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ISSUES UPDATE

LOCAL SIGNING OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA)

Deputy President Cr Pauline O'Connor and CEO Ricky Burges attended the local signing of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) by Minister Jon Ford last week.

The historic agreement will provide for the first time a framework to improve the way the three spheres of government relate to each other. It outlines principles for future intergovernmental responsibility shifts, including consideration of financial impacts and undergoing consultation and negotiation with the relevant local governing bodies.

All parties also agreed to address required outcomes including: clearly defining roles and responsibilities of each level of government, applying clear financial mechanisms, and monitoring and evaluating processes and dispute resolution mechanisms for further agreements on specific functions or services.

The agreement applies to new arrangements and will be reviewed and compliance assessed within five years. Disputes can be considered by the Local Government and Planning Ministers' Council. For its part, Local Government commits to sound public governance.

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

MEMBER MOTIONS – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2006

The 2006 Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday 6 August** as part of Local Government Week.

There is no other event that brings together representatives from Councils right across Western Australia to debate matters of state-wide and national significance and express a united voice on core issues affecting Councils and their communities. This year's event will be attended by the Premier of Western Australia, the Hon Alan Carpenter MLA, and Leader of the Opposition, the Hon Paul Omodei MLA.

A call for motions was sent to all Councils on 1 April. All Members have the opportunity to put forward relevant issues for debate at the Annual General Meeting, the outcomes of which form an important input into the policy agenda pursued by the Association with State and Federal Governments.

Members seeking to submit motions to the Annual General Meeting are requested to do so by **Friday 16 June**.

For further information, please contact Corporate Services Support Officer, Meredith Neilsen, on 9213 2013 or email mneilsen@walga.asn.au.

TRAINING UPDATE

The following training courses are scheduled during May.

Elected Member Development Program

Module 6: Strategic Planning

This module defines the role of the strategic plan, assists with the development of strategic thinking tools and helps 'fine tune' the ability of Elected Members to actively participate in the development of their communities through the strategic planning process.

Date: **Friday 19 May**
Time: 9:00am to 12:30pm
Venue: Local Government House,
15 Altona Street, West Perth
Cost: \$148.50 (inc GST) for Workplace Solutions Members
\$162.80 (inc GST) for non-members

Module 11: Policy Development

This module aims to enhance the ability of Elected Members to participate in the strategic management of their Local Government by focusing on policy development, and will explain the links between policy making and strategic planning.

Date: **Friday 19 May**
Time: 1:00am to 4:30pm
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Officer Training

Understanding Community Services in Local Government

The community services and community development activities of Local Government, ranging from library services through to recreation and cultural activities, are a key component of Local Government activities. Many of these activities are not statutory and Councils are faced with a number of issues in their decision-making processes. The purpose of this module is to raise the awareness of Local Government Officers in relation to Community Services and Community Development.

Date: **Monday 15 May**
Time: 9:00am to 4:30pm
Venue: Local Government House,
15 Altona Street, West Perth
Cost: \$55 (inc GST)

For further information and to register, please contact Training Coordinator, Heather Bewsher, on 9213 2098 or email hbewsher@walga.asn.au.

3RD NATIONAL BUYING GREEN CONFERENCE

The business program is now finalised for the Buying Green conference to be held from **Thursday 25 May to Friday 26 May** at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre.

With a theme of 'Buying Green It's So Easy!' guest speakers will outline the latest developments in the field of green purchasing and discuss easy, practical ways of becoming a Buying Green organisation. A copy of the registration form is included in this week's mail.

For further information, please visit www.walga.asn.au.

STAFF CORPORATE LAPTOP OFFER

The Association has provided details for a Salary Packaged Laptop computer scheme. The deadline for this exclusive Local Government offer has been extended by one week to **Friday 26 May**. Councils can make this offer available to their staff by appointing an internal program coordinator and registering with Alleasing finance.

For further information or a copy of the information package, please contact Cara Mollica on 6267 8500 or email cara.mollica@alleasing.com.au.

PROCUREMENT SEMINAR

The Purchasing Network is hosting a free seminar presented by Corporate Express on supply chain management. The seminar, called "Driving Down the Cost of Procurement" will be held on the morning of **Wednesday 7 June**, and will present practical strategies and examples of cost reduction within the Local Government sector. Registration is essential.

For further information or to register, please email purchasing@walga.asn.au.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT HONOURS

Councils are reminded that nominations for the Local Government Honours program will close on **Friday 12 May**. Nomination packs were distributed to all Councils in early March.

The Honours program is an important initiative for publicly recognising and celebrating the outstanding achievements and lasting contributions made by Elected Members and serving officers: to their Councils, to Local Government as a sector and to the wider community.

There are five categories of awards within the program - the Local Government Medal; Life Membership; Certificate of Appreciation; Long and Loyal Service Award; and Distinguished Service Award. Additional nomination packs are available by emailing info@walga.asn.au.

For further information, please contact Corporate Services Support Officer, Meredith Neilsen, on 9213 2013 or email mneilsen@walga.asn.au.

BANNERS IN THE TERRACE 2006

The annual exhibition of banners along St Georges and Adelaide Terraces in Perth allows communities and regions throughout Western Australia to present themselves to thousands of people traveling along these routes each day. The "Banners in the Terrace" competition is one of the State's largest single community arts projects. It is widely acknowledged that the Local Government Week banners are the most colourful and vibrant banners flown in the Terrace each year. If your Council wishes to participate, please download an information package from www.walga.asn.au.

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

SUSTAINABILITY OFFICERS NETWORKING GROUP

An initiative of the Town of Cambridge and supported by the Association, this group will assist in networking and capacity building for Local Government staff working on sustainability issues. The first meeting will be held on **Monday 29 May** from 2pm to 4pm at the Town of Cambridge Administration Building. An information flyer is available from:

<http://www.councils.wa.gov.au/directory/walga/index.html/environment/training/song/view>.

For further information and to register, please email Sonja Farrow at sfarrow@cambridge.wa.gov.au.

MEDIA RELEASES

27 April	Scholarships to Aid Rural Health Services
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DIARY DATES

12 May	Murchison Country Zone
19 – 20 May	Kimberly Country Zone
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ISSUES UPDATE

SYSTEMIC SUSTAINABILITY STUDY DISCUSSION PAPER RELEASED

The Systemic Sustainability Study (SSS), a critical research project for the future of Local Government in Western Australia is now calling for Council submissions. Local Government is currently confronted by an unprecedented series of opportunities and challenges and the SSS has been established so that Local Government can confront and overcome the challenges while capitalising on the opportunities. It is for this reason that the SSS has released the *Systemic Sustainability of Local Government in Western Australia: a Discussion Paper*.

For further information, please contact Economist, Nathan Taylor on 9213 2040 or email ntaylor@walga.asn.au.

SYSTEMIC SUSTAINABILITY STUDY INFORMATION NEEDS

The Systemic Sustainability Study (SSS) has engaged expert consulting advice to assess the current status of the Local Government sector in Western Australia. That is why the SSS Panel requests Councils assist the expert consultants with their information requests. These will be in the form of surveys sent to CEOs and key personnel and distributed by the Association.

The SSS Panel is committed to obtaining an objective assessment of the status of the sector so that a sustainable basis for Local Government can be created that will serve our current and future communities effectively.

For further information, please contact Economist, Nathan Taylor, on 9213 2040 or email ntaylor@walga.asn.au.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INPUT TO ROADS 2025

In 2003, Main Roads WA accepted responsibility on behalf of Local Government for co-ordinating the review of *Roads 2020* with the view to updating these important regional road strategy documents to become *Roads 2025*. *Roads 2020* and its next iteration *Roads 2025* play an important role in allocating road project grants as they identify the highest regional priorities and demonstrate Local Government's commitment to developing and maintaining their regional road networks.

There are still a number of Councils that have not completed the review of the regional roads to be included in *Roads 2025* and this is delaying finalisation of the strategies by the Regional

Road Groups and the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee. It is anticipated that the final *Roads 2025* strategies for all regions will be available for consideration at the August 2006 meeting of the Advisory Committee. In order to achieve this aim, it will be necessary for Councils to complete their review of *Roads 2020* as soon as possible to enable endorsement by Regional Road Groups in May/June 2006.

For further information, please contact Executive Manager, Transport and Roads, Debbie Terelinck on 9213 2031 or email dterelinck@walga.asn.au.

PERTH BIODIVERSITY PROJECT – APPLICATIONS FOR ROUND 5 TARGETED GRANTS

The Perth Biodiversity Project (PBP) is inviting metropolitan Councils and the Shire of Chittering to submit an application to receive funding for a range of biodiversity conservation projects. A total of \$100,000 is available. Applications to apply for funding close on **Friday 19 May**. The funding guidelines and application forms can be downloaded from www.councils.wa.gov.au/directory/walga/index.html/pbp/grants.

The PBP has been developed by the Association to promote the long-term retention, protection and management of local biodiversity in the Perth Metropolitan Region. The project recognizes the Swan Catchment Council (through the NHT) and the State Government of Western Australia for their assistance with the Perth Biodiversity Project.

For further information, please contact Biodiversity Project Officer, Danielle Witham on 9213 2047 or email dwitham@walga.asn.au.

SOUTH WEST BIODIVERSITY PROJECT – APPLICATIONS FOR ROUND 1 TARGETED GRANTS

The South West Biodiversity Project (SWBP) is inviting the 12 Councils participating in the project to submit an application to receive funding for a range of biodiversity conservation projects. A total of \$65,000 is available. Final applications close on **Friday 12 May**.

The SWBP has been developed by the Association to promote the long-term retention, protection and management of local biodiversity in the South West Region. The project recognizes the South West Catchments Council (through the NHT) for their assistance with funding the South West Biodiversity Project.

For further information, please contact SWBP Officer, Natalie Olsen on 9792 7082 or email nolsen@bunbury.wa.gov.au.

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Registrations close **Wednesday 10 May**, limited places are still available.

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BUSINESS FURNITURE CATALOGUE

New catalogues for business furniture accessible under the Association's Preferred Supplier Arrangement with Corporate Express are included in this week's mail.

For further information, please email purchasing@walga.asn.au.

NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT COST INDEX

The Association has released its first Local Government Cost Index to assist Councils in their rate setting deliberations. The Cost Index has been designed to provide a more accurate reflection of the costs of Local Government business and providing services to the community. While many Councils use the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as the benchmark to assess rate movements, this is not an appropriate measure of the cost drivers of Councils. The Cost Index incorporates a more representative basket of goods for Local Government activities than does the CPI.

For further information, please contact Economist, Nathan Taylor, on 9213 2040 or email ntaylor@walga.asn.au.

ABS MESH BLOCKS

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is in the process of creating a new "micro-level" geographic unit called a "Mesh Block" which will become the basis for all statistical, political and administrative geography in Australia. The Mesh block will be about four or five times smaller than the current "Collection Districts".

In essence the Mesh Block is the base level of detail (in terms of spatial location) which is attached to information collated by the ABS, including census data from 2006 onwards and will typically have a minimum number of dwellings of between 20 and 50, except where a Mesh Block is deliberately designed to have zero population.

The introduction of Mesh Blocks is of significance to Local Government as they will not just be used for population statistics and the census. Where economic activity is closely linked to location, such as agricultural production, economic data can also be coded to Mesh Blocks.

Mesh Blocks will be small so that they can aggregate reasonably accurately to many different geographical regions, administrative, management and political boundaries. By coding statistics to Mesh Blocks it will be possible to produce summary statistics for a whole range of geographical regions not currently represented in statistical geography, and perhaps more importantly over a time series into the future as well.

The definitions of the Mesh Block boundaries are currently being finalised by the ABS, and they are seeking feedback in this regard.

For further information, please visit www.abs.gov.au Feedback may be emailed to geography@abs.gov.au using the subject heading "Mesh Block Feedback".

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29 April	Structural Reform Needs to be Voluntary
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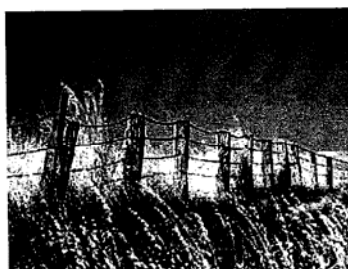
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Senate Committee's report on salinity released

Natural Heritage Trust and National Action Plan for Water Quality funding should be extended for another ten years with funding maintained at existing levels, at least, according to a new Senate report released recently. The report - Living with Salinity - outlines 23 recommendations, including that:



- the Australian Government work with the state/territory governments and local government peak bodies to ensure that all local governments are adequately educated in, and have access to, salinity management information relevant to their locality. This will include the development of mechanisms to help local governments build and share capacity, knowledge and experience.
- the state/territory governments to encourage reform of local government legislation to place a requirement on all local municipalities to align planning decisions with natural resource management principles and priorities.
- the Australian and relevant state/territory governments examine the issue of statutory powers for regional bodies to address the current level of confusion between local government and regional bodies.

The report also recommends that the Australian Government establish a pool of special grants to be made available for local governments to address urban salinity issues. Access to grants would be contingent on a demonstrated willingness to align planning policies and decisions with sustainable natural resource management principles.

ALGA releases 2006 ageing survey



ALGA has today released the results of the 2006 survey on ageing and local government. The survey reveals that 99% of councils believe that population ageing will have an impact on their municipalities - just over 30% identified the impact as severe. The survey found that councils have begun to respond to the impacts of population ageing. Some councils are investing in services to support their senior residents, such as libraries and home and community care, others are investing in initiatives to support their mature aged workers, while others sponsor programs

that promote active ageing. Combined with these activities, is the increasing number of age development officers employed by councils. The survey results indicate that 104 local councils have a staff position that is dedicated to ageing issues. The survey, an initiative of the Australian Local Government Population Ageing Action Plan, attracted a strong response with 226 councils participating. The survey results will assist ALGA to build the capacity of local government to plan for an ageing population.

State planning systems to be ranked

All state and territory planning systems are to be ranked annually by the Planning Institute of Australia, with an announcement to be made each year on World Town Planning Day, November 8. The Institute will compare and rank the planning systems by seeking feedback from local government and other players in the planning industry. The Institute recently issued the preliminary results of what it describes as a national report card on the state of planning in Australia, criticising the "confusing" complexity of the NSW planning system and calling for sea change issues confronting Queensland communities to be better addressed. Each state and territory will ultimately receive an A, B, C or D ranking for its planning system.



From the President

On the 12th of April I had the privilege of signing an historic multilateral Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) designed to help counter cost shifting. At the time I noted this signing was a culmination of an extraordinary amount of hard work and good-will shown between representatives from all three spheres of government.



While the signing of the agreement opens up a new era in intergovernmental relations, I warned that the IGA was not a fiscal panacea for local government. In ALGA News I said, it was "a milestone in local governments long march toward fiscal sustainability. We are looking to the federal government to replace financial assistance grants with a funding system that gives councils access to fair funding". ALGA is asking for a mechanism that will provide us with a share of at least one per cent of Commonwealth taxation revenue. This would give councils access to funds that grow as the economy grows. ALGA supports genuine tax reform. The Warburton/Hendy - international tax study report confirmed that local government in Australia has one of the lowest shares of taxation raised in the 30 OECD member nations. It showed that local government raises only 2.9% of all taxation in Australia, with the federal government taking 68.1% and the states 29.0%. This is the fourth lowest of all OECD nations. This month the ALGA Board commissioned a major economic study to strengthen our case for fair federal funding. The study will be presented to the major parties later this year, well in advance of the 2006-07 Federal Budget and the 2007 federal election. The study will develop a detailed plan to:

- i. enable councils to better meet their fiscal obligations as well as the growing demand for infrastructure and services; and
- ii. provide a sound rationale and model for appropriate and targeted support to local government for consideration by other spheres of government.

As the Federal Treasurer puts the finishing touches on this years budget it is time for local government to press home the case for fair funding.

Cr Paul Bell
ALGA President

ALGA at Augmented Australasian Police Ministers' Council

Federal, state and territory governments have agreed to prepare a National Emergency Management Plan (Catastrophic Disasters) to communicate the arrangements and capabilities for national and international response to a truly catastrophic disaster. The decision was made by at this month's meeting of the Augmented Australasian Police Minister Council, at which ALGA participates. The council noted that local government needed to be fully involved in initiatives that develop capability to response and recovering from a

catastrophic disaster. The council also commended all relevant parties for their efforts, including local government. The meeting communiqué has been posted on the ALGA website.

UCLG-ASPAC Liveable Cities Forum in early May

ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell, is pleased to host Liveable Cities - the annual training forum for United Cities and Local Governments Asia Pacific (UCLG-ASPAC) on 8-11 May in Brisbane. As Vice President of UCLG-ASPAC, Cr Paul Bell encourages all Australian councils to participate in the Forum. UCLG ASPAC is the Asia Pacific regional body of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), the world organisation dedicated to promoting the values, objectives and interest of cities and local governments across the globe. While the full meeting runs over four days, councils can participate in lively and informative sessions over one and a half days on the planning and management of liveable cities.

In line with the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, UCLG last year launched the Millennium Towns and Cities Campaign, which focuses on eliminating poverty, promoting development and improving the living standard of their citizens.

Capacity building, training and research is one of the main activities of UCLG-ASPAC and the Liveable Cities Forum will give Australian councils the opportunity to meet with their international counterparts to exchange ideas and discuss their vision and strategies for our cities. The Forum will include fieldtrips in and around Brisbane - the host city.

Australian councils have demonstrated a keenness to create links with overseas councils and share our skills and knowledge and the Forum offers the opportunity to meet local government representatives from the ASPAC region to forge individual partnerships with our overseas neighbours. Delegates participating will be from the ASPAC sub-regional countries including China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, and the Philippines.

Registrations are now open. For further details please contact ALGA 02 6122 9436 or katie.whitehead@alga.asn.au.

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- Masters of Infrastructure Engineering and Management
- Postgraduate Diploma in Infrastructure Engineering and Management
- Graduate Certificate in Infrastructure Engineering and Management

Entry and articulation options

Entry options cater to varying educational backgrounds and qualifications. Articulation options from Graduate Certificate to Postgraduate Diploma to Master Degree are also available.

Mid-year in-take now available

Semester 2 2006: Applications Close: Friday 9 June 2006

Semester 1 2007: Applications Close: Friday 19 January 2007

Benefits of studying via off-campus

Study when and where you like. There are no classes to attend. All units are accessible via the web together with comprehensive printed notes. Interact with other students and lecturers via on-line communication tools (email, discussion groups, chat rooms) available in each unit's web site.

Website: [infrastructure Engineering and Management](http://infrastructure-engineering-and-management.monash.edu.au)

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Norfolk Island goes to the High Court

Norfolk Island's chief minister has initiated High Court proceedings to protect the community's existing level of self-government. Chief Minister Geoff Gardner and island resident Geoff Bennett have started court proceedings against the federal government to determine the constitutional status of its citizens. Last month, Federal Local Government and Territories Minister Jim Lloyd warned residents that their current form of government was financially unsustainable. Two options have been mooted: modified self-government which would give Australia a bigger role, or a local government model. The island's legislative assembly is said to have responded "with dismay".

E-communities looking for Australians

The Dutch-based [International Network of e-Communities](#) - INEC - is looking for Australian organisations interested in participating in this global network. The coordinator, Henk Korevaar korevaar@effectis.nl, would be pleased to hear from any Australian organisation that would like to learn more. INEC aims to promote, facilitate and institutionalise cooperation by means of exchange, best practice programs, business development, missions, benchmarking tools, and joint project implementation. INEC collaborates regularly and closely with numerous smart community and broadband projects in a variety of nations around the world including France, Finland and the UK.

Port focus for heritage conference

International Council on Monuments and Sites: [Australia ICOMOS' 2006 national conference](#), will explore challenges and changes in the context of historic port cities and towns. It will be held November 9-11 in Fremantle. The conference will explore issues such as adaptive reuse, economic drivers, urban and industrial expansion, evolution and development, the role of interpretation and the ongoing use of industrial sites and waterfronts. It hopes to attract a wide audience from government to private practitioners and from archaeologists and planners to architects and wharfies. The call for papers is open now. Australia ICOMOS was formed in 1976 and acts as a national and international link between public authorities, institutions and individuals involved in the study and conservation of all places of cultural significance. Expressions of interest should be forwarded no later than 5pm on Friday 28 April. Email submissions are preferred and should be sent to: promaco@promaco.com.au

Heart Foundation awards

Entry to the [2006 Heart Foundation Kellogg Local Government Awards](#) is now open and not only do you have the chance of receiving recognition from the Heart Foundation and Kellogg but you could also receive part of the \$30,000 in cash awards and a plaque. Dr Peter Abernethy, Heart Foundation Cardiovascular Health Programs Director - National said: "The 2006 Awards have been refocused on the implementation of programs that build social connections, encourage people to be physically active, smoke free and make healthy food choices. This focus will highlight the impact that Local Governments are having on creating healthy communities." The 2006 Awards program has four categories:

- Implementation of plans and policies to support heart health
- Provision and use of facilities to improve heart health
- Programs that improve heart health in priority groups
- Programs that promote healthy weight.

Entry forms and information about the 2006 Awards are available from State and Territory offices of the Heart Foundation or from Heartline 1300 362 787. Entries close on June 9.

Notice

EPBC Act Planner's guides available (free)

The Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Project is wrapping up at the end of June, and so is offering to post its last copies of its *Guide for Planners* to interested councils around the country. The guide has been written to help those involved in either local or regional landuse and natural resource planning integrate the EPBC Act into these processes and outcomes. The guides are free, and the Project will cover all postage costs. Mailouts of larger quantities possible. To order send an email to Tracey Rich at trich@wwf.org.au with the number you require, and your mailing address.

The Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act is the Australian Government's main piece of environmental protection / planning legislation, and applies across all states and territories. The guides are suitable for anyone in local government working in environment, NRM, sustainability, and planning.

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Postbillpay services are also available in these outlets, enabling ratepayers to pay almost all their regular household bills in one location. Postbillpay customers can also pay bills by phone or over the Internet. "The extension of Postbillpay and on-line Bank@Post services demonstrate Australia Post's ongoing commitment to supporting local government, local community and small business" says Terry Stephens, from Australia Post.

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Council sustainability 'roundtable' expected in late May



A special meeting of the Local Government and Planning Ministers Council is expected to be convened in late May to discuss the financial sustainability of rural and remote councils. The ministerial council was scheduled to discuss the issue at its next meeting in August, but is now expected to hold a special meeting in Sydney on May 26 at the suggestion of NSW Minister for Local Government, Kerry Hickey. ALGA President, Cr Paul Bell, supported the move saying it would help

highlight the financial plight faced by all Australian councils. "I welcome the roundtable and the recognition by both state and federal governments that councils are under serious pressure and need additional support." Mr Hickey has strongly backed ALGA's campaign to secure fair federal funding for local government. "The Federal Government is sitting on a huge budget surplus of about \$12bn", Mr Hickey said this week. "There is plenty of money to help our rural and remote councils deliver better services for ratepayers." ALGA has commissioned a major study on local government financing which will build on work undertaken by state associations. The findings will be presented to both the Australian Government and Opposition later this year.

Transport, childcare likely winners in mid-term Budget

ALGA is anticipating a modest mid-term Budget to be delivered next Tuesday with relatively few new spending initiatives. Transport and childcare are likely to be two exceptions. The key theme of the Budget is expected to be "investing in Australia's future". The Budget is also likely to include further tax relief, measures to keep older people engaged in the workforce and new welfare initiatives. Fresh funds are expected for the Hume Highway in NSW and the Bruce Highway in Queensland. There is also speculation that further funding might be made available for the regulation reduction incentive fund, an initiative that provides funding for councils to streamline small business regulation. ALGA wants additional funding for the program, but calls on the Australian Government to take a more strategic approach to build on the national reform agenda set by the Council of Australian Governments. ALGA's Budget submission calls for financial assistance grants to be replaced with a share of at least 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue and additional funding for local government in a range of important areas including information technology, transport, health and ageing, skills shortages and infrastructure.



Allan report calls for 20% boost in federal funding



Federal financial assistance grants to local government should be boosted by 20% to make up some of the ground lost in the past two decades. This is one of the key recommendations contained in the final report of the independent inquiry into the financial sustainability of councils in NSW chaired by Professor Percy Allan. The report, released on Wednesday, finds that local government is facing major challenges, including an infrastructure funding crisis, an inadequate revenue base (exacerbated by rate pegging, deficient federal government grants and cost

shifting), skills shortages and increasing demands placed on councils by the community and other spheres of government. The report's major finding is a huge infrastructure renewal backlog of more than \$6bn that is expected to grow to almost \$21bn over the next 15 years. The report makes 49 recommendations, including a \$900m increase in council funding to address the infrastructure crisis. This should be raised through increased federal and state grants, higher rates and fees and council expenditure savings. It also calls for federal financial assistance grants to be set at a fixed percentage of GDP and that this be lifted from 0.18% of GDP (2003-04) to 0.22%. Alternatively, it suggests that the grants be set at 0.86% of all taxes, including GST, or 1.27% of total income tax.

From the President:

Full marks to Professor Allan and his independent inquiry team for their landmark report on the financial sustainability of local government in NSW. Congratulations also to the NSW Local Government and Shires Associations for grasping the nettle and commissioning and warts and all review of the financial health of the state's 152 councils. The report makes sober reading.

It is now abundantly clear that local government and the communities we serve have been bled dry by our state and federal counterparts over a period of many years. Among the key recommendations, the report calls on the Commonwealth to increase financial assistance grants to local government by 20% to restore part of the reduction in general purpose grant funding as a proportion of GDP in the past two decades. More importantly - it argues - the increased funding would partially reverse the decline in local governments share of the Australian tax base (received as rates plus grants) from around 6% in the 1970s to about 4% today. As ALGA News has reported, local government in Australia now has the fourth lowest share of taxation among the 30 industrialised nations of the OECD. There is now growing momentum for change. ALGA has commissioned a national economic study that will build on the work of the NSW independent inquiry and work done by other state associations on the financial sustainability of local government. It will present a comprehensive case for change. We will present this case to the major parties later this year and we will expect full responses and commitments as we approach the 2007 federal election. As we move forwards, I am encouraged by the support we are getting from local government ministers around the country - federal and state. There is, at least, recognition of the problems we face. We now need to turn that recognition into action.

Cr Paul Bell
ALGA President



Councils urged to help spread flu message

The National Institute of Clinical Studies is encouraging councils to help fight flu this season by publicising a new website. Recent research undertaken by Institute into influenza vaccination rates amongst 'at risk' groups under 65 has shown an alarmingly low rate of only

42% even though these people can develop life threatening complications from influenza. One of the major barriers to vaccination is a lack of awareness about who is actually at risk, so the Institute has developed a website, to raise awareness and equip both health professionals and consumers with accurate, evidence-based information and resources to ensure we raise this figure to a safer level.

EPBC Act planner's guides available

The "Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act Project" is wrapping up at the end of June and is offering to post remaining copies of its EPBC Act Guide for Planners to interested councils. The guide has been written to help those involved in local or regional land use and natural resource planning integrate the Act into their processes. The guides are free, and the Project will cover postage. Mailouts of large numbers of guides are possible. To order, please send an email to Tracey Rich trich@wwf.org.au with the number you require and your mailing address.

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The Future of Local Government Summit 2

1 & 2 June 2006 - Sofitel Hotel, Melbourne

Local government must adapt to changing world circumstances to remain relevant, focused and valued for building strong and successful communities. It must take the lead to self-determine its future role and directions, rather than have it imposed by government. To achieve this, local government must first determine its preferred vision and embrace reforms that ensure ongoing social, economic and fiscal well-being for municipal organisations and the communities they represent.

A future roadmap for the sector was first explored at the 2005 Municipal Association of Victoria's inaugural Future of Local Government Summit, attended by more than 300 participants. This year's Summit will explore a range of potential reform and community strategies and agree on a participative process for local government to progress nationally.

Some of the world's leading academic and local government change strategists will examine global perspectives on future possibilities for the sector, with case studies from the UK, USA and New Zealand. The Summit provides both learning and participative opportunities and should be attended by anyone in local government who wants to be inspired, inspire others, demonstrate leadership and share ideas to help inspire a future vision for the sector.

The conference program and registration information is available at www.mav.asn.au/summit2006.

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National code for wind farms

A discussion paper on a proposed national code for the construction of wind farms has been released this week by Federal Environment Minister Ian Campbell. He said a national code would provide the basis for consistency, certainty and community confidence in wind power as a future source of energy. The number of wind farms across Australia has grown rapidly over the past decade, rising from 20 in 1996 to 444 today. Senator Campbell said a key component of the code "should take into account the wishes of the local community, often

most fairly expressed by the local council". A roundtable of stakeholders will be held to further develop the code.

Climate change workshops for councils

The Australian Greenhouse Office is holding free two-hour climate change and risk management guidance workshops in all capital cities over the next two months. These workshops are aimed at councillors, senior managers and specialist risk managers. The workshops will be based around a new publication, *Climate Change Impacts and Risk Management: A Guide for Business and Government*. Further information from Anna van Dugteren on 02 6274 1119 or download the [registration form](#).

National awards now open

Local government bodies throughout Australia are invited to enter the National Awards for Local Government, now in its 20th year. [Award entries can be made on-line](#) through the website of the Department of Transport and Regional Services. Entries close at midnight (EST) on 13 June. The 2006 Awards feature 18 categories across four broad areas of local government business. A brochure listing all categories is also available on the DOTARS website. For further information please contact the Awards Team on 1800 065 113 (Freecall).

SCORD meets in Mandurah

ALGA attended the Standing Committee on Regional Development (SCORD) in Mandurah, WA, last week to discuss a variety of regional development issues ahead of the next meeting of regional development ministers in July. The meeting covered cross-jurisdictional support for regional manufacturing, Indigenous participation in the resources sector, the impact of regional skills shortages, the importance of information and communication technology, implementation of the regional development framework for co-operation, and the ongoing status of the National Regional Research Network. A key focus of discussion was the need to develop and agree on a package of relevant regional performance indicators to assist with policy development and evaluation. The Ministerial Regional Development Council will next meet in Alice Springs on July 13.

Opening up events to everyone

A new guide for event organisers aims to bring down the barriers to participation for people with a disability. [Accessible Events - a Guide for Organisers](#), developed by Meeting Events Australia (MEA) and the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, helps organisers to make their events more accessible to the millions of Australians with a disability. The Commission would like to hear from councils that have developed their own guide so that they might be referenced as additional resources. Comments on additional material that should be included in the guide should be sent to Michael Small at the Commission michaelsmall@humanrights.gov.au.

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Make Your Council a SuperHero

SuperHero Councils Red Nose Day 2006

SIDS and Kids is seeking help from local government throughout Australia to promote the 19th [Red Nose Day 2006](#) to their local communities through local media during the month of June commencing on Thursday June 1st.

Through the Red Nose Day Super Hero Council program councils can access an online media kit with pre formatted media releases and photo opportunities for good news stories and to demonstrate council's support for Red Nose Day and assistance making the community aware of the issues surrounding Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and Still Births in Australia.

To access the full media kit and background information from SIDS and Kids just click on the link and download the information in word format which can be easily used by your council's media unit to make your council a SuperHero.

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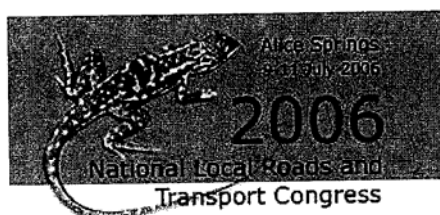
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Newcastle, New South Wales *Hosted by: ICTC Society and Newcastle City Council*

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National Greenbuild and Eco Show Exhibition and Conference 2006
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Melbourne *Presented by: Australasian College of Road Safety*

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ENVIRONMENT NEWSLETTER

MAY 2006

Welcome to the May Edition of WALGA's Environment Newsletter. As usual, this edition contains a wide range of sustainability and environmental news – including a story about a new aquifer recharge project occurring at the Town of Cottesloe thanks to WaterSmart funding and a successful initiative that has helped Esperance to reduce its plastic bag usage by 50%.

Unfortunately, there will be no new editions of the Environment Newsletter over the next couple of months, as I will be leaving the Association on May 12. But once my replacement gets started, you will continue to receive regular updates about environmental issues affecting the sector, as well as our councils' sustainability success stories.

Meanwhile, if you would like to discuss an environmental issue with the Association, our Environment Policy Manager, Mark Batty, can be contacted on 9213 2078 or mbatty@walga.asn.au. Mark has been with the Association now for three months after a career that has spanned working with ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, local government (Frankston City Council), and Melbourne Water.

NEWS

Stories of local government sustainability and the environmental issues confronting councils. Read our headlines below and click on the links to find out more.

Cottesloe Gets Smart With Water

A new initiative, in the form of funding support for a *Water Smart* project has been announced in Cottesloe today by Prime Minister John Howard...

The Shire of Esperance's Bag Smart Success Story

The Shire of Esperance's motto is "We make it happen!" and the success of the Bag Smart Campaign is due to the commitment and cooperation of all the supporting businesses...

Lancelin Frogs Rock

The Shire of Lancelin is providing support to Lancelin Primary School's design and construction of a frog habitat and garden...

AWARDS

Upcoming competitions as well as recent award ceremonies recognising local government achievements. Just click on the links.

New Australian Environmental Research Award – closing 10 May

The support of continual research in the environmental sector is paramount for a sustainable future. To encourage cutting edge environmental research in Australia, the DaimlerChrysler Environmental Research Award has been created...

FOR COMMENT

This section is intended to keep you in the loop regarding new policy and legislation that may affect the local government sector – just click on the links.

State Water Plan's 'Draft Water Policy Framework' – closing June 16

The Framework is the first of three sections of the State Water Plan and contains a vision for water resources management in Western Australia underpinned by six objectives. For more information visit <http://www.statewaterstrategy.wa.gov.au/>.

Chionomid Midge and Mosquito Risk Assessment Guide for Constructed Wetlands – closing 30 June 2006

The Guide can be down loaded from the Midge Research Group website at <http://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/midges/index.html> and comments, ideas and suggestions sent to midge@cockburn.wa.gov.au.

Guideline for the Determination of Wetland Buffers

The Association has recently submitted draft comments regarding the Western Australian Planning Commission's Guideline for the Determination

of Wetland Buffers. Click [here](#) to view an analysis of issues, including Association recommendations.

GRANTS

Funding available for environment and sustainability projects. Click on the links to find out more.

Perth Biodiversity Project Round 5 Targeted Grants – closing 19 May

Funding Guidelines, Application Forms, Assessment Criteria and List of previously funded projects available from:
<http://www.councils.wa.gov.au/directory/walga/index.html/pbp/grants/>.

Southwest Biodiversity Project Round 1 Targeted Grants – closing 12 May

Forms are available from
http://www.councils.wa.gov.au/directory/walga/index.html/sw_lg_bp/targeted_grants/.

The Australian Government Water Fund

All organisations that can contribute innovative, on-ground, water conservation solutions that will generate substantial improvements in water resource management, water supply, the efficient use of water or improve the health of our rivers and water quality are encouraged to apply. There are three main funding areas: Community Water Grants (~\$50,000); WaterSmart Australia (~\$1 million); Raising National Water Standards (no open call).

Grants Directory 2006

The *Grants Directory* for 2006 is now available on the Department of Local Government's web site at <http://grantsdirectory.dlgrd.wa.gov.au/>. The Directory is an online source of information about grants provided by the State and Australian Governments and private sector organisations for communities and Councils in regional and metropolitan Western Australia. The Directory contains comprehensive information on more than 80 grants including details on which groups can apply for assistance, how much funding is available and how groups should apply for funding.

For more information, contact Annette Hunter on 9217 1445 or ahunter@dlgrd.wa.gov.au.

Community Water Grants

The list of successful applicants to the Community Water Grants Program has been posted at: <http://www.communitywatergrants.gov.au/round1/wa.html>

WA Regional Initiatives Scheme (WARIS) – closing 25 May

The latest round of funding is now open for interested parties to lodge their applications. Grants from \$10,000 - \$250,000 are available for innovative projects which enhance the quality of life in regional areas and deliver economic, social or environmental benefits across two or more regions. Applications close on 25 May 2006.

Coastwest Grants 2006 – closing 30 June

The grants provide opportunities and resources to assist coastal managers to undertake on-ground coastal management activities and to facilitate community involvement and capacity building. For application guidelines, visit: www.wapc.wa.gov.au/Coast/Coastwest/392.aspx.

EVENTS

Seminars, conference and training opportunities from across the state. Just click on the links to find out more.

ABSA Solutions today for a sustainable tomorrow – May and June 2006

Sustainability training for designers, builders, architects, certifiers, regulators and inspectors...

State Water Policy Workshops – May and June 2006

A series of community workshops are being held around the State to encourage community feedback on the State Water Plan: Draft Water Policy Framework. Registration forms are available by clicking [here](#).

Environmental Health: Exposed! – 3-5 May

After six decades of environmental health conferences this year's theme, "Environmental Health – Exposed" is a timely statement about the importance of environmental health and the professionals that practice it. To view the flyer, click [here](#).

Sustainable Tourism - Interpretation Tools & Techniques – 4 May 2006

Presented by Professors Sam Ham & Betty Weiler, Global Gurus of Interpretation & Guiding & the CRC for Sustainable Tourism. To view the flyer, click [here](#).

Date: Thursday 4th May 2006 from 9.30am - 5.30pm

Location: Geographe Bayview Resort, Bussell Highway, Busselton

Fourth Forum - Our Drying Climate: Water Reuse - 4 May

Increasing population densities, climate variability, decreased rainfall and the environmental impacts of over-extraction of water are all combining to produce ongoing water shortages. To view the website, visit <http://www.ias.uwa.edu.au>. To view the flyer, click [here](#).

Distinguished Professor to Speak at Gondwana Link Seminar – 4 May

A distinguished expert on environmental repair in Western Australia, Professor Steve Hopper, will be the principal speaker at a landcare seminar to take place in Kendenup on Thursday 4th May 2006...

TravelSmart and beyond... helping Perth become more sustainable – 4 May

A solutions-focused forum for councillors, planners and others concerned about transport and planning at the local level. To view the website, visit www.stcwa.org.au. To view the flyer, click [here](#).

Mulching Morning at Timbertop – Free Mulch for Volunteers! – 7 May

Timbertop Reserve has been very successfully transformed from a barren drainage basin into an attractive reserve providing recreational use for local residents and valuable habitat for local fauna. The Friends of Timbertop Reserve are offering a trailerload of free mulch to volunteers lending a hand on the morning of Sunday May 7th, 2006 (week before Mother's Day)...

Challenging Sustainability: Urban Development and Change in Southeast Asia – 11 May

Presented by Dr Brian Shaw, Senior Lecturer in the School of Earth and Geographical Sciences at the University of Western Australia. Free Public Seminar: No Registration Required.

Carnaby's Cockatoo Survey – 14 May

This is your last chance to participate in the survey! Anyone can participate, surveying from anywhere on the Plain from Gingin to Bunbury. See www.carnabyscockatoo.org for further details and to download the forms, then call (04298 946 001) or email (volunteers@carnabyscockatoo.org) to register.

Gene Flow and GM crops – 17 May

Professor Carol Mallory-Smith from the Department of Crop and Soil Science, Oregon State University will speak on "**Gene Flow and GM crops**" and other weed issues. Carol is a visiting specialist to the Department of Agriculture and Food and a world-renowned Weed Scientist. She is the current President of the Weed Science Society of America and Editor of Weed Science and Weed Technology.

Location: 444 Albany Hwy, Albany

Contact: The Department of Agriculture Albany, for more details

Greenhouse Gas Action – Reducing Financial Losses – 19 May

Featuring a presentation by Peter Dormand, City Energy & Resource Manager, Newcastle City Council. Newcastle has cut its financial losses on energy spend from \$1.2 million to \$600,000 annually. This interactive workshop will show you how to engage your community and reduce your council's financial loss through practical energy and resource solutions. To view the flyer, click [here](#).

Wetlands Tour - 'Restoring and Protecting Wetlands in the Denmark Area' – 25-27 May

Experience wetland restoration and conservation in action using the south coast as a case study, have fun and meet new friends within WA's wetland conservation movement.

Website: www.denmarkcsl.com.au or www.greenskills.green.net.au

Sustainability Officers Networking Group – 29 May

An initiative of the Town of Cambridge, kindly supported by the Western Australian Local Government Association, to assist in networking and capacity building for local government staff working on sustainability issues. The first meeting will be held on Monday 29 May 2006 from 2-4pm at the Town of Cambridge Administration Building. To view the flyer, click

here. Please RSVP to Sonja Farrow at sfarrow@cambridge.wa.gov.au for catering purposes and to register your interest.

Dieback Management Course – 6 and 7 July

The Department of Conservation & Land Management is holding a Phytophthora cinnamomi (dieback) management course on July 6 & 7 in Dwellingup. The course is nationally accredited and is ideal for those working within the industry or local government...

2006 Landcare Education Field Study Courses – May, June, July and August

Practical courses are offered to people who have a passion about landcare and the environment...

9th International River Symposium 2006 on Managing Rivers with Climate Change and Expanding Populations - 4-7 September

This symposium will include the following topics: natural disasters, water reform, rising sea levels, economics, agriculture practices, community involvement, human health, floodplain rivers, environmental flows.

Hydropolis: Rainwater as a Resource – 8-11 October

This conference has been prompted by the continuing evidence of a drying climate and increasing development of our water resources. Large scale engineering solutions such as canals from the North West and desalination plants have been floated as the response while stormwater that falls within a local catchment has largely been forgotten as a resource.

Fostering Sustainable Behaviour

Doug McKenzie Mohr is returning to Australia in November to run workshops, executive briefings, consultancies etc. For more info or to register please contact lphillips@awa.asn.au by May 1 2006.

CALM's Urban Nature Program

CALM will be holding a series of bushland restoration training days at Brixton Street wetlands and Talbot Road bushland. To view the flyer for Brixton Street wetlands, visit www.councils.wa.gov.au/directory/walga/index.html/environment/training/CALM/view. To view the flyer for Talbot Road Bushland, visit www.councils.wa.gov.au/directory/walga/index.html/environment/training/t

[albot/view](#). For more information, contact 9474 7053 or 9474 7052 (places limited).

NRM CORNER

Click on the links below to find out the latest news from WA's regional natural resource management groups.

2006-2008 Swan Investment Plan Update

The Swan Catchment Council's (SCC) 2006-2008 Investment Plan is currently with the Australian and State Government for endorsement.

Avon Rural Towns Project

Seven towns have been identified as priority towns in the Avon. These towns are Lake Grace, Wongan Hills, Merredin, Dowerin, Pingelly, Brookton and York.

SCRIPT poised to invest \$5M in strategic catchments

The South Coast Regional Initiative Planning Team (SCRIPT) has officially signed off on a \$5m investment in four specially selected Strategic Catchments throughout the South Coast Region.

Projects underway in Northern Agricultural Region

Almost all projects included in the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council's (NACC) first Investment Plan, funded by the Australian and WA Governments, have been contracted and are now underway...

NRM projects to commence throughout the Rangelands

\$16million in natural resource management projects are set to be implemented across the vast Rangelands Region of Western Australia when the accredited regional strategy and approved investment plan are launched in Carnarvon on May 17...

Nicole Stuart
Environment Policy Officer
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MEDIA RELEASE

27 April 2006

Scholarships to Aid Rural Health Services

Efforts to get more doctors in regional areas will receive a boost today with \$117,000 in medical scholarships being awarded by the Country Medical Foundation (CMF).

The CMF is a Local Government initiative and was established in 1991 to support the attraction and retention of GP services in rural and regional WA.

It offers scholarships of \$5,000 per annum for up to five years to medical students from rural and regional backgrounds who undertake to practice in non-metropolitan areas after graduation.

This year's scholarships include 6 new and 18 ongoing scholarships and were presented to recipients at a reception held today at Matilda Bay Restaurant, Crawley.

CMF Acting Chairman, Cr Ken Pech said it was of vital importance that the Association be involved in projects directly addressing rural issues.

"These scholarships provide much needed support to assist medical students from country areas in giving back to their local communities," he said.

"Health and medical services are a critical issue for country communities and it's great to see a foundation such as this providing concrete means to encourage interest from health professionals when considering locations for their careers.

"Local Government is committed to ensuring the services provided to rural and regional areas are comparable to those enjoyed by their metropolitan counterparts and we look forward to working with the Association in the future."

The Foundation has also undertaken to fund \$3,000 to this year's Community Health Nurses WA Inc conference, to be held in Kalgoorlie in August.

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FOR MEDIA COMMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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MEDIA RELEASE

29 April 2006

Structural Reform Needs to be Voluntary

Any structural reform of Local Government in West Australia needs to be voluntary to ensure sustainability in the long term.

Western Australian Local Government Association President Cr Bill Mitchell said any changes to the structure of the State's 144 Councils - be it amalgamations, resource sharing or boundary adjustments - needed to consider more than just the immediate economic expectations.

Cr Mitchell was commenting in response to the public release today of the State Government's report into structural and electoral reform by the Local Government Advisory Board - the recommendations of which include restructuring for 33 existing Councils into 14 new entities.

He said it is the non negotiable position of the Association that change should not be forced on local communities but rather that Councils give due consideration to any need for change and enter into the process voluntarily.

"Local Government is the sphere of government that is closest to the community and ideally reflects the will of specific communities," Cr Mitchell said.

"Sustainability should not just be considered in economic terms but also sustainability in terms of social and environmental outcomes and for that to occur it needs to be supported by the community."

"In order for any changes to be sustainable in Local Government they have to be supported by the local community and not forced onto Councils."

Cr Mitchell said the Association had recently commissioned the Systemic Sustainability Study which is the first objective and independent study of Local Government ever conducted in Western Australia.

"I believe the Minister recognises that the LGAB report makes a contribution to the debate on structural reform but is by no means the end of the debate," he said.

Event: WALGA response to LGAB report – Cr Bill Mitchell
Where: 26 Albert Street, Claremont
When: 12 noon – Saturday, April 29

Ends

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1.1 EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS

New Staff:

- Nil

Staff Leaving:

- Patrick Buckless – Irrigation Fitter, 26 May 2006.

Other Staff Movements:

Nil

Current Recruitment Activity:

- Grano/Concrete Worker – closed 1 February 2006, no applications received. Attempting to source through recruitment agency.
- Leading Hand Drainage – closed 1 February 2006, no suitable applications received. Readvertised 25 March 2006, applications close 12 April 2006. Interviews completed, recruitment progressing.
- Plant Operator – closed 24 February 2006, no suitable applications received. Readvertised 25 March 2006, applications close 12 April 2006. Recruitment progressing.
- Civil Works Vacancies – six vacancies advertised 25 March 2006, applications close 12 April 2006. Interviews completed, recruitment progressing.
- Records Officer – advertised 8 April 2006. Interviews held 8 May 2006, recruitment progressing.
- Rates Debt Collection Officer – advertised 8 April 2006. Re-advertising required.
- Engineering Designer/Technical Officer – advertised 1 April 2006. Recruitment progressing.
- Waste Services Administration Officer – advertised 22 April 2006, applications closed 5 May 2006, progressing.
- Irrigation Fitter – advertised 29 April 2006, closes 12 May 2006.


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ITEM	REFERRING COMMITTEE	COMMENTS	OFFICER RESPONSIBLE
<u>Armadale Shale Quarry – Management Plan</u> <i>Refer T145/02 25 November 02</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee.	Executive Director
<u>Armitage Road – Temporary Road Closure/Parking arrangements</u> <i>Refer T23/04/04 27 April 04</i>	Development Services/ Technical Services	Further report to future Development Services Committee. Future report to Technical Services Committee	Executive Director Development Services. Manager Engineering and Design.
<u>Road Calming to Jarrah Road Roleystone and other items associated with upgrading of the Roleystone Shopping Centre</u> <i>Refer T29/04/04 27 April 04</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee.	Executive Director Technical Services.
<u>Lack of Lighting at Cross Park Precinct, Roleystone</u> <i>Refer T91/09/04 27 September 04</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Parks
<u>O’Sullivan Drive, Westfield Petition</u> <i>Refer T21/03/05 30 March 05</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Manager Engineering and Design
<u>Traffic Management – Lefroy Road Precinct</u> <i>Refer T32/05/05 30 May 2005</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Senior Projects Engineer
<u>Staff Replacement - Technical Services Directorate</u> <i>Refer T68/06/05 27 June 2005</i>	Technical Services	Further report to future Technical Services Committee	Executive Director

TECHNICAL SERVICES WORKS PROGRAMME APRIL – JUNE 2006

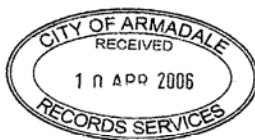
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Professionalism and Support.

Dear Paul

As President of the Armadale Soccer Club, I wanted to pass on my thanks and gratitude for the tremendous effort that was given to the grounds at Alfred Skeet Oval prior to the start of the up coming season.

The pitch is the best it has looked in a long time and the other works that have been completed have added to the professional approach we are trying to promote as a club.

Could you please pass on my thanks to all those people associated with maintaining the grounds and buildings?

I have also enclosed six (6) free entry passes to our first home game commencing on Saturday 15th April 2006, games start from 11-00am 18's, Reserves from 1-00pm and the Premier First Team kick off at 3-00pm.

Please ensure the people attending maintain the entry pass as they will also be provided with a free drink, (the passes will need to be handed in at the bar to receive this free drink). If you require any more free passes for this game please feel free to give me a call?

Once again I look forward to working closely with the Council so we are able to provide a professional service back to the Armadale Community.

Kind Regards

Chris Hill

President Armadale Soccer Club - 5th April 2006.

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OUTSTANDING REPORT

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS – APRIL 2006		
ITEM	DEPT.	ACTION/STATUS
<i>Kelmscott Soccer Club – Proposal to Use Pries Park (February 2004)</i> <i>(August 2004)</i> That a report to the October 2004 Community Services Committee meeting be prepared that identifies the issues associated with the Kelmscott Soccer Club's future, canvassing possible options for Council's consideration and recommending a strategy for the future use and development of both Frye Park, Pries Park and other relevant alternatives. (C120/8/04)	Recreation Services	Matter reported to the November 2004 Community Services Committee Meeting. Council resolved not to approve the Kelmscott Soccer Club's request to relocate to Pries Park at this time. Further consultation to occur with the Club and an additional report to be presented to Council as part of the 15 Year Financial Plan Workshops for 2006.
<i>Indoor Aquatic Centre Feasibility Study (June 2005)</i> That a further report be presented to the September Community Services Committee Meeting on the outcome of the community response to Council's preferred option for provision of an indoor aquatic facility in the City. (C68/6/05)	Recreation Services	Subject to workload and available resources, matter to be reported to the May 2006 Community Services Committee Meeting.
<i>Pioneers' Reunion Venue and Criteria (August 2005)</i> That Council recommit the matter of the criterion of becoming a pioneer to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee pending broader discussion between Elected Members and officers in relation to the purpose of the function and qualification. (C79/8/05)	Community Development	Subject to workload and available resources, the matter to be reported to the June 2006 Community Services Committee.
<i>Armadale Arena – Management Agreement and Financial Update (January 2006)</i> That a further report on the financial operation of Armadale Arena be presented to the March 2006 Community Services Committee. (C6/1/06)	Recreation Services	Subject to workload and available resources, the matter to be reported to the June 2006 Community Services Committee.
<i>Naming of Former Kelmscott Pool Site & Foreshore Area at Rushton Park (February 2006)</i> That Council recommit the naming of the former Kelmscott Pool site and foreshore at Rushton Park to the May Meeting of the Community Services Committee. (C11/2/06)	Recreation Services	Subject to workload and available resources, the matter to be reported to the May 2006 Community Services Committee.
<i>Armadale & Districts Rugby League Club – Debt Assessment and Repayment Plan (April 2006)</i> That a review of the Armadale Rugby League Club's financial position and long term viability be undertaken in September 2006 and presented to the October Community Services Committee Meeting. (C23/4/06)	Recreation Services	Subject to workload and available resources, the matter to be reported to the October 2006 Community Services Committee.

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LIBRARY & HERITAGE SERVICES GENERAL MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2006

1. LIBRARY SERVICES

1.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

The Library Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of April 2006 is attached. (Refer to Attachment "CA-1".)

1.2 Library Extension Activities

1.2.1 Special Effects Report

(Report prepared by Sheena Bell, Librarian, Kelmscott Library)

Topic	Special Effects Make-up
Presenter	Melodie Broom

Date	21 st April, 2006
Time	1.30-3.00pm
Venue	Kelmscott Library

No. Attending 17

Melodie Broom from Ashton Admor came armed with stage blood, false flesh, spirit gum and coloured make-up to teach our tweenies and teenagers how to use these products to create wounds, stitches, bruises and scars. The session was held to coincide with National Youth Week and it was lovely to see so many teenagers attending the session, an age group that generally is difficult to attract into the library.

Melodie began the session distributing an information sheet and a program of special effects that would be conducted during the session. She then called on volunteers (and was consequently overrun with offers!) to demonstrate the techniques needed to create bruises, scars, stitches and wounds. It was explained what colours made up a bruise and how the centre of the bruise is deeper in colour to the outside.

The children asked questions such as how to make a bullet wound and how to make the wound appear infected. This then became an interesting discussion on special effects and the human body. Then the "victims"(who were champing at the bit to get started) were asked to pair up and given a plate of materials and let loose on one another. The techniques demonstrated were easy to follow and produced some very gory effects. There was much laughter and comments along the lines of; "this is cool" "so gross". Photographers from the Examiner and the Comment attended the session and took forensic evidence!

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Books on theatrical make-up and special effects were on display and parents and children were very appreciative of the library for making the session available. Many asked if we would hold another session some other time as we had to limit numbers to 20 or less. Participants were expressly asked to not let people know that this is what happened to them when they visited the library!

1.2.2 Holiday Activity Report

(Report prepared by Sheena Bell, Librarian Kelmscott Library)

Theme: Underwater Worlds!
Dates: 20th April, 26 April, 27 April 2006
Venues: Armadale, Kelmscott and Westfield Public Libraries.
Number Attending: ARM : 15 children, 6 adults ; KMS : 27 children, 8 adults ;
WST : 40 children, 10 adults.
Total number of children: 82

Westfield Library hosted 40 children to make undersea mobiles. Egg carton cups were used to create octopuses, fish and lots of other sea creatures. Crepe and tissue paper was used to great effect as seaweed. The session was very well attended after promotion in local papers. A group of fifteen children from a local childcare centre also attended. Shirley Reilly (WST)

After listening to an excerpt from Jules Verne's "20,000 leagues under the sea" we made Underwater Explorers at Armadale Library, to explore the ocean depths and try to glimpse a giant sea monster. The kids made good use of plastic drink bottles, disposable cups and cardboard cylinders for the body of the craft, and wrapped it in butcher's paper, colourful tissue paper or cellophane. Some added sparkly "barnacles", twisty pipe cleaners, and crepe paper streamers for propulsion. Glitter paint helped to give the craft a shimmery finish. Rita Lennon (ARM)

27 children came to Kelmscott Library to make Aquariums which they then chose to fill with fish, mermaids, whales and shells. Coloured sand was used to give the aquariums a good base and they were then decorated with sequins and tissue paper seaweed. Many coloured coral fish, squid and underwater creatures were created and added to the aquariums. It was also a good opportunity to promote the Bookstars program run at the Kelmscott library. Sheena Bell (KMS).

Books and other library materials related to the theme and the activities were displayed and used during the sessions, with some being borrowed afterwards to use during the rest of the holidays. Positive comments regarding the activities were received from the children and their parents.

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2. HERITAGE SERVICES

2.1 Statistical Performance Indicators

The Heritage Department's statistical performance indicators report for the month of April 2006 is attached. (Refer to Attachment "CA-2".)

2.2 Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

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

Minnawarra Festival.

Birtwistle Local Studies Library was visited by 361 people during the Minnawarra Festival. Volunteers dressed in period costume and walked around the festival encouraging people to visit the Minnawarra Historic Precinct. Many visitors took the opportunity to discuss district history with local historians or ask questions relating to researching their family history.

The temporary displays of the district, Henrietta Drake-Brockman and Warden William Lambden Owen as well as the permanent library display of the relocation project and items found under the school room were all enjoyed and appreciated. Transcripts of oral histories were also available and well utilised. A number of people expressed the desire to return to the library to carry out research.

Special thanks go to all the volunteers who worked so tirelessly over the weekend to make the event the success that it was.

Preservation Survey.

The preservation survey for Birtwistle Local Studies Library has now been completed resulting in a report on the continuing preservation of the library's collection and physical environment. Recommendations were made on how to maximize preservation of the collection. The survey also resulted in the development of a Disaster Management Plan for the collection.

Installation of ScanPro.

A new ScanPro machine has been installed in the library. The machine allows both microfilm and microfiche to be viewed, scanned onto a computer where it can be manipulated to suit the amount of material that is needed before printing.

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2.3 History House Museum

(Report prepared by Christen Bell, Museum Curator)

Minnawarra Festival.

603 people visited the Museum during the Minnawarra Festival. Much of the success of the day can be attributed to Museum tents located on the main pathway running between the City's administration building and the Birtwistle Local Studies Library. Located in the tents, were displays about the history of the park, a Morse Code demonstration by the Morscodians and an 'old tool' display from the Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum.

History House Museum volunteers were also in the tent informing the public about the Museum and encouraging them to visit the facility. This was very successful and without their efforts across the festival, visitor numbers would have been considerably lower.

In the Museum was the main exhibit about the history of Minnawarra Park titled '*Brookside: The Story of Minnawarra Park*'. The community group Tales of Times Past used the Museum as a venue to tell stories and conducted activities including old style writing with pen and ink.

History House Museum 30th Birthday

On the 25th of April History House Museum turned 30. A birthday party was held which many former volunteers and founding members of the Armadale-Kelmscott Historical Society attended. The Museum founding curator Margaret Bettenay entertained the crowd with how the History House Museum came into existence and the influence Ivor T Birtwistle had on achieving this. Cr Linton Reynolds then spoke of the relationship between the City of Armadale and History House Museum and the expansion of heritage based services by the Council.

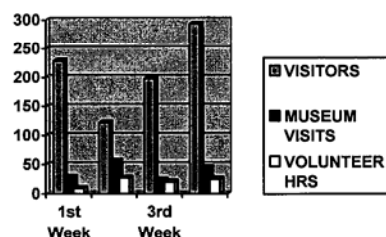
'Brookside: The Story of Minnawarra Park'.

This exhibit opened during the Minnawarra Festival. The display looks primarily at the history of the site, from when the Jull family created the property of Brookside through to its role as a civic precinct and public park. The exhibit will be on display until July.

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3. VISITOR SERVICING

3.1 Visitor Servicing Statistical Performance Indicators April 2006



NOTE: FIGURES REFLECT CLOSURE OVER EASTER PERIOD

Adults	Child	Local	Metro	Intra State	FROM	Inter State	FROM	Overseas	FROM
776	66	456	181	112	SW - 64 North - 12 Outback - 4 Coral C - 32	52	Vic- 21 NSW - 6 Qld - 21 Tas - 1 SA - 3	45	Germany - 14 England - 19 N Zealand - 3 Holland - 5 Japan - 2 Hong Kong - 1 Italy - 1
Vols Hours	Local Enquiry (Phone)	Info Packs Sent		Visit Museum			TOTAL VISITORS:		
81.5	Not recorded	126		153			842		

3.2 Armadale Visitor Centre Report

(Report prepared by Yvonne Bradfield, Visitor Centre Coordinator)

April was a busy month at the Visitor Centre. The Visitor Centre had a display at the Minnowarra Festival in the City Tent for the first time. The Community Services Directorate Team Breakfast was held at the Centre on the 4th April at which *Information Bags* were given to participants. Two Coach Companies and one local Day Care Centre visited the Museum. Mr Bert Tyler guided the Day Care Group through the Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum.

Unfortunately, it was necessary to close the Centre over the Easter Period. Prior to doing this however, other Visitor Centres were contacted to ascertain their opening hours and as most were closing it was considered to be within the current industry standard to close.

Five new volunteers were introduced to the Centre, bringing the current number of volunteers to 20. This provided the opportunity to commence training of all volunteers with a Volunteer meeting held at the Centre. The Volunteer Policy and Procedures document was introduced to all volunteers. Ongoing training and

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“Famil” opportunities will be a major component of the volunteer role and benefits.

A major achievement was the introduction of the Book Easy On-line Reservation Booking System to the Centre. As well as a number of tourism operators receiving training, 15 Volunteers and three City Staff Members also had training on the system. Training was provided by the software supplier. The “go-live” of the Book Easy system will hopefully take place within the next month.

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MANAGER RANGER & EMERGENCY SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2006

1. Animal Control

1.1 Dogs

Ranger Services has received two hundred and four (204) requests for assistance during this report period. Whilst the overall number of requests for assistance is only slightly higher than the comparable period for 2004/2005, it is interesting to note that there is a significant increase in the 2005/2006 progressive totals

1.2 Livestock

During this report period Ranger Services attended to fourteen (14) 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 determined in the Armadale Magistrate's Court during the month of April 2006.

NAME	OFFENCE	FINDING OF COURT	PENALTY \$	COSTS \$	TOTAL \$
Rita Trevenen	Dog Attack (on another animal)	Guilty	700	227.35	927.35
Brian Langmead	Dog Attack (on another animal)	Guilty	600	100.70	700.70
Robert Marwick	Dog Attack (on person)	Guilty	600	100.70	700.70
Gillian Brain	Dog Attack (on person)	Guilty	700	100.70	800.70
LeonidaMartin	Dog Attack (on another animal)	Guilty	600	100.70	700.70
Tania O'Connor	Wandering & Unregistered	Guilty	200	100.70	300.70

2. Vehicles

2.1 Parking

Ranger Services received thirty three (33) requests for assistance, and issued nine (9) infringement notices in regard to the unlawful parking of vehicles during this report period.

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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.

2.2 Abandoned Vehicles

The number of abandoned vehicles dealt with by Ranger Services continues to be of concern, with eight (8) being recorded during this report period.

2.3 Commercial Vehicles (Trucks)

There was a slight decrease 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.

2.4 Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas)

Ranger Services attended to eight (8) reports of vehicles (motor cycles) being driven in areas that are prohibited, during the report period.

3. Fire Services

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

Ranger Services received only eleven (11) requests for assistance during the report period, which is similar to the same period last year.

4. General

4.1 FESA Wildfire Forum 2006

On Monday, 3 April 2006, the Manager Ranger & Emergency Services, CBFCO, attended the FESA Wildfire Forum 2006, which was held at the Burswood Convention Centre.

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The Wildfire Forum brings together the leaders of the rural fire industry in Western Australia including FESA Board Members and Executive, Consultative Committees, Chief Executive Officers and Chief Bush Fire Control Officers of Local Governments.

The Forum was opened by the Hon. John D'Orazio BSc, MPS, Minister for Emergency Services, and featured Keynote speaker Mr. Barry King, Senior Assistant State Counsel, State Solicitor's Office, and Mr. Russell Stevens, Director Fire Services Metropolitan as well as several other informative presentations.

4.2 Exercise ALPS 52

On Friday, 5 May 2006, the City of Armadale Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) hosted a Desktop Emergency Tactical Exercise at the Roleystone Fire Station.

The exercise was based upon a scenario involving a bushfire starting in the Canning Dam area, travelling north up the Canning River towards the Araluen Botanic Park, Araluen Estate and Roleystone. The bushfire occurs on the same weekend as the Araluen Chilli Festival.

The purpose of the exercise was to test the interaction between, and support provided by, various agencies working as an Incident Management Group (IMG) in support of an Incident Management Team (IMT) handling a major bushfire in the Perth Urban- Rural Interface.

Approximately twenty five (25) personnel from a number of agencies participated, and successfully completed the exercise objectives. A comprehensive debriefing session, on the exercise, is to be conducted at 0900hrs on 11 May 2006 in the City of Armadale Administration Centre Function room.

4. April 2006 Statistics

<i>DOGS</i>	<i>April 2006</i>	<i>April 2005</i>	<i>2005/2006 Progressive Total</i>	<i>2004/2005 Progressive Total</i>
Wandering	50	54	837	462
Dogs for Pick Up	26	31	288	304
Barking	31	21	244	236
Attacks	13	16	167	138
Lost & Found	75	68	763	592
General Information	9	8	93	93
Total	204	198	2,392	1,825
Office Phone Enquiries	116	76	1329	1072

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<i>PARKING / VEHICLES</i>	April 2006	April 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
General Parking	9	10	123	135
Trucks	7	1	35	41
School Parking	1	2	25	36
Taxi Parking	0	0	0	15
Abandoned Vehicles	8	8	145	97
Off Road Vehicles	8	7	111	76
Total	33	28	439	400
Office Phone Enquiries	8	11	109	132

<i>LIVESTOCK</i>	April 2006	April 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Lost & Found	1	4	11	22
General	13	5	100	81
Total	14	9	111	103
Office Phone Enquiries	0	0	30	50

<i>LITTER</i>	April 2006	April 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
General Information	0	0	0	8
Private Property	0	2	12	20
Roadside / Reserve	4	2	39	34
Verge	4	1	25	30
Total	8	5	76	92
Office Phone Enquiries	0	0	10	14

<i>FIRE</i>	April 2006	April 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Burning Off / General Information	8	12	42	47
Firebreak / Hazard	3	1	137	109
Total	11	13	179	156
Office Phone Enquiries	132	138	454	529

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GENERAL	April 2006	April 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
General Information	6	8	44	55
Total	6	8	44	55
Office Phone Enquiries - Cats	7		130	
Office Phone Enquiries - General	5	13	199	225

TOTAL	April 2006	April 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Total Reports / Complaints	276	261	3241	2631
Total Office Phone Enquiries	268	238	2261	2022

WARNINGS	April 2006	April 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Dogs	12	24	161	184
Parking	1	2	118	118
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	2	0
Litter	0	1	14	5
Fire & Fire Orders	1	3	55	124
Other	0	0	0	6
Total	14	30	350	437

INFRINGEMENTS	April 2006	April 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Dogs	14	36	309	311
Parking	9	36	293	445
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	3	0
Litter	9	3	22	22
Fire	1	8	48	65
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	33	83	675	843
NUMBER WITHDRAWN	7	13	92	82
Number Paid	41	N/A	458	N/A

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<i>IMPOUNDED DOGS</i>	April 2006	April 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Claimed	16	20	296	314
Sold	7	3	37	32
Destroyed	11	20	155	126
Vet / Rescue	3	9	60	92
Stolen	0	0	0	0
Total	37	52	548	564

<i>IMPOUNDED VEHICLES</i>	April 2006	April 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Vehicles	2	4	49	37
Motor Cycles	0	0	1	4
Total	2	4	50	41

<i>IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK</i>	April 2006	April 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Sheep	1	0	4	16
Horses	0	1	1	3
Cows	0	0	3	0
Goats	0	0	5	3
Pigs	0	0	0	0
Deer	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total	1	1	13	22

<i>COURT PROSECUTIONS</i>	April 2006	April 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Dog	6	2	44	39
Fire	0	0	0	0
Parking	0	1	1	0
Litter	0	0	0	0
Off Road Vehicles	0	0	0	0
Total	6	3	45	39
No. of Guilty Verdicts	6	2	45	36

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<i>FINES ENFORCEMENT</i>	April 2006	April 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Infringements sent to FER	62	0	274	153

<i>DOG REGISTRATIONS</i>	April 2006	April 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
New Dog Registrations	70	N/A	695	N/A
Renewed Dog Registrations	18	N/A	1970	N/A
Total	88	0	2665	0

<i>PHONES CALLS</i>	April 2006	April 2005	2005/2006 Progressive Total	2004/2005 Progressive Total
Office – Rangers calling Office	21	21	210	276
Office – Messages for Staff	23	44	464	496
Office – Referred to Other	7	14	160	140
Calls to Rangers' Private Residences via Diverter	10	20	124	203
TOTAL	61	99	958	1115

MINUTES FROM OCCASIONAL/ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee Meeting of 7 March 2006. **(Refer to Attachment “CA-?”.)**

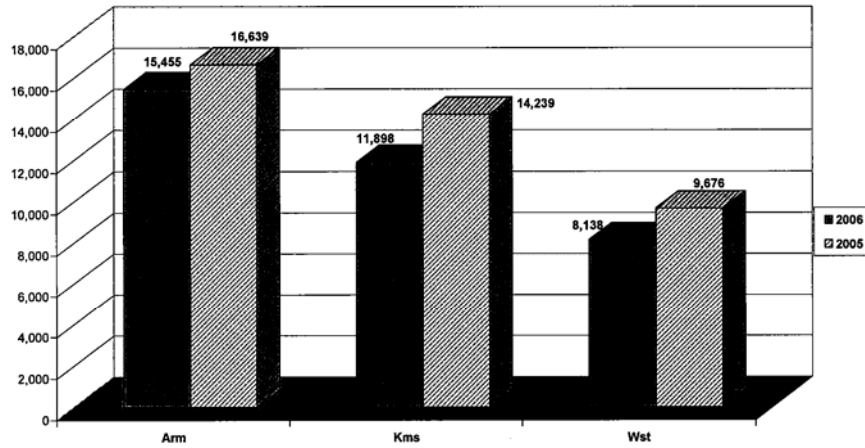
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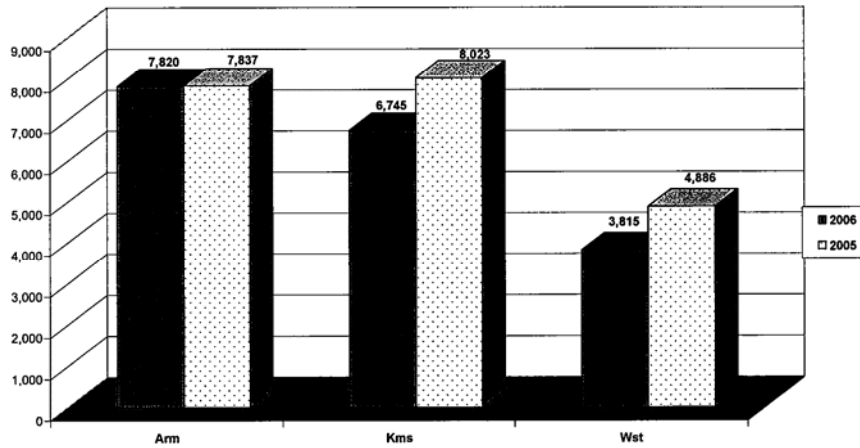
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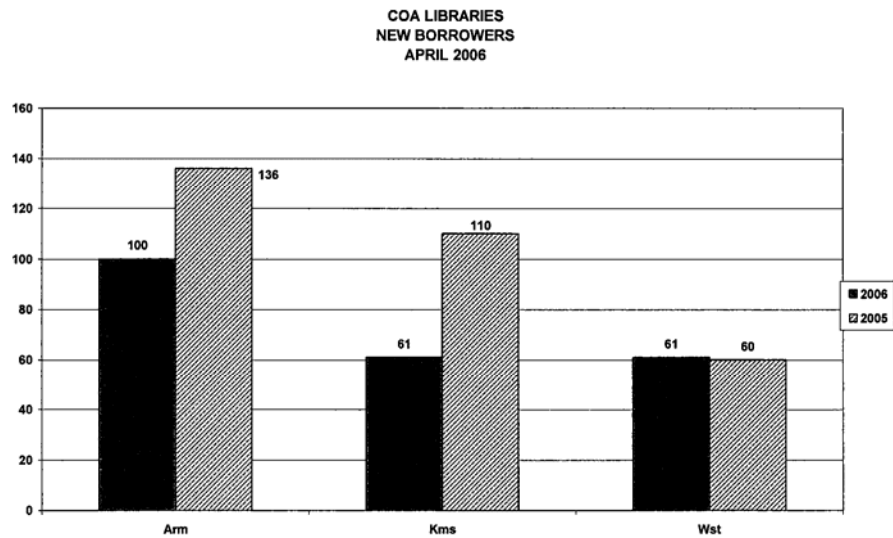
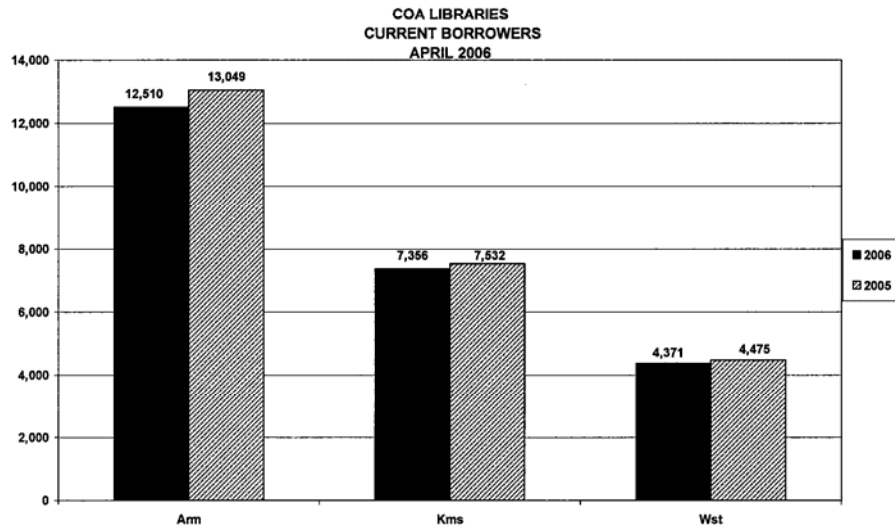
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COA LIBRARIES
ISSUES/RENEWALS
APRIL 2006

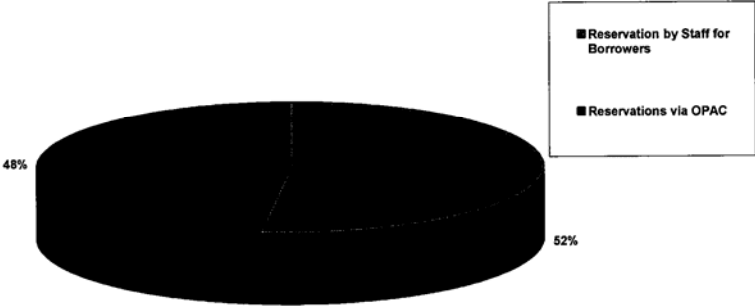


COA LIBRARIES
NUMBER OF VISITS
APRIL 2006





COA LIBRARIES
RESERVATIONS
APRIL 2006



History Museum	House	Current Month	Year to date		
		April 06	April 05	Jul 05- April 06	Jul 04 – April 05
Visitors		867	330	2,020	2,376
Volunteer Hours		113	-	1,272	
Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum		April 06	April 05	Jul 05 – April 06	Jul 04 – April 05
		153		229	-
Birtwistle Local Studies Library					
		April 06	April 05	Jul 05- April 06	Jul 04 – April 05
Reference Enquiries		7	-	36	-
Research Enquiries		5	-	37	-
Visitor Attendance		460	-	860	-
Volunteer Hours		59	-	473	-
Oral History Program					
Letters sent		0	1	26	26
Interviews Completed		0	2	29	20
Transcripts Completed		1	nil	21	1
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing		13.5	-	158	67 + -
Volunteer Hours – Interviewing		1.5	-	167.5	81 + -

Month: April

Year: 2006

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

**OF THE ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADVISORY
COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE,
7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON TUESDAY, 7 MARCH 2006 AT 1.15 PM**

PRESENT:

Mr A McNamara	Deputy Chairman
Cr J Knezevich	City of Armadale
Ms C Pickett	Community Representative
Ms L Murray	Community Representative
Mr B Loo	Dept. for Community Development

APOLOGIES:

Mrs M Sheppard
Mr C Askew
Ms T McCourt

OBSERVERS: Nil

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr R S Tame	Chief Executive Officer
Mrs Y Coyne	Manager Community Development
	City of Armadale
Mr J Walley	Armadale Health Service
Mrs Y Ward	Minute Secretary – City of Armadale
Public: Nil	

DISCLAIMER

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

DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

QUESTION TIME

Nil

DEPUTATION

Nil

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ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

7 March 2006

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1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 7 February 2006

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee Meeting held on 7 February 2006 be received.

Moved: Ms Lesley Murray

CARRIED

Ms Carleen Pickett requested that the matter of attendance of members at meetings be listed for discussion on the 4 April 2006 ATSIAC Agenda.

It was suggested that a covering note be attached to the ATSIAC Minutes as a reminder that if a member fails to attend three consecutive meetings, that person forfeits their membership.

Ms Carleen Pickett sought clarification in regard to the attendance at meetings by Waminda and Disability Services as she had been advised by Waminda that they had received a communication from the City that they could attend ATSIAC Meetings but that this should be with permission of the Chairperson. It was her understanding from the last meeting that Waminda would be able to be a part of discussions without voting rights.

The Manager Community Development advised that under the formal process, as set out in 3.3 of these Minutes, the meetings are not open to the public unless at the invitation of the Committee or Chair.

2. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

2.1 Aboriginal Family Support Service

The Committee at its last meeting was advised of and discussed changes to the funding objectives under which the AFSS is funded. It was agreed to continue those discussions at a meeting on Monday 13th February 2006 at Orchard House.

Discussions from both meetings resulted in a proposed recommendation to Council.

Further to those discussions Viv Hansen had a meeting with Alannah MacTiernan MLA in regards to funding for this service. Viv will report on the outcome.

The Manager Community Development advised that Viv Hansen had met with Alannah MacTiernan in regard to this matter but was not aware of the outcome.

RESOLVED:

That Council accept the new funding agreement for the Indigenous Children’s Programme for the 2006 Calendar year but express its dissatisfaction for not only the loss of funding for a needed community service in the AFSS but also the timing and process that had occurred in advising the City and the community of the changes.

Moved: Ms Carleen Pickett

CARRIED

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 Minnowarra Festival

An update on the arrangements are for the Interactive Zone at Minnowarra Festival.

Ms Lesley Murray advised the Aboriginal Interactive Zone will be run on Sunday, 2 April 2006 from 11.00 am to 4.30 pm. Support has been provided from Lorelle Sinclair (Acting Events Coordinator – City of Armadale). A Committee of committed people has been formed which includes Carleen Pickett.

Lesley Murray advised that a meeting had been arranged to discuss matters relating to the Minnowarra Festival. Waminda will auspice the Council funds for the Aboriginal Interactive Zone and representatives from Waminda will be attending the meeting to work out the logistics.

3.2 Armadale Visitor Centre

The City of Armadale Visitor Centre is managed by Yvonne Bradfield who will present information about the Centre at this meeting.

The Manager Community Development advised that the Visitor Centre Manager, Yvonne Bradfield, had been unable to attend the meeting and requested that the matter be recommitted to the next meeting of the ATSIAC.

3.3 Visitors to Meetings

As per the ATSIAC Terms of Reference (point 16.0), advisory committee meetings are not open to the public unless at the invitation of the Committee or Chair. This means that although individual members can invite guests to meetings, the Committee must agree to accept the guests

prior to them being permitted to observe the meeting. Presentations must be requested prior to the meeting for inclusion on the Agenda.

3.4 NAIDOC

NAIDOC week is from 2nd to 9th July 2006. The City of Armadale will hold a flag raising ceremony & morning tea on Tuesday 4th July. The ATSIAC (or members of) may wish to organise celebrations following on from the City of Armadale event.

It was suggested that an advertisement be initiated seeking expressions of interest from an Aboriginal Corporation to volunteer to coordinate NAIDOC. The City of Armadale to continue its organisation of the Flag Raising Ceremony.

It was suggested that recognition of Year 11 and 12 students be provided (as has occurred historically) at the NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony but that a separate presentation occur at the City of Armadale at a later date for those recipients who could not attend the Ceremony and that this be coordinated with the Principals of the schools involved.

Ms Carleen Pickett suggested a change in the design of the Student Award Certificate for 2006 and that the Certificate be placed on card instead of paper, as has occurred previously.

4. URGENT ITEMS

4.1 Street Conflict

Ms Carleen Pickett advised of a conflict which had been occurring between groups of people in the Armadale, Westfield and Kelmscott areas over the past four years and requested assistance as to which organizations could be requested to help to stem the conflict. It was suggested that the Police, local Members of Parliament and the State Government be proactively lobbied in regard to this matter and that the Aboriginal people call a community meeting to tackle the problem as a community.

4.2 Community Action Group

Ms Carleen Pickett advised that the Armadale Redevelopment Authority would be attending a meeting of the Community Action Group to be held on 8 March 2006 at 4.30 pm in the Uniting Church Hall, Lowanna Way, Armadale.

Cr John Knezevich advised that he would be an apology for the next meeting of ATSIAC.

Next Committee Meeting
TUESDAY, 4 APRIL 2006 at 1.00pm

MEETING CLOSED AT 2.00 PM

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

DATE: Wednesday 29th March 2006

VENUE: Armadale PCYC

MEETING OPENED: 7:10pm

CHAIR PERSON: S/Sgt Russell Gardiner

MINUTE TAKER: Ian Lannary

<u>PRESENT:</u>	S/Sgt Russell Gardiner	Cr Allison Cominelli
	Pam Walker	Pat Quinlivan
	Alexandra Lewis	Kerri Ann Davey
	Katrina Western	Ian Lannary

GUESTS:

<u>APOLOGIES:</u>	S/C Geoff Sims	S/C Tracy Uchtman
	Ivan Bulich	John Landwehr
	Carl Askew	Lisa Pope
	Wayne Mauger	

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS:

Moved Pat Quinlivan / Pam Walker that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 25/11/05 were a true and correct record of that meeting and should be signed as such.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

A question was asked regarding wages and staffing for before and after school care. It was explained that the wording did not mean that the staff would be getting paid for the number of children but that staff would be required for the number of children attending. A Committee Member wished that the February Minutes on page 5 last paragraph be changed from “The response was that **every person on** the Committee other than the Police and Council representatives had put in a written submissions to the manager in favour of returning to the old club” should read “.The response was that **the majority of** the Committee other than Police and Council representatives had put in written submissions to the manager in favour of returning to the old club.

The question was asked why no one from Federation was attending the meeting.

The President explained Federation had put a large amount of lotteries money into the partnership and anticipate the partnership to work. Since the last Committee meeting there had been a meeting between Federation and the City of Armadale to discuss the Management Agreement. This meeting also included Ivan Bulich and Colin Parker who represented the club. The meeting discussed the new management agreement and the fact is that the City of Armadale realise that major changes are required for the agreement to continue. Discussion ensued. A Committee Member then asked if this Committee would be able to see the new agreement and have an input into it. The President said there was no reason why that should not happen, but the bottom line was that the Federation of PCYC would make the final decision.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Moved by / that inward correspondence be accepted and outward confirmed, as tabled.

CARRIED

TREASURER’S REPORT:

The financial report for the month of February was presented and tabled.

A question was asked on how much profit the club makes from the Disco.

After wages and consumables we make about \$300.

The President also thanked the Committee Members who helped at the last Disco.

Moved Pat Quinlivan / that the Financial Report be received and accounts as tabled be passed for payment and that accounts paid be ratified.

CARRIED

MANAGER’S REPORT:

The Manager is currently on Annual Leave.

The shed for the bike workshop is nearing completion.

We have received second round funding from DSR and have purchased a new Table Vault for gymnastics.

The PCYC gymnastic team of 10 girls competed in Singapore. Where they won 1 Gold 2 Silver and 14 places.

The aerobics class has improved in leaps and bounds with the acquisition of two new instructors.

When Geoff returns he has informed me that one of his first jobs will be to start on the new business plan. He is hoping to have some input in the business plan perhaps with Pat Quinlivan’s assistance.

Discussion ensued regarding the new price list for the activities and any new activities we wish to start. These should be made into a comprehensive list to be included in the business plan.

Boxing has been suspended at the moment due the lack of a coach.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Management Agreement

The Management Agreement has been discussed earlier.

Maintenance

The problems with the roof appear to have been sorted.

Air Conditioning Ducting is spitting out parts of the pipe ducting and fibreglass. Manager to e-mail Graham Bryers, and list fault.

Committee Member asked if Graffiti has been cleaned off shed. Not yet. Committee Member will arrange for cleaning ASAP.

An explanation as to why our attendance records showed a discrepancy of 23,000 from last year. Discussion ensued. We will have Finance officer check figures.

The President asked if there were any objections to bring the next meeting forward to 5:30.

CARRIED

ITEMS TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING:

CLOSURE: There being no further General Business, the meeting was declared closed at 7; 51.

NEXT MEETING: 26/04/06 at 5:30pm.

MINNAWARRA FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES

OF THE MINNAWARRA FESTIVAL COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 21 MARCH 2006 IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM, CITY OF ARMADALE, COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BUILDING COMMENCING AT 6.05 PM.

1. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

Present	Organisation
Cr A L Cominelli	Chairman – City of Armadale
Mr J Lemmey	Rotary Club of Armadale
Mr P Jones	Community Representative
Ms B Hartley	Community Representative
Ms L Murray	Community Representative
Mr G Mason	Armadale Kelmscott Lions Club
Ms L Sinclair	Acting Events Coordinator
Mrs Y Ward	Minute Secretary – City of Armadale
Apologies	
Cr J A Stewart	City of Armadale

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Minnowarra Festival Committee of 7 March 2006, be confirmed.

Moved: Paul Jones

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Site Plan

A site plan to be tabled at the Committee Meeting. The additional size of the Site Office will be accounted for in the allocation of space.

The Acting Events Coordinator advised a draft had been compiled but due a staff resource problem in Council's CAD Room it had not been possible to finalise the plan and present it for Committee's perusal. Lorelle undertook to circulate the proposed site plan to members as soon as practicable.

4.2 Cool Drinks for Performers

Melanie Green (Events Coordinator) advised that community performers are not provided with refreshments due to the large quantity of participants. It was expressed that it is the responsibility of the performers to provide refreshments as required.

4.3 Identification for Committee Members

An option for identifying Committee Members will be tabled at the meeting.

The Acting Events Coordinator tabled a lanyard with attached tag with the wording “2006 Minnawarra Festival - Committee Member”. The reverse side of the tag bears a reduced version of the Minnawarra Poster which has been circulated widely in the community.

Committee Members were supportive of the identification tag and believed it would suffice very well for the purpose intended.

4.4 Master of Ceremonies/Compere / Stage Management

At the previous Committee meeting it was resolved as follows:

“That the role of Master of Ceremonies/Compere be recommitted to the next meeting of the Minnawarra Festival Committee for discussion.”

Cr Cominelli advised that in discussions with Cr Stewart, he had indicated that he was prepared to once again take on the role of Master of Ceremonies/Compere for the 2006 Minnawarra Festival with relief to be provided by herself and Bree Hartley. Stage management to be carried out by Cr Cominelli and Bree Hartley.

RESOLVED

Cr Stewart to act as Master of Ceremonies/Compere at the 2006 Minnawarra Festival, with Cr Cominelli and Bree Hartley to provide relief and to stage manage the event.

Moved: Cr Cominelli

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards

Expressions of interest re. performance
Quotes re. performance
Craft, non-commercial, commercial and food registrations

Outwards

Letters to professional & community acts
Letters to craft vendors
Letters to display, demonstration and food vendors
Letter to Bedfordale Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
Letters to children's activity providers
Media releases

6. PORTFOLIO REPORTS

6.1 Multicultural Zone

Tourism Malaysia Cultural Dance Troupe and Rhein Donau will perform on both days. Ayesha Belly Dance will perform on Saturday.

6.2 Amusement Rides and Amenities

Rotary Club of Armadale have submitted payment but are waiting for insurance documentation.

PCYC Climbing Wall and the pony and train rides will not be attending.

John Lemmey advised that insurance documentation will need to be provided by the amusement providers, not the Rotary Club.

6.3 Art Exhibition

The Events Coordinator advised that Committee Members were on the mailing list of invitations for the Minnawarra Art Award Opening Night.

At the 7 March 2006 Committee Meeting, Cr Cominelli had requested that Committee Members be extended an invitation to attend the Minnowarra Art Award Opening Night. Committee Members confirmed they had received invitations to attend the event.

6.4 Children’s Activities

Activities confirmed for the two days include:

- TopOff Children’s Entertainment will provide circus workshops and Punch and Judy performances.
- Armadale PCYC Gymnastics will be provided the free children’s craft activities and face painting.
- Bubblemania will provide bubble activities between 12.00 – 4.00 pm.
- Who, What, Why, Where will be doing roving performances between 12.00 – 4.00 pm.
- Entertainment Bank 12.00 – 4.00 pm will provide Mask Making, Mug Mania, Funky Lead Light and Beads ‘n’ Bobbles. From the quarter to the hour they will do something for the ‘Superdog’ appearance.
- Josie Boyle will be providing Indigenous storytelling between 11.00 am to 5.00 pm throughout the park.

6.5 Craft Vending

Based on feedback from Committee Member Paul Jones additional information was included into the craft database. Mr Jones has requested to mark craft vendor stalls on 28 March 2006. However, we are awaiting a response from Council Parks & Gardens section regarding park maintenance during the week prior to the event.

Letters of confirmation have been sent to craft vendors who submitted registrations.

Paul Jones advised that 25 actual bays will be marked but this was dependent upon the map remaining unchanged. 13 vendors will attend both days, 4 Saturday only, 9 Sunday only.

6.6 Displays and Exhibits

Display registrations (commercial and non commercial) have been received.

Lorraine Pearce (Local Studies Librarian) and Christen Bell (Museum Curator) are coordinating activities in the heritage area for both days 11.00 am – 4.00 pm. Activities include oral histories (Tales of Times Past), displays, machinery demonstration and morse coders.

The demonstration area will include scrapbooking, jewellery making and woodturning. The Alternative Health area will include a Naturopath and Meditation. An emergency services display will incorporate FESA and RoadWise.

6.7 Entertainment

The entertainment program will be tabled at the Committee meeting.

The Acting Events Coordinator tabled the 2006 Minnawarra Festival Programme for Committee's consideration.

Bree Harley expressed concern that setup and pack up time may not have been factored into the allocation of time slots to each particular act. If this has not occurred it would need to be taken into consideration when stage managing performances.

6.8 Finance

Matter in hand

6.9 Marketing and sponsorship

The poster has been printed and is available for distribution. Any assistance the Committee can provide with distribution is appreciated. Community announcements have been aired on various radio stations throughout the metropolitan area. A number of media releases have been distributed to many media outlets.

The Acting Events Coordinator tabled a copy of an advertisement which had been circulated via the “Comment News” as of 21 March 2006. A similar advertisement would also be circulated via “Community Newspapers”.

6.10 Youth Zone

The stage will be located on the park between the Chapel and the lake.

Eight eligible entrants for the “Battle of the Bands” have been received by Megan Farr (Community Development Officer – Youth). A chillout tent will be provided by Armadale DrugArm. A supporting and main act will also perform.

The Battle of the Bands will be held on Saturday, 1 April 2006. The stage to be used for the Battle of the Bands to also be used for the Indigenous Interactive Zone to be held on Sunday 2 April 2006.

6.11 Indigenous Interactive Zone

Lesley Murray is working alongside other community members in organising entertainment for Sunday 2nd April. Performances will include

Noongar Welcome, Country & Western, R&B boys, circus, choir, traditional dancing, a didge and dance workshop. The PA Hire and staging will be provided courtesy of the Youth Zone funding. One marquee, for providing Indigenous children’s activities, will be hired from Happy Days. Waminda Aboriginal Corporation will auspice the \$4,000 from the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee funding.

The Acting Events Coordinator advised that Waminda Aboriginal Corporation representatives will MC the event and, Carleen Pickett, stage manage the Indigenous Interactive Zone.

6.12 Seniors’ Activities

Due to location of other activities that may impact on the Seniors’ Rest Area the group has decided not to participate this year. Concerns were also raised regarding the provision of disabled/access toilets at future events.

6.13 Site set up/pack away

Additional volunteers and staff have been rostered for the event.

Bins have been ordered and will be collected on the Saturday evening and returned to the depot on the Sunday.

The Acting Events Coordinator advised that volunteers will be available to help with the Art Award and in the Park. Staff from the Council Depot will also be available to help with set up/pack up and cleaning up operations.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Site Layout

Gordon Mason requested a copy of the site layout be made available as soon as possible prior to the event. Possibly on the previous evening (Friday, 31 March 2006) as people often arrive as early as 5.00 am to start setting up.

8. NEXT MEETING

To be held on Tuesday 18 April, 2006 at 6.00 pm.

9. CLOSURE

MEETING CLOSED AT 6.55 PM

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

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

THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2006 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT:

Cr Linton Reynolds, Mrs Patricia Walker, Mrs Lorraine Pearce, Mrs Colleen Fancote, Ms
Kath Coulthard, Mr Terry Holton, Mrs Faye Clay, Mr Kim Fletcher and Ms Hazel James.

APOLOGIES:

Mr Christen Bell.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

OBSERVERS:

DISCLAIMER

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advice given at Committee meetings to be read by the Chairman.

DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Statement disclosing members' interest to be read out by member.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2005 were confirmed.

2. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 National Library of Australia Community Heritage Grant (Lorraine Pearce)

As a result of receiving the grant Mrs Lorraine Pearce met with conservator Paul Malone on 25 January regarding work on a preservation survey for the Birtwistle Local Studies Library.

The purpose of a preservation survey is to:

- Determine preservation needs.
- Develop a preservation policy.
- Establish a preservation program (plan) by –
Reporting what is happening to the collection through identifying existing problems; recommending necessary treatment (in house and professional); suggesting priorities and estimating costs.
- Develop a disaster recovery plan.
- As the first step in digitising library materials (particularly photographs).

Historian/Local Studies Librarian, Mrs Lorraine Pearce met with conservator Paul Malone who spent the morning examining the collection and the Armadale Schoolroom building. He will meet again with Mrs Pearce when the survey reports are completed.

It was noticed that the ceiling on the right side of the chimney showed evidence of some leakage. This along with creepers growing through the windows of the building was reported to the building department by Mrs Pearce.

3.2 History House Museum Report (Christen Bell)

Report attached - attachment 1.
Statistical data attached – attachments 3 and 4.

3.3 Birtwistle Local Studies Library Report (Lorraine Pearce)

Report attached – attachment 2.
Statistical data attached - attachments 3 and 4

3.4 Bedfordale Centenary Celebrations 10th December 2005(Lorraine Pearce)

Approximately 200 people were present at the celebration held at the Waterwheel Gallery in Bedfordale. An opening address was made by Cr Bob Tizard with many thanks expressed to those who had contributed to the event. The owners of the Waterwheel Gallery Michael and Kirsten O'Neill were presented with a gift for hosting the occasion and housing the exhibition that consisted of a chronological display of the history of Bedfordale. This was followed by a speech by Cr Linton Reynolds Mayor of Armadale who also presented a brief history of Bedfordale.

Afternoon tea was served and many people used the time to catch up with old acquaintances and view the exhibition.

The area set aside for oral histories and donations was well attended with people offering to be interviewed and a number of photographs and documents were donated for copying to be deposited in the Birtwistle Local Studies Library. The comment book that people were invited to write in not only contained positive comments regarding the event but also some contributions to the history of Bedfordale.

The exhibition remained at the Waterwheel Gallery until 18th December where it was viewed by over 70 people who visited the gallery in order to see the display. A scaled down version is currently housed at History House Museum.

3.3 Interpretation Plan for History House Museum (Patricia Walker)

Community Services Committee supports the application for a Lotterywest Grant for an Interpretation Plan for History House Museum and the Bert Tyler Vintage Machinery Museum.

To be presented at the Council Meeting on 6 February 2006.

3.4 Interpretation Signage for the Minnowarra Historic Precinct (Patricia Walker)

Community Services Committee supports the application for a Lotterywest Grant for an Interpretation Signage for Minnowarra Historic Precinct.

To be presented at the Council Meeting on 6 February 2006.

3.5 Reports from PHAC committee members

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

(Any other information items that require a decision will be listed as a business item on the agenda for the next meeting.)

Hazel James – *Community Representative.*
No report.

Faye Clay – *Public History Friends Group.*
The Heritage Service Volunteers expressed their appreciation in the appointment of Mrs Lorraine Pearce to the position of Historian/Local Studies Librarian and for the work achieved by Mrs Pearce when she was previously acting in the position.

Colleen Fancote – *Western Australian Genealogical Society Inc.*
There is the possibility of speakers at a Family History Fair conducting a similar event at the Kelmscott Church of Latter Day Saints in May 2006.

Kath Coulthard – *Armadale Districts Preservation Group Inc.*
Acknowledgment was made regarding the positive support the group has received from the City of Armadale and the Armadale Redevelopment Authority. The Brickworks has been recognised by the Heritage Council as having state significance.

Linton Reynolds – *City of Armadale, Council Representative.*
Acknowledged that the letter sent by Mrs Patricia Walker to the Armadale Redevelopment Authority in August 2004 regarding their involvement in the City of Armadale rewrite, had been placed on the ARA agenda in 2006.

Suggestion: Mrs Walker follows up on her August 2004 letter to the ARA.

Questioned whether PHAC would be involved with the Visitor Centre now that it has come under the City of Armadale's jurisdiction. Mrs Patricia Walker explained that it would not directly be involved. However, there is a need for regular meetings to be held between the Manager for Library and Heritage Services, Museum Curator, Local Studies Librarian and the Visitor Centre Co-ordinator keep abreast of the planning and operations of each service.

Kim Fletcher – *Community Representative.*

Expressed that the suggestion made to ARA chairman of plaques being made for Jull Street indicating where previous businesses were located, was met with a favourable response.

Suggestions: Mrs Patricia Walker – the interpretation plan could cover this type of project. Cr Linton Reynolds – the Chamber of Commerce may be interested in becoming involved. Mr Fletcher mentioned that History House was to celebrate its 30th Anniversary in April.

A meeting is to be held between the Manager for Libraries and Heritage, History House Museum Curator and the Historian/Local Studies Librarian on Monday 6 February 2006 to discuss the event.

Next Committee Meeting
THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2006

Attachment 1.

**Report for History House Museum for
November and December 2005.**

November.

On the 21st of November the curator of History House Museum attended a workshop on the Collections Australia Network website (www.collectionsaustralia.net). This website is an initiative of the Cultural Ministers Council with the purpose of acting as a public gateway to both large and small collecting institutions throughout Australia. This website increases the profile of the museums on a world stage.

Christen Bell the curator of History House Museum has recently been elected a member of the Community Museums Special Interest Group of Museums Australia. This special interest group has over 190 members across Australia. Its purpose is to be both an advocate for community museums and to assist Museums Australia to develop policy and responses to issues facing community based museums.

The museum has also started a program to collate the collective memory of past volunteers in relation to the collection. It is often the case that many museum volunteers in the past did not write down all the information they knew about the collection because they knew it. Current and former volunteers are being invited in to go through the collection with the curator and complete some of the gaps in the written records.

December.

December has been a very quiet month. Volunteers have continued updating and completing records on the Mosaic database.

The Bedfordale Centenary Display has been set up in the museum.

Christen Bell attended a meeting of Local Government Curators on the 7th of December. The purpose of this group is to discuss common issues facing local government museums and to look at ways that we can work together and form partnerships. Topics discussed included ways to develop joint projects, avoid duplicating education programs and issues involving working with children. The group intends to meet again in the New Year.

Attachment 2.

**Report for Birtwistle Local Studies Library for
November and December 2005.**

November.

This month it was announced that the Birtwistle Local Studies Library was successful in its application for a Community Grant from the National Library of Australia. The library received \$2,860 to assist in funding a preservation survey of the collection. Lorraine Pearce the acting Local Studies Librarian travelled to a three day training course in Canberra as part of being a successful applicant. The training course covered a wide range of topics including how to care for documents and photographs and providing a stable environment for a collection.

December.

Heritage Service volunteers enjoyed a lunch provided by the City of Armadale in appreciation for the amount of hours they had contributed to the Service throughout the year. In an address given by Patricia Walker the important events and changes that had taken place during 2005 were highlighted and the volunteers were congratulated on the number of hours they had put in during 2005.

Attachment 3.

**Statistical Report for History House Museum and
Birtwistle Local Studies Library for Month of November 2005.**

	2005	2004
History House Museum		
Visitor for month	159	273
Visitors this year	1764	3183
Volunteer Hours for month	101	-
Volunteer Hours this year	1327	-
Birtwistle Local Studies Library		
Reference Enquiries	8	-
Research Enquiries	7	-
Photograph Requests	1	-
Visitor Attendance	7	-
Volunteer Hours	9	-
Oral History Programme		
Letters Sent	4	-
Interviews Completed	2	-
Transcripts Completed	0	-
Interviews in Progress	2	-
Transcriptions in Progress	3	-
Volunteer Hours Transcribing	2	-
Volunteer Hours Interviewing	13	-

Attachment 4.

**Statistical Report for History House Museum and
Birtwistle Local Studies Library for Month of December 2005.**

	2005	2004
History House Museum*		
Visitor for month	44	151
Visitors this year	1802	3334
Volunteer Hours for month	68	-
Volunteer Hours this year	1431	-
Birtwistle Local Studies Library		
Reference Enquiries	2	-
Research Enquiries	2	-
Photograph Requests	0	-
Visitor Attendance	16	-
Volunteer Hours	48	-
Oral History Programme		
Letters Sent	1	-
Interviews Completed	2	-
Transcripts Completed	1	-
Interviews in Progress	0	-
Transcriptions in Progress	4	-
Volunteer Hours – Transcribing	4	-
Volunteer Hours – Interviewing	0	-

*To the 18th of December when Museum closed for Christmas

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE FUNCTION ROOM,
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON MONDAY, 27
FEBRUARY 2006 AT 5.00 PM

PRESENT:	Ms Katie Hully	Community Member
	Ms Melissa Northcott	Cecil Andrews SHS Representative
	Ms Carol Surgeon	Community Member
	Mr Leighton Cotter	Roleystone DHS Representative
	Ms Sam Marlowe	Community Member
	Mr Ben Ritacca	Carey Baptist College Representative
	Mr David Thoomes	Community Member
	Mr Matthew Baskerville	John Wollaston Anglican Community School Representative (Chair)
	Cr. Ruth Butterfield	Councillor
 APOLOGIES:	 Mr Ben Shaw	 Community Member
 OBSERVERS:	 Mr Mal Osborne	 Armadale Youth Resources
	Mr Sam Ede	Armadale Senior High School
 N ATTENDANCE:	 Ms Megan Farr	 City of Armadale Community Development Officer (Youth)

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1.1 Ordinary Meeting – 23 January 2006

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee meeting held on 26th January 2006, are confirmed.

Moved: Melissa Northcott

Seconded: Carol Surgeon

CARRIED

2. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

2.1 Youth Needs Analysis – Survey Trial

A draft survey has been produced for the Youth Needs Analysis. The survey will be distributed to local youth to gather information in support of the project. Young people will be contacted through schools, sporting clubs and local youth services.

During the project’s Reference Group meeting, it was requested that the YAC trial the survey to provide feedback in relation to content, format and youth appropriateness. A survey was provided during the meeting for the YAC to review, complete and comment on if necessary.

The YAC completed the survey and provided feedback. All members present at the meeting felt that the survey was appropriate for young people in terms of content, wording and length. However, Carol Surgeon suggested that the survey may be more valuable if it was longer and more in depth. Megan Farr explained that the survey would be combined with a series of focus groups which are designed to explore the issues covered in the survey in more depth.

Cr Butterfield commented on the difficulty of designing surveys for young people. Many young people will not complete a survey if it is too long, complicated or if it requires much writing. Young people may also be restricted by literacy and comprehension skills when completing a survey.

Mal Osborne suggested that in question seven of the survey ‘*What are the main issues of concern for you as a young person living in the Armadale area?*’ answer option two ‘*Having somewhere to hang out*’ could be more specific by providing examples. Megan Farr will discuss Mal’s suggestions with the project’s Reference Group for feedback.

RESOLVED

That the Youth Advisory Committee support the draft Youth Needs Analysis survey without any amendments or further comment.

Moved: Katie Hully
Seconded: Carol Surgeon

CARRIED

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1 Rock N Dale – Update

Megan Farr requested feedback from each YAC member in regards to their allocated tasks (as described in the corresponding Agenda). YAC members were asked to complete the following tasks prior to tonight’s meeting;

- *Encourage local bands to enter competition*
- *Seek permission to display posters at local shopping centres, schools, sporting clubs etc*
- *(School Representatives) Follow-up with your Principal to request an article in the school newsletter*

Feedback from YAC members as follows;

- **Katie Hully** – *Contacted Heritage FM for radio advertising, promoted Rock N Dale during Gozzy Rock, contacted Access 31, informed local bands.*
- **Carol Surgeon** – *Displayed posters at Kelmscott Stargate Shopping Centre and Thornlie Tafe.*
- **Leighton Cotter** – *Displayed posters at Kelmscott SHS and Roleystone Shopping Centre.*
- **Melissa Northcott** – *Displayed posters at Cecil Andrews SHS, contacted school’s performing arts department.*
- **Sam Marlowe** – *Displayed posters at Roleystone High.*
- **Ben Ritacca** – *Displayed posters at local Westfield shopping centre and Carey Baptist College.*
- **Matthew Baskerville** – *Displayed posters at John Wollaston School, Roleystone Football Club and informed local bands.*
- **David Thoomes** – *Displayed posters at Tafe, spoke to Tafe lecturers about promoting the event, informed local bands.*

Megan Farr requested that the YAC discuss the tasks that were covered in the Agenda and allocate to individual YAC members.

- **Identify established bands** – established bands are required to support the Battle of the Bands entrants. Mal Osborne will source a well known act to perform on the day. David Thoomes will source bands from Tafe, and also contact his own band to see if they can perform.
- **Judging Panel (review entrants)** – all YAC members will be required to attend the review session on SATURDAY 11th MARCH to determine which bands will perform at the event. Megan Farr will provide further details when available.
- **MC Assistant/Stage Manager** – YAC members are required to assist the MC with hosting the event and acting as assistant Stage Manager. Tasks include; monitoring the running sheet/time allocation for each band, ensuring that each band is ready to take the stage when required, coordinating the transition between performances. Carol Surgeon, David Thoomes, Ben Ritacca, Leighton Cotter, Melissa Northcott and Matthew Baskerville expressed interest in acting as MC Assistant/Stage Manager on a rotation basis.
- **Workshop Attendee** – YAC members are encouraged to attend the Pro Skills Workshop with the Battle of the Bands entrants. The workshop will focus on band management, the WA Music Industry, sound advice and live recording/performing on stage. Katie Hully indicated that she will be attending the workshop. The remaining YAC members will check their availability once further information has been provided. Megan Farr will action.
- **Band Rider** – A YAC member is required to serve refreshments to band members behind the scenes. Ben Ritacca and Melissa Northcott volunteered for the task.
- **Chill Out Tent attendee** – The Roleystone Local Drug Action Group is bringing the Chill Out Tent to the event. The tent consists of bean bags, chairs and a variety of drug education material. A member of LDAG will be present at all times. Carol Surgeon volunteered to assist.
- **YAC Promoter** – Melissa Northcott volunteered to promote the YAC during the event. Melissa will hand out registration forms and provide information on the committee.

Mal Osborne addressed the committee. Mal provided an overview of the proposed Pro Skills Workshop for Battle of the Bands entrants. The following provides a summary of the workshop.

The Pro Skills Workshop will take place on Saturday the 18th of March 2006. The purpose of the workshop is to provide Battle of the Bands entrants with information on band management, performing live, working together as a group, sound engineering, stage presence and the West Australian music industry. At least one member from each band is required to attend the workshop.

The workshop will be facilitated by Dave Harrison (X Press Magazine, musician, Band Manager), Rick Van Der Beld (Sound Engineer – has worked with many

popular bands including Metallica and Dire Straits) and a representative from WAM (West Australian Music Association – funding body).

YAC members are encouraged to attend the workshop. Megan Farr will send YAC members further information when available.

Mal Osborne then spoke to the YAC about a number of outstanding tasks for the event. Committee members were asked to assist with the tasks where possible. Below is an overview;

- ***Securing judges for the event*** – Mal Osborne will recruit a member from a well known band (possibly Scott from Little Birdie – ex Armadale resident). David will contact Music Lecturers at Tafe. Katie Hully will contact radio presenters (92.9). Megan Farr will contact Fleet Studios
- ***Providing video coverage of the event*** – Sam Ede will follow-up with Armadale SHS Media Department. YAC members will receive a disposable camera each to take photos on the day
- ***Developing quiz questions to ask the audience during band intermission*** – All YAC members present at the meeting agreed to think of some quiz questions for the event.
- ***Sourcing vouchers and prizes from local businesses (McDonalds, Pizza Hut etc) to use as giveaways during the quiz*** – Megan Farr will provide YAC members with a letter requesting local business support. YAC members will then contact local businesses to request support in terms of vouchers, discounts and giveaways.

Megan Farr informed the YAC that the review of the Battle of the Bands entrants will take place on Saturday the 11th of March at Armadale Senior High School. All members at the meeting confirmed that they would be attending.

The above tasks will be followed up on Saturday the 11th of March prior to the review of entrants. YAC members will be asked to report on their progress.

3.2 Correspondence

The COA Officer tabled the following documents for Member's interests:

- Letter from Young Endeavour Youth Scheme – opportunity for members to participate in a youth development program onboard Australia's national sail training ship, Young Endeavour.
- Letter from Hon Mark McGowan re WA Youth Awards 2006
- Letter from Foundations of Young Australians – opportunity for young people to join their board
- Letter from Headquarters Leederville re Skate Competition
- ReAKT Magazine – Feb/March 2006

4. URGENT ITEMS

There are no urgent items

5. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was declared closed at 6.55pm

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

