the conference is now available on [www.halledit.com.au](http://www.halledit.com.au) or telephone Denise McQueen on 03 8534 5021 or email [denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au](mailto:denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au).

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### 2007 National Awards for Local Government

entries now open...

The theme for the 2007 National Awards for Local Government is 'Local government - working hard for Australians'. The aim this year is to showcase and reward the unrecognised hard work that's going on in councils around Australia.

The 2007 National Awards for Local Government gives councils an exciting opportunity to reveal the projects they have been working on in response to the problems and challenges they face in their local area.

The 2007 Awards process opened for submissions on **Monday 2 April** - and will close on **Friday 11 May**.

A council can enter a completed or on-going project in any of 15 Award categories in four broad areas: Capacity Building, Community Services, Environment and Management Practices.

For more details of the categories, go to [www.dotars.gov.au/local/awards](http://www.dotars.gov.au/local/awards) - and click on '2007 Categories'. Entering a project is easy - go to the same [website](http://www.dotars.gov.au/local/awards) and click on the entry form.

Small councils (under 15 000 ratepayers) are only judged against other small councils not large councils.

If you have any questions or want more information either freecall 1 800 065 113 or email [awards@dotars.gov.au](mailto:awards@dotars.gov.au).

Entries close on **Friday 11 May 2007**.

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### **Forthcoming events**

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

11 - 13 April 2007 [Community Renewal - LGA of SA Conference 2007](#)

17 - 18 April 2007 [Urban Design Strategies](#)

27 - 28 April 2007 [Natural Therapies & Natural Health Expo](#)

30 April - 01 May 2007 [National Procurement Forum](#)

30 April - 02 May 2007 [17th Annual Public Affairs in the Public Sector](#)

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## SSS TASKFORCE BULLETIN



Issue No. 4

The SSS Taskforce met on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March to consider two critical issues:

- The Expert Teams; and
- The Communications Strategy

The meeting provided an opportunity to develop a model to track the work that will need to take place over the coming months. It is a large and complex project that will require a number of players who can work together to develop this significant plan for the future.

The Taskforce agreed it was important to continue communicating with the sector to ensure that all of the concerns and issues were raised and addressed. Some members have expressed concerns about the form that structural reform in Western Australia will take and about the potential for the agenda to lose momentum.

The City of Geraldton/Shire of Greenough amalgamation informs us that it is critical to work closely with staff to ensure that the impact on people's lives is not lost.

This was further demonstrated when the President/CEO of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) invited Ricky Burges to facilitate a workshop for CEO's and senior management who are adjusting to the news that 55 Councils will be closed. There is considerable confusion and distress amongst officers as exemplified by the following comments by a CEO from the Northern Territory:

*"Many CEO's are feeling the same way as I am...that this is a done deal and we are simply passengers along for the ride to add window dressing..... we are being asked to rubber stamp a total overhaul of our way of life for the past twenty years and do it with understanding in 18 months."*

*"My biggest problem is I don't believe a word these people are saying. I don't believe that fellow when he says they want to give the 'right answers' to questions."*  
LGANT

These comments are indicative of the feeling and attitude amongst Northern Territory CEOs and will certainly reflect feeling amongst Western Australian officers who get caught up in any major changes within their organisation and the sector.

### THE 5-POINT PLAN

1. Leadership in the process of change;
2. Better revenue outcomes for the industry;
3. Improving financial and planning disciplines;
4. Focusing on efficient service delivery; and
5. Securing talent and investing in expertise in Elected Members and Council Staff.

The Taskforce has been grappling with the best way to organise the SSS workload.

A number of things were clarified at the meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2007:

- The Taskforce will receive all information and provide direction to all groups and/or teams involved in developing **The 5 Point Plan – the Local Government Futures White Paper**.
- Involvement in the 20<sup>th</sup> April Forum is **open to all who are interested** and participants will be encouraged to break into interest groups to help develop issues relevant to the five points of the plan.
- Involvement in the **Expert Teams will be by invitation** by the Taskforce and these Expert Teams will be provided with an Executive Officer (WALGA staff member) and a Consultant/Project Team Leader who will ensure that the issues are adequately addressed and their section of the Futures White Paper is produced.
- The terms of reference for the Expert Teams have been developed by the Taskforce and will ensure there are clearly defined objectives and milestones; actions identified; provision of direction and/or guidance.
- The Expert Teams will consist of no less than five industry expert representatives and will be provided with appropriate resources to complete their tasks.



**COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY**

The Communications Strategy for the Taskforce has been completed and will be presented to State Council for approval.

The Strategy aims are to ensure that regular and comprehensive communications are undertaken with Local Government members and other interested parties including:

- sharing best practice that is currently being carried out in the sector;
- suggesting different action plans and models; and
- gathering feedback and facilitating consultation with all stakeholders.

The Strategy includes a schedule of regional and metropolitan workshops to ensure all stakeholders have an opportunity to provide feedback on models, options and issues arising from the SSS recommendations.

The workshops schedule has been created with particular attention to enabling representatives from the entire sector the opportunity to attend.

To minimise disruption to the ordinary course of Local Government activity, the Taskforce will endeavour to tie their activity with the Zone meeting process as much as possible.

**Regional Workshop**

Zone	Date	Location / Coverage
Pilbara & Kimberly Zone	13 <sup>th</sup> April	Northern WA (Broome)
Central Country Zone	26 <sup>th</sup> September	Wheatbelt Central (Dumbleyung)
Great Southern Country Zone	24 <sup>th</sup> September	Albany
Northern Country Zone	30 <sup>th</sup> July	Geraldton
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	25 <sup>th</sup> May 10am	Kalgoorlie
Avon-Midland	21 <sup>st</sup> September	Northern Wheatbelt (Goomalling)
South West Country Zone	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bunbury / Busselton
Great Eastern Country Zone	21 <sup>st</sup> September	South Wheatbelt (Westonia)

**Metropolitan Workshop**

Zone	Time	Location / Coverage
Central Metropolitan Zone	31 <sup>st</sup> May 6pm	Inner Metropolitan (Peppermint Grove)
South-East Metropolitan Zone	30 <sup>th</sup> May 6pm	Outer Metropolitan (South Perth)

A copy of the workflow plan for the Taskforce is shown on the next page.

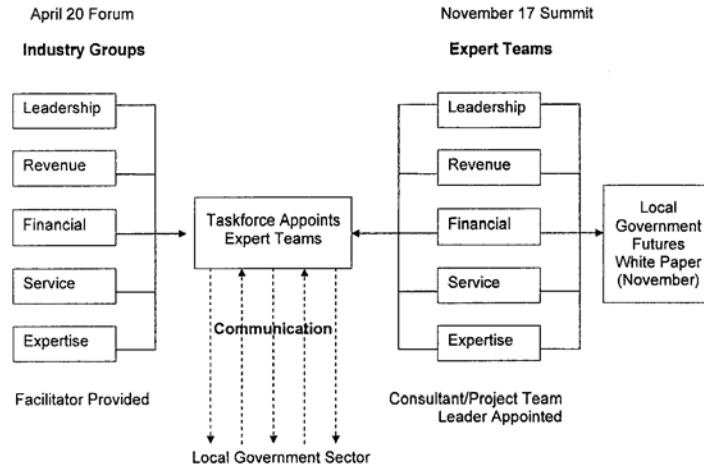
The SSS Taskforce Bulletin needs your feedback and comments – please direct them in the first instance to [kmurray@walqa.asn.au](mailto:kmurray@walqa.asn.au).

We call it a 'temperature check'. We'll reproduce your feedback and views so that your Local Government colleagues also know what the temperature is like in the Local Government sector on these issues.

The sixth Taskforce meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4. For further information, please contact Public Relations Officer, Kate Murray on 9213 2083 or email [kmurray@walqa.asn.au](mailto:kmurray@walqa.asn.au)



### SSS Taskforce Workflow Plan



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## SSS TASKFORCE BULLETIN



Issue No. 5

The SSS Taskforce met on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April and discussed a number of issues:

- Appointment of consultants to lead the Expert Teams;
- The Gap Analysis of work that remains in order to address the remaining SSS Panel recommendations; and
- The funding secured to enable the Forum on the 20<sup>th</sup> April to be free of charge.

**"Where there is no vision the people perish."**

(Proverbs 29:18)

The Taskforce recognised the importance of the April 20<sup>th</sup> Forum in establishing the path the sector will take in identifying and carrying out reform of Local Government.

The Association has been able to secure funding that will allow attendance at the Forum to be free of charge. Registrations are necessary and will close on Friday, April 13.

There are limited places for this popular event, so be sure to register early!

The appointment of Consultants to project manage the Expert Teams was discussed, and the Taskforce is currently approaching a number of consultants for these roles.

The role of the Expert teams will be to ensure that the issues relating to their particular area of focus are adequately addressed. They will prepare a report that will form a chapter of the Local Government Futures White Paper.

**"This sector, if it is to decide its own future, needs a sense of urgency about reform. It needs a plan for how it will look in five, in ten and in twenty years."**

Cr Ian West

The Taskforce has already received a number of nominations to be in the Expert Teams and will look to the April 20<sup>th</sup> Forum for more interest.

A Gap Analysis has been completed identifying the gap between individual recommendations and the work that has already been undertaken

by the Association. This Analysis was originally carried out on those recommendations that were categorised as a high priority and has now been extended to include media and low priority recommendations.

The barriers to reform that have been identified by past SSS work were recognised when completing the Gap analysis. These barriers need to be overcome if Local Government is to determine its own future:

- Lack of resources
- Skills shortages
- Lack of Co-ordination
- Compliance Issues
- Lack of tangible benefits
- Financial capacity
- Geographical location and remoteness
- Increased bureaucracy
- Lack of access to new technology

Active barriers to reform are identified as coming from perceived difficulties and challenges associated with reform, including:

- Poor levels of trust with State and Federal Governments
- Increased bureaucracy
- Lack of trust or rivalry with neighbouring Councils
- Loss of Councils' individual identity and autonomy
- Fear of amalgamation

The Taskforce has acknowledged these critical barriers to reform and believes they must be overcome if Local Government is to establish its own future.

**"Local Government is looking for real direction from this Taskforce. It is hoped with help from the Industry Groups and Expert Teams we will be able to create a viable future for Local Government."**

Cr Bill Mitchell





Feedback from member Councils has indicated some areas to be considered:

*"There is a (regulatory) anomaly whereby we must include depreciation on our operating statement however we exclude it from our rate setting statement."*

*"Some Councils do not have a choice on the level of service delivery provided. For example in our Shire, we have to provide a doctor, support two Silver Chain Centres and contribute towards a hospital in another Shire. This is not a matter of choice, it is a necessity."*

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The next Taskforce meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 2.

Prior to this meeting the Taskforce will attend the Forum *The Journey – From Cost Shifting to Sustainability* on Friday, April 20.

For further information, please contact Public Relations Officer, Kate Murray on 9213 2083 or email [kmurray@walqa.asn.au](mailto:kmurray@walqa.asn.au)



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

30 March 2007

### **Drivers Encouraged to Utilise Driver Reviver Stations this Easter**

Drivers are being encouraged to take advantage of Driver Reviver stations operating during the Easter long weekend.

This Easter look out for Driver Reviver sites run by volunteers in Broome, Carnarvon, Capel, Derby, Dongara, Esperance, Kalgoorlie, Kojonup, Manjimup, Norseman, Northampton, Southern Cross, Wanneroo, Waroona and Williams.

Driver Reviver stations aim to reduce the incidence of fatigue and fatigue related trauma on the roads in Western Australia by offering a free cup of tea, coffee or cordial, a biscuit and most importantly, a chance to revive so drivers reach their destination safely.

The stations are an ideal place to take a break on a long journey. They also provide an opportunity for Local Governments, police, sponsors and other road safety partners to work together to try and combat fatigue.

WA Local Government Association President, Cr Bill Mitchell said it was important for drivers to take regular breaks on long journeys, as research showed that after approximately two hours driving, the driver could become fatigued which affects reaction times and may lead to a road crash.

"The Easter weekend is a popular time for people to enjoy a break or visit friends and family and we want to see these people return home safely." Cr Mitchell said.

"I would encourage drivers and their families to stop and take a break at a Driver Reviver site, enjoy some refreshments, stretch their legs and have a chat to the volunteers before setting off again on their journey."

"By encouraging drivers to stop and take a break from driving every two hours, the Driver Reviver program is helping to eliminate fatigue as a major cause of road crashes, injury and death in WA.

"Remember, driving tired can kill."

Driver Reviver is sponsored by Bushells, Arnotts and Cottees who provide coffee, tea, biscuits and cordial to the Driver Reviver operators to encourage drivers to stop, revive and survive.

To find out the more about the driver locations, visit <http://www.roadwise.asn.au/diary/diary>.

#### **The facts about fatigue:**

- Driving while tired is dangerous and fatigue is a factor in up to 30% of fatal crashes on WA roads.
- Driving after being awake for between 17-19 hours produces performance levels similar to having a Blood Alcohol Concentration of .05.
- Did you know that after 17 hours awake, your chances of being in a fatigue related crash actually double?

**Tips for avoiding fatigue:**

- Plan ahead – work out rest stops and overnight stops before you start.
- Get away from the wheel – stop for at least 15 minutes every 2 hours.
- Share the driving whenever possible.

*Ends*

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**Shane Pope, Road Safety Officer 0407 986 496**

## MEDIA RELEASE

5 April 2007

### **Local Roads Receive Easter Road Safety Blessing**

Local Councils are joining forces to help the WA Local Government Association's RoadWise Program bless local roads this Easter.

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

Association President Cr Bill Mitchell said local road safety campaigns such as the *Blessing of the Roads* reinforced road safety as a whole of community issue.

"The *Blessing of the Roads* campaign brings key stakeholders and members of the community together to raise awareness of road safety in their local community – an issue that is even more crucial this year with the untenable number of fatal crashes on our roads," Cr Mitchell said.

"Ceremonies held throughout the State are organised and implemented by the local community. Easter blessings are delivered by local religious leaders and speeches are made by the Mayor or Shire President and by local police.

"This community approach helps reinforce the key Easter road safety messages; slow down, don't drink and drive, wear seatbelts, ensure children are properly restrained and take breaks to avoid fatigue when travelling."

*Blessing of the Roads* also provides an opportunity to remember family and friends who have lost their lives in road crashes and to recognise the dedication and efforts of emergency services personnel who deal with road trauma on a daily basis.

This Easter we need to plan ahead – leave enough time to get to your destination, change drivers and stop and revive at one of the many coffee stops or Driver Reviver locations run by volunteers throughout WA.

A *Blessing of the Roads* ceremony will be held at the **City of Wanneroo's Jacaranda Amphitheatre, 23 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo at 10.15am on Thursday, 5 April 2007**. The ceremony will involve the City of Wanneroo, local schools, members of the community and blessings by local religious leaders.

Members of the community are invited to attend the event.

Other *Blessing of the Roads* ceremonies are being held in the lead up to Easter in Collie, Bridgetown-Greenbushes and Mundaring.

*Ends*

FOR MEDIA COMMENTS PLEASE CONTACT:

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

5 April 2007

### **'Black Spot' Roads to Receive Increased Funding**

Funding to improve the safety of dangerous sites on roads around the State will continue until 2014 with the extension of a Federal Government program announced yesterday.

The Australian Government committed \$345 million of funding to an extension of the AusLink Black Spot program for another six years starting from 2008/09, with an extra \$75 million allocated over the extension period.

WA Local Government Association President Cr Bill Mitchell welcomed the additional funding, saying the Association had been lobbying for such a result.

"Given the current allocation formula, this translates to an indicative \$5 million of funding per year for the next two years for Western Australia, followed by \$6.6 million per year until 2014," Cr Mitchell said.

"The Association has been pushing hard for additional road funding considering there is an estimated \$90 million dollar shortfall just to maintain our roads in their current condition.

"This decision is an encouraging sign that the critical issue of providing safer roads for the community is starting to be addressed.

"The next step is recognition of the escalating construction costs associated with maintaining road networks and should include the consideration of annual indexation."

Cr Mitchell said the Association had also received Federal Opposition support for continuation of the program should government change in the next elections.

"Roads are an important part of reducing road trauma and have the potential to reduce fatalities by up to 43% dependent upon the level of investment made," Cr Mitchell said.

"We applaud the Australian Government's decision to extend the AusLink Black Spot program and are eagerly anticipating the State Government's response to our \$80 million dollar State budget bid for our Safer Local Roads project."

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## **1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS**

### **New Staff:**

- Maz Harfield commences in the casual position of Tourism Officer at the Visitor Centre, as at 28 March 2007.
- Roger Cockeram commences in the casual position of Tourism Officer at the Visitor Centre, as at 28 March 2007.

### **Staff Leaving:**

- Nil

### **Other Staff Movements:**

- Nil

### **Current Recruitment Activity:**

- Development Systems Coordinator –position on hold.
- Project Manager, Major City Projects – position on hold.
- Parks Technical Officer – interviews completed, recruitment progressing.
- Building Services Officer – recruitment completed.
- Backhoe Operator – closed 9 March 2007.
- Roller Driver – closed 9 March 2007.
- Grader Operator – closed 9 March 2007.
- General Labourer, Civil Works – interviews scheduled, 12 April 2007.
- Parks Maintenance Operators (x3) – interviews completed, recruitment progressing.
- Health Services Manager – interviews completed, recruitment progressing.
- Library Clerk (P-T), plus Casuals – interviews completed, recruitment progressing.
- Personal Assistant & Corporate Relations – Mayor's Office – interviews completed, recruitment progressing.
- Supervisor Streetscapes – interviews completed, recruitment progressing.
- IT Support Officer – interviews scheduled 13 April 2007.

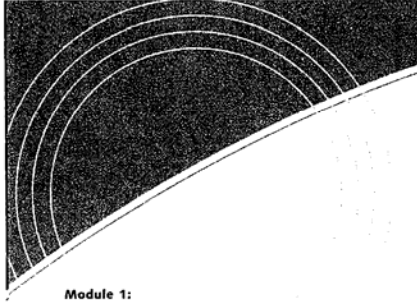
**Current Recruitment Activity (cont.):**

- Trainee Indigenous Community Development Coordinator – closed 4 April 2007.
- Community Ranger – internal applicants only, closed 5 April 2007.
- Rates Debt Collection Officer – closes 10 April 2007.
- Community Development Officer, Families & Children – closes 6 April 2007.
- Community Development Officer, Safety – closes 6 April 2007.
- Community Development Officer, Art & Culture – closes 6 April 2007.

**WALGA Elected Member Training:**

See program attached. Please contact Marka Haasnoot (9399 0104) or Vanessa Szlatoszlavek (9399 0631) for registration.





## Elected Member Training

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<p><b>Module 1:</b> <b>Legal Responsibilities of an Elected Member</b> The primary aim of this module is to keep participants up-to date with the ever increasing accountability and compliance requirements in respect of the Local Government Act 1995 and the general legal responsibilities of being an Elected Member.</p>	<p><b>Dates:</b> 30 April 2007 <b>Time:</b> 9:00am to 4:30pm <b>Venue:</b> WA Local Government Association <b>Cost:</b> \$297 (Inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members \$324.50 (Inc GST) for Non WS Member</p>
<p><b>Module 15:</b> <b>Sustainable Asset Management</b> The sustainable asset management training module has three key messages to assist Elected Members in understanding asset management issues and improving asset management capacity within their councils. This includes, understanding your stewardship responsibilities, know what your community can afford and move from annual budgeting to long term planning.</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 24 May 2007 <b>Time:</b> 9:00am to 4:30pm <b>Venue:</b> WA Local Government Association <b>Cost:</b> \$297 (Inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members \$324.50 (Inc GST) for Non WS Members</p>
<p><b>Module 4:</b> <b>Teamwork, Communication and Conflict in Local Government</b> This module emphasis's the importance of maintaining equilibrium, often under trying circumstances. It is vital that an Elected Member has an understanding of what makes for effective teamwork, what supports or undermines it and that conflicts are likely to arise. This module contains valuable information to assist Elected Members to be more effective in their roles.</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 28 May 2007 <b>Time:</b> 9:00am to 12:30pm <b>Venue:</b> WA Local Government Association <b>Cost:</b> \$148.50 (Inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members \$162.80 (Inc GST) for Non WS Members</p>
<p><b>Module 13:</b> <b>Customer Service and Complaints Handling</b> This module examines in detail the whole concept of customer service in the context of Local Government operations and aims to enhance the ability of Elected Members to contribute a greater customer focus and improved complaints handling by both Councillors and staff in their Local Government.</p>	<p><b>Date:</b> 28 May 2007 <b>Time:</b> 1:00pm to 4:30pm <b>Venue:</b> WA Local Government Association <b>Cost:</b> \$148.50 (Inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members \$162.80 (Inc GST) for Non WS Members</p>

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**Module 9:**

**Ethics and Conduct of an Elected Member**

The image of the council and how it is received by the community is of vital importance. This module critically examines universally held views and principles on ethics and provides a positive framework to work appropriately and professionally in the role of an Elected Member.

**Date:** 25 June 2007

**Time:** 9:00am to 12:30pm

**Venue:** WA Local Government Association

**Cost:** \$148.50 (Inc GST) for  
Workplace Solutions Members  
\$162.80 (Inc GST) for Non WS Members

**Module 10:**

**Change Management**

This module aims to enhance the ability of Elected Members to respond to and manage change in the most effective manner possible by understanding the origins of change, the positive aspects of change, and identifying methods and styles for coping with it in their Councils.

**Date:** 25 June 2007

**Time:** 1.00pm to 4:30pm

**Venue:** WA Local Government Association

**Cost:** \$148.50 (Inc GST) for  
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**Module 8:**

**Community Consultation of an Elected Member**

This module will provide Elected Members with the skills to participate in planning community consultation strategies and be able to critically assess the quality of reports on consultation programs in use in their own Local Governments.

**Date:** 29 June 2007

**Time:** 9:00am to 4:30pm

**Venue:** WA Local Government Association

**Cost:** \$297 (Inc GST) for  
Workplace Solutions Members  
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<b>TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS</b>			
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>REFERRING COMMITTEE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>OFFICER RESPONSIBLE</b>
<b><u>Armadale Shale Quarry – Management Plan</u></b> <i>Refer T145/02 25 November 02</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee.	Executive Director
<b><u>Armitage Road – Temporary Road Closure/Parking arrangements</u></b> <i>Refer T23/04/04 27 April 04 Refer T3/1/07 22 January 07</i>	Technical Services	Future report to Technical Services Committee	Manager Engineering and Design.
<b><u>O’Sullivan Drive, Westfield Petition</u></b> <i>Refer T21/03/05 30 March 05</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Engineering and Design
<b><u>Traffic Management – Lefroy Road Precinct</u></b> <i>Refer T32/05/05 30 May 2005</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Senior Projects Engineer
<b><u>Staff Replacement - Technical Services Directorate</u></b> <i>Refer T68/06/05 27 June 2005</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Executive Director
<b><u>Policy – Footpath/Kerb Security Deposit and Bonds</u></b> <i>Refer T57/06/06 26 June 2006</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Technical Service
<b><u>Illegal Dumping of Rubbish on Council and Calm Reserves</u></b> <i>Refer T79/08/06</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Coordinator Waste Services
<b><u>Forrest Road, Armadale – State Of Verge</u></b> <i>Refer T87/10/06</i>	Technical Services	Further report to Technical Services Committee	Executive Director
<b><u>Greenhouse Building Rating System</u></b> <i>Refer T14/2/07</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Property Services

**TECHNICAL SERVICES WORKS PROGRAMME**

**March – May 2007**

	March	April	May
<b>Civil Works</b>	<p><b>Construction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicholson Road</li> <li>• Gilwell/Page roundabout</li> <li>• Raeburn Road</li> <li>• O' Meagher Road</li> <li>• Third/Brunns/Gillam intersection</li> <li>• Footpath construction program</li> </ul> <p><b>Maintenance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor footpath repairs</li> <li>• Pothole repairs</li> <li>• Street furniture repairs</li> <li>• Contract road sweeping</li> <li>• Road Resurfacing Programme</li> </ul>	<p><b>Construction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicholson Road</li> <li>• Gilwell/Page roundabout</li> <li>• McNess Drive</li> <li>• Third/Brunns/Gillam intersection</li> <li>• Lake Road drainage</li> <li>• Footpath construction program</li> </ul> <p><b>Maintenance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor footpath repairs</li> <li>• Pothole repairs</li> <li>• Street furniture repairs</li> <li>• Contract road sweeping</li> <li>• Road Resurfacing Programme</li> </ul>	<p><b>Construction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicholson Road</li> <li>• McNess Drive</li> <li>• Third/Brunns/Gillam intersection</li> <li>• Lake Road drainage</li> <li>• Grade/Roberts Road intersection</li> <li>• Ranford Road</li> <li>• Footpath construction program</li> </ul> <p><b>Maintenance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor footpath repairs</li> <li>• Pothole repairs</li> <li>• Street furniture repairs</li> <li>• Contract road sweeping</li> <li>• Road Resurfacing Programme</li> </ul>
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	March	April	May
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lots 20 &amp; 28 Westfield Road</li> <li>• Lot 19 Westfield Road.</li> <li>• Champion Lakes Development</li> <li>• Lot 37 Westfield Road</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Champion Lakes Development</li> <li>• Lot 37 Westfield Road</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Champion Lakes Development</li> <li>• Lot 37 Westfield Road</li> <li>• Forrestdale Business Park</li> <li>• Lot 14 &amp; 29 Westfield Road</li> </ul>
<b>Design &amp; Engineering</b>	<p><b>Design &amp; Engineering</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prospect Road</li> <li>• Salter Road</li> <li>• Warton Road Stage I</li> <li>• Ranford Road Stage II</li> <li>• Roundabout Forrest/Green</li> <li>• Roundabout Church/Green/Sixth Road</li> </ul> <p><b>Drainage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slab Gully Drainage System</li> <li>• Bilkurra</li> </ul>	<p><b>Design &amp; Engineering</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prospect Road</li> <li>• Warton Road Stage I</li> <li>• Ranford Road Stage II</li> <li>• Roundabout Forrest/Green</li> <li>• Roundabout Church/Green/Sixth Road</li> <li>• Little John Traffic Calming</li> <li>• Streich Avenue</li> <li>• Soldiers Road</li> <li>• Abbey/Armadale/Railway Intersection</li> </ul> <p><b>Drainage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slab Gully Drainage System</li> </ul>	<p><b>Design &amp; Engineering</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seville Drive – Traffic Calming</li> <li>• Owen Road – reconstruction</li> <li>• Lowanna Way – reconstruction</li> <li>• Warton Road Stage I</li> <li>• Ranford Road Stage II</li> <li>• O’Sullivan Drive – Traffic Calming</li> <li>• Abbey/Armadale/Railway Intersection</li> <li>• Soldiers Road</li> </ul> <p><b>Drainage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carawatha Avenue – Sub soil Drainage.</li> </ul>
<b>Parks and Reserves</b>	<p><b>Capital Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playground Strategy</li> <li>• Street/Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Armadale Rd/ Anstey Rd</li> <li>- Armadale Rd/ 12<sup>th</sup> Rd</li> <li>- Lake Road/ Railway Ave</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Floodlighting - Gwynne Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Armadale Bowling Club</li> <li>- William Skeet Oval</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Champion Drive Verge Improvements</li> </ul>	<p><b>Capital Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playground Strategy</li> <li>• Street/Landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Armadale Rd/ Anstey Rd</li> <li>- Armadale Rd/ 12<sup>th</sup> Rd</li> <li>- Lake Road/ Railway Ave</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Floodlighting - Gwynne Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Armadale Bowling Club</li> <li>- William Skeet Oval</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cross Park – Resurfacing Tennis Courts</li> </ul>	<p><b>Capital Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playground Strategy</li> <li>• Ongoing</li> </ul>

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

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	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>
	replacement project- Letting tender.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Westfield Child Health – Internal works</li> <li>▪ Administration Air Conditioning replacement project – Programming works for installation</li> </ul>	works for installation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CCTV Administration and Central Business District – Expressions of Interest for design of CCTV</li> </ul>

**MINUTES**

**ARMADALE GOSNELLS LANDCARE GROUP MEETING NO. 111**

**HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT THE CITY OF GOSNELLS**

**ON WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2007 AT 6.04 PM**

**1.0 Attendance & Apologies**

Mr Cam Clay	Chairperson Bedfordale Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
Cr Ruth Butterfield	Councillor – City of Armadale
Ms Julie Robert	SERCUL
Mr Adrian Choules	Friends of Goolamrup
Ms Carla Tassone	Friends of Brixton Street Wetlands [6.15 pm to 9.00 pm]
Ms Sue Williams	Friends of Wright Brook
Mr Paul Mutton	Friends of Roley Pools [6.20 pm to 9.00 pm]
Ms Regina Drummond	Friends of Brixton Street Wetlands
Cr Pat Hart	Armadale City River Care Group [6.05 to 6.55 pm]
Mr Peter Carrigg	Community Representative
Mr Ken Downsborough	Palomino Reserve Catchment Group [6.04 pm to 6.45 pm]
Mr Toby Rees	Environmental Officer – City of Gosnells
Mrs Corinne Omacini	Environmental Officer – City of Armadale
Mr Brett Kuhlmann	Landcare Coordinator
Mrs Yvonne Ward	Minute Secretary
<b>Apologies:</b>	
Cr Carol Matison	Councillor – City of Gosnells
Ms Gwen Watson	Armadale City River Care Group
Ms Janet Green	Friends of Westfield Park Heron Reserve
Ms Thelma Atwell	Friends of Westfield Park Heron Reserve

*Due to other meeting commitments later in the evening, Ken Downsborough and Cr Pat Hart provided the Group with reports at this juncture of the meeting on the following matters.*

**2.0 Ken Downsborough - Various**

**Ken Downsborough provided the following report:**

**2.1 Tonkin Highway Extension Vegetation and Wetland Mitigation Strategies**

**Ken advised that he had received a letter from Dave Thomas in regard to the Tonkin Highway Extension Vegetation and Wetland Mitigation Strategies. In regard to Lot 100 Armadale Road – Main Roads has already purchased this land and this will be part of the off-set package – approximately 18 hectares. There are a number of places under consideration – Lot 44, Rowley Road, Lot**



12 Rowley Road, however the owners are not interested in selling it as wetlands. Lot 494, 495 and 601 Rowley Road – interested in selling approximately 14 hectares of the site. The remaining information is in regard to a proposal from Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group for spending \$100,000 of the Main Roads money on different projects within the City of Armadale. AGLG has submitted a proposal to carry out works on the Canning and Wungong rivers. Main Roads is proposing to contribute \$100,000 towards this project to be part of the wetland offset package.

*Cr Pat Hart arrived at 6.05 pm.*

Brett advised that he had had discussions with Dinky in regard to that proposal and she clearly stated that \$100,000 was towards the mitigation of 2-1/2 hectares of linear wetland and did not relate to the other wetland issues that Main Roads were involved in.

Cam requested that Brett refer to her conversation and get her to confirm Brett's understanding of her conversation that the \$100,000 relates in no way to the other wetland mitigation.

Ken Downborough suggested writing to the DEC to make sure it has AGLG information before it makes a decision.

Action:

The Secretary, in conjunction with the Environmental Officer of the City of Armadale and the Coordinator, to draft a letter to cover concerns in regard to the offset for the linear wetland.

## 2.2 Wungong River Weed Trial

Ken advised that he had had discussions with Brett during the last few weeks in regard to spending some money on the Wungong River to join the two areas which have been worked on between the Pony Club and the Poad Road bridge which is very weed infested. A previous experiment on the Wungong River a number of years ago involved the laying of rubber matting on the banks which provided a very good weed kill rate. With only a few rubber mats it would be a very slow process to kill all the weeds in the river system but considering the problem probably exists in a number of river systems it might be worth looking at something like that already trialled. The advantage of this is that it can be put in place and left during the winter in a slow flowing river such as the Wungong.

## 2.3 McNeil Road – Water Corporation Sewerage Pipe Works

The Water Corporation works on the sewerage pipe in McNeil Road has resulted in dewatering into the Wungong River. Ken advised that considering the number of phone calls to the Environmental Officer COA and DEC, the best result he had been able to obtain so far was advice from the Construction Engineer in charge of the works (Water Corporation) regarding the proposal.

*Carla Tassone arrived at 6.15 pm.*

**Julie Robert advised that she would pursue this matter by writing a letter to DEC to request a copy of its Dewatering Plan.**

*Paul Mutton arrived at 6.20 pm.*

**3.0 Cr Pat Hart – Trial Riparian Water Release**

Advised that a trial riparian water release by the Department of Water is planned for the week starting Wednesday, 14 March to Wednesday, 21 March 2007. A media release will appear in the newspapers advising of the trial. The Department is currently initiating a project for the Swan Catchment Council which aims to find out how much water is required to sustain or enhance ecology of the Canning River systems. Specifically, the project will determine how much water needs to flow through the system for the ecology to survive. A number of various studies along the river have been undertaken already to support the program including assessment of riparian vegetation, fish numbers and types and barriers to their migration plus other studies.

During the trial the water will be discharged from the six existing release points along the Canning River. The release points are located between Araluen and Manning Avenue, Gosnells. The water will be released at different rates of flow to what is currently being done.

The measurements of water quality and flow parameters will be taken before and after the trialed water release. The data will be used to assess whether the water release is of benefit and the quality of water and the ecology within the Canning River. Base flows will be maintained throughout the trial to ensure that water is available to licensed service water extractors. However, in order to accurately deliver the trial flow it is important that water levels within the river, wherever possible, are not adversely raised or reduced so current license users have been advised by mail that if possible during that week they either maintain or reduce where possible their current rate of extraction.

**4.0 Guest Speakers**

**4.1 Blackberry Task Force & The Current Management of Blackberry in the South West – Julie Robert**

Julie Robert provided a powerpoint presentation to members on the Blackberry Task Force and the current management of Blackberry in the South West.

*Ken Downsborough and Cr Pat Hart left the meeting at 6.55 pm.  
Meeting adjourned at 7.20 pm and reconvened at 7.45pm.*

**5.0 Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 22 November 2006**

**RECOMMEND**

**That the Minutes of the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group Meeting held on 22 November 2006, be received.**

**MOVED Ms Sue Williams  
SECONDED Mr Adrian Choules**

**CARRIED**

**6.0 Business Arising from Minutes:**

Nil

**7.0 Correspondence In  
December 2006**

- 7.1 City of Gosnells: Confirmation of purchase order for annual budgeted support contribution \$33,000.
- 7.2 Swan River Trust: Invitation to a briefing on the "Draft Healthy River Action Plan" on 4th December.
- 7.3 Invoice: City of Armadale - Landcare Coordinator and vehicle for 2005/06 \$66539.00.
- 7.4 Invoice: Optus - mobile phone for October 06 \$31.52.
- 7.5 Transfer: Cash Management Account to the Cheque Account \$66500.00.
- 7.6 Invoice: City of Gosnells - reimbursement for one advertisement to the Great Gardens Workshops. \$312.40.
- 7.7 Letter: City of Armadale - invitation to nominate members to BEAC.
- 7.8 Invoice: Martins Environmental - weed control \$704.00.
- 7.9 Invoice: Martins Environmental - weed control \$1905.75.
- 7.10 City of Gosnells: Confirmation of purchase order for annual budgeted support contribution \$33,000.
- 7.11 Cheque: City of Gosnells - 2006-07 annual contribution \$33,000.
- 7.12 Invoice: Ecojobs - labour provided to complete sedge planting \$904.64.
- 7.13 Request: City of Gosnells - Confirmation of details & transfer to EFT payment system.
- 7.14 Invoice: Martins Environmental - weed control \$682.00.
- 7.15 Invoice: Perry Environmental - weed control \$3751.00.
- 7.16 Certificate of Appreciation & letter of thanks: Armadale Education Support Centre.
- 7.17 Certificate of Appreciation & letter of thanks: Canning Vale Education Support Centre.
- 7.18 Department of Agriculture: latest animal & plant pests.

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- 7.19 Swan River Trust: project reporting request for the Bickley Road Basin.
- 7.20 Swan Catchment Council: project reporting request for the 2006 SALP projects.
- 7.21 City of Gosnells: Grant Information Seminar - Thursday the 15th Feb 6pm to 7pm at the City of Gosnells.
- 7.22 WWF Australia: grant funding for Fletcher Park cheque \$4065.00.
- 7.23 Invoice: Department of Planning and Infrastructure - trailer licensing \$52.20.
- 7.24 Invoice: Optus - Mobile phone use for Dec & Jan \$60.56.
- 7.25 Department of Consumer and Employment Protection: Review of the Associations Incorporations Act 1987.
- 7.26 Newsletter: Ecoplan News.
- 7.27 Newsletter: The Urban Bush Telegraph.
- 7.28 Invitation: Swan Catchment Council - SALP 2007 funding ceremony 22 Feb 2007.
- 7.29 Advice: Department of Agriculture - Trading of Gold Rush, Yellow Spreader and other dwarf yellow Lantanas.
- 7.30 Notice: Annual General Meeting of the Urban Bushland Council WA Inc - 6th of March 2007 7.30pm Lotteries House 2 Delhi Street West Perth.
- 7.31 Letter: City of Gosnells - Update Contact Information.

- 7.32 Report: Wandoo Recovery Group - Wandoo Crown Decline Situation Statement July 2006.

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- 7.33 Envirofund: Project "River restoration of the Wungong River at Palomino Reserve" final report received, accepted and project acquitted.
- 7.34 Clean up Australia Day: site registration form.
- 7.35 Department of Planning and Infrastructure - trailer licensing receipt and registration sticker.
- 7.36 City of Armadale: funding received \$33,000 for 2006-07 annual contribution.
- 7.37 Invoice: Altiora - annual insurance premiums for AGLG \$300.00.
- 7.38 Invoice: Perry Environmental - weed control at Fancote and Derry \$1177.00.
- 7.39 Main Roads WA: update on the Tonkin Hwy Extension vegetation and wetland mitigation strategies.
- 7.40 Skills for Nature Conservation - training calendar March to June 2007.
- 7.41 Department of Water: Draft Drinking Water Source Protection Plan for the Canning River Catchment Area.
- 7.42 City of Armadale: invitation to the Minnawarra Festival.
- 7.43 City of Gosnells: Invitation to attend the opening of the Centennial Tree Top Walk.
- 7.44 Invoice: Australia Post - renewal of Post Office Box services \$65.00.
- 7.45 Invoice: Perry Environmental - weed control at Palomino Reserve \$1738.00.
- 7.46 Invoice: Optus - mobile phone for Jan 06 \$22.00.
- 7.47 Cheque: Swan Catchment Council - SALP07 funding \$67,600.
- 7.48 Invoice: Martins Environmental - weed control \$5,049.00.
- 7.49 Invoice: Perry Environmental - weed control \$1,454.00.

**8.0 Correspondence Out**

**December 2006**

- 8.1 Invoice: World Wildlife Fund - approved grant funding for Fletcher Park \$4065.00.
- 8.2 Invoice: Swan Catchment Council - approved grant funding for SALP 07 \$67600.00.
- 8.3 Letter: Envirofund - supply of requested information on project ID 43483.
- 8.4 Payment: City of Armadale - Landcare Coordinator and vehicle for 2005/06 \$66539.00.
- 8.5 Payment: Optus - mobile phone for October 06 \$31.52.
- 8.6 Letter: Councillor Carol Matison - copy of the Annual Staff Summary 2006.
- 8.7 Payment: Martins Environmental - weed control \$704.00.
- 8.8 Payment: Martins Environmental - weed control \$1905.75.
- 8.9 Payment: City of Gosnells - reimbursement for one advertisement to the Great Gardens Workshops. \$312.40.
- 8.10 Response: City of Gosnells - RE: Confirmation of details & transfer to EFT payment system.
- 8.11 Payment: Ecojobs - labour provided to complete sedge planting \$904.64.
- 8.12 Payment: Martins Environmental - weed control \$682.00.
- 8.13 Letter: Kevin Moran of Plan E - regarding the restoration proposal for the project site of Champion Dive to Tonkin Highway.
- 8.14 Payment: Perry Environmental - weed control \$3751.00.
- 8.15 To Dinky Goble-Garratt - Main Roads WA: Contract and Restoration Proposals for Main Roads WA funding contribution to AGLG.

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- 8.16 Payment: Department of Planning and Infrastructure - trailer licensing \$52.20.

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- 8.17 Payment: Optus - Mobile phone use for Dec & Jan \$60.56.  
 8.18 Swan River Trust: acceptance of the 2007 grant funding agreement for the City of Armadale.  
 8.19 Response to the City of Gosnells RE: Update Contact Information.  
 8.20 Letter: To residents along the Canning River from Goolamrup Reserve to Brookton Hwy - advice regarding the follow up treatment of Taro by Martins Environmental.  
 8.21 Letter: EPA - expressing concern over the City of Armadale's request to extend Keane Road.

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- 8.22 Clean Up Australia Day: site registration for Sunday the 4th of March 9.00am at Westfield Park Heron Reserve.  
 8.23 Payment: Altiora - annual insurance premiums for AGLG \$300.00.  
 8.24 Swan River Trust: progress report detailing the expenses and progress of the Bickley Basin project.  
 8.25 City of Armadale: site application for the Minnowarra Festival.  
 8.26 Payment: Australia Post – Renewal of Post Office Box services \$65.00.  
 8.27 Payment: Perry Environmental – weed control at Palomino Reserve \$1,738.00.  
 8.28 Payment: Optus – mobile phone for January 2006 \$22.00.  
 8.29 Payment: Perry Environmental – weed control at Fancote and Derry \$1,177.00.  
 8.30 Payment: Urban Bushland Council WA – annual membership \$30.00.  
 8.31 Letter: Swan River Trust – Re: Lot 62, Croyden Road, Roleystone.  
 8.32 Letter: Main Roads Department – re: inappropriate spraying by contractors on road verges.

**RECOMMEND**

**That the correspondence be received.**

**MOVED Mr Peter Carrigg  
 SECONDED Ms Regina Drummond**

**CARRIED**

9.0 **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was verbally reported and is attached to these Minutes. **(Refer to Attachment "A-1".)**

**MOVED Ms Regina Drummond  
 SECONDED Cr Ruth Butterfield**

**CARRIED**

10.0 **Chairman's Report**

Nil

11.0 **Champion Lakes**

Peter Carrigg provided the following report in regard to Champion Lakes:

I visited the site in the company of Kim Fletcher on Tuesday, 19 December 2006 to inspect:

- a) the progress of the lakeside plantings and under the power lines revegetation; and
- b) the health of these plantings to date.



Kim came prepared with Plan E species listings to compare the actual plantings with the recommended list species.

Kim's early concerns were that the "weed species" regrowth and blown in seed grasses were at the stage where they could start to regrow at a pace.

There was a Plan E employee on site spot spraying with a knapsack but we both felt that this needed more activity.

Peter revisited the site today (28 February 2007). The ARA was contacted about the weed infestation concerns and they advised they would speak to Plan E. After a visit this afternoon, Peter observed that the weeds had been dealt with pretty well.

Kim felt that three species that were on the list were probable, given his personal interest, lifetime experience and observations in the soil types of the region. Overall he gave an 8/10 mark. That was an independent thinking of Kim's. He was very interested in what the plantings were and what the species were and he felt that they were pretty true to what they said was there but he had doubts about two or three species.

**The current assessment of the progress on the site:**

I visited the site on Monday, 26 February 2007 and again this was a bad day, as they had about 28 trucks which started at 6.00 am to cart over 500,000 cubic metres of stockpile from the site (slag heap) to the Brookdale Project to be used as base fill for the planned playing fields at Brookdale. This will take about two and a half months to complete. Some will also be taken to fill an old quarry at the back of the Bristle quarry at the back of Cardup.

The small amount of rainfall made the surface very slippery. The removal of this fill will do wonders for the Champion Lakes project and it will do a lot more for the residents and already that taken has made a difference to the site.

- The removal of fill will make way for a temporary car park for the opening of the Lake on 29 April 2007 (Regatta).
- Cammillo Road will now be extended through the roundabout and become Henley Avenue (as in Henley on Thames) or Boulevard or similar name. The new extension road will give access to the boats, trailers, work machines etc. and is to be connected to the main access bridge which is now complete.
- The Spectator Road is now complete
- The pedestrian/cycle access road is now complete.
- Media Camera Road now complete (needs a small subsided section to be repaired.)
- Both bridges are complete.
- The water retention and temporary machine access to the islands in the process of being removed.
- Irrigation and landscaping under the power lines and revegetation is now complete.
- The basic housing site earthworks are now complete in respect to major soil removal.
- The site is like an ant's nest in respect to the number of contractors endeavouring to be ready for the 29<sup>th</sup> April Opening Regatta.



**Saline Lake Water:**

The next issue for AGLG is to meet with the five relevant authorities:

- Swan River Catchment
- Department of Water
- Armadale Redevelopment Authority
- City of Armadale
- City of Gosnells

And the relevant appointed consultants engaged by the Lakes project as to where the Saline Discharge Pipe is to go. Whilst there is not a saline water issue at this early stage of the Lake's life span, planning for the pipeline must be incorporated and constructed in the project's initial construction time frame and that is this year.

Under the ARA's commitment to the *Drainage Nutrient Irrigation Water Quality Management Plan* document, the initial plan as we understand it, was to discharge the water back down into the aquifer, but for some reason, not conveyed to the AGLG, the plan now is to discharge this water into the higher flows of the Canning River. However, the Department of Water believes that there would be some support to increase flows into the Wungong River. I guess this has merits subject to just how saline the water is at the time of the discharge from Champion Lakes being required.

One has to suspect that perhaps the complexity of tunneling under both the railway line, Albany Highway and through private property to the Canning River, as opposed to a very short distance through land forming part of the Champion Lakes project straight into the Wungong could well be the driving motivation for this route.

Under the Minister's requirement, matters concerning discharge of water must be discussed with AGLG and SERCUL as part of the decision-making process.

**Issues for Consideration:**

To enable AGLG to debate this issue we would need to know what affect discharge into the Wungong would have on the health of the Wungong system. The writer has listed a few points which would need to be researched to enable us to contribute meaningfully to the debate.

*Examples:*

- a) when do the "planners" anticipate the salinity levels will be at such a level as to necessitate the "drawing off" of saline water, e.g. 2008 – 2012 etc?
- b) what approx volume of water are we looking at?
- c) over what time frame would it take to drain/pump the water out of the Lake, e.g. 1 month's prmping/2 month's pumping etc?
- d) what season of the year would the water be pumped – summer, autumn, winter, spring?

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- e) what would the salinity levels in ppm (parts per million) salt be – 1000 ppm, 2500 ppm?
- f) what flow rate of water (approx.) could be expected to be flowing down the Wungong at the anticipated time of lake water being pumped into the Wungong?
- g) what would the Wungong's own natural and salinity levels be just prior to the saline lake water being discharged into the Wungong?

There are obviously many more such questions we would need answers to, to enable us to contribute to the debate to ensure that we are not “snowed” by experts.

The ARA is keen to meet with us and other groups within the month of March.

Peter provided photographs of the site for the benefit of members.

Cam Clay advised that he had some concerns in regard to the placement of the white clay and requested that Peter ascertain from the ARA where and how they intend to stabilise this clay before the coming winter to prevent it entering a water way.

Brett enquired as to how they constructed the bridge without piercing the liner. Question to be asked of the ARA.

## 12.0 **Bushcare & Environmental Advisory Committee Report/City of Armadale – Environmental Officer**

### 12.1 **City of Armadale Investigations into the Feasibility of Constructing an Unmade Portion of Keane Road**

- o Consultants undertook an environmental assessment of Keane Road.
- o Council resolved to refer the information and the road construction proposal to the EPA to comment on whether the proposal is likely to be acceptable and if so, what would be required to pursue the proposal. Comment from the EPA has not yet been received.

### 12.2 **Expansion of the Dampier to Bunbury Gas Pipeline Proposal**

- o Proposal by Alinta Gas to expand the gas pipeline along the existing alignment sent to the Department of Environment and Heritage (DEH) for assessment under the EPBC Act 1999. Loop 9 of the proposal is within Armadale.
- o Comment now closed – being considered by DEH.
- o In CoA region – likely to have an impact on Bush Forever Sites 260 (Southern River), 342 (Keane Anstey Bushland), 342 (Forrestdale Lake and surrounding bushland), and 344 (Dennis De Young Bushland and Gibbs Rd Bushland).
- o Approximately 75 hectares is proposed to be cleared in Loop 9 included in a number of DRF and TEC.
- o Identified that a Construction and Environmental Management Plan will be prepared – AGLG may like to comment on the proposal at this stage.

### **12.3 Southern Source Integration Assets Pipelines Corridor Proposal**

- Water Corporation is proposing a water corridor that will have part of its alignment through Armadale
- Currently, the Water Corporation is in the early stages of engineering design, terrestrial surveys and geotechnical investigations.
- Documentation is being prepared for the proposal to be referred to the EPA for a level of assessment to be set. At this stage there is likely to be a public comment period.
- One part of the proposed alignment, which may have environmental issues, is where it crosses Fletcher Park at Mitchell Street. The City of Armadale has sent a letter to the Water Corporation advising of the environmental and conservation significance of this area in particular.

### **12.4 Off Road Vehicles**

- In response to increasing complaints and observations about motorbike activity damaging bushland reserves – staff are developing signs and a pamphlets to help address the issue.
- The signs advise of potential fines including the impounding of vehicles.
- The draft brochure advises people about where they can ride and about the penalties if they ride elsewhere.

### **12.5 Dieback Treatment**

The City has just engaged a contractor to treat Lloyd Hughes Reserve, a section of Armadale Settlers' Common and section of Bungendore Park for dieback. We are also installing dieback hygiene stations into the Common with the assistance of Martin Gehrman at the WAPC.

### **12.6 Success of Fletcher Park Seed Collection Event**

Many thanks to the volunteers who assisted in collecting seed at Fletcher Park in January. This seed will be propagated by a nursery and grown for revegetation of the bushland in June 2008.

### **12.7 Ranford Road Dual Lane Construction**

The City of Armadale has submitted an application for a Clearing Permit to the Department for Environment and Conservation for Ranford Road for the section opposite terrier Place in Southern River to Ballanup Rd (CoA side of the road). A separate application has been submitted for the section of the road from next to Shepherd Court Reserve to Warton Road (CoA side of the road). Both of these road widening proposals consider dieback, weeds and acid sulphate soils (potential and actual).

Designs for the section in the middle of these two sections of Ranford Road (which includes Ballanup Lake) are still in development. The City has engaged discussion with the Environmental Protection Authority about the proposal and likely conditions/ level of assessments (under the Environmental Protection Act s.38 a

proposal likely to have a significant environmental impact must be referred to the EPA for a level of assessment to be set).

**12.8 Local Nature Spot Project**

The City is part of a project being run by the Perth Biodiversity Project at WALGA (funded under NHT Funding) to (1) identify behaviours and attitudes of residents and visitors in a 500m radius of a reserve and investigate how they relate to threatening processes and (2) Recommend and implement management actions to address these behaviours and attitudes.

I have nominated three reserves including Bob Blackburn, Kendal Court and Lloyd Hughes Reserves.

**12.9 City of Armadale Dieback Policy**

The comment period closed today (28 February 2007).

**12.10 City of Armadale Landscaping Policy/Construction of Wetlands**

The City of Armadale has adopted a new Landscaping Policy for local plants and also a new policy for the Construction and development in wetlands.

**12.11 Herbicide Workshop**

Cam Clay thanked the Council and BEAC for the work in organising the Herbicide Workshop.

**13.0 City of Gosnells – Environmental Officer**

**13.1 Clean Up Australia Day**

The City of Gosnells is participating in Clean Up Australia Day this coming weekend. The site chosen by the City is Pioneer Park. Other sites will be considered for future 'Clean up' events.

**13.2 National Tree Day**

A lot of planning is going into National Tree Day which will be held at Pioneer Park on 29 March 2007. The plan of attack for this National Tree Day is to capitalise on the event and perhaps arrange for a Friends Group to participate and generate interest.

**13.3 Corporate Care Days**

Three Corporate Care Days will be held in association with National Tree Day this year.

**13.4 Work for the Dole Team**

Remaining plants that are left unplanted on National Tree Day and Corporate Care Days will be planted by a Work for the Dole team which Toby will work very closely with. Through National Tree Day, associated Corporate Care Days and the Work for the Dole Team in excess of 11,000 plants will be put into the Pioneer Park site this winter and spring.

Peter Carrigg enquired as to where the tree walk was located. Toby advised that the landing for the tree top walk was opposite the town centre.

**13.5 Waterwise School**

The City of Gosnells is planning to arrange a meeting with the Water Corporation in regard to the Waterwise School and is hoping to expand the City of Gosnells' involvement in the Waterwise School program.

**13.6 Dieback Working Group**

The City of Gosnells is working with the Dieback Working Group to have two priority reserves mapped this year. Had a meeting with Julie (SERCUL) and Lindy Twycross (Project Dieback) regarding mapping of Ellis Brook Valley.

**13.7 New Administration Offices – City of Gosnells**

The City of Gosnells Administration Offices is to be retrofitted and extended. The building will be a lot more efficient in regard to greenhouse gases etc. The ABGR rating is forecasted to be approx. 4.

Stormwater Outfalls – there won't be an increase in the volume of water leaving the site and also the quality of water will be better.

**13.8 Hillside Farm – Mistletoe Infestation**

This issue had been raised by Rick Miller at AGLG some time ago. It would appear that the mistletoe at Hillside Farm is still a problem judging from the phone call received by Toby this week.

**13.9 Management & Revegetation Plan – Riverside Gardens**

The Management and Revegetation Plan initiated for Riverside Gardens (Lot 5026 Manning Avenue, Gosnells), has been signed off by both the Swan River Trust and City of Gosnells.

**13.10 Fire Management Plan**

Toby advised that he is working on a Fire Management Plan for Shreeve Road Wetland. This is proving to be a pretty interesting exercise; however, it is a slow moving process. As far as the City of Gosnells is concerned Shreeve Road Reserve Wetland is considered a high management priority. The conservation value as far as vegetation in the wetlands and also potential fauna habitat connotations is pretty

high. It is inevitable that one day there will be a fire but are looking at fuel reduction and management through weed control, education campaigns for residents etc. as fuel reduction burns are unlikely to be feasible. A post fire action plan will be produced as part of the management plan and will look at the risks associated with the post fire environment including weed invasion and associated resources required to adequately control weeds.

#### 14.0 Friends Groups

##### 14.1 Brixton Street Wetlands – Regina Drummond

The Friends of Brixton Street Wetlands group is encouraging people to “come and enjoy and be surprised at our amazing wetland and bushland” on Saturday, 17 March 2007 to celebrate Conservation Week. Conservation Week activities will run from 9.00 am to noon and include insect talks and displays, guided walks, photo displays and a field herbarium.

##### 14.2 Aquatic Weed Identification & Management Training – Julie Robert

An email invitation has been circulated to attend a free Aquatic Weed Identification & Management Training to be held on 3, 4 and 5 April 2007. This is the first time that training of this type has been made available on aquatic weeds.

##### 14.3 State Weeds Committee – Julie Robert

Julie advised that she has been contacted by the State Weeds Committee and in regard to the naming of the six highest priority weeds to local governments. Information was requested to be provided to the State Weeds Committee by 6 March 2007.

##### 14.4 Taro – Adrian Choules

Adrian Choules enquired as to whether there would be a follow up on the Taro treatment undertaken recently. Julie advised that this was currently occurring.

#### 15.0 General Business

Nil

#### 16.0 Landcare Coordinator’s Report

##### January / February 2007 Coordinator’s Activities

- Administration and general enquiries.
- Annual leave and time in lieu were taken from the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2006 to the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2007.
- Meetings with two students from Swan TAFE who are undertaking a Certificate 4 in Land Management. As part of their studies for this semester they are required to prepare a site restoration plan. Suggested site were a connection between the current sites of Jacqueline



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Drive and Parkside Drive in Huntingdale and a section of the Westfield Park Heron Reserve wetland in Westfield.

- Site inspections for summer weed control on all current AGLG revegetation sites. Directions provided to contractors to undertake weed control as required.
- Photo monitoring and an assessment of 2007 planting requirements in AGLG sites.
- Meeting with the Team Leader for the “Work for the Dole Program” regarding possible activities during 2007.
- Completion of the SALP 2005 project reporting.
- Compiling a progress report for the Swan River Trust of the progress of the Bickley Road Basin revegetation project.
- Meeting with Caroline McGregor of Bedforddale, to discuss her proposal for an Envirofunds Grant for fencing to allow fauna to pass unimpeded through the property.
- Plant ordering for the 2007 planting season.
- Meeting with David Gibb from “Whelans” to organize the topographic surveying of the Wungong River through Palomino Reserve.
- Attendance to the SERCUL bimonthly meeting.
- Visit to Oakford Nursery to see the development of seedlings from the provenance seed collections at Fletcher Park.

**November / December 2006****Coordinator's activities**

- Administration and general enquiries.
- Site meeting and discussions with Kevin Moran of “Plan E” regarding a partnership between AGLG and ARA (via Plan E) to undertake the restoration of the Wungong River between Champion Drive and Tonkin Hwy. This partnership formed part of the restoration proposal for the contribution of \$100,000 from Main Roads WA.
- Discussions with Martin Gehrmann from WAPC regarding a partnership between AGLG and WAPC to undertake restoration of 2 sites on the Wungong River (McNeil Rd Bridge and Champion to Tonkin) and one site on the Canning River (Astley St). This partnership formed part of the restoration proposal for the contribution of \$100,000 from Main Roads WA.
- Discussions with Georgia Davies from the Swan River Trust regarding a co-contribution to the Astley Street project through Riverbank 2008.
- Preparation of the restoration plans for the three sites proposed for the contribution of \$100,000 from Main Roads WA and preparation of the funding agreement for the proposal.
- Preparation of the annual activity report for the AGLG staff activity for 2006.

- Attendance to a meeting of the Darling Range Community Advisory Committee.
- Assistance to the Friends of Roley Pool to undertake a current weed mapping exercise in the reserve.
- A day spent with a Green Corps team planting sedges along the Canning River and undertaking seed collecting at Fletcher Park.
- Meeting with Russell Gorton, Swan Catchment Council's Community Representative.
- Review a proposed foreshore revegetation plan for Riverside Gardens Estate in Gosnells.
- Seed collecting in Fletcher Park with students from Canning Vale College Education Support Unit.
- Completion of the 2006 sedge planting with an Ecojobs crew.
- Attendance to the Swan River Trust "Healthy River Launch".
- Seed collecting in Bob Blackburn Reserve with students from Canning Vale College Education Support Unit.
- Meeting with James Robilliard from "Sustainable Gardening Australia". A program which works through local government and the nursery industry to identify and halt the sale of locally significant weeds species.

**Dates for your Reference**

AGLG Meeting Dates for 2007

- 28<sup>th</sup> March at City of Armadale
- 18<sup>th</sup> April at City of Gosnells
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May at City of Armadale
- 27<sup>th</sup> June at City of Gosnells
- 25<sup>th</sup> July at City of Armadale
- 22<sup>nd</sup> August at City of Gosnells
- 26<sup>th</sup> September at City of Armadale
- 24<sup>th</sup> October at City of Gosnells (Annual General Meeting)
- 28<sup>th</sup> November at City of Armadale

Clean up Australia Day

- 4<sup>th</sup> March 9am – 11.30am
  - at Westfield Park Heron Reserve in Westfield
  - at Pioneer Park in Gosnells

Brixton Street Wetlands

Conservation Event: 9am – 12noon, 17<sup>th</sup> March

Minnawarra Festival

31<sup>st</sup> of March & the 1<sup>st</sup> of April at Minnawarra Park in Armadale.

**17.0 Next Meeting– Wednesday, 28 March 2007**

To be held at City of Armadale in the Committee Room at 6.00 pm.

**18.0 Closure**

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.00 PM

Approved and  
Accepted:

Chairperson's Signature:

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Chairperson's Name:

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AGLG Inc.	<u>Jan 31, 2007</u>
Balance sheet as at	
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Current/Savings	
036-032 180573	71,034.84
036-032 25-5854 CMA	212,852.66
Petty cash	200.00
<b>Total Current/Savings</b>	<u>284,087.50</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>284,087.50</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>284,087.50</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Tax Payable	-1,635.35
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>-1,635.35</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>-1,635.35</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>-1,635.35</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>285,722.85</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>	
Opening Bal Equity	306.90
Net Income	285,415.95
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<u>285,722.85</u>

AGLG Inc. 31/1/07						
Bank reconciliation A/C 25-5854						
	Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount
Beginning Balance						231,968.00
Cleared Transactions						
Cheques and Payments - 2 items						
	Cheque	02/01/2007	Bank Fees	Westpac Bank	√	-0.65
	Transfer	24/01/2007			√	-20,000.00
Total Cheques and Payments						-20,000.65
Deposits and Credits - 1 item						
	Deposit	31/01/2007			√	885.31
Total Deposits and Credits						885.31
Total Cleared Transactions						-19,115.34
Cleared Balance						-19,115.34
Register Balance as of 31/01/2007						212,852.66
Ending Balance						212,852.66

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	AGLQ Inc. Budget Overview	AGLQ Operations Feb 2007	Agostino Feb 2007	Bickley Rd Basic-SRT Feb 2007	Brookwood Feb 2007	Champion Drive Feb 2007	City of Armadale Feb 2007	City of Gosnell's Feb 2007	Cluser Stream G3 Feb 2007	Cockram Rd Residents Feb 2007	Dray Reserve Feb 2007	Finscoe Park Feb 2007	Fletcher Park Feb 2007	Goodlamup Feb 2007	
Ordinary Income/Expense															
Income															
City of Armadale															
Admin		880.00					28,159.72			1,020.07	900.00	465.37		1,479.28	
Contract labour							-13,710.78								
On Ground							-2,241.91								
Salaries															
Weed control															
Total City of Armadale		218.23					12,684.46			715.34	-580.00	465.37		-1,365.00	114.08
City of Gosnell's															
Admin		1,222.73						27,141.70							
Equipment								-613.15							
Events								-472.80							
Newsletters								-1,026.08							
On Ground								-11,852.86							
Salaries															
Tom Bateman															
Total City of Gosnell's		230.51						13,176.79							
Income		230.51													
Income Rollover		23,407.92													
Interest Received		30,782.30													
Operations															
Project Officer support															
Riversbank 08			591.15												
SALP 08															
Swan River Trust															
Swan River Trust															
Mulch				1,319.32											
Plants				9,133.05											
Total Swan River Trust				10,452.37											
Water Corp															
WWF															
On Ground															
Total WWF									2,534.91						
Yellow Fish															
Total Income		54,401.13	591.15	10,452.37	1,438.96	10,393.55	12,684.46	13,176.79	2,534.91	715.34	2,122.23	3,847.37	5,374.47	2,455.28	3,686.45
Gross Profit		54,401.13	591.15	10,452.37	1,438.96	10,393.55	12,684.46	13,176.79	2,534.91	715.34	2,122.23	3,847.37	5,374.47	2,455.28	3,686.45
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AGLG Inc. 31/1/07		Bank Reconciliation A/C 18-0573		Type	Date	Nun	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Cleared Transactions										
Cheques and Payments - 2 items										
	Cheque	23/01/2007	200984				Optus	✓	-60.56	-60.56
	Cheque	23/01/2007	200983				Dept for Planning and Infrastructure	✓	-52.20	-112.76
	Total Cheques and Payments									
	Deposits and Credits - 3 items									
	Transfer	24/01/2007						✓	20,000.00	20,000.00
	Payment	24/01/2007					Fletcher Park	✓	4,065.00	24,065.00
	Payment	31/01/2007					Salaries	✓	33,000.00	57,065.00
	Total Deposits and Credits									
	Total Cleared Transactions									
	Cleared Balance									
	Register Balance as of 31/01/2007									
New Transactions										
Cheques and Payments - 1 item										
	Cheque	09/02/2007	200985				Altora		-300.00	-300.00
	Total Cheques and Payments									
	Total New Transactions									
	Ending Balance									
										<u>56,652.24</u>
										<u>70,734.84</u>

**BUSHCARE AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday 10 January 2007 – 6.05 PM  
Committee Room – City of Armadale Administration Centre**

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**ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

<b>Member/Deputy Member</b>	<b>Affiliations</b>
Cr Pat Hart	Armadale City River Care Group – Deputy Chair
Cam Clay	Bedfordale Volunteer Fire Brigade & Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group
David James	Friends of Forrestdale
Cr Bob Tizard	City of Armadale Councillor
Michael Moltoni	Armadale Settlers' Common
Beth Laurie	Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group (arrived at 6.10 pm)
Ian Colquhoun	Roleystone Dieback Action Group (Nominee)
Bill Ladyman	Bungendore Park Management Committee (Nominee)
Kim Fletcher	Friends of Armadale Shale Quarry
Jennifer Stevenson	Friends of Roley Pool ( arrived at 6.20 pm)
Corinne Omacini	City of Armadale Environmental Officer
Yvonne Ward	Minute Secretary – City of Armadale
<b>Apologies</b>	
Adrian Choules	Friends of Goolamrup
Ken Downsborough	Friends of Palomino Reserve

*The Chairman welcomed Mr Bill Ladyman and Dr Ian Colquhoun, prospective nominees for Bungendore Park Management Committee and Roleystone Dieback Action Group, respectively. The Chairman also welcomed members back after the Christmas Break.*

**DISCLAIMER**

The Disclaimer for protecting Councillors and staff from liability of information and advice given at Committee meetings was read by the Chairman.

**DISCLOSURES OF FINANCIAL INTEREST**

Nil.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil.

**DEPUTATIONS**

Nil.

**PROJECTS FOR COUNCIL'S NOTICE**

The following projects are listed for Council's notice. The Project/ Group leader for all projects listed in the table below has agreed to conduct the works with due regard to the

City's safety and training requirements for bushcare activities as described in the City's Friends Group Manual.

#### RECOMMEND

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

Project/ Group leader	Group (if any)	Span of dates	Scope of works/ volunteers duties
Adrian Choules	Friends of Goolamrup	Starting from 1 July 2006 – fortnightly thereafter.	Weeding & Planting
Ian Colquhoun	Roleystone Dieback Action Group	Sunday, 14 January 2007	Dieback treatment at Windsor Reserve
	Wildflower Society	Saturday, 20 January 2007	Seed Collection Day at Fletcher Park
	Bushcare & Environmental Advisory Committee	Saturday, 13 January 2007 from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon	Herbicide Course – Old TAFE Building – Commerce Avenue

#### GUEST SPEAKER

Nil.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**That the Minutes of the Bushcare and Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on 8 November 2006 be adopted.**

**MOVED: Cam Clay**

**SECONDED: David James**

**CARRIED**

#### CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

##### *Correspondence in*

- o The Web (World Wide Fund for Nature) Newsletter
- o Wungong Whispers (November 2006) – produced by the Water Corporation. Provides update on the forest thinning project/ study.
- o Ecoplan News Issue 59
- o *Photo Competition for Protected Areas – DEC;*

- *Invitation from the Conservation Council to take part in Conservation Week – 17 to 25 March 2007. Asking groups to organise events which will be promoted by the Conservation Council;*
- *Riverview Newsletter;*
- *River Stories – a project to publish local stories about people's youthful experiences on the Swan and Canning Rivers. If anyone is interested in contributing;*
- *Swan Catchment Council;*
- *Natural Heritage;*
- *Healthy River – Draft Action Plan;*
- *Swan and Canning Rivers – Bill and Regulations invitation to comment;*
- *Brochures on SERCUL – Saving our Species (DEC);*
- *Garden Notes;*
- *Building Frog Friendly Gardens;*

#### **Correspondence out**

- *Call for nominations for new BEAC Committee Members. BEAC Nominations will be considered by the Technical Services Committee in January. Four nominations were received for five positions. Resignations were received from:*
  - *Marjorie Vincenti – Roleystone Dieback Action Group*
  - *Alex Agafonoff – Community Member*

*Jennifer Stevenson (nominee for Committee) joined the meeting at 6.20 pm.*

#### **COUNCIL RELATED BUSINESS**

##### **10.1 *Managing Phytophthora Dieback – Discussion Paper***

*A Discussion Paper - Managing Phytophthora Dieback through the planning process had been circulated to members.*

*The purpose of this Discussion Paper is to provide information and seek comment from the broader community and experts as to how planning can assist with efforts to prevent the spread of Phytophthora dieback in a way that is fair and reasonable both in terms of effective actions to prevent disease spread and for potential developers.*

*Committee Members were of the view that a special meeting of the Bushcare & Environmental Advisory Committee should be held to consider the Discussion Paper. The Environmental Officer undertook to arrange a meeting to be held on Wednesday, 14 February 2007 and advised that a notice will be circulated to all members.*



## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### ***Plenary Session February 2007***

Committee members were invited to suggest ideas for the next BEAC Plenary Session planned for February/ March 2007.

*Topics provided by members for a Plenary Session were:*

- *Control of Feral Bees*
- *Meeting the Water Demands of the South West*

*The general consensus of members was that the topic "Meeting the Water Demands of the South West" would be a suitable topic for the Plenary Session to be held on Wednesday, 4 April 2007. The Environmental Officer undertook to investigate possible contacts with a view to organising a speaker to talk on the topic "Meeting the Water Demands of the South West".*

### ***Minnawarra Festival***

Suggestions welcome for themes and ideas for BEAC's display at the Minnawarra Festival 2007.

*The Environmental Officer suggested that the practice of previous years, whereby BEAC combined with AGLG to provide a joint display at the Minnawarra Festival, be continued this year. This would provide a good opportunity to advertise the Plenary Session to be held on Wednesday, 4 April 2007. Committee Members were supportive of the proposal to combine with AGLG and to use existing posters on topics such as bush pigs and volunteering.*

### ***BEAC Awareness Walks 2007***

Each year BEAC hosts awareness walks for members (not for the wider public). Suggestions for locations for the walks and possible dates are welcome.

*The Chairman proposed the following dates for walks to be undertaken by Friends Groups throughout the year:*

- *8 April 2007*
- *6 May 2007*
- *3 June 2007*
- *1 June 2007*
- *12 August 2007*
- *9 September 2007 – possibly to be linked in with Ellis Brook.*

*The Chairman requested members to give consideration to a suitable venue for the walk to be undertaken by their group.*

### ***Trails Network Plan***

When reviewing the annual calendar in 2006, BEAC decided that the City of Armadale's Trails Network Plan should be considered by the Committee on an annual basis.

The Strategic Trail Network Plan represents a long-term plan that if used properly will be able to be implemented through Council seeking grants and identifying opportunities for funding, and through the planning process.

A Map was tabled at the meeting.

*The Environmental Officer advised that the Trails Network Plan was to guide decisions about walk trails and provide a basis for applying for funding. The Environmental Officer sought suggestions from members which can be added to the Plan.*

## INFORMATION

### **Planning applications & scheme amendments:**

*Cr Bob Tizard provided an overview on the following two matters recently considered by Council.*

#### **12.1.1 Keane Road**

*On 8 January 2007, the City Strategy Committee considered the matter of - Keane Road - assessment of constructing a strategic road link connecting new estates at North Forrestdale with a growth area adjacent to the existing Forrestdale townsite and resolved to refer the application to the Environmental Protection Authority for approval. The matter will now be considered by Council at its meeting to be held on 15 January 2007.*

#### **12.1.2 Wungong Urban Water Redevelopment Scheme 2006**

*On 9 January 2007, the Development Services Committee considered the matter of the Wungong Urban Water Development Scheme 2006. The ARA has advertised a Scheme and a Master Plan to cover the 1500 hectare area now known as the Wungong Urban Water Redevelopment Area with the aim of providing a framework for the establishment of an area to eventually accommodate 40,000 people. Information relating to the Environmental Review for the area has also been released.*

*The Master Plan documents provide a framework within which more detailed structure plans and contribution arrangements will be made prior to subdivision and development of the land.*

*The Environmental Review documents provide a comprehensive assessment of a wide range of issues that could be impacted on by development. The Council recommendation is that the Master Plan and Scheme be generally supported and detailed comment be provided on the Scheme and Master Plan as outlined in the report.*

*The documentation can be made available to members who are interested in receiving a copy. The closing date for receipt of*

*comments by the Armadale Redevelopment Authority is 19 January 2007.*

*The Environmental Officer advised on the following matter.*

#### **12.1.2 City of Armadale Dieback Policy**

*Councillors have recently been provided with a progress report on the internal review of Council's internal Dieback Policy which relates to Council work. At the moment the Policy is being re-written and trialling the draft on implementation of actual road construction projects.*

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

As per 12.1.

#### **Grant watch information report**

- Australia Post Grants – ongoing grants for on ground works. *The Environmental Officer advised that a recent grant application had been unsuccessful.*
- Eco Plan News – for on ground works - this grant closes on 15 February 2007.

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

- Vacancies on the BEAC Committee were advertised – nominations closing 22 December 2006. *To be referred to the Technical Services Committee and Council for approval.*
- Swan and Canning Rivers Management Act 2006 - Regulations are out for public comment. The regulations are available at [srt.legislation@environment.wa.gov.au](mailto:srt.legislation@environment.wa.gov.au). *Cr Hart advised that she had nominated as community representative on the Swan River Trust and that Cr Munn had nominated as the WA Local Government Association Member.*
- A seed collection morning is being held at Fletcher Park on Saturday 20 January 2007.

#### **Press Releases**

BEAC members to table any information relating to possible upcoming press releases. *It was suggested that an item be released for the Plenary Session.*

#### **Reminder list –items in progress or scheduled for future meetings**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Terms of Appointment – regarding the turnover of terms.	<i>In preparation.</i>
Watch on EP Act for roadside vegetation clearing regulations (BEAC April 2004)	<i>Regulations gazetted 30 June.</i>
Consider review of City of Armadale Dieback	<i>Under internal review.</i>

Policy.	
Consider opportunities for a cross agency response to preventing rubbish dumping in the City.	

*The following additional items were raised in debate:*

- *The need for controls on trail bike riding in inappropriate areas;*
- *A review of spraying (using selective) herbicides by the MRD on roadside verges.*

***Round the table.***

***Bungendore Park – Bill Ladyman***

Issues associated with Bungendore Park to be considered in the near future are a review of the Management Plan and the matter of tenure of Bungendore Park. Bill requested the Environmental Officer provide advice on the status of this matter. The Environmental Officer undertook to provide feedback on the matter of tenure.

***Armadale Settlers' Common – Michael Moltoni***

Some seed collection and general works have been carried out recently.

***Street Tree Policy – Beth Laurie***

Street Trees in Third Avenue (opposite Kelmscott Senior High School) have been removed in the process of development works. Beth requested that the City of Armadale develop a policy whereby street trees are planted as a matter of course. This matter will be further investigated.

***Forrestdale – People and Place – David James***

Copies of the history of "Forrestdale - People and Place" were circulated to members of the Committee. The chairman extended her congratulations to David and his partner Bryony, on the contents of the booklet.

***Champion Lakes – Kim Fletcher***

Recently made an inspection of the plantings that have so far been placed around the shoreline at Champion Lakes. These plants appear to be taking quite well and it is good to see things growing.

***Roleystone Dieback Action Group – Ian Colquhoun***

***1. Roleybushcare Group***

The Group is going to be working with the Scouts in Roleystone to enable them to obtain an environmental/land care badge so they can take over some of the work to do with dieback and hopefully use other expertise in Roleystone to look at animals as well. When set up this might be able to be transferred to other scout groups in Armadale.

***2. Dieback Working Group – New Officer***

Danielle Witham has taken up duties with the Dieback Working Group on the resignation of the previous officer in September/October 2006. Danielle, who has previous WALGA experience took up her position three – four weeks ago.

The change is that she is now based at the Swan Catchment Centre rather than at the Shire of Kalamunda.

**3. *Dieback Working Group – Award of Grant***

The Dieback Working Group has recently been awarded a grant of \$200,000 grant for dieback communication.

**4. *Dieback Video – Armadale Primary School – Pat Hart***

Requested that a copy of the video of the performance on dieback performed by the Armadale Primary School at the end of last year be obtained.

**NEXT MEETING & CLOSURE**

**At 6.00 pm on Wednesday, 14 February 2007 – City of Armadale Committee Room**

**MEETING CLOSED AT 8.25 PM**

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***IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITY OF ARMADALE STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT 2005 AND BUSHLAND MANAGEMENT PLANS***

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Council adopted the *State of the Environment Report 2005* in January 2006. In line with previous practice an annual report on implementation of the State of the Environment Report has been prepared and appears below. In the future it is proposed to tie in annual reporting with the City's Annual Report which covers the financial year. Therefore is expected that a short report will be prepared in July 2007 covering January to June 2007, and that future reports will be prepared coinciding with financial years.

The following provides an overview of environmental management achievements and highlights for 2006. Section 1 covers implementation of new actions from the State of the Environment Report, and Section 2 provides information on key achievements or highlights resulting from ongoing environmental management work.

**1.0 IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW ACTIONS FROM THE STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

The City of Armadale State of the Environment Report 2005 sets a five year direction for environmental management in the City.

The table below summarises the implementation of new actions for environmental management that were identified in the SoE Report for the period January 2006 to December 2006.

<b>New Action</b>	<b>Desirable start time</b>	<b>Implementation</b>
Work in partnership with SERCUL and the Swan Catchment Council to implement actions of the Swan NRM Strategy that also meet the City's aims.	Ongoing	Ongoing. Staff attend SERCUL meetings on a regular basis.



## Information Items from the Technical Services Directorate

New Action	Desirable start time	Implementation
Implement actions and respond to Caring for the Canning, Riverplan, the Swan Canning Cleanup Program, the Upper Canning Southern Wungong Catchment Management Plan and the new Swan River Trust Act to improve water quality, vegetation and social value of the Canning and Wungong River systems.	Ongoing	No activity in 2006.
Increase efforts to improve environmental policy and management practices.	Ongoing	The ENG9 Managing Phytophthora Policy and Management Practice is in the final stages of review. A discussion document for the consideration of dieback in the planning process has also been advertised for comment.
Promote local plants in Council & industrial landscaping to increase local biodiversity and reduce nutrient and water use.	2005/2006	<b>Completed.</b> A Local Planning Policy for Landscaping and an internal CoA Landscaping Policy has been adopted by Council.
Prepare a Local Planning Policy on foreshores that guides subdivision and development along watercourses to achieve foreshore management that protects and enhances riparian vegetation.	2005/2006	<b>Completed.</b> Local Planning Policy PLN2.8 Subdivision and Structure Planning for lots with watercourses in Rural Living and General Rural Zones and Local Planning Policy PLN2.6 Water Sensitive Design (covers revegetation) have been endorsed by Council.
Based on drainage network water quality monitoring results, develop a program to improve stormwater quality discharge where needed.	2005/2006	Officers have received additional training in water quality monitoring. Future directions for this action are currently being scoped.
Prepare and implement management plans for the Canning and Wungong Rivers that address Swan River Trust objectives, revegetation and public use and enjoyment of the foreshores.	Wungong River Plan 2005/2006. Canning River Plan 2009/2010.	Scheduled to occur in late 2007.  Scheduled to occur 2009/2010.

## Information Items from the Technical Services Directorate

New Action	Desirable start time	Implementation
Prepare and implement a Local Biodiversity Strategy using WALGA guidelines to identify and improve management of sites with significant biodiversity, where possible.	Natural area assessments 2005/2006.  Scope strategy 2008/2009.  Prepare discussion paper 2009/2010.	<b>Completed.</b> Data entry of collected information is awaiting the development of WALGA's database.  Scheduled to commence 2008/2009.  Scheduled to occur 2009/2010.
Update the Environmental Purchasing Policy	2005/2006	The City has joined the 'Sustainable Procurement' advancing action area of the Cities for Climate Protection Program to review the Environmental Purchasing Policy.
Develop and implement a strategy to reduce erosion and sediment movement to watercourses from new and existing developments.	2006/2007	Scheduled to occur late 2007.
Consider need for cat local laws to protect local native fauna.	2006/2007	Results of a PHD study are expected mid 2007.
Expand efforts to educate community in what can be done to reduce key threats to natural areas in the City.	2006/2007	The City has joined the Local Nature Spot Project being coordinated by the Perth Biodiversity Project at WALGA. This project aims to change community behaviors which are of threat to biodiversity conservation values of bushland. An additional Environmental Information Sheet is being developed that will educate the community on off road vehicle use in the City.
Update and implement the Corporate and Community Greenhouse Action Plans, and the Switch Your Thinking program to achieve Council's community and corporate greenhouse gas reduction goals.	2007/2008	Scheduled to occur 2008.

## **2.0 ACHIEVEMENTS OR HIGHLIGHTS IN OTHER AREAS OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT.**

Much of the City's work in environmental management is now ongoing. In some cases information about programs has already appeared in Information Bulletin items, so is not repeated.

### **2.1 BIODIVERSITY (i.e. Bushland)**

#### Natural area assessment project and weed mapping

In 2005, the City of Armadale received grant funding to undertake biodiversity assessments of the City's bushland reserves in accordance with the *Biodiversity Planning Guidelines for Local Government* published by the West Australian Local Government Association and the Perth Biodiversity Project. 37 reserves (over 200 hectares) were successfully mapped for weeds, vegetation condition and assessed for biodiversity values in 2005 and 2006. This information is utilised to implement objectives of bushland management plans.

#### Weed reduction in bushland

Since 2004, the City has been implementing a bushland weed management strategy for priority weeds in 'good' condition bushland. Success is evident, especially in reserves near urban areas where grassy weeds and fuel loadings have significantly reduced such as Kendal Ct Reserve in Grovelands and Bob Blackburn Reserve in Westfield. Volunteer groups are also assisting with weed control across a number of reserves.

#### Dieback Management

Efforts to treat dieback in City's bushland continues. Reserves recently treated by City contractors include Bungendore Park, the Armadale Settlers Common, Errol Green Reserve, Cross Rd Reserve and Warwick Savage Park. Lloyd Hughes Reserve is also scheduled to be treated this year. The Roleystone Dieback Action Group has also been treating a number of bushland areas.

The Armadale Settlers Common was recently re-mapped for dieback, with 30% of the reserve now thought to be dieback free. A draft plan for the management of dieback within this reserve has been developed to minimise further spread and treat some of the dieback affected areas. A number of dieback hygiene stations have also been installed to inform park users of the dieback status of the reserve as well as provide boot cleaning facilities to minimise soil transfer and potential dieback spread.

There has been evidence of dieback spread in smaller bushland reserves such as Kendal Ct. New dieback mapping indicates that the area 'dieback infected' is increasing. Fencing to limit access through dieback free areas has been installed in order to limit further spread. Whilst initially this fencing was repetitively vandalised, incidences of vandalism seem to be reducing.

### Management Planning

Lloyd Hughes Reserve, Fletcher Park, Kendal Ct, Bungendore Park and Bob Blackburn Reserve Management plans are now due for review.

### Grant Funding

Significant grant funding has been received recently for bushland management activities. In total, approximately \$100,000 of grant funding has been attracted to the region over the last year for environmental projects by the City and Friends groups. Grants obtained by the City between January and December 2006 are as follows.

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) provided approximately \$2,000 in funding for weed and access control at Fletcher Park. The Public Transport Authority also provided funds for fencing at this reserve and is assisting with weed control within the reserve and on their adjoining lands. In addition, DEC provided \$7,500 for a new limestone path at Bob Blackburn Flora Reserve and \$5,000 to engage contractors to control a new, serious environmental weed, known as *Tribolium* in Lloyd Hughes Reserve in Kelmscott.

The Dieback Working Group provided \$4,500 for the treatment of dieback in the Armadale Settlers Common and has indicated that they are likely to fund the treatment of dieback in Conifer Reserve in Karragullen.

The City has been successful in securing \$8,000 in funding to undertake a re-vegetation project at Creyk Park Kelmscott, Bob Blackburn Flora Reserve Armadale and Kendal Ct in Grovelands. The project, designed to reduce the weed encroachment threat to these bushland areas, will involve weed control, seed collection and revegetation. It is anticipated that local community members will be engaged to assist in the project.

## **2.2 ATMOSPHERE - AIR QUALITY AND GREENHOUSE GAS**

Highlights of 2006 include:

- Opening of Newhaven Estate in North Forrestdale - WA's first 5-star rated display village developed in collaboration with Stockland and 11 of Perth's leading independent builders.
- City of Armadale joined ICLEI's Sustainable Public Lighting Action Plan project - one of only five councils in WA.
- Switch your thinking! Rebate Scheme. From December 2005 to June 2006 Armadale residents claimed the following rebates:
  - Cool or Cosy -15 insulation rebates and five air-conditioning rebates.
  - Solahart hot water heaters - 8 rebates.
- A Passive Solar Design Workshop was held at the City of Armadale's Function Room in November 2006. It was attended by 30 participants and run in conjunction with Green Skills Inc.

- Two Great Gardens workshops were held at the City of Armadale's Function room with a total of over 200 participants.
- Significant savings were realised after installation of a pool blanket at the aquatic Centre in November 2005. Over 101 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per annum are saved and water consumption and chemical use has been reduced.
- The South East Regional Energy Group won National and State awards.

### **2.3 INLAND WATERS (Wetlands, watercourses and surface water quality)**

The City's Streamcare Project, which involved encouraging landholders with watercourses on their property to revegetate the watercourse continued. A report on the program appeared recently in the Information Bulletin.

The City is continuing to support the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group who last winter, working with local community volunteers and corporate groups, planted in excess of 73,000 plants across the Cities of Armadale and Gosnells. Similar numbers of plants will be planted this winter.

### **2.4 CORPORATE PRACTICES**

A report was provided to Technical Services Committee in December 2006 noting progress with review of corporate practices with respect to road construction in relation to policy ENG 9 Managing Phytophthora dieback. The review is expected to be completed by mid 2007.

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***REVIEW OF THE BUNGENDORE PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN – PROPOSED APPROACH***

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In 1997, a ten year management plan for Bungendore Park was endorsed by Council. This management plan is now due for review, and the following approach to the review of this plan is proposed.

A Strategic Directions document similar to the recently completed Armadale Setters Common Strategic Directions document, rather than a Management Plan is proposed to be drafted by City of Armadale staff in consultation with other stakeholders such as the Bungendore Park Management Committee. The proposed approach has been discussed with the Bungendore Park Management Committee, who indicated their support.

It is envisaged that the proposed Strategic Directions document would contain the same extent of detail (but updated) as the current management plan and that the Strategic Direction document will consider broad principles, policies that should apply, and identify current and future management actions.

Detailed action plans would be a component of the Strategic Direction document and would appear in appendices. For example, the proposed document may identify the importance of implementing a dieback management plan, of which specific actions could be detailed in appendices. Consultants may be engaged to assist in the development of these more specific action plans for inclusion in the Strategic Directions document or for addition following the endorsement of the final document.

The following actions are proposed. Actions listed below will primarily be coordinated by the City of Armadale Environmental Officer.

- o Document the extent of the implementation of the 1997 to 2007 Bungendore Park Management Plan in liaison with relevant City staff and stakeholders such as the Bungendore Park Management Committee.
- o Identify future actions/ directions for the management of Bungendore Park.
- o Seek consultancy services where required to undertake any further research needed for the development of the Strategic Direction document.
- o Develop draft Strategic Direction document and seek Council's support to advertise the draft for public comment.
- o Consider public comment and revise draft Strategic Direction document.
- o Refer Strategic Direction document to Council for endorsement.

It is anticipated that the review will be completed by May 2008, providing an updated framework for the City of Armadale, Bungendore Park Management Committee and community volunteers to manage Bungendore Park for its conservation values.



If you have any comments or queries on the proposed approach to the review of the Bungendore Park Management Plan, please contact the City of Armadale Environmental Officer, Mrs Corinne Omacini on 9399 0194 or email [comacini@armadale.wa.gov.au](mailto:comacini@armadale.wa.gov.au)





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### BATTERY IN THE WORKPLACE

The Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) is currently conducting a study of used battery collection models.

The study aims to research and recommend possible recycling/alternative treatment collection methods for used household batteries. As a part of the study MWAC carried out a survey on consumer attitudes, commitments and awareness

of battery collection and recycling schemes.

Some key results of the survey were:

- 60.7% of respondents were aware batteries could be recycled;
- Less than 20% of respondents currently separately dispose of their batteries;
- The majority of respondents would use special battery

bins located in public places; and

- The most preferred locations for these were: the workplace; and local and large shopping centres.

Further results of the survey are available from [www.wastenet.net.au](http://www.wastenet.net.au) For more information please contact Shelley Inglis on 9213 2062.

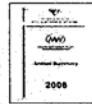
Male workers at a recycling plant in the UK have gone home smelling suspiciously of roses after recalled perfume was sent to the facility.



(Source: [www.news.bbc.co.uk](http://www.news.bbc.co.uk))

The Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) 2006 Annual Summary is now available. The MWAC Annual Summary contains the key events, achievements and projects of

### GET SUM



the Municipal Waste Advisory Council over the 2006 year.

The Annual Summary is available from [www.wastenet.net.au](http://www.wastenet.net.au)

### WALGA'S SHIFTING

The Western Australian Local Government Association is holding a forum *The Journey: From Cost Shifting to Sustainability* to discuss issues surrounding cost shifting - its effects, initiatives currently

employed to address it, and models of best practice.

It will be held 9:30am-4:30pm, Friday 20 April 2007, at the Duxton Hotel and will cost \$190.

For further information, please contact Public Relations Officer, Kate Murray, on 9213 2083 or email [kmurray@walga.asn.au](mailto:kmurray@walga.asn.au)

### A CHANGE IN CLIMATE

The Municipal Waste Advisory Council would like to welcome Hon. David Templeman who was recently appointed Minister for the Environment, Climate Change; and Peel.

**Background to New Minister**  
David Templeman was elected to the Mandurah City Council in 1994, was re-elected in 1997 and was Deputy Mayor until his election to Parliament in February 2001. David was re-elected for his second term as Member for Mandurah in February 2005.

During his first term of Parliament David's Parliamentary duties included Acting Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and

Chairman of the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee.

At the start of his second term, David was appointed as Government Whip for the Legislative Assembly and served as a Committee Member of the Economics and Industry Committee.

On 3 February 2006, David was sworn in as Minister for Community Development, Seniors and Volunteering, Youth and Minister assisting the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure.

For more information visit [www.ministers.wa.gov.au](http://www.ministers.wa.gov.au)

**MWAC Communication**  
The Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) have identified a number of key issues for Local Government and sent correspondence to the Minister seeking a meeting to discuss the following issues:

- Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (WARR) Bill 2006;
- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR);
- Container Deposit Systems (CDS);
- Diversion of waste from landfill/alternative waste treatment;
- Used oil recycling and collection; and
- Carbon credits.



### KERBING WASTE IN GERALDTON



The Geraldton Greenough Regional Council has almost finalised its kerbside recycling plan. If the newly amalgamated Council supports kerbside recycling, the greater Geraldton area could see the service in operation by 2008/2009 financial year. Details are currently being finalised regarding size of bins and which areas will be serviced. The service will cost approximately \$50 extra on residents rubbish charge. For this fee residents will gain an extra 120 litres of space for waste a week. For more information contact Ron Boucher at the Geraldton Greenough Regional Council on 9956 6650. (Source: *Mid-West Times*, 15 February 2007)

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(Source: RRF 23 February 2007)

### DROP IN ON SOUTH PERTH

The City of South Perth, in partnership with the South East Metropolitan Regional Council (SEMRC), will be holding a computer drop-off day at the Collier Park Waste Transfer Station.

**Saturday 31 March 2007.**



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The computer recycling event will take place 10am-2pm. For more information contact Sarah Muirhead at the SEMRC on 9391 6033.

### WASTED AT TAMALA PARK

The Young Waste Professionals (YWPs) conducted a site visit to the Mindarie Regional Councils (MRC) Tamala Park Facility and the landfill gas plant on 1 March 2007. The site visit included a tour of the landfill

and recycling facilities, as well as an inside look at the landfill gas facility.

The YWPs would like to thank Mindarie Regional Council and Landfill Gas and Power Pty Ltd for hosting the event. Any persons interested in joining the YWPs should contact Adam Johnson at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council on 9424 2223 or email adam.johnson@emrc.org.au

### SHREDDING UP THE PILBARA

TPA Australasia is investigating the feasibility of developing a tyre recycling facility in the Pilbara region.

At full capacity the plant will be able to process most tyres, rubber conveyor belts and mountings used in the area. For more information contact Vic Andrich at TPA Australasia on 9358 2555.

Approx. one million volunteers collected over 8,000 tonnes of litter on this years Clean Up Australia Day, held 4 March 2007.



(Source: [www.cleanup.com.au](http://www.cleanup.com.au))

### BRIGHT IDEA?

The Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) has sent correspondence to the Federal Minister for Environment requesting consideration of waste management issues associated with the replacement of incandescent light globes with fluorescent globes.

taken, other hazardous waste and any environmental issues must also be addressed.

The Australian Council of Recyclers (ACOR) is also concerned by the Federal Governments plans to phase out and replace incandescent light globes with fluorescent globes from years 2008 to 2012.

Whist MWAC is appreciative that positive action to combat climate change is being

For more information visit [www.acor.org.au](http://www.acor.org.au)

### DEC FEE INCREASE

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) is currently reviewing the Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulation and will be implementing amendments relating to the

removal of certain powers of the Chief Executive Officer and an increase in the Schedule of Fees.

Amendment of the fee structure within the Controlled Waste Regulations came into effect

Thursday 1 March 2007. Tracking forms used for waste collections after this date will incur the new fees.

For more information contact Samantha West at the DEC on 6467 5291.

### LITTER UP

The volume of litter across Australia has increased by 7% over the past year, according to the Keep Australia Beautiful National Litter Index. The Index measures the types and amounts of litter across Australia and is based on audits conducted in November 2006.

49% of WA's litter, by volume, is found along WA's highways.

WA registered an overall increase in litter items, with plastic and paper being the most common materials littered.

For more information visit [www.kab.org.au](http://www.kab.org.au) (Source: Waste Disposal and Water Management in Australia, February 2007)

### NSW LOVES CDS

'Survey figures released by Clean Up Australia show that 83% of people in NSW believe a 10 cent deposit and refund scheme would encourage more people to recycle bottles and cans. And that 89% of people surveyed think drink manufacturers should be involved in setting up such a deposit and refund scheme.'

These comments came from NSW Upper House MP Ian Cohen who has renewed the push for Container Deposit Legislation in NSW; further stating that the current National Packaging Covenant (NPC) agreement does not force the packaging industry or retailers to take a fair share in the cost of recycling.

(Source: Environmental Management News, 26 February 2007)

### CORRECTION ON BOARD

In the February Information Bulletin an article 'New Board Minutes' was published on page 2. There is a slight correction to this ZeroWaste Website article. The Waste Management Board available from the Minutes will not be available from the Department of Environment and Conservation Library.

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<p><b>MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL</b>                  Next Meeting                  Date : 18 April 2007                  Time: 4.00 pm                  Venue: Local Government House</p> <p><b>Check out the WA Local Government Association Website at <a href="http://www.walga.asn.au">www.walga.asn.au</a></b></p>  <p>Visit WasteNet <a href="http://www.wastenet.net.au">www.wastenet.net.au</a></p> <p><b>CONTACT DETAILS</b></p> <p>MWAC A/Manager, Waste &amp; Recycling                  Ms Rebecca Brown                  Tel: 08 9213 2063                  Email: <a href="mailto:rbrown@walga.asn.au">rbrown@walga.asn.au</a></p> <p>MWAC Policy Coordinator                  Ms Megan Graham                  Tel: 08 9213 2086                  Email: <a href="mailto:mgraham@walga.asn.au">mgraham@walga.asn.au</a></p> <p>MWAC Waste Management Officer                  Ms Shelly Inglis                  Tel. 08 9213 2062                  Email: <a href="mailto:singlis@walga.asn.au">singlis@walga.asn.au</a></p> <p>Office:                  Local Government House                  15 Altona Street,                  WEST PERTH WA 6005</p> <p>Postal Address:                  PO Box 1544,                  WEST PERTH WA 6872</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2007                  CALENDAR OF                  EVENTS</b></p> <p>23-24 April 2007 <b>Ident! Plast 2007</b>                  Concert Noble, Brussels, Belgium                  For more information visit <a href="http://www.plasticseurope.org">www.plasticseurope.org</a></p> <p>26 April 2007 <b>Alternative Waste Technologies</b>                  London, UK                  For more information visit <a href="http://www.alternative-waste.co.uk">www.alternative-waste.co.uk</a></p> <p>6-12 May 2007 <b>International Compost Week</b>                  For more information visit <a href="http://www.compostingcouncil.org">www.compostingcouncil.org</a></p> <p>11-12 May 2007 <b>Australian Tidy Towns Awards</b>                  Ballarat, Victoria                  For more information visit <a href="http://www.kab.org.au/tidytowns">www.kab.org.au/tidytowns</a></p> <p>20-22 June 2007 <b>12th International Congress for Battery Recycling</b>                  Budapest, Hungary                  For more information visit <a href="http://www.icm.ch">www.icm.ch</a></p> <p>18-20 July 2007 <b>Banksia Awards</b>                  Sydney, NSW                  For more information visit <a href="http://www.banksiafndn.com">www.banksiafndn.com</a></p> <p>18-20 July 2007 <b>National Energy from Waste Conference 2007</b>                  Sydney, NSW                  For more information visit <a href="http://www.nmas.asn.au">www.nmas.asn.au</a></p> <p>27 August–                  2 September 2007 <b>Keep Australia Beautiful Week</b>                  For more information visit <a href="http://www.kab.org.au">www.kab.org.au</a></p> <p>10-14 September 2007 <b>Waste &amp; Recycle 2007 Conference</b>                  Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle                  For more information visit <a href="http://www.wasteandrecycle.com.au">www.wasteandrecycle.com.au</a></p> <p>19-21 November 2007 <b>2nd National Landfill and Transfer Station Conference</b>                  Melbourne, Victoria                  For more information visit <a href="http://www.nmas.asn.au">www.nmas.asn.au</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2007                  CALENDAR OF                  SUBMISSIONS</b></p> <p>30 March 2007 <b>Comments on Technology and Market Development for Tyre Derived Products</b>                  For more information visit <a href="http://www.zerowastewa.com.au">www.zerowastewa.com.au</a></p> <p>14 April 2007 <b>Comments on Waste and Recycling Infrastructure Census</b>                  For more information visit <a href="http://www.zerowastewa.com.au">www.zerowastewa.com.au</a></p>
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**WHAT IS THE MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL?**







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 "Setting Our Environment Right"

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

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

MWAC focuses its work in three main areas:

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

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**OUTSTANDING REPORT**

<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – MARCH 2007</b>		
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DEPT.</b>	<b>ACTION/STATUS</b>
<p><i>Kelmscott Soccer Club – Proposal to Use Pries Park (February 2004) (August 2004)</i>                      That a report to the October 2004 Community Services Committee meeting be prepared that identifies the issues associated with the Kelmscott Soccer Club's future, canvassing possible options for Council's consideration and recommending a strategy for the future use and development of both Frye Park, Pries Park and other relevant alternatives. (C120/8/04)</p>	Recreation Services	Matter reported to the November 2004 Community Services Committee Meeting. Council resolved not to approve the Kelmscott Soccer Club's request to relocate to Pries Park at this time. Further consultation to occur with the Club and an additional report to be presented to Council as part of the 15 Year Financial Plan Workshops for 2007 and the 2007 Needs & Feasibility Study for the provision of Active Sporting Reserves within the City.
<p><i>Councillors' Items - Cr Zelones – Update on Review of Council's Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study for Armadale Cultural Facilities: Final Report (September 2006)</i>                      Cr Zelones requested an update and review of Council's Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study for Armadale Cultural Facilities: Final Report. (C58/9/06)</p>	Community Development	An update will be provided to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee when workloads and available resources allow.
<p><i>**John Dunn Oval – Seasonal Use (December 2006)</i>                      That Council convene a Councillor Workshop in January 2007 to consider and discuss future ground use requirements at John Dunn Oval and other City of Armadale facilities (C75/12/06).</p>	Recreation Services	A Councillor Workshop will be convened as part of the 2007 Needs & Feasibility Study for the provision of Active Sporting Reserves within the City.
<p><i>Councillors' Items – Reg. Williams Reserve (January 2007)</i>                      Cr Munn requested that consideration be given to set up a pre-planning process with community input for the redevelopment of Reg. Williams Reserve. (C9/1/07)</p>	Community Development	An update will be provided to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee when workloads and available resources allow.

**MONTHLY OFFICER REPORTS**

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

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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 2007 is attached. (Refer to Attachment "CA-?".)

**1.2 Library Extension Activities**

**1.2.1 Bookstars Report**

Report – *Bookstars*

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

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Topic: Sadako and the 1000 Paper Cranes  
Presenter: Kirstie Nicholson

Date: March 12<sup>th</sup> 2007  
Time: 3.45 – 4.45pm  
Venue: Kelmscott Library

No. Attending: Six

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**Comments:**

Bookstars learnt how to fold paper cranes in their second meeting for 2007. The Japanese themed session began with a reading of 'Sadako and the 1000 Paper Cranes'. The Bookstars then chose their origami paper and set to work creating their own crane, following the instructions from the video 'How to Fold a Paper Crane'. After successfully folding their own crane, Bookstars were eager to learn more origami and selected new animals to make from the origami books on display. Books on Japan and Hiroshima were also available for loan. We ended the session with rabbits, dogs and ladybirds, as well as cranes!

**1.2.2 Community Information Talk**

Report – *Community Information Talk*

Prepared by – *Sharon Lapierre, Librarian, Kelmscott Library*

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### **MONTHLY OFFICER REPORTS**

Topic: Australian Bushflower Essences  
Presenter: Jill Ilott

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007  
Time: 1.30 – 3.00pm  
Venue: Kelmscott Public Library

No. Attending: 26

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#### **Comments:**

Jill Ilott gave a very informative talk about the healing powers of Australian bush essences. Using products from the Australian company 'Australian Bushflower essences' she talked about how various flowers were harvested and distilled and gave out handouts explaining how different essences could help different ailments (both physical and mental). The audience returned glowing feedback forms and many would have happily stayed longer to ask more questions. Jill was both professional and sympathetic and the entire session was a great success. Jill is keen to speak again at City of Armadale libraries both on this subject and on more specialised areas of spiritual healing.

## **2. HERITAGE SERVICES**

### **2.1 Statistical Performance Indicators**

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

### **2.2 Birtwistle Local Studies Library.**

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

#### **Oral History Workshop for Oral History Volunteers**

Five oral history volunteers attended an oral history workshop at Joondalup Library. The workshop was designed to teach the processes of interviewing including:

- Preparing for the interview
- Pre interview
- Preparation
- The use of equipment

The volunteers felt that some worthwhile ideas were discussed that provided new insights into how to prepare for and conduct an interview. The workshop also reinforced the knowledge that they had already gained through their experience as volunteers in the City of Armadale Oral History Programme.

## **MONTHLY OFFICER REPORTS**

### **Original Birtwistle Collection Display**

A glass bookcase now houses a permanent display of items belonging to the original I.T. Birtwistle collection. The display is designed to showcase the collection as well as provide some information regarding Ivor T Birtwistle the person the City of Armadale Birtwistle Local Studies Library is named after.

### **2.3 History House Museum**

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator)

#### **Minnawarra Festival**

For the first time in over 6 years engines from the Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum were exhibited at the Minnawarra Festival. Two working engines were on display. The display was very popular with over 800 people stopping looking and asking questions about the engines.

Over the festival weekend the museum received over 400 visitors.

#### **Volunteer Workshop**

A workshop how to safely clean the museum and its exhibits was conducted for volunteers. The workshop looked at the conservation and aesthetic reasons for cleaning the museum as well as best practice for cleaning museum exhibits.

#### **Men in Sheds Program**

History House Museum is continuing its relationship with the Men in Sheds program by organising the construction of two display stands. The stands are to raise objects of the ground to reduce the chance of damage to the objects and improve their visual appeal.

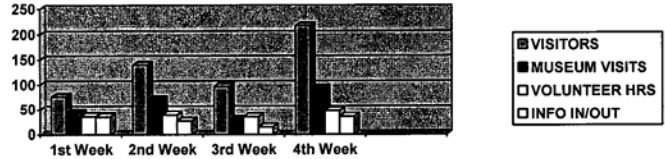
#### **Local Government Lesson Plan**

The Local Government Lesson Plan is now available to be downloaded on the City of Armadale website. The webpage includes an outline of the visit to Council and the museum as well as booking information for teachers. A mail out to all local schools promoting the lesson plan will be conducted.

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**3. VISITOR SERVICING**

**3.1 Visitor Servicing Statistical Performance Indicators March 2007**



Phone Enquiry	Info Sent	VISITORS	Metro	Intra State	Inter State	O/seas	Vol Hours	Museum Visits
207	113	527	398	14	39	76	158	237

**MARCH 07: Visitor Centre Open: 192 Hours Average Visitors per Week: 132**  
**Volunteer Hours per Week: 39**  
**39 Interstate Visitors 76 International Visitors 412 West Aussies**

**3.2 Armadale Visitor Centre Report**

(Report prepared by Yvonne Bradfield Visitor Centre Coordinator)

**OVERVIEW:**

March, with cooler weather, has seen a gradual increase in Visitor numbers at the Centre. The last week averaged 30 people per day. Of the clients to use the Centre - 76 were International Visitors and 39 Interstate, projecting a Tourism Dollar impute into the City of Armadale Community of an estimated minimum \$11,500. *(This figure is based on \$100 per person, if each visitor stayed one day/night in our region and does not include Domestic Visitors to the Centre.)*  
 The revenue generated into local consignee sales at the Centre for the month of March was over \$1,000. *(Local consignee's are residents of the City of Armadale who provide craft and local product)*

As the Visitor Centre has been operationally under the direction of the City of Armadale for the past 15 months work has begun on the development of a tourism strategy, outlining the importance of tourism to the district and including strategic focus, marketing and a business plan for the Visitor Centre. This will assist the establishment of foundations and direction for the development of the tourism industry within the City's region for the next 5 years.

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***MARKETING & PARTNERSHIPS:***

The Visitor Centre participated with a stall at the Bedforddale Festival, held over the week-ends of 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March and 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March. 125 Information Packs were distributed amongst the attendees of the Festival.

At the Minnowarra Festival held last week-end, within the City's marquee, a display panel on Visitor Servicing was presented, with a theme of "Re-discover Armadale." Professional signage has been acquired to assist in such displays, bringing the Visitor Centre into line with the current signage of the City.

Further to the meeting held with Christen Bell, Curator of History House Museum and Lorraine Pearce, Historian/Local Studies Librarian of Birtwistle Library, a target mailing list of Operators conducting Day Tours within the greater Perth City region have been sent leaflets encouraging their considerations to include the Armadale City area within their future programme of day tours. As a result, two Operators have included Armadale in their up-coming programme.

The Armadale Redevelopment Authority, in consultation with the Visitor Centre Coordinator and the City, is drafting a consultant's brief with the objectives of establishing a weekend Growers' Produce Market within the City Central Precinct.

The Visitor Centre is participating in the "Winter Escapes" brochure in partnership with the Experience Perth Tourism Marketing Board. Advertising in the "WA Accommodation & Tours" brochure and taking part in a West Australian Newspaper - Experience Perth Campaign will continue to lift our profile within the tourism industry and with visitors to the City of Perth.

Invitations have been sent to all members of the Visitor Centre to participate in an Innovative Partnerships Project Survey – WA Wine & Food Trails Project.

Members were contacted with an invitation to participate in the Winter Breaks brochure, with the Coordinator offering to facilitate partnerships within the local tourism industry that would assist in raising the level of participation from our region in the brochure.

Members have also been requested to supply marketing materials to the Centre for use at Shows, such as the recent Bedforddale Festival, and for use within the Centre.

The Coordinator has indicated to the Karragullen Expo, Kelmscott Show and the Pickering Brook Agricultural Show that the Centre is prepared to participate, facilitating the continued growth of awareness amongst both local and the wider Perth community, of the City of Armadale and its tourism attractions.

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Meetings have been held with several operator/members of the Centre. Wilderness Wanderer, Roley's on the Ridge, Lakeside Country Resort and new member Rainier's Gallery Café.

The Centre Coordinator attended as Vice Chair the bi-monthly VCAWA Board Meeting, the first meeting of the DOCEP Dispute Resolution Panel for Holiday Accommodation and facilitated the half yearly Conference held by the VCAWA during the period of the Perth Caravan & Camping Show.

***VISITOR CENTRE:***

The Visitor Centre after hours Display board has been updated with the italic "i" symbol.

The Centre has committed to the Structured Workplace Learning Scheme in partnership with Cecil Andrews Senior High School. Our student commenced working at the Centre during the month of March and will come each Friday throughout 2007 under the above scheme.

An Armed Hold-up Workshop, conducted by the Armadale Police, was held at the March training meeting of Volunteers. This workshop was well attended with the Police conducting a Security Audit on the premises.

Two casual Tourism Officers have been appointed to further assist in the seven day week operations of the Centre. Several new volunteers have also commenced at the Centre. Our volunteer base is strong, committed and extremely loyal. It is genuinely acknowledge that the Volunteers working at the Centre enhance the Visitor experience within the City of Armadale.

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

**1. Animal Control**

**1.1 Dogs**

Ranger Services received three hundred and ninety seven (397) requests for assistance during this report period. Whilst the overall number of reported incidents is slightly more than the corresponding period of March 2006, it is also encouraging to observe that the number of reported dog attacks, wandering dogs and barking dog is less than the comparative period for 2005/2006.

**1.2 Livestock**

During this report period Ranger Services attended to twelve (12) requests for assistance in dealing with stock wandering on the road.

**2. Vehicles**

**2.1 Parking**

Ranger Services attended to fifty six (56) incidents relating to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period, whilst this is a slight decrease on the comparative period for March 2006, the progressive total for 2006/2007 indicate a 29% increase on the number of parking matters reported to Ranger Services.

There are fourteen (14) schools within the City of Armadale which Rangers regularly patrol 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.*
- *Issuing of parking infringement notices, cautions and warnings as appropriate.*
- *Investigation of complaints.*
- *Investigate and report damage caused by illegal parking (reserves etc.).*
- *Parking patrols restricted to CBD.*
- *Commercial vehicle parking (on complaint only).*

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### **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 fifteen (15) being recorded during this report period.

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

Ranger Services attended to six (6) reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in areas that are prohibited during the report period.

The bush land areas within the City continue to attract a significant number of off road vehicles users, notwithstanding a high profile approach by Ranger Services in this area of operations.

Activities involving the use of off road vehicles are more prevalent during school holidays and on weekends and generally carried out in semi-isolated areas which make it difficult for the Rangers to address, especially as they are working in isolation most of the time. Whilst it is fair to say that Rangers are regularly driving through most areas of the City on a daily basis, it is usually as they are on their way to attend to a particular incident or request for service. Notwithstanding, where a Ranger observes something that requires immediate attention he would deal with that issue as a matter of priority.

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 twenty five (25) 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.*



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- *Institute legal action.*
- *Attend court as witness.*
- *Support fire services as required.*

#### **4. Litter**

During this report period Ranger Services attended to eighteen (18) requests for assistance regarding the illegal dumping or rubbish. However, it is of concern to note an overall increase of 38% in the progressive total for the number of reported incidents of littering.

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.*

#### **5. General**

In July 2006 the Manager Ranger and Emergency Services was invited to participate in a working group established to develop and introduce the Shared Land Information Platform (SLIP) program.

The Shared Land Information Platform (SLIP) is a common facility across all the government, commercial and civil lines of business that have a requirement for geospatial data and services.

The vision of SLIP is to allow users to discover, view and obtain desired data for a particular part of the state or country, without needing to know the details of how the data is stored and maintained by independent organisations. To achieve this, SLIP has been based on open standards and specifications that are defined collaboratively by recognised standards organisations, are freely published, and are able to be implemented by any vendor or organisation.

The Emergency Management (EM) component of SLIP comprises a range of measures to assist emergency management personnel better manage risks to communities and the environment. It involves the development and maintenance of arrangements to support the prevention or mitigation of, preparation for, response to and recovery from emergencies and disasters.

The key benefits of SLIP-EM to government agencies are to:

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- Improve overall access to information and ensure agency personnel are able to access the most current and fit for purpose information (within the constraints of data custodians);
- access the same information at the same time across one distributed platform; and
- have an improved knowledge of relevant information available.
- Improve the quality of information by:
- Improving the coordination of data maintenance as part of an effective governance model; and
- Allowing each agency to retain control and responsibility for the maintenance of their contributing information.
- Increase efficiency and effectiveness by:
- Reducing the time and duplication of effort which agencies spend in accessing information and manipulating data to make them fit for common EM requirements;
- Improving agencies' understanding of the impacts of events and actions across multiple locations at the same time through the use of common base information and software tools; and
- Deliver more streamlined and efficient data maintenance processes as a result of formalised agreements with participating Hazard Management Authorities, Combat Agencies and Support EM Agencies.

#### **Desktop Exercise**

A Bushfire Desktop Exercise has been organised as a final test of the pilot tools and data services built by the SLIP-EM team, and therefore needs to have involvement by a number of agencies.

The exercise will consist of a bushfire incident occurring on land on the Darling escarpment which threatens DEC land. Initial responsibility for the bushfire response will reside with FESA.

The exercise will commence at 3rd Alarm (Level 2) stage and progress to Level 3 by completion. The exercise will commence two hours into the event and be based upon 'real time' event prompts.

#### **Aims & Objectives**

**Aim** – To test cross-agency information sharing and the EmerGeo product for the provision of a coordinated multi-agency response to a bushfire emergency.

**Objectives** - Given a chronological sequence of narratives representing typical operational problems in a developing bushfire emergency scenario, to test the:-

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- a) Effectiveness of information sharing across multiple agencies;
- b) Practicality and suitability of the EmerGeo product as a large incident management tool;
- c) Ability of product configuration to support the operational processes; and
- d) Completeness of the data gathered to support the operation.

**Exercise**

Date:- 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2007 (Friday)  
 Time:- 0800 to 1330 hrs  
 Venue:- FESA Belmont Regional Office,  
 Lecture Theatre,  
 91 Leake St,  
 Belmont.

Map Reference:- Streetsmart Map 344 E10 (Shown as 'SES HQ')

**5. March 2007 Statistics**

<i><b>DOGS</b></i>	<i><b>March 2007</b></i>	<i><b>March 2006</b></i>	<i><b>2006/2007 Progressive Total</b></i>	<i><b>2005/2006 Progressive Total</b></i>
Wandering	66	45	474	787
Dogs for Pick Up	37	29	330	262
Barking	21	27	184	213
Attacks	17	12	141	154
Lost & Found	75	79	596	688
General Information	6	11	73	84
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>1798</b>	<b>2188</b>
Office Phone Enquiries	175	136	1668	1213
<b>Total</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>3466</b>	<b>3401</b>

<i><b>PARKING / VEHICLES</b></i>	<i><b>March 2007</b></i>	<i><b>March 2006</b></i>	<i><b>2006/2007 Progressive Total</b></i>	<i><b>2005/2006 Progressive Total</b></i>
General Parking	17	19	115	114
Trucks	4	6	43	28
School Parking	1	4	18	24
Abandoned Vehicles	15	15	164	137
Off Road Vehicles	9	6	126	103
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>406</b>
Office Phone Enquiries	10	13	185	101
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>507</b>

up 29%

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<b>LIVESTOCK</b>	March 2007	March 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Lost & Found	0	2	43	10
General	11	22	81	87
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>97</b>
Office Phone Enquiries	1	1	54	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>127</b>

up 40%

<b>LITTER</b>	March 2007	March 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
General Information	0	0	0	0
Private Property	4	5	18	12
Roadside / Reserve	6	5	50	35
Verge	5	3	23	21
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>68</b>
Office Phone Enquiries	3	1	17	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>78</b>

up 38%

<b>FIRE</b>	March 2007	March 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Burning Off / General Information	3	1	42	34
Firebreak / Hazard	7	3	119	134
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>168</b>
Office Phone Enquiries	15	22	333	322
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>490</b>

<b>GENERAL</b>	March 2007	March 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
General Information	2	1	22	38
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>38</b>
Office Phone Enquiries - Cats	10	20	98	123
Office Phone Enquiries – General	3	7	131	194
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>317</b>

down 30%

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<i><b>TOTAL</b></i>	March 2007	March 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
<b>Sub Total Reports / Complaints</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>2662</b>	<b>2965</b>
Total Office Phone Enquiries	217	200	2486	1993
<b>Total Reports / Complaints</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>5148</b>	<b>4958</b>

up 4%

<i><b>WARNINGS</b></i>	March 2007	March 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Dogs	33	15	158	149
Parking	27	15	169	117
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	4	2
Litter	1	3	4	14
Fire & Fire Orders	2	0	13	54
Other	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>336</b>

<i><b>INFRINGEMENTS</b></i>	March 2007	March 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Dogs	37	22	284	295
Parking	40	36	308	284
Off Road Vehicles	2	0	17	3
Litter	9	4	17	13
Fire	1	0	48	47
Other	1	0	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>642</b>
<b>NUMBER WITHDRAWN</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Number Paid</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>417</b>

up 22%

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<b><i>IMPOUNDED DOGS</i></b>	<b>March 2007</b>	<b>March 2006</b>	<b>2006/2007 Progressive Total</b>	<b>2005/2006 Progressive Total</b>
Claimed	31	30	311	
Sold	1	1	26	280
Destroyed	11	13	106	30
Vet / Rescue	6	6	64	144
Stolen	0	0	0	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>511</b>

<b><i>IMPOUNDED VEHICLES</i></b>	<b>March 2007</b>	<b>March 2006</b>	<b>2006/2007 Progressive Total</b>	<b>2005/2006 Progressive Total</b>
Vehicles	8	8	62	47
Motor Cycles	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>48</b>

up 29%

<b><i>IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK</i></b>	<b>March 2007</b>	<b>March 2006</b>	<b>2006/2007 Progressive Total</b>	<b>2005/2006 Progressive Total</b>
Sheep	0	1	5	3
Horses	0	0	0	1
Cows	0	0	0	3
Goats	0	1	0	5
Pigs	0	0	0	0
Deer	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>

down 60%



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<i>COURT PROSECUTIONS</i>	March 2007	March 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Dog	0	8	37	38
Fire	0	0	0	0
Parking	1	0	1	1
Litter	0	0	0	0
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>No. of Guilty Verdicts</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>39</b>

down 20%

<i>FINES ENFORCEMENT</i>	March 2007	March 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
<b>Infringements sent to FER</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>212</b>

<i>DOG REGISTRATIONS</i>	March 2007	March 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
New Dog Registrations	82	54	639	625
Renewed Dog Registrations	30	24	1702	1952
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2341</b>	<b>2577</b>

down 9%

<i>PHONE CALLS</i>	March 2007	March 2006	2006/2007 Progressive Total	2005/2006 Progressive Total
Office – Rangers calling Office	44	35	213	189
Office – Messages for Staff	47	53	437	441
Office – Referred to Other	12	16	183	153
Calls to Rangers' Private Residences via Diverter	7	8	109	114
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>897</b>

up 5%



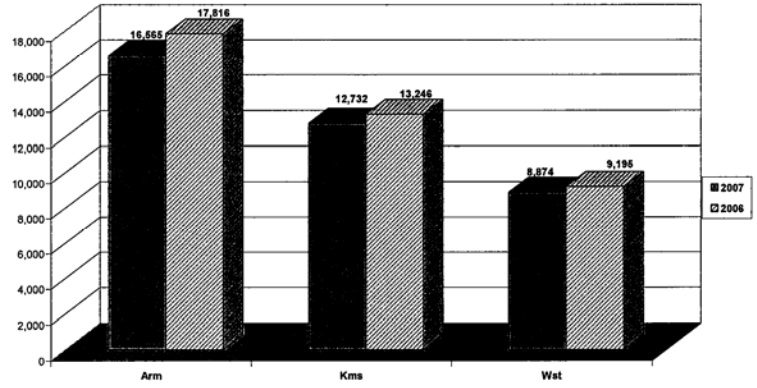
**MINUTES OF OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Minnawarra Festival Committee Meeting of 7 March 2007. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-3”.)**

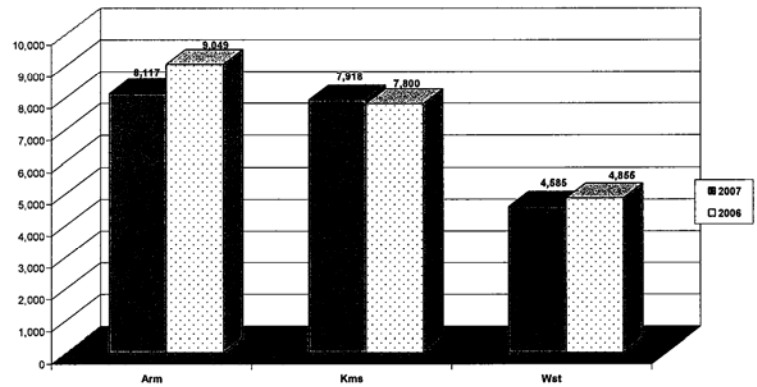
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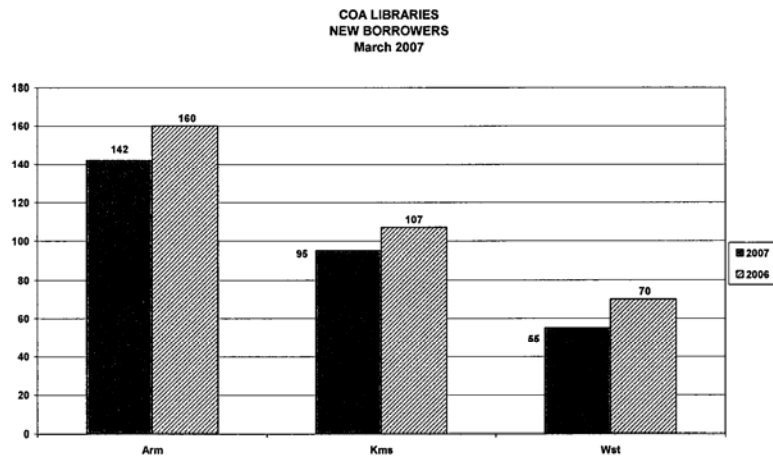
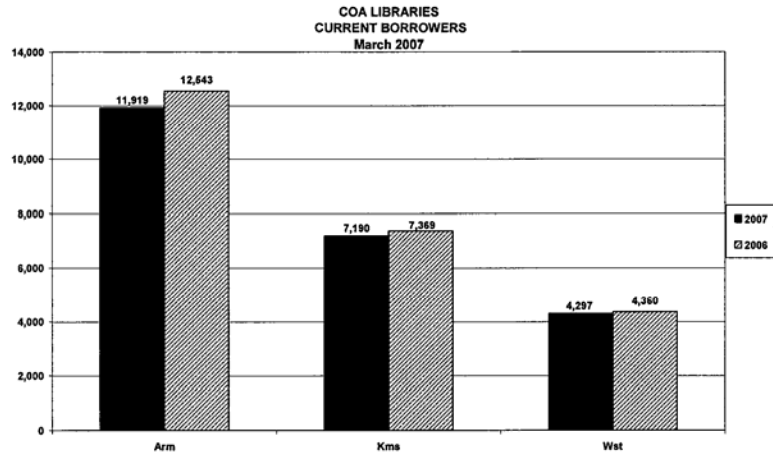


COA LIBRARIES  
ISSUES/RENEWALS  
March 2007

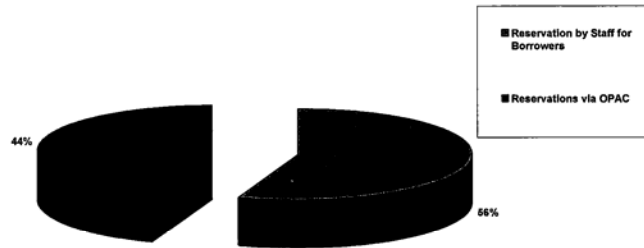


COA LIBRARIES  
NUMBER OF VISITS  
March 2007





COA LIBRARIES  
RESERVATIONS  
March 2007





**Month: March    Year: 2007**

History House Museum	Current Month	Year to date		
		Mar 06	July 06- Mar 07	Jul 05 - Mar 06
Visitors	250	121	1,268	1,250
Volunteer Hours	191	149	1,114	1,157
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum	Mar 07	Mar 06	Jul 06 – Mar 07	Jul 05 – Mar 06
	237	N/A	2209	N/A





## **MINNAWARRA FESTIVAL COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

**OF THE MINNAWARRA FESTIVAL COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 7 MARCH 2006 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY OF ARMADALE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE COMMENCING AT 6.05 PM.**

#### **1. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Cr A L Cominelli	Chairman – City of Armadale
Mr P Jones	Community Representative
Ms B Hartley	Community Representative
Ms L Murray	Community Representative
Mr G Mason	Armadale Kelmscott Lions Club
Ms L Sinclair	Acting Events Coordinator
Mrs Y Ward	Minute Secretary – City of Armadale
<b>Apologies</b>	
Cr J A Stewart	City of Armadale
Mr J Lemmey	Rotary Club of Armadale

#### **2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

Nil

#### **3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

##### **RESOLVED**

The Minutes of the Minnowarra Festival Committee of 7 & 21 February 2006, be confirmed.

Moved: Ms Hartley

**CARRIED**

#### **4. BUSINESS ARISING**

##### **4.1 Master of Ceremonies/Compere**

At the previous Committee Meeting, it was requested that this matter be recommitted for further discussion.

*In the absence of Cr Stewart, Committee was of the view that this matter should be recommitted to the next meeting of Committee to enable discussion on the matter to occur with Cr Stewart. Cr Cominelli undertook to contact Cr Stewart and report back to the next meeting.*

**RESOLVED**

**That the role of Master of Ceremonies/Compere be recommitted to the next meeting of the Minnowarra Festival Committee for discussion.**

Moved: Cr Cominelli

**CARRIED**

**5. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Inwards**

Expressions of interest re: performance  
Quotes re: performance  
Craft, non-commercial, commercial and food registrations

**Outwards**

Letter to Cleanaway re: sponsorship  
Letter to Armadale Junior Football Club re: road closures  
Letter to Woolworths re: road closure  
Letter to Ernie Dean re: acceptance of quote for electrical work  
Confirmation letters to TopOff Children’s Entertainment

**RESOLVED:**

**That the correspondence be received.**

Moved: Ms Hartley

**CARRIED**

**6. PORTFOLIO REPORTS**

**6.1 Multicultural Zone**

Quotes for multicultural performances and registrations for multicultural food vendors have been received.

**6.2 Amusement Rides and Amenities**

Matter in hand.

**6.3 Art Exhibition**

Matter in hand.

*Cr Cominelli requested that the Acting Events Coordinator organise for an invitation to be extended to Committee Members to attend the Opening Ceremony of the Minnowarra Art Exhibition.*

**6.4 Children’s Activities**

Activities confirmed to date include:

- TopOff Children’s Entertainment will provide circus workshops and Punch and Judy performances for both days.
- Armadale PCYC Gymnastics will provide the free children’s craft activities.
- Bubblemania have been requested to attend again this year.

*Bree Hartley enquired as to whether face painting would be made available this year. The Acting Events Coordinator advised that it would be provided by the PCYC at the Rotunda.*

**6.5 Craft Vending**

Craft registrations are being entered into the craft database.

*Paul Jones requested additional information re: craft stalls to be included on database.*

**6.6 Displays and Exhibits**

Display registrations (commercial and non-commercial) have been received.

Lorraine Pearce (Local Studies Librarian) and Christen Bell (Museum Curator) are developing a heritage precinct. Efforts are continuing to source enough performances and display for the proposed heritage area.

An interactive demonstration area is proposed for the area below the church. Potential activities will include scrapbooking, jewellery making, woodturning and embroidery.

Kelmscott Senior High School and Old MacDonald’s are unable to provide an animal display this year.

*Cr Cominelli requested that in the absence of the animal display this year, enquiries be made in regard to the provision of camel and pony rides.*

**6.7 Entertainment**

Expressions of Interest from schools and community groups have been received. A variety of quotes for professional acts have been received. Negotiations are underway for a sidewalk chalk artist to attend. The entertainment program will be tabled at the next Committee meeting.

**6.8 Finance**

Matter in hand.

**6.9 Marketing and sponsorship**

The poster has been printed and is available for distribution. Any assistance the Committee can provide with the distribution is appreciated.

Cleanaway has agreed to continue a sponsorship arrangement with the City.

*The Acting Events Coordinator tabled a copy of the 2006 Minnawarra Festival Poster and requested Members to circulate it.*

**6.10 Youth Zone**

Megan Farr (Community Development Officer – Youth) is receiving entries for the “Battle of the Bands”. A chillout tent will be provided by Armadale DrugArm.

**6.11 Indigenous Interactive Zone**

*The matter of the location of the stage for the Indigenous Interactive Zone was discussed by Committee at length. The Acting Events Coordinator and Lesley Murray to liaise to further discuss the location of the stage.*

*Lesley Murray advised that the Aboriginal Interactive Zone would include performances interacting with the audience, bands, Country & Western, R&B boys, choir, traditional dancing, a didge and dance workshop. It is also hoped that the Noongar circus will be able to attend. There will be two marquees, one for Indigenous children’s activities and one for Indigenous art workshops, which will include painting and jewellery.*

*Waminda Aboriginal Corporation will auspice the \$4,000 from the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee funding.*

**6.12 Seniors’ Activities**

*The Acting Events Coordinator advised that Justin Ifould, (Community Development Officer – Seniors/Disability) had been unable to provide an update to this meeting as the Seniors’ Interest Advisory Committee was not due to meet until 16 March 2006.*

- 6.13 Site set up/pack away**  
Matter in hand.

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 7.1 Site Plan**  
*Gordon Mason enquired as to whether a site plan had yet been formulated. He also requested that room be made available on the site plan for the campervan which would double as an office.*
- 7.2 Cool Drinks for Performers**  
*Cr Cominelli requested that performers who were on stage during the lunch break period be provided with cool drinks and that a notice be displayed on the change tent that drinks are available for performers at the site office.*
- 7.3 Identification for Committee Members**  
*Committee considered the matter of means of identification for Committee Members at the Minnowarra Festival. It was of the view that identification needed to be provided for each Member that was fairly prominent. The Acting Events Coordinator to investigate a suitable means of identification and provide an update to the next meeting of Committee.*
- 7.4 Stage Management**  
*The management of the stage will depend on whether Cr Stewart will be available to undertake the role of Master of Ceremonies/Compere, if not Bree and Cr Cominelli will alternate the role between them.*

## **8. NEXT MEETING**

To be held on **Tuesday, 21 March 2006 at 6.00 pm** in the Committee Room.

## **9. CLOSURE**

Meeting closed at **6.50 pm**.





## CITY OF ARMADALE

### MINUTES

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

THURSDAY 1 February 2007 AT 7.00PM

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**PRESENT:**

Mr K Fletcher	Chair
Cr L Reynolds	
Ms K Coulthard	
Mrs Faye Clay	
Mr Terry Holton	
Ms Hazel James	
Mrs Colleen Fancote	

**APOLOGIES:**

**OBSERVERS:**

Nil

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

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**DISCLAIMER**

The Disclaimer for protecting Councillors and staff from liability of information and advice given at Committee meetings was not read by the Chairman as there were no members of the public in attendance.

**DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

Nil.

**1. MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2006 were confirmed.

**2. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

**2.1 Plaques for Parks**

Following advice that the previously approved wording for the plaque for Bob Blackburn Reserve was not correct, the suggested wording for the plaque now reads:

BOB BLACKBURN RESERVE

Robert (Bob) Keith Blackburn  
(1904 – 1990)

A baker in Jull Street from 1932 and known for his district-wide delivery service.  
Active in a variety of community groups and a long-serving member of the Armadale  
Freemasons.

This land was vested in Council on 20 Oct 1985

**PROPOSED DECISION:**

That PHAC recommend to Council the above wording for the Bob Blackburn Reserve plaque.

**AGREED:**

The above wording was accepted.

## **2.2 Birtwistle Local Studies Policies and Management Practices**

At the PHAC meeting of 3 August 2006, proposed changes to the Local Studies Library Collection Management Practice were approved. These changes have now been transferred to the City’s adopted Management Practice format for its Policy Manual. Additionally, a Policy and Management Practice have been written for the Pictorial Collection. (See Attachment 6). The completed Policies and Management Practices, on approval of PHAC, will be referred to Council via the City’s adopted procedure.

### **PROPOSED DECISION:**

That PHAC recommend to Council adoption of the Policies and associated Management Practices for the Birtwistle Local Studies Library’s Collection and Pictorial Collection.

### **AGREED:**

That the Policies and Management Practices for the Birtwistle Local Studies Library’s Collection and Pictorial Collection be recommended to Council for adoption.

## **2.3 Role of the History House Museum and Birtwistle Local Studies Library in collecting the City’s history.**

The City’s Library and Heritage Department has achieved a recognised high degree of professionalism in relation to both its Museum and Local Studies Library.

In recognition of this, it is perhaps time that Council’s policies addressed the matter of broader collection of its history. The specifications written for the “Tender of Appointment of Author Preparation of History of the Armadale District for Publication” have addressed this matter, by stating:

- Copies of any primary or secondary resource material used by the author/historian and a bibliography of historical sources are to be lodged with the City’s Birtwistle Local Studies Library.
- If the author/historian makes any recording in completing the work, those recordings will become the property of the City. (The City could provide digital recording equipment for this purpose on negotiation).

- If the author/historian acquires by way of gift any documents, papers, manuscripts, photographs, pictures, sketches, prints or other records of things of historical interest or value they will become the property of the City.

It is suggested that the Public History Advisory Committee consider the implications of this in the broader context of research that is funded in any way, either wholly or in part, by Council. The opportunity for the City’s heritage areas to work with community groups and assist them in their projects, particularly when the Museum Interpretation Plan has been prepared, will ensure a much more cohesive approach to recording the City’s history.

It is not unreasonable, when Council is supporting any Community Group projects of an historical nature, be it financial, provision of venue, infrastructure, space/land or providing support for grant applications, to make it a condition of the support that any primary documents, photographs, etc that are sourced as a part of the project, should be lodged with the Birtwistle Local Studies Library if donated, or copies provided if loaned. Equally, any donated artefacts should become a part of the History House Museum collection. Donor forms need to be completed in all situations. Additionally, a copy of any publications resulting from the project, should be provided to the Birtwistle Local Studies Library for its collection.

The City’s collections are controlled by Council approved Collection Policies with authenticated donor forms. These ensure that the history of all artefacts and items is recorded to professional standards and that there can be no dispute regarding future uses for copyright purposes, ownership etc. It is reasonable to presume that if the City’s logo is on any signage, publications etc, that any person wanting information on the image at some future date will come to the City for that data.

The Interpretation Plan will recommend a style guide that will ensure there are standards for signage on Council land, as well as standards for design and construction. It will ensure that material used is referenced properly to prevent any copyright infringement.

If local groups or individuals collect and store artefacts or other materials, these are at risk of being lost to the City’s history. They may not be stored appropriately from a conservation perspective. Items need to be stored securely if financially valuable, and insurance issues need to be considered. If items or documents are later donated to the Local Studies Library or Museum, it is often too late to ensure that the correct information is recorded regarding the artefact and the donor. It is far more efficient to record this information as items are sourced rather than as a bulk donation some years later.

#### PROPOSED DECISION

That PHAC support the drafting of a policy for its approval and subsequent recommendation to Council, that makes any financial or other form of support from

Council, including support for grant applications for community projects of an historical nature, conditional as described above.

AGREED:

PHAC agreed to support the drafting of a policy for its approval and recommendation to Council for the propose decision.

It was also agreed that PHAC representatives discuss the decision with their various groups.

<b>3. INFORMATION ITEMS</b>
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**3.1 History House Museum Report (Curator)**

Report and statistical data attached.

**3.2 Lotterywest Interpretation of Cultural Heritage Grant (Curator)**

The steering committee had its first meeting with Lorraine Fitzpatrick, Jenny Nichol and James Cooper. The consultants were shown key heritage locations through out the City of Armadale and provided with a potted history of the district. They were also provided with a copy of First Stage South and Spanning the Years to assist with their research. Work on the project will be starting within the next few months.

When work begins on the project the first step to be taken will be community consultation. This will be achieved by inviting interested groups to a PowerPoint presentation.

**3.3 Birtwistle Local Studies Library Report (Historian/Local Studies Librarian)**

Report and statistical data attached.

**3.4 Reports from PHAC committee members**

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

*(Any other information items that require a decision will be listed as a business item on the agenda for the next meeting.)*

*Manager Libraries and Heritage.*

There were two responses to the tender for the Appointment of Author Preparation of the District for Publication.  
These were from the Centre for Western Australian History and Wilma Mann.  
The Written History of the District Reference Group decision is to recommend to Council that this be re-tendered.

*Community Representatives.*

- a) The representative had received a call from an Armadale resident enquiring about Coombe bricks. These bricks were manufactured in Armadale 1904-1914. As the building they were discovered at was constructed in 1935 there is some indication that the bricks may have been recycled.

*Public History Friends Group Representative.*

The Historian/Local Studies Librarian was thanked for organising the volunteer end of year lunch.

*City of Armadale, Council Representative.*

The Veteran Car Club is to meet in the Mall on Sunday 4 February 2007.

The map of Torridge has been framed and will be placed in the foyer of the Administration Building Room.

*Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc. Representative.*

Congratulated Mrs Kath Coulthard for winning the Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award.

*Armadale Districts Brickworks Preservation Group Inc. Representative.*

Honoured to receive The Premier's Australia Day Active Citizenship Award.

Raised the matter of young people using the area around the Visitor Centre as a place to spend time. They have accessed the cage where the Brickworks artefacts are kept. There is a concern not only for the items being destroyed but who will be held responsible should any of the young people injure themselves.

The Manager for Libraries and Heritage explained that there will be a meeting of all parties concerned on Monday 5 February to consider the issue from all perspectives.

*Historian/Local Studies Librarian*

Suggested that the Armadale Primary School Honour Board be appropriately hung as it is at risk of sustaining damage where it is currently displayed.

The Manager for Libraries and Heritage said that this could be achieved when some proposed items were being hung in the Museum.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

**Next Committee Meeting**  
**THURSDAY 5 APRIL 2007**



Attachment 1.

**Report for History House Museum for  
November and December 2006**

**November**

**Lotterywest Interpretation Grant**

History House Museum was successful in its application for funding from Lotterywest to assist in engaging a consultant to develop an Interpretation Plan and Style Guide for the museum. The grant will contribute \$13,000 towards the project.

**Highland Gathering**

Over 60 people visited the museum during the day. A small display on the Byford Caledonian Society was prepared for the day.

**Local Government Lesson Plan**

60 students from Armadale Primary School visited History House Museum and the City of Armadale Council Chambers. Cr Bob Tizard spoke to students about being a councillor and the role local government plays in the community.

**Kelmscott Football Club**

History House Museum will be assisting the recently folded Kelmscott Football Club to sort and catalogue their collection of photographs, trophies, honour boards and other items relating to the long history of the club.

**Forrestdale People & Place Book Launch**

History House Museum hosted the successful launch of the book **Forrestdale People & Place**. A copy of the book was donated to the City of Armadale and has been passed onto the Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

Attachment 2.

**Report for Birtwistle Local Studies Library for  
November and December 2006**

**November**

**Oral Histories on City’s Webpage**

The Historian/Local Studies Librarian has been working in conjunction with the City’s Webpage Designer and Manager for Public Relations to place some recordings on the City’s Webpage. The aim of the project is to stimulate interest and promote the oral history collection by presenting a minute of a recorded interview. At present there are two recordings available: firstly, by Bert Tyler who speaks about why he handed his machinery collection over to the City of Armadale and secondly by long time district resident Brian Powell discussing his experiences in the Boy Scouts.

It is planned that in the future more interviews will be added to the City’s Webpage as the oral histories will be recorded digitally from the beginning of 2007.

**Visit to a Talk Organised by the Oral History Association (W.A.) Branch**

The Historian/Local Studies Librarian and one of the oral history volunteers attended an evening talk by Dr Lenore Layman organised by the Oral History Association (W.A.) Branch. Dr Layman presented a paper on her research on the East Perth Power Station and discussed the use of oral history in her methodology. The sharing of her experiences was an insight into the problems that can arise in asking people to recall their memories but also the rich wealth of information that can be obtained from them. It was encouraging to hear that the digital equipment used by the research team is the same that has been purchased for the City of Armadale Oral History Programme.

**December**

**Volunteer Lunch**

Volunteers from Birtwistle Local Studies Library, The Armadale Visitor Centre, History House and Bert Tyler Machinery Museums enjoyed an end of lunch in the Administration Building Function Room.

The lunch, organised by the Historian/Local Studies Librarian was attended by City of Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds who expressed appreciation to the volunteers for all their hard work and the contribution they made to the respective services throughout the year.

It was an ideal opportunity for the volunteers from the different services to get together over lunch and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Attachment 3.

**Museums Statistical Report for the  
Month of November and December 2006**

History Museum	House	Current Month	Year to date		
			Dec 05	July 06- Dec 06	Jul 05 – Dec 05
Visitors		80	45	791	854
Volunteer Hours		90	68	603	776
<b>Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum</b>		<b>Dec 06</b>	<b>Dec 05</b>	<b>Jul 06 – Nov 06</b>	<b>Jul 05 – Dec 05</b>
		N/A	N/A	1555	N/A

December 06

Attachment 4

**Birtwistle Local Studies Library Statistical Report  
for the Month of November 2006**

<b>Birtwistle Local Studies Library - Saturday Opening</b>			
	<b>Nov 2006</b>	<b>Oct 2006</b>	<b>Jul 2006 – Nov 2006</b>
Reference Enquiries	nil	nil	1
Researchers	1	nil	2
Visitor Attendance	nil	nil	3
Volunteer Hours	4	4	12

Attachment 5

**Birtwistle Local Studies Library Statistical Report  
for the Month of December 2006**

<b>Oral History Programme</b>				
	<b>Current Month</b>		<b>Year to Date</b>	
	<b>Dec 06</b>	<b>Dec 05</b>	<b>Jul 06 – Dec 06</b>	<b>Jul 05 – Dec 05</b>
Letters sent				
Interviews Completed	nil	2	7	18
Transcripts Completed	nil	1	5	6
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	25	4	223	73
Volunteer Hours – Interviewing	nil	0	29	60

Attachment 6

MANAGEMENT PRACTICE	
<u>BLSL 2</u>	<i>Birtwistle Local Studies Library Pictorial Collection</i>

ACCEPTANCE AND RETENTION OF MATERIAL ON A PERMANENT BASIS

1. APPROPRIATENESS

- (a) Birtwistle Local Studies Library will only retain or accept into the collection pictures which are relevant to and consistent with the purpose of the library.
- (i) Pictures that are representational, with the overall aim of documenting the major themes, events, and social and environmental changes in City of Armadale history.
  - (ii) Pictures pertaining to any person, family or group who were born, lived or established the area and have made significant contributions to local, state and national history.
  - (iii) Other subjects that the library seeks to document in pictures include industry, agriculture and land management, the built environment, transport, technology, leisure, political and public events.
  - (iv) The library does not collect three dimensional objects. Objects of this nature are generally referred, if the objects appear to be significant, to History House Museum, or to the appropriate museum.
  - (v) The library collects pictures in the following formats:
    - watercolours, drawings executed by pencil, chalk or crayon, sketchbooks and cartoons.
    - Posters.
    - Photographs in black and white or colour in all formats.
    - Postcards.
    - Digital.

2. PROVENANCE AND DOCUMENTATION

In selecting pictures for acquisition, the library gives preference to pictures that are accompanied by captions of sufficient detail to provide researchers with and indication of the topic, place and date of the picture, and the names of significant people. Future acquisition of pictures will depend primarily on items informational content and whether it adds to the documentary heritage of the City of Armadale, rather than its aesthetic appeal.

3. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP



Where possible all pictures entering the collection will be accompanied by a document giving full and unencumbered title of their ownership to the library, without restriction as to the use or future disposition.

#### 4. AVOIDANCE OF DUPLICATION

Where possible the library will avoid unnecessary duplication of like or similar pictures, recognising that such pictures are an unnecessary drain on the library’s valuable resources of staff, time, space and money. It recognises however, that duplicate pictures may be kept for security and environmental reasons, research purposes and display.

#### 5. MANAGEMENT OF THE COLLECTION

(a) Preservation:

The library, understanding that preservation of the pictorial collection is its primary responsibility, will endeavour to provide suitable storage and care for the collection at all times.

(b) Access:

The library gives high priority to making its collections readily accessible. Future plans therefore include:

- (i) The digitisation of the pictorial collection that will be made available through the City of Armadale Library Catalogue containing bibliographic records and through a combined database.

#### 6. DESELECTION AND DISPOSAL

As a general rule, once pictures relating to the City of Armadale have been appraised and accepted into the Birtwistle Local Studies Library, they are not subject to deaccessioning and disposal. Exceptions to this practice occur when pictures are found to be duplicated or better copies of the same works are acquired. Also pictures that have been collected prior to the opening of the Birtwistle Local Studies Library that are not relevant to the history of the City of Armadale or bequeathed by a former resident’s family. Other reasons for discarding or disposing of pictures is that the format of the material is hazardous, or that the item has deteriorated to the point that it cannot be repaired or copied to another medium.

(a) Disposal Methods

Pictures which are surplus requirements, as decided under the Birtwistle

Local Studies Pictorial Management Practice, will be removed from the collection and disposed of either by:

- (i) Return to the donor if indicated on the donor’s receipt or deed of gift.
- (ii) Transfer to another collection agency.
- (iii) Sale or auction.
- (iv) Destruction.

