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2009 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONVENTION & TRADE EXHIBITION – PROGRAM UPDATE

On Thursday, **6 August** at the Local Government Convention and Trade Exhibition, the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, Hon John Castrilli MLA will update convention delegates on the progress of the reform of the WA Local Government sector. A panel discussion will follow.

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

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ROADS AND TRANSPORT FORUM 2009

Date: **Wednesday, 5 August**

Time: **9:30am – 4:30pm**

Venue: **Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, 21 Mounts Bay Road Perth**

This year's Forum will focus on strategic investment, covering topical issues such as network planning; heavy haulage and the network; asset management; integrated transport planning solutions; and the integration of road safety into core business. With a new State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement, the Forum will include a workshop on the current Agreement and future funding needs. The full programme will be available in June.

For further information please contact Policy Officer Transport and Roads, Erin Fuery on 9213 2050 or email efuery@walga.asn.au

OPPORTUNITY FOR WHEATBELT COUNCILS

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REVIEW OF ENGINEERING STANDARDS FOR SUBDIVISIONS

Local Governments are reminded of the current review of Engineering Standards for Subdivision by the Institute of Public Works Engineers Australia (IPWEA) and Department of Planning and Infrastructure. The revised standards will be adopted by the Department as the standard of engineering works required for subdivision throughout WA. Copies of the standards can be downloaded from the IPWEA web site <http://www.ipwea.org.au>. To register, please email blanchard-consulting@inet.net.au.

For further information, please contact Terry Blanchard on 0400 040 111

INVITATION TO ICT BENCHMARKING STUDY

If you wish to benchmark the performance of your IT Department against other Local Government organizations, better understand IT trends specific to Local Government, and learn about the best IT practices adopted by your peers, we invite you to take part in this study.

- The first part of the study provides insights into the IT staffing and budget ratios linked to the overall satisfaction with the IT performance. If you are a business executive (eg. CEO, COO, CFO, GM) responsible for overall IT performance, please visit this link to take a 5 min survey <http://www.Swiftpage8.com/survey/LGbenchmarking>.
- For a more detailed analysis of key IT functions, please ask your IT Manager to contribute to the second (15 min) survey. It enables benchmarking of specific technologies and looks into IT trends specific to Local Governments <http://www.Swiftpage8.com/survey/LGITbenchmarking>.

All participants will receive a complimentary report based on the survey results.

For further information, please visit www.tech-indicators.com.au or contact Dr Leila Abbasova on (02) 9818 5449 or email Leila_abbasova@tech-indicators.com.au

NORTH WEST POOL MANAGER SEMINAR

The Department of Sport and Recreation, Leisure Institute of Western Australia Aquatics, Royal Life Saving Society Australia and the Shire of Broome would like to invite Aquatic Managers and Shire staff across the North West to attend the 13th Annual North West Pool Managers Aquatics Seminar to be held at the Broome Aquatic and Recreation Centre on Monday, 25 May.

For further information, please contact Chris Blankley on 9299 6597 or email chrisblankley@mundaring.wa.gov.au

SPORTS LEADERSHIP GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WOMEN

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and Australian Government Office for Women are seeking to develop the next generation of female leaders in sport. Applications opened in early April for the 2009-10 round of Sports Leadership Grants and Scholarships for Women.

The Grants and Scholarships are offered to inspire and assist women in the sports industry to reach their full potential in leadership, through education and development opportunities.

For further information, please call 1800 224 412 or visit www.ausport.gov.au/women

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FUNDING

Applying for community grants just got quicker with the Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) launching their new Community Participation funding. The scheme provides small grants of up to \$5000 for projects that target low participation groups, particularly culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) and Indigenous populations.

Grants, which are limited to between \$1000 and \$5000, are available for Local Government, sporting clubs, schools, community, and not for profit organizations to implement safe and innovative projects.

For further information, please contact Kim Ellwood on 9492 9747 or email kim.ellwood@dsr.wa.gov.au

WORKING SMARTER IN TOUGH TIMES

Date: Friday, 12 June

Time: 7:30am – 12:30pm

(Breakfast Seminar 7:30am - 9:00am)

Venue: The Sheraton Perth Hotel

Speaker: Glenn Capelli

Find out why we often think poorly and what you can do to create smart teams in creative environments.

Learn from Glenn the skills to make the right decisions and take smart actions to think and act beyond the gloom ahead.

For further information, please visit <http://www.wa.ipaa.org.au/index.php?page=312> or phone IPAA WA on 9221 1177

CANWA SHARING STORIES

Community Arts Network Western Australia (CANWA) is the peak body for Community Arts and Cultural Development in WA. CANWA's 'Sharing Stories' Community Sponsorship Fund is now open and offers up to \$5000 for arts projects that encourage community participation and inspire creativity.

A total of \$28,500 is available to fund six projects in the Wheatbelt and Goldfields regions of WA each year.

For further information, please contact Rebecca Clarke on 9226 2422 or email Rebecca@canwa.com.au



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MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT – WA GRAIN FREIGHT RAIL NETWORK

WALGA President and senior staff met with the Hon Terry Redman, Minister for Agriculture and Food, Mr Ian Blayney MLA, Member for Geraldton, and Hon Brian Ellis MLC, Member for the Agricultural Region to discuss State investment in the WA Grain Freight Network. All Members of Parliament reiterated that they were sympathetic to the need for investment. They understood the impact on local roads if the rail network were to close and that without a rail network, significant road investment will be required to make them suitable for an increased freight task. There was discussion on WestNet Rail's responsibility under their lease to maintain the rail lines. Concerns were raised around whether State investment in rail would support a monopoly in storage and handling, and therefore stifle competition and grower transport options. Concern was also expressed over whether the rail line is being made a scapegoat for poor corporate transport logistics management. The State Government is meeting with CBH and WestNet Rail to discuss these concerns. The Members of Parliament reiterated that grain freight is a significant issue and that dialogue should continue between all parties on how to deliver the most efficient and effective grain supply chain network. WALGA will continue to advocate to State Government to keep grain on rail and to work with all parties to develop an equitable solution.

For further information, please contact Executive Manager Infrastructure, Michelle Mackenzie on 9213 2031 or email mmackenzie@walga.asn.au.

MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES

On Wednesday, 6 May WALGA President Cr Bill Mitchell and senior staff met with Department of Corrective Services Commissioner, Mr Ian Johnson, to discuss opportunities for Local

Government to link into existing Corrective Services programs, such as REPAY WA, to help WA communities benefit from such services.

It was a very positive meeting that focused on creating opportunities for the Association to work with the Department to deliver tangible benefits back to communities, whilst at the same time helping offenders learn and develop skills to complete community service orders. The Commissioner spoke of the potential to provide Local Government with a way of undertaking additional projects, or providing additional services, that couldn't currently be afforded.

The Department of Corrective Services is eager to begin informing all Local Governments of what type of services and programs are available, as well as how Local Governments can link into existing Corrective Services Programs.

For further information, please contact Community Policy Officer, Warren Pearce on 9213 2082 or email wpearce@walga.asn.au

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OFFICER TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The venue for all the following training is:

WALGA Building: 15 Altona St, West Perth.

The cost for each of the training modules is:

\$352 inc GST for Workplace Solutions Members

\$385 inc GST for nonmembers

Award Interpretation for Payroll Officers

Date: Monday, **15 June**

Time: 9:00am - 4:30pm

Introduction to the Local Government Act

Date: Wednesday, **24 June**

Time: 9:00am - 4:30pm

Procedure Development

Date: Monday, **29 June**

Time: 9:00am - 4:30pm

Policy Development

Date: Tuesday, **30 June**

Time: 9:00am - 4:30pm

For further information, please contact Training Coordinator, Brenna Heagney on 9213 2098 or email bheagney@walga.asn.au

MISUSE OF ALCOHOL AND THE COST TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT PILOT PROJECT

A successful grant application to *The Criminal Confiscation Act 2000 Grants Program* administered through the Department of the Attorney General has enabled the Association to appoint an Alcohol and Crime Management Project Coordinator for a 12 month project.

The project aim is to pilot a process of supporting Local Government to more effectively address alcohol-related issues within their communities by using the framework and resources contained in the *Local Government Alcohol Management Package*. Local Governments will be supported to develop whole-of-organisation alcohol policies and alcohol management plans as part of a unique alcohol management package for their community. The subsequent creation of a management plan will ensure that all departments have a role in alcohol related issues, and that these roles interact with each other on a continual basis.

For further information, please contact Coordinator Alcohol and Crime Management Project, Marianne Carey on 9213 2071 or email mcarey@walga.asn.au

LGIS WORKCARE AND LIABILITY SCHEMES RULES AMENDMENTS

Thank you to the 95 Members who responded to the request to consider recent proposed amendments to the LGIS Workcare and LGIS Liability Schemes. Members are advised that the submissions represent a 65% response rate, with all respondents indicating endorsement of the changes to the Schemes' rules. Both the Trust Deed and the Scheme Rules, as amended, are now formally adopted.

For further information, please contact Executive Manager Workplace Solutions, John Phillips on 9213 2028 or email jphillips@walga.asn.au

CHILD CARE SECTOR FORUMS 2009

Metropolitan and country forums regarding the progress of reviews on the regulations and legislation of child care will be held on Wednesday, **20 May**. The Forum will focus on progressing amendments to the *Child Care Services Act 2007*, and progressing amendments to the Child Care services regulations.

For further information, please email childcarelegislation@communities.wa.gov.au

WALGA ECO-NEWS

The WALGA Eco-News for May is out now. Catch up on the latest environmental news, views, events and projects from the Association and Local Governments around the State. WALGA's Eco-News is available at http://www.walga.asn.au/news-publications/publications/walga_eco_news.

For further information, please email NRM Facilitator Jessica Sheppard at jsheppard@walga.asn.au.

MEDIA RELEASE

15 May State Budget: Local Government Impact

ALGA NEWSLETTER - 8 May 2009

ACLG meeting to follow National General Assembly



The second Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) plenary meeting, hosted by Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government Minister Anthony Albanese will be held on 25 June 2009 at Parliament House, Canberra. Further details regarding this meeting will be posted to the website www.aclg.gov.au as they become available. The Deputy Chair of the ACLG is ALGA President Cr Geoff Lake.

The ACLG held its Inaugural Meeting on 18 November 2008 where over 400 mayors and shire presidents from councils and shires across Australia and representatives from state and territory governments met at Parliament House, Canberra. Its purpose is to forge a new cooperative engagement between the Australian and local governments giving a voice to local government on matters of national significance. It is vital that all councils take the opportunity to attend and discuss local government's national priorities at the National General Assembly (NGA) in the lead up to the ACLG meeting.

For the past 15 years, the NGA has been critically important in driving the local government agenda at the national level. The event brings together more than 700 local government mayors, councillors and CEOs from across Australia. The theme of this year's Assembly - *Rising to the Challenge - Infrastructure, Climate Change and Financing* - will offer a valuable opportunity for councils to explore and develop a national approach across these key areas.

ALGA has received 139 Notices of Motions, which clearly demonstrates a high level of interest in the Assembly. This year, building on feedback received from previous NGAs and the success of the Constitutional Summit in Melbourne, motions will be grouped into 'composite motions' with the intention that these be discussed and debated as a single motion. This will assist in facilitating efficient and effective debate.

This year we will continue the concept from the Constitutional Summit by having informal delegate discussions prior to entering formal debate. ALGA has secured a number of experts to assist with these delegate discussions which will be facilitated by journalist George Negus.

Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme



ALGA President Cr Geoff Lake said this week that the one-year delay by the Federal Government of the start of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme would provide more opportunity to address issues such as waste.

Last month ALGA put in a submission to the Federal Government on the impact of the scheme on local government and communities raising concerns. The primary concerns for local government relate to how the CPRS proposes to deal with waste facilities and in particular:

- the measurement of emissions arising from waste;
- the inclusion in the scheme of past waste, or 'legacy waste', that is emissions generated from waste deposited prior to 1 July 2008; and
- the proposed reduction in the size of waste facilities which are captured in the scheme.

The Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said this week that the delay until 2011 would help Australian companies manage the impacts of the global recession.

He announced:

- A one year fixed price phase will apply between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012. During the fixed price phase, each carbon pollution permit will cost \$10. From 1 July 2012, businesses covered by the scheme will need to purchase permits at the prevailing market price.
- A new Global Recession Buffer will be provided as part of the assistance package for emissions-intensive trade-exposed industries.
- Eligible businesses will receive funding to undertake energy efficiency measures in 2009-10 as part of a \$200 million tranche of the Climate Change Action Fund.

Prime Minister Rudd also committed to reduce Australia's carbon pollution by 25 per cent below 2000 levels by 2020 if the world agrees to an ambitious global deal to stabilise levels of CO2 equivalent at 450 parts per million or lower by mid century.

Women on the verge of recession



The Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Elizabeth Broderick, has called on the Federal Government to introduce a national Paid Parental Leave scheme in the Budget as an economic stimulatory measure and to utilise the talents of women of child-bearing age. "There is a strong empirical link between Paid Parental Leave and women's - particularly mothers' - workforce participation," Ms Broderick said in a recent speech at the National Press Club.

"...I am not saying that paid parental leave will be the panacea to solve the economic crisis. What I am saying is that it is an essential plank that will form the foundation of the workplace transformation necessary to take us into the future."

The Productivity Commission has proposed 18 weeks paid maternity leave and two weeks paid supporting parent leave. Australia is the only OECD nation without any legislated paid parental leave scheme.

Ms Broderick said that 'the perfect storm of demographic change and the economic downturn' provided the perfect opportunity to reinvent paid work and care for the benefit of all families, men and women, for businesses and for the economy.

In her speech, Ms Broderick mentioned the recent Global Gender Gap report released by the World Economic Forum which shows that Australia sits in the group of countries that are number 1 on women's educational attainment but depressingly, we are number 40 on women's workforce participation. Women hold a tiny percentage of board Directorships and only four Chief Executive Officer positions in ASX200 Companies. The most disturbing figure, is that only 5.9% of senior line managers are

female, a significant reduction from two years earlier. "Let's be clear - there is a serious leakage of female talent in this country. Without significant intervention - by government, by business - the number of women progressing in the workplace will shrink even more."

Ms Broderick said that while Paid Parental Leave and high quality flexible work were at the heart of gender equality 'in 2009 we must start to explore new solutions.' She proposed increasing the number of women on boards, organisations setting target, regularly measuring progress against those targets, and shareholder engagement where CEOs are quizzed on their gender equality measures.

From the President

This is the last edition of ALGA News before the Federal Treasurer, Wayne Swan, delivers the 2009-10 federal budget. On Tuesday next week, we will learn more about the extent of the global downturn on the Australian economy and perhaps more importantly, how long it might be before we experience economic recovery.

It is clear this will be a very difficult budget. Some say the toughest in living memory. On the one hand, the Australian Government recognises how critical it is to support the delivery of services Australians need to weather the financial storm. On the other hand, a significant reduction in tax revenues will impact on its capacity to provide this support.

We have been told in recent days that everyone will be asked to make some sacrifices in this budget - a very different scenario from this time last year when the budget delivered a large surplus (almost \$22 billion) and the outlook was very positive. How quickly things can change.

Local government understands that the current uncertainties in the global and Australian economies, of which we are reminded about almost every time we turn on the television, will limit the Government's ability to respond to our funding priorities. We do not underestimate the challenge they face - the economy is now in recession and the budget will be in deficit for a number of years to come. This will undoubtedly place pressures on the nation building programs announced in the last budget, such as the Building Australia Fund.

It is in times like these that it makes sense for the Australian Government to further support economic activity and jobs, whilst also laying the foundations for a stronger Australia to take full advantage of the economic recovery when it arrives. That is why in our budget submission ALGA has urged the Australian Government to establish the foundations for a more secure economic and social future for Australia. We have advocated for expanded investment in short-term stimulus programs to enhance productivity growth, reforms to increase the productive capacity of Australia and investment in greater social equity and community programs to ensure those suffering disadvantage are not left behind.

ALGA will closely examine how the Australian Government responds to these priorities on Tuesday night and the implications contained in the budget for local government. In particular, we will be looking for further funding and consolidation of the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Fund. The \$800 million announced

by the Government as part of the national stimulus packages will expire on 30 June 2009 and given the community infrastructure pressures faced by councils, this program deserves to become a recurrent spending program similar to the Roads to Recovery program. Another key item of interest for local government is renewal of the Natural Disaster Mitigation Program which expires at the end of this financial year. The benefits it has delivered in instigating preventative measures such as building levies have been highlighted during the recent floods and bushfires in Queensland and Victoria.

We in local government know that there are many more regional and local community infrastructure projects that communities need and which can make a real and lasting difference to the lives of all Australians. Let's hope the Australian Government also sees this value and includes it in the budget.

Cr Geoff Lake
ALGA President

Asset management plans

NAMS.PLUS is currently used by 200 councils across Australia as a nationally consistent approach to writing asset management plans.

The Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA) is delivering another round of the NAMS.PLUS AM program. The NAMS.PLUS program provides a comprehensive step by step guide on asset management, supported by a series of intensive one-day workshops, to help council staff develop asset management plans based on a core or advanced approach.

The workshops provide councils with the necessary tools and guidance to write their own asset management plans. It provides templates and guidelines in a comprehensive eBook, online modelling, a help desk forum and regular newsletters. The NAMS.PLUS program will benefit asset managers, finance managers, engineers, and other managers and directors.

Block 1 dates are set to commence shortly. To find out more about the NAMS.PLUS program, visit www.ipwea.org.au/namsplus.

New qualification

IPWEA has also sponsored the development of a new Graduate qualification in Infrastructure Asset Management.

The Graduate Certificate in Infrastructure Asset Management will be offered and awarded through the University of Tasmania by distance education. Enrolments have opened for commencement from June this year.

The new course responds to the need for a program for engineering and science graduates employed in local government in the emerging discipline of Infrastructure Asset Management.

The four unit course consists of two core compulsory units and two units selected from a list of elective units.

Help koalas, recycle phones

Australians can assist thousands of native animals through Koaladoors Inc Koaladoors Project by supporting MobileMuster and Landcare Australia's 'Old Phones, More Trees' campaign and simply recycle their old mobile phones at mobile phone retailers and selected businesses and local councils, during the month of May and until World Environment Day - June 5.

MobileMuster, the official recycling program of the mobile phone industry and Landcare Australia launched the 2009 'Old Phones, More Trees' campaign recently, with MobileMuster ambassador and former Miss Australia, Laura Dundovic, at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney.

The 'Old Phones, More Trees' campaign, now in its third year, is a joint initiative, where native trees are planted for all mobile phones handed in for recycling throughout May and until World Environment Day.

This year, MobileMuster and Landcare Australia have chosen to support Koaladoors Inc Koaladoors Project, as one of two projects, and plant native trees in the Framlingham Forest, which was affected by severe bush fires in January 2006.

MobileMuster can recover over 90% of the metals and plastic found in mobile phones and reuse to make new products such as jewellery, plastic fence posts and stainless steel products such as saucepans.

To find your nearest MobileMuster drop off point or to download a free mailing label [click here](#) or call 1300 730 070. To find out more about Landcare Australia visit the [website](#).

Vic budget planning

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) has welcomed the Victorian Budget's commitment to key infrastructure programs to enhance liveability, stimulate local economies and boost jobs across the state.

Cr Bill McArthur, MAV President, said this year's Budget had limited new money for local government but it struck a balance between spending on infrastructure and social services to improve the capacity of communities to withstand the Global Financial Crisis.

"Local government welcomes the \$2 billion commitment over the next four years to expand the capacity of Victoria's train, tram, bus and cycling networks," he said. "Prioritising much needed sustainable forms of transport will create jobs, alleviate road and public transport congestion, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and offer communities significantly improved transport options.

"Community resilience would be boosted with funding for bushfire support services, \$85.5 million for a range of social safety net initiatives, a new \$9.3 million volunteer

strategy, \$20 million for sports facilities, and significant reforms to mental health services."

The MAV's 2009-10 State Budget submission also advocated funding for planning reforms that could help facilitate timely building developments to stimulate the economy.

"It's great to see \$10.4 million to implement an innovative new e-planning online application system, as well as funding for the Creating Better Places program, which were both requested by the MAV," Cr McArthur said. "Local government is committed to its role in delivering timely and good quality planning decisions. The MAV calls on the Government to ensure the \$3.2 million allocated to the DPCD Development Facilitation Unit is used in a productive partnership way. To date, there has been very little engagement with councils."

Smooth start to smoking bans

Smoking bans at all ACT Health facilities came into force on Friday.

At Canberra Hospital, new designated outdoor smoking areas were cordoned off with padlocks and chains, and private security guards patrolled the area to ensure the message was received. An ACT Health spokeswoman said there had been no problems with the introduction of the bans. The spokeswoman said former smoker haunts had already become "rather pleasant outdoor eating areas."

Bushfire funding

Allocations to the States and Territories through the Bushfire Mitigation Program have been announced for the 2008-09 financial year. The Bushfire Mitigation Program is a cooperative program with funding from Local, State, Territory and Commonwealth governments. It is administered by the Attorney-General's Department and aims to assist communities to better prepare for, respond to and withstand the effects of bushfires. More information on successful 2008-09 projects can be found on the Emergency Management Australia [website](#)

Election transparency

Greater transparency in WA council elections is a step closer today following legislation to return to the first-past-the-post voting system passed by the Legislative Assembly this week. WA Local Government Association President Cr Bill Mitchell has applauded Local Government Minister John Castrilli for championing the change from the proportional preferential voting system (PPV).

First-past-the-post is considered to be more transparent and less able to be manipulated by big political parties than the more complex PPV.

"The decision to abandon proportional preferential voting and return to first-past-the-post elections is a victory for the persistence of the Local Government sector and a victory for common sense," Cr Mitchell said.

"Under the first-past-the-post system candidates need only to win the support of their local community whereas under the PPV system there is a greater focus on running mates and back room deals that mostly suit the organised, larger political parties."

The new system should be in place for the next council elections in October this year. Cr Mitchell said he hoped the common sense being demonstrated in the return to first-past-the-post would extend to changes to the WA Electoral Commission monopoly on postal voting to open the system to competition, including allowing local governments to manage the process.

Bike fund now open

The Australian Government is seeking proposals for the National Bike Path Program. The Government has set aside \$40 million over one year for the construction of bike paths under the Local Jobs stream of the \$650 million Jobs Fund. This Fund is a \$650 million Australian Government initiative to support and create jobs and increase skills through innovative projects that build community infrastructure and increase social capital in local communities across the country.

Local, state and territory governments and non-profit organisations are eligible to apply for bike path funding. Bike path funding may be provided for new, extensions or refurbishment of existing:

- off-road bike paths (but not dedicated mountain bike trails);
- on-road bike lanes (e.g. road-widening and marking bike lanes on an existing road); and
- bicycle parking facilities.

For bike path project proposals, proponents need to demonstrate how the project will create local jobs and provide alternative transport options. A joint funding contribution of 50 percent will be expected. A first round of applications for the Jobs Fund closes at 4.30pm AEST on 22 May 2009.

Henry Tax Review

Last week, ALGA lodged a further submission to the review of Australia's Future Taxation System. The submission responded to the review's consultation paper (December 2008). ALGA draws upon its previous submission to the review to reiterate the important role of local government in Australia's taxation system and the federation more broadly.

ALGA believes that overall, the consultation paper is well targeted and picks up on a number of issues of significance to local government following ALGA's earlier submission. However, ALGA expresses disappointment that the review considers 'matters relating to the roles of different levels of government, the quantum of intergovernmental transfers and horizontal equalisation' are outside its Terms of Reference. ALGA's submission highlights why the review remains an excellent opportunity to consider the quantum of Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) to local government and its ongoing capacity to deliver infrastructure and services at the local level.

FAGs remain an important issue for local government and will be discussed as a key theme at this year's National General Assembly.

Swag of infrastructure projects

Infrastructure Minister Anthony Albanese and Parliamentary Secretary Gary Gray have announced a swag of projects this week under the Federal Government's \$800 million Community Infrastructure Program.

More than 30 projects are detailed at www.minister.infrastructure.gov.au. They include \$3.2 million for the Yeppoon Town Hall redevelopment, \$2.7 million to help upgrade Waterworld in Adelaide, \$2.23 million to help revitalise Albion Park town centre in the Illawarra, \$2.9 million to help build Wollongong Cliff Road Promenade, \$2 million to commence New South Perth Library and Community Centre and \$3.75 million to help redevelop the Flying Fruit Fly Circus building in Albury.

Parliamentary Committee reports

Report 1 - Carers

A federal parliamentary committee has recommended immediate financial relief to carers in its report *Who Cares...? Report on the inquiry into better support for carers*, yet stopped short of saying how much extras money carers should receive.

The year-long inquiry, which received over 1300 submissions, heard that carers and their families were under serious financial stress, struggling to meet the everyday costs of living, including food, housing and transport.

Committee Chair Annette Ellis (Member for Canberra) said that "with so many carers indicating that they are in crisis, urgent action is needed". Using the words of one carer, she described the support system for carers as a dog's breakfast. "The current array of support systems is too complex. All three tiers of government are involved. Services cross several portfolios and are delivered through hundreds of government and non-government organizations," she said. There needs to be better coordination of services, which are nationally consistent and delivered through a more streamlined process, according to the report's findings.

[Report on the inquiry into better support for carers](#)

Report 2 - Residential and aged care

A federal parliamentary inquiry into residential and aged care in Australia has received "overwhelming evidence" of the need to reform the aged care sector in Australia. Peak groups criticised the bandaid measures of the past, saying serious policy solutions need to address the financial basis underpinning the current system, placing it on a sustainable basis with the real cost of care being realised by Government and the community. A pressing need for long-term structural reform, involving all stakeholders, all tiers of government and the community, was repeatedly stressed by witnesses.

The Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration's report *Residential and Community Aged Care in Australia* recommends the establishment of a national aged care forum, reporting directly to the Minister for Health and Ageing.

A key recommendation is that the Department of Health and Ageing undertake an "all-encompassing" review of the Aged Care Act 1997 to:

- examine the provision of residential and community aged care considering both current and future challenges;
- provide future projections to enable both short and longer-term sectoral planning;
- address the needs of persons from non-English speaking backgrounds;
- address the needs of the homeless and other socio-economically disadvantaged people;
- address the needs of elderly Indigenous Australians;
- address the needs of aged care services in rural and remote areas;
- ensure that this review takes a client-based approach; and
- consider options to enable greater flexibility in relation to payments and services directed at providing a client-centred aged care system.

The committee calls on the Australian Government to expand community care funding and services to meet growing demand.

In all the committee makes 31 recommendations.

[Residential and community aged care in Australia](#)

Affordable housing

Federal Housing Minister Tanya Plibersek has announced \$10 million towards a proposal by the Ipswich City Council to bring down the cost of new homes in Ipswich.

Ms Plibersek said the funding was offered under the Housing Affordability Fund (HAF), an Australian Government program investing \$512 million over five years to reduce planning and infrastructure costs in new housing developments.

"I am pleased to announce the Ipswich City Council project is a winner in the first round of the Housing Affordability Fund," Ms Plibersek said.

"The funding offered for this project will be used to construct sewerage infrastructure to facilitate the development of 2,505 residential lots. These lots are expected to start being released by July 2010.

Each homebuyer will save \$10,000 on the cost of the residential lots.

Nationally, the first round of the Housing Affordability Fund is expected to deliver cost savings to up to 14,000 new homes, through the construction of a variety of infrastructure including water pipes, sewerage systems and community facilities.

Many more will benefit via reforms to the planning and development approval processes in local government areas, secured as a condition of funding.

Quote of the week

"But there is one unarguable and melancholy fact of economic life. The higher is the level of Government debt the higher interest rates and taxes must be in order to finance it and repay it." -

Opposition Leader Malcolm Turnbull, speaking at the National Press Club on Wednesday

International news  >

An interesting comparison of world leaders' salaries by population (source: News.com). Once you get past highest paid, Lee Hsien Loong of Singapore, who is on S\$3.76 million (US\$2.47 million), the packages level out in the \$US200,000 to \$US400,000 range. Though Barack Obama must have a case for a pay rise even in these recessionary times!

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| 1. Lee Hsien Loong - Singapore
Salary: \$US2.47 million
Per head of population: 54c | 6. Nicolas Sarkozy - France
Salary: \$US318,000
Per head of population: 0.5c |
| 2. Brian Cowen - Ireland
Salary: \$US341,000
Per head of population: 9c | 7. Gordon Brown - UK
Salary: \$US279,000
Per head of population: 0.5c |
| 3. Donald Tsang Yum-Kuen - Hong Kong
Salary: \$US516,000
Per head of population: 7c | 8. Angela Merkel - Germany
Salary: \$US303,000
Per head of population: 0.4c |
| 4. Kevin Rudd - Australia
Salary: \$US229,000
Per head of population: 1c | 9. Taro Aso - Japan
Salary: \$US243,000
Per head of population: 0.2c |
| 5. Stephen Harper - Canada
Salary: \$US246,000
Per head of population: 0.7c | 10. Barack Obama - United States
Salary: \$US400,000
Per head of population: 0.1c |



**'Make a Noise About The Silent Killer' in
your local media.
Kidney Health Week
24-30 May 2009**

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) is a significant and growing public health problem, responsible for substantial burden of illness and premature mortality. In every local government area it is a fact that:

- 1 in 3 adults are at increased risk of developing CKD
- 1 in 7 adults have at least one clinical sign of existing CKD

The major part of the battle against Kidney Disease is awareness as a person can lose up to 90% of their kidney function before experiencing any symptoms and within a few days can find they are on dialysis, hence the name 'The Silent Killer'.

Enquiries ron.smith@kidney.org.au

Third Australian Small Bridges Conference 2009



A conference focusing on Small, Medium and Local Bridges

July 7-8, Powerhouse Museum, Darling Harbour

Australia has over 30,000 small to medium-sized bridges on our road network alone, with thousands more for pedestrian, stock and rail use, and many are near the end of their structural life and need urgent attention.

Following on from the highly successful Small Bridges Conferences in 2005 & 2007, the Australian Small Bridges Conference 2009, at the Powerhouse Museum at Darling Harbour, has been designed to alert bridge and road engineers, managers, councilors, suppliers and contractors to significant new developments and requirements for small to medium span bridges. The conference program has been designed to provide delegates with the latest information and insights in dealing with the maintenance, refurbishment, design or construction of small to medium bridges. The speaking program is diverse with managing timber bridges and pedestrian bridges being particular features.

Topics include:

- TIMBER BRIDGE INSPECTION
- TIMBER BRIDGE RESTORATION
- BRIDGE INVESTIGATION & EVALUATION
- PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES
- ELEVATED BOARDWALKS
- VIEWING PLATFORMS
- AESTHETICS OF BRIDGES
- BRIDGE INNOVATIONS
- SPECIAL PRESENTATION: A Career in Bridges
- STEEL BRIDGES
- MODULAR BRIDGES
- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
- BRIDGE MAINTENANCE
- REPAIR & STRENGTHENING
- RAILWAY BRIDGES
- CASE STUDIES

Conference convenor, Scott Matthews, BEng said that experienced international bridge experts will present their research to the conference. Local government case studies will include Gold Coast City, Melbourne City Council, Corangamite Shire, Brisbane City Council, together with projects in National Parks, Rail Reserves and for State Road Authorities.

To review the full speaker list at the conference and to register please visit www.halledit.com.au/bridges09 or tel Denise McQueen on 03 8534 5021 or Email denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au



NSW Sustainable Development Conference
Tuesday 12 - Wednesday 13 May 2009
Dockside Convention Centre, Sydney

The NSW Sustainable Development Conference 2009 will bring together decision-makers from the private and public sectors, industry leaders, local government, scientists, conservationists and others to discuss the current and future directions and frameworks for sustainability in NSW, and how it will affect NSW state and local government, business and the community.

The Conference, to be held on May 12 and 13, and featuring over 30 speakers, will provide a timely opportunity to examine progress towards sustainable objectives in a range of key areas such as: NSW policy and progress, water, waste and resource recovery, energy efficiency, climate change response and planning and urban design.

The Conference will also feature best practice case studies in sustainable development, including supporting workplaces to become more sustainable, addressing challenges of sustainability, and provide advice on how state and local government and business can achieve their sustainable development goals.

Confirmed and invited speakers include: The Hon Philip Costa, NSW Minister for Water; Rob Freeman, Executive Director, Murray-Darling Basin Authority ; Paul Bainton, Director, National Waste Taskforce; John Hudson, Director, Sustainable Systems, NSW Department of Planning ; Zoe De Saram, Acting Director, Climate Change Policy, Department of Environment and Climate Change and David Hemming, Manager, Sustainable Energy..

To view the Conference agenda and to register for the Conference, please go to www.halledit.com.au/nswsdc or contact Denise McQueen on 03 8534 5021 or Email denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au

Forthcoming events

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

- 08 - 09 May 2009 [Teamwork for Better Health Conference 2009](#)
- 09 - 10 May 2009 [Ballarat Heritage Weekend](#)
- 11 - 14 May 2009 [Commonwealth Local Government Forum](#)
- 11 - 12 May 2009 [Victorian Transport Infrastructure Conference](#)
- 12 - 14 May 2009 [Workplace, Health & Safety](#)
- 12 - 13 May 2009 [NSW Sustainable Development Conference](#)
- 12 - 15 May 2009 [Australian Copyright Council training sessions](#)
- 12 - 15 May 2009 [Queensland Coastal Conference](#)
- 14 - 15 May 2009 [Annual Conference](#)
- 17 - 20 May 2009 [IPWEA NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE](#)

ALGA NEWSLETTER - 15 May 2009

Local government funding weathers tough Budget



The Australian Local Government Association has praised the Federal Government's funding commitment to local roads through Roads to Recovery and its renewal of funding for disaster mitigation in the 2009-10 Budget.

"Given the difficult budgetary situation, we are pleased the Federal Government has kept its commitments on local road funding of \$350 million for 2009-10 and maintained its commitment to funding local roads at announced rates to 2014," Mr Adrian Beresford-Wylie, Chief Executive Officer of the Australia Local Government Association, said.

"Councils will also welcome early payment of the first installment of \$479.7 million of \$1.9 billion in Financial Assistance Grants to local government. As Local Government Minister Anthony Albanese said: 'No community in Australia is immune from the impacts of the global recession.'

"In relation to community infrastructure, Australian communities are already beginning to reap the benefits of the \$800 million Community Infrastructure Program, providing better facilities while stimulating local economies and creating jobs. We look forward to a commitment from the Federal Government that this funding will become a permanent feature of future budgets in line with last year's budget announcement to address the well-documented \$14.5 billion backlog in community infrastructure renewals.

"There is also good news for local government in the renewal of the disaster mitigation funding through the new Disaster Resilience Australia Package. This will allow councils to continue to invest in disaster mitigation to help protect local communities from the worst impacts of flood and fire."

Highlights of the Budget for local government:

- \$1.9 billion for Financial Assistance Grants to local government nationally;
- Confirmation of \$550 million over 2 years for the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program - Strategic Projects;
- Roads to Recovery at \$350 million per year for the next 5 years;
- \$79.3 million in the next 4 year for a Disaster Resilience Australia Package to strengthen efforts to combat man-made and natural threats and disasters across Australia;
- \$72 million for Healthy Communities to fund the rollout of lifestyle modification programs focusing on poor nutrition, physical inactivity, smoking and excessive alcohol consumption;
- \$58.2 million over 4 years as supplementation to local roads to address the relative disadvantage of South Australia in the local roads component of the Financial Assistance Grants;
- \$715.3 million to continue to support drought affected farmers, farm families, small business and rural communities;
- \$8.5 billion for nationally significant transport infrastructure projects across Australia;
- \$3 million for 2009 - 10 to up-grade remote area airstrips identified under the Remote Air Service Subsidy Scheme requiring priority work;

- \$5 million over 4 years for Rural National Broadband Network Coordinators to encourage local government, community and business usage of broadband opportunities;
- \$15 million for the ABC to encourage the development of user generated content and to establish websites creating 'visual town squares' for communities to share experiences;
- \$156.6 million over 3 years for remote policing and substance abuse initiatives;
- \$10 million over 4 years to support the expansion of the Sporting Chance Program to improve education, life skills and employment prospects for Indigenous students

ALGA applauds removal of legacy waste from CPRS



The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has welcomed the Government's response to council concerns regarding waste emissions and the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS).

ALGA Chief Executive Officer Adrian Beresford-Wylie said he was reassured by the Federal Government's announcement that emissions from legacy waste (waste deposited in landfills before the start date of the CPRS 1 July 2011) will not be included in the CPRS.

"The decision to exclude legacy waste addresses local government's concerns that the Scheme would unfairly impose costs on rate payers for actions that occurred before the CPRS began operating," Mr Beresford-Wylie said. "No other activity was going to be treated in this retrospective fashion.

"Local government is also pleased with the Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Change Greg Combet's commitment to consult with local government and the waste industry on any arrangements that will apply to landfills below the 25,000 tonnes CO₂-emission threshold. The CPRS should be focused on the larger landfills above the threshold and its application to any smaller landfills should be determined only after consultation with the sector.

"These particular issues were the focus of ALGA's submission to the Government on the CPRS and the Government's decision on these points shows that it has taken our views seriously and responded to them and that is very good news for local government."

Mr Beresford-Wylie emphasised local government support for the fundamental objective of the CPRS to reduce emissions through changes to behaviour and processes. "ALGA applauds the Government's decision to remove legacy waste from the CPRS and will work constructively with the Government to resolve outstanding issues."

Deadline approaches for heritage, bike paths and infrastructure projects



Applications close on May 22 for funding under the \$650 million Jobs Fund for bike paths, heritage projects, community infrastructure and employment grants.

The National Bike Path Program is open to local, state and territory governments and non-profit organisations.

Bike path funding may be provided for new, extensions or refurbishment of existing:

- off-road bike paths (but not dedicated mountain bike trails);
- on-road bike lanes (e.g. road-widening and marking bike lanes on an existing road); and
- bicycle parking facilities.

For bike path project proposals, proponents need to demonstrate how the project will create local jobs and provide alternative transport options. A joint funding contribution of 50 percent will be expected. A first round of applications for the Jobs Fund closes at 4.30pm AEST on 22 May 2009.

The Federal Government has also recently committed \$60 million to heritage projects. The heritage funding will provide support for projects to protect, conserve and promote Australia's National Heritage Listed places, National Trust properties, community heritage including locally significant places and natural heritage.

This investment in Australia's historic, Indigenous and natural heritage is designed to provide economic stimulus by focusing on projects that have an immediate employment impact and ongoing economic benefits, whilst providing support for community groups and organisations involved in heritage projects across the country. The initiative will commence immediately with targeted nationally significant projects. The guidelines and an application form are available at: www.deewr.gov.au

In addition, \$500 million will be invested to strengthen non profit organisations and build community resilience. Applications are now open for the Jobs Fund that provides grants of up to \$2 million dollars for non profit organisations to undertake projects that invest in local community infrastructure and build social capital.

The Fund includes two streams that provide grants of up to \$2 million for non profit organisations:

- The \$300 million Local Jobs stream provides funding for community infrastructure projects with a focus on promoting environmental-friendly technology and heritage.
- The \$200 million Get Communities Working provides grants for innovative employment and social projects that build community resilience.
- Funding will commence on 1 July 2009 with applications due on 22 May 2009.

From the President

This week's federal budget revealed what everyone already suspected: there will be a significant reduction in Commonwealth taxation revenue over the next four years, our economy will contract in 2009-10, the Australian budget is in deficit and will that way for some years to come and there is only limited scope for new spending.

At a time when nearly all Australians and all levels of government are struggling to make ends meet, local government can be pleased that our levels of federal government funding have been maintained in this budget. Other areas of government have not been as fortunate.

Financial assistance grants, which are critical to our ability to deliver the services and support communities need, have been increased in real terms which is consistent with our expectations. The Government has responded to some of the pressures being faced

by councils and will make the first quarter payment for 2009-10 before the end of this financial year. We welcome this initiative.

There are other components of the budget of relevance to local government. The new Disaster Resilience Australia funding will strengthen efforts to combat manmade and natural threats and disasters across Australia, including support for disaster mitigation works like flood levees and fire breaks. This responds to ALGA's budget submission which called on the Government to continue the Natural Disaster Mitigation Program. We are pleased that local government's view has been adopted.

The new Healthy Communities program, which focuses on community-based interventions to improve health, nutrition, activity levels, and reduce smoking and excessive alcohol consumption, will be managed by local government organisations throughout Australia.

The Australian Government's commitments to further its nation building infrastructure commitments will also benefit local and regional communities through enhanced transport networks, promotion of more efficient freight and passenger movements and enhanced safety. Local government supports this important nation building infrastructure as it will help keep members of our communities in jobs, support families, help to grow the economy and position Australia to take full advantage of the economic recovery when it arrives.

Local government is in a position to play a direct role in supporting the economy through the renewal and establishment of local community infrastructure. Building and renewing critical infrastructure like community centres, town halls, parks and playgrounds, pools and sporting facilities is critically important. When people lose their jobs, they look locally for support and recreational opportunities to provide some solace from their difficult circumstances.

Although there has not been a commitment of any additional money in the budget for further community infrastructure spending beyond what has already been announced in the stimulus spending, we are hopeful that this area will be considered as an annual program for inclusion in next year's budget. With an infrastructure spending backlog of \$14.5 billion across Australian councils, more assistance is needed in future years.

Local government is all about people and fostering vibrant communities where people live. All councils would like to do more for our communities, especially in these tough times. We have been fortunate to have received an extra \$800 million from the Government outside of a budget process for community infrastructure and to have retained our current levels of funding from the federal government. One of ALGA's key priorities over the coming 12 months will be pressing the case for an annual community infrastructure program and an increase to the recurrent funding of local councils.

Cr Geoff Lake
ALGA President

Services for veterans

The Australian Government is allocating \$9.4 million in additional funding to boost mental health services for veterans and ex-serving personnel, the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Alan Griffin, announced.

The Government has accepted all of the recommendations of the Independent Study into Suicide in the Ex-service Community, which was released. The study was a 2007 election commitment by the Rudd Government, and was undertaken by Melbourne University public health specialist Professor David Dunt. The study examined broad issues of suicide in the ex-service community and a number of specific cases of suicide in the past three years.

Urban design award

Have you been involved in a recent project demonstrating excellence and innovation in all elements of urban design? Are you aware of any recent Australian urban design initiatives, projects or developments that deserve national recognition?

Nominations are now open for the 2009 Australia Award for Urban Design and it's your opportunity to highlight leading examples of urban design in Australia.

The Award was established to recognise recent urban design projects of high quality in Australia and to encourage cities, towns and emerging settlements of all sizes to strive similarly for improvement. It acknowledges the critical role of good urban design in the development of our cities and towns. The Prime Minister Kevin Rudd is patron of the Award.

Local Government Awards

Entries into the Heart Foundation Local Government Awards 2009 close on Friday 5 June and not only do you have the chance of receiving recognition from the Heart Foundation but you could also receive part of the \$34,000 in cash awards.

Local Government initiatives that build a sense of community, encourage people to be active, be smoke free and make healthy food choices are encouraged to enter.

Community groups, schools health and community organisations and private industries that work with Local Governments are also strongly encouraged to enter.

The 2009 awards program has six categories:

- Employee Health and Wellbeing
- Facilities
- Healthy Weight
- Planning for Active Living
- Priority Groups
- Tobacco

Working at home: ABS

Almost a quarter (24% or 2.4 million) of people employed in November 2008 worked some hours at home in either their main or second job, according to figures released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

'Catching up on work' was the main reason given and this was reported by over one-third (34%) of people who worked at home in their main or second job, followed by 'wanting an office at home/no overheads/no rent' (22% of people).

Men who worked some hours at home were most commonly managers or professionals (both 31%), followed by technicians and trade workers (18%); women who worked some hours at home were most likely to be professionals (39%) followed by clerical and administrative workers (23%). The survey is available at www.abs.gov.au.

Women's representation

Tasmanian Premier David Bartlett has joined Local Government Association of Tasmania President Mike Gaffney to unveil a new program that aims to increase the number of women standing at the 2009 Tasmanian local government elections.

The program was launched at a meeting of the Premier's Local Government Council (PLGC) in Hobart.

"Only 23.7 per cent of Tasmanian councillors are women and I think we need to do what we can to increase that number.

"That is why the Premier's Local Government Council has agreed today to lead a project to encourage more women to stand in council elections this year" Mr Bartlett said.

LGAT President Mike Gaffney welcomed the appointment of Southern Midlands Mayor Deidre Flint and Devonport Mayor Lynn Laycock as champions for the campaign.

Mr Bartlett said that increasing women representation and the partnership agreement program were both important to good governance in Tasmania.

"I look forward to working with local government to deliver these programs that will make an important contribution to a vibrant and truly representative local government sector."

Community infrastructure projects

Over \$2.6 million to help redevelop Old Melville Primary School, \$2.7 million for a new public library in Whyalla and \$2.5 million towards the Port Pirie cultural precinct are all projects announced by Infrastructure Minister Anthony Albanese and Parliamentary Secretary Gary Gray recently as part of the Government's \$800 million Community Infrastructure Program.

Indigenous stores

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs will hold public hearings in Canberra to learn more about store governance and food security in remote communities. In most Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander remote communities the local store is owned by a community corporation. The Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) supports and regulates the incorporation of many of these organisations.

PC drought review

The Productivity Commission has released its final report from its public inquiry into the government drought support arrangements in Australia. The Commission had been asked to identify the most appropriate way for governments to assist farmers, farm

businesses and farm dependent rural small businesses improve their self-reliance and preparedness for drought events.

Partisan planning panels

New Joint Regional Planning Panels (JRPPs) will leave residents out of major planning decisions and are likely to make the planning system more costly, time consuming and confusing, says the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW.

The Panels, introduced by NSW Planning Minister Kristina Keneally, will come into force on July 1, and will determine most developments over \$10 million as well as community infrastructure and so-called 'ecotourism' developments over \$5 million.

President of the Local Government Association Cr Genia McCaffery says it's difficult to see what benefits these Panels will bring to the development process.

"The Panels will cost an extra \$3.5 million per year in sitting fees and travel expenses alone - which will have to come from already-stretched council budgets, or added to development application fees," said Cr McCaffery.

"The Panels will have three State Government appointed members, including the Chairperson, and only two appointed by the local council where the development is located - meaning residents have a minority voice in the decisions.

President of the Shires Association, Cr Bruce Miller, says JRPPs will make the planning process more time consuming. "According to the Department of Planning's latest figures, 75% of councils took less than 40 days to determine all DAs. JRPPs will just add more time to this process."

The next big question

Local governments have been urged to think about what is the next big question. What do you think? Is it providing infrastructure and services for our ageing population, improving democracy through reform of our Constitution? Local government is urged to have its say on the Australia 21 website at www.australia21.org.au

Australia 21 has launched a two year project to spark people's thinking on how they want to position Australia for the future. Australia 21 is a non-profit organisation headed by a group of scientists and academics. At a launch of the project in Canberra recently at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Australia 21 Chairman Professor Bob Douglas said the project was about engaging Australians in an informed debate to shape future directions - and debate has begun. Former Australian of the Year, Professor Fiona Stanley, said she believed we needed to change the way Australia values its children and young people to enable full social and civic participation. Nobel Prize laureate Professor Peter Doherty nominated sustainability of resources as the most important issue. 20-year old Tom Sloan from ACT SEE-Change network, provided the youth perspective and said that many young people questioned whether they were seriously listened to and an atmosphere needed to be created of empowerment so that positive solutions can be found to the issues confronting Australia such as building identity, climate change, obesity, stress and over-work related disease. Professor Penny Sackett, the Chief Scientist for Australia asked: Can we construct and economic systems that are more stable and equitable, feed increasing urban populations, increase health and well

being and reverse the devastating effects of climate change? She said that science could assist in finding solutions but engagement was needed between science, society and government so that humanity can mobilise the talent and research to work across all boundaries to find and implement sustainable solutions. The final speaker at the event, Professor Frank Fenner, nominated climate change as the next big question.

Local Government training package

A project to review the LGA04 Local Government Training Package (Version 2) is scheduled to commence in the next few weeks. Stakeholders will be advised of any consultation activities through the weekly email bulletin and direct email from the project technical consultants.

Government Skills Australia hosted a briefing for representatives of the State Training Authorities, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and Quality Assurance Panel in Melbourne on Tuesday 5 May 2009. Delegates discussed the range of Training Package continuous improvement projects proposed by Government Skills Australia, including the timelines and scope.

A project webpage to support the LGA04 Local Government Training Package (Version 2) - Continuous Improvement Project 2009 has been created. This page will host the Project Plan and will be updated as work progresses on the various sub-projects identified. [Click here to access the Project Plan webpage](#). There have been some minor technical difficulties associated with the webpage - please be assured these are being addressed by the webhosts.

LGPMC

ALGA President Cr Geoff Lake attended the Local Government and Planning Ministers Council (LGPMC) in Sydney last Friday. The LGPMC was chaired by the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Anthony Albanese. The Council considered a number of issues including progress on Development Assessment Reform, implementation of the local government infrastructure elements of the Federal Government's economic stimulus packages, and the local government component of the recently announced Jobs Fund Initiative which includes \$150 million for Infrastructure employment Projects and \$40 million for the National Bike Paths Program. Minister Albanese highlighted the Council of Australian Governments' (COAG) agreement that a Taskforce will examine strategic planning frameworks to ensure they support integration of state and national infrastructure in major cities with land-use planning and urban development. The Council also undertook to develop state-specific climate change planning policies to inform local governments and regional planning response to climate change in collaboration with other agencies. The LGPMC discussed concerns about changes to planning and zoning laws advocated by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC). On the issue of affordable housing, a progress report is accessible via the LGPMC [website](#)

Importantly, from a local government perspective, Cr Lake briefed Ministers on our progress to date on constitutional reform to include local government in the Constitution. Constitutional recognition is on the agenda for discussion at the Australian Council of Local Government meeting on 25 June and the forthcoming National General Assembly on 21-24 June in Canberra.

Austrroads Publications

The following technical reports have been published and are available for download from Austrroads.

- AGAM02/09 - Guide to Asset Management Part 2: Community and Stakeholder Requirements
- AGAM08/09 - Guide to Asset Management Part 8: Asset Valuation and Audit
- AGPT07/09 - Guide to Pavement Technology Part 7: Pavement Maintenance
- AP-T132/09 - Preparation of Asphalt Samples for Testing
- AP-T133/09 - Intelligent Transport Systems and Variable Message Signs for Road Safety Applications: Current Status and Future Prospects
- AP-T134/09 - Development of a Best Practice Intervention Model for Recidivist Speeding Offenders
- AP-T135/09 - Evaluation of the Safety Impact of centre-of-the-road Wire Rope Barrier (WRB) on undivided Rural Roads
- AP-T136/09 - Heavy Vehicle Safety in Rural and Remote Areas
- AP-R338/09 - Network Operations Planning Framework

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\$10.3 million boost for volunteering

Local councils are among fifty Volunteer Resource Centres around Australia benefiting from \$10.3 million in Australian Government funding to support a skilled, well-trained and well-resourced volunteer workforce.

This investment will enable Volunteer Resource Centres to expand their important work. Nationally, more than five million people volunteer their time to a range of organisations. Volunteering makes a significant contribution to the Australian economy and has an estimated value of around \$42 billion annually.

Creative scholarships

Realise Your Dream is a British Council award offering five creative Australians \$8000, a return flight to the UK and a once in a lifetime opportunity to work with leaders in their chosen field. They are looking for the best up and coming artists, musicians, designers, producers, directors, writers, curators, editors and more. Realise Your Dream offers the chance to work with industry leaders in the UK, build skills and networks and expand creative horizons. Applicants who show innovation and leadership in their field, can demonstrate their creative potential and a clear vision for why they'll benefit from connecting with Britain's best are encouraged to apply before the deadline of 3 July 2009. www.realiseyourdream.org.au

Industry Skills Councils

Service Skills Australia and Government Skills Australia are calling for workers in the local government industry to participate in a survey and contribute to the future direction of accredited training in Australia.

In 2008, Service Skills Australia conducted an online survey in which 90% of respondents stated that their business provides on-the-job training. But do employers and workers have different views on what training *really* means? Service Skills is seeking to answer this question, and explore how workers benefit from training.

The survey will provide information to the service industries about the value and uptake of on-the-job training and the awareness of accredited qualifications and certificates.

Participants have the chance to go in the draw to win a \$250 gift voucher.

Plant Health

For the first time Australia has a single document that provides a concise overview of its plant health system. The National Plant Health Status Report has just been published by Plant Health Australia (PHA), the lead coordinating body for plant biosecurity in Australia.

The 180 page report provides a wealth of information covering the plant pests of greatest concern to Australian industries, the organisations and processes involved in keeping Australia's agricultural and forestry industries free from pests, and innovative plant health research projects currently being undertaken by Australian research organisations and universities. It is a consolidated snapshot of the system that protects Australian agricultural and forestry industries, worth more than \$20 billion a year, from exotic pests and diseases.

Social inclusion website

The Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector, Senator Ursula Stephens, recently launched the new look [Social Inclusion Website](#). The website is aimed at helping people across all levels of government, the not-for-profit sector, business and the general community access information on the Social Inclusion Agenda in an easily accessible and informative format.

National Reconciliation Week

Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) (27 May - 3 June 2009) celebrates the rich culture and history of the First Australians. It is the ideal time for everyone to join the reconciliation conversation and to think about how we can help turn around the disadvantage experienced by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The theme for National Reconciliation Week (NRW) this year is 'See the person, not the stereotype'. Posters are available for you to use to promote NRW. For more information on what's happening for NRW in your area visit your [state reconciliation council](#) website.

If you're organising an event, in NRW or any other time of the year please list it on our [Online Events Calendar](#).

Tough anti-smoking laws for WA

West Australians could be fined up to \$2000 for smoking at the beach or in cars carrying children within weeks under tough new laws which passed the Lower House of Parliament.

The Bill would also spell the death of almost all cigarette advertising, with displays banned in all shops except specialist tobacco retailers such as cigar stores.

In a compromise deal, Health Minister Kim Hames said the Liberal-Nationals Government would support independent MP Janet Woollard's Tobacco Products Control Amendment Bill, after changes that watered down a plan to ban smoking in licensed outdoor areas of hotels.

The deal will allow smoking in up to half of these areas.

But smoking would be banned in alfresco areas of restaurants and cafes, in cars carrying children under 17 years, within 10m of playgrounds and between the flags at beaches.

Police or council rangers would take details of people breaking the laws and send them to the Health Department, which would decide whether to issue a warning, a \$200 initial fine or a fine of up to \$2000 for repeat offenders.

Bindarri creative website

A new website has been developed for artists and designers working for 'positive change' in Australia. Bindarri includes the largest online directory of Australian designers, as well as essential resources to assist others seeking to positive social and environmental outcomes. The website showcases leading creative individuals and organisations in special features that will be released bi-monthly. The first edition includes couture designer Rachael Cassar, photographer Rodney Dekker and artist Van Thanh Rudd, amongst others. Positive change for Bindarri may range from people working on personal and local community projects to global environmental and social issues.

Quote of the week

"There are, however, three key messages I want to convey today: One, that we will recover from this crisis; two, that our early action has prevented it being worse; and three, that we will in fact emerge stronger when the crisis is over because of the nation building for recovery we're engaged in." -

Treasurer Wayne Swan, speaking on Wednesday after the Budget at the National Press Club

International news

The European Commission is leading EU Member States' coordination efforts to exchange information on surveillance, case definition and measures taken by EU countries to respond to the novel A (H1N1)flu virus. The Commission holds daily audio meetings with the EU's Health Security Committee and national contact points of the Early Warning Rapid Alert System (EWRS) with the aim of adopting a common guidance document on managing the virus. This includes information on the case definition, advice to travellers and management of cases.

European Union Health Commissioner, Androulla Vassiliou said: "We have learned valuable lessons from past experiences with SARS and avian influenza. Not only are surveillance systems more robust today but we have also developed stronger collaboration mechanisms both at EU level and with our partners around the world. I am convinced that we are in a better position today to protect the health of EU citizens from health threats such as this novel flu virus."



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Department of the Environment,
Water, Heritage and the Arts

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT FOR PARTICIPATION IN REFRIGERATOR DECOMMISSIONING PILOT PROGRAM

Councils, waste transfer stations and private companies providing kerbside waste collection services are sought as participants in a six-month refrigerator decommissioning pilot program. The program, led by the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, aims to collect data and maximise the refrigerant recovered from domestic refrigerators collected during kerbside pickups or deposited at waste transfer stations.

The department will provide funding for the necessary equipment and training to enable two members from each of eight councils or companies to remove the refrigerant from refrigerators at the kerbside and/or at waste transfer stations.

Participants must meet the ongoing costs of the program for the six-month period and report every two months on the number of refrigerators decommissioned and the quantity of gas recovered.

For further information, including eligibility and selection criteria please refer to the department's website: www.environment.gov.au/atmosphere/ozone/index.html. Please submit an expression of interest addressing the eligibility and selection criteria to rac@environment.gov.au or to:

Refrigerator Decommissioning Pilot Program
Ozone and Synthetic Gas Section
Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts
GPO Box 787 Canberra ACT 2601

Submissions close at 5pm AEST on 29 May 2009.



BENCHMARKING BEST PRACTICE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT 2009 Wednesday 8th - Thursday 9th July Novotel Brighton Beach, Sydney

Local government CEOs, General Managers and senior directors of Australia's most innovative councils will address the **2009 Benchmarking Best Practice in Local Government national conference**.

Building on the success of last year's inaugural Best Practice conference, the conference will provide local government managers with detailed insights into innovative and successful management tools being used by Australia's leading councils to cut costs, increase organisational efficiency, and optimise the delivery of services to their

communities. Topics will include staff productivity, organisation development, financial and asset management, and risk management.

Speakers at this year's conference will include:

- John Burgess, General Manager, Auburn Council
- Graeme Emonson, CEO, Knox City Council
- Geoff Lake, President, Australian Local Government Association
- Lyn Russell, General Manager, City of Wagga Wagga
- David Evans, General Manager, Maitland City Council
- Phil Rowland, CEO, Mount Alexander Shire
- Alexis Hunt, Coordinator People & Change, Gold Coast City Council
- Andrew MacLeod, Chief Internal Auditor, Brisbane City Council

In recognition of the role of the Best Practice Conference as a key national forum for discussions on local government innovation and best practice, this year's conference will be followed on July 10 by a meeting of the councils participating in the **Local Government Business Excellence Network**, which will also be held at the Novotel Brighton Beach.

The conference agenda is available at www.halledit.com.au/bestprac09/agenda.

For more details, phone Hallmark Conferences on (03) 8534 5000, email denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au



Third Australian Small Bridges Conference 2009

A conference focusing on Small, Medium and Local Bridges

July 7-8, Powerhouse Museum, Darling Harbour

Australia has over 30,000 small to medium-sized bridges on our road network alone, with thousands more for pedestrian, stock and rail use, and many are near the end of their structural life and need urgent attention.

Following on from the highly successful Small Bridges Conferences in 2005 & 2007, the Australian Small Bridges Conference 2009, at the Powerhouse Museum at Darling Harbour, has been designed to alert bridge and road engineers, managers, councilors, suppliers and contractors to significant new developments and requirements for small to medium span bridges. The conference program has been designed to provide delegates with the latest information and insights in dealing with the maintenance, refurbishment, design or construction of small to medium bridges. The speaking program is diverse with managing timber bridges and pedestrian bridges being particular features.

Topics include:

- TIMBER BRIDGE INSPECTION
- TIMBER BRIDGE RESTORATION
- BRIDGE INVESTIGATION & EVALUATION

- PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES
- ELEVATED BOARDWALKS
- VIEWING PLATFORMS
- AESTHETICS OF BRIDGES
- BRIDGE INNOVATIONS
- SPECIAL PRESENTATION: A Career in Bridges
- STEEL BRIDGES
- MODULAR BRIDGES
- BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
- BRIDGE MAINTENANCE
- REPAIR & STRENGTHENING
- RAILWAY BRIDGES
- CASE STUDIES

Conference convenor, Scott Matthews, BEng said that experienced international bridge experts will present their research to the conference. Local government case studies will include Gold Coast City , Melbourne City Council, Corangamite Shire, Brisbane City Council, together with projects in National Parks, Rail Reserves and for State Road Authorities.

To review the full speaker list at the conference and to register please visit www.halledit.com.au/bridges09 or tel Denise McQueen on 03 8534 5021 or Email denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au

Forthcoming events

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

- 06 - 07 May 2009 [2009 Future of Local Government Summit](#)
- 08 - 09 May 2009 [Teamwork for Better Health Conference 2009](#)
- 09 - 10 May 2009 [Ballarat Heritage Weekend](#)
- 11 - 14 May 2009 [Commonwealth Local Government Forum](#)
- 11 - 12 May 2009 [Victorian Transport Infrastructure Conference](#)
- 12 - 14 May 2009 [Workplace,Health & Safety](#)
- 12 - 13 May 2009 [NSW Sustainable Development Conference](#)
- 12 - 15 May 2009 [Australian Copyright Council training sessions](#)
- 12 - 15 May 2009 [Queensland Coastal Conference](#)

Media Release

7 May 2009

Transparency to Return to Council Elections

Greater transparency in Council elections is a step closer today following legislation to return to the first-past-the-post voting system being passed by the Legislative Assembly last night.

WA Local Government Association President Cr Bill Mitchell has applauded Local Government Minister John Castrilli for championing the change from the proportional preferential voting system (PPV).

“Returning to the first-past-the-post system was an important issue for Local Government in Western Australia and was one of the first changes WALGA requested of the new Minister,” Cr Mitchell said.

“The legislation still has to pass the Legislative Council but as far as the Association is concerned last night’s vote was a critical step and demonstrates the Minister is delivering on his promise.”

First-past-the-post is considered to be more transparent and less able to be manipulated by big political parties than the more complex PPV.

“The decision to abandon proportional preferential voting and return to first-past-the-post elections is a victory for the persistence of the Local Government sector and a victory for common sense,” Cr Mitchell said.

“Under the first-past-the-post system candidates need only to win the support of their local community whereas under the PPV system there is a greater focus on running mates and back room deals that mostly suit the organised, larger political parties.”

The priority the Barnett Government has given legislation to return to the first-past-the-post system should ensure it is in place for the next Council elections in October this year.

Cr Mitchell said he hoped the common sense being demonstrated in the return to first-past-the-post would extend to changes to the WA Electoral Commission monopoly on postal voting to open the system to competition, including allowing Local Governments to manage the process.

The Reform Report

The Voice of Local Government

7 May

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On Monday, 4th May more than 350 Local Government representatives attended the Reform Strategy Workshop, a joint forum of WALGA and LGMA (WA).

Elected Members, Chief Executive Officers, Senior Managers and Local Government stakeholders heard from key individuals in the reform process. Speakers included representatives from interstate and Councils which have experienced amalgamations, as well as the Minister for Local Government and the Director General of the Department of Local Government.

Minister Castrilli stated that a process of voluntary reform offered Local Government the opportunity to achieve savings in their governance and administration costs, and that the recently completed Checklists would help to guide Local Governments in identifying gaps of resource or capability that might be solved through amalgamation or resource sharing.

The Minister said there was no ideal number of Local Governments to be achieved by the end of the process, nor was there a single method of reform; that instead solutions to the issues faced by each Local Government must be tailored for their specific circumstances.

The Minister urged Councils to prepare their submissions based upon an objective assessment of issues revealed through completion of sustainability checklists, and to maintain a focus on those solutions that would most benefit their local communities.

A support team has been created within the Department of Local Government and Regional Development to assist Local Governments through the process of voluntary reform. A Working Group has also been created within the Department to investigate issues of representation rates and community identity that could be impacted by amalgamations and a reduction in Elected Members.

Key points raised by guest speakers from South Australia and Queensland included:

- Amalgamations could provide Councils with the opportunity to introduce strategic change in their organisations with the creation of a brand new entity.
- The importance of completing due diligence on financial plans, processes and projections.
- The relationship between Local Government and the Reform Committee is critical to success.
- Positive results can take time to eventuate and throughout the process communities will still expect to be serviced.
- Completed checklists to inform Councils and Reform Committee of potential gaps in capabilities or resources
- Amalgamations can provide an opportunity for strategic change
- Relationship between Local Government and Reform Committee crucial to success
- Be cautious of raising community expectations too high



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- When carrying out amalgamations, final organisational structure needs to be firmed up as soon as is possible – define and articulate a clear direction for the new organisation.
- Understand the stages of grieving as CEOs, staff and Elected Members will be going through these phases.
- As an individual, understand what stage it is that you are in and how that might affect your emotions and your behaviour.

Presentations from WA representatives who have experienced amalgamations highlighted the following:

- Adequate time is required prior to actual amalgamations taking place to bed down all issues arising from the process.
- Options for community consultation during interim period need to be considered to ensure representation is maintained – for example community forums to assist Commissioners.
- Support and adequate funding required from State Government - particularly in respect to transferral to a single IT platform

The second phase of the reform process now facing Local Government involves discussion with neighbouring Councils and community consultation on options available to Councils to increase sustainability.

At the request of Local Governments, WALGA is also facilitating a number of community meetings for groups of Councils, with Department staff also attending wherever possible. The purpose of these meetings is to both inform the community on the reform process and to gain their input into how reform may look in their area. Again, WALGA staff is available to facilitate additional community meetings as requested.

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- Trust and communication between Local Government, representative Associations and State Government can affect process outcomes
- Due diligence on financial plans, processes and projections is important
- Support and funding required from State Government
- Consider time frames of initial discussions, interim period and time to establish new structure

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM STEERING COMMITTEE

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Bulletin No 4-2009

The Local Government Reform Steering Committee held its latest meeting on 16 April 2009. A key focus of the meeting was to provide an opportunity for the Chairs of each of the Working Groups to update the Committee on their progress towards completing their assigned tasks. Some of the outcomes to date are provided below. These illustrate the depth of work being undertaken as part of the reform agenda across a range of issues of significance to the local government sector.

Corporate and Strategic Planning Working Group

Chair, Andrew Hammond, advised of the following outcomes:

- Progress in the development of resources for local governments in the areas of sustainability assessment, strategic, financial and business planning, and local government borrowing and debt.
- Emphasis is to be placed on developing leading indicators, rather than utilising historical data to assess local government performance.
- Consideration is being given to the appropriate balance between legislative amendment and support and guidance to achieve better performance in the operation of local governments in this area.

Commercial Enterprise and Urban Development Working Group

Chair, Charles Johnson, reported that the group is to:

- Engage a consultant to evaluate the obstacles facing local governments and options to address achieving best practice in urban regeneration.
- Develop proposals to amend the *Local Government Act 1995* and increase local government planning approval fees.
- Undertake work on a range of measures, including the collection of approvals data from local governments to enhance the local government statutory planning and development approvals process.
- Determine a best practice approach and develop support and training for local government officers and elected members.

Training and Capacity Building Working Group

Chair, Ricky Burges, advised of the following outcomes in regard to the working group's tasks:

- Evaluation of the establishment of an Industry Training Fund and Industry Training Council.

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- Consideration is underway regarding the reintroduction of new councillor weekends, development of a new councillor induction package and mandatory funding of training to enhance the skills and competency of elected members.
- Evaluation of methods to enable candidates to be better prepared for the role of councillor if elected.
- Training providers being consulted to determine their ability and desire to undertake training of elected members.

Legislative Reform Working Group

Chair, Tim Fowler, advised of the following outcomes:

- Progress has been made in reviewing the *Local Government Act 1995* and associated Regulations, which includes assessing over 70 separate recommendations proposed by WALGA and LGMA.
- Consideration of proposals made by the Steering Committee and other Working Groups following the June reports.

Each Working Group will present an interim report to the Steering Committee at its June meeting. Final reports on the implementation of assigned tasks are to be submitted to the Committee in November 2009. The Committee endorsed the good work being undertaken by the Working Groups.

As resolved at a previous Steering Committee meeting, a Sub-Committee has been established, with representatives nominated by each of the Steering Committee members, to assist in the development of an objective methodology to assess all local government checklists against principles of best practice and sustainability. This approach will be discussed at the next meeting in May.

The Steering Committee is also working on the important issue of community representation. This includes developing models and options to ensure that community representation and local identity is maintained in the event of amalgamation.

Jennifer Mathews
DIRECTOR GENERAL

12 May 2009

Media Release

15 May 2009

State Budget: Local Government Impact

Extra road funding of \$6.3 million is provided to WA Local Governments as the result of adjustments detailed in the State Budget handed down yesterday.

The increased funding results from an increase in vehicle registration fees combined with an increase in actual registrations from which the local road funding receives a proportionate allocation.

WA Local Government Association President Cr Bill Mitchell said any increase in road funding would be welcomed by Councils in WA.

However he believed Local Governments would be disappointed that no funding was allocated to return grain transport to rail or to meet the anticipated costs of sector reform.

“Given the economic outlook, it is encouraging that some effort has been made to ensure that key infrastructure in local roads is not overlooked,” Cr Mitchell said.

“Local Government manages the construction and maintenance of 72% of all roads in the State for which it receives 27% of revenue from motor vehicle registrations.

“Ensuring that revenue from vehicle registrations keeps pace with increasing costs is critical to Local Government and the adjustments detailed yesterday go some way to assisting with that.”

The State Budget also allocated \$4 million for the installation of closed circuit television systems as part of the Community Crime Prevention Program.



ALGA'S OVERVIEW OF THE 2009/10 FEDERAL BUDGET

Below is an overview of this week's federal budget prepared by ALGA. It briefly summarises the key areas of relevance for councils. If you have any further questions, please contact ALGA on 02 6122 9400.

Overview of priorities

Analysis of the 2009-10 budget papers highlights that the Government's key goals are to:

- stimulate demand and keep more Australians in work;
- invest in the roads, rail, ports and broadband that will boost productivity and growth;
- invest in a Clean Energy Initiative and flagship programs in solar and carbon capture that help us create the low-pollution economy of the future;
- find the necessary room to deliver a fair go for pensioners and make retirement incomes more secure;
- establish a historic Paid Parental Leave Scheme - to boost participation and productivity in the long run, and improve work-family balance;
- invest in Australia's research and innovation future, continue the 'Education Revolution' and provide for world-class universities and hospitals; and
- lay the foundations to deliver on the Government's deficit exit strategy, currently expected to return the budget to surplus by 2015-16.

(Sourced from Budget Paper No.1, page 1-15).

Economic context

The budget reflects the significant downturn in the world economy which has resulted in estimated taxation receipts being down by around \$210 billion over the period 2008-09 to 2012-13.

In 2009-10, the budget will reach a deficit of \$57.6 billion, which represents 4.9 per cent of GDP. The budget is expected to remain in deficit throughout the forward years to 2012-13 and will not return to surplus until 2015-16. The Government's net debt position is forecast to increase from 0.4 per cent of GDP in 2008 09 to 13.6 per cent of GDP in 2012 13. Net debt is projected to stabilise shortly thereafter at 13.8 per cent of GDP in 2013 14, before returning to 3.7 per cent at the end of the medium term projections in 2019 20.

The economy will contract by 0.5 per cent of GDP in 2009-10 and unemployment is expected to reach 8.25 per cent by 30 June 2010. Unemployment is predicted to rise to 8.5 per cent by 30 June 2011, before reducing in 2011-12 to 7.5 per cent and again to 6.5 per cent in 2012-13.

Budget aimed to keep stimulus and investment flowing

Despite the economic conditions, the Australian Government believes that Australia will perform better than most other advanced economies in 2009, as a result of the Government's stimulus strategy, Australia's strong financial institutions and regulatory frameworks, the relative resilience in consumer spending and a stable housing sector. For example, it states that the Australian budget deficit at 4.9 per cent is less than half that of the major advanced economies, at 10.4 per cent.

Financial Assistance Grants to local government

Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) to local government will increase in 2009-10 to \$1.9 billion (about \$47.2 million above the 2008-09 payment), with the first quarter payment for 2009-10 being made to local government in 2008-09.

The first quarter payment represents \$497.7 million, which leaves a total of \$1.44 billion to be paid to local government in the 2009-10 financial year. The \$1.44 billion consists of \$996.8 million in general purpose assistance and \$442 million in untied local roads grants. This is a nominal increase of 3.92 per cent.

Supplementary funding to South Australia (SA) Councils for local roads will be \$14.8 million in 2009-10. The FAGs funding excluding SA roads is 0.7 per cent of total Commonwealth taxation revenue.

There will be no new money allocated to the Community Infrastructure Program, although the \$550 million Strategic component will now be spread across the two years from 2008-09 to 2009-10. The Australian Government has said that so far, \$430 million has been paid to councils of the \$800 million total allocated to this Program.

There is a commitment to implementing 10 major national infrastructure projects at a cost of \$8.5 billion following consideration of the priority projects list provided to the Australian Government by Infrastructure Australia. This investment will be made in roads, metropolitan rail and ports and will be funded by a drawing from the \$12.7 billion remaining in the Building Australia Fund, which was announced in the previous budget.

Other budget announcements of interest for local government

- Roads to Recovery program funding maintained at \$350 million per year for the next five years;
- \$119.5 million for road safety under the 'Black Spots' program;
- \$20 million for heavy vehicle parking facilities;
- an increase in the funding for the Australian Bureau of Statistics (\$15 million per year over the next four years);
- \$79.3m in the next four years for a new Disaster Resilience Australia Package to strengthen efforts to combat man-made and natural threats and disasters across Australia, including support for disaster mitigation works like flood levees and fire breaks;
- support for the 'Caring for our Country' program which has already provided funding support for 186 Landcare projects worth \$38 million in total and Reef Rescue projects worth \$29.8 million;
- \$6.8 million to upgrade and enhance the communications capability of government and emergency authorities in the event of a major national security or disaster event through an upgrade of the Wireless Priority Service System;

- \$72 million over 6 years for the 'Healthy Communities' program to fund (and work with local government on) the rollout of lifestyle modification programs focusing on poor nutrition, physical inactivity, smoking and excessive alcohol consumption;
- \$58.2 million over four years as supplementary funding for local roads in South Australia, to address the relative disadvantage of South Australia in the local roads component of the Financial Assistance Grants;
- \$3 million for 2009-10 to upgrade remote area airstrips identified under the Remote Air Service Subsidy Scheme requiring priority work;
- \$5 million over four years for a Rural National Broadband Network Coordinators Program to encourage local government, community and business usage of broadband opportunities;
- \$15 million for the ABC to encourage the development of user generated content and to establish websites creating 'visual town squares' for communities to share experiences;
- \$200 million over four years to assist municipalities in the Murray-Darling Basin to plan their water needs for the future and implement local water savings initiatives;
- The permanent skilled migrant intake will be cut to 108,000 places for the 2009-10 migration program, in response to the continued economic slowdown. However, the Government will provide more opportunities for family reunions with an increase of 3,800 places in the family component of the migration program to 60,300. Overall, the migration program will total 168,700 for 2009-10 which comprises 60,300 family places, 108,100 skilled places and a further 300 places for special eligibility;
- \$156.6 million over three years for remote policing and substance abuse initiatives;
- \$10 million over four years to support the expansion of the 'Sporting Chance' program to improve education, life skills and employment prospects for Indigenous students; and
- \$1.3 billion to continue driving its national reform agenda to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. This is in addition to the Australian Government's \$3.6 billion investment through the COAG National Partnership Agreement.

Specifics on announcements and initiatives

This summary is an overview of the key elements of interest to local government contained in the 2009-10 Budget documents. For more specific information on areas of interest to local government, we have provided further analysis in the following information sheets:

- [Transport and Infrastructure Funding](#)
- [Financing Local Government](#)
- [Environment, Climate Change and Water](#)
- [Indigenous Affairs](#)
- [Emergency Management and National Security](#)
- [Health and Ageing](#)
- [Childcare and Maternity](#)
- [Regional Australia](#)

Regards



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Councils to save \$200 million under changes to the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme

ALGA and local government had a major victory yesterday with the announcement by the Rudd Government that 'legacy' waste will no longer be included in the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS).

Up until yesterday, the proposed CPRS was to apply to emissions generated by past waste deposited at landfill, or 'legacy' waste - that is waste deposited prior to 1 July 2008. This would have meant that waste was to be the only area of the CPRS which had to account for emissions generated by conduct prior to the introduction of the scheme. ALGA, state/territory local government associations and councils have argued that this was unfair and would unreasonably cost councils and ratepayers.

The Government's decision to drop 'legacy' waste from inclusion in the scheme will save councils \$200 million a year. It is a significant change of policy.

ALGA's submission to the Government and follow up press releases highlighted local government's strong concerns about these costs. This outcome highlights the value of assembling credible and authoritative empirical research (in this case, a technical paper prepared by Deacons) to support local government's key policy lobbying objectives. This is a great example of an effective partnership effort between state/territory local government associations and ALGA in successfully securing an important change that benefits every council across Australia.

We had repeatedly argued to Government that it was grossly unfair to force present and future generations to pay for past waste discarded prior to commencement of the scheme, and in many cases, long before climate change was even acknowledged as an issue by the Australian Government.

We made it clear that local government supports current and future waste being captured and properly priced in the scheme, but we don't think Australians should have to pay retrospectively for past waste deposited prior to the scheme's commencement.

In his media release announcing the change, the Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Change, Greg Combet, singled out the efforts of local government for its efforts in advocating for this change.

The Government also announced that it will consult with local government and the waste industry on the conditions for including landfills with emissions above 10,000 tonnes CO₂-e per annum. The Government said it expected that the number of landfill facilities covered by the scheme, and the impacts on councils, would be reduced.

Yesterday's media release issued by Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Change, Greg Combet is available at www.alp.org.au/media/0509/msccw141.php. For more information, please call ALGA on 02 6122 9400.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoff Lake". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

- Nil.

Staff Leaving:

- Indigenous Children & Families Programme Officer, effective 14/5/09.

Other Staff Movements (Internal):

- Nil

Current Recruitment Activity:

- Asset Management Coordinator – position on hold.
- Engineering Surveyor – position on hold.
- Indigenous Children & Families Officer – no suitable candidates found, looking at alternative options.
- Senior Engineering Designer – interviewed two candidates from Hays Recruitment Agency 13/5/09, recruitment progressing.
- Administration Officer Technical Services – position advertised 9/5/09, applications close 22/5/09.
- Parks Technical Officer – position advertised 16/5/09, applications close 29/5/09.
- Administrative Assistant Governance & Administration (P/t) – position to be advertised 23/5/09.

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TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS		
ITEM	REFERRING COMMITTEE	COMMENTS
<u>Redevelopment of Frye Park</u> <i>Refer C37/5/07</i>	Technical Services & Community Services	Future report to Technical Services Committee following development of Project Plan – expected Q2/09
<u>Traffic lights modification cnr Armadale/Nicholson Roads</u> <i>Refer CS47/5/07</i>	Technical Services	Future report to Technical Services Committee following investigation with MRWA – expected Q3 FY 08/09 – Interim memo provided to Councillors
<u>Champion Lakes Development – Issues with Lake Road</u> <i>Refer CS47/5/07</i>	Technical Services	Future report to Technical Services Committee following work with ARA to determine Lake Rd role in ARA projects – expected Q4 FY 08/09
<u>Bus Embayments – Commerce Avenue</u> <i>Refer T70/8/07</i>	Technical Services	Further report to Technical Services Committee following presentation by PTA
<u>PAW between Lots 64 & 65 Sheoak Place, Armadale</u> <i>Refer D108/9/07</i>	Development Services	Lighting improvement and other improvement works – considered as part of 5 Year Works Plan
<u>Jull St Mall Maintenance and Refurbishment</u> <i>Refer T105/12/07</i>	Technical Services	Further report to the Technical Services Committee – for consideration in the 15 Year Financial Plan deliberations
<u>Clifton Hills Primary School – Parking</u> <i>Refer T101/11/07</i>	Technical Services	Future report to the Technical Services Committee
<u>Heron Reserve – POS Funds</u> <i>Refer T102/12/07</i>	Technical Services	Report to the Technical Services Committee – expected Q2 FY 09/10
<u>BBQ facilities CBD and speeding traffic in Jull Street</u> <i>Refer T20/3/08</i>	Technical Services	Future report to the Technical Services Committee
<u>Chilli Festival at Araluen Botanic Park</u> <i>Refer CS32/3/09</i>	City Strategy	Report to Council – expected Q3 2009

TECHNICAL SERVICES WORKS PROGRAMME
April – June 2009

	April	May	June
Civil Works	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranford Road Stage 1 & 2 • Forrest Rd/Abbey Roundabout • Green Ave/Church Ave/Wungong Rd • Churchman Brook Road • Dale road • Illawarra Rd • Wright Rd • Slab Gully drainage • Footpath program • Hesketh Ave drainage • Gardiner Rd • Ward Cres • Kyogle Ct • Eskadale Rd <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance (including pot hole filling) • Continued investigation into a number of drainage complaints/issues • Contract road sweeping • BC programme 	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranford Road Stage 1 & 2 • Forrest Rd/Abbey Roundabout • Wright Rd • Slab Gully drainage • Footpath program - continues • Hesketh Ave drainage • Ward Cres • Kyogle Ct • Eskadale Rd • Gilmore Rd • Rokewood Way • Orchard Av <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance • Continued investigation into a number of drainage complaints/issues • Contract road sweeping • BC programme - continue • Footpath defect works 	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranford Road Stage 1 & 2 • Forrest Rd/Abbey Roundabout • Wright Rd • Slab Gully drainage • Buckingham Rd • Seville Dr / Morgan Rd <p>Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine maintenance • Continued investigation into a number of drainage complaints/issues • Contract road sweeping • BC programme – continue • Footpath defects • SDDS Centre carpark (private works) • Ballannup Drain

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South West Hway Ped. X-ing • Footpath defect 		
Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precincts 2A, 4,5B & 6 • Armadale Plaza Dev. (Westzone) • Heron Park Stages 5, 6 & 6A • Forrestdale Business park – Spine Rds • Forrestdale Business Park – lots 5056 Armadale Road, 5057 Allen Road and 54 Ranford Road • Forrestdale Business Park – lot 5054, 130 & 131 Ranford Road • Lot 27 Lake Road • Champion Lakes Stg 2 • Irimple Road – Lot 4 & 160 • Lot 681 Canns Road • Lot 11 Ivanhoe Way • Lot 604 Waterwheel Road Stg 4 • Lot 56 Birtwhistle place • Lot 9005 & 24 Ralphs Road • Wungong Urban Water – Cell K – Preliminary earthworks and filling • Lot 15 Brooks Road • Lot Pt6 & 7 Carradine Road • Lot34, 35 & 800 Westfield Road • Lot 9000 Westfield Road • Lot10 &11 Gillam Drive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precincts 2A, 4, 5B & 6 • Armadale Plaza Dev. (Westzone) • Heron Park Stages 5, 6 & 6A • Forrestdale Business park – Spine Rds • Forrestdale Business Park – lots 5056 Armadale Road, 5057 Allen Road and 54 Ranford Road • Forrestdale Business Park – lot 5054, 130 & 131 Ranford Road • Forrestdale Business Park – lots 3 and 53 Ranford Road • Forrestdale Business Park – lots 4, 82, 296, 406 Ranford Road • Champion Lakes Stg 2 • Irimple Road – Lot 4 & 160 • Lot 681 Canns Road • Lot 11 Ivanhoe Way • Lot 604 Waterwheel Road Stg 4 • Lot 56 Birtwhistle Place • Lot 9005 & 24 Ralphs Road • Wungong Urban Water – Cell K – Preliminary earthworks and filling • Lot 15 Brooks Road • Lot Pt6 & 7 Carradine Road • Lot34, 35 & 800 Westfield Road • Lot 9000 Westfield Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newhaven Precincts 2A, 4, 5B, 5C & 6 • Vertu 4A &4B • Heron Park Stages 5, 6 & 6A • Armadale Plaza Dev. (Westzone) • Forrestdale Business park – Spine Rds • Forrestdale Business Park – lots 5056 Armadale Road, 5057 Allen Road and 54 Ranford Road • Forrestdale Business Park – lot 5054, 130 & 131 Ranford Road • Forrestdale Business Park – lots 3 and 53 Ranford Road • Forrestdale Business Park – lots 4, 82, 296, 406 Ranford Road • Champion Lakes Stg 2 • Irimple Road – Lot 4 & 160 • Lot 681 Canns Road • Lot 11 Ivanhoe Way • Lot 604 Waterwheel Road Stg 4 • Lot 56 Birtwhistle Place • Lot 9005 & 24 Ralphs Road • Wungong Urban Water – Cell K – Preliminary earthworks and filling • Lot 15 Brooks Road • Lot Pt6 & 7 Carradine Road • Lot34, 35 & 800 Westfield Road

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot10 &11 Gillam Drive • Lot 51 Salter Rd • Lot 9000 Gribble Ave 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot 9000 Westfield Road • Lot10 &11 Gillam Drive • Lot 51 Salter Rd • Lot 9000 Gribble Ave
Design & Engineering	<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warton Road (dual carriageway) • Railway Ave (section reconstruction) • Champion Driv (Rehab – Job) • Hillman Way (cul de sac) • Clifton Road (Re-construct) <p>Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slab Gully – Creek relocation and barriers (Stage IV) • Banyard Ave – additional drainage systems 	<p>Design & Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Keanne Road ▪ Champion Drive ▪ Blackspot proposals 2010/11 ▪ Ranford Lighting Design ▪ Wright Road ▪ Nicholson Road (Dual Carriageway) <p>Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrick Subsoil • Slab Gully Creek relocation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keanne Road • Warton Road (dual carriageway) • Blackspot programme • Street lighting – Ranford stage 1 • Street lighting – Wright Road • Nicholson Road • Armadale Road (intersection) • Railway Avenue (Kelmscott) • Forrest/Eight intersection

<p>Parks and Reserves</p>	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Strategy • POS Strategy – Reserve Developments. • Flood lighting – Morgan Park, Creyk Park & Springdale Res. • Fed Govt – Playgrounds Upgrades <p>Asset Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground softfall & repairs Citywide • Reticulation Preservation <p>Maintenance - Improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule Mowing • Citywide Streetscape Maintenance • Rural Roads – Vegetation Control 	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Strategy • POS Strategy – Reserve Developments. • Fed Govt – Playgrounds Upgrades <p>Asset Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground softfall & repairs Citywide • Reticulation Preservation • Cross Park Tank Preservation <p>Maintenance - Improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule Mowing • Citywide Streetscape Maintenance 	<p>Capital Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground Strategy • POS Strategy – Reserve Developments. • Fed Govt – Playgrounds Upgrades <p>Asset Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground softfall & repairs Citywide • Reticulation Preservation • Cross Park Tank Preservation <p>Maintenance - Improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule Mowing • Citywide Streetscape Maintenance • Major Roads – Vegetation Control
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MINUTES

ARMADALE GOSNELLS LANDCARE GROUP MEETING NO. 131 HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT THE CITY OF ARMADALE ON WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2009 AT 7.25 PM

1. **Attendance & Apologies**

Member/Deputy Member	Affiliations
Mr Cam Clay	Chairperson Bedfordale Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Ken Downsborough	Palomino Reserve Catchment Group
Cr Pat Hart	Armadales City River Care Group
Mt Adrian Choules	Friends of Goolamrup
Ms Beth Laurie	BEAC Representative
Mr Peter Carrigg	Community Representative
Mr Steve Aldersea	Friends of Neerigen Brook
Ms Gwen Watson	Armadales City River Care Group
Ms Unice Robinson	Friends of Mary Carroll Park
Ms Sue Williams	Friends of Wright Brook
Ms Crystal McIvor	Community Landcare Coordinator
Mr Matt Grimby	Community River Restoration officer
Mr Toby Rees	Environmental Officer – City of Gosnells
Ms Paula Haro	Environmental Officer – City of Armadale
Mrs Yvonne Ward	Minute Secretary – City of Armadale
Apologies:	
Cr Ruth Butterfield	Councillor – City of Armadale

2. **Guest Speaker**

Nil

3. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 26 November 2008**

RECOMMEND

That the Minutes of the Armadales Gosnells Landcare Group Meeting held on 26 November 2008 be received.

MOVED Cr Pat Hart

SECONDED Mr Peter Carrigg

CARRIED

4. **Business Arising from Minutes:**

Nil

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5. **Correspondence In – January 2009**
 - 5.1 Invoice: Optus December Mobile Phone Account \$104.98
 - 5.2 Invoice: Bandicoot Nursery Deposit \$1291.50
 - 5.3 Invoice: Bandicoot Nursery Deposit \$2494.80
 - 5.4 Letter: SRT Bickley Brook Draft WQIP
 - 5.5 Order: Men of the Trees - Confirmation of Order
 - 5.6 Letter: SRT Bickley Basin CB Quarterly Report December 08
 - 5.7 Statement: Chq account
 - 5.8 Statement: Cash management Account
 - 5.9 Letter: Southern River WQIP 2nd Draft
 - 5.10 Letter: SALP 2008 Acquittal Report
 - 5.11 Journal: Landcare Australia - making a difference - Landcare Australia Stories
 - 5.12 Invoice: Optus Mobile account January \$103.49
 - 5.13 Letter: DEC Ken Raine Manager Pollution Complaints - Re: McNeil Rd Oil Spill
 - 5.14 Invoice: APACE AID 2x Seed Collection courses Matt and Crystal \$396.00
 - 5.15 Invoice: WA Wetland management Conference 3 x Registrations \$150.00
 - 5.16 Invoice: CoA Quarterly Salary and On Cost Matt and Crystal \$35,612.75
 - 5.17 Newsletter: Ribbons of Blue Newsletter

6. **Correspondence Out – January 2009**
 - 6.1 Invoice: SRT 2009 Riverbank Invoice and Collaborative agreement CoA
 - 6.2 Payment: Optus December Mobile Phone Account \$104.98
 - 6.3 Payment: Bandicoot Nursery Deposit \$1291.50
 - 6.4 Payment: Bandicoot Nursery Deposit \$2494.80
 - 6.5 Payment: Martins Environmental Services Weed Control \$1185.25
 - 6.6 Letter: Letter sent to Ken Raine Re: Oil Spill McNeil Rd, Champion lakes
 - 6.7 Letter: Letter sent to Julie Robert Re: Oil Spill McNeil Rd, Champion lakes
 - 6.8 Letter: AGLG Strategic Plan 2008 - 2018 sent to the CEO of the City of Gosnells
 - 6.9 Letter: AGLG Strategic Plan 2008 - 2018 sent to the Mayor of the City of Gosnells
 - 6.10 Tax Invoice: Landcare Australia for Coca Cola Funding for Roley Pools - \$18,700
 - 6.11 Payment: Optus Mobile account January \$103.49
 - 6.12 Payment: APACE AID 2x Seed Collection courses Matt and Crystal \$396.00
 - 6.13 Payment: WA Wetland management Conference 3 x Registrations \$150.00

7. **Correspondence In – February 2009**
 - 7.1 Statement: CoA salary and On costs for AGLG
 - 7.2 Invitation: SALP 2009 Funding Ceremony
 - 7.3 Notice: Urban Bushland Council Inc. AGM and Membership Renewal
 - 7.4 Statement: Chq account
 - 7.5 Statement: Cash management Account
 - 7.6 Invitation: Lotterywest Grants Seminar 26th Feb 2009
 - 7.7 Letter: City of Gosnells Purchase Order Confirmation for Riverbank 2009 Funding
 - 7.8 Invoice: ANN 2009 SALP seedling Order \$12,309
 - 7.9 Invoice: ANN 2009 Riverbank Seedling Order \$6,223.25

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- 7.10 Invoice: ANN 2009 Coca Cola Seedling Order \$3,663
- 7.11 Invoice: Perry Environmental contracting weed Control at Palomino \$189.75
- 7.12 Invoice: Martins Environmental Services Weed Control at Williams Rd Main Drain \$1,034.00
- 7.13 Claim Form: State Library of WA requesting a copy of the 05-06 AGLG biannual report
- 7.14 Information Pack: Choice Environmental Services Equipment brochures

8. Correspondence Out – February 2009

- 8.1 Report: Bickley Rd Compensation Basin 6 month report to the Swan River Trust
- 8.2 Payment: Perry Environmental contracting weed Control at Palomino \$189.75
- 8.3 Payment: Martins Environmental Services Weed Control at Williams Rd Main Drain \$1,034.00
- 8.4 Volunteer Pack: Interested Landcare resident in the City of Gosnells

Correspondence received from the City of Gosnells advised that ongoing financial support to the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group from both partner Councils would be predicated on the development of a Business Plan for the AGLG.

RECOMMEND

The Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group progress a Business Plan for presentation to the August meeting of the Group, for subsequent consideration by the Cities of Armadale and Gosnells.

**MOVED Cr Pat Hart
SECONDED Mr Peter Carrigg**

CARRIED

RECOMMEND

That the correspondence be received.

**MOVED Mr Ken Downsborough
SECONDED Mr Adrian Choules**

CARRIED

9. Treasurer's Report

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

RECOMMEND

That the Treasurer's Report be received.

**MOVED Cr Pat Hart
SECONDED Ms Sue Williams**

CARRIED

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The meeting adjourned at 7.32 pm and resumed at 7.50 pm.

10. Chairman's Report

Nil

11. Champion Lakes

Ken Downsborough advised that a lot of the plantings near the bridge had failed. The swimming area is very popular and the extensions to the bridges (whalebone shape), with a view to stop people jumping off the bridges had been unsuccessful, as the raised height (1 metre) can still be jumped off.

Crystal advised that Matt had a proposal put to him through Plan E, who manage Champion Lakes. DME, the company responsible for all the spraying works, are finding it hard to come out to Champion Lakes to do the spraying so Plan E have requested AGLG to coordinate the spraying of the revegetated areas, excluding the lawned areas. However, AGLG's preferred spray contractor could not cope with spraying that large an area monthly. Therefore, the proposal put to Plan E is just to take on the bushland at the end of Champion Lakes, using the AGLG preferred spraying contractor. Matt is in contact with Plan E to work out the logistics.

Cr Hart suggested that a contract be drawn up to formally take responsibility for the bushland area, as proposed.

12. Bushcare & Environmental Advisory Committee

12.1 Annual Report 2007/08

Committee recommended that:

1. That a copy of the 2007/2008 BEAC Annual Report be placed in the (3) City of Armadale Libraries.
2. Cr Pat Hart to arrange a meeting with Mrs P Walker, Manager of Libraries & Heritage Services regarding the possibility of establishing an "Environmental Section" in the new Armadale Library to be located at the Armadale Central Shopping Centre.
3. That the draft BEAC Annual Report subject to amendments proposed by members and be adopted and communicated to Councillors and to the community.

Cr Bob Tizard suggested that a presence be established on the Community Portal (www.armadale.wa.au) on behalf of the Bushcare & Environmental Committee. The context and content of information to be displayed on the web to be discussed and decided at a future BEAC Meeting. The establishment of BEAC on the Community Portal be the subject of an Agenda item at the March 2009 BEAC Meeting.

12.2 Plenary Session April 2009

It was suggested at the November 2008 meeting that Dr Michael Craig, Murdoch University Fellow, be approached to discuss his work on the Alcoa

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Rehabilitation project looking at how to attract animals back into our bushland.

Dr Ian Colquhoun advised that he had not as yet had the opportunity to approach Dr Craig regarding his attendance at a Plenary Session to advise on his work on the Alcoa Rehabilitation project, however, he would undertake to do so in the near future.

12.3 Minnowarra Festival

Suggestions were welcomed from members for themes and ideas for BEAC's display at the Minnowarra Festival 2009.

Dr Ian Colquhoun advised that when planning ideas for last year's Minnowarra Festival (BEAC display) it had been suggested that thought be given to a children's prize (win a walkman). This had not been progressed, however, due a question mark about a Council Policy which did not allow same. It was requested that the Environmental Officer undertake to establish whether such a policy exists.

It was suggested that the following be considered as a feature for the joint BEAC/AGLG display:

- The stuffed animals used at last year's Kelmscott Show i.e fox and feral cat;
- Examples of dieback and susceptible plants;
- Examples of weeds;
- Dieback maps;
- Before and After pictures of rehabilitated sites;
- Posters for Competition.

Cr Hart suggested that the \$50 Nature Spot Voucher could be put towards the cost of a prize.

12.4 BEAC Awareness Walks 2009

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

The Environmental Officer requested that before the next meeting of BEAC in March 2009 members give some thought to suitable walks for BEAC to undertake during 2009 when the matter will again be considered.

12.5 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.

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The Environmental Officer tabled the City of Armadale Strategic Trails Network Plan for members' perusal.

Cr Hart suggested that the trails map which had been devised for linking walks between Reserves within Roleystone be incorporated into the Plan, if feasible.

Committee members identified walk trails around Roleystone which traverse a number of Reserves. It is requested that these maps be incorporated into the City of Armadale Trails Network Plan. David James requested that the trails be highlighted with brighter colours to make them stand out. Also the inclusion of a trails interpretation legend.

12.6 Warwick Savage Brainstorm

Item requested by Ian Colquhoun for BEAC members to brainstorm ideas and discuss Warwick Savage Reserve and actions that could be implemented to improve the reserve condition.

Dr Ian Colquhoun tabled an aerial photograph of Warwick Savage Reserve. It was suggested that a group of members undertake a site inspection in the near future to gain ideas on what can best be done to rehabilitate the site. The inspection to be undertaken in conjunction with a walk of the linked Reserves in Roleystone in late-April. The date for the inspection and walk to be determined at the next meeting of BEAC in March 2009.

13. City of Gosnells– Environmental Officer

13.1 MKSEA

The City of Gosnells recently awarded the tender to implement the Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring Program for the Maddington Kenwick Strategic Employment project area to Endemic Environmental. Monitoring will take place over period that captures two winters to provide the baseline data required for the development of a District Water Management Strategy.

13.2 Clean Up Australia Day

The City of Gosnells is supporting three Clean Up Australia Day events this year. The Friends of Brixton Street Wetland and Friends of Mary Carroll Park will be hosting Clean Up events on Sunday, 1 March 2009.

The Maddington Kenwick Community Leadership Network will be also hosting an event on the Schools Clean Up day on Friday, 27 February 2009.

13.3 Cr Mitchell – Resignation as Council Delegate

Councillor Ron Mitchell has resigned from his role as Council Delegate for the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group. Cr Mitchell has withdrawn from his role due to work commitments clashing with other environmental committees and feels that not being able to attend other committee meetings compromised his role as AGLG Delegate.

14. **City of Armadale – Environmental Officer**

14.1 **Local Biodiversity Strategy**

Steering Group meetings 1 and 2 have been held. These provided members of the steering group background to the project and a chance to workshop the targets and implement mechanisms of the strategy.

14.2 **Invasive Species Best Practise Management Framework**

Initiative of Perth NRM and Dieback Working Group aiming to develop a best practise dieback framework for land managers and use by the City as a pilot. This would potentially then be expanded to include other invasive species.

14.3 **Forrestdale Lake boardwalk**

Following concerns from the Friends Group and Forrestdale Community Association regarding the height of the structure and ability to view over the reeds, DEC has agreed to increase the height by one level and put a 1m hand rail on. Building should commence by the end of February and construction should be completed by March.

14.4 **Draft Wungong River (Champion Drive to Armadale Road) Management Plan**

Over the summer break, a work experience student was given the task of drafting the Wungong River Management Plan. The draft is being commented on by various officers, including Crystal, prior to going to Council for public consultation.

14.5 **SGIO Community Grants Program**

Applications between 2nd & 31 March. Up to \$5,000 to WA community groups for crime prevention, road safety, emergency readiness and response and environment. Website: www.sgio.com.au/grants.

14.6 **Water Corporation**

Water Forever – Directions for our water future. Draft Plan. Submissions due 15th May 2009.

14.7 **United Nations Association of Australia World Environment Day Awards**

Nominations now open – close 1st May.

15. **Staff Reports – January & February 2009**

15.1 **Community Landcare Coordinator's (CLC) Report – December 2008 to February 2009**

- Roley Pools Funding increased from \$12,000 to \$18,000 due to exchange rate;
- Invoice CoA (\$29,689) and CoG (\$26,163.50) for the 2009 Riverbank funding;
- SALP 2009 funding Ceremony 27/02/09 AGLG receiving \$83,815;

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- CoA and CoG receiving an award at the SALP funding Ceremony for their ongoing support to AGLG over the past 10 years.
- Clean Up Australia Day Sunday, 1st March 2009 – Bob Blackburn Reserve meet at the Aquatic Centre Car Park at 9.00 am;
- Attended the WA Wetland Conference 2009;
- Attended the APACE Seed Collection Course;
- Attended a SERCUL site tour on the South Region;
- Swan River Trust Riverbank Signs erected at Roley Pools and Corriedale Springs (funded through the SRT);
- Assisted with the Palomino Reserve Management Plan – commenting on draft;
- Been asked to represent AGLG on the City of Armadale Local Biodiversity Strategy Steering Committee;
- Commented on the Draft Southern River and Bickley Brook WQIP;
- Attended the New Waterways Urban Waterways Renewal funding – \$4M federal funding workshop;
- School talks – Seven oaks College – Year 11 – Kelmscott Fishcare Site;
- Good Shepherd Primary putting in junior landcare grant – AGLG to be support network.

15.2 Community Restoration Coordinator's Report – December 2008 to February 2009

On Ground:

- A lot of handweeding has taken place so far this year around 2008 plantings where spraying has not been possible.
- Spraying has been ordered and completed at most sites.
- Excellent plant growth has occurred on some sites over the last few months. The stand out site has certainly been Champion Drive with flooded gums now over 2m in height and a large amount of natural seed germinating on site. Other good sites include Corriedale Springs, Empire Way, Fancote Park to Kelmscott Primary School.
- Some sites have struggled during January and February with very hot days and no rain. Of particular note was McNeill Road that lost the majority of plantings that had, until then, being going very well.
- There are issues at Champion Drive concerning the loss of plants due to spraying. We have lost a lot of *Juncus pallidus* and some melaleucas that appear to have been deliberately targeted. At this point in time there is the contractor engaged by AGLG working on site and the contractor engaged by the Landscape Architects, Plan E. This had led to uncertainty over who actually sprayed the plants. At this stage, I am trying to work out a deal where the whole site can be sprayed exclusively by AGLG's bushland contractor.

Team Delivery/Community

- Handweeding with Wendy a local community member at Fancote to Kelmscott PS. Wendy is very passionate about the river and should continue to be a great help in the future.

Education/Promotion

- 18th and 20th February 2009 – Talks with Sevenoaks College on the history of the river and how to undertake Landcare work.

Consulting

- Finalised revegetation plan for Williams Road Drain in Seville Grove and provided quotes to the City of Armadale and to the Water Corporation. This was approved in January. The project will see AGLG revegetating 265m of drain and adjacent bank using direct seeding and planting. This project will take place between 2009 and 2011. Weed control is underway.
- December 2008 – provided a quote to CoA for revegetation on the new stage of Slab Gully. Discovered yesterday that the whole site is being re-machined and an additional basin is being added to the project so the scope of the project is likely to increase fourfold. AGLG will therefore re-quote. Most of the revegetation will be undertaken using direct seeding and planting instream.

Meetings

- SERCUL Meeting 12th February
- AGLG Meeting 25th February

Training

- Seed collection course through APACE on 3, 4 and 5 February. This was a great course and developed participants to a competent level to undertake seed collection. It also makes you appreciate how much work goes into growing a seedling.

16. Friends Groups

16.1 Friends of Wright Brook – Sue Williams

- A murky fluid trickling into Wright Brook from a manhole opposite the brook has been reported to the Water Corporation who advised that the leak was effluent from a sewer. The leak was fixed very quickly.
- The giant weed grew again while Sue was in hospital (as it always does every summer). Matt arranged for the weed sprayers to get rid of it. Sue advised that it is reducing with the constant attention. *(Cr Hart suggested that some before and after photos be taken for the AGLG files.)*

16.2 Armadale City River Care – Gwen Watson

- A fire was started recently near the Kelmscott Primary School (towards Martin Street crossing) which was put out promptly.

16.3 Friends of Goolamrup – Adrian Choules

- The friends have continued watering through the summer but are disappointed that a number of small Jarrah trees have died. However, there are lots still going which will continue to be watered. Rain fell today which will be a great help.

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- There is still Taro in the river at the bottom of Goolamrup. Also some Typha.
- There are a number of pots left over from last year's plantings that are available to anyone who would like them. [Paula advised that she would take the pots.]

16.4 Friends of Palomino Reserve – Ken Downsborough

The Wungong River, as is normal for summer, had dried up but now appears to have water in again. It would seem that this as a result of valves being opened to allow a riverine release near the South West Highway. Ken is hopeful that because of the water in the river there will be no weed growth.

16.5 Friends of Neerigen Brook – Steve Aldersea

- The Neerigen Brook is flowing intermittently, depending on rain. The vegetation that was put in over the past 5-6 years is growing very well. Steve is concentrating on the area close to his house which makes for easier management.
- It is understood that a Strategic Plan for the rivercare area near Steve's house is currently being considered by Council.

16.6 Friends of Mary Carroll Park – Unice Robinson

- Mary Carroll is drying up fast although the water level last year was the highest for a number of years.
- At the moment there are lots of water birds and waders in the area.
- The fencing has gone up ready for the tree planting this year.
- The Friends will be involved in a Clean Up Australia on Sunday, 1 March 2009.
- On 11 March 2009 a breakfast will be held for friends and any others who would like to come to thank Bendigo Bank for two seats that are now in situ.
- A clean up has been done at Empire Way with 322 cigarette butts being cleaned up.

16.7 Pat Hart

- Bendigo Bank in Roleystone has grants available for rivercare and an application for a grant that can be spent on a project at Roley pool is suggested.
- Sedimentation of the Canning River – a project that is being pursued at SERCUL.
- A meeting has been arranged with the Minister for the Environment, Hon. Donna Faragher MLC on Friday to raise awareness on the value that AGLG has as a community group.

17. **General Business**

17.1 **100th Anniversary of Armadale – Beth Laurie**

Enquired as to the date of the 100th Anniversary of Armadale and whether consideration should be given by the group to a special activity to commemorate the occasion.

17.2 **Landcare Research – Crystal McIvor**

Involvement and completion of a landcare study undertaken by Genevieve Simpson, a University of Western Australia student, has resulted in a request by Genevieve to come and meet with the group, interview Crystal and come along to a meeting. Also to interview Matt and get a feel for what work is undertaken by the Group. She advises that she would like to review documents produced in the course of running the landcare group, specifically meeting minutes, would like to observe a meeting, work on the ground and interview Crystal and other group members.

Crystal enquired as to whether the Group would like to be involved and if so requested endorsement of Genevieve Simpson's request.

Action:

The Group endorsed Genevieve Simpson's request to review documents produced in the course of running the landcare group, specifically meeting minutes, observe a meeting, work on the ground and interview Crystal and other group members.

17.3 **Balannup Lake – Roadworks – Steve Aldersea**

Steve enquired as to what was happening in regard to the proposed roadworks through Balannup Lake. The City of Armadale Environmental Officer advised that this was dependent upon the acquisition of the required land. The offset for the land has been approved by the Chief Executive Officer and DEC as per the conditions of development – Lot 431 Oxley Road.

17.4 **Tonkin Highway – Ken Downsborough**

There are a number of properties that almost border onto Tonkin Highway which became very wet during winter. One property owner had the Department of Agriculture and Food come out and inspect the property and provide a written report on the property. Main Roads bought that property recently under a secrecy clause. One of the reasons it was sold was because salt is appearing in the back corner of the block. The idea behind MRD buying the block is to install an above ground leach drain and sell it with a caveat saying that the property is known to flood. Estimates have been given that to fix the drainage problems associated with the highway would cost in the order of \$6m.

It was suggested and the Group agreed, that a resolution be formulated which advises the Main Roads Department that it has been brought to the attention of

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AGLG that salinity is becoming an issue in the area of the Tonkin Highway in the vicinity of Champion Lakes and request MRD to provide the monitoring figures as per the EPA Management Plan initiated for the Tonkin Highway project.

RECOMMEND

That the Main Roads Department be requested to provide monitoring figures as per the EPA Management Plan for Tonkin Highway due to concerns regarding reports of salinity in the area of the Tonkin Highway (Champion Lakes).

**MOVED Mr Ken Downsborough
SECONDED Mr Peter Carrigg**

CARRIED

18. Next Meeting– Wednesday, 22 April 2009

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

19. Closure

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.15 PM

Approved and
Accepted:

Chairperson's Signature:

Chairperson's Name:

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AGLG Inc	Balance sheet as at	<u>Jan 31, 2009</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Current/Savings		
036-032 180573		53,938.32
036-032 25-5854 CMA		198,153.17
Petty cash		68.15
Total Current/Savings		<u>252,159.64</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>252,159.64</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>252,159.64</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
Tax Payable		-655.54
Total Other Current Liabilities		<u>-655.54</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>-655.54</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>-655.54</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>252,815.18</u>
EQUITY		
Opening Bal Equity		356,769.46
Retained Earnings		2,049.06
Net Income		-106,003.34
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>252,815.18</u>

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		AGLG Inc								
		Ban reconciliation A/c 18-0573								
Beginning Balance			Type	Date	Num	Name	Cir	Amount	Balance	
	Cleared Transactions								64,199.20	
	Cheques and Payments - 3 items									
			Cheque	05/01/2009	201162	Optus	✓	-104.98	-104.98	
			Cheque	05/01/2009	201163	Martins Environmental Services	✓	-1,185.25	-1,290.23	
			Cheque	06/01/2009	201164	Bandicoot Nursery	✓	-3,786.30	-5,076.53	
	Total Cheques and Payments							-5,076.53	-5,076.53	
	Total Cleared Transactions							-5,076.53	-5,076.53	
	Cleared Balance							-5,076.53	59,122.67	
	Uncleared Transactions									
	Cheques and Payments - 6 items									
			Cheque	14/01/2009	201165	Martins Environmental Services		-1,611.50	-1,611.50	
			Cheque	20/01/2009	201166	Australian Taxation Office		-2,904.00	-4,515.50	
			Cheque	28/01/2009	201167	Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre		-150.00	-4,665.50	
			Cheque	28/01/2009	201168	APACE		-396.00	-5,061.50	
			Cheque	30/01/2009	201169	Optus		-103.49	-5,164.99	
	Total Cheques and Payments							-5,164.99	-5,164.99	
	Total Uncleared Transactions							-5,164.99	-5,164.99	
	Register Balance as of 31/01/2009							-10,241.52	53,957.68	
	New Transactions									
	Cheques and Payments - 4 items									
			Cheque	09/02/2009	201170	Perry Environmental Contracting		-189.75	-189.75	
			Cheque	09/02/2009	201172	Australian Native Nurseries Group		-14,171.41	-14,361.16	
			Cheque	09/02/2009	201173	City of Armadale		-35,612.75	-49,973.91	
			Cheque	09/02/2009	201171	Martins Environmental Services		-1,034.00	-51,007.91	
	Total Cheques and Payments							-51,007.91	-51,007.91	
	Total New Transactions							-51,007.91	-51,007.91	
	Ending Balance							-61,249.43	2,949.77	

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AGLG Inc									
Bank reconciliation A/c 25-585	Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance		
Beginning Balance							198,022.97		
Cleared Transactions									
Deposits and Credits - 1 item									
	Deposit	30/01/2009			√	130.20	130.20		
Total Deposits and Credits						130.20	130.20		
Total Cleared Transactions						130.20	130.20		
Cleared Balance						130.20	198,153.17		
Register Balance as of 31/01/2009						130.20	198,153.17		
Ending Balance						130.20	198,153.17		

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Palomino Feb 2009	Roley Pools Feb 2009	Salaries Feb 2009	Slab Gully Feb 2009	Southernwood Park Feb 2009	Streamcare Feb 2009	Westfield Heron Reserve Feb 2009	Wright Brook Feb 2009	Yellow Fish Feb 2009	TOTAL Feb 2009
									72.55
10.00	475.35	56,321.91	10,220.23		3,855.00				3,855.00
10.00	475.35	56,321.91	10,220.23		3,855.00	398.36	306.41		56,321.91
						398.36	306.41		81,455.31
		59,802.36							4,985.41
		28,020.00							59,802.36
									2,000.00
									6,768.23
									38,797.70
									-8,840.40
									-905.53
									-3,821.82
									31,985.03
									18,417.28
2,000.00	1,172.39	1,720.00		138.73			944.89	181.59	1,701.82
-6,392.21									16,870.04
									6,781.05
									-6,392.21
									-2,514.45
									-7,095.79
									16,091.52
									6,480.08
12,905.39									12,905.39
8,523.18	1,647.74	145,864.27	10,220.23	138.73	3,855.00	1,343.25	488.00	1,863.27	1,863.27
8,523.18	1,647.74	145,864.27	10,220.23	138.73	3,855.00	1,343.25	488.00	1,863.27	252,508.28
8,523.18	1,647.74	145,864.27	10,220.23	138.73	3,855.00	1,343.25	488.00	1,863.27	252,508.28
8,523.18	1,647.74	145,864.27	10,220.23	138.73	3,855.00	1,343.25	488.00	1,863.27	252,508.28

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OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ARMADALE GOSNELLS LANDCARE GROUP HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT THE CITY OF ARMADALE ON WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2009 AT 6.00 PM

1. **Attendance & Apologies**

Member/Deputy Member	Affiliations
Mr Cam Clay	Chairperson Bedfordale Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
Mr Ken Downsborough	Palomino Reserve Catchment Group
Cr Pat Hart	Armadale City River Care Group
Mt Adrian Choules	Friends of Goolamrup
Ms Beth Laurie	BEAC Representative
Mr Peter Carrigg	Community Representative
Mr Steve Aldersea	Friends of Neerigen Brook
Ms Gwen Watson	Armadale City River Care Group
Ms Unice Robinson	Friends of Mary Carroll Park
Ms Sue Williams	Friends of Wright Brook
Ms Crystal McIvor	Community Landcare Coordinator
Mr Matt Grimbly	Community River Restoration officer
Mr Toby Rees	Environmental Officer – City of Gosnells
Ms Paula Haro	Environmental Officer – City of Armadale
Mrs Yvonne Ward	Minute Secretary – City of Armadale
Apologies:	
Cr Ruth Butterfield	Councillor – City of Armadale

2. **Business of the Meeting – Alteration to the Rules of the Constitution**

A table of the proposed changes to the Constitution of the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. As a group, members were lead through the proposed changes to the Constitution. The Constitution, as amended, is attached. **Refer to Attachment “A-1”.**

RECOMMEND

That the proposed amendments to the Rules of the Constitution of the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group be adopted.

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**MOVED Cr Pat Hart
SECONDED Mr Adrian Choules**

CARRIED

3. Closure

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.24 PM

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Upper Canning Southern Wungong Catchment Team Constitution	Changes needed for AGLG Constitution
<p>1. Name of Association The name of the Association is UPPER CANNING SOUTHERN WUNGONG CATCHMENT TEAM (Inc).</p> <p>2. Definitions In these rules, unless the contrary intention appears- "ICM" means integrated catchment management; "Committee meeting" means meeting referred to in rule 15(1); "Committee member" means one of the persons referred to in paragraph (a), (b), (c),(d), or (e) of Rule 10 (1); "financial year" has the meaning given by section 3 (1) of the Act, a reference in that section to – (a) "an incorporated association" or "the association" being construed as a reference to the Association; and (b) "the Committee" being construed as a reference to the Committee "general meeting" means meeting convened under rule 16; "member" means member of the Association; "ordinary resolution" means resolution other than a special resolution; "special resolution" has the meaning given by section 24 of the Act; "the Act" means the <i>Association Incorporation Act 1987</i>; "the Association" means the Association referred to in rule 1; "the Chairperson" means- (a) in relation to the proceedings at a Committee meeting or general meeting, the person presiding at the Committee meeting or general meeting in accordance with rule 11; or (b) otherwise than in relation to the proceedings referred to in paragraph (a), the person referred to in rule 10(1)(a) or, if that person is unable to perform his or her function, the Vice-</p>	<p>1. Name of Association The name of the Association is Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group Inc.</p> <p>2. Definitions In these rules, unless the contrary intention appears- "annual general meeting" is the meeting convened under paragraph (b) of rule 16 (1); "AGLG" means the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group Inc.; "area" means the Cities of Armadale and Gosnells local government boundaries; "Association Meeting" means annual, special or committee meetings; "Committee meeting" means a meeting referred to in rule 15; "Committee member" means person referred to in paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e) of rule 10 (1); "convene" means to call together for a formal meeting; "department" means the government department with responsibility for administering the <i>Associations Incorporation Act (1987)</i>; "financial year" means a period not exceeding 15 months fixed by the Committee, being a period commencing on the date of incorporation of the Association and ending on 30 June; and thereafter each period commencing 1 July and ending on 30 June in the following year;</p>

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<p>Chairperson;</p> <p>"the Committee" means the Committee of Management of the Association referred to in rule 10(1);</p> <p>"the Secretary" means the Secretary referred to in rule 10(1)(d);</p> <p>"The Treasurer" means the Treasurer referred to in rule 10(1)(d);</p> <p>"the Vice-Chairperson" means the Vice-Chairperson referred to in rule 10(1)(b).</p>	<p>"general meeting" means a meeting to which all members are invited;</p> <p>"lCM" means integrated catchment management;</p> <p>"member" means member of the Association;</p> <p>"NRM" means natural resource management;</p> <p>"ordinary resolution" means resolution other than a special resolution;</p> <p>"poll" means voting conducted in written form (as opposed to a show of hands);</p> <p>"SERCUL" means the South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare Inc.;</p> <p>"special general meeting" means a general meeting other than the annual general meeting;</p> <p>"special resolution" has the meaning given by section 24 of the Act, that is-</p> <p>A resolution is a special resolution if it is passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of the members of the association who are entitled under the rules of the association to vote and vote in person or, where proxies or postal votes are allowed by the rules of the association by proxy or postal vote, at a general meeting of which notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution was given in accordance with those rules.</p> <p>At a meeting at which a resolution proposed as a special resolution is submitted, a declaration by the person presiding that the resolution has been</p>

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	<p>passed as a special resolution shall be evidence of the fact unless, during the meeting at which the resolution is submitted, a poll is demanded in accordance with the rules of the Association or, if the rules do not make provision as to the manner in which a poll may be demanded, by at least 3 members of the association present in person or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy.</p> <p>If a poll is held, a declaration by the person presiding as to the result of a poll is evidence of the matter so declared.</p> <p>"the Act" means the <i>Associations Incorporation Act 1987</i>;</p> <p>"the Association" means the Association referred to in rule 1;</p> <p>"the Chairperson" means-</p> <p>(a) in relation to the proceedings at a Committee meeting or general meeting, the person presiding at the Committee meeting or general meeting in accordance with rule 11; or</p> <p>(b) otherwise than in relation to the proceedings referred to in paragraph (a), the person referred to in paragraph (a) of rule 10 (1) or, if that person is unable to perform his or her functions, the Vice Chairperson;</p>

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<p>3. Objects of the Association</p> <p>(1) The objects of the Association are-</p> <p>(a) To conserve and restore natural healthy ecosystems for the Upper Canning Southern/Wungong catchments whilst accommodating competing land and water uses;</p> <p>(b) The Association will act as a focus group in the Upper Canning Southern/Wungong catchments, have a coordinating role, and plays an influential role in catchment issues. It will act as a watchdog in the catchment.</p> <p>(c) To coordinate integrated natural resource management over the Upper Canning Southern/Wungong catchments and:</p> <p>(i) raise community awareness and involvement in the catchments;</p> <p>(ii) develop partnerships between community and government;</p> <p>(iii) define priority issues in the catchments;</p> <p>(iv) ensure broad environmental objectives are set for the catchments;</p> <p>(v) facilitate preparation of strategies for sub-</p>	<p>3. Objects of the Association</p> <p>(1) The objects of the Association are-</p> <p>(a) To conserve and restore natural healthy ecosystems in the area.</p> <p>(b) To integrate the protection of natural ecosystems with competing land and water uses across the area.</p> <p>(c) To define and coordinate the resolution of priority NRM issues, acting as a focus group in the area by implementing the AGLG Strategic Plan 2008 - 2018.</p> <p>(d) To educate and raise community awareness and involvement in NRM in the area.</p> <p>(e) To develop partnerships between community, regional NRM bodies, business and government.</p> <p>(f) To promote and support legislative/policy changes that implement the resolution of priority NRM issues in State and Local Government Agencies.</p>

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<p>catchments;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (vi) promote changes in State and Local Government agencies; (vii) address and coordinate priority natural resource management issues in the catchments by implementing catchment strategies and projects; (viii) make recommendations to the Canning Catchment Coordinating Group about ICM in the catchments. 	<p>(2) The property and income of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association and no part of that property or income may be paid or otherwise distributed, directly or indirectly, to members, except in good faith in the promotion of those objects.</p>
<p>4. Powers of the Association</p> <p>The powers conferred on the Association by section 13 of the Act are subject to the following additions, exclusions or modifications-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) To seek nominations to the UCSW Committee according to the requirements of rule 5. (2) To obtain non-voting representation to the Committee by various instrumentalities of the Crown where, in the opinion of the Committee, these persons can contribute usefully to achieve the objects of the Association. (3) To raise funds for the purpose of meeting the objects of the Association. (4) To seek community input into the management of the Catchments. (5) To seek the assistance of local government agencies and instrumentalities of the Crown. (6) To employ persons to carry out the activities to meet the objects of the Association. 	<p>4. Powers of the Association</p> <p>The powers conferred on the Association are the same as those conferred by section 13 of the Act, so that subject to the Act and any additions, exclusions or modifications inserted below, the Association-</p> <p>may do all things necessary or convenient for carrying out its objects and purposes, and in particular, may -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) acquire, hold, deal with, and dispose of any real or personal property; (b) open and operate bank accounts; (c) invest its money - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) in any security in which trust monies may lawfully be invested; or (ii) in any other manner authorised by the rules of the Association; (d) borrow money upon such terms and conditions as the Association

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	<p>thinks fit;</p> <p>(e) give such security for the discharge of liabilities incurred by the Association as the Association thinks fit;</p> <p>(f) appoint agents or subcommittees to transact any business of the Association on its behalf;</p> <p>(g) enter into any other contract it considers necessary or desirable;</p> <p>and</p> <p>(h) may act as trustee and accept and hold real and personal property upon trust, but does not have power to do any act or thing as a trustee that, if done otherwise than as a trustee, would contravene this Act or the rules of the Association.</p> <p>(i) to acquire funds for the purpose of meeting the objects of the Association.</p>

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<p>5. Qualifications for membership of the Association</p> <p>(1) Membership of the Association is open to all individuals and groups who have an interest in the long term ecological sustainability of the Upper Canning and Southern Wungong catchments including State and Local Government agencies.</p> <p>(2) A person who wishes to become a member of the Association shall apply to the Committee in writing. The application will be in such form as the Committee from time to time directs and will be signed by the applicant.</p> <p>(3) Committee members shall consider each application made under rule 5 (2) and subsequently accept or reject that application.</p>	<p>5. Qualifications for membership of the Association</p> <p>(1) Membership of the Association is open to all individuals and groups, including State and Local Government agencies, which have an interest in NRM in the area.</p> <p>(2) A person or group who wishes to become a member must-</p> <p>(a) apply for membership to the Committee in writing-</p> <p>(i) signed by that person and by both of the members referred to in paragraph (b); and</p> <p>(ii) in such form as the Committee from time to time directs; and</p> <p>(b) be proposed by one member and seconded by another member.</p> <p>(3) The Committee members must consider each application made under sub-rule (2) at a Committee meeting and must at the Committee meeting or the next Committee meeting accept or reject that application.</p> <p>(4) An applicant whose application for membership of the Association is rejected under sub-rule (3) must, if he or she wishes to appeal against that decision, give notice to the Secretary of his or her intention to do so within a period of 14 days from the date he or she is advised of the rejection.</p> <p>(5) When notice is given under sub-rule (4), the Association in an association meeting no later than the next annual general meeting, must either confirm or set aside the decision of the Committee to reject the application, after</p>

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<p>6. Register of members of Association</p> <p>(1) The Secretary shall on behalf of the Association keep and maintain the register of committee members in accordance with section 27 of the Act and that register shall be so kept and maintained at his or her place of residence.</p> <p>(2) The Secretary shall cause the name of person who dies or who ceases to be a member under rule 7(3), 8(1) or 9 to be deleted from the register of members referred to in subrule (1).</p>	<p>having afforded the applicant who gave that notice a reasonable opportunity to be heard by, or to make representations in writing to, the Association in the general meeting.</p>
<p>6. Register of members of Association</p> <p>(1) The Secretary shall on behalf of the Association keep and maintain the register of committee members in accordance with section 27 of the Act and that register shall be so kept and maintained at his or her place of residence.</p> <p>(2) The Secretary shall cause the name of person who dies or who ceases to be a member under rule 7(3), 8(1) or 9 to be deleted from the register of members referred to in subrule (1).</p>	<p>6. Register of members of Association</p> <p>(1) The Secretary, on behalf of the Association, must comply with section 27 of the Act by keeping and maintaining—</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">in an up to date condition a register of the members of the Association and their postal or residential addresses and, upon the request of a member of the Association, shall make the register available for the inspection of the member and the member may make a copy of or take an extract from the register but shall have no right to remove the register for that purpose.</p> <p>(2) The register must be so kept and maintained at the Secretary's place of residence, or at such other place as the members at a general meeting decide.</p> <p>(3) The Secretary must cause the name of a person who dies or who ceases to be a member under rule 8 to be deleted from the register of members referred to in sub-rule (1).</p>

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<p>Upper Canning Southern Wungong Catchment Team Constitution</p> <p>7. Subscription of members of Association</p> <p>(1) The members shall from time to time at a general meeting determine the amount of the subscription to be paid by each member.</p> <p>(2) Each member shall pay to the Treasurer, annually on or before 1 July or such other date as the Committee from time to time determines, the amount of the subscription determined under subrule (1).</p> <p>(3) Subject to subrule (4), a member whose subscription is not paid within 3 months after the relevant date fixed by or under subclause (2) ceases on the expiry of that period to be a member, unless the Committee decides otherwise.</p> <p>(4) A member is a financial member for the purposes of these rules if his or her subscription is paid on or before the relevant date fixed by or under subrule (2) or within 3 months thereafter.</p>	<p>Changes needed for AGLG Constitution</p> <p>7. Subscription of members of Association</p> <p>(1) Annual subscriptions shall be determined by the newly elected Committee Members at the Association AGM held annually.</p>
<p>8. Resignation of members of Association</p> <p>(1) A member who delivers notice in writing of his, her resignation from the Association to the Secretary or another Committee member ceases on that delivery to be an Association member.</p> <p>(2) A person who ceases to be a member under subrule (1) remains liable to pay to the Association the amount of any subscription due and payable by that person to the Association but unpaid at the date of that cessation.</p>	<p>8. Resignation of members of Association</p> <p>(1) Membership of the Association may be terminated upon-</p> <p>(a) receipt by the Secretary or another Committee member of a notice in writing from a member of his or her resignation from the Association. Such person remains liable to pay to the Association the amount of any subscription due and payable by that person to the Association but unpaid at the date of termination; or</p> <p>(b) non-payment by a member of his or her subscription within three months of the date fixed by the Committee for</p>

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<p>9. Expulsion of members of Association</p> <p>(1) If the Committee considers that a member should be expelled from membership of the Association because of his or her conduct detrimental to the interest of the Association, the Committee shall communicate, in writing, to the member:</p> <p>(a) notice of the proposed expulsion and of the time, date and place of the committee meeting at which the question of that expulsion will be decided; and</p> <p>(b) particulars of that conduct; not less than 30 days before the date of the committee meeting referred to in paragraph (a).</p> <p>(2) At the Committee meeting referred to in a notice communicated under subrule (1), the Committee may, having afforded the member concerned a reasonable opportunity to be heard by, or make representation in writing to, the Committee, expel or decline to expel that member from membership of the Association and shall, forthwith after deciding whether or not to expel that member, communicate that decision in writing to that member, and to that committee member's group.</p> <p>(3) Subject to sub rule (5), a member who is expelled under subrule (2) from membership of the Association ceases to be a member 14 days after the day on which the decision so to expel him or her is communicated to him or her under subrule</p>	<p>subscriptions to be paid, unless the Committee decides otherwise in accordance with rule 7 (3);</p> <p>or</p> <p>(c) expulsion of a member in accordance with rule 9.</p> <p>9. Suspension or expulsion of members of Association</p> <p>(1) If the Committee considers that a member should be suspended or expelled from membership of the Association because his or her conduct is detrimental to the interests of the Association, the Committee must communicate, either orally or in writing, to the member-</p> <p>(a) notice of the proposed suspension or expulsion and of the time, date and place of the Committee meeting at which the question of that suspension or expulsion will be decided; and</p> <p>(b) particulars of that conduct, not less than 30 days before the date of the Committee meeting referred to in paragraph (a).</p> <p>(2) At the Committee meeting referred to in a notice communicated under sub-rule (1), the Committee may, having afforded the member concerned a reasonable opportunity to be heard by, or to make representations in writing to, the Committee, suspend or expel or decline to suspend or expel that member from membership of the Association and must, forthwith after deciding whether or not to suspend or expel that member, communicate that</p>

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<p>(2).</p> <p>(4) A member who is expelled under subrule (2) form membership of the Association shall, if he or she wishes to appeal against the expulsion, give notice to the Secretary of his or her intention to do so within the period of 14 days referred to in subrule (3).</p> <p>(5) When notice is given under subrule (4)</p> <p>(a) the Association in a general meeting may, after having afforded the member who gave that notice a reasonable opportunity to be heard by, or to make representations in writing to, the Association in the general meeting, confirm or set aside the decision of the Committee to expel that member; and</p> <p>(b) the member who gave that notice does not cease to be a member unless and until the decision of the Committee to expel him or her is confirmed under this subrule.</p>	<p>decision in writing to that member.</p> <p>(3) Subject to sub-rule (5), a member has his or her membership suspended or ceases to be a member 14 days after the day on which the decision to suspend or expel a member is communicated to him or her under sub-rule (2).</p> <p>(4) A member who is suspended or expelled under sub-rule (2) must, if he or she wishes to appeal against that suspension or expulsion, give notice to the Secretary of his or her intention to do so within the period of 14 days referred to in sub-rule (3).</p> <p>(5) When notice is given under sub-rule (4)-</p> <p>(a) the Association in a general meeting, must either confirm or set aside the decision of the Committee to suspend or expel the member, after having afforded the member who gave that notice a reasonable opportunity to be heard by, or to make representations in writing to, the Association in the general meeting; and</p> <p>(b) the member who gave that notice is not suspended or does not cease to be a member unless and until the decision of the Committee to suspend or expel him or her is confirmed under this sub-rule.</p>

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<p>10. Committee of Management</p> <p>(1) The affairs of the Association shall be managed exclusively by the Committee of Management consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a Chairperson; (b) a Vice Chairperson; (c) a Secretary; (d) a Treasurer; and (e) not less than four other persons <p>all of whom shall be members of the Association elected to membership of that Committee at an annual general meeting or appointed under subrule (9).</p> <p>(2) At the commencement of the first annual general meeting to be held after the incorporation of the Association under the Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) if the Committee consists of an even number of members, half of that number, which half; or (b) if the Committee consists of an odd number of members, the integral number of members nearest to, and exceeding, half of that odd number, the members comprised in which integral number shall be chosen by ballot, shall cease to be Committee members, but shall be eligible for re-election to membership of the Committee. <p>(3) At the commencement of each successive annual general meeting after the annual general meeting referred to in subrule (2), those four Committee members who have served for longer periods than the other Committee members shall cease to be</p>	<p>10. Committee of Management</p> <p>(1) Subject to sub-rule (9), the affairs of the Association will be managed by a Committee of Management consisting of-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a Chairperson; (b) a Vice-Chairperson; (c) a Secretary; (d) a Treasurer; (e) a City of Armadale Local Government Representative; (f) a City of Gosnells Local Government Representative; and (g) not less than three persons, all of whom must be members of the Association. <p>(2) Committee members must be elected to membership of the Committee at an annual general meeting or appointed under sub-rule (8).</p> <p>(3) Subject to sub-rule (8), a Committee member's term will be from his or her election at an annual general meeting until the election referred to in sub-rule (2) at the next annual general meeting after his or her election, but he or she is eligible for re-election to membership of the Committee.</p> <p>(4) Except for nominees under sub-rule (7), a person is not eligible for election to membership of the Committee unless a member has nominated him or her for election by delivering notice in writing of that</p>

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<p>Committee members, but shall be eligible for re-election to membership of the Committee.</p> <p>(4) Subject to subrule (5), a person is not eligible for election to membership of the Committee unless a member has nominated him or her for election either orally at the annual general meeting and in the presence of the nominee, or by delivering notice in writing to the Secretary not less than seven working days prior to the annual general meeting. A notice in writing must be signed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the nominator; and (b) the nominee to signify his or her willingness to stand for election. <p>(5) Subrules (4) and (7) do not apply to or in relation to a person who is eligible for re-election under subrule (2) or (3).</p> <p>(6) A person who is eligible for election or re-election under this rule may at the annual general meeting concerned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) propose or second himself or herself for election or re-election; and (b) vote for himself or herself. <p>(7) If the number of persons nominated for election to membership of the Committee does not exceed the number of Vacancies in that membership to be filled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Secretary shall report accordingly to; and (b) the Chairperson shall declare those persons to be duly elected as members of the Committee at, the annual general meeting. 	<p>nomination, signed by-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the nominator; and (b) the nominee to signify his or her willingness to stand for election, <p>to the Secretary not less than 7 days before the day on which the annual general meeting concerned is to be held.</p> <p>(5) A person who is eligible for election or re-election under this rule may -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) propose or second himself or herself for election or re-election; and (b) vote for himself or herself. <p>(6) If the number of persons nominated in accordance with sub-rule (4) for election to membership of the Committee does not exceed the number of vacancies in that membership to be filled-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Secretary must report accordingly to; and (b) the Chairperson must declare those persons to be duly elected as members of the Committee at, the annual general meeting concerned. <p>(7) If vacancies remain on the Committee after the declaration under sub-rule (6), additional nominations of Committee members may be accepted from the floor of the annual general meeting. If such nominations from the floor do not exceed the number of vacancies the Chairperson must declare those persons to be duly elected as</p>

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<p>(8) When a casual vacancy within the meaning of Rule 14 occurs in the membership of the Committee:</p> <p>(a) the Committee may appoint a member to fill that vacancy;</p> <p>(b) a committee member appointed under this subrule shall</p> <p>(i) hold office until the commencement of; and</p> <p>(ii) be eligible for election to membership of the Committee at the next annual general meeting.</p> <p>and</p>	<p>members of Committee. Where the number of nominations from the floor exceeds the remaining number of vacancies on the Committee, elections for those positions must be conducted.</p> <p>(8) If a vacancy remains on the Committee after the application of sub-rule (7), or when a casual vacancy within the meaning of rule 14 occurs in the membership of the Committee-</p> <p>(a) the Committee may appoint a member to fill that vacancy; and</p> <p>(b) a member appointed under this sub-rule will -</p> <p>(i) hold office until the election referred to in sub-rule (2); and</p> <p>(ii) be eligible for election to membership of the Committee, at the next following annual general meeting.</p> <p>(9) The Committee may delegate, in writing, to one or more sub-committees (consisting of such member or members of the association as the Committee thinks fit) the exercise of such functions of the Committee as are specified in the delegation other than-</p> <p>(a) the power of delegation; and</p> <p>(b) a function which is a duty imposed on the Committee by the Act or any other law.</p> <p>(10) Any delegation under sub-rule (9) may be subject to such conditions and limitations as to the exercise of that function or as to time and</p>

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<p>11. Chairperson</p> <p>(1) Subject to this rule, the Chairperson shall preside at all general and Committee meetings of the Association.</p> <p>In the event of the absence from –</p> <p>(a) a general meeting of –</p> <p>(i) the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson; or</p> <p>(ii) both the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, a member elected by the other members present at the general meeting;</p> <p>or</p> <p>(b) a Committee meeting of –</p> <p>(i) the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson; or</p> <p>(ii) both the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, a Committee member elected by the other Committee members present,</p> <p>shall preside at the general meeting or Committee meeting, as the case requires.</p>	<p>circumstances as are specified in the written delegation and the Committee may continue to exercise any function delegated.</p> <p>(11) The Committee may, in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation under sub-rule (9).</p> <p>11. Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson</p> <p>(1) Subject to this rule, the Chairperson must preside at all general meetings and Committee meetings.</p> <p>(2) In the event of the absence from a general meeting of-</p> <p>(a) the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson; or</p> <p>(b) both the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, a member elected by the other members present at the general meeting,</p> <p>must preside at the general meeting.</p> <p>(3) In the event of the absence from a Committee meeting of-</p> <p>(a) the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson; or</p> <p>(b) both the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, a Committee member elected by the other Committee members present at the Committee meeting,</p> <p>must preside at the Committee meeting.</p>

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<p>I. The Secretary shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) co-ordinate the correspondence of the Association; (b) keep full and correct minutes of the proceedings of the Committee and of the Association; (c) comply on behalf of the association with- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) section 27 of the act in respect of the register of members of the Association; (ii) section 28 of the Act in respect to the Rules of the Association; and (iii) section 29 of the Act in respect of the record of the officeholders, and any trustees, of the Association. (d) have custody of all books, documents, records and registers of the Association, including those referred to in paragraph (c), other than those required by rule 13 to be kept and maintained by, or in the custody of, the Treasurer; and (e) perform such duties as are imposed by these rules on the Secretary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) co-ordinate the correspondence of the Association; (b) keep full and correct minutes of the proceedings of the Committee and of the Association; (c) comply on behalf of the Association with - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Section 27 of the Act, in respect of the register of members of the Association. (ii) Section 28 of the Act, in respect of the Rules of the Association; and (iii) Section 29 of the Act, in respect of the record of office bearers, and any trustees, of the Association. (d) unless the members resolve otherwise at a general meeting, have custody of all books, documents, records and registers of the Association, including those referred to in paragraph (c) but other than those required by rule 13 to be kept and maintained by, or in the custody of, the Treasurer; and (e) perform such other duties as are imposed by these rules on the Secretary.

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<p>The Treasurer shall-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) be responsible for the receipt of all moneys paid to or received by, or by him/her on behalf of, the Association and shall issue receipts for those moneys in the name of the Association; (b) pay all moneys referred to in paragraph (a) into such account or accounts of the Association as the Association may from time to time direct; (c) make payments from the funds of the Association with the authority of a general meeting or of the Committee and in doing so ensure that all cheques are signed by two Committee members other than himself/herself; (d) comply on behalf of the Association with section 25 and 26 of the Act in respect of the accounting records of the Association; (e) whenever directed to do so by the Chairperson, submit to the Committee a report, balance sheet or financial statement in accordance with that direction; (f) have custody of all securities, books and documents of a financial nature and accounting records of the Association, including those referred to in paragraphs (d) and (e); (g) perform such other duties as are imposed by these rules on the Treasurer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The Treasurer or some other person nominated by the Association must- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) be responsible for the receipt of all moneys paid to or received by, or by him or her on behalf of, the Association and must issue receipts for those moneys in the name of the Association; (b) pay all moneys referred to in paragraph (a) into such account or accounts of the Association as the Committee may from time to time direct; (c) make payments from the funds of the Association with the authority of a general meeting or of the Committee and in so doing ensure that all cheques are signed by himself or herself and at least one other authorised Committee member, or by any two others as are authorised by the Committee; (d) With the written authority of the Chairperson, and one of two other delegated signatories of the Association, make payments from the funds of the Association using Internet banking provided that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i.) all records of such transactions are kept in a register for that purpose; ii.) that the limit referred to under part (c) is not exceeded; and iii.) that all payments are for a legitimate accounts of the Association. (e) The signatories to the Associations account/s will be open to two of the following: the

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<p>14. Casual vacancies in membership of the Committee</p> <p>A casual vacancy occurs in the position of a committee member of the Association and that position becomes vacant if the Committee member:</p> <p>(a) dies;</p> <p>(b) resigns by notice in writing delivered to the Association;</p> <p>(c) is convicted of an offence under the Act;</p> <p>(d) is permanently incapacitated by mental or physical ill-health;</p> <p>(e) is absent from more than:</p> <p>(a) three consecutive Committee meetings; or</p> <p>(b) three Committee meetings in the same financial year, of which he or she has received notice without tendering an apology to the person presiding at each of those Committee</p>	<p>14. Casual vacancies in membership of the Committee</p> <p>(1) A casual vacancy occurs in the office of a Committee member and that office becomes vacant if the Committee member-</p> <p>(a) dies;</p> <p>(b) resigns by notice in writing delivered to the Chairperson or, if the Committee member is the Chairperson, to the Vice-Chairperson and that resignation is accepted by resolution of the Committee;</p> <p>(c) is convicted of an offence under the Act;</p>

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<p>15. Proceedings of the Committee</p> <p>(1) The Committee shall meet together for the dispatch of business not less than six times per annum and the Chairperson may at any time convene a meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>(2) Each committee member has a deliberative vote.</p> <p>(3) A question arising at a Committee meeting shall be decided by the majority of votes, but, if there is an equality of votes, the person presiding at the Committee meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his or her deliberative vote.</p> <p>(4) At a Committee meeting five Committee members constitutes a quorum.</p> <p>(5) Subject to these rules, the procedure and order of business to be followed at a Committee meeting shall be determined by</p>	<p>15. Proceedings of the Committee</p> <p>(1) The Committee must meet together for the dispatch of business not less than five (5) times per annum in each year and the Chairperson, or at least half the members of the Committee, may at any time convene a meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>(2) Each Committee member has a deliberative vote.</p> <p>(3) A question arising at a Committee meeting must be decided by a majority of votes, but, if there no majority, the person presiding at the Committee meeting will have a casting vote in addition to his or</p>

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<p>the Committee members present at the Committee meeting.</p> <p>(6) A Committee member having any direct or indirect pecuniary interest referred to in section 21 or 22 of the Act shall comply with that section.</p>	<p>her deliberative vote.</p> <p>(4) At a Committee meeting five (5) Committee members constitute a quorum.</p> <p>(5) Subject to these rules, the procedure and order of business to be followed at a Committee meeting must be determined by the Committee members present at the Committee meeting.</p> <p>(6) As required under sections 21 and 22 of the Act, a Committee member having any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a contract, or proposed contract, made by, or in the contemplation of, the Committee (except if that pecuniary interest exists only by virtue of the fact that the member of the Committee is a member of a class of persons for whose benefit the Association is established), must—</p> <p>(a) as soon as he or she becomes aware of that interest, disclose the nature and extent of his or her interest to the Committee; and</p> <p>(b) not take part in any deliberations or decision of the Committee with respect to that contract.</p> <p>(7) Sub-rule (6) (a) does not apply with respect to a pecuniary interest that exists only by virtue of the fact that the member of the Committee is an employee of the Association.</p> <p>(8) The Secretary must cause every disclosure made under sub-rule (6) (a) by a member of the Committee to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Committee at which it is made.</p>

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<p>16. General Meetings</p> <p>(1) The Committee –</p> <p>(a) may at any time convene a special general meeting</p> <p>(b) shall convene annual general meetings within the time limits provided for the holding of annual general meetings by section 23 of the Act; and</p> <p>(c) shall within 30 days of –</p> <p>(i) receiving a request in writing to do so from not less than</p> <p>(ii) the Secretary receiving a notice under rule 9(4), convene a special general meeting for the purpose of dealing with the appeal to which that notice relates.</p> <p>(2) The members making a request referred to in subrule (1)(c)(i) shall –</p> <p>(a) state in that request the purpose for which the special general meeting concerned is required; and</p> <p>(b) sign that request.</p> <p>(3) If a special general meeting is not convened within the relevant period of 30 days referred to –</p> <p>(a) in subrule (1)(c)(i), the members who made the request concerned may themselves convene a special general meeting as if they were the Committee; or</p> <p>(b) in subrule (1)(c)(ii), the member who gave the notice concerned may himself convene a special general meeting as if he or she were the Committee.</p> <p>(4) When a special general meeting is convened under subrule (3)(a) or (b) –</p> <p>(a) The Committee shall ensure that the members or member</p>	<p>16. Annual and Special General Meetings</p> <p>(1) The Committee-</p> <p>(a) may at any time convene a special general meeting;</p> <p>(b) must convene annual general meetings within the time limits provided for the holding of such meetings by section 23 of the Act.</p> <p>(c) must abide by all rules of the Act pertaining to the running of annual and special general meetings.</p>

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<p>convening the special general meeting are supplied free of charge with particulars of all members; and</p> <p>(b) The Association shall pay the reasonable expenses of convening and holding the special general meeting.</p> <p>(5) Subject to subrule (8) , the Secretary shall give to all members not less than 14 days notice of a general meeting and of any motions to be moved at the general meeting.</p> <p>(6) A notice given under subrule (5) shall specify –</p> <p>(a) when and where the general meeting concerned is to be held; and</p> <p>(b) particulars of the business to be transacted at the general meeting concerned and of the order in which that business is to be transacted.</p> <p>(7) In the case of an annual general meeting, the order in which business is to be transacted is –</p> <p>(a) first, the consideration of the accounts and reports of the Committee;</p> <p>(b) second, the election of Committee members to replace outgoing Committee members; and</p> <p>(c) third, any other business requiring consideration by the Association in a general meeting.</p> <p>(8) The secretary shall give to all members not less than 21 days notice of a general meeting at which a special resolution is to be proposed and any other motions to be moved at that general meeting.</p> <p>(9) The Secretary may give notice under subrule (5) or (8) by –</p> <p>(a) serving it on a member personally; or</p> <p>(b) sending it by post to member at the address of the</p>	

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<p>Upper Canning Southern Wungong Catchment Team Constitution member appearing in the register of members kept and maintained under section 27 of the Act.</p> <p>(10) When a notice is sent by post under subrule (9)(b), sending of the notice shall be deemed to be properly effected if the notice is sufficiently addressed and posted to the member concerned by ordinary prepaid mail.</p> <p>17. Quorum in proceedings at association meetings</p> <p>(1) At a general meeting 10 members present in person or by proxy constitute a quorum.</p> <p>(2) If within 30 minutes after the time specified for the holding of a general meeting in a notice given under rule 16(5) or (8) –</p> <p>(a) as a result of a request or notice referred to in rule 16(1)(c) or as a result of action taken under rule 16(3) a quorum is not present, the general meeting lapses; or</p> <p>(b) otherwise than as a result of a request, notice or action referred to in paragraph (a), the general meeting stands adjourned to the same day in the following week and to the same venue.</p> <p>(3) If within 30 minutes after the time appointed by subrule (2)(b) for the resumption of an adjourned general meeting a quorum is not present, the members who are present in person or by proxy may nevertheless proceed with the business of that general meeting as if a quorum were present.</p> <p>(4) The Chairperson may, with the consent of a general meeting at which a quorum is present, and shall, if so directed by such a general meeting, adjourn that general meeting from time to time and from place to place.</p>	<p>17. Quorum in proceedings at association meetings</p> <p>(1) At a special or annual general meeting, half plus one (1) of the elected committee members in person constitute a quorum.</p>

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<p>(5) There shall not be transacted at an adjourned general meeting any business other than business left unfinished or on the agenda at the time when the general meeting was adjourned.</p> <p>(6) When a general meeting is adjourned for a period of 30 days or more, the Secretary shall give notice under rule 16 of the adjourned general meeting as if that general meeting were a fresh general meeting.</p> <p>(7) At a general meeting-</p> <p>(a) an ordinary resolution put to the vote shall be decided by a majority of votes cast on a show of hands; and</p> <p>(b) a special resolution put to the vote shall be decided in accordance with section 24 of the Act.</p> <p>(8) A declaration by the Chairperson at a general meeting that a resolution has been passed as an ordinary resolution thereat shall be evidence of that fact unless, during the general meeting at which the resolution is submitted, a poll is demanded in accordance with subrule (9).</p> <p>(9) At a general meeting, a poll may be demanded by the Chairperson at the general meeting or by three or more members present in person or by proxy and, if so demanded, shall be taken in such manner as the Chairman directs.</p> <p>(10) If a poll is demanded and taken under subrule (9) in respect of an ordinary resolution, a declaration by the Chairperson of the result of the poll is evidence of the matter so declared.</p> <p>(11) A poll demanded under subrule (9) on the election of a person to preside over a general meeting or on the question of an adjournment</p>	

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<p>shall be taken forthwith on that demand being made.</p> <p>18. Minutes of meetings of Association</p> <p>(1) The Secretary shall cause proper minutes of all proceedings of all general meetings and Committee meetings to be taken and then to enter within 30 days after holding of each general or Committee meeting, as the case requires, in a minute book kept for that purpose.</p> <p>(2) The Chairperson shall ensure that the minutes taken of a general meeting or Committee meeting under subrule (1) are checked and signed as correct by the Chairperson of the general meeting or Committee meeting to which those minutes relate or of the next succeeding general meeting or Committee meeting, as the case requires.</p> <p>(3) When minutes have been entered and signed as correct under this rule, they shall, until the contrary is proved, be evidence that:</p> <p>(a) the general meeting or Committee meeting to which they relate (in this subrule called "the meeting") was duly convened and held;</p> <p>(b) all proceedings recorded as having taken place at the meeting did in fact take place there at; and</p> <p>(c) all appointments or elections purporting to have been made at the meeting have been validly made.</p>	<p>18. Minutes of meetings of Association</p> <p>(1) The Secretary must cause proper minutes of all proceedings of all general meetings and Committee meetings to be taken and then to be entered within 30 days after the holding of each general meeting or Committee meeting, as the case requires, in a minute book kept for that purpose.</p> <p>(2) The Chairperson must ensure that the minutes taken of a general meeting or Committee meeting under sub-rule (1) are checked and signed as correct by the Chairperson of the general meeting or Committee meeting to which those minutes relate or by the Chairperson of the next succeeding general meeting or Committee meeting, as the case requires.</p> <p>(3) When minutes have been entered and signed as correct under this rule, they are, until the contrary is proved, evidence that-</p> <p>(a) the general meeting or Committee meeting to which they relate (in this sub-rule called "the meeting") was duly convened and held;</p> <p>(b) all proceedings recorded as having taken place at the meeting did in fact take place at the meeting; and</p> <p>(c) all appointments or elections purporting to have been made at the meeting have been validly made.</p>

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<p>Upper Ganning Southern Wungong Catchment Team Constitution 19. Voting rights of members of Association</p> <p>(1) Subject to these rules, each member present in person or by proxy at a general meeting is entitled to a deliberative vote.</p> <p>(2) A member which is a body corporate may appoint in writing a natural person, whether or not he or she is a member, to represent it at a particular general meeting or at all general meetings.</p> <p>(3) An appointment made under subrule (2) shall be so made by a resolution of the board or other governing body of the body corporate concerned – (a) which resolution is authenticated under the common seal of that body corporate; and (b) a copy of which resolution is lodged with the Secretary.</p> <p>(4) A person appointed under subrule (2) to represent a member which is a body corporate shall be deemed for all purposes to be a member until that appointment is revoked by the body corporate or, in the case of an appointment in respect of a particular general meeting, which appointment is not revoked, the conclusion of that general meeting.</p>	<p>Changes needed for AGLG Constitution 19. Voting rights of members of Association</p> <p>(1) Subject to these rules, each member present in person or by proxy at association meetings is entitled to a deliberative vote.</p> <p>(2) A member which is a body corporate may appoint in writing a natural person, whether or not he or she is a member, to represent it at a particular association meeting or at all association meetings.</p> <p>(3) An appointment made under sub-rule (2) must be made by a resolution of the board or other governing body of the body corporate concerned- (a) which resolution is authenticated under the common seal of that body corporate; and (b) a copy of which resolution is lodged with the Secretary.</p> <p>(4) A person appointed under sub-rule (2) to represent a member which is a body corporate is deemed for all purposes to be a member until that appointment is revoked by the body corporate or, in the case of an appointment in respect of a particular association meeting, which appointment is not so revoked, the conclusion of that association meeting.</p>
<p>20. Proxies of members of Committee</p> <p>(1) A member (in this rule called "the appointing member") may nominate in writing another member who is a natural person to</p>	<p>20. Proxies of members of Association</p> <p>A member (in this rule called "the appointing member") may appoint in writing another member who is a natural person</p>

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<p>Upper Canning Southern Wungong Catchment Team Constitution be the proxy of the appointing member and to attend, and vote on behalf of the appointing member at any general meeting.</p>	<p>Changes needed for AGLG Constitution to be the proxy of the appointing member and to attend, and vote on behalf of the appointing member at, any association meeting.</p>
<p>21. Rules of the Association</p> <p>(1) The Association may alter or rescind these rules, or make rules additional to these rules, in accordance with the procedures set out in section 17, 18 and 19 of the Act.</p> <p>(2) These rules bind every member and the Association to the same extent as if every member and the Association had signed and sealed these rules and agreed to be bound by all their provisions.</p>	<p>21. Rules of Association</p> <p>(1) The Association may alter or rescind these rules, or make rules additional to these rules, in accordance with the procedure set out in sections 17, 18 and 19 of the Act.</p> <p>(2) These rules bind every member and the Association to the same extent as if every member and the Association had signed and sealed these rules and agreed to be bound by all their provisions.</p>
<p>22. Common seal of Association</p> <p>(1) The Association shall have a common seal on which its corporate name shall appear in legible characters.</p> <p>(2) The common seal of the Association shall not be used without the express authority of the Committee and every use of that common seal shall be recorded in the minute book referred to in rule 18.</p> <p>(3) The affixing of the common seal of the Association shall be witnessed by any two of the Chairperson, the Secretary and the Treasurer.</p> <p>(4) The common seal of the Association shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary or such person as the Committee from time to time decides.</p>	<p>22. Common seal of Association</p> <p>(1) The Association must have a common seal on which its corporate name appears in legible characters.</p> <p>(2) The common seal of the Association must not be used without the express authority of the Committee and every use of that common seal must be recorded in the minute book referred to in rule 18.</p> <p>(3) The affixing of the common seal of the Association must be witnessed by any two of the Chairperson, the Secretary and the Treasurer.</p> <p>(4) The common seal of the Association must be kept in the custody of the Secretary or of such other person as the Committee from time to time decides.</p>

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<p>23. Inspection of records, etc. of Association</p> <p>(1) A member may at any reasonable time inspect without charge the books, documents, correspondence, records and securities of the Association.</p>	<p>23. Inspection of records, etc. of Association</p> <p>A member may at any reasonable time inspect without charge the books, documents, records and securities of the Association.</p>
<p>24. Distribution of surplus property on winding up of Association</p> <p>(1) If, on winding up of the Association, any property of the Association remains after satisfaction of debts and liabilities of the Association and the costs, charges and expenses of that winding up, that property shall be distributed-</p> <p>(a) to another Association incorporated under the Act, having objects similar to those of the Association; or</p> <p>(b) for charitable purposes;</p> <p>which incorporated association or purposes, as the case requires shall be determined by resolution of the members when authorizing and directing under section 33 (3) of the Act to prepare a distribution plan for the distribution of surplus property of the Association.</p>	<p>24. Disputes and mediation (new section)</p> <p>(1) The grievance procedure set out in this rule applies to disputes under these rules between-</p> <p>(a) a member and another member; or</p> <p>(b) a member and the Association; or</p> <p>(c) if the Association provides services to non-members, those non-members who receive services from the Association, and the Association.</p> <p>(2) The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute, and, if possible, resolve the dispute within 14 days after the dispute comes to the attention of all of the parties.</p> <p>(3) If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting, or if a party fails to attend that meeting, then the parties must, within 10 days, hold a meeting in the presence of a mediator.</p> <p>(4) The mediator must be appointed and work within the rules of the Act.</p>
<p>25. Sub-committees</p>	<p>25. Distribution of surplus property on winding up of Association</p>

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<p>Upper Canning Southern Wungong Catchment Team Constitution</p> <p>(1) Sub-committees may be formed by the Committee for specific purposes and non-committee members co-opted to them. The Chairperson will be an ex-officio member of all sub-committees.</p>	<p>Changes needed for AGLG Constitution</p> <p>If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same must not be paid to or distributed among the members, or former members. The surplus property must be given or transferred to another association incorporated under the Act which has similar objects and which is not carried out for the purposes of profit or gain to its individual members, and which association shall be determined by resolution of the members.</p>
<p>26. Correspondence</p> <p>(1) The outward correspondence of the Association shall:</p> <p>(a) have only the form, content and nature determined at a committee meeting; and</p> <p>(b) be signed only by the Chairperson or such other person or persons determined at such a meeting.</p>	<p>26. Correspondence</p> <p>The outward correspondence of the Association shall:</p> <p>(a) have only the form, content and nature determined at a committee meeting; and</p> <p>(b) be signed only by the Chairperson or such other person or persons determined at such a meeting.</p>
<p>27. Public statements</p> <p>(1) Public statements, whether written or verbal, on behalf of the Association shall be issued only by the committee Chairperson or by such other person or persons as may from time to time be directed to do so by the Committee.</p>	<p>27. Public statements</p> <p>Public statements, whether written or verbal, on behalf of the Association shall be issued only by the committee Chairperson or by such other person or persons as may from time to time be directed to do so by the Committee.</p>

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<p>Upper Canning Southern Wungong Catchment Team Constitution 28. Incurring cost and expenses</p> <p>(1) Any and every commitment to incurring costs on behalf of the Association needs the prior approval of a majority of the Committee, the approval to include limits; (a) at a Committee meeting; or (b) by way of written approval from the Committee.</p>	<p>Changes needed for AGLG Constitution 28. Incurring cost and expenses</p> <p>Any and every commitment to incurring costs on behalf of the Association needs the prior approval of a majority of the Committee, the approval to include limits; (a) at a Committee meeting; or (b) by way of written approval from the Committee.</p>
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**BUNGENDORE PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING No. 299, WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH 2009**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cr Guenter Best (Chairman)	Ms Miriam Stanborough (Weeds Co-ordinator)
Mr Kim Sarti (Projects Co-ordinator) [8:45 pm]	Mrs Penny Versteeg
Mr Ron Withnell	Mr Ian Thompson
Mr Bill Ladyman (Secretary)	Mrs Irene Morcombe (Treasurer)

APOLOGIES

Mr Don Griffiths

Cr Best declared the meeting open at 7:48 pm. Minutes of the meeting held 25th February 2009 accepted as being correct.

Withnell/Ladyman Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2009 grant – Messrs Sarti and Ladyman attended the breakfast to receive the \$5,010 cheque and signage. Alcoa Pty Ltd normally announces the next year's funding at the ceremony and grant applications open the same day. However, due to the global financial downturn, Alcoa has deferred making any funding decision for 2010 until August 2009.
2. Protective burn programme and control access – a series of meetings has been held in the past few weeks:
 - a. A meeting on 13th March was held to discuss fuel loading and access – refer Attachment "A".
 - b. On 14th March, Messrs Fancote and Thompson walked from Gate C to track W2 planning a new vehicle access track plus another track re-instating Tk7.
 - c. On 17th March, Messrs Watkins, Fancote and Sarti and Ms Haro travelled through the park around the Landscape Protection Area (Tk5, W4, W2, W1, S3 and S2) to examine track access and proposal of 14th March plans.
 - d. On 18th March, Messrs Watkins, Fancote and Sarti, Ms Haro and Peter Johnstone (FESA) met to discuss changes made to the Management Plan by Ms Haro. The changes that reflect the outcome of the 13th March meeting were accepted with some minor additions.

The proposed trafficable fire access track westwards from Gate C through Pit #5 down the scarp to meet track W2 is the same as previously discussed by Committee (*vide* April 2005 minutes, Meeting #257). It runs through dieback diseased area. The exact route has not yet been transferred from GPS to topographic map. Mr Fancote estimated it would cost \$2,000 to install the new track.

Mr Fancote also proposes to reinstate two tracks –

- ❖ Tk7 as a Raked Fire Control Track (RFCT) which runs through dieback diseased area to Pit #7.
- ❖ Tk6 as a RFCT which runs NNE from Pit #7 to Pit #6; this runs through dieback-free bushland. The track needs to be camouflaged at Dryandra Drive to deter undesirable vehicle access. Green Corps may be engaged to help with this work.

The new section of W2 along Dawkins' fence is wide enough, but the angle of the track is of concern for fully-laden tanker trucks. Mr Fancote recommended the track be re-formed – \$2,000 be added to Budget proposal. If done at the same time as the new fire access track then costs would be less.

Mr Johnstone suggested improvements for truck turn-around points where some tracks meet e.g. Tk5/W4 and W4/W3 and perhaps some trackside layoffs to enable vehicles to pass each other. [Mr Stewart Wade 0417 916 146 will be replacing Mr Johnstone until end of June].

Ms Stanborough moved that Committee accept the work to be done as a matter of urgency while soil conditions are still dry and so that autumn cool burning can proceed as soon as conditions allow. Cr Best will raise at the next Council meeting to gain Council approval. Committee agreed unanimously.

Stanborough/ Withnell Carried

It was also noted that as yet no commitment from DEC has been forthcoming for preventative burns in the Wungong Gorge, which is regarded as a major fire hazard to Bungendore Park and the community.

3. Track trimming – by the City's Parks and Garden crew has been completed along Dryandra Drive, but no evidence of work along Wattle Road or Honeyeater Hike. Mr Lantermier advises that Parks Dept has been busy pruning under electricity wires, but will eventually finish the trimming. Mr Withnell has offered to take a team of students to trim parts of the bridle trails in the next few weeks and next term.

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4. Dieback treatment information – Committee agreed a flyer to be prepared. Mr Sarti still to contact Paula Haro re drafting this flyer. Ms Stanborough is prepared to deliver them to neighbours of Bungendore Park.
5. Control of Galahs and Eastern Long-billed Corellas in Bungendore Park – Mr Sarti has written to WA Museum to confirm whether these feral species are impacting on obligate hollow breeders etc. before further action can be taken. Still awaiting a response after matter discussed at the next Threatened Species Recovery Team meeting.
6. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2008 grant – Mr Sarti has arranged an extension until 30-10-2009 to complete the acquittal report [297/1]. Glenn Hagan (DEC, Perth Hills District) has been informed that feral pig control must be completed by end of September. Mr Sarti has arranged for an electronic copy of Dieback signage from Ms Haro so that an interpretive sign can be manufactured for the Dryandra Drive location.
7. 2009 Revegetation programme – Sunday 26th July - details are now listed on the Planet Ark and RoleyBushCare websites.
8. Bird of Bungendore Park report – B&W bird drawings have been completed, some nest drawings done and front cover A3 drawing has commenced. Indicative costing so far is: artwork for front cover (colour) \$250 and eight B&W drawings @ \$50 – total \$900. Grant is \$211, therefore \$689 shortfall. Printing 200 copies: 40pp, colour cover with 4pp colour insert \$1,044 or 8pp colour will be \$1,440. There is also the cost of scanning the two colour covers. We probably need to raise about \$2,500 to continue. We could mount the artwork and raffle it prior to the book release. Committee raised the idea of auctioning the artwork and Ms Stanborough will look at sourcing sponsorship.
9. Hills Heartbeat Festival 2009 – to run from 9 am to 4 pm over two days, 28 and 29th March. *Pancakes in the Park* 9am to 11am. Mr Sarti tabled a pamphlet he's prepared for the self-guided 1.2km bushwalk. Plants to be labelled along the walk. A letter from Armadale Christian College was received with map of stallholders and facilities, which Mr Withnell explained further. Bungendore books to be available for sale.
10. Dieback Control – A third display will be placed at Admiral Road entrance after request from Ms Haro. Mr Ladyman has reminded Mr Tuffnell to make known to Ms Haro the funds required from the City of Armadale over and above the funds available for dieback control in his letter of engagement.
11. Fence Repairs – Again fences have been cut in the southern boundary near Track 12. Rocks and log emplacements at Gates 6, B, K and J and at Howe Street entrance are intact, however, another log needed there and on the southern boundary. Gate M (wired up) is still intact. Mr Ladyman and Mr Thompson still to deal with.
12. Weeds – Mr Sarti noted an outbreak of Cottonbush in the valley just east of Gate J. Mr Ladyman to remove these immediately as the seed pods are near maturity.
13. Voluntary Hours – members logged their hours since last meeting.
14. Volunteer work authorisation – the following motion was put for the ensuing year:
Bungendore Park Management Committee authorises members and volunteers to perform maintenance works and management activities for the ensuing year as, and when, required.
Moved: Mr Sarti/ Mr Griffiths Carried 28/01/2009.

Activity since last meeting includes: Patrolling: Stanborough, Withnell, Ladyman. Fire prevention: Sarti, Haro, Thompson and members of Bedfordale Voluntary Bushfire Brigade

AWAITING COMPLETION AND/OR REPLY

1. Work at Admiral Road Entrance – Mr Sarti and Mr Ladyman viewed obvious recent signs of quad and trail bike and horse trespass. They recommend the earlier offer by Mr Ladyman [2/285] to erect a complete fence along the row of bollards, to be changed to the placement of additional bollards to fill the 60metre space and a metal caprail welded or fixed the entire length. Mr Sarti will investigate the funds available. About 30 treated pine bollards and 163 metres caprail needed. Costs \$2,000-\$2,500. Mr Ladyman to discuss funding with Mr Lanternier Mr Withnell mentioned the availability of some steel for bollards or railing and the prospect of assistance with fabrication of steel items from Armadale Technical College (ATC). Mr Ray Morley of Corrigan Rise, Wungong may have access to steel for bollards and Ms Stanborough offered to contact him for the supply of steel to make thirty 1.5 metre bollards and possibly the caprailing.
2. Information display frame – Mr Ladyman has not yet provided a suitable display frame for Mr Sarti.
3. Replacement of Gate 'M' – Mr Thompson and Mr Ladyman have temporarily wired up this gate. Mr Withnell offered to assist with the help of students with replacement and ATC with possible provision of two boom gates. Drawings are needed for ATC to proceed with boom gates.

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Mr Tuffnell advises that track development and indeed all earthworks in the park should only be carried out after dieback investigation, with clean machinery and in dry soil conditions.

GRANTS IN PROGRESS

1. Alcoa Bravo! Grant 2005	\$305.35	[XT63]
2. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2008 (08S06)	\$6,210	[XT59]
3. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program 2009 (07S09)	\$5,010	[XT56]
4. Regional Parks Community Grant 2009 part-funded	\$3,500	[XT57]

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

1. Glenn Tuffnell, Dieback Treatment Services – Letter of Engagement to undertake dieback control (XT56)
2. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program – requesting extension to acquit 2008 funds (XT59)

CORRESPONDENCE IN

1. Minister for Environment, Youth Hon Donna Farragher – announcing “Environmental Community Grants Program 2009” with guidelines.
2. Greening Australia – receipt for payment of subscription by Mr Ladyman
3. Armadale Christian College – acknowledging involvement of Committee in Hills Heartbeat Festival and map showing position of stall holders and facilities
4. Swan Alcoa Landcare Program – granting an extension to acquit 2008 funds (XT59)

INFORMATION RECEIVED

Urban Bush Telegraph – Autumn 2009 edition

Dieback Working Group – Autumn newsletter as email attachment – mainly about feral pigs and dieback

FINANCE

Details	Amount \$	Expend Type
K. Sarti – reimburse Urban Bushland Council membership	30.00	XT 7
K. Sarti – reimburse postage costs	11.00	XT 7
W Ladyman – reimburse Greening Australia membership renewal	55.00	XT 7
W Ladyman – reimburse Australia Post Box payment	75.00	XT 7

Stanborough/Withnell Carried

BUSHCARE & ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr Ladyman was in Melbourne on family matters on March 12th and was not present at BEAC meeting. Items of interest to Committee from that meeting will be provided at the April meeting.

March fuel loadings, committee vacancies
May reserve custodianship, fire management, September plenary session planning
July “Earth Alive Biodiversity” month
September Awards event planning, plenary session
November annual report, April plenary session planning

- Grants directory – <http://grantsdirectory.dlgrd.wa.gov.au/>
- April plenary – Dr Michael Craig to discuss his work at Alcoa to attract animals back
- Suggestions for BEAC display at Minnowarra Festival

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Committee membership – Mr Ladyman to contact Ms Haro about public advertising to fill the two vacant Committee positions. Members were reminded that apologies for absence from meetings are required. If none are provided for more than three absences then a Committee member may possibly be removed.
2. 2009/2010 Budget – two additional items were considered and agreed for inclusion –
 :: \$2,000 for upgrade of Fire Access Track W2 along Dawkins’ fence [XT10]
 :: \$1,000 for Feral Pig control by DEC [XT 1]

Sarti/Withnell Carried
3. Green Corps environmental work – about a dozen people available from 18–26 May for 2 days (2 days for Armadale Settlers’ Common, 3 days for Paula Haro) to do weed control & mapping, revegetation, surveys & construction etc. Suggest that the team clean understorey plants from around routed wooden signs and install totem signs and prepare Tk6 as a raked fire control track. Committee must provide supervision.

4. Environmental Community Grants 2009/10 – program by DEC in 7 categories, grants close 1st May 2009. Categories applicable to Bungendore Park Management Committee are: Biodiversity Conservation, Regional Parks and perhaps Nature Appreciation in Natural Areas.
5. Fungi Foray survey – Mr Sarti tabled the report that has been presented to Committee detailing fully the results of the July 2007 survey.
6. Dieback Information Group 2009 Conference – scheduled to be held 9am–4pm on Friday 5th June at Murdoch University. Committee members urged to attend due to the impact on home gardens and biodiversity in the State.
7. Vandalism to signage – Mr Ladyman reported that during the month graffiti had been sprayed on the Cockatoo Display and adjacent signs. Mr Sarti arranged for Mr Steve Aldersea to remove the graffiti which has been done. Mr Withnell also noted that graffiti had occurred at the school.
8. Committee membership – Mr Ian Thompson gave notice that he will no longer be renominating as the Bedforddale Voluntary Bushfire Brigade representative on Committee. Advice to follow as to his successor.
9. Bedforddale Residents Association – Mr Withnell advised that he had spoken to a gathering of Bedforddale residents informing them about access to Bungendore Park, weed control, fire management, cutting of fences and trail bike activity.

2009		Events	Courses available
MAR	28,29	Hills Heartbeat Festival, March plenary session	
APR MAY	4,5	Minnawarra Festival	
JUN			
JUL	26	Planting Day 1pm to 3pm	
AUG			
SEP	7	Threatened Species Day. City of Armadale - Bungendore Spring Walk.	
OCT			
NOV	tba	Bungendore Bush Breakfast	
DEC	5	BEAC End-of-Year function	

SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING ACTION POINTS

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING (4th Wednesday)

Committee Meeting Room 7:30 pm, 22nd April 2009

Meeting declared closed at 10:10 pm.

W. Ladyman (Secretary)

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



The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP

Minister for Housing

Minister for the Status of Women

Media Statement

\$3.4 MILLION FOR CHAMPION LAKES REGATTA CENTRE – STAGE TWO

Anthony Albanese, Minister for Infrastructure and Local Government and Tanya Plibersek, Minister for Housing, today announced the Rudd Government would offer \$3.4 million for the Stage Two development of the Champion Lakes Regatta Centre.

Ms Plibersek was in Champion Lakes in Perth today for the announcement with the Mayor of the City of Armadale, Cr Linton Reynolds.

This project is the next step in transforming the Centre from a regional facility to international competitive standard.

The Champion Lakes Regatta Centre is a part of the revitalisation of the south-east metropolitan area of Perth.

The \$40 million-plus first stage Champion Lakes Regatta Centre was recently completed, with the official opening held in January 2009.

This federal funding is part of our \$800 million Community Infrastructure Program – the largest one-off investment in local infrastructure in Australia's history.

Through the Rudd Government's economic stimulus plan, we are investing in major projects like this to support local jobs and economies during the global recession.

Stage Two of the Champion Lakes project, which will be overseen by the City of Armadale, will deliver:

- A finishing tower, which will serve as the control centre for events;
- A starting pontoon, providing 8 x 13m rowing lanes and 9 x 9m kayaking lanes; and
- Environmental works and water harvesting.

This world-class facility will help bring national and international sporting events to Perth and deliver a stimulus to the local economy.

It will also provide high quality infrastructure for recreation, community sporting activities and the training of elite athletes.

The funding announced today builds on nearly \$700,000 that the Rudd Labor Government has already delivered for local projects in Armadale earlier this year. It brings our investment in Armadale community infrastructure to \$4.1 million this year.

Nearly 70 per cent of the stimulus plan is infrastructure with construction projects already underway. More than 3,000 projects are being funded through the Government's Community Infrastructure Program across Australia to support local jobs.

Media contact: Moksha Watts 0413 389 070 Friday, 8 May 2009

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – APRIL 2009		
	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
Matters for Referral to Standing Committees – Cr Hart – That officers investigate and report back to Council on the formulation of a Policy for City of Armadale volunteers (C54/11/08)	Community Development	Policy is currently being developed and is anticipated to be presented to the Community Services Committee April meeting.

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LIBRARY & HERITAGE SERVICES GENERAL MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2009

1. LIBRARY SERVICES

1.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

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

1.2 "E"xtension Activities (Enrich, Educate, Explore, Escape, Entertain, Evolve)

Reports on activities and community information sessions held during the month:

1.2.1 "E" (Escape & entertain) Session

Report – *April 2009 School Holiday Programme*
Prepared by – *Shirley Reilly, Rita Lennon, and Barbara Boulton, Librarians at Armadale, Kelmscott and Seville Grove Libraries*

Topic: Dangles and Bangles

Presenters: Shirley Reilly, Rita Lennon and Barbara Boulton

Dates: 16th April, 20th April, 22nd April 2009

Venue: Armadale, Kelmscott and Seville Grove Libraries

No. Attending: 62 children; 28 adults

ARM: 26 children, 10 adults ; KMS : 20 children, 10 adults ; SVG : 16 children ; 8 adults

Comments:

The fun commenced at Seville Grove Library where the children made 'Majestic Mobiles' and had the choice of creating a 'Merry Go Round' or a 'Night Sky' themed mobile. The full hour was taken up with making the mobiles and the children and parents enjoyed the challenge and the end results were fantastic. A display of craft books was made available for loan.

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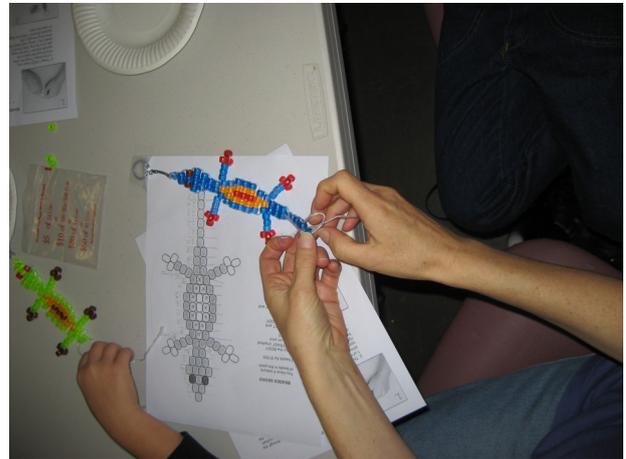
Dangles and Bangles were literally the order of the day for the activity at Armadale Library. Kids made colourful cardboard wristbands and scoubidou bracelets, pendants and dangling ‘chains’ of beads and plastic shapes. “Dangles and bangles : 25 funky accessories to make and wear” by Sherri Haab was on hand to provide inspiration. There was also a book on scoubidou crafts which helped at least one family to create some more complex dangles.



20 children (including 5 boys) had a delightful time at Kelmscott Library making beaded geckos to hang from school bags (or from whatever they fancy). This was a challenging activity, but once shown how to follow the diagram and how to thread the beads, the children really enjoyed making their geckos. Even the boys commented on how much fun the workshop was for them. Most wanted to take the instructions home (they could!) and several parents asked where to purchase the beads and keyrings so they could

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make more at home. Junior beading books were on display, and several borrowed.



All sessions aimed to promote library stock, including a selection of craft books. It was a fun and educational experience at the library.

2. HERITAGE SERVICES

2.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

The Heritage Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of April 2009 is attached. **(Refer to Attachment "CA-2".)**

2.2 Birtwistle Local Studies Library

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

Minnawarra Festival

Two hundred and ninety-seven people visited the Birtwistle Local Studies Library during the Sunday of the Minnowarra Festival. The amount was due mainly to six of the library's volunteers handing out leaflets in the crowds encouraging people to visit the library. Other volunteers were on hand in the library with the Historian/Local Studies Librarian to answer any questions relating to the history of the district or discuss family history.

A computer with Ancestry Library Edition was set up and people took the advantage of sitting with a family history research volunteer to locate information on their ancestors. Others were keen to book in for the next family history research open day.

The library also had the following displays on show:

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“Special Events in Armadale’s History” – This display promoted the Centenary of the gazettal of the Armadale Townsite by featuring photographs showing important events such as the opening of the Soldier’s Memorial Obelisk in 1916.

“Family History is more than Just Births, Deaths and Marriages” - To encourage people that family history is more than just building family trees, the display showed housing and costumes throughout the ages. Pamphlets on “How to Research the History of Your House” were made available and the two books *Australian houses of the '20's and '30's* and *Australian houses of the forties & fifties*, obtainable at the Birtwistle Local Studies Library, were promoted.

- “District History Rewrite” – The rewriting of the book relating to the history of the district was put on display. Images of Jenny and Bevan Carter were publicized as the historians and writers the City of Armadale has commissioned for the work. Snippets of early local history were also placed on display to illustrate the type of material that will be available in the book.
- “Kelmscott History Group Display” – The display produced by the Kelmscott History Group featured information on the 63rd Regiment which tied in with the “District History Rewrite Display”; the regiment being mentioned in the relationship between the European Settlers and the local Aborigines. Also featured in the group’s display were the panels created for the *Kelmscott River Foreshore Interpretation Plan*. The panels contained images and text with information relating to early settlement of the Canning River area in Kelmscott.

Those who visited the Birtwistle Local Studies Library during the Minnowarra Festival spent much of their time browsing the displays while others were happy to also stay and discuss local and family history.

Practicum Student

A City of Armadale Records Officer who is currently in their third year of a Records Management Degree at Curtin University of Technology has completed a two week practicum at the Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

The practicum involved the archiving of Road Board records which needed to be copied onto archival quality paper owing to their fragile condition and stored in archival boxes. After the material was archived it was then necessary for it to be made accessible through creating an index of the records. The index enables researchers to ascertain whether the information would be of use without them searching through pages of material. The

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student was also taught to encapsulate materials that were added to other parts of the collection.

Digitisation of Birtwistle Local Studies Library Photograph Collection

Digitisation of the photograph collection has commenced.

The project which will take approximately four to five months to complete will result in the following:

- Images produced in archival TIFF format to the State Library of Western Australia standards, stored on archival quality CDs and in an allocated area on the City of Armadale Server.
- The City of Armadale Information Technology Support Officer will make JPG copies of the images which will be used for access and reproduction purposes. These copies will be stored on CDs burnt by the Historian/Local Studies Librarian and in an allocated area on the City of Armadale Server.

Once the work has been completed it will then be possible to attach watermarked images to the photograph catalogue record which can be viewed via the City of Armadale Libraries' Net OPAC.

2.3 History House Museum

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator)

Armadale 100th Anniversary

This new display looks at how Armadale has grown and changed over the last one hundred years. The display includes images and objects that help to tell the story of how Armadale has grown from a small rural town on the outskirts of Perth to an outer suburb. Significant objects on display include the scales from the first Shop in Armadale, John Hickson's World War One slouch hat and E.P.N.S milk jug and butter dish from the Narrogin Inn.

The display will be running till August 2009.

Bedforddale Honour Roll

The museum has received back the Bedforddale Roll of Honour from the conservator. It has been cleaned and the metal fixtures treated. The conservation work was possible thanks to a Saluting Their Service Grant from the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

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Minnawarra Festival

The museum was open on Sunday for the Minnawarra Festival. The new exhibition about the centenary of Armadale was opened that weekend. The museum received 150 visitors across the day.

720 ABC Radio Interview

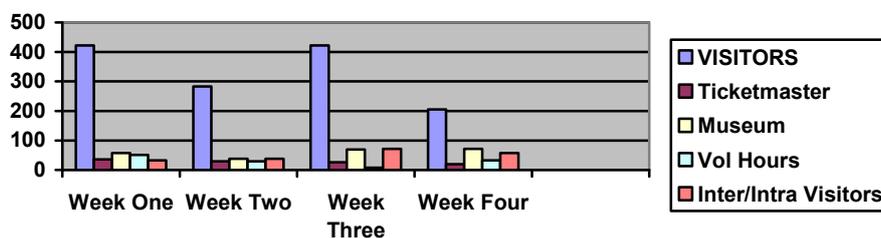
On the 9th of April the curator of History House Museum was part of a new 720 ABC radio series that looks at significant objects in Western Australian museum collections. The curator spoke about the Ben Strange collection and its importance as promoted the current exhibition on Armadale. The interview went very well and has had positive feedback.

3. VISITOR SERVICING

3.1 Statistical Performance Indicators: April 2009

1332 people came to the Centre for the month of April 2009 compared to 1411 for the same period in 2008.

April Stats



Visitors	Ticketmaster	TOTAL Visitors Less Ticketmaster	Inter State Visitors	Overseas Visitors	TOTAL O/sea & Interstate VISITORS	Volunteer Hours	Museum
1332	117	1215	76	124	200	120	236

VISITOR CENTRE OPENED FOR 207 HOURS

AVERAGE VISITORS PER WEEK: 333

VOLUNTEER HOURS PER WEEK: 30

VISITOR CENTRE - DOLLAR VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY:

Average Visitor Spend – Day Visitor:

\$ 2,170 per day = **\$ 15,188** per week = **\$ 60,750** per month

Based on \$50 per person who came into the Visitor Centre staying one day in our area,

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This is a conservative figure as current guidelines are based on \$80 per person each day.
Figure calculated as - Visitors less Ticketmaster.

Average Spend – Including Accommodation:

\$1,071 per night = **\$ 7,500** per week = **\$ 30,000** per month

Figure is calculated by Using Inter and Overseas figures only for the month, based on \$150 per person.

TOTAL TOURISM DOLLAR VALUE – APRIL 2009: \$ 90,750

3.2 Visitor Centre

(Report prepared by Yvonne Bradfield, Visitor Centre Coordinator)

BookEasy Training:

Staff, Operators and Volunteers at the Visitor Centre all completed a full week of training on the Book Easy On-line Reservation System during the month of April in the City's IT Training room.

As a result, notification has been sent to all current up-loaded clients on our www.visitarmadale.com.au site advising them of the current commissionable rate (10%) for any bookings taken from the web site.

There are 102 operators product available to any visitor to the site for bookings 24/7. This includes local operators of both accommodation and tours or product for things to do in and around Armadale.

Destination Brochure Booklet:

Work is almost completed on the Armadale Tourism Booklet that will be distributed throughout the State, Interstate and Overseas. The final draft is being reviewed, with the expectation of printing being early June 09. This Booklet has attracted local accommodation and restaurant operators advertising, also product of things to do in and around our region. The Booklet will be a significant step forward in the marketing of Armadale as a desirable tourism destination.

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MANAGER RANGER & EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT FOR APRIL 2009

1. Animal Control

1.1 Dogs

Ranger Service received three hundred and ninety six (396) requests for assistance during this report period. Whilst the individual areas of dog control vary, the overall number of requests for assistance is only slightly higher than the comparable period for April 2008.

1.2 Livestock

During this report period Ranger Services attended to sixteen (16) requests for assistance in dealing with stock wandering on the road.

1.3 Court Action

The following information relates to legal action taken by Ranger Services pursuant to the provisions of the Dog Act 1976, these matters were heard and administered in the Armadale Magistrates Court during the month of April 2009.

NAME	OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALTY \$	COSTS \$	TOTAL \$
John Patrick Chamberlain	Dog Attack (on person)	Guilty	800	124.20	924.20
Shannon Luke Coward	Dog Attack (on another animal)	Guilty	700	114.20	814.20
Lisa Michelle Gibson	Dog Attack (on another animal)	Guilty	700	114.20	814.20
Darren Noel Newton	Dog Attack (on another animal)	Guilty	1000	114.20	1,114.20
Tracey Leanne Davids	Dog Attack (on another animal)	Guilty	1,200	114.20	1,314.20
Shelley Ann Fencott	Dog Attack (on another animal)	Guilty	700	114.20	814.20
Jeff Allen Conley	Dog Attack (on person)	Guilty	800	114.20	914.20
Bradley Peter Smith	Dog Attack (on person)	Guilty	700	114.20	814.20
Stacey Lee Olsen	Dog Attack (on another animal)	Guilty	1,100	386.65	1486.65
Benjamin William Tyler	Dog Attack (on person)	Guilty	1000	114.20	1,114.20
Tim Luke Bellia	Dog Attack (on person)	Guilty	900	114.20	1,014.20
Paul Andrew Bellia	Dog Attack (on person)	Guilty	1,900	321.90	2,221.90
Deborah May Borich	Dog Attack (on person)	Guilty	900	114.20	1,014.20

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2 Vehicles

2.1 Parking

Ranger Services received sixty seven (67) requests for assistance, and issued sixty eight (68) infringement notices in regard to various offences relating to the parking of vehicles during this report period.

The number of Infringements, issued in the vicinity of schools, still remains relatively low and this is attributed to the ongoing Ranger Services attendance at local schools throughout the district, on a regular basis, to ensure the safety of children is maintained.

One of the ways of achieving this is by a strict application of the Local Law Relating to Parking; thereby reducing the risk of injury caused by the indiscriminate parking of vehicles, and to ensure the smooth flow of traffic is maintained.

2.3 Abandoned Vehicles

The number of abandoned vehicles dealt with by Ranger Services continues to be of concern, with nineteen (19) been recorded during this report period.

2.4 Commercial Vehicles (Trucks)

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

2.5 Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

Ranger Service attended to twelve (12) reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in areas that are prohibited, during this report period.

3. Fire Service

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

Ranger Services received one hundred and forty two (142) requests for assistance during the report period, which denotes a 32% increase, in the progressive total, from the same period last year.

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Due to the unseasonal weather conditions, the continued high soil dryness indicators (SDI). Permits to burn are not being issued until further notice and or 40 points of continuous rain is recorded in the district.

4. General.

In February I reported Ranger Services would be conducting an extensive dog registration survey throughout the district during the next 2-3 months.

A fundamental part of the door knock is to create an awareness of both the Dog Act and the City of Armadale Local Laws Relating to Dogs, identify potential and actual problems and provide advice that may assist in preventing or treating a problem. I am pleased to report that whilst this survey is ongoing Ranger Services have already increased the number of dogs registered by 140%

April 2008/2009 Statistics

<i>DOGS</i>	April 2009	April 2008	2008/2009 Progressive Total	2007/2008 Progressive Total	
Wandering	30	49	360	433	Down 20%
Dogs for Pick Up	24	40	377	417	Down 10%
Barking	29	17	235	260	Down 10%
Attacks	15	13	127	177	Down 28%
Lost & Found	92	88	911	883	Up 3%
General Information	9	12	95	92	Up 3%
Sub Total	199	219	2105	2262	Down 7%
Office Phone Enquiries	197	214	2130	1785	Up 19%
Total	396	433	4235	4047	Up 5%

<i>PARKING / VEHICLES</i>	April 2009	April 2008	2008/2009 Progressive Total	2007/2008 Progressive Total	
General Parking	27	11	140	162	Down 16%
Trucks	2	8	49	48	Up 2%
School Parking	1	1	28	13	Up 115%
Abandoned Vehicles	19	16	236	193	Up 22%
Off Road Vehicles	12	14	122	154	Down 20%
Sub Total	61	50	575	570	Up 1%

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Office Phone Enquiries	6	17	239	207	Up 15%
Total	67	67	814	777	Up 5%

<i>LIVESTOCK</i>	April 2009	April 2008	2008/2009 Progressive Total	2007/2008 Progressive Total	
Lost & Found	1	1	12	50	Down 75%
General	11	4	81	47	Up 72%
Sub Total	12	5	93	97	Down 4%
Office Phone Enquiries	4	3	41	61	Down 33%
Total	16	8	134	158	Down 17%

<i>LITTER</i>	April 2009	April 2008	2008/2009 Progressive Total	2007/2008 Progressive Total	
General Information	0	0	4	0	Up 7%
Private Property	3	6	27	29	Down 7%
Roadside / Reserve	1	3	48	67	Down 30%
Verge	2	8	36	49	Down 25%
Sub Total	6	17	115	145	Down 20%
Office Phone Enquiries	4	6	67	51	Up 31%
Total	10	23	182	196	Down 7%

<i>FIRE</i>	April 2009	April 2008	2008/2009 Progressive Total	2007/2008 Progressive Total	
Burning Off / General Information	10	8	64	28	Up 128%
Firebreak / Hazard	2	0	295	271	Up 8%
Sub Total	12	8	359	299	Up 20%
Office Phone Enquiries	130	128	622	447	Up 40%
Total	142	136	981	746	Up 32%

<i>GENERAL</i>	April 2009	April 2008	2008/2009 Progressive Total	2007/2008 Progressive Total	
General Information	2	5	29	39	Down

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Sub Total	2	5	29	39	25% Down 25%
Office Phone Enquiries - Trolleys	14	0	60	0	Up
Office Phone Enquiries - Cats	10	8	116	97	Up 19%
Office Phone Enquiries - General	63	15	322	137	Up 135%
Total	89	28	527	273	Up 93%

<i>TOTAL</i>	April 2009	April 2008	2008/2009 Progressive Total	2007/2008 Progressive Total	
Sub Total Reports / Complaints	292	304	3276	3412	Down 4%
Total Office Phone Enquiries	428	391	3599	2785	Up 29%
Total Reports / Complaints	720	695	6875	6197	Up 11%

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<i>IMPOUNDED VEHICLES</i>	April 2009	April 2008	2008/2009 Progressive Total	2007/2008 Progressive Total
Vehicles	7	6	81	60
Motor Cycles	0	20	0	34
Total	7	26	81	94

Up 35%
 Down
 Down 13%

<i>IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK</i>	April 2009	April 2008	2008/2009 Progressive Total	2007/2008 Progressive Total
Sheep	1	0	5	7
Horses	0	0	0	3
Cows	0	0	0	0
Goats	0	0	3	0
Pigs	0	0	0	0
Deer	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	6	1
Total	1	0	14	11

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<i>ABANDONED TROLLEYS</i>	April 2009	April 2008	2008/2009 Progressive Total	2007/2008 Progressive Total
Impounded	10	0	152	0
Released	0	0	0	0
Total	10	1	152	0

Up
 Same

<i>IMPOUNDED SIGNS</i>	April 2009	April 2008	2008/2009 Progressive Total	2007/2008 Progressive Total
Impounded	1	0	230	0
Released	0	0	2	0

Up
 Up

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<i>COURT PROSECUTIONS</i>	April 2009	April 2008	2008/2009 Progressive Total	2007/2008 Progressive Total	
Dog	13	1	53	46	Up 15%
Fire	0	0	3	0	Up
Parking	0	0	3	2	Up 50%
Litter	0	0	0	0	Same
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	0	Same
Total	13	1	59	48	Up 23%
No. of Guilty Verdicts	13	1	59	48	Up 23%
<i>FINES ENFORCEMENT</i>	April 2009	April 2008	2008/2009 Progressive Total	2007/2008 Progressive Total	
Infringements sent to FER	70	0	588	350	Up 68%

<i>DOG REGISTRATIONS</i>	April 2009	April 2008	2008/2009 Progressive Total	2007/2008 Progressive Total	
New Dog Registrations	318	205	1835	766	Up 140%
Renewed Dog Registrations	216	44	3362	1708	Up 97%
Total	534	205	5197	2474	Up 110%
Total Animals on System	10818	11004			

<i>PHONE CALLS</i>	April 2009	April 2008	2008/2009 Progressive Total	2007/2008 Progressive Total	
Office – Rangers calling Office	52	76	579	384	Up 51%
Office – Messages for Staff	25	22	306	373	Down 20%
Office – Referred to Other	12	11	181	150	Up 20%
Calls to Rangers' Private Residences from After Hours Service	0	2	6	36	Down 83%
TOTAL	89	111	1072	943	Up 14%

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Pigs	0	0	0	0
Deer	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	6	1
Total	1	0	14	11

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Renewed Dog Registrations	216	44	3362	1708	Up 97%
Total	534	205	5197	2474	Up 110%
Total Animals on System	10818	11004			

<i>PHONE CALLS</i>	April 2009	April 2008	2008/2009 Progressive Total	2007/2008 Progressive Total	
Office – Rangers calling Office	52	76	579	384	Up 51%
Office – Messages for Staff	25	22	306	373	Down 20%
Office – Referred to Other	12	11	181	150	Up 20%
Calls to Rangers' Private Residences from After Hours Service	0	2	6	36	Down 83%
TOTAL	89	111	1072	943	Up 14%

MINUTES OF OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Working Group Meeting of 5 May 2009. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-3”).**

Armadale Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) Meeting of 28 April 2009. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-4”).**

Disability Advisory Team Meeting of 5 May 2009. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-5”**

Minnawarra Festival Working Park Debrief Meeting of 5 May 2009. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-6”).**

MISCELLANEOUS

The Community Development Department will be facilitating the following two information presentations at the City of Armadale (Function Room) on 10 and 16 June 2009, respectively.



Independent Living Centre and Vision Australia

Find out more about

- Services available from the Independent Living Centre
- Available equipment with expert advice
- Short term hire service with health professional advice
- Services available from Vision Australia

When: Wednesday 10 June 2009, 10am - 12pm

Where: City of Armadale Function Room
(Follow the ramp upstairs)
7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale

RSVP: By Friday 3 June 2009
Contact the Community Development
Administration Officer on 9399 0642

Morning Tea provided



Stay On Your Feet® and Epilepsy Action

Find out more about

- Reducing the risk of falls
- Maintaining your mobility and independence
- The Nine Steps To Stay On Your Feet®
- Receive free Stay On Your Feet® showbag
- Epilepsy Awareness – Overview of Epilepsy
 - Seizure first aid
 - Services available in WA

When: Tuesday 16 June 2009, 10am - 12pm

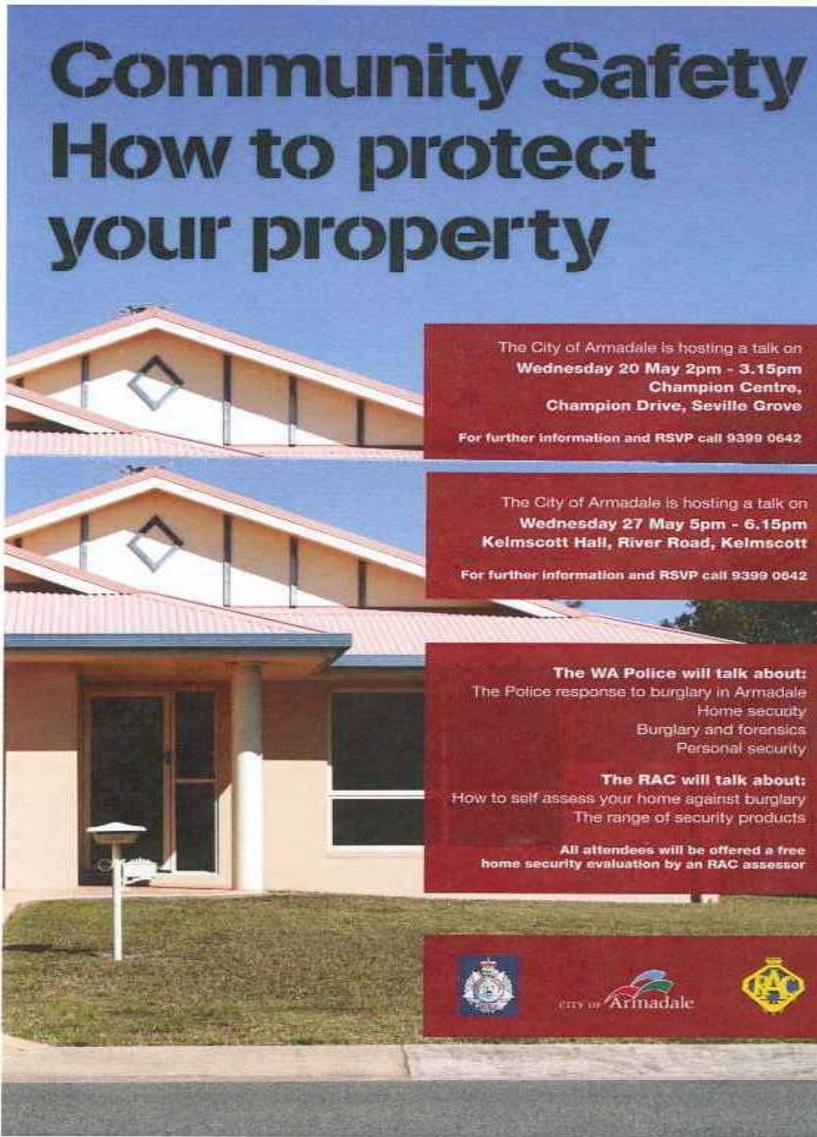
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(Follow the ramp upstairs)
7 Orchard Avenue, Armadale

RSVP: By Friday 12 June 2009
Contact the Community Development
Administration Officer on 9399 0642

Morning Tea provided

MISCELLANEOUS

The City of Armadale will be facilitating two presentations on Community Safety on Wednesday, 20 May 2009 at the Champion Centre and Wednesday, 27 May 2009 at the Kelmscott Hall.



Community Safety
How to protect your property

The City of Armadale is hosting a talk on
Wednesday 20 May 2pm - 3.15pm
Champion Centre,
Champion Drive, Seville Grove
For further information and RSVP call 9399 0642

The City of Armadale is hosting a talk on
Wednesday 27 May 5pm - 6.15pm
Kelmscott Hall, River Road, Kelmscott
For further information and RSVP call 9399 0642

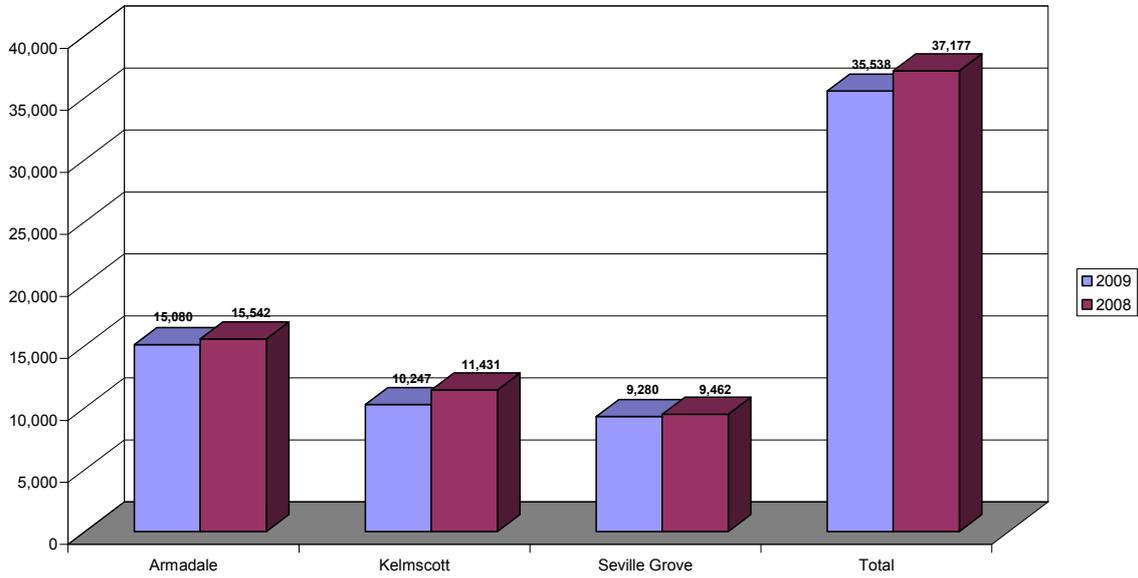
The WA Police will talk about:
The Police response to burglary in Armadale
Home security
Burglary and forensics
Personal security

The RAC will talk about:
How to self assess your home against burglary
The range of security products

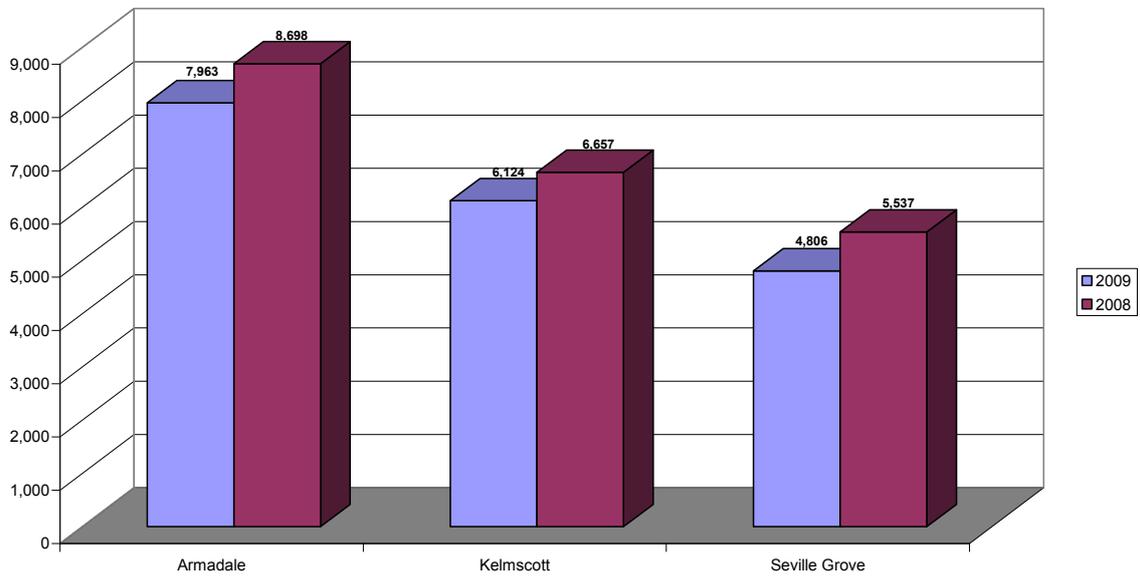
All attendees will be offered a free home security evaluation by an RAC assessor

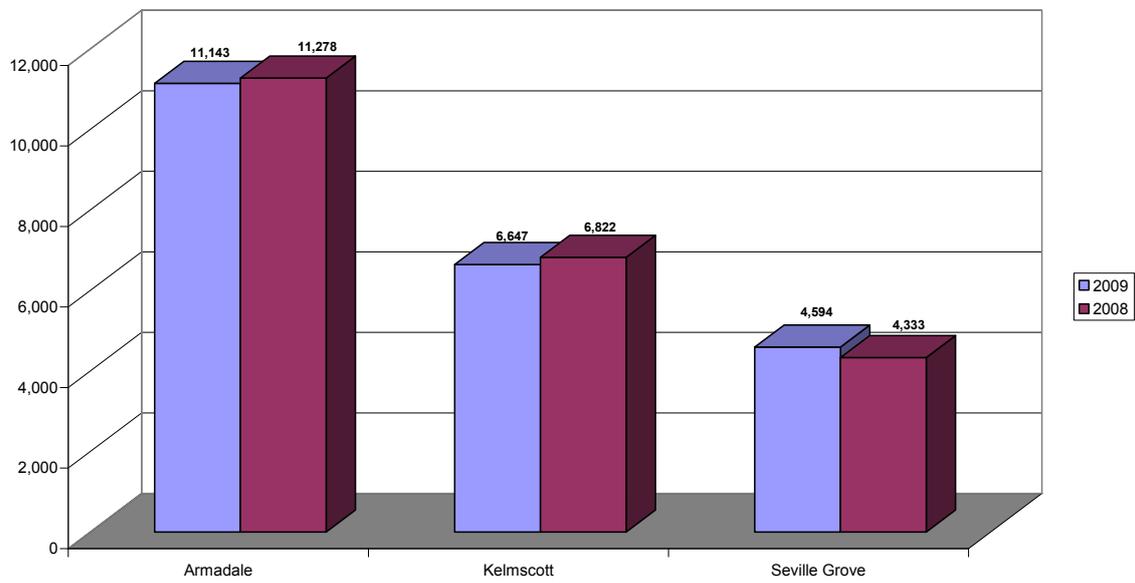
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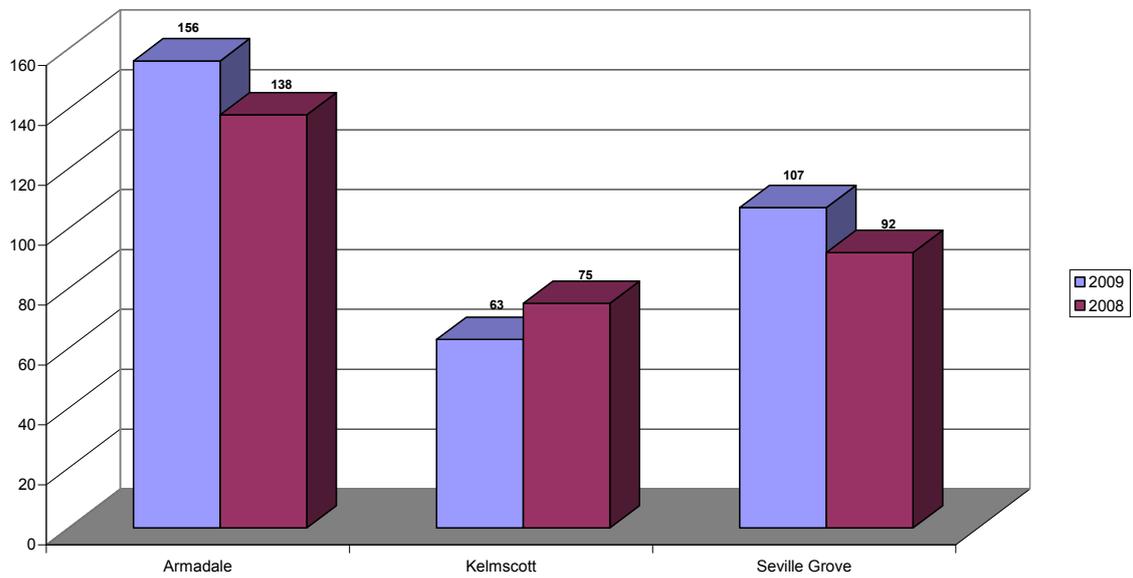
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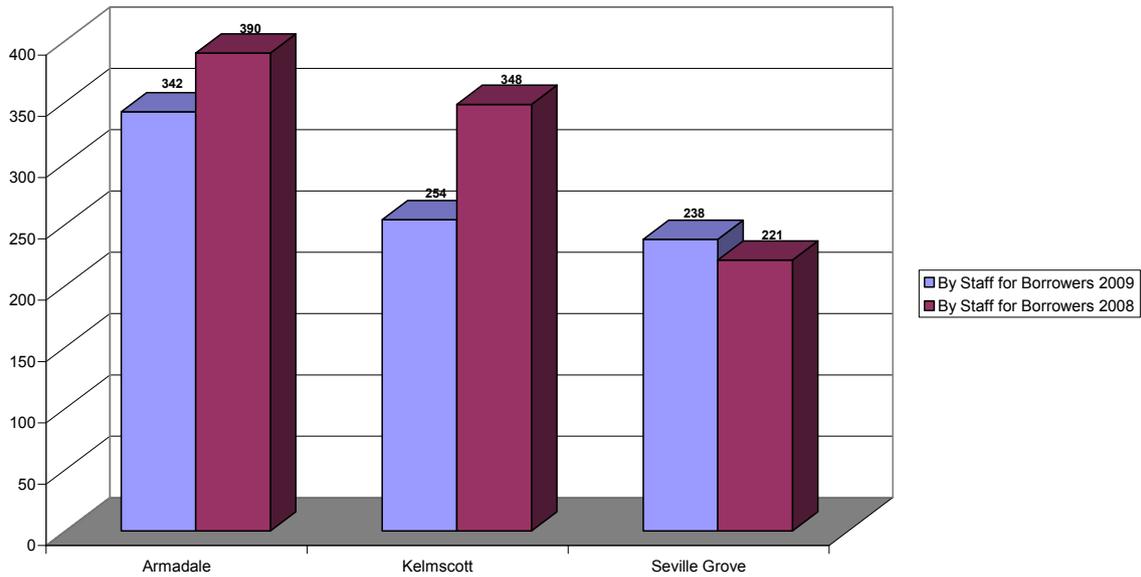
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Current Borrowers
April 2009**



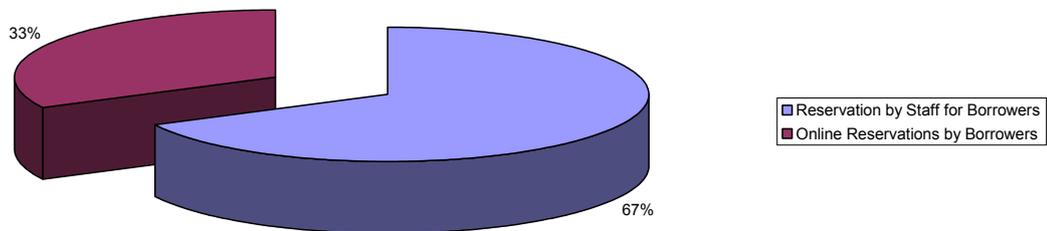
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New Borrowers
April 2009**



**COA Libraries
Borrower's Reservations
April 2009**



**COA Libraries
Comparison Reservation by Staff & Direct by Borrower
April 2009**



Month: April

Year: 2009

Birtwistle Local Studies Library				
	Current Month	Year to date		
	Apr 09	Apr 08	Jul 08 – Apr 09	Jul 07 – Apr 08
Reference Enquiries	18	23	126	122
Research Enquiries	5	15	133	88
Visitor Attendance	368	389	1154	983
Volunteer Hours	67	68	699	544
Oral History				
Letters Sent	3	nil	11	21
Interviews Completed	2	nil	12	12
Transcripts Completed	4	nil	20	14
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	51.5	28	630.5	284.5
Volunteer Hours - Interviewing	5	nil	64	40
Digitising Records	12.5	nil	21.5	45
Family History Research				
Reference	8	1	112	25
Research	36	90	352	180
Volunteer Hours	45.5	50	430.5	233

Month: April Year: 2009

History House Museum	Current Month	Year to date		
		April 08	July 08- June 09	Jul 07 – June 08
Visitors	276	389	1662	2119
Volunteer Hours	150	189	1215	1584
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum	April 09	April 08	July 08 – June 09	Jul 07 – June 08
Visitors	184	222	4178	3931

CITY OF ARMADALE

NOTES

**OF THE ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADVISORY GROUP
HELD IN THE CHAMPION CENTRE , CITY OF ARMADALE ON TUESDAY, 5
MAY 2009 AT 12.30 PM**

PRESENT:

Mr A McNamara	Chairman
Cr K Lethbridge JP	Councillor – City of Armadale
Ms S Pike	Armadale Redevelopment Authority
Ms L Van Der Zanden	SWAN TAFE
Ms M Tyrell-Clarke	Deputy for Kim Gossage – Armadale Community Health

APOLOGIES:

Mr W Humes	Snr Aboriginal Police Liaison Officer
Ms V Rafferty	Community Member
Ms K Gossage	Armadale Community Health
Mr M Bydner	Actg Coordinator Armadale Health Team

OBSERVERS: Nil

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr N Kegie	Executive Manager Community Services
Ms Jodie Clarke	Indigenous Community Development Coordinator
Ms Y Ward	Minute Secretary
Mr Basil Hanna	Parkerville Children & Youth Care (Inc.) [12.30 pm to 1.05 pm]
Mr Brian Engels	Department of Environment & Conservation [1.07 pm to 1.20 pm]

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ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADVISORY GROUP

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1.0 GUEST SPEAKERS

1.1 Mr Basil Hanna – Parkerville Children & Youth Care (Inc.)

Mr Basil Hanna, Chief Executive of Parkerville Children & Youth Care (Inc.) provided an overview of his organization which involved an historical background, provision of literature, reports and a powerpoint presentation. The presentation given by Mr Hanna is attached to these Notes. **(Refer to Attachment “A-1”.**

Questions were welcomed from those present. The Chairman thanked Mr Hanna for his presentation and Mr Hanna left the meeting at 1.07 pm.

1.2 Mr Brian Engels –Department of Environment & Conservation – Forrestdale Lake Project

Mr Brian Engels of the Department of Environment & Conservation (DEC) provided an overview of the work being undertaken by DEC at Forrestdale Lake to construct a boardwalk and circulated a plan of the proposed artwork. **(Refer to Attachment “A-2”)**

The Chairman invited Mr Brian Engels to meet with the Men’s Group on Thursday, 7 May 2009 at 12.30 pm to talk to them about the project.

The Chairman thanked Mr Brian Engels for attending. Mr Engels left the meeting at 1.20 pm.

2.0 BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

2.1 Australian Early Development Index – Neil Kegie

The City of Armadale will be hosting a number of forums regarding the recent results that have recently been distributed in relation to the Australian Early Development Index. The City will be hosting a community forum on 14 May 2009 (some flyers will be handed out later). Sally Brinkman, who has been a leading Australian researcher into the AEDI area, is coming to Perth as a presenter, along with a leading pediatrician, Trevor Parry, to provide some practical hints to parents about what they can actually do but also to emphasize the importance of results. There will be a community forum on Thursday, 14 May and on the Friday morning, the Mayor will be hosting a forum for heads of agencies, i.e. government representatives, politicians etc. to really stress the importance of this particular area, being that it mentioned that Armadale features in the top 10 list of suburbs in the country of need in this area. There will be another forum on the Friday which is aimed at schools in the area. Challis Primary School and Department for Communities (Communicare) were very heavily involved in piloting this project and Challis is particularly aware of the

benchmark model of the community hub one-stop-shop for a lot of services.

Neil Kegie advised that he had been contacted by a researcher, Ms Sue Ferguson-Hill, who was involved with the AEDI, particularly looking at an Indigenous Early Development Index. She would like the opportunity to call and speak with the group about how to engage the community with these results and how best to promote the importance of those early years.

Liz Van Der Zanden requested that Ms Sue Ferguson-Hill be invited to address the SWAN TAFE students on the Indigenous Early Development Index.

Action:

- 1. Neil Kegie to provide contact details for Ms Sue Ferguson-Hill to Liz Van Der Zanden.**
- 2. The opportunity for Ms Sue Ferguson-Hill to speak to the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Group on an Indigenous Early Development Index and how best to engage the community on this matter, be placed on the next Agenda of ATSIAG.**

2.2 NAIDOC – Jodie Clarke

A meeting was held this morning with the outcome being that a Sub-Committee has been organized to forward plans for NAIDOC. The Sub Committee will be responsible for matters such as volunteering, revamping the event, and putting together a program. At the meeting held today, discussion centred around tasks and the need to be more task-orientated. A lot of volunteers will be needed and once tasks have been identified it will be possible to send out expressions of interests to people and find out whether they will be willing to undertake those tasks.

Jodie attended a Farmers’ Market Committee Meeting last week and as a result has been given a huge endorsement from Health, the ARA and the Farmers’ Market. Discussions this morning, with Liz and Megan and Chris, who is one of the producers, has resulted in a promise of participation in the NAIDOC celebrations with healthy options.

Another meeting was held this morning with the Ante Natal Clinic Coordinator who has advised she has money available for a new health focus in her program. She would like to organise juiced fruit and vegetables to promote healthy living to participants.

The NAIDOC Celebrations will be held on Tuesday, 7 July 2009 at the Champion Centre. Arrangements have been made with the Manager Parks to spruce up the front of the building to make it more

welcoming. A flag raising ceremony will be held with an Aboriginal elder, an Aboriginal youth, a Torres Strait youth and wadjala.

Currently, paper work is being organized for donations and letters to the public seeking expressions of interest re: exhibiting. Negotiations are underway with High Schools regarding student awards which will be held in June 2009. Lists of students have been provided by Kelmscott SHS, Cecil Andrews SHS and a list is awaited from Armadale SHS.

2.3 **Honour Board Criteria – Jodie Clarke**

The criteria for placing names on the Honour Board is still being investigated.

Liz Van der Zanden provided a proforma for evaluating the criteria for leadership. (Refer to Attachment “A-3”.)

3.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 **Champion Centre Update – Jodie Clarke**

Tours

In the last month a number of groups have toured the Champion Centre, these being:

- Dept. Child Protection – Duty Team
- Cultural Exchange – Albert came along with Michael, plus others. A group of African people (Communicare – Cannington) visited the Centre
- A group from Canadian Rotary visited.
- Group of Maoris

School Holiday Programs

- A different holiday program was organized this year which included an art-focus.
- Family Planning WA provided their Mooditj program which was very successful. These programs were adapted for the younger audience that attended. It had been intended to target the older children but on any given day there were 30 children for the full day so they went through both programs.

Driver Training Program

This has generated a big response and phone calls are being received from north of the river and country areas from people enquiring about the program.

FAHCSIA

A meeting was held with FAHCSIA representatives on Friday, 31 April 2009 in regard to the ICP which is run at the Centre. The program is progressing well.

✚ Albert McNamara – Invitation to join Indigenous Reference Group – Fiona Stanley Hospital

Albert has been invited to join an Indigenous Reference Group that will have input into the design of the Fiona Stanley Hospital.

3.2 Armadale Redevelopment Authority Update – Shelley Pike

✚ Aboriginal Interpretive Centre – Champion Lakes

There will be a “meet and greet” on Thursday, 7 May 2009. This will present an opportunity for the Aboriginal community and ATSIAG to meet with the Aboriginal artist who has been awarded the commissions for the public artwork. The architects will also be at the “meet and greet” which will be held at the Champion Centre at 10.00 am (morning tea will be provided). This will also present an opportunity for the community to share any thoughts they might have and meet the artist and for the artist to also talk to the community to gain information that may assist in putting the designs together.

Not yet ready to go out to tender for the building works. The Government’s economic cut backs have meant that the amount available for the Interpretive Centre Stage 1 has had to be adjusted. This will mean a change in materials which isn’t such a bad thing, i.e. the amphitheatre seating was originally going to be limestone (which is not from this area). They are looking at a more natural look for the steps which will blend in with the landscape.

In order to develop Champion Lakes a Section 18 was required for the Interpretive Centre and other criteria which had to be filled. The Section 18 is owned by the City of Armadale (on behalf of the ARA). A final report has recently been received that advises completion of all the requirements and the City can now apply to discharge the Section 18. Within the next week or so Shelley will be sending a report with a letter to the City of Armadale advising that the criteria has been. This advice will then be sent to the DIA.

4.0 NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group will be held on **Tuesday, 2 June 2009 at 1.00 pm** in the **Committee Room, City of Armadale.**

MEETING CLOSED AT 2.05 PM

ARMADALE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YAC)
Minutes
28th April 2009 4:30pm

Present Stacey Eddington Community member, **Melissa Northcott** Community Member, **Gregg Pearce** Community Development Officer – Youth.

Guest: Corey Ball

Apologies: Carol Surgeon, Sandra Dobbs, Katie Hully, Ben Ritacca, Cr Butterfield

Confirmation of Previous Minutes: Stacey Eddington and Melissa Northcott

Business from Previous Minutes: No changes Stacey Eddington Melissa Northcott

Matters outgoing: None

Matters incoming: None

Sandra Dodds has advised the Committee that she will no longer be able to attend the YAC due to work and study commitment and wishes the YAC every success in the future.

Main Event:

The Main Event has been put on hold so that we can further research the Main Event idea and get a better understanding and planning of the process of the event. Other alternatives are being investigated so as be able to access a greater cross section of the City’s youth population before we can move forward with the project.

The members will be putting forward their recommendations on the proposal ready for the next meeting

YAC where to from here:

A discussion took place as to where the YAC is heading and what do they think they are achieving and what they think their direction is from here.

The members have stated that they feel the YAC is floundering and there is no dedication or motivation from members at this time and they feel that there is no direction or ownership of the YAC.

They also feel that the YAC needs some new members that will be committed and dedicated.

Members will be putting forward recommendation to the next meeting

Meeting closed: 6:00pm

Next Meeting: 28th April 2009 at **4:30pm**.

Disability Advisory Team Notes

Date of meeting: Tuesday 5 May 2009

Time: 10:00am – 11.30am

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

Present:

Cr Pat Hart (Chair),

Ms Nonnie Wickens (Community representative),

Mr Ron Fisher (Community representative),

Mr John Green (Community representative),

Mr Lance Hogg (Disability Services Commission),

Ms Melissa Northcott (Community representative),

Mr John Glassford (Property Services Manager),

Ms Susan Hillel (Building Services Manager),

Mr Daniel Cain (Community Development Officer - Seniors / Access and Inclusion)

Agenda Items:

- 1) Apologies
Gail Nesci, Sheila Parker, Tony Cutajar, Louise Hansen
- 2) Notes
Agreed with no changes requested.
- 3) Project updates

Daniel updated the team on the Visual Magnifier equipment recently placed in Armadale library. Article appeared in the local ‘Comment News’ publication promoting the machine on Tuesday 5 May 2009.

Daniel updated the Team on the You’re Welcome project. Currently in the process of compiling a list of businesses and meeting with consultants on Wednesday. Planned presentation to local businesses will be provided by the Mayor Cr Reynolds at an event on the 12 May 2009. Information sheets will be available at the back of the room with registration forms. Letters will be sent out to businesses after this date inviting them to participate.

Team discussed how to promote good practice to these businesses and agreed “most improved” and ‘best access’ awards would be appropriate.

- 4) Update from Melissa
Melissa informed the team of speakers the Ministerial Advisory Committee had recently had. Melissa also requested Council avoid the use of abbreviations which can cause confusion to the general public. Team agreed and Cr Hart will make suggestion to Council.

Melissa informed the Team the Centre for Cerebral Palsy may visit the team in August.

Other Business:

Disability Services Commission (DSC), feedback from board meeting at Council on the 1 May 2009. Daniel informed the team of the presentation to the board about the Cities progress. Cr Hart commented the presentation was very good. Board members had an opportunity to meet the Disability Advisory Team for lunch after the meeting, Daniel thanked members for attending. Team requested a list of Board members and Daniel agreed to send Team members a list of board members and Directors, available on the DSC website.

Team discussed the Cities history in relation to Disability and progress from the original Disability Services Plan in 1995 to the new Disability Access and Inclusion Plan started in 2004. Team discussed the benefits of sharing practice with the board and other Advisory Teams. Team looking forward to the Kalamunda Disability Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee visiting next month on the 2 June 2009.

Team discussed the changes at Kelmscott train station. Daniel explained the access and mobility map is being reprinted soon and changes need to be made. This may require the Department of Planning of Infrastructure (DPI) to visit the area to re-assess. Team suggested Armadale Redevelopment Authority (ARA) could come out to visit the Team and inform them of improvements to ARA areas including Kelmscott train station. Team also suggested inviting someone from the Public Transport Authority.

Team discussed building evacuation fire policy in relation to people with disabilities after recent news report on the evacuation of the twin towers disaster in 2000.

Lance informed the team of a service funding method from the DSC. Method supports people to move into the community and increase their independence. Lance agreed to present the method briefly at the next Advisory Team meeting.

Ron informed the Team new tactile paving had been placed near the shopping centre. Committee suggested thanking Technical services for the work.

Susan Hillel informed the team of a recent seminar she had attended concerning the building code. The building code has been reviewed by the building code board but the results release date has been delayed. Until the amendments are released they can not be enforced. This is the method which the Premises standard will be reviewed and the code updated. Sue also attended a seminar on access audits Australia with Vision Australia, premises standards were discussed and the Property Council voiced their opposition to some of the suggestions in the draft premises standard.

Melissa raised the issue of seating in shopping centres, often presented with difficult sofas, more accessible seats would be appreciated. Team suggested writing to the shopping centre management in person.

Next meeting: Tuesday 2 June 2009, 10:00, Function Room – Council Administration building.

MINNAWARRA FESTIVAL WORKING GROUP

Notes of Debrief

OF THE MINNAWARRA FESTIVAL WORKING GROUP HELD ON TUESDAY, 5 MAY 2009 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT THE CITY OF ARMADALE COMMENCING AT 5.10 PM.

1. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Present

Present	Organisation
Cr J A Stewart	Councillor – City of Armadale
Cr R Butterfield	Councillor – City of Armadale
Mr E Thexton	Rotary Club of Armadale
Mr N Kegie	Executive Manager Community Services
Ms P Turnbull	Events Coordinator – City of Armadale
Ms Y Ward	Minute Secretary – City of Armadale
Apologies	
Mr P Jones	
Mr M Norman	Community Representative

2. EVENT OVERVIEW

2.1 Conduct of Minnowarra Festival – 4 & 5 April 2009

The following comments were provided by Cr Stewart in relation to the conduct of the Minnowarra Festival that he felt needed to be worked on:

- **Placement of Council tent**
A number of Councillors and users of the tent felt that perhaps a different position was worthy of consideration for future events due to issues with noise.
- **Volume control**
The general volume of the bands on both days was considered to be about 20% too high. On the Saturday, it was fairly high and on the Sunday, it was reasonably good but it was observed that the volume and the trebles were tweaked up. It was felt that there should be one person responsible for the volume control on both days.
- **Diversity & Depth**
The diversity and depth that was available was okay but consideration should be given to increasing both.
- **Silent Disco**
This probably requires an indoor venue rather than outdoor. The idea was great but it needed an indoor aspect with lights and smoke to create the intended atmosphere.

- **Lighting**
The lighting on the Saturday created some issues in regard to health and safety which is a matter that will need to be further considered.
- **YMCA Bus**
The YMCA Bus was somewhat ineffective. This did not draw the crowd. This information be passed on to the YMCA.
- **Street Performers**
Bizircus and other street performers, particularly on Saturday, require some sound space to perform. They got really hammered by the bands but they assiduously carried on. This is something to consider when planning logistics for next year.
- **Food Vendors**
Food vendors, especially on the Saturday, were unattractive to the demographic. In particular, the lamb shanks, the demographic that was there did not seem to gravitate. This is something to consider when planning logistics for next year.
- **Shade Area**
The shade area was considered to be inadequate in comparison to previous events. It could perhaps be a bit larger.
- **Site Office**
Signage is required for site office, which was not in evidence.
- **Expenditure – Saturday versus Sunday**
Consideration needs to be given to the expenditure on the Saturday as opposed to the Sunday. A significant amount of money went out on the Saturday but not sure what benefit was gained. This needs to be considered for subsequent events.

The following aspects are those that were considered excellent and positive:

- **Workshop**
The workshop was a good addition to the event.
- **Sound System**
The sound system was “cracking”. Only the volume at various times was inappropriate.
- **Camel Rides**
The camel rides were also another good addition to the event.
- **Fresh Produce Market**
The Fresh Produce Market was also an excellent addition to the event.
- **Quality of Bands**
The quality of the bands was excellent, they were professional and enthusiastic. The heavy metal guys on Saturday night were excellent.
- **Musical Sponsorship/Sponsorship in General**
This was considered to be good.
- **Committee Members’ Involvement**
The involvement of Committee members on both days was considered to be excellent.
- **Minnawarra Art Exhibition**
This year’s Minnawarra Art Exhibition, the first under the new Curator, was good. It had a new touch to it and was excellent.
- **Craft Stalls**

The new additions to the craft stalls appeared to be well received. These being second hand clothes etc. It seemed very popular with the public. This is something to be considered when planning next year's event, if the same format of event (demographic) is planned for next year. Why not have some stalls selling "goth" or "bemo" stuff etc.

- **Street Performers**

The quality of street performers was excellent. They were very professional and of high quality.

Cr Butterfield was of the view that the conduct of the Minnowarra Festival was good and provided the following feedback

- **Bands/Noise**

The bands on the night were fantastic; however noise complaints were an issue. As a result, the Ginja Ninga had great difficulty getting his audience to hear him. Consideration to be given to logistics for future events.

- **Stalls/Lighting/Power**

There is a need for more appropriate stalls and lighting on the Saturday and the issues regarding power need to be resolved.

- **Marquee Cost - Environmental Tent**

A complaint had been received in the regard to the cost of hire of the marquee used for the Environmental groups.

- **Youth Presence**

Disappointed that there was not more of a youth presence at the Festival this year. The Youth Officer did not appear to be present on either day. This is something that should be considered.

Mr Eric Thexton provided the following feedback:

- **Amusement Rides**

Mike Marinovich was happy with the one night. The Saturday night is not going to be conducive with the side show because the young people are not going to go across the road. They themselves recognise that the bands were fantastic and this should not be sacrificed. Next year, if the same bands are playing, a big crowd of young people will be attracted.

- **Fresh Produce Markets**

The people who attended this year's Minnowarra Festival were probably not looking for fresh produce but next year this may change and stall holders will probably achieve a greater turnover.

The Executive Manager Community Services (EMComS) advised that he was keen to see the development of projects over the course of the next year with an established outcome.

The Events Coordinator advised that consideration had been given to the requirements of the youth component for next year which will incorporate consultation with youth in the area about what they would like at the Festival.

In terms of entertainment, some of the bands that played for next to nothing were excellent. Matt Norman should be commended for the work involved in organising their attendance at the Festival. The music could have been a bit more diverse and this could probably be remedied by having DJs and other

acts. Time ran out this year but this will be researched for next year. Even throwing in a hip hop act would be beneficial.

The flow of the park worked a lot better this year than has been the case in previous years, i.e. having the community stalls flowing down from the Library area to the path on the other side of the bridge. People were then guided by the footpath.

The promotion of the event, the target audience and badging will need to be given consideration for next year.

The EMComS advised that something to consider in regard to attracting a specific audience would be the objective of the day and the Minnowarra Festival i.e. what are the aims, local or regional.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 Minnowarra Festival – 2010

Subject to the other municipal calendar commitments, the dates for the 2010 Minnowarra Festival tentatively are either:
20 and 21 March 2010; and
10 and 11 April 2010

3.2 Membership – Eric Thexton

Eric Thexton advised that due to other commitments relating to Rotary, he probably would be unable to attend future Minnowarra Festival Working Group meetings if they continue to be held on a Tuesday. His replacement will be Mr Tony Hames.

4. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on a date to be advised in July 2009.

5. CLOSURE

MEETING CLOSED AT 5.55 PM